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Only In America

Man photocopies his buttocks

CLAYTON, Mo. — Police arrested a man who allegedly dropped his pants in the crowded lobby of the St. Louis County Courthouse and made photocopies of his buttocks. Police found Daniel Everett holding two copies he had already made. He was making a third. "What did I do? What did I do?" witnesses said Everett asked police. Everett, an immature 38 year-old, told police that the copies were intended as a practical joke for his girlfriend.

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Quote of the Day

"And so it has come to this. I am one of the lucky people in the world. I found something that I always wanted to do and I have enjoyed every single minute of it."

- Johnny Carson, on his last 'Tonight Show', May 22, 1992

Weekday Weather

Monday



Sunny

HIGH
51°
LOW
33°

Tuesday



Sunny

HIGH
61°
LOW
42°

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Chancellor: Tuition to increase in fall

By Luke Hearn

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Students across the state who attend the 34 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia can expect to pay more for tuition in the fall.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith, after meeting with Georgia lawmakers in his annual budget presentation, told reporters that a tuition increase is expected at the start of the 2005-2006 academic year, but said it was too early to say how much the increase would be.

"There will be a tuition increase in the fall," Meredith said. "But our goal always is to keep it as low as possible and that's what we'll try to do here."

The announcement of the increase comes after Gov. Sonny Perdue recommended \$103.4 million to be added to the budget of the Board of Regents for the coming year, which begins July 1.

"We feel very positive about the governor's recommendation," Meredith told reporters after addressing the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the second and final day of legislative budget hearings.

"The fact that he's recommended full funding of the formula - that drives our ability to serve the students. That's our bread and butter," said Meredith.

For the year beginning July 1, Gov. Sonny Perdue's budget pumps \$103.4 million in new money into the university system to account for enrollment growth. His budget also finances \$168.9 million in construction and repairs on college campuses around the state.

It's a far cry from the budget college administrators feared they might see last fall when Perdue ordered state agencies to show him, among other things, how their budgets for the next fiscal year could be cut by up to 3 percent.

University system leaders argued that after two straight years of budget cuts, a third year would be devastating and threatened an unprecedented midyear percent tuition increase of 10 percent to offset the loss.

Under pressure from Perdue, they backed away from the idea last October and instead, found other ways to deal with the potential loss.

But Perdue's budget, revealed only last week, seemed far less harsh than they and others had feared.

"It gives us a little more breathing room, and also lets us plan," Meredith said.

The increase last fall was around 5 percent.

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Comparing Georgia Southern's Tuition

	Tuition
Georgia Southern	\$1,161
Appalachian State	910
College of Charleston	3,101
Florida A&M	1,667
Middle Tennessee State	2,115
The University of Georgia	1,684

Figures based on current tuition and does not include fees.
Adam Crisp/STAFF

Johnny Carson dead at 79

By Lynn Elber

Associated Press

Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" TV host who served America a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter, droll comedy and heartland charm for 30 years, has died at 79.

The boyish-looking Nebraska native with the friendly grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who never distanced himself from his audience.

His wealth, the adoration of his guests, the many young comics whose careers he launched, and the wry tales of multiple divorces helped, but overall Carson's air of modesty enhanced his bedtime intimacy with viewers.

"Heeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the perfect formula: the topical monologue, the guests, the broadly played skits such as "Carnac the Magnificent."

America never tired of Carson's jokes. He went out on top when he retired in May 1992. In his final show, he told his audience: "And so it has come to this. I am one of the lucky people in the world. I found something that I always wanted to do and I have enjoyed every single minute of it."

His personal life could not match the perfection of his career. Carson was married four times and was divorced three times. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television - from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s to his three decades with NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Carson choose to let "Tonight" stand as his career zenith and his finale, withdrawing into a quiet retirement that suited his private nature and refusing

Beloved late night TV host Carson dies

Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" host who served America a smooth nightcap of laughter and launched the careers of many entertainers, died Sunday.

Born - Oct. 23, 1925 in Iowa; raised in Norfolk, Nebraska

Career - While a college student worked in radio writing comedy; hosted TV show "Carson's Cellar" until 1953; wrote for Red Skelton's show and stepped in for injured host; substituted for Jack Paar on CBS' "The Morning Show"; in 1962 became host of NBC's "The Tonight Show"

Memorable TV - Sidekick, Ed McMahon and bandleader Doc Severson; "Carnac the Magnificent"; marriage of singer Tiny Tim and Miss Vicki

Awards - Presidential Medal of Freedom; Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement

Johnny Carson hosted the "Tonight Show" on NBC for 30 years.



AP

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Georgia prepares for its first execution of 2005

By Harry R. Weber

Associated Press

ATLANTA - In what would be Georgia's first execution of 2005, a man is scheduled to be put to death for killing a teenager during a robbery. The guilty man's lawyer, meanwhile, hopes to win a delay or have the sentence lessened to life in prison.

The fate of Timothy Don Carr, 34, could be decided as early as Monday, when a mercy hearing is held in Atlanta.

If the parole board denies mercy or if further appeals fail, Carr will be given a lethal injection at the state prison in Jackson on Tuesday for fatally stabbing and beating 17-year-old Keith Patrick Young in Monroe County on Oct. 8, 1992.

In petitions filed Friday, defense lawyer Brian Kammer said Carr should not be executed because his sentence was unfair compared to his co-defendant and girlfriend Melissa Burgeson, because the prosecutor presented conflicting theories of the crime to obtain the death sentence and because Carr's jury was unaware that Burgeson received a life sentence or that the state had portrayed Carr as her puppet.

The lawyer also argued that Carr's jury was unaware that Burgeson physically took part in the stabbing. Kammer said Burgeson has a history of similar crimes and dominated Carr, and that the jury was unaware of mitigating circumstances such as Carr's psychological disorders and traumatic childhood.

Prosecutor Tommy Floyd said the arguments should not prevent the execution from going forward. He planned to be at the clemency hearing Monday.

According to court records, Carr, Burgeson and two 16-year-olds drove in Young's car to a remote area near Bolingbroke, about 65 miles southeast of Atlanta. There, Carr slashed Young's throat at Burgeson's urging and then beat him in the head with a baseball bat as the victim pleaded for his life.

Carr and one of the juveniles dragged Young's body to the roadside and left him there to die, court records show. After stealing Young's wallet with less than \$100 in it, Carr and Burgeson fled to Murfreesboro, Tenn., in the victim's Pontiac Grand Prix and were arrested there following a high-speed chase.



Tommy Floyd
District Attorney

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GSU offers free english classes to Latino community

By Casey Altman

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Georgia Southern is reaching out to help the Latino communities in Bulloch and Candler Counties by offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

The Center for Latino Outreach (CLO), the group sponsoring the classes, is an organization on campus that caters to the needs of Hispanic people. One of their primary goals, expressed in their mission statement, is "providing the Hispanic population with language, computer and literacy skills."

Dr. Antonio Serna, the director of CLO, said, "The best way to integrate into a society is by learning the language."

The ESL classes are designed to help the Hispanic population to do just that.

The ESL classes cost nothing to the students, be regardless if they're the community or GSU students. The CLO pays for its programs with money from federal grants. ESL books and workbooks are provided by CLO as well. Art classes for children take place

at the same time as the adult ESL classes; so parents can focus on learning the language without having to worry about leaving their children while attending the classes

Rosa Rubio, director of the Consumer Financial Literacy Program in Metter, recently asked for help from Serna and GSU because her class had grown so much and many of the students were on different learning levels. GSU graduate student Laura Bone decided to spend her Friday nights helping with the class.

According to Serna, most students take the classes so they can go through everyday life hassle-free.

"They want to be able to help their children with homework and so they won't need a translator at the grocery store," said Serna. Abraham, a young student that has been attending classes in Metter for about three months, said he really liked the classes.

"They're fun, and Ms. Rubio is a good teacher," said Abraham.

The ESL classes teach practical and useful subject

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Special Photo

Laura Bone (center) works with Abraham (left) and Victor (right) in their ESL class. The Center for Latino Outreach is offering these classes free of charge to people in the Statesboro community and GSU who are learning English as a second language.

Campus News

Forensic accounting expert speaks on cyber crimes

By Jennifer Maddox

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It was once something that only police used to solve murders, but is now finding its way into accounting. Edward Goings, forensic accounting expert and director of forensic technology for a firm in Chicago spoke last Thursday at Georgia Southern.

The lecture was part of the annual Forensic Accounting Series at GSU designed to promote this field of study (which is a new academic program at GSU) in the College of Business Administration's School of Accountancy.

Forensic accounting is currently the most popular career path in the accounting industry. A forensic accountant serves as an investigator who works with employers in public practice such as corporations and law firms when crimes like fraud, industrial espionage, piracy and network break-ins are suspected within the company.

Once hired, the investigator follows the evidence available to them—using email examinations, interviews with those in close contact, analysis of Inter-



Edward Goings, a forensic accounting expert from Chicago, talks with students after his lecture on Thursday.

net traffic, among other ways—in order to figure out who the guilty party is.

The act of wrongdoing that Goings focused on in his lecture was the act of cyber crime.

Goings said that everybody from the average household wife to the internal personnel executive have been known to get caught for breaking into files and/or stealing a file they are not permitted to have access to.

The motives for doing so range from sitting at home bored, to seek-

ing revenge on an employer for being fired.

The main targets in an investigation involving cyber crime include banks, colleges, home consumers and government entities. In fact, according to Goings, colleges are especially vulnerable because a given school's network has to be open in order for students to have availability to it.

While this may seem more convenient to the students, it puts the network's security at an increased risk for an attack from a hacker.

After it is evident that suspicious behavior is going on, it is the forensic accountant's job from that point to monitor and trace activity to discover where the stolen information in question disappeared to.

Goings said the scary part about all of this is that gaining illegal access to a file is not rocket science. In fact, the data in a computer can be very easily deleted or altered by a simple act of just turning on your computer.

He also said that it is vital that not only students, but any person in America with a computer in their home, to understand the gravity of cyber crime as well as the consequences of getting caught.

Blood drive in need of volunteers, donors

Special to the G-A

The College of Business Administration has teamed up with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive Wednesday, January 26, from noon until 6 p.m. in the F. I. Williams Student Center dining hall.

Volunteers are still needed to help with various aspects of the collection effort as well as for donors to sign up for time slots to donate blood.

Statistics show that 4.5 million Americans would die each year without lifesaving blood transfusions, and that 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States alone.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event or if you wish to schedule a time to donate, please contact Carol Jennings at 912-681-5050, or stop by College of Business Administration room 2253.



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Campus Calendar

January 24, 2005

Men's Basketball vs. College of Charleston

Hanner Fieldhouse

5 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Wofford

Hanner Fieldhouse

7 p.m.

Faculty Staff Appreciation Day

Hanner Fieldhouse during half-time of Eagles vs. Wofford. Admission is free to faculty and staff with I.D.

Cinema Art Movie, *Sexy Beast*

Russell Union Theatre

07:15 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.

Admission \$2

January 26, 2005

Red Cross Blood Drive

Russell Union Rotunda

9:00 a.m.



Police Beat

01-13-2005

- Ekemini E. Essienumoh, 22, of Watson Hall, was charged with theft by shoplifting.
- Charles H. Hopkins Jr., 22, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with criminal trespass.
- A tire on a vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot was punctured.
- The roof on a vehicle in the Southern Pines parking lot was damaged.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted seven motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

01-14-2005

- A case of simple battery was reported at Southern Pines.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted two motorists.

01-15-2005

- Ciera Avia Green, 19, of Talons Lake Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
- Officers issued five traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

01-16-2005

- A mirror was broken on a vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.

- A window was broken in the Henderson Library.
- A window was broken in Olliff Hall.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings and responded to two fire alarms.

01-17-2005

- A duffel bag containing several articles of clothing was taken from Olliff Hall.
- Two Olliff Hall residents reported their purses were taken from their room.

01-18-2005

- Brandon Eugene Cannady, 22, of Park Place, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and vehicle emerging from alley, driveway or building.
- Brian Thomas Catto, 21, of Olympic Boulevard, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and open-container violation.
- A bicycle was taken from the Johnson Hall bike rack.
- A bicycle was taken from the Olliff Hall bike rack.
- A purse was taken from Olliff Hall.
- Three bottles of cologne were taken from the Forest Drive Building.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, investigated four traffic accidents, assisted six motorists and one

- sick person and responded to one fire alarm.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning and responded to one fire alarm.

01-19-2005

- A book bag was taken from the Russell Student Union.
- A radio and clothing items were taken from Olliff Hall.
- Officers issued 17 traffic warnings, assisted six motorists and responded to two fire alarms

01-20-2005

- Howard Blake Wasdin, 19, of Southern Pines Residence Hall, was charged with possession of a firearm in a school zone, minor in possession of alcohol, improper start, open-container violation and failure to maintain lane.
- A resident of Olliff Hall reported seeing two males damage the door to the laundry room.
- A student reported his bike missing from the Hendricks Hall bike rack.
- Officers issued 13 traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

01-21-2005

- Christopher Krantz, 19, of Olliff Hall, was charged with public drunkenness.

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Attention Seniors ... Do Your Manners Need A Check Up?



Don't Miss the Bi-Annual Dining for Success Program Tuesday, February 22nd - 6-8:30pm Russell Union Ballroom

Seniors, come enjoy one-on-one networking time with employers and sponsors prior to the Eagle Expo Career Fair to learn the rules of Dining and Business Etiquette!

Be a part of the Dining for Success Program by filling out a registration form and bringing it to Career Services, located in 1058 Williams Center with a deposit check for \$20. This deposit will be refunded if you participate in the event or cancel by Feb. 11th at noon.

This event is only open to seniors. All other students will be placed on a waiting list automatically. First come, first served!

**Deadline to secure a seat is February 4, 2005 by 12:00 pm,
Sorry, no exceptions.**

Visit us on the Web for more information
and download your registration form...

<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>
Career Services, Williams Center 1058
681-5197

June 17-19,
2005

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- Camp Eagle is coordinated by the Center for Student Leadership Development.

Qualifications...

- Applicants must be a rising Junior or Senior.
- Applicants will not graduate until December 2005 or later.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Applicants must LOVE GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY!!!



Applications are due Friday, January 28th by 5:00pm to the Center for Student Leadership Development located in the Russell Union, Rm. 2022.
For more information, visit our website at
<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership> or call 871-1435.

Only in America

Escapee found inside television

BAINBRIDGE - A man allegedly on the run from Florida authorities since September was found this week curled up inside a television.



After receiving a tip that Alfred Blane, 45, of Ponce de Leon, Fla., might be in Decatur County, police went Friday to a mobile home near Bainbridge College.

Lending the department's police dog, officers went inside.

"They searched the house thoroughly, even checking a freezer and washing machine," said Lt. Tim Watkins.

"Meanwhile, the dog kept poking around a television, an older floor model," Watkins said.

When officers unscrewed the back of the television, they found a balled-up Blane inside, Watkins said, adding that Blane is nearly 6-feet tall.

Blane faces numerous charges, including burglary, possession of methamphetamine, battery on a law enforcement officer and escape.

Man jailed for wearing hat to court

Houston, Tx. — A Houston man says he now knows better than to wear his cowboy hat in the courtroom.

Ken Lanum was in court for a traffic ticket. When a judge ordered him to remove his hat, Lanum says he told her he would as soon as he sat down. But that may not have been soon enough. Lanum was found in contempt of court and jailed for six days.

Court papers show the judge jailed him not for his hat but for chewing gum and reportedly mouthing off when asked to remove it.

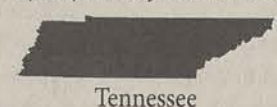
Lanum denies that's what happened and an investigation is underway.

Attorney says group is 'jury pool from hell'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Defense attorney Leslie Ballin called it the "jury pool from hell."

Right after jury selection began last week, one man got up and left, announcing, "I'm on morphine and I'm higher than a kite."

When the prosecutor asked if anyone had been convicted of a crime, a prospective juror said that he had



been arrested and taken to a mental hospital after he almost shot his nephew.

Another would-be juror said he had had alcohol problems and was arrested for soliciting sex from an undercover officer.

Another said, "In my neighborhood, everyone knows that if you get Mr. Ballin (as your lawyer), you're probably guilty."

He was not chosen.

National News Briefs

Blizzard Slows Northeast Travel

BOSTON — A howling blizzard slammed the Northeast on Sunday with more than 2 feet of snow and hurricane-strength wind gusts, halting air travel for thousands of people, keeping others off slippery highways and burying parked cars under deep drifts.

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri both declared states of emergency.

U.S. foresaw terror threats in 1970s

WASHINGTON — Nearly three decades before the Sept. 11 attacks, a high-level government panel developed plans to protect the nation against terrorist acts ranging from radiological "dirty bombs" to airline

missile attacks, according to declassified documents obtained by The Associated Press.

"Unless governments take basic precautions, we will continue to stand at the edge of an awful abyss," Robert Kupperman, chief scientist for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, wrote in a 1977 report that summarized nearly five years of work by the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism.

Official acknowledges Iraq election woes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. ambassador to Iraq acknowledged serious problems ahead of next weekend's election but assured on Sunday that "great efforts" were being made so every Iraqi can vote.

In an audiotape posted on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Iraq's

most feared terrorist declared "fierce war" on democracy, raising the stakes in the vote.

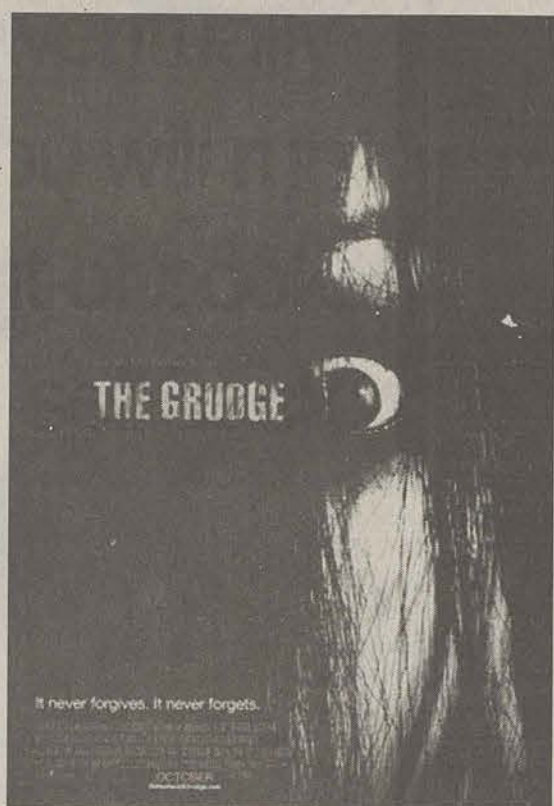
Rebels who have vowed to disrupt the balloting blew up a designated polling station near Hillah south of Baghdad and stormed a police station in Ramadi west of the capital, authorities said.

A U.S. soldier was killed Saturday on a security patrol in Mosul, the U.S. command said Sunday.

Writers Needed:

If you're interested in writing for *The George-Anne*, contact us at 912-681-5246, ganews@georgiasouthern.edu, or come by our office located in Williams Center room 2023.

Eagle Entertainment presents THE GRUDGE



January 26th and 27th • 8 p.m.
Russell Union Theatre Admission: \$2.00

INCREASE, FROM PAGE 1

Under questioning from lawmakers, Meredith acknowledged that the state's higher college admissions standards, combined with greater demand, have made it tougher for children of University System of

Georgia alumni to get into those schools.

"It's a difficult, difficult problem. A good problem to have. You only reach that situation where institutions become nationally competitive

academically," he said. "None of us want that to be the situation, yet we like UGA being in the top 20. So it's a tough balance."

The Associate Press contributed to this report.

OUTREACH, FROM PAGE 1

subject matter, like how to order food at a restaurant and how to handle a doctor's appointment. There is also a lot of one on one work that takes place to help meet each students' individual needs.

Classes in Metter are held every Friday night starting around 6pm at the County Extension Office. Classes start January 25 at GSU in the Forrest Drive Building.

For more information, contact the Center for Latino Outreach at 912-871-1375.

EXECUTION, FROM PAGE 1

In 1994, Carr was convicted of murder and theft and sentenced to death. Burgeson, now 34, was convicted of the same crimes, but sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. The two 16-year-olds were tried in juvenile court.

Carr has requested as his last meal two mushroom and swiss hamburgers, a vanilla milkshake, a chocolate milkshake and two soft drinks. The execution would be Georgia's 37th since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1973.

CARSON, FROM PAGE 1

involvement in other show business projects.

In 1993, he explained his absence from the limelight.

"I have an ego like anybody else," Carson told *The Washington Post*, "but I don't need to be stoked by going before the public all the time."

Carson's nephew, Jeff Sotzing, told reporters, "Mr. Carson passed away peacefully early Sunday morning. His family, whose loss will be immeasurable, surrounded him. There will be no memorial service."

Georgia Southern Career Services' Spring Recruitment Calendar 2005

Employers Attending as of 1/14/05

Date	Company	Interview Type	Job Title	Resume Deadline	Location
01/25/05	Marine Corps Officer Program	Open	Marine Corps Officer	01/23/05	Williams Center
02/03/05	Robins Air Force Base	Preselect	Engineering Co-op	01/20/05	Williams Center
02/07/05	Eagle Global Logistics	Open	Management Trainee	02/05/05	Williams Center
02/17/05	Centex Construction, Inc.	Open	Internship/Co-op	02/15/05	Carruth
02/18/05	Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractor	Open	Estimator/ Full Time; Co-op & Internships	02/16/05	Carruth
02/18/05	C.L. Services, Inc.	Open	CSR/Dispatcher	02/16/05	Williams Center
02/24/05	Hormel Foods Corporation	Preselect	Production Supervisor	02/10/05	Williams Center
02/24/05	BB&T	Preselect	Management Associate for Management Development Program/Full Time	02/10/05	COBA 3336
02/24/05	K-Mart Corporation	Preselect	Loss Prevention Mgr/Management Trainees	02/10/05	Williams Center
02/24/05	College Directory Publishing	Open	Account Executive	02/22/05	Russell Union
02/24/05	Disney	Open	Walt Disney World Host/Hostess; Internships	02/22/05	Russell Union
03/01/05	Progressive Insurance	Preselect	Claims Representative	02/15/05	Williams Center
03/08/05	Sherwin-Williams	Preselect	Management Trainee	02/22/05	Williams Center
03/08/05	CSX Transpotation	Preselect	Intermodal Management Trainee/ Operations Management	02/22/05	Williams Center
03/09/05	Target	Open	Assets Protection Team Leader, Executive Team Leader. & Store Management Internship	03/07/05	Williams Center
03/10/05	Norfolk Southern Corporation	Preselect	Management Trainee	02/24/05	Williams Center
03/16/05	GA Department of Audits	Preselect	Staff Auditor	03/02/05	COBA 3336
03/31/05	United McGill	Preselect	HVAC Sales Engineer/ Regional Sales Associate	03/17/05	Williams Center
04/04/05	ABF Freight System, Inc.	Preselect	Management Trainee	03/21/05	Williams Center
04/06/05	Swift Corporation	Preselect	Management Trainee	03/23/05	Williams Center
04/21/05	Abercrombie & Fitch	Preselect	Management Trainee	04/07/05	Williams Center

This is just a partial list. For an up-to-date listing of which companies are interviewing on campus this semester, be sure to check EagleTRAK by visiting the link below:

<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career/eagletrak/>

Questions?? Comments?? Feel free to contact Wallace Brown.
by phone at 681-5197 or by E-mail at wbrown@georgiasouthern.edu

Eventually
you will run
out of books
to sell back.



Our Opinion

Death penalty still not cool

Georgia could be seeing its first execution of the year on Tuesday. If all goes as planned 34 year-old Timothy Don Carr will die at the hands of the state government.

This seems barbaric to us, having the government decide if someone should die or not. Granted most people on death row are convicted by a "jury of their peers," but it's up to a judge—whose boss is Uncle Sam—to make it final, and it's up to those same judges and other state-employed attorneys to make sure the execution goes through.

There are many arguments in favor of capital punishment. Some are the Christian Right who argue something about "an eye for an eye." What they forget that the God in the Old Testament (where this passage is found) was angry and essentially unforgiving, and that in the New Testament he was happy and content, preaching forgiveness and salvation.

Other supporters of the crude act are those that say it costs too much to keep a killer on death row. Actually, according to many experts, that's incorrect. To keep a prisoner in jail is normal. There are hundreds of thousands of people in jail in the U.S. and they all are funded with tax dollars. Keeping one more person there is child's play.

But trying to kill someone is expensive. Not only does it cost the normal amount to keep that person in jail, but then you have to consider the money that goes into the whole process or appeals that accompany an execution. All of these appeals are paid for by tax dollars. State-paid lawyers argue their cases before state-paid judges and state-paid panels of officials. If an appeal is granted, that just saves the person for a while. He or she will eventually come up again for an execution time and the state-paid people will be at it again to come to some resolution or decision.

In essence, if you think about it, execution is crude and barbaric. We look down on people like Saddam Hussein and other tyrannical leaders (past and present) who kill or have killed their people. Sure, they may have done it "inhumanely," but what does it matter in the end, really? They killed their people and we're killing ours as well.

letters to the editor

To walk or not to walk?

This past December, I was one of the candidates for graduation in attendance at a ceremony at Hanner Fieldhouse.

As a student, when I could see graduation up ahead, I was sure I'd walk across the stage and participate in the ceremony.

My thoughts were that I had put much time and energy into receiving my degree, and the tradition of the graduation ceremony should be upheld and added to my college experience.

In talking with several friends and other college students like myself, I found that attending, and walking across the stage at most any college graduation, is not a given for all students.

At the University of Georgia, most ceremonies (they have three a year) are so large that candidates actually don't get called by name.

Jennifer Fishburn, a biology major, said she didn't want to go to her own commencement this spring because of the system, as she had gone to another friend's ceremony and saw how things worked.

Over at Georgia Tech, students are able to individually walk across the stage, but chemical engineering major Sara Garlington says, "it is a long and lengthy process."

For this May, Garlington says being able

to cross the stage is nice, but with having two ceremonies a year, her school's spring ceremony could be as long as three hours.

Here at Georgia Southern, spring graduation means being out in the football stadium, with every school at GSU represented, and many candidates in attendance.

For fall commencement, there are three ceremonies, with the schools split up. Commencement unfolds on the Hanner Fieldhouse gym floor.

A few elements are different (such as a live eagle flying across the stadium in May), but for GSU, each candidate is honored for their achievement.

So what reasons would students at GSU in particular have for walking across the stage at graduation, spring or fall?

And many wouldn't say it was to get a chance to wear a robe and square hat.

Jessica Cole, also a recent December graduate, said her attending graduation "shows that I have accomplished something and I want that accomplishment to be recognized."

A former journalism major, Cole said a motivation to go to commencement was her family coming out to see her walk across the stage.

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Campus ministry leader encourages students discouraged by current youth group options

I am writing in response to the Thursday, January 20, 2005, letter to the editor by Ben Marcell. The only true thing I have to say is: I apologize.

Rarely do I get so angered and upset when I hear of disbelief and frustrations from someone speaking out against Christians. Yet, this was not disbelief in Christians, but rather in operations. Campus ministries across the nation have missed the purpose, and the consequences are tragic.

Rick Warren, pastor and author, wrote, "When you live in the light of eternity, your priorities change." Today we as a collective body have transcended *living in the light* to mean *putting on the best show*. I'm guilty! Offering the best worship service, having a few small groups, and one fellowship activity a month, hardly equips a person to experience life in the light.

The truth is, our small collegiate minds have managed to assert eternity as an extended

altar service, where the emotional level of your experience is equal to the emotional level you reach when the football team beats an arch rival. We have blinded ourselves into believing that this experience we have once a week for a few minutes enables us to reach out to others. However, we lack having the spiritual experience, logical reasoning, and implementation of the three in our lives.

When I first came to Southern, I too attended the Big Three and I got lost in the shuffle. Students were too busy talking to their already committed friends and the few who did open up to me did indeed "screen" me.

In their (our) defense, getting to the question that we as a ministry body want to truly ask, How our youth is scary, because what if you truly answer it? That, my friend, is why you and I and others get lost and hurt. Because the leadership of our campus ministries are ill equipped to tackle such an issue. Most of us haven't dealt with the issues in our own lives,

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The crisis that's killing us

Imagine going to Wal-Mart and paying \$148.71 for a basic urine pregnancy test. How about \$113.29 for saline solution?

For the more than 46 million Americans without health insurance, the above absurdities are a sobering reality. I know. I'm one of them.

The costs I just quoted aren't random or exaggerated. They came directly from an itemized bill I received after an unavoidable emergency room visit last month. At the hospital (which shall go unnamed lest they're inspired to demand more money of me in a libel suit), five hours of mediocre medical attention resulted in a more than \$4,000 in charges.

Just the fact that I walked (or, more accurately, stumbled in pain) through the door somehow warranted a charge of \$598.48. All the tools, medicine and procedures administered during the visit constituted no less astronomical charges in no way encompassed by main visit cost. We were shocked they didn't charge my fiancée a fee for sitting with me.

Preparations for my abdominal exam were apparently worth \$198.35. I'm still waiting for my cut, convinced I did most of the "preparatory" work by disrobing and sticking my feet in those cold stirrups.

The one plastic speculum used during my abdominal exam – the kind a little research reveals are available wholesale for 97 cents each – was only available to me for the bargain price of \$35.98. With what they charged for the actual exam, which any doctor's office will do for around 70 bucks, I could've purchased a few sizeable televisions. I could've bought

a steak at Applebee's with what was on the tag for the one-inch needle used to start my I.V.

The total charge for running said I.V., not including the medications administered through it, was \$604.10. For me, that's six months of car insurance.

There was a mysterious charge of \$58.68 for "sensitivity mit." What's that, the fee for pretended compassion?

It gets better. At least half of the charges on the bill came from redundant procedures. The university health clinic referred me to the hospital, but not because they couldn't provide me with the same services the hospital could. I was simply allergic to the IV antibiotics they carried.

The campus clinic had already performed all the right blood and urine tests and sent the results thereof over to the hospital with me. Actually, going above and beyond as always, they even sent a vial of my blood to the hospital with me in a little biohazard bag. But the hospital staff, so blinded by paranoia over possible malpractice suits, ran the same exact tests again. And, not surprisingly, they came to the same exact conclusions.

I am old enough to recognize measures taken truly for my protection. These doctors were covering their own asses, not mine. And there's a big difference between staying on the safe side and wasting resources.

It's no secret the university health clinic gets a bad rap, and students constantly spread rumors about all sorts of misdiagnoses and poor service there. I refute that talk any chance I get. I honestly can say I've never

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Evolution spats better left to scientists

From www.Dictionary.com:

"Theory - A set of statements or principles devised to explain a group of facts or phenomena, especially one that has been repeatedly tested or is widely accepted and can be used to make predictions about natural phenomena."

This is the first definition that comes up when you type in the word "theory" into the search engine at that site. Other meanings of the word exist, yes, but this is the one that is meant when speaking in scientific terms. The idea is that when something, like gravity, is a 'theory,' it's widely accepted as the truth unless proven wrong. This does not mean that gravity isn't real; it merely means that unless the current particulars about the theory of gravity are proven to be different, the theory itself is solid and the facts that make up the theory are true.

Unfortunately, most people do not realize this. The fact that Georgia was defaced by a scandal about "evolution just a theory" stickers in Marietta schoolbooks shows that widespread ignorance still abounds. Luckily, District Court Judge Clarence Cooper saw through the idiocy of the whole issue and

ruled the stickers unconstitutional because of the apparent religious context. However, the school board is appealing, and the rest of us in the state are stuck looking like fools because of a handful of people.

The fact that people can still deny evolution entirely shouldn't surprise me. For crying out loud, there was a Flat Earth Society up until at least the late 1980's, so when it comes to denying scientific fact, anything is possible. However, arguing against something and denying it exists entirely are two completely different things.

As Dr. Jack Horner said during his speech here at GSU last November, "Science isn't about trying to prove your current ideas right, it's about trying to prove them wrong." In other words, it's not necessarily a bad thing to argue with the intricacies of a particular theory, but you have to know what you are talking about in order to debate anything.

The appeal is over whether or not the stickers were of a religious content. Since they don't specifically mention religion in anyway, it's debatable whether or not there was any agenda behind the stickers. However, Marjorie Rogers, who is a self-proclaimed creationist

who believes that the Book of Genesis from the Bible is fact, started the original petition. She rallied well over two thousand supporters, and the school board placed the stickers in a number of books throughout the county.

Now, a disbelief in evolution doesn't necessarily mean that you are a creationist, by any means. However, since the woman who initiated the original complaint has admitted to being a creationist, it's safe to assume that her reasons behind the stickers were of a religious nature. That may or may not be entirely true, but I know one thing: Mrs. Rogers didn't have a good dictionary handy.

This debate will undoubtedly continue on until it hits the Supreme Court. In the meantime, we can hope that the people who ultimately matter in this ordeal, the kids in these schools, will be able to look past the controversy and get the education they need.

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Fiscal conservatives take on the White House

Republicans are discontent with many of the Big Government policies promoted by the White House – policies that were to blame for turning a federal budget surplus into a \$422 billion deficit during Bush's first term. They now want to cut back on non-defense government spending far more than Bush does.

"Congress needs to assert itself more," the article quoted Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn. to which I add my own hearty AMEN!

But when the government gets in a bind, the politicians always want to raise our taxes and promote some new boondoggle. The government needs to learn to operate like a business. We need some financial discipline. If our President wants to be a Texas cowboy, he should rope in Government Spending and bulldoze the Tax Code.

Raising taxes should be made as difficult as possible. We need a Constitutional Amendment to require a two-thirds supermajority to raise our taxes.

The Tax Code has become too burdensome and complicated. It is time to scrap the income tax, inheritance (or death) tax, and marriage penalty tax, and to replace all of these with a simple tax code. Whether you want a Fair Tax or a Flat Tax, we need comprehensive tax reform that will ELIMINATE the IRS, make paying taxes simpler and fairer for all Americans, encourage savings and investment, and promote growth and prosperity.

Next, it's time for some belt-tightening inside the Beltway. The best way to limit the size of government is ensure that federal spending does not grow at a faster pace than the private sector. And we need to give the President the power to eliminate waste in the federal budget with a line item veto.

Congress should create an independent watchdog agency to review the finances of every federal agency to see if our tax dollars are being wasted. There are dozens of federal agencies hanging around that no longer have much use but are very tough to get rid of. We also need a Sunset Law that requires the review of each agency every five years to decide whether it should be continued or eliminated.

Finally, we need a Balanced Budget Amendment to force the government to balance its books every year. This single step could save our children and grandchildren untold billions of dollars in future years.

These are all good, sound, common sense ideas that could work – if only there were enough courageous leaders with the political will to make them a reality.

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had such personal, quality health care in my life as I've gotten here in the last five years.

I'd bet the negative perceptions are born when students come into the institution for the first time and, never having seen a medical facility actually operate properly, don't know what to make of it.

I'd also bet both my kidneys that a national health care standard built on models of what we have right here at Georgia Southern would raise the quality of life in this country tenfold.

Unfortunately, as it is, such pipe dreams can only billow and disappear. And the figure "46 million," according to the U.S. Census Bureau, only applies to private health insurance. It doesn't include those who already have to rely on Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance. Forty-six million people are afraid to get sick. That fear causes stress, and guess what stress causes?

So, while I admit my initial reaction was to raze the hospital to its very foundation, I realize it isn't necessarily the fault of one facility. My frustration more accurately falls on a system error far too deeply embedded

to pinpoint.

The worst part about the government's current view on this issue is its immense presumptuousness. People have been falling ill since the dawn of time. Haven't we learned anything about underestimating nature? Sickness and disease are inevitable human events, especially in a society like ours where we place nowhere near enough focus on preventative medicine.

So, I'm on the only payment plan my future husband and I could feasibly afford. At this rate, we can finally put that one unfortunate day behind us... in six years.

I'm just a student, whose parents aren't incredibly well off, trying to become a productive member of society. For millions of people like me, this one concern nags in the back of our minds every day. In emergency situations, when money should be the last thing we have to worry about, it roars to the forefront and we're forced to agonize over one little question:

How the hell am I going to afford this?

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As for religion in schools, I say let's do it; why not have a World Religion course? Maybe this will give people time to understand their ever-expanding and oft-diversified classmate population, and all the creation stories can be discussed in there, even covering how some people don't believe in evolution at all. A little understanding and meeting in the middle never hurts, does it?

Last note: For those of you who are going to write up about how the creation 'theory' is the correct one, please note the above definition. We're talking science here, so please use the term creation 'myth,' as it is the proper term when speaking of religious ideologies.

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She admits that "being a graduate in December wouldn't be as exciting as it would be in the spring, but that doesn't keep me from walking across the stage."

Clearing for graduation at Georgia Southern is a task we all will face, but we also may find that attending commencement on our own terms is still preferable at a school that follows our progress from freshman to graduate.

As a new alum of GSU, I must say, I'm glad I participated in the commencement ceremony.

We made it, and our friends and family were there to celebrate a new step we had all taken – finishing college. It does mean something in the current day.

I'd encourage anyone to go ahead and go to graduation, even if you have your reasons to walk away instead of walking across that stage.

After all, think of how much you've done to earn the degree. If you're up for graduation this May, go on and get that diploma in the traditional fashion.

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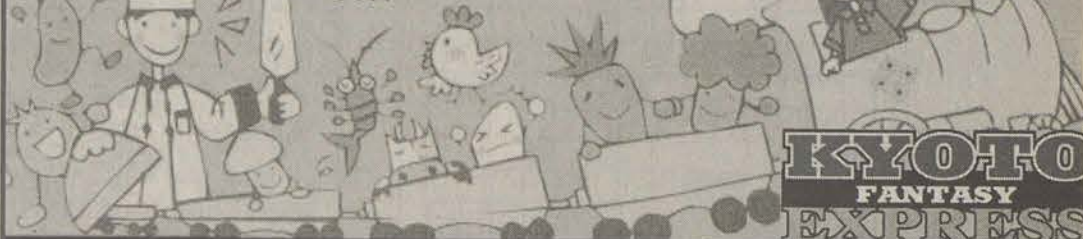
therefore, trying to help you through yours is terrifying. In the mean time we are going to entertain you with our awesome worship, powerful sermons, and emotional altar calls, but until next week, you are on your own.

The encouraging news is, there are amazing and genuine people in all of the campus ministries, unfortunately, most of the time you are going to have to seek them out.

To the Ben's out there, I hope you can realize that we do what we know and as lack luster as it is, it is a true effort on our part. I also encourage us who are leaders in these groups to continue to doing what you know, but strive to know more. Because the light of eternity, to the 16,000 students on our campus, is a dim unappealing star in the city sky.

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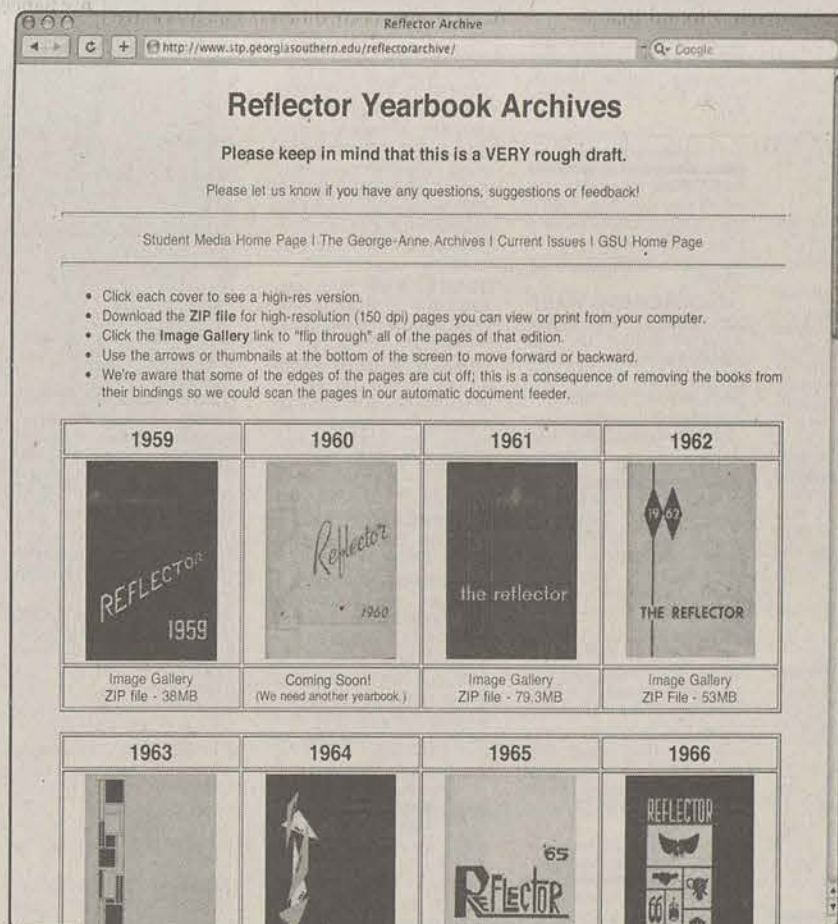
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The Rapp Report

What's so good about losing?



Matt Rapp
Sports Editor

The Atlanta Falcons could only hope for a lucky break in Sunday's NFC match-up. But the break never came. Trailing the favored Eagles, Atlanta stayed within a touchdown for much of the game. But there were no turnovers or breaks to be seen for the eager Atlanta squad.

So it's a sad ending for the Falcons, who won't get to play in Jacksonville this year. All those wins for nothing, right? Wrong!

Lets just take a second and think about what the Falcons have accomplished this season. For starters, first year coach Jim Mora Jr. led this team like a veteran coach. Playing aggressively and confident, Mora was able to win seven more games than the Falcons won last season. That right there is a feat in itself.

The Falcons' owner Arthur Blank has brought the F back in football and that stands for fun. Successfully selling out every home game this season, Atlanta fans are at an all time high and don't plan on changing. Anyone who went to a game in Atlanta this season knows how much fun they are. Taking an almost Ted Turner like approach to team ownership, Blank stays on the field at every game, encouraging the team and even occasionally giving advice to coach Mora. He may have some odd habits that makes him different than other owners but his vision is clear, winning football games.

The great owner and effective coach are all good for Falcon football but I've yet to speak of where all the excitement originates in Atlanta, Michael Vick. You can't even say Falcons without the words Mike or Vick in the same sentence. You don't play the Atlanta Falcons, you play Mike Vick and the Atlanta Falcons. Teams cringe at the thought of playing against this man. And what do you do when you have the most gifted athlete on the playing field? Pay him \$100 million. And that's what the Falcons did this season, which may have been Arthur Blank's best move to date.

So we didn't go to the Super Bowl this season. Yes, I am upset, as are most Falcon fans. It hurts to lose when you are so close to something special. But I think there is still something special in Atlanta and it's not the Braves this time. I'll be counting the days until next season so I can see another episode of the Vick Factor and would like to see him try to top this years performance.

Baseball preseason cookout set for Feb. 3

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Georgia Southern University's Office of Alumni Relations will host the Bulloch County Eagle Club baseball preseason cookout on Thursday, Feb. 3.

Eagle fans from throughout the area are invited to meet Coach Rodney Hennon and his players during the annual event at the newly refurbished J.I. Clements Stadium.

The cookout will begin at 6:30 p.m., but fans can arrive at 5 p.m. for a sneak peek at the stadium, which is undergoing a major renovation. The updated facility will feature 3,000 seats and a 7,500-square foot building that will house a ticket office, a team meeting room, luxury suites, a press box and restrooms.

In addition, fans who arrive at 5 p.m. and want to purchase season tickets will be able to select the seats in which they wish to sit.

Tickets for the cookout are \$7.50 per person. To purchase cookout tickets, call Alumni Relations at (912) 681-5691 or stop by the Alumni House on the University campus at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Herty Drive.

Eagles make it five in a row

Men's Basketball team defeats Elon 72-64

GSU Athletic Media Relations

ELON, NC – Georgia Southern held off Elon's upset bid, pulling out a 72-64 Southern Conference men's basketball victory Saturday night at Alumni Gym. The Eagles (11-7 overall, 5-2 SoCon) won their fifth straight, and took sole possession of second place in the South Division, while Elon suffered its 12th straight loss.

Despite playing the final eight minutes with four fouls, Jean Francois hit all seven field goal attempts in the second half – including three keys shots over the final 4:30 – and 9-of-12 overall. He scored a team-leading 19 points, the third time over the last four games hitting that total.

Down 65-61, the Phoenix missed three straight field goal tries in the paint on the same possession, and seven of eight FG's down the stretch. During that span, Georgia Southern's big three – Francois, Elton Nesbitt and Terry Williams – helped put the game away. Nesbitt hit two free throws, Francois nailed one of his jumpers and Williams hit two more from the charity stripe extending the lead to 71-61 with 45 seconds left.

Elon (2-17, 0-6) jumped out to an

early 15-5 lead, thank in part to 4-of-5 free throw shooting while the Eagles made only two of their first six field goal attempts. When Louis Graham scored in the lane that tied the score at 24-24, the game's first tie since Williams' three-pointer knotted the score at three apiece.

With 3:20 left in the opening half, Dwayne Foreman found Donte Gennie on an inbounds lay-up. Gennie made the basket, got fouled and sank the free throw putting GSU ahead for the first time, 27-26.

GSU converted Elon's eight turnovers during the first half into 13 points. The Eagles shot just 33 percent from the field (10-30) but did convert 7-of-8 free throws. Willie Dunn accounted for six of the tries making five. Elon shot 36% from the field, including 2-of-10 from beyond the arc, and 11-of-15 free throws.

Elon took a 31-29 lead into the locker room, however Jarek Swain was whistled for a technical foul after the buzzer.

Scottie Rice hit both free throws to start the half and then Elon got the ball but Le'Vonn Jordan missed a basket and chance to extend the lead even more.

After Nesbitt hit two free throws early in the second half, Francois got a steal off the press and converted the lay-in. He received a technical after scoring the basket, his third personal foul. He picked up his fourth at the 15:56 mark and sat until the eight minute mark.

GSU went in the bonus at 12:18 when Courtney Joseph hit both ends of a 1-and-1. Williams hit a mid-range jumper then a 1-and-1, making it a 57-45 game and extending the Eagles' 18-4 run that put them in the lead for good.

Williams and Nesbitt added 13 points each and Gennie contributed 10. Francois equaled his career-high of four steals (done last year against Elon) in addition to five rebounds. The Eagles shot 45.5% overall and 20-of-24 free throws. Despite only seven assists, their 10 turnovers were a season-low.

Rice led Elon with 20 points. Chris Chalko added 18 points and Simon Harris grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds. Elon hit 37% from the field and held a 37-33 rebounding edge.

The Eagles return to Hanner Fieldhouse tonight to host South Division rival Wofford at 7:30 p.m.



Katie Anderson/STAFF

GSU junior guard Elton Nesbitt scores on two defenders during the Eagles win over Savannah State last week.

Women's basketball defeated by Western Carolina

GU Athletics Media Relations

CULLOWHEE, NC- Jennifer Gardner scored a career-high 28 points to lead Western Carolina to a 92-81 win over Georgia Southern Saturday afternoon at the Ramsey Center on the campus of Western Carolina.

Western (8-10, 4-7 SoCon) opened with a 4-0 lead before the Eagles (9-8, 6-5 SoCon) answered with six straight points to take their first lead of the game. The Catamounts went on an 8-2 run on two Sigit Maleraite three pointers, retaking the lead, 12-8. GSU tied the game at 12-12 on three straight points by Lee DuBose. The Cats went on a 6-2 run before GSU put together an 11-0 spurt, taking the 25-18 lead with 10:17 remaining in the first half. Western responded with a 13-7 run,

closing the gap to two with less than seven minutes to play in the opening stanza.

The teams combined for 10 three-pointers in the opening half, with WCU's Maleraite connecting on three-of-five.

The Catamounts came out of the locker room on fire, opening the second half with a 10-4 run, taking the 45-43 lead. The Eagles responded and tied the game at 45-45 with 16:59 to play in the game.

The game went back and forth six times in the second half before the Catamounts took the lead for good at the 9:02 mark on a Gardner jumper with the score 64-63.

Gardner's jumper sparked a 16-8 run, giving the Cats the 78-71 lead with five minutes left in the game. The Eagles cut the deficit to five on

numerous occasions, but could not get any closer, as the Catamounts rolled to the 92-81 victory.

The Catamounts went to the line 26 times in the second half, going 21-of-26, shooting 80.8 percent. GSU shot a perfect 6-of-6 from the charity stripe. Three Eagles scored in double figures, with Nicole Newton leading the way with her fourth double-double of the season on a season-high 16 points and 11 rebounds. Dana Benemon also recorded 16, tying her career record. Adrienne Early added 14 points, two shy of her career mark. GSU lost the battle of the boards 42-37.

The Eagles return home to Hanner Fieldhouse tonight as they host SoCon foe College of Charleston at 5:00 p.m. Western Carolina returns to action on Jan. 25 as they host Davidson at 7:00 p.m.

Women's tennis serves up win over Florida A&M

Eagles start season out on the right foot

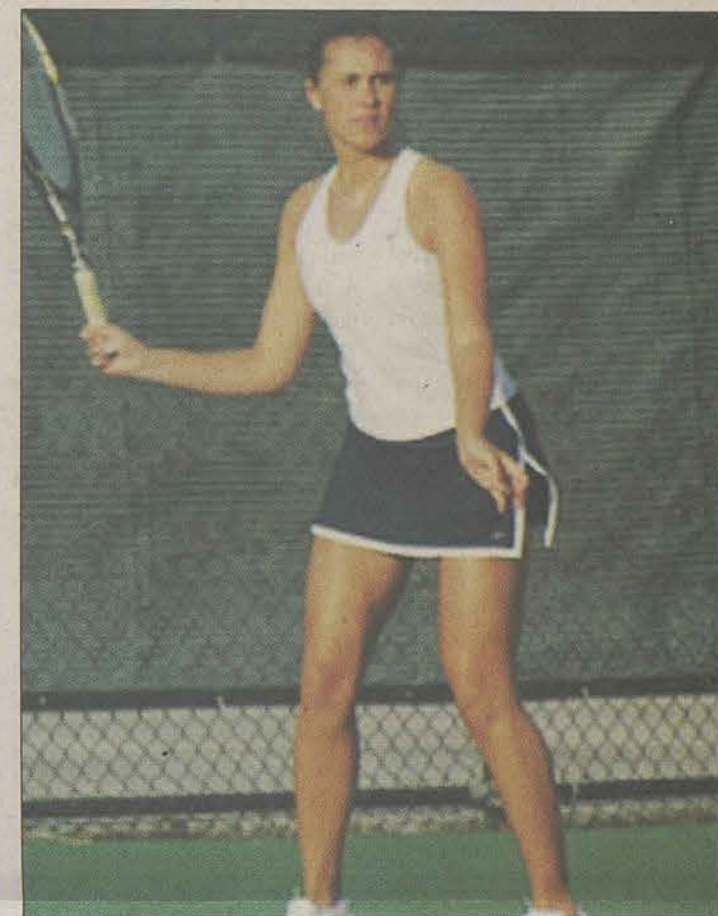
GSU Athletic Media Relations

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Georgia Southern women's tennis team opened their 2005 spring season Saturday with a 5-2 victory against Florida A&M and, in the process, presented head coach Amy Bartlett-Bonner with her first career win.

The Eagles began the day by winning all three doubles matches to gain the doubles point. Ciara Finucane and Szilvia Zsakay teamed up to defeat Eka Zvania and Anita Abad 8-6 at the No. 1 position. Amy Pazahanick and Stephanie Tyrell, playing from the No. 2 slot, downed Charlana Brown and Andrea Ayalay 8-2. The pairing of Charlotte Bruneteaux and Kim Wollett produced an 8-2 victory over Alyse Bailey and Zama Mkhize from the No. 3 spot.

Victory was assured when the squad then took four of the six matches during singles play. Winners for the Eagles included Bruneteaux at No. 3 (7-6(2), 6-4 over Abad), Zsakay at No. 4 (6-1, 6-7(3), 6-3 against Mkhize), Heather Reynolds at No. 5 (6-3, 7-5 over Ayalay) and Wollett at No. 6 (6-0, 6-0 against Bailey). Also playing singles were Tyrell, who dropped a 6-2, 6-2 decision to Zvania at the number one position, and Finucane, who fell 6-4, 6-4 to Brown at number 2.

With the win, the Eagles now sit at 1-0 on the young season, while the Rattlerettes fall to 0-2. GSU will look for another win in Tallahassee Sunday as they square off at 2:00 p.m. against 31st-ranked Florida State at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center.



Special photo

GSU sophomore Lindsey Marsh prepares to return a serve at her match on Saturday.

Men's Tennis opens season with loss

By Bryan Metcalf

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The Georgia Southern men's tennis team was defeated 5-2 by Charleston Southern in its first match of the year Sunday here at the Hanner Courts.

Vincent Patry and Danie Van den Heever were the lone winners for GSU in doubles play. Tom Green and Charles-Henri Trotter came close in their match, but lost 9-8 (7) to brothers Jonathan and Steve Dean of Charleston.

Despite temperatures in the 30s and a wind chill in the teens, it still took the better part of three hours for a victor to emerge. Patry and Van den Heever blanked Charleston's Guy David and Quincy Guichard 8-0. The number two pairing of Lasha Janisha and Germano Korr lost 8-2 against Murat Atilla and Lee Schuttler of Charleston.

The same six players from both sides were used in singles play. Patry defeated Guichard 6-2, 6-0 in a rematch of the doubles action. Another rematch was won by Janashia, who defeated Schuttler 6-4, 6-2 in the number three spot.

Charleston Southern captured the remaining four singles matches to achieve victory. Jonathan Dean downed Van den Heever in straight sets 6-2, 6-1 in the number two match while his brother, Steve Dean, beat Green 6-2, 6-4 at number five. In the number four slot it was David getting the better of Trotter 6-2, 6-1. Atilla defeated Korr 6-3, 6-0 to give Charleston a win in their season opener.

GSU, whose record stands at 0-1, now travels to Tallahassee, FL to square off against Florida A&M in a match scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on January 29.

Track and field squad completes first indoor competition

Brittney Swick stands out on second day

GSU Athletic Media Relations

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. – Distance runner Brittney Swick led the Georgia Southern track and field team Saturday as they wrapped up their first indoor competition of the season. Swick set a school record in the indoor mile while finishing second in the event and also managed a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter run.

The distance events began bright and early Saturday morning before many got out of bed, but Swick was quickly off and running. She clocked a school-record time of 5:11.42 in the mile run (unseeded) to finish second. Swick, a junior from High Springs, Fla., came back shortly thereafter to post a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter run (unseeded), crossing the finish line in 2:22.18, a personal best for her in indoor meets.

Sophomore Nicole Brown returned to the track Saturday in the 200-meter dash finals after qualifying with the fifth-fastest time in

preliminary heats Friday. Her time of 24.90 seconds in the final netted a fourth-place finish, and stands as the fourth-fastest indoor time in school history, just behind her mark of 24.89 seconds posted during the Friday qualifying heats.

Also seeing action Saturday was sophomore Jessica Kerzie, who competed in the 3000-meter run (unseeded). Her time of 11:21.33 was good for 16th place. Joining Swick in the 800-meter run were sophomore Katie Wilson (2:28.03; 14th) and freshman Serenity Thompson (2:37.65; 37th).

In relay action, the distance medley team notched a third-place finish in Saturday's final with a time of 12:52.47 while the 4x400-meter team finished 11th in Friday night's qualifying, clocking in at 4:02.59.

The track team will be back in action next weekend as they travel to Boone, NC to participate in the Mountaineer Winter Open, scheduled to take place Jan. 28-29.



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Fourth time the charm for Eagles as they advance to the Super Bowl

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Yo, Philly. Lose those jitters and relax. Your Eagles made it to the Super Bowl.

Donovan McNabb & Co. ignored the burden of three straight losses in the NFC championship game and warmed a frozen city's heart, stuffing Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons 27-10 on Sunday.

Philadelphia moves on to its first Super Bowl in 24 years - the only acceptable outcome for the Eagles and their rabid fans after so many close calls. They will meet either defending champion New England or cross-state Pittsburgh in Jacksonville on Feb. 6.

"We've got one more game to play," McNabb told the crowd. "The reason we set out to play this game ... is to win the Super Bowl."

The fourth consecutive appearance in the NFC title game proved to be the charm for the Eagles, even though they didn't have top receiver Terrell Owens - reduced to the role of MVC (Most Valuable Cheerleader) on the sideline.

Nothing was going to stand in the way of this team, which entered the season with a Super Bowl or Bust mentality and met those enormous expectations.

McNabb threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chad Lewis, including the clinching score with 3:21 remaining. That turned the final minutes into



Rusty Kennedy/AP Photo

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick is upended in the fourth quarter in the NFC Championship playoff game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Jan. 23.

a delirious coronation, the 67,717 fans - most of whom never sat in their seats on a 17-degree day - saluting a team that fulfilled its destiny.

"Super Bowl! Super Bowl!" they chanted when play was halted for the two-minute warning.

The only warm-weather team left in the playoffs went cold in its biggest

"This is their fourth trip in a row to the championship game. They've been in this position before, and they played like they've been in this position before."

-JIM MORA

game of the year. Vick was sacked four times by the fearsome Philly defense, which also came up with a crucial interception that set up David Akers' second field goal.

"The significance of the day was evident on the field - the Eagles pranced and posed after every big play - and in the stands, where hugs and beer flowed freely at Lincoln Financial Field. Friends and strangers celebrated in unison, brought together by their beloved Eagles.

The Eagles are one victory away from bringing the city its first major sports championship since the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983. The football team hasn't won it all since 1960, which predates the Super Bowl by six seasons.

Philly's only previous Super Bowl appearance came in 1981, but the Eagles fell flat in a 27-10 loss to the Raiders. This time, that score worked in their favor.

McNabb completed 17-of-26 passes for 180 yards, a workmanlike performance that solidified his position as one of the game's best quarterbacks. He also ran 10 times for 32 yards.

Vick's debut on the Super Bowl stage will have to wait. He completed just 11-of-24 for 136 yards, while the Eagles' stifling defense kept him from pulling off one of his signature runs.

He ran it just four times for 26 yards, but gave up even more yards on the sacks. Derrick Burgess dropped the elusive quarterback twice, and Jevon Kearse kept Vick hemmed up on the other side.

Philadelphia led only 14-10 at

halftime, a bit too close for a team that had lost to St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Carolina in the last three NFC title games.

But, as the sun gave way to a nearly full moon over "The Linc," the Eagles dominated the final two quarters. Akers connected from 31 and 34 yards, then McNabb and Lewis teamed up to finish off the Falcons with their 2-yard touchdown play.

Owens, who didn't play because of a severe ankle injury, played a prominent role nonetheless. He led the Eagles on the field and drew plenty of attention with his sideline antics, flapping his arms and waving a towel to urge on a crowd that didn't need any encouragement.

Meanwhile, his teammates filled in admirably. McNabb worked his passes around to eight players, led by Brian Westbrook with five catches for 39 yards. Westbrook also handled the bulk of the running load, carrying 16 times for 96 yards.

Then, it was time for the party-Philly-style.

"This is their fourth trip in a row to the championship game," said Jim Mora, the Falcons' rookie coach. "They've been in this position before, and they played like they've been in this position before."

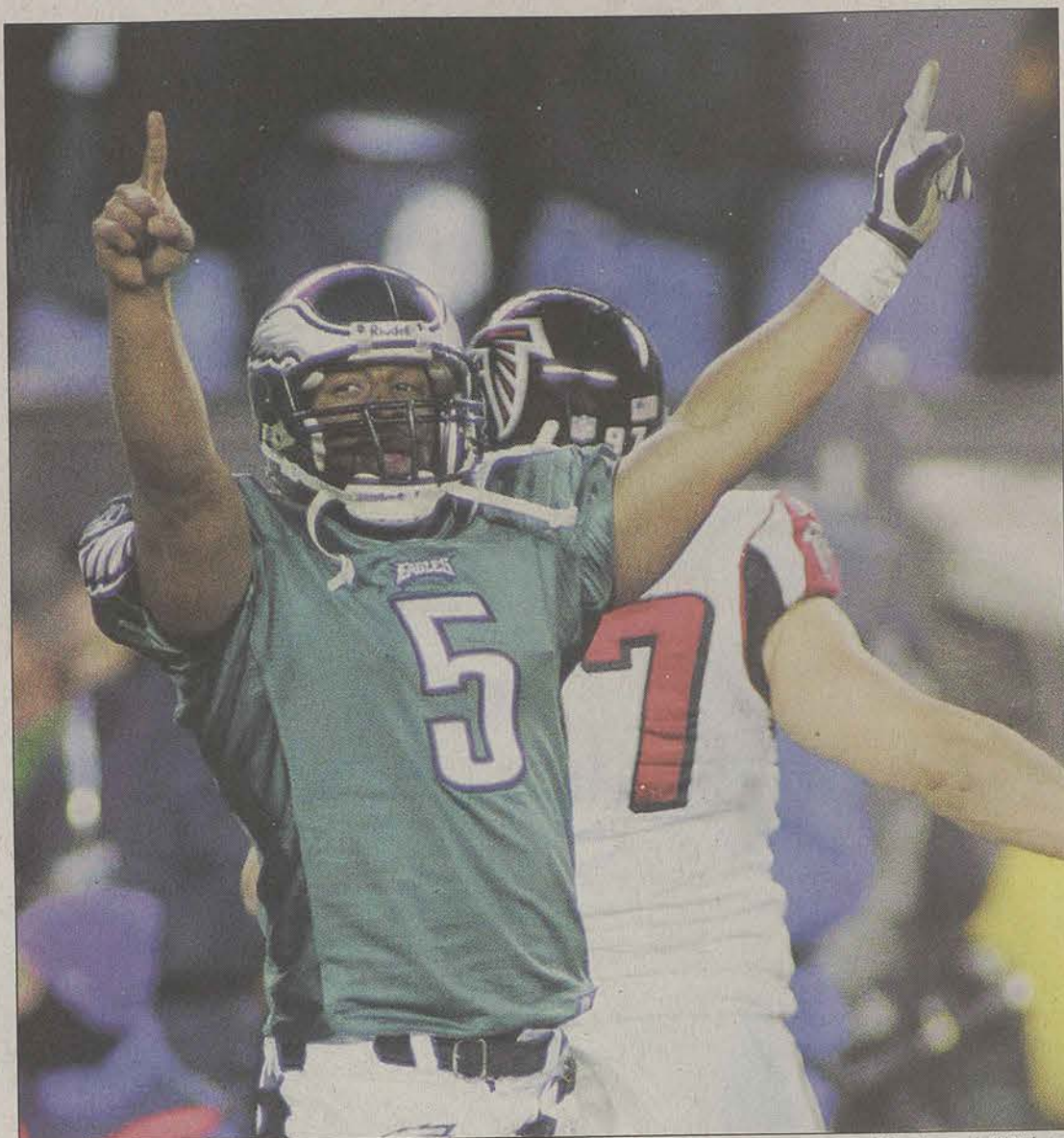
Falcons wouldn't go down without a fight

It was a great season for the Falcons, who came within one win of their second Super Bowl after going 5-11 last season. With Vick at quarterback, the future looks bright.

Philadelphia scored on its second possession after Chris Mohr managed just an 8-yard punt into a stiff wind. The Eagles appeared to go three-and-out, but a holding penalty on rookie cornerback DeAngelo Hall kept the drive alive.

Westbrook broke off a 36-yard run, scooting through a huge hole on the right side and breaking through Brian Scott's attempted tackle. Dorsey Levens finished it off with a 4-yard touchdown run, appearing to be stopped at the 2 but getting a shove into the end zone from offensive guard Jermaine Mayberry.

The Falcons responded by holding



Miles Kennedy/AP Photo

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb reacts after throwing a two-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter against Atlanta in the NFC Championship playoff game on Sunday, Jan. 23.

the ball for almost nine minutes, also benefiting from a defensive holding penalty on third down that kept the drive alive. But Philadelphia stiffened on first-and-goal from 2, throwing T.J. Duckett for a loss - only the second negative run of the season for the 254-pound back. Atlanta was forced to settle for Jay Feely's 23-yard field goal.

Back came the Eagles for another touchdown, set up by another big play. McNabb lofted a pass to Greg Lewis, who was covered by undrafted free agent Christian Morton. Lewis slowed up to catch the ball while Morton stumbled out of position, the result being a 45-yard completion to the Atlanta 4.

Two plays later, it was another

Lewis, tight end Chad, making a spectacular catch in the corner of the end zone. He somehow managed to drag both feet in bounds after leaping to pull down the high throw. Atlanta challenged, but the replay clearly backed up the refs' call.

The Falcons followed with their most impressive offensive display. In only five plays, they shredded the Eagles for 70 yards, capped off by Warrick Dunn's 10-yard touchdown with 2:02 left in the first half.

But Atlanta's offense never warmed up over the final two quarters.

While the temperature at kickoff was 17, it felt more like zero. A steady 26 mph wind - gusting as high as 35 mph - swept in through the openings on the north end of the stadium.

The bitter conditions didn't diminish the mood of the fans, nearly all of whom bundled up in something green. They began gathering in the parking lots - where snow had been plowed into piles higher than their vehicles - just after sunrise to get an early start on the expected celebration.

Leading up to the kickoff, there was another Philly moment.

The "Rocky" theme blared from the speakers, sending the crowd into a towel-waving frenzy. The video board showed clips from the movie, interspersed with highlights from the Eagles' season.

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