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## SPORTS

### GSU Softball destroys App. State

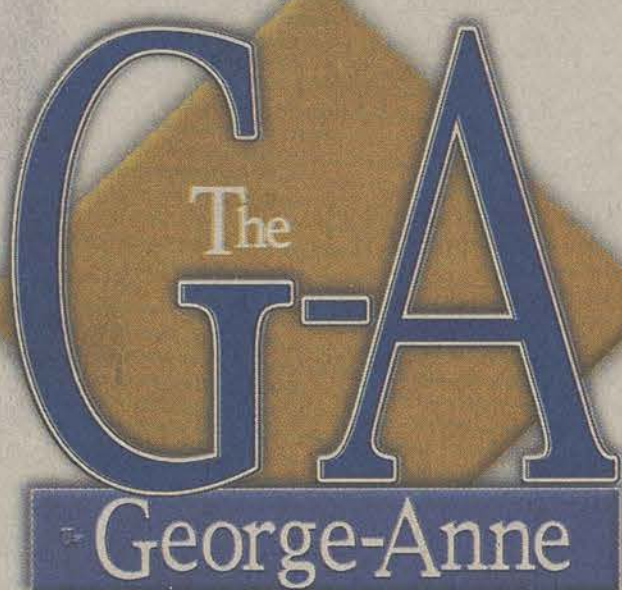
Going three for three against App. State, GSU Softball improves their overall record to 17-25.

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## LIFE

### 'Southern Says Thanks' holds annual festivities

Music, art and entertainment were just some of the many activities at this past weekend's "Southern Says Thanks" and Youth Arts Festival.



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Monday, April 9, 2001

# SGA President Johnson proposes a more 'student-centered' Russell Union

By Jake Hallman  
Staff Writer

"It belongs to the university. We always put that it's the student's living room, but it's not," SGA President Francys Johnson said. "I'd like to see it become more like a real student center."

Johnson led continued discussion on the Russell Union at Wednesday's SGA Senate meeting. "We know that the Southern Center is opening, and I had hoped that the student union would take a turn in its history and move toward being a more student centered place and environment," he added. The Russell Union is the only publicly available ballroom within 40 miles, and assists with community outreach in GSU's mission as a regional university. When the Southern Center for Continuing Education finishes its renovations, many of its facilities will mirror those available in the Union.

"Even as the Southern Center opens... I hope the pressure will be relieved from this building that's been put on it by the community and the university," Johnson said.

Johnson admitted that changing the face of the Union will not happen soon.

"I challenge future student government associations to look at priorities, room reservation fees, van rental fees, all of those things that make up the Russell Union, and make this place as student-centered as possible," he said.

"Even as the university says so much about being

student-centered, I want to challenge them to become student-centered."

Johnson had several ideas for focusing the Union on students' needs, including a commons area where future speakers could exercise their free speech rights without disturbing classes held in the Union, and making the building a "one-stop shopping" center for students.

Several senators disagreed with Johnson's mercantile plans. "This isn't the mall," said Senator Gina Milano.

Johnson suggested changing the Union's name to include the word "student," as well.

"Don't you think we need to ask the students on campus their opinion of this before we jump in," asked Francesca Evans, vice president of financial affairs.

"This is not an attack on the union itself as it is now. This is forward thinking and vision about this place we call the union. I would challenge future administrations to put it to a referendum as a first step, to see if the students are behind this. I'm sure they are," he answered.

Johnson said the Board of Regents should be asked to give the Russell Union a new mission, one more amenable to being student-centered, and that students should take the lead in claiming the Union for themselves.

"Do not think the administration is going to be following your needs unless we continue to press, because they control the purse strings at the end of the day," Senator John Bryson said, pointing out

that decisions made on spending student's money by committees with student members still have to meet with the approval of university administrators, and can be altered or changed without student consent or knowledge.

"This is a monumental task, but I think we, as students, are up to it" Johnson said.

Johnson also announced at Wednesday's meeting that a student health advisory board will be created next year.

"We made sure that we appropriated funds to have a second doctor in health services," he said. There's an overall effort to improve Health Services and how we deliver it to students."

The Senate also approved resolutions honoring scholar-athletes of the year Robin Thirsk and Gino Tuteria, and approved fund requests in the amounts of \$250 for the Catholic Newman Association, \$500 for Vision Ministries, and \$350 for Phi Sigma Pi.



David Whiddon

Francys Johnson

## Retiree Reception...



LaVene Bell

**RETIREEES HONORED:** President Grube hosted a reception this past Friday honoring 2000-2001 retirees at the Builders of the University Terrace. Retirees were honored for their hard work and dedication and their efforts to increase prestige the University during their years at GSU.

## Standoff between U.S. and China continues

Associated Press

BEIJING - China's politically powerful military stepped up pressure for Beijing to take a hard line against Washington in a standoff over a U.S. spy plane. American diplomats said the plane's detained crew were in "high spirits" Sunday after receiving e-mails from their families.

Defense Minister Gen. Chi Haotian said Saturday the People's Liberation Army won't let Washington "shirk responsibility," dampening hopes for an early release of the 24 U.S. crew members. The crew has been held on southern Hainan island, where they made an emergency landing after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet.

Chi's stern tone was in contrast to assurances by diplomats and civilian leaders that Beijing sought an early settlement and didn't want the dispute hurt U.S.-Chinese relations. It also added to suspicions that military and security forces, the most hawkish segment of the government, were obstructing a settlement. American diplomats on Hainan island

were allowed early Sunday to meet for an hour with the 21 men and three women from the U.S. Navy EP-3E. Diplomats saw the crew twice before, on Tuesday and Friday.

"The crew is ... in very high spirits. They understand the circumstances under which they are here," said the U.S. Embassy military attache, Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, who saw the crew Sunday.

"They are looking forward to going home. They do offer that they very much appreciate the e-mails that they've been allowed to receive from home," Sealock said without giving any details.

U.S. officials said the two sides were trying to reach a settlement. President George W. Bush was "focused on continued diplomatic efforts" to free the crew, a White House spokeswoman said.

But Washington's position was "unchanged," said Mary Ellen Countryman, spokeswoman for the National Security Council, when asked if an apology from the United States was still

possible. Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell have expressed regret over the loss of the Chinese pilot, but the White House has said it will not apologize for what it says was an accident.

China's top foreign affairs official, Vice Premier Qian Qichen, told Powell in a letter made public Saturday that that stance was "still unacceptable." The United States, he said, must "apologize to the Chinese people."

And the defense minister stepped up the pressure. "It's impermissible for them to want to shirk responsibility," Chi told the missing pilot's wife, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. "The People's Liberation Army does not agree to it. The Chinese people don't agree to it. The people of the world also won't agree to it."

Beijing officials may also fear that a compromise, with China's fighter pilot still missing, would inflame public anger.

Xinhua said soldiers were channeling their grief at the loss of the fighter plane into military strength to "protect the motherland's sovereignty and the people's

dignity."

Such reports in recent days in the Chinese press appear to be aimed at preparing the public for official confirmation of Wang's death. Analysts have said that would be a key step toward ending the detention of the American crew.

Wang's wife, Ruan Guoqin, wrote a letter to Bush accusing him of being "too cowardly to voice an apology." The White House confirmed that Bush received the letter.

"What is incredible is your and your government's apathetic attitude toward my husband's life," Xinhua quoted Ruan as writing in the letter. "Can this be the human rights and humanism that you have been talking about every day?"

There was no comment on the controversy Saturday from Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who arrived in Argentina after three days in Chile. The Chinese leader is on a 12-day trip to five South American countries and Cuba.

## Eleven honored at Alumni Awards Dinner held Saturday

By Taryn Price  
Staff Writer

There were 11 people honored Saturday night at the Alumni Awards Dinner held in the Russell Union Ballroom. The night started off with the Director of Alumni Relations H. Frank Hook, III welcoming all the guests to the dinner. Comments were then made from President Bruce F. Grube. He talked about all the new changes coming to Georgia Southern University. This past year, GSU had their first freshman class with an average SAT score over 1000. He talked about the football team and the new School of Information Systems coming to our campus. Grube ended with saying, "The University is so proud of our alumni."

The first award of the night was the Department of Biology award, which was given to Dr. Wayne Krissinger. This award is the oldest award, which was first given in 1968. Krissinger is a 1964 graduate of GSU, and received his Masters degree in 1967. He is currently a professor of biology at GSU. The next award was the college of Business Administration. This award was given to Ulysses S. Knotts,

III a 1982 GSU graduate. Knotts was very thankful for the award by saying, "I am honored and privileged to be here and receive this award. GSU has meant a lot to me over the years."

The College of Education award was given to Dr. Mary Sue Deloach Smith, a native of Bulloch County. The following award was the College of Health and Professional Studies. This award was presented to a man who had not visited GSU in 25 years. Col. James W. Dooley received three degrees from GSU. The College of Liberal Arts and Social Science honored Hala Modellmog, who is currently the President of Churches Chicken. The last department award was the Allen Paulson College of Science and Technology. This award was presented to Hugh E. Darley, Jr., who is a Statesboro native. Mr. Darley ended his acceptance speech by saying, "this award is in honor of my father who taught here for 19 years."

The last five awards of the night were presented to people for their outstanding service to GSU. The first award was given to Deryl Belser, a 1992 graduate of GSU, for Young alumni of the Year. Belser is currently a Georgia Power Area Manager. He played for GSU football,

and was a member of two national championship teams. He received his Masters from GSU and thanked his parents, Erk Russell and GSU for being the best institute yesterday, today, and in the future. The Alumnus of the year in Private Enterprise was given to Mike Cummings. Cummings graduated from GSU with a B.B.A. in 1974. Cummings was responsible for hosting the first GSC football game in Dublin raising \$10,000. The next award was the Friend of Georgia Southern University presented to Bruce Yawn. Many people know Yawn because he is the owner/operator of Snookeys Restaurant. This award was the only one not given to an alumnus of GSU. The Eagle Lifetime award was given to Don A. Coleman a 1948 graduate of Georgia Teachers College. President Grube presented the last award of the night. The recipient of the award was Dr. James H. Oliver a 1952 graduate of Georgia Teachers College. President Grube introduced Dr. Oliver as a professor's professor, and a model for all of us.

To even be considered for an award one must be nominated. The evening was eventful and special for the recipients, their friends and family members.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Things to do at GSU April 9

• **Panel Presentation:** Black, Gay and Proud, in room 2048 or the Russell Union. Begins at 2 p.m. For more information call the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Resource Center at 681-5409.

• **Kick-off and Reception for OutWeek 2001.** Free refreshments. Begins at 7 p.m. in room 2048 of the Russell Union.

### April 10

• **Movie Night: The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.** Begins at 7 p.m. in room 2048 of the Russell Union.

### April 11

• **Eagle Entertainment** presents Jam Fest,

3 to 9 p.m. outside of Landrum. Will feature 12 of your favorite Statesboro bands

• **OutWeek 2001 Keynote Address:** Being Black and Gay in America by Keith Boykin. Begins at 7 p.m. in the College of Education Lecture Hall.

### Ongoing

• **GSU's NAACP** meets every Monday in Russell Union room 2080 at 6 p.m.

• **Academic Resource Center** will be offering free tutoring in the Library Ground Floor, room 1001 in the following courses: English, Biology, Sociology, Math, Algebra, Probability, Physics and Chemistry. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• **The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/**

**Transgender Support Group** for students, staff and faculty meets in Room 2072 of the Russell Union on Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. For more information call 681-5409.

• **Black Student Alliance** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Check sheet for room number. For more info call 681-5458.

• **Anime Crew** meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 1106 of the Forest Drive Building. For more information contact Christina Huey at 688-2536.

• **The Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Please contact George Fotopoulos at gsf04936@gasou.edu for more information.

## POLICE BEAT

### GSU Public Safety

#### April 2

• Michael Pemberton reported that a Hewlett Packard scanner was missing from the Humanities Building.

• Samuel Blackwood reported that someone cut a lock on a safe inside of his Coca Cola truck and took the money bags while the vehicle was parked near Veazey Hall.

• Carolyn Price reported that a satellite

receiver and a VCR were missing from the COBA building.

### Statesboro Police Department April 6

• Juan Flores, 22, Garden District #63, was arrested for DUI, driving on a suspended license and open container.

• Joel Scott, 18, #53 Grady Johnson Rd., reported criminal trespass.

• Lonnie Jamison, 19, Southern Villas #54, reported burglary.

*Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.*

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Jason Kemp assistant news editor.

## GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

### Students are coming back from Spring Break with respiratory illnesses

Associated Press

ATLANTA—At least 100 college students nationwide have contracted a respiratory disease while on spring break in Acapulco, Mexico, the government reported Friday.

All the students spent time at the Calinda Beach Hotel and reported getting sick about 10 days after returning home. Centers for Disease Control officials believe the disease may be histoplasmosis, a fungal infection that typically is easily treatable.

"It's not real serious for healthy

people with no underlying health problems," CDC spokeswoman Barbara Reynolds said. The illness is not contagious.

Officials first noticed the outbreak at a Pennsylvania college, and traced the problem to Acapulco after networking with other college health clinics, Reynolds said. Infected students have been identified in several states, she said.

The hotel is still open and working with health officials to prevent the airborne disease, Reynolds said. Symptoms include acute respiratory

distress, fever, body aches and a nonproductive cough that can develop into pneumonia.

Many of the infected students reported spending time at the hotel's pool. The fungus resides in soil and is often found in areas with bird or bat droppings.

CDC researchers say the disease also may be Coccidioides Immitis or the bacterial Legionnaire's disease.

The Legionella bacteria sometimes resides in heating and cooling systems from which it is inhaled.

### Bus wreck injures 24 band students

Associated Press

ST. MARYS, Ga.—Even as parents tearfully rejoiced that none of the band students riding to a competition were killed Friday morning when their bus crashed, they wondered whether the driver was to blame.

The charter bus crashed at daybreak Friday just north of the Georgia-Florida line, injuring 24 band members from Massey Hill Classical High School in Fayetteville, N.C. Two of the students were critically injured. Hospital officials said injuries ranged from minor cuts to broken bones to road burn.

The trip started just after midnight, with students enjoying a late-evening pizza party at the school. Two buses carrying 92 students were followed by parent chaperones in their own cars, according to the Florida Times-Union.

"Everybody was singing and having a good time," said junior Swayzine Brown, 16, of the party.

But when the envoy stopped for a rest in South Carolina, students said one of the bus drivers, Darol Wayne Britt, 38, of Fayetteville, fell asleep across the steering wheel.

"It appeared that maybe the bus driver was tired," said Sharon Miller,

Swayzine's mother, who was driving another car.

Ian Bernal, 16, told the Times-Union he became worried later in the trip because he could see the bus crossing the line along the east side of the road.

"I was sitting at the window and I could see him going back and forth over the line. I was worried," Ian said.

Jose Bernal, driving behind the bus, said he also noticed it crossing the lines several times, but he didn't know if that was abnormal for a bus.

Georgia State Patrol officials said evidence at the scene and statements from witnesses led them to "concentrate on the possibility of driver error as the cause of the crash."

Officials said Britt told them he was cut off by another vehicle. Britt could not be reached for comment Friday night.

The bus flipped onto its left side about 6:30 a.m., flattened about 20 feet of guard rail and then skidded about 100 yards, leaving many students with cuts and abrasions from the asphalt, grinding metal and broken glass.

"You're seeing something you don't believe," said Jose Bernal, Ian's father. "Sparks are flying and there's glass all over the place."

Another parent, Sharon Miller, saw the accident through her rearview mirror and stopped the second bus.

"I told the kids on the other bus to calm down and pray. They were shocked. They were very concerned about their classmates," she told the Jacksonville paper.

The bus turned around at the next exit and headed back to the accident scene.

"There were children lying on the interstate," Miller said. "They were crying. They were devastated. It's amazing none of the cars behind the bus hit them."

Paramedics and police had already begun arriving by the time Miller and the lead bus got to the accident scene. Danny Daniels, fire chief and Emergency Medical Services director for Camden County, said the scene "was very hectic. There were kids who weren't injured standing around the bus. There were other students inside trying to help the injured students. There were motorists stopping to help."

Friday afternoon, the uninjured students and adults huddled in a recreation room at Kingsland United Methodist Church, where the teens received counseling, shot pool, slept on the floor and tearfully called their parents on cellular phones.

### DiMarco shines in first Masters appearance

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Georgia — Masters rookie Chris DiMarco showed no signs of cracking under the pressure of playing on the weekend with Tiger Woods.

DiMarco remained in the lead halfway through the third round at Augusta National, recovering from an early bogey to make the turn Saturday at 11 under.

Phil Mickelson, seeking his first major championship, was 10 under at the midway point of the round. So was Argentina's Angel Cabrera.

Former British Open champion Mark Caldwel surged toward the lead with three birdies on the first four holes of the back nine, pushing his score to 10 under.

All eyes were on Woods as he sought his fourth straight victory in a major tournament. Playing deliberately, he parred the first six holes before making a 1-meter (3-foot) birdie putt at No. 7 to get to 9 under.

No one has held all four titles at the same time. Woods put himself in position for a unique version of the Grand Slam by winning the U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship last year.

DiMarco seemed an unlikely candidate to stop Woods' march toward history. But at least one other player expected DiMarco to hold up well under scrutiny of being paired with Woods in the final twosome of the day.

"Impressed, but not surprised," said Rocco Mediate, who put himself in contention with a 66 Saturday and an 8-under 208 total. "I'm sure he's

a little more nervous than normal. But I'll tell you one thing: He's not going to let up. He's going to be in the mix."

Everyone faced a course that was firm, fast and cruel, drying out on a warm, sunny day after rain earlier in the week. The breeze also picked up, ready to wreak havoc around Amen Corner.

DiMarco, who had a two-stroke lead after Friday at 10-under 134, drove into the trees at No. 2 and wound up with a bogey. But he bounced back at the next hole, sinking a 1-meter (3-foot) birdie putt.

DiMarco had another birdie at seven. A brilliant iron shot landed just 60 centimeters (2 feet) from the flag and he tapped in to reclaim the lead after Mickelson also got to 10 under.

Woods was solid if not spectacular, keeping himself in contention as he went to the back nine.

Woods made a par at No. 3 after driving behind a tree. He chopped the ball out of the pine straw to the front of the green, needing two putts to get up the hill.

While Woods was posting par after par, Cabrera moved past with three birdies on the front nine.

The contenders were plentiful, comprising some of the biggest names in golf.

David Duval, who lacks a major title on his resume, knocked in a 10.5-meter (35-foot) birdie putt at No. 10 to pull even with Woods.

After 14 holes, Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland got to 9 under.

Mickelson three-putted from 1.5 meters (5 feet) at eight, turning a potential birdie into a bogey. Showing the resilience that has marked his play throughout, the left-hander responded at the next hole with an 2.4-meter (8-foot) putt for birdie to make it back to 10 under.

Mickelson started strong with back-to-back birdies. At No. 2, he blasted out of the right bunker to 1.8 meters (6 feet) of the cup. At three, a pinpoint iron spun back into position for an easy 60-centimeter (2-foot) birdie.

DiMarco clearly faced the most pressure-packed round of golf in his life when he teed off in the third round.

"I have never played with Tiger," DiMarco said Friday. "The only time I've ever played with him was in a practice round when he was still an amateur. I said back then, he's an aggressive player. He's got to learn a little."

DiMarco was only kidding, of course. But he already has shown he is no fluke, leading after a first-round 65 and following with a 69 Friday. That set a rookie record for the lowest 36-hole score.

"I'm excited," DiMarco said. "I have gained a lot of fans over the last few days. We go to a normal tournament and everything is pro-Tiger. I'm sure there will be a lot of pro-Tigers, but I think I've gained a lot of fan base out there. I'm sure I will hear a lot of 'Go Chrises!' which will be nice."

Woods shot a 66 Friday, putting him in the same position he was four years ago when he made history with a 12-stroke victory at the Masters.

"I'm right there, and with a great chance on the weekend," he said.

For all the hype over Woods' quest to hold the trophies of all four majors, this Masters was living up to expectations in more ways than one.

"I don't think there's ever been a better opportunity for me to break through," Mickelson said.

Duval, showing no signs of rust or a bad right wrist, was back for his fourth straight run at a green jacket after a 66 left him only three strokes out of the lead Friday.

"I came in here with every intention of winning, and I still have that," he said.

Soft conditions yielded 73 rounds under par over the first two days, the most in nine years.

"What a stage," DiMarco said. "Playing with Tiger, the best player in the world, on the best course in the world. You can pinch me if you want. It feels like a dream."

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## ONLY IN AMERICA...

## ① Georgia

## Art student sees junk car as opportunity

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. —When her father gave her a hailstorm-damaged car, art student Mary Shaena O'Kelley didn't pout. She was thrilled to have the transportation. She also saw a chance to show off her talent and ingenuity.

The result is the ever-changing theme car that O'Kelley, 21, uses to get around Savannah. Its appearance has ranged from a giraffe mobile to the current look covered in bright green AstroTurf.

"Oh, but please don't think it's finished," said O'Kelley, a Savannah College of Art and Design junior from Roswell.

She plans to add white picket fences to the sides of the 1993 Mitsubishi Diamante. She'll top off the look with fake flowers on the hood.

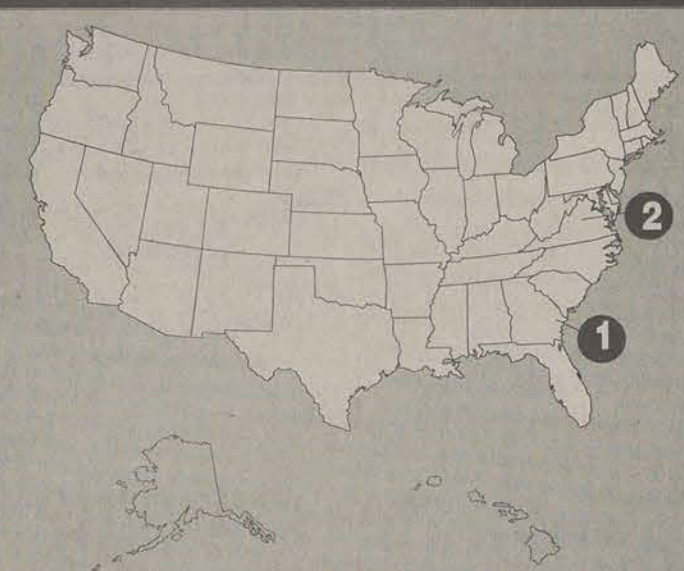
Next up is a thunder tank, based on the cartoon "Thunder Cat," which O'Kelley watched when she was a child. She plans to use black vinyl lettering to spell out "thunder tank," and a cat symbol will reach from hood to bumper.

"Meanwhile, I'm having fun with this concept," she said.

O'Kelley has been decorating the car since her father gave it to her a year and a half ago. First she painted it with glitter, then she added racing stripes. Next came the giraffe look — giraffe fabric stretched from bumper to bumper, with a tail trailing from the trunk and a stuffed toy giraffe's head on the front.

Michael Brown, a painting professor who taught O'Kelley in a life painting class, said the car is a perfect complement to her personality.

"She works hard at being an



artist," Brown said. "She has lots of ambition, and she stands out in life and her work. The car is a good example; it's a big part of her life."

And what happens to the AstroTurf in the rain?

"It gets wet," said O'Kelley. "But it's guaranteed for three years. And when it starts to smell, I run it through the brushless car wash. It works pretty good."

## ② Virginia

## Artist plays an Orson Welles-like prank

Associated Press

ROANOKE, Va. — The day before April Fools' Day, spaceships arrived in Rockbridge County.

Perched atop two rolling, cow-manure-covered hills along U.S. 11 south of Lexington, the silhouettes of four flying saucers cut into the darkening sky. By 5 p.m., two small gray figures with black, almond-shaped eyes stood beside one of the saucers, facing the road.

Perhaps they're here to speak to our country's new president, or baring that, the Rockbridge County administrator. Perhaps they've begun a conquering invasion — today the Natural Bridge Zoo, tomorrow the world.

Perhaps they've made a quick stop on a long interstellar journey to stretch their legs and use the restroom. Maybe they landed in a cow pasture hoping to grab a hamburger.

Or maybe they're actually pieces of painted wood, and each of their

saucers is actually made of two 12-foot satellite dishes stacked together. The sign below them that reads "H.A.L. R. U. — A 2001 Space Oddity" may provide a clue.

Dozens of drivers on U.S. 11 demonstrated how easy it would be for aliens to stage an invasion in Rockbridge County. As three men in identical white hats carried the components of the saucer tableau uphill and assembled them over the course of three hours, driver after driver whizzed by without noticing.

At one point a young woman jogged up an adjoining road, crossed U.S. 11 in front of the saucers and continued on toward Lexington without so much as a double take.

Maybe flying saucers aren't all that unusual in Rockbridge County.

However, the four black spacecraft didn't go completely unnoticed.

"We started screaming our heads off," said Emily Jarrett, 18. She and three of her Northside High School classmates were returning home from a session of prom-dress shopping in Buena Vista when the sight of the saucers brought them to a dead stop in the southbound lane.

"We thought there were aliens!" said Kristin Flora, 16.

Emily, Kristin and friends Jennifer Hicks and Betsy Tomlinson turned around, pulled over, bailed out of the car and called their parents on cell phones to tell them about the amazing thing that had just occurred.

"I never seen a flying saucer on the side of the road," said James Madison University student Ryan Pudloski.

## New military invention is diaper for birds

Associated Press

PRINCE WILLIAM, Va. — Orders are steadily increasing for a decidedly low-tech invention by a military couple in Quantico.

It's a bird diaper called FlightSuit, designed to allow pet owners to uncage their birds without fear of damage from bird droppings.

"We're laughing all the way to the bank," said Mark Moore, a Navy officer who started Avian Fashions with his wife, Lorraine, in the mid-1990s.

Since moving to Prince William in June 1998, their bird diapers and bird costumes have garnered all kinds of attention. More than 57,000 visits have been made to the company's Web site, [www.birddiaper.com](http://www.birddiaper.com), where stars turn into green splotches when clicked and the toll free phone number ends with a P, two Os and another P.

The Moores' bird diapers have appeared in newspapers, magazines and television programs from Washington, D.C., to Arizona — including a National Geographic special on parrots. A film crew from New Zealand even came to Prince William last year to film their product in action for a "Twisted Tales" episode on parrots that will appear in May or June on Animal Planet.

According to U.S. Patent No. 5,934,226, the FlightSuit is "for an uncaged pet bird to wear, featuring an enclosed pouch for receiving and containing [um, stuff], and apertures to accommodate both the wings and the tail of the bird."

Birds do their business as often as every 15 minutes. But FlightSuits will keep pets and owners clean and comfortable for up to six hours as they experience life outside the cage together, said the Moores, who own

four birds of their own. The outfits come in 14 sizes, from petite for small birds like the American parakeet, to colossal for larger macaws or the mighty Rodan. The colors are similarly variable, ranging from sedate gray to eye-sizzling yellow.

Equipping a tiny bird costs \$19.95, while clothing a mutated pteranodon will set you back \$23.95. Avian Fashions also offers diapers lined with fleece for the colder months and costume diaper outfits, including the patriotic Uncle Sammy Bird, the adorable Birdie Bunny and the authority-flouting Hippie Birdie.

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## WHAT IS STATESBORO'S REAL PROBLEM WITH PLAYERS BALL

Everybody knows that "Player's Ball" is right around the corner. Every year the City of Statesboro goes into military mode and mobilizes a small army of police. This leaves the nagging question: what really is the purpose of all those officers? The city says that having all those extra people in

### Our Opinion

Statesboro is a security problem for the "citizens." Are the students considered citizens as well? We would argue not. Every summer the majority of GSU students go home or at least leave Statesboro. Does the city reduce the number of officers patrolling the dangerous streets of metropolitan Statesboro? No. So where is the justification for bringing in all the extra officers in for one week end? The past has shown that criminal offenses did not really manifest until the num-

ber of police increased. Yes, it is true that the people that committed offenses may not have been caught before.

What is the city's fear from? The city should be happy and extend a hand in welcome to the many guests for the weekend. The city makes tons of cash from the folks that come in and spend money. Many hotels in the area even increase room rates for the weekend of Players Ball. The next question to be considered is whether or not the city is being racist by trying to deter the event so stringently. The city does little to the fans that come into town for football games. Yet when a group of young African Americans come into town for an event that has in the past been mostly free from major crime, the city retracts it's hand and replaces it with a billy club. The city should grow up and support Players Ball and maybe turn it into an event that can be more structured less and militaristic.

## China not playing by the "rules" of espionage



**RANDY DOBSON**

The recent events over the United States Navy EP-3E surveillance plane that went down while flying over Chinese airspace has gotten everybody all riled up, especially since China is not playing by the rules of espionage. But in order to gain some perspective here, we must look into the heart of the matter, what is really happening in this drama.

First, the way I understand it, there appears to have been a "collision" between our EP-3E and a Chinese aircraft (which resulted in the unfortunate death of the Chinese pilot) causing our crew to land their plane inside the Chinese border, which also resulted in their capture and imprisonment by Chinese officials.

The good news [to this point] is that none of our crew appears to have been seriously injured in the crash landing, nor are their hosts treating them "unfairly". Yes, folks, there is an etiquette involved in the handling/treatment of captured military service personnel. The bad news is that the Chinese government is simply not playing by the rules, demanding a full apology from our new Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush.

What the heck do they want? An apology? For Spying? C'mon, man! Give me a break! Where the Chinese government (or any communist government for that matter) is concerned, there really is no rhyme or reason to the "thought process"—and I use that term loosely—understanding as well that this is the same government that tortures

and kills its citizens for practicing Christianity. No kidding.

You see, there is a common factor among countries involved in the spy game: at some point, no matter how good we are, no matter how much care we take, we all get caught at it.

Heck, wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that the Russians were discovered to have hidden a camera inside a Xerox machine in the American Embassy, and that a 27-year veteran of the F.B.I. was arrested for selling secrets to the Russians? And wasn't it just last year that the Chinese themselves were caught stealing nuclear secrets from us?

The answer to these questions is of course a definitive "YES". But unlike our counterparts from the east, what did we do? According to the laws of this country, the aforementioned F.B.I. agent will be tried and, if convicted, could face the death penalty, though he will likely spend the remainder of this life in a hellish federal prison. Otherwise, in the other instances, our government issued the standard generic letters of reprimand [to the Chinese and to the Russians] and then silently cursed and probably said something like, "Damn, they got us this time. Oh well, for the most part, we are still winning. Let's move on."

Hey, it happens. Governments are constantly spying on one another. And it will continue till the end of time. Trust me. By nature, people are a curious bunch (i.e.: Adam and Eve and that piece of fruit, James Bond and Odd Ball, Laurel and Hardy, Bill and Monica, etc.), and we will always be wondering what the other is up to.

I do not remember the Chinese apologizing for stealing our nuclear weapons secrets. Do

you? Nor do I recall the Russians saying, "Hey, y'all, our bad. You got us. Let's have a beer and see how we can make it up to you." Indeed, the biggest point to make regarding these particular issues is the fact that the U.S. government never even asked the governments from China or Russia for an apology.

We know the rules and, as much as possible, we try to play by them. It's simply part of the business that we are in. When I was in the Army, I had a top-secret clearance and was, on occasion, privy to sensitive information. At any time, though I would probably have gotten caught, I could have stolen some of that information. Our government understands this, yet military personnel are entrusted to safeguard that honor.

In the same respect, the Chinese government knows, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we are still in a cold war—regardless of what Doctors Woods and Steinberg may teach us (I'm kidding, gentleman). As such, there are certain rules of the spy game that must be adhered to. And being so unwavering in its asking for a friggin' apology from us is breaking the simplest of these rules.

As a matter of fact, if China wants an apology, I will take it upon myself to give it one, Georgia Southern style: "Hey, China, we were spying. Yep. You caught us and you have our crew. Haha, the joke is on us. However, I would kindly ask that you give us our crew back. If you do not, then I respectfully apologize in advance for the ass-whoopin' you are about to receive."

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## I'm Jake, who are you?



**JAKE HALLMAN**

reer.

Odd word, that, "career." I've been at GSU long enough to pick up tenure and probably draw a pension, but this "career" has proved infinitely more difficult than anything I was ever asked to do out in the real world.

Back to the introduction—oh, yeah, a number of bands. In progressing from anonymous guy in the back to center-of-attention frontman, I got noticed. Take the anonymous young woman in Wal-Mart one night a couple of years ago. I was there with Chris Mitchell (frontman for Wallace Green—we go way back, music guys have to stick together, and I must always be within 20 feet of someone named Chris), and he thought he was doing me a huge favor by telling the cute blonde that I played with the Stoutbeats.

"Oh, my God! You're with the Stoutbeats?!!!"

I heard angels singing. "Uh, yeah. I play keyboards."

"Oh, my God! I have, like, all of your CDs!"

"Thanks!" I was so happy that it never occurred to me that we'd never recorded one.

Chris decided to be helpful. "Did you get your hands on some unreleased material?"

"No, I bought it in the store. Oh, wait... I meant Soul Miner's Daughter. You're not with them, are you?"

Since I was now six inches tall, I had to look up at the towering woman before me.

"Um, no."

She looked distracted. "I think I hear my cellphone ringing," she said as she scampered away. I punched Chris.

I don't get that kind of recognition any more. Just this past week, a devastating brunette recognized me, and after a by-a-friend introduction, told me she felt like she knew me quite well from reading my columns.

I've only talked to her briefly since then, and I'm terrified that in some past semi-coherent columns I confessed to wearing women's underwear (just once—they were shiny) or crying the first time I saw Titanic.

In Retriever's last Wednesday, I was flagged down by a group of baseball-hat-wearing alpha male types.

"You're Jake, aren't you?"

I was sure I was going to get my butt kicked. It happened once

before, when a large football player didn't like my comments that I really could care less whether the Eagles win, lose, or all go to the CFL together.

"Yeah," I answered, keeping my distance and holding tightly to my glass in case I had to get rowdy.

"You write the things!"

"Things?"

You know, about monkeys and kitty cats and being pathetic!"

Okay, so he had a point. "Yeah."

"Good job!" He then turned back to his beer.

This is odd for me. I never wanted to be a writer. Truth be told, I only got started with it because I was fed up with the G-A back in '96, and walked in and told the A&E editor I could do a better job than the trained monkeys she had on her staff. I was hired, and after a number of mercifully brief sojourns, I'm still here.

This isn't planned. I have a music degree, for God's sake! I'm supposed to be a composer, or, preferably, a rock star.

Do me a favor, folks, and spare my preconceived notions of what my life should turn out like. If you know who I am (and I don't know you), feel free to come up and say hi. Just don't tell me you know me as a writer. Compliment me on the Stoutbeats CD.

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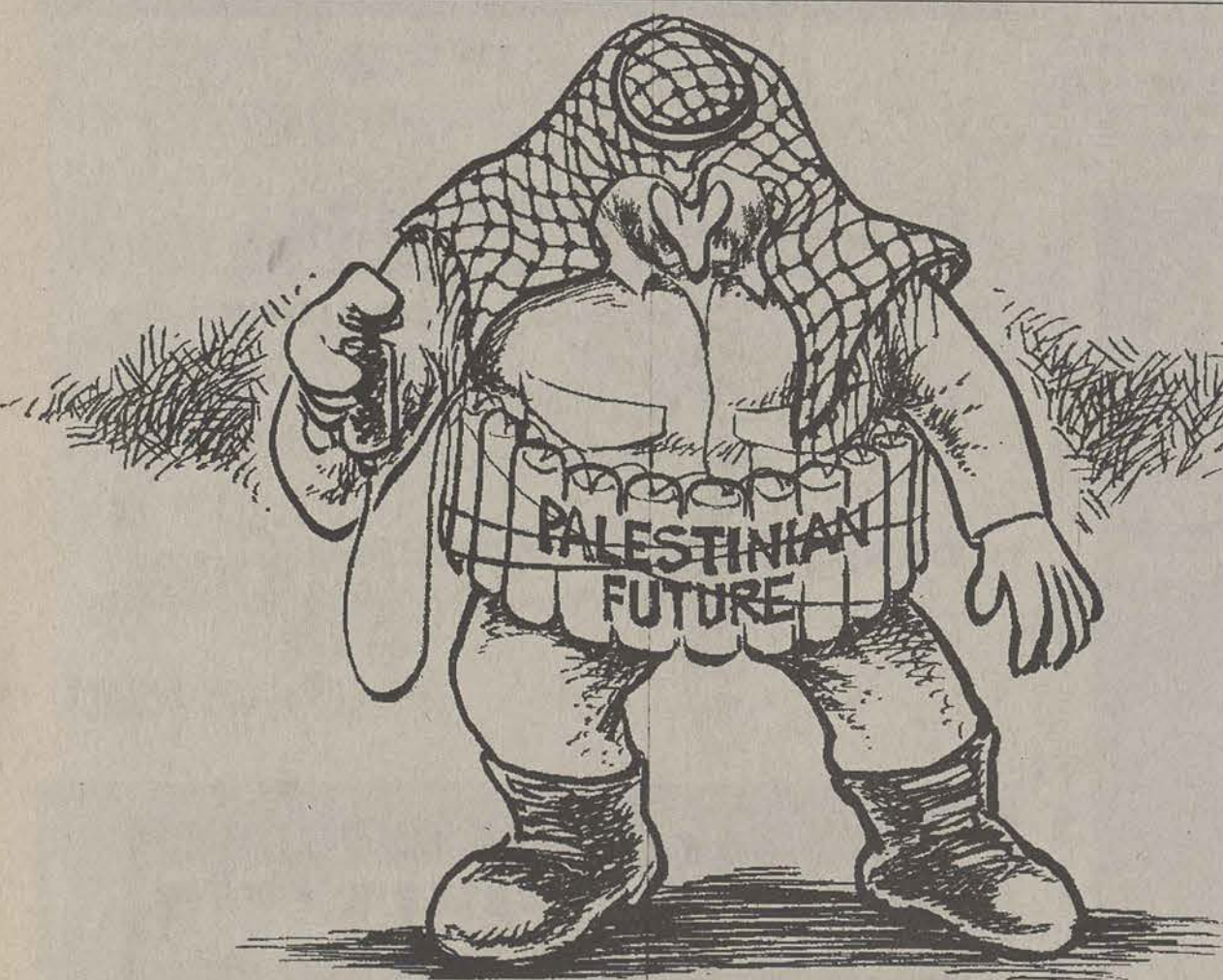
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## Your Opinion:

### A response to "Reparations for slavery are not merited"

Dear Mr. Chris Brenneman,

At least two weeks have elapsed since I read the article you submitted to the George-Anne that is titled "Reparations for slavery are not merited," and now that I have had some time to reflect on what you wrote, I am ready to submit my response to your article as well as to share my thoughts on this issue.

American slavery, particular that which took place in the territory that we now know as the United States, is a topic that white Americans in general are still uncomfortable discussing. Therefore, little information on slavery is included in our education, which has led to our general population not understanding the ramifications of this 300-year event. Chris, as a white American, you are morally obligated to gain a better understanding of how your darker brothers and sisters have suffered and continue to suffer and how white people have benefitted and continue to benefit from institutional racism, so that you can help rectify the sins of our forefathers and fathers. I am an optimist, therefore, I am confident that if you further explore this topic and do so objectively, your attitude will radiate compassion.

Black Americans want and expect no more than what their White brothers and sisters want and expect, to have life, liberty, and to pursue happiness. Blacks want to enjoy these Rights afforded to them by the U.S. Constitution without the burden of having to overcome obstacles that are intentionally placed in front of them by those who wish to impede the efforts of Blacks, so that the current status-quo of our nation is retained. Just this morning I was having breakfast at a local restaurant where I struck up a conversation with a nice gentleman from the local area. This person was kind enough to share with me some information on his family heritage. He indicated that some of his early ancestors left Germany and landed on the Virginia shores in the mid 1600's, and that eventually some of his family members migrated to the Carolinas where some stayed while others headed further south to Georgia. This person appeared to be very grateful that this great country of ours provided his family with the opportunity to own property through the Homestead Act of 1862, which made available to white Americans and Europeans millions of acres of land at no cost to them (Gillon, Jan. 1998). This is the same legislation that possibly benefitted your ancestors and provided them with a good start in life, which may have indirectly impacted your life for the better. In 1865 General William Sherman issued Special Field Order #15 to help provide the newly freed slaves with a good start. This Order mandated that each family be given forty acres of land and be loaned Army owned mules to help work the land. Shortly after Sherman issued the Order Abraham Lincoln over-

turned it and passed instead the Freedman's Bureau Act of 1865. This Act allowed Blacks to lease land but not own it and did not provide them with any mules (Black Collegian, Oct. 1998). This Act helped establish a practice called "share cropping," which kept Blacks indebted to White land owners. I think that it would be irresponsible of me not to acknowledge that many white people also fell victim to share cropping. Chris, this is one of numerous ways that the majority culture has purposely placed obstacles in front of Blacks to keep them from succeeding.

Here are my final thoughts on this topic as well as an analogy to help you put things into perspective. First the analogy. Let's say that I purchased a home that is fifty years old and is situated next to your property. And shortly after I moved into my new home the septic tank the that first owner installed malfunctioned and raw sewage flowed into your livingroom and destroyed the carpet. Would you hold me responsible for the damage that my septic tank caused and would you expect me to replace your carpet? You probably would answer "Yes" for both parts of this questions, as I would if I were in your position. Could I successfully argue in a court-of-law that I am not responsible for the damage because I did not install the septic tank? No! Because when I bought the property, I assumed responsibility for all of its weaknesses as well as the obligation to correct the weaknesses to protect its inhabitants and my neighbors' properties. Chris, the same rule applies to the topic in discussion. Each time we vote, pay taxes, send our kids to war, etc., we buy into America, therefore we inherit her weaknesses as well as the obligation to fix them. Chris, I don't think that the solution to the mess (social and economic inequities) that we have is handing out checks to the family members of former slaves, but I do think that money, and lots of it, is needed to clean up our mess. We have to invest our wealth in ways that will change the racist institution of America.

Chris, the discussion of this topic should continue, so let's get together in the near future to talk about ways in which we can arouse the interest of other GSU community members. You can contact me at [gary\\_guillory@yahoo.com](mailto:gary_guillory@yahoo.com), and I encourage others to contact me as well if you want to express your opinion.

Sincerely,  
Gary Guillory, Student

To Zach Rushing, in  
regards to your article  
about Black History Month:

I commend your effort in trying to enlighten African Americans on the ills we cause ourselves. I do feel that we do possess a disconnect with our past and sometimes do not show the effort to celebrate our history. But I feel that the broad paintbrush you are using to paint our people is unjust and far from reality. We as a people are not as simple as liking

a song because "the beat is tight shawty." Let the truth be told, when Ja Rule's and Nelly's videos are being shown all day long on MTV, blacks are not the ones calling in requesting for that stuff to be played. Also, you are not in tune with reality your comment about Tupac's relevance, really hip-hop in the entire context. I do not know of the Alain Locke book you are talking of and will not disagree with you about it, but in the same manner that jazz started, hip-hop artists are talking of the same social ills that plague our people to this day. If you don't believe me, pick up a copy of Tupac's poetry CD, "A Rose that Grows from the Concrete." Also, African-Americans are very much in tune with our past influences and accomplishments. You don't think that we know that jazz, gospel, rock and roll, and recently pop music like N'Sync, have been stolen from our culture and had other faces put on them. You think we do not realize the contributions we have made to NASA. There are just as many African-Americans that are in to Langston Hughes, Gordon Parks, and Maya Angelou that are in to Cash Money, Outkast, and Eightball and MJG, many liking both ends of the spectrum, "more than you think." At the same time you are calling for us to celebrate our past, let us look at the positive accomplishments we have seen. Look at Jay-Z, Puffy, and Russell Simmons being able to launch successful clothing lines. Their fashions are being sold in the same stores as white fashion designers such as Tommy Hilfinger and Ralph Lauren who have dominated society for our wallets. The number of black congressional leaders in Washington, both Republican and Democrat, is astounding. Black quarterbacks are finally getting a chance to shine in the NFL. Let's look at how young black men that are able to go straight into the NBA out of high school. These kids have a talent that makes them the best on this planet. Young kids of other ethnic races have been able to go professional at young ages, now it is our turn. If you do not agree with me that these are major advances and accomplishments then I believe you are the one that possesses the disconnect. I do wish we as a people would be more connected with our past. I wish BET would quit playing so many videos. With this said, don't let the problems of our culture blind you from the beauty we possess. Appreciate the time and concern,

Antowaun Lightsey

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## Lady Eagles complete three game sweep against SoCon foe App. St.

By Eli Boorstein  
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles of Georgia Southern softball excelled this weekend, sweeping conference foes Appalachian State in their three-game encounter at Eagle Field. Georgia Southern won Saturday's doubleheader 2-0 and 6-1 and won 7-3 on Sunday. The Eagles now sit at 17-25 and 7-4 in SoCon action while the Mountaineers, in their first season of competition, sit at 8-27 and 1-7 in the conference.

In game one, the Eagles had plenty of chances to score, but had trouble capitalizing, leaving nine on the basepaths during the first contest. It was not until the fifth inning when they were take advantage of sloppy defensive play from the Mountaineers. After freshman right fielder Meghan Correia led things off with a single, designated player Lacey Kammerer came up to the plate and laid down a sacrifice bunt. However, Correia was able to make it all the way to third base when Appalachian State's infielders were not paying attention.

Said Correia, "It's something we've worked on - running bases and running hard. It was a beautiful bunt from Lacey."

Two batters later, Janice Savage, who also pitched the game for the Eagles, drove Correia in with an RBI single for the first Georgia Southern run. In the bottom of the sixth, two more miscues by the Mountaineer defense led to another run for the home team.

Junior center fielder Julie Peel led things off with what seemed to be an innocent dribbler to Appalachian State shortstop Christa Hicks. However, Hicks threw the ball over the first baseman's head into right field, letting Peel advance to second. Mountaineer right fielder Casey Jacobs then threw the ball back into the infield, but the ball sailed over the third basemen's head, letting Peel advance to third. Eagle freshman Kim Griffin then

drove in the run to score Georgia Southern's final run. Savage, the freshman from Dover, Delaware, had another great performance from both sides of the ball, as she threw her eleventh complete game and second shutout of the season while improving her record to 8-9. She faced 24 batters on the day, just three over the minimum. On the other side of the ball, Savage was 4-for-5 with two RBIs in Saturday's doubleheader.

"We've been practicing real hard lately and we came out there real intense," remarked Savage. "Our defense was solid. We had twenty hits [combined] and we each hit real well."

Jordan Arnold took the loss for Appalachian State, dropping her record to 5-8.

In game two, Georgia Southern did not take long to get on the board. After Julie Peel reached base on a fielder's choice, she advanced to second on a Beth McSwain wild pitch and then, on the very next pitch, to third on a passed ball from catcher Liz Oakley.

In the fourth inning, the Eagles put two more runs on the board thanks to a two-run home run from catcher Suzanne Pansulla. The home run, the first of Pansulla's collegiate career, bounced off the top of the fence in left field before clearing it. Just the fourth homer this year for Georgia Southern, it was their first since Janice Savage hit one on March 13 against South Florida.

In the top of the fifth inning, Appalachian State was able to get on the scoreboard for their only run of the game when Amber Joyner drove in Oakley with a single to right field.

The Eagle batters were able to capitalize again as they put three more runs on the board. Stacie Cooper and Savage led the inning off with back-to-back singles. Following a sacrifice fly from Shannan Hoobin, an error from second baseman Joyner let Aimee Littlejohn reach first and let Cooper score

from third. After a Suzanne Pansulla single and Tabitha Robinson fielder's choice, Kim Griffin drove a single into right, scoring Cooper and Pansulla. Griffin, who has spent most of the season solely on defense, drove in three runs on Saturday after driving in just one all season.

Littlejohn, who improved her record to 5-10, threw her eleventh complete game and third shutout. McSwain, the Mountaineer starting pitcher, remained winless on the season, falling to 0-5.

In game three, Appalachian State did not waste time in scoring off Eagle starter Lacey Kammerer. After Kammerer let the first three batters, the Mountaineers scored twice off a Georgia Southern error and an RBI by Christa Hicks.

In the bottom of the first, the Eagles stormed back to score five runs. After a Meghan Correia single and Kammerer walk, Correia was driven in on a single from Stacie Cooper. Two batters later, Kammerer scored on a Shannan Hoobin single. After Hoobin stole second, Katie Bush then added a single of her own to score Cooper and Hoobin. Julie Peel finished the scoring by driving in two runs off a double to left field.

"We all hit the ball pretty well today," said Peel, who was 3-for-3 on the day.

Georgia Southern added two more runs thanks to an RBI single from Janice Savage in the second inning and a Mountaineer error in the sixth.

The eleven hits tied a season-high for the Eagles. In addition, Savage's single extended her hitting streak to six games.

On the mound, Kammerer struck out a season-high five batters, while improving her record to 4-6. The Appalachian State pitching staff was not as lucky as they used three pitchers by the second inning. Lexi Jones, whose record dropped to 0-5, allowed three runs without retiring a single batter before



LaVene Bell

**SERIES SWEEP:** The Lady Eagles competed in a three game series against Southern Conference foes Appalachian State this weekend and defeated the Mountaineers 2-0 and 6-1 on Saturday and 7-3 on Sunday. The Lady Eagles are now 17-25 overall and 7-4 in the SoCon.

being taken out in the first. Beth McSwain, game two's starter, did not fare much better, pitching one inning and allowing three runs. Jordan Arnold, who started game one, pitched admirably the remainder of the contest, only allowing one unearned run in five innings on the mound.

"Overall, I'm happy getting these wins together," remarked GSU head coach Kelly Kirkland. "We made a bunch of physical and mental mistakes. Hopefully these wins will get us over the hump."

Georgia Southern next travels to battle the UNC Wilmington Seahawks in a

three game series this weekend. They will return home for their final homestand of the season where they will play three games against Furman and one against Charleston Southern. Senior Day festivities will precede the opening game of the Furman series on April 21.

## Eagles rip VMI in weekend series

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern rightfielder Matt Herring went 4-of-7 with three home runs and eight RBI while centerfielder Darryl Stephens was 4-of-9 with 3 homers and four RBI to lead the Eagles to an 18-4, 9-4 doubleheader sweep of Virginia Military Institute in Southern Conference baseball action Saturday afternoon at Patchin Field. The Eagles defeated the Keydets Sunday with a final score of 21-14.

In game one, Georgia Southern got on the board first with Herring's first of three homers on the afternoon. After VMI scored once in the second and third innings to cut the Eagle lead to 3-2, GSU blew the game open by scoring 10 runs on nine hits in the sixth frame.

GSU's Brett Lewis (5-2) picked up the win while VMI's Josh Owens (2-6) took the loss. Ryan Colvin, Rob Riley and Justin Briggs all had two hits to pace VMI in the opener.

In the second game, Georgia Southern (21-12, 10-7 SoCon) jumped out to a 6-0 lead after three innings and would hold on to defeat VMI (9-19, 2-9 SoCon) 9-4.

Second baseman Chad Hall and catcher Brendan Gilligan had three hits each while Herring recorded two hits along with three RBI in game two. GSU freshman starter Dennis Dove (4-1) picked up the win while reliever Jared Comstock picked up his second save of the year. VMI

pitcher Jeremy Harper (0-1) suffered the loss for the Keydets.

In Sunday's match; Georgia Southern scored 10 runs in the seventh inning to overcome a 14-7 deficit and defeat VMI 21-14 in the final game of a three game Southern Conference series play at Patchin Field.

The Eagles will next take on Georgia Tech in a two game non-conference series this Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at Georgia Tech.

## FSU place-kicker collapses in a seizure during spring drills

The Associated Press

Florida State place-kicker Matt Munyon will not be allowed to practice until he's cleared physically after a seizure landed the athlete in the hospital amid police speculation it was drug related.

"He's not going to practice until we find out what happened," Florida State spokesman Rob Wilson said Wednesday. "We're concerned about his health and we must be convinced he's healthy enough to be practicing."

The Seminole team is still trying to recover from the tragic death of freshman linebacker Devaughn Darling, who died after completing a vigorous workout at the school in late February. Authorities are still waiting for final autopsy results in that case.

Former Florida State defensive end David Warren, who just completed his eligibility, suffered at least two seizures during his career. However, doctors treated him with medication and cleared him to play.

Munyon, who missed a last-second, game-tying kick in last year's loss at Miami, was treated at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital last Thursday after a passing motorist noticed him "thrashing violently" in his car at an intersection near campus.

A Tallahassee Police Department report said the sophomore kicker from Panama City was

"treated as a GHB overdose" and that marijuana was detected in a urine sample.

Florida State has dismissed players over the years for marijuana use, including NFL superstar wide receiver Randy Moss of the Minnesota Vikings.

The kicker's father, Lynn Munyon, said he was told by his son that the urine sample was negative.

A bottle of "detoxifier" was also found in the player's car, the Tallahassee Democrat reported Wednesday. Detoxifier is sometimes used to cleanse drugs prior to a urine test.

Sebastian Janikowski, a two-time All American place-kicker for the Seminoles, is still trying to resolve charges against him of felony possession of GHB, sometimes called a date-rape drug because it can knock someone out when mixed with alcohol.

Janikowski, who left Florida State after the 1999 season, and two friends were found with GHB last June at a nightclub near the Florida State campus. He was a first-round pick of the Oakland Raiders in the 2000 NFL draft.

Munyon shared kicking duties last year with Brett Cimorelli and Chance Gwaltney as coach Bobby Bowden struggled to find a dependable replacement for Janikowski.

Munyon kicked the team's long field goal, 44 yards, and handled kickoff duties.



LaVene Bell

**AWAY GAME SWEEP:** The Eagles traveled to Virginia Military Institute to take on the Keydets and swept the team in a three game weekend series. The final scores were 18-4, 9-4, and 21-14.



## Activities were abound at this weekend's 'Southern Says Thanks' and Youth Arts Festival

By Amanda Permenter  
Staff Writer

Saturday was the warmest day so far this year, making great weather for the annual Southern Says Thanks and Youth Arts Festival, which consisted of a wide variety of attractions, activities, and of course, art. The events were open to the public and many families and students came out to spend a day "saying thanks."

Beginning at 10 a.m., there was constantly something to be seen or done. The dancing, drawing, and demonstration of the Youth Arts Festival filled Sweetheart Circle. Wood carvers, painters, potters, sculptors, musicians, and dancers all had their work out for viewing. Art stations were set up to keep children busy that included activities such as drawing and painting.

At the stage set up on Sweetheart Circle, a live Mexican Mariachi band and Mexican dancers added a kick of culture to the atmosphere. The Gail Hursey School of Dance and the Metter School of Dance both displayed their dance talents on the stage. Small GSU musical ensembles played in the Rotunda throughout the day. There was no shortage of entertainment, from the time the Art Festival began, until the minute it ended.

Simultaneously, nearly 30 university departments set up stations around, and even on, Lake Wells. Campus Recreation and Intramurals provided instructions and equipment for canoeing on the lake. Near the edge of the

water, members of the martial arts and fencing clubs could be found exhibiting various methods of



File Photo

**SHOWING APPRECIATION:** Music, art, and many other activities were a part of this weekend's "Southern Says Thanks" and Youth Arts Festival.

one-on-one battle. Across the sidewalk, ROTC members prepared atop the roof of the library to repel to the ground. The Wildlife Center also had many animals, including a hawk, an owl, and a snake out by the gazebo for everyone to admire.

There was no shortage of souvenirs, either. The College of Business Administration gave out balloons, and crafty volunteers in the family fun area made custom-fit newspaper hats close to the gazebo. In the Blue Building, the Printing Management department had free magnets and made silk-screen canvas bags and printed stickers for everyone who came by.

Even the library got in on the fun. Henderson offered specific books to anyone who could guess how many books are in the library, or how many baubles adorn "Rose," the decorated dog that stands in the library's second floor lobby. The Small World

Showcase, featuring information on studying abroad, had volunteers of many nationalities who write the names of passersby on little paper flags and origami creations in many other languages.

Mechanical Engineering set up an area for flying airplanes—paper airplanes of various designs. Beside the Williams Center, the Wizards of Odd, GSU's chemistry club, mixed up interesting concoctions of goop, slime, and fizz that all ages could enjoy. The Geography and Geology department gave away free dinosaurs (little plastic ones, that is), to guests who came by to see their maps and rocks. It was also Astronomy & Space Day at the Physics Department, and the Planetarium displayed moon rocks and gave star shows throughout the day.

Of course, no festival is complete without a hearty supply of free food, drinks, and treats. The Rotunda supplied free cotton candy, popcorn, Coke, and Sprite until there was nothing left to offer. Health Services Education served up "Shirley Temples" with cherries, for a taste of just how refreshing a non-alcoholic mixed beverage can be. A free cookout and concert began at 4 p.m., after most other activities had come to a halt. The Department of Family and Consumer Services offered nutritious snacks and activities for the whole family.

Special thanks go out to the volunteers, and well as the families and spectators who came out to participate in the festival in the sweltering heat. To all of you, and to the community, "Southern Says Thanks."

### 'ISLAM AND THE 21ST CENTURY'

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

All sessions will be held in Russell Union Room 2047.

#### Monday, April 9

• 9-10:30 a.m., Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Shafik H. Hashmi, Professor Emeritus, Georgia Southern University "Islam and Politics: An Overview," Mumtaz Ahmad, Hampton University

• 11-11:50 a.m., "Muslim Women in the 21st Century," Amira Sonbul, Georgetown University

• 12-1:45 p.m., Luncheon Session - Room 2084, tickets \$8 - "Islam and Politics in Iran," Mohsen Milani, University of South Florida

• 2-2:50 p.m., "Islam and Politics in Pakistan," Charles Kennedy, Wake Forest University

• 3-3:50 p.m., "Indonesia: Istana and Millat in an Obscuring Imperial Order," Garth N. Jones, University of Alaska, Anchorage

• 3:50 - 4:20 p.m., Break

• 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Dinner Session - Room 2084, tickets \$12 - "Islam and Politics in Turkey," Hakan Yavuz, University of Utah

#### Tuesday, April 10

• 9:30-10:25 a.m., "Globalization of Rights in the Islamic Discourse," Charles Kurzman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

• 10:30-10:50 a.m., Break

• 11-11:50 a.m., "Islam and Politics in Uzbekistan," Reuel Hanks, Oklahoma State University

• 12-1:45 p.m., Luncheon Session - Room 2084, tickets \$8 - "Islam and Politics in Afghanistan," Megan Reif, The Carter Center

• 2-3:15 p.m., "Islam and Politics in Bangladesh," Syedur Rahman, Pennsylvania State University

• "Summary Remarks," Darin H. Van Tassell, Georgia Southern University

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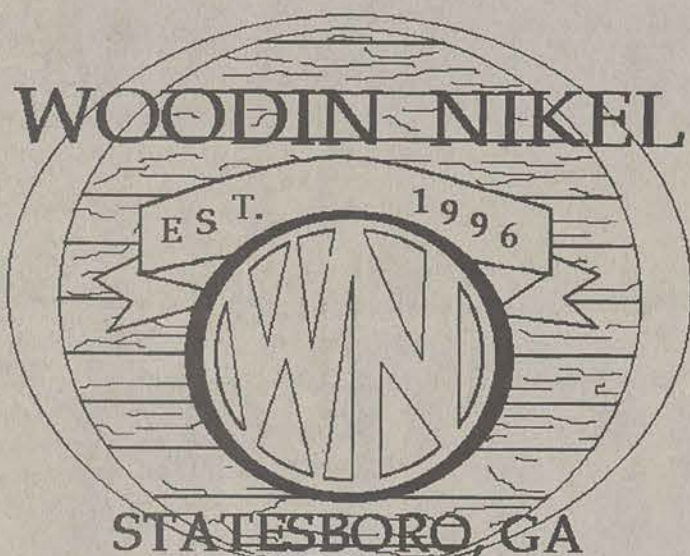
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Summer Registration via WINGS has been reopened.

If you *have not* registered, you may register during the times listed below after seeing your advisor and obtaining your Registration Access Number (RAN).

If you *have* registered, you may make changes in your schedule at these times.

WINGS will be available as follows:

April 9 beginning at 3:00 a.m. through April 30 at 3:00 p.m.

May 4 beginning at 3:00 a.m. through May 6 at 3:00 p.m.

May 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m. through May 18 at 3:00 p.m.

## Poet Dave Smith shares readings from his new book

By Jessica Garcia and Allison Ware  
Staff Writer and Guest Writer

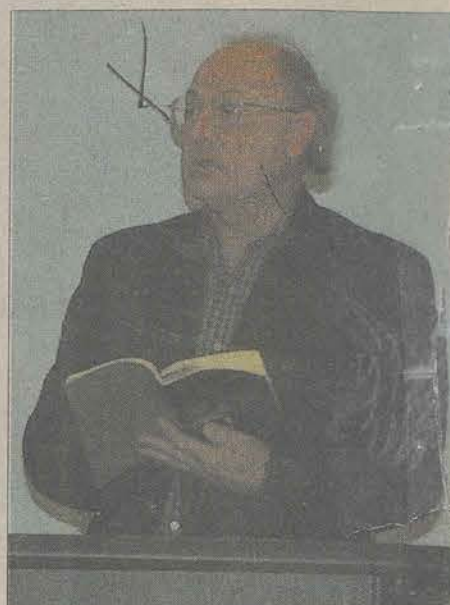
The talented and critically acclaimed poet Dave Smith read from his latest work, "The Wick of Memory: New and Selected Poems" in the Business Administration Building Thursday night.

Author of 16 books of poetry, as well as co-editor of the Southern Review, Smith is also a Boyd Professor of English at Louisiana State University, and has been twice runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

Among his other prestigious awards are one of five finalists in the National Book Critics Circle Prize, as well as fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Lyndhurst Foundation, and the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

While many of Smith's poems can be described as elegiac in tone, they are refreshingly honest and easy to relate to. Born and raised in the South, the works are grounded in "southern" subject matter, and are based mostly on personal memories and experiences.

Water also provides a re-



Allison Ware

**PRIZE-WINNING POETRY:** David Smith, the winner of many poetry awards, including twice runnerup for the Pulitzer, read at GSU Thursday night.

curing theme reflecting the solace and beauty found in nature in Smith's poetry.

Smith began his readings from poems written earlier in his life, dating from the 70s and continued with selections dating to the present.

The first piece Smith shared with the audience, "Blue Fish," centered on the connectedness of people throughout history and similar life experiences that all people may share in their culture.

Inspired by an incident in which Smith hooked his uncle fishing on the Potomac River, "Night Fishing For Blues," continues in a water theme and touches on family and descendants.

Equally as terrifying, Smith describes his first attempt at marrying his wife of 35 years. "We ran away through a swamp the first time," Smith recalled. "The second time, we actually went through with it."

As a result of his finally getting married in the Carolina town of Camden, Smith read his poem, "Wedding Song."

Chronologically following his marriage came his comical poem, "Skunk," which described the time his children convinced him to buy their first dog, only to wind up that night bathing him in tomato paste after being skunked.

"There was my wife in her night gown in the middle of the night outside bathing our dog crying the whole time she did it," Smith said.

Smith also related his advice to the audience on what to do when a writer hits a dry spell. His personal take is that writers hit dry spells because "[they] censor themselves and don't allow [themselves] to fail." According to Smith, writers, like all other artists, must expose themselves to failure at times in order to reach ultimate success. With that said, Smith continued to explain his new invention of the typical 14 line sonnet transformed into only 13 lines.

Smith began with his poem "Arising," which poses a series of questions left up to the reader to answer based on the Biblical allusion to Lazarus.

Smith continued to explain that while he is generally happy in life, his poems may not always be reflective of this.

"It is easier to complain," Smith explained.

Smith's ability to keep the reader probing into the text was astounding, as it was obvious that he had worked diligently to achieve this double-leveled nature.

Smith's latest book, "The Wick of Memory: New and Selected Poems" will be available for purchase in the GSU bookstore sometime in the near future.

If you are interested in further poetry events, Cover to Cover bookstore will be hosting an open mic poetry reading Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. on the corner of Savannah Ave. and Zetterower.

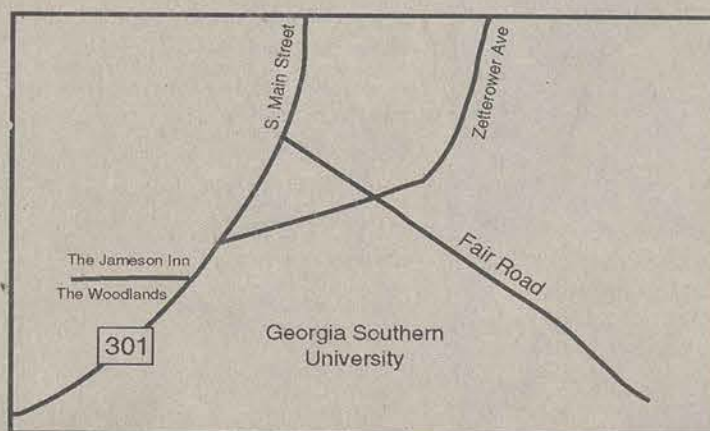
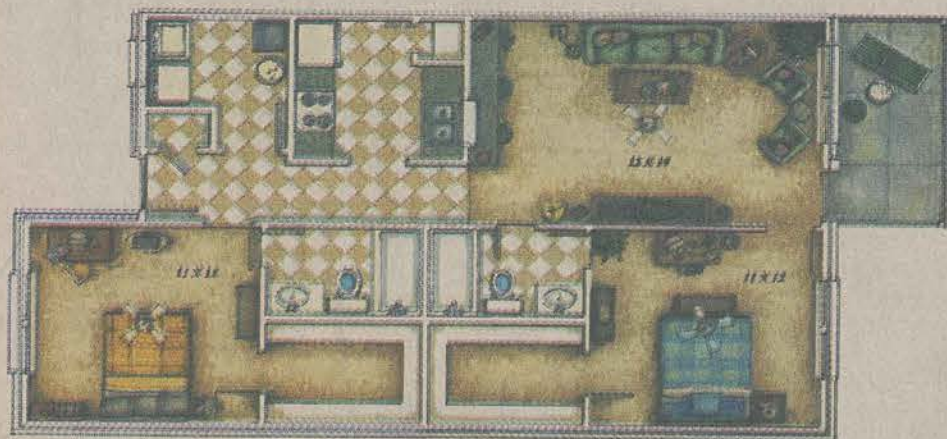
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