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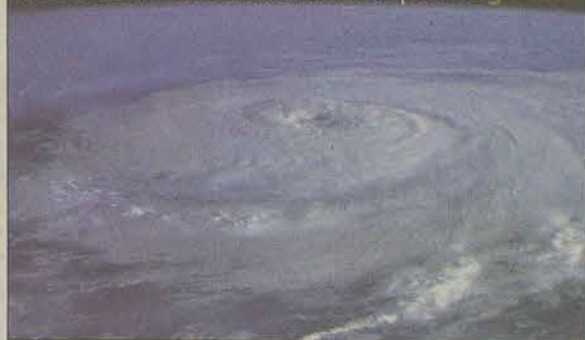
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SPORTS: GSU football fans are being asked to help relieve some of Florida's hurricane pain **Page 6A**


GSU fullback Brandon Andrews (number 34) squares off against UGA's Thomas Davis (number 10) and Tony Taylor (number 43). Though the Eagles lost to the Bulldogs, it was the best played game in years.

By Matt Rapp
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The Georgia Southern football squad played their season opener this past Saturday in Athens against the 3rd ranked University of Georgia. In front of a record crowd of 92,746, the Eagles scored 28 points to the Bulldogs 48. That might seem like a blowout to some, but in the eyes of a football fan that is a most impressive feat.

The Eagles have played Georgia twice before, only scoring one touch-

down each game. This year was different. With two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter, Southern managed to reach the end-zone four times.

Words can't explain the intensity of Sanford Stadium when every Georgia fan is screaming and cheering. With every fan on their feet, the Georgia Southern offense came out with confidence and pride. Southern quarterback Chaz Williams led a 16 play drive to start the game. Grinding all the way from their own 20, the Eagles made it

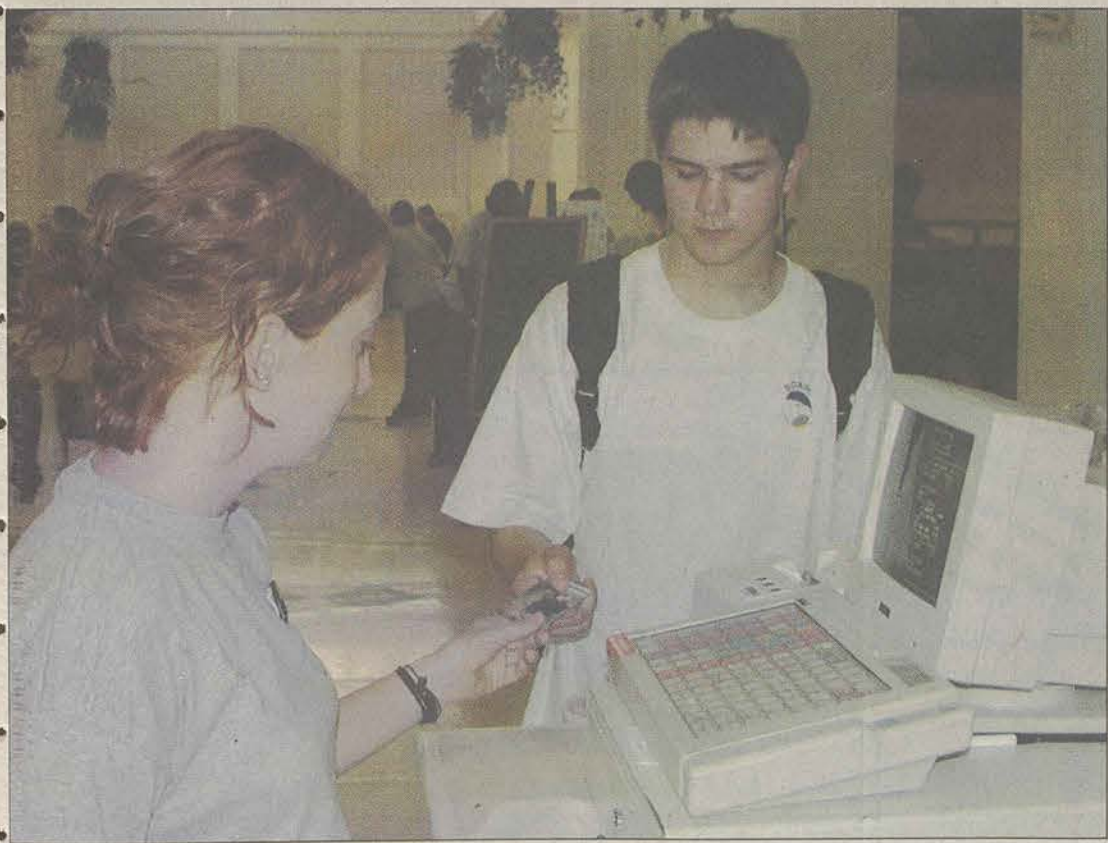
to Georgia's 43 yard line only to punt the ball. The Dogs answered with a touchdown, but in the first quarter the Eagles dominated the possession time with 11:44 to Georgia's 3:16.

The shocked Georgia crowd seemed to lessen in the second quarter. The 9th ranked I-AA underdog was in bulldog country and was looking strong. Williams started off the second quarter with a quarterback keeper for ten yards. As the Eagles drove down to the Bulldogs side of

the 50, they found themselves in a 4th down situation. For the second time in the game, Southern successfully completed a 4th down conversion. The Eagles went on to complete four, 4th down conversions by the end of the game. When GSU made it down to the Dogs' one yard line, it looked doubtful that they could penetrate the number two ranked defense in the nation. On third and one, senior

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Food Services explains changes, new additions



Landrum employee Whitney Greene checks out a student using his meal plan last week. Food Services is planning on adding more places to eat on campus and off.

By Luke Hearn
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The Food Services Department eliminated the roll over meal plans this year, a decision "not supported by Student Government Association (SGA)," said SGA President Charisse Perkins.

The roll over plans, which were experimental for the 2003-2004 academic year, allowed students to use their meals over the course of a week instead of losing the un-used vouchers each day. At the end of the week, meals gone un-used were redeemable at The Pickle Barrel, a convenient store styled facility located in Landrum Center.

According to Director of Food Services Tom Palfy, the department had to make the change back to the "normal" meal plans because of the amount of money lost last year.

According to Palfy, nearly \$400,000 of revenue that would have normally come directly into Food Services went to The Pickle Barrel. Since Food

Service makes its profit based on the amount of meals missed by students, instead of that money going back into the budget, it went to The Pickle Barrel instead, where students redeemed their missed meals.

Palfy explained that Food Services is a business entity on campus, mandated by the Board of Regents to make a profit. This is the same with all divisions of Auxiliary Services, including the GSU Book Store, University Housing, Parking & Transportation and the Health Center. Palfy said that Food Services aims to make a profit of 10 percent.

Wendell Hagins, interim director of auxiliary services, said that GSU is very lucky to have a self-operating Food Services Department. "If a private company had our food services, they would make much more than a 10 percent profit, because they would have to pay a corporate office and also the university," he said. "In Georgia Southern's case, with our units being self-operating, we have a much easier time working and trying to work out the best plans for students because we aren't bound by contracts."

Hagins also explained that all money that is brought in by Food Services goes right back into GSU to benefit the students. Facilities such as Lakeside Café, The Hard Drive Café, and the renovations to Landrum Center were all funded by Food Services.

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Parking at Paulson

New soccer field leaves little space for football stadium parking

By Jessica Luber
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GSU has been under endless examination and construction for the past several years.

With the number of students rising who have hopes of endless possibilities, this small-town university has been growing right before our eyes.

For those that have been here for the past four years, you can probably remember walking to the Education Building, looking towards your right, and seeing nothing but a clear plot of grassy land. For those of us who have been here even longer, you may be able to recall the pile of trees that lay right where the Nursing Building stands.

These, along with several other projects, continue to make GSU stand out to freshman, transfer prospects, and of course, athletic recruitments.

Starting this fall, November 1 to be exact, plans to make a Track and Field/Soccer facility will begin to be implemented at the back field of Paulson Stadium.

As of right now, both soccer teams practice and play on the same run down field. This field does not contain bleachers nor enough standing room for one hundred students, let alone the nearly 16,000 students that attend the school. As for the Track and Field participants, they use a local high schools' facility for their athleticism.

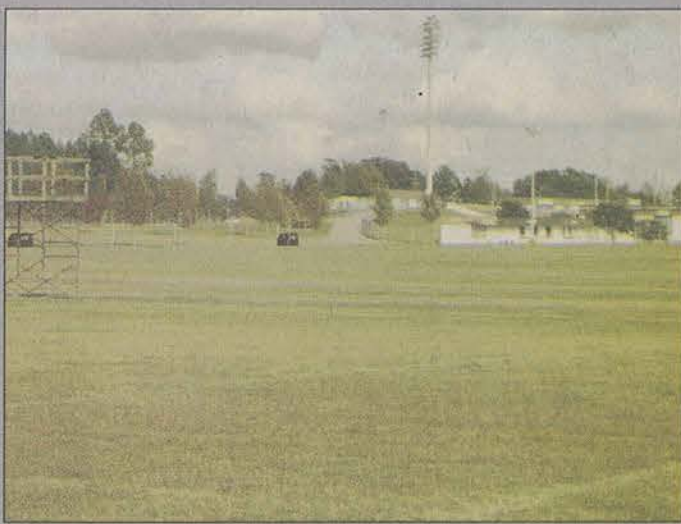
The new plans consist of an eight lane, 400 meter, rubberized surface running track. It will seat around 500 students, with room for later expansion, as well as locker rooms and public restroom facilities. There will be a soccer playing field in the center which will allow for game playing aside from practice.

As mentioned before, this facility will be built in the Paulson Stadium back field/parking lot. Students unaware of these future plans sink with disbelief when they think that again, parking will be taken away. Junior, Isaac Gillis, sighs with shock, "I guess if there is less student parking at the games, well, then I will still go, but not being able to tailgate and participate in the activities, where the students get hyped up for a good game, will be a let down. There would definitely be something missing from the afternoon."

GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker insists that these new plans are in no way meant to hurt the students and the football game attendance. In fact, the facility is designed to help the everyday student. It will be available for CRI and the Recreational facilities. Students will be able to run on a flat surface rather than the so called "track" around the flag football fields.

As for parking at the games, there will be plenty of substitutes for the

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LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Paulson Stadium parking lot will soon be transformed into a new soccer/track and field facility, starting on November 1 of this year.

Suspect arrested on charges of rape

Special to the G-A

A rape suspect is now in custody after the Statesboro Police officers responded to a call from Towne Club Apartments.

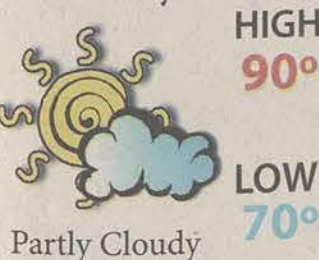
The 18-year-old victim stated that she was sleeping in the bedroom when a black male she knew as Maurice came in and raped her. Both the victim and the suspect were visiting a resident at Towne Club Apartments.

Suspect Maurice Anthony Briscoe, Jr., of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the victim were transported to the Statesboro Police Department where further investigation by Detective Craig Coleman led to Briscoe being arrested.

Briscoe was charged with rape, sodomy, and aggravated sexual battery. He was transported to Bulloch County Jail, pending further court action.

Weekday Weather

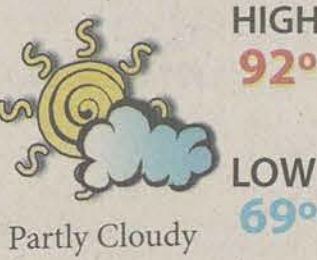
Thursday



HIGH 90°
LOW 70°

Partly Cloudy

Friday



HIGH 92°
LOW 69°

Partly Cloudy

Only in America

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Campus News

TimeShop: Linking the Past, Present, and the Community

By Brandee A. Thomas
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Being a student in rural, Southeast Georgia isn't always easy.

Sometimes it is hard to see beyond the vast stretches of cotton fields and the grass covered cow pastures. But Dr. Annette Laing of GSU's Department of History is hoping to change that for children in Bulloch and surrounding counties.

Laing is the co-founder and director of TimeShop, a yearly workshop for children ages 8-12. This innovative program allows students to travel back in time and interact with the past. The inaugural program, "TimeShop: Wartime England", was held in April of 2004. During the four hour experience, the children were engaged in a simulation of what life was like for

children during World War II.

During World War II, many British children were evacuated to the countryside and placed in foster homes while their parents contributed to the war efforts. At the beginning of the day, the TimeShop kids were asked to imagine themselves as evacuees from London to a small city, Letchworth, where they would be living with their foster family and attend Letchworth Primary School.

They were then escorted through themed rooms by student volunteers. The themes of the rooms were: play, school, home, and shopping. By incorporating music, authentic props, food, and costumed characters from this time period, the TimeShop cast was able to help the children feel as if they had been transported to another place and time.

TimeShop was made possible by GSU's Faculty Service Committee, Museum, History Department, and the Statesboro Service League. Previous volunteers have been Georgia Southern faculty, staff, and students from a wide range of disciplines and classifications. TimeShop organizers welcome friendly, reliable, and creative individuals to become a part of their team. Those who are interested in serving as TimeShop guides shouldn't be intimidated by their lack of knowledge about historical events. Each guide is provided with relevant information and is encouraged to answer questions to the best of their ability, but not to lecture the students.

Potential volunteers are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting on Friday, September 10.

Laing states that the program is



Brandee Thomas/STAFF

Participants in TimeShop experienced what it was like to go back in time.

incredibly gratifying and hopes "to help those students who have never been out of southeast Georgia realize that there is a whole world out there—an interesting one. One they might like to visit."

For more information they should contact Dr. Laing at aslaing@georgiasouthern.edu.

Drakenford group create history by reliving past

By Ashley Stevens
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A local group offers a chance to relive history.

Drakenford, as its called in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), is a Statesboro based shire, which is part of the kingdom of Meridies.

Shire, kingdom, what does this all mean? First, a little back ground information about the SCA. The SCA is an international organization dedicated to recreating the arts, skills, and activities of pre seventeenth century Europe. Those who participate attend events, which include such activities as fencing, armored combat, and classes on how to make authentic medieval wear just to name a few. In essence, recreating and reliving history.

SCA members even go a step further and rename themselves.

These "society names," are historically accurate and what most members would like to be called rather than their "mundane names" which are their given names, and better enable them to be fully immersed in their character.

Drakenford was established in February of 2002. Even though it is a relatively new group, it has already attracted between 25 to 30 members. These members are ordinary people with different interest, but they all come together because they love the experience.

"The folks of Drakenford are very enthusiastic and hard-working,"



Ashley Stevens/STAFF

Drakenford members Johnathan Baird (left) and CotenBroek (right) practice armored and rapier fighting at Fair Road Park on Sunday.

explains Dr. Dee McKinney, the Arts and Science officer of the group. Also, Dr. McKinney is a history professor at East Georgia College.

Each Sunday at Fair Road Park, this local shire has fighter practice. This practice consists of learning rapier and armored combat.

They offer anyone willing a chance to learn the proper techniques of medieval fighting taught by experienced fighters. Those who wish to participate do not have to be in optimal physical condition but must possess a desire to learn.

This year, as a new addition to their responsibilities, Drakenford is looking into creating a group on Georgia Southern campus for any interested persons.

For now, Drakenford is open to any new members as well as working to bring a student organization to Georgia Southern campus.

For those interested in learning more about Drakenford, contact Kathy Whitaker at dicellini@yahoo.com, or for those interested in learning more about the SCA, visit them on the web at <http://www.sca.org/>.

Hillel plans for Jewish Holy Week



By Rachel Weeks
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Members of Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, would like to invite all students to attend services this Friday night at 6:30 in the Russell Union room 2052, as well as upcoming events "Bagels and Bowling" and "Dinner and a Movie."

In Friday's upcoming meeting, the group will be making plans and accommodations for the High Holidays, including Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.

The first major Hillel event of this year, "Bagels and Bowling," will take place Sunday, September 13. Anyone interested can meet at Russell Union at noon for bagels and then head on over to the bowling alley.

Beginning in October, services will be held every first and third Friday at 6:30 p.m. Every last Wednesday of the month will be "Dinner and a Movie." All meetings and events will be held in the Russell Union room 2052.

CAMPUS

Police Beat

08-31-2004

- Reza Rashadi, 18, of Southern Pines, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, improper stopping on a roadway and possession of a false I.D.
- A book bag was taken from the Lakeside Café.
- A stereo was taken from a vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted four motorists.

09-01-2004

- An abandoned vehicle in the Plant East parking lot was discovered to be stolen.
- The hood of a vehicle was damaged in the Johnson Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued two traffic citations and seven traffic warnings, investigated six traffic accidents, assisted three motorists and one injured person, and responded to three fire alarms.

09-02-2004

- Angel Antonio Bonilla Jr., 20, of 710 Georgia Ave., Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- John Edward Dover, 19, of 522 Woodland Drive, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and public indecency.
- John Drew Fortenberry, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with DUI, open-container violation and noise violation.
- Jason Andrew Galloway, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- John Charles Smith, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Bryan Adam Vanacore, 19, of Johnson Hall was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Money and jewelry were reported missing from Southern Pines.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted seven motorists.

09-03-2004

- A case of sexual misconduct was reported at the College of Education Building. A GSU spokesperson said that a female student was receiving unwanted attention from a male student, but did not blatantly tell him to stop. She reported the incident to the University Police Department so that it would be on record. The spokesperson said that the girl plans to tell the male student, along with a witness present, that she is not interested in his attention and request that he stop.
- A bicycle was taken from the Watson Hall bike rack.
- A book bag was taken from the Olliff Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted five motorists.

09-04-2004

- A license plate was taken from a vehicle in the Physical Plant parking lot.
- Officers assisted five motorists.

09-06-2004

- Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted three motorists and responded to three alarms.

09-07-2004

- Ryan Neal Ethridge, 18, of 100 Bermuda Run, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
- Kevin Edward Miller, 19, of Brannen Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted 13 motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

If you would like your group's events or meeting times featured in Campus Calendar, or to have your group featured in Campus News, contact us at 912-681-5246, or ganews@georgiasouthern.edu

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- Indoor/Outdoor activities
- Networking with other campus leaders
- Brainstorming and goal-setting

WHO SHOULD ATTEND...

- Student organization officers
- Student organization members
- Anyone interested in developing their leadership skills

For registration information, contact the Center for Student Leadership Development at (912) 871-1435, stop by Russell Union Suite 2022, or visit us on the web at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership>

Only in America

Marijuana found growing outside courthouse

GREEN BAY, WI. - Deputies didn't have to go far to find this marijuana: It was growing right outside their Green Bay headquarters.

Green Bay television station WLUK-TV reported Tuesday that it received a tip and alerted the Brown County Sheriff's Department about the pot in a planter on the south side of the courthouse.

Chief Deputy John Gossage wasn't sure of the plants' identity, but a drug officer confirmed the presence of marijuana.

"Obviously, as a prank, somebody planted this or dropped some seeds into the plants," Gossage said.

The drug officer pulled the six small plants, which were to be destroyed.

"It's a good thing it was brought to our attention because someone may have realized what it was and could've taken it and used it," Gossage said.

Bush apparently mixed up words when speaking about health care

POPLAR BLUFF, MO. - President George W. Bush apparently mixed up his words while delivering his usual campaign speech about the rising cost of health care.

"We need to do something about these frivolous lawsuits that are running up the cost of your health care and running good business," Bush said in a speech Monday. "We've got an issue in America. Too many good docs are getting out of business."

"Too many OB/GYNs aren't able to practice their love with women all across this country."

The president was speaking to an applauding crowd of thousands of supporters in this southeast Missouri town of 16,500 people.

North Carolina city officials don't approve of polka dot tree

WILMINGTON, N.C. - A print shop owner is on the spot with city officials who say her dots are a don't.

The officials don't approve of the polka dots she's painted on an oak tree outside her store.

Elle Puritz said she was just trying to protect the tree, as well as spread some good cheer, when she repainted the plain white trunk red, then added dots.

City officials say the splashy paint job violates sign ordinances.

The trunk of the roadside tree had been painted white years ago to make it more visible to cars. When Puritz bought the property in January, she decided to spruce it up.

She chose red paint close to the color of her building, and an arborist gave her sealant to put in the paint to stop it from oozing.

But, Puritz said, she realized the red wasn't very visible, so she added reflective polka dots. It wasn't meant to be a draw for her new business, she said.

Puritz was notified last week that the decor violates the city's sign rules, which define a sign as anything designed to draw attention to a business, zoning administrator John Fullerton said.

Puritz said she was given until the end of this week to get rid of the polka dots and until Sept. 24 to paint the trunk white - an acceptable color because of its utilitarian purpose, Fullerton said.

Man accidentally shoots self while demonstrating gun safety

BLOOMINGTON, IN. - Monroe County Coroner David Toumey was hospitalized with a leg wound after accidentally shooting himself while trying to demonstrate gun safety.

Toumey told The Herald-Times for a story published Saturday that he was demonstrating gun safety to some people at a Lake Monroe boat ramp about 11 p.m. Wednesday when he accidentally shot himself.

He said that as he checked to make sure his weapon was unloaded, the gun discharged, and a bullet struck him in his left leg.

He was taken to Bloomington Hospital and later transferred to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Monroe County Sheriff Steve Sharp said he was unable to release details of the shooting because the report had yet to be filed by the deputy assigned to the case.

Robber uses rusty pitchfork to hold up bank

AIKEN, S.C. - A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away - and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank Tuesday morning and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police said.

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a woman.

No customers were in the bank during the holdup, and no one was injured.

Genesis space capsule crashes in Utah



Associated Press

A member of the Genesis Sample Return team looks at the capsule after it fell to earth without deploying its parachute, Sept. 8.

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UT. - The Genesis space capsule, which had orbited the sun for three years gathering potential clues to the origin of the solar system, crashed to Earth and cracked open Wednesday, exposing its collection of solar atoms to contamination.

Flight engineers suspect a set of tiny explosives failed to trigger the capsule's parachutes, and the capsule slammed into the Utah desert at 193 mph.

A recovery team that includes Genesis project members was dispatched to the crash site Wednesday afternoon on a salvage mission.

Scientists were hopeful they could salvage the broken disks that held billions of charged atoms collected from the solar wind, and perhaps still unravel clues about the origin and evolution of our solar system.

"This is actually not the worst-case scenario," said Andrew Dantzler, director of NASA's solar system division, noting the capsule embedded itself in soft desert soil and avoided hitting anything harder that would have made it a "total loss."

Reporters targeted by police background checks in DeKalb

DECATUR - DeKalb County police are investigating whether officers made unauthorized background checks on political figures, including a Republican county commissioner and two candidates for chief executive officers.

The records, obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution through an open records request, also revealed that background checks were made on two reporters who cover DeKalb County government for the newspaper.

The checks were done between March and August and collected information on driver's licenses and looked for outstanding arrest warrants and probation and parole status.

Commissioner Elaine Boyer, a

frequent critic of DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones, said it appears Jones was checking out what she called his "political enemies."

Jones issued a statement calling the background checks "outrageous." He said he wants police officials to take "immediate and appropriate action" if the unauthorized checks were made.

Georgia crops damaged in wake of hurricane



Associated Press

Mark Goodyear surveys damage in his pecan orchard in Albany after Hurricane Frances, Tuesday, Sept. 7.

ALBANY - Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin, concerned about crop losses from high winds and heavy rains left by Hurricane Frances, has asked the governor to begin a process that could qualify some counties as farm disaster areas.

Preliminary reports indicate the most significant damage to pecans, cotton, corn, peanuts, peaches and vegetables, Irvin said in a news release.

With Irvin's request to Gov. Sonny Perdue, the governor could ask Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to direct the Farm Service Agency to prepare damage assessment reports for all of Georgia's 159 counties.

If a county's loss is sufficient, farmers in that county would qualify for federal disaster assistance - usually low-interest loans.

Most of Georgia's major commodities are covered by crop insurance, but farmers could still lose. The majority would have to sustain losses of 30 to 35 percent to qualify for insurance payments, said Nathan Smith, a University of Georgia agricultural economist.

Steve Newton, state executive director of the Farm Service Agency, said some of his staff will spend most of the week visiting farms throughout the state to conduct damage assessments.

It takes a pecan tree about 25 years to reach full production, so a major loss of trees would be a huge setback for the industry, he said. Pecans are a \$69 million crop in Georgia, which

usually vies with Texas as the nation's top producer.

"We've got to see just how bad it is," Newton said. "I hope it's just several hundred (downed trees) and not several thousand."

Bush gives Florida \$2 billion in relief aid



Associated Press

American Red Cross offers Florida relief and supplies after Hurricane Frances.

FORT PIERCE, FL. - President Bush on Wednesday helped distribute bottled water, bags of ice, food and \$2 billion in federal aid to hurricane-battered residents of this vital electoral state.

"We're working as hard as we can to get them the supplies they need. That's what we're here for," Bush said, working shoulder-to-shoulder with brother Jeb, Florida's governor, as he hoisted supplies into a line of waiting cars.

Before leaving the White House, Bush signed a bill allocating the emergency infusion of \$2 billion, rushed through the Republican-controlled Congress the night before. Bush said he was certain to ask for more money as needs are assessed.

Almost all the \$2 billion will go to replenish disaster relief funds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The legislation also designates \$30 million for Small Business Administration loan programs.

Flying by helicopter along Florida's Atlantic coast, Bush saw signs of Hurricane Frances' destruction: snapped power lines, damaged roofs

covered in blue tarps and a toppled awning at a gas station. It was not a devastated area, but scattered destruction and boarded-up houses stood as testament to the fear that Frances had evoked in residents.

State universities face job cuts

ATLANTA - The University System of Georgia may be forced to cut up to 1,100 non-faculty jobs and increase tuition by 10 percent to make up a \$68.7 million shortfall in its budget.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith said Wednesday his staff will review exactly how much tuition needs to be raised and how many staff members will be reduced through retirement and possible layoffs.

He is expected to present a proposal next month to the Board of Regents. The budget reductions were requested last month by the state.

One plan released Wednesday would increase tuition by 10 percent and eliminate 1,100 non-faculty jobs. Another proposal would increase tuition by more than 200 percent and eliminate nearly 300 non-faculty jobs.

The University System also may face additional cuts in its future budget.

The Board of Regents on Wednesday approved three budget recommendations for the 2006 fiscal year. The budget plan will be submitted to Gov. Sonny Perdue. He will present one of the plans to the Legislature in January.

One budget would match the \$1.6 billion 2005 budget. Another plan would add \$80.5 million dollars to the 2005 budget. But a third proposal would lower the 2005 budget by \$48.3 million dollars.

- All News Briefs compiled by Rachel Weeks, Assistant News Editor.



The Sir Shop

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Our Opinion

Where are the issues?

While many of you might not remember it, older students will.

In the mid-80s, a national hamburger franchise ran a series of ads with elderly women asking, "Where's the beef?"

Voters today are asking the same thing. Where is the meat of this year's presidential campaign? When this election began, voters expected to hear Kerry and Bush bash each other on the issues. The war, economy, and terrorism should be the issues.

Instead of dealing with what families care about, John Kerry and George W. Bush are content on distracting us from the issues. Young voters tune out talk of Vietnam. Who really cares how many medals Kerry got, and who cares if Bush actually showed up for duty? That war happened 35 years ago. Vietnam was long before most GSU students were even conceived and sometimes even before our parents met. We care about the issues that affect us.

What does George Bush think he's going to do about the war? What does John Kerry plan to do about the economy? Instead of giving us meaty answers to sink our political teeth into, the candidates squirt us with ketchup and fill us up with buttery Texas toast.

Voters should demand more from these two men. We deserve to know what they are going to do if we give them our votes. Bush is content with distracting voters from his failures by sending them negative images of his flip-flopping opponent. And while we'd love to say some great things about Kerry, it appears he isn't much better.

Kerry hopes to slide into the presidency by planting as few political roots as possible. The only way he can win is to speak his mind. It's the only American way to win the presidency. His base needs to be empowered. We need to know how he stands on the issues.

In the 80s, those old women in the Wendy's commercials were looking for a meaty hamburger that filled them up. We aren't ordering from the value menu, but we want a leader that fills us up. We want a president that fills us with inspiration. We need a candidate that does the same.

George Bush isn't likely the solution to many of our country's troubles—he's more like the problem. But even the most die-hard Democrat begs to question whether Kerry is anything more than the "anything but" candidate.

Come on, John, "Where's the beef?"

letters to the editor

Professor recalls one fond memory of the Blue Building

The demolition of the Blue Building reminds me of an incident that occurred in my first year of teaching at Georgia Southern.

My office was in the Blue Building and faced the front. In those days students could park in front of the Blue Building all the way down and even park in front of the Henderson Library. One day while at my desk, I heard a piercing scream from outside.

I glanced out my window, and right in front of me a car was partially out of its parking place...door open...and a young girl was screaming and pointing at her car. I could see the problem, but ran outside for a closer look. Part of a large snake was on the hood, the snake's head and rest of it was somewhere between the windshield and the front of the car's hood.

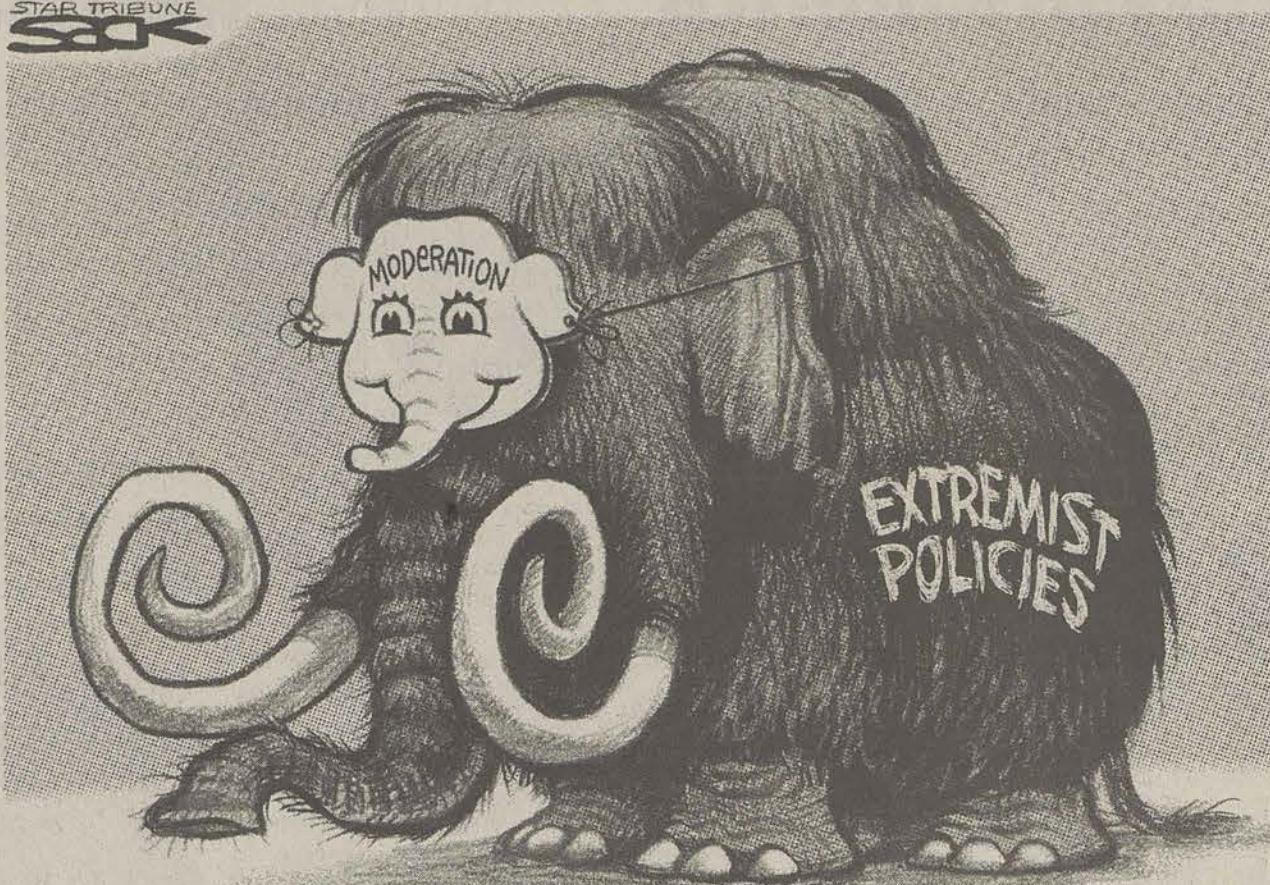
A large crowd had gathered. The girl had stopped screaming, but kept both hands near her mouth just in case another scream might

help. No one said much as we all watched the snake.

A minute later another young lady, brown-haired and with heavy backpack came down the walk between the William's Center and the Blue Building. Without a word she shucked off the backpack, walked to the car, grabbed the snake in the middle with her left hand and with her right hand she followed the snake's body to the top of the hood. She slowly inched the snake out of the car, turned it around so she could get a good look at it, walked to the bushes by the Blue Building and calmly tossed the snake into the bushes. She then walked back to her backpack, slipped it back on and to wild applause calmly walked off to class.

I'll bet that doesn't happen in Athens.

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NEWSPAPER 101: Please send me Bush fan mail

Finally, I got some letters to the editor! Did you ever have that algebra teacher in high school who knew so much about math that s/he expected everyone to know exactly what she was doing up there with all her cryptic symbols and signs on the board? Well, it occurred to me sometime last semester that I am guilty of a brand of that behavior myself. I have blindly assumed that you all, as average GSU students, already know what we know about standard newspaper protocol. That is, why we run what we run on Page 4.

As a newspaper nerd it is sometimes difficult for me to remember that, naturally, most of you folks have a variety of interests that do not include the nuances of journalism. Boggling though it may be for my mind, knowing how newspapers operate is probably low on the list of stuff to figure out for the majority of our readers.

Of course! It makes so much sense from that perspective that you could not possibly venture a guess at what our side of the story is like!

There appears to be a common misconception about us to the effect that we only print liberal opinions. Oh, ye critics! Little do you know how we struggle – on a daily basis – with this issue.

I want to clear the air. I am about to provide you with a very rational explanation to the

objections we most commonly receive regarding our editorial page – one that I'm sure will settle a lot of misunderstandings and satisfy a lot of curious minds.

All newspapers maintain a consistent editorial stance. For instance, it is traditional for *The New York Times* to be editorially liberal and *The New York Post* to be editorially conservative. These stances are, emphatically, editorial stances, and are entirely separate from the publication's news reporting, in which all papers strive for that elusive thing called objectivity.

A paper presents views pertaining to its established stance on its *Editorial* page. In the name of fairness, papers also have what is called an *Op-Ed* page. This page, reserved for views that oppose the traditional editorial stance of the newspaper, generally appears immediately opposite the *Editorial* page, hence its nickname.

The problem with the *Op-Ed* page is deep-rooted at The G-A, and I've been attempting, to no avail, for nearly two years to dig it out. Simply put, people seem to assume that we receive hordes of conservative opinions; we just refuse to run them.

Nothing could be further from the truth. I'll run nearly anything I can get my hands on. Unfortunately, years ago, someone decided that since there was never any opposing content we



Amanda Permenter
editor-in-chief

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NEWSFLASH: Our colors are not red and black

This past weekend, I went to the GSU vs. UGA game, and I had a GREAT time rooting for the Eagles. I spent the game on the field, taking pictures for *The George-Anne*, and as I looked up at the GSU student section, I noticed a lot of red and black. And as I saw some familiar faces throughout the day, I noticed some of them were dressed in Bulldog garb. While there were many loyal GSU students backing the team, there were too many that weren't.

For all of you GSU students who were in Athens this past weekend and were cheering for UGA, I have one message for you: Get the hell out of Statesboro! It's that simple. You obviously don't belong here, and frankly, we don't want you.

Being a GSU student and going to Athens and cheering for the enemy is treason, and y'all that weren't backing the Eagles are guilty of that. Treason against one's country results in a Court Marshall and the rest of one's life at some military prison. Similarly, treason against one's school should result in expulsion from said school. If I were the one in charge here, all you treason-ers would be kicked out! Thank your lucky stars that I'm not the one in charge!

Now I know that there were many GSU faithfuls in Athens sporting their blue and gold, (I would say white, but that's a UGA color as well, and many were wearing that to be "neutral," so I won't include it) supporting the Eagles 100 percent, and I thank y'all for that, but this column is aimed at those guilty of treason and will therefore be addressed to them only, with all second-person singular and plural references including them only.

For all you dense, unfaithful, and otherwise cognitive thought lacking morons, let me describe the whole situation in a bit simpler terms.

If you dated a girl (or guy, but I'll stick to the feminine form throughout... substitute masculine if you must) and then after y'all broke up, you started dating another girl, who is your loyalty to? DUH. Your current girlfriend, not the ex!

Now, if your current girlfriend and your old girl were in a competition for, say a fried Twinkie eating contest, whom would you be pulling for? Another DUH moment here: Your current girl, of course.

Even if you knew in your heart of hearts that your ex would win, you would still be behind your current squeeze, because you are



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news editor

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letters to the editor

Democratic party, not Miller, has changed

Georgia Senator Zell Miller has been a Democrat his entire life, which began in 1932.

Senator Miller is still a Democrat, even with the dramatic changes in ideals that have occurred within his party. So, it is not Miller who has flipped, flopped, or changed here, but the Democratic Party itself.

Senator Miller rightfully addressed the concerns he has with Senator Kerry becoming the Commander-in-Chief of our country's military forces at the Republican National Convention last week in New York. Who can fault him?

The defense of our nation is not only the single most important issue of this election, but of this point in history. President Bush has proven that he is a steadfast leader who will not back down from his promise to seek out terrorists wherever they may be. Of Bush, Miller said, "He is not a slick talker, but he is a straight shooter." Even when it isn't popular, Bush knows what needs to be done and he gets it done.

This week, Senator Kerry claims, "I wouldn't have done just one thing different in Iraq; I would've done *everything* different." Does that mean he wouldn't have released an entire nation from the grip of a tyrannical dictator and then put that dictator in jail to await a fair trial? Hmm... interesting.

I encourage your readers to research for themselves exactly why we Republicans mock Senator Kerry for his flip-flops. The issues in question range from the war in Iraq to Affirmative Action.

Allow me to address the question of world respect and the war in Iraq (note: for our immediate purposes, world is defined as "the earth and its inhabitants," not "France and Germany"). If you want to earn the respect of

the world, you should start showing respect to it when and where it is due. We have more than one ally in Iraq; in fact, according to whitehouse.gov, we have forty-nine.

Let's see, that's an entire forty-eight more than was stated in the column of 2 September. How dare you purposely overlook the sacrifice of those other countries and the support that they've given us and the people of Iraq! Certainly, the contributions of the United Kingdom are the most visible outside of our own, but what a slap in the face to discredit the contributions of those forty-eight other countries who are making some kind of sacrifice for the protection of the world. They deserve your thanks.

Finally, and please let this be final, there is a reason that George W. Bush is President: he won the election of 2000. That's the way it works in these United States; the group of electors popularly chosen in each state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November elect their choice for President who is sworn in on the following 20 or 21 January, respectively, and then serves his term for the next four years. If need be, the Supreme Court steps in. End of story. Get over it.

To the readers: This is an important election. The candidates are extremely different on each side, so be sure you know who you're voting for. If you're not registered, or don't plan on voting, let me urge you to think otherwise. There are people who would die to live in our country so that they could vote, and there are people who have died defending our country so that we can vote. Don't forget that.

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should put ads on Page 5. Yes, rather than beg and grovel for opposing views (as I will begin to do in a moment), some editor from days gone by decided to fill the page with money. (Ads keep newspapers running... Particularly free newspapers like ours.) Because of this dilemma, what should be our Op-Ed page usually ends up being a plain old news page.

To me that's a travesty. Just look over there at Page 5. It isn't fair. Pretty much all that stands in the way of us being like every other daily in the world is our lack of an Op-Ed page. I want an Op-Ed page more than anything. All I want for Christmas is my Op-Ed page. More than I want to eat at Moe's eight days a week, I want an

Op-Ed page. More than I want German chocolate cake on my birthday, I want an Op-Ed page. More than I want screaming orgasms, I want an Op-Ed page.

And *that's* saying something.

I'm a liberal, but more importantly than that I'm simply an activist. I don't give a damn what people vote for, I just wish they would vote. Similarly, I don't give a damn what people write about. I just wish they would write.

Sadly, it's been my experience that the "liberal bias" in our form of media exists because conservatives simply aren't as willing to invest time and energy into expressing their views via newspaper as liberals are. I can't begin to guess why that is

without sounding presumptuous. My liberal propensities would tempt me to quip that it has something to do with their collective aversion to the arts and humanities, which I know is a grossly inaccurate stereotype. So, please. Someone either enlighten me or prove me wrong.

I know that, somewhere, somehow, there must be conservatives who enjoy writing. So, if you possess even the slightest ability to string together coherent thoughts on paper, please never hesitate to send us your opinion.

We like it. We want it. We need it!

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who share my passion for music of all genres. The Buzz's mission statement makes reference to the station being a reflection of the broad and varied interests of its community and its host institution. But I don't see how the seven white males on the executive staff are a reflection of their supposed mission.

Last year, we had a diverse staff full of leaders with individual creativity. I believe this new broadcast board feels threatened by those who are different. And I don't blame the Student Media Advisory Board for hiring these people, because not too many people ran against the new members in the first place - like me. Big mistake.

I respect the devotion the Broadcast Board has for the station, but they didn't consider others with that same devotion. For the past two years, the staff at WVGS has worked extremely hard at rebuilding the reputation of the station. Now, with the new leaders coming in and basically dumping everything that has been accomplished, it feels like we are all being kicked in the teeth. People don't always see eye to eye; that's what meetings are for. You don't drop valuable resources that make significant contributions in serving the radio station.

We didn't need the radio station, the radio station needed us.

I encourage all of you who have ever listened to the radio station in the past and today to email: wvgs@georgiasouthern.edu and let them know what you think, whatever your opinion.

What's done is done. I'm just hoping something good comes out of this mess.

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with her and want to support her.

So should it be with GSU football. If you were once a UGA fan but are a Georgia Southern student now, GSU is your current steady and UGA is your ex.

Even if you knew that UGA would win last weekend, your loyalty and support should have been with your current babe: GSU.

Now, in real life, if you go against your girl, she'll cut you off. And for all of you who were against GSU this past weekend, you too should be cut off.

So here's the deal: if your loyalty is with UGA, then go to Athens, go anywhere you want, but don't stay here, because we don't need traitors, and we don't need you!

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Pre-K programs are important part of HOPE funds

I am appalled at the editorial written by Luke Hearn in the June 3, 2004 issue of *The George-Anne*.

For you to suggest cutting early childhood programs, such as Pre-K, is outrageous. I am a Nursing major and Child and Family Development minor, and I have learned the importance of an early childhood education. Some of the children who are serviced through these programs have no other HOPE of learning "things like how to write their name, how to identify shapes, and how to count." They learn much more than the things previously listed, including, but not limited to: how to socialize with peers in

group care prior to entering public school, developing other skills that will help foster future relationships (i.e. sharing), learning through play, and interaction with peers; the list goes on and on. You may say that that's not our problem but neither is funding the post-secondary education of Georgia's high school graduates.

I am a recipient of the HOPE Scholarship myself and have been since graduating from high school. I am grateful to have such a program, but who determined that it is more important for me to receive HOPE, in order to attend college, than it is for a 3 or 4 year old to receive a good start.

Studies have been done that discuss and support the importance of an early childhood education. A longitudinal experiment was done and the children who received early educational intervention were, at the age of 21: 40 percent in school and 35 percent graduated or currently enrolled in a 4 year university; compared to 20 percent and 14 percent respectively, from the control group who had no early educational intervention. Early childhood is a critical and vulnerable time in any child's development.

Without positive, appropriate experiences and education, these children will be behind their peers for the rest of

their lives. Gaps are created that will never be closed, they actually grow wider. These children are also the ones who are at a greater risk for major emotional problems, which may lead to higher crime rates.

I believe the Pre-K program is a very important and integral part of Georgia's Lottery Revenue distribution. Who decides?

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Georgia Southern Career Services' Fall Recruitment Calendar

Employers Attending as of 9/07

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Eventually
you will run
out of books
to sell back.



Date	Company	Interview Type	Job Title	Resume Deadline	Location
09/17/04	Habif, Arogeti and Wynne	Preselect	Accounting Internship and Entry Level	09/07/04	COBA 3336
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10/08/04	Brasfield and Gorrie	Open	Estimator/ Co-op & Interns	10/06/04	Carruth
10/11/04	Eagle Global Logistics	Open	Management Trainee	10/09/04	Williams Center
10/14/04	GA Department Of Audits	Preselect	Staff Auditor	09/30/04	COBA 3336
10/19/04	Swift Transportation	Preselect	Management Trainee	10/05/04	Williams Center
10/20/04	Porter Keadle Moore, LLP	Preselect	Audit/Tax Staff & Internship	10/06/04	COBA 3336
10/20/04	ABF Freight	Preselect	Management Trainee	10/06/04	Williams Center
10/22/04	Centex Homes	Open	Land Developer Manager	10/20/04	Williams Center
10/27/04	Norfolk Southern	Preselect	Management Trainee	10/13/04	Williams Center
10/27/04	The Kroger Company	Preselect	Retail Grocery Manager	10/13/04	Williams Center
10/28/04	Bright Horizons	Preselect	Early Childhood Education	10/14/04	Williams Center
10/29/04	GEICO Direct	Preselect	Various Positions	10/15/04	Williams Center
10/29/04	Robins Air Force Base	Preselect	Engineer/Engineer Co-op	10/15/04	Williams Center
10/29/04	Target Stores	Open	Various Positions	10/27/04	Williams Center
10/29/04	Georgia Pacific	Preselect	Logistics Internships	10/15/04	COBA 3336
10/29/04	Disney	Preselect	WDW Host/Hostess	10/27/04	R. Union
11/09/04	Sherwin-Williams	Preselect	Management Trainee	10/28/04	Williams Center
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Red Cross to collect hurricane relief funds at GSU football game

U Athletics Media Relations

Fans attending Georgia Southern's first home football game of the season will have the opportunity to help the victims of Hurricane Frances.

Staff members and students from the Department of University Housing will solicit donations for the American Red Cross at Paulson Stadium when the Eagles take on Johnson C. Smith University at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The two recent hurricanes in Florida left thousands of people homeless and did billions of dollars damage.

"The American Red cross will take the lead and assist the people of Florida in every way possible," said Jackie Hawkins, director of University Housing. "That assistance will take a lot of money. This is an opportunity for Georgia Southern fans to step up and help."

All five entrances to Paulson Stadium will be staffed by University Housing and American Red Cross volunteers. As fans file into the stadium, they will have the opportunity to donate cash or write a check to the American Red Cross. Some volunteers will walk throughout the tailgate area and others will walk up and down the aisles soliciting donations, Hawkins said.

This is University Housing's fourth disaster-related fundraiser since 1996. The department raised thousands of dollars for the victims of Hurricane Andrew in 1996, Hurricane Floyd in 2001 and for the September 11th disaster relief fund in 2001.

Hawkins says she is still looking for additional volunteers to help with the fundraiser. For additional information or to volunteer, call Hawkins at 681-5406.

Hurricane effects in Florida as of Sept. 9, 2004

Deaths:

Fifteen

Lost power:

2.5 million homes

Expected repair costs:

\$ 10 billion

Rain:

13 inches

Winds:

105 MPH

National Guard

Troops deployed:

5,300

Disaster Relief Bill:

\$2 million

GSU Football

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

By Ian Matthew McDowell

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After coming off an impressive showing against the Georgia Bulldogs this past weekend, the Eagles look ready for the home opener.

The Eagles start their home opener this Saturday at 6 p.m. against Johnson C. Smith. Going into the home opener the Eagles look eager to make a run for the national championship.

The Georgia Bulldogs were ranked in the top 5 in the nation and were put to the test this past weekend. Knowing how well the Eagles played is just a foreshadowing of the coming season. They play Johnson C. Smith who is 0-2 after losing to North Carolina Central and Shaw.

The good news for the Eagles is that they are 16-5-1 in home openers. While, Coach Sewak is 2-0 outscoring opponents 91-0 in his two home opener debuts. The Eagles have only played Johnson C. Smith one time in 2002 and beat them handily 57-12.

Going into this weekend the Eagles are ranked 9 in the USA Today/ESPN I-AA poll. The game will be played under the lights and should make a great atmosphere for the home opener.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

GSU Eagles Lynon Jefferson (right) and Marquice Maynard (left) encourage each other at last weekend's game against UGA.

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took a hand-off from Williams only to be stopped for no gain. On fourth and one, fullback Brandon Andrews blasted through the Bulldogs goal-line formation for an easy six. After a two yard off-sides penalty on Georgia, sophomore Jonathan Dudley connected for the PAT.

So with the scoreboard showing a score of 7-7, the students of Athens had confused looks on their faces. They thought this game was going to be a blow-out. Well they thought wrong.

Georgia's second drive didn't last long as they went three and out.

The Eagles got the ball back on their own 33. With a pair of penalties, Southern was unable to push the ball down the field.

On third and eight, Williams threw an unexpected pass that was

just out of the reach of P.J. Cantrell's hands.

Georgia put the ball in the hands of freshman Danny Ware for their next drive. With 22 yards from Ware and 27 yards passing from David Greene, the Dogs found themselves in field goal range. Andy Baily sailed a 21-yard field goal to make it a 10-7 game.

David Pollack proved to be the core of Georgia's defense as he forced a turnover on the next drive. With a sac fumble, the Dogs wound up on the Eagles' 21 yard line.

The Eagles defense didn't give up for a second. As the Bulldogs were threatening on the Eagles half of the field, a deflected pass was almost picked off but the official called it incomplete. On second and goal, senior DeShawn Jude sacked David

Pollack, forcing the end of the half field goal and preventing a last minute TD.

At the end of the half it was a 13-7 ballgame. The mood was much different for Georgia fans as every Southern fan was ecstatic.

The Bulldogs got things moving in the second half. Senior quarterback David Greene got his passing game going, quickly moving his men down the field. After a touchdown, Georgia managed to return a bad punt for another TD. Things started going in the wrong direction for GSU as their star running back Jermaine Austin sprained his ankle.

The familiar Trey Hunter came in as quarterback for the Eagles to give our starter a rest. Hunter, proving his talent, drove down field helping them score to make it a 27-14 game.

But with more dominance from the Bulldog offense and the speed and freshness from second string QB D.J. Shockley, they widened the lead to 41-14. Little did Georgia know that we don't give up that easily here at GSU.

Part of the success that came to Southern is from their offensive style. There is no team in the SEC or a division I-A team that runs the triple option like GSU.

"It's impossible for us to simulate that offense, we don't have the personnel to do it" said Georgia's head coach Mark Richt. It took a while for Georgia's starters to get used to the way Georgia Southern grinds away at teams. It is very effective way of playing football. Just take a look at the flagpole at Paulson Stadium next time you go to a football game. Those

championships weren't given to us.

"We put some second teamers in there a little too early" said coach Richt after the game "you have to give Georgia Southern a lot of credit". The Eagles came back to put 14 more points on the board late in the fourth quarter.

An on-side kick recovery would have been a nightmare for the Dogs in the fourth quarter and that's just what Richt was thinking when he brought David Greene and his starting offense back in to ensure the win.

As many GSU students see this as a success, the men on the Eagles football team see it as a loss. When asked about this season, Trey Hunter said "were just looking to do great things; we aren't going out like we did last year."

Eagle Volleyball falls in five to Southern Mississippi

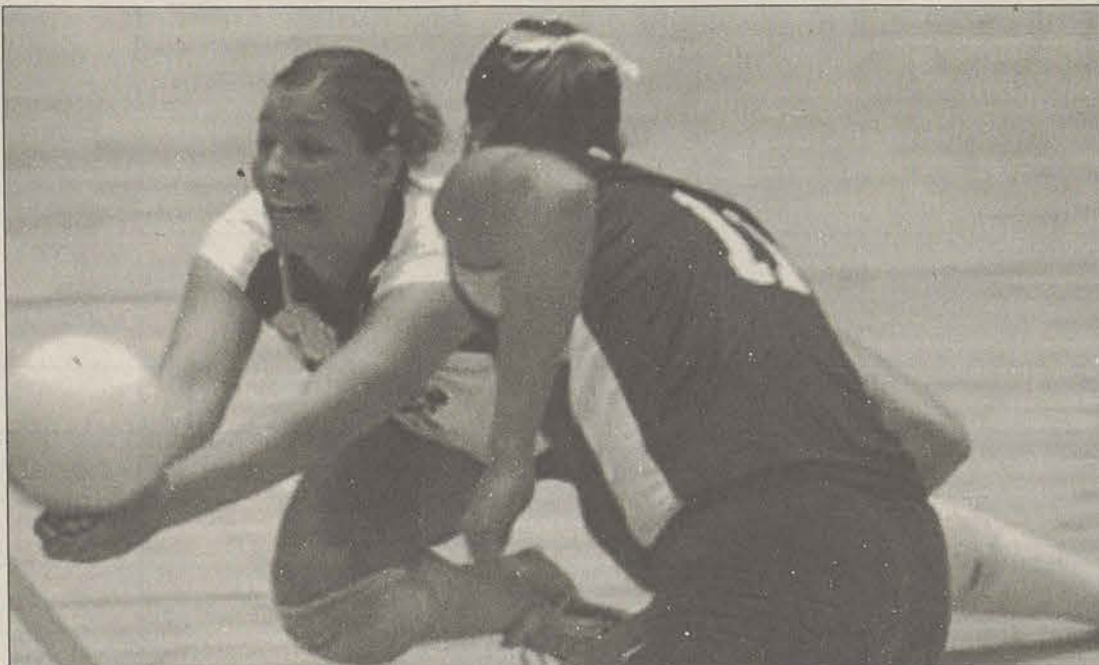
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COLLEGE STATION, Texas – The Georgia Southern volleyball team closed out their portion of the Texas A&M/McDonald's Invitational Saturday afternoon, falling in five games to Southern Mississippi at G. H. Rouse Coliseum.

Game one saw Georgia Southern (3-3) take the initial advantage, building up an 18-15 lead, before Southern Mississippi (1-1) scored seven of the next eight points to go on top, from here it would take the game by a 25-15 score. In game two, it was the Golden Eagles that made the first win, taking an 11-8 lead, only to see Georgia Southern jump ahead by scoring eight in a row, on its way to a 30-27 win.

In game three, Southern Mississippi once again led initially, 6-3, before three consecutive service aces from Susan Winkelman tied the score, and spurred the Eagles on to a 30-22 victory, only to see Southern Mississippi tie the match up with a 30-24 win in game four. The Golden Eagles then clinched the match with a 15-11 win in the deciding fifth game.

Junior Iulia Porumbescu tallied a third double-double of the season



File Photo

GSU Volleyball was defeated by a mere few points in each of its five matches against Southern Mississippi Saturday. The team will face its next opponents at the Florida Atlantic Classic this weekend in Boca Raton, Fla.

with 16 kills and 14 digs, buoyed by freshman Gorana Bacic's 13 kills and freshman Ashley Warren's team-high 15 digs. Both Eagle setters also contributed double-doubles as Natalia Galantini had 24 assists and 14 digs while Winkelman notched 16 assists and 11 digs.

Morgan Johnson and Nicole Rock led the offense for Southern Mississippi with 13 kills apiece. Amy Truong added 54 assists and 17 digs.

Georgia Southern, originally set to meet Stetson on Monday in a match that has been postponed due to Hurricane Frances, will next see action at

the Florida Atlantic Classic from Sept. 10-11 in Boca Raton, Fla., where the Eagles will face off against Dayton, Bethune-Cookman and the host Owls of Florida Atlantic. Southern Mississippi will compete next in the Ashbury Suites Classic in Mobile, Ala., also from Sept. 10-11.

SoCon names Players of the Week

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Southern Conference today named its football players of the week for games played on Thursday, September 2 and Saturday, September 4. Quarterback Ingle Martin of Furman was named the Offensive Player of the Week, Western Carolina linebacker Travis Hill has been named the Defensive Player of the Week and Furman placekicker Scott Beckler earned the Freshman of the Week award.

Martin, a 6-3, 225-pound junior from Nashville, TN, completed 13 of 18 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns in leading Furman to a 52-7 win over Presbyterian on Saturday. Martin also rushed three times for 22 yards to account for 235 yards of total offense.

Hill, a 6-1, 225-pound true freshman linebacker from Rock Hill, SC (Northwestern HS), intercepted two passes and returned both for touchdowns in Western Carolina's 77-7 season-opening win against West Virginia State. Hill finished the game with a team-high nine tackles including six solo stops, a tackle for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Beckler, a 6-2, 175-pound true freshman from Anderson, SC, converted all seven of his PAT attempts and added a 37-yard field goal in his collegiate debut in Furman's win over Presbyterian.

Also receiving consideration for offensive player of the week were Elon tailback John Taylor who rushed for 99 yards and a touchdown against Towson on Saturday, Western Carolina tailback Nicholas Wishart who carried seven times for 57 yards and one touchdown against West Virginia State, and Appalachian State wide receiver DaVon Fowlkes who had 10 receptions for 153 yards and a score. Those nominated for the defensive award included Elon linebacker Mike Sheley who had a career-high 13 tackles against Towson, and Appalachian's Jerelle Carter who made 13 stops against Wyoming. Also considered for Freshman of the Week honors were Appalachian State running back Kevin Richardson who rushed seven times for 48 yards against Wyoming, and Western Carolina quarterback Russell Hemby who carried nine times for 71 yards and a touchdown in a win over West Virginia State.

Bushmaster, Bull's Eye settle D.C. sniper shootings lawsuit

By Rebecca Cook
Associated Press

SEATTLE - The manufacturer and dealer of the rifle used in the Washington, D.C.-area sniper shootings agreed Wednesday to pay \$2.5 million in a settlement with victims and victims' families.

The settlement with Bushmaster marks the first time a gun manufacturer has agreed to pay damages to settle claims of negligent distribution of weapons, said Jon Lowy, a lawyer with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. He helped argue the case. He said the settlement with Bull's Eye Shooter Supply is the largest against a gun dealer.

"These settlements send a loud and clear message that the gun industry cannot turn a blind eye to how criminals get their guns," Lowy said.

Bushmaster Firearms of Windham, Maine, agreed to pay \$550,000 to eight plaintiffs. Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma, where the snipers' Bushmaster rifle came from, agreed to pay \$2 million.

Kelly Corr, the attorney representing Bushmaster, said the company made "no admission of liability whatsoever."

He said Bushmaster and its insurance company, which will pay the \$550,000, decided to settle rather than continuing to run up legal fees in court. Corr said the settlement will not change the way Bushmaster conducts business.

"Bushmaster believes it is a responsible manufacturer," he said.

As part of the settlement, though, Bushmaster agreed to educate its dealers on gun safety.

A lawyer representing Bull's Eye did not immediately return calls for comment Wednesday night.

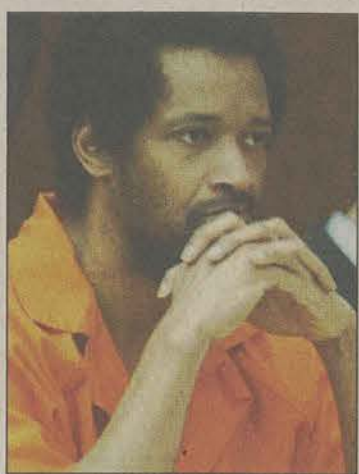
A judge will determine how to divide the settlement among two people who were injured in the shootings and the families of six people who were killed.

John Allen Muhammad, 43, was convicted and sentenced to death for murder in one of the 10 fatal shootings in October 2002 in the Washington, D.C.-area. His co-conspirator, 19-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo, was tried separately, convicted of murder in a different death and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

They used a .223-caliber Bushmaster rifle, a civilian version of the military M-16.

The civil lawsuit alleged that at least 238 guns, including the snipers' rifle, disappeared from the gun shop in the three years before the shooting rampage. Despite audits by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms showing that Bull's Eye had dozens of missing guns, Bushmaster continued to use the shop as a dealer and provided it with as many guns as the owners wanted, the lawsuit alleged.

"It appears that 17-year-old Malvo



Special Photo

John Allen Muhammad, 43, was convicted and sentenced to death for murder in one of the 10 fatal shootings in October 2002 in the Washington, D.C.-area.

was able to stroll into this gun store and stroll out carrying a 3-foot-long, \$1,000 Bushmaster assault rifle," Lowy said. "Bull's Eye should have taken reasonable care to prevent guns from being stolen. Bushmaster should have required Bull's Eye to implement simple, reasonable security measures."

Seattle attorney Paul Luvera represented the victims' families. He called the settlement "historic" and said it should change practices in the firearms industry.

"When a manufacturer makes a large settlement like this one, it is an example to other manufacturers," Luvera said.

The victims' lawsuit, filed in January 2003, also names Malvo and Muhammad as defendants. Those claims are technically still pending, though they are unlikely to be resolved.

A bill was proposed in Congress earlier this year that would have given the firearms industry immunity from lawsuits such as this one. Despite strong support from President Bush, it died in the Senate.

Hurricane Frances victims attempt recovery as President Bush stops in Florida, hands out ice

By Jill Barton
Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. - The search for ice, water and food for millions of hot and weary Floridians overshadowed a visit Wednesday by President Bush, who promised more aid for the state pummeled by back-to-back hurricanes.

Christine Jones, a Fort Pierce teacher who's been without power since Saturday, was searching for a tarp to cover her damaged roof and some hot meals for her family.

"Oh Lord, if I see that man, I'm going to say 'Look at me. I'm miserable. We're all too miserable right now to worry about something like that,'" she said of Bush's visit.

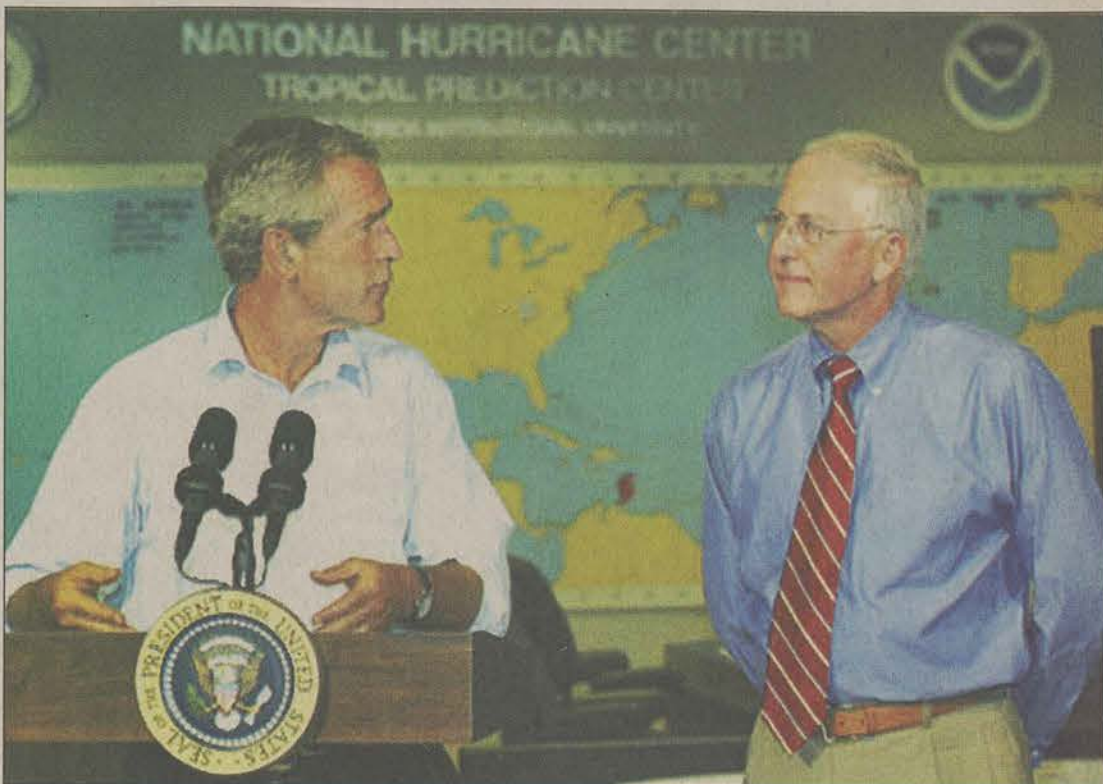
Bush toured the area by helicopter, met with relief workers in Fort Pierce and visited the National Hurricane Center in Miami. With temperatures around 90 at early afternoon, Bush handed out bags of ice and cases of water and chatted with people driving up to an emergency distribution center in Fort Pierce.

"Once again, Florida has faced the devastation of a hurricane and once again the people of Florida are showing their character and their strength and their deep concern for their neighbors," Bush said.

By Wednesday, traffic from returning evacuees subsided on major highways and the long lines for gas shortened, though some drivers still had to wait up to an hour to fill up.

About 3 million Floridians remained without power as utility workers began repairing thousands of downed lines and blown transformers. It could be early next week before power is restored statewide.

In Washington, Bush signed a \$2 billion disaster relief package for victims of both Frances and Charley, which caused an estimated \$6.8 billion in damages in southwest



AP Photo/Nuri Vallbona

President George W. Bush, left, thanks National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield for his service during a visit to the center in Miami, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004. Bush visited the center and some areas affected by Hurricane Frances.

Florida last month and was blamed for 27 deaths.

Frances left an estimated at \$2 billion to \$4 billion in insured damages and left at least 15 dead in the state.

The storm struck a wide stretch of Florida's east coast early Sunday with winds of 105 mph and more than 13 inches of rain, peeling off roofs and flooding streets.

The emergency money approved by Bush would provide direct aid for families, debris removal, repairs and emergency food and shelter, which has been a critical need for residents returning to battered homes.

Tameki Reese, a mother of five, said her family moved in with an-

other family after her roof caved and allowed torrential rains into their Fort Pierce home. She said about 20 people are now getting by in a single house without water or power, and "it ain't good."

If Bush is "going to help get Fort Pierce get back real fast, then that's great. But so far, I've only seen them moving so slow," she said.

Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, assured Floridians that the state and federal governments are sending a "massive amount of support," but added that "it's a logistical challenge that people have to keep in perspective. It isn't going to be done overnight."

Palm Beach County Commis-

sioner Warren Newell said "we need more of everything" at the county's emergency distribution centers, where thousands of people have come for ice and water. He also said there was a problem with getting enough trucks in because of fuel shortages.

The governor toured the Port of Tampa Wednesday morning and received a briefing on the efforts to replenish fuel supplies. He later joined his brother in Fort Pierce and helped hand out ice.

As relief efforts continued in Florida, officials were keeping a wary eye on Hurricane Ivan, which could threaten Florida by early next week.

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Regarding future plans for Food Services, Palfy explained that there are currently three more units coming to campus. One is a juice and sandwich bar at the RAC. The other is a concession stand at the new baseball stadium. The third will be a Starbucks in the Library once the construction is completed.

PARKING, FROM PAGE 1A

stadium. Students need to realize that the RAC and the Continuing Education Building are both four-tenths of a mile away from the stadium and parking there on game day is free.

For now, there is no decision of whom the lessened parking spaces will affect. As for this year's season, if the football team does make the playoffs, construction will still begin on November 1 and will work around the games.

Conclusion of the facility will take place sometime this summer and will be open for the 2005 fall Track and Field/Soccer Seasons.



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9 Sex Signals performance, Union Ballroom @ 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

GSU Idol Auditions, Union Rm 2084, @ 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

"Mars and Venus, or Earthlings? Issues for Women and Men on campus in the New Millennium" Lecture, Union Theater The lecture begins @ 7 p.m.

"Tackling Race Issues One Voice at a Time" Discussion, Union Rm 2047 @ 7 p.m. This program will give different cultures the opportunity to discuss race issues as they see them.

Dyversion Meeting, Union Rm 2041 @ 8 p.m.-11 p.m.

10 International Coffee Hour, Union Rm 2080 @ 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unity Fest, Auxiliary Gym and Pavilion @ 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

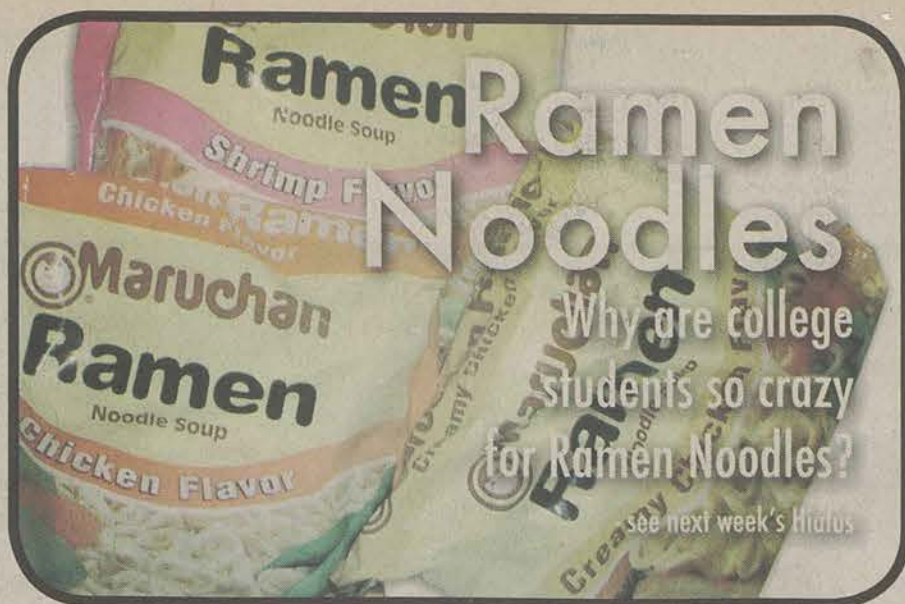
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Faculty Art Exhibit, Foy Fine Arts Building Gallery 303 @ 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The opening reception will be on held on Sept. 10. The exhibit runs until the thirtieth of September.

11 "Contemporary Art and Environmental Concerns," Botanical Garden @ 10 a.m.-Noon. Cost for Members of Friends of the Garden is \$5, non-members, \$7. To register, call the Garden at 912-871-1149.

13 "Beer, Booze & Books" Lecture Union Ballroom @ 11 a.m., 2 p.m., & 7 p.m.

'Autumn Spring,' Union Theater @ 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$2.



GSU's Fencing Team wants to let students...

Take a stab at it

Little-known fencing club has high hopes for growth.

By Christina Calloway
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This year, during the 2004 Olympics, history was made in the sport of fencing.

Mariel Zagunis and Sada Jacobson were the first United States women to ever win medals in their sport.

And that's not all.

The men's foil team finished in fourth place, the best finish since 1956.

So what does that mean for GSU students?

Believe it or not, fencing is GSU's oldest club sport.

Frank French, a former GSU biology professor, founded the fencing club 30 years ago. The club enjoyed tremendous popularity during the 80s, but interest waned in the years that followed.

But now, members want to change that. They hope to revitalize their club by being more active, and spreading the word about their sport.

Paul Kothenbuhler, the president of this year's fencing club, has high hopes.

"We already have 10-15 returning members and 10 people have shown interest for this year," said Kothenbuhler. "We have started to regain interest by getting new members (from) the student population."

One of those new members is David Duville, a freshman, who is an A-rated sabrest with national standing.

And while Duville is just a few steps from competing with members of the U.S. Olympic team, anyone who is a student or faculty member can join. The club provides beginners with means to start learning about the sport.

Fencing is an athletic sport that is very different from the sword fights you may have seen in movies. Fencers perform intense, quick moves that are scored electronically while on a six foot by 40-foot strip. A fencer's uniform consists of a metallic jacket called a lamé that covers the target areas. The lamé scores touches on a special scoring machine.

There are three divisions in fencing named by the type of weapons used in the event: foil, épée, and sabre.

"Fencing is like physical chess and is one of the greatest sports invented," said Kothenbuhler. "It is a great balance of mental and physical activity like hand coordination."

Fencing club members believe their sport is all about individuality. Participants choose to focus on one type of fencing.

Ben Humphrey, a senior music major, who first tried fencing when he was 11, began fencing at GSU three years ago.

"Fencing is like nothing else, and I love the

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photo by LaVene Bell/STAFF

Statesboro art center to open this weekend

by Jay Neely

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Visual arts studios, galleries, a writing lab, and a full-size theatre. No, it's not the Savannah College of Art and Design, it's the brand new Averitt Center for the Arts. And it's here for you.

Downtown Statesboro is currently a far cry from its former glory, with empty buildings for rent and little activity in the afternoon or at night. But Tim Chapman says all of that is going to

change once the Averitt Center opens. "We're looking at this facility to be the centerpiece of a vibrant downtown," he explained. "We've had seven businesses open up in Statesboro since we started renovations, property value has already significantly increased."

The buildings the Averitt Center and Emma Kelly theatre are now housed in have great historical significance in Statesboro. From 1911 to 1932 the Bank of Statesboro served the

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Hillary Jones/STAFF

The Averitt Center for the Arts and the Emma Kelly Theatre will open this weekend.

Midday music is professor's passion

Classical works chime from library twice a week.

By Bert Noble

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There is a new concert series in town. It is close, there is unlimited seating, and best of all it's free.

Mid-morning Music is a program that Dr. Michael Braz, Professor of Music, performs each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:45 to 11 a.m. using a Carillon.

A Carillon is a bell instrument that usually takes an entire bell tower, but in the case of Georgia Southern, it is a digital instrument. There is an electronic box and a keyboard that play the music. It is then projected through the speakers outside of the library.

Want to hear it?

Midday Music is performed every Tuesday and Thursday from the Library from 10:45-11:00 a.m.

The chimes can be heard all over campus. Some students will religiously listen to the music, and even bring lunch over to the library and listen outside," said Dr. Braz.

A typical schedule for Mid-morning Music for Dr. Braz is to get to the room where the Carillon is kept, in the fourth floor of the library, approximately a half-hour early to practice. He then proceeds to play the morning's selections at 10:45. The final song is always the Georgia Southern Alma Mater.

"I try to play it last, so that way people will know the performance is over," Dr. Braz also has to have the music done by 11 o'clock so that the bell tones can go off on the hour. "If I am playing, then the bell tones do not ring."

In case any music majors are interested in playing, Dr. Braz expresses concern. "The Carillon is a very difficult instrument to play. The keyboard is the same as a piano, but it operates completely different. I am sure one day a student will play, but I am not having open auditions."



He says he didn't do it. What's the real story?



Will she ever find love again? We don't think so.



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Celebrities In the News
Coming Every Thursday in the Hiatus
by Ashley Stevens

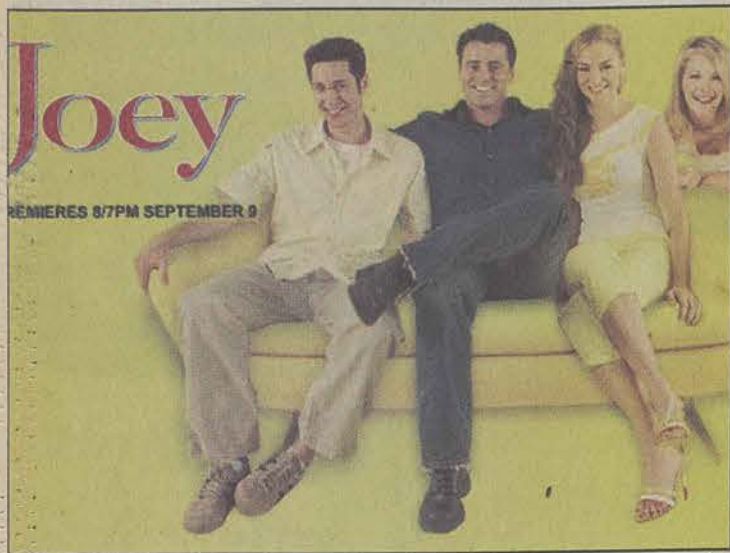


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'Joey' premieres September 8 on NBC.

Television Fall Preview

Here is your guide to all the new shows out this season on the major networks.

by Ashley Stevens • gahiatus@yahoo.com

CBS

Listen Up

Premieres: Sept. 20 at 8:30 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? A sports talk show host and columnist who struggles to get the respect and admiration from his family that he gets from his fans.
Starring: Jason Alexander, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, and Wendy Makkena

Clubhouse

Premieres: Sept. 28 at 9 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? A sixteen year old boy takes a job as a batboy for a professional baseball team.
Starring: Jeremy Sumpter, Mare Winningham, Kirsten Storms, and Dean Cain

Center of the Universe

Premieres: Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? A family man who is the go-to-guy for his eccentric extended clan.
Starring: John Goodman, Jean Smart, and Ed Asner

CSI: NY

Premieres: Sept. 22 at 10 p.m.
Type: Crime Drama
What's It About? A team of forensic investigators who use high-tech science to follow the evidence and solve crimes in the 'Big Apple.'
Starring: Gary Sinise, Melina Kana-karedes, and Carmine Giovinazzo

Dr. Vegas

Premieres: Sept. 24 at 10 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? An uncongenial physician who takes a gamble when he leaves behind the world of emergency medicine to become the in-house doctor at a high end casino in Las Vegas.
Starring: Rob Lowe, Joe Pantoliano, and Tom Sizemore

MTV

Laguna Beach

Premieres: Sept. 28 at 10:30 p.m.
Type: Reality
What's It About? MTV explores the lives of eight rich teens living in Orange County.
Starring: Stephen, LC, and many more

ABC

The Benefactor

Premieres: Sept. 13 at 8 p.m.
Type: Reality
What's It About? Billionaire Mark Cuban wants to know what people are willing to do for a million dollars. Sixteen contestants will vie for the money in a competition full of emotional and dramatic challenges.
Starring: Mark Cuban

Lost

Premieres: Sept. 22 at 10 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? Survivors of a plane crash try to survive in the harsh island surroundings.
Starring: Evangeline Lilly and Dominic Monaghan

WB

Jack & Bobby

Premieres: Sept. 12 at 9 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? The story of two brothers being raised by their eccentric mother. One of the brothers will become the future President of the United States.
Starring: Christine Lahti, Logan Lerr

man, and Matt Long

The Mountain

Premieres: Sept. 22 at 9 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? The most rebellious of the Carver family becomes sole heir to the family's Utah based ski resort.
Starring: Oliver Hudson and Barbara Hershey

Drew Carey's Green Screen Show

Premieres: Sept. 16 at 8:30 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? A live improv show paired with a green screen to create actual improvised movies.
Starring: Drew Carey

Commando Nanny

Premieres: Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? An ex-commando from the British Special Forces becomes the nanny of a Beverly Hills tycoon's kids.
Starring: Philip Winchester, Gerald McRaney, and Kristin Bauer

NBC

L.A.X

Premieres: Sept. 13 at 10 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? A story of the trials and tribulations found in the Los Angeles International Airport such as missing children, illegal immigrants, drug busts etc.
Starring: Heather Locklear, Blair Underwood, and Paul Leyden

Medical Investigation

Premieres: Sept. 9 at 10 p.m.
Type: Medical Drama
What's It About? A medical team from the National Institutes of Health solves cases of mysterious causes.
Starring: Neal McDonough, Kelli Williams, and Troy Winbush

Joey

Premieres: Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? Joey Tribbiani, an aspiring actor, goes off to Los Angeles to pursue his dream and begin a new chapter in his life.
Starring: Matt LeBlanc

FOX

The Next Great Champ

Premieres: Sept. 7 at 9 p.m.
Type: Reality
What's It About? Twelve aspiring boxers train and slug it out in the hopes of winning a prizefighter's dream: a contract with Oscar de la Hoya's Golden Boy Promotion and a shot at a titleholder.
Starring: Oscar de la Hoya

UPN

Kevin Hill

Premieres: Sept. 29 at 9 p.m.
Type: Comedy
What's It About? A hotshot attorney unexpectedly inherits a baby.
Starring: Taye Diggs

Veronica Mars

Premieres: Sept. 22 at 9 p.m.
Type: Drama
What's It About? A 17 year old girl whose life is changed after the murder of her best friend
Starring: Kristen Bell

Second Time Around

Premieres: Sept. 20 at 9:30 p.m.
Type: Comedy/Drama
What's It About? A couple gets a second chance of love.
Starring: Nicole Parker and Boris Kodjoe



The Hot Seat...

Our weekly look at GSU's best rides

Age: 22

Year: Senior

Major: Sports medicine

Hometown: Newnan, Ga.

Car's nickname: Big Kitty

How did you come to own this vehicle? I bought it from my uncle.

What did you pay for it? \$1

How much money have you put into it since you have bought it? \$4,500

What is the most expensive feature on it? The rims.

What makes your car stand out? It's a classic.

What is one thing you would like to do to customize your vehicle that you haven't yet done? I'd like to install a sunroof.

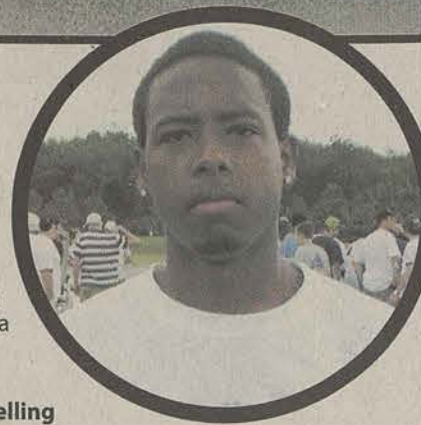
Would you ever consider selling it? No, it's priceless.

When you ride through a parking lot, what do you think people say about your car? Damn, that's a nice car.

While riding in your car, are there any rules? Don't touch my radio.

When you are in your car, how do you feel? Great!

How do you take care of your car? I drive slow over speed bumps.



Jamarcus Irving
'76 Mercury Cougar

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1st Person

Casey Affleck

Although he bears little physical resemblance to his older brother Ben, Casey Affleck spent his early acting years working his way out of his brother's shadow.

Vital statistics

- **Born:** Caleb Casey Affleck, Aug. 12, 1975, in Falmouth, Mass.
- **Parents:** Father, a former actor in Boston, is a drug rehab counselor; mother, a teacher
- **Education:** Attended Columbia University; left to devote more time to acting
- **Connections:** Brother is actor Ben Affleck; fiancée is actress Summer Phoenix, sister of actor River Phoenix
- **Family:** One son with fiancée

Did you know?

- **Child actor:** Got first real acting job at age 12, playing Kevin Bacon's little brother in PBS presentation of "Lemon Sky"
- **TV miniseries:** Played the young Robert Kennedy in "The Kennedys of Massachusetts"
- **Film debut:** As one of Joaquin Phoenix's slacker friends in "To Die For," 1995
- **Family affair:** Played with brother Ben in two movies, "Chasing Amy" and "Good Will Hunting"
- **Claim to fame:** Played the punk rocker Tom in the indie film "200 Cigarettes," 1999

Source: Internet Movie Database, E! Online, Hollywood.com, KRT Photo Service

FENCING

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personal competition of the sport," said Humphrey. "I have always been fascinated by the Middle Ages and going back to the Renaissance duels. There's an honor system ... fencing is like a one-on-one duel to the death without the blood."

But, for some, the sport is still stuck in the Middle Ages. Until recently, women could only compete in foil competitions. In 1996, a women's épée was held at the Olympics for the first time.

For 16-year-old Naomi Bryant, who practices with the GSU fencing team, the Olympic competition shows that women can compete on the same level with men.

"I think the fact that they televise fencing is great," said Bryant. "Since it is still a guy sport, the women medalists just show that women are just as good."

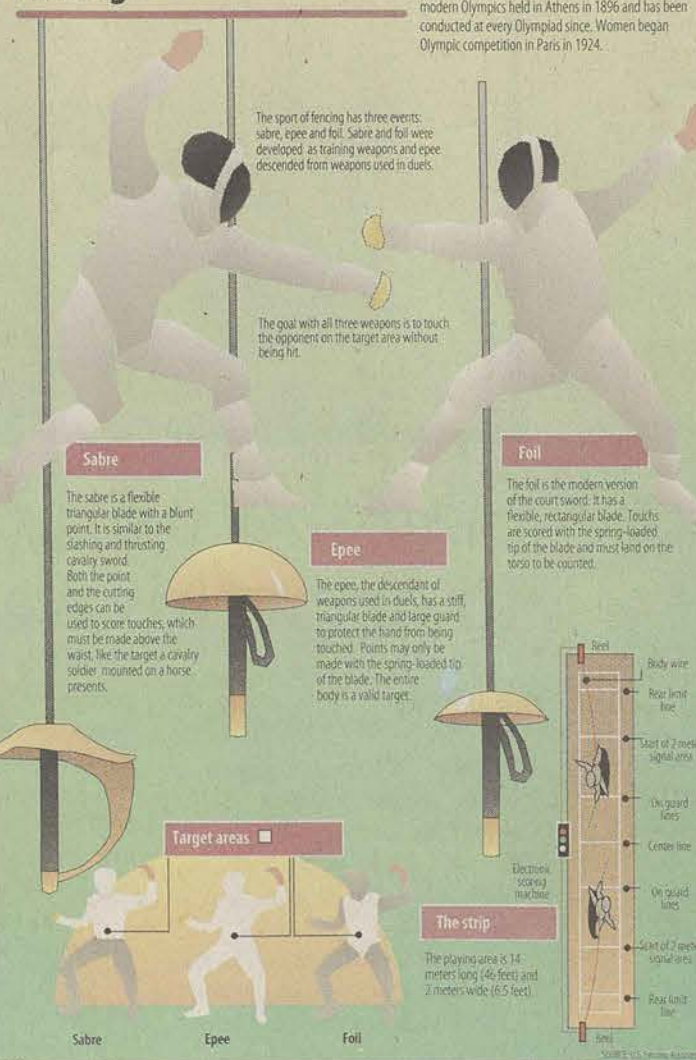
Humphrey confirms that women have what it takes to compete with men. "In fact, he has lost to women before."

"The greatest thing is that competitions are open," said Humphrey. "This means that you can fence against a man or woman, an 8-year-old or even a 50-year-old. Fencing is more about getting into the mind set than the physical."

Club members believe socialization and community outreach is a big part of what they do. Club members link with area high schools to include younger students.

Bryant, who is a high school student, found out about the club through her school.

Fencing



"I like that the sport is individual, but you do get to interact with, and meet, great people," said Bryant. "I got involved with fencing because ... I liked the people."

Kothenbuhler wants more members like Bryant.

"I just want GSU students to know fencing is here and active."

About the fencing club...

The GSU Fencing Club has dues of \$15. Members participate in the North American Cups and the United States Fencing Association, both national tournaments. The USAF is held each year throughout the country where 900 fencers come to compete.

TOP TEN

Movies

1. Hero
2. Without a Paddle
3. Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid
4. Paparazzi
5. Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
6. Wicker Park
7. Collateral
8. Vanity Fair
9. The Cookout
10. The Bourne Supremacy

Albums

1. Tim McGraw-Live Like You Were Dying
2. R. Kelly-Happy People/U Saved Me
3. Young Buck-Straight Outta Ca\$hville
4. Mase-Welcome Back
5. Various Artists-Now 16
6. Ashlee Simpson-Autobiography
7. Prince-Musicology
8. Maroon5-Songs About Jane
9. Usher-Confessions
10. Big & Rich-Horse Of A Different Color

Singles

1. Goodies-Ciara
2. Lean Back-Terror Squad
3. Sunshine-Lil' Flip
4. My Place-Nelly
5. Dip It Low-Christina Milian
6. Turn Me On-Kevin Lyttle
7. Slow Motion-Juvenile
8. Pieces of Me-Ashlee Simpson
9. She Will Be Loved-Maroon5
10. If I Ain't Got You-Alicia Keys

DVD/Video Rentals

1. Taking Lives
2. Godsend
3. Hidalgo
4. Kill Bill Vol. 2
5. 13 Going On 30
6. Johnson Family Vacation
7. Prince & Me
8. New York Minute
9. Starsky & Hutch
10. Hellboy

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2. The Five People You Meet In Heaven-Mitch Albom
3. White Hot-Sandra Brown
4. Skinny Dip-Carl Hiaasen
5. Rule of Four-Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
6. Angels & Demons-Dan Brown
7. Lost City-Clive Cussler
8. Dark Justice-Jack Higgins
9. Dune: Battle of Corrin-Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson
10. Sam's Letters to Jennifer-James Patterson

Alicia Keys takes the world by storm

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Alicia Keys is working on a new film, proofreading her poems for publication and writing travel stories for a newspaper.

Oh yeah, and her second album "The Diary of Alicia Keys" recently topped 3 million in sales.

She continues to impress audiences long after the runaway success of her debut "Songs in A Minor."

At Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards, she even had Lenny Kravitz on his knees.

Kravitz displayed his admiration after Keys won her first moonman for best R&B video for "If I Ain't Got You."

She then wowed the Miami crowd with a soulful rendition of the song, as well as a rousing, funkified performance of Stevie Wonder's "Higher Ground" with Kravitz and Wonder himself.

But when Keys doesn't have rock stars at her feet, Keys forges her affection for writing.

"I just love the pen and the paper," the 23-year-old singer-pianist says in an interview with The Associated Press. "I like to document what I've seen and what I feel."

She's writing travel reports every few weeks and has already filed three articles for the New York Daily News. Her upcoming travels included an Asian tour and a concert on the Great Wall of China.



Alicia Keys

The five-time Grammy winner thinks she can see things through the average person's eyes: "I mean, I live a very normal life despite what anybody may believe. I'm a very low-key person."

Michelle Leifer, a Daily News travel editor, agrees: "She brings a good perspective. She's not jaded and is very youthful. She's seeing a lot of things for the first time."

This fall, Keys will release a book of poetry and next year will publish the nonmusical "Diary of Alicia Keys" a collection of the singer's personal journal entries since she was 9.

"Very personal and very scary," Keys says of the diary.

Still, she finds strength in the writ-

ings of her youth: "To be able to read back on my thoughts remind me of what I feel now, and who I want to be who I don't want to be."

Keys will also act in her first movie in a Halle Berry-produced biopic about piano prodigy Philippa Schuyler, a biracial woman who encountered racism in her classical piano playing during the 1950s and '60s. Like Schuyler, Keys' mother is white and her father black.

"I've always said I don't want to play a pianist, I don't want to play a singer. But I feel like this story is so powerful and perfect. It always happens like that," she says.

Of course, Keys is still an R&B singer too. She recently finished shooting a music video for her album's second single, "Karma." Part of the video was shot in the Dominican Republic; another part was shot in New York and allowed Keys to fulfill "a fantasy I've always wanted to live out: me playing the piano on the subway platform."

And she just began shooting a video for "My Boo," a duet with Usher. The two previously worked together on a remix of Keys' "If I Ain't Got You."

"Him and I, the songs that we did with each other really showcase us in lights that we aren't often seen in. It takes us both out of our elements respectively, but it's cool," says Keys.

Movie Reviews for opening movies this week

Associated Press

"Paparazzi" - Some movies are comedies, some are dramas. When this comes out on video, you'll be able to find it in the "No, duh" category. The photographers of the film's title slink and slither through Los Angeles, stalking their celebrity prey with single-minded sleaziness. The stars they follow feel justifiably violated and sometimes fight back. Tabloids pay a lot of money for these pictures - the more intrusive the better. Average people perpetuate the cycle by spending money on such trashy publications. And that's it. No new insights into the nature of fame, the nuances of privacy or the need



Cole Hauser plays Hollywood star Bo Laramie who attends his first Hollywood premiere and is confronted by paparazzi photographers in "Paparazzi."

for this kind of "journalism." The whole thing plays like a heavy-handed public service announcement on the importance of protecting celebrities'

civil liberties, though it would seem like an inside joke if it were even remotely clever. Cole Hauser plays an up-and-coming action star who becomes the target of paparazzi stalkers after he punches out a photographer (the totally over-the-top Tom Sizemore). The movie wasn't screened for critics before opening day, and it's a wonder it didn't go straight to cable. PG-13 for intense violent sequences, sexual content and language. 85 min. One and a half stars out of four.

"Vanity Fair" - Those getting their primary introduction to William Makepeace Thackeray's 19th century novel from this new film starring Reese Witherspoon will find themselves frequently adrift as director Mira Nair sprints through the epic-sized story. Witherspoon stars as Becky Sharp, an impoverished orphan who uses her beauty, charm and education to climb the restrictive social boundaries of London in the early 1800s. Everyone is preoccupied with title, appearance and money to a degree that is sickening and,



James Purefoy and Reese Witherspoon star in Mira Nair's "Vanity Fair."

ultimately, pretty dull. You want to

cheer for Becky as she tries to improve her lot, but there's no room for romance, no interest in joy, no especially clever skewering of the cruel fat cats. Witherspoon's accent is dead-on, but her performance remains cold. Eileen Atkins, Bob Hoskins and Romola Garai co-star. PG-13 for some sensuality/partial nudity and a brief violent image. 140 min. Two stars out

Jackson acknowledges past financial settlements

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Michael Jackson, facing child-molestation allegations, acknowledged he has reached financial settlements with people in the past to avoid the embarrassment of going to court, but added he would never harm a child.

The six-paragraph statement was released hours before "Dateline NBC" broadcast a lengthy report alleging that the entertainer paid \$2 million to the son of an employee at his Neverland Ranch in 1990 to avoid a child-molestation accusation.

"I have spent my entire life helping millions of children across the world. I would never harm a child. It is unfortunate that some individuals have seen fit to come forward and make a complaint that is completely false," Jackson said Friday.

Although he made no direct reference to the broadcast, Jackson said he felt the need to "respond to untruths and sensationalism" and questioned "the timing and motive of this report."

The 46-year-old entertainer is fighting charges that he molested a boy in 2003. Jackson, who is free on \$3 million bail, has pleaded not guilty to committing a lewd act upon a child, administering an intoxicating agent, and conspiring to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion. He is scheduled to face trial beginning Jan. 31.

"Years ago, I settled with certain individuals because I was concerned about my family and the media scrutiny that would have ensued if I fought the matter in court," he said.

"These people wanted to exploit my concern for children by threatening to destroy what I believe in and what I do. I have been a vulnerable target for those who want money."

Jackson was being investigated by Santa Barbara County authorities in 1993 when he reached a settlement with his accuser, paying him a sum reported at \$15 million to \$20 million. He was never charged in that case.

"Dateline NBC" reported that in



Michael Jackson

1990 Jackson allegedly made a \$2 million payment to the son of an employee at his Neverland Ranch. The boy was not the same one Jackson settled with in 1993, according to the report.

Former Santa Barbara County Sheriff Jim Thomas told "Dateline NBC" authorities learned of the 1990 case during their 1993 investigation.

Moore pursues 'Best Picture'

By ANTHONY BREZNICAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Michael Moore says he won't submit "Fahrenheit 9/11" for consideration as best documentary at this year's Academy Awards. Instead, he's going for the bigger prize of best picture.

Moore's critically acclaimed film slams President Bush's war on terror as ill-advised and corrupt. The movie has cheered Democrats but enraged the president's supporters, who booed Moore when he visited the Republican National Convention last week.

"For me the real Oscar would be Bush's defeat on Nov. 2," Moore told The Associated Press during a phone interview Monday from New York.

The \$6 million film has become a sensation that collected \$117.3 million in the United States this summer, despite an early roadblock when the Walt Disney Co. banned its Miramax Films division from distributing the political hot-potato.

In the midst of the presidential campaign, Moore's announcement is a strategic move for his Oscar campaign. Documentaries and animated films have their own categories, but the conventional wisdom in Hollywood is that those niche awards can



Michael Moore

limit a film's appeal in the overall best picture class.

Moore said he and his producing partner, Harvey Weinstein, agreed "Fahrenheit 9/11" would stand a better chance if they focused solely on the top Oscar.

He also said he wanted to be "supportive of my teammates in nonfiction film."

So many documentaries such as the gonzo fast-food satire "Super Size Me" and the sober look at Arab television news in "Control Room" have made the rounds in theaters recently that Moore, who won the best

documentary Oscar for "Bowling for Columbine," said he wanted to give others a chance.

"It's not that I want to be disrespectful and say I don't ever want to win a (documentary) Oscar again," Moore said. "This just seems like the right thing to do. ... I don't want to take away from the other nominees and the attention that they richly deserve."

Moore also hinted in a recent interview in Rolling Stone he would like the movie to play on television before the presidential election. According to the rules of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, playing on TV would invalidate its contention in the documentary category, but not for best picture. With the movie coming out on DVD Oct. 5, it's not clear whether the TV deal would happen.

Nominations for the Academy Awards are scheduled to be announced in January.

Regardless of who wins the election, Moore said the movie's presence at the Academy Awards in February will provide another forum for Americans to think about its message.

"The issues in the film: terrorism, the war on terrorism, and the Iraq war will be with us five months from now, sadly," Moore said. "The issues that the film raises will be no less relevant, in the new year."

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Date Expectations

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Alain Eboli
Senior

"If I am paying for a nice dinner, at least a peck on the cheek."




Amy Partridge
Freshman

"Just one good night kiss."




James Hall
Senior

"I'm more of a long relationship person. Maybe just a kiss or something."




Janae Veal
Recent grad

"Not far at all. You really have to impress me."




Philan Pettigrew
Senior

"As far as she will let me go."




Nicole Alexander
Senior

"If it went good, maybe just a kiss. Just depends on how interested I am in them."



Dom Carrington
Senior

"Third base if I'm lucky."



Michelle Decamp
Senior

"On a first date, I'm definitely not going to kiss a guy I'm not feeling. So, if he's lucky, he'll get a kiss."

Love it or hate, dating is a game college kids play.

Your neighbor, the guy that sits next to you in class, or that semi-cute girl across the bar are all potential players.

Maybe the first date will sprout legs and lead to some thing meaningful, or maybe it will fizzle and end with no attraction.

And while many look to first dates as a potential love connection, some see them as a way to get lucky and nothing else.

The distinction — between those on a quest for love and those looking to hit the sack — seems to be split completely down the sexes. It's a stereotype but one that seems to be accurate.

That's just part of the game. Girls have to weed out the guys who don't have an altruistic sense and guys have to pretend to be interested in more than a quickie.

So the pattern of college-age dating seems to be carved in stone: You meet someone you're interested in, maybe in class or at a bar, waste money you don't have on a new outfit that shows off only your best assets, and spend countless hours applying makeup and fixing your hair. Sure you may share a laugh or two, but as you nervously sip your beverage of choice you can't stop thinking about how the date will end. Will there be a good night kiss? Or will someone get lucky?

We asked 10 Georgia Southern students about what their expectations were one a first date. The pole certainly isn't scientific, but hey, it's fun!

All Joking Aside...

Taken in humor, our poll of GSU students and their feelings about sex on the first date, shows girls and guys often have different ideas of where first dates are headed.

And while it's funny to laugh about what guys and girls want at the end of their first date it's important to mention that what someone wants and what someone gets can often lead to trouble.

At Georgia Southern, school officials recognize that date rape and sexual assault is a problem. No worse, nor any better than any other college campus, GSU officials have taken aim at sexual assault in a number of ways.

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community until closing a few years after the stock market crash. It was purchased by the city in 1997 and named after Mayor David "Hal" Averitt who held the position from 1990 to 2001. Mayor Averitt is credited with providing the vision for the creation of an arts center in downtown Statesboro.

Emma Kelly was a native of Bulloch County who has become a talented icon of Georgia music. In 1998, Georgia Southern University recognized her contribution to music with an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree. She passed away at the beginning of 2001. The theatre is named in her honor.

What Mr. Chapman and other

members of the Board predict is the historical district coming alive with galleries, coffee shops, restaurants, and night life entertainment. It's not just wishful thinking either. "Athens did the same thing," Mr. Chapman said as he elaborated on the precedents of other cities revitalizing areas by building theatres or arts centers. It should work especially well in Statesboro where "the people of the community want the arts." The city agrees and has received a grant for a streetscape project that will be used to plant trees, pour new sidewalks, and beautify the downtown area.

But besides just giving Georgia Southern students another area to eat and shop in, the Averitt Center

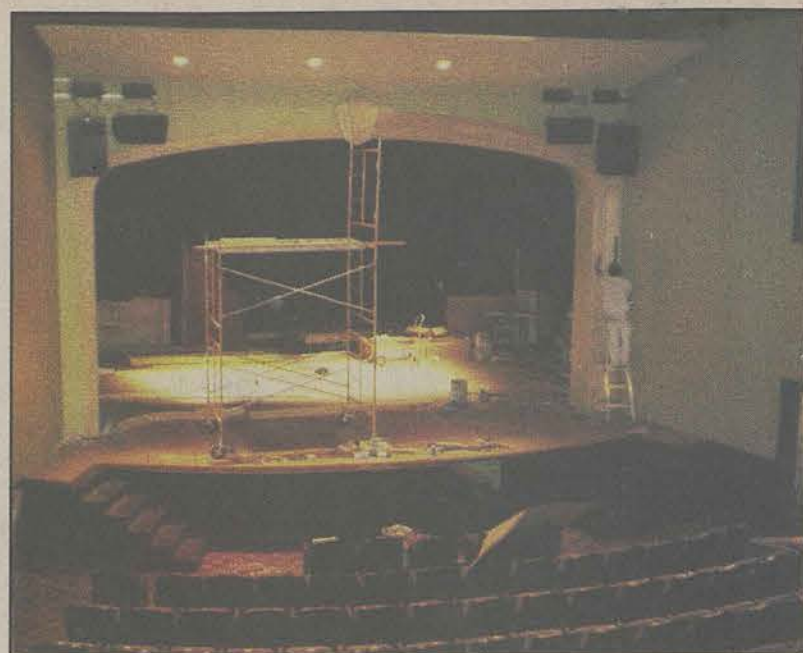
will be another resource students can take advantage of. It will feature workshops and classes, provide facilities for graphic design and other visual arts work, and offer spaces within the Center for an affordable rental fee. Spacious studios for aspiring artists, for instance, can be rented at daily, weekly, or monthly rates and come equipped with basic essentials.

The grand opening of the Averitt Center is Friday, September 10th, kicking off with *Here's to the Ladies: A Songbook of Broadway's First Ladies* at 8:00 PM. Saturday offers family-oriented performances and workshops from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, and Sunday is a \$1 per person double feature; first the original filming of *A Star is Born* and then a modern remake of the movie will be shown. "Students would thoroughly enjoy

these productions, because they're unique in their nature," Mr. Chapman emphasized. Tickets can be ordered by phone at 912-212-ARTS or by purchase at the box office.

The grand opening events of the Center aim to set the tone for a place where community, family, and the arts are highly valued. Talented singers and theatrical performances that approach Broadway quality guarantee full houses for quite some time at the theater. The galleries will be hosting traveling exhibits as well as local art by Bulloch county schools and Statesboro artists.

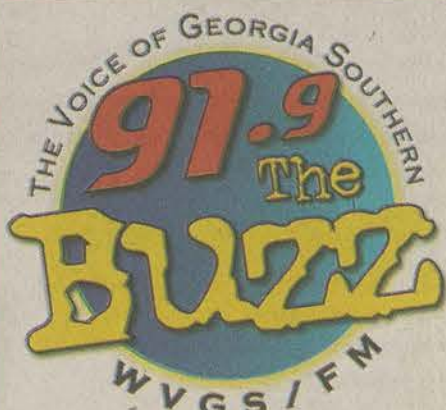
The Averitt Center for the Arts will be a busy place, and Mr. Chapman hopes to see you there. "I think it's important that students know that they're welcome, they are part of our community, and this is their community arts center."



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The Emma Kelly Theatre is near completion. Averitt Center officials expect it to be completely finished by this Friday's grand opening.

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