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Only In America

Police say woman tried to poison husband

WARREN, Pa. - A woman tried to kill her husband by sneaking rat poison into his food, but was arrested after the man reported finding a strange substance in his lunch, police said.

State police arrested Cheryl M. Raybuck, 46, of Glade Township, Warren County, on Tuesday and charged her with attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

Andrew Raybuck, 43, contacted police after he found an unusual substance in the lunch his wife prepared for him on Jan. 26. Police conducted tests and determined the substance was rat poison and that Andrew Raybuck had ingested the same poison in the days before.

Police didn't say why they think Cheryl Raybuck tried to kill her husband.

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Quote of the Day

"Thousands of highly qualified students are being priced out of a higher education because colleges, universities and states are increasing their tuition and fees beyond the reach of students."

-Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif.

Weekday Weather

Wednesday



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Thursday



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Textbook pricing forum at GSU

Compiled by staff

The University System of Georgia will sponsor a public forum to address textbook pricing today from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nes-smith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

The price of college textbooks has been an issue on college campuses throughout the country. The purpose of the forum is to obtain feedback to assist the staff of the University System in developing policies on textbook pricing and to provide useful information on the issue to GSU students, faculty, staff, elected officials and the general public.

The forum panel will include representatives from the student body, the faculty, a textbook publisher and a college bookstore manager. They will present their views, followed by a question and answer period conducted by a moderator. The forum is open to the public.

GSU Student Government President Charisse Perkins says she is glad that this forum is taking place, saying that practices of textbook companies are what drive up the costs of books.

"It's ridiculous what these companies are doing," she said. "Their

practices of bundling books together and coming out with new editions of books with hardly any changes is ridiculous."

Perkins believes that the state of Georgia should pass laws that stop textbook companies from "preying" on students. California and Oregon are two states that have passed such legislation.

"When a student pays in excess of \$300 to \$400 for books in a semester, there's something wrong," she said.

Perkins also believes that while textbook companies are to blame, they aren't the only ones.

"There are several other issues that we need to address, such as professors requiring books that they don't have students read from and the buyback practice of the University Store."

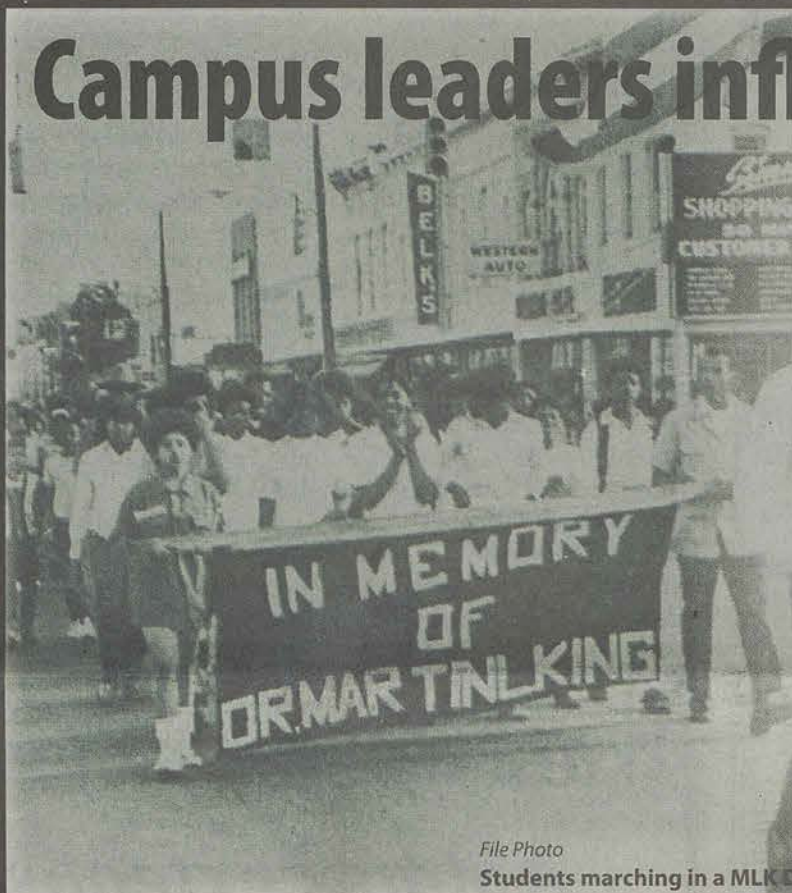
The forum is one of three being held throughout the University System. The other two forums will be at Georgia State University on Monday, Feb. 14 and the University of Georgia on Thursday, Feb. 17.



Campus leaders influenced by past

Black students, past and present, continue to be campus leaders

By Bert Noble • ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu



File Photo

Students marching in a MLK Day Parade in the 70s led by example.

College life allows students to learn—not only in the classroom but also through clubs, organizations and teams—what it takes to be a leader in the real world, at the same time giving everyone life experiences.

The history of black students on this campus, from the time it was Georgia Teachers College all the way through present day, shows the activity and volume of black students who are active in campus life.

Current Student Government Association President Charisse Perkins believes that black students know that nothing is handed down on a silver platter.

"We realize that it takes work to be successful and we have to do as much as possible to be successful," she said.

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Black History MONTH

Last week, *The George-Anne* began a two-week series that examines the history and future of blacks at Georgia Southern.

DAY 1

GSU professor Erik Brooks talks about his research into race relations over the university's 99 years.

DAY 2

Carolyn Hobbs, who was among the first black graduates at GSU, talks on her experience.

DAY 3

We examine the history of black entertainers who visited GSU and the discrimination they faced.

DAY 4

Aside from Georgia State, GSU has the largest minority enrollment in the state. We examine what that means.

TODAY

GSU has had active minority groups and strong black leaders. We examine if that is still the case.

DAY 6

GSU scholars talk on the current state of race relations. We get their take on what issues matter most.

U.S. stops short of blaming Syria for assassination Lebanese leader

By Anne Gearam
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The United States pulled its ambassador from Syria on Tuesday, expressing "profound outrage" over the assassination of a Lebanese leader who had protested Syrian influence in his country.

In Lebanon, noisy street processions mourned former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri a day before the funeral that will bring international leaders to Beirut. Angry Lebanese attacked Syrian workers in his hometown of Sidon, injuring several and shattering the windows of a Syrian-owned bakery.

Many Lebanese are pressing Syria to withdraw its 15,000 soldiers who have been in the country for more than a decade.

"We believe the Lebanese people must be free to express their political preferences and choose their own representatives without intimidation or the threat of violence," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in announcing the imminent return of U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey.

Administration officials stopped short of directly ac-



Saaddin Hariri, right, son of slain former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, recites verses of the Quran while touring the blast site in Beirut, Lebanon Tuesday. Monday's explosion killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and police said the toll from Monday's bombing in downtown Beirut was 13 dead and about 120 injured.

cusing Syria of carrying out the murder. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the assassination was the "proximate cause" of the ambassador's recall.

Asked if the United States would punish Syria with new economic sanctions, Rice said, "We will continue to consider other options."

"The Syrian problem is a serious problem," Rice said. "Our problems with the Syrian government are not new."

Among the problems, Rice said, were support for terrorism and for insurgents in Iraq. "The Syrian government is, unfortunately, on a path right now where relations are not improving but are worsening," she said.

Scobey's return does not break diplomatic relations with Syria, a country the United States has accused of exporting terrorism. Syria took no immediate reciprocal action, such

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Republicans float new congressional map plans

By Doug Gross
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Statehouse Republicans began a move to reshape Georgia's congressional map on Tuesday, floating a pair of plans



Rep. Jack Kingston

that retold districts the GOP has criticized for years. Senate and House leaders unveiled dra-

tically different plans, which would have to work their way through both chambers in the final half of the Legislature's 40-day session.

Both would make Georgia's 13 districts more compact and would likely also lead to more Republicans in Congress.

"This is what we've been saying all along, that (districts) need to be fair, with contiguous districts and no bizarre shapes," said Republican Rep. Bobby Franklin, chairman of the Reapportionment Committee.

Democrats quickly criticized the plan as a way to help the GOP, not make districts fairer. "We have legal maps that have withstood the challenges of the courts," said Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, who chaired the House redistricting committee until Republicans took control this year. "There is no need to expend precious public resources on the political futures of whoever these maps are being drawn for."

The current maps were drawn in 2001 when Democrats controlled the statehouse. They acknowledged that they designed the districts to help them elect more Democrats to Congress.

Federal judges rejected, and ultimately redrew, state House and Senate plans - saying they violated the Constitution's one-person, one vote provision. The congressional map was allowed to stand, although Republicans complained that it, too, was unfair.

Currently, the state has seven Republican and six Democratic members of Congress.

With both houses of the Legislature now under GOP control, some Republican congressmen have pressed state lawmakers to change the map, hoping that will make their next election campaigns easier. It has been widely speculated that several Republican state lawmakers also would like a chance to run for Congress in a friendly district.

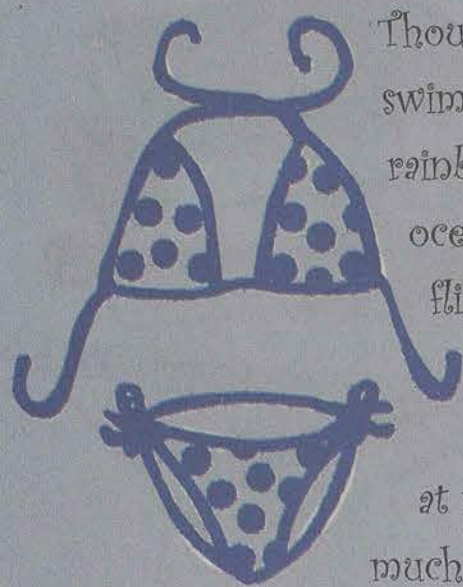
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Perkins has been active on the SGA for all four of her years at GSU, which she credits to her brother, Jonathan, for pushing her to be active on campus.

"He really was my inspiration, since he was also a SGA President. I knew I wanted to follow in his footsteps," Perkins has also served as the vice president for academic affairs for SGA.

Perkins says that being active on campus is a good way to network, and build references and resumes.

"All people who are leaders see it as a way to get ahead. I had a motivation and was driven. I am here to get a degree. I think black student leaders are breaking away from the negative

stereotypes by becoming more active on campus," she said.

One way black leadership is seen on campus is through the previous SGA presidents. The last white SGA president was in the 2001-2002 school year.

"Involvement goes beyond race. Leadership is determined by how much a person really cares to get out and get involved. The fact that African-American students are taking initiative is great. They are stepping up to the challenge of leadership," said Perkins.

Francys Johnson, professor of political science and justice studies at GSU, says that there are many black students that have broken into major

leadership roles on campus.

"The number of African American leaders on campus is a testimony of how many of these students this university is able to attract," Johnson said.

Johnson, who is a former president of the GSU Student Government (2000-2001), believes that the increasing number of black leaders on campus comes from several factors, but said that giving back was the most important.

"Many of the [black] student leaders on campus recognize that in their leadership roles they are able to give back to their communities, which is the biggest part of their social heritage," Johnson said.

Johnson said the diversity in all forms is necessary, and that it is important that GSU continue to diversify the campus, both in curriculum and student programming, but also in hiring diverse scholars.

"Having a whole lot of blacks, Asians, or women here doesn't mean anything, unless we maximize their roles and impacts on GSU," he said.

Johnson did mention that there are certain practices that cater to a certain race or group of students, and that this can have a negative impact.

"Education is the key. These organizations shouldn't only cater to one race or another, but should expose students to the beauty of diversity."

MAPS, FROM PAGE 1

process of making it easier for Georgians to know who represents them in Congress," said Senate Republican Leader Bill Stephens, R-Canton.

Franklin's map, which he said wasn't influenced by congressmen or other Republican higher-ups, tightens east Georgia's 12th District, which currently stretches from Athens to Savannah and is represented by Democrat John Barrow.

Much of the middle Georgia district represented by Rep. Jim Marshall, a Macon Democrat, would overlap

with turf held now by Republican Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, of Sharpsburg.

The oddly shaped 13th District, in south metro Atlanta, would be tightened to include all of Henry, Newton, Clayton, Butts, Spalding and Jasper counties.

Democratic Rep. David Scott currently holds that seat.

The Senate map also squeezes the 12th and divides Chatham County - home to both Senate President pro-tem Eric Johnson and incumbent Congressman Jack Kingston.

The 13th District would swing west from Clayton to Douglas County and a long, narrow middle Georgia district would stretch from Newton County, in metro Atlanta, to Cook County near the Florida line.

Senate Republicans said their plan was crafted without specific political data in mind.

"This was not done for 13 men or women who want to seek office," said Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, chairman of the Senate's map-drawing committee.

Sen. Tim Golden, D-Valdosta, who was redistricting chairman before Republicans took over that chamber three years ago, said it will be a tough task for the GOP to redraw the congressional lines.

Not only is the process highly partisan, he said, but Georgia also has to get federal approval for any new lines because of its segregationist past.

"It's been a political process since the days of Thomas Jefferson," Golden said. "It's a very serious minefield you have to walk through."

SYRIA, FROM PAGE 1

as recalling its own ambassador from Washington.

The Syrian ambassador, Imad Moustapha, said Tuesday that those insinuating Syria had a role in the attack are "lacking logic" and accused people of trying to use a tragedy for political advantage. He also suggested damaging Syria was part of a plot.

Hariri died Monday when a huge car bomb blew up his motorcade in downtown Beirut. Sixteen others died in the bombing.

The killing was the most serious and destabilizing violence in Lebanon in more than a decade. It came just as Israel and the Palestinians

were taking hopeful steps toward a peace agreement - and as the Bush administration was pressing for greater democratic changes elsewhere in the Middle East.

The bombing also made Syria an unwelcome front-burner problem for the Bush administration. Not quite one month into his second term, President Bush was already facing new diplomatic headaches with Iran and North Korea.

Syria, which has denied any involvement in Hariri's assassination, keeps its troops in Lebanon 15 years after the country's civil war ended and has the final say in internal Lebanese

politics. Officials in Damascus say the troops are needed to keep peace for the Lebanese.

The Bush administration's actions indicated that it saw a Syrian hand behind the bombing, but neither Boucher nor White House press secretary Scott McClellan would say so outright.

"We have not made any determination of responsibility," Boucher said. The assassination led to the ambassador's recall because the killing "shows the distortions of Lebanese politics that are created by the Syrian presence" and calls into question Syria's explanation that its troops provide internal security.

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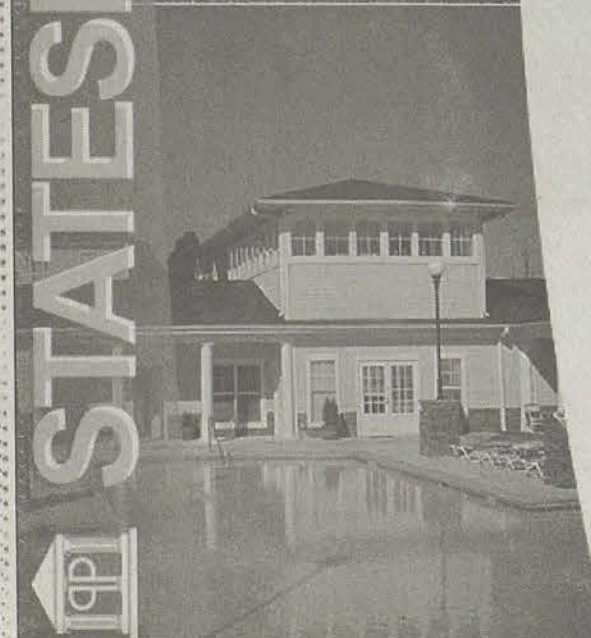
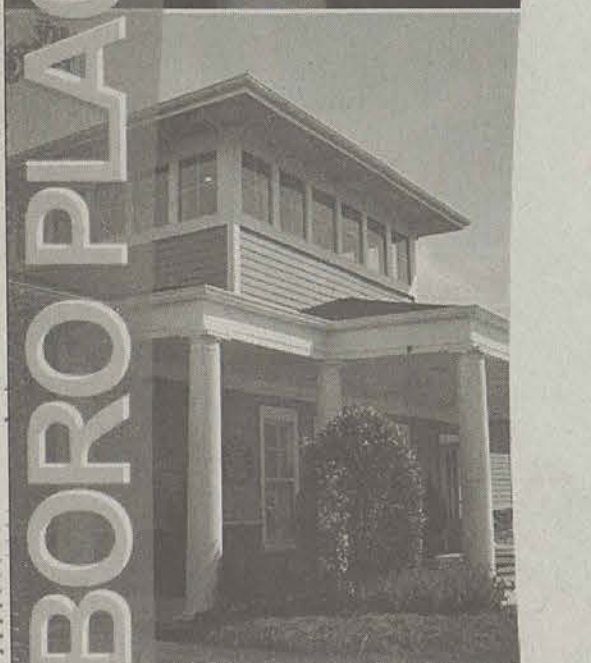
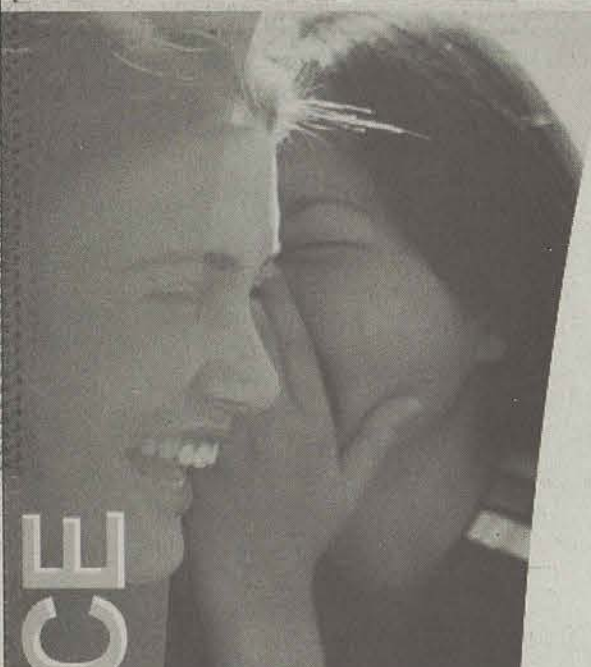
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Associate Professor of Chemistry
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William Bowes, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs
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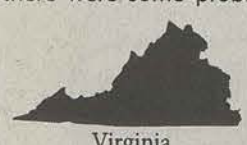
***Written questions from the audience will be directed to panel members following presentations**

Only in America

Man tries to rob ATM with backhoe

Richmond, VA. — A man attempted to rob a Richmond bank Tuesday by smashing it with a backhoe, police said.

Police received a report from an alarm company around 4 a.m. that there were some problems with



Virginia

the ATM at Washington Mutual Bank at San Pablo Ave., Sgt. Enos Johnson said.

About that same time, police received a call from someone at the bank who reported a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot, Johnson said.

When police arrived, the would-be thief had already fled the scene, reportedly on foot, Johnson said.

The man managed to destroy the structure around the ATM machine but was unable breach the safe, Johnson said.

Police do not have a description of the man but hope to obtain one from the bank's security videotape.

The voice is that of Jeff Goldblatt, an Emory University student who developed Rejection Hotline in 2001. It now serves 29 cities in the United States.

No more free coffee for inmates

Lansing, MI. — Inmates in Michigan's prisons will have to pay for their own caffeine fix next month.

In an effort to save \$250,000 this year, state officials are cutting off



Michigan

the supply of free coffee to inmates at state prisons and people in boot camps and correctional centers.

Corrections Department spokesman Russ Marlan said inmates can still buy instant coffee at prison stores, but he didn't know how much they charge.

"We're looking at everything that can reduce costs without jeopardizing public safety," Marlan said Monday. "There is no nutritional value to coffee."

Comedians tend to tell jokes

Hollywood, CA. — Oscar producer Gil Cates reminded everyone Monday that Chris Rock is a comedian, which means that he will occasionally make jokes.

Rock, who will host the 77th Academy Awards on ABC, has developed an irreverent routine about



California

his ignorance of the Oscars, saying, in several publications, things like: "I never watched the Oscars. It's a fashion show. What straight black man sits there and watches the Oscars?"

The Drudge Report quoted one unnamed "Hollywood mogul" and one unnamed "nominated actress" in an item claiming that "veteran members of the academy" have grown concerned over the choice of Rock as host because he does not seem to take the show seriously enough.

ABC, which is broadcasting the show, said it hasn't received any complaints.

Dogs help kids learn to read

Grafton, WI. — Young children learning to read get together once a week at a Grafton library with dogs to practice.

The Ozaukee Humane Society program, inspired by a similar one in Utah, pairs 11 children in first through fifth grade with three dogs at the USS Liberty Memorial Public Library.

The project is part of national movement in 42 states and two Canadian provinces, according to Kathy Klotz, executive director of Salt Lake City-based Intermountain Therapy Animals.

Carolyn Mueller has been bringing her 8-year-old golden retriever, Tigger, to the program known as Read to Rover here since it debuted in Wisconsin.

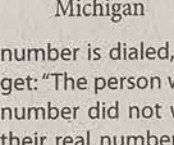
"I think he gets as much out of it as the kids," Mueller said. "He seems to love being read to. Kids invariably turn the book toward him so he can see the pages."

Hotline blows off unwanted suitors

Detroit, MI. — Detroit is a chilly town — in more ways than one.

The Motor City produces the most calls to the Rejection Hotline, a free telephone service that allows uninterested objects of affection to blow off come-ons.

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Michigan

When that number is dialed, this is what they get: "The person who gave you this number did not want you to have their real number. Maybe the idea of going out with you just seems as appealing as playing leapfrog with unicorns. ... Do your best to forget about the person who gave you this number because, trust us, they've already forgotten about you."

Flu puts Jackson trial on hold

Santa Maria, CA. — Michael Jackson was taken to the hospital with the flu Tuesday morning, the judge in the singer's child molestation trial said.

The development delayed jury selection a week.

Judge Rodney Melville told prospective jurors that

Jackson had the flu and that jury selection would resume Feb. 22.

The judge said Jackson was on his way to court when he was taken to the hospital emergency room instead. He later told prospective jurors that Jackson was to be admitted.

The judge made the initial announcement 15 minutes after Jackson was scheduled to appear in court at 8:30 a.m.

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National News Briefs

Jury sentences teen to 30 years in Zoloft defense trial

Charleston, S.C. — A 15-year-old boy who claimed the antidepressant Zoloft drove him to kill his grandparents was found guilty of murder Tuesday and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Christopher Pittman hung his head as the verdict was read after about six hours of deliberations.

The trial was the first case involving a youngster who says an antidepressant caused him to kill, Pittman's lawyer said. It came at a time of heightened scrutiny over the use of antidepressants among children.

Pittman cried Tuesday as his father and other family members asked for leniency.

Defense attorneys had urged the jury to send a message to the nation

by blaming Zoloft for the killings. They said the negative effects of Zoloft are more pronounced in youngsters, and the drug affected Pittman so he did not know right from wrong.

Prosecutors called the Zoloft defense a smoke screen, saying the then-12-year-old Pittman knew exactly what he was doing three years ago when he shot his grandparents, torched their house and then drove off in their car.

Prosecutor Barney Giese said the real motivation for the crime was the boy's anger at his grandparents for disciplining him for choking a younger student on a school bus. And he reminded jurors how the boy carried out the killings.

"I don't care how old he is. That is as malicious a killing — a murder — as you are ever going to find," the prosecutor said. He pointed to Pittman's statement to police in which he said his grandparents "deserved it."

Pittman was charged as an adult in the November 2001 murders of Joe Pittman, 66, and his wife Joy, 62.

Zoloft is the most widely prescribed antidepressant in the United States, with 32.7 million prescriptions written in 2003.

Last October, the Food and Drug Administration ordered Zoloft and other antidepressants to carry "black box" warnings about an increased risk of suicidal behavior in children.



Associated Press
Defendant Christopher Pittman listens as the guilty verdict is read Tuesday after about six hours of deliberations.

U.S. withdraws ambassador from Syria

WASHINGTON — The United States has recalled its ambassador to Syria amid rising tensions over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon.

Before departing, U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey delivered a stern note, called a demarche in diplomatic parlance, to the Syrian government, said an official who discussed the situation only on grounds of anonymity.

FDA to establish new drug oversight board

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration will establish a new independent Drug Safety Oversight Board to monitor FDA-approved medicines once they're on the market and update physicians and patients with emerging information on risks and benefits.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt announced the creation of the board during a meeting with FDA employees Tuesday.

The agency has been criticized sharply in recent months as reacting too slowly to reports linking the arthritis drug Vioxx and pain drug Celebrex to increased risks of heart attack and stroke.

Defrocked priest sentenced for rape

Boston, MA. — Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, a central figure in the Boston Archdiocese clergy sex abuse scandal, was sentenced Tuesday to 12 to 15 years in prison for raping a boy repeatedly in the 1980s, sometimes in a church confessional.

"It is difficult to imagine a more egregious misuse of trust and authority," Judge Stephen Neel said in imposing the term. But he turned aside a prosecutor's request for a life sentence.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Morgan Marsh.



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Our Opinion

Bike fans: Build a GSU chopper

College is the time to make changes, time to become a leader and learn how to coordinate programs that will help yourself as well as others. Goals that seem impossible can become reality when a dedicated group of people works together. Recently, building custom choppers has become all the rage and shows about building choppers are just as popular. So why not build our own Georgia Southern custom bike?

Building a GSU chopper can bring together members of the mechanical engineering classes as well as local bike builders, and student media outlets. Students from all over campus can work together to make the GSU chopper a reality. Public relations students can promote the project in the community, broadcasting students can help capture the bike build on camera and mechanical engineering students can get some hands-on experience.

The Channel 97 crew can keep cameras on-site to record the bike fabrication and learn how to edit down a full-sized show and overdub narration. It would be a learning experience for everyone involved and with a little luck, it may become a tradition.

Using a format like Jesse James or the Orange County Chopper guys, students and master craftsmen from the community can be chosen to work on the GSU bike. Local bike shops like Sinkhole Customs and Crosstown Choppers may be willing to donate parts and/or time to instruct the students in return for promotion through Channel 97 and other student media coverage.

A GSU bike, in classic blue and gold, would be a great addition to the school, showing that as a college, we are willing to adjust and change with the times. Not only would the chopper project be a great opportunity for the school, but also for each student who took the time to contribute to the project. Working on the project would provide valuable leadership experience for students to include on a resume.

The bike would be a great addition to the school too. It could be displayed at schools all across Georgia as a student recruitment promotion. Gus, the mascot, could drive it across the field during football games and in Homecoming parades.

As far as a deadline for construction, next year's homecoming game seems like an appropriate time for unveiling the GSU bike. If necessary, the bike could be sold at a fundraising auction to create a fund for future projects. If anyone is interested, please contact us at ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu.

Editorials from Around the Nation

The Prius patriots: Why conservatives are garaging their gas hogs

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, Feb. 11:

Since when do right-wing Washington he-men drive Priuses, the compact Toyota hybrid cars that get an estimated 60 mpg on the highway? Aren't those supposed to be the cars of choice for pale-faced tree-huggers and liberal college professors too timid to roar down the highway in an eight-cylinder SUV? How come some prominent neo-conservative hawks have been spotted motoring along the Beltway behind the wheel of a Prius?

Patriotism, that's why. Former CIA Director Jim Woolsey and defense analyst Frank Gaffney, both backers of the Iraq war, have come to realize that the national security of the United States depends on freeing ourselves from dependency on Mideast oil. Driving gas guzzlers keeps our nation in debt to the kinds of regimes that do not have our best interests at heart. Besides, where do you think the Saudis have acquired the money to spread Islamic extremism and the terrorism it engenders worldwide? Largely from American consumers.

These conservatives know that oil industry experts predict the world's petroleum output will peak sometime in the next decade — this at a time when India and China are rapidly expanding their

industrial economies, making the global competition for increasingly scarce oil supplies more fierce. Barring some miracle, the price of oil will rocket skyward in the coming years and decades. The days of cheap fossil fuels are gone for good. As Gaffney put it recently, weaning ourselves from foreign oil is "a national security imperative."

A generation ago, President Jimmy Carter gave a memorable televised address in which he urged the nation to learn to conserve energy, to live within limits, in order to break our dependency on oil-producing thugocracies. The speech was a disaster — it's now remembered as the "malaise" speech — and no American president since then has ever proposed the same sensible policies. Rather, as historian Andrew Bacevich points out, every president has made defending our oil supply Priority No. 1 in the Middle East.

If Americans are unwilling to make personal sacrifices like Gaffney and Woolsey are making, argues Bacevich, then they will fight war after war in the 21st century. Bacevich is no peacenik, but a conservative who understands the gravity of the situation facing the nation he loves. Conservatives are becoming gas conservationists not for the sake of Mother Earth, but for the sake of America.

Three cheers for the Prius patriots!

Arthur Miller and the dream

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Saturday, Feb. 12:

Arthur Miller was a storyteller who wrote of family, morality and power, the calamity of the Depression and the yearning to reach the elusive American dream. He created theater from the whole cloth of human experience and human frailty. He used ideas to entertain and to educate.

Miller's death on Thursday at 89 brought to a close an era of American theatrical history. He was an intellectual who never forgot his roots in New York, an artist whose tales reached the masses. He wasn't America's Shakespeare, but he provided Americans with a voice as tough and chiseled as the young country in which he lived.

He knew of poverty and wealth. His family's fortunes declined during the Depression. He drove a truck, worked in a warehouse and attended the University of Michigan. His personal fame rose in post-World War II America, his heyday on Broadway in the flash and exuberance of the late 1940s and 1950s, when words mattered and so did big ideas. He married and divorced a movie legend, Marilyn Monroe. He was married for 40 years to his third wife, photographer Inge Morath, who died in 2002.

And he kept writing, long after the first wave of acclaim gave way to the difficult task of finding fresh angles to age-old human emotions and stories, long after Broadway seemed to lose interest in the drama of everyday experience. He was simply too good to retire. His "Finishing the Picture" opened in Chicago last fall.

His work endures on the printed page and on the theatrical boards, in thousands of community theaters and neighborhood schools, in places where people seek an American story through the eyes of an American original who saw hope amid despair.

He wrote of witch trials in "The Crucible," the Depression in "The American Clock" (a play that was inspired by Studs Terkel's oral history "Hard Times"), and revealed himself in "After the Fall." The strife between generations was a theme he examined repeatedly, in tales of families torn asunder by self-delusion, in plays such as "All My Sons" and "Death of a Salesman."

He told Terkel, "I don't care for a theater that is absolutely personal and has no resonance beyond that."

Willy Loman was Miller's most famous character, "Death of a Salesman" his masterpiece — six weeks to write, a classic to savor. In Loman, the playwright found a flawed man who was "not the finest character that ever lived. But he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid," Loman's wife, Linda, said.

It was a plea for the common man by a playwright who never lost the ability to tell a good story well. He found America's soul — and story — within America's families. He didn't condescend toward his characters, he celebrated them, their everyday dreams and everyday delusions. There was death and life in his plays.

Attention was paid.

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International Students Speak Out

A lesson in making the most of time

There is no argument — time is a constant element that we all battle each day.

All of us have the same amount of time as everyone else, 24 little hours. It is how we utilize our time that defines us as a person.

Time management involves very common decisions everyone must make. Should I sleep? Study? Work? Relax? I've found that these decisions are even more pressing for most international students during their stay here in America.

Most of us have met some international students on campus and have noticed the slight subtleties of how we all regard time. It seems that international students are troubled most by time because they know when theirs is up. They know they are going to depart on a certain date in the near future, so they want to do as much as they can in the limited time they have here. They want to see and experience everything they can.

Such is the case with the Mexican students that visited Georgia Southern for two weeks and did all that can be done in Statesboro and Savannah in that amount of time. I was lucky enough to help these students see the best of Statesboro and Georgia Southern. They were able to meet local government officials, visit places around here that we don't even know about, make television and newspaper appearances, and of course make friends.

It is amazing what they accomplished in the brief time they were here. It makes me wonder, what have I been doing? Am I not taking advantage

of life? I'm not looking for fame or fortune; I just want to be happy in what I do.

The point that I want to stress is that this is not just a problem that just applies to international students; I have just found my own example through them. They have helped me realize how important it is to share my time with other people.

Of course the rest of us have to deal with time, but it is not as evident because we are unable to see our end and therefore we are not as motivated to take advantage of our own time on Earth.

This semester it has been painfully apparent how valuable my time really is and how it is best to use it. I've helped, loved, ignored, and taken advantage of friends and family. I have been pulled every which way, making decisions and trying to make the "smart choice." As most of you can agree, we all are pushed to make these sorts of decisions in a split second and must live with the consequences.

There is no clear end, and, no matter what you do, you'll never know it's coming. As someone once said, "It's hard to run a race without seeing the finish line."

A little advice: Pretend its right in front of you.

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The case against tolerance, understanding and acceptance

By Susan Benjamin
KRT Campus

See if you can find the problem with these comments; doubtless, you'll hear them a lot now that it's Black History Month:

- We must tolerate people who are different from ourselves.
- We must accept others — no matter what race or religion.
- We must understand people from diverse backgrounds.

Spot the problem? They're the big three — "tolerance," "acceptance" and "understanding" and they bubble up — and keep bubbling — everywhere from nightly news broadcasts to grammar school classrooms. And, although designed to garnish any discussion with goodwill and openness, they cast a disconcerting shadow.

Let's start with "tolerance" a word we generally reserve for annoyances that simply won't go away. You tolerate your friend's bad jokes, itchy skin and your spouse's moodiness. But do you tolerate, say, the million dollars you just inherited from dear, deceased Aunt Jane? A two-week vacation to Barbados? Or that promotion you've always hankered after? We

reserve "tolerance" for issues that universally require a sad shake of the head — the undesirable realities we simply can't escape.

"Acceptance" is only slightly better. It's true, we "accept" promotions and, if you're a publisher, you "accept" submissions. But normally we reserve "acceptance" for less than savory events, such as lost love or the inevitable wear and tear of aging. If you're in the over-40 crowd, how many times have you said, "I just have to accept that I can't ----- as much as I used to." Exercise, work or eat — you fill in the blank. The choices of all we must accept, in spite of our best wishes, are endless.

Of the Big Three, "understanding" is the most innocuous. It's the Wonder Bread of words: pale, substance-less and readily available — often accompanied with a sigh.

You understand that aging is a natural part of life, your spouse had a difficult childhood and those big hips just won't go away. And we must (sigh) understand each other no matter what race, creed or color.

It's not just the Big Three: cracks in the diversity message appear constantly. For example, the home page of a children's Web site discussing Black History Month opens with a quote from the Song of Solomon: "I am black,

but comely (beautiful), like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon." Black but comely? Out of context, the "but" emphasizes the exception. Would the Black Power movement ever have said: "Say it loud, I'm black but proud"? Or the song "Boy From Ipanema" go: "Young and tall and dark but handsome"? Rather misses one point and makes another.

Look, I'm not, repeat not, advocating that we impose PC language on our discussion of diversity during Black History Month or any other time. But, by recognizing the underlying message embedded in the words, we can understand their true meaning and possibly resist accepting or even tolerating their limitations. In short, we can do better.

Of course, if inspired, you always could replace these words with more positive alternatives. So, "tolerate," "understand" and "accept" may become "embrace," "honor," "welcome," "appreciate" and "value." The list can go on and on ... the possibilities are endless.

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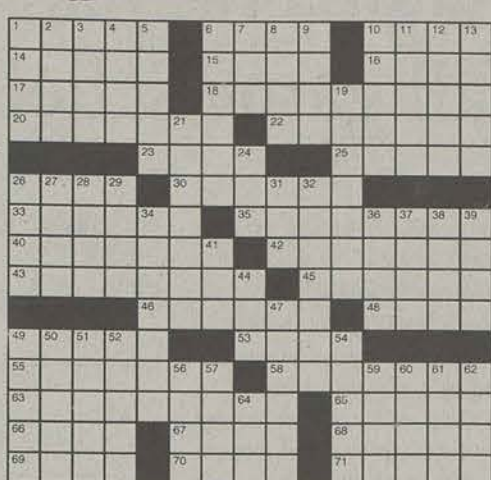
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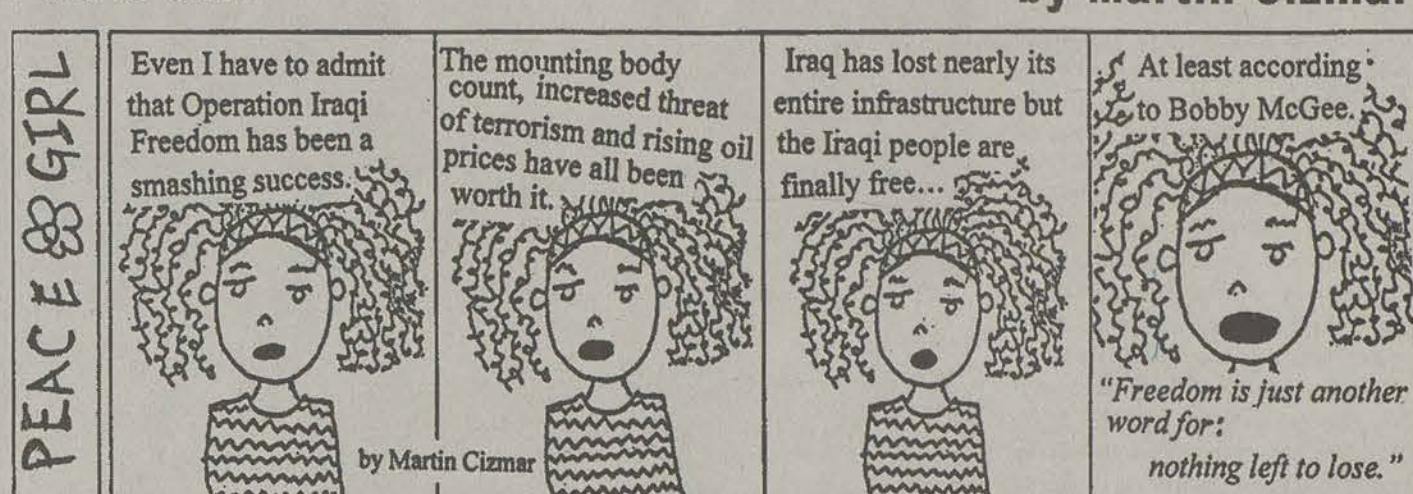


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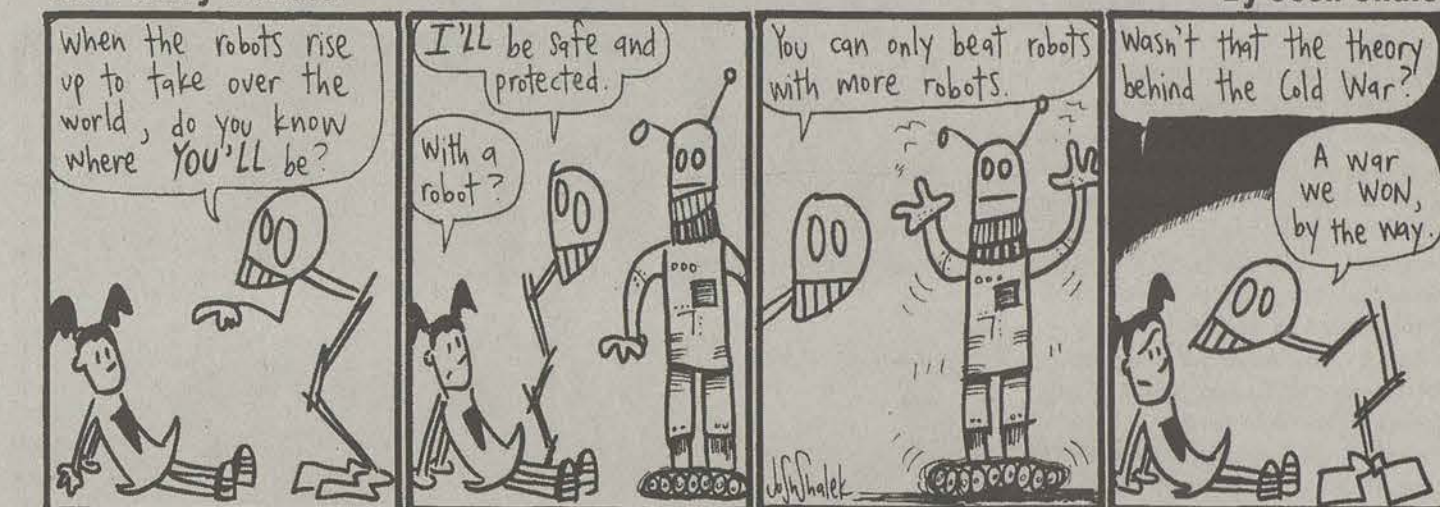
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Men's Basketball

GSU BREAKS SEASON-HIGH POINT TOTAL

By Bryan Metcalf
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The Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team moved into second place in the Southern Conference by defeating the Citadel Bulldogs 115-81 Monday night in front of a Valentine's Day crowd of 2,317 fans at Hanner Fieldhouse.

An early three by Eagles' starting guard Elton Nesbitt set the tone for what was to come. Leading 10-9 early in the first half, the Eagles went on a 7-0 run that was capped off by Nesbitt's third trey of the night with just under 15 minutes to play in the half. After the Bulldogs closed the gap to four, Nesbitt nailed his fourth shot from downtown to start another streak of nine unanswered points that put the margin back into double digits. Citadel closed the gap to seven with a small run of their own with just over five minutes to play, but a 10-2 run by GSU sent the Eagles into the half with the lead 56-44.

Nesbitt led all scorers at the break with 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting. All seven of the junior's shots were from behind the arch. Terry Williams added 12 points and senior Jean Francois added 10 to help GSU. "It's just confidence," said Eagles' head coach Jeff Price. "You can pretty much tell how they're (Nesbitt and Williams) going to shoot the ball early in the game. I had a pretty good feeling about both of them tonight."

Citadel starting guards Donny McLendon and Kevin Hammack led the Bulldogs with 14 and 12 points respectively. The leading rebounder was GSU starting forward Louis Graham with six boards.

The second half didn't get interesting until three minutes in as the two teams traded buckets back and forth. With GSU up 66-49 after Nesbitt made his seventh three of the night, Warren McLendon and Brother Donny combined for five unanswered points that brought the Bulldogs back to within 12.

Nesbitt made his eighth three of the night with just over 13 minutes left to put the Eagles up by 19. With 7:48 left to play, Nesbitt nailed three-point number nine and started a monstrous 27-5 run by the Eagles that spanned five minutes.

During that run, Nesbitt made his tenth trey of the game, which is the second highest total in the NCAA this season, behind the 11 he sank against College of Charleston.

As the GSU starters left the game one-by-one the Bulldogs began to comeback. It was too little too late however as they only managed to close the gap to the final score of 115-81.

Nesbitt led all scorers with 38 points. Williams finished with 25 points for the Eagles who had five players in double figures. Louis Graham finished one rebound shy of a double-double as he and Bulldogs' forward Warren McLendon tied for the game high with 9 boards. McLendon's brother Donny led Citadel with 31 points as the Bulldogs lost their sixth straight game.

The Eagles' (16-9, 9-4 SoCon) next three games are on the road. They will play Furman on Thursday night in Greenville and will end the trip in Spartanburg against rival Wofford.

The Eagles will return to Hanner Fieldhouse on February 26 in a 4 p.m. game against East Tennessee State that will be broadcast live on ESPN 2.



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GSU junior guard Mike Arnold keeps the ball from the Citadel's Matt Gochbauer during Monday's game against the Bulldogs at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles scored a remarkable 115 points to defeat the Citadel and set a new season high for the Southern Conference.

Elton Nesbitt tabbed Player of the Week for SoCon men's basketball

GSU Athletics Media Relations

Spartanburg, SC - The Southern Conference yesterday named Georgia Southern guard Elton Nesbitt as its men's basketball Player of the Week for games played between Feb. 8-14.

Nesbitt, a 5-10 junior from Deerfield Beach, Fla., led GSU to a pair of wins last week by averaging 23.7 points and making 13 three-point field goals. Nesbitt had 17 points and made eight of nine free throws in an 85-79 win over UNC Greensboro on Feb. 8. He added 16 points and five rebounds in a 92-87 loss at Davidson before scoring 38 points in a 115-81 win over The Citadel. Against the Bulldogs, Nesbitt made 10 three-pointers, the second-most made by an NCAA Division I player this season. Nesbitt has the national season high with 11 treys against Chattanooga on Jan. 17.

Eagle Football posts fall game schedule

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Six games at Paulson Stadium highlight the 2005 Georgia Southern University football schedule, announced by Director of Athletics Sam Baker on Thursday. The Eagles, defending Southern Conference co-champions, will face two opponents for the first time in school history.

Coming off a 9-3 season and 15th appearance in the NCAA I-AA playoffs, GSU opens the season in Boston on Sept. 3, traveling to Atlantic 10 Conference member Northeastern - the first meeting between the two universities. The Huskies finished last year 5-6 overall and 4-4 in A-10 play, tied for second in the North Division. They finished third in 2003 and shared the conference title in 2002.

McNeese State travels to Paulson Stadium the following Saturday, marking the 2005 home opener. The Eagles' quest for a ninth SoCon title begins at Wofford on September 17.

"We're jumping into two tough non-conference games to open the season. Northeastern is a perennial Atlantic-10 Conference contender and McNeese State has qualified for the playoffs 11 times," said Georgia Southern head coach Mike Sewak. "We'll have to grow up in hurry considering we're starting with a new quarterback and defensive line. It's a great challenge for our team and our coaches. We are excited about the home games, but also about the Southern Conference overall. Each Southern Conference team seems to be getting better, making for a competitive conference race."

On October 29, GSU travels to South Dakota State as part of the home-and-home series. The Eagles won 63-7 last season in Paulson Stadium.

GSU closes out the regular season in Paulson Stadium on November 12, facing I-AA Pioneer League member Morehead State for the first time. MSU lost to Drake in the Pioneer Championship game, finishing 6-6 overall.

"We are very pleased how the 2005 schedule fell into place. At times it is hard to find opponents," said Baker. "It was important to have six home games this fall. With the blend of non-conference and Southern Conference teams coming to Statesboro and the success of the 2004 campaign to build on, we feel 2005 will be a great season to be in Paulson Stadium."

2005 Football Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 03, 2005
at Northeastern
Boston, MA
12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005
MCNEESE STATE
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005
at Wofford
Spartanburg, S.C.
TBA

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005
CHATTANOOGA
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 01, 2005
at Elon
Elon, N.C.
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 08, 2005
WESTERN CAROLINA
Family Weekend
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005
at Appalachian State
Boone, N.C.
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005
THE CITADEL
Homecoming
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005
at South Dakota State
Brookings, S.D.
2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 05, 2005
FURMAN
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005
MOREHEAD STATE
STATESBORO
TBA

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005
NCAA I-AA Playoffs First Round
TBA

Saturday, Dec. 03, 2005
NCAA I-AA Playoffs Second Round
TBA

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005
NCAA I-AA Playoffs Semifinals
TBA

Friday, Dec. 16, 2005
NCAA I-AA Championship
Chattanooga, TN
TBA

Softball



The GSU Softball team played a doubleheader at home against the Florida State Seminoles yesterday afternoon. The Eagles fell 3-0 after shutting the Seminoles out in the first game. Eagle Softball lost its home opener against Georgia Tech last Wednesday. The next softball game will be the GSU Invitational on Friday, February 18, at Eagle Field.

Women's Basketball loses heartbreaker at Furman, 68-60

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Greenville, S.C. - Tiffany Brown scored a career-high 22 points, but it was not enough as Furman held on to beat Georgia Southern 68-60 Monday night at Timmons Arena on the campus of Furman University.

The Eagles came out of the gates hot as they jumped out to an early 5-0 lead on a basket by Shawnda Atwood, followed by a steal and three-point play by Brown. They increased their lead to 7-0 before Furman went on a 6-0 run, cutting the deficit to one at the 16:15 mark on a pair of Jen Nadalin free throws. The Paladins took their first lead of the game, 13-10, at the 12:20 mark as Tommi Paris sank a three pointer, connecting on the free throw for the four-point play.

Furman increased its lead to seven on a trey by Laney Harris at the 7:44 mark. GSU answered, going

on a 9-2 run to end the half and taking the 27-26 lead into the locker room.

Brown led all scorers with 11 at the break, while Lee DuBose and Atwood each had six rebounds. Paris led the Paladins with seven. The Eagles shot 38.5 percent from the floor while holding Furman to 25.0 percent.

The Eagles opened the second half with a quick three by Brown, but Furman's Laney Harris answered with a three of her own, cutting the Eagle lead to one, 30-29. Two quick jumpers by Atwood put Georgia Southern up 34-31 with 18:02 to play, but the Paladins went on a 22-5 run over the next 11 minutes, giving them the 53-39 lead with 7:59 remaining in the game. The Eagles cut Furman's lead to eight, going on a 6-0 run sparked by an Atwood layup. The Paladins would not let up as Paris knocked down the final Furman field goal of

the night at the 4:42 mark for the 57-46 lead before Georgia Southern sank four three-pointers to cut the lead to two, 62-60, with 28.1 seconds on the clock. The Paladins, however, knocked down six straight free throws to secure the 68-60 win.

Brown led all scorers with a career-high 22 points and a career-best six steals. Dana Benemon pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds for her third double-double of the season, as she added 15 points. Atwood and DuBose each grabbed nine rebounds, a career-best for both. Paris led the Paladins with 20 points, including 8-of-10 from the charity stripe. Harris added 13 points, while Nadalin scored 10.

GSU plays its third straight road game on Thursday, Feb. 17 as it travels to Savannah to face intra-state rival Savannah State at 7 p.m. Furman returns to action on Saturday, Feb. 19 as it hosts Western Carolina at 3 p.m.



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