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West Nile virus reaches Georgia

By Jerel Watkins

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While the recent appearance of the West Nile Virus has killed two people in Georgia, the Center for Disease Control says that illness or death from the disease is rare.

The US total for human cases as of August for this year is 555 with 28 deaths, as listed at www.cdc.gov. The website also says that an estimated 1-in-150 people infected with WNV will develop an extreme case of the disease.

Those typically at risk for illness are over the age of 50, and as of yet, no one under the age of 30 has become ill from WNV in the United States. The CDC says that there is also no recognized connection between the state of a person's overall health and their eligibility of becoming severely stricken. The CDC scientists are investigating how WNV might affect a person with a weakened immune system.

Dr. William Irby, a medical entomologist at Georgia Southern, described WNV as a "zoonotic" disease involving mostly birds and mosquitoes, with humans and horses as accidental or "dead end" hosts.

The most severe form of the disease results from WNV invading the central nervous system, causing meningitis—an inflammation of the membrane around the brain—and

encephalitis—an inflammation of the brain. Less severe symptoms of the disease include: aching of the head, back, throat, stomach and fatigue, all of which are flu-like.

As a viral infection, treatment of WNV's symptoms is recommended. The milder form of the disease tends to appear within 5-7 days after contact with an infected mosquito. If these symptoms do not cease within a few days or worsen, a person should seek prompt medical attention.

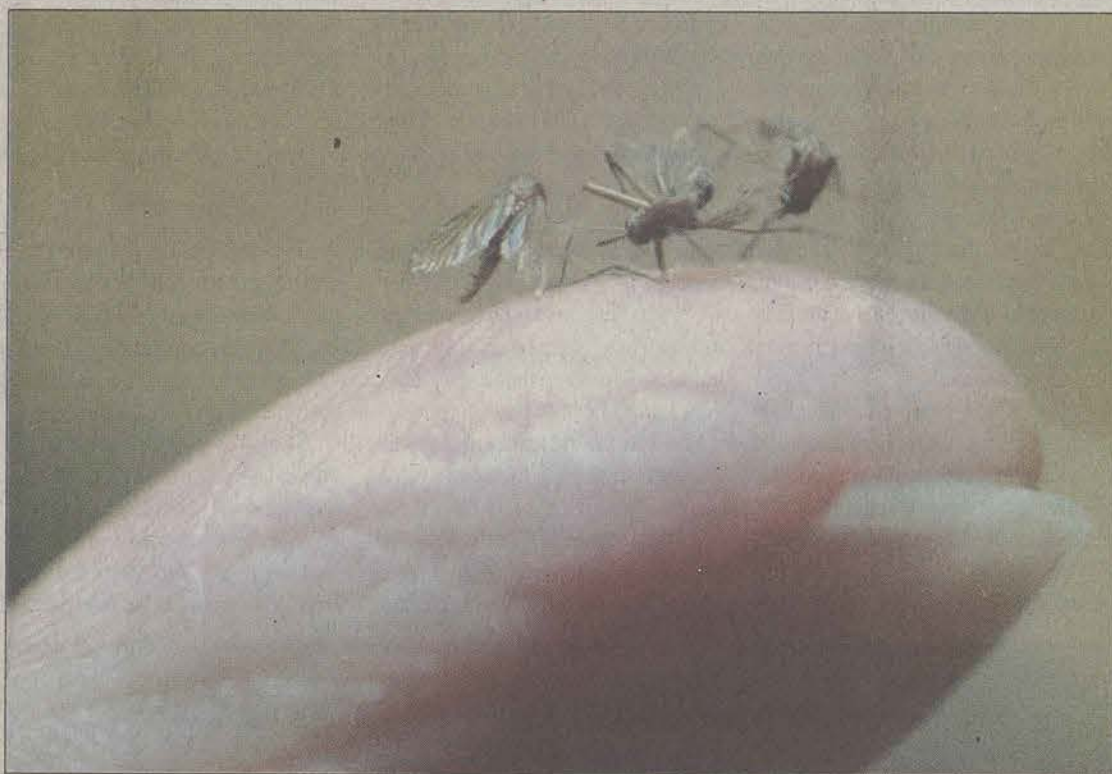
Irby also explained the cycle of how WNV travels.

"West Nile Virus is usually transmitted between mosquitoes and birds and reservoirs in bird populations," he said. "It is not clear at this time which species of mosquitoes are transmitting the WNV or which bird species maintains the disease."

The virus predominately kills blue jays and crows. It also kills hawks, and owls, but these birds do not appear to be vital to sources of infection for mosquitoes. Humans and horses are considered dead-end hosts because neither produces enough virus in the blood to infect more mosquitoes.

Irby added that in typical human contact, the disease is not contagious.

"I suppose that one could draw the blood from a person infected with West Nile Virus and inject it into someone else and cause an infection, but it



Internet Photo

Two reported human deaths have occurred in the state of Georgia as a result of the West Nile virus, an illness primarily transmitted by mosquitoes and birds. The disease also kills birds that carry it, most commonly blue jays and crows.

is not transmitted like other viruses as causing a cold or the flu or an STD," he said. CNN has reported that CDC doctors are now investigating an outbreak of illness in four patients—two in Atlanta, one in South Florida and one in Jacksonville, Fla.—all of whom received organ transplants from the same donor. One of the Atlanta pa-

tients died August 29.

The patient's body displayed evidence "consistent with West Nile or related virus infection." The CDC said that the nation's blood supply is not at risk. The first human-to-human transmission of WNV has yet to be confirmed.

The WNV was first discovered

in Uganda in 1937. The strain of the virus found in the U.S. appears to be of Mediterranean origin. Its presence in the Western Hemisphere was not detected until 1999 in the Queens, NY area.

While no one is certain, it is pos-

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Manuvering through nation's airports is still a bit of work



KRT Campus

Passengers wait in line at a security checkpoint at Fort Lauderdale International Airport on Friday, August 15, 2002.

KRT Campus

Long lines and ever-changing procedures have been a challenge for air travelers in this year following the 9-11 attacks.

The good news is that airport lines for check-in and security, though not always sweet, tend to be short these days.

That's the standout fact turned up by five reporters who flew from a dozen of the nation's busiest airports—and a handful of smaller ones—in July and August to get a state-of-the-airport overview.

Nearly a year after the 9-11 tragedy and the security measures that followed, air travel has achieved a remarkable smoothness. Travelers often clear the security checkpoint in 10 minutes, and baggage check-in can be as fast, or faster than, pre-Sept. 11 travel.

In other words, the drag-the-bag two-hour line shuffle that characterized air travel last winter has largely disappeared. And while nothing may ever be quite the same as before the attacks, traveling by air has, at least, fallen into a rhythm.

Yes, long lines can still occur. Though we frequently passed through security checkpoints in 10 minutes or less, we issue this warning: Fifty-minute lines occasionally happen. And while curbside baggage check-

in generally takes only a few minutes, it can vary all over the clock face if you check at the air counter inside. Using automated kiosks offered by many airlines can significantly speed up the process.

Along with generally shorter lines, we found something else to be short: food options. Frequently the landscape beyond the security checkpoint is a cuisine-challenged zone, with either no food or limited concessions. (And did you really want pizza for breakfast?)

Like us, many travelers seem to land in this inner sanctum early, relieved to have put the baggage and security behind. But the rush to the gate often leaves travelers hungry and faced with a three-hour flight that no longer serves food.

Our crumb of wisdom: Toss a bagel into your carry-on before you leave home. Or buy a snack in the public concourse and bring it through security; the Transportation Safety Administration recently lifted the ban on bringing beverages and food through security as long as they are in paper or styrofoam containers.

What else do you need to know about traveling these days through our nation's airports?

Though security lines really are faster, it's still good advice to heed

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College of Economic Development opens as new COBA component

GSU adds to its number of undergraduate degrees offered

By Christine Schmidt

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The economic future of southeast Georgia is a little brighter now that GSU has officially opened the doors to its new School of Economic Development.

The school, located in the College of Business Administration, will primarily focus on improving the local area's economy.

"For the university, it means there is one place for people outside the university to call if they want information or assistance on economic development issues," said Ben Thompson, who was recently appointed director of the school.

The new school consolidates all of the College of Business' external units under one umbrella, allowing GSU to serve as a resource to surrounding regional areas.

In addition to providing information and assistance to regional

communities, the school now offers an undergraduate business degree in Regional Economic Development. This degree, the first known in Georgia, was the emphasis behind opening the school.

The degree will offer a groundbreaking educational foundation that will combine "the business knowledge that any business students will need and classes similar to or within political science, tourism, public health, and development," Thompson said.

The new school also includes several centers and bureaus whose focus will be providing research, training, and continuing education. For example, the Small Business Development Center—a statewide program—will provide mostly in-house training for small businesses. Students will learn how to handle employee relations, manage legal risks, and maintain a successful business, amongst other things.

The school's Coastal Rivers Water Planning and Policy Center, an innovative idea, will be something you'll start seeing more of, claims Thompson. With all the water conservation issues in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida this school provides research and educational programs on water management.

Thompson advises someone considering a job in the growing field of economic development to, "look around the place you are from and ask who makes the decisions around here?"

"Who's job it is to help a community, city, state, or government grow and make informed decisions on growth and quality of life," he said. "This is what economic development is all about."

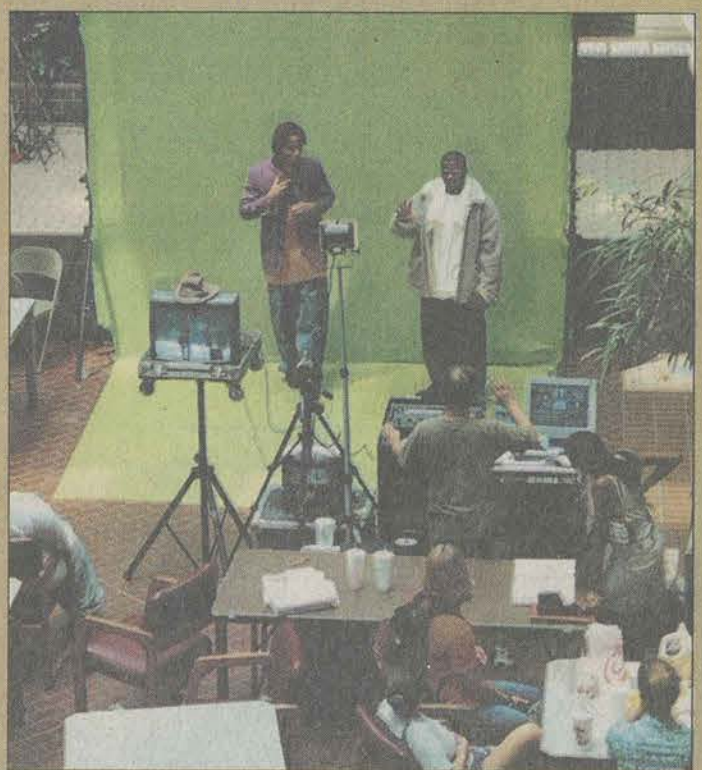
Anyone wanting further information is encouraged to contact the School of Economic Development at 871-1009.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT, MTV

Thanks to Eagle Entertainment, any imaginative GSU student can steal a moment's glimpse of what it takes to be an "American idol."

Posed before a temporary set consisting of state-of-the-art equipment, students in Russell Union practice their music video talents and imagine a life of stardom.

Adam Bonner/ STAFF



Despite online options, students still prefer buying campus books

But Wal-Mart enters scene, looking to break nationwide trend; hopes to avoid pitfalls previous off-campus challengers faced

KRT Campus

The king of big-box, mass-market retailing has targeted a small, elite and seemingly resistant market. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has ventured into the rocky world of online college textbook sales.

Students starting classes can go to walmart.com and order all the cut-rate basics of college life: shower curtains, sheets, a mini-refrigerator--and a crisp new copy of "An Introduction to Modern Stellar Astrophysics."

Can one-stop college shopping earn an A? For decades, students have complained about the price of textbooks--and assumed that the college bookstore was exploiting them as trapped consumers.

Now, a giant retailer that has clout with suppliers and a reputation for everyday low prices might make the \$7 billion business of selling college textbooks seem ripe for the picking.

But this is academia, where the rules of the regular world don't often

apply.

Wal-Mart is trying to entice students like Kathy Sander, 17, a Philadelphia resident who stopped at La Salle University's bookstore recently.

Sander had just spent \$295.90, including \$125 on a single book for her introductory biology course.

"My bank account was totally tapped out after that," she said. "These textbooks are way too much money. I had no idea!"

In the next breath, Sander said she would rather buy at the bookstore than online.

"I was here on campus already, so it was easier," she said. "I'll have the books for Monday, when classes start. And I don't have to pay shipping."

Despite their resentment of prices, students still seem to value convenience over saving a few bucks.

"It's intriguing. Students go online for everything, but not for purchases related to education," said Laura



A student at Ohio State checks out textbook prices. Special to the G-A

Nakoneczny, spokeswoman for the National Association of College Stores.

Wal-Mart, which began its online textbook sales last year, knows it has to compete with the convenience of a campus store.

But Wal-Mart spokeswoman Cynthia Lin said it had one thing going for it that some others in the business did not: A wide array of goods to sell, not just textbooks. If Wal-Mart woos the college crowd, it gets more potential customers for all its products.

She said customers who were pleased with Wal-Mart's lower prices on other kinds of books urged the company to sell textbooks as well.

During the Internet boom of the late 1990s, online bookseller start-

ups exploded onto the scene, trying to cash in.

They came in a wave, starting in 1998, with BigBooks.com, VarsityBooks.com and eCampus.com, not to mention the large brick-and-mortar retailers such as Barnes & Noble, and Follett, which began running campus stores as well as selling books on the Internet.

The trade association feared that within a few years, online sales would represent a third of the market.

It never happened. BigBooks was a big bust and is now out of business. eCampus.com, still extant, filed for bankruptcy.

And the trade association now estimates that online textbook sales make up only 7 percent of the market.

Scripps Howard helps out Hampton Univ.'s J-program

KRT Campus

HAMPTON, Va.-- Inside the high-ceilinged room, Charlotte Grimes walks around envisioning an energetic classroom setting.



Grimes

What comes to mind is the setup in newsrooms like CNN's: a news anchor desk on one side, computer stations spread

around the room and television screens broadcasting the latest news.

"This TV studio is the envy of many professionals," said Grimes, who heads Hampton University's journalism and communications program. "We've had many professionals come in here and say we have it better than they do."

Grimes was talking about the new campus building that will house HU's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

This week, as HU students start a new academic year, some will begin using the \$5.7 million building funded by the corporate foundation of the E.W. Scripps Co., a media company and the ninth-largest newspaper publisher in the country.

The state-of-the-art television station is one of many new classrooms. The 34,000-square-foot building has about \$1 million in technology, from TV editing equipment and a multimedia lecture hall to computer labs and classrooms, Grimes said. HU hopes to turn its program into one of the country's top-ranked journalism and communications programs.

"That's the vision," said Grimes, who also is a journalism professor. "We've done a lot toward that these past few years, revising our curriculum and changing standards to reflect those at top schools."

Kim McBurrows, a student from Northern Virginia, said she's excited to spend her senior year in the new building.

"I'm looking forward to getting the Scripps Howard experience," said McBurrows, who is a print journalism major. "But it's the classes after me that will reap more benefits."

Freshman Irma McKie, who plans to pursue a degree in public relations, said she chose HU's program because of the Scripps Howard partnership. She's excited about the new building and hopes students make the most of its offerings, which will make the program successful.

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Police Beat

GSU Police Dept.

9-02-2002

• Officers issued two traffic citations and four traffic warnings, assisted two motorists, and investigated a report of a suspicious person at Stratford Hall.

9-01-2002

• A Sigma Nu resident reported someone damaged the front lawn at the Sigma Nu House on Olympic Boulevard with a vehicle.
• Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted two motorists and responded to one false fire alarm.

8-31-2002

• Officers issued six traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms (two false and one caused by cooking).

8-30-2002

• A Donaldson Street resident reported her wallet was missing from the Parking and Transportation Building.
• A Longwood Drive resident reported an umbrella was missing from the Carroll Building.
• Officers assisted nine motorists, worked one traffic accident and responded to one false fire alarm.

8-29-2002

• A Sigma Chi resident reported a rocking chair was missing from the Sigma Chi House on Olympic Blvd.
• An employee reported a computer mouse was missing from the School of Technology Building.
• An Olliff Hall resident reported someone keyed the driver's side of her vehicle in the O lot.
• Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, assisted five motorists, responded to two fire alarms caused by cooking, and assisted one injured person.

8-28-2002

• Javier Edward Cobian, 19, of Dorman Hall, was charged with minor of possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana.
• Joshua Simon Guss, 19, of Watson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
• Jacob Meyer Bellingier, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
• An Olliff Hall resident reported his license plate was taken from his vehicle in the Olliff Hall parking lot.
• A Winburn Hall resident reported her purse was taken from a bench outside the University Store.
• Officers issued two traffic citations, assisted 12 motorists, responded to one false fire alarm and worked four traffic accidents.

8-27-2002

• A wallet was reported missing at the Recreation Activity Center.
• Officers issued two traffic citations and five traffic warnings, assisted eight motorists and assisted one injured person.

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

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your airport's recommended preflight arrival time-- especially if you're booked on an international or infrequent flight where grabbing a backup could be difficult. (Most airports recommend arriving 90 minutes before departure for domestic flights, though a few suggested two hours.) International flights require longer preflight arrival buffers at all airports.

While many frequent business fliers told us they generally arrive only an hour early at big airports including Ronald Reagan Washington National, New York's LaGuardia and Miami International, other frequent fliers said they obey airport guidelines and make the best of it.

For instance, Roy Levin, director of Microsoft Research, Silicon Valley, doesn't take chances when he makes frequent trips from San Francisco International to Seattle.

"I have taken seriously the admonitions to get to the airport early, but in reality, I usually wind up with an hour to kill," he said. "But I'd rather have the extra time than miss a flight."

Levin bought a membership to an airline club and spends the extra time in their airport lounge.

And yes, the possibility of missing a flight is still real. Though the new Transportation Safety Administration and airports have eased security procedures, wild cards can pop up. Concourses and even entire airports can be suddenly shut down, as they were following an attack on the El Al Airlines counter at Los Angeles International July 4 and after the accidental release of pepper spray in August at Miami International Airport.

And that security line you breezed through last week can unexpectedly stretch into a 30-minute exercise. Mazes of nylon ropes at check-in counters and security gates at Atlanta's busy Hartsfield Airport and at Oakland airport are ghostly testimony to the possibility of long, snaking lines. For instance, while we zipped through lines at New York's JFK International Airport, other travelers report waits of up to an hour -- proving that traveling at peak times such as Monday morning, Friday afternoon and weekends still requires extra time.

At Orlando International, which transitioned to TSA this summer, security checkpoint waits doubled from 10 minutes to 20 or more, reported Ron Hebert, a medical sales manager based in Central Florida.

Also, as airports begin to comply with federally mandated baggage screening requirements, random baggage checks can cause surprise delays.

Gary and Susan Bauer of Garland, Texas, found they needed every extra minute of their early arrival at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in mid-August, en route to Atlanta. At check-in, they were randomly selected for luggage screening in an InVision X-ray machine.

The Bauers, who own a video production company, had a camera lighting device in their bag, and when the X-ray revealed it, all bags had to be opened and all contents checked and signed off by two security guards.

That kind of delay can leave you lunchless, but as of late August, there's a bit of good news for dashing travelers who grab a quick cup of joe. The TSA has announced it will now allow styrofoam and paper cups through the checkpoint, but plastic, glass, metal and ceramic containers must still be sealed.

Generally, though, we found that today's air travel fits a predictable routine. Machine-gun-armed National Guardsmen are rare; many airports have set up private screening areas where belongings aren't subject to scrutiny by fellow travelers.



Special to the G-A

President Bush, right, and President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, joined by First Lady Laura Bush and Jolant Kwasniewska, talk on the Blue Room Balcony of the White House earlier this summer. International support is said to be key in the U.S.'s effort to oust Saddam Hussein from power.

Bush administration preparing to make case for war against Iraq

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON-- The Bush administration on Wednesday will launch a concerted effort to prepare the nation and the world for war with Iraq, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld hinted Tuesday that Bush holds a trump card -- new evidence that Iraq is close to developing a nuclear weapon.

Under pressure at home and abroad to justify a war against Iraq, President Bush will meet with congressional leaders from both parties at the White House on Wednesday morning to discuss Iraq. Later that day he will send Rumsfeld to a closed-door briefing on the subject for all 100 senators in a secure room inside the Capitol.

And next week Bush is expected to use a Sept. 12 speech at the United Nations to begin spelling out his grievances against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I think you'll see that the president will pull all of these threads together," Secretary of State Colin Powell told reporters.

"With respect to what the American position will be, the president will articulate it. He will articulate it fully in the very near future."

In another sign that the administration is ratcheting up its machinery to lay the groundwork for war, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he would present a position paper "within the next few weeks" spelling out the need for action against Saddam.

Blair played a similar role last fall in winning international support for the U.S.-led attack on the al-Qaidaterrorist network and its Taliban hosts in Afghanistan. He issued a paper documenting their record that helped justify the U.S.-led invasion.

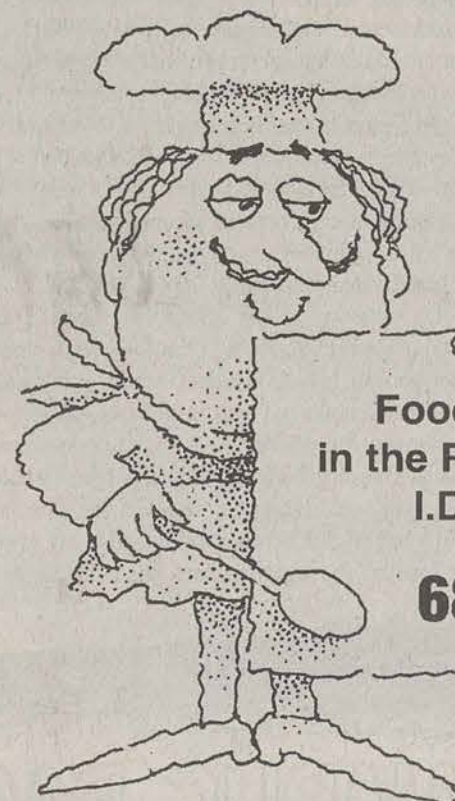
Blair said the case against Saddam would focus on "the nature of his regime" and his previous known stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons.

At a Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld hinted that Bush has new information that Iraq is close to developing a nuclear weapon, but the defense secretary declined to elaborate.

"Oh, I think I'll leave that for the coming days and weeks," Rumsfeld said. "We know some other things, but those are the kinds of things that would come out if and when the president decides that he thinks it's appropriate."

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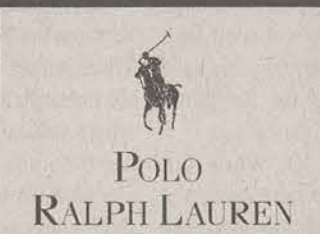
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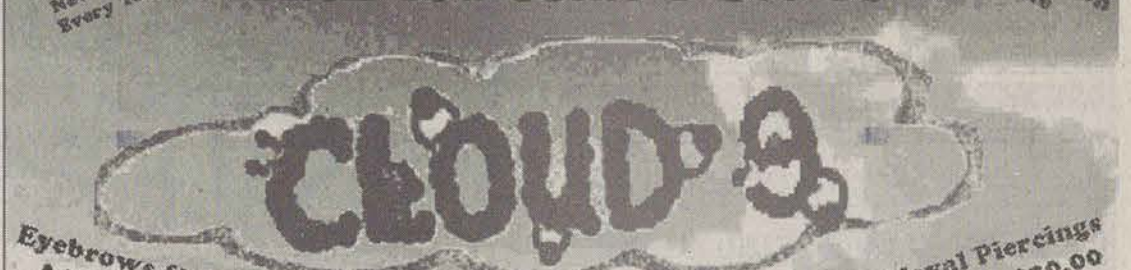
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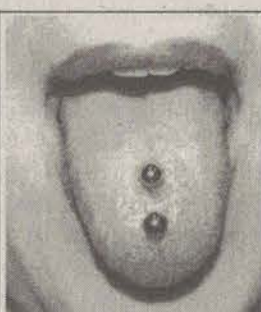


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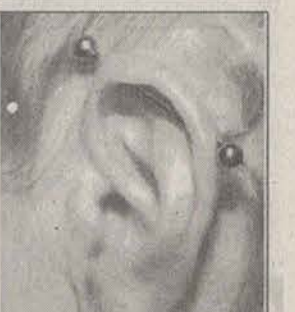
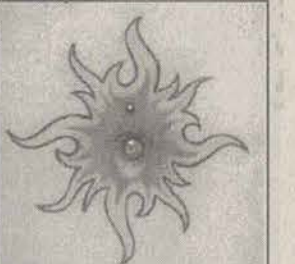
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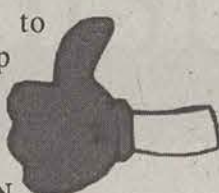
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OPINIONS

The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

• **THUMBS UP** to Eagle Football. Keep your heads up, boys, and let's go 10-1.

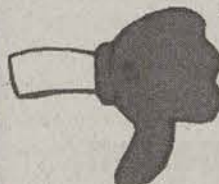


• **THUMBS DOWN** to Georgia being a West Nile virus state.

• **THUMBS UP** to the new GSU School of Economic Development.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to required textbooks *still* not in the University Store.

• **THUMBS UP** to two home night games in a row. GSU Football without the heat. Is there anything better?



• **THUMBS DOWN** to the lack of air-conditioning in the library.

Thoughts of the day

• USA Today has come out with a new survey - apparently, three out of every four people make up 75% of the population.
— David Letterman

• Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.
— Dan Rather

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My Top 5 collegiate goals

ADAM BRADY



I've always wondered exactly how much I know about subjects like history, philosophy, business, or even classical music. Sitting in on the final in a class that I'd not taken would give me the perfect opportunity to test my knowledge without having the petty concern for such unimportant details like grades. Sure, you might think I'd be noticed as being out of place. But so long as I stick to the back and keep to myself, I don't think I'd rouse enough suspicion to have my plan foiled before its completion.

Go for a swim in Lake Wells

Not only are there no signs to restrict me from entering the lake wearing only swim trunks and a smile, but the calm waters would surely prove most comforting during a warm, summer-time Statesboro afternoon. Many allege they've taken the plunge, but few admit to doing so while sober. I for one would like to take a few uninhibited laps from shore to shore, swimming alongside the patient ducks and bashful turtles, simply enjoying the beauty that is Mother Nature. And after I've found myself refreshed by her cool drink, I'd drape a towel beside Lake Wells and let myself

without much notice.

I am aware that many have already traversed the road in the wrong direction, but how many of those have done so on purpose? I ask only that the local law enforcement that will no doubt be waiting for me as I make the final turn be as benevolent as they can stand: I'm only fulfilling a dream.

Take a final in a class I'm not enrolled in

dry in the sun. What a glorious day it shall be!

Take a camping excursion in Henderson Library
I'd love nothing more than to strap on my pack and travel to the great indoors of the shelves and archives of our monolithic monument of a library. After a short hike from the basement level to the second floor, I'd take a break to take in the sights: row after row of pure and unbridled information. Finding a suitable site just before dark, I'd make camp amongst the quiet depths of the third floor. Pitching my tent and preparing a dinner under the halogen stars, I could strum lightly on my guitar and dream of what it must have been like for early explorers. Those trailblazers of years past making their way through the undiscovered landscapes of knowledge, finding answers deep within the forests of wisdom. I'm certain that as I made the hike back to civilization, I'd make it a changed man.

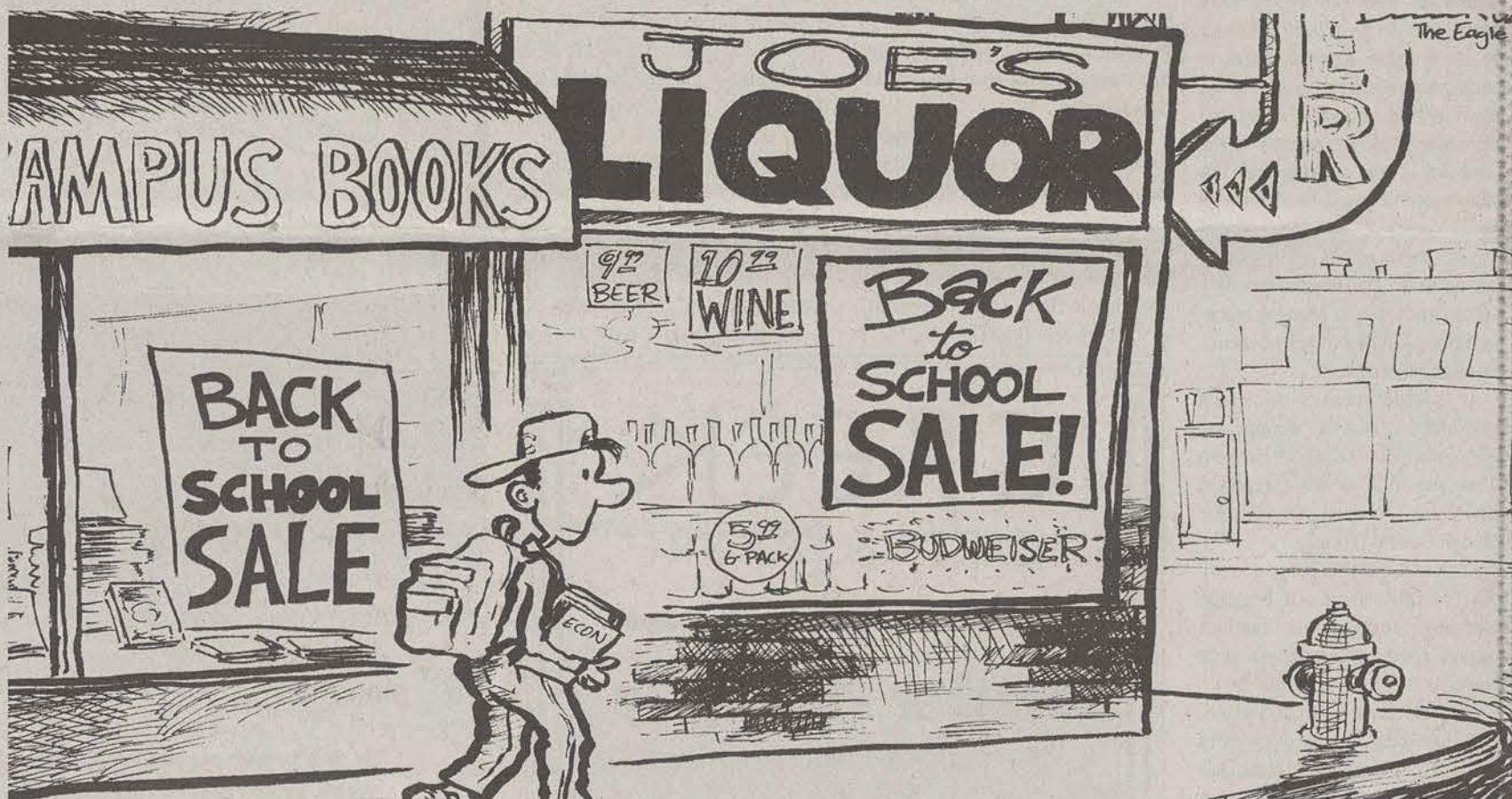
Finish a meal from Asian Creations in its entirety

Many times I've ordered my handpicked vegetables to be mixed with my choice of meat and sauce into a personalized concoction of goodness. And many times I've enjoyed every morsel I could cram into my empty stomach. But never have I been able to completely finish a meal prepared by the gifted Landrum staff from Asian Creations. One day I'll order my carrots, pineapple and broccoli. I'll compliment that vegetable medley with some breaded chicken and orange sauce, topping the order off with a healthy portion of noodles. And as God as my witness, I will finish the entire meal, leaving only the Styrofoam shell to remain!

Choosing these five out of a long list of contenders was no easy task, but the accomplishment of these few seemingly humble tasks would to me, be a great triumph.

Wish me luck, friends. It's a long road ahead.

Adam Brady is the lifestyles editor of The George-Anne and wishes riding a skateboard through a second story window in Dorman Hall was on his Top 5 list. But sadly, it's already been done. He may be reached at that_guy@stouthouse.org



Puddles make for fun on campus

AMANDA PERMENTER



it upon myself to develop an informative list of the top ten best puddles on our lovely campus, complete with precise directions to each location. Since it appears as though this wet spell isn't over, you can save this list for future reference.

10. While not the best specimen ever, the collection of water filling the

ditch between the sidewalks outside the Administrative Annex does indeed classify as a puddle. Please note, this is an actual "mud puddle."

9. A large, but slightly debris ridden puddle surrounds the gazebo on the side closest to the Blue Building. If a few pine needles and some small chunks of wooden flowerbed filler do not bother you, it's great for splashing in.

8. The rain that slides off the roof of the Union has to end up somewhere. That "somewhere" is the asphalt behind the rotunda. It's a clean little basin of water; especially if this week's old formaldehyde hasn't been dumped from the Biology building yet.

7. If you've hit the bookstore, you've gone too far. The seventh best puddle on campus is beside the Union near the Foy Fine Arts building parking lot.

6. If you really want to feel like a kid again, take a bike ride down to the picnic area between Watson and Johnson Hall. You won't regret it unless you don't want to get soaked.

5. Smack-dab in the middle of the list is a locale just outside the Williams Center, home of student media, right

by the radio tower. There is a corresponding pool at the foot of the nearby concrete stairway.

4. Be sure to wear boots next time it rains (today, tomorrow, Friday, Saturday or Sunday) if you plan to go walking on Forest Drive behind the Carruth Building.

3. It has to be raining with considerable intensity, but Builders of the University Terrace can turn into a veritable swimming pool.

2. Forget expensive water parks. Bring a raft to the road between the Forest Drive Building and the Health Center. There is a series of rapids, accumulating the most depth at the entrance to the parking lot behind the Health Center, which you can ride all the way to Lakeslime Café. Just be careful not to go too far, or you will fall into the hidden sludge ditch littered with Styrofoam cups. I saw one of those cups caught in a very strong whirlpool in the middle of all the sludge. It's dangerous over there.

1. Finally, we've arrived at the moment you've been waiting for. The greatest and best accumulation of aquatic mass in "the largest and most comprehensive center of higher education in the southern half of Georgia" also holds the title for most attractive permanent puddle on a college campus. Number one is none other than the scenic Lake Wells.

There's no law stating that playing in the rain is just for kids, and no one's going to throw you to the wolves for having a little bit of fun. Since you'll most likely be somewhere between your class and your car next time the clouds decide to lessen their loads over Statesboro, why not have some fun with it?

Remember, most of these puddles only exist under extreme conditions of precipitation, so get out while you can.

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September 11th

Commemorative Events

Commemorative Ceremony

Wednesday, 12:00pm – 1:00pm • Russell Union Commons

Dr. Todd Deal will serve as moderator for this ceremony and will also provide remarks. The ceremony will include short presentations by SGA President, Jonathan Perkins; Mr. Michael Hardy; Dr. Jodi Caldwell, Counseling Center; and ROTC color guard. Music selections by Dr. Michael Braz and the Southern Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Rod Caldwell.

Counseling Center
Staff will be available
during the week to assist
students who experience
emotional difficulties
related to the event.

Panel Discussion –

"September 11: The Year After"

Wednesday, 1:00pm – 2:30pm • Russell Union Commons

The panel will discuss repercussions of the attack, changes made by our government to help combat terrorism, and the impact of the attack on the United States, our people, and the world. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss where we are now.

Sponsored by the Center for International Studies.

Participants

Dr. Barry Balleck, Department of Political Science and Center for International Studies, Director of the GSU Model United Nations Program
Specialization: International Terrorism

Dr. Vernon Egger, Department of History
Specialization: Middle East & Islamic Studies

Dr. Darin Van Tassell, Center for International Studies
Specialization: International Studies and Global Issues

Dr. Lane Van Tassell, Department of Political Science
Specialization: International Relations

Dr. Nancy W. Shumaker, Moderator
Director, Center for International Studies

Candlelight Vigil
Bulloch County
Courthouse Lawn
Wednesday at 5:30pm



Be sure to pick up a
commemorative edition
of The George-Anne
on September 11th

Eagles take a 22-19 hit in Delaware

By Doug Kidd
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NEWARK, Del.—Anyone assuming the season-opener against Delaware would be the first step in answering Georgia Southern's most pressing questions, will have to guess again.

The quarterback and fullback situations—as well as the adjustment to new head coach Mike Sewak—will continue into the season's second week following the Eagles' 22-19 loss to the Blue Hens.

Despite out-gaining Delaware by 101 total yards, and holding the ball for nearly nine more minutes, GSU couldn't score in the redzone, particularly in the first half.

"I didn't know much about my team coming in, but I did know that they didn't panic," said first-year Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler. "When we weren't moving the ball, it didn't worry us so much because our defense was playing great."

Trailing 7-0, starting quarterback Chaz Williams led GSU on a 15-play drive that stalled at the Delaware 10-yard line. Scott Shelton kicked a 27-yard field goal to put GSU on the board.

On the next possession, a 16-play drive would stall at the nine-yard line, leading to a 26-yard Shelton field goal.

A short touchdown run by the Blue Hens' Antawn Jenkins, his second of the game, gave Delaware a 14-6 lead heading into halftime.

GSU cut the lead to 14-12 late in the third quarter when Jermaine Austin scored on an 11-yard run. Trey Hunter's two-point conversion attempt failed.

With 10:42 left in the fourth quarter, Shelton missed a 35-yard

field goal that would have given the Eagles the lead.

Delaware would put the game away when quarterback Andy Hall—a transfer from Georgia Tech—scrambled from 24 yards out for a score. Chaz Williams added a late one-yard touchdown run for GSU to finish the scoring.

Two quarterback system

GSU ended playing both Chaz Williams and Trey Hunter, with Williams getting the start and playing every snap of the first half. Hunter entered the game early in the third quarter, when Williams was suffering from cramps.

Williams led to Eagles up-and-down the field in the first half, racking up consecutive 15 and 16-play drives. But once inside the 20-yard line, the GSU offense bogged down.

The redshirt sophomore from Apopka, Fla. did do a nice job leading the Eagles' "hurry-up" offense, late in the fourth quarter. Williams finished with 61 yards rushing, while connecting on five-of-10 passes for 72 yards.

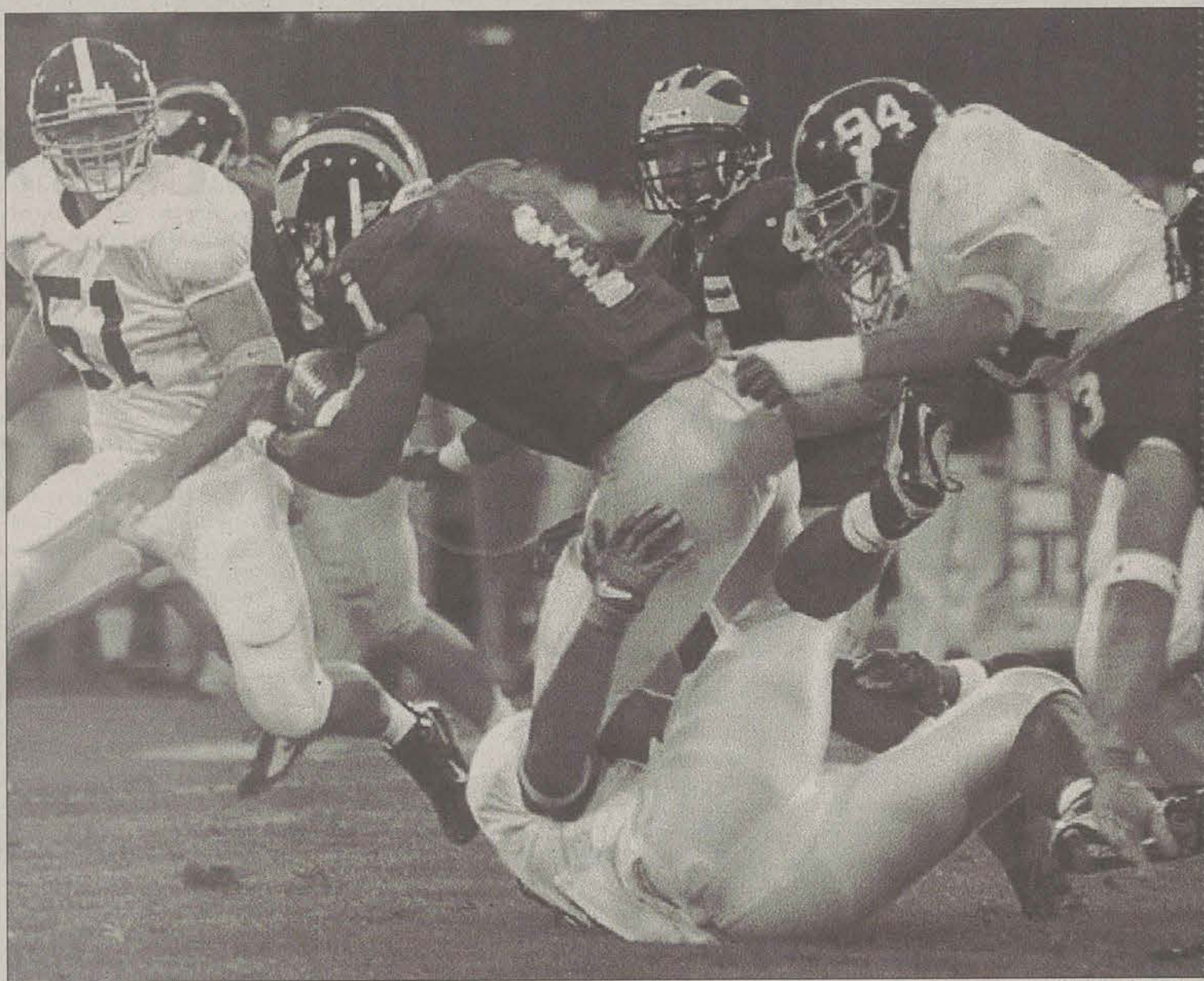
Hunter led the Eagles to a score late in third quarter, but came up a yard short on the two-point attempt. Hunter did throw a nice deep ball to Carl Kearney, who hauled in a 49-yard pass in the fourth quarter.

Fullback spot open

Both starter Hakim Ford and Jermaine Austin found running room hard to find against the Blue Hens defense. But that wasn't so much their fault as it was the offensive line, Sewak said.

"I thought our fullback did fine, but we need some guys up front to step up," he said.

Along with his touchdown run, Austin ran hard and picked



The Associated Press

The Eagles were handed a season-opener loss much like their opener two years ago versus the University of Georgia. The Eagles traveled with new head coach Mike Sewak to Delaware, but finished just a field goal short of Delaware's 22 points.

up 73 yards to lead the team. Ford finished with 55 yards on 18 rushes.

Three big plays

GSU's defense played well, particularly in second half, but three plays doomed the Eagles' chances.

In the first quarter, GSU appeared to have stopped Delaware's Antawn Jenkins at the line of scrimmage, but the senior bounced outside and took off for a 45-yard score.

Poor tackling also cost GSU a touchdown later in the half

when Hall threw a screen pass to wide receiver Brian Ingram. Ingram took the pass, broke two tackles and weaved through the Eagles' secondary for a 57-yard gain, before tripping at the four-yard line. Jenkins scored on the very next play.

Midway into the fourth quarter, Andy Hall put the game away when he scrambled from 24-yards out on third-and-long.

All told, those three plays produced 127 of Delaware's 299 yards of offense, or 42 percent of their total offensive production.

Lady Eagles win three-of-four in Southern Classic

By Eli Boorstein
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Coming off a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the ladies of Georgia Southern volleyball opened up the 2002 campaign by hosting the Georgia Southern Classic this past weekend at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Lady Eagles won both their matches on Friday, beating Atlantic Sun foes Samford and Georgia State 3-1 and 3-0, respectively, while splitting Saturday's

action, losing to Conference USA member Memphis 3-1 and overcoming Charleston Southern of the Big South 3-1.

On Friday afternoon, Georgia Southern took the first game of their battle with the Bulldogs, as they had little trouble with Samford, winning 30-12. The Eagles were able to put together 12 kills in the game while amassing a .476 hitting percentage, compared to just seven kills and a .042 mark

for the Bulldogs. Game two also went the way of the home team as Georgia Southern triumphed 30-24, taking advantage of a match-high .571 percentage. Game three was a close battle as the two teams were nip and tuck before Samford pulled away for the hard-fought 31-29 win. The Eagles then were able to clinch the match with a 30-22 victory in the fourth and final game.

Georgia Southern was to vic-

tory thanks to great games from Martina Veiglova and Kristin Kasprak. Veiglova, a junior, led all players with 18 kills and 14 digs, while compiling a .412 hitting percentage. Kasprak, a sophomore, had the best showing of her career with a personal best of 12 kills, while adding a .476 success rate. The Eagles also were helped by a team total of 21 service aces, led by Kasprak's ten and eight from Kim Foytich. In the assists column, freshman Susan Winkelman led with 30 with Foytich close behind at 28.

Hilary Gary and Stefanie Pickett led the Bulldog offense with 13 kills each while Alyssa Whitehead added ten kills and 13 digs.

The Eagles made history in Friday's nightcap as their win over Georgia State was the 200th victory in team history. Game one was a tough win for Georgia Southern as the Panthers forced extra points before the Eagles pulled away for the 32-30 edge. Georgia State put together a higher hitting percentage at .240, but the Eagles totaled ten more kills to guide them to the close win. The second game was a nail biter as the Eagles narrowly beat the Panthers 30-27. Georgia State once again had the higher hitting percentage, but Georgia Southern took the edge in kills. The Eagles then clinched the match, winning game three 30-24. The Panthers were held to just a .054 success rate on their attacks in the frame.

The Eagles were once again led by Veiglova as the Bratislava, Slovakia native totaled 16 kills while putting together a .303 hitting percentage. Senior Lauren McClain also managed double-digit kills with 11. Foytich held the edge in assists with 24 with Winkelman adding 20.

For the Panthers, Amanda Sapp was the leader with 11 kills and a .563 percentage. April DeCoste

led the setting duties for Georgia State with 28 assists.

In other action Friday, Samford upended Western Kentucky 3-1, Georgia State took care of Memphis 3-1, while Charleston Southern lost two 3-0 decisions to Western Kentucky and Memphis.

In Saturday's first battle against Memphis, Georgia Southern took the first game with a 30-23 score, capitalizing off a .484 hitting percentage. However, the Tigers came back to take the next three games 30-24, 30-21, and 30-23 to win the match. The Eagles were held to a .175 percentage in the final three frames, compared to a .414 rate for Memphis.

Veiglova had a double-double for Georgia Southern with 26 kills and 10 digs along with a .451 percentage. Foytich pitched in with a team-high 25 assists while Winkelman added 17 assists and 12 digs. Megan Lippi led the Eagle squad with 13 digs.

Brittany Barnett led the Tiger offense with 22 kills and a .419 percentage. Nancy Nellans and Tiara Gilkey also had double-digit kills with 16 and 15, respectively. Heather Watts dominated the setter duties with 57 assists.

The Eagles were then able to get back onto the winning side in their second match, as they took advantage of sloppy play by Charleston Southern. Georgia Southern took the first game 30-15 as the Bucs were held to a negative, -.080 hitting percentage. The Bucs were then able to take the second game winning with a thrilling 35-33 score. The Eagles did not falter though, as they came back to take the match with 30-12 and 30-20 wins in the final two games.

Veiglova continued the dominance she showed throughout the tourney, with 27 kills, 13 digs, and a .532 percentage against

the Bucs. Kasprak had another breakout performance with 14 kills, a career-high, and a .379 percentage. The Georgia Southern setters both had strong matches as Foytich totaled 26 assists and 11 digs while Winkelman added 25 assists and 18 digs.

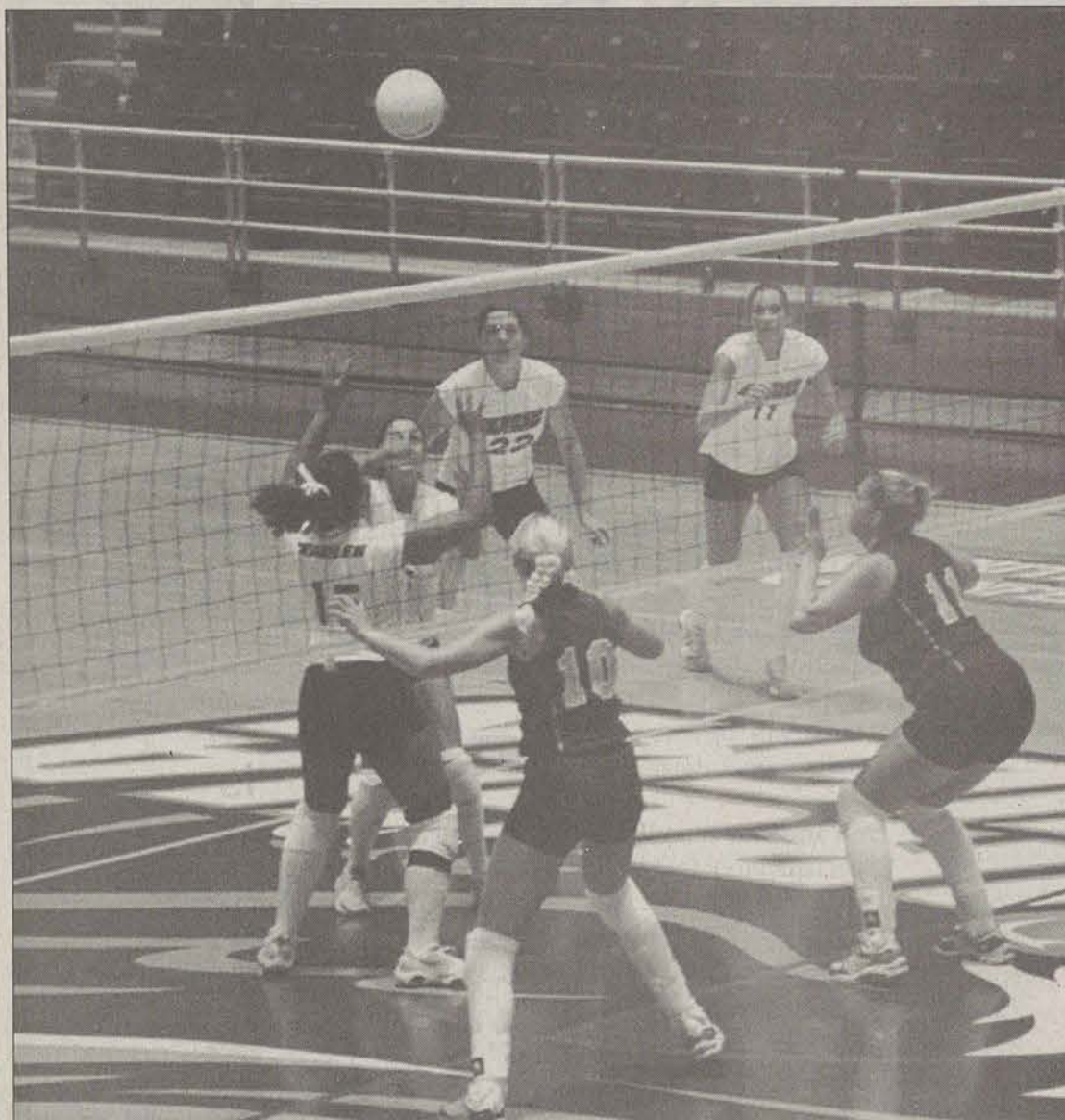
No Bucs players were able to put together double-digit kills as the Hollie Bates and Becky Miller led the squad with nine a piece. Bates also led the digs column with 16 while Kate O'Riordan added 28 assists.

Other matches on Saturday saw Samford beat Charleston Southern 3-1, Memphis take Georgia State 3-1, while Western Kentucky won 3-1 decisions from Memphis and Georgia State.

Following Saturday's final match, GSU senior women's administrator Cathy Beene announced the ten-person all-tournament team. The honorees were Samford's Hilary Gray, Western Kentucky's Sara Noe and Amanda Schiff, Georgia State's April DeCoste, Charleston Southern's Katie O'Riordan and Hollie Bates and Memphis' Brittany Barnett and Heather Watts. Georgia Southern outside hitter Martina Veiglova was named tournament MVP.

"We looked good, but in some ways we have some work to do," remarked Eagle head coach Kerry Messersmith. "We're quicker and more well-rounded and those things help contribute towards success."

Georgia Southern will open their defense of their Southern Conference crown when they travel to the Citadel Tuesday. They will then head back on the tournament circuit, going to the University of Georgia Tournament next weekend and to the Florida Atlantic Tournament the following weekend. The Eagles will not return home until they host Appalachian State on Sept. 20.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Lady Eagles hosted the season-opener Georgia Southern Classic over Labor Day weekend. The team defeated Samford, Georgia State and Charleston Southern and their only loss was to Memphis.



Eagles take a hit from Blue Devils

G-A News Service

The Duke men's soccer team notched its first victory of the season on Sunday with a 3-0 shutout against Georgia Southern at Koskinen Stadium in Durham, N.C. The Blue Devils improve to 1-0-1 on the season, while Georgia Southern falls to 1-1.

The Blue Devils got on the board at the end of the first half, after the Eagles committed a foul, as freshman Ian Carey found a streaking Justin Bodiya for his first goal of the season.

Duke tallied its second goal less than two minutes later as Carey and Donald McIntosh found Danny Kramer at the 42:13 mark. The goal by Kramer was his first of his career.

The Blue Devils closed out the

scoring early in the season half as Kramer hit Jordan Cila for an empty net goal, after Georgia Southern's goalkeeper Garrett Lazenby came out on Kramer.

For the game, the Blue Devils

outshot the Eagles 17-4.

Georgia Southern returns to playing action Friday, September 6 when it travels to Denver, Colo. to face New Mexico in the first round of the John Byrden Classic.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

Bates Harison uses his dribbling skills to keep the ball from the Blue Devils in the Eagles 3-0 loss. The team travels to Denver Colorado for the John Byrden Classic.

Lady Eagles claim weekend tourney

Eagles claim Adidas/Vermont Classic title

G-A News Service

Junior Christine Ruta found the back of the net after a scramble in the box in the 86th minute to lead Georgia Southern to a 2-1 victory over the University of New Hampshire in the first game of the 2002 adidas/Vermont Soccer Classic. The match was the season opener for both clubs.

The Eagles got on the board first when Amanda Bernard took a lead pass from teammate Genevieve Ward to beat the UNH defense for her first goal of the season just six minutes into the game to give Georgia Southern a 1-0 lead.

New Hampshire answered just before halftime as Courtney Papaz netted her first goal of the season in the 41st minute after Georgia Southern couldn't clear the ball from its own end.

The Wildcats dominated most of the action in the second half,

out-shooting Georgia Southern 9-2 in the frame, only to have Ruta score the game winner with just over four minutes remaining in the game. Are-start in the UNH defensive half led to Ruta's game-winning tally.

Georgia Southern returns to action Sunday, September 1 when it faces Vermont at 2:00 p.m. in the final game of the Adidas/Vermont Classic.

Junior forward Genevieve Ward blasted a shot into the Vermont net in the 77th minute to break a scoreless tie and lead the Georgia Southern Eagles to a 1-0 victory over host Vermont in the second day of action at the adidas/Vermont Soccer Classic.

The teams played through a scoreless first half, despite each team having good opportunities in front of their opponent's net. The Catamounts (0-2) saw their best chance at scoring when

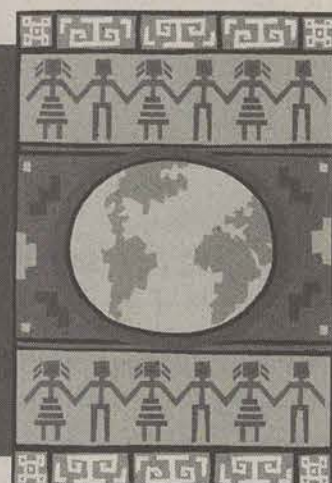
Jamie Rubin one-timed a cross from teammate Susan Sullivan, but Georgia Southern goalkeeper Tanya Woehr made the grab for the save. The Eagles (2-0) pressured the Catamount defense a few minutes later, but UVM keeper Brooke Fairbanks was able to make a save in the scramble.

In the second half, Vermont had two other good scoring chances. Nikkie Hessney's shot just sailed over the Georgia Southern crossbar in the 58th minute and teammate Jamie Koehnlein hit the post. Ward finally broke the scoreless tie when she took a pass from teammate Christie Nipaver after a scramble in the box and fired from point blank range for the games lone goal.

Nipaver earned All-Tournament honors for her play in the two-day tournament.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

SEPTEMBER 6 - 13, 2002



Cultural Diversity Week Events

- International Coffee Hour** Sept. 6 12:00pm - 1:30pm Russell Union, Rm. 2080
Stop by for free lunch and conversation as Cultural Diversity Week kicks off!
Sponsored by The Center for International Studies and the Multicultural Student Center
- Cultural Diversity Week "Brain Teaser"** Sept. 6 1 2:00pm - 1:30pm Russell Union, Rm. 2080
How culturally competent are you? Participate in this fun quiz and win T-shirts, gift certificates and other great prizes! Sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Week Committee
- Wishing You a "Sweet" New Year** Sept. 10 11:00am - 1:00pm Russell Union Commons
Hillel, the on-campus Jewish Student Organization, will be handing out apples and honey to celebrate the Jewish New Year. For information on Hillel email hillel@gasou.edu. Sponsored by Hillel
- Panel Discussion: "Don't Be a Hater!"** Sept. 10 7:00pm - 8:30pm Brannen Hall Lobby
Student panel discussion on tolerance, acceptance and the celebration of diversity.
Sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Week Committee

- MTV's Real World New Orleans** Sept. 11 6:00pm Russell Union Ballroom
With Julie Stoffer
Julie Stoffer, cast member of MTV's hit reality show, presents the "real world" as she sees it from the perspective of a female from Wisconsin who never knew a gay person or had a friend of a different color.
Sponsored by Eagle Entertainment

- September 11th: One Race, One People, One Peace** Sept. 11 8:00pm Russell Union Ballroom
A theatrical performance by Chapmyn Spoken Word that looks at racism, homophobia and terrorism through monologues and poetic scenes. Performance to include a special recognition of the September 11th attacks. Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center

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- Student Organization Banner Contest & Display** Sept. 6 - 13 During Russell Union Hours Russell Union
Attention all student organizations! Participate in this contest and display your talent by creating a banner that depicts diversity! ALL HOMECOMING ACTIVITY FEES WILL BE WAIVED FOR THE WINNING ORGANIZATION. Call the Multicultural Student Center for entrance details at 681-5409.
- The Henderson Library Welcomes You to the World!** Sept. 6 - 13 During Library Hours Henderson Library Second Floor
Explore Multiculturalism through various forms of literature and print. Sponsored by Henderson Library
- Cultural Cuisine** Sept. 13 11:30am - 2:00pm Landrum Dining Hall
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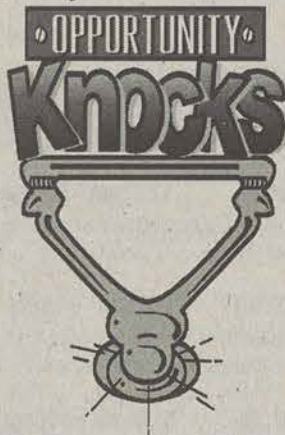
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- ◆ Meet with Courtney Gazlay, Experiential Education Coordinator. For appointments, call 681-5197.
- ◆ Turn in your completed résumé and application to Courtney by October 18.

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Career Planning Day

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Want to learn more about careers/job search strategies within your major?

- Attend workshops on various topics presented by company representatives:

1. **Résumé Writing:**
1:00pm-1:50pm, Russell Union Rm. 2084
2. **Professional Interviewing:**
2:00pm-2:50pm, Russell Union Rm. 2084
3. **Networking for Success and Job Search:**
3:00pm-3:50pm, Russell Union Rm. 2084
4. **Career Panel Discussions:**
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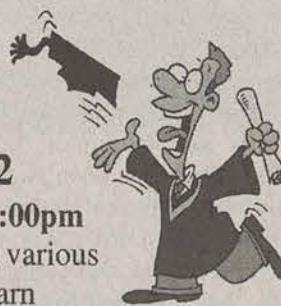


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The Mac vs. PC debate

Longtime Windows users are turning to Apple's Macintosh while looking for efficiency, lower costs

KRT Campus

Chris Pascual is sick of his Windows PC.

He says it's an eMachines running Windows XP, and it keeps crashing. Pascual, a 20-year-old college junior, is saving up for a new computer, and he's interested in Apple's Macintosh.

"I'm just saving up for a new computer," he said. "Macs are intriguing. They catch my eye. I'm tired of calling technical support."

Pascual sounds like a prime candidate for Apple's "switch" advertising campaign, which entices users of Microsoft Windows to buy an Apple Computer running the rival Mac operating system. Except that Pascual is on a college student's budget, and he wants his next computer to cost little more than \$500.

"That's why I bought an eMachines," he said, "because it's cheap."

For years, a debate has raged in computing circles: Should you buy a Windows PC or a Mac? Windows users tout the fact that more than 90 percent of the computers in the world run a Windows operating system, which means more software is available for the machines. Mac users say their computers do everything they need, and are built better.

These days the debate has changed a bit. The Internet and e-mail have become such an important part of the computing experience that Macs have gained ground on Windows when it comes to usefulness.

Not only can Macs read most common Windows files, they can join Windows networks and play nice with the other computers.

Most of the things people need to do, they can do on a Mac. Some things, like digital audio, video, DVD-authoring and digital photography, work better on a Mac than on a Windows machine.

Still, if these three descriptions fit you, a Mac is probably not for you:

- You want to spend less than \$1,000 on a computer. There are Macs available for less than \$1,000 -- the classic iMac design -- but the 15-inch CRT screen and slower G3 processors in those make them less appealing. Also, Mac software sometimes costs more than comparable Windows software.
- Your job uses Windows software that has no Mac equivalent, and you want to run that software at home. There is a program called Virtual PC that allows you to run Windows software on a Mac, but it is slow.
- You like popular 3-D games, or trying lots of new software. Macs still run fewer popular games than Windows does. Also, new instant messenger

features, Boingo wireless service, NetZero and Juno low-cost Internet access -- all these niche programs tend to run on Windows long before the Mac. If that is a problem for you, a Mac would be, too.

If these next three descriptions fit you, consider the Mac:

- You have a working Windows computer, but you're looking for an advanced machine to handle music, video editing, DVD authoring, digital photography, or desktop publishing.
- You hate Windows.
- You want an emotional bond with your computer.

Buying a Mac is a rebellious decision, and that's probably part of the reason why people feel so strongly about their Macs. Psychological studies have shown that people who make controversial decisions tend to defend them more ardently.

Macs are also meticulously designed, and that makes you want to feel something about them. Sony machines have a similar effect.

"The way I look at it is that the PC clearly is still a basic productivity machine," said Tim Bajarin, president of the Creative Strategies technology consulting firm in Campbell, Calif. "Apple's done a good job of positioning the Macintosh for the creativity side of the mind."

Creativity costs money. To get the best experience out of the Mac platform, you have to be willing to spend at least \$1,600.

For that price, you can get a desktop computer that's built around a nice screen, packed with memory, and outfitted with a DVD-burning drive that will let you store home movies and photos for playback on most DVD players. Or, you can get a lightweight laptop with adequate memory that burns CDs and plays DVDs.

So should you switch?

That depends first on your budget. But if you're a person who already has a digital camcorder or camera and you want to get more use out of them, you'll end up spending that much anyway.

It depends second on your lifestyle. It's perfectly possible to own a Mac in a Windows world, but it's not seamless. For the most pleasant experience, you'll want Microsoft Office v. X for the Mac. At \$460 (not including rebates or other deals), it is a very expensive software suite.

Personally I am not a switcher. I'm a cross-platform guy. I spend 80 percent of my time on the Mac I keep at home, but I still like to have access to a Windows PC, just in case. It doesn't have to be a very new PC -- an old clunker running Windows 98 is just fine.

VIRUS, FROM PAGE 1

sible that an infected mosquito traveled to the U.S. airplane or an infected bird was smuggled into the country.

The case number for that year was 60 with 7 deaths. That number has wavered since then with 54 cases and four deaths in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut in 2000. The southeast U.S. saw 21 cases and two deaths in 2001.

So far in 2002, 555 cases have been reported, while 28 people have died from around the U.S., with most cases in the midwest and south central U.S.

Though the CDC says that ill-

ness from the WNV is not nearly pervasive, its website offers tips on how to avoid contact with mosquitoes:

-When outside, apply repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-metaltoluamide)

-When outside and if possible, wear long sleeves/pants treated with DEET or permethrin, but avoid skin exposure to permethrin

-Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and early evening. These are prime times for mosquito biting

-Watch for areas of standing water around your home. These can serve as mosquito breeding sites.

Georgia ballparks overlooked as minors change homes

Associated Press

Luther Williams Field just reeks of history.

A graceful brick archway welcomes arriving fans. An engraving above the main grandstand "Macon Base Ball Park" evokes a simpler time. The railroad cars parked just beyond the right-field fence only add to the sense of nostalgia.

Kennesaw Mountain Landis threw out the first pitch 73 years ago. Jackie Robinson and Ted Williams stopped by for exhibition games. Pete Rose and Chipper Jones played here, too.

"What a grand ol' ballpark," said season-ticket holder Tim Kurtz, watching the Macon Braves play on a steamy Georgia night. "They don't make 'em like this anymore. Just look out there. What a great view of the field. It's old-time baseball."

Apparently, it's a little too old. Like so many other aging minor-league parks, this one finds itself threatened by cities that are willing to spend millions on a shining new stadium.

As soon as their season is over, the M-Braves, a Class A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, will pack up and move to Rome, Ga., where voters approved funding to build a \$15 million stadium.

For fans such as Kurtz, baseball shouldn't cast aside the seventh-oldest park in the minors.

"This place is baseball history," he said, attending a game with his wife and their 18-month-old son, Aaron, who was named after the home run

king. "The answer is to fix it up."

Others, such as Atlanta Braves first base coach Glenn Hubbard, feel the wrecking ball is the only solution.

"It's old, but it's a good place for a hitter," he said. "The ball would just fly out of there. It's just fine for an A-ball team."

More than half of the stadiums, 87

got just countless stadiums now that are almost major league stadiums in miniature."

Of course, those new parks include the usual moneymaking mechanisms that owners feel they must have: luxury boxes, club seating and enhanced concession areas.

In that environment, 4,000-seat Luther Williams Field is woefully out

entire grandstand. A fan can still get a hot dog or popcorn for \$1. The outfield wall includes advertisements for headache powder and laundry detergent. A tiny press box clings to the roof behind home plate. There are all sorts of nooks and crannies where kids can run and young lovers can steal a kiss while the game is going on.

For those trying to watch the game, the hands are in constant motion, whether it's cheering for the Braves' next generation or trying to swat away the omnipresent insects.

Jones played at Macon in 1991, when baseball returned to the central Georgia city after a three-year layoff. Luther Williams Field was spruced up and the Braves moved their Class A affiliate from Sumter, S.C.

"We had the special privilege of seeing players grow up here," Kurtz said.

Since 1991, some improvements were made. The home clubhouse was renovated and expanded after the '94 flood. In addition, the playing field was upgraded, the concourse widened, a new scoreboard installed.

Still, the place shows its age. The concession stands are small and cramped, the restrooms are musty and, of course, there's not a luxury box in sight.

During the negotiations to keep the Braves in Macon, both sides went through the usual posturing: The team complained that Luther Williams Field didn't meet modern standards; the city responded that it

didn't have enough money to build a new stadium or do a major renovation of the old park.

Rome stepped in, passing a sales tax that would fund a new stadium for the South Atlantic League team.

Macon officials are hopeful of luring another minor-league team, though it's not clear how they will pay for renovations that could run as high as \$2.5 million. There doesn't seem to be any sentiment to build a new stadium; the surest way to lure a new team.

Besides, attendance has dwindled

in recent years. The M-Braves drew only 114,000 fans last season and won't come close to 100,000 in this lame-duck season.

After the playoff games, all that will be left are the memories.

Terry Morgan chuckles at the thought of spying a 35-pound carp in right field after the flood of '94.

Then there's Kurtz, who knows that it's the end of an era; even if Luther Williams Field gets another team.

"It won't be the same," he said. "I won't be the team I grew up with."

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of 160 for teams affiliated with major league franchises, have opened since 1990, which was about the time a new agreement went into place mandating minimum standards. Other cities have done renovations to older parks.

"That agreement is what spurred the great building and construction phase in minor-league baseball," said Jim Ferguson, a spokesman for the National Association, the minors' governing body. "As a result, we've

of place. It is a virtual time capsule, not looking much different from it did on that first opening day in 1929, when the Macon Peaches were the home team.

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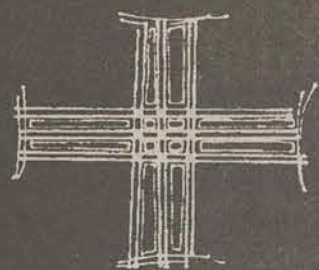
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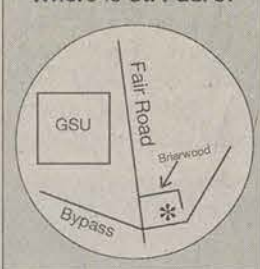
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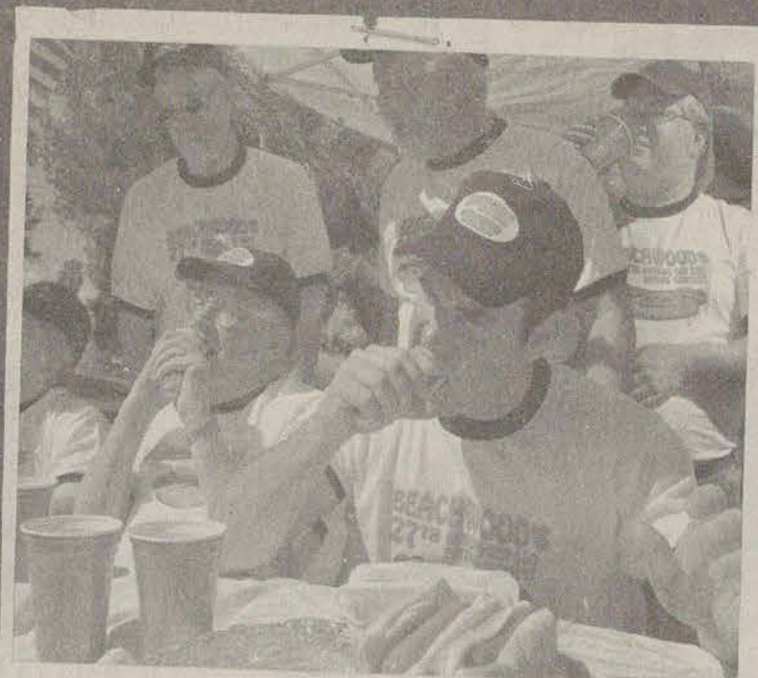


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'Simone' Is Not For All

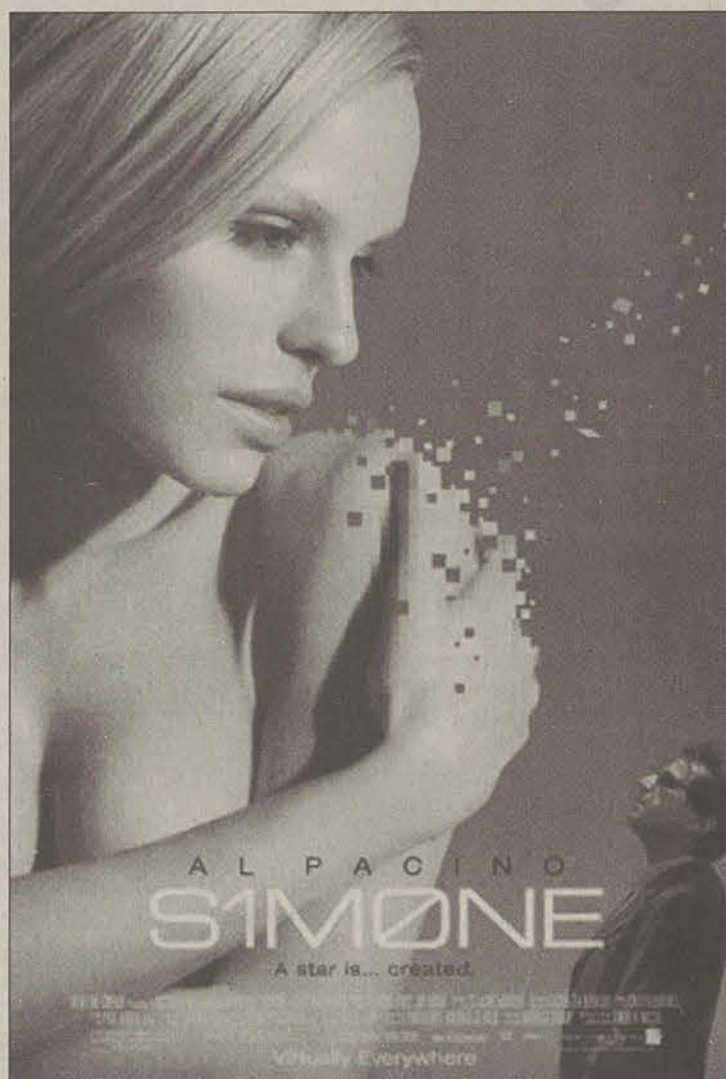
By V.A. Patrick Slade
vaps18@go.com

A washed up director has nowhere to turn. His newest film is in shambles on the cutting room floor. What is he to do? His career on the line and nearly bankrupt, he's forced into a corner. When it looks as though there is no hope, he has a run in with a man who has all the answers to his prayers. God perhaps? Nope. How about a computer programmer with cornea cancer.

This is the story of Al Pacino's newest movie "Simone," opening recently in theaters. In one of his few comedic roles, Pacino brings to life the washed up director Viktor Taransky. Pacino successfully executes the "creation turning on its master" story excellently.

In the movie, Pacino's Viktor Taransky comes across software that can create a virtual actor or actress. With no other choice, he uses the new star actress he creates in his newest film. To his delight the audiences have no idea of the farce, and love the performance of the virtual actress. What ensues is a comic tale that shows what happens to perfection in a not so perfect world. Taransky doesn't count on his creation becoming a success and overshadowing him. His creation, which he dubbed Simone, even goes on to win an Oscar.

Pacino has amazing comedic timing, which he earlier exhibited in 1992's "Scent of a Woman." Along with great acting from Pacino, his co-star Catherine Kaneer, shines in her performance as his neurotic ex-wife Elaine — the person who just so happens to own the studio in which Pacino's Viktor works for. And in a cameo appearance as bitchy



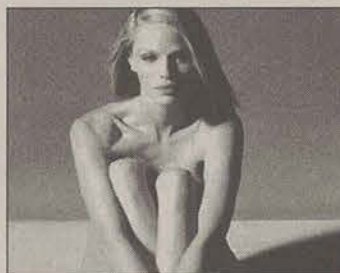
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Recently opening in theaters, **Simone** examines the reality of celebrities. Or in this case, their virtual reality.

actress Nicola Anders, Winona Ryder adds to the talent of this wonderful cast.

The witty dialog works well with the acting to create a comic gem in "Simone." Most audiences won't be disappointed, but the movie isn't for all crowds. Those who are not appeased by highbrow comedy — meaning the laughter is drawn from thought — you need not see this film. But for others that are, get ready for a story that will leave you in stitches.

This film is truly Pacino at his best. And it does leave the

viewer wondering. Are movie stars a product of their work or how the public personifies them?



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Rachel Roberts and Al Pacino together poke fun at the Hollywood machine.



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Which of the Stones' remastered 1960's albums will you need?

Staff and Wire Reports

There are things that were once cool. Steppenwolf, for instance, or Supertramp. Or Queensryche when it kinda sounded like Pink Floyd. Or all those faceless Britpop bands from the mid-'90s.

These things will never be cool again.

There are rock comets that are cool no matter when they reappear. And the Rolling Stones, especially during their world-shaking first decade, are arguably the coolest of the cool, as will be proven at this year's much anticipated U.S. tour.

Proof just arrived, in the form of ear-opening rereleases of the Hall of Famers' legendary ABKCO catalog, which spans 1964's eponymous debut (subtitle: "England's Newest Hitmakers") through to their best live album (1970's "Get Your Ya-Ya's Out!") and more compilations than are required.

The timing couldn't be better — not because the Stones need something to stake their 40th-anniversary tour on, though this is as good a reason as any they devised in the '90s, but because the current musical climate owes its very existence to what Mick and Keith and Charlie and Bill and the late great burnout Brian Jones did to rock 'n' roll long ago.

Which, simply put, was thrust it screaming into the modern age. By taking the meat-and-potatoes basics of blues and R&B pioneers, recasting it with rakish and roguish energy -- and a one-of-a-kind, endlessly imitated bad-boy image -- they foreshadowed dozens of trends that would come in their wake: garage-rock, psychedelia, country-rock, punk, metal. The Beatles, like Hendrix and Radiohead and few others after them, may have taken music to places no one could have imagined. But the Stones were the heart of rock.

If you are a young White Stripes or Hives or Strokes or, well, any kind of music fan and think that the Stones are for your grandparents, you're dead wrong. Their best albums, consisting of pretty much anything they put out in the '60s, are raw and urgent and alive and exciting in ways that today's most vital music can't touch. These were their formative 20s, always the most fascinating period in any rockers' lives. They would hit their groove in the '70s, and for a time it was magical alchemy. Then it became mere professionalism, and they've since been doing everything they can to keep their reputation intact.

These wonders are what built that reputation. But the Stones were once a prolific bunch; by contrast, most bands these days reach their "Black & Blue" phase after about five albums.

To get them all — counting U.S. and U.K. versions and the half-dozen retrospectives, there are about 20 titles — it'll cost you upward of \$200. You can't always get what you want, indeed.

If you're a longtime Stones fan, you already know what you need — and, yes, your 1986 CDs need to be replaced. These new editions are to the shoddy first batch what Playstation 2 is to Atari. There is no comparison. The remastering is remarkable, the clarity is startling — and if you have a Super Audio CD player (I do not), I'm told the quality is even more jaw-dropping.

This guide, however, is intended for newcomers who'd be happy to play them on a boom box. Note that half of the titles arrived this week, the rest show up Tuesday.

If you buy only one — first, you're kidding yourself. No respectable fan can get by with just one. Still, if that's all your budget allows, you can't go wrong with

the two-disc "Hot Rocks 1964-1971," which is incomplete as far as singles go but gives you the basics: "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," "Get Off of My Cloud," "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Honky Tonk Women," and so on.

Pair it with "More Hot Rocks (Big Hits and Fazed Cookies)" to fill in some blanks — "The Last Time," "Dandelion," "She's a Rainbow," "Lady Jane" — and you've got a box-set primer. But that isn't enough, and it deprives you the joy of experiencing proper Stones albums, made when every song had to be strong enough for a single.

If you buy only a handful

— let's say you can afford a half-dozen. (Cost: roughly \$85, if you find sale prices.)

The best selections would be: "12 X 5" (1964) and "The Rolling Stones, Now!" (1965), their second and third efforts, both a shade sharper than other early selections; "Aftermath" (1966), the turning point when Jagger-Richards' songwriting comes into its own and Brian Jones' instrumental daring flourishes, and I'd recommend the U.K. version, which lacks "Paint It, Black" but does have three more cuts than the U.S. edition; "Between the Buttons" (also the U.K. edition, 1967), their most

overlooked masterpiece, a wiry but paisley beauty unlike anything in their canon; "Beggars Banquet" (1968), an alternately guttural and offhanded blues-rock wonder, which nonetheless has to work the hardest to convince me of its genius; and the devastatingly powerful "Let It Bleed" (1969), the first album to prominently feature Jones' replacement, Mick Taylor.

If you can buy one more, make it "Flowers" (1967), which will add "Ruby Tuesday" and "Let's Spend the Night Together" and a few other gems. Of course, you still won't have "Satisfaction."

What to think twice about — "Their Satanic Majesties Request" (1967), said to be the Stones' answer to "Sgt. Pepper," is often maligned as an uncharacteristic failure. Certainly it isn't to



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With an American tour on the way, The Rolling Stones have released a few of their greatest hits.

the level of their greatest works, but in light of the trippiness that has transpired in the 3-1/2 decades since its release, it now sounds groundbreaking and revelatory. Still, it isn't easy going.

None but the hardest of collectors needs to bother with "Metamorphosis" (1975), an

outtakes assortment that the band practically disowned. As for the much-maligned "Got Live If You Want It" (1966), well, it's a matter of taste.

The Rolling Stones will be playing at Turner Field in Atlanta on Saturday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.



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Mick, Keith, Charlie, Bill and Brian plan to prove how they changed the face of rock later this month on their American tour.



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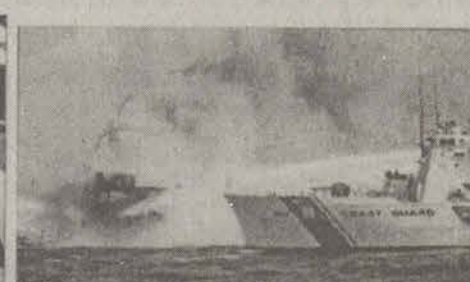
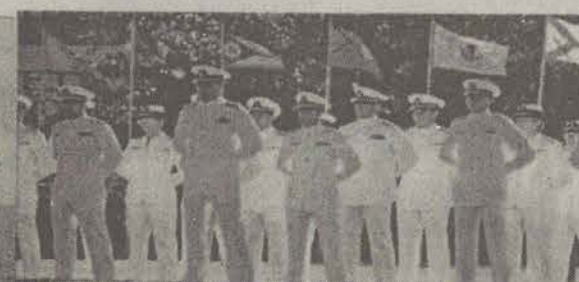
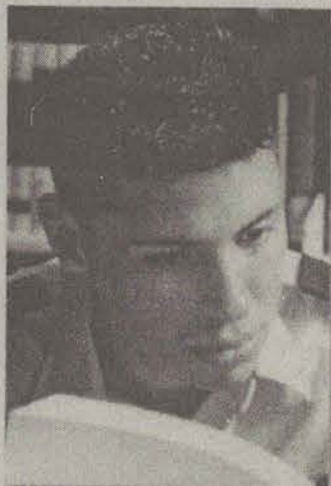
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Hypnotist Thomas Bresadola commands your attention

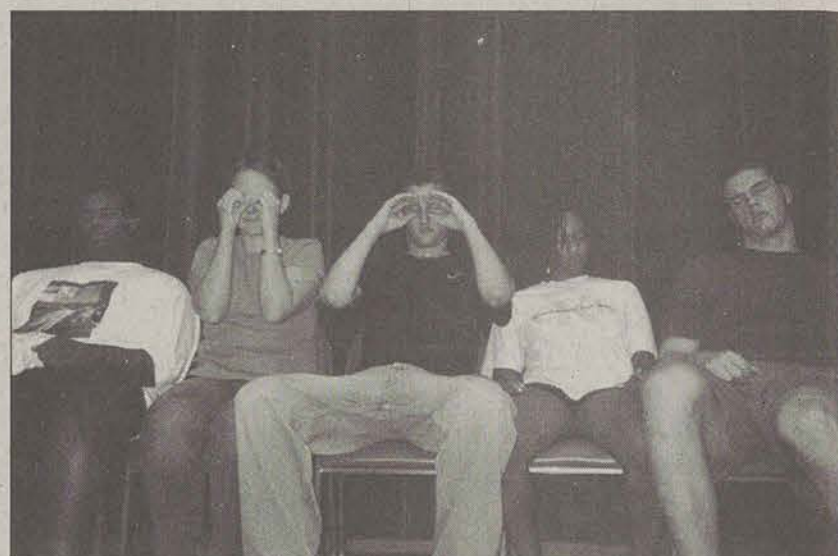
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"I am not going to sleep with you!" yelled a girl on the stage of the Russell Union Theatre to the young man sitting next to her.

While hundreds of people in the audience looked on and laughed, Hypnotist Thomas Bresadola knew just the right things to say and do to make his group of fourteen volunteers do as he commanded. This particular girl was told to think that the gentleman sitting to her left was hitting on her, when, in fact, he wasn't saying anything at all, but instead acting as a human seatbelt across the laps of the three individuals next to him every time he heard the word "safety." Another girl was on her hands and knees picking up pieces of torn newspaper that she thought were hundred dollar bills, while the girl next to her couldn't move out of her seat because she thought she was stuck.

Bresadola, who graduated with a Masters Degree in Hypnosis, has appeared in many schools and on television shows such as MTV's Total Request Live and the Geraldo Riviera Show to display his talent. He is even popular with celebrities, and has hypnotized various actors and musical artists.

During a photo shoot one day, Bresadola was told that singer Lauryn Hill was on the set and wanted to meet him. When the two were introduced, Hill asked him if he would hypnotize her and, while hypnotized, command her to win a Grammy Award. Six months later, Hill accepted the Grammy for best new artist and album of the year.



Chris Walker/STAFF
Under the spell of hypnotist Thomas Bresadola, several GSU students couldn't help themselves from doing ridiculous things.

So are you asking yourself if you could be hypnotized? This is probably the same thing the fourteen volunteers were asking themselves. To get into their mesmerized state, Bresadola took about seven minutes talking to them, telling them to do various things such as to put their feet flat on the floor, breathe in and out deeply, and concentrate on his voice. After a few more minutes of talking to them with soft music playing in the background, a countdown from ten to one, and a snap of his fingers, the volunteers seemed completely asleep and at his command. And that's where the fun began.

Their "journeys," as Bresadola put it, started off with a trip to a horse race, a chance to fly a plane, and obscene gesturing to an ex-girlfriend or boyfriend as they cruised around in their brand new sports car.

The best performances, however, were those at the end of the night. Bresadola would go to each of the volunteers individually, who were now in the audience, and assign them something to do whenever one of their friends did a particular

action. One guy saluted his friend at every snap of the fingers. Another would begin serenading his girlfriend every time she adjusted her glasses.

So if you missed a hearing a jock introduce himself as Tinkerbell last week, don't worry. There's always next year.



Chris Walker/STAFF
Bresadola had a crowd of students laughing at the ridiculousness of their peers' hypnotized misadventures.

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Election 2002

Bush throwing around political weight in bid to help elect other GOP members

Congressional power at stake as both House and Senate races head for November elections

KRT Campus

CRAWFORD, Texas-- President Bush's vigorous campaigning to elect Republicans in November could make the elections a referendum on his presidency.

Bush has been more active than most presidents in the midterm election cycle. He has personally recruited candidates, raised millions of dollars and traveled to dozens of states in an effort to help the GOP take control of the Senate and keep a narrow majority in the House.

"If Republicans lose ground in the House and Senate, it'll be a major embarrassment to him," said Gilbert St. Clair, political science professor at the University of New Mexico. Still, he also said a president "doesn't have much control" over such elections.

GOP Control?

The gain or loss of just a few seats could make a major difference in how Congress treats Bush's proposals during the final two years of his term. A GOP gain of a single seat in the Senate could return it to Republican control. The loss of six seats in the House could put the Democrats in the majority.

Strategists in both parties say that while congressional elections depend heavily on local issues and trends, the war on terrorism and Bush's hands-on effort in many races have made him



Special to the G-A

South Dakota congressman **John Thune** talks to homestate students on the steps of the Capitol. Thune's race against incumbent Democrat **Tim Johnson** is one of the most closely watched in the nation.

an issue, too. He's always welcomed by Republican candidates, but things don't always go smoothly.

South Dakota

He stood with Senate candidate John Thune this month and promised relief for drought-stricken South Dakota. "We want to help the hurting people," Bush said.

But he refused to support emergency drought spending that would boost the deficit, promising instead to pull the money from the farm bill.

That undercut Thune, who has made an issue of his ties to Bush and a supposed ability to turn the connection into benefits for South Dakota.

"If Thune can't get Bush to deliver in the middle of a heated campaign, voters might ask how much will he deliver afterward," said Bill Richardson, chairman of political science department at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Thune's opponent, Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, tells voters to elect him and help keep the state's senior senator, Tom Daschle, in control as majority leader.

California Dreamin'

Bush campaigned last week for Bill Simon, the Republican gubernatorial candidate in California whose company is facing a \$78 million corporate fraud penalty.

The president called Simon a "proven businessman" but limited his public appearances with the candidate.

White House advisers privately worry that Simon's legal woes could undermine Bush's effort to distance himself from corporate scandals. The president decided the potential damage was not as strong as the need to court fund-raisers and voters in a state that could be important to his re-election campaign.



President Bush has raised millions of dollars for GOP candidates.

Bush advisers, perhaps fearing fallout if Republicans fare poorly, dismiss suggestions that November will be a referendum on Bush's presidency.

They say his political strength cannot be measured by elections in which many Democratic candidates are trying to align themselves with him.

Toppling Conservative Dems

Indeed, Democrats in conservative or swing states-- Sens. Max Cleland in Georgia, Mary Landrieu in Louisiana, Max Baucus in Montana, Jean Carnahan in Missouri and Tim Johnson in South Dakota--not only support Bush on the war on terrorism but also voted for his tax cut.

Baucus has even aired an ad featuring videotape of Bush and him at a White House bill-signing ceremony.

Here in Texas, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez makes a point of noting that Bush, as governor, appointed him to a state board.

If Baucus and Sanchez win, White House advisers ask, is that a strike against Bush or evidence that even Democratic candidates benefit when linked to a popular president?

Republican strategists say the war has raised Bush's popularity to the point that he seems above politics to many voters.



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Congressman **John Linder**, left, visits workers on the campaign trail. Linder is expected to easily win the Republican-heavy 7th District.

Primary excitement not likely to spill into Georgia's congressional elections

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON-- It was a month when hard-fought primary campaigns became blowout elections, when Georgians ousted two outspoken members of Congress and rejected the comeback bid of a former member. But after a suspenseful August, get ready for an anticlimactic November.

Political observers are forecasting most U.S. House races could border on the boring this fall in Georgia. And, after that, there's a good chance the state could go a decade with few, if any, election night surprises.

"We've had most of the excitement," said Charles Bullock, a University of Georgia political scientist. "None of these districts were drawn to be competitive, and based on past voting records, we ought to be able to predict perfectly who's going to win."

Such is the hand that redistricting can deal a state. After the dust



Cynthia McKinney, top, lost her primary battle, while GOP incumbent **Bob Barr**, bottom, lost against fellow Republican congressman **John Linder**.



settled on a primary night that chased Democrat Cynthia McKinney and Republican Bob Barr from office, the state's congressional landscape became clearer. In November, it could be crystalized for years.

Democratic state lawmakers, who redrew the congressional map in their party's favor, appear well on their way to replacing an 8-3 Republican advantage to a 7-6 Democratic edge in Congress. Georgia is gaining two new seats due to population growth.

Republicans contend they still have a shot in middle Georgia's 3rd District, western Georgia's 11th District and possibly even eastern Georgia's 12th District, but all three are relatively strong for the Democrats. Should the Democratic candidates win, incumbency could lock up those seats for years.

The other 10 congressional posts appear to be virtually no contest. Eight are represented by entrenched incumbents, including John Linder, who knocked off Barr in suburban Atlanta's 7th District primary battle.

"We'll campaign, we'll spend money," Linder said of the fall campaign. "But I won the primary, and it's a fairly safe Republican seat."

Former state court judge Denise Majette, who defeated McKinney, seems certain to capture Atlanta's 4th District post. State Sen. David Scott, the Democratic nominee in the 13th, another Atlanta district, appeared a near shoo-in too.

"The redistricting year would be the one you generally get the most challenges," said Merle Black, an Emory University political scientist. "The possibility of those races declines as you go through a decade."

That is why Republicans will be scrambling this fall to win at least one of the three races where the outcome is still somewhat in question. They need an upset to prevent a dramatic shift that could help Democrats take control of the House.

"If the Republicans are going to foil it, they need to foil it right now," Bullock said.

Bullock and Black say their best hope appears to be in the 11th, where businessman Roger Kahn defeated Buddy Darden, a former 10-year congressman, in a nasty Democratic primary.

Kahn seems the likely favorite against whomever emerges from a GOP runoff between state Rep. Phil Gingrey and university administrator Cecil Staton.

But Darden hasn't yet publicly endorsed him, and there's a chance some of his supporters--still angered by Kahn's television attack ads--might choose to sit out the election, or even vote Republican.

"I would be surprised if Buddy had any lingering animosity," said Kahn, who added Darden called him on election night and told him he would endorse him eventually.

Former Macon Mayor Jim Marshall, who won the four-candidate Democratic primary outright, faces a serious challenge from businessman Calder Clay in the 3rd District. That seat might be the best opportunity for a GOP pickup after this year, some political observers say.

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