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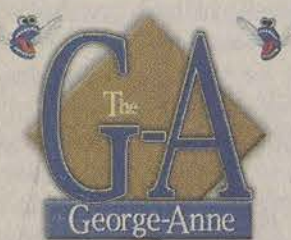
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A new angle on the parking problem



Chris Walker/STAFF

As another day dawns on GSU's crowded campus parking lots, a private lot is being constructed on the brink of campus. The charge to park will be \$3 per day, payable by credit card or personal account.

Parking relief may be on the way... for a cost

By Christine Schmidt
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A new daily fee parking lot will be opening on Chandler Rd. aimed at alleviating the parking headaches Georgia Southern students face daily.

Campus Park and Walk is located across the street from Johnson Hall and next door to Fast Trax. Although slated to open last month, construction delays have pushed the opening back to later in the semester.

According to David Hole, owner of Campus Park and Walk, the lot will

contain 284 parking spots, enough to put a dent in the 350 on-campus spaces that will be eliminated by construction this semester.

Students wanting to park at this new lot will be given an entry card that will be scanned each time they enter the lot. The date and time of the entry will be logged and three dollars will be charged each time.

At the end of the month a bill will be sent directly to the student and the money owed will be deducted automatically from the students Visa or

MasterCard.

Campus Park and Walk was unavailable for any additional comments. However, several students did comment on their thoughts on the new parking lot.

"The new parking lot is too expensive," said GSU commuter Stephanie Tobey. "There are sixteen weeks in a semester and if you park there once a day and they charge three dollars, it'll cost

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Housing Task Force takes out the trash, makes way for rebuilt residence halls

By Jerel Watkins
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Today the GSU Housing Task Force is celebrating an award of \$38 million in bonds to demolish and rebuild condemned residential facilities, Oxford and the Pines.

The Bulloch County Commission voted last week to issue the bonds to the university.

"I want people to understand that this has been a very long process," said Vicki Hawkins, Director of University Housing and member of the task force. She said that GSU has been planning to build new dorms since 1999.

The two-year delay is the result of a tedious and arduous negotiation to finance the building of the new facilities, she said.

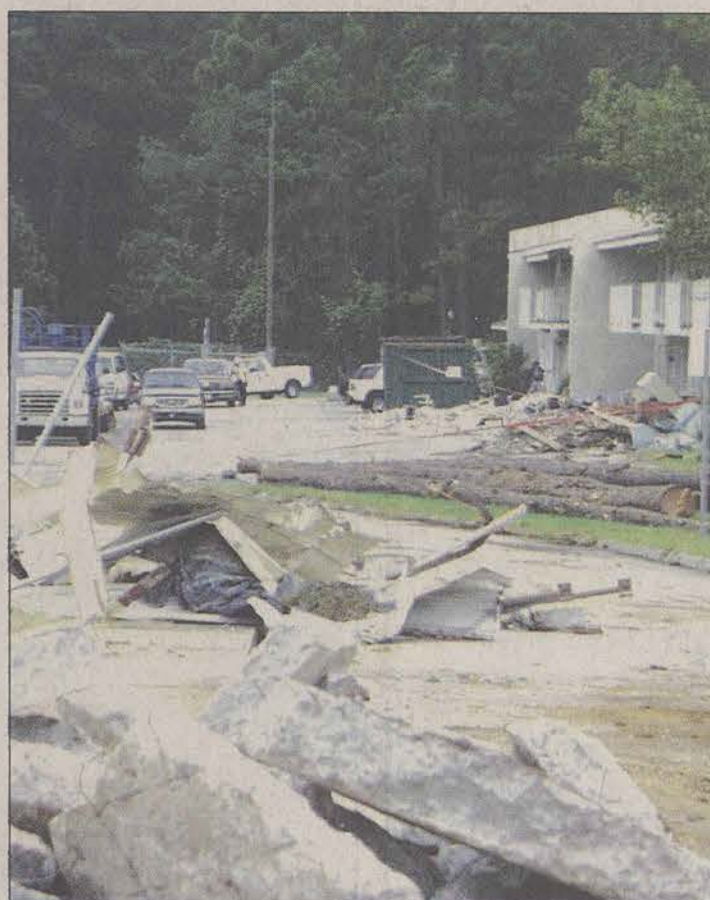
Joe Franklin, Director of Auxiliary Services and a task force member, said that considering \$38 million dollars is being borrowed, the process had to be as thorough as possible.

And it was just that, with the document outlining the agreement is actually 54 documents, totaling over 1000 pages.

GSU recognized that Oxford and The Pines were in need of renovation long before they closed, but Hawkins said the school was not willing to invest large amounts of money on the dilapidated dorms.

The residence halls, which have been closed for the past five to six years, were built in the 60s and 70s, Franklin said.

The process in getting the bonds was a long and thorough



Chris Walker/STAFF

Two long-since condemned residence halls, Oxford and the Pines, are being demolished after a two-year delay to make room for new halls.

one, administrators said.

• GSU needed to establish a comprehensive plan to the Board of Regents and the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners outlining its intentions for new housing. This plan was originally submitted in 1999 and updated in December 2001, and finally approved in January 2002.

• Next, a programming statement was developed. This provided an

overview of what the university and students expected. Student surveys said they were interested in obtaining off-campus housing services on campus, such as cable, phone, water, electricity and data connection.

• The project then needed financing from an investment

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'Jitney' draws a crowd at Black Box

By Laura Porte
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For those who haven't seen "Jitney," there is still a chance.

Though the Communication Arts Black Box Theatre is small, it proved to produce big entertainment on opening night for the first production of the year. With the theatre nearly full, the audience enjoyed a unique play carried out by a talented cast.

"Jitney" will prove to be enjoyable to anyone who loves to laugh, or even cry. The play depicts the life of cab drivers in 1977 living in Pittsburgh.

In a span of six days, the men go through many trials, adding versatility to the characters. Though the plot was brilliantly written by August Wilson, it is equally portrayed by all those involved in production.

Director Mical Whitaker brings the cast and crew together to create a perfectly flowing performance. The body language among the cast was

realistic and never suffered an awkward moment.

The characters were neither over, nor under played, allowing the audience to identify with them. The plot shifts topics naturally, allowing smooth transitions from scene to scene.

The entire play is underlined with comedy, thanks to characters such as Turnbo, played by V.A. Patrick Slade. Turnbo is an old man working in the Jitney station who gossips about everyone but claims, "I'm just talking what I know."

Slade embodies Turnbo and is convincing as a 60-something chatterbox, erupting constant laughs from the audience.

Slade also creates a constant tension between he and Youngblood, played by DeShaun

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Special Photo

'Jitney' opened Friday night to a packed house and will run until Oct. 12 at the Black Box Theater.



Police Beat

GSU Police Dept.

10-08-2002

• Officers issued one warning, one citation, responded to three accidents, one fire alarm and assisted three motorists.

• A Dorman Hall resident reported his vehicle was scratched while it was parked in D-lot.

• A student reported that his vehicle was dented while it was parked in the Union Commuter lot.

• A student reported her vehicle missing from B-lot.

10-06-2002

• Carther Williams, 42, 215 Lincoln Street, Swainsboro, Ga., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Creg A. Page, 26, 502 Roosevelt Street, Dublin, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

• Officers responded to two fire alarms, assisted six motorists, and responded to three incidents to assist Statesboro P.D.

• Officers issued three warnings.

• A resident of Olliff Hall reported that someone removed the grill from his vehicle while it was parked in O-lot.

• The Skate Park gate

was reported damaged.

10-05-2002

• Robert L. Springer Jr., 20, 16 Skyview Drive, Cartersville, Ga., was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

• Toshiya Hirata, 19, 2 Potters Lane, Savannah, Ga., was charged with driving on a suspended license.

• Christopher E. Fries, 21, 10 Sagebrush, was charged with DUI.

• Eric F. Evans, 22, 6451 Adams Drive, Columbus, Ga., was charged with driving on a suspended license.

• Cecil D. Sumner, 24, 921 Trowman Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC., was charged with DUI, and failure to yield.

• Jermaine Womack, 24, 2496 Bryan Circle, East Point, Ga., was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

• Jennifer L. Cunningham, 21, 69 Montauk Dr., Richmond Hill, Ga., was charged with DUI.

• Officers assisted one motorist and responded to two incidents to assist Statesboro P.D.

• Officers issued two warnings and three citations

• A vehicle was reportedly damaged while parked at Paulson Stadium. The windshield was damaged.

10-04-2002

• Matthew D. Kelley, 20, 1022 Woodland Dr. Statesboro, Ga., was charged with DUI.

• Officers responded to two accidents, four fire alarms, and assisted nine motorists.

• A resident of Sanford Hall reported a CD player was taken from her vehicle while it was parked in A-lot.

• A resident of Sanford Hall reported a CD player was taken from his vehicle and the interior damaged while it was parked in A-lot.

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.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Doug Kidd, News Editor.

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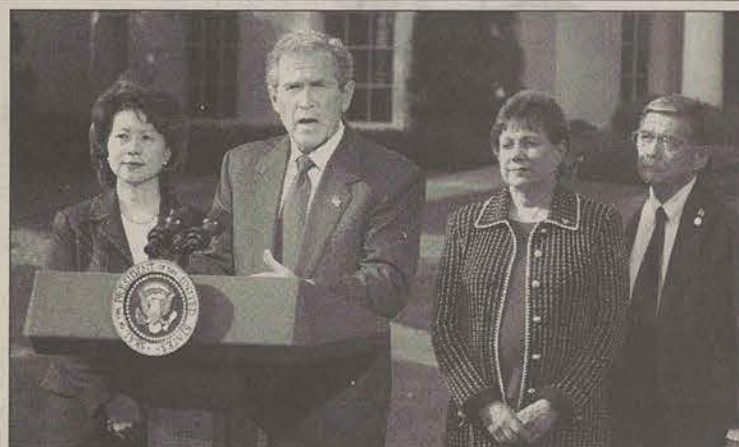
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President George W. Bush, front, with Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, left, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman and Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta talks about reopening West Coast ports.

Judge orders West Coast ports to go back to work

Bush invokes rarely-used Taft-Hartley Act to bring temporary end to labor dispute; 10-day lockout has cost economy \$2 billion

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON—A federal judge on Tuesday ordered West Coast ports to reopen after President Bush invoked rarely used authority to temporarily halt a labor dispute that is costing the struggling economy as much as \$2 billion a day.

"Because the operation of Western ports is vital to our economy and to our military, I have determined that the current situation imperils our national health and safety," Bush said, referring to the exact standards set out in the Taft-Hartley Act, which allows a president to intervene in labor disputes.

"This dispute between management and labor cannot be allowed to further harm the economy and force thousands of working Americans from their jobs."

Bush on Tuesday directed Attorney General John Ashcroft to seek a court order opening the ports for 80 days while dockworkers and shippers continue to negotiate under federal mediation.

A federal judge in San Francisco granted a temporary injunction Tuesday night.

If a permanent injunction is granted

later this month—as has happened all 11 times a president has sought one to deal with a coastwide port-labor dispute—it would keep the ports open through the crucial Christmas shopping season.

Under increasing pressure from West Coast lawmakers and business groups, Bush acted to stem the damage from a 10-day-old management lockout of dockworkers at 29 ports stretching from San Diego to Seattle.

With ports closed, American produce is rotting in warehouses, some manufacturers have started slowing operations for lack of parts and shiploads of imported goods are stranded off the West Coast.

"This nation simply cannot afford to have hundreds of billions of dollars a year in potential manufacturing and agricultural trade sitting idle," Bush said. "The work stoppage also threatens our national defense. These ports load the ships that carry supplies to our men and women in uniform."

It was the first time in nearly a quarter-century that a president has used his authority under the Taft-Hartley Act to try to halt a labor dispute. The move comes as retailers are trying to build inventories for holiday sales.

Police continue to hunt for sniper as Washington waits

Fear grows around D.C. area after six are dead, two wounded from random shots

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON—Many parents kept their children home from school Tuesday and police promised to stand guard at schools for at least the rest of the week, as Washington-area residents grappled with the growing fear that an elusive sniper prowling the streets would soon strike again.

Six people have been killed and two others wounded in separate attacks since Oct. 2. All of the targets appeared to be randomly chosen, and each victim has been struck with a single, high-powered bullet shot from a distance of at least 100 yards, authorities said.

A coalition of federal, state and local police has been unable to pinpoint a suspect or suspects in the shootings. And despite what police call "several positive leads," the killer remains at large, fostering panic among residents.

The most recent target in the shooting spree was a 13-year-old boy who was shot in the chest and critically wounded at school Monday in Prince Georges County, Md.

Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose announced Tuesday that Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft had responded to his call for formal federal assistance in the investigation.

"He said he certainly had approved my request and that that message had been filtered throughout the Department of Justice," Moose said.

Though federal law-enforcement has been aiding the investigation on a voluntary basis, the formal support from the Justice Department means local investigators will have access to more resources, tactical support and technology in their hunt for the deadly sniper.



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Armed forces veterans in Congress asking the toughest questions on Iraq

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WASHINGTON — As Congress moves this week toward giving President Bush the authority he seeks to make war on Iraq, some of the toughest questions are coming from lawmakers who once were warriors.

They include veterans such as Chuck Hagel, a Republican senator from Nebraska who volunteered for action in Vietnam, and Rep. Mark Kirk, an Illinois Republican who flew combat missions over Iraq and Kosovo.

As an Army sergeant in 1968, Hagel pulled his brother out of an armored vehicle that had just run over a land mine in Vietnam. Experience like that, he said, "does temper the process" of making decisions about war.

"It pulls you back," Hagel said. "Not a day goes by that I don't think of the 58,000 names on the Vietnam wall," a reference to the war memorial in Washington.

"I don't pretend to be the steward of their ghosts. But I have some responsibility for them that I need to pay attention to. I need to pay attention to the next generation."

Their numbers aren't what they used to be in the years just after World War II, but armed forces veterans still make up nearly one-third of the members of Congress. And when the issue is war, their colleagues listen.

"I've found it necessary to use my voice in meetings with the president to slow things down," Kirk said.

"Everybody is polarized between doing nothing and invading," said Kirk, who served in the Office of Naval Intelligence during the Persian Gulf War. However, he said, weapons inspectors from the United Nations say that "a middle ground is viable."

Kirk said his years in the military make him reluctant to go to war, which he described as "an incredibly imprecise and blunt instrument." But, he said, "unless you give (Secretary of State) Colin Powell this authority, his chances of getting a U.N. resolution are zero."



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Secretary of State Colin Powell, center, speaks alongside Sens. Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), right, and John McCain (R-AZ), left, in a show of bipartisanship on Iraq, during a news conference at the Capitol yesterday.

The views of veterans will not alter Bush's determination to use force, if necessary, to get Saddam Hussein to disarm. But many lawmaker-war vets believe they have influenced the president to stress, as he has lately, that force is a last resort.

"Sometimes I find that people who are least reticent to go to war are the ones who never served in the military or saw action," said Sen. Thomas Carper, D-Del., a former Navy flight officer who flew surveillance missions along the Vietnam coast.

"Those members who served in World War II or Korea or Vietnam

know that a lot of Americans can die in wars. We get lulled into a false sense of security with the Persian Gulf War and the fight in Afghanistan over the last year."

Hagel has been one of the most outspoken Republican skeptics about Bush's bellicosity, and he has worked hard, in public and behind the scenes, to temper the president's approach. The legislative language authorizing Bush to wage war has been moderated somewhat in light of objections such as Hagel's, and now, he says,

"I think the resolution itself is probably a good balance."

Bush himself flew fighter jets in training with the Air National Guard during the Vietnam era, but did not serve overseas.

Not every lawmaker with military service is reluctant to use force in Iraq.

In the House, warrior-lawmaker Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., is gung-ho. He wore an Army combat uniform in the Saudi desert in 1991 when Congress authorized former President George Bush to wage war on Iraq. Now, Buyer is co-sponsoring the resolution that would permit that President Bush's son to make war against the same enemy.

"It was far easier to have been ordered to go to war than to vote that someone else should go in my place," Buyer said.

Buyer, who has served in the Army or the Army Reserves since 1980, said he couldn't imagine how he would feel had he not served in combat, or exactly how his service influenced him today. He just knows it does.

"I cannot separate myself from my war experience," he said. "The only thing

I left in the gulf was my innocence. I don't remember that person I was before I went."

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banker. GSU used investment banker George K. Baum of Denver, Co. King & Spalding, a bond counselor in Atlanta worked with Baum to develop a deal under which the school could borrow up to \$50 million.

"We don't expect to use more than \$38 million," Franklin said. "You want to overestimate. It's like going to dad and asking for \$50 to get through the weekend when you only need \$35."

"If you borrowed only \$35 and then asked for more, he might not want to give you anymore money."

With financing in place, a design was missing. Working with Capstone Development, a builder from Birmingham, Ala., a plan was created for each facility.

The Pines Suites, off Chandler

Road will house 630 students with 2-4 bedroom deluxe suites and a shared bath for every two students. Oxford, off of Knight Drive, will be an on-campus apartment complex for 480 students with 2 bedroom / 1 bath or 4 bedroom / 2 bath units.

The expected cost for both per student is \$374-\$425. Availability is scheduled for Fall 2003.

The Board of Regents and Bulloch County Board of Commissioners had to once again approve the final plan.

Governor Roy Barnes had to sign off on the final agreement, which he did on October 7, 2002.

This new construction will bring the university closer to its goal of housing 40 percent of the total enrollment, up from the current 18 percent.

PARKING, FROM PAGE 1

cost around 240 dollars a semester to park. I'd rather pay my 55 dollars and wait a few extra minutes to park on campus."

Krista Glover, Georgia Southern junior agrees.

"The new parking lot won't solve the parking issues on campus, it's way too expensive for college students to afford."

Brian Estle, GSU senior suggests, "people can park on Greek Row and walk to class or carpool with friends, it's efficient and cost effective, unlike the new parking lot."

Many students, including, Brandon Lybrand, offer alternative solutions to the parking problems on campus.

"GSU needs to look into starting a shuttle service like the University of Georgia or Georgia Tech have for their students," Lybrand said.

"That eliminates parking issues on campus as well as extreme parking costs."

Anyone wanting more information about Campus Park and Walk can call 871-PARK seven days a week.

Staff Writer Michelle Flourney contributed to this report.



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The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

• **THUMBS UP** to dilapidated abandoned dorms being torn down for new student housing.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the Braves unfortunate loss to the San Francisco Giants in the Division Series.

• **THUMBS UP** to the temperature today and yesterday. Pleasantly cool, just like October is supposed to be.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to yet another wonderful Ogeechee Fair.

• **THUMBS UP** to a successful Homecoming.

Thoughts of the day

• I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it.
— Garrison Keillor

• I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.
— Bertrand Russell

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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GSU officials need to wake up to students' concerns of sexual harassment on campus

I have spent many nights studying in the quiet corners of Henderson Library, and I've never had any problems until last Wednesday morning.

It was around 11 a.m. and I had hiked up to the third floor of the library and picked out a quiet study cubicle by the window. I was minding my own business, trying to cram in some last minute studying, when an older man walked past me, paused, then kept walking. I didn't think anything of it until this strange man took the seat in the cubicle directly behind me. He was shifting around in his chair a lot and began to moan. At first I thought he was just trying to distract me. Then I heard it: the unmistakable sound of a man pleasuring himself. I felt as if someone was breathing down my neck. That's when I turned around to see this same individual that had walked past me earlier leaning over the desk, watching me as he proceeded to touch himself. He sat down quickly, and I likewise turned around quickly. Many of you may be asking yourselves why I didn't get up and run for help as soon as I realized what he was doing. Well, any of you who have traveled beyond the circulation desk know that there are no security cameras, faculty or usually many students on the upper floors of the library. I was helpless.

After several minutes, the man finally got up. But he didn't leave. He walked around and took a seat Indian style on the floor between the bookcases to my right, and continued to pleasure himself through his jeans. Keep in mind he never directly exposed himself to me, but what he did was equally as offensive with or without clothing. At this point I realized I had enough space to make a run for it. Just as I bent down to pick up my bag, he stood up and took off running into the maze of bookshelves. I ran downstairs and told the librarian to call the campus police. During my twenty-minute wait for the police, I was instructed to sit by the door and make sure the man from upstairs didn't attempt to leave through the building's only exit. The librarians jumped when the alarm went off as someone tried to leave with one of the reference books.

They weren't nearly as responsive after I told them what had happened to me.

The desk attendants informed me that all kinds of strange things happened on the upper levels of the library. I couldn't believe my ears. If there are dangers present in the library, what aren't there any notices on the front door? I have always been reminded to call campus police for an escort home from the library because I've heard the parking lots are not safe at night. In this case, I needed campus police to escort me to the third floor — in broad daylight — to study. The dangers are not lurking in the parking lots; they're prowling around in our campus buildings.

A campus police officer finally arrived and took me into a closed office, as if not to make a scene.

I was asked a series of questions while my harasser was still upstairs creeping around between the endless rows of books. I was eventually escorted upstairs to identify the man. He was in the same location, but it was difficult to identify him from far away. When I went down an adjacent row to get a better look, he dipped over two aisles and began walking rapidly towards the opposite end of the library. I identified him to the officer, and was then instructed to go downstairs and on to the police station to speak with a detective.

After filing a detailed report of the situation, I was informed that there are no laws against what this man had just put me through. Since the library is a public place, it isn't a "peeping tom" situation. He didn't expose himself to me, so it can't be considered indecent exposure. And finally, even if it were against the law, I have no witnesses or evidence against him. So basi-

cally, there is nothing they can do. However, they overlooked a very important detail.

This man is employed by Georgia Southern University. What he did is in direct violation of the school's sexual harassment policy which defines nonverbal sexual harassment as "starting at a person's body, leaning over someone at a desk, offensive gestures or motions, circulating letters or cartoons, and other sexually oriented behavior."

In my opinion, the University has been giving me the run-around. The President has not responded to my request to meet with him and notify him of the situation that involves one of his students and employees, therefore affecting the entire University.

I have always been reminded to call campus police for an escort home from the library because I've heard the parking lots are not safe at night. In this case, I needed campus police to escort me to the third floor — in broad daylight — to study. The dangers are not lurking in the parking lots; they're prowling around in our campus buildings.

I have been referred to so many different people, all of which tell me the same thing: "What he did is not against the law." I was in the midst of a nervous breakdown when I turned to the Counseling Center. They pointed me in the right direction, to the Affirmative Action office.

Mrs. Marcia Jones immediately got the ball rolling and got on the phone with everyone from the library to the Human Resources Department. Everyone had been notified about the incident except her. Now that she knows, I may finally get some help.

However, this will be a lengthy process, and this man walks amongst GSU females in the meantime. He works on this campus, and likewise, has access to other buildings, including the library.

If no one can help me, then the least I can do is inform the public of the danger that exists. I don't want anyone else to go through this traumatic experience. I plan to insist that security cameras or officers be placed throughout the library to prevent future incidents such as this from occurring and would appreciate the support of my instructors and fellow students. I know we have all heard these words a thousand times, but please be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Anonymous GSU student

Dr. Balleck's liberal stance regarding Iraq is disillusioned

I am writing this editorial in response to the article printed in the Oct. 2 edition of *The George-Anne* titled, "Protecting our oil interests?" I was appalled by the comments made by Georgia Southern professor, Dr. Barry Balleck. How can anyone be so incredibly disillusioned about the situation America is experiencing with Iraq? I would like to address each comment separately.

It is apparent that it is in the United States' best interest to see Saddam Hussein taken out of power in Iraq. Hussein poses a grave and imminent danger to the entire globe, not just America. He has obviously been stockpiling weapons of mass destruction ever since the United States withdrew from the Desert Storm/Shield initiative. Even top military officials that have defected from Iraq have been discussing with our government the ever-increasing magnitude of Hussein's armory.

When Balleck said, "This is about protecting our oil interests," he could not have over-simplified and demeaned the situation any worse. Had this professor actually done his research, he would have discovered that the Middle East as a whole produces only 28% of the world's oil supply. America imports most of its crude oil supply from Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Venezuela. In fact, the United States would not be importing any oil at all from Iraq were it not for the U.N. sanctioned oil for food program. With the current hunger problem plaguing Iraq, it has become clear that Hussein has not been spending the money from oil

exports on food. It is even plausible that the United States could eliminate Iraqi oil altogether without causing major repercussions to the market.

Balleck continued with his spin zone, "It's funny, we're trying to stop them from stockpiling weapons that we have already stockpiled. So the question now becomes 'Who is more responsible?'" His sentiments seem eerily similar to those of Congressman Jim McDermott, a Democrat from Washington. You will recall that McDermott, alongside several other fellow Democrat congressmen, held a press conference in Baghdad at the conclusion of their visit to Iraq. During the dialogue of the press conference, McDermott commented that he thought the president would purposely mislead the American people in order to justify action on Iraq. McDermott also said that the United States should take Iraq's willingness to comply with security resolutions at face value. Both comments were later retracted after McDermott came under fierce scrutiny.

So whose side are you on Balleck? Should we trust a man who has violated every single U.N. resolution that he has agreed to? A man who has attempted to take control of other countries with hostile force? A man who in cold-blood assassinated several of his own bloodline when he fears they are gaining popularity? A man who has direct links to Al Qaeda and other terrorist networks?

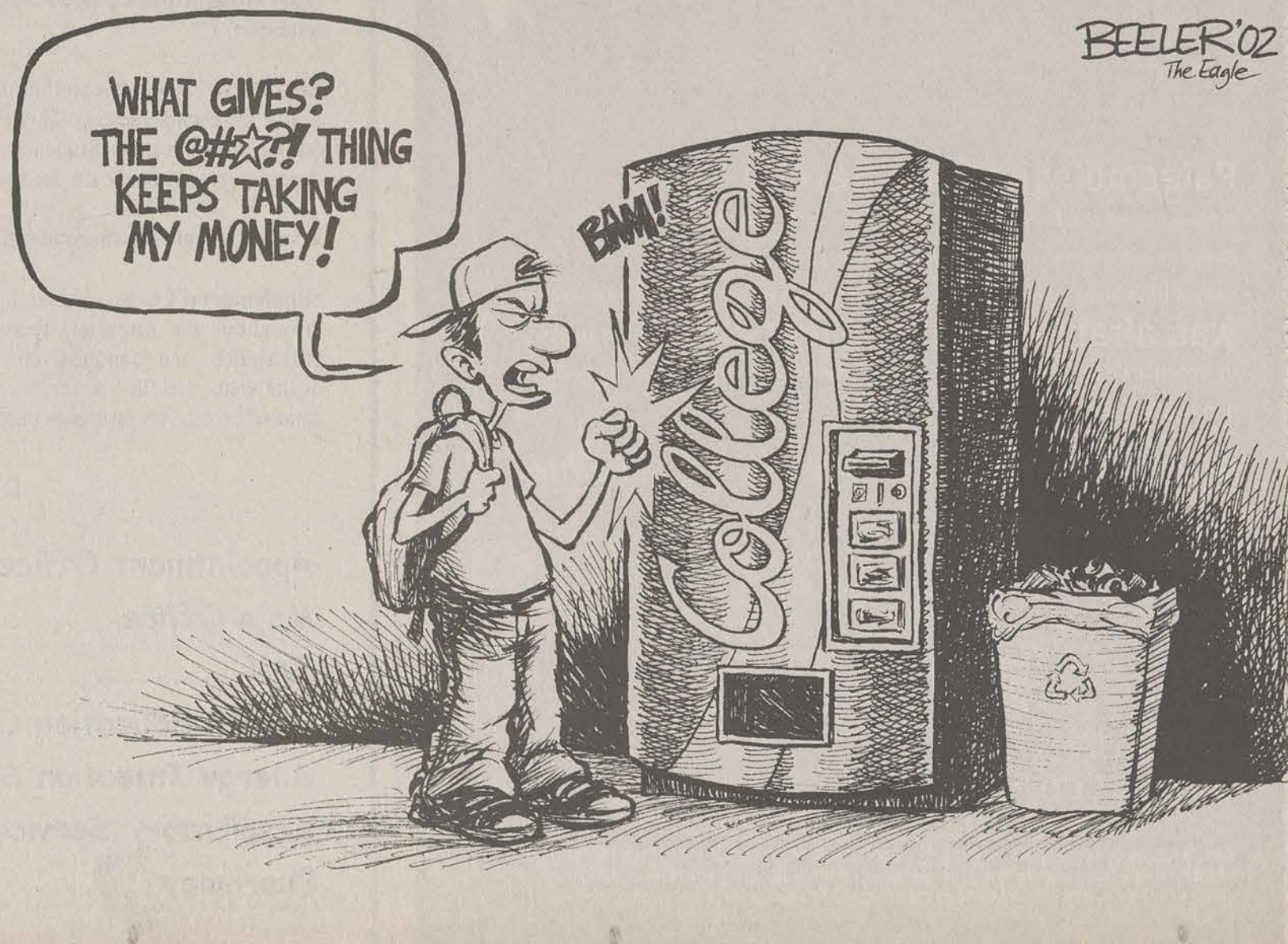
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With November quickly approaching, it seems obvious that Democrats are attempting to defame the president and rally the moderates to the left. This upcoming election features many crucial senate and house seats that will determine which party has control of both houses of congress for the next two years. This strategy has already backfired on many Democrats such as Cynthia McKinney in Georgia. You will recall that McKinney tried to connect the president to the attacks made on 9/11, saying that President Bush had prior knowledge of the attacks and did nothing to prevent them. In the midst of a myriad of anti-Semitic rhetoric, McKinney cited that Bush stood to gain large amounts of money from the attacks on America and willingly ignored the warning. In the process, she also linked Israel to the plot. Luckily for McKinney and other "Big Brother" conspiracy theorists, President Bush has the country's security interest at heart.

Our elected president has every reason to suspect Iraq. If Iraq has nothing to hide, why would it not allow unbiased U.N. weapons inspectors into the country? When Hussein kept the weapons inspectors out of the country, he made an admission of guilt. If Iraq ever does comply with the U.N. resolutions, they can count on not finding any weapons. Hussein has had years to figure out where he can hide his weapons of mass destruction. In the more likely event that Iraq balks at its most recent promise to allow U.N. inspectors in the country, someone needs to convince the U.N. to take some form of action. Iraq has figured out how to stall the U.N. and will continue to do so for as long as it can get away with it.

If America gets caught up in petty political party battles, we are wasting valuable time on internal battles, and we are leaving ourselves wide open to a first strike from Hussein.

Kurt Briggs
GSU student



Online education growing on campuses despite 'virtual university' failures of past

KRT campus

SANTA ANA, Calif. - The waves lap the white beaches of Jamaica. Tim Green poses for a photo by a magnificent waterfall. As the ocean roars and seagulls sing, Green begins teaching his Cal State Fullerton graduate class - microcomputers in the elementary classroom.

Green, a California State University-Fullerton professor, dials onto the computer from his father's house, and posts discussion questions for his students back home.

And despite some rather spectacular "virtual university" failures in recent years fed by the dot-com bust, local colleges and universities are steadily expanding their online offerings.

Cal State Fullerton launched its first online master's degree program in September, in instructional design and technology, a course designed for working people to use technology for teaching.

The University of California-Irvine will offer a master's in criminology in January. Community colleges like Coastline have been offering online courses for seven years.

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed has said he'd like to see two online master's degree programs per campus, or 5 percent of courses online, up from less than 1 percent now.

He believes even using online tools in a traditional class will "enrich the learning experience" and save space, which is crucial at a time of booming enrollments and slim budgets.

At least 60 percent of campuses have at least one online course, according to a 2001 survey put out by the Encino-based Campus Computing Project.

About 35 percent of classes nationwide have Web pages, 20 percent use an online course-management system and 47 percent use Internet resources, according to the survey.

College administrators are mov-

ing enthusiastically but more carefully since the first rush to online learning when the Net was new. The dot-com money isn't there any more.

And educators now know online education is not for everybody.

"My students hate it," said Cal State Fullerton political-science professor Sandra Sutphen, who posts course information for her students online.

"OK, hate is a little strong. They're frustrated by the fact the system is slow. Most have dial-up modems and it's cumbersome.

"They have to know how to type. They want face-to-face interactions."

Online courses attract people like Amy Shultz, 26, a 4th-grade teacher from Anaheim Hills. She took two online classes over the summer. Online classes take some getting used to, she says.

"The difference is you're not in face-to-face interactions with other

people. The professor has to foster that communication because you haven't seen these people before."

Students log into their online classrooms as they would their e-mail accounts.

Instructors post assignments and questions for discussions. Students file papers via e-mail.

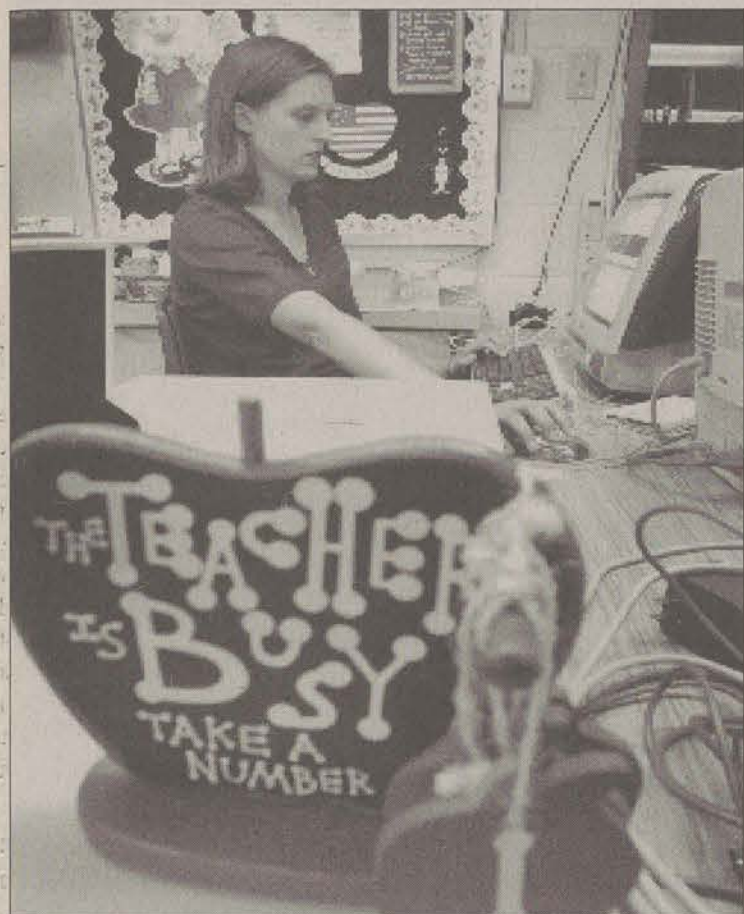
If there are tests, students might file them from a remote learning center, where they have to show identification.

While students have a reputation for being tech-savvy, some are clearly nervous about being dependent on it for their grade.

One of Green's students voiced unease when sending her final paper to Green, who is also acting director of distance education.

"If there are gaping holes please let me know," the student pleaded in an e-mail.

"I think (pray) I'm sending the correct version."



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Amy Schultz, a teacher at Fanning Elementary School in Brea, California, spends her lunch hour taking an online class.

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Three teams tied for top in SoCon

By Eli Boorstein
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With this Saturday marking the halfway point of the season, it's a bottleneck atop the Southern Conference standings with three teams tied at 2-0.

Appalachian State, Furman, and Wofford have yet to see a blemish in league play, while Georgia Southern and East Tennessee State are nipping at their heels with 2-1 marks in the SoCon.

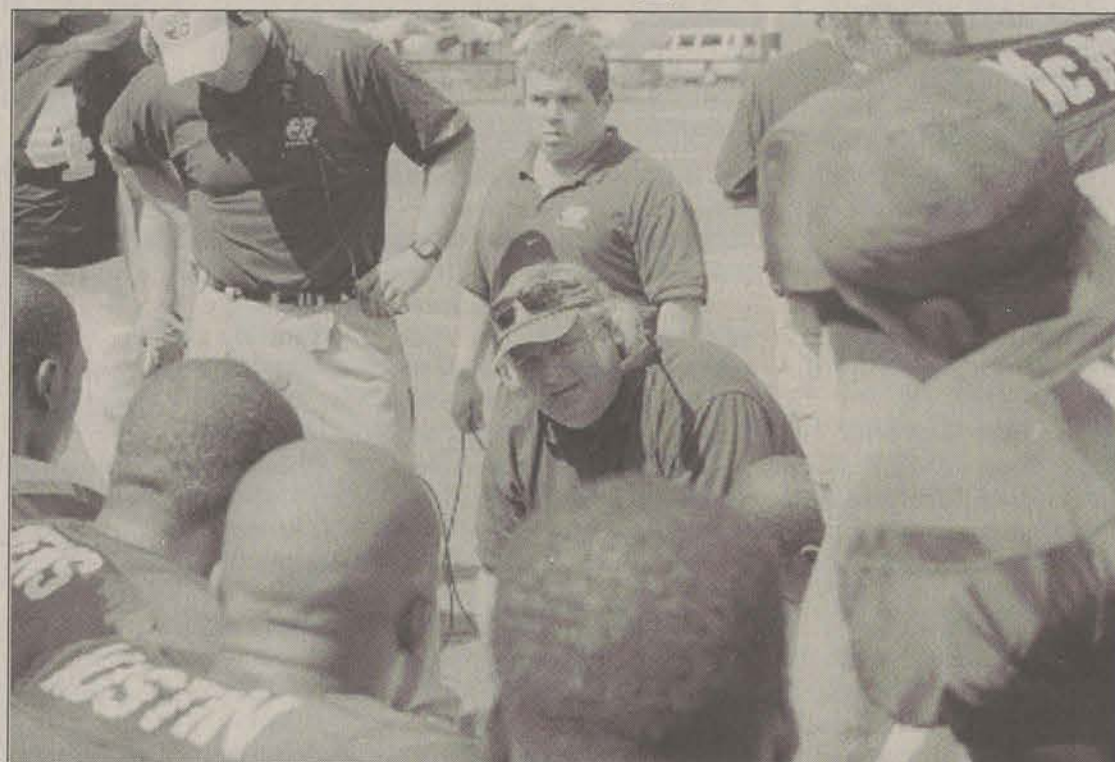
With four games on Saturday's schedule, things could be much different in the standings by the time the weekend's action is over. Last Saturday's games saw a variety of results with two decisive wins mixed in with a trio of closely fought battles.

The Citadel kicked off the weekend's action by nearly beating I-A foe Wyoming on the road. The Bulldogs held a 30-27 lead in the fourth quarter, but the Cowboys were able to keep the visitors at bay with a late touchdown on their way to a 34-30 victory.

Appalachian State was able to outdo East Tennessee State, taking a 27-10 win in Johnson City, Tenn. With the win, the Mountaineers were able to reward their longtime coach Jerry Moore with his 111th conference victory, breaking the old record held by Duke's Wallace Wade.

Furman narrowly escaped an upset at home, squeaking by Western Carolina 24-23 in Greenville. The Catamounts staged a valiant comeback in the final quarter, scoring a touchdown with 3:43 left to play to bring the score within one, but missed the point after, letting the Paladins dodge the loss.

Wofford also came close to seeing their perfect league record disappear, but were able to hold off winless Chattanooga 27-21 in overtime. The Moocs won the overtime coin toss for the initial possession, but a fumble gave the ball to the Terriers. A Jesse McCoy touchdown then clinched the six-point



Adam Bonner/STAFF

The Eagles head out to the road for a conference matchup against the Western Carolina Catamounts, who are 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference. The Eagles have won ten out of their last eleven meetings with WCU.

win for Wofford.

Georgia Southern had the easiest time of the bunch, pounding VMI 52-7 in Statesboro. The Keydets, who are in their last season in the Southern Conference, never challenged the Eagles, trailing 31-0 by halftime.

Of the four games this Saturday, the marquee match-up by far is a regionally televised battle between fifth-ranked Furman and fourth-ranked Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. at 3:30 p.m.

The 4-1 Paladins come in to the game with the best offense in the conference, led by quarterback Billy Napier. Napier has been on a roll all season, averaging 234 yards per game while completing a 72 percent of his passes, tops in the nation.

The 4-1 Mountaineers are led behind center by Joe Burchette, who has come on strong after an early

season injury, averaging 204 yards passing.

Wofford will travel up to Lexington, Va. to face VMI at 1 p.m. The 18th-ranked Terriers, 4-1 overall, have a strong chance of remaining undefeated in the SoCon, as they have taken all five of their meetings with the Keydets. VMI won their first two games, but have since lost four in a row.

The other military college in the SoCon, The Citadel will kickoff at 2 p.m. when they welcome East Tennessee State to Charleston. The Bucs are tied for fourth place in the standings with a 2-1 conference record, while sporting a 3-3 overall mark.

The Bulldogs are 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the SoCon, but have played hard so far, as their last three losses have come by just 16 points combined. After throwing for 335 yards last

week's loss to Wyoming, quarterback Jeff Klein leads the conference in passing, averaging 247 yards a game.

After a slow start, 16th-ranked Georgia Southern will try to grab their third win in a row when they face Western Carolina at 2 p.m. in Cullowhee, N.C. The Eagles, 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the SoCon, are led by the league's two leading rushers in fullback Jermaine Austin and quarterback Chaz Williams. Austin was held to just 35 yards against VMI, but is still well ahead atop the leaderboard in total rushing at 96 yards per game.

The Catamounts, 3-3 with a 1-2 SoCon record, have had little success with Georgia Southern, losing 10 of their 11 meetings, last winning in 1994.

Chattanooga, winless at 0-6, is the lone SoCon team with a bye this week.

Eagles edge Catamounts, 3-2

G-A News Service

Cullowhee, N.C. - Western Carolina battled to the end against Georgia Southern, but the Eagles pulled out the victory, 3-2, to remain in first place in SoCon volleyball at 8-0. This was WCU's first loss in the last nine matches as they drop to 14-5 (6-1 SoCon). GSU improves to 13-6 (8-0 SoCon).

Georgia Southern took the first two games, 30-27, 30-22. After a 10 minute intermission, the Catamounts came out with increased enthusiasm as they battled back to take the next two games, 30-23, 30-23.

The fifth and final game of the match was just as close as the previous four, with nine ties and two lead changes. After a Western timeout with the score 11-10, Susan Winkelman served four straight points for the Eagles

to give them the game and the match.

The Catamounts were led by Sara Komosinski with 18 kills and a .444 hitting percentage. Stefanie Peters led in digs with 16, Tricia Eble led with eight blocks and Shari Harder registered 62 assists for the day.

Martina Veiglova led all players with 35 kills and 75 attacks. Megan Lippi had 18 digs for the Eagles, Lauren McClain had eight blocks and Kim Foytich added 45 assists. McClain's three blocks solo against Chattanooga and Western Carolina put her at the 100 career mark.

Western Carolina travels to Greenville on Wednesday (Oct. 9) to face Furman at 7 pm while Georgia Southern hosts the Paladins in its next match on Saturday (Oct. 12) at 2 pm.

Eagles fall to Wofford, 2-1

G-A News Service

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Wofford made two goals in the final 15 minutes to rally to beat Georgia Southern 2-1 in SoCon women's soccer action Sunday afternoon on Snyder Field.

The win was the Terriers' third straight, and boosted their unbeaten league record to 3-0-1 (4-5-2 overall). The match marked the first Southern Conference loss of the season for the Eagles, who fall to 3-1-1 (7-3-1 overall).

Georgia Southern's Amanda Bernard opened up the scoring just nine minutes into the match, when she converted on a rebound of her own shot.

The score remained 1-0 for the next 68 minutes. In the 78th minute, Wofford's Jaime Cutts intercepted an attempted clearance by an Eagle defender and

notched the ball into the upper right corner of the goal to even the score.

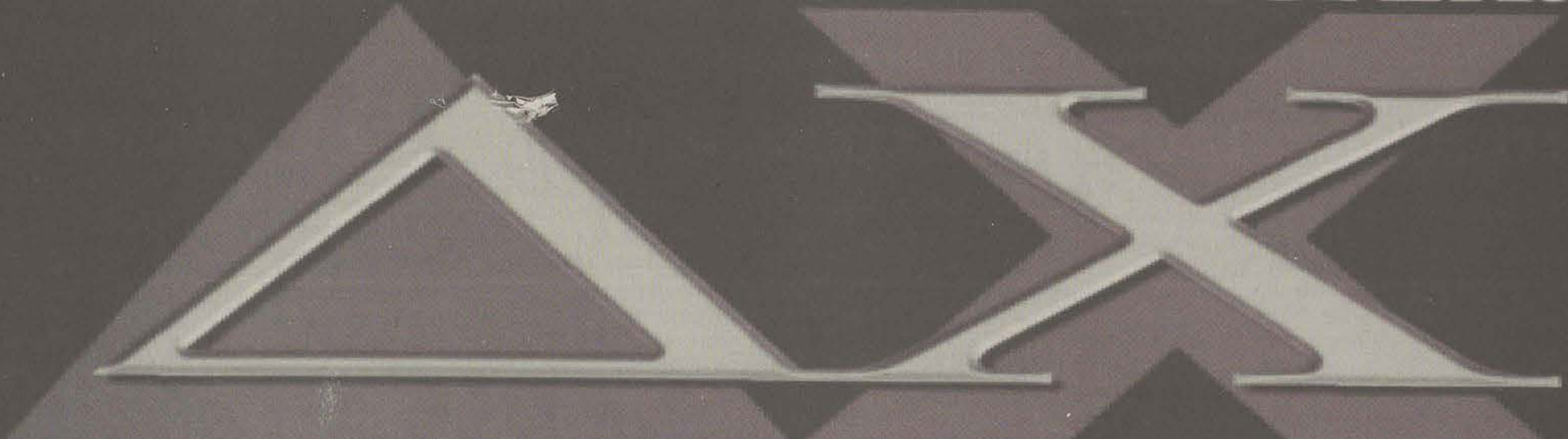
Eve Van Harpen scored the match-winner in the 84th minute, when she received a pass from Julie Forster and hit it from a wide left position into the lower right corner.

Cutt's goal was her first of the season, while Van Harpen's was her third. Bernard has now tallied seven goals on the year.

Georgia Southern outshot the Terriers 13-11 in the contest. Wofford keeper Katie Menegaz had seven saves in the contest, and has now allowed just one goal over her last three matches. The Eagles' Tanya Woehr made three saves.

Georgia Southern returns home for a 3 p.m. Saturday match versus UNC Greensboro.

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Swinging in the heat: 'The Headliners' entertain an already warmed-up Homecoming crowd

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Following the Homecoming football game last Saturday, a cluster of Eagle fans leaned back and soaked up the heat while the six-man band "The Headliners" began pumping hits of the 1950s, '60s and '70s to an enthusiastic crowd.

"The Headliners" started before the football game was even over. In the beginning, the crowd was having a good time while doing the electric slide, singing to hits from artists like Rod Stewart and Chicago.

Though not many people were dancing as the show progressed due to the tremendous heat, anyone that was watching the brass band perform was singing and boogying in the comfort of the shade.

"Playing music for people is the band's full time job and we love to see smiles from the audience when one of the many hits that we play sends the audience back to the past," said Steve White, the band's keyboardist.

"The Headliners" met in Hilton Head in 1985 and have been touring for about 18 years. "We are not related," White said, "And we come from all different parts of the nation."

During the 18 years "The Headliners" have been playing for people, they have run into some rather famous names in music. "One time I met Gladys Knight and then on another occasion Johnny Bench came up on stage and sang with us," White said.

White and the rest of the band believe they will probably play music for others for the rest of their lives. "We just have so much fun performing," he said.

"The Headliners" were even cool enough to take a break from performing and enjoy themselves by having some fun and throwing the Frisbee.

The audience really enjoyed listening to some well-played music from the past after a good game of football, and Statesboro is sure to welcome the band again.



Alston Arras/STAFF

"The Headliners" performed in the parking lot of Paulson Stadium following the Homecoming game.

Choral Department Gala highlights Homecoming

By Heather Roberts
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In the midst of all the Homecoming festivities, the choral department held their annual Homecoming Gala in the Performing Arts Center on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The evening began with a singing of the GSU Alma Mater by University Singers. They sang beautiful a cappella two religious pieces, "Workin' For the Dawn of Peace" by Ron Jeffers and "Ride the Chariot" by Moses Hogan.

Susan Thompson accompanied Ashley Saferight on piano, who sang "Memories: A & B" by Charles Ives. She also accompanied Jacquelyn McKay on "Sin tu amor" by Miguel

Sandoval.

Mark Wanich was accompanied by Karla J. Qualls on "Sebben crudele" by Antonio Caldara. Qualls also accompanied Justine Anderson on "Vergebliches Standchen", Matthew Kersey on "Wie bist du meine Konigin," and Amanda Smith on "Auf dem Kirchhofe," all pieces by Johann Brahms. She accompanied Ernest McCoy on "By Mendip Side" by Eric Coates, Julie Robinson on "Vedrai, carino" by W. A. Mozart, and David Poulian on "Vittoria, mio core!" by Giacomo Carissimi.

Despite a disturbance from the balcony, Gigi Kerr sang her heart out to "Litanei" by Franz Schubert and displayed her wonderful ability to give an outstanding performance.

After many excellent solo presentations, Georgia Southern Chorale took the stage. They sang harmoniously a cappella to "AMighty Fortress is Our God" arranged by W. B. Olds and "In Remembrance" from Requiem by Lydia Adams.

Dr. Rodney Caldwell spoke a few closing words as Chorale members took stage in the balcony to sing a traditional piece called "Down to the River to Pray". Rebecca Pollard and Matthew Kersey gave audience members chill bumps while singing their opening solos. Everyone's breath was taken away as the entire chorale joined in to finish the piece.

A reception was held afterwards for all performers and attendees.

Cover to Cover hosts open-mic poetry night

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While many were celebrating Homecoming last Saturday night, a poetry reading was held at Cover to Cover Bookstore on the corner of Savannah Ave. and Zetterhower Rd. Being the 8th open-mic night, over 40 people from the community were in attendance. Sign-up for those wanting to read began at 7:30 p.m. and the actual readings started at 8 p.m.

At the beginning of the night, one of the more comedic poems of the evening was read by Edwin Collins, a GSU Spanish professor. "A homage to southern poets" was the tribute of his poem entitled "The Devil Made Me Do It."

Patrick Cherches read his poem called "To Remember"—a tribute to his first pair of skates and twelve years of playing hockey. "My professor Dr. Laura Milner gave the class a writing assignment", said Cherches. "I wrote it in ten minutes and she asked me to read it."

As the night proceeded, personal works and published works

were both represented. Although most works were personally read by the authors themselves, some read pieces that spoke to them or inspired them at a certain time in their life.

A work that was written and read by Steve Markenson seemed more of a dramatic monologue than a poem; "it was great," an audience member enthused.

An overall favorite of the night's readings was the Sesame Street poem by Drew Connelly. "It was just... awesome!" exclaimed Raziya Credell.

"People in the community, students, and professors give a great variety from different walks of life. We enjoy listening to the poems and hosting the event. It's very informal," commented Amber Wiggins, the owner of Cover to Cover.

"Open mike night poetry began about two years ago on Valentine's Day. Eric Nelson, David Starnes, Laura Milner, and Stephanie Tames - the Evening MUSE - came up with the idea. If one writes poetry and is brave enough to share it with the world, this is the place they can do it," Wiggins said.

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— Amber Wiggins
Owner, Cover to Cover Bookstore

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Milner. The comedy provides a contrast to the central conflict of a father and son attempting to reconcile after the son returns from a 20-year

prison sentence.

In watching the father Becker, played by Maurice Thomas, and his son Booster, played by Tobias Mathis,

one easily forgets they are seeing two, young college students. The two are extremely believable as a 39-year old man and his father.

Their chemistry is mesmerizing. Thomas's projection is profound and unwavering, as he yells at his son for the crime he has committed. Mathis and Thomas go back and forth in an emotional battle as they let out anger they've been holding inside for 20 years. Thomas's performance alone is worth going to see the play.

The scene creates an intense emotion, which can only be broken by Tumbo arguing his thoughts on Lena Home.

Not only is the cast capable of being transformed into old cab drivers, but the set, courtesy of Gary Dartt, is impressive as a 1977 station. An old beat up couch, an old-fashioned radio and telephone, and authentic Ebony magazines are among the props used. The set also extends to the neighborhood outside the station, which gives the play a more realistic tone.

"Jitney" has everything to create a mix of entertainment: laughter, tears, fighting, romance, friends, family, remorse and optimism; it will offer something to everyone. There is never a dull moment, and ends with a flash of inspiration that no one will forget.

"Jitney" will continue to be shown in the Communication Arts Black Box Theatre through Oct. 12 with the exception of Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$2 for GSU students, \$5 for seniors and local students, and \$8 for general admission.

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