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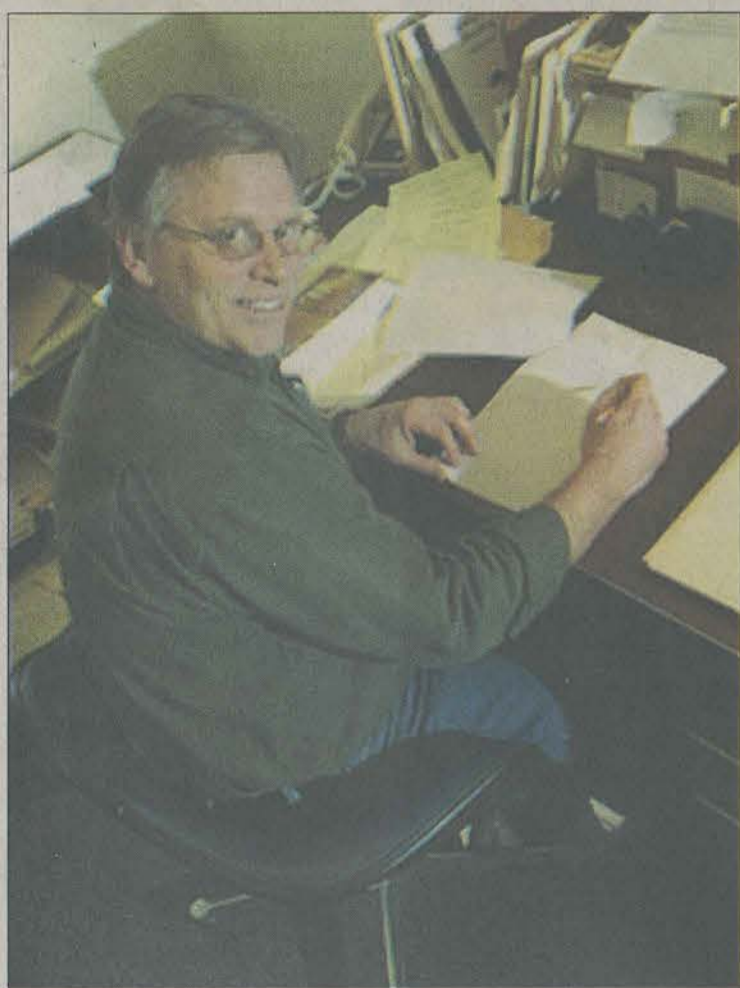


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Eric Nelson, a poetry professor at GSU, was named best poetry writer by the Georgia Writers Association.

Georgia writers name professor best poetry writer

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern associate professor Eric Nelson has been honored by the Georgia Writers Association (GWA) for his most recent collection of poems.

The acting chair of the university's Department of Writing and Linguistics, Nelson was named Georgia Author of the Year for Poetry at the 41st annual awards ceremony hosted by the GWA in Atlanta last weekend.

Nelson was recognized for his book of poems titled "Terrestrials," which was published in August 2004 by Texas Review/Texas A&M Press. "Terrestrials" was previously selected as the winner of the X.J. Kennedy Poetry Prize competition sponsored by Texas Review.

"Professor Nelson is one of our

shining stars," said Jane Rhoades Hudak, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, which houses the Department of Writing and Linguistics. "He is a gifted poet and we are so glad that he is finally getting the recognition he deserves."

Part of GSU's faculty since 1989, Nelson has taught courses in creative writing, composition, American and British poetry, and world literature. He is the author of four books of poetry, and his work has been featured in numerous other publications.

The GWA is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the skill, craft and art of language and communication. It is dedicated to promoting literacy and heightening awareness in both the creative and the business aspects of the writing life.



He just beat it

(AP) - Part of Michael Jackson's winning legal strategy was convincing jurors that his accuser's family intended to get rich by suing the pop star for a cash bonanza. Whether that happens to Jackson may soon be clear.

When a celebrated criminal case ends without a conviction, it is often not the end of the defendant's legal troubles — O.J. Simpson, Kobe Bryant and Robert Blake are just a few celebrities who have been hit with civil suits.

During Jackson's criminal trial — which ended Monday with the pop star being cleared of molesting a 13-year-old boy — defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. told jurors that the accuser and his mother were "looking for a big payday" at the pop star's expense. The mother testified she did not want "the devil's money."

Associated Press



BUG OFF!

West Nile Virus a seasonal concern

By Rachel Weeks
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West Nile Virus is a potentially serious disease often spread through mosquito bites that has become a seasonal concern as the number of mosquitoes grows every summer. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), only about one out of 150 people infected with the disease develop severe illness.

The CDC says that in most cases, about 80 percent of the time, humans bitten by mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus show no symptoms at all. Less than one percent of those bitten develop severe symptoms including high fever, disorientation, coma, convulsions, vision loss and paralysis, but effects can be permanent.

There is no cure for West Nile Virus, but the symptoms can be treated through hospitalization, intravenous fluids, respiratory support and medical care. Although it's difficult to predict how severe this season might be, some public health officials fear that an unusually wet winter in parts of the West could cause a boom of mosquitoes.

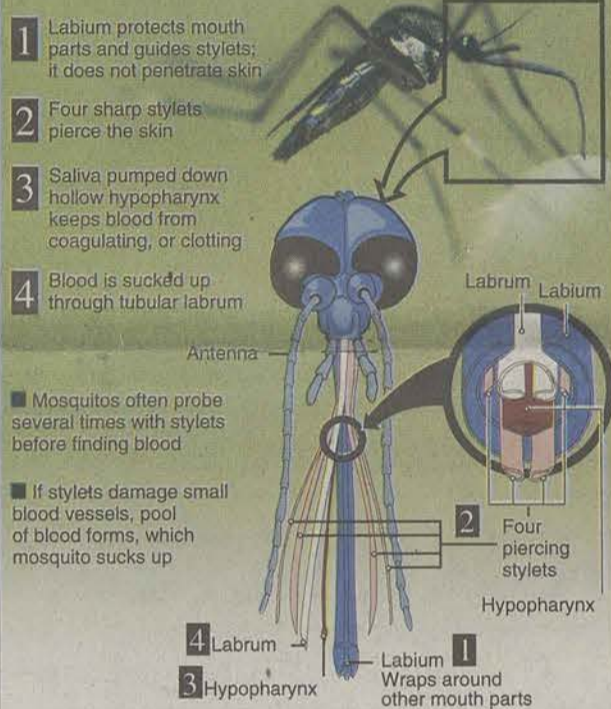
According to wire reports, West Nile has marched steadily westward since first attacking New York in 1999, killing 684 people and infecting more than 16,000. California bore the brunt last year with more than 800 infections and 28 deaths.

Head Nurse at the Health Center, Carol Turknott, said there are many precautions that can be taken to prevent bites that could potentially transfer the disease.

"The easiest way to avoid mosquito bites is to use insect repellents containing DEET. Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn and wearing light colors can help you see the mosquitoes," said Turknott. "There is no cure for West Nile Virus so the best thing is to try to prevent it. It's very important right now, especially

A mosquito's bite

A mosquito's specialized mouth parts let it suck blood from its victims and, in some cases, transmit disease.



Mosquito-borne diseases

West Nile virus Usually mild illness; in severe cases, brain inflammation	Malaria Causes chills and fever; 1 to 2 million people die of it annually	Encephalitis Deadly brain inflammation caused by a virus	Yellow fever Virus that damages the liver	Dengue Viruses cause muscle and joint pain and fever
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after all the recent rain, to get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water in flower pots, birdbaths or wading pools."

Birds are most affected by the virus. The American Bird Conservancy says that thousands of birds have been diagnosed as having died from the virus since 1999. Some birds can build an immunity to the virus, but others are particularly likely to become ill and die.

At the GSU Wildlife Center, the birds are carefully monitored each year, and blood tests have shown that many of the birds have already come in contact with the virus and build up antibodies that make them

immune. Steps have been taken to prevent the birds at the Center from contracting the disease.

"Especially in the South it is difficult to eliminate the possibility of birds being bitten by mosquitoes, but a brand new holding facility for the birds has been equipped with mosquito netting in an effort to reduce the potential for mosquito bites," said Steven Hein, Director. Hein noted that there have been few cases of illness in birds.

In eight years of operation, the center has only lost one female Golden Eagle, birds who are pretty susceptible to the disease, Hein said.

Students help town prepare for HBO movie

Warm Springs, Ga. gets help with HBO movie on Roosevelt

Special to the G-A

The recent release of an HBO motion picture that chronicles the first visit of future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the small West Georgia town of Warm Springs, local and state authorities are looking forward to an increase in the number of visitors to that area.

Recent Georgia Southern graduate Cassey Parker worked on a class project that is expected to help the home of Roosevelt's White House determine the anticipated influx of dollars on the community's economy.



Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt

officials and the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEC), Parker put together a baseline that contains demographic data on the area's people and businesses.

Following the debut of the movie, which is titled "Warm Springs," the information compiled by Parker will be compared with data gathered in studies conducted over the next five to 10 years.

"The town of Warm Springs really depends on tourists who visit the second home of FDR," said Parker, a native of Lilburn, Ga., who graduated this spring with a B.B.A. in accounting and economics. "And the people of Warm Springs as well as the state bureau of economic development feel that the movie will have a significant impact on the community."

"The purpose of my project was to create an economic baseline that could be used in the future to track exactly what kind of impact the movie has," Parker's project was part of the Introduction to Economic Development course taught by Donna Fisher, an assistant professor in GSU's School of Economic Development, which is housed in the College of Business Administration.

First shown on HBO in April, "Warm Springs" features Emmy Award winners Kenneth Branagh and Cynthia Nixon as Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

INSIDE

Want to adopt a cat?

Authorities have removed 30 cats from a northern Indiana house and say as many as 40 more cats may remain. The pets were in horrid condition, riddled with parasites and disease. | **Only in America 3A**

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Cherry, grape, sour apple ... and pot?

Marijuana-flavored lollipops catch the ire of Georgia politician

By Doug Gross
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Marijuana-flavored lollipops may seem an unlikely product, but sugary treats with weed-inspired flavors such as Purple Haze, Acapulco Gold and Rasta are appearing on the shelves of convenience stores and smoke shops nationwide.

Marketers call them a harmless novelty. Anti-drug advocates say

the candies encourage people, particularly teens and young children, to smoke pot.

"This kind of thing is reprehensible," said state Sen. Vincent Fort, an Atlanta lawmaker who has organized demonstrations against the candy. "It's nothing but dope candy and that's nothing we need to be training our children to do."

Several companies offer an array of lollipops, gum drops and other

candies flavored with hemp oil, which gives the sweets an oily, grassy taste marketers say is similar to the flavor of smoking marijuana, but with none of the narcotic effects.

While the candies have caught the attention of government and law enforcement officials across the country, there's nothing even questionable about their legality. Hemp oil is used in products ranging from health food to beauty supplies.

Boys, Girls State elect local and state leaders

Staff and Wire Reports

More than 800 high school students have been at Georgia Southern this week as part of the Georgia Boys State and Girls State Conventions. The meetings are held separately and sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

The participants in the Boys State and Girls State Conventions have risen significantly in the number of high school seniors over the past years. The

purpose of the conventions is to teach the students the workings of local and state governments.

Early in the week, both Girls State and Boys State participants elect local, county and state leaders then hold sessions throughout the week, meeting with actual state and government leaders like Secretary of State Kathy Cox, School Superintendent Cathy Cox, and Lt. Governor candidate Ralph Reed, as well as conducting

business as if they were representing cities, counties and states.

Deborah Champion, who oversees the convention, said "Basically they become the 51st state. They have city, state and government elections that culminate with the inauguration of the Governor at the end of the week.

Two Senators from Boys State and two from Girls State are chosen to go on to the national convention in Washington D.C. next month."

The Boys State Convention began Sunday, June 12, and continues all week through graduation on Saturday, June 18. Most meetings will take place at the Russell Union. The graduation will be held in the Performing Arts Center.

The Girls State Convention opened on Sunday, June 12, at 1 p.m. and runs through graduation on Friday, June 17. Most Girls State meetings will be held in the Nessmith-Lane Building.

Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox will address the Georgia Boys State participants on Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Cox will also address the Girls State Convention on Friday, June 17, at 9 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

This is the seventh time the Girls State Convention has met at Georgia Southern. The Boys State has been meeting here for 25 years.

Eco-Adventurers learn about skunks

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When Stinky the Skunk was let out of her cage, none of the kids ran away. In fact, some gathered around to feed her mill worms and timidly pet her.

Brett Walden, a camp counselor who the kids affectionately call "The Brettester," even managed to teach everyone something about the creature while this was going on. "You know why this skunk is brown and white? It's a southern skunk. Northern skunks are black and white."



This is just a sample of the activities taking place during the Eco-Adventure Camp at the Wildlife Center. Eco-Adventure Camp is a week-long program offered at Georgia Southern for children ages 8 to 10.

The structure of the camp is designed to let the kids have fun while learning about wildlife, interspersing information throughout the day's recreational activities.

The children get to color, play various games, watch wildlife videos, take a tour outdoors, and engage in some creative arts and crafts. For example, one arts and crafts activity was to decorate their free t-shirts with animal prints and markers.

Each day has a different animal focus. Monday is mammal day. Tuesday is reptile day, so snakes will be brought in. Wednesday and Thursday are insect day and bird day. Finally Friday is a free-for-all day.

Everyone seemed to be having a good time, whatever the activity, and it becomes obvious that learning is taking place when you speak to any of the children there.

Eco-Adventure camper Walker Paul Tedders said that he enjoyed watching the movies and playing with Stinky, but what really awed him were the insects. "I'd never seen millipedes and cockroaches that big before."

Eco-Adventure camp can influence some of the kids' long-term goals. Haley Burton said, "When I grow up, I want to work here."

This is only the second time this program was offered, but it's already gaining in popularity. Last summer it was not as popular, especially with the smaller kids (ages five to seven), but this summer they fill their maximum capacity of 10 kids everyday.

Walden, a Biology major who plans on mastering in education so he can one day work with elementary school kids, says "The kids are shown things they wouldn't normally see in school, like the animal skulls. But we understand it's summer so we try to make it fun for them as well."

That's not to say the counselors aren't having a good time too. One of the aspects of working with kids Brett likes is that he himself gets to "act a little childish."

One learning games the kids play is Walden's creation, called the Glow in the Dark Cotton Ball Game. The lights are turned off and the room is pitch black while Bret throws glow in the dark cotton balls around.

The object of the game is to collect as many as you can under specific conditions. Sometimes they must stand still and can only jump, other times they must crawl around on all fours, but all the while they are learning about habitats and animals traits such as night vision.

Education Coordinator Tim Brewton interrupts the game for lunch, bringing in four pizza boxes as the children, excitedly take their seats. At all times the importance of learning and leisure is stressed, and Brewton agrees wholeheartedly, saying, "They're not going to learn anything if they aren't having a good time."

Scholarship gives student year-long study in Asia

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern student Raquel Aviles has been awarded a \$7,000 grant that will enable her to spend the 2005-2006 academic year in Japan.

A junior broadcasting major from LaGrange, Ga., she received a Freeman-ASIA Award from the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Aviles will be an exchange student in the Japanese Language and Studies Program at Nagoya University. She will leave the United States in September and return in July 2006.

"Mostly I'll be studying grammar, writing and conversation," Aviles said. "In addition, I'll spend time in a language lab where I'll help Nagoya students with English and they'll help me with Japanese. I also get to take a film and telecommunications class. I'm really looking forward to getting a Japanese view of their cinema."

The exchange student and study

abroad programs at GSU are coordinated by the university's Center for International Studies. In the past year, over 100 students have visited colleges and universities in more than 15 countries, including China, Germany, Ghana, Spain, France and Italy.

A non-profit organization founded in 1919, the IIE designs and implements programs of study and training for students, educators and young professionals. Foundations, corporations and government agencies fund these programs.

The Freeman-ASIA Award Program is designed to support American undergraduates with financial need who are planning on studying in East or Southeast Asia. Since its creation in 2000, the Freeman-ASIA Award Program has assisted over 2,000 students with their plans to study abroad. For more information on study abroad programs, call (912) 871-1747.



The Thieves' Carnival cast performs a scene during dress rehearsal, of the Tony Award-winning play that will show every night through Saturday, June 18. Cast members from left to right, Lady Hurf played by Brittany Dent, Lord Edgar played by Cedrick Bryant and Peterbono played by Sean White.

Special Photo

'Thieves' Carnival' hits stage

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The Tony Award-winning play "Thieves' Carnival" is coming to Georgia Southern's Black Box Theatre. The curtain rises Wednesday, June 15 at 8 p.m. with encore presentations every night through Saturday, June 18.

Admission is free, but donations are requested. All proceeds from the play will be used to help furnish and equip the new Black Box Theatre. The new location is planned for inclusion in the next phase of the ongoing fine arts construction project.

Written in 1932 by the prolific French playwright Jean Anouilh, "Thieves' Carnival" takes its audience on a hilarious and exuberant romp through 1920s France. The play gives account of three thieves as they invade homes to rob the owners. The cast includes many theater students who bring the play to life.

The play is set in the palatial home that is the residence for two attractive young girls, Juliette (Mona Gordon) and Eva (Dane Simpson).

The home is invaded by three affectionate thieves, Peterbono (Sean White), Hector (Kevin Wilson), and

Gustave (Matt Lyles), and a father-son team of petty fortune hunters named Dupont-Dufort Sr. (Carl Bonebright) and Dupont-Dufort Jr. (Noah Posner).

A flirtatious ballet soon develops between the characters, even ensnaring the Town Crier (Crawford McDonald) and the Nursemaid (Courtney Fisher), and a romance develops between one of the girls and one of the thieves. Other characters featured are Lady Hurf (Brittany Dent) and Lord Edgar (Cedrick Bryant).

The cast is lead by Director Gary Dartt, a theatre professor in the Department of Communication Arts. Other members of the crew include Kelly Berry, lighting designer, Brenda Dartt costume designer, Robert Faller, set designer, Alexis Lemon, stage manager, Courtney Fisher, assistant stage manager and properties supervisor, Vanessa Arnett, musician, and Norma Woods, publicity director.

The Black Box Theatre is located in the Communication Arts Building in Room 1001. There is limited seating available so reservations are highly recommended. Call (912) 681-5379 to make reservations.

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ONLY IN AMERICA

Mom lets boy, 11, drive car

CHICAGO — A woman allowed her 11-year-old son to drive the family's minivan to his elementary school, where the boy crashed the vehicle near a group of children.

No one was hurt. The boy, however, was expelled from school, and both he and his mother were ordered to traffic court later this month.

The crash happened Monday outside St. John Fisher School on Chicago's South Side, not far from where the children were lining up to go inside. The minivan jumped the curb and hit a school zone sign as the boy tried to turn a corner, authorities said.

Police said they don't know why Erin Sarandah decided to let her son drive the couple of blocks from home to the school while she and her daughter were passengers.

Sarandah was cited for damage to property and allowing an unauthorized person to drive, Camden said. The boy received a traffic ticket for negligent driving and driving without a license.

Human leg falls from sky

SOUTH FLORAL PARK — A stunned Long Island homeowner found a body part in her back yard that apparently fell from the wheel well of a plane coming in for a landing today at Kennedy Airport.

A Port Authority spokesman says more remains were found on a South African Airways flight after it landed at Kennedy. Police suspect the remains were that of a male stowaway.

Police in Nassau County received a call about a man's leg found in the backyard of a house in South Floral Park. It apparently had hit the roof of a garage and bounced to the ground.

The South African Airways flight had originated in Johannesburg and made one stop in Dakar, Senegal.

Sea lion attacks, bites surfer

MANHATTAN BEACH — A sea lion that had been charging at beachgoers bit a surfer taking a breather, then waddled into the water and swam away.

Josh Duncan came within 5 feet of the sea lion Friday when it bit him, requiring the 27-year-old

surfer to get stitches and a tetanus shot for the inch-long wound on his thigh, lifeguard Capt. Mike Cunningham said.

The bite ripped through his wet suit.

Man wanted to be arrested sooner

KNOXVILLE — A man argued that he could have gotten a lighter sentence had authorities arrested him on federal drug charges two years sooner.

Gregory E. Smith received a mandatory 10-year prison sentence Monday in U.S. District Court.

He was already the focus of a federal investigation when

he was caught in August 2002 with nearly 200 grams of cocaine and about 3 grams of crack in his home. Although the drugs were seized, Smith was not arrested. Smith was indicted on federal conspiracy charges in July 2004. By then, he had racked up drug convictions in state court, which boosted him to a penalty range of 10 years to life.

Arguing for a more lenient sentence, attorney John Eldridge wrote, "Had Greg Smith been taken into custody in 2002 he would not be facing nearly as much time behind bars."

"As it turns out, the government's failure to pursue federal charges against him at that time only allowed this young man, whose life was out of control, to spiral further downward."

Lindsay Lohan is 'no party girl'

SIERRA VISTA — Lindsay Lohan wants it known: She's no party girl. The Herbie: Fully Loaded star says she wants her fans and Hollywood to take her seriously.

Phase 1 in her master plan to recast her image as a sexy teen bad girl: She hopes to reprise Ann-Margret's role as a sexy teen bad girl in 1964's *Kitten With a Whip*. Lohan, tabloid golden girl for her Wilmer

Valderrama drama-arama, hospitalization for exhaustion and the always entertaining antics of her recently jailed father, says tabloids are remiss in failing to mention that she is no longer a fixture on the bi-coastal club scene.

"I kind of got over it really fast, but they continued to say I still do it. I just don't want people to think that I'm not focused and that I'm in this for the wrong reasons," she says.

Authorities find 70 cats in home

MISHAWAKA — Authorities have removed 30 cats from a northern Indiana house and say as many as 40 more cats may remain. Representatives of the St. Joseph County Humane Society, Mishawaka Police Department and

Mishawaka Code Enforcement went to the home on Friday after receiving a complaint from a neighbor. They discovered cat urine and fecal matter throughout the house, where three people lived.

Throughout the house were cats running from

room to room and using floor vents as tunnels to navigate, a police report said. Several of the cats seemed sickly and a couple of them had eye injuries, possibly from fights between the animals.

Durcinka said the cats were in terrible shape, covered in parasites and suffering from diseases.

The police report estimated that between 50 and 75 cats were found inside the house in the city just east of South Bend. Durcinka said the other cats hid under the house and that the Humane Society would return to try and catch the rest of the cats.

Jelly Belly to introduce new 'Sport Beans'

FAIRFIELD — At least one candy company is trying to cash in with health-conscious consumers.

Jelly Belly has set its sights on the sports market, with new "Sport Beans," a jelly bean formulated to "energize" the body during exercise.

The new beans will come in Lemon Lime and Orange flavors and are larger than traditional-sized jelly beans. They also contain something extra: each serving contains 25 grams of carbohydrates, 20 percent of the daily value for Vitamins C and E, and 120mg of electrolytes.

The company hopes the new jelly beans will appeal to competitive athletes and sports enthusiasts. The candy will be introduced later this month at the All Candy Expo in Chicago. Sport Beans are expected to be in stores nationwide this summer.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Famed former hostage to write book on ordeal

ATLANTA — Ashley Smith gained national fame for softening a suspected killer who held her captive in her own apartment by reading him a religious book.

Now Smith, who survived a seven-hour hostage ordeal with courthouse shooting suspect Brian Nichols, is trying her own hand at writing.

Her upcoming book, "Unlikely Angel: The Untold Story of the Atlanta Hostage Hero," promises new details of how Smith persuaded Nichols to let her go unharmed.

The financial details were not announced, but Smith pledged to donate an undisclosed portion of the book's proceeds to a memorial fund in honor of the shooting victims.

"After prayerful consideration, I

believe that God is calling me to use this opportunity to not only turn my own life around but also to inspire others to do that, too," Smith said in a news release.

Sequestered with Nichols in her Duluth, Ga., apartment, she discussed her faith with the suspected killer and read aloud from a book called "The Purpose Driven Life," which she credited with soothing her captor's anger.

When Nichols was arrested without incident days after the March 11 shootings, Smith, 26, was thrust into the national spotlight and was bombarded with a slew of offers for books, movies, speaking engagements and even a few oddball marriage proposals.

After months of negotiations, she struck a deal with HarperCollins to publish the book, which is expected in late summer or early fall.

Smith's captivity came as she was trying to put her life back on course after struggles with a record of petty crimes and her husband's death.

Authorities say Nichols drove a stolen truck to Duluth from Atlanta after killing Judge Rowland Barnes, court reporter Julie Ann Brandau, deputy Sgt. Hoyt Teasley in a rampage at the Fulton County Courthouse.

In Duluth, he happened upon Smith and took her hostage in her apartment. But he let Smith go unharmed hours later and her 911 call led police to Nichols, who soon surrendered.



Ashley Smith is shown in this March 26, 2005 photo in Atlanta. Smith survived a seven-hour hostage ordeal with courthouse shooting suspect Brian Nichols.

Former state trooper kills ex-wife, wounds lawyer outside courthouse

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — A former state trooper killed his ex-wife, wounded her divorce lawyer and then shot himself Wednesday outside the courthouse where they were to appear for a hearing, law enforcement officials said.

Police did identify the people involved, but Hartford Hospital listed retired trooper Michael Bochicchio Jr. in critical condition.

A woman identified by police as Bochicchio Jr.'s ex-wife, Donna, was

pronounced dead on the top deck of a parking garage behind Middletown Superior Court.

An investigator, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still underway, confirmed that Bochicchio was the shooter.

"There does not appear to be any shooter that we are looking for other than the people involved," said state police Sgt. J. Paul Vance.

Attorney Julie Porzio, who repre-

sented Donna Bochicchio, was listed in stable condition.

The Bochicchios' divorce case had been underway since 2003, court officials said.

The status of the case was not immediately clear; police seized the file immediately after the shooting.

Bochicchio also served as a contract federal court security officer, U.S. Marshal John Bardelli said.

Paul Tofil said he was working at an auto shop just below the parking

deck when he heard about eight gunshots, then a pause, and another shot.

He said he thought someone was shooting off fireworks or trying to scare pigeons, until a man yelled for someone to call the police.

"This happened 30 yards away," he said. "It freaked me out. I couldn't believe it."

The court resumed normal operations by afternoon, court spokeswoman Rhonda Stearley-Hebert said.

New investigation of Atlanta child killing cases underway

ATLANTA — A month after police reopened the cases of five youngsters slain during the infamous Atlanta child killings of a quarter-century ago, leads are trickling in, but the investigation is still in an early stage, DeKalb County Police Chief Louis Graham said Wednesday.

"Until we investigate, every lead is promising," DeKalb County Police Chief Louis Graham told The Associated Press. In early May, Graham announced he was reopening the cases of

five of the 29 victims — all blacks and mostly boys — that were killed between 1979 and 1981 in the Atlanta area.

Wayne Williams was convicted of two murders and blamed for 22 others, but he was never charged in the other cases. He is currently serving a life sentence.

Williams, who is black, has contended that he was framed by Atlanta officials to cover up evidence that the Ku Klux Klan was involved in the killings to avoid a race war in the city.

Schiavo autopsy released

LARGO, Fla. — The autopsy released Wednesday on Terri Schiavo backed her husband's contention that she was in a persistent vegetative state, finding she was severely and irreversibly brain-damaged and blind as well.

It also found no evidence that she was strangled or otherwise abused before she collapsed.

Yet medical examiners could not say for certain what caused her sudden 1990 collapse, long thought to have been brought on by an eating disorder.

House votes to limit Patriot Act rules on library records

WASHINGTON - In a slap at President Bush, lawmakers voted Wednesday to block the Justice Department and the FBI from using the Patriot Act to peek at library records and bookstore sales slips.

The House voted 238-187 despite a veto threat from Bush to block the part of the anti-terrorism law that allows the government to investigate the reading habits of terror suspects.

The vote reversed a narrow loss last year by lawmakers concerned about the potential invasion of privacy of innocent library users.

They narrowed the proposal this year to permit the government to continue to seek out records of Internet use at libraries.

The vote came as the House debated a \$57.5 billion bill covering the departments of Commerce, Justice and State.

The Senate has yet to act on the measure, and GOP leaders often drop provisions offensive to Bush during final negotiations.

Congress is preparing to extend the Patriot Act, which was passed quickly in the emotional aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Then, Congress included a sunset provision under which 15 of the law's provisions are to expire at the end of this year.

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 — John F. Kennedy

OUR VIEW

GSU should focus on brains, not biceps

AT ISSUE: Money for RAC expansion could be used for better things

As is common knowledge at this point, the RAC is undergoing some major renovations. The building is actually about to receive close to a \$32 million face-lift to add swimming pools, indoor basketball courts, a new weight room, as well as many outdoor additions.

When completed, the RAC will add about 120,000 square of recreation space.

While many are excited about the new and improved RAC, we here at *The George-Anne* aren't too overjoyed.

The expansion costs each student \$128 per semester. This fee, which takes affect in the fall, is up \$43 from last semester.

The logical solution to the expansion would have been to sell bonds, and not have students who largely will not

be able to enjoy the RAC expansion, pay for it. While it's great to have nice, shiny buildings that make our nearby schools drool, our university should be willing to pay for the projects in their entirety and not leave students to foot the bill.

It seems pretty clear that GSU is committed to growth. Just look at the building projects over the last few years. The three monstrosities that dwell just a few hundred yards from the RAC (IT, Education and the Nursing building) are perfect examples.

While we aren't majors in any of these programs, we've all walked through these cavern-like hallways only to hear our own footsteps.

Any student who strolls through the third floor of

the Ed. Building would likely find themselves to be the lone inhabitants.

We don't count ourselves to be experts on how to best build for growth, but we also can use common sense.

While we know GSU needs space to continue to attract students, our school shouldn't be content with just building big without providing the intellectual capital to match its bricks and mortar.

Our school has brilliant faculty but one has to wonder if a new weight machine, or outdoor pool, could have been traded for a distinguished faculty member.

Schools like Vanderbilt, the University of Virginia and the like don't have glitzy new construction, but yet, students fall over themselves to get into those institutions.

Luke Hearn
 RAMBLINGS OF A
 RAGING LIBERAL

Needed: more GSU financial aid counselors

The department of Financial Aid is the most important campus institution to many Georgia Southern students. These students — myself included — depend on the advisement of this office to ensure that all of their finances are in place so attending school each semester is possible.

Whether it be working out HOPE Scholarship problems, checking the status of scholarships and grants or finding out when loan checks will be in the mail, the financial aid folks are pretty darn important.

For some, without these people, attending school would be impossible. However, there's one problem that seems to plague this office: the number of financial aid counselors available.

Currently, there are seven of these counselors available to students. Yes, there are only seven people on campus to assist students with their financial aid.

According to officials at the financial aid office, this number is lower than the number of counselors GSU normally has, which is a whopping eight.

If you've ever had to call that office, you know how long it takes to have a counselor return your call. Too often I've had to call the office numerous times to finally be able to speak to someone about my financial aid.

But please don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to hate on the department of financial aid.

As I said previously, this department is quite important; however, I believe the students who depend on them are suffering because of this shortage.

Take this scenario into account: There are roughly 16,000 students here at GSU. At the

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very least, if half of these students receive financial aid (that's 8,000 for all you English majors), that means each counselor is responsible for about 1,000 students each (when all the positions are full).

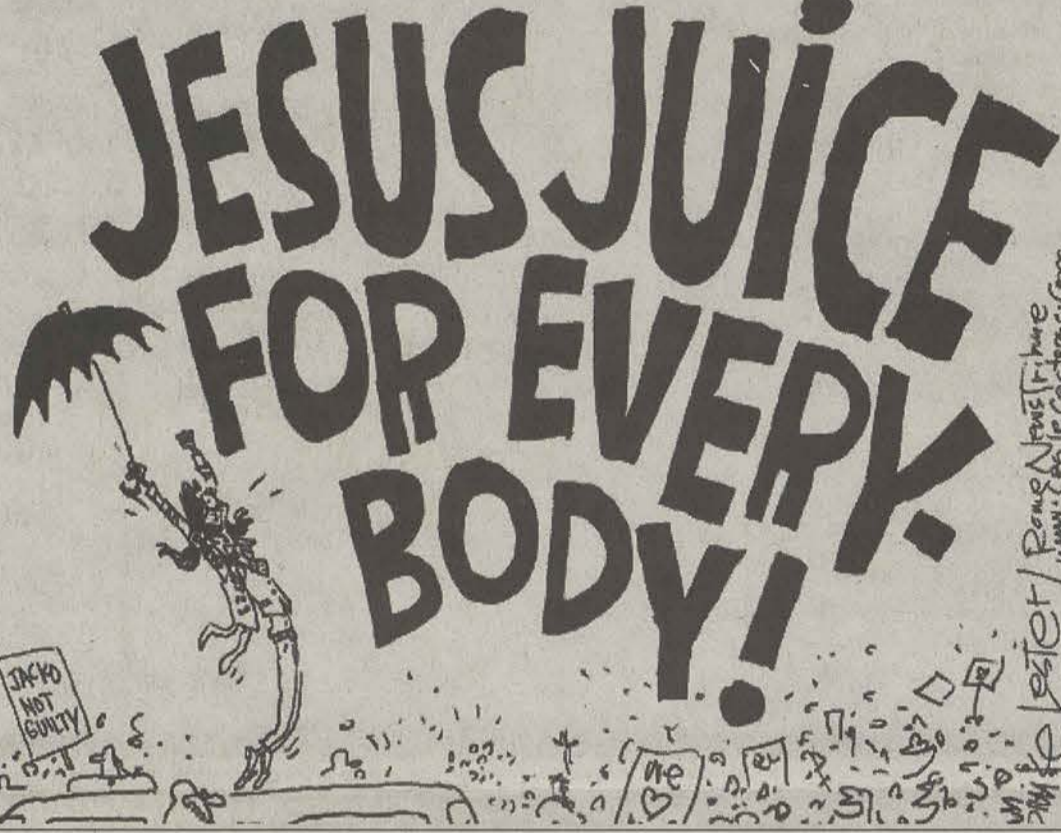
Going even further, if on any given day one percent of a financial aid counselor's students has a problem — only one percent — that means said counselor will have 80 people trying to contact him or her.

For a counselor to contact all of those students in a day, each student would only be able to have six minutes with his or her counselor — assuming the counselor works eight hours a day without any sort of break.

When you look at my hypothetical situation, it becomes clear that this department is definitely understaffed.

Again, I'm not trying to speak badly of the financial aid department at all. I just hope some day they will be able to have more counselors to better serve the students of GSU.

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Patrick D. Chisholm: YOUR TURN

Wrong-way evolution of the creationist movement

Christian fundamentalists often have been accused of wanting to radically alter the laws and institutions of the United States. Actually it is usually the other way around; most of the time they only try to prevent America's laws and institutions from being radically altered, such as vis-à-vis the banning of Christmas symbols and celebrations.

But there is one area where many Christian fundamentalists do indeed want to impose radical change: the teaching of Biblical creationism vs. evolution in public schools.

After losing favor since the Scopes trial 80 years ago, the creationist movement is making inroads again. For example, IMAX theaters in several southern cities are refusing to show "Volcanoes of the Deep Sea" for fear of offending patrons, because it makes a reference to evolution.

In Dover, Pa., school administrators earlier this year ordered biology teachers to declare in class that "Darwin's theory... is a theory, not a fact. Gaps in the theory exist for which there is no evidence."

In an Atlanta suburb in 2002, stickers were placed on textbooks stating that "evolution is a theory, not a fact..." Then, in January, a judge ruled the stickers unconstitutional.

In 1999, the Kansas state board of education voted to remove most references to evolution from state education standards, a decision that was reversed two years later.

According to a CBS poll conducted last fall, two-thirds of Americans favor teaching creationism in public schools together with evolution, and 37 percent want to totally replace the teaching of evolution with creationism.

But saying evolution is a theory is like saying the earth revolving around the sun is a theory; or that plate tectonics (continental drift) is a theory; or that things are made of atoms is a theory.

Just because such things are not apparent to the human eye doesn't mean they aren't factual.

Evolution is a fact. Because it involves time periods spanning hundreds or thousands of generations, evolutionary change happens much too slowly for humans to perceive.

And in some cases, natural selection happens plenty quickly enough for us to perceive.

Through mutations, new strains of antibiotic-resistant viruses are always emerging. The same holds true for pesticide-resistant insects.

There is also the famous example of the peppered moth near Manchester, England.

Starting out with light-colored wings, they were camouflaged as they rested on tree trunks of the same color.

But as industrial pollution made the trees dark, birds picked off the light-colored moths. Mutant moths born with black wings survived, reproduced, and multiplied.

Through observing a petri dish of bacteria, evolution can even be observed in a matter of hours.

Adding a certain antibiotic kills the vast majority of the bacteria, but some of them are immune and go on to mass-reproduce.

Suppressing the teaching of evolution or presenting it as a controversial "theory" would be a huge step backward in education.

Meanwhile, proponents of a concept called intelligent design argue that it is difficult to imagine how certain complex phenomena could have been constructed gradually through evolution, and conclude that an intelligent being must have played a part.

If science cannot explain how certain biological components were constructed — a big if — then that point could be made in class.

It would be up to students to draw their own conclusions as to how such things came about, just as it is up to them to draw their own conclusions as to what causes gravity; science still doesn't have an answer. (Could it be God?)

But teaching that everything was created some 6,000 years ago, in six days, would be foolhardy.

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Adam Fogle
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Legislation is not the answer for all issues

In a two-to-one decision Tuesday, a New Jersey appellate court ruled that the state's Constitution does not require the recognition of gay marriage. The verdict stated that legislators would have to change state marriage laws before same-sex couples could marry.

In a universal sweep, most state courts have reached the same conclusion as New Jersey and wisely declared that it would require further legislation to allow for gay marriage to be recognized in their states, as most state constitutions do not require recognition of gay marriage.

In the majority of states, as long as legislation legalizing gay marriage is blocked, voted down or vetoed, then courts will continue to rule as they have. Social conservatives should be happy and it should be the end of the issue — at least from Republicans.

In a less-than-surprising development, gay marriage remains in the headlines, not because of court cases or "gay rights" activists, but rather because the far right arm of the Republican Party would rather be hoist with their own petard.

Early in President Bush's second term, he stated that he would favor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning gay marriage. Republican reactionaries seized the moment to hijack the GOP agenda and turn gay marriage in to the principal social issue.

For Republicans, this is as bad, if not worse, than touching the third rail.

Nothing could sink the President's agenda and cut short the momentum of 2004's overwhelming success faster than the issue of gay marriage.

Most Republicans are against gay marriage, but the intelligent majority realizes that chasing the rabbit would be counter-productive.

Republicans have the White House, both chambers of Congress, 28 of 50 Governors and exactly half of the state legislatures. This is a rare occasion to advance the party platform and achieve unprecedented success. Why waste this opportunity by seeking useless legislation?

The best-case scenario is that anti-gay marriage legislation would be passed but in the process sinks the GOP agenda and divides the party.

The more likely scenario is that Republicans lose momentum, waste their best opportunity at capitalizing on their agenda in decades and inevitably forfeit the White House, Congress and state governments.

But this goes beyond the practicality of the process and to the very core of Republicanism.

Republicans are better than this. They cannot relinquish control to a small minority of Dogpatch social conservatives.

This is the party of reason; the party that freed the slaves and ended the Cold War. It must not fall prey to a faction of small-minded social conservatives that defined the Democratic Party from 1865 to 1968.

There are far more pressing concerns in the world than gay marriage. Sudan is in the midst of genocide and Zimbabwe is approaching a similar fate.

The United Nations has become rampant with corruption. Russia is relapsing into an authoritarian communist regime.

Welfare and education are in need of drastic reformation. Millions of Americans are homeless and need health care. There is a long list of foreign and domestic issues to address and the time to do so is now.

Republicans worked very hard to gain power and now they have it. They cannot become sidetracked with nonsensical issues like gay marriage that divert attention away from what is important.

Further legislation is excessive; further expenditure of energy is superfluous; further loss of focus is debilitating. There is a great deal of work to be done, and there is very little time for futile endeavors.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 16, the 167th day of 2005. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."
 On This Date:
 -In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

-In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

-In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

-In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin married his fourth wife, 18-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpentaria, Calif.

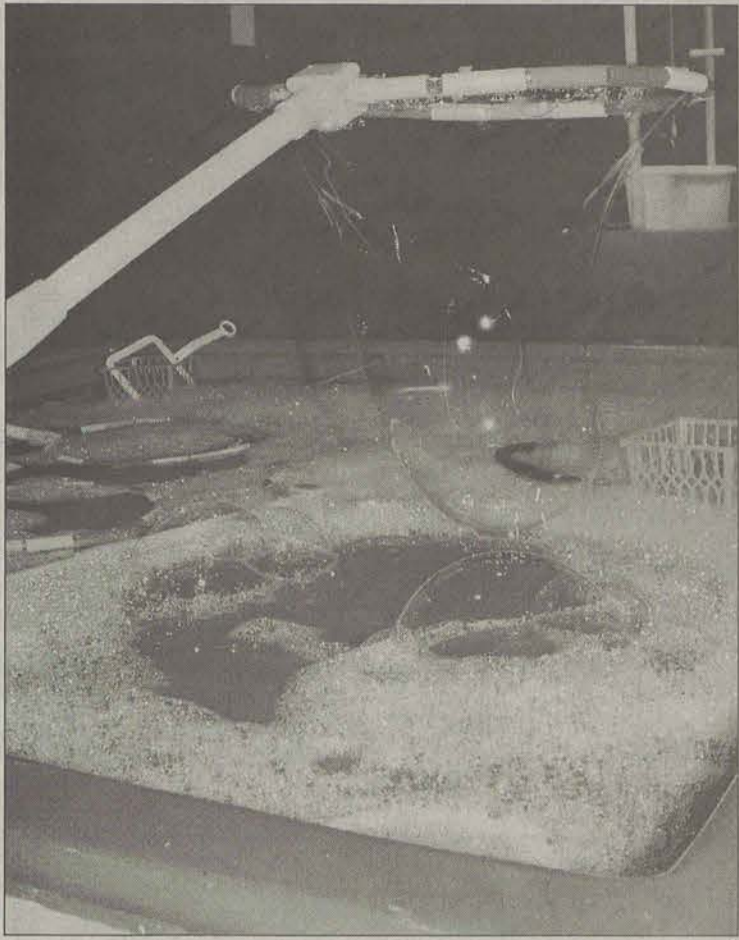
-In 1978, President Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

-Five years ago: Federal regulators approved the merger of Bell Atlantic

and GTE Corp., creating the nation's largest local phone company. Raynard Johnson, 17, was found hanging from a tree in Marion County, Miss.; investigators later ruled it a suicide, not a lynching. Empress dowager Nagako, widow of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, died in Tokyo at age 97.

-One year ago: Rebuffing Bush administration claims, the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said no evidence existed that al-Qaida had strong ties to Saddam Hussein.

"Today in History" information provided by the Associated Press.



Katie Anderson/STAFF

The Science of Bubbles

The Georgia Southern Museum launched their Science of Bubbles at the end of May. The exhibit, which the museum usually hosts once every three years, will continue to be on display in the museum until the end of October.

By Alicia Howe

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The Georgia Southern Museum launched its Science of Bubbles exhibit on May 23. The exhibit, which usually comes around every three years, teaches everything about bubbles from surface tension to building a bubble wall.

"We try every summer to make our exhibits very family friendly," says Becky Warren, the Education Coordinator at the Museum.

The Science of Bubbles is a free exhibit for students, small groups and families. There are several activity stations that teach about bubbles, the science that holds them together and how to make them.

According to Warren, "We always try to have exhibits that bring people in and engage them."

Large groups such as summer camps are also welcome to visit the Science of Bubbles exhibits. However, they are encouraged to give a donation to help with supplies. Interested parties should call Jessica Rogers at 912-688-5444 to set a date and time.

The Science of Bubbles will continue to run at the Museum until October 2, 2005. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information about the Science of Bubbles exhibit, contact the GSU Museum at 912-688-5444.

Congress debates rights of suspects at Guantanamo Bay

Associated Press

Senior Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter, urged Congress on Wednesday to clarify prisoners' rights at Guantanamo Bay, decrying a "crazy quilt" of legal decisions about the military's handling of suspected terrorists.

Other Republicans on Specter's Judiciary Committee were divided over whether the Bush administration's practices were satisfactory. Military officers and Justice Department officials defended the treatment of suspects at the detention center on a U.S. Navy base in Cuba.

"We're holding them humanely," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Hemingway, a legal adviser to the Pentagon's Office of Military Commissions.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, in Sheffield, England for a meeting of G8 interior ministers, said Wednesday the Bush administration has discussed whether it should stop holding suspected terrorists at the Guantanamo Bay prison.

Critics have long accused the administration of unjustly detaining suspects at Guantanamo. Amnesty International recently compared it to Soviet-era gulags and some Republicans have questioned whether it should remain open.

The Senate panel convened to wade into the complicated system in place to detain, interrogate and, if warranted, prosecute foreigners suspected of having links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network.

The administration calls the Guantanamo prisoners "enemy combatants" who are entitled to fewer legal protections than those afforded to prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions. Some detainees have been held for three years without charges brought against them.

The Supreme Court and lower federal courts have weighed in on detainees' rights, but they have issued conflicting opinions.

Military and Justice Department



AP Photo/Dennis Cook

Rear Adm. James McGarrah and Brig. Gen. Thomas Hemingway, right, appear before the Senate Judiciary committee on Capitol Hill Wednesday, June 15, 2005, on the status of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

witnesses testified that extraordinary steps are being taken to protect prisoners' rights and process their cases.

Of the 558 given hearings at Guantanamo, 520 were declared "properly classified" as enemy combatants. And 23 of the remaining 38 have been released, Justice Department officials said.

"Because of the highly unusual nature of the global war on terror, and because we do not want to detain any person longer than as necessary, we've taken this unprecedented and historic action to establish this process to permit enemy combatants to be heard while conflict is ongoing," said Navy Rear Adm. James M. McGarrah. He oversees the reviews of prisoners and whether they should remain at Guantanamo.

Detaining terrorism suspects "serves the vital military objectives of preventing captured combatants from rejoining the conflict, and gathering intelligence to further the overall

war effort, and to prevent additional attacks against our country," said Michael Wiggins, a deputy associate attorney general.

Still, he acknowledged, "Such detention is not for criminal justice purposes and is not part of our nation's criminal justice system."

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat, called the detention center "an international embarrassment to our nation, to our ideals and it remains a festering threat to our security." He added: "This policy on detainees is clearly not working."

Both Republicans and Democrats pressed witnesses on the pace of prosecutions.

"This seems to be a horribly slow process," said Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio.

Hemingway responded, "We've moved with considerable dispatch. A lot of people think that all we did was dust off World War II procedures," but in fact, he said, "We have built a whole

judicial system to try these cases."

The House and Senate have failed to act on several bills to define rights and procedures for enemy-combatant detainees.

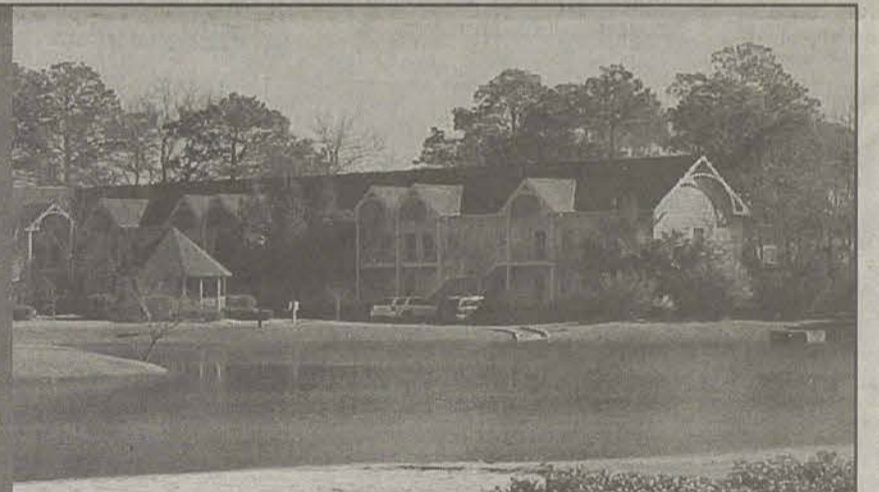
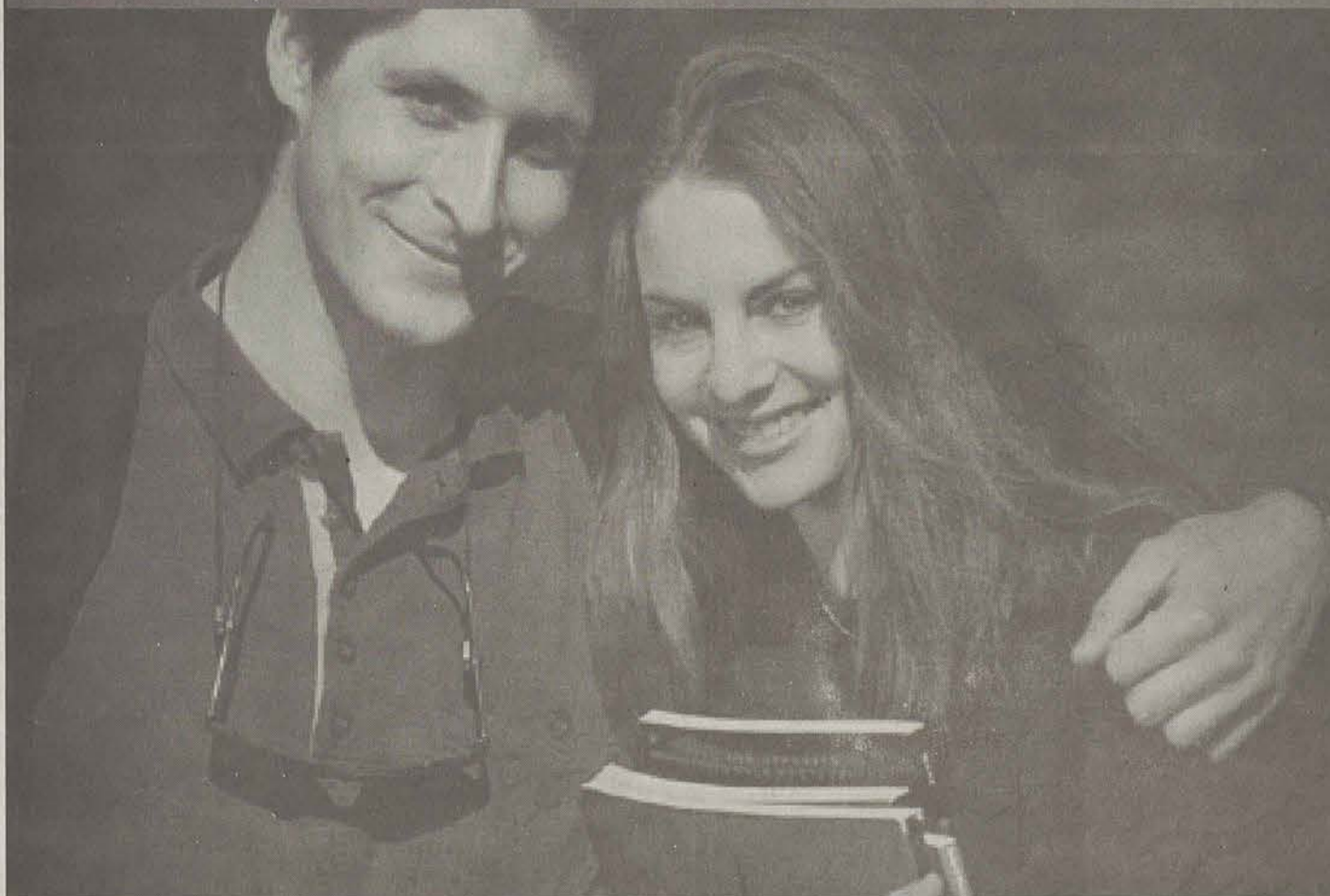
"It may be that it's too hot to handle for Congress, may be that it's too complex to handle for Congress, or it may be that Congress wants to sit back as we customarily do," he said. "But at any rate, Congress hasn't acted."

McGarrah acknowledged, "Anything that can be done to help clarify this would help." The administration contends the prison is an essential part of the U.S.-led war on terror.

President Bush last week appeared to leave open the possibility that the prison would be closed, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday he thought it would be needed for years.

And White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday: "There are no plans, as we have said, for closing or shutting down Guantanamo Bay at this time."

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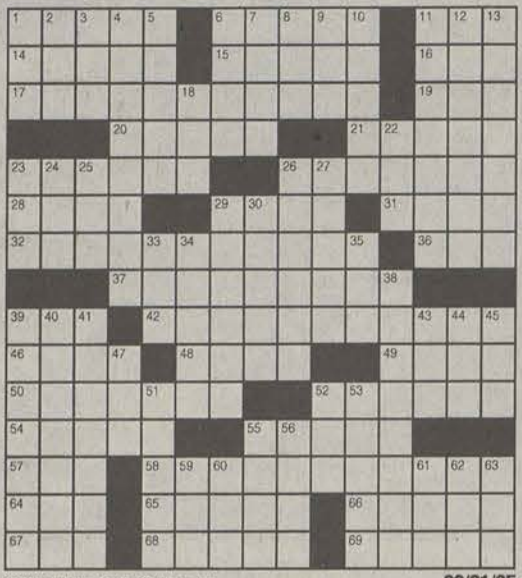
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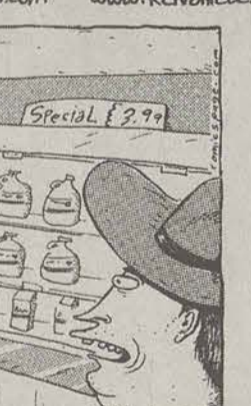
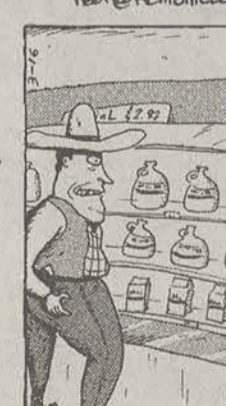
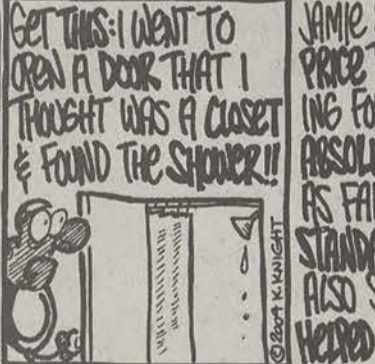
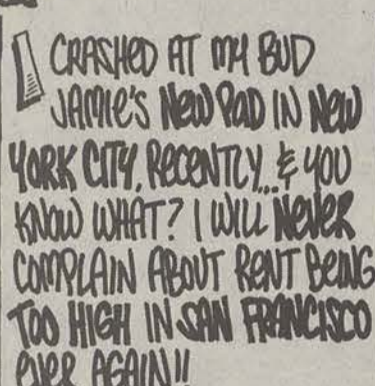
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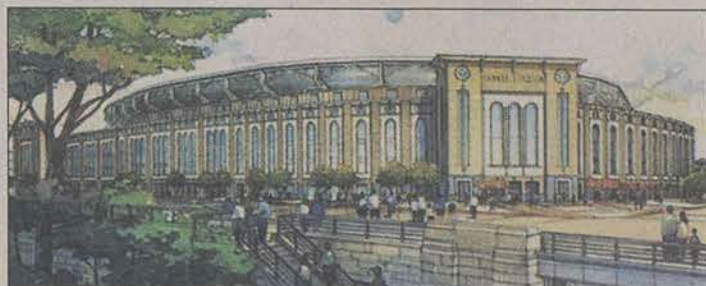
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This is an architectural rendering of the proposed Yankee Stadium in the Bronx borough of New York. The New York Yankees announced plans Wednesday, June 15, 2005 for a new \$800 million ballpark, which would be built adjacent to the current Yankee Stadium and could be ready by the 2009 season. (AP Photo/New York Yankees)

Volleyball announces 2005 schedule

GSU Athletics Media Relations

A season-opening tournament and the postseason Southern Conference Tournament, both to be played in Hanner Fieldhouse, highlight the 2005 Georgia Southern volleyball schedule.

Head coach Kerry Messersmith announced the schedule Tuesday.

Coming off a 20-10 campaign (13-3 SoCon) with five starters returning, the Eagles square off against four teams that qualified for the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

Georgia Southern hosts one of those four teams in Jacksonville during the season-opening GSU Invitational. Louisiana State and Campbell will also participate in the tournament, which runs August 26-27.

The Eagles travel to Georgia, another NCAA qualifier, the next Thursday. GSU plays at Auburn and against Grambling the next two days, respectively.

From there the Eagles play at the UAB (Louisiana-Monroe, UAB, Southeast Louisiana) and Long Island (Weber State, Bowling Green, LIU) Tournaments. Long Island is coming off a 32-6 season in which it qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

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Shreffler to join football staff as assistant coach

GSU Athletics Media Relations

Aaron Shreffler has been hired as a staff assistant coach for the Georgia Southern football program, head coach Mike Sewak announced. Shreffler, who played for Sewak at Ohio, joins the Eagle football program after seven years at the University of Saint Francis.

Shreffler, who will work with the offensive line, replaces Mark Williams who took a football coaching job at U.S. Naval Academy Prep School.

His coaching responsibilities included: offensive line, defensive line (1998), working with the special



Aaron Shreffler

teams and sharing recruiting duties. For the past six years Shreffler also worked as the strength and conditioning coordinator.

A four-year letter winner at Ohio, Shreffler was the starting long snapper all four years and starting center his final two seasons. In 1996 he blocked for two 1,000-yard rushers, Kareem Wilson and Steve Hookfin. He had off-season workouts with the New York Jets, Miami Dolphins, Atlanta Falcons and Jacksonville Jaguars. No stranger to Georgia Southern, Shreffler worked three summer camps in addition to summer camps at Miami (Ohio) and Ohio State.

"Aaron has experience coaching in a national championship game and been associated with playoff caliber teams in recent years at Saint Francis. He's an energizing coach and I think he will relate well with the players," said Sewak. "He has been in the trenches with the pads on. I think the players will understand that."

A 1997 graduate of Ohio, he received his bachelor's degree in Sports Industry. In February 2005 he was inducted into the Celina High School Hall of Fame.

Finishing touches being put on new soccer/track complex

By Renaldo Stover
stovedizzy@hotmail.com

Workers are continuing the construction of the track and soccer stadium, located behind Paulson Stadium according to schedule, despite rising temperatures and constant rain. This project comes at a time when many athletic facilities at Georgia Southern University have been receiving major upgrades.

"Lavender and Associates have done a great job and everything is moving along although the rain has slowed work," said Sam Baker, GSU Athletic Director.

The Georgia Southern Athletic Department received a twenty-five year bond through the Housing Foundation to finance the construction. This means students will not have to worry about paying additional fees to cover the costs, which Baker said was within the department's budget.

According to Baker, the project will definitely be completed in time for the 2005-2006 sports season which includes the Southern Conference Track and Field Championships which GSU will be hosting April 29 of 2006.

The new stadium will have a press box and filming area, vending machines for hungry fans, improved seating for 500, and locker rooms for both the home and visiting teams.

"The new facilities will definitely help with recruiting," said Ashley Hart, women's soccer head coach.

With the parking area shrinking behind Paulson Stadium, only GSU boosters will be allowed to park there

for football games. To alleviate the parking issue, the new transit system will run during home football games to deliver fans that have to find another parking area.

In comparison with other athletic facilities within the Southern Conference, Baker said the facilities here at GSU definitely rank among the best, but there is always room for improvement.



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The new GSU Soccer/Track complex is scheduled for completion for the 2005-2006 soccer season.

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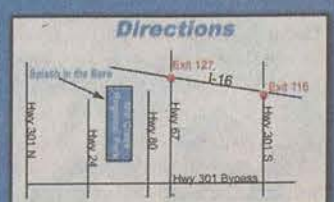
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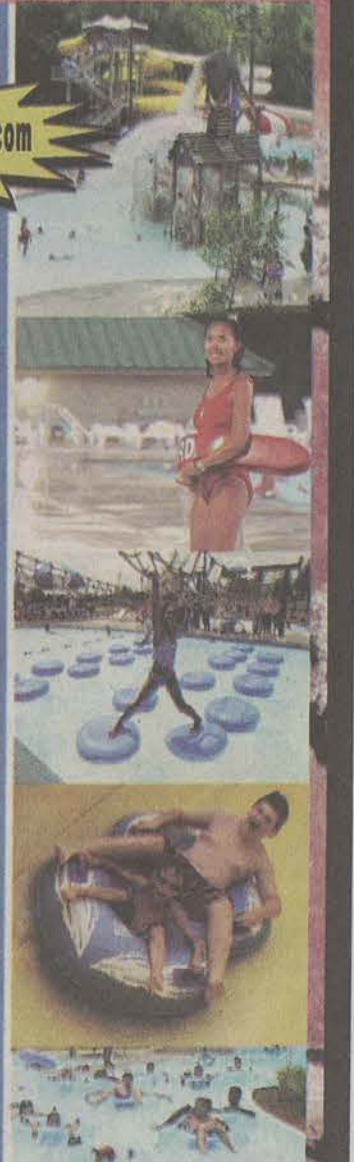
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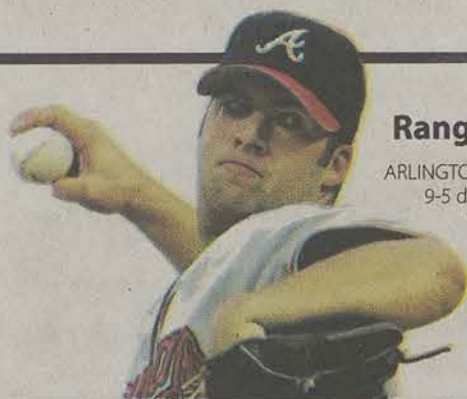
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SPORTS



Rangers 9, Braves 5

ARLINGTON, Texas - Chan Ho Park won his sixth straight decision 9-5 despite struggling against a young Atlanta Braves lineup Wednesday night. Atlanta, which started seven rookies in a game for the first time since Oct. 1, 1978, dropped its sixth straight series since sweeping three games from the New York Mets on May 23-25. Kyle Davies allowed six runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings, and his ERA increased from 1.86 to 3.45. He allowed just six runs over 29 innings his first five starts.

A tough test awaits at Pinehurst

U.S. Open tees off today in North Carolina

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. - Balls that land in the rough can't be seen 5 feet away. Shots that land on the domed greens at Pinehurst No. 2 don't stay there very long. The U.S. Open is supposed to be the toughest test in golf, and Vijay Singh found it to be every bit of that.

But it was only Wednesday, and that's what troubled him.

"If you're not careful, you can make bogeys on every hole with good shots," Singh said. "It's very fair at the moment, but it's very, very difficult. But it could get on the edge very quickly - if they don't watch it, it's going to get over the edge in a heartbeat."

The U.S. Open begins today, and several players still couldn't stop

thinking about last year.

The USGA refused to water the greens or account for dry, blustery warmth that baked out Shinnecock Hills and turned the final round into a fiasco. Tee shots wouldn't stay on the par-3 seventh green until officials had no choice but to hose it down every other group.

No one could break par on the last day, and 28 players couldn't

break 80.

It must have been a welcome sight for Singh, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and the rest of the 156-man field to see a maintenance crew water the greens during the first three days of practice at Pinehurst.

USGA officials say they have learned from their mistakes. Try convincing the players of that.

Pinehurst No. 2 was regarded as one of the best U.S. Open setups when Payne Stewart won in 1999, making a 15-foot par putt on the last hole to beat Mickelson by one shot and finish as the only player under par.

It starts off in the tee box, where shots must stay in the fairway to have any chance of getting on the green. Pinehurst added an irrigation system in the rough and a new blend of grass that is more dense, meaning the only way to find the ball is marshals placing tiny red flags next to them.

And then the fun begins.

Perhaps no other major championship course is more defined by the greens, which are shaped like turtle shells. Any shot too long or too short or too much to the side will roll off and wind up as much as 30 yards away. From there, players can choose anything from a putter to a fairway metal to get the ball onto the putting surface.

Mickelson predicted that "quite a bit over par" would be the winning score. Singh wouldn't go that far, although he said that without rain, it would be difficult to break par.

"I think this is the hardest U.S. golf course I've played from tee to green and around the greens," Singh said. "It's going to be one hell of a test."



AP Photo/Gerry Broome

Vijay Singh prepares to tee off on the 6th hole during practice for the 105th US Open Championship at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club's No. 2 course in Pinehurst, N.C.

Ex-Baylor basketball player gets 35 years in death of teammate

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

WACO, Texas - Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was led off to prison for 35 years Wednesday to shouts from the stepfather of his murdered best friend and teammate, who held up a framed picture of his son and yelled: "Remember him! Remember his face!"

"You, Carlton Dotson, are a killer, a sinner of the worst degree, and may you never forget what you did," Brian Brabazon said during the sentencing, at times glaring and pointing at Dotson as his voice rose to a shout.

Dotson showed no emotion. Valorie Brabazon, the mother of victim Patrick Dennehy, sat in the front row sobbing as her teenage daughter tried to comfort her. She said afterward that the family would attend all parole board hearings and urge that Dotson "doesn't walk the streets again."

Dotson, 23, pleaded guilty last week to killing the 21-year-old Dennehy, whose body was found in 2003

in a field where the two best friends had gone to shoot targets. The case against Dotson shocked the Baptist school and led to a scandal in the basketball program.

Dotson was arrested at his home in Maryland, a few days before the body was found, after calling authorities to say he was hearing voices.

He told authorities that he and Dennehy, his roommate, bought guns for protection after receiving threatening phone calls. Investigators said Dotson told them he thought people were trying to kill him because "he is Jesus, the son of God."

He told FBI agents that Dennehy pointed a gun at him after the pair went to a gravel pit for target practice, and he shot Dennehy in self-defense after Dennehy's gun jammed. The autopsy did not support his self-defense claim, saying Dennehy was shot twice: once above the right ear and once toward the back of the head.

He will be eligible for parole after serving about half of the sentence.

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GSU opens Southern Conference play on the road at UNC-Greensboro and Elon on September 24 and 25, respectively. The following weekend GSU's month-long road trip ends as the Eagles host Furman and Wofford. That begins a stretch where seven of the next 10 matches are at home; including one against defending SoCon champion College of Charleston.

A trip to in-state rival Georgia State is the only other non-SoCon match over the final six weeks.

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