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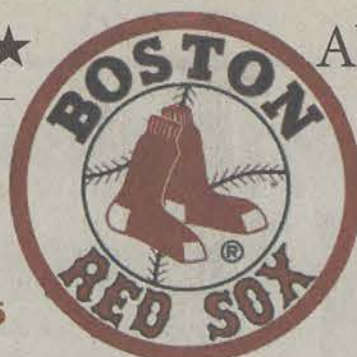
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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2005

## Big Easy is Uneasy

GSU student's death at crux of New Orleans racial debates

By Scott Gold  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The videotape seems to show just another night at Razzoo, a popular French Quarter nightclub known for three-for-one drink specials and raucous dance parties. But then, as the crowd parts, the tape shows three white bouncers pinning a black man to the ground.

When they rise, the man does not move. Later that night, Georgia Southern student Levon Jones Jr., 25, was pronounced dead.

Jones' death five months ago has become a flashpoint for New Orleans, plunging a city famous for its easygoing vibe into a painful period of introspection and antagonism.

The NAACP has called for a fed-

eral civil rights investigation into the death, the city has scrambled to write "use of force" guidelines for bouncers, and some African Americans have threatened to boycott the city.

The death, meanwhile, has been followed by a series of racially charged controversies.

In March, a jury found the city's first black district attorney guilty of discrimination for firing 42 white employees and replacing them with blacks.

In April, Mayor C. Ray Nagin, an African American, said the ouster of schools Supt. Anthony Amato, a Latino, was a "lynching," while offering, at least at first, a response to Jones' death that many blacks called tepid.

Now, it seems that every piece

of legislation that lands in City Hall becomes mired in race. When one city councilman recently proposed scrapping a rule requiring police officers to live in the city, the measure was seen by supporters as a way to make recruitment easier. But many blacks have condemned the plan, fearing that new recruits would be suburban whites.

Enmity and distrust have grown so deep that some white community activists trying to participate in a recent antiracism demonstration were ordered to leave by black activists.

"There has been a perfect storm that has ripped the cover off of race relations in New Orleans," said the Rev. Anthony Mitchell, a Baptist pastor who is African American. "The people who control public discourse here don't like to talk about it. It's not good for business. But this is

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## Razoo bouncers' charges upgraded

Associated Press

A grand jury is set to consider manslaughter charges against at least three club employees in the New Year's Eve death of GSU senior Levon Jones on Bourbon Street.

Arthur Irons, 40, Clay Montz, 32, and Matthew Taylor, 21, previously were facing the lesser charge of negligent homicide. The district attorney's office did not give a reason for the new charge, but a legal expert described it as a possible strategy to improve the chance for indictment.

"It may be the district attorney wants to give the jury some alternatives," said former prosecutor Julian Murray. "Negligent homicide is a responsive verdict to manslaughter. So if the jury felt it wasn't manslaughter, it could still find them guilty of negligent homicide, so it may be a strategic reason why he would go with that."

The district attorney also may charge a fourth person, Brandon Vicknair, who allegedly held the victim's legs while the others restrained him.

Jones, 25, of Statesboro, was killed during an altercation with the suspects at Razzoo

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## Student loan rates on the rise

Associated Press

It's now official: federal student loan interest rates will increase significantly on July 1. The new higher rates for 2005-2006 mean that many student loan borrowers can still save thousands of dollars by locking in current historically low interest rates, but only if they act immediately.

The new, higher rates were calculated by the Department of Education, based on this afternoon's 91-day Treasury bill auction. Stafford Loan interest rates will rise 1.93 percent to 5.30 percent, while PLUS Loans for parents will rise 1.93 percent to 6.10 percent. Fixed-rate Consolidation Loans will also rise 2.00 percent to 5.375 percent for all those who consolidate after July 1st.

"Borrowers now have a very short time to take advantage of the lowest student loan interest rates in forty years," said Mark Brenner, president of College Loan Corporation. "Those who consolidate now and lock in the current low rates could save thousands of dollars over the lives of their loans."

A graduate of the Class of 2005 with \$20,500 in loans (the average amount consolidated last year) will save \$2,842 over the course of a 10-year repayment by consolidating before the new rates go into effect.

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### CORRECTION

Financial aid disbursement is scheduled to begin today at 9 a.m. A story on page 1 of last week's edition reported the wrong date. | If you spot an error of fact, please email our managing editor at gamed@georgiasouthern.edu.



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## Eagle Village construction on target for July 15 opening

By Rachel Weeks

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In the past few months, Eagle Village has grown to soar over Lanier Drive and Chandler Road as construction on the two large dormitories and clubhouse continues.

The residence halls are scheduled to house incoming freshmen in the fall and the project is not far from completion. Gilbane, the project's construction company, started work on the \$25 million project in October of 2004.

According to David Power, project manager, the dorms are in the final stages of construction.

"Our commitment is to turn over the project finished on July 15. At this time there is absolutely no reason that we shouldn't be able to do so," said Power. "The two large dormitory buildings are about 85 percent complete. Right now we are working from the ground floor up in each building, installing kitchen cabinets, carpet and plumbing fixtures."

The 9,000 square foot clubhouse at the center of a courtyard, inside the two halls will offer students classrooms, entertain-

ment, and resident advice. The clubhouse will hold two classrooms, a 30-station computer lab, offices for building directors and resident advisors, an office for Public Safety, a recreational room containing a 4 station X Box theater, dart board, ping pong table, and pool table as well as a large, multipurpose room where students can watch a movie or sporting event together on a 52" TV and a main desk area where students can check out vacuum cleaners, DVDs, pots, pans and other cooking utensils, games, sporting equipment and various other items for recreational and social use.

Power said the weather has been the biggest holdup in construction, because the rain soaks the soil and takes days to dry.

In order to complete the project, the contracting service, Gilbane, employs about 200 workers each day. At the peak of operations about six weeks ago, there were from 500 to 600 workers. "The magic of this job is keeping everyone moving and out of each others way."

According to Power, several students and graduates of Construction Management at Georgia Southern have been es-



Katie Anderson/STAFF

Workers put the finishing touches on one of the buildings at the Eagle Village residence hall site. The new halls will be open this fall for incoming freshmen.

essential to the project. Danny Stanton did preliminary work on proposing the layout of the clubhouse. He drafted contracts and proposed the budget for the building. Project Manager of the pre-construction phase was Chris Denmen and the Project Engineer is Steve Wilson.

Power specializes in the construction of museums and has been in the business for 25

years. He said working on a university project is a nice change of pace and praised the campus for its cooperation in the project. "I've never had better cooperation and support from the campus than on this project, particularly the university police department who regularly check with us about potential problems, interact with students and make sure that gates are locked."

## EAGLE VILLAGE

By the numbers

**756** students will live there

**16** resident advisers and

**4** academic mentors will work with students

**9,000** square-foot clubhouse

**200** workers are on the site every day now. 500-600 were working there at the peak

**\$25 million** construction cost



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Archibald's, a fixture of the Statesboro community, closed its doors last Friday.

## Archibald's closes after two decade presence

By Rachel Weeks

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Archibald's of Statesboro served its last meal Friday evening as the restaurant and tavern prepares to close after 22 years in the 'Boro.

The popular eatery and tavern was named for Archibald Bulloch, namesake of Bulloch County, when David Ball founded it in 1983.

Jeff Yawn bought the building five and a half years ago but did not change the name or friendly atmosphere. His wife Megan Yawn talks about the good times.

"We've really enjoyed running the restaurant. Our employees have been

awesome and we've had great, faithful customers that we want to thank for all their support and we hope that the next business here is just as successful."

She said the restaurant has some interested buyers and they wanted to start something totally new.

Shilda Harvey grew up in Statesboro and has been a regular customer at Archibald's.

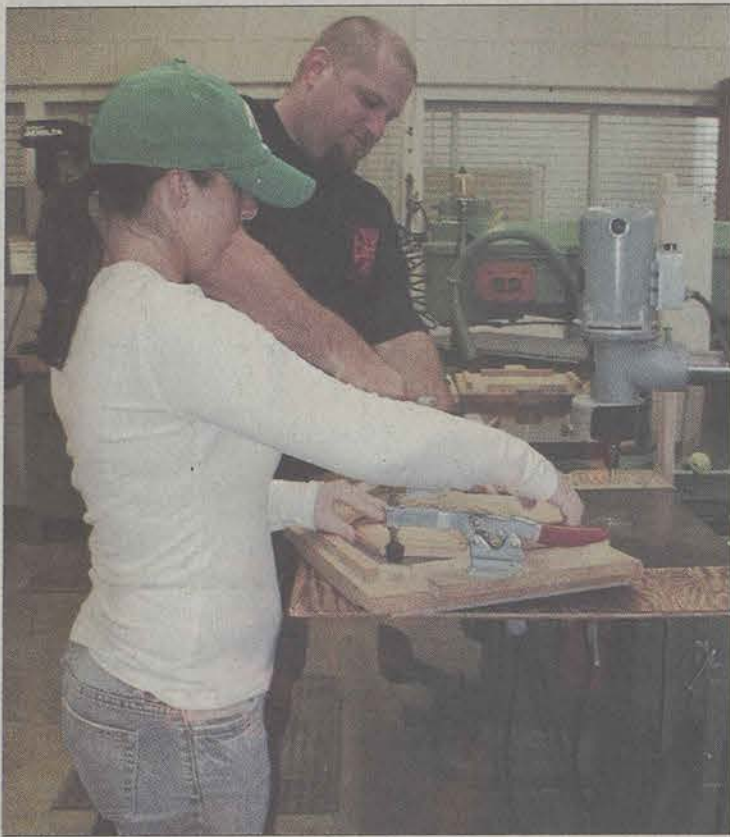
"It reminds me of the show Cheers, we have been coming here for years and we've become a big group of friends," she said, "Archibald's is a place where we can hang out, feel comfortable, and have a great meal. We are going to miss this place because we come here as a

family and a group of friends."

Victor Atmore, who has worked at Archibald's for fourteen years attributes recent policy changes to the establishment's demise. "When the cigarette smoking ban was passed we started to notice fewer customers in the evenings and then about a month ago we stopped selling liquor and that's when most people stopped coming."

Even at the end, Archibald's customers were faithful, making the last day of business as busy as any other. Cook Bob Wallace said, "I'm sad to see it closing because of all the time I've put in here and the friends I work with. It was real busy today, more busy than it's ever been."

# Manufacturing Enterprises students begin their own business



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Shelly Clayton and Travis Phillips begin production of GSU clocks as part of operating a business in their Manufacturing Enterprise class.

By Rachel Weeks  
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Georgia Southern's Manufacturing Enterprise class puts students into real-world business situations by making them start a business of their own. The first half of the award-winning course is preparation for launching a clock-making business called Southern Consolidated Industries (SCI).

The class has been offered at Georgia Southern for over 20 years and has taught over 4,000 students valuable manufacturing and industry lessons.

In 1984, the class gained national attention when Lewis Selvidge received the Levey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education, and in 2004 Phil Waldrop was presented with the same award.

Before the students order materials and begin construction of the clocks, a team does market research to determine how many will sell, then they base their production numbers on the demand for the clocks. The

students make clocks with the GSU eagle emblem, with five shades of stain, as well as pendulum clocks and plaque clocks to commemorate special events like graduation or retirement.

Students in the class carry out the activities of real manufacturing companies, organization, management, systems analysis, research and development, production, marketing, finance and control, human resources, external relations and secretarial and legal duties. Each student functions as both a division leader who orders materials, organizes finances, production and research as well as being a factory worker who sands the wood, cuts it, stains it, drills holes and installs clockwork.

The class can make actual profits and keep up with their hours to receive payment at the end of the semester. Dr. Phil Waldrop said the idea of the class is to simulate real world business activities. Part of the student's homework is to work assembly-line style sanding, routing an eagle emblem, staining and installing

clockwork in the clocks.

Waldrop said an average class earns about \$400 above costs. "I don't think there are any other classes that hands out checks on finals day," he said.

Business major Vicky Feng, who acts as the class' Vice President of Finance and Control, tells what she has learned from the class so far. "First we sell stocks to generate enough money to buy the materials. I learn a lot from this class. I learned how to finance a company and the different functions of different departments that are required to run a business."

President of the company Gary Cooper thinks the class could be good for any student. "I like it, it's an interesting class. Everyone should have to go through it because you get to see the inner workings of how a business operates," he said. "It gets students used to what they are going to face in real life business situations."

To order a clock made by students from Manufacturing Enterprises class, call Waldrop at 681-0772 or email him at [pwaldrop@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:pwaldrop@georgiasouthern.edu).

# Parking changes

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Parking and transportation will be a big change for students next semester. A new transit system will transport students around campus, and modifications are going to regulate the way the parking passes are sold.

Only 7,000 permits will be sold for each of the individual commuter lots nearby campus. Once each lot is sold out the student can get on a waiting list, park at Paulson Stadium, or buy a space at an available lot. Students can purchase parking passes online or go to the parking and transportation office, located on Forrest Drive.

Because parking spaces are limited, permits will be \$120/year. Another part of the plan is to expand the zone of apartment complexes whose residents will not be eligible to obtain a commuter permit.

"Students are concerned now they have to hunt from one lot to another to find a parking space. Under this system, we'll only issue as many permits for a particular lot as we reasonably expect it will hold at peak times," said Wendy Hagins, director of auxiliary services.

If students do not wish to purchase a parking pass, they can park at Paulson Stadium for free and use the transit system to get onto campus. The buses will run on two routes, approximately five minutes apart from 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. The first route will run from Paulson Stadium; down Lanier Drive; and turn onto Lanier Drive; dropping off students at the University Store. The second route will also start at Paulson Stadium; drive to the RAC and turn down Akins Boulevard to the driveway-loop at the College of Education building.

The bus system will be paid through student fees, pending approval by the Board of Regents. This means that there will not be a per ride fare and parking at Paulson Stadium will not require a parking pass. The buses will be run on compressed natural gas, which is more environmentally sound than diesel gas.

Reactions to the change have been mixed. Ben Parker, senior computer science major, thinks that the bus system could be a good thing. "People will be annoyed by the change in parking on campus, but it will probably alleviate a lot of traffic congestion. I plan to get a parking pass in the free overflow IT lot, I don't want to pay for a permit," said Parker.

Junior Margaret Reeves thinks the system will be hard to adjust to. "I would love to buy one, but am not allowed to because of where I live, Campus Club," said Reeves. "I think the bus system is going to give people headaches because it is going to be stressful waiting for them, so I am just going to walk most of the time."

Alex Taylor, junior criminal justice major feels the changes will not affect her. "I live on campus, in Southern Courtyard, so we are not allowed to have parking passes; but I don't mind walking for ten minutes to get to class," said Taylor.

For more information on the parking and transportation changes, visit [www.georgiasouthern.edu/park/](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/park/).

# Chorale and Symphonic Wind Ensemble tours Europe

By Rachel Weeks  
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Over 120 students and students from the Georgia Southern Chorale and the Georgia Southern Symphonic Wind Ensemble are currently touring Europe, sharing their music at landmark locations like St. Peter's Basilica and learning at a Bavarian music academy, inside a German castle.

The tour started with a band trip to Germany in 2000 that was designed to get more students and faculty involved. This year, the tour grew to include several stops for both the chorale and the band, a three-week academic residency and opportunities to sightseeing in several world-renowned cities.

The chorale performed for mass at St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, San Vito Romano, Monterubbiano and in Florence. The band has performed in San Vito Romano, Monterubbiano, and Pont St. Martin. "The mass at St Peter's Basilica was a magical experience. While not a concert performance, the opportunity to participate in service at the largest church in the world, and the center of the Catholic Church was a life changing experience," said Director of Choral Activities, Rod Caldwell, "I do not believe there were many 'dry eyes' in the choir at the conclusion of the service."

The performances in San Vito Romano were particularly special for Dr Linda Cionitti. Her family is from Artena, Italy, which is only about 15 to 20 kilometers from San Vito Romano. She was able to meet her family for the first time on Thursday, and perform for them in San Vito on Friday. Caldwell noted the performance was met by thunderous applause and many 'Bravos'.

Monterubbiano is a small mountain village in the Marche region on the Adriatic coast. Over the past several years, GSU has cultivated a relationship with the town and the town band.

Performances by both the choir



The GSU Chorale sings to a full hall in the town of Monterubbiano on the Adriatic Coast.

Special Photo

and the band were packed and met by multiple standing ovations and encores. According to Caldwell, the choir's performance was the first ever by an American choir in Monterubbiano.

Most of the students and some of the faculty will spend the last three weeks of the trip, from May 29 until June 18, taking classes in at a Bavarian music academy located inside a castle in Germany. The classes count as credit hours like Study Abroad courses but are taught by faculty from GSU.

Caldwell said the trip has been a huge success so far. "Our students have impressed not only with their talents, but with their character... what wonderful ambassadors for Georgia Southern."



The Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs in Monterubbiano.

Special Photo

# BIG EASY, FROM THE FRONT

pastor who is African American. "The people who control public discourse here don't like to talk about it. It's not good for business. But this is really two cities."

New Orleans City Councilman John A. Batt Jr., who is white, said Jones' death had forced the city to acknowledge racial divisions and address the economic gap between blacks and whites.

"We're in the 21st century," Batt said. "This is not the time nor place to mess with discrimination on any level. Hopefully this will be just a hiccup and we will get back to being one of the great cities of the United States."

A series of battles in coming months will determine whether it will.

Some African American leaders, for example, are marshaling to fight the state's threatened takeover of the local school district, which serves 64,000 children — 94% of them black. The district is in such disarray that teachers nearly didn't get paid last month.

Black leaders also want tourism-oriented businesses to include more African Americans in management and programs to give blacks greater access to homeownership in the city.

"There will never come a day when the last of racism dies," said Silas Lee, an African American who owns a local polling and research company and teaches sociology at Xavier University of Louisiana, specializing in issues related to race and ethnicity. "But we have to address the issue of social, economic and education equity. People need access. They need to be treated fairly. That's all they want."

With a tourism industry that generates about \$5 billion a year in revenue, New Orleans bills itself as the quintessential melting pot, a city of uncommon diversity, where food, architecture and ethos trace their lineages to a bright spectrum of influences — Spain, France, Africa, the West Indies.

By some measures, African Americans comprise a larger proportion of

the population here than in any other metropolitan region in the nation, and New Orleans seems to perpetually celebrate jazz, a largely African American art.

But the city seems to have stumbled upon the awkward realization that there is a difference between cultural diversity, which the city has in abundance, and economic diversity, which it does not.

The city has periodic, lucrative "black weekends" aimed at black tourists, featuring, for example, the Essence Music Festival and the Bayou Classic, an annual football game between two historically black Louisiana colleges.

The rest of the year, many in New Orleans contend, the city — particularly the famous French Quarter — has become a white playground surrounded by poor, black neighborhoods.

Early on the morning of Dec. 31, Jones, a senior at here visiting New Orleans for an annual flag football tournament, tried to enter Razzoo Bar

& Patio with a friend and teammate, Anthony Williams.

There was a crowd outside guarded by half a dozen bouncers — large, strong men, black and white, known in the French Quarter for their confrontational style. Williams was denied entry — why is unclear — and an argument broke out. When Jones tried to intervene, three bouncers pinned him to the ground.

A passerby captured the altercation on video and gave the tape to local television stations, which aired it repeatedly this spring. The tape, and an ensuing investigation, show that as New Orleans police officers stood nearby, one bouncer held Jones' legs, another sat on his back and a third held him in a headlock. The coroner said Jones, who was legally drunk with a blood-alcohol level of 0.12, suffocated.

Jones' family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the club, seeking unspecified damages and claiming that race was a factor in the incident. The bouncers have been charged

with negligent homicide and freed on bond. They have not entered pleas.

The club said its employees acted appropriately and said Jones and Williams assaulted the bouncers.

"Uninformed accusers who do not know us, and who are blindly crying racism against Razzoo and its staff, do not serve the cause of racial justice, because their emotion-driven accusations are based on a foundation of sand and not on fact," said Razzoo lawyer Steve Witman.

In an effort to quantify some of New Orleans' problems, Nagin commissioned the nonprofit Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center — which typically investigates allegations of discrimination in the housing market — to look into claims of racism in the French Quarter this spring.

Teams of young adults, black and white, visited 28 French Quarter bars. The groups coordinated their dress — some dressed sloppily, while others made sure to wear dress shoes and no hats — and their drink orders.

In more than half of the bars vis-

ited, whites were treated better than blacks. At nearly half, blacks were victims of price-gouging. They were told more often than whites that they must abide by a drink minimum to enter, and they were more frequently told — as Williams reportedly was before the scuffle that killed Jones — that they did not satisfy a dress code.

James Perry, the executive director of the housing center, said the different standards were part of an elaborate, off-the-books effort to establish "quotas" on the number of blacks in some bars. He said some bars believed they could maintain a steadier profit margin by avoiding being labeled black clubs.

One of the white testers, Casey (the agency withheld participants' last names to protect them) said he was charged \$7.25 for a Long Island iced tea, a potent drink that is popular among young adults. His black counterpart, Anthony, was charged \$9 at the same bar 10 minutes later.

"Being white, I almost felt like I was part of the problem," Casey said.

# Only in America

## Toddler survives three-story plunge

NEW YORK — A Bronx tot survived a three-story fall from his window Tuesday when he landed on an awning, police and witnesses said.

Albert Otero, 2, managed to lift the apartment window past the



New York

window guards and climb out while his mother was napping just inches

away on the sofa, his mother's roommate, Maria Mendez, said.

A tenant in the next-door building happened to be leaning out the window, saw Albert tumble out and quickly got help.

The boy slipped in and out of alertness as EMS workers rushed to the scene.

The boy's mother, Jackie Velasquez, woke to the sounds of sirens and looked out the window to see workers tending to her son.

Mendez said detectives told her the boy would survive but suffered some broken bones.

## Neil Armstrong wants his hair back

CINCINNATI — Apollo moon mission astronaut Neil Armstrong has threatened to sue a barbershop owner who collected Armstrong's hair after a trim and sold it for \$3,000.

Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, used to go to Marx's Barber Shop in Lebanon about



Ohio

once a month for a cut. That stopped when he learned that owner Marx Sizemore had collected his hair clippings from the floor

and sold them in May 2004 to a collector.

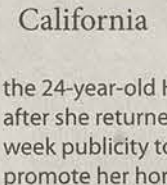
"I didn't deny it or anything," Sizemore said. "I told him I did it."

Sizemore said he sold the hair to an agent for John Reznikoff, a Westport, Conn., collector listed by Guinness World Records as having the largest collection of hair from historical celebrities. The collection, insured for \$1 million, includes hair from Abraham Lincoln, Marilyn Monroe, Albert Einstein and Napoleon.

## Paris Hilton engaged

LOS ANGELES — Hotel heiress and "The Simple Life" reality TV star Paris Hilton is engaged to her boyfriend, Greek shipping heir Paris Latsis.

Hilton spokesman Rob Shuter confirmed a story first reported on People magazine's Web site. He says the couple are "happy and excited."



California

Latsis proposed to the 24-year-old Hilton Wednesday after she returned from a three-week publicity tour in Europe to promote her horror flick "House of Wax" and her new fragrance.

The couple have been dating for about eight months.

No wedding date has been set. It would be the first marriage for both.

## Twenty thousand bees infest home

TULSA — Beekeepers plan to remove about 20,000 bees from Eric and Jacque Scholl's home in the historic Swan Lake neighborhood.



Oklahoma

The Scholls called for professional help

after their 3-year-old son, Nicholas, was stung.

Beekeepers Bruce and Joyce Caldwell found several hives under the floor of the second story of the Scholls' house. The bee combs under the floor were about 6 inches thick and extended several feet.

A modified vacuum cleaner will be used to suck the bees out through a length of tube and deposit them in a sealed container. The bees will be taken to an apiary, where their honey will be harvested.

## Man in Grinch mask arrested

WHEELING — City and county attorneys are defending Wheeling police who arrested a man for wearing a Grinch mask while walking along a city street.

Norman Eugene Gray, 42, was arrested Tuesday.

Officers saw Gray about 8:45



West Virginia

a.m. Tuesday, told him to take the mask off and not put it on again. Gray removed it and asked

why he could not wear it, according to Wheeling police reports. Officers told him wearing masks in public is illegal.

Gray said he felt he had a right to wear it and said it was not illegal. He put the mask back on and was arrested. The mask was confiscated.

Wearing a mask or hood in public is a misdemeanor under state law, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or up to a year in jail, or both.

## Yearbook prank attracts attention from Secret Service

WIDEFIELD — Most Mesa Ridge High School students got yearbooks with a black mark under one student's picture, covering up a phrase that has caught the Secret



Colorado

Service's interest.

After about 100 yearbooks were distributed May 6,

somebody complained about the caption, which reads "most likely to assassinate President Bush." School officials asked students to return the yearbooks, and staff members used markers to cover up the words in those and the still-undistributed books.

Widefield School District officials said it was a prank that wasn't caught before the yearbooks were printed.

Lon Garner, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Denver District, said all threats against the president must be investigated.

"That's our mission," he said. "That's what we do."

## Peacocks take over Florida home

REDLANDS — Shortly after Bill and Shirley Poulos bought their home in Redlands, Florida, 18 years ago, an unexpected housewarming gift showed up in their front yard.

It started out as two peacocks,



Florida

but the pair didn't remain a couple for very long.

Now the couple have, at last count, about 130

peacocks, prompting their home to be dubbed the birdie bordello.

While they're certainly not an endangered animal, these proud pests are protected by Florida authorities.

According to the couple, the state basically has told them it's their problem because they are living in the birds' habitat.

A local conservation group is now trying to help get the peacocks to move. They hope to seduce enough of them to build a peacock exhibit far away from the Poulos' home.

# National News Briefs

## Former FBI official steps forward as Watergate's 'Deep Throat'

WASHINGTON — Watergate whistleblower Deep Throat played a central role in one of the biggest White House scandals ever, helping bring down a president and inspire a political mystery so famous his nickname earned an entry in Webster's. Thirty years later, the source is secret no more.

At age 91, after decades of hiding his role as The Washington Post's tipster from politicians, the public and even his family, former FBI official W. Mark Felt told his secret to a lawyer his family had consulted on whether Felt should come forward.

The attorney, John O'Connor, wrote a Vanity Fair magazine article revealing Felt's disclosure, and

within hours of the story's release Tuesday, Felt's family and the Post confirmed it.

"I'm the guy they used to call Deep Throat," Vanity Fair quoted Felt as saying.

"It's the last secret" of the story, said Ben Bradlee, the paper's top editor at the time the riveting political drama played out three decades ago.

Felt lives in Santa Rosa, Calif., and is said to be in poor mental and physical health because of a stroke.

His family did not immediately make him available for comment, asking the news media horde gathered outside his home to respect his privacy "in view of his age and health."

Watergate reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein said in a statement: "W. Mark Felt was 'Deep Throat' and helped us immeasurably in our Watergate coverage."

However, as the record shows, many other sources and officials assisted us and other reporters for the hundreds of stories that were written in The Washington Post about Watergate.

Woodward, Bernstein and Bradlee had kept the identity of Deep Throat secret at his request, saying his name would be revealed upon his death.

Then Felt revealed it himself, a move that startled Woodward and the Post, the newspaper reported.



Associated Press

Watergate reporters Bob Woodward, right, and Carl Bernstein kept the identity of Deep Throat secret at his request for over three decades.

## California landslide destroys 18 homes

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — A landslide sent 18 multimillion-dollar houses crashing down a hill in Southern California early Wednesday as homeowners alarmed by the sound of walls and pipes coming apart ran for their lives in their nightclothes.

At least four people suffered minor injuries.

About 1,000 people in 350 other homes in the Blue Bird Canyon area were evacuated as a precaution.

watched and one boy videotaped, according to investigators.

Two boys were charged in juvenile court with rape, kidnapping and sexual battery. Regina Crenshaw, who was removed as principal over the incident, was charged with failing to call police.

Crenshaw said Wednesday she did not break the law, because the girl's father called police.

If convicted, she could get anything from probation to 30 days in jail.

## Internet group approves new 'xxx' web addresses

WASHINGTON — The Internet's primary oversight body approved a plan Wednesday to create a virtual red-light district, setting the stage for pornographic Web sites to use new addresses ending in "xxx."

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers said it would begin negotiations with ICM Registry Inc. to iron out technical issues and prices for the new Web addresses.

## SEC chairman stepping down

WASHINGTON — Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman William Donaldson, picked by President Bush to restore confidence in a stock market shaken by corporate scandals, announced his resignation Wednesday.

A Republican and Bush family friend, Donaldson was an activist who often clashed with traditional GOP business allies.

They chafed over what they perceived as an excessive regulatory zeal during Donaldson's tenure.

## Coca-Cola employees end weeklong strike

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Nearly 2,000 Coca-Cola employees in Southern California reached a tentative five-year contract with the company early Wednesday, ending a weeklong strike and stopping a rally that had been planned for later in the day.

Workers went on strike May 24 amid a dispute over proposed pay hikes that they contended wouldn't cover increased health care costs, said Hilda Delgado, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

Negotiators for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. reached an agreement at 1 a.m. Wednesday after talks that included pickets, a possible boycott and a rally.

The agreement affects some 1,700 drivers, bottlers and warehouse workers in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The agreement has been "fully recommended" by union negotiators and that the company was expecting workers to approve the new contract, said Bob Phillips, a spokesman with Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California.

## Ex-principal charged in sexual assault case

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two students were charged Wednesday with sexually assaulting a mentally disabled girl in a high school auditorium. The former principal was charged with failing to notify police.

The case generated criticism because school officials did not immediately report the allegations to police and said they feared the negative media attention if they did.

The 16-year-old girl told a teacher at Mifflin High School that she had been dragged into the auditorium March 9 and forced to perform oral sex on at least two boys as other students

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"Republicans want smaller government for the same reason crooks want fewer cops: it's easier to get away with murder."

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## OUR VIEW

# Use of anonymous sources beneficial at times

AT ISSUE: Is not revealing sources unethical?

There are some who believe that anonymous sources have no place in journalism.

Most recently, *Newsweek* Magazine is under fire for their reporting of U.S. soldiers desecrating the Quran in their questioning of detainees at a military prison. Much of the information contained in the story came from anonymous sources.

The New York Post had a similar situation when they said early on that Dick Gephardt would be John Kerry's running mate in 2004. They were wrong as well, attributing the error to an erroneous report from an unnamed source.

There are some that feel anonymous sources are a bit unethical, and that people who give these

anonymous tips should "put their money where their mouth is" so to speak.

That is a pretty good argument for the most part. There's no reason why a person would not want to reveal his or her identity when commenting or providing information on a topic such as a campus building project, which we here at *The George-Anne* have encountered before.

This type of information is essentially public knowledge, and really just needs a source to ensure factual reporting.

Other cases, though, when dealing with more sensitive issues, a person may want to remain unnamed because of the risk he or she may face if identified.

The thing is, anonymous sources are important in some cases. On Tuesday, "Deep Throat," also known as W. Mark Felt, was revealed as the source that provided *Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein the information to proceed with the investigation of President Richard Nixon and his scandalous dealings.

Without his help, there would have been no story, and no uncovering of one of the biggest political scandals our country has seen.

In this case Felt couldn't have possibly delivered the information without absolute fear of reprisal. He, after all, was going up against a two-term, overwhelmingly popular president.

Felt himself said he didn't think it was safe to reveal his identity after the news broke because Americans would see him as a traitor. Now, though, we hail his actions as heroic because he had courage — or did he really?

As is mentioned above, anonymous sources can backfire. But the case with Felt should be reassuring that these sources can be beneficial.

When it comes down to it, it's important that when journalists decide to use anonymous sources, they check to make sure the information provided is airtight.

But don't hold your breath — anonymous sources will remain to be less-than-common in *The G-A*.

## Morgan Marsh LOOKING AHEAD

# Let's save our planet

A friend recently said to me, "You can dance around an elephant all day long and pretend it's not there... But it's real when you admit it out loud."

The U.S. currently uses nearly one third of the entire world's fossil fuels.

We consume close to one fourth of the world's energy in North America alone. Cleaning up litter costs state and local governments millions of dollars each year.

Those are the facts. You can pretend our growing environmental problems are not severe, or that we'll "figure a way out of the problems eventually," but the sooner you admit it to yourself, the sooner you can help do something about it.

Planet Earth is the only home we have. Of course there's

always someone out there who'll say we'll find another place to live on, that Earth isn't the only place out there. Well, you can dance around that elephant all your life if it makes you happy.

But the reality is, this is all we have right now. Why are we constantly finding new ways to clutter and destroy Earth instead of working to improve it? It's not too late quite yet. We could make it the beautiful home it once was again, instead of trying so hard to run away from the mess we've made of it.

There are countless little things you can do every day that will have an enormous impact on the health of our home.

Here are a few very small changes you can make that could make a very big difference

1. Recycle. Recycling is especially convenient on college campuses. There are recycle bins in every building and on nearly every path through our campus. There are bins on every floor in every dorm and in or near every on-campus restaurant.

Even for those who don't live on-campus, recycling is still very convenient. Set aside one or two extra trashcans in your kitchen for aluminum cans or glass. You'd be surprised at how many people would actually throw their used cans in a recycle bin if it were there. There are recycling centers all over Statesboro where you can drop off just about any kind of recyclable material. Bulloch County Recycling has six recycling centers very close to campus open seven days a week and ten centers open five days a week.

2. Stop littering. It can't get much simpler than that. Trashcans are everywhere, especially on college campuses. It's not too inconvenient to wait 30 seconds to throw your candy wrapper in the trashcan instead of on the grass. Hold on to your plastic cup a few minutes longer instead of setting in on a curb.

Wait an extra few seconds to put your cigarette out until you reach an ashtray. If you stop to think about what you're doing to our environment each time you're tempted to litter, you'll realize how easy it is not to.

3. Donate. Americans today are far too wasteful. America generates more waste every year, growing from 247 million tons of non-hazardous waste in 1990, to 409 million tons in 2001, according to *Bicycle Magazine*.

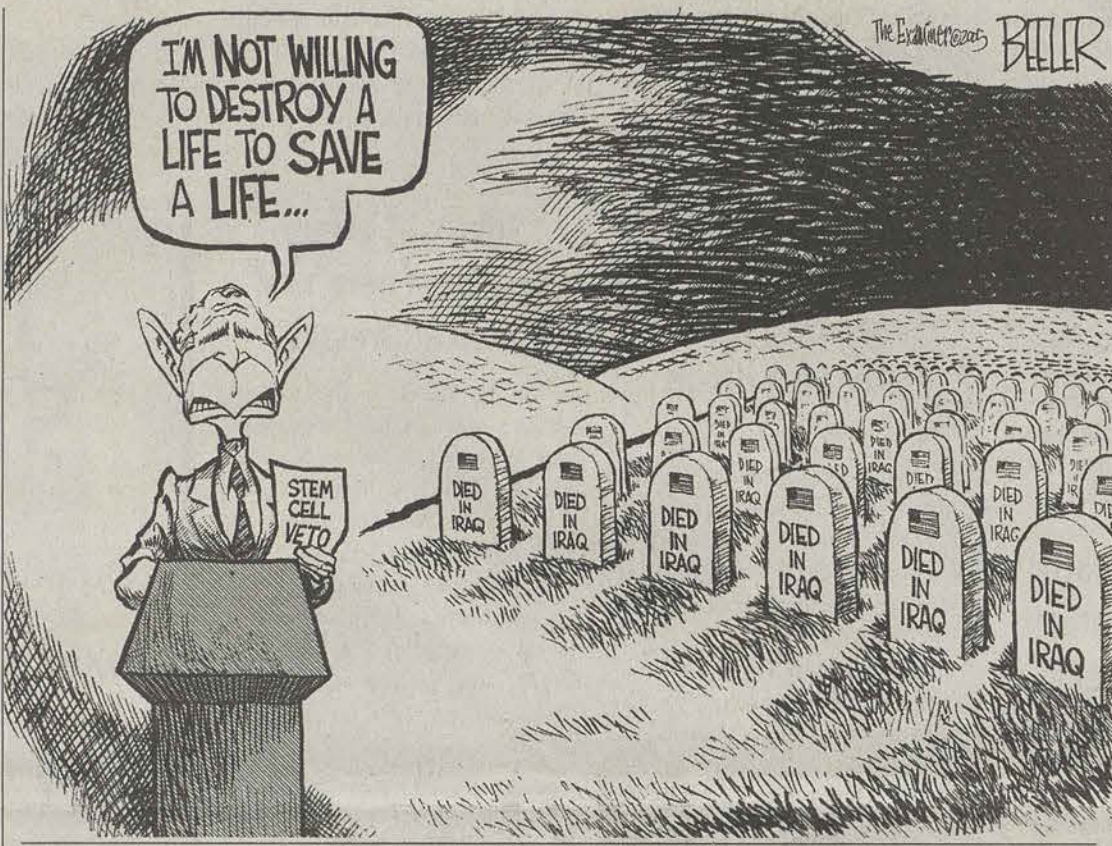
We trash old clothes, furniture, textbooks and household items when we get bored with them. It would take five minutes to drive your unwanted possessions to the Goodwill just down the street from campus.

There are far more than just those three simple things you can do to clean up our environment and cut down on the amount of energy and resources we waste every day.

Conserve water by not leaving your faucet running when you brush your teeth. Cut down on the amount of electricity wasted by turning lights off when you leave a room and by turning off CD players and appliances when you aren't using them.

The first step toward improving our environment is simply to become aware of the problems. Take the next small step by doing your own part to improve conditions. By showing that you care enough to do something about our growing environmental issues, you can set a great example for others around you.

The more people realize the problems are real, and that they can make help fix them, the better off we will all be in the long run. Show that you care by picking a couple of these changes to make in your everyday life. You'll be shocked how easy it is.



## Letters: YOUR TURN

# America needs to restore traditional ways of life

Wake up America. We're under attack and it's not just from the terrorists. Our way of life is facing the biggest threat since World War II, and the Cold War. Immigrants have decided to use our constitution against us to change our country as they see fit.

The sad part is, that some of our leaders still can't see what is going on. The ones that can see are apparently willing to sell our country out, in order to create the illusion of a healthy economy. Somehow, they have the impression that the only thing that matters is a growing economy.

They have conveniently forgotten all the wars that we have fought to maintain our way of life.

They are using unlimited population growth from both illegal and legal immigration to grow the economy to try to pay for their overspending over the past decades.

This in reality is a cancerous growth. The combination of illegal immigrants driving down wages, free trade, military expenditures overseas, and foreign aid is pushing us into the abyss.

We must combine the religious people with people who want this country to remain English speaking.

We can do this with one combination amendment calling it the "traditional amendment."

This will easily pass with at least 70 percent of the population supporting it.

This proposed amendment would not combine church and state, but only restore it to the way it was in recent decades.

This amendment will protect the pledge of allegiance, prayer before sporting events, and Christmas pageants, along with ensuring our homes, neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and governments remain in English.

Write Todd at [tneufeld@access4less.net](mailto:tneufeld@access4less.net)

# Few bright spots in newly signed tinting law

I am very upset with Governor Sonny Perdue, who recently signed House Bill 20, which reinstates Georgia's window tint law.

The law became effective on May 2. However, troopers are not supposed to issue citations until after May 31.

The first problem with this law is that it applies to all vehicles, whether they are registered in Georgia or another state. So a person from Florida driving thru the state, whose state allows for darker tint than Georgia, could be fined or imprisoned. How are they going to know what Georgia's tint laws are?

The second problem is that people who already bought darker tint will have to get a lighter tint. It was a poor choice to restore a law that provided little if any benefit, but a lot of aggravation.

A high quality tint job cost several hundred dollars. Is Perdue willing to pay for the old tint to be removed

and the lighter tint to be applied?

The penalty for violating the new law is very expensive. The fine can be up to \$1,000 and/or up to 12 months in jail.

"The window tint law is a safety issue for drivers so they can better see approaching vehicles while they drive," said Colonel Bill Hitchens, commander of the Georgia State Patrol.

If this is true, then why are certain vehicles such as vans owned by churches exempt?

Not only does dark window tinting help to keep the interior of your vehicle cool, it also looks cool. Cars that are black or other dark color generally look better with dark tint as opposed to no tint at all.

Once again, this was a poor choice for Perdue to sign this House Bill.

Write Jimi at [bigthree48504@yahoo.com](mailto:bigthree48504@yahoo.com).

## Adam Fogle GUEST COLUMNIST

# State needs to limit power of Regents

The State of Georgia is at a crossroads. Education is stagnant and has been for many years. In nearly every assessment of secondary and post-secondary education in the United States, Georgia ranks in the bottom 10.

Very few individuals within the state will argue that education is a problem. Determining culpability however, is not quite as collective. It may seem trite to point fingers, but without accountability it is impossible to reach a resolution.

Students cannot be held responsible. Many strive for A's in a system that itself cannot pull a D. It is not the fault of the professors. They are doing everything possible to perform their job while having their hands tied by statewide regulations.

The blame falls in three places: politicians, apathetic institutions and the omnipotent Board of Regents.

Politicians will always be politicians. They listen to educators and lobbyists and in turn allocate resources and power as is best for their districts.

The other two however are like the child that gets caught with his hand in the cookie jar: they know better.

Many of the colleges and universities have themselves augmented the situation

by remaining idle while the Georgia State Board of Regents has instituted an educational train wreck (I will refrain from mentioning the names of any "esteemed professionals" at Georgia Southern, but will point you toward the Office of the Registrar and the Writing & Linguistics Department).

The cadre of eighteen known as the Board of Regents has generated an inexorable amount of power over education in Georgia, which has resulted in the formation of an over-reaching oligarchy. Appointed by the Governor to seven-year terms, they control the funding, core curriculum, and regent's exams for the 34 schools in the University System of Georgia.

They rein nearly complete control over the tuition, structure and content of public post-secondary education. Every student who attends a public college or university in the state of Georgia is subjected to the absolute rule of eighteen people in Atlanta.

The board has systematically intensified the festering of Georgia's collegiate public education system through the creation of ham-handed parameters. "Reading, writing and arithmetic" have been replaced with red tape, regimentation and redundancy. The strict regulation of this regime has rendered them non-compos

Standardization is clearly not the answer. Georgia is struggling for air and has become blinded by its impending suffocation. Rather than focusing on a communal solution to the problem, it has dumped it in the lap of an incompetent proprietary board.

If the State of Georgia is serious, if it honestly wishes to prevent an educational meltdown, then it must reduce the power of the board of regents and downgrade the body to an advisory board. The board can offer ideas and suggestions, but only the schools can decide what is best for their system. Minimizing unnecessary regulations will allow schools to set their own standards, free from needless educational regulation.

The State of Georgia is at a crossroads. To the left is the Board of Regents; to the right is the road to Damascus.

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## Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2005. There are 212 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain was crowned in Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

**On This Date:**  
 -In 1886, President Cleveland married Frances Folsom in a White House ceremony.  
 -In 1924, Congress granted U.S. citi-

zenship to all American Indians.  
 -In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.  
 -In 1946, the Italian monarchy was abolished in favor of a republic.  
 -In 1966, the U.S. space probe Surveyor One landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.  
 -In 1975, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.  
 -In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in

his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.  
 -In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the Oklahoma City bombing. (He was executed in June 2001.)  
 -Five years ago: President Clinton, visiting Germany, was honored with the prestigious International Charlemagne Prize at Aachen Cathedral.  
 -One year ago: Three foreign aid workers and two Afghans were shot and killed in an ambush in northwestern Afghanistan in an attack claimed by resurgent Taliban militants.  
 "Today in History" information provided by the Associated Press.



# SPORTS



AP Photo/David J. Phillip  
Phoenix Suns' Amare Stoudemire (32) loses the ball as San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) defends during the fourth quarter of Game 5 in the Western Conference Finals Wednesday.

## Spurs end finals with 101-95 win over Suns

By Jaime Aron  
Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs no longer have to worry about being on the wrong side of playoff history — or about facing Amare Stoudemire. All they have to think about now is trying to win another NBA championship.

Tim Duncan had 31 points and 15 rebounds and the Spurs' defense keyed a gamechanging 18-4 third-quarter run, giving them enough of a cushion to hold off Stoudemire and the Phoenix Suns with a 101-95 victory Wednesday night that ended the Western Conference finals in five games.

As thrilled as the Spurs are about making the Finals for the second time in three years, and third in seven, they're likely also relieved to be done with this series — and Stoudemire.

San Antonio led 3-0 before losing Game 4 at home and certainly didn't want to go home for a Game 6 with the Suns halfway to pulling off a comeback that's unprecedented in NBA history, but fresh in the mind of all sports fans after the Boston Red Sox did it last October.

The victory gives Duncan's aching ankles and Manu Ginobili's bumps and bruises plenty of time to heal

while San Antonio waits to find out whether it will next face Miami or Detroit. The Heat and Pistons are tied 2-2 with Game 5 on Thursday night in Miami. The final round will start June 9, and the Spurs, who won it all in 1999 and 2003, will be the home team regardless.

Stoudemire almost kept the Suns' fabulous season alive by scoring 17 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter, several of them on the powerful slam dunks that have become his calling card.

His 37-point average in this series broke Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record for a conference finals first-timer and he set the club record for consecutive playoff games with at least 30 points, doing so in all five. Phoenix hadn't even had a player score 30 points in five straight regular-season games since Charles Barkley in March 1993.

Stoudemire scored the final two points just before time expired, then congratulated Duncan after the buzzer, with the two-time MVP offering congrats of his own.

"These guys are an incredible offensive team and they kept coming but we stuck with it," Duncan said. "These weren't the kind of scores we like to play in but we made it happen."

## Johnson double lifts Nationals past Braves

Nick Johnson's two-run double in the seventh inning drove in the winning runs as the Nationals edged the Atlanta Braves 5-4 in Washington on Tuesday. Atlanta remained in a tie at the top of the division with the Florida Marlins, who were 5-4 losers in Pittsburgh.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF  
GSU Senior Jason Hurst beats out a throw to first base earlier this season. The Eagle left fielder, who hit .390 with 10 HR's and 60 RBI's, was signed by the Boston Red Sox as a free agent yesterday.

## Hurst signs contract with Boston Red Sox

GSU's starting left-fielder, SoCon leader, says contract is a dream

Athletics Media Relations

Jason Hurst, a fifth-year senior on the Georgia Southern baseball team, signed a free agent contract with the Boston Red Sox on Monday (May 30).

He reports this week to the Red Sox's spring training facility in Fort Myers, Florida.

The starting left fielder, Hurst helped the Eagles to a 38-22 overall record and 18-11 mark in the Southern Conference. GSU finished second in the SoCon standings and was the tournament runner-up.

Hurst, one of three Eagles to start all 60 games, ended the year with a .390 batting average. He hit a

team-high 24 doubles with one triple and 10 home runs. Among the GSU season "Top 10", Hurst was third in doubles. Hurst also led the Eagles with 60 RBI in addition to his 49 runs scored, 94 hits, 31 walks and 11 stolen bases.

Currently, among the SoCon leaders Hurst ranks second in doubles, fourth in total bases, seventh in batting average and slugging percentage (.622), tied for sixth in hits and home runs and 10th in on-base percentage (.466). Including the last nine games of 2004, he strung together a 25-game hitting streak then late in the season put together a 24-game stretch. Those rank as the second and third longest season hit-

ting streaks in GSU history.

During his two-plus years at GS, Hurst played in 103 games recording a career .380 batting average. The Thomasville native set personal-highs in every offensive category this season. He is one of nine seniors that GSU loses.

"Playing professional baseball has always been a dream, I've worked towards this my entire career. All I can ask for is an opportunity and I am excited to get that," said Hurst. "I had thoughts on waiting to sign until after the draft (next week) but Boston is a first-class organization. I decided to go ahead and sign now. I'll start playing immediately. I'm ready to hit the ground running."

## 49ers training video used racist jokes, porn

An in-house video meant to prepare 49ers players for dealing with the media backfired on the NFL team Wednesday after it was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle. The 15-minute film, featuring racist jokes, lesbian soft-porn and topless blondes

## Golf at NCAA Championships thru this week

Golf channel to air play daily

Athletics Media Relations

BALTIMORE, Md. — The Georgia Southern golf team carded a 6-over 286 in the opening round of the NCAA Championships at Caves Valley Golf Club Wednesday afternoon in Baltimore, Md. The Eagles currently sit 4th among teams who played in the early round of the day, while Aron Price shot a team low 4-under 66 to have the overall lead of the tournament.

David Palm shot a 70 (E), including three birdies, while Kurt Watkins finished two strokes behind him at 72 (+3). Jon David Kennedy finished the day 7-over 77 after struggling on the back nine, carding four bogeys and a double bogey. Bryan Jones had similar trouble this morning, recording three bogeys and two double bogeys before carding two birdies in the afternoon, finishing at 8-over 78.

Complete results will be available at the conclusion of today's first round.

Second and third round action will see the Eagles teeing off at 1:30 p.m. from the 10th tee. The Golf Channel will begin its national coverage on Thursday, with coverage running every day from 3-5 p.m.

You can follow all the action live at [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com).



Hillary Jones/STAFF  
GSU golfer Aron Price chips onto the green.

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