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#### **Only In America**

Herd of buffalo corralled on tennis court

- PIKESVILLE, Md. A herd of buffalo somehow got loose and wandered around an upscale neighborhood Tuesday, disrupting traffic and alarming homeowners before officers managed to corral them in a
- tennis court. More than a dozen police cars and a police helicopter were used to herd the roughly 10 beasts, authorities said.
- The officers used lounge chairs beside the tennis court as shields and formed a human chain to corral the wayward buffalo. One buffalo was seen leaping over one of the tennis nets in an effort to evade capture.
  - The animals came from a farm in



**Bruce Grube** 

Accident

claims

to GSU

students

1986

**Brittany 'Ally' Harbuck** 

2005

Georgia Southern student

Brittany "Ally" Harbuck, 19,

of Savannah died Monday af-

ternoon in an accident in Port

Ally lived all of her life in the

Savannah area and was a gradu-

Born in Ft. Belvoir, VA,

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Wentworth.

**By Luke Hearn** ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu

Still up in arms about Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube's salary increase and the way it was handled, political science professor Deborah Sabia asked members of the faculty senate on Monday to support a resolution that would ask the GSU Foundation to no longer give money to supplement the president's salary.

measure 23-14, but not before several senators chimed in on the subject.

Grube's raise still causing debate among some faculty

"This resolution is not to disparage Dr. Grube," she said. "This resolution is not about how much the president is College of Liberal Arts and Social paid, but about who pays him."

Discussion on the issue centered for the most part about the perception of the salary increase.

**Two Eagles head** 

to NFL camps

Williams to work out with Green Bay Packers

The faculty senate voted down the fundraising leg of the university, gave \$40,000 to GSU's general operating fund. This money was then transferred to Grube's salary.

> Annette Laing, a senator from the Sciences (CLASS), said she was told by someone speaking of Grube's raise: "Dude, it just looks bad."

Professor Mike Nielsen, also a sena-Last fall the GSU Foundation, the tor from CLASS, said that he is "very troubled" by the perceptions that some feel about the process of the raise.

Sabia further commented that she believes many donors to the GSU Foundation may believe that any money they donate goes straight to the president's salary.

"We've never used Foundation to compensate the president in the past,

See GRUBE, page 10A



### GSU rocks tonight 3 Doors Down headlines show at Paulson Stadium

#### Josh Kerr kerr1@georgiasouthern.edu

With the 3 Doors Down concert only hours away, people



GSU Athletic Media Relations

Georgia Southern University quarterback Chaz Williams signed as a free agent with the Green Bay Packers. A finalist last year for the Walter Payton Award as the top player in NCAA I-AA, Williams is expected to make the transition to running back and play on special teams. He reports Thursday to Green Bay for mini-camp. Williams should have an easier time making the transition than most. He recorded a team-leading 179 rushes last season, leading the Eagles to a 9-3 overall record and eighth Southern Conference title. The two-time All-So-Con honoree accumulated 737 rushing yards and passed for a personal-best 1,178 yards in 2004.

Stevenson, nearly three miles away, Vinson said. They were returned to the farm later in the day.

Residents in Pikesville, a Baltimore suburb, first reported that buffalo were meandering along the road about 7 a.m.

Police shut down several major traffic arteries, including a section of the Baltimore Beltway, while they tried to anticipate which way the buffalo would roam.

Officers eventually managed to maneuver the buffalo onto the tennis court about a mile from where they first were spotted.

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#### Quote of the Day

"Be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them. "

**Weekend Weather** 

Partly Cloudy

Thunderstorms

Friday

Saturday

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87°

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LOW

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- William Shakespeare, from 'Twelfth Night

ate of Effingham County High School.

At GSU, Ally was a staff member of The George-Anne, a member of the Gamma Ro Lamda Sorority and the GSU chapter of the National Organization of Women.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Deborah and Russell Rowland of Savannah; her father, David Harbuck of Rincon; her maternal grandmother, Marilyn Carey of Savannah; her paternal grandfather and step-grandmother, her

#### See HARBUCK, page 10A

#### 1986 **Ryan Hagood** 2005

#### Compiled by staff

Georgia Southern freshman Ryan Eugene Hagood, 19, of Marietta died Wednesday, April 20, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at the intersection of Highway 46 and Sinkhole Road. Another GSU student sustained injuries from the accident.

John Daniel Pfeffer, 19, of Roswell, was driving the vehicle and was transported to Memorial Medical Center in Savannah to be treated for serious injuries.

The accident occurred around 12:30 p.m. when passenger Hagood and another GSU student were hit by a dump truck at the intersection of Highway 46 and Sinkhole Road. Georj Lewis, dean of students, met with Hagood's mother and expressed his condolences on behalf of Georgia Southern. Mike Sullivan, university spokesman, said GSU would help find a suitable location for a memorial service if requested by friends and family.

LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

GSU Football player Chaz Williams (10), runs the ball against Johnson C. Smith this past football season. Williams has signed as a free agent with the Green Bay Packers.

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vo time All SoCon	• 2004 first team
onoree	SoCon

- 4th all time with 22 pass/breakups 6 career interceptions
- 202 career tackles

Hebroke Georgia Southern and So-Con records for touchdowns accounted for in a season (38 - 25 rushing/13 passing) and career (85 - 62 rushing/23 passing). His 25 rushing TDs last season tie him for third among the GSU season leaders and the 62 throughout his stellar career stand as second-most. Last year, Williams recorded three 100-yard rushing games and 16 throughout his four-year career.

"I am excited for Chaz that he has a chance to continue his career. His number one attribute is his drive to be a winner. Chaz can get the ball across the goal line, his 62 career rushing TDs prove that. He met a lot of opponents at the goal line and won," said Georgia Southern head coach Mike Sewak. "Chaz broke some big-time quarterback records. There is something to be said about that considering the names that played here."

Williams, just the sixth Eagle to register 603 career rushes, shattered

his position, the search begins for a

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

and Social Sciences, the usual process

of selecting a new chair consists of

national and internal searches (nomi-

nations within the department), will

be followed. After the process, Hudak

will appoint a new Chair.

According to Dr. Jane Hudak,

new department chair.

See WILLIAMS, page 6A

#### If you go...

Where: Paulson Stadium Parking at Stadium: \$5 Doors open: 6 p.m. Concert starts: 7 p.m.

What NOT to bring: Cameras, recorders, laser pointers, food and drinks, backpacks and purses and all weapons

Tickets are still on sale at the GSU ticket office at \$20 for students and \$30 for nonstudents

### Writing and Linguistics Chair resigns

#### By Casey Altman caltman5@georgiasouthern.edu

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Dr. Larry Burton, the chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics,

• 25-8 as GSU starting

85 total touchdowns

2,534 career passing

2,771 career rushing

quarterback

resigned on Monday. Burton has served as an administrator for 15 years, the last nine of which he has spent at Georgia Southern.

"It's time to close this chapter in my life and open up a new chapter," Burton said.

Burton said he will spend the next year deciding whether he wants to keep teaching or find new administrative goals. He is planning to return to fulltime teaching at GSU this fall.

"I went to college to teach; that's still my desire," Burton said.

During his tenure as Department Chair, the department of Writing and Linguistics has grown to 80-100 majors, and has about 54 people on faculty.

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all over campus are preparing to receive the performers.

Paulson Stadium is the sixth venue on the band's twenty-nine stop "17 Days" tour, and everything possible is being done accommodate the group.

Roger Inman, the facilities coordinator for Georgia Southern Athletics, said, "Everything is being done to the field and stadium to prepare for this concert. This is the largest crowd it will see before next football season, and we have prepared it to such standards."

The goalposts were removed to accommodate the stage that the band will be performing on.

Parking at Paulson will be \$5, and there will be ample staff at all sides of the lot to assist motorists driving to the show. No vehicles without passes will be allowed into the stadium lot tonight before and during the show.

For safety reasons, concertgoers need to know that cameras, recorders, laser pointers, food and drink, backpacks and large purses, and all weapons are prohibited as per band and stadium rules.

Ticket holders will be

See CONCERT, page 10A

Now that Burton is resigning from

All

#### PAGE 2A I NEWS

# **Committee prepares questions for Bolton**

#### **By Lolita Baldor** Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee prepared a list of about 20 questions Tuesday for John R. Bolton, including requests for emails and telephone logs relating to confrontations he has had with intelligence analysts, according to Senate staff.

Bolton, President Bush's embattled pick to be U.N. ambassador, spent part of his day in meetings on Capitol Hill. Several GOP senators on the committee whose support for him has wavered said they did not see him. Bolton did meet with Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., who is not on the committee.

"Our ambassador to the United Nations should be more concerned with being pro-U.S. than pro-U.N., and that's the type of mind-set John Bolton has," Ensign said in a statement.

The Senate panel is also setting up interviews over the next few days with up to 19 people, including former intelligence officers, subordinates who reported problems with

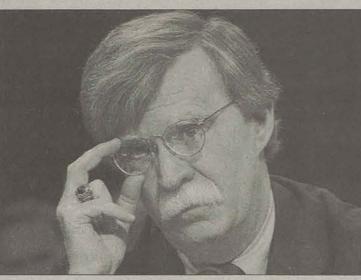
Bolton, and Bolton's former chief assistant, according to a Senate committee aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Some interviews - which are being conducted mostly by phone by Republican and Democratic staff - will be with people who have already talked to the committee. New interview requests include: former State Department legal counsel William Taft, former CIA official Alan Foley, and former CIA Deputy Director John McLaughlin.

Committee staff spoke by phone for several hours Tuesday to Melody Townsel, who has alleged that an irate Bolton chased her and harassed her - not sexually - when she was a U.S. Agency for International Development worker in Kyrgyzstan.

Second interviews are being requested with several people, including former ambassador to South Korea Thomas Hubbard, who has spoken only to GOP staff; former acting chief of the National Intelligence Council Stuart Cohen; and Neil Silver, director of the strategic proliferation office.

McLaughlin, Cohen, Silver and



AP Photo/Dennis Cook

John Bolton appears before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Capitol Hill Monday, April 11, on his nomination to be ambassador to the United Nations.

others have knowledge of incidents in which Bolton reportedly abused or tried to remove subordinates whose intelligence information he disputed.

Bolton's nomination stalled last week when Republicans on the panel expressed reservations amid new allegations that he abused his

authority, mistreated subordinates and misled the committee.

Four Republicans - Sens. George Voinovich of Ohio, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — have said they would like more time to review the allegations against Bolton.



#### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, April 28 Renowned mathematician to deliver

Distinguished Lecture

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Carl de Boor will deliver the inaugural lecture in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. De Boor is professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was awarded the 2003 National Medal of Science and has earned world recognition for his work on spline functions, mathematical expressions that describe free-form curves and surfaces. The lecture, free and open to the public, is titled "Ideal Interpolation" and will be held in the Math/Physics Building Room 3304.

#### Social Security forum 6 p.m.

The College Republicans will be holding a forum on Social Security. The forum is designed to educate the public about the basics of Social Security. Speakers include Professor Francys Johnson, Dr. John Brown, Dr. James Woods and special guest author, and 2004 Candidate for U.S. Senate Herman Cain. The event is open to students and the public.

> Persuasive Speech Contest 7 p.m.

The 2005 "Best of Class" Persuasive Speech Contest is a free event sponsored by the society of communication scholars and is held each semester. The first place winner will get a \$50 gift certificate to the University Bookstore and a plaque.

#### Friday, April 29

Art Sale 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Student Art League will host an art sale where students and the campus community may sell their artwork or buy appealing pieces. Works may be dropped off in the Print Room, Arts Building Room 1010, on Friday, April 29, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Works not sold may be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Twenty five percent of all sales will go to the Student Art League. For more information, contact Eun Lee, assistant professor of art, at ext. 0143. The art sale will take place outside the Art Building.

#### Evening of the Arts 7 p.m.

The Evening of the Arts is a free event with poetry and fiction works read aloud as well as music and food. The event is open to everyone and will feature student and faculty writers, poets, musicians, and food. The Creative Writing Club, The Miscellany, the Hotel and Restaurant Management Club, and the Department of Writing and Linguistics sponsor the evening reading. For more information email or call Peter Christopher at 681-5889.

#### Flashback Friday, Eagles vs. Elon 7 p.m.

The baseball Eagles will present "Flashback Friday-The 90's" on Friday, April 29, when they take on Elon. The game begins at 7 p.m. Flashback Friday includes some of the oldest and greatest music. The evening will also include promotions and other excitement related to the 90's. The final Flashback Friday of the season will occur on May 13. For ticket information, call1-800-GSU-WINS.

#### Thursday, May 5 -Saturday, May 7 Club Mud spring sale

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Club Mud will be holding its spring sale in the Ceramics and Sculpture Studio located on Forest Drive. The sale will feature handcrafted ceramics, jewelry and paper arts made by students throughout the school year.

Friday, May 6

Rhonda Vincent & The Rage 8 p.m.

he PAC will conclude its 2004-2005 season with a concert by one of the most popular and critically acclaimed bluegrass acts in the world. Rhonda Vincent & The Rage will perform their • unique brand of contemporary bluegrass music. Tickets for the Rhonda Vincent & The Rage concert are \$27.75 per person for GSU faculty, staff and students. If tickets are left 10 minutes before the show, students can purchase one for \$10. For ticket information call (912) 486-7999.

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# **Only in America**

#### Juror fined for yawning in court

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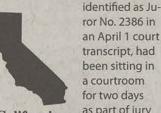
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LOS ANGELES - A juror was cited for contempt and fined \$1,000 by a judge for yawning loudly while awaiting questioning in an attempted murder trial. The yawn came after the man,



transcript, had been sitting in a courtroom for two days as part of jury California selection.

"You yawned rather audibly there. As a matter of fact, it was to the point that it was contemptuous," Superior Court Judge Craig Veals said.

"I'm sorry, but I'm really bored," the juror said.

"Your boredom just cost you \$1,000. I'm finding you in contempt," Veals said. "Are you quite so

bored now?" The juror paid the fine after it was reduced to \$100.

#### Finger in Wendy's chili declared a hoax

LAS VEGAS - Police investigating how a human finger ended up in a woman's bowl of Wendy's chili declared the claim a hoax Friday and arrested her.

The arrest of Anna Ayala at her home outside Las

> Vegas was the latest twist in a case that has become a late-night punch line, taken a bite out of Wendy's sales and forced

Nevada the fast-food chain to check its employees for missing

fingers. Ayala, 39, claimed she bit down • on a well-manicured, four-centimeter finger in a mouthful of her steamy chili. She had hired a lawyer and filed a claim against the Wendy's franchise owner, but dropped the lawsuit threat soon

after suspicion fell on her. Police refused to say where the finger came from and exactly how the hoax was carried out.

Ayala — who has a history of bringing claims against big corporations --- has denied placing the finger in the chili.

#### Woman wins 'best whistler' award

LOUISBURG - The Seven Dwarfs did it at work. Some people do it in the shower. But it takes a special kind of person to whistle competitively.

At the 32nd annual International Whistlers' Convention, the best



North Carolina

day to whistle their hearts out.

Sandra Henzler of Fort Collins, Colo., took first place among women for songs that included "Poor Wandering One" and "Queen of the Night Revenge Aria." Geert Chatrou of Mierlo, The Netherlands, took first place among men for songs that included "Fete de la Belle" and "Concerto in C Major."

People from 33 states and 12 foreign countries attended the convention, which is sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council.

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### **National News Briefs** Wal-Mart restricts sales of cold medicines to clamp down on meth production

NEW YORK, N.Y. - All Wal-Mart stores will move many nonprescription cold and allergy medications behind pharmacy counters by June because they include an ingredient used to make the illegal stimulant methamphetamine, the company said Monday.

The world's largest retailer - which has nearly 4,000 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores in the United States alone- will join rivals Target Corp. and Albertson's Inc. in making such a move throughout all locations.

#### **Five fraternity** members sentenced in drinking death

BOULDER, Colo. - Five University of Colorado fraternity members pleaded guilty to providing alcohol to a minor in the drinking death last fall of an 18-year-old pledge from Dallas.

The five were sentenced Monday to 100 hours of community service in the death of Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr., a freshman at Colorado.

Bailey was found dead in the Chi Psi fraternity house on Sept. 17, the morning after he and 26 other pledges were taken to the mountains, given bottles of whiskey and wine and told that "no one was leaving until the whiskey was gone," according to a police affidavit.

Sentenced Monday were Austin

make it more difficult for customers to easily obtain medications containing pseudoephedrine, which is a key component for making methamphetamine, a powerfully addictive drug.

Popular over-the-counter medications such as Pfizer Inc.'s Sudafed and Sinutab and rival Schering-Plough Corp's Afrin nasal spray list pseudoephedrine among their active ingredients.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. estimates

Brooks, 20, Frank Darden, 19, Thomas Tankersley, 20, Patrick Wall, 21, and Alan Williams, 20.

Seven other fraternity members are scheduled to appear in court on the same charge next month.

The Chi Psi chapter shut down shortly after Bailey's death.

#### **Merck wants wrongful** death suit dismissed

ASHLAND, Ala. - Lawyers for Merck & Co. asked a judge Tuesday to throw out a wrongful death lawsuit that claims the pain reliever Vioxx contributed to the 2001 death of a 42-year-old Alabama man.

Seeking to shelve the first Vioxx suit set for trial, Merck attorney Mike Brock said the medicine Brad Rogers allegedly took did not even leave the

All three retailers are trying to that 60 percent of its stores are already selling such abused products behind the counter.

> states imposed restrictions on the sale of some cold medicines, which have resulted in a drop in the number of meth lab seizures.

Six states allow only pharmacies to sell drugs with pseudoephedrine, and seven others make retailers lock up the products or sell them from staffed counters.

The move comes as a number of

company until after he died. The claim that Vioxx was a fac-

tor in the death is "an impossibility," Brock said.

- All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Morgan

A warning display appearing on a

cash register when more than three

boxes of Sudafed are purchased is

shown at the Wal Mart in Troy, Mich.

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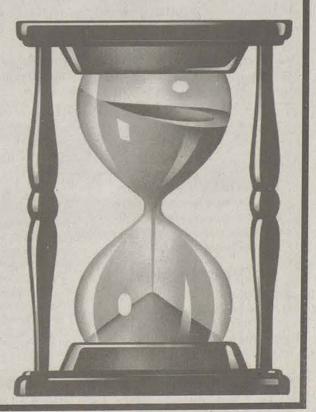
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#### PAGE 4 | OPINIONS

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005 THE GEORGE-ANNE

# Our Opinion Spring brings a spirit of rebirth

#### It seems a time for chapters to close.

As the 2004-2005 academic year draws to an end, a peculiar sense of change hovers over the campus, perhaps a byproduct of the physical growth in the surrounding environment and the mental growth our education urges.

Old ways are ending. Classes are ending. Lives are ending.

The front page of this edition, spring semester's final edition of *The George-Anne*, bears tragic news of the loss of two of our own. These deaths so swiftly append the recent death of Levon Jones that even the youngest of us feel a glitch in our confidence – in our childish sense of invincibility.

We accept the burdens of their sudden absences far more slowly than the haste in which our friends left us, with doses of disbelief and shock measured in for the sake of our sanity as we grieve and wonder at just how fleeting life can be.

For years, it may not touch us personally. Maybe we cringe at and evade the brushes with truth as we bear witness to loss after loss that do not directly affect us, and then we say it does not make sense to keep repeating phrases like, "It really makes you think," and "they were so young."

But when it hits home, we do say those things. Those things are all it makes sense to say... at least for a while.

Then, after some time, we begin to remember our lost loved ones again – not just them, but the essence of them. We think about what they would've wanted for us as survivors, as friends, as family of the heart.

We think about the way they said our names. Then we smile, look up and notice the almost-May heat wrap around us like one of their hugs. The buds on the trees look brighter. The ducks on the pond quack louder.

And we realize spring is a time for renewal, too.

Whatever you find yourself saying goodbye to this season – be it an institution, an era of experience, a habit or a friend – remember tomorrow has gifts in store for everything yesterday borrows. Remember how precious and precarious are the hours we're granted.

Don't live in fear, but make the most of every moment. Just... live.

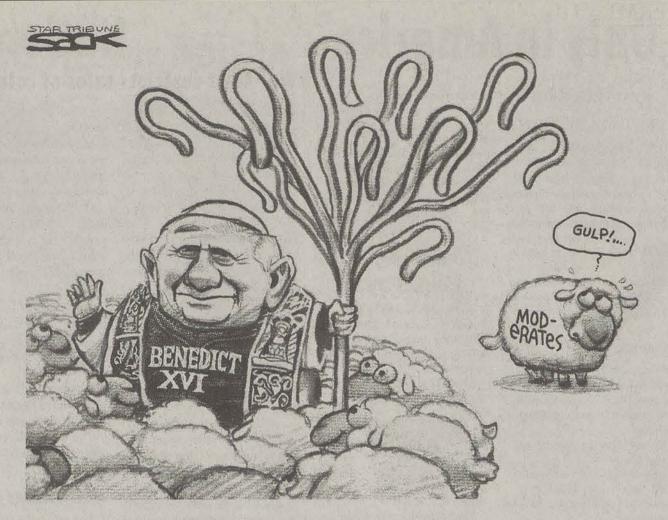
#### **Letters to the Editor** Hearn spouts liberal lunacy

Imust admit, I do find it somewhat humorous that liberals - the supposed ideology of equal treatment to all people - can so readily (and inaccurately) stereotype, criticize and otherwise verbally disembowel Catholicism and its 1.1 billion members in the editorial sections of the left-wing press.

You know, I really was just going to let Luke Hearn's article last week slide, even as he fervently provoked followers of the Catholic faith to point out his grievous errors. He qualified his remarks by saying something along the lines of knowing all he knew about the church was from the notably anti-Catholic Dan Brown, author of The Da Vinci Code does it, otherwise he will look like an utter fool in the eyes of his readers educated on the matter. Mr. Hearn seemed under the impression that the cardinals in conclave lived lavishly in Vatican City. This couldn't be further from the truth.

The cardinals live in seclusion, with the only thing allowed into the building during the selection process being food and other necessities. They stay in spaces smaller than dorm rooms - more comparable to jail cells - in which is a bed, a crucifix, a table and a few chairs.

During the process, the only thing on the minds of the cardinals is who will best lead the followers of the Catholic faith. Also, these men are men of God and are focused on delivering the message of the Lord to the willing followers - not what will benefit them the most in the future.



# A time to refrain from embracing

hese are the words I've dreaded having to write for over a year - dreaded because, for only the second time in my life, words collapse under the gravity of what I feel.

In less than two weeks, Georgia Southern will turn me loose with my education, leaving me to reconcile the future I eagerly anticipate with the incalculable experiences, people and places it brings me great sorrow to leave behind.

It would be impossible for me to properly honor all those who've touched my life before I go. Some of them go without saying; some deserve particular mention. Some might not even know they inspired me.

I have attempted to compile a list of my appreciations here and hope any omissions will either be excused in the name of my grievous state or chalked up to a sense of mutual understanding between the omitted and myself that goes beyond print.

In no particular order, these are my crude praises:

#### Faculty and staff

o every professor I've ever had, thank you for challenging me with methods always unprecedented. The following particularly deserve personalized acknowledgements:

My GSU 1210 professor, who left GSU the following semester and whose name tragically escapes me after five years: Thank you for seeing something in my first college essay that prompted you to point me toward *The George-Anne*. It was at your suggestion that I found my truest niche here. for one bright semester and beyond: Your course bridged gaps in my mind I didn't even know were there. Thanks for bringing my abstract thinking to a whole new level.

Dr. Janice Walker, who made a whole election year worthwhile: Without your instruction, I'd be shamefully lost in this new world of resume and letter writing. I wouldn't have job opportunities lined up were it not for you.

Dr. Suellynn Duffey, who saw literary value in the silly notebooks I've kept since I was 12: You updated my definition of composition and used evidence of the heart to justify everything theoretical about writing and rhetoric. You're not as shy as you think you are... I get to feeling zany just thinking about you.

Dr. James Darrell, who taught me everything I'll ever need to know, as far as that's concerned, with regards to geology: Thanks to you, I'll never build my house on a sloping lot, near the ocean or over a sinkhole. You didn't fail me, but you still taught me a lesson.

Dr. Michael Mills, who somehow keeps everyone organized, including himself: How you managed to piece both my majors together without costing me an extra semester or two is beyond me, and I'm ever grateful for it.

Professor Peter Christopher, who sifts through the spooky art to find fail proof routes to better writing: Your dedication to the craft is as inspiring as your inner strength. Now, if I ever feel myself slipping as a writer, I'll get with the program and go for the jugular.

Dr. Tobin Lovell, who helped me bring some of the toughest things in my life full circle:



Amanda Permenter editor-in-chief

and Angels and Demons. But after reading more Catholic bashing in *The New York Times* "newspaper" (I like to consider it the liberal propaganda machine myself), there was no way I was going to stand idly as Catholicism was so viciously insulted.

Mr. Hearn should get a clue and know the subject matter that he is attacking before he

Then the aforementioned *New York Times* article was printed, even more appalling than Luke Hearn's article. In the April 23 op-ed

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#### 'Rightie' fights back

As one of the few conservative, right wing, Bush-loving people who still read your paper, I thought I would write in to suit your needs.

I have to admit, I do in fact read *The George-Anne*. Not for news or anything worth any value, just for laughs. Did you know there is actually a Facebook club called "I would rather take a sh\*t and fall into it than read *The George-Anne*"?

Well anyway, enough bashing of you hard working people. I will move on.

I do have a few points to make for you. One, did you ever think that conservatives just don't care about your paper?

Most of us get enough liberalism from real news sources, much less your dinky college paper. Think about it: Republicans rule the government. We have no reason to write in to you and complain.

I understand it must be terrible having to be the low ones on the totem pole.... being a liberal. But, hey, that's why you have the free-

dom of speech to complain all you want.

Freedom of speech brings me to my next point. Why must everyone bash Bush and the Iraq war? Being very close to many people who served in the war, I know first hand how much we are doing for that country. And, by the way, those soldiers protect your freedoms.

All the media puts out is dead bodies and U.S. screw ups. Think about this: we have freed a people from a dictator, despite popular opinion we are doing very well in rebuilding a nation from scratch. And you, Ms. Permenter, should love the fact we are giving women in that country rights.

So why is everyone complaining? We did the right thing, admittedly maybe for the wrong reasons, but we did the right thing. Do you honestly believe Bush went to war for oil?

He had some bad Intel, and yes I'm sure he wanted to get rid of a dictator, but look how well it is turning out for the people of that country.

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Dr. Karen Power-Stubbs, who taught my first linguistics course: You may be aware that you were the first to introduce me to the fascinating world of linguistics. You may not be aware of how you showed me that yes, yes I am a feminist. Thank you.

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#### My cohorts

o everyone I've served with on *The George-Anne* staff since 2000: We are part of something. It's tough to describe, but we know what I'm talking about. A collective consciousness, an esoteric and fateful

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#### PERMENTER, FROM PAGE 4A

. fateful kinship we know was inevitable and, for lack of a better word, grand. You each spent weeks worth of hours enriching my life in some way, but there are some I wish to straight up embarrass right now.

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Tim Prizer, my loyal buddy in the unending search for linguistic folklore, quality music and better beer: If life were fair and anyone else

cared, I'd print a whole column - no, a novel - just to you. For the majority of my college career, you were my primary mentor, my inspiration and my dearest companion. The friendship, guidance, memories and love will never be forgotten. SMOKE!

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always pretty. It wasn't always smart. But I grew from what it was, and from what it wasn't, too. Thank you for teaching me so much.

The future G-A staff, to whom I fully trust the honored legacy: I hope it's a long, fun ride for you. (That's what she said.) I have always believed The George-Anne improves • each year, with every new idea that's poured into it, and that one of the most important things a departing • editor leaves behind is a tag team twice as powerful as the one before. (That's also what she said.) I am • confidant you bastards will bound above my accomplishments, and will

#### be proud to see you do so. (YFM! Damn... You lost!)

#### My BREs

hat's Best Roommates Ever

Melissa Anderson, who was Melissa Hicks when she first shone her light into my life: When I think of you, I think of laughing. I think of strength. I think of exhaling after long busy days, knowing we were all going to make it. Your quiet faith is contagious and lovely. Keep it.

Rachel Fortune, who puts me in mind of a bonfire on a breezy day: I haven't had you next door nearly long enough, and our conspiracies are far from ended. You have risen through the efforts of your own strong mind, strong will and strong sense of what's right. Keep following your dreams. They're good ones!

#### My peeps

here are certain people in this world who know me best as Dweezie. These are people I consider family. Some of them found me here, and it feels like I've known them all my life. Some of them live hundreds of miles away and really have known me all my life.

Because I am indescribably blessed, I could not possibly name you all. You know who you are. And I love each and every one of you.

#### My soulmate

ast year, this school and the destinies it so meticulously dendorses brought me the gift to end all gifts: my future husband. Mere months after meeting this man, my life became a whirlwind of wonder like I never dreamed existed. My partner in the raiding of quarter machines and the acquisition of bouncy balls, my garden, my intellectual equal, my joy, my angel, my best friend ... Russ Garlow: I love you.

I have become an attenuate but mighty thread woven inextricably into the fabric of this place. It has left its indelible mark on every cell in my body, so that my leaving it is not a parting of ways.

When I came to Georgia Southern for SOAR, we were given a bus tour of town. I distinctly remember staring out my window at passing Main Street, listening to these words from the woman standing in the aisle of the bus:

'You may not believe it now, but a lot of people who come here end up staying and making a home nearby. This place has a way of getting inside you."

I remember thinking in my naive, dyed-red, 18-year-old head, "Yeah. Right."

Now, at 23, I know what she

# Frist says he won't accept deal that lets Democrats block future nominees

#### By Jesse J. Holland Associated Press

WASHINGTON-Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist on Tuesday rejected compromise offers that would allow minority Democrats to continue to block judicial nominees, saying all of President Bush's past and future court choices deserve confirmation votes from the GOP-controlled Senate.

Democrats blocked 10 of Bush's appellate court choices through filibuster threats, which means those nominees would have to get 60 votes before they could be confirmed to lifetime seats on the nation's second highest court. They have threatened to block again the seven that Bush renominated this year, as well as future ones they consider outside of the mainstream.

Republicans in turn have threatened to use their majority to change senatorial rules to require a simple majority vote for confirmation, in part because they fear a Democratic blockade could affect a Supreme Court vacancy if a high court seat opens in Bush's second term.

To avoid that showdown, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he had offered Frist a compromise. The Nevada Democrat refused to give full details but said part of that compromise would require Republicans to back away from attempting to ban judicial filibusters.

Democratic congressional sources said Reid laid out the compromise for party members at a closed door meet-

votes for three nominees for the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals - Richard Griffin, David McKeague and Susan Neilson - in exchange for Henry Saad's nomination to that court being withdrawn. Democrats also would not block confirmation of one of the four remaining filibustered nominees: Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, William Myers and William Pryor, although it is not clear which one would

Reid also called for giving senators more power over appointment of judges from their state as well as the creation of a task force, made up of former senators, to recommend improvements in the confirmation process.

But Frist, earlier in the day, said he would not accept any deal that keeps his Republican majority from confirming judicial nominees that the Senate Judiciary Committee has approved.

Frist also would not discuss specifics, but said he would not advocate the withdrawal of any judicial nominee and would continue to insist they all get confirmation votes. "That would mean people in the past as well as the future," Frist said.

Frist and Reid both acknowledge they are constantly negotiating, trying to find a solution in which the Senate does not have a showdown.

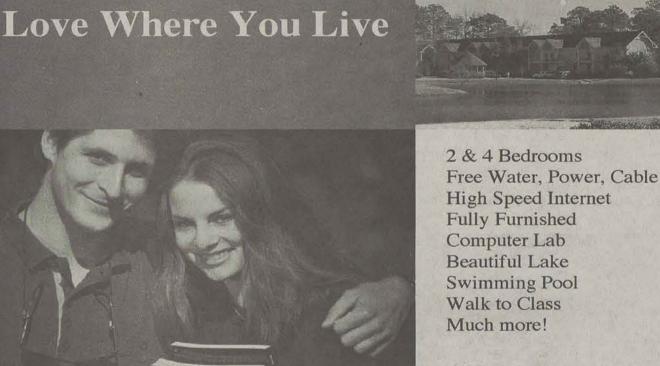
Republicans could eliminate judicial filibusters by majority vote, and Democrats concede Frist may be only one or two votes shy of the necessary total.

On Tuesday, one of the undecided Republicans, Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, said he would vote with Frist to ban filibusters. But, he said, "I'm hoping that they come up with a compromise so we don't need to deal with this issue."

Democrats say their compromise is aimed at the 10-to-12 undecided Republicans who want to avoid a showdown."This compromise is aimed at showing them that we really don't want to come to this, "said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The undecided Republicans are also being pressured by groups like the American Conservative Union, which rates lawmakers for conservatives. That group announced Tuesday that it would score lawmakers based on how they vote on Frist's plan to ban judicial filibusters.

That decision "demonstrates clearly how important ACU regards the need to restore fairness and the historic practices of the Senate on the issue of nominees to the federal bench," said ACU Chairman David Keene.





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ing Tuesday. It includes allowing confirmation

be chosen for confirmation.

to the uninitiated. Alicia Dennis, my first

roommate and college friend: We \* made a home out of that little Johnson Hall closet! Between your bottle collection and my constant catcalls

- from the window, we stepped foot on this campus refusing to be ignored. Now we're both doing what we came
- to do, and those narrow cinderblock walls seem so far away. Won't you sing Dave Matthews off-key for a while, just for old time's sake?

I want to wrap my arms around this place and hold tight against the threat of fading youth. I want to put it in a box with lights around the edges. I want to wear it like a treasure sliding down my knuckles. I want to take it with me.

And I will.

Amanda Permenter would love to stay in touch with fellow Eagles. She can be reached from now on at dweezie@cyclical-nature.org.

#### Letters to the Editor **CATHOLICISM, FROM PAGE 4A**

\* column, Maureen Dowd maliciously attacked both Pope Benedict XVI and Vice President Dick Cheney (no surprise there).

Now the attack on our Vice President is no real surprise to anyone familiar

- with the slanted paper, but why attack the papacy accusing the man of wanting to send the church back into the dark ages and of being a vicious, cruel person, not to mention the invented "earned nicknames" of the Pope?
- Liberals need to get a clue. This man was instrumental in modernizing some facets of the church with Vatican II back in the 60s. And as for his cruelty, does a man who considers himself "a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord" sound that vicious?

Certainly I think not. But in closing, I would actually like to thank liberals such as Mr. Hearn and Ms. Dowd for their work. It gives me - and other informed Catholics - something so absurdly inaccurate that I can't help but chuckle.

> **John Bowles** Treasurer, College Republicans

#### **RIGHTIE FROM PAGE 4A**

So on to my third point. You, Ms. Permenter, said, "Are we that intimidating?" Are you kidding? What exactly is there to be scared of? Liberals in this world have little power and besides, conservatives have guns. Remember? You people hate the fact we have guns, because heaven forbid someone break into my house and I shoot them!

So to conclude these points I say this: good-bye Ms. Permenter. I hope . you have a wonderful, liberal-filled journey into real journalism. Maybe

one day you will learn what are facts, and what your audience wants, but hey

probably not, most journalist don't. So have a good life and maybe, just maybe, the GSU paper will acquire a conservative writer. I hope for the sanity of the majority that it does. Sorry this paper is so short, but being a conservative I have to go to work and make money, so liberals can give it to everyone else.

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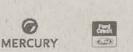
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### Year in Review Lady Eagles overcome youth to finish in **Conference finals**

#### **By Bryan Metcalf** gsuhockey20@sbcglobal.net

This year proved to be an up and down year for the Lady Eagles Basketball team. Georgia Southern finished with a 16-14 record overall. Their 11-9 record in the Southern Conference had them at the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament. Then something clicked for GSU. The Lady Eagles soared to the conference championship game against Western Carolina. However, all the hard work that the team put in went unrewarded as GSU fell in double overtime to WCU 97-95, despite a 27-point effort from freshman guard Tiffany Brown. The team did accomplish one of its goals, however. "We said if we could finish at .500 or better it would be a good year for us," said head coach Rusty Cram, who will coach a team without a single junior on its roster next season.

Senior forward Dana Benemon led the team offensively by averaging 11.1 points per game. She was also the team's leading rebounder, grabbing 7.1 boards per game. Benemon is one of three players graduating this year. The others are forward Adrienne "A1" Early, and guard Kellie Tiller. Both played in every game for the Lady Eagles. Tiller averaged 7.2 points per contest, and Early added 4.4 rebounds a night for GSU. Coach Cram will certainly miss the hard work all three brought to the table. "They all leave the work ethic," said Cram. "They taught

our younger players every day in practice and showed them what they've got to do to win championships." Coach Cram had never before given out an individual award, but this year he presented the A1 award to Early in honor of her hard work. "It's purely a hustle award," Cram added. "She gave us more than her share and without a doubt she had the biggest heart every time we walked on the court."

The team returns ten players from this past year, and will be adding five more. According to Cram, the team could finish somewhere in the top three spots in SoCon. The Lady Eagles' guard play will be as good as ever next year. Brown returns with her 9.6 points per game, and Fallon Lee will return for her sophomore season with her team-high 85 assists. Junior Lee DuBose, who led the team in three-point shooting percentage, will be one of three seniors on the roster next year

How well the team actually does will depend on their post game. Nicole Newton is the only returning post player that saw significant playing time, so others will be forced to step up. Newton averaged 6.5 rebounds and 8.1 points per game during her junior year and will be looking to improve them next year as a senior. "If our post game comes around by the time we start conference, I wouldn't want to play us," added Cram.

# Williams, Young one step closer to dream

#### WILLIAMS, FROM PAGE 1A

five records: lowest passes intercepted in a career (.0291), most consecutive games throwing a TD pass (5), highest percentage of passes for TDs in a season (11.3%) and career (8.4) and most yards per completion (19.95) in a career. He closed out his senior year by not throwing an interception in his last 91 pass attempts and ended his career 25-8 as the starting QB.

Last year's national leader averaging 12.67 points per game, in 40 career appearances he totaled 374 points, second-most in Eagle history. Williams, who said the worst part was actually waiting for that phone call, actually got it while the draft was taking place.

"The Packers called me before their two picks in the seventh round. They said they weren't going to draft me but wanted to bring me in as a free agent," said Williams. "They didn't draft a running back, so that's something I am excited about. Also the tradition of Green Bay football excites me."

If he ever has any questions about playing running back in the NFL, Williams can call his friend and former teammate, Chicago Bears running back Adrian Peterson who already has given Williams some advice.

"Adrian told me to just stay fo-, cused, work hard and do what you do best. Coaches expect you to know more but I feel my versatility is one of my strengths. I think I'm a fast learner and have a better understanding of defenses having played quarterback in college seeing different cover packages and defensive fronts."



GSU Quarterback Chaz Williams runs for a touchdown during the past football season. Williams has been signed by the Green Bay Packers as a free agent.

Williams joins teammate James Young (Cincinnati) as free agent signees. Sewak had nothing but praise for two of his former players.

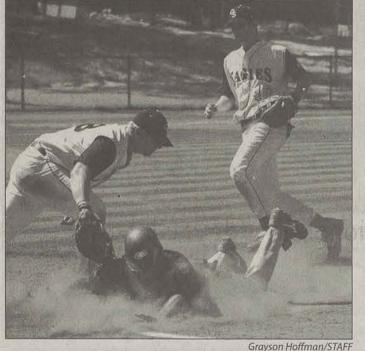
"They taught us how to win and to give it all. Last summer they worked

out hard and it paid off not only for

our program but for them individually.

Both developed well in our program and they will be great ambassadors of Georgia Southern at the next level."

LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF



# Eagles ready for rematch with Jacksonville ·

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Georgia Southern baseball makes a brief return to J.I. Clements Stadium this week. The Eagles kick off a fourgame homestand on Wednesday night (April 27) hosting Jacksonville, first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m.

Having won six of their last eight games, the Eagles are looking to avenge an 8-0 loss at Jacksonville on February 15, the third game of the season. Since its 0-4 start, GSU has gone 27-8 including a Southern Conference series win at Western Carolina last weekend.

start against the Dolphins. Last week against Charleston Southern he picked up his first win. Limited to four innings, he allowed two runs on four hits, striking out two. Overall he is scored and team-leading 42 RBI. They

1-0 with a 4.45 ERA in 32.1 innings, allowing 37 hits and 11 walks while striking out 20.

The Eagles regained second place in team batting average at .328 (10th best in the nation), in addition to their .955 fielding percentage and 5.31 ERA.

In the midst of an 11-game hitting streak, Jason Hurst again took over the team batting lead at .419. His Southern Conference-leading 20 Sophomore A.J. Battisto will doubles are six shy of the GS season record. Hurst jumped up to second in the country in doubles per game (.51).

rank third and fourth, respectively, in and Phillips had four of the Eagles' the SoCon batting race and 22nd and 27th nationally.

Logan Phillips continues to lead the Eagles scoring 52 runs while batting .375 this year. His 1.33 runs per game average ranks 14th nationally. James Payne has scored 43 runs, swiped a SoCon-leading 29 bases (ninth in the country) and is hitting at a .370 clip. During Sunday's 8-1 win at Western, Derrick Smith hit his SoCon-leading 13th home run. He dipped slightly to ninth among the nation's home run leaders. Brett Pelfrey's 17 doubles put him third in the SoCon and eighth nationally. During the first meeting, Pelfrey his .337 batting average.

eight hits. Georgia Southern also stranded 11 runners, committed two errors and the pitchers walked seven batters.

Coming off a three-game sweep of Lipscomb last weekend, Jacksonville (20-23) will counter with senior righthander Brett Nagy. He is 2-5 with a 7.88 ERA in 12 appearances, throwing 37.2 innings. He has struck out 39 to 22 walks issued with a .358 opponent batting average. Gordi Gronkowski, who had two RBI in the first meeting, leads the hitting attack at .353. Pete Clifford

GSU second basemen Brett Pelfrey looks on as first baseman Greg Dowling tags out an Elon baserunner.

Greg Dowling is right behind Hurst batting at a .416 clip with 31 runs leads the Dolphins with 11 doubles, 32 runs scored and 35 RBI in addition to

# GSU Tennis suffers upset at SoCon Championship Men's Tennis suffers loss to College of Charleston

turned on the Georgia Southern men's tennis team. The Eagles were defeated 4-0 by College of Charleston Friday No. 4 to stake Charleston to a 2-0 lead, afternoon in the second round of the SoCon Tournament.

GSU lost a tightly contested doubles point, and could not get back into the match as the Cougars won each of the first three singles matches to be completed.

At No. 1 doubles, Vincent Patry and Danie Van den Heever defeated Philipp Koller and Mike Reynolds 8-2. The win was the 19th of the season for the GSU pair, capping a season in which they were named second team no longer in doubt, Janashia, Trottet All-SoCon and posted the most wins by any Eagle doubles tandem during the past five seasons. Unfortunately, could secure the win that would have given the Eagles an early 1-0 lead.

Tom Green and Charles-Henri Trottet dropped an 8-4 decision to Perry Allen and Justin Malina at No. 3, and the Cougars clinched the the semi-finals Saturday at 3 p.m.

point when Jimmy Petit and Timo CHARLESTON, SC-Onedayafter Siebert eked out an 8-6 victory against blowing past Elon 4-0, the tables were Germano Knorr and Lasha Janashia at No. 2.

> Malina downed Knorr 6-3, 6-2 at and wins by Siebert (No. 1) and Liran Kling (No. 2) sealed GSU's fate.

> Van den Heever and Patry both fought hard against their opponents, losing tight first sets before succumbing in straight sets. Playing against Siebert at No. 1, Van den Heever fell behind by one set, losing 5-7. The senior was game during the second set as well, but could not get the break he needed and lost 4-6.

With the outcome of the match and Green did not complete their matches.

GSU wraps up the season with a neither of the other two GSU duos 7-16 record that included a 5-5 finish in the SoCon, good enough for a tie for fourth place. The College of Charleston, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, will play No. 7 seed Chattanooga, who scored a 4-3 upset win over Furman, in

College of Charleston 4, Georgia Southern 0 SINGLES

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**Records:** Men's Tennis 7-16, 5-5 SoCon Women's Tennis 10-13, 5-5 SoCon

# Women's Tennis falls to College of Charleston

#### GSU Athletic Media Relations

CHARLESTON, SC - The Georgia Southern women's tennis team saw their season come to an end Friday afternoon at the hands of College of Charleston, as they dropped a 4-0 decision to the Cougars in the second round of the SoCon Tournament.

The Cougars snared the doubles point as they won two matches to take an early 1-0 lead against the Eagles, who were unable to mount a rally one day after steamrolling Western Carolina.

Stephanie Tyrell and Kim Wollett saw their three-match winning streak halted as they lost 8-6 to Chelsea Albertz and Rachel Magory at the second spot. Charleston also picked up a win at the third position, where Maxine Capewell and Priscilla Roberts downed Charlotte Bruneteaux and Heather Reynolds 8-2. With the outcome of doubles play already decided, Ciara Finucane and Szilvia Zsakay did not get the opportunity to finish their match against Gabriela Moreira and Lauren Stewart at No. 1.

The Eagles saw their comeback hopes extinguished quickly as the Cougars managed to win each of the first three singles matches to capture the victory.

Duplicating the results from an April 12 contest between the same teams, Magory and Moreira won at the first and second positions against Tyrell and Finucane, respectively. Magory claimed a 6-3, 6-1 decision against Tyrell while Moreira prevailed 6-0, 6-3 over Finucane. The Cougars also picked up a win at the sixth spot where Roberts defeated Wollett 6-3, 6-4.

Since Charleston had secured the victory, matches involving Eagle players Bruneteaux, Zsakay and Reynolds were not completed.

GSU wrapped up their first season under head coach Amy Bartlett-Bonner with an overall mark of 10-13 and a regular season SoCon record of 5-5, which placed them in sixth. The College of Charleston advanced to the tournament semifinals to play No. 2 seed Davidson on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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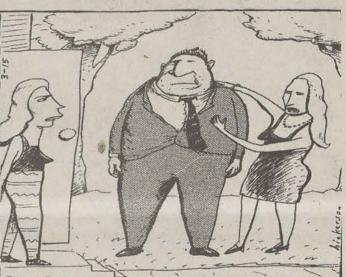
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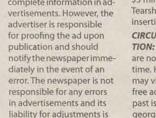
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# Investigators seek clues into wreck of Japanese commuter train

#### By Mari Yamaguchi Associated Press

AMAGASAKI, Japan - At least he was alive.

Hours after Japan's worst train crash in decades, rescue teams found Hiroki Hayashi in an open space in the wreckage with his legs badly hurt, but he was still conscious.

Workers, however, faced a major hurdle: they couldn't get the 19-yearold college student out.

Rescuers could pass him water and put him on an intravenous drip, but he was pinned down by slabs of metal and the bodies of victims.

Firefighters feared sparks from an electric drill would ignite spilled fuel

Early Tuesday, rescuers finally freed Hayashi from the wreckage 22 hours after the crash in Amagasaki

pulled from the shattered train. The death toll increased by 10 to 91 Wednesday as more bodies were recovered, the Kyodo news agency said. At least 456 people were injured.

Kyodo estimated that at least 52 people were missing, while the NHK broadcaster said there were more bodies still inside, and that the death toll would likely rise.

Workers Tuesday also discovered a body seated at the front of the train believed to be that of the 23-year-old train driver, Ryujiro Takami, but that hadn't been confirmed, Kyodo said.

Takami got his train operator's license in May 2004. One month later, he overran a station and was issued a warning for his mistake, railway officials and police said.

Investigators said the driver may

in western Japan, the final survivor have been shaken after overrunning into an apartment house just beside the station just before the crash by 130 feet and falling 90 seconds behind schedule.

> Speculation was high that the driver may have been rushing to make up lost time.

> The seven-car train was packed with 580 passengers at the time of the accident near this Osaka suburb. Monday's accident was the worst rail disaster in nearly 42 years in this safety-conscious country, which is home to one of the world's most complex, efficient and heavily traveled rail networks.

> Cruising at a reported speed of 65 mph, the commuter train hit a curve in Amagasaki, 250 miles west of Tokyo, and tumbled from the tracks. The speed limit was 43 mph.

Several cars of the train smashed

the rails, with the flattened shell of one wrapped around the corner of the building. The crash was Japan's deadliest train disaster since 1963.

On Tuesday, agents swept through eight offices of train operator West Japan Railway Co., carting away cardboard boxes of documents. The probe into possible professional negligence has focused on the actions of the 23-year-old driver — who has not yet been accounted for - and the speed of the train.

Investigators examining the accident site said they had found the train's "black box," a computer chip that stores information about the time and train's speed in the final seconds before an accident.

But they cautioned it would take time to analyze the contents.



AP Photo/Kyodo News

Rescue workers use power shovels to peel away the twisted metal of crushed train cars Tuesday afternoon that smashed against an apartment building following a derailment Monday morning at Amagasaki, near Osaka, western Japan. Rescuers pulled two survivors from the gnarled wreckage of Japan's worst train crash in decades Tuesday, and investigators raided the rail operator's offices for clues about why the train skidded off the tracks, ... killing at least 76 people.

# Autopsies find missing toddlers drowned

#### **By Errin Haines** Associated Press

WARRENTON - Autopsies confirmed Tuesday that two toddlers found dead in a sewage pond after disappearing from their home drowned, and the coroner said there appeared to be no sign of foul play.

Jonah Payne, 3, and his 2-year-old sister, Nicole, were reported missing Saturday night by their mother, who said they vanished after she went into another room. She said she found the front door open and the children gone.

Their bodies were found Monday in an algae-covered pond a few hundred yards down the road.

Autopsies also found no significant injuries to the children's bodies, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead.

Warren County Coroner Paul Lowe said there appeared to be no foul play and that the children probably died late Saturday night.

Authorities continued their investigation, reinterviewing family members and neighbors.

"The parents are still very much in shock and mourning," said family spokesman Jaye Jones. "They are only able to speak for a couple minutes at a time before being overcome with tears and sobbing."

Jones said the children's parents, Dennis Payne and Lottie Kain, who are unmarried but engaged, have cooperated fully with law enforcement. He added that Jonah and Nicole were the couple's only children.

Earlier on the day of the youngsters' disappearance, Nicole figured out how to unlock the front door and gate and left with Jonah, police said. A neighbor returned the children a half-hour later.

Outside the couple's trailer Tuesday, the children's toys remained strewn across the yard. A red wagon, a baby doll carriage and a toy Jeep were among the items inside the yard fenced with chicken wire with a chain-link gate.

Neighbors visited the 1.5-acre pond, surrounded by a chain-link fence and fallen logs, and wondered how the children got in.

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The court, in reversing the conviction of Anthony McKenzie in Forsyth County, said the statute is "an overbroad infringement" on the right to free speech.

Following a bench trial, McKenzie was convicted in state court of making two telephone calls in 2003 that

included conversations containing \* lewd and obscene comments.

In its ruling, the state Supreme Court said that instead of applying \* only to obscene speech, the law applies to speech that is merely indecent and doesn't distinguish between speech \* made to a minor or an adult.

The justices also noted that the law does not distinguish between speech 4 that the listener might welcome and speech that might be meant to harass, and therefore is overbroad.

for the past few weeks and haven't

head, multi-platinum group 3 Doors

Down will be at Paulson Stadium on

Eagle Entertainment was hoping

However, ticket sales increased

Estimations have finalized ticket

Tickets are still on sale at the GSU

to sell around 10,000 tickets, but right

now has just over half that number.

dramatically Monday according to

sales at over 7,000 before show

ticket office, by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS, or online at www.3doorsdown.

com. Tickets are still \$20 for students

and \$30 for the general public.

the GSU ticket office.

April 27."

time.

#### CONCERT, FROM PAGE 1A

searched for these items upon entering Paulson.

Anyone found with an object from the prohibited list will either have them confiscated or be asked to return them to his or her car.

There will also be ample security at the show to watch for malicious activities and ensure the safety of both the audience and band.

GSU has been promoting the show on radio stations, banners, flyers, newspaper advertisements, on the school web site, and at athletic events. Ricky Ray, the voice of Eagles Baseball, has been plugging the concert at baseball games, saying, "In case you've been hiding under a rock

#### HARBUCK, FROM PAGE 1A

maternal great-grandmother and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors in the Hodgson Chapel in Savannah, and the memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, also in the Hodgson Chapel.

#### **GRUBE, FROM PAGE 1A**

so why are we starting this now?" Sabia said. "It's appropriate for the Foundation to lobby for Dr. Grube's raise, but not for them to directly pay him."

A foundation has been set up in Ally's memory.

All donations should be addressed to The Ally Harbuck Scholarship Memorial Fund, c/o the -University Foundation of Georgia Southern, P.O. Box 8053, Statesboro, GA 30460.

Billy Griffis, vice president for university advancement and chairman of the GSU Foundation said that to his knowledge, no one has had complaints about the process.

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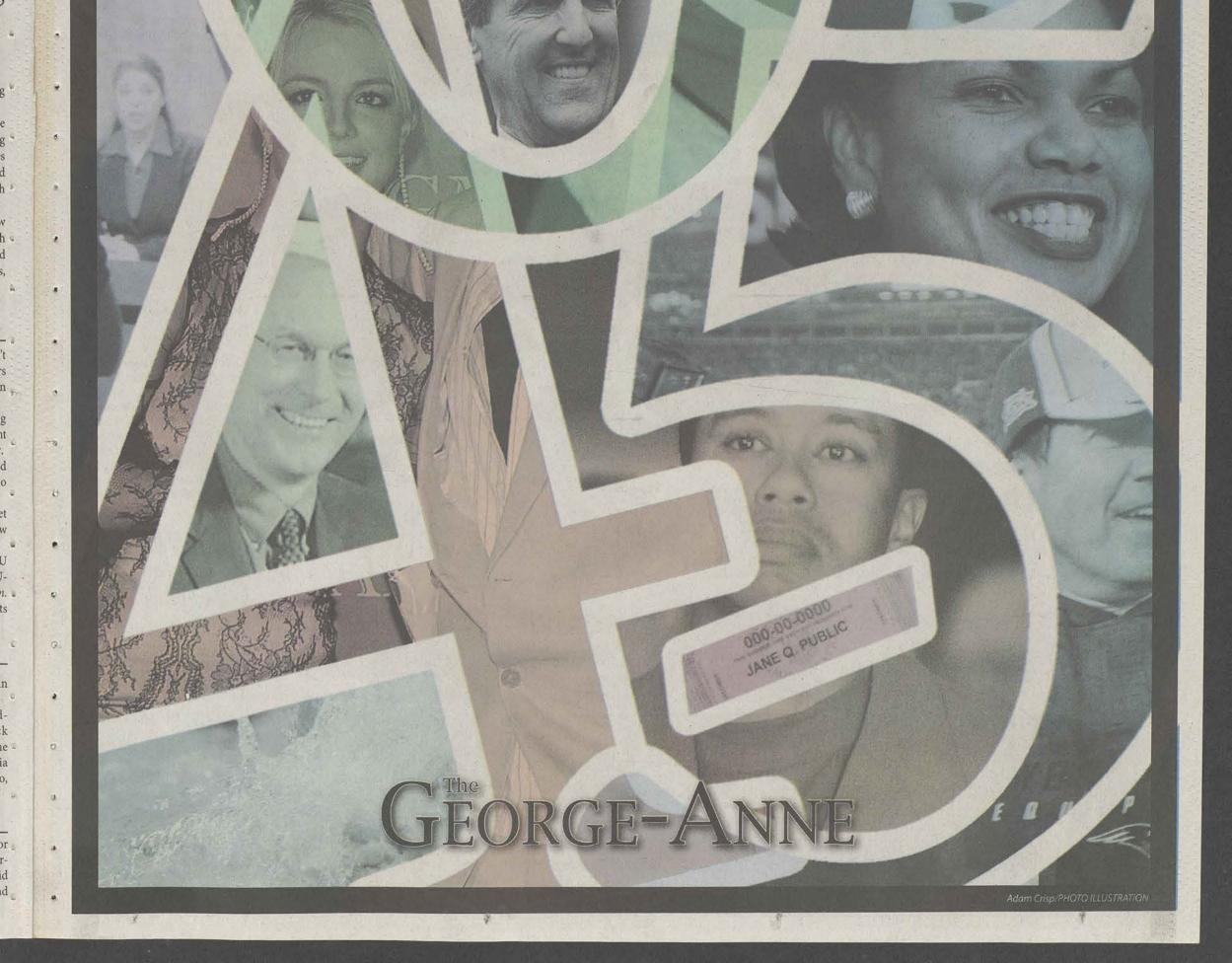
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**CIT gets dedication** 

The College of Information Technology as officially dedicated on

Aug. 19, 2004 with members from

the Georgia and Statesboro com-

the Board of Regents and the State

munities, as well as members of

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Fall 2004 marked the first time HOPE scholars saw changes in the

benefits of the scholarship. Prior

measures that included putting a

cap on student fees covered by the

scholarship. The fees were capped

to the start of the semester, the

Georgia Legislature approved

at \$350.

Legislature in attendance.

**HOPE changes** 

affect students

August

#### National August

Year in Review Our pick of the year's most influencial national news stories, pages 2-6B

Statue of Liberty reopens Lady Liberty had





#### **Hurricane Charley** chomps at Florida

Charley is the first major hurricane to make landfall for the season. At a Category 4, it's also the strongest and costliest storm to hit the United States since Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Damage costs \$14 billion.

### **Midyear tuition**

After a failed plan to balance the budget the previous year, Gov. Sonny Perdue had to make budget cuts across the state, resulting in nearly \$70 million being cut from the budget of the University System of Georgia. These cuts brought talks of an extremely rare mid-year tuition increase. The increase was

#### **Hurricane** Jeanne

The fourth hurricane to threaten the Southeast, Hurricane Jeanne threatened Statesboro, bringing high winds and heavy rains to the area. While there was minimal damage to the campus and surrounding areas, classes were cancelled as the hurricane loomed over campus for about a day.

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# attack

A Winburn Hall resident was approached by an unknown person demanding money and was eventually stabbed in the hand.



Summer

#### **Debate Watch**

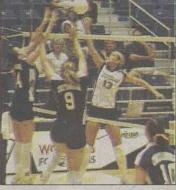
As part of the American Democracy Project, Georgia Southern students participated in "Debate Watches," where students and faculty watched the three presidential debates and participated in discussion afterwards.

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**Protests at Capitol** 

Students from across the state - including members of GSU's SGA — participated in a protest at the Georgia Capitol against a midyear tuition increase, something that had never before happened in Georgia.





#### Volleyball extends home winning streak to 28

The Eagle volleyball team extended their home winning streak to 28 consecutive games following a defeat over the Western Carolina Catamounts, only to have the streak









### not so unified

This year's unity fest was not so unified as members from fraternities Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Psi Phi were said to have started a fight at the annual event that caused it to

#### **Jesse Jackson** comes to GSU

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was in Statesboro speaking to members of Georgia Southern and the community about the importance of voter registration. Jackson also called for a polling place to be put on the GSU campus.

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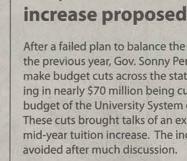
Union biked about 180 miles from Statesboro to Athens to deliver the game ball for the match-up between the UGA Bulldogs and the GSU Eagles.

#### September

#### GSU v. UGA in season opener

The Eagles played a good game against the UGA Bulldogs on Sept. 4 in Athens. Despite the 48-28 loss, the Eagles did well in their season opener against the number three ranked Bulldogs.







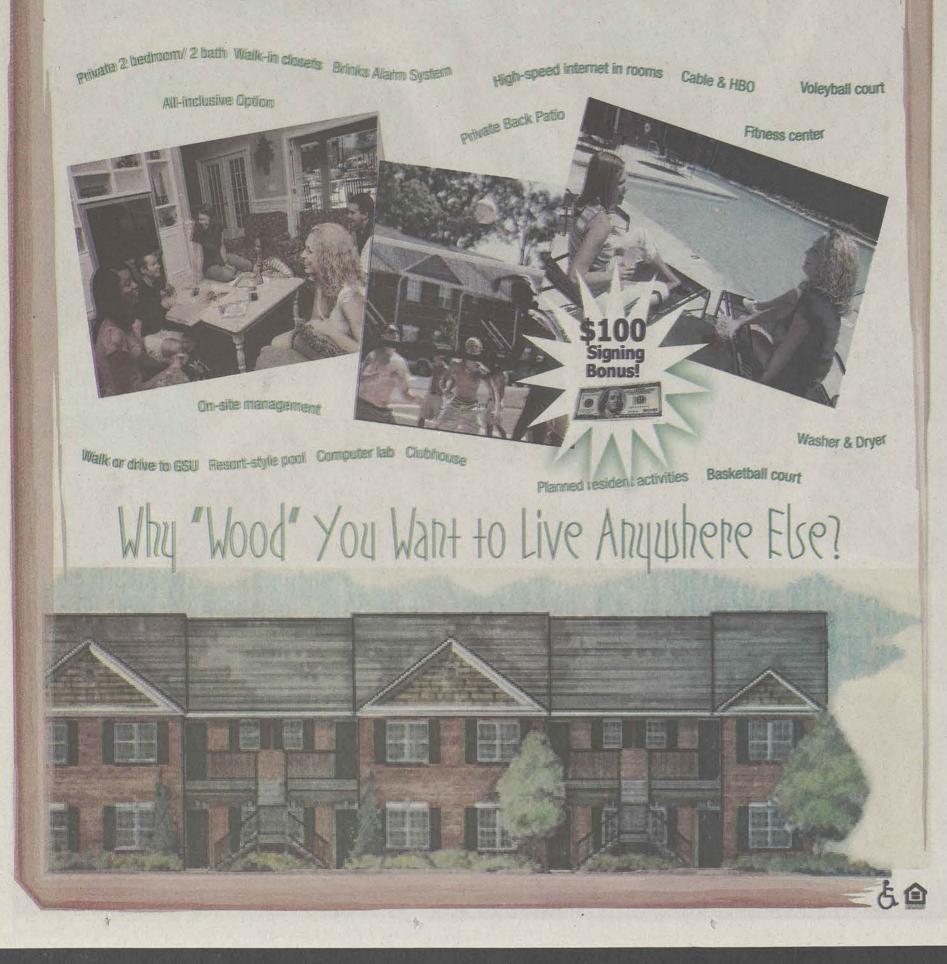






#### **BSU delivers ball to Athens**

Members of the Georgia Southern Baptist Student



snapped in their next match versus visiting Appalachian State.



22,421 fans come out to support GSU for Homecoming

In front of one of the largest crowds to ever gather at Paulson stadium, the Eagle football team crushed Appalachian State 54-7 on October 16. The visiting Mountaineers never had much of a chance against the Eagles, as their offense led by star Quarterback Chaz Williams prevented the team from getting anywhere near the goal line for most of the game.

This is the last George-Anne for the Spring 2005 semester. Look for our first edition for the summer to come out on May 26 on news stands across campus.

**Boston Red Sox** 

win World Series

The Curse of the Bambino is over — the

SpaceShipOne, an air-launched

suborbital spaceplane, made the

first and second privately funded

Sox win their first title since 1918.

SpaceShipOne wins X Prize

human space flight.

#### NATIONAL YEAR IN REVIEW

#### September



THE CAMPAIGN FOR

GSU announced its plan to raise \$40 million and work towards becoming

After pressure from the Governor, the University System of Georgia Board

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of Regents abandoned the idea of having a mid-year tuition increase.

**Campaign for National Distinction** 

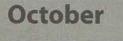
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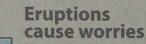
No tuition increase

IONAL DISTINCTION

#### **Three more** hurricanes hit Florida Frances, Ivan and

Jeanne hit Florida within three weeks of each other. Damage reaches \$41 billion after four hurricanes hit the state in quick succession.





Spectacular in the sense of ash and steam spewed into the air and prompting initial evacuations, the eruption was somewhat minor. Slowly erupting magma began building a new lava dome on the south side of the existing dome.

#### December

#### Student's death grabs headlines

The death of GSU student Lavon Jones captured national headlines after he was killed outside a New Orleans nightclub during Christmas break. Three bouncers at Club Razoo were charged in the death. Civil rights leaders allege the white bouncers targeted Jones who was black. Jones was in New Orleans with a GSU student group, playing in a national flag football tournament.

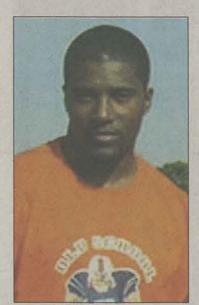
#### January

#### **Baseball stadium** renovations near completion

Work at GSU's baseball stadium neared completion. Renovations there were pacing a near break-neck pace as construction crews were racing to have the stadium ready for the baseball team's opening game against Georgia Tech.

#### **Fall tuition** hike certain

The University System of Georgia announced that tuition would almost assuredly go up in the fall.



#### **Social Security** numbers out, **Eagle IDs in**

In a move meant to make students safer from identity theft, school officials began phasing out the use of Social Security numbers and replacing it with new "Eagle ID" numbers.



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#### **February** Grube's \$40,000 raise causes stir

GSU president Bruce Grube drew fire for a \$40,000 pay raise that some faculty members called inappropriate. The source of the funds was the GSU Development Foundation, whose leader said Grube deserved the boost in pay.





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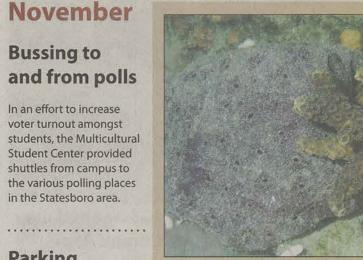
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# dismissed

Parking and Transportation dispelled myths that parking changes would take affect in the spring of 2005. All changes that were in the works are to take affect this coming fall.

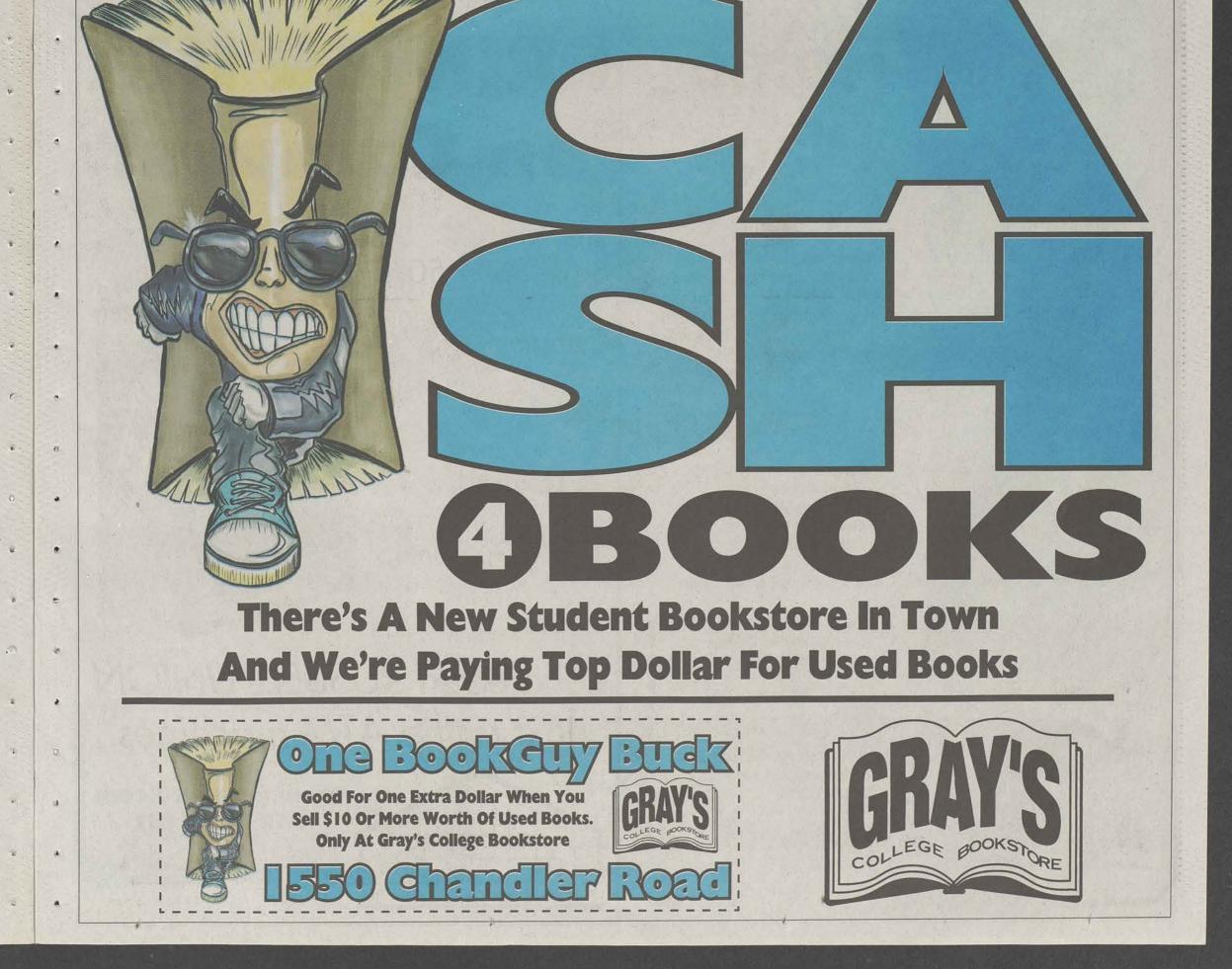


#### **GSU** professor discovers new sea squirt species

Biology Professor Danny Gleason and some of his students made a discovery of a new species of sea squirts off the coast of Georgia.







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#### NATIONAL YEAR IN REVIEW

#### November **Bush wins re-election**



The president takes the popular vote by 51 percent. Soon after, Bush shuffles around Cabinet members. Top officials depart, including Colin Powell, John Ashcroft and Tom Ridge.



Peterson found guilty

**Court finds Peterson** guilty of killing his wife and the child she was carrying.

#### January

Rice The U.S. Senate voted 85-13 in favor of Rice as President Bush's new Secretary

of State.

Linda Bleicken

named provost

Linda Bleicken has been

tapped to become GSU's

permanent provost — the

school. Bleicken had been

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February

**Herty Drive** to be closed

Hertry Drive will soon become a lot less vehicle friendly and more kind to pedestrians. School officials announced in February plans to close a portion of the road



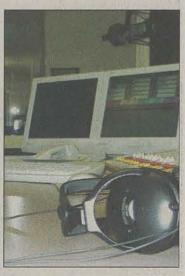
Irag election Millions of Iraqi voters embraced their first free election in half a century, turning out in large numbers and defying suicide bombs that killed dozens throughout the day.



#### March **Transit system rolls** onto campus in fall

A new transit system will be up and rolling when students return to Statesboro this fall. Included in the plan to help alleviate parking snarls is a ban on any student who calls Lanier Drive home being allowed to bring their cars on campus. Parking officials estimate that about 3,000 students will have to leave their cars at home.

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#### WVGS handed over to Comm. Arts

The Communication Arts Department confirmed they were planning to take over the student-run radio station WVGS. The station had previously been under the supervision of student media-the same group that supervises The George-Anne. Comm. Arts officials are upbeat about the takeover, but students saw the change less optimistically.

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#### Now showing: renovations

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bumper year, but school officials said the evidence suggested serious violations in the GSU conduct code.

#### **Comm.** Arts to get new home

Communication Arts may soon get a new home. School of-





#### and convert the roadway into a pedestrium. The move is meant to ease traffic congestion. .....



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ficials announced that soon the infamous "Comm Arts Trailer" may get ditched for new digs in the renovated Veazey Hall. The entire project might take up to two years.



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#### NATIONAL YEAR IN REVIEW

#### February



#### Bush delivers State of the Union

President Bush proposed changes to Social Security, vowed to cut the budget deficit in half by the end of his second term and asked Congress to make the tax cuts of his first term permanent.



### Senate confirms attorney general

The Senate approved Alberto Gonzales in a 60-36 vote. Gonzales was a former counsel and adviser to Bush and is the country's first Hispanic attorney general.



#### NHL cancels season

National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman officially canceled the season, as owners and players failed to reach a deal on the salary cap for players.

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#### March



#### **3 Doors Down coming to GSU**

School officials announced that the band 3 Doors Down would perform at Paulson Stadium April 27. Tickets were to cost \$20 for students. School officials anticipated about 6,000 spectators would show up for the performance.

#### Plenty of butts in Georgia smoking ban

The Georgia Legislature approved a statewide smoking ban, but left plenty of exceptions for places like bars, private rooms in restaurants and business that employ fewer than 10 people. It mattered little in Statesboro, where the city invoked a similar ban two years ago.





RAC beefing <sup>•</sup> up more than jocks

School officials officially broke ground on the 130,000 square-foot expansion of the RAC.



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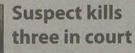
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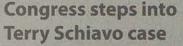
**Fosset to** set solo flight record Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo around the world nonstop.



Brian Nichols, on trial for rape, surrendered as a suspect after a judge, court stenographer and sheriff's deputy were killed in court in Atlanta, Ga.



April



The House and Senate voted to allow a federal court to rule whether the feeding tube should be reinserted into the mouth of Terri Schiavo, a woman in a vegetative state for 15 vears.

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**Eric Rudolph** pleads guilty, spared death sentence

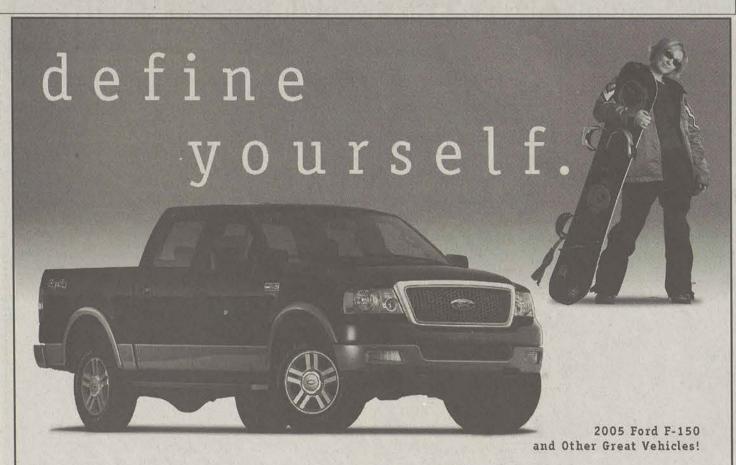
Eric Robert Rudolph pleaded guilty to carrying out bombings at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics as well as three other attacks across the South.





#### **Tiger Woods** wins Masters

Tiger Woods had a sweeping victory at the Masters in Augusta in April. This was the seventh win for Woods at the Augusta National Golf Club.



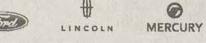
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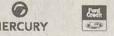
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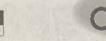
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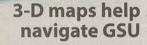






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New maps, released earlier this year, show the GSU campus from a bird's eye view. The maps were meant to help give newcomers a better way to navigate the campus.



#### **Gas prices** highest ever

Students complained of all-time high gas prices. In Statesboro, it cost about \$2.20 for one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline. Economists saw a mixed bag for the future of gas. Some said the prices were going to remain steady; others saw a potential doubling in prices before summer's end.

#### **SACS** committee visits GSU



The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools paid a visit to GSU to reaffirm the school's accreditation. School officials were mum on whether the association reaffirmed the school, saying they would make an official announcement in December.

#### Shri Davis is new SGA president



The Davis ticket swept the GSU student government elections. Shri Davis was elected president. Jonathan Buckner was named vice president. Laurie Markle, Ashley Scruggs, and Kate Daniel stepped in as vice presidents Only 671 students voted in the election, in which none of the executive officers were opposed.



# ·As wine appreciation grows, demand ·for better kosher wines does too

#### By Bill Daley Chicago Tribune

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Gone are the days when the only kosher wines on the market were those jammy beverages produced by Manischewitz or Mogen David. Today, kosher wines are made with all the top varietals and in styles that offer the same flavor profile one expects with non-kosher wine.

Nationally, sales of kosher wine have been rising slowly, to \$28.2 million in 2004 from \$26.4 million in 2001, according to ACNielsen, a provider of consumer and marketplace information.

ACNielsen reported 2 percent of households in the United States purchased kosher wine in 2004.

What makes a wine kosher? Several steps must be met, according to "Rogov's Guide to Israeli Wines" (The Toby Press, \$14.95), by Daniel Rogov, the Israeli wine critic.

Among the requirements: use of kosher tools and storage facilities from the onset of harvest; allowing only Sabbath-observant Jews to come • in contact with the wine from the moment the grapes reach the winery; and using only kosher-certified materials in the production and clarification of wine.

"For many years, wines that were kosher had a justifiably bad name," Rogov wrote bluntly. "The truth is that those wines were not so much consumed by knowledgeable wine lovers as they were used for sacramental • purposes."

With kosher wines now being made from the most noble grape varieties in state-of-the-art wineries by talented winemakers, there need be no contradiction between kosher laws and the production of fine wine," he added.

Herzog Wine Cellars recently opened what it bills as the largest facility

on the West Coast for producing kosher-certified wines in Oxnard, Calif. The reason: increasing popularity of Herzog wines among not only kosher consumers but non-kosher and non-Jewish consumers, according to Eitan Segal, director of public relations for Royal Wine Corp., Herzog's parent company based in Bayonne, N.J.

The year-round appeal of kosher wine is a point Segal emphasized repeatedly.

"Kosher wines are on par or better than many non-kosher wines," he said. "It's a good time for people who aren't even Jewish to go out and taste some great wine."

Segal believes wine shops should display kosher wines under their regional category, California or Italy, say, rather than lump all kosher wines in its own section.

"Many people think of kosher wine as its own category but it's not a separate profile," he added.

Another assumption Segal battles is the belief that kosher wines are more expensive.

There's wine at all price points from all regions of the world.

He's right, kosher wines are made in Israel, of course, as well as California, France, Italy, South Africa, Australia and all the major wine regions. Yet one can see why consumers might think kosher wine is more expensive.

Binny's in Highland Park, Ill., for example, sells a kosher Chateau Leoville Poyferre for \$130. The non-kosher version is \$85; Keith Youngmann, wine manager, explained the price difference as reflecting the cost to the French winery of making a kosher wine.

Yet, like Segal, Youngmann stressed that there are kosher wines for every budget, including wines selling for \$10 or less that are perfect "for a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday wine drinker who wants a kosher wine."



# New CD releases to hit the shelves

Knight Ridder Newspapers

#### "BEN FOLDS "Songs for Silverman"

(Epic, 2 stars) Maybe it was his smirking over-ebullience. Or perhaps it's because at his

worst, he came offlike a third-rate Billy Joel. Anyway, "to me, Ben Folds used to sound like a jerk.

Then Ben got married, had kids, went solo. But his voice is still geeky, and his ornate piano stylings still dance like Richard Clayderman on Ritalin. Yet subtle differences in the ma-

ture Folds allow for a burnished pop experience.

His melancholy lyrics can be affecting, as in the detailed meditation on lost comrade Elliott Smith that is "Late" and the charming portrait of mother-and-childhood that is "Gracie." When Folds takes a quirky look at a tattooed boy's youth on "You to Thank," he backs it up with pastoral jazz. And his previous stabs at gospel are brought to fruition here, most eprominently through the harmonies of "Jesusland."

I'm Home" and, to cap off the set on a low note, the inane rocker "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk."

**ORRIN EVANS "Easy Now" (Criss** Cross, 3 stars)

Pianist OrrinEvansmade this record-Orrin Evans Easy M ing to honor his father, the

playwright and professor Donald T. Evans, who died in October 2003.

The pianist's take of Horace's Silver's "Song for My Father" shows the depth of feeling here. Joining tenor saxophonist J.D. Allen, Evans skips the usual Latin treatment of this standard for an exquisitely slow and plaintive reading, making this one of the most personal versions ever.

Evans, a longtime sideman of saxophonist Bobby Watson and an emerging leader, is continuing to expand his lyrical side while sharpening his modernist chops.



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"LIFEHOUSE "Lifehouse" (Geffen, 2 stars)

The third release from this pop trio is another ballad-heavy collection with some keepers



("Come Back Down," "You and Me," "Blind") and a lot of pleasant filler.

Front man Jason Wade writes songs perfectly suited to his cottony, sad voice. The style once again suggests a more lugubrious version of the Goo Goo Dolls. With Lifehouse, you can hear the cellos even when they're not playing.

TRACE ADKINS "Songs About Me" (Capitol, 2 stars)

kins has such a <sup>o</sup>resonant baritonethat, when he matches it • with the right



help but exude a classic country aura. On "Songs About Me, that's what happens with such finely wrought ballads as "Arlington," "My Heaven" and "Metropolis."

The title song is a decent country anthem, although like many of the tracks on the album it employs the now-tiresome formula of subdued verses and close-to-bombastic choruses.

 But Adkins really squanders that voice on "ILearned How to Love From You" \_ he sounds thoroughly out of his element on this piano-and-strings pop mush - and cheesy numbers that strain for steaminess as they play up his hunkiness. These include "Baby

This session is poised between communicative moments and forward-looking frenzy. It holds many free-jazz possibilities, yet scores shots to the gut with earthy riffs, making for an intriguing and confounding experience.

Most of this set features Evans' quartet, including the Canadian-born alto and soprano saxophonist Ralph Bowen, who teaches improvisation at Rutgers and Princeton. Alternating members include bassists Mike Boone and Eric Revis and drummers Byron Landham and Rodney Green, all worthy foils for the leader's evolving vision.

#### JERUSALEM QUARTET "Haydn's Quartet Opus 64 No. 5, Opus 76

No. 2, and Opus 77 No. 1" (Harmonia Mundi, 4 stars) The Jeru-

salem Quartet

looks like a bunch of teenagers but plays like middle-aged masters in these two recent recordings.

In existence since 1993, the quartet delivers some of the hottest Haydn on record.

They bring to it a revolutionary fervor one associates more with Beethoven's mid-period quartets, as the musicians, swept up in the impulse of the moment, occasionally rush slightly ahead of one another.

Amid this display of ardor, however, the progression of the music's thematic development couldn't be more coolly or clearly delineated.

The Shostakovich disc is beautifully played, with the group's glistening sound on good display.

However, the ensemble often fails to walk the fine lines of ambiguity that are essential in these works - and richly apparent in the classic recordings by the Borodin Quartet.

