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WANDA WINDS UP

No joke! Comedian Wanda Sykes is coming to Statesboro

"I think it's because my comedy is in your face, and it comes from a place that's real." — Wanda Sykes

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THE HIATUS
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Get a glimpse of GSU history

Don't miss the Centennial Celebration at the GSU Museum Monday at 5 p.m.

THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

"Anytime you hire a coach of national stature, you know at some point you're going to lose him. I have to admit I thought it would be more than a year." — Sam Baker, athletic director

ONE AND DONE

Coach Brian VanGorder quits to take job with Atlanta Falcons



Tao Ventre/STAFF

Coaching search begins in wake of 8-loss season

By Will Adams

Managing editor for operations

Brian VanGorder announced his resignation as head coach Tuesday afternoon, returning to the NFL as an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons, after one dismal season at Georgia Southern.

VanGorder, who won the Frank Boyles Award as the nation's top college assistant coach at the University

of Georgia in 2003, took over as head coach of the Eagles after Mike Sewak was fired in 2005.

Opting to change directions, GSU Athletics Director Sam Baker hired VanGorder, who ditched the Eagles vaunted triple-option offense, and implemented a pro-style offense.

Promising more of a vertical passing game, the change signaled a new era of GSU football and brought high expectations and hope to Eagle Nation.

"Coach VanGorder's resignation was a complete surprise," President Bruce Grubesaid. "We are very disappointed that someone who talked so much about loyalty and commitment acted in the way he did."

Yet, VanGorder's play changes failed terribly as the Eagles slumped to 3-8 under VanGorder in 2006, marking the first time in nearly ten years that GSU endured a losing season and just the second time since Erk Russell revitalized the program in

the early 1980s.

"I was extremely disappointed when Coach VanGorder told me the news," Athletic Director Sam Baker said at the Bishop Fieldhouse during an evening news conference. "It just caught me and our program off guard at this time."

Baker indicated that VanGorder's prompt departure was based on his family and their comfortability in Statesboro, a sentiment that likely see **QUIT**, page 8A



Jared Siri/STAFF

Sam Baker announces Brian VanGorder as the new Eagle coach in this file photo from December 2005.

MORE INSIDE

- How VanGorder's resignation will affect recruiting efforts
- Fans voice criticism in student poll
- Our sports editors take a look at prospective coaches
- Joe Danna named interim head coach
- Columnist slams VanGorder for resignation

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Bernice King inspires students

"Are you going to be a king or just stand there and compromise?" — Bernice King

By Avina Darmadjaja

Assistant news editor

"I am standing here today to challenge you to be a king and change the world," said Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the late Coretta Scott King. She spoke Tuesday

at the PAC and inspired hundreds of people, especially students.

As the daughter of the most see **KING**, page 8A

Bernice King speaks to Georgia Southern students at the PAC Tuesday.

Tao Ventre/STAFF



CENTENNIAL
1906-2006

Civil Rights leaders helped shape GSU

Editor's note: Georgia Southern celebrated its 100th anniversary in December. Each Thursday The G-A will highlight something from the past.

By Rachel McDaniel
Executive editor

Many civil rights leaders have influenced students on campus as well as black leaders from various fields.

Some Georgia Southern leaders were proponents of integration, beginning with former GSU president Guy Wells who invited black professors from the Tuskegee Institute to speak on campus see **LEADERS**, page 8A

TODAY

High: 45 | Low: 38
Chance of rain

FRIDAY

High: 60 | Low: 38
Mostly cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 57 | Low: 36
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High: 60 | Low: 35
Partly cloudy

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Weekly Eagle Buzz



Homecoming 2007

Would you like to be a part of history at Georgia Southern University? Apply to be on the Homecoming Steering Committee and help plan events for our Centennial Homecoming. You could help plan the parade, coordinate the doo/dah-stepshow, assist with the noontime programs, help with marketing and PR, be the general chair of Homecoming, or other positions. Applications can be found online at - <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/hc2006/steeringcommitteeapp.pdf>. You can also submit your application online at - www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com. We encourage you to submit online. If you turn in a hard copy you must TYPE it out. Applications are due by Friday, February 2nd.



Today

8pm - Russell Union Theatre - Eagle Entertainment Movie: The Marine ADMISSION \$2

Friday, January 19th

Eagles After Dark will take place from 9pm-12am in the Russell Union Ballroom. FREE GAME NIGHT in the UNION... Come out and Play video games (Playstation, Xbox, Game cube, Sega, Nintendo)... Also, foosball, ping-pong, board games, cards, and much more. FREE FOOD AND DRINKS! WIN PRIZES! Why? Don't go out and spend your money? SAVE the DRAMA! Enjoy these free activities in a non-alcohol setting. Don't spend your night at the bars or a party when you can come have fun with us! Check us out at www.eagleentertainmentonline.com or call 486-7270 for more information. Sponsored by: The Office of Student Activities and VGA

Tuesday, January 23rd

Confused about options for living? Where should you live this summer or next fall? What are your options for off and on campus living? Who has amenities? What is the best price? High-speed internet and cable? Stop by the Housing Fair 2007 and visit vendors with your questions! 11am-2pm in the Russell Union Ballroom! FREE event! Sponsored by: The Office of Student Activities - Call 486-7270 for any questions.

The Student Disability Resource Center will be sponsoring a Faculty and Staff Open House on January 23, 2007 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Building 805, Room 1021. This event will provide faculty an opportunity to view test-proctoring space and to learn about proctoring services. The event will also provide an opportunity for the SDRC to show their thanks for the support we receive from the faculty and staff of the University. Refreshments will be served. The SDRC is located in Building 805 on Forest Drive beside ROTC.

Wednesday, January 24th

Would you like to get involved on campus? Stop by the Student Organization Fair and visit tables to get information about current student organizations, campus employment, and ways to get involved with leadership opportunities at Georgia Southern University! 10am-2pm in the Russell Union Ballroom! FREE event! Sponsored by: The Office of Student Activities - Call 486-7270 for any questions

Friday, January 26th

Career Services will be sponsoring a, "Life Planning Conference." This conference offers special sessions to help students land the job of their dreams. Register online for this event by January 26th. The keynote speaker, Martin Yate, will speak on January 30th and the workshops will be held January 31st. Win up to \$200 cash. Register online at - <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career> or call 681-5197 with any questions.

Saturday, January 27th

Southern Leadership Institute: Defining Excellence (SLIDE) 9am-4pm. For more info visit the website at - <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/slide.php>

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities:

Help the International Studies office at their weekly International Conversation Hour. Volunteers will serve food, help clean up, and spend time with amazing students, faculty and staff from around the world. This opportunity takes place every Friday at 11:15am in Russell Union 2022.

Jan. 29th - Feb. 2nd - Leadership Week

Jan. 29th: Leadership Opportunity Fair - RU Rotunda - 10am-2pm (Explore leadership positions and opportunities on campus.)

Leadership 101 Workshop - Ethical Leadership 5:30pm-6:30pm - Union 2047 (Presented by Kurt Frederick, Director of Southern Adventures, CRI

Engage in a workshop that will challenge you to explore how ethics play a role in effective leadership.)

Movie - Remember the Titans 7pm - RU Theater

Jan. 30th: Leadership Opportunity Fair - RU Rotunda - 10am-2pm (Explore leadership positions and opportunities on campus.)

Leadership in Modern World Lunch Discussion 12:30pm-1:30pm - Union 2048. Lunch provided for the first 20 participants

Facilitator: Dr. Steven Engel, Director of University Honors

What does leadership look like today? How does the leadership of the modern world impact our everyday lives?)

Leadership Week Keynote - Alethea Bonello 7pm - RU Ballroom

Leadership in the Real World - Taking Risks, Giving Back to the Community, and Discovering New Opportunities. Alethea will discuss leadership lessons through her life experiences and sage advice she's been given along the way.

Jan. 31st: The Multicultural Leader Lunch Discussion - 12pm-1pm - RU Union 2047 (Lunch will be provided for the first 20 participants. Facilitator: Georj Lewis, Dean of Students What is a multicultural leader? What role does diversity play in leadership?)

Leadership 101 Workshop - Understanding the Animal in you - 5:30pm-6:30pm, RU 2047 (Presented by Dr. C. Douglas Johnson, Assistant Professor of Management, Marketing, and Logistics. Examine your values and strengths to maximize your leadership potential.)

High Ropes at the RAC - 7pm (Come work on the leader within you as you test yourself on the high ropes course at night. Sign up prior in the Office of Student Leadership or in the Southern Adventures in the RAC.

Feb. 1st: Group Dynamics Lunch Discussion - 12:30pm-1:30pm - RU Union 2047 (Lunch will be provided for first 20 participants. Facilitator: Dr. Charles Hardy, Dean of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. How do groups work effectively? Communication, collaboration, and much more!)

Nationally Competitive Scholarships - 4pm-5pm - RU Union 2041 (Presented by Bob Frigo, Assistant Director of University Honors. An overview of awards, application processes, and deadlines.)

Leadership Awards info session - 5pm-6pm - RU Union 2047

(Gain information about how to nominate others and be nominated for campus leadership awards.) Student Leader Reception - 6pm - RU Union 2080 (Join us for an opportunity to interact with new and veteran leaders!)

Feb. 2nd: Step into Statesboro 2pm-5pm, RU Rotunda (Put leadership into action, and explore volunteer opportunities in the Statesboro community. Volunteer for 2 hours and join us for dinner when you return.)

View all information about Leadership Week online at - <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/LeadershipWeek.php>

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NATIONAL NEWS

Troops call for reversal of Iraq policy

McClatchy Newspapers

Pressure on Congress intensified Tuesday to stop President Bush's plan to increase troops in Iraq, as some 1,000 active-duty soldiers and Marines urged lawmakers to support a quick withdrawal and anti-war groups planned to rally state legislatures.

Although most Democrats and some Republicans oppose Bush's 21,500-member troop increase, Congress isn't moving very fast to try to stop or alter the plan. Democratic leaders in both houses want their first step to be a resolution calling on lawmakers to go on record as being for or against Bush's Iraq plan.

Democrats say they have a solid Senate majority against the plan, including perhaps one dozen Republicans, so the resolution is effectively a symbolic vote of no confidence in Bush's war plan.

Only after that vote will they look at ways to use Congress' power over funding as a hammer.

U.S. troop levels

Total at the end of each month in Iraq:



McClatchy Tribune

GEORGIA NEWS

Support for Sunday alcohol sales brews

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The much-anticipated Sunday beer and wine sales bill was filed Thursday, and it's got some powerful political juice behind it.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers,

including six Senate Republican committee leaders, are backing the legislation to let voters decide if they want to allow local Sunday beer and wine sales at grocery and convenience stores.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Seth Harp (R-Midland), would give voters

in each city or county the option of approving Sunday sales. Cities and counties would not be required to hold such referendums. City councils or county commissions would have to call for a referendum; then voters would get to decide.

GEORGIA NEWS

Unemployment claims drop in December

The Macon Telegraph

The Georgia Department of Labor announced Thursday that 40,412 laid-off workers filed first-time claims for unemployment insurance benefits in December, down 15 percent from November.

Initial claims also were down from

44,222 filed in December 2005, for an over-the-year decrease of 8.6 percent, according to a news release.

Claims in Macon were up by six, from 1,025 to 1,031, according to the release. In Warner Robins, claims were down 12, from 250 to 238.

Statewide, most of the decrease in claims during the month and year can

be attributed to seasonal fluctuations in the manufacturing and service industries, the release stated. Initial claims are considered to be a leading economic indicator, because they measure newly laid-off workers.

Georgia labor market data are not seasonally adjusted and are available at www.dol.state.ga.us.

Life Planning Conference

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Wednesday, January 31
10am-3pm
Russell Union Rooms
2080 & 2084

Schedule of Events

10am-10:50am

- Session A: *Diversity in the Workplace*, Amy Anderson, Multicultural Student Center, RU 2080
- Session B: *Interviewing Skills*, Mike Sullivan, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography RU 2084

11am-11:50am

- Session A: *Résumé Writing*, Hollie Bowers, Target, RU 2080
- Session B: *Federal Job Search*, Adrienne Hollins, US Army Corps of Engineers, RU 2084

12pm-12:50pm

- Session A: *Nonprofit Jobs*, Mike Jones, The Boys & Girls Club, RU 2080
- Session B: *Job Search Strategies*, Amy Rowell, Career Services, RU 2084

1pm-1:50pm

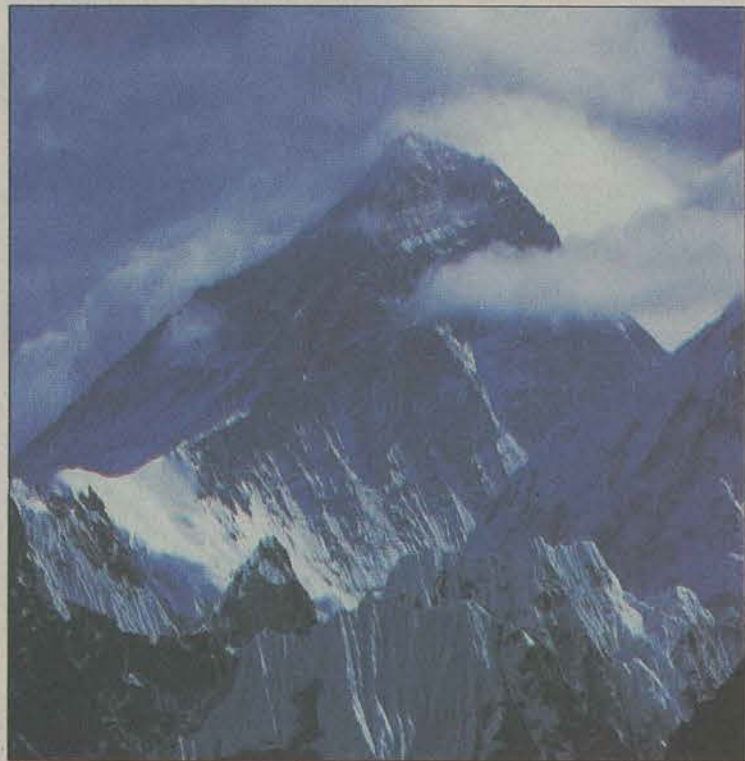
- Session A: *Financial Planning for your Future*, Dr. Karen Hamilton, College of Business Administration, RU 2080
- Session B: *Résumé Writing*, Andrew Bell, BB&T, RU 2084

2pm-2:50pm

- Session A: *Graduate School Planning*, Dawn Lipker, GSU Office of Graduate Admissions, RU 2080
- Session B: *Professionalism & Business Etiquette*, Whitley Boyd, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, RU 2084

You must register in advance to attend by Friday, January 26, 2007!

Please register online at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career> and click on the Life Planning Conference button on the left menu. If you have any questions, please call 681-5197 for more information.



Southern Adventures will show the film "Everest." It chronicles a team of climber's preparation and journey to the world's tallest mountain. *Special photo*

Southern Adventures to present 'Everest'

By MJ Trahan
Staff writer

Southern Adventures (SA) is getting ready for an intense start to the New Year! With adventure trips, gear rentals and challenge courses, what more could these guys be capable of? Eating free pizza and watching movies on the new 45-inch-LCD screen, of course! Southern Adventures will be showing the film "Everest" in the SA Center at the RAC next Wednesday, January 24 at 9 p.m.

According to graduate assistant Matt Parker, the movies provide an opportunity for members and non-members of the outdoor community to view the latest in adventure cinema.

Also movies, such as "Everest," increase awareness about outdoor recreation in general.

"We show the adventure movies once a month or every four weeks. The films usually showcase the upcoming adventure trips that SA has planned. So in this case, we're showing "Everest" and then heading on a few backpacking trips this semester. The big one will be the Appalachian Trail during Spring Break," said Parker.

"Everest" was filmed during the infamous climbing disaster of 1996, which was documented in the book,

"Into Thin Air."

The film depicts the lengthy preparations for a team's climb of Mt. Everest, their trek to the peak and their successful return to a base camp.

The film also allows the viewers to see the many challenges faced by the team, including avalanches, lack of oxygen and blizzards.

SA Director Kurt Frederick originally came up with the idea to show the adventure films. After researching a few adventure film festivals, such as the

Banff Mountain Film Festival, the SA employees decided that adventure films would be a great way to promote trips and increase outdoor awareness.

Eventually, Frederick would like to get a group of participants to-

gether and attend some adventure film festivals. Some festivals travel to destinations as close as Atlanta, GA and Columbia, SC.

"The majority of the adventure movies you see today are products of professional and aspiring adventure film makers. We've picked some of the most current, hard-to-find films for our series in February and March," said Daniel Flanders, graduate assistant.

A pizza dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 9 p.m. Sign up in the SA Center in the RAC or check out the Southern Adventures group on Facebook.

Movie: "Everest"

- **When:** Jan. 24 at 9 p.m.
- **Where:** Southern Adventures Center in the RAC
- **Why:** To promote upcoming adventure trips

Faith featured next week

By Michael Cardinal
Staff writer

Religion and faith, whether one participates in them or not, are important factors of many lives and world events. Religious Awareness Week is a week full of events designed to give students a chance to discuss and learn about many different religions and beliefs.

The events will take place in the Russell Union, and other various locations on and around campus from Jan. 22nd through Jan. 25th.

There will be such events as "Hot Topics and Hot Wings," "Free Will and Free Pizza," and also a Cultural Book Club Discussion of Velvet Elvis by Rob Bell. Such events are designed to get students to discuss and debate on religion while enjoying free food.

"The events are sponsored by groups all over campus," said Todd Deal, who is leading the Book Club Discussion on Wednesday.

The Multicultural Student Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Coordinate Religious Ministries all sponsor the event.

"I think one of the things students forget is that a person is a well rounded square, as college students, we focus on emotional, physical, academic/mental

aspects of living, but not as much on the spiritual side. But hopefully this will bring out the fact that there are many different faiths, and students are still developing that part of their life. To be able to participate in this helps them to explore the different faiths."

So why have a week full of events to promote the different faiths?

"To raise awareness and matters of faith for students," said Jerry Johnson. "Faith affects every part of a person's life."

Johnson is the Senior Campus Minister at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

He is also the President of Coordinated Religious Ministries which is a group of religious leaders who meet together once a month, from all religious groups.

He will be leading the discussion on free will, in Tuesday's "Free Will and Free Pizza."

Junior Eric Stetson said, "I'm open to it. I grew up in a family that wasn't very religious to begin with in my early childhood. I was never forced to have one belief. My brother and sister are one religion, my mother is another, and my father is still another. I myself am pretty agnostic."

For a complete list of activities, check out the Multicultural Student Center's webpage.

Religious Awareness Week

- **When:** Jan. 22nd - Jan. 25th
- **Why:** Events to promote and lead discussions about the many different religious beliefs



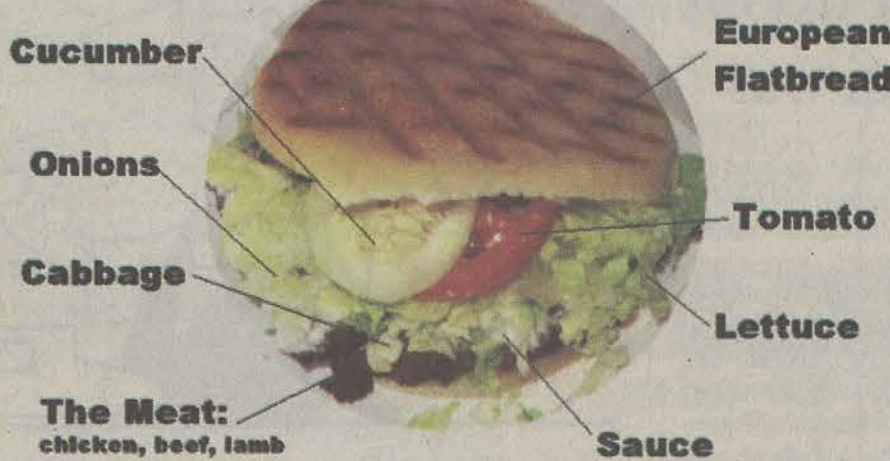
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"The only rules comedy can tolerate are those of taste, and the only limitations those of libel."

- James Thurber

OUR VIEW

Are students psyched to see Wanda Sykes?

AT ISSUE: Renowned comedian comes to crack up campus on March 24 at Hanner Fieldhouse

She's been on the big screen, she's been on the small screen and she's always a scream at any smoky comedy club. Wanda Sykes is coming to campus, and we're already wondering what outrageous jokes she'll crack us up with.

Because of her borderline obscene jokes, she refuses to play outside arenas, in case of innocent pedestrians who might not expect such jolting jokes.

Her content may be R-rated at times, but as young adults, we college students are the perfect audience for her style.

She is an edgy entertainer, who pushes the comedic envelope, by not shying away from racial issues.

Sykes knows what it's like to be a college student, since she was a Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority member at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

She can relate to a life of living too close to those crazy college dorm neighbors. But she worked her way up to the big time, starring in several blockbuster movies and on two of her own television shows.

Since students are familiar with her work, including frequent appearances on Comedy Central and hit movies such as *Over the Hedge* and *Clerks II*, the show is likely to be packed with students and community members.

It'll be a star-studded semester, with country music phenom Brad Paisley playing in April and Wanda Sykes bringing it to the stage in March.

The two performances are paid through student fees and other funding, and students get a discount on tickets as well. To make the

most of your fees, check out one of the shows this semester.

Keith Robinson will be the opening act, and he frequents comedy shows such as *Tough Crowd* with Colin Quinn.

Although they are not on sale yet, tickets will be available to students first, but they will only be available online at etix.com.

Students who want to catch the show should act fast, because Sykes is playing at Hanner Fieldhouse, where seating is limited to about 3,000 students.

Robert Greene II
I'M JUST SAYIN'

The 'surge' of troops may end Iraqi war

As the War in Iraq has turned from a quick and easy victory, to the current state of quagmire we find ourselves in today, I'm becoming increasingly disillusioned with the whole idea of war. Conflict seems like such a waste of material, wealth, and most of all human lives, which would be far better served doing something to contribute to the greatness of human society, not helping to harm it. The current war is no different than most other conflicts, in that they may very well lead to another conflict in the near future, involving new leaders, new troops, and new weapons, but the same seeds of destruction.



Robert Greene II is a senior writing and linguistics major from Augusta. He is a columnist for The George-Anne Daily.

Nonetheless, I believe that President Bush must be given the chance to somehow win this fight, and I think his call-up of additional troops is a step in the right direction.

Yes, I will acknowledge that this "surge" of troops indicates a buildup, and an escalation of a conflict the administration didn't expect to be fighting four years after the American military liberated Baghdad and the nation of Iraq from the reign of Saddam Hussein. But it is an escalation that should've taken place when we first began putting troops into the region to begin the invasion.

Yes, I will acknowledge that the Bush administration has made numerous mistakes in war planning and policy all around the world. Our foreign policy is currently taking serious hits, some due to the President's aloofness with the Israel-Palestinian problem, as well as crises involving the Iranians and the North Koreans. I've certainly been no fan of most of his positions, but I do feel that his newest plan deserves support from the American people.

The Democrats, finally having retaken the House after a twelve year absence from power, are certainly right to try to have a serious and frank discussion about the course of the war. Of course, I wish that the Democrats had asked some of these questions before the conflict began, when so many of the members of the opposition decided to jump on board with the resolution to give the president full backing in doing what was "necessary" to deal with Iraq and its suspected Weapons of Mass Destruction.

But I'm also not going to say that the Dems haven't offered a plan yet, because that isn't exactly true. Representative John Murtha, of Pennsylvania and a former Marine Corps veteran, has offered in the past a plan for a phased withdrawal. At the time, many Republicans balked at the idea of "cutting and running" from Iraq. Now, many of the president's own party want to try to find some way out of the conflict, and soon.

With the Bush Administration calling for the Iraqis to take control of their own security and stability, I think it is time for them to seriously take a look at a phased withdrawal. While President Bush hit the mark by deciding to send more troops, he should decide on when to start redeploying forces, and quickly. Breaking al-Qaeda permanently should be Bush's main goal in this so-called "Global War on Terror," but the Iraq situation has distracted the nation from that goal. While Osama bin Laden has been marginalized by the invasion of Afghanistan, I have no doubt that he and al-Qaeda subordinates are still thinking of ways to harm America. That is why finding a solution is so important. We need to ensure that Iraq does not become a permanent base for terrorism. For the sake of America's future, I hope this last gasp in Mesopotamia works. And despite partisan differences with him, I hope the President and the administration does me proud this time.

Write Robert at rgreene3516@hotmail.com

BOOKS



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Jon Simpson: YOUR TURN

Book prices outrageous, as usual

At the beginning of each semester it is hard to ignore the prices of textbooks.

I am in my third year at GSU and so far have spent \$2,424.47 on textbooks, and they were used and

purchased from our university bookstore.

Since textbooks are such an important part of my education, even required according to the class syllabus, I think the access to textbooks shouldn't be so restrictive.

If the people responsible for creating and vending textbooks can't control the price, or at least

say they can't, then I need to look to others for a better price.

Georgia needs to exempt textbook purchases from sales tax in order to make textbooks more accessible. So far I have spent \$158.62 in taxes on textbooks, that's equivalent to one or two more books!

I should probably start shopping somewhere other than the university bookstore for better-priced books. Great websites like amazon.com, half.com, and some local student websites exist with great deals.

Maybe it is time for a student service that helps me trade textbooks with fellow students. I would

give up an old textbook from another class for a new one in similar condition for an upcoming class.

I don't know if professors are required to require a textbook, but if it is so, then I think it is reasonable to give professors discretion as to require a textbook in class or not.

Many books labeled "required" for my class are seldom to never used in class. So, just be honest with me upfront and only require textbooks that I need for class.

I know more solutions exist. I also know this issue is not about the savvy shopper but about making education more accessible by making the books required for an education more accessible.

The problems with indecisive weather

Bring out your scarves and gloves once again, the cold weather has unleashed its freezing winds and cooler temperatures making students have to bundle up in warmer clothing. Weather in Statesboro is a mystery to all students who live

here for extended periods of time and plagues everyone who must contend with the present conditions.

Planning your attire for the day can be challenging when the temperatures continually spike up and down every day. When the weather jumps from the high eighties to the low forties, it is often hard for many students to decipher the changes and then as soon as one gets used

to the current temperatures, the weather changes. If the weather stayed the same for a period of time, students could get adjusted, but that is not the case with Statesboro.

The changing weather patterns give students a surprise and often result with colds and sickness springing up around campus. Don't always depend on the weather channel, as it only provides one with an estimated forecast of what is to be expected for the upcoming day. Students who do not pay attention to the current weather patterns are at a loss when walking or riding a bike on campus. Rainy days appear out of nowhere, bringing chaos to campus as students have to deal with the inconvenience of getting wet.

Leaving your dorm or apartment unprepared for the day is a sure

way to find yourself sitting in class wishing you had thought ahead and packed an umbrella or jacket in your backpack.

My solution to overcoming the ever-changing temperatures is to step outside upon waking up and deciding then and there how to appropriately dress for the day.

There will never be a successful way to figure out exactly what havoc Mother Nature is going to bring upon us, but meteorologists can predict patterns for several days at a time, although they are not always correct in their judgments and should not always be trusted. When deciding what to wear, make sure to consult the current weather outside which never stays the same, carefully viewing the conditions outside.

Bert Noble
NO TIMEOUTS LEFT

Let's narrow down the coach search

Well, unless you have been hiding amongst the trash from last weekend's partying, you've probably heard that Georgia Southern Football Coach Brian VanGorder is now Former Coach VanGorder.

Since signing day is in less than one month, we probably need a new head coach, and in a hurry. What qualities make a good head coach for GSU? Let's dive in and see.

Every head coach needs to be experienced, so let's narrow the search for guys with at least 10 years head coaching experience, and 20 coaching football.



Bert Noble is a journalism major from Rome, Ga. He is a columnist for The George-Anne Daily.

He needs to be young, so he can relate to the players well and be a good motivator. So let's try to find a guy under 28, so he can be here a while.

How about pedigree? Obviously we don't want some middle school coach to come up and start coaching here, so let's stick to coaches from the SEC and Notre Dame, but only because the Irish aren't in a conference, it wouldn't be fair otherwise.

How about offensive scheme? We have a diverse array of players, some from our triple option scheme, some from the traditional scheme from 2006. We need a coach who can run it all.

What about price? We paid VanGorder a pile of dough, so we're probably short on cash. This means the coach will have to come cheap! He needs to not divulge critical information to keep our opponents guessing, a la Bill Belichick, but he also needs to be media friendly and give many good quotes so our articles here at the G-A are of the best quality.

He must be able to recruit his players and convince their mothers that GSU will be a good place for them while still being the meanest SOB on the practice field. He must get the players' GPAs up while still giving them plenty of time to take care of learning game plans because, seriously, they are student athletes.

But most importantly, he must win national championships, and lots of them. If he could win two in one year, it would be greatly appreciated. We are behind our pace of national titles, so some catching up is in order.

So who deserves to get this prestigious job? Jim Donnan? Ray Goff? Jim Harrick? No, no, and no. UGA coaches need not apply, we've had our fill of them. Mike Price? Rick Neuheisel? Gary Barnett? No to all three again. This is the Bible belt, and we need a high-class person to fill the job.

Tracy Ham? Adrian Peterson? Chaz Williams? Perhaps, but the sentiment would just be too much, our team is not able to handle pressure.

Mike Sewak? Too logical. Lee Corso? Mark May? Kirk Herbstreit? No, no and hell no. The gameday hosts can talk all day long, but how good was Corso as a coach anyway? Herm Edwards? Dennis Green? Jim Mora? No, no and...wait a minute, we may have something here.

He already knows how to tell the media that we will never make the playoffs, so check that off. He is media friendly, always giving us good quotes. He has head coaching experience. He may be old, but that means he will like retire here.

But there may be a dark horse candidate. Lou Holtz. Seriously, stop laughing. I'll wait. Okay, he has been everywhere, and meets our Notre Dame requirement. He also runs all types of offenses, from the wing T to the Spread to the Wishbone. He can adapt to our players. But the best reason GSU could hire him: he'd be off the air.

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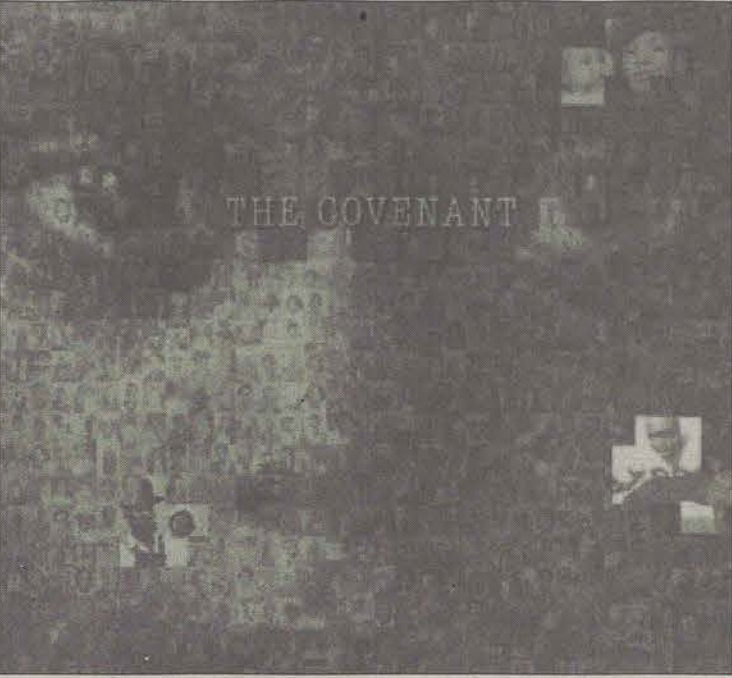
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Cultural book club unveils spring line-up



GSU News Service

The Multicultural Student Center at Georgia Southern University will host three Cultural Book Club Discussions throughout the spring semester on Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and April 18.

"Curriculum is all around us and this is an excellent opportunity for students to apply curriculum to interests they may have outside the formal classroom," said Consuela Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

The first book club discussion will be held during Religious Awareness Week at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Baptist

Collegiate Ministries located on Chandler Road.

"Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith," written by Rob Bell, will be facilitated by Todd Deal, professor of chemistry.

The book is an introduction to the Christian faith describing what it means to follow God in today's society.

The second book club discussion will be held at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Russell Union Room 2044 during Black Awareness Month.

"The Covenant with Black America," written by Tavis Smiley, will be facilitated by Ron Bailey, professor of history.

The book is considered a blueprint for addressing critical issues that confront the African-American community.

Its purpose is to inspire the reader to action.

The final book club discussion of the semester will be held at noon, Wednesday, April 18, in Russell Union Room 2044 in conjunction with Holocaust Remembrance.

"The Reader," written by Bernhard Schlink, will be facilitated by John Steinberg, associate professor of history.

The book tells of a love affair between a young man and older woman during World War II in Nazi Germany.

It follows their lives to a meeting several years later at a war crimes trial.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-681-5409.

ShuttleGus training Saturday

By **Brittany Hall**
Staff writer

ShuttleGus is back in gear for the semester. The program will be running this Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Training for volunteers will be this Saturday Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. in the Russell Union.

There will be an opportunity to get either CPR certified or defensive driving certified for free as well as a brief overview of ShuttleGus and the how-to's of driving, navigating and being on the street team. Lunch will also be provided by Loco's.

Director and co-founder, Jon Simpson, is very excited about the start up of the new semester.

"I hope that the students respond as well this semester as they did last semester," said Simpson. "We [the directors] are excited to see what the semester holds for this program, and hopefully with the prospect of a corporate sponsor we can continue to watch this program grow."

Students are very supportive of

the program.

"I think it is by far one of the best programs to come to Georgia Southern," said senior Lindsey Dickson.

"It is something that benefits every student on campus and works for the safety of our community."

There will only be two opportunities this semester to be trained this Saturday and another in March at a date to be determined.

Director of training, Beth Feagain said this was due to volunteer's participation.

"We wanted to compress the training so we will have more people at one time," said Feagain.

If you find yourself in need of a designated driver, call 681-3709 to get a free and safe ride home.

If you are interested in attending defensive driving or CPR certification, please send a message to the "I support SafeRides" Facebook group with your name and which one you would like to attend so certification will be available on Saturday.

For more information, please visit www.shuttlegus.org.

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12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Immigration debate Russell Union 2047
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10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Student Organization fair Russell Union Ballroom
12 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Red Cross blood drive Williams Center Dining Hall
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POLICE BEAT	
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01-11-2007	• Three books was stolen in bus.
01-12-2007	• Kristen Nicole Adlington, 18, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
	• Alicia Beth McMickle, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
01-13-2007	• A Centennial rug was taken from the Russell Union.
	• A drug complaint was reported at Southern Courtyard.
01-14-2007	• Derek Michael Camp, 22, of Lawrenceville, Ga., was charged with public intoxication and obstruction of an officer.
01-15-2007	• Fantasy Jayne Craven, 26, of East Main Street, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication.
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SPORTS

Who's
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In NFL: The New England Patriots. Tom Brady led another fourth quarter comeback to beat LaDanian Tomlinson and the top seeded San Diego Chargers in the divisional playoffs last weekend. They will face the Colts in Indianapolis this weekend in the AFC Championship Game.

In NBA: The Dallas Mavericks. Since starting the season 0-4, Nowitzki and the Mavericks have gone an unbelievable 32-4 and lead the Western Conference with the top overall seed.

Who's
NOT

In NCAA Football: Brian VanGorder. Since taking over the perennial powerhouse Georgia Southern Eagles, VanGorder resigned after a dismal 3-8 season and joined Bobby Petrino's staff as an NFL linebackers coach for the Atlanta Falcons.

Baker: 'Search will begin immediately'

By Will Adams
Managing editor

Athletics Director Sam Baker offered no insight as to who will replace former Head Coach Brian VanGorder.

"I started making phone calls [Tuesday]," Baker said. "But I've asked Joe Danna to be the interim in the mean time and we will move immediately to replace Coach VanGorder," Baker said at Tuesday night's press conference.

Currently there are no favorites to replace VanGorder, Baker said, but he looks to make a decision as soon as possible considering VanGorder resigned during the height of recruiting season.

"Our goal right now is to make

sure that we move quickly and to hire someone that can build upon what Coach VanGorder has started and move us in a positive direction," Baker said.

It's unlikely however that Baker would look to hire someone with experience coaching the option offense, adding they have been recruiting players that fit better with Coach VanGorder's schemes.

"We started recruiting in that direction so we paid the price and a lot of blood sweat and tears to get to this point, so I think we need to keep moving in that direction," he said.

"We aren't that far away and we feel like we have the people in place to shore up some of those areas," Baker said.

Baker also said finding someone that embodies and respects the tradition of Georgia Southern football will be a significant factor in deciding who will ultimately be chosen as the new head coach.

Assistant coaches from around the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference have drawn the most interest, mainly GSU alumni who have ties to the Statesboro community.

"You look at the SEC coordinators, they're all making a lot of money, but we're going to go out and find someone that we feel can come in and do a good job and feel comfortable in our setting here at Georgia Southern," Baker said.

Georgia Tech defensive line

coach, Giff Smith is drawing the most popularity and interest amongst fans and alumni. Smith, a 1991 graduate of GSU was a member of the 1986, 1989 and 1990 National Championship teams.

Smith, a member of the GSU Athletic Hall of Fame, served as a wide receivers coach during the 1996 season before moving to the secondary for the 1997 and 1998 seasons.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

Auburn's offensive line coach, Hugh Null could also be a candidate that could be interviewed, but has expressed that he is not interested in the vacancy.

"I think we will try to hire the best coach, you don't tell a coach what he's

going to run offensively or defensively, you just try to hire the right coach to embody the things you're about," Baker said.

If Baker decides to continue with the direction that VanGorder had started, Baker is convinced that it's still an attractive job, explaining that VanGorder has done a good job of creating a foundation for a winning program. "This is an attractive job, I think it's still as good of a job as it was when Brian took it," Baker said.

"We need a football coach who believes that the athletes are students first, a coach who will see that they make good grades and see that they graduate," President Bruce Grube said. A decision is expected to be made in the next few weeks.

Prospective Candidates



Chris Hatcher
Head Coach
Valdosta State University
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Jeff Monken
Special Teams/Slot Backs
Navy
Special teams coach for 5 years. Spent five years as GSU slot back/kickoff/punt team under coach Paul Johnson.



Giff Smith
Defensive Line Coach
Georgia Tech
Graduated from GSU in 1991. GSU wide receivers coach (1996) and secondary coach (1997-1998).

Danna to serve as interim coach

By Will Adams
Managing editor

Former defensive backs coach Joe Danna, will serve as Interim Head Coach until otherwise notified, Athletics Director Sam Baker told the media Tuesday evening.

Danna served as an assistant coach at Central Michigan the past four seasons. He was reunited this past season after working as a graduate assistant with VanGorder at the University of Georgia in 2001.

"We have made a lot of progress this past year in a lot of different areas," Danna said. "This program set to have a lot of success and I'm sure Sam Baker will pick a great head football coach for this program," he said.

Joe Danna declined to comment on the search for a new coach and the VanGorder's reasoning behind his resignation.

Brian VanGorder's resignation came as much as a surprise to Coach Danna as it did Sam Baker and most GSU students, but admits that VanGorder has "been one hundred percent committed and working as hard as anybody I've been around getting this program right. So, I've never questioned his commitment at any point," Danna said.

A longtime friend and colleague of VanGorder, Danna said he wishes VanGorder the best of luck and understands that it's a business.

"Guys have opportunities that come up all the time, they have to do what's best for them and their families. So I wish him the best."

Recruits affected by resignation

By Will Adams
Managing editor

VanGorder's resignation came at probably the worst time for GSU, as coaches and scouts are in the midst of a significant recruiting season.

Yet, despite VanGorder's bad timing Athletics Director Sam Baker feels confident and assured everyone at Tuesday night's press



Sam Baker

conference that GSU can weather the storm.

As dozens of recruits are being interviewed and swooned by the remnants of VanGorder's

staff, Baker will move quickly to try and hire someone as soon as possible so as to not lose any highly touted recruits.

When VanGorder took over for Mike Sewak and changed the offense, different student athletes were recruited that fit Coach VanGorder's schemes.

"What hurts me is that the kids bought into his program, whether different parts of our community did or didn't and they were ready to play hard for him," Baker said.

In what is most certainly the most significant offseason in the illustrious history of Georgia Southern football, Baker remains hopeful that GSU's reputation as a perennial powerhouse will help during the next few weeks.

"When you look at it, Signing Day is February 7, and that is fast approaching, we have an excellent recruiting weekend and have several commitments and we are in contact with them to talk them through all of this," Baker said.

"I'm disappointed for our fans, the institution, the team and all of the young men who played a role in this season," Baker said.

There are currently only four full time assistant coaches left over



Jared Giri/Staff

Brian VanGorder speaks to the media during a press conference in December 2005 in this file photo.

from VanGorder's coaching staff who will be on the road with scouts and overseeing the decision process with recruits and transfer students throughout the next few weeks or until a new coach is hired.

"They are still here and are talking to recruits, but it will be left up to

the new coach as to who will remain on the staff," Baker said.

"I think we will be able to recruit an outstanding candidate, this is a great job and Statesboro is a great place to live and work," he said.

VanGorder's changes, such as efforts to improve Paulson, like the

new Bishop Fieldhouse, the new brick column fence surrounding Paulson and improvements to the practice facilities and the Parrish Center are among the highlights that Baker and the rest of the coaching staff will use to help lure recruits in the next few weeks.

Players, students react to VanGorder leaving

By Zac Case
Sports editor

Georgia Southern students had barely gotten used to their new schedules before more change approached with the announcement of first-year football coach Brian VanGorder's departure for the Atlanta Falcons. Students and players are with mixed feelings, as most did not see the resignation coming.

"I'm really upset," said one football player. "The whole team is really upset. He came in with these great plans, he upgraded the facilities and really set up a totally new program." He added, "He had the whole team believing he was going to be here for a long time. We thought it was just another rumor."

VanGorder ended his first season at GSU with a losing record of 3-8. Some students feel that the heat from boosters and students contributed to the decision to leave. "I just don't think he could deal with the pressure. He came in to be this 'football God', made a ton of changes, and didn't produce. The fire got too hot for him, so he left before he got burned," remarked Trevor Powell.

Since his arrival, VanGorder has been criticized for the amount of alterations made in a short amount of time. The changes included scrapping the signature triple-option offense that had yielded the Eagles six national championships. VanGorder also updated the modest school buses used to carry players to the stadium. He also

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Brian VanGorder came, he saw, he destroyed and left without a trace

On Tuesday, former head football coach Brian VanGorder left Georgia Southern for a spot on the Atlanta Falcons coaching staff. His resignation came as a surprise to the program and puts it in an awkward spot this close to spring practice. I would wonder whether or not this keeps him up at night, but it's hard to be that upset about something you never seemed to care about in the first place.

How many ways can you disappoint us Mr. VanGorder? When your hiring was first announced, people couldn't have been happier. You inherited a talented team who was look-

ing forward to the knowledge and skill of someone who had coached on the highest levels, hoping that you would elevate them to another championship. We thought we could trust you, but all that power must have left you drunk when we handed you the keys to the program.

You came into town and before the nameplate on your office was up, you decided that you would do whatever you pleased with our beloved team; tradition and success be damned. Regardless of everything that you said or did with the program, your actions show that our team was more like a

hobby to you than a job.

Where exactly did you think that abandoning your half-finished overhaul on our team was a good idea? Despite everything that went wrong this season, you were there every week, insisting that



Mike Anthony
MY OPINION

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What students around campus are saying about VanGorder leaving



Daryl O'Neal

"I guess that's good for him. I think it'll make us better."



Bryan Bennett

"He has the right to do it, but I think he did it at a bad time."



Lucy Guest

"He was too thick-headed to adapt to our team, so he left."

Deficits plague Eagles



Elise Whitney defends WCU guard as the Eagles have lost two straight.

Katie Porter
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles fell to the Southern Conference leaders Davidson 69-51, Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Davidson's Lady Wildcats depth and experience was too much for the Lady Eagles. GSU started only two juniors, while being led by true freshman point guard Carolyn Whitney. The Eagles competed against a starting line up which consisted of four upperclassmen and one sophomore. The Eagles were also missing key players Tiffany Brown, the team's leading scorer, due to a suspension from the previous game at UNC Greensboro, and regular starter Shawnda Atwood due to injury.

"You can't compete with freshman and sophomores against juniors and seniors. It's frustrating, but you got to keep the kids up," comments Eagle Coach Rusty Cram.

Junior Concella Henry opened up the game with a layup which resulted from Whitney's steal. Davidson quickly responded with a basket from Danielle Hemerka. The Wildcats took control with an 11-0 scoring run in 22 seconds, giving them a 21-10 lead with 13:24 to go in the first half. GSU never led again and ended the half down 39-29.

Midway through the second half the Lady Eagles cut into Davidson's lead. Jessica Geiger hit a layup and converted on three free throw attempts. Carolyn Whitney nailed one of her two three pointers to pull GSU within eight. However, in the final six minutes of the ball game, Davidson went on a 11-4 run to clinch their 18 point victory over the Lady Eagles.

The Eagles did not receive much help from their bench, who only scored 12 points, while Davidson's reserves contributed 32 points. The Wildcats starter Jessica Mitchell paced Davidson with 13 points and was assisted by Honna Housley and Julia Paquette adding 21 points combined off the bench. GSU turned the ball over 25 times, which ties a season high. Davidson also had trouble handling the ball Saturday night, as they turned the

ball over 26 times. However, Davidson converted their steals into 23 points, whereas the Lady Eagles only gained 15 points off turnovers.

Coach Cram stated, "The experience will come with time and we will continue to work on our shooting."

GSU continued their three-game homestand Monday night when they hosted Western Carolina at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Lady Eagles rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit to tie, but were unable to defeat the Catamounts, losing 73-68.

The Lady Eagles ended the first half down 37-27, but the second half was a different story. Ashley Melson's three sparked a 22-8 GSU run with 9:33 left in play. Melson, who was 6-of-16 shooting, took control scoring two more three pointers and a pair of layups. She was assisted by freshman Carolyn Whitney, who was 3-of-6 for the night, and Tiffany Brown, who was 6-of-11 shooting and 5-5 from the foul line. Brown netted a three with 1:11 to tie the Catamounts 68-68. Western Carolina answered when Ashley Pelom knocked down a jumper with 45 seconds remaining. The Catamounts held on to win.

"We can do it any time. We just always come out sluggish in the first half," Tiffany Brown said. "We have a problem with either turnovers, or it's rebounding. But we can do it, I know we can. App State is next; I know we can do 40 minutes the whole game."

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (7-11, 2-5): Brown 6-11 5-5 19; Jessie 5-9 6-8 16; Melson 6-16 0-0 15; Whitney 3-6 1-1 8; Geiger 1-3 0-0 2; Ogburn 0-2 0-0 0; Henry 1-7 1-2 3; Whitney 2-2 0-0 5; Rivers 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 24-62 13-16 68.

WESTERN CAROLINA (11-7, 5-2): Pellom 5-9 4-6 15; Johnson 3-8 6-6 13; Dawson 3-9 4-7 12; Powell 3-5 2-2 10; Keith 4-8 0-0 9; Johnson 1-3 3-3 5; Lamitie 2-5 0-0 5; Eaton 2-5 0-0 4; Swayne 0-2 0-0 0; Feemster 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 19-24 73.

Halftime: Western Carolina 37-27, 3-Point Goals: Georgia Southern 7-19 (E. Whitney 1-1; Melson 3-9; Brown 2-4; C. Whitney 1-2; Rivers 0-3); Western Carolina 8-19 (Dawson 2-4; Powell 2-4; Pellom 1-1; Keith 1-2; Johnson 1-3; Lamitie 1-3; Swayne 0-2). Fouled out—Georgia Southern: None, Western Carolina: None. **Rebounds:** Georgia Southern 32 (Henry 8), Western Carolina 44 (Keith 7, Dawson 7). **Assists:** Georgia Southern 17 (Whitney 7), Western Carolina 8 (Dawson 3). **Total Fouls:** Georgia Southern 21, Western Carolina 16. **Attendance:** 810.

Eagles drop third in a row

GSU News Service

Down by nine late in the second half, the Georgia Southern men's basketball team came within one point in the final seconds but was unable to overcome the College of Charleston in a 67-64 loss Monday night at John Kresse Arena.

The loss is the third straight for the Eagles who drop to 9-9 overall and 2-5 in the Southern Conference. The Cougars improve to 12-7 and 5-2 and have won nine of their past 10 games.

"I thought our guys played really hard," said GSU head coach Jeff Price. "This is a big rivalry game and if our guys could have found this intensity every game, we could have won a couple of those (previous games). It was good to see us not shoot as poorly from the line as a team and it was good to see us not put the other team on line 20 times more than us."

GSU placed three in double figures, led by junior Dwayne Foreman (Apopka, Fla.) who had 16 points to go along with four assists. Senior Jimmy Tobias (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) had 15 points and junior Louis Graham (West Palm Beach, Fla.) added 14.

Senior Diogo Salazar (Sao Paulo, Brazil), making his first start of the season and the second of his career, grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds with eight points.

CofC's Josh Jackson came off the bench to record a game-high 17 points, 11 in the second half. Dontaye Draper was the only other Cougar in double-figures

with 14 points and nine assists.

"I think the biggest key to our team right now is keeping our head up and not getting down on ourselves," said Price. "This is an awfully good 2-5 team that's had four games on the road that's come down to the last two possessions. Anyone that's getting down on our team is making a mistake. This is a team that's going to continue to get better as we go into league play."

Georgia Southern led 36-31 early in the second half before Charleston reeled off five straight points to pull even.

The teams traded the lead several times in the next few minutes, but CofC broke away with an 8-0 run, sparked by back-to-back 3-pointers from Tony White, Jr. and Draper.

Momentum swung back-and-forth late in the game. Charleston went on top by nine with 7:19 left, only to see GSU

hit a 7-0 run to get within two. The Cougars answered with two buckets and later led by seven, 65-58, with 1:51 go play. Foreman led the comeback, hitting a jumper and a lay-up.

CofC's Marcus Hammond went to the line for a 1-and-1 with 15 seconds left and missed the front end, but Graham was unable to control the rebound and possession went to Charleston. However, the Cougars could not get the ball in bounds and turned it over, giving GSU a chance to tie. Foreman was fouled shooting a '3' and made the first two. But after a CofC timeout, he missed the game-tying shot. Charleston hit two foul shots and Foreman's last-ditch 3-point attempt was blocked.

"I thought we showed great heart fighting back into the game and having a chance to win it," Price added. "We

were down nine points in a place like this on the road and it showed great heart and character to come back and have a chance to win the game."

Neither team started out particularly well as the first points of the contest were finally tallied at the 17:11 mark by Salazar. A 10-0 run by the Eagles gave them a 14-4 lead, but a scoring drought of 5:21 helped Charleston get back into the game.

Jackson scored CofC's final six points of the half to pull the Cougars to within one, 28-27, but sophomore Kenith Ward's (Warner Robins, Ga.) second-chance lay-up at the buzzer put GSU up 30-27 at the break.

The Eagles now take their second-longest vacation of the season and won't return to action until Jan. 23 when they host Davidson at 7:30 p.m.



Dwayne Foreman sets up to drive to the basket as his teammate blocks two opponents.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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Reaction

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shifted players from their previous positions and recruited a handful of transfer players from other schools.

Most people, however, understand that the coach had to make whatever decision was good for him. Kyle Whitten stated, "It's a business decision. The NFL is a business. College ball is a business. It's ALL business. So, I understand that the coach had to do what was right for himself and his family."

Players, nevertheless, are looking forward to moving on and working with a new coach. "You know, I feel like the rest of the team, a little disappointed. I especially feel bad for the recruits and the transfers because of all of the uncertainty right now," said wide receiver Jayson Foster. "Now, I'm just looking forward to whomever we get and working with that coach."

Columnist

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that we were moving forward and that we would have success in the future.

No matter what anyone thought of the job you did last season, this was your chance to accomplish your goal. With a second year of experience and a band of new recruits better suited for our new style of play, you had a chance to come through on everything that you had promised.

Apparently that just wasn't enough for you though, and you hung your team out to dry like you did so many times this past season.

Thanks to all of your changes that were supposed to be for our own good, our team now has tons of talent that doesn't fit into the new philosophy, an identity crisis as to what direction to go in next, and no head coach to help us through this mess.

Did it fail to occur to you that there are recruits coming this weekend? It'll

be a great sell for our school when we try to convince them to play for a team that doesn't have a head coach.

You came here to make us better and you failed. No matter how disappointing that was, it was also forgivable. What can never be forgiven is the fact that you would rather run away from a problem than stay and make it better.

No matter what I think of you at the moment, what I am really thinking about is the good of the team. After your resignation, seniors for this coming year such as Jayson Foster and Dusty Reddick spoke about how they won't let this slow the team down and that they can't wait to get back on the field and improve on last season. At least some people have the character to stay and face adversity.

I hope you have fun as a Falcon because as far as I'm concerned, you'll never be an eagle again.

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Quit

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pressured VanGorder to move onto his fourth different coaching job in as many years. VanGorder served as defensive coordinator at UGA in 2004 and linebackers coach in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2005.

"Anytime you hire a coach of national stature, you know at some point you're going to lose him. I have to admit I thought it would be more

than a year," said Baker.

Throughout the spring, VanGorder initially focused solely on improving academics, helping raise the GPA of the football team from a 2.0 to a 2.68 by the end of the semester.

Baker also indicated VanGorder's motivation and eagerness to improve the quality of the athletic facilities of the football program, overseeing the new Bishop Fieldhouse and the new brick column fence surrounding

Paulson stadium.

"We anticipated the transition would be difficult, but last year we made very visible progress within our program in respect to academics, discipline and facility improvements," Baker said.

"We will move immediately to replace Coach VanGorder and move forward to hire someone that will build upon what [he] has started and move in a positive direction," Baker said.

King

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majority of people who joined Dr. King in the 60s were young and yet they were willing to become a part of something greater than themselves. It takes a lot of sacrifice from their end.

"We all have a God-given mandate to operate out of the movement that my father started years ago and still is prevalent today," she said. "Which is to fight the triple evil of poverty, racism and war."

According to King, war is not the way to solve terrorism because true terrorism is the hate and the bitterness that lies in our hearts. Sadly, we have allowed ourselves to settle for a lower standard and have unconsciously, as King puts it, "Let others define our destiny in the name of homeland security."

King said the only wars worth fighting are against poverty, racism and war. She pointed out a type of poverty that goes beyond financial matters: poverty mentality, a kind of mentality that does not understand who it really is and what its purpose is in this world. Poverty mentality leads to a culture that is things-centered and self-centered. As a result, King said, we still live in a world full of poverty, racism and war.

"You got to become more conscious and see things from an elevated and global perspective," said King. "What makes my father, Dr. King, so efficient is that he did not back down from difficult subjects."

King said that today a lot of young people waste their time and become engaged in selfish and destructive behavior such as promiscuity, drugs and profane music. She said young people need to understand that our

destiny is linked one with another, that what affects one directly affects all indirectly.

"If young people are not activated, this nation will be irrelevant. In fact, we are rapidly getting there because we do not value life," said King. "I don't know what will happen with America but I know we're in a comatose stage right now. However, I also know that the answer is in your head."

Brittany Edwards, a junior at GSU, said, "Bernice King really gave me a new perspective in life."

Consuela Ward Pender, director of multi cultural student center, said she was pleased to see the PAC filled. "The impact of her message transcended race, class, gender and religion and more," said Pender.

King closed her message with a question: "Are you going to be a king or just stand there and compromise?"

Leaders

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before blacks were accepted on most college campuses.

In 1933, George Washington Carver came to campus after being invited by Wells. He was one of the first leaders at this school to integrate black speakers, inviting Carver to speak twice at GSU.

Other notable guests who have visited include actor Danny Glover, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Avery Brooks from Star Trek, poet Maya Angelou, author Lerone Bennett, Ralph Abernathy, who was Martin Luther King, Jr.'s colleague, Tony Brown, political icon, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, one of the first black students to attend UGA,

Brigadier General Henry Doctor and Jesse Jackson.

"Higher education is more than merely what one learns in the classroom, but learning different philosophies and ideas that may be different than your own," said political science professor F. Erik Brooks.

"Bringing in different speakers from various cultural backgrounds exposes students to diverse perspectives. I believe that these experiences should be part of a total education for students. Bringing different speakers on our campus, students can confirm, refute, or refine their knowledge about various topics and issues."

Black students who attended GSU during integration were not faced with the blatant protests of white students like at the University of Georgia, University of Mississippi

and University of Alabama, but they faced racial issues on a smaller scale and on a more personal level.

"There were not students protesting or rioting. There were not any National Guard troops called in to quell disturbances. There were not any confederate flags being waved. There were not buildings being burned, but there were subtle forms of resistance," said Brooks.

"For example, white students in biology labs refused to work with black students," said Brooks.

"African American students congregated in break room areas with African American custodians, because the custodians wanted to protect students from hearing racial epithets and threats hurled at them in the Williams Center, which was the student union at the time."

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Sour

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7:30

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Freedom Writers
(4:20) 7:00, 10:00

Dreamgirls
(4:00) 7:00, 9:55

Night at the Museum
(4:30) 7:10, 9:40

We Are Marshall
(4:15) 7:00, 9:45

Rocky Balboa
(4:20) 7:20, 9:50

The Pursuit of Happiness
(4:10) 7:05, 10:00

The Queen
(4:30) 7:05, 9:25

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Special Photo

Humor at its sharpest

Comedienne Wanda Sykes to perform at GSU on March 24

By Jenny Miller
News editor

She might be "Sick and Tired," but the Georgia Southern community will welcome comedian Wanda Sykes to campus in late March. Contracts have been signed for Sykes to appear on campus at Hanner Fieldhouse at 8 p.m. on March 24.

Sykes, whose credits include the movies "Monster-in-Law" and the voice of Stella in the animated feature "Over the Hedge," has won an Emmy award for her work on "The Chris Rock Show." She also won the award for Funniest Female Stand-up Comic at the 2001 American Comedy Awards. Her first HBO special "Wanda Sykes: Sick and Tired," aired in October 2006.

Tickets will be \$15 for GSU students and \$25 for the general public and will only be for sale online at etix.com, but the date for ticket sales has not been announced.

"I know students are going to love it, you can go online, buy the ticket, and print it off," said Bill Pickett, director of student activities, who has headed up planning for the event.

According to Pickett, one thing that drew Sykes to performing at GSU was her love of Savannah, GA. He even booked her hotel accommodations in the city.

On tour with Sykes is fellow comedian Keith Robinson, who appeared on the 2002 Comedy Central show "Tough

Crowd with Colin Quinn." Pickett said that Robinson will perform from about 20-30 minutes before Sykes, who will perform for around an hour.

"We want to provide a nationally known entertainer who students would like to see, she [Sykes] is a big star and we are excited we can bring this to GSU," said Teresa Thompson, vice-president for student affairs and enrollment management.

Pickett said he realizes Sykes comedic material can be adult oriented, so tickets and publicity items will say "Adult Content" on them.

Hanner Fieldhouse only seats around 3,000 and Pickett anticipates tickets to sell quickly. The event is being held indoors in accordance to Sykes contract.

Thompson said Sykes was booked after talking to students and getting their opinions on what they wanted to see.

"We try to listen to students and I think we have done a good job this semester," she said.

The event is not as expensive as a big concert and Sykes' management group has been nice and accommodating with GSU officials.

Pickett looks forward to what the semester will bring. "Having this in March and Brad Paisley in April, we are going to out with such a bang."



Justin Burris / Photo Illustration

Blaqshion keeps it sexy

By Maria Folsom
Staff Writer

The Black Student Alliance will present its annual fashion show, Blaqshion, next Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. This year's theme, "What's Your Fantasy?," is a look into the world of exoticism and the surreal.

Blaqshion, which is a combination of "black" and "fashion," is one of Georgia Southern's longest-running events, displaying modeling, fashion design and production talents among GSU students.

The show will display a varified sample of styles that are culturally diverse.

Brittany Henderson, a senior political science major, is one of the show's coordinators.

In comparison to previous shows, Henderson describes this year's Blaqshion as not only entertaining but as a learning experience for its audience.

"We added a new twist to this year's show," Henderson said.

"Everyone has a fantasy. More than anything, this show is really

going to open up people's minds," she said.

In addition to the group's new artistic direction, Henderson believes that spectators will see the growth of the group in its performances. Henderson went on to stress the importance of focusing on fashion and creativity rather than overexposure.

"We (Blaqshion coordinators) wanted to deliver a show based around professionalism and tastefulness, while still being fun, sexy and stylish."

As the day of the event approaches, coordinators and talent are working harder to bring to production to the stage.

"Everything—from the production to the modeling to the intermissions—is on another level," stated Henderson. "When these models and performers hit the stage, people will know it."

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8. The admission is \$10 the day of the event.

For more information, please contact the Black Student Alliance at (912) 681-5120.

Common grounds

Cool places to warm up and chill out

By Casey Altman
Hiatus editor

As the weather cools down, people will be looking for a place to heat things up. If going to watering holes like Dos Primos and Apex is not quite your thing, try a couple of these steamy caffeinated hangouts.

The Daily Grind has been entertaining guests for six years. "It has more of a homey feel and a really friendly staff," said Mandy Beasley, barista.

On Thursday Joshua Jamison will be performing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Friday Roy Thompson will be performing from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., and on Saturday Brad "Big Show" will be performing from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Brad also performs on Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"They're (the performers) are all kind of different," said Beasley. "Some play their own personal music, and some play things like Southern Rock."

Midtown Coffee opened last fall and was a hit with many students. This Saturday is

open mike night.

According to Stephen Campbell manager and chef, Open Mike Night is an open format for anyone to showcase their talents. There is often poetry or music, and one can sign up to perform at the Website. Campbell said Midtown is trying to have Open Mike Nights once a month and other acts throughout the rest of the month.

Statesboro's newest addition to the coffeehouse scene, Latte Da, started its own frothy entertainment series last week.

This week's lineup includes Brad "Big Show" on Friday, and Suzanne and Ross on Saturday. Both shows will run from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Hear mellow music at the Averitt Center

By Matthew Mannila
Staff writer

The Averitt Center for the Arts is hosting a coffeehouse series every Friday until the end of January, that will feature local and regional musicians.

The shows will be on the third floor in the multipurpose studio inside the Averitt Center where coffee and dessert will be provided.

The series began last year thanks to a Grassroots Art Program (GAP) Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts.

"We had a good turnout last year and hope everyone will come support us again," said Chris Mitchell, musician, co-organizer of the event.

"The purpose of the Coffeehouse

Series is to allow young artists, within the community, to display original work. These shows will all be acoustic so expect a relaxed setting," said Averitt Executive Director, Tim Chapman.

Contemporary Christian musicians, Justin and Jill Samples play January 19. "Justin's music shows strong attention to melodic structure as well as comfortable harmonies," and Jill has a, "purity of tone that's seldom found," according to pladmusic.com

On Jan. 26, Ashlee and Chris Mitchell will play the final show of the series. Ashlee releases her first album, Lullaby, this year and Chris will release his first solo album next year.

"Well, it's (their sound) definitely Rock & Roll but it's also part folk, part Americana. But I'm never very good at explaining my style. I just create it and let everybody else tell me what it is," Chris said.

THE BOTTOM LINE

By Casey Altman

Get Schooled on GSU History

This Monday at 5 p.m. at the museum a new and exciting exhibit will be opening. This exhibit is going to showcase a hundred years in our history.

There are sure to be some awesome photos of Georgia Southern's yesteryears. See when Sweetheart Circle used to be the entire campus or when the library was first built.

Plus, you know you'll want to check out the funky

outfits people wore way back or take a look at the cool old cars.

So, if you've got some free time definitely go check out this free exhibit and pick up some knowledge while you're at it.

Free, close, educational and entertaining. Check out the museum new exhibit on GSU History.



Predicting the Oscar nominations

By Colin Covert

McClatchy Newspapers

Who's going to get an Oscar nod this year? Not much suspense there. The Motion Picture Academy's leading contenders have been clear for months, with only the 11th-hour arrival of "Letters From Iwo Jima" upsetting the lineup. There are not likely to be many gasps of shock when the shortlists are announced Tuesday.

Who would I nominate? That's a slightly different story. Obviously, M. Night Shyamalan deserves a triple scripting/directing/acting nomination for casting himself as a genius author whose inspiration saves the world in "Lady in the Water."

Psych.

This year, I have a few disagreements with the judgment of the four industry guilds - actors, producers, directors and writers - that have already selected their nominees.

Best Director:

1. Martin Scorsese, "The Departed." It's a hugely enjoyable film, but the nomination feels like a consolation prize for past slights.
2. Alfonso Cuaron, "Children of Men." A prodigiously talented filmmaker at the top of his game.
3. Clint Eastwood, "Letters From Iwo Jima." A work of heartbreaking force and classical storytelling technique. John Ford would approve.
4. Alejandro Inarritu Gonzalez, "Babel." Mexico's master of multiplane storytelling presents another darkly moving epic.
5. Paul Greengrass, "United 93." His bleak but inspired take on an "unfilmable" subject challenges conventions.

Best Actor:

1. Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland." His portrait of Idi Amin was a guided tour through the mental dungeons of a deranged dictator.
2. Peter O'Toole, "Venus." He plays a decrepit lecher who was the gorgeous superstar of his day. He's been researching this role a long time.
3. Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat." Performing opposite civilians who don't realize they're in a comedy film? That's acting!
4. Clive Owen, "The Children of Men." A wrenching portrayal of a weary salaryman who finds his moral bearings while facing humanity's extinction.
5. Ryan Gosling, "Half Nelson." A jittery, hair-raising turn as a freebasing school teacher.

Best Actress:

1. Helen Mirren, "The Queen." She's copped nearly every critics' group award for her uncanny mimicry, and she'll give a salty-yet-sophisticated tone to the telecast. It's a lock.
2. Judi Dench, "Notes on a Scandal." Breath-takingly nasty as a scheming schoolmarm. Anglophile vote goes to Mirren, though.
3. Meryl Streep, "The Devil Wears Prada." A poster child of villainy as a chic, shrewish fashion editor.
4. Annette Bening, "Running With Scissors." An arresting, funny, frightening turn as a New Age poetess and neglectful mom, she's the Me Generation's "Mommy Dearest."
5. Kate Winslet, "Little Children." Has a gift for making everyday people into engrossing character studies.

Best Supporting Actor:

1. Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls." A fine seriocomic performance as a soul singer

put out to pasture.

2. Jack Nicholson, "The Departed." A breath-takingly oversized riff on gangster villainy, exponentially scarier than Tony Montana or Tony Soprano.
3. Brad Pitt, "Babel." A mature, anguished performance that stitches together a multifaceted film.

4. Jackie Earle Haley, "Little Children." His portrait of a pathetic child molester is subtle and arresting work.
5. Mark Wahlberg, "The Departed." A scene-stealing eruption of foulmouthed machismo. He's never been this good before.

Best Supporting Actress:

1. Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls." She's a force of nature as a singer and a very talented newbie actress. I'm betting on her.
2. Rinko Kikuchi, "Babel." A hugely affecting performance as a deaf and mute latchkey schoolgirl moving into risky adolescence.
3. Cate Blanchett, "Notes on a Scandal." She delivers terrific work so frequently it's almost fatiguing.
4. Catherine O'Hara, "For Your Consideration." An affectionate sendup of a workhorse actress who becomes a crazed, Botoxed Oscar nominee.
5. Adrianna Barazza, "Babel." There weren't many more affecting scenes last year than her mad scene when she lost two young children in the desert.

Best Picture:

1. "The Departed." A potboiler, but what a tasty dish.
2. "Children of Men." A visionary dystopian masterpiece that succeeds on every level. A-plus.
3. "Letters From Iwo Jima." A risky, haunting rethinking of the Good War.

4. "Dreamgirls." A feel-good choice, if not the super hit that Hollywood was expecting.

5. "Borat." Comedy, sociology and naked wrestling. That's entertainment!



Special photo

COLUMN

Looking like a star

If anyone saw the Golden Globes Monday night, then they know what to look for in stores in the upcoming months.

Ashley Ferguson
Staff writer

The color is white, the gold is abundant, and the jewel tones are sparkling. Unfortunately, recreating red carpet styles and L.A. party trends are difficult to pull off here in little ol' Statesboro.

Flowing dresses are popular as are peep toe and patent leather pumps.

However, if you are not a fan of heels, feel free to hold on to your ballet flats. If it's a bit chilly out, a short trench coat will compliment casual looks nicely. Other clothing items staying for the spring are cropped jackets, skinny pants and leggings.

One particular odd style coming into season is the massive sleeve. Minidresses with ruffled sleeves, adorable button up shirts with parachute sleeves and the like follow with fashion's focus on proportions. Looking sexy and sophisticated will be a breeze for any woman who decides to turn away from fitted garments.

Bold, bright colors are still in but gold and silver are back with a bang. Pair gold with white and you have winning color combo. Needless to say, having fun on a Friday night has never looked so good.

Entertainment Quickies

'TODAY' GETS LONGER

On the chance that three hours of "Today" each morning isn't enough for viewers, NBC is embarking on an expansion of its morning show.

Starting in September, the show will expand to four hours, stretching the top-rated and highly profitable show into the late morning.

'GREY'S' KNIGHT ADDRESSES GAY SLUR

Three months after coming out of the closet, T.R. Knight is still dealing with the incident that spurred him to announce his sexuality.

On Wednesday's "Ellen" show, the "Grey's Anatomy" actor confirms that he got the courage to do so after his co-star Isaiah Washington called him a "faggot."

'HEROES' GETS EARLY PICKUP

They've saved the cheerleader, and now "Heroes" will have a little longer to save the world.

NBC has given the first-year hit an early pickup for the 2007-08 season, network chief Kevin Reilly told reporters Wednesday at the Television Critics Association press tour. Three other series — comedies "My Name Is Earl" and "The Office" and long-running drama "Law & Order: SVU" — also got the go-ahead for next season.

"Heroes," which returns from hiatus next week, has also added one more episode to its order for this season, bringing the total to 23.

'BETTY' GETS HER GUNN

"Project Runway's" Tim Gunn will put his fashion savvy to good, satirical use during February sweeps on "Ugly Betty."

The fashion-design show's father figure will appear in two "Betty" episodes, scheduled to air Feb. 1 and 8. He'll be playing a Fashion TV reporter who covers a controversy that erupts during the Mode fashion week runway show, which takes place during the Feb. 1 installment.

That episode will also feature last year's "American Idol" runner-up, Katharine McPhee, as one of the runway show's celebrity guests.

RICE, SMITH DANCE TO CBS COMEDIES

Emmitt Smith, who's the NFL's all-time leading rusher and the reigning "Dancing" champion, will appear as himself on the Feb. 5 episode of "How I Met Your Mother." A half-hour later, the league's most prolific receiver and touchdown scorer, Jerry Rice, will make a cameo on "The Class."

CBS will broadcast the Super Bowl on Feb. 4 and is sprinkling some recognizable NFL faces across its shows as a promotional gimmick. The network is doing something similar with the Grammy Awards, which air the following Sunday.

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Justin Burris,
Assistant Hiatus
editor

million dollar budgets, dazzling special effects, stunning sounds, and high definition 1080p presentations.

With all of this razzle-dazzle, films have transcended to a level above virtually any other available entertainment.

Yet, each year movies tend to feel less and less stunning. Where's my cheesy evil Darth Vader to tell me he's my father? The much more menacing, evil and dastardly Sauron, who does virtually nothing during the three films, has replaced him. While he is quite evil, of that you can be assured, you won't see people dressing in his costume 30 years from now.

With all of the buzzwords flying around movies today, it feels like an arms race to produce the most expensive, high definition film possible.

While pumping more money into a film can be a good thing, lending towards a crisper feel in a film, often, that money is spent on high class actors instead of paying writers for a better script. The writing of today often feels like writers threw darts at a board, finding random clichés to base their plots on.

This year's crop of movies is currently a mixed bag. Films like 300, Pan's Labyrinth, and The Golden Compass look to stave off the current decline of film quality.

Other movies that Hollywood has planned this year promise to deliver great things, but currently they are all sequels, prequels, or remakes of older movies. Showing that most producers stick to icons that are tried and true. Much like popular music today, movies have a formula that they all seem to follow.

The Motion Picture Association of America keeps stating that much of their loss in profit comes from people downloading movies instead of going to the theatre to see them. The MPAA just isn't in touch with what people want to see. The experience you receive in a movie theatre is drastically different from that of your home.

People aren't going to see these films as often, because films today are mostly terrible.

As producers work towards making bigger and better movies, moviegoers will most likely have to really dig for the gems hidden in the rough.

Most of the time, the general public doesn't notice the films that are shining stars. These flicks, mostly independent, are well made and polished; they simply lack the million-dollar ad campaign.

While they lack the funding to assault your senses with hundreds of ads a week, there are groups and productions that pay close attention to these films and even hold exhibitions for these films. One of the larger ones, The Sundance Film Festival, supports many of these independent films.

Through other venues such as this, independent films are encouraged to be creative and make risk taking films, for the public to enjoy. Often these venues will even offer cash rewards for well made films.

So instead of watching bad movies in theatres and paying a premium, check out the independent films for not only better writing, but better acting.

One of the best things about these films is that anyone with a camera and a great idea can produce them. Including we Georgia Southern students.

Through these independent films, a certain level of excellence that has been missing from movies as of late can be found.

Hollywood should take a look around the block, independent films are becoming a powerful force to be reckoned with.

"Shiny Toy Guns" shooting blanks

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff Writer

It will be a couple of weeks before we see any new releases that are worth reviewing. So I figured, rather than reviewing one of the many holiday albums released last month, I'd review an older CD that has been getting some attention lately. Shiny Toy Guns' debut album "We Are Pilots," with their hit single, "Le Disko," have become quite popular recently. The song has an upbeat sound, accompanied by strong and catchy female vocals. It's enjoyable to a certain degree, however its techno beat wore out fast. After hearing this I predicted that the entire album would be the same recycled beats on every song. Alas, if I'd only known how mistaken I was.

It seems that the only song that sounds like "Le Disko" is in fact "Le Disko." All the other songs have their own formats, including a different, male vocalist. The difference between the songs is so wide that I had to make sure they were by the same group, up to three times. It is not that the songs are completely genre jumping, they all share the same use of musical backdrops. If comparisons have to be drawn, Shiny Toy Guns evoke pop bands like "The Killers" and "The Bravery," and even "Le Tigre."

The album begins with "You Are the One," which is one of my favorites, the song is fast and catchy, and



'Shiny Toy Guns' give it their all, but ultimately fall short of a great show.

includes a duet between both vocalists. "Starts with One" is reminiscent to the first, not only in the title but in its sound. "Rainy Monday" and "Chemistry of a Car Crash" contrast the other songs by having a slower pace, softer vocals and a prevalence of guitars, basically being the obligatory ballads.

Of course, some of the songs did not work too well. Songs like "Waiting" were too repetitive and boring. "When they came for us" and "Shaken" were also two songs that I found lackluster, bringing nothing special to the table.

I enjoyed the male singer's voice, which was filled with an emotion that was lacking on "Le Disko," not that the female singer didn't do a good job, in fact she carried her own in all the other songs that featured her.

In the end, the differing styles within the album might hinder the band. Many fans of "Le Disko" might buy the album expecting the same sound on the rest of the songs, only to be disappointed. But then again, there are those that might find some gems in the album that otherwise might have missed on.

'We Are Pilots'
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Safe alternatives to chewing tobacco includes tea leaves

By Lyndell Nelson
Staff writer

With the harmful affects of tobacco use becoming more and more apparent, smokeless tobacco users can finally get the nicotine fix that they crave without all of the dangerous side affects.

Blue Whale, a smokeless tobacco product based in

Texas, launched in the summer of 2006 with intentions of being distributed nationwide in 2007.

Blue Whale dips are made from tea leaves laced with nicotine, so users still get the buzz they expect from traditional dips. The advantage of this product is that it does not contain any of the 28 tobacco-specific carcinogens.

Blue Whale is the result of a bet between founder Bill Whalen and his wife to see who could give up tobacco first. Whalen's wife ended her casual smoking habit in two short months, while Whalen himself found it harder to go without dipping.

"Our dream," said Whalen, "was to create a product that could be enjoyed by moist tobacco users so that they could 'keep on dipping'." After five years of developing an alternative that incorporates everything that smokeless users desire, our dream became reality.

Stephan R. Paul, M.D., a foremost cancer specialist at Temple University Medical Center in Philadelphia believes that Blue Whale's products are a big step forward for smokeless tobacco users.

"A tobacco-free blend such as Blue Whale has significant health advantages over the current chewing tobacco products," Paul said. "The carcinogenic nitrosamines in tobacco can (now) be avoided, while consumers can still derive the effects of the added nicotine."

The principle of 'just say no' has been unsuccessful in preventing individuals from the use of tobacco products.

Given that most people will continue to chew, Blue Whale is significantly safer and less harmful than the current products on the market."

According to a recent survey conducted by the Journal of the American Medical Association, nearly nine percent of college men are smokeless tobacco users.

One of those men, Junior Joel Seagraves knows how difficult it can be to break such a harmful habit.

"When you first start [dipping], you get a good buzz from the nicotine," said the CET major, who dips about a can a day. "Then you just get horribly addicted."

Blue Whale's products are designed to mimic the taste, smell, pack, and satisfaction of the finest premium tobacco.

Available for purchase online, Blue Whale dips come in an assortment of flavors and run about \$4.99.

When asked if he was likely to try Blue Whale's tobacco-free dips when they became available in Georgia, Seagraves said, "Hell yeah."

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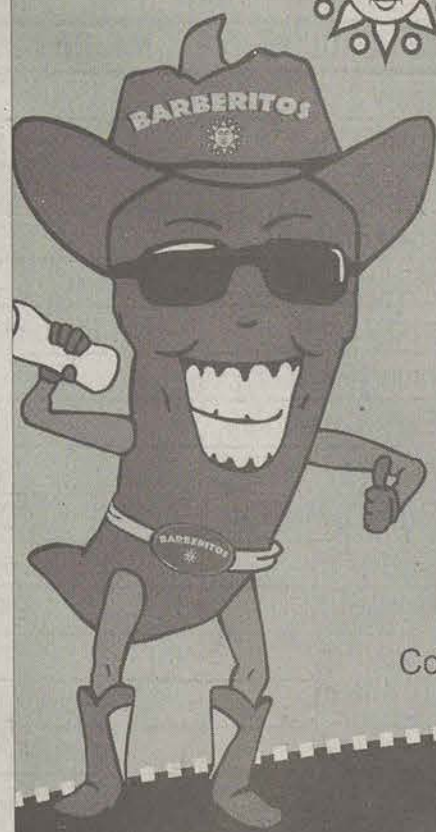
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12pm-12:50pm
Session A: *Nonprofit Jobs*, Mike Jones, The Boys & Girls Club, RU 2080
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1pm-1:50pm
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Session B: *Résumé Writing*, Andrew Bell, BB&T, RU 2084


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01/23/07	Kuehne + Nagel, Inc.	Management Trainee	January 11th	Logistics & Intermodal Transporation
02/13/07	BB&T	Leadership Associate	January 25th	COBA, CLASS
02/19/07	Norfolk Southern	Management Trainee	January 29th	COBA, COST, CIT
02/27/07	NW Mutual	Financial Representative (full-time & internship)	February 23rd	All Majors
03/01/07	GA Dept. of Transportation	Civil Engineer Technologist	February 25th	Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Tech
03/01/07	Hertz Corporation	Management Trainee	February 8th	All Majors
03/01/07	Reeves Construction		@ Eagle Expo Career Fair	COST
03/01/07	Maxim Healthcare	Sales Recruiter/Entry Level Management	February 8th	All Majors
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03/01/07	Hormel Foods	Food Tech, Programmer, Quality Assurance, Accountant	February 8th	COBA, CHHS, COST, CLASS, CIT
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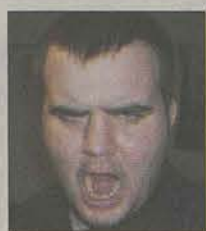
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Martin & Burris Eragon in Review



ACTING

Djimon Hounsou, who was nominated for an Oscar for his role in the film "In America," should be ashamed of himself for his part in this catastrophe.

- Jeremy Irons was the only actor who attempted to portray any depth and even he was about as deep as the shallow end of a swimming pool.

CINEMATOGRAPHY

The dragon special effects were impressive, but for a film that is supposed to be of an epic scale you have to go with Industrial Light and Magic.

- The action scenes seemed to drag, and the flying scenes felt less like a ride on the back of a dragon, and more like a slow roller coaster.

PLOT

The plot was completely generic fantasy garbage. Anyone familiar with the concept of the archetypal journey would be able to predict the ending.

- In Eragon everything you would expect to happen in a film, does. I knew the outcome to this film before I even saw it.

FINAL VERDICT

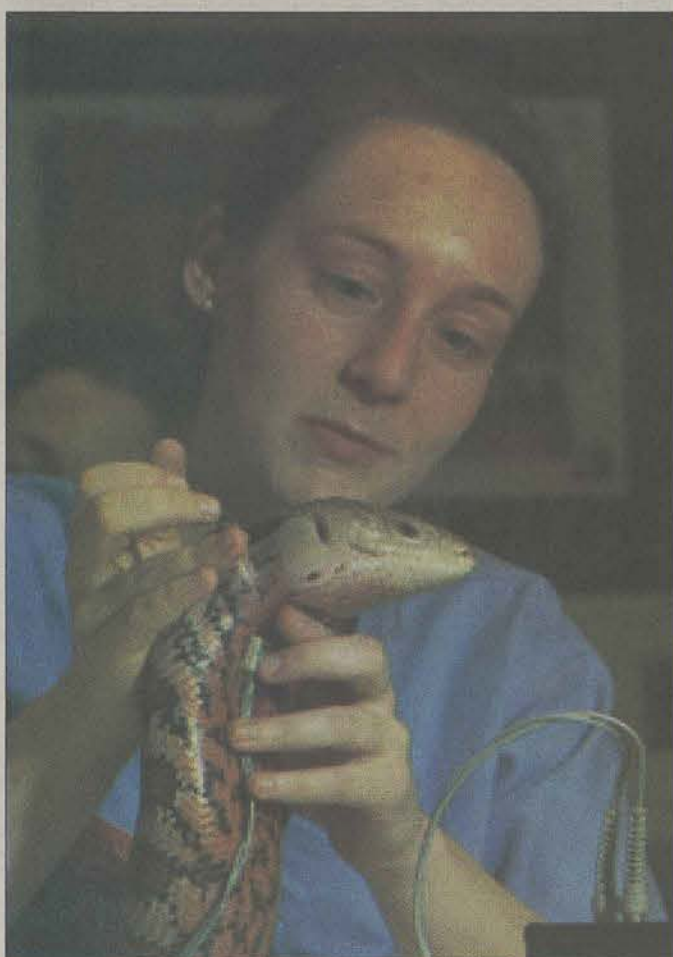
This movie was positively painful to watch. We went to see this film with low expectations, but positive attitudes. We were hoping it would be bad enough to be entertaining, but this film was so bad that it disappointed even our expectations.

- In all the areas that Eragon promised to deliver, it falls flat. While the books apparently shine like a beacon in the night, this movie made me feel like I was the Titanic and Eragon was the iceberg that sank my ship.
- Excuse me as I go and watch Indiana Jones again.



Special Photo

Eragon takes a shot at bringing the audience into the mood of the film. He ends up missing his target.



Special photo

University of Georgia veterinary student Lucy Marlow checks the blood pressure of a blue-tongue skink at the GSU Raptor Center.

Raptor Center animals fly through annual checkups

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's Center for Wildlife Education held their fourth annual physical examinations for all their animals last weekend. Veterinary medicine students from the University of Georgia conducted the physical exams.

On Saturday and Sunday more than 100 animals at GSU's Center for Wildlife Education receive their annual physical examinations. GSU students who work at the Wildlife Center assisted in the checkups, holding snakes and birds for a detailed examination.

The students examined a wide variety of raptors, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, from eagles and hawks to pythons and rattlesnakes. "This is a collaborative effort between two fine institutions," said Steve Hein, the director of the Wildlife Center. "It benefits Georgia Southern by helping our animals to stay healthy, and it benefits Georgia by giving their students experience with exotic animals."

Hawks, owls, eagles and other raptors

were the focus of Saturday's exams. The birds were gassed to place them in a state of anesthesia while everything from their eyes to their talons checked for irregularities and problems. Blood samples were taken and examined under microscopes for any unusual white blood cell count. A count that is too high is an indication of an infection. All this information, including weight and treatment options, are compiled into a comprehensive report that is then given to the director of the Wildlife Center.

Allowing veterinary students from UGA to examine the animals benefits both schools. GSU gets quality health care exams for the tenants of the Wildlife Center at a reduced cost. In turn UGA students get valuable hands-on experience with live animals.

Jason King, a senior UGA vet student, learns from each exam. "You learn how to handle raptors and interpret blood work in here," he said. "Being here also gives us a rare opportunity to deal directly with birds of prey. We're usually handling cats and dogs."

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