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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

## Faculty face salary concerns

*Some professors worry that the new Doctoral classification could mean more work, with no immediate pay increase for faculty*

By Frenchi Jones  
Staff writer

Although much advancement has been made in graduate studies since Georgia Southern was reclassified from a Carnegie Foundation's Master's/Comprehensive University to a Carnegie Foundation Category I Doctoral/Research University in the spring of 2006, some professors are concerned about the ultimate price the new classification could cost the university.

Foreign language Professor Clara Krug, who is also the former president of the GSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said the new classification has placed many burdens on GSU professors.

"We are supposed to meet all the criteria of a doctoral/research university with no additional funding," said Krug. "Here we have been elevated,

or are we really elevated? That is the question."

Krug said professors are required to conduct new research, write papers for peer review and at times travel to present those papers.

According to Krug, no additional funds have been allocated to the university's departments or to faculty salaries to supplement professors' expenses and the strain has some looking at other possibilities.

"I have been told anecdotally that people are leaving," she said.

On Jan. 4, Assistant Professor Trent Maurer submitted a request for information to the university's senate executive committee questioning the university's plans to make faculty salaries feasible at the doctoral/research university level.

According to the Maurer's request, faculty salary

### 2006 Doctoral university salaries

University of Georgia	
Professor	\$95,900
Assoc. Professor	\$67,600
Asst. Professor	\$61,700
Instructor	\$44,300

Georgia State University	
Professor	\$111,800
Assoc. Professor	\$68,900
Asst. Professor	\$60,100
Instructor	\$39,800

Georgia Institute of Technology	
Professor	\$123,600
Assoc. Professor	\$85,500
Asst. Professor	\$74,600
Instructor	\$37,100

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Info. from Chronicle of Higher Education Web site



File Photo

Relay for Life participants watch their teams during last year's all-night walk-a-thon to raise money for cancer research.

## Relay for life tackles cancer cure funding

By Kendal Duresky  
Staff writer

Cancer is a widespread disease that can affect anyone regardless of age, sex, or race.

Each year Bulloch County comes together to help fight cancer during Relay for Life. Relay for life is a spectacular event that is held at the Kwanis fairgrounds.

Relay for life is open to the public, for teams and individuals. The ultimate goal is to raise money to find a cure for cancer. All proceeds will go directly to the American Cancer Society.

"This event is a physically challenging event that represents the emotion behind cancer and what we are trying to do," said Relay for Life participant Michelle Rivera. "It's not just a donation check in the mail, Relay for Life gives a human touch."

Rivera is on the College of Education team. She will be walking in memory of her grandfather who passed away from cancer.

The College of Education will be having a Sweet and Spicy bake sale on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the rotunda and a silent auction that will include football season tickets the first week in March.

So far there are more than 60 teams signed up to walk in the all-night event. Each team sets up tents and walks from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Georgia Southern has about 20 teams participating this year.



File Photo

Relay for Life participants kick off last year's fundraising events.

"We want to raise \$10,000 this year; the sorority has done more than \$13,000 before, so I think we can reach our goal," said Kelsey Grubbs, member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Last year Bulloch County was fifth in the nation with the most money raised.

This year the all-night walk-a-thon will take place April 20 and 21 at the Kwanis fairgrounds.

The GSU team's next meeting is February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Russell Union.

For more information on Relay for Life or to register to walk individually in the event, contact Ted Wynn, Chairman of Relay for Life at 912-489-1661 or visit [www.acsevents.org](http://www.acsevents.org).

## Renovations revive RAC

By Michael Cardinal  
Staff writer

The Recreational Activity Center has undergone a lot of changes this year, and students are getting anxious to use the completed facilities.

Since the ground-breaking of the new RAC expansion two years ago, a lot of work has been done. Most of the expansion is open now, but there is still some work being done.

"The construction cost is 28 million dollars, and the total project cost (including architects, consultants, etc) is 31 million dollars," said Frederick. "Renovations to the old section of the RAC are underway and nearing completion."

That means that when the entire expansion project is finished, students can take advantage of a Fitness Center, a Wellness Center, and multi-use indoor courts.

"The multi-use indoor courts include but are not limited to basketball, volleyball, and indoor soccer," said Frederick. "There is much more to come outdoors as well."

There will be an outdoor band shell and plaza, over two miles of paved fitness trails and an outdoor pavilion, which is a versatile open-air meeting or picnic area.

The new Aquatic Center at the RAC opened on Wednesday morning, giving students their first chance to take a dip in the pool after working out.

The addition includes a "25 yard by 25 meter lap pool, a whirlpool, sauna, and large locker room facilities," said Angie Frederick, the Associate Director for Facilities and Fitness.

The rest of the RAC that has been closed off will also soon be open to the public. Students are getting very excited about the new improvements.

"I think it's a good improvement over what the RAC was before. Hopefully it allows more people to use these facilities," said Adam Utterback, a Junior.

"I only went a couple of times before the expansion, now I've been at least a dozen times since then."



Daniel Flanders/STAFF

The construction of a new climbing wall, modeled after a real rock face, is currently underway at the RAC.

## This week in SGA: campus issues, events discussion

By Mary Gunnels  
Staff writer

During last night's weekly senate meeting, many important academic affairs were discussed.

It was brought to the Senate's attention that there is not a plotter on campus. A plotter is a large graphics printer needed by at least five majors on campus that deal

with architectural blueprints. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kelsey Grubbs is looking into the matter because there is an understandable need for a plotter.

Also brought to the Senate's attention is the problem of computer lab usage on campus. Students using the computer labs in the Forest Drive, Foreign Language

see **SGA**, page 3



## Dining for Success Program

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This event is opened to seniors. Students who have not attended the event previously will receive first seating priority. First come, first served!

**Deadline to secure a seat is Friday, February 16, no exceptions.**



Questions? Contact  
Amy Rowell  
Career Services  
P.O. Box 8069  
Statesboro, GA 30460  
Phone: 912-681-5197  
Email: awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu

• Make check payable to Career Services and return to Williams Center Room 1047 or mail to the address above. No cash or credit card deposits will be accepted!

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Local Phone # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Email Address: _____
Method of Payment MUST Be Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Number of people you are paying for _____
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It is important that you fill out your contact information fully. You will be receiving confirmation of attendance by campus mail. Incomplete forms will not be accepted!

If you are paying for more than just yourself, there must be an equal number of registration forms attached.

## RAC hosts all-star game



Special photo

The RAC will have its first all-star basketball game tonight at 9 p.m. in the MAC gym.

By Amy McIntyre  
Assistant news editor

Campus Recreation and Intramurals host its first all-star basketball game tonight at 9 p.m. in the RAC.

This is the first all-star game CRI has put on, a trend that Intramural Supervisor Kim Hice hopes will continue.

"We decided that an all-star game would be a great idea," said Hice.

"We had teams from A, B and C leagues nominate one player from their team and from the nominations and player statistics we put together two teams, blue and white, to participate."

Hice said they are hoping for a large turn-out, holding a dunking

contest before the game and a three point shoot-out between one player from each team at half-time.

"This is the first-time that we have done this, so we are trying hard to get the word out. Not every team nominated a player, but this is a jumping off place, so hopefully we will have more publicity for next year. We have sponsors providing t-shirts for those involved, and it looks like its going to be a lot of fun."

Full rosters for both the blue and white teams are available on the CRI website. The game will be held in the MAC gym of the RAC.

For more information about intramural sports visit <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cri/index.html>.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, February 12

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Voter workshop  
Russell Union 2047

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
NAACP religion forum  
Russell Union 2044

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Italy study abroad meeting  
Hollis 1107

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Financial literacy  
Russell Union 2080

7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Mr. Extraordinaire pageant  
Russell Union Ballroom

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
All-star basketball game  
RAC Gym

### Tuesday, February 13

2 p.m.  
Softball game  
Lady Eagle Field

5 p.m.  
Softball game  
Lady Eagle Field

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity  
Russell Union 2052

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Wild 'n' Out  
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Movie: Borat  
Russell Union Theater



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## Singing Valentines

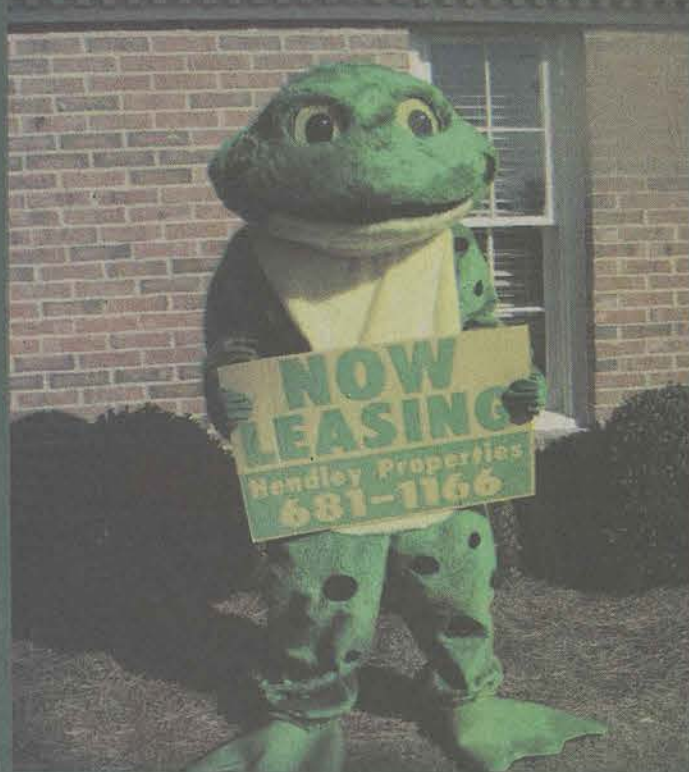
Feb 12-14

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# Salary

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averages, as reported by the AAUP, fall below the 10th percentile for the professor and associate professor ranks in Category I Doctoral/Research Universities, and are just barely above the 10th percentile for the assistant professors.

"Faculty salaries, morale, retention and recruitment are issues that concern all faculty at the university and in which all faculty have a vested interest," Maurer, who did not return our phone calls, stated in his request.

"Without substantial effort to significantly raise faculty salaries in the next few years, the university could face extraordinary difficulty maintaining morale and in retaining and recruiting faculty."

Currently the AAUP reported salaries for GSU professors are listed as \$75,000 for professors, \$59,000 for associate professors and \$52,000 for assistant professors.

These salaries placed GSU professors close to the 50-60 percentiles when the university was listed as a master's/comprehensive university, but compared to other doctoral universities such as Howard University, where professors' salary is listed by the AAUP as being \$92,000, the salaries place GSU professors at a comparative disadvantage.

Krug believes that disadvantage could eventually harm the university.

"There are more entry level positions than senior level. It is a probable that the newer faculty will have more opportunities to find better paying jobs elsewhere," said Krug.

"If you had higher salaries, then you would have more motives to stay,"

said Krug. "The solution will have to come from the administration."

After several failed attempts to reach the administration, Provost Linda Bleicken's secretary said that Bleicken's schedule did not permit her to comment on these concerns directly and directed The George-Anne to the senate Web site where the following response to Maurer's request was posted:

"Although the Carnegie for the Advancement of Teaching has recognized Georgia Southern University as a doctoral/research university, the University System of Georgia continues to classify the institution as a regional, comprehensive.

"Because funding for our institution flows through our University System, it is essential to demonstrate to that entity that the funding level for Georgia Southern University should be increased.

"This process has already begun, and significant information was shared with the staff at the University System during the most recent budget hearing that occurred in November, 2006.

"Georgia Southern will learn at the conclusion of the 2007 state legislative session the funding that will be allocated to the institution."

Bleicken's statement also said that it may take several years before GSU salaries become consistent with that of other doctoral/research universities.

"In essence, Georgia Southern University is in the early developmental stage as a doctoral/research university," Maurer stated.

"Our institution is currently growing the number of doctoral programs, but the number of doctoral students and graduates remains relatively small when compared to many institutions in the same classification."

# SGA

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and Communication Arts buildings were told they could only be used if the student is working on a project specific to that major.

The senate discussed the issue and decided that if student technology fees are used for the lab, then the entire student body should have right to use the computers.

Publicity Coordinator, Brittany Hall is planning a Valentine's Day

fundraiser for the Relay for Life organization.

SGA will be selling Valentine's wishes to be displayed on the marquee outside of Starbucks.

The spaces are five dollars and will be sold at the Rotunda from Thursday, Feb. 8 to Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Student Government Association will be hosting a Karaoke Night as part of the entertainment for the Up 'Til Dawn fundraiser on Friday Feb. 9.

Applications to run for Student Government for the 2007-2008 school year are available in the Student Activity Center.

# Obama enters Presidential race

McClatchy Newspapers

Sen. Barack Obama officially entered the race for president Saturday in the Illinois capital, urging Americans who hear "destiny calling" to join him in "the unfinished business of perfecting our union," then headed out to start campaigning in earnest in the battleground state of Iowa.

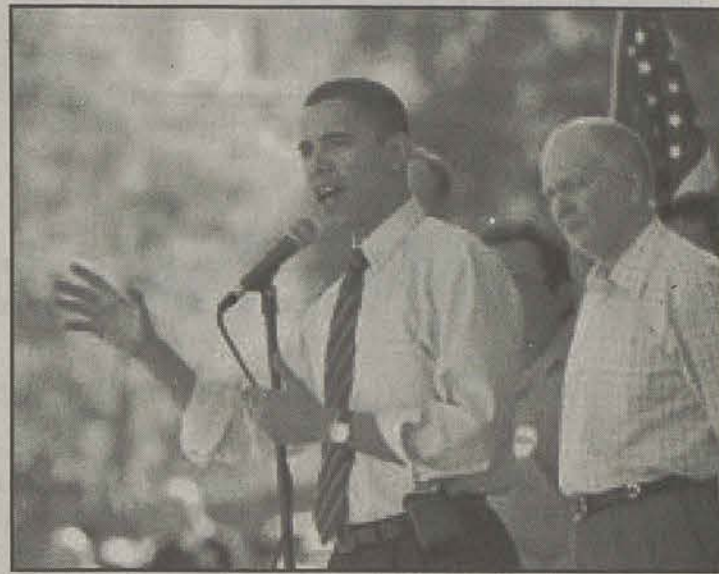
Against the backdrop of the Old State Capitol where Abraham Lincoln once served in the state legislature, the Illinois Democrat launched his campaign surrounded by thousands of supporters who traveled from around the state and country.

Sounding themes of hope and common purpose, Obama invoked the memory of Lincoln in calling

for an end to the cynicism he says cleaves the nation, so that a united America can confront its problems at home and abroad.

"People who love their country can change it," said Obama, entering the race as the first African American candidate considered a leading contender for a major party nomination. "That's what Abraham Lincoln understood. He had his doubts. He had his defeats. . . . But through his will and his words, he moved a nation and helped free a people."

The competition for the Democratic nomination is heating up more each day, with Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York raising the bar for campaign fundraising and a host of candidates crowding into the field.



Special Photo  
Illinois Senator Barack Obama speaks at an outside event.

## QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

## Anna Nicole Smith dies at 39

TV star Anna Nicole Smith died Thursday after collapsing at the Seminole Hard Rock Cafe Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Fla. She was 39.

## Tell your boss: Naps are good for you

At last, science has come up with proof that naps are good for you. People who take at least three daytime naps a week lasting 30 minutes or longer cut their risk of dying from a heart attack by 37 percent, according to a new study by a team of American and Greek researchers.

## YouTube purges 'LiberalViewer's' account

Viacom last week demanded that YouTube remove videos containing unauthorized content.

This meant that some of the work by Allen Asch, a Sacramento man who went by the nom de Web of LiberalViewer, would be purged from the site.

But he was surprised to find that his entire YouTube account had been expunged.

## Opening a debate on unavoidable question

Real economists aren't supposed to care about inequality. That's for poets, philosophers and folksingers. Right?

So what was Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, a certifiably hardheaded economist and a Republican to boot, doing the other day, worrying publicly about the widening gap between rich and poor in the United States?

The answer may be that Bernanke was opening the door to a rational debate over an increasingly unavoidable question.

## Officials accuse Iran of backing Shiite militias

Three U.S. defense officials Sunday accused the Iranian government of providing Shiite Muslim militias in Iraq with parts for sophisticated armor-piercing improvised bombs.

"We need Iran to stop doing what they're doing," one of the officials said. "It's a force-protection issue."

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

### Ironies

• Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley told The Washington Post in August that his brilliant performance in a December game (three touchdowns against Dallas to get to the NFL playoffs) was also the very reason that his own fantasy football team was knocked from the playoffs, in that "Chris Cooley" plays for one of his opponents.

• Anthony Mesa failed a drug test in September because, he said, he was medically unable to urinate into a cup under supervision, and he was remanded to a judge in Deland, Fla., to reconsider his house-arrest-only sentence. Mesa's crime was that in August 2005, he spiked a Mountain Dew bottle at a grocery store with his own urine as a prank.

### The problem is goats

• A traffic officer in eastern Ontario, who ticketed a speeding motorist from Switzerland in September, said the driver blamed it on the lack of goats. He told the officer that he felt liberated to drive fast because, unlike in his country, there were no goats wandering onto the highway.

### Creme de la weird

• Terence Michael Dean, 37, was arrested in September in Cool, Calif., after a homeowner arrived from a week-end away and found that Dean had commandeered his house and set up various confusing rituals. Dean (who ran from the house clothed only in a sheet) had turned on all faucets, placed packages of meat in the sink and bathtub, built a shrine of Buddha on a bongo drum, left a trail of potting soil from a walkway to the drum, left three plant stands in the garage holding teddy bears, unearthed about 100 houseplants in the yard, and left a cup of water containing a piece of paper reading "I love Cherry."

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# OPINION



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## OUR VIEW

# Valentine's commercials totally miss the point

AT ISSUE: Don't buy the hype that Wednesday will be all about the gifts, Valentine's Day is a time to share love, not money

Valentine's Day is almost here. That means diamond, chocolate and flower commercials are at their most obnoxious.

Most of you have surely seen these commercials two or three times already. You know the ones, send your girl a Valentine bandit to steal her heart, get your girl the best diamond in town, burn your girl's name into your chest with a fire poker. Well, okay, the last might not be a real commercial message, but it may as well be.

Valentine's commercials lately are lacking an essential element that Valentine's Day is supposed

to be based around, love. Nearly every Valentine's Day commercial running right now carries the same general message. They say, and very bluntly actually, if you don't get this (insert stupid gift idea of your choice here) for your girlfriend or wife, she's going to be very hurt, upset and definitely angry.

Valentine's commercials play guilt trips on men by saying their partners want something special, but at the same time, the commercials say how simple and easy it is to get their gift, that she'll "think you spent weeks agonizing over it." In fact, one especially ridiculous commercial came right out and said just

that, about a pair of candy message heart-covered cotton pajama pants. Yeah... you'll fool her.

This isn't what Valentine's Day is supposed to be about. It isn't supposed to be about feeling guilty into buying a particular gift, feeling like you had to spend weeks agonizing over the perfect gift or making it appear that you have.

Valentine's Day isn't supposed to be just about women, either. It's about couples, that means both partners. None of the commercials are about girls getting their boyfriends gifts, and that's just unfair for both girls and guys. Guys get all the pressure and

girls get all the gifts when Valentine's Day is really supposed to be about being together.

Valentine's Day is supposed to be about two peoples' love for one another, not how much your man can buy to show he loves you and how much money he's willing to spend on you and how cheesy and sentimental you can make him pretend to be for one day out of the year.

Don't buy into super-sweet commercials this year. Enjoy the day together and remember that you love one another for much deeper reasons than a box of overpriced chocolates or a vase of dying flowers.

Eric Swanson  
HERE AND THERE

## Tax cuts benefit few, harm many

"No taxation without representation," is a key point that has been imprinted in the brain of every U.S. citizen since the third or fourth grade. This argument eventually started the great upheaval of British control that led to our country's independence. I could say that phrase to almost anyone attending Georgia Southern, and they would know what it meant to the British colonists.

So where has that motivation gone? Where has the outrage that caused us to become independent disappeared to? It seems as though the country has accepted anything an official will tell them is right.

If the president tells us, "I promise to cut taxes!" He is basically telling us that it is time for him to decide where our money goes.

He is telling us that the top one percent of American citizens (making over \$400,000 a year) will receive cuts of around \$67,000, more than what the average citizen makes, further increasing the gap between the rich and the poor.

The president is saying that a 62 percent increase in military spending (\$716.5 billion over 5 years) will take precedence over the 141 discretionary spending programs which will be evaluated, and if "necessary" terminated.

After already cutting programs like labor, education, and environmental protection, it doesn't seem like a surprise that the president would take every dime he can to sustain the war. What good is fighting in a country in dire need of revolution, when our own people are being deprived of education and a clean environment?

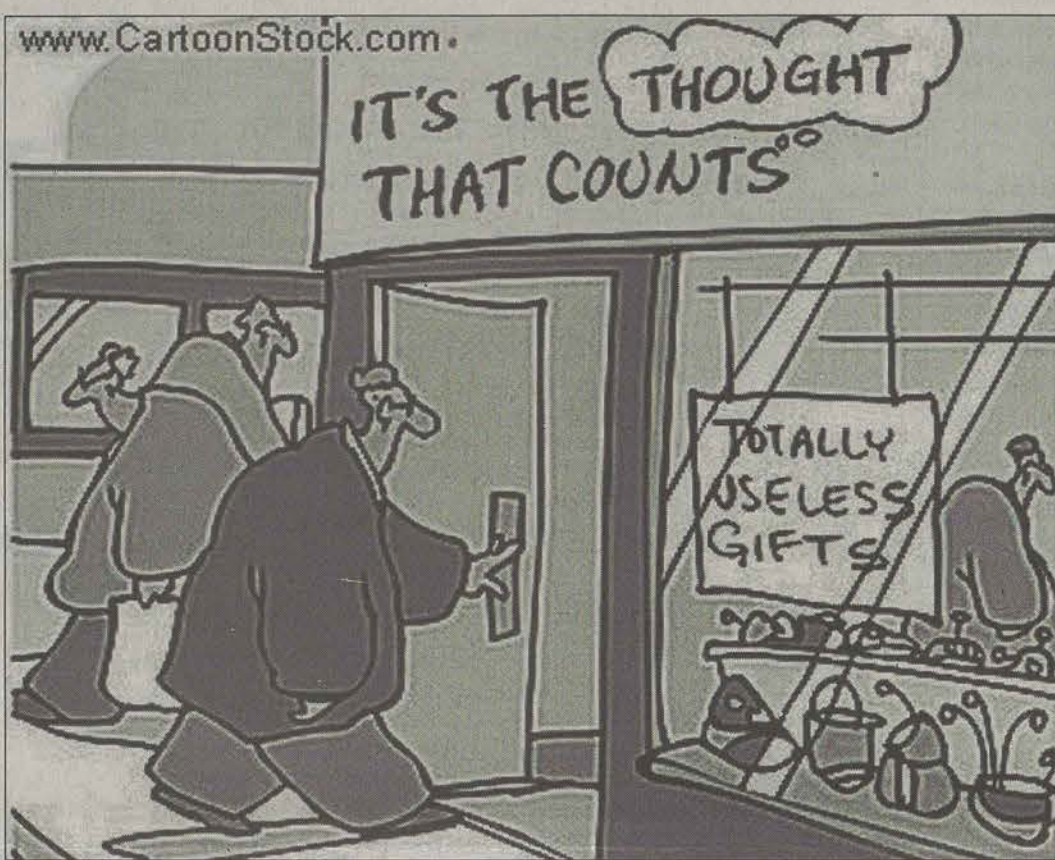
Mr. President, you are of a respectful position, but in your own words you said, "My formula for a balanced budget reflects the priorities of our country...protecting the homeland and fighting terrorism, keeping the economy strong with low taxes and keeping spending under control," but you are not keeping spending under control, you are taking away the freedoms that our people have earned by being citizens. Yes, by all means, catch the leaders of terrorist organizations trying to harm our people, but do not pretend that they are still plotting our demise as an excuse to fight a war where the only people that are angry are the ones trying to tell you to leave.

These "tax cuts" do nothing but take away from the welfare of our nation. By cutting \$420 million from a program that supplies lower income families and individuals with energy for their homes, you are making the poor suffer. By cutting \$377 million to low-income housing programs, people will struggle for shelter. By cutting \$2.8 billion in educational programs, the children of our nation will struggle to achieve in college. How can we, the people, allow such things to happen so easily?

When the very people making the decisions in our country are not affected by the cuts on their taxes, at what time do we, the people, stand up for what the Constitution itself states, "insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare," two-thirds of which are not being upheld.

If only we would return to pushing for our freedoms again, by letting our Congressmen know what we want. If only we would return to the desire to run the country as a group of people, not men or women, blacks or whites, but people. That is all we are, and laid by our original beliefs, we were all created equal. So when will the decision of where my money goes be put again in my hands?

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Katie Davis: YOUR TURN

## Contact your representatives

Despite your political party, there are many issues of importance that are being voted on. Issues like the troop increase in Iraq, gay marriage, gun control, health care and local issues like the parking ordinance that affects us all.

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The importance of having your voice heard and making your thoughts and concerns matter to those that represent us is inexplicable. The American people made their voice heard this past November election when the power shifted from the Republicans to the Democrats.

Democrats are already improving America by passing the recent minimum wage increase, lowered rates on certain tuition loans, and requiring the government to negotiate lower drug prices under Medicare. Georgia

representatives are voting on our behalf based on what feedback they receive in letters and phone calls. Ranting and raving about certain laws being passed does not count unless you write to our representatives. I honestly believe that our generation can and will make the difference by voting and contacting those in power because many current issues effect us personally.

Most of you probably know someone who has been or will be sent to the Middle East to fight. Let's face it, nobody wants a loved one sent overseas on behalf of this unwinnable war. Our Senators, Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson have voted in favor of the troop increase saying that it will send a mixed message to the terrorists if we pull out now.

According to the New York Times, 65 percent of 1,000 adults polled disapproved of the way the

president is handling his job, 58 percent disapprove of the work of lawmakers, and 67 percent opposed his handling of the war. The majority of American people do not support the president and the current administration, but they are not all letting their voices be heard.

As the younger of the voting population, we must take a stand. I urge you, get registered to vote, then vote, and contact your representatives. I have included some web sites to visit that will direct you to the addresses of the current Georgia representatives. Find out more about those who represent you in Congress. To contact Democratic Congressman John Barrow, who represents Georgia's 12th district, visit <http://barrow.house.gov/contactemail.asp>. To contact Georgia Senator Johnny Isakson, visit [www.isakson.senate.gov/contact.cfm](http://www.isakson.senate.gov/contact.cfm).

## Chewing it over with Snickers

The Snickers ad that showed during the Super Bowl depicting two men kissing on accident while attempting to eat the same candy bar, resulting in the men "doing something manly" by pulling hair out of their own chests, was absolutely hilarious.

Luke Hearn is a GSU alum of 2006. He was former executive editor of The George-Anne Daily.

But some gay and lesbian groups don't see it that way. They call the ad "homophobic," "offensive" and "anti-gay."

When are people going to lighten up? The problem we have in our

society is too many people are offended by the littlest things.

It's one thing to take offense at blatant bigotry aimed to harm others. It's a totally different ballgame to read into everything so much as to enjoy nothing.

What Michael Richards did at that Los Angeles comedy club was incredibly offensive and 100 percent uncalled for.

"Grey's Anatomy" star Isaiah Washington's defamatory comment about fellow cast member T.R. Knight was also starkly inappropriate. The aforementioned Snickers ad is not.

If the two guys in the commercial had called each other derogatory names and then chanted praises to the killers of Matthew Shepard, I would completely understand the backlash. The slurs alone would be reason for folks to be upset—including myself. But they did nothing of the sort.

The uproar over this commercial is nonsense. If people would just chill out and stop crying "I'm offended, oh, God, I'm so offended...oh, the misery" about every little thing they thought, may get them some attention, and things wouldn't be so complicated all the time.

Robert Greene II  
I'M JUST SAYIN'

## Achieve peace with nonviolence

The majority of those who live in the Arab world struggle everyday with poverty, despair, and the usual issues of living in a closed off, backward society. Many of them just want a decent life, with a job that gives them purpose, money to feed their families and provide shelter, and also some say in what their government does for, and to, them.

The Palestinian people, in particular, struggle with these issues. Since the founding of the state of Israel in 1948, the Palestinians have struggled to found their own state, constantly hampered by serious problems with the Israeli government. Of course, as many of us know, they have turned to violence as one possible solution.

Obviously, it isn't working. Despite all the suicide bombings and the attacks on Israeli settlements, the Palestinians still have no state to show for it. It is time for a new tactic, peaceful nonviolent protest. The hard work of those such as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King should be used as the newest blueprint for the Palestinians to fight for, and ultimately achieve, their freedom.

Killing Israeli soldiers and civilians is certainly not helping their cause. If anything, it loses the support in the U.S. and other nations who are desperate to see peace develop in that region. Plus, launching all of these foolish attacks against Israel only has one outcome, and that is the death of more Palestinians. The martyrs for the cause of Palestine cannot come back and work in a factory, as school teachers, or be around for the next generation of Palestinian youngsters. They are simply gone, the latest casualties in a conflict that has gone on for far too long.

Overall, the Arab world has come to use its young men, and in some cases women, as walking time bombs, instead of using the creativity and passion of their people for other, more constructive means. The youth of that part of the world have very little to look forward to, and destroying themselves to take out their supposed "enemies" is the closest they have to a positive outlook on life. Such an outlook on life isn't very healthy, and the youth of the Arab world must be allowed new dreams, those that don't include violence but encourage staying alive for a better tomorrow.

The Palestinian government has allowed droves of young people, mostly our age, to go to their deaths. What the Palestinians need is a leader who understands that they can't win their statehood through war, but can only achieve that dream through peace with the Israelis. Sure, Palestinians are often treated harshly, just trying to get back home through a checkpoint. Sure, they may have very little to look forward to in terms of jobs or an education, but they can only fight for that through kindness.

I say that they must repudiate terrorism altogether. I am tired of those who defend the acts of Hamas by saying that Israel has treated the Palestinians badly. I am tired of those who say the Iraqi insurgents have grievances against the U.S. and Iraqi governments that are worth fighting over. While both these groups face serious problems, and while Israel and the U.S. have huge shares of responsibility in these issues, it is time that terrorism in the Arab world be replaced with something that allows people to live and prosper, not to fight and die.

Without a new world view with which to achieve their goals, the terrorism practiced by some in the Palestinian camp will destroy them all. They must look at the examples of fighting colonialism in India, segregation in the USA, and apartheid in South Africa, for help in their struggle. Now that's a struggle I can get behind.

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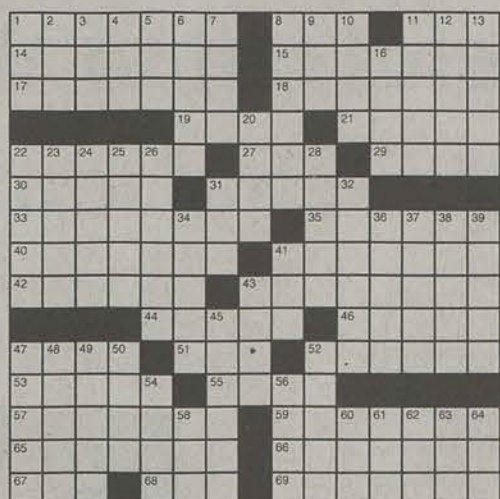
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## Crossword

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8 Sonic boomer, briefly  
11 Ovine comment  
14 Seven Dwarfs' chant  
15 Sky Harbor or Dulles  
17 Brought to light  
18 Quakers  
19 Writer Angelou  
21 Old radio Fibber  
22 Confident step  
27 Jackie's second hubby  
29 Hawaiian coffee  
30 Wooden peg  
31 Light refractor  
33 Gave a makeup exam  
40 Impressionist Monet  
41 Lights out  
42 In a cordial manner  
43 Sane  
44 The present  
46 Exemplar of slowness  
47 Optimistic  
51 Christmas drink  
52 Egg exteriors  
53 Besilike  
55 Small isthmus  
57 ABC, for one  
59 Pasta dish  
65 Portuguese nobleman  
66 Venetian or Florentine  
67 Balance organ  
68 Work under cover  
69 Having a population

DOWN  
1 That lady  
2 Singer Rittner  
3 Actor Torn  
4 Sense of self  
5 Expressions of confusion  
6 School paper?  
7 Whiskey mixer  
8 African trek  
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| 2. Ithica      | _____ | (b) Jocasta   |
| 3. Lydia       | _____ | (c) Brunhilde |
| 4. Crete       | _____ | (d) Zenobia   |
| 5. Iceland     | _____ | (e) Althea    |
| 6. Thebes      | _____ | (f) Eleanor   |
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DANGLE	DOGMA	DUMBO
DEBRIS	DOLLAR	DUNGEON
DECLARE	DONKEY	DUST
DIAL	DOORKNOB	DWELL
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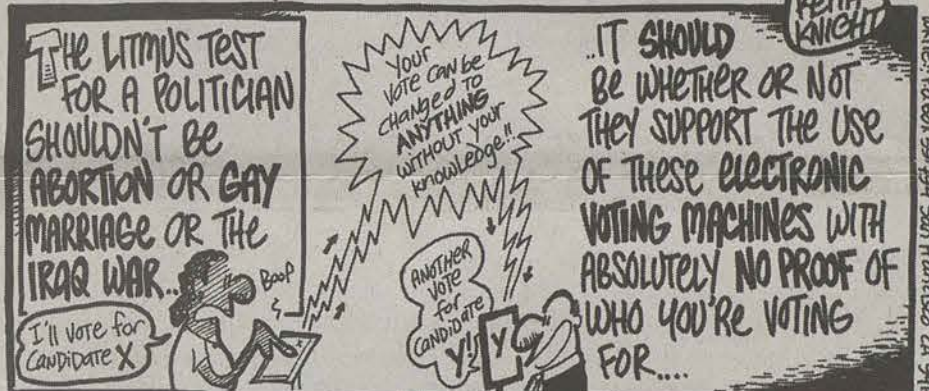
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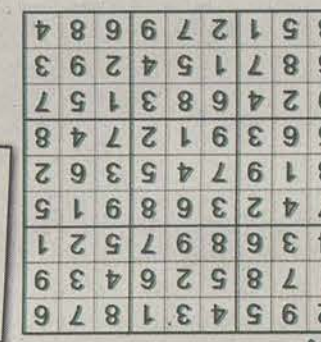
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# SPORTS



Who's  
**HOT**

**PGA Tour Golf:** Phil Mickelson. Mickelson earned his first victory of the season Sunday at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am with a score of five-under. Sunday's victory marks Mickelson's 30 PGA Tour win and became only the sixth player in PGA Tour history to earn a total of \$40 million.

**In Major League Baseball:** Twins catcher Joe Mauer. The Twins and the 23-year-old AL batting champion agreed to a four-year deal worth up to \$33 million Sunday.

Who's  
**NOT**

**In NCAA Men's Hoops:** The Duke Blue Devils. The No. 16 Blue Devils are falling fast after losing their fourth consecutive game Sunday to ACC rival Maryland. Duke is 18-7 on the season, 5-6 in conference play.

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## Powerful victory



In front of a record crowd over the weekend, the Georgia Southern baseball team scored a combined 20 runs in two games against the No. 11 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

## Eagles snap 20-game home losing streak to Georgia Tech

By Will Adams  
Managing editor

Danny Payne missed his spot with a few pitches, and Georgia Southern full took advantage.

Mike Economos and A.J. Wirsberger each drove in two runs as the GSU completed the sweep and put an emphatic end to a horrendous 20-game home losing streak against No. 11 Georgia Tech, beating the Yellow Jackets 9-4 on Sunday afternoon at J.I. Clements Stadium.

In Saturday's 11-4 win, Centerfielder Matt Miller lead the offensive onslaught with a career high five RBIs and sophomore right-hander Drew Murray took a shutout lead into the fifth as the Eagles beat the Yellow Jackets 11-4 Saturday afternoon.

Despite committing three errors, one that cost Murray the win, the Eagles clutch hitting helped get them back to .500 after dropping two games in Hawaii last

weekend.

"This was a good win against a very good program. Offensively we executed well, I thought we did a good job on 2-strike counts and we did some good things on the bases," said Head Coach Rodney Hennon.

"We got a lift from our bullpen and good help from Murray to start. However, we need to cut down our walks and defensive mistakes. Fortunately we were able to overcome."

Sunday's matchup featured freshman phenom Brian Wilkerson shutting down Georgia Tech's offense and freshman A.J. Wirsberger tying a GSU record by hitting three doubles.

"I knew coming into the game that they had a strong lineup, so I just had to stay away from their strong points and hit my spots and just stay consistent," said Wilkerson.

"[It gives is a lot of confidence] hitting the ball the way we have, I just need to stay consistent and hit my spots and keep the scoring to a minimum and let my team do the job behind me, all I really need to do is keep my team in the game and we'll prevail in the end," he said.

In the fourth, Economos and Wirsberger started a game-tying rally.

Economos lined a leadoff double down the left field line. Wirsberger followed with a shot that dropped just inside the line on the right field warning track, putting runners at second and third. Chris Shehan had a RBI groundout for the first run. Jeremiah Parker singled to right, tying the game at 2-all.

"We played some small ball today and we had the big hits when we needed to we'll just keep playing consistently and press on," said centerfielder Mike Economos.

GSU is now 25-72 against the Yellow Jackets, a history that didn't bode well for the Eagles heading into Saturday's game against the No. 11 team in the country.

"This is the first time we've beat them at home once, let alone twice, after that first game we had a little momentum knowing that we could come back here and beat them again, we just took the approach that we shouldn't try to do too much against a great team like this and everybody bought in and we got it done as a team," said Economos.

"Pitching is where it all starts and those guys gave us unbelievable efforts and to give them a few runs, that's all they needed." He said.

"These were big wins for our program, beating Georgia Tech in front of two pretty big crowds. Hopefully our fans will want to come back to J.I. Clements for more," said Hennon.

The GSU News Service contributed to this article.

## Senior Bryan Jones leads GSU to fifth place finish

GSU News Service

Senior Bryan Jones is the runner-up at Florida's Gator Invitational after contributing to Georgia Southern's fifth-place team finish, Sunday afternoon, on the par-70, 6,701-yard University Golf Course.

Florida's Manuel Villegas topped all golfers carding a six-under 204, while boosting the nation's top-ranked Gators to its fourth consecutive Gator Invitational title.

Georgia Southern trailed third place by just four strokes, which was held by No. 23 Wake Forest, and was just two strokes shy of fourth place holder, No. 6 Coastal Carolina.

GSU's Bryan Jones (Atlanta, Ga.) started Sunday's final 18 holding third place, but managed to keep a consistent flow in the last round and carded a 71-68-71-210 (E).

Jones eagled the par-5 12th, then birdied the 17th and 18th, both par-5.

Jones' nine birdies on the weekend helped garner his first top-five finish since finishing second at the Southern Conference Champion-

ships in April of 2006.

"It was good day for Jones," said seventh year head coach Larry Mays. "On the last hole he hit a beautiful shot. With a finish like that, it was

pretty impressive. Any time you can bring home a piece of hardware, it's always a good finish."

Sophomore Jordan Johnstun (Evans, Ga.) also gave the Eagles a strong outing, finishing tied in 15th place with a 71-71-73-215

(+5) score.

Johnstun hit four birdies over the weekend, including a pair in Sunday's final round, as he produced his fourth top-20 career performance.

"Jordan's (Johnstun) and Bryan's (Jones) performances really boosted our finish," added Mays. "It was a tough day today, but we hung in there. They really played well on the back nine after playing through some adversity."

"A top-five finish as a team was a goal going into this weekend, that if we accomplished it, it would have been a really good week," added Mays.

"It was a good week for the Eagles and a good

start on the season. It shows that we can hang in there with some top teams and it shows that our hard work pays off."

### Final Team Standings

1. Florida	280-289-281-850 (+10)
2. Florida State	284-287-290-861 (+21)
3. Wake Forest	280-288-294-862 (+22)
4. Coastal Carolina	290-284-290-864 (+24)
5. Georgia Southern	287-284-295-866 (+26)
6. UAB	287-289-293-869 (+29)
7. Tulsa	290-294-287-871 (+31)
7. Georgia State	292-286-293-871 (+31)
9. North Florida	293-292-287-872 (+32)
10. Kentucky	295-293-293-881 (+41)
11. Ohio State	283-300-299-882 (+42)
12. LSU	296-295-293-884 (+44)
13. UCF	297-297-293-887 (+47)
14. Purdue	299-303-304-906 (+66)

### Final Georgia Southern Individual Results

2. Bryan Jones	71-68-71-210 (E)
T15. Jordan Johnstun	71-71-73-215 (+5)
T45. Ryan LeFevre	73-72-77-222 (+12)
T51. Chris Smith	77-73-74-224 (+14)
T62. Drew Lethem	72-75-80-227 (+17)

### What's next for the Eagles:

at Rio Pinar Invitational  
Feb. 19-20 at Orlando's  
Rio Pinar Country Club

### What's next for Eagle Softball:

vs. Florida State,  
Tuesday 2 p.m.

GSU 57, WCU 69

## Eagles fall to WCU, 3-10 in SoCon play

GSU News Service

Western Carolina outscored Georgia Southern 43-25 in the second half to make up a six-point halftime deficit, winning 69-57 Saturday afternoon at the Ramsey Center. WCU moves to 10-14 overall and 7-6 in the Southern Conference. GSU is now 10-15 and 3-10.

Western had four players reach double figures: Arnold Gore (17), Nick Aldridge (16), Antonio Russell (15) and Jake Robinson (10).

Aldridge also grabbed seven rebounds and dished out six assists, both team highs.

For GSU, senior Donte Gennie led all players with 24 points.

Senior Jimmy Tobias recorded his first-ever double-double, coming off the bench for 14 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Dwayne Foreman, seeing his first action since Jan. 29, was held to one point and four assists.

"I thought they were a lot more aggressive offensively, attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line," said GSU Head Coach Jeff Price.

They got to the line a lot more in the second half.

They shot 15 free throws in the second half versus six in the first," said Price.

"I thought Aldridge handled the doubles in the post and did a better job, and certainly their 1-3-1 zone put us on our heels a little bit."

GSU led by as many as seven and a lay-up from Gennie at the buzzer gave the Eagles a 32-26 lead at the break.

Gennie accounted for over half of the team's field goals in the first half alone, hitting five of his seven shots, including two trifectas, for 12 points. The rest of the squad went just 4-for-14.

Aldridge, the SoCon's third leading

scorer, was held to just four points on just 2-of-7 shooting. WCU as a team didn't fare much better, converting 34.5 percent in the first half.



Tao Ventr/StAFF  
GSU men's basketball is 10-15 on the season.

The second half was all Western Carolina as the Catamounts began the period with an 11-2 run behind six points from Aldridge, who capped off the run with a three-point play to give WCU their first lead since the opening moments of the contest.

GSU struggled to get going and relied solely on Gennie and Tobias for offense.

The pair combined for all 15 of the team's points in the first 15 minutes of the period.

"They changed their zone - they went to a 1-3-1 zone and it spread us out a little bit," added Price.

"I thought that was effective for them. I think the most disappointing thing was that our defense wasn't nearly as good in the second half. We held them to 34 percent in the first and 56 percent in the second," he said.

GSU LADY EAGLES 0-2, GT YELLOW JACKETS 2-0

## Lady Eagles swept in weekend series

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern softball team lost both games of their opening double-header at Georgia Tech on Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles fell in game one 7-2 and lost game two 8-0 in five innings. The losses were the ninth and 10th straight for the Eagles to the Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech scored six runs in the fifth and rallied from a 2-0 hole to win game one.

The Eagles threatened early and loaded the bases in the second inning thanks to a Yellow Jacket error and a wild pitch.

Robyn Siliga reached base on a throwing error by Tech shortstop Aileen Morales and advanced on a Jenny Side single to center field.

A.J. Street laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners and Elizabeth Branan struck out swinging, but reached first on a wild pitch. The Jackets got out of the inning as pitcher Sarah Wood struck out the next two Eagle batters.

Georgia Southern went up 2-0 in the fourth inning. Side singled up the middle and advanced to second on a fielder's choice by Branan and a throwing error by the second baseman. The Eagles loaded the bases on an Aubrey Thweatt bunt single, and Lindsay Hopkins singled to left center field to bring Side in for the first Eagle run.

Branan added to the GSU lead, scoring on a Wood wild pitch. Tech loaded the bases in the bottom of the fourth, as Street gave up a double to Jennifer Yee and issued two two-out walks, but struck out Kristina Hull to end the inning. The Yellow Jackets took a 6-2 lead in the fifth

on five hits and four Eagle errors. Street faced three batters before giving way to Melissa Laliberte.

Georgia Tech added an insurance run in the sixth on a pinch-hit home run by Brittany Barnes.

Street struck out four and gave up three hits. She was tagged with the loss for the Eagles and falls to 0-1 on the season. Tech's Wood picked up the win and improves to 1-0. Side and Thweatt each went 2-for-3 to lead the Eagles offensively.

Hopkins recorded the only Georgia Southern RBI.

Georgia Southern threatened early and loaded the bases in the second with two outs, but Tech starter Whitney Humphries escaped by inducing a groundout to Nine Iduate.

The Yellow Jackets got on the board first, scoring four runs in the third inning. Stephanie Butler walked, stole second and advanced to third base on an error. Morales drove Butler in on a RBI single to left center.

Morales stole second and Yee reached base on another error. A wild pitch advanced both runners. Caitlin Lever singled to the pitcher, but Morales was called out for leaving early from third base.

Starting pitcher Logan Free was replaced by Street, who got out of the inning for the Eagles.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth, the Yellow Jackets wrapped up the game, scoring runs on back-to-back sacrifice flies from Haller and Lever.

Free got the loss for the Eagles and falls to 0-1 on the season.

Humphreys got the win and improved to 1-0.