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# The GEORGE-ANNE

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## Memorial plaza construction underway

*Commemorative bricks to pave the walkway of The Centennial Plaza and Memorial Grove*



Katherine S. Grube, wife of GSU president Bruce Grube, receives the first commemorative brick.

By Rachel Weeks  
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Have you noticed the new conveniently placed brick pathways, Bass Custom Landscaping workers, and freshly planted trees near the College of Education?

The new project on the far end of campus is the Centennial Plaza and Memorial Grove, which is located between the College of Education and the College of Information Technology.

The goal is to have 2006 commemorative bricks at the focal point of the grove by the centennial celebration of Georgia Southern in 2006.

The Memorial Grove provides a beautiful landscape and matching brick pathways that lead through a variety of trees, includ-

ing Oklahoma Redbud, Okame Cherry, and Fringe trees. Each variety of tree blooms at a different time of year, so the trees will flower in succession, keeping the grove bright and alive throughout the year. A Chinese Pistachio tree, known for its beautiful red fall colors, is planted in the center of the Memorial Grove in the middle of the Centennial Plaza where the commemorative bricks will be placed.

The bricks can be inscribed to honor, memorialize, or celebrate any person, event or organization.

The bricks cost \$100 and the purchase includes an engraved brick installed in the plaza wheel as well as a mini replica of your brick to keep as a memento or present to the person or group that is honored. The money from the commemorative bricks will fund

scholarships for graduates and undergraduates in the College of Education and is a part of GSU's Capitol Campaign. Each purchase is tax deductible.

Victoria Zwald, College of education coordinator for Alumni, Media and Public Relations says the commemorative bricks are lasting gifts. "They are a permanent legacy, a tangible tribute. The bricks will be a legacy to someone, whoever it's dedicated to," she said.

Decorative cast stone benches have been placed at each quadrant of the plaza wheel and at the end of the gravel pathways. These benches—along with the trees in the Memorial Grove—can be dedicated. Trees and benches

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## GSU Connection

*New web site provides students with a place to communicate*

By Jenny Miller  
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Looking for cheap textbooks? Interested in meeting new people throughout the campus community? If so, GSU Connection is the place for you. The web page is a new way to find textbooks, apartments, roommates, nightlife and people in and around the GSU campus.

GSU junior Erica Cook is the creator of GSU Connection. The web site is only a couple weeks old, but there are around 100 students who use one or more of the many free forums offered on the site, which is not affiliated with GSU.

The site features a "Classified" section, where students can find job opportunities around Statesboro, buy and sell automobiles and look for a new roommate.

There is also a "Personals" link for any GSU student looking to meet new people. The site conveniently features a "Restaurants" section that lists every restaurant in Statesboro, including address and contact number.

The site will continue to grow, but only with the involvement and interest of GSU students. "The more people who use the site, the better it is going to be," says Cook.

Currently, if you register and post on a forum at the webpage by October 31, you will be entered to win cool prizes, such as shot glasses and frisbees.

### GSU Connection

<http://www.gsuconnection.com>

#### Site Features

- Campus news
- Restaurant list
- Chat forums
- Personals
- Classifieds
- Apartment guide
- Auctions
- Roommate finder
- Chat rooms
- GSU humor
- Talk back
- College survival guide, composed by students
- Night life

## Eagles get 'Crafty'



Special Photo

Quarterback Chaz Williams runs the ball at Saturday's game against the Citadel.

By Matt Rapp  
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Revenge is always sweet, especially when it's against the team that beat you in your own Homecoming game last year.

The Georgia Southern Eagles nearly shut-out the Citadel Bulldogs in Charleston, South Carolina this past Saturday 42-7 for their sixth conference victory.

And for anyone who hasn't seen what senior quarterback Chaz Williams is capable of doing, well now you know. With over 100 rushing yards, 133 to be exact, Chaz reminded the Southern Conference what happens when you take

Georgia Southern's running game for granted.

Williams led a 36-yard drive rush in the first quarter to put the Eagles on top. In the second quarter Williams had a 31 yard touchdown run to make it a 14-0 game. Chaz went on to run for a career-high four touchdowns by the end of the game.

The Eagles have opened up their offense this season with a surprising passing game that has brought yet another threat from the Eagles' already lethal spread offense. Sophomore Teddy Craft has made a name for himself this season at the wide

**FINAL SCORE**  
Eagles 42  
Bulldogs 7

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## Grubbin' in the name of government

By Melissa Chapman  
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For some it was a social hour and for others it was free pizza; but for the majority of the attendees to Thursday night's "Pizza and Politics," it was an opportunity to further their political knowledge and clear up major issues of the upcoming election.

Members of the GSU community swarmed the Russell Union for this new event.

As people waited, random groups of students became engaged in political discussions, further adding energy to the already heated environment. Event organizer and Minority Advisement Coordinator Amy Anderson began by introducing the mediator, Dr. Francis Johnson who then explained how the panel was derived.

An invitation was extended to all local and state candidates to attend, and three were able to come: Liz Johnson, democratic candidate for Bulloch County Commissioner, Senator Jack Hill, and John Brown, president of the Bulloch County democratic party. Alongside these candidates were four Georgia Southern students: Jamie Steele, Christian McKeet, Tony Reed, and Brandon James, each representing political activist groups.

After each candidate delivered an opening statement, Johnson began conducting a brief question and answer session. The questions were derived from both the speaker's research and audience requests. Each panel member had two minutes to concisely respond to the pending question.

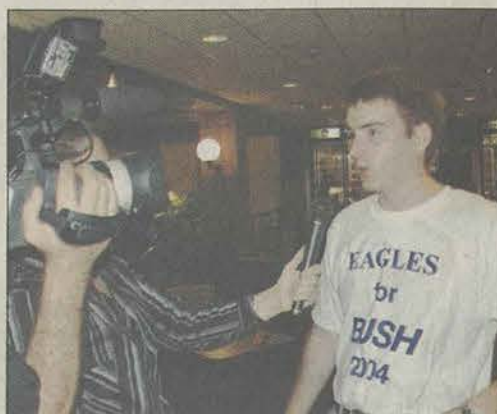
Topics swayed from the possibility of voting polls on campus to marriage rights for gays and lesbians, then from the effectiveness of scare tactics to social security.

Other issues discussed were quotas imposed by affirmative action, gender equality, and the concept that every election is deemed, "the most important election of our lives."

Within their responses, candidates stressed the importance of the younger generation's political eagerness.

Student responses pointed out the obligation of young adults to hold political leaders accountable for their actions and assess whether or not their

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Leon Wimberly/STAFF

A GSU student is interviewed during "Pizza and Politics," which took place in the Russell Union Commons this past Thursday.

### Weekday Weather

Monday

**HIGH 83°**  
**LOW 59°**  
Mostly Sunny

Tuesday

**HIGH 79°**  
**LOW 54°**  
Partly Cloudy

### Opinions

- Ashley Stevens gives students advice on how to choose the right candidate
- Two GSU students challenge Dr. Powell's recent letter to the editor

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### Sports

- GSU Men's Soccer falls to Gardner-Webb 2-1
- Volleyball ends home game winning streak with loss to App. State

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## Campus News

### GSU alumnus will discuss care of Alzheimer's patients

Special to the G-A

Caring for people who have Alzheimer's disease will be the topic of a seminar by Dr. Gilberto Severino at Georgia Southern on Tuesday, Oct. 26.



**Gilberto Severino**

Free and open to the public, Severino's presentation will be held in Biology Building Room 2215 at 4 p.m.

A graduate of GSU, Severino is a medical doctor in the Department of Geriatrics of the Paulista Medical School at Sao Paulo Hospital in Ourinhos-Sao Paulo, Brazil.

He is a member of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology, the Brazilian Medical Society, and the International Academy of Pathology. Severino received his medical degree from the Juarez State University School of Medicine in Durango, Mexico, in 1989.

He was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). In addition, he was

a research assistant at the University of Massachusetts and a research fellow at MCG.

Severino earned a Master of Science in Biology degree from GSU in 1983. He was a recipient of the Rotary International Scholarship as well as the A.H. Robins International Award, the Sertoma Club Distinguished Service Award, and the Distinguished Medical and Social Work Award.

Severino was selected as the Georgia Southern Department of Biology Distinguished Alumnus for 2004. He received the university's Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

### Advocate against childhood obesity speaks at GSU

By Krystle Jackson  
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"I've always been big because my momma was big, my granny was big, my Uncle Bubba was big..."

According to Professor Melinda S. Sothorn, advocate for childhood obesity, if you have said this or anything similar to this before, then you are the prime victim; many Americans think and feel the same way.

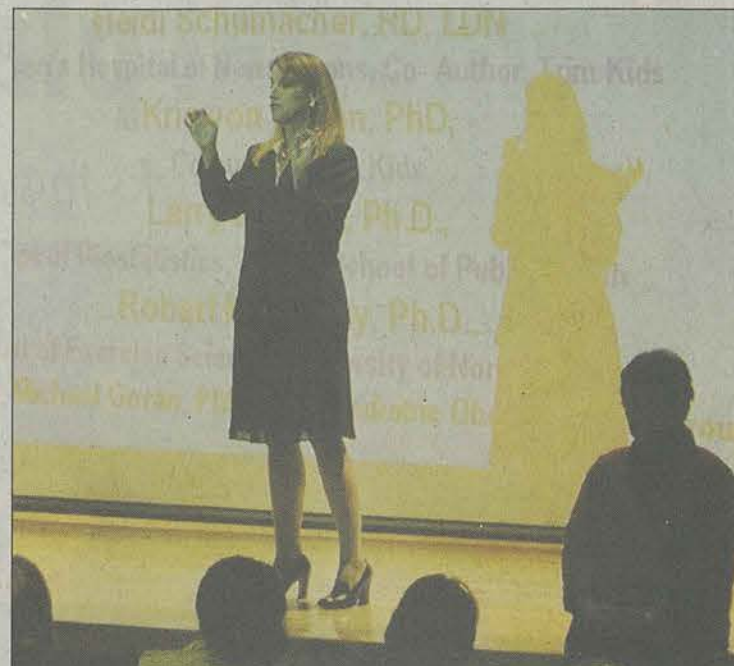
Sothorn is the Director of the Section of Health Promotion and Childhood Obesity at Louisiana State University. She currently does research on childhood obesity and is a national spokesperson for overweight youth. Her voice and research have been featured widely in the media on shows such as Oprah and The Dr. Phil Show.

Last Thursday at 7 p.m., Sothorn came to GSU and spoke at the College of Education Lecture Hall. In her lecture, Sothorn gave tips and awareness to the audience on the facts of childhood obesity. She believes genetics permits childhood obesity, but it should not be the excuse of continued obesity.

"Even if your child is genetically designed to be overweight, you have the power to change a child's life. Don't let him be a victim to society," said Sothorn.

Sothorn's inspiration to study and voice childhood obesity came from her own personal experiences while working as a physical education teacher.

"I taught physical education. I hated faculty lounges because they talked about overweight kids behind their backs. They hated me because



Leon Wimberly/STAFF

**Professor Melinda S. Sothorn**, an expert on childhood obesity, spoke at the College of Education auditorium on Thursday. She emphasized that while genetics plays a role, it should not be the excuse for continued obesity.

I let the overweight cheerleaders join the team," said Sothorn.

Now her voice has inspired change in other people's lives.

GSU student Nacole Driggers is an example of one of the people that has been inspired by Sothorn.

"I now know how important it is to assess the weight problems in my family. Now I have better insight to break the cycle. I am aware how to prevent it," said Driggers.

Sothorn has also inspired students and teachers alike that are in the related field of health study.

Christy Byczkoski, who is study-

ing to be a nurse practitioner, and Health Professor Joanne Chopak-Foss both gained information from Sothorn's lecture.

"This will help me to address childhood obesity in my practice. It is a major childhood disease in America and prevention is my first priority," said Byczkoski.

"All of the tips were helpful. She [Sothorn] validated principle as I, a professor of public health, teach everyday," said Chopak-Foss.

The lecture was followed by a question/answer series between the speaker and audience.

## Campus Calendar

**Mon, Oct. 25 & Tue, Oct. 26**  
**Seventh Annual Search for Southern Leaders**  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

•Students can come, meet representatives, and obtain information from student peer groups such as Southern Ambassadors, SOAR, MAP, GSU 1210, Inspire, and Residence Life. This is a great opportunity to learn more about these various groups. At the Russell Union Rotunda on Monday and at Lakeside Cafe on Tuesday.

**Mon, Oct. 25**  
**College Republicans**  
6 p.m.

•The GSU chapter of the College Republicans will meet today

at the Carroll Building, room 2226.

**NAACP**  
7 p.m.

•The GSU chapter of the NAACP will meet today at the Russell Union, room 2047.

**'Baraka'**  
7:15 p.m.

•Cinema Arts presents the film "Baraka" tonight at the Russell Union Theater. The cost is \$2 per ticket, and all are invited.

**Tues, Oct. 26**  
**Sociological Society**  
5 p.m.

•The GSU chapter of the Socio-

logical Society will meet Tuesday at the Carroll Building, room 1003.

**'How to Become a Leader on Campus' Information Session**  
5:30 p.m.

•Students are welcome to stop in and see how they can get involved at GSU. Representatives from the Minority Advancement Program (MAP), INSPIRE Student Leadership Consultants, SOAR, GSU 1210 Peer Leaders, and University Housing will be available to discuss their organization's recruiting and selection process, the purpose of their organization, and what they look for in student leaders. This event will be held at the Russell Union, room 2048.

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## Police Beat

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- A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union bike rack.
- A case of transaction card fraud was reported at the Rosenwald Building.

10-21-2004

- Alexander Deshun Pinckney, 21, of Southern Pines, was charged with financial transaction card fraud.
- Someone reported \$1.25 was taken from the glove compartment of a vehicle in the Eagles Nest parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and four traffic warnings; investigated three traffic accidents; assisted five motorists, one injured person and one sick person; and responded to two fire alarms.

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## Only in America

### Man aims for mouse, shoots girlfriend

CONFLUENCE, PA. - A man missed a mouse he was trying to shoot and wounded his girlfriend instead, state police said.

Donald Rugg, 43, was trying to kill the rodent with a .22-caliber handgun when his girlfriend, Cathy Jo Harris, 38, apparently went into the line of fire and was hit in the arm early Tuesday, state police said.

Harris was in stable condition at Somerset Hospital on Thursday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

State police said they won't charge Rugg, but advised against people shooting firearms inside.

### Pilot lands plane without engine

CHICAGO, IL. - Even minus a little engine that could, this cargo plane did.

A cargo plane from Chicago landed safely at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after dropping an engine somewhere over Michigan.

The Kalitta Air jet took off from O'Hare International Airport late Wednesday and was bound for New York's Kennedy International Airport when it reported mechanical problems with one of its engines, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

The Boeing 747-R was able to fly but was diverted as a safety precaution

to Detroit, where it landed without incident, FAA officials said. No one was injured.

After the landing, airline personnel discovered the engine was completely gone, FAA officials said.

Michigan authorities searched Thursday for the engine, which may have fallen into Lake Michigan, the FAA said.

### Stripper declined apartment lease

LINCOLN, NE. Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning has stripped his support from a woman who claimed a landlord refused to rent her an apartment because she's a topless dancer.

The Richdale Group declined to lease an apartment to Charleigh Greenwood after she listed her occupation as a "dancer" at a Council Bluffs, Iowa, lounge.

The lawsuit said such a refusal discriminates against women because labor statistics show women make up 98 percent of dancers in the state and 96 percent of dancers nationwide.

"After further examination I determined that using state resources for this litigation would be inappropriate," Bruning said.

"I don't believe this case is a priority for the hardworking taxpayers of Nebraska."

Strippers are not a protected class under the law like race, gender and religion, he said.

"I don't think government's role is to force apartment owners to rent property to people engaged in the adult sex industry," Bruning said.

There was no telephone listing for Greenwood in Nebraska or Iowa.

### Woman may get 20 years for 'playing house'

DOUGLASVILLE - A woman came home from a vacation in Greece to find a stranger playing house, changing utilities into her name and even repainting a room.

During the two-and-a-half weeks the owner was on vacation, Beverly Valentine, 54, allegedly redecorated the ranch home, ripping up carpet and taking down the owner's pictures and replacing them with her own.

The owner, Beverly Mitchell, was a complete unknown to Valentine, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Stan Copeland.

"In 28 years, I've never seen something this strange," Copeland said.

The odd case came to light when Mitchell, who lived alone, returned home Oct. 4 to find the lights on and a strange Nissan parked in the driveway. Mitchell called police, who went in and found Valentine, who at first pretended she was renting the home. Later, Copeland said, she admitted she broke into the house with a shovel and was squatting there. She is charged with burglary.

Valentine appeared to think she could stay in the ranch permanently. She had the electricity switched over to her name and also moved in a washer and dryer and her small dog.

Copeland said she was even wearing some of Mitchell's clothes.

Authorities found a gun and \$23,000 worth of Mitchell's jewelry in Valentine's car.

Valentine is still being held in Douglas County Jail on a \$25,000 bond, Copeland said. If convicted, she could face one to 20 years in prison.

## National News Briefs



Associated Press

Catherine Zeta-Jones has sued a Nevada topless club she said used her image for advertising and promotion without her permission.

### Zeta-Jones sues Nevada topless club

LOS ANGELES - Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones has sued a Nevada topless club she said used her image for advertising and promotion without her permission.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles said The Spice House, which bills itself as "Reno's friendliest topless cabaret," displayed her picture on "numerous pages" of its Web site, sometimes alongside partially nude women.

That created the false impression the actress "endorsed or approved of the sexually explicit content" and could "dilute the value of her celebrity endorsement," the lawsuit says.

The star of "Chicago" and "Intolerable Cruelty" has never authorized the club or its owner, Wesglow Resources, to display her image, according to the lawsuit.

She seeks unspecified damages and an order barring further use of her likeness.

A call to The Spice House's executive office was not immediately returned.

### Election Night ends Tom Brokaw era

NEW YORK - NBC is expecting a big night for TV viewers, and Brokaw will be at the center of it all.

Election Night will also mark the end of an era in broadcast journalism. For more than two decades, the three biggest networks have turned to the same men to anchor coverage of important news stories - Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather.

This should be Brokaw's last hurrah, since he steps down as NBC's chief anchorman Dec. 1.

By Election Day 2008, certainly one and maybe all three network faces will be different. Rather turns 73 on Halloween and is fighting for his future after CBS's botched story on President Bush's National Guard service.

What Brokaw has found most touching are the moments in airports - most recently Phoenix after the final presidential debate and Los Angeles - where folks approached him to say they'll miss seeing him on television.

His biggest disappointment after two decades anchoring "Nightly News" is that the broadcast is still 30 minutes long and not an hour.

On Election Night, his sidekick in an anchor booth overlooking the rink will be Tim Russert.

Brokaw's eventual replacement, Brian Williams, will report that night from a nearby booth adjacent to the rink.

Brokaw waves off the idea of a "Churchillian farewell" at the end of next month, but you can certainly expect the occasion to be marked on several NBC News broadcasts.

He's not retiring; Brokaw plans to continue to write books and work on documentaries for NBC News.



Associated Press

Search and Rescue personnel prepare for the search of the Hendrick Motorsports plane crash site in Patrick County, Va., Sunday.

### Hendrick Motorsports plane crash kills 10

MARTINSVILLE, VA. - A plane owned by the Hendrick Motorsports organization crashed Sunday on its way to a NASCAR race, killing all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of the owner of one of auto racing's most successful teams.

The Beech 200 took off from Concord, N.C., and crashed in the Bull Mountain area about seven miles west of Martinsville's Blue Ridge Regional Airport about 12:30 p.m., said Arlene Murray, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

### Army agrees to investigation

WASHINGTON - The Army has agreed to a Pentagon investigation into claims by a top contracting official that a Halliburton subsidiary unfairly won no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq and the Balkans, according to Army documents obtained Sunday.

The complaint alleges that the award of contracts to KBR, the Halliburton subsidiary, without competition to restore Iraq's oil industry and to supply and feed U.S. troops in the Balkans puts at risk "the integrity of the federal contracting program as it relates to a major defense contractor."

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## letter to the editor

American ideal is to respect *all* beliefs

We are responding to Dr. John Powell's letter to the editor, printed in the October 20 edition of *The George-Anne*. We were disturbed by both the content and attitude of his letter.

First, we would like to address his references to the religious beliefs of the Founding Fathers. Some of the Founding Fathers were indeed Christian. Some were Deists. All of them owned slaves, and believed women were a "lesser" sex. Dr. Powell claims that because many of the Founding Fathers were Christians, this should be reason enough for our country to base all its laws on Christianity.

If we're going for "majority rules" on the beliefs of our Founding Fathers, then no women or minority races should be in this college right now, or have the right to participate in politics. He says that separation of church and state means that the state has no control over religion, and cannot mandate anything regarding religion. He follows this by saying, "It does not mean we cannot stand for Christian values in court houses and public places."

Our response is that he is welcome to stand for Christian values wherever he likes. However, the First Amendment to the Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," which the Supreme Court (the final authority on the interpretation of the Constitution and its amendments) has taken to mean that religion and the government shall be completely separate.

He has the right to promote Christian values, but it is not the place or the right of the government to do so. The religious beliefs of the Founding Fathers have no place in the application of the laws they created.

Secondly, the Ten Commandments are not, as Dr. Powell stated, "the basis for all law in America." This is completely and totally untrue. Out of the Ten Commandments, only two have parallels in United States law. U.S. citizens are forbidden only to kill and steal, which is mirrored in commandments six and eight. The ninth commandment (bearing false witness against one's neighbor) can be broken under certain circumstances. The other six can be disregarded with absolutely no legal repercussions, except the possibility that one's spouse may file for divorce in the case of adultery.

United States citizens may have whatever gods they like, worship idols, take the Lord's name in vain, disrespect the Sabbath, be rude to their parents, sleep with whomever

they like (over the age of consent, of course), and be jealous of their neighbors.

The simple fact is, the majority of the commandments are ignored by American law.

Dr. Powell also misuses a Bible quote. He refers to Revelation 21:8, saying it, "...clearly lumps the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable (homosexuals), murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars together as 'having their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death.'" A moment's research using the New American Bible shows that Revelations 21:8 says, "But as for cowards, the unfaithful, the depraved, murderers, the unchaste, sorcerers, idol-worshippers, and deceivers for every sort, their lot is in the burning pool of fire and sulphur, which is the second death."

It is only Dr. Powell's personal interpretation of this passage that includes any reference to homosexuals.

On the topic of homosexuality itself, Dr. Powell makes some very interesting claims, including the choice to change from a homosexual to a heterosexual lifestyle. In order to properly discuss this topic, we will refer to papers and statements released by the American Psychological Association on their official scientific view on homosexuality.

The APA released in a paper in 2004 that "Psychological research on relationships and couples provides no evidence to justify discrimination against same-sex couples (Kurdek, 2001, in press; Peplau & Beals, 2004; Peplau & Spalding, 2000)."

The American Anthropology Association says that "Anthropological research on households, kinship relationships, and families, across cultures and through time, provide[s] no support whatsoever for the view that either civilization or viable social orders depend upon marriage as an exclusively heterosexual institution (American Anthropological Association, 2004)." In their conclusion to the paper from which the above quote was taken, they issued this statement, "...the APA believes that it is unfair and discriminatory to deny same-sex couples legal access to civil marriage and to all its attendant benefits, rights, and privileges."

On the belief that homosexual individuals can "change" and "repent" for their sins, the APA issued a statement instructing psychologists that they were under "a prohibition against the misrepresentation of scientific or clinical data (e.g., the unsubstantiated claim that sexual orientation

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## Spiritual counseling can also treat depression

I appreciate *The George-Anne* and the variety of opinions and experiences and offers of help for depression.

I would like to give another viewpoint on depression. I worked through clinical depression 13 years ago... due to losing my wife, leaving a full-time job with three children, and going into great debt.

I had thoughts that I was going to lose my mind, but realized under great stress that I would not lose my mind if I got a jump on the negative thoughts coming in at a rapid-fire rate!

I know now, after going through intensive counseling for a month in a Therapy Unit, and after studying counseling and getting my doctorate in it so I would understand how to help others, that depression can be overcome with good counseling, without drugs. I am not against using anti-depressants. I was just blessed with effective counseling that brought me through.

I know that unresolved conflict causes a build-up of emotional pressure that will lead to depression if not dealt with, especially in men, who are taught to be tough, not to cry, and bury our feelings.

And a build-up of buried anger, and not knowing the difference in forgiveness and forgetting... I learned we must forgive out of right choice, not waiting until we feel like it.

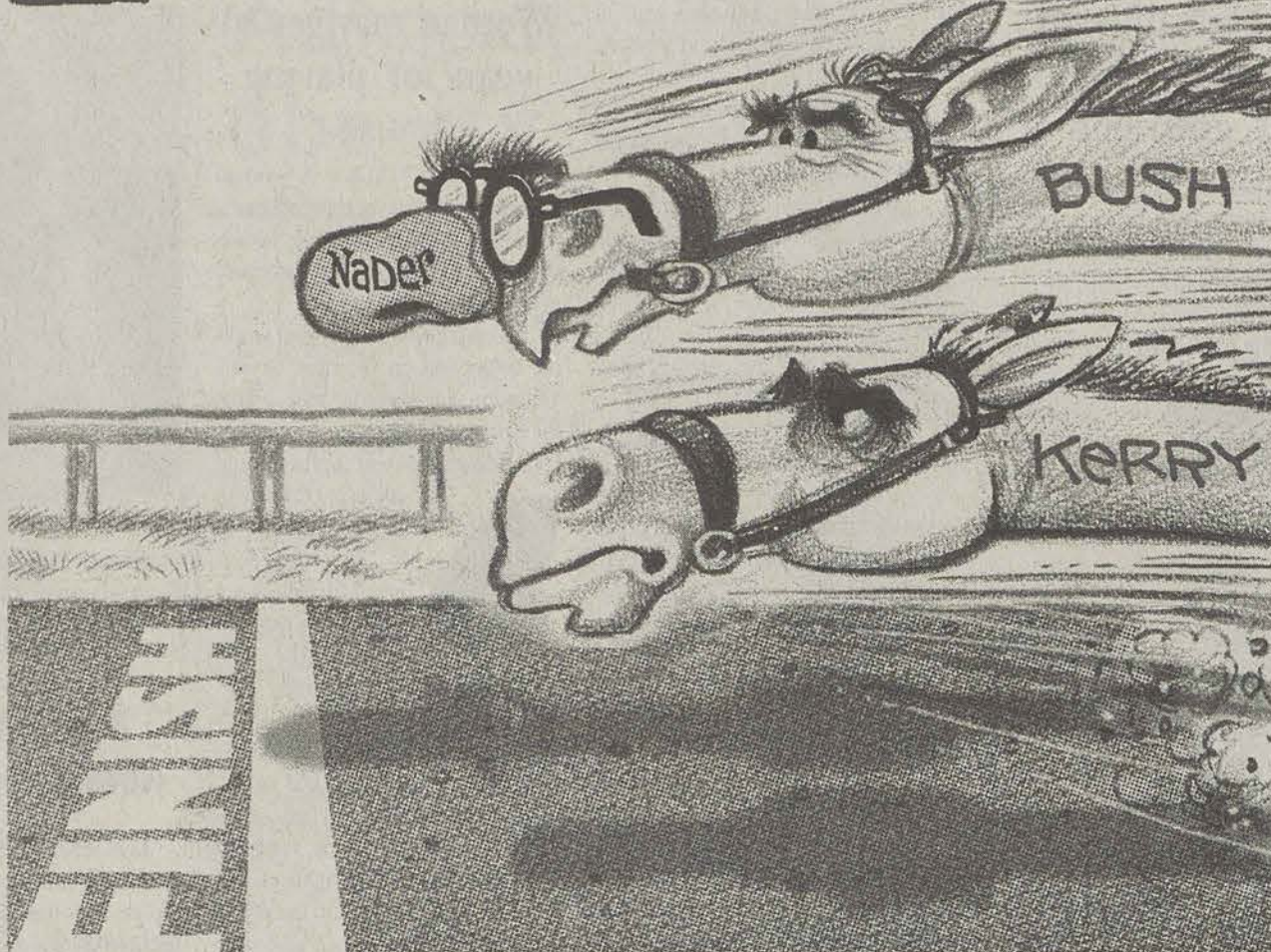
Then the healing will start and we will eventually not feel anger. But, it takes years.

Loss can certainly cause depression - loss of a girlfriend, a mate or even a friend. We are not made for rejection, but for intimate fellowship. But I learned that fellowship is primarily spiritual. If it is only emotional and physical, our emotions and bodies operate on the law of diminishing returns and run out of glue. Our spirits operate on the law of increasing returns and supply the necessary glue to hold us together, no matter what!

The whole key to overcoming depression for me was realizing who I am in Christ. I knew it in my head, but had to get it in my daily living in fighting depressing thoughts and wounded emotions.

And it worked for me! I started believing I was who God said I was, more than a conqueror, because of His great love for all of us, right in the pit of low feelings and bad circumstances. I encourage any hurting person to find out who they are in Him and stand on those truths, and not fall into the low valley of depressing thoughts and feelings.

If anyone would like to know more, please email me. I will be glad to help you through.

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## Get ready, get set, go vote

Over the past few months we as Americans have been increasingly bombarded about the impending election.

To add further fuel to the fire, celebrities began mobilizing across the nation to spark interest in and register young voters in this election. Furthermore, the recent presidential and vice-presidential debates helped to solidify peoples' opinions regarding the candidate of their choice.

These people know who they are supporting and ultimately will vote for. But, I believe there are still those out there who have no idea who they're voting for or even if they are going to vote. For those of you out there, I have developed a simple step by step guide to help you make a decision.

**1. To vote or not to vote, that is the question.** Before you can begin to make a series of important decisions about the election, you have to decide right now are you or aren't you going to vote.

I'm sure you have heard all the clichés, "This is the most important decision you'll ever make," or "You need to get out and vote," or "Your vote is your voice." These are a bunch of clichés telling you what to do but not why to do it. Why should you vote? Voting in this election is one of the many choices in your life where what you decide can effect a lot of people.

You, in choosing to vote, are effecting the lives of everyone. How so, you make ask? Well, your candidate, essentially, makes decisions for you. He can make choices that effect you, your family, your friends and depending on the circumstances, your future children. So, what's it going to be? Are you going to vote or not?

**2. Know the issues.** As stupid as this may sound, there are those out there who know who they're voting for but can't name one of the issues. You need to know more about your candidate than just their name. For this election, just to name a few, the issues are Iraq, abortion, the death penalty, the budget deficit, taxes, health care and many more.

If you want to know more about the issues, check

out the October 14, 2004 edition of *The George-Anne*. If you can't find one on campus then you can go to the Williams Center Rm. 2023 and pick up a copy.

**3. Make up your own mind.** Before choosing your candidate, you have to figure out how you feel about certain issues. For some of you, you know where you stand on things but you've never really thought about it. If you have, then great you're ready for step number four.

On the other hand, there's the rest of you who don't know where you stand. I suggest you sit down and think about it or talk to your friends and family. Yes, I'm afraid to say there will be a lot of thinking involved. When you think about it, you have to be honest with yourself and what you feel. When discussing it with others, remember everyone is entitled to their own opinion. While your friends are talking, you may discover that you do feel a certain way. Congratulations, you have an opinion and now you are ready to make up your mind.

**4. Choose the candidate who best represents you.** In the Oct. 14 edition of *The George-Anne*, on page five, there is a list showing the candidates' stands on the issues. I suggest you check off the candidate who feels the same as you. For example, I believe a woman has the right to choose what happens to her body. Meaning, I am pro-choice. Looking on the list, I see Kerry has similar feeling about the issue. Check one for Kerry. By the time you are finished, you'll have check marks for either candidate or both. If by some reason, you have a tie then there will be more thinking. You have to decide what issues are really important to you and then go with who shares your views.

**5. Go vote.** After much soul-searching on the issues, you are now ready to participate in the electoral process. Hurray for you.

So, now that everything is said and done, go vote.

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## Florida must now endure hurricanes George and John

By Bill Ferguson  
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So now we have another reason to feel sorry for the state of Florida.

Apparently the gods of chaos decided it was not enough that long-suffering Floridians had to endure the onslaught of Bonnie, Charley, Ivan and Jeanne. Now they must also try and weather the twin terrors of George and John.

That's Bush and Kerry for those of you who prefer last names.

Florida is one of a handful of states that have been designated as "battleground" or "swing" states in this election, which means that it is rich in electoral votes and (if you believe the polls) the voters there are very closely divided

between the two candidates. That means that as they labor to patch their damaged roofs and replace broken windows, Floridians are being pelted by rallies, attack ads, and unsolicited phone calls.

I mean really - haven't these people suffered enough already?

Here in Georgia the contrast is remarkable. Pollsters tell us that this conservative state has long been in Bush's back pocket, so neither campaign is wasting a dime or a second of precious campaign time giving us the time of day.

In fact, the only presidential candidate sighting locally has come in the form of TV spots for congressional candidate Calder Clay, seen shaking hands and slapping backs with

both Bush and Vice President Cheney in one heavily rotated ad.

I guess this is what you would call riding the coattails of a popular (in Georgia at least) president. I don't know how much personal attention the state would get from the president if we elected his close personal friend Clay, but I suppose the image is supposed to make us feel warm and fuzzy.

So how does it make you feel to be ignored? Most Georgians I've talked with say they don't mind being lost in the shuffle. Not many people seem to be too excited at the prospect of John Kerry interrupting their breakfast at Waffle

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## FLORIDA, FROM PAGE 4

House for a handshake or of Bush calling them to ask for their support during "Monday Night Football," so we seem to be largely content with our anonymity.

If every vote counted, it would certainly put more pressure on the candidates' travel schedules, but at least the pain would be spread out more evenly. All the 50 states would have to be targeted for campaigning to some extent, and the long-suffering Floridians, Ohioans, and Pennsylvanians would finally get some well-deserved relief.

Still, it's interesting to consider how things would be different if we scrapped this whole Electoral College business and simply elected the president with the principal of one man, one vote. What if my vote carried just as much weight as the typical Floridian, or Texan, or Rhode Islander? (I am guessing that is how one refers to a denizen or Rhode Island. I am not sure, because they are buried even deeper in obscurity at election time than we Georgians are.)

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And isn't sharing the pain of our fellow man really what a democracy is all about? Wait a second - I'm starting to sound like a Democrat. I must remember that Georgia is Bush country. I don't want Kerry to get the impression he has a chance here. He might show up at my door.

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## PLAZA, FROM PAGE 1

will bear matching brass plaques bearing the wording chosen by the dedicat-

tor. Decorative black light posts, in the same style as the rest of campus, will line the grove.

The Centennial Plaza and Memorial Grove adds a new dynamic to lower end of the campus, and in a few years the trees will grow and flourish and it will be a place of beauty and serenity for those who pass by.

According to Chuck Taylor, GSU's landscape architect and two-time merit award winner from the American Society of Landscape Architects, landscaping takes time to look its best. "Usually in landscaping, it takes two growing seasons before plants are established, start putting on new growth, and settling in." According to Taylor, the area was an eyesore before and with all the foot-traffic, dirt and mud, it just made sense to put a lasting landscaped panorama in that location.

The first commemorative brick was presented to GSU First Lady Katherine S. Grube, wife of President Grube.

## POLITICS, FROM PAGE 1

interests are holding their interests first.

Responses were eloquently spoken and for the most part avoided critical accusations of opposite parties.

There was an underlying parallel between all panel members' messages: get informed and not only exercise, but cherish your freedom to vote.

Jack Hill thoroughly enjoyed interacting with college students. According to Hill, he enjoyed it especially

since students are a part of the 140,000 people in district that he represents in the state senate. He feels that personal interaction helps "shed light" on the often-skewed impressions of politics that the media covers to "generate publicity."

Jamie Steele, member of the Young Democratic Society, urges students to be active. "Whatever you believe, stand up for it and get out there and make yourself visible," Steele said.

## BELIEFS, FROM PAGE 4

be changed)." Homosexuals cannot change their orientation anymore then heterosexuals can.

The conclusion of Dr. Powell's letter states that if anything is not "documented by the Word of God, it is not true." This is an appalling leap of logic. Gravity and the scientific laws thereof are not mentioned in the Bible. But by some miracle, we've all still got our feet firmly planted on the Earth. Neither are the dinosaurs part of the Bible. Yet there is indisputable proof that they once existed. While Dr. Powell's previous statements contain at least some attempt at logic, this final sentence is so blatantly untrue as to undermine his entire argument.

Dr. Powell has the right to his beliefs. He has the right to share them in a public forum, thanks to the fact that this country allows freedom of speech. However, his beliefs are not those of the entire nation, and the separation of church and state, as described by both the Bill of Rights and the Supreme Court, maintains that United States citizens are free from having the religious laws of others imposed upon them.

Given this, Dr. Powell has every right to consider homosexuals and their lifestyle an abomination, and to say that this is what he believes. But he cannot expect those who have different religious beliefs to feel that they must abide by his personal values, and it is incorrect of him to claim that United States law is Christian in nature, and that by virtue of this (erroneous) statement, we must all obey the commands of his God. One of the most fundamental requirements of our nation is that laws remain religiously unbiased.

Dr. Powell insists that the citizens of this diverse country respect his religious views and doctrine, and all we ask is for him to do the same for the rest of the American population. We are Americans, not second-class citizens, and we deserve the same respect and rights as all other Americans, regardless of race, gender, religion, OR sexual orientation.

The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." There should be no exceptions to this statement. If we are to show true respect for our Founding Fathers, we should take Thomas Jefferson's words to heart, and respect all people and their beliefs as equally valid.

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# Judging the ACLU

By Josh Moran  
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Last Thursday the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of Roy Moore. By now the story of how Judge Moore was ordered to remove a stone statue of the Ten Commandments from the courtroom he presided over is well-known. Despite protests by Christians the statue was removed and Judge Moore was relieved of his duty.

In the last fifty years, judges have taken a commanding role in the law making process of the United States. These unelected judges are not accountable for their decisions primarily because of their life long job security. The public has very little recourse to counteract a judge's decision.

The ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) is leading a group of lawyers who fully understand the advantage of this system and actively attempt to make and change the laws according to their own beliefs. The beginning of the ACLU was marked with a proud history of defending women's and minorities' rights. The accomplishments made during that time period are undeniable. The ACLU today pursues a very different agenda. One of their main goals is to remove any sign of the Christian religion from this country.

Eventually after targeting certain judges in certain courts that are known to rule liberally, the ACLU changes the shape of the country against the will

of the people. In California a judge ruled that the words, "under God", in the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional. Congress quickly acted to block this ruling and the court later repealed it, but the intent was obvious. Democrats understand this very well. For the last four years they have fought every single judge nominee put forth by the current administration, and have been successful at blocking any nominations.

Currently the judges have become the last line of defense for democrats. Since losing control of the executive and legislative branch the judiciary branch has become their main thrust of focus. A great example of this was the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. Congress passed this bill, 64-33 in the Senate and 281-142 in the House of Representatives, which was signed into law by President Bush on November 15, 2003. The day after it was signed into law the ACLU sued in multiple courts and found several judges who immediately questioned the validity of the new law. The ACLU pursued this despite the fact that over 70 percent of the country supported such a bill.

It is expected that over the next four years several United States Supreme Court Justices will most likely retire. This will allow the future administration to be in position to fill those seats with judges of their choice. This issue is yet one more reason the upcoming election is so important.

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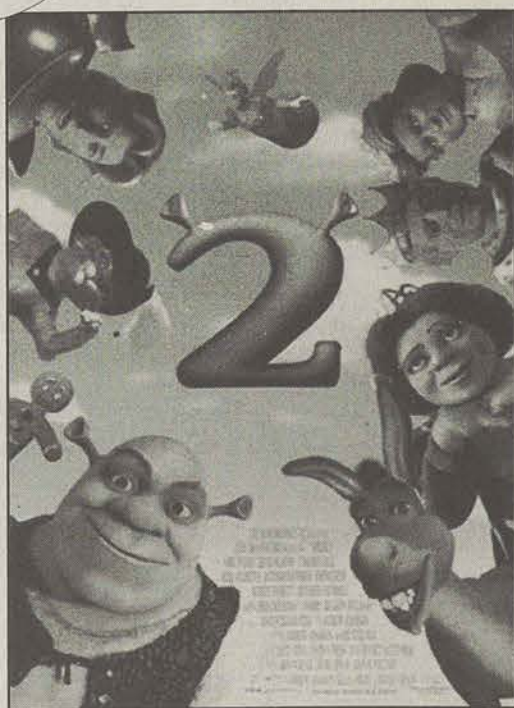
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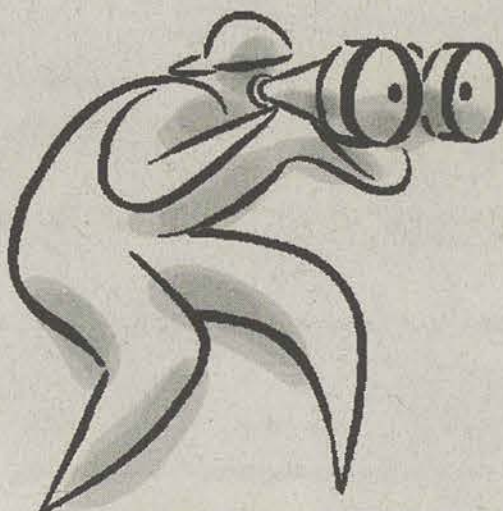
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## Bush says full safety from terror strike 'up in the air'

By Tom Raum  
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - President Bush and Sen. John Kerry stayed on the offensive in swing states Sunday as the presidential race entered its final full week. In a television interview, Bush said it is "up in the air" whether the nation can ever be fully safe from another terror attack and suggested terrorists may still be contemplating ways to disrupt the election.

Kerry ridiculed Bush's statement, suggesting it echoed an earlier assertion - later withdrawn - by the president that the war on terror could not be won.

"You make me president of the United States, we're going to win the war on terror," Kerry said at an evening rally in Boca Raton, Fla. "It's not going to be up in the air whether or not we make America safe."

Earlier, Kerry spoke at a predominantly black church for the fourth consecutive Sunday, this one in Fort Lauderdale in heavily Democratic Broward County, and promised worshippers their votes would be counted this time. The county saw some of the worst of Florida's 2000 vote-counting abuses. "I want you to turn out," the democrat said.

Kerry pressed his attack on the president's record in new television ads, while on the campaign trail he sought to strike a more inspirational tone, saying in a speech on faith that values he practices as a Roman Catholic "will guide me as president."

The Democrat took on church bishops who have criticized his support for abortion rights and expanded embryonic stem cell research and who have said he should be denied Holy Communion for not advancing church teachings. "I love my church, I respect the bishops, but I respectfully disagree," Kerry said.

With polls showing the race still tight, the campaigns were focusing their efforts on fewer than a dozen states which remain highly competitive, with both camps making last-minute scheduling decisions to reflect realities on the ground.

Kerry was headed to New Hampshire after Florida. Bush won both states in 2000. The Republican incumbent campaigned in New Mexico, which Democrat Al Gore narrowly won. Speaking at a high school stadium in Alamogordo, Bush cited his differences with Kerry over Iraq.

On a day when Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for ambushing and killing 50 U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers, Bush declared: "Our troops will defeat Zarqawi and his likes overseas in Iraq so we do not have to face them here at home."

In a taped interview with Fox News Channel's "Hannity and Colmes," Bush was asked whether the nation would always be vulnerable to another terror attack and whether Americans would always have to live with that.

Bush said he was sure terrorists still "think about" trying to disrupt the Nov. 2 elections, citing the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people right before Spain's national elections.

Bush caused a flap at the aagop convention in New York in late August when he said of the war on terror: "I don't think you can win it." The comment, made in an interview with NBC, complicated GOP efforts to portray him as a resolute leader.

The president quickly backed away from the earlier remark, asserting that the war on terror could be won, even if not in a conventional sense, and that he "probably needed to be more articulate."

In the Fox interview taped Saturday, Bush also was asked whether a nuclear, chemical or biological attack in the United States is a real possibility. "Yes it is," Bush replied. "That's the biggest threat we face." Fox released excerpts of the interview on Sunday.

White House communications director Dan Bartlett dismissed Kerry's criticism of Bush's "up in the air" comment. "This is a debate we are more than happy to have. The president said we can win the war on terror and we will win the war on terror," Bartlett said.



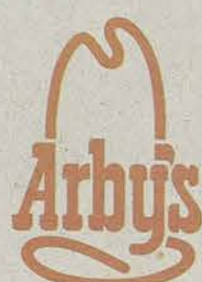
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GSU offensive line ready for the snap vs. the Citadel.

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## BULLDOGS, FROM PAGE 1

receiver position. When asked about Craft's addition to the team, Coach Sewak said, "He's too talented, he makes teams spread the field out."

The dominating presence from Williams helped the Eagles cruise by the Bulldogs, but it was the trick plays that caught the eye of many. After a Bulldog fumble, the Eagles made use of an unexpected trick play from the versatile Teddy Craft. Craft took a reverse sweep and threw it downfield to slotback Kevin Davis for a 42-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 29-0.

If that wasn't enough for Southern fans, the Eagles faked a punt and reached a first down with no trouble at all. Georgia Southern continued to frustrate the Bulldogs allowing them to score only once the whole game.

All-American and Southern Conference Player-of-the-year Jermaine Austin had a solid performance, complementing Williams. Austin ran for 44 yards on 12 carries. T.J. Anderson picked up 69 rushing yards as the Eagles rushed for a combined 364 ground yards.

With the win in Charleston the Eagles clenched at least a share of the Southern Conference title. But if you ask any player or coach on the football team you'll get the same answer. "We feel good about that but that's not our main goal," said Chaz Williams after the game. These Eagles want a win in Chattanooga this year at the I-AA National Championship.

It's been three years since Georgia Southern has seen a National Championship and anything less will be a disappointment to the team. In 1999 and 2000 coach Paul Johnson was successful with winning consecutive National Championships with a 13-2 record both years. But as the Eagles have soared through this year's schedule, including the impressive loss against the SEC powerhouse UGA, there seems to be few, if any, teams that can derail the Eagle's train to Chattanooga.

Georgia Southern returns home this weekend to face South Dakota State at 1 p.m. for the Eagles final home game.

## Women's Tennis competes at ITA South Regionals

GSU Athletic Media Relations

TUSCALOOSA, AL - The Georgia Southern women's tennis team earned a couple doses of success Friday, as they competed on the opening day of the ITA South Regionals, on the campus of the University of Alabama.

Charlotte Bruneteaux topped both of the opponents she faced in Draw B singles action. The senior from Courbevoie, France opened with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Belmont's Christina Griffin before beating Georgia State's Simona Foltyn 6-4, 0-6, 6-4. Bruneteaux looks to continue her success tomorrow, as she faces Florida State's Tapiwa Marobela.

Sophomore Szilvia Zsakay also won her initial match, beating UAB's Seden Soyalp 7-6, 6-1, but fell to Desanka Jovanovic of Florida International 4-6, 1-6. Fellow sophomore

Ciara Finucane fell in her opening singles match, losing to UAB's Julia Von Samson 2-6, 1-6.

In doubles action, the team of Finucane and Zsakay remain alive, earned a bye from the Friday action and will face the team of Alabama's Sonja Nikolic and South Florida's Luisa Obando tomorrow.

The tennis team went on to capture a win Saturday afternoon in the second day of the ITA South Regionals.

In doubles action, the team of Finucane and Zsakay defeated the team of Alabama's Sonja Nikolic and South Florida's Luisa Obando 8-5 before falling to MSU's Kugakolova and Joseph, 9-7.

Charlotte Bruneteaux could not continue her success from Friday, falling to Florida State's Tapiwa Marobela, 6-1, 6-0.

## GSU Soccer

### Men's Soccer falls at Gardner-Webb

GSU Athletics Media Relations

BOILING SPRINGS, NC - Darnell Carroll scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime, as Gardner-Webb topped Georgia Southern on Sunday, 2-1.

Carroll picked up his second score of the day in the 93rd minute, converting a penalty kick to give Gardner-Webb the sudden-death win.

The Eagles (5-5-3) trailed for the majority of the game, but scored with just four seconds remaining on the clock in regulation to force overtime. Lawrence Smith tied the game for the Eagles, as he headed home a Tommy Irwin corner kick just seconds before time expired.

Gardner-Webb (3-13) picked up its initial lead of the day in the 40th minute. Chris Williams started the play with a free kick from deep in GWU's territory to Lozano in the midfield. Lozano then dished the ball off to Brian Wentzel, who played a ball over the top of the Eagles' defense to hit Carroll in stride, giving the Bulldogs the 1-0 lead.

Kettering finished the day with six saves, while Webb made four stops.

Georgia Southern returns to action October 27 when it travels to Charleston, S.C. to face College of Charleston. Gardner-Webb will be back in action on Thursday, when it faces off against Belmont.

# Eagles Volleyball topped by Mountaineers to end streak



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

GSU junior Iulia Porumbescu spikes the ball vs. App. State.

## Eagles split weekend series

By Jason Burke  
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Friday night the Georgia Southern Eagles volleyball team took three of four games from the Western Carolina Catamounts extending their record home winning streak to 28 matches.

The Eagles were without their team leader in kills, attack percentage, aces, and digs, Iulia Porumbescu who was unable to play due to a sore back.

In her stead, freshman outside hitter Bailey Coleman once again stepped up with a double-double performance consisting of 13 kills and 12 digs.

The Eagles took the first two games by identical scores of 30 to 27.

In game three the Catamounts (8-13, 4-6 SoCon) led by sophomore outside hitter Kellyn Thaut, who finished with a game high 21 kills, showed they would not go quietly with a 30-28 win.

Even without Iulia, the girls proved to be too much for the visitors with a closely contested 33 to 31 victory in game four.

Senior middle blocker Janice Pressley finished with 13 kills and an obscene .417 attack percentage.

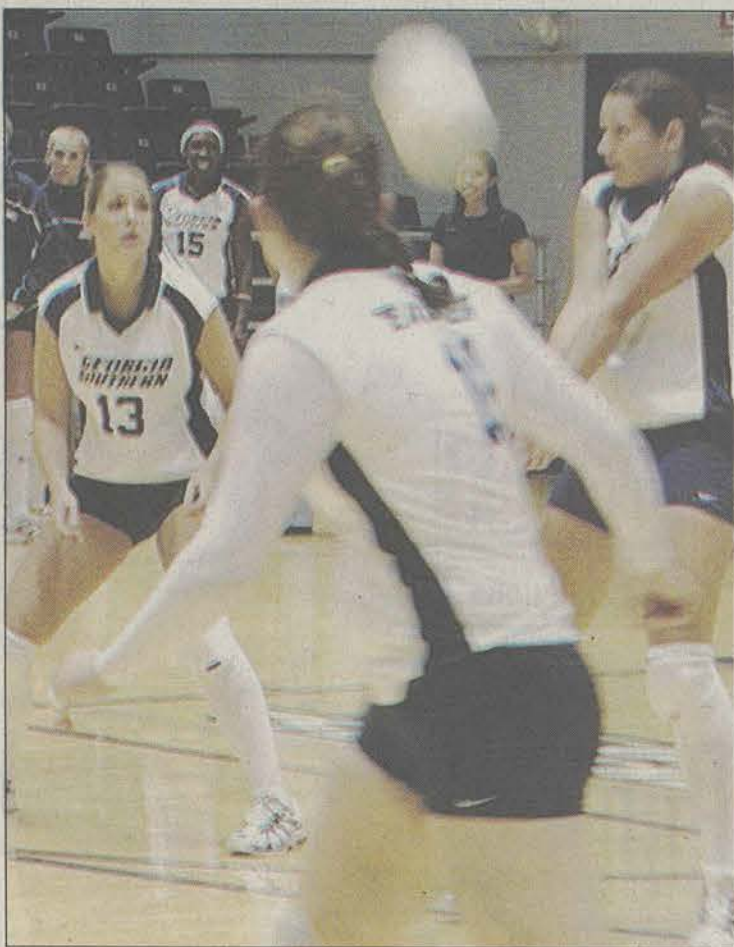
Senior outside hitter Kristen Kasprak also added 11 kills and a .276 attack percentage.

The Eagles entered Sunday's match at full strength to take on the Southern Conference North leader The Appalachian State Mountaineers.

Iulia Porumbescu and freshman Bailey Coleman put on a spike clinic in game one combining for 14 kills giving the Eagles a 30 to 24 win.

The Mountaineers (19-6, 10-1 SoCon) answered the bell in game two besting the host Eagles 30 to 22.

Game three went to the Eagles 30-22. The team looked poised to finish



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

GSU junior Christie Mitchell (13) looks on as Iulia Porumbescu sets up a return on Sunday.

## SOCON South Standings

	SOCON	Overall
	W-L	W-L
Coll. of Charleston..	10-1	18-5
Georgia Southern....	9-2	14-6
Davidson.....	6-5	9-17
Furman.....	5-5	10-12
Wofford.....	3-5	8-15
The Citadel.....	2-9	10-15

off Appalachian State, entering their final game.

Game four included the Eagles overcoming a six point deficit to tie at 28 only to come up short 30 to 28.

The Eagles (14-6, 9-2 SoCon) record home winning streak was halted at 28 as the Eagles fell 15 to 12 in game five.

Iulia Porumbescu turned in a gutsy performance registering 28 kills and

18 digs even though appearing to be in pain at times.

Senior middle blocker Janice Pressley finished with 15 kills and a .393 attack percentage.

Junior Susan Winkleman led all setters with 39 assists.

The Eagles will be on the road until November 14 including a November 3 trip to face the Georgia Bulldogs.



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

GSU midfielder Lindsay Pharr heads the ball away from a UNC player on Sunday.

## Women's Soccer falls 2-1 to UNC Greensboro

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STATESBORO, GA - UNC Greensboro scored a pair of first half goals to defeat Georgia Southern 2-1 in Southern Conference women's soccer action at Eagle Field Sunday afternoon.

Amy Carnell got the Spartans (11-4-1, 7-1-1) on the board in the ninth minute as she received a pass from Deven Beachum and sent a header past Eagle keeper Laura Ashley Harris for a 1-0 UNCG lead.

Jessica Patterson increased the UNC Greensboro lead to 2-0 in the 15th minute. Patterson fed Karla Davis on the right side and then got

the ball back at the top of the box, where she sent a shot to the lower right corner of the net.

Georgia Southern (4-10-1, 2-7-0) cut its deficit in half during the 65th minute as Ellen Shuler took a pass from Katy Znosko and scored over the head of Spartan keeper Jennifer Stillman for her first career goal.

Harris made eight saves on the day for Georgia Southern while Stillman registered one for the Spartans.

Georgia Southern returns to action Thursday, October 28 when it closes out the home portion of its schedule with a 4 p.m. start against Elon at Eagle Field.