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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

# Catastrophic Katrina

### Students wait for news from family

By Rachel Weeks

igh winds, flooding and mandatory evacuations hit close to home for students at Georgia Southern whose families are in danger's path.

Junior Haley Newman, from Mobile, Alabama, knows that her parents are \* currently without power and that wind gusts are between 60 and 80 mph in her hometown. Newman wishes she could \*travel home to check on things, but she knows her family will make it through. "This storm has made me want to go home, but I have a lot of responsibilities here in Statesboro," said Newman. "And my dad went through Camille and Fredrick, so he knows how to handle everything."

Hurricane Katrina slowed in wind speed to a Category 4 storm by the time it \*hit shore at daybreak Monday. The storm is the most powerful storm to hit the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Camille came in as \*a Category 5 in 1969, killing 256 people in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Allison Childers, a recent GSU gradu-\*ate, moved to New Orleans two weeks ago to start graduate studies at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"We heard Friday at 11 p.m., then Saturday morning we had to leave campus by noon," said Childers. "Basically we woke up, grabbed a few things and left to come straight back to Augusta. Gas stations were backed up long before traffic was really bad."

Childers and her family watched coverage of the hurricane and saw cameras as they showed an exit sign to the school almost under water.

"In a couple of weeks, we'll go see if any of our stuff is left. I guess we'll have to fish through it," Childers said. "I left with about five shirts and grabbed all my text books. We thought we were coming back in a couple days; we didn't know how bad it was going to be."

Some GSU students live who live on the coast have become used to the threat of hurricanes. "My family lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and was very lucky when the storm hit 45 minutes south of where we live," said Mike Arnold. "It was supposed to hit directly at us but we caught a break. My family wasn't too worried about the storm. At the time it was only a category one hurricane, which we see a few times a year."



Gary Coronado/The Associated Press An unidentified woman walks by a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina on the corner of Burgundy and Touro

Katrina's wrath will be felt as gas prices increase all across the country

By Brad Foss Associated Press

Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast petroleum output and rattled energy markets on Monday, sending oil and natural gas prices soaring and setting the stage for a spike in the retail cost of gasoline.

By the end of the day, more than 700 offshore platforms and rigs had been evacuated, two rigs had drifted away and authorities in Alabama were forced to close a bridge over the Mobile River after it was struck by a runaway platform. Oil futures briefly climbed above \$70 a barrel for the first time.

The powerful hurricane roiled the industry at a time when producers worldwide were already struggling to keep up with strong demand, and it threatened to constrain the supply of home heating fuels this winter. The rise in energy prices has already

see ECONOMY, page 3

## GSU contributes nearly \$550 million into area economy

**GSU News Service** 

Georgia Southern had an economic impact of well over a half a billion dollars on the region during the recently completed fiscal year.

According to a study released by GSU Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development (BBRED), the University pumped \$549,249,613 into the economies of nine Southeast Georgia counties in 2004-2005.

In addition, the report revealed that GSU was responsible for almost 8,900 jobs in the region.

"The study shows that the university has had a significant economic impact on the regional economy, despite the stight budget caused by the recent recession," BBRED Director Phyllis Isley said.

The study further demonstrated that the university's economic impact on the region actually increased by a little over 11 percent from the previous fiscal year. GSU pumped \$493,269,907 into the region's economy in 2003-2004, according to a BBRED report issued • last September.

In conducting their annual study, Isley and her staff divided their analysis • into four areas:

The impact from the daily operations of the university as measured by operating expenditures, impact from faculty and staff expenditures as measured by salaries and payroll, impact from expenditures by students

and impact from major construction projects.

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, GSU spent \$107.5 million on nonpersonnel operating expenses, which include everything from electricity and gasoline to office furniture and expenditures for printing and publications.

Salaries for faculty, staff and support services as well as payments to consultants and casual labor totaled \$81.4 million, and the university spent \$46.4 million on construction, including the brand-new Eagle Village residence hall and the renovation of J.I. Clements Stadium.

Meanwhile, the 16,100 students who were enrolled at GSU last year spent an estimated \$130.9 million. That figure does not include fees for on-campus housing and tuition, but it does include \$44.9 million for off-campus housing, \$28.9 million for entertainment and \$28.8 million

All together, the university was directly responsible for expenditures of \$366.2 million in the region.

"Georgia Southern's impact goes far beyond direct spending by the university and the spending of students and faculty," Isley said. "For example, budget expenditures translate into the demand for goods and services for other businesses. In turn, these other businesses hire additional staff and order additional supplies to meet the demands of the university."

## GSU needs more money for transit

### Administrator makes case for fee increase at SGA meeting

in the Historic District of New Orleans, Monday.

By Tori Ivey

Georgia Southern administrators want students to pay more to operate the school's fleet of buses.

According to Wendell Hagins, interim director of auxiliary affairs, students now pay \$30 per semester for the transit system, but the school is operating the buses at a loss of about \$150,000.

Representatives from Congnisa, the company GSU has hired to operate the bus system, and administrators met with the Student Government Association last Wednesday to talk about complaints, as well as to make the case for a fee increase to account for the \$150,000 shortfall.

GSU is paying Cognisa \$100 per hour, per bus and the buses run 260 hours a week. In order to get more buses, as expected, students will have to pay more per semester.

Before they get the money, administrators say they will address complaints and add more buses.

"We want to use your money in the wisest way," said Hagins.

He told SGA members the school is aware of kinks in the system. He said the school aimed to address issues with traffic, air conditioning and overcrowded buses.

"We are having some problems with traffic," Hagins said. "We are running five buses and will be running seven shortly with an eighth and ninth as spares."

With a heat index edging 115 degrees, Hagins said no air conditioning on buses is a top concern. As of August 29, there should be air conditioning on the buses. Cognisa was supposed to fix the A/C over



Luke Hearn/STAFF

Students exit a transit bus Monday afternoon. Administrators say the school is operating the system at a financial loss and needs an increase in student fees.

the weekend.

Hagins also acknowledged problems with buses being unable to negotiate turns.

He said GSU is working on many

of the intersections where the buses have a hard time turning so that traffic will flow more smoothly.

The school is also considering see TRANSIT, page 3

## The George-Anne debuts today as daily paper

By Phillip Gresham

Georgia Southern will wake up to a daily newspaper this morning, and nearly every morning after.

The George-Anne will be available four times a week (Monday through Thursday) on campus and in the surrounding community.

The paper has changed its name to reflect the new day. The George-

Anne Daily will be one of only two collegiate publications in the state of Georgia to have a daily publication

"Going daily is a lot of work, and it may take some time for our student staff to get adjusted, but I have complete faith in my staff's ability to accomplish this new goal," said G-A executive editor Luke Hearn. "We're looking forward to it."

Other editors agree.

"I am very excited about The G-A going daily," said Rachel Weeks, the paper's news editor. "Going daily will be a welcomed challenge for our student staff, who will have to juggle their academics and social life with a more demanding work schedule."

In addition to increases in print days, the G-A will incorporate The Southern Reflector magazine and

The Miscellany magazine of the arts into its regular schedule, distributing the magazines on the fourth Monday of each month in lieu of a regular

The G-A is an award-winning publication that has received local and national recognition.

The G-A has won the Georgia Collegiate Press Association's "General see **DEBUTS**, page 3

## Students flock to biz expo, organization fair

By Brandee Thomas

The Student Organizational Fair and Business Expo, held Wednesday in front of the Russell Union provided students with valuable information about campus clubs, organizations and area businesses.

Bill Pickett, director of student Activities and one of the event organizers said this has been a record year for campus and business involvement with the annual Student Organizational Fair and Business Expo.

"This year, we had over 100 vendors, organizations and businesses in attendance," Pickett stated.

Pickett partially attributes this year's success to the online aspect of registration.

"We made the registration forms available on the school website and that made it a lot easier for people to respond," Pickett said.

Many campus organizations and community businesses came out to support the event, despite the sweltering Statesboro heat. There was something to interest every student.

To combat thirst and heat, students could pick up a free beverage from one of the Coca-Cola wagons or a hand fan from Verizon.

Students interested in finding a job could obtain an application from any one of the local businesses in attendance.

Students looking to join an orga-

packets from one of the many campus groups at the fair.

Campus Outreach member Kathy Jordan said, "We are here to reach out to the campus. We want to help those who are interested on their spiritual journey. We meet every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the IT lecture hall."

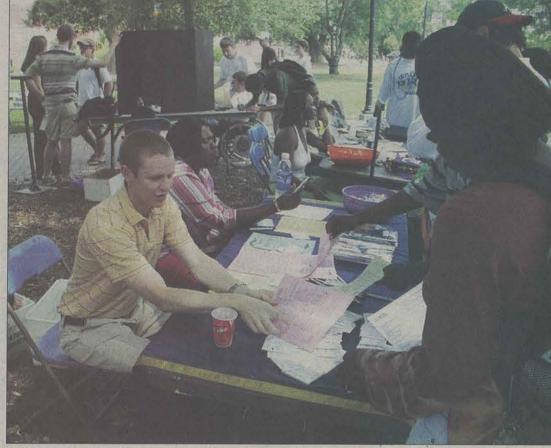
Another campus organization interested in increasing campus awareness was the Black Student

Reginald Jackson, a junior business administration major and Black Student Alliance member, said his organization was interested in getting their mission out to the student population.

"This is one of our first major publicity events of the year. We are the voice of black students at GSU, and we are interested in getting people involved on and around campus", Jackson said. "This has been a very successful day, we've already gotten over 100 signatures and contact information from people who are interested in joining."

Various local businesses were also in attendance. A Blimpie representative was giving out free subs and Pets and People workers had a parrot and reptiles on display. Statesboro School of Dance offered information on

According to Leigh Anne Wright and Emily Hager of the Statesboro School of Dance, the center is innization could pick up information terested in increasing their current



Student Government Association members met with students on the Russell Union pedestrium during Wednesday's Student Organizational Fair and Business Expo. Community business owners, campus clubs and organizations and area churches offered informational booths for students.

enrollment of college students. Hager said students who are interested in enrolling in dance class but have no previous experience, shouldn't be disheartened because the dance school offers adult level beginning

Wright and Hager said dancing is a great way to stay in shape and encourage any interested dancers to contact the school for more information.

The fair is a yearly event and is held every fall during the second week of school. For those students who missed the fair, don't wait until next year to become involved with campus clubs, organizations and local businesses. Check the GSU campus calendar for information about all campus organizations and upcom-

ing events.

LET US INTRODUCE...

## Danielle Minnefield, senior, making waves every day

Name: Danielle Y. Minnefield, senior, broadcasting major

Age: 20, but I'm about to be 21.

Hometown: Jonesboro.

Why did you choose GSU? I choose GSU because I heard it had a good broadcasting depart-

What does Statesboro need

A Target or a Publix. It would also be nice to have a bigger mall and a SunTrust Bank.

When you aren't in class, how do you pass the time? I work for the radio station here on campus. So I spend a lot of my time working

on that. When I'm not there or in class, I'm at my apartment hanging out with friends.

Which political party do you identify with most? Democrat.

What's the best cheap thrill in the area? Wal-Mart.

The best meal? Ryan's.

What's the one thing every student needs to know about GSU? Don't be afraid to be active and get to know people.

Tell us about your clubs or organizations: WVGS 91.9 The Buzz, the campus radio station. I joined because I wanted more experience in the broadcasting field.



Adam Crisp/STAFF

Danielle Minnefield works for WVGS to earn real-world experience.



## Name the New **Transit System** and Win Big!

- All Terrain Bike Valued at \$200
- All entries eligible for drawing for \$100 on Eaglexpress

**Deadline for Entries:** Friday, September 2

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The winning entry will win an all-terrain bike valued at \$200!\*

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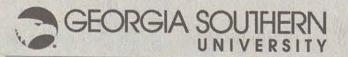
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Enter as many suggestions as you like. One suggestion per entry. Drop your entry off at The University Store (Customer Service), Transportation Services (Bldg 805), or on any bus. Deadline for entries is Friday, September 2.

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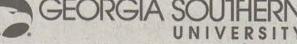
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SGA REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## SGA talks on transit, harassment

By Tori Ivey

The Student Government Association met for the first time this semester Wednesday to discuss the new transportation system, harassing comments from library construction workers, recruitment to the SGA and legal services for

Cognisa, the company contracted to manage the school's new transit system, met with SGA and discussed problems with traffic, heat on buses, and overcrowding. The company offered resolutions like over-the-weekend repairs to bus air conditioners and plans for more buses and lanes for bus stops.

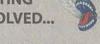
Laurie Markle, vice president of academic affairs, noted that cases of sexual comments to passing students have been reported against construction workers at the Zach S. Henderson Library. All workers now have numbered hard hats because of sexual harassment issues.

Some SGA members volunteered to talk to freshmen at Eagle Village about getting involved with SGA. Mary Ann Rogers, publicity coordinator, proposed putting a freestanding computer kiosk in the Russell Union lobby to keep students informed about SGA.

Legal services are now being offered to students who need help with legal matters. However, legal services does not help with any Georgia Southern affairs, such as parking tickets and citations.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in room 2047 of the Russell Union.

**GETTING** INVOLVED ...



Do you have a news or feature-related story idea? E-mail our news editor at ganewsed@georgiasouthern.

Are you interested in writing for any section? Call the newsroom at (912) 681-5246.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 30

Red Cross Blood Drive Russell Union 2041, 2047

Bulloch County Eagle Club BBQ

6 p.m. **Exercise Science Meeting** Hollis Classroom 1107

Linguistics Circle Meeting Newton Building

Habitat for Humanity Meeting Russell Union 2041

7 p.m. **GSU Debate Meeting** Russell Union 2043

Wednesday, August 31

10 a.m. Volunteer Fair Russell Union Rotunda

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Informational Meeting COBA Room 1124

**NAACP General Meeting** Russell Union 2084

Friday, September 2

International Club Meeting Russell Union 2080

Maximum Exposure Meeting Russell Union 2044

### **POLICE BEAT**

08-24-2005

• Michael James Goodman, 19, of Eagle Village, was charged with possession of a schedule IV controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

08-25-2005

- . Michael C. Brazeau, 19, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- · Travis M. Dockins, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consump-
- tion of alcohol. · John C. Los, 20, of Evans, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol. \* obstruction of an officer and

possession of a fake I.D.

- · A Kennedy Hall resident re- · ported her keys and ID were missing from her book bag in the residence hall's multipurpose
- · A Southern Pines resident reported his bike was taken from the residence hall's bike rack.
- · A university employee reported a physical confrontation with a temporary employee.

08-27-2005

- · John Pattison Cardin, 18, of Kingsland, Ga., was charged with underage drinking, public drunk and possession of a false I.D.
- Hugh McGowan Elwood, 18, of Campus Courtyard, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.
- · Jonathan Paul McCorkle, 23, of Thomson, was charged with public drunk.
- · Nicholas Alan McKelvey, 18, of Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.
- · George Nathan Wheeler, 19, of Cumming, Ga., was charged with underage drinking and obstruction of an officer.
- · A T.V. stand was damaged at Eagle Village.

08-28-2005

· Kristesha S. Harris, 19, of Statesboro, was charged with affray (fighting).

· Thomas Meyer Hatcher Jr., 18, of Kennedy Hall, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.

of Bermuda Run, Statesboro, was charged with affray (fighting.) · Meghan Mary Lynch, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with

· Chaevonneate Nicole Leigh, 19,

· William Evan Riggs, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended li-

cense. · A bicycle was taken from Eagle Village.

THE BIG STORY

## Bigger French role in U.S. war on terrorism brings warming ties, no change on Iraq

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - As the going gets tougher for the U.S. military in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the region, one ally has stepped up despite a recent straining of ties: France.

Paris has significantly boosted its military presence in Central Asia and Afghanistan, plus in nearby seas, as both it and Washington nurture their budding rapprochement after a bitter falling out over the Iraq war.

French fighters have been flying sorties under U.S. command in Afghanistan since Aug. 16, and France also took command this month of an international naval task force on terrorism-related patrols in the seas between the Horn of Africa and

France has kept about 900 troops in Afghanistan since 2003, including 200 Special Forces soldiers fighting alongside the Americans. Its air force periodically has joined the U.S.-led coalition since taking its biggest role in the war's opening weeks in 2001, when France had 5,500 troops in

"It's France's wish to show that we are cooperating in the fight against terfor and in support of you in Afghanistan," said French Air Force Col. Gilles

Man arrested

gone awry

to a police report.

note to a teller.

suspected burglars.

Man accused

John Deeres

of stealing tiny

in practical joke

SAVANNAH — A man was ar-

rested after he told a 13-year-old

girl to hand a note to a bank teller

threatening a holdup, police said.

Michael Lyons, 45, told po-

lice that he and a group of girls

elebrating his daughter's birthday

vere trying to play a practical joke.

The note said "Give me all of your

money, this is a stick up," according

While Lyons was getting money

went into the bank and handed the

The teller sounded the bank's

rounded the building searching for

attempt of robbery by intimida-

Lyons was charged with criminal

alarm and police and FBI sur-

out of an ATM on Friday, the girl

Michel, who oversees his country's air force role in the theater.

A French Defense Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with French custom, said Paris was determined to keep battling terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks and was increasing its military cooperation in Afghanistan to support next month's landmark legislative

"We had a very clear position when it comes to Iraq," the Paris-based official said. "That has nothing to do with our fight against terrorism, with France working with our American colleagues" on the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

Since earlier this month, French Mirage-2000 fighters have been flying alongside U.S. Air Force A-10 Warthogs to assist American and Afghan ground troops near Kabul, Ghazni, Delaram and Qalat, said Capt. David Small, spokesman for U.S. Central Command Air Forces in Qatar.

A pair of French C-135 tanker planes, a version of the Boeing 707, are running air-to-air refueling for Mirages and Belgian and Dutch F-16s. By month's end, French tankers also will be refueling U.S. A-10s, said

France's current deployment



Khalid Mohammed/Associated Press

A U.S. military helicopter flies over friends and relatives, many of them colleague journalists, as they carry the casket of Reuters journalist Waleed Khaled during his funeral procession in Baghdad, Monday. The French are offering more help as Americans are suffering increasing casualties in wars across the Middle East.

is its largest since the Afghan campaign's early days, Michel said from Afghanistan's Bagram air base. It includes some 500 French pilots, air controllers and ground crew who arrived this month at U.S.-operated bases in Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar.

But even as it takes a larger role alongside the United States in Afghanistan, France has not diluted its opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, a policy that enraged Americans and led to boycotts of French

The bad blood even harmed military ties, especially after U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld derided France as part of "old Europe." French and U.S. officials make clear that France still takes no direct role

## Wineries hope to harvest tourists

Quick, What's new

State parole board set to grant posthumous pardon to black maid

ATLANTA — On trial for killing a white man in the Jim Crow

South, Lena Baker told jurors, "What I done, I done in self-de-

fense. Now I am ready to meet my maker." Though the black

maid was executed 60 years ago, when Baker is granted clem-

ency for her crime Tuesday, her grandnephew says she will

IN GEORGIA

finally rest in peace.

ATLANTA — If Georgia wine growers have their way, The Peach State could soon be known for its pinot. For decades, the state's wine industry withered on the vine, but grape growers have been making a comeback since Georgia began allowing wineries again in the early 1980s. Now, owners want to capitalize on wine's growing popularity and attract connoisseurs to local

### THE REGION

### Carolina's 'Senator No' still blunt in retirement

RALEIGH, N.C. — Comparing the magnitude of abortion to the Sept. 11 attacks and the Holocaust, Jesse Helms never sidestepped the opinions that made him arguably the archconservative of the Senate for 30 years. And the North Carolina Republican known as "Senator No" leaves no doubt in a memoir due for release this week that he has continued to eschew moderation since leaving office in 2003. "I believed then, and I believe now, that people who will not surrender their principles to assure their popularity can get things done," Helms writes in "Here's Where I Stand."

### Racial incidents mar start of classes at Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — Barely one week into the start of classes at the University of Virginia, a string of racial incidents has jarred the Charlottesville campus, rattling students and administrators. Incidents of harassment and menacing messages left on student doors drew more than 250 students to a campus discussion and spurred school officials to consider making hate speech a violation of the campus honor code.

### THE NATION

### Nine former KPMG execs charged in tax shelter probe, firm to pay \$456 million

NEW YORK — Criminal charges were brought against nine former KPMG executives as the accounting firm itself agreed on Monday to pay \$456 million and admitted wrongdoing to settle a federal probe into tax shelters it sold its clients.

### THE WORLD

### No good choices for Sunni Arabs on constitution in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunni Arabs now face a dilemma: Boycott the referendum on a new constitution and hand the Shiites a landslide victory or take part in a vote that demographics suggest they'll lose. But the Shiite community itself is divided over the constitution, and interviews on Baghdad streets indicate the key federalism proposal may be a hard sell to many on both

### **ONLY IN AMERICA**

charged with embezzlement and the theft of 104 miniatures worth a total of more than \$2,000. He was arrested Thursday and freed on bond, a day after police seized hats, gloves and other merchandise with the John Deere logo from

He had worked at the John Deere training center in Morrisville until March 17, according to court

### lowa man accused of swiping prosthetic leg

B DES MOINES, Iowa — A man test-fitting a \$17,000 artificial leg ran off without paying the bill, police said.

The man visited Spectrum Prosthetics and Orthotics on Aug. 19 to be fitted for the prosthetic and "was allowed to take it for a couple hours to ensure that the fit was proper," a police report said. But the man didn't come back, Sgt. David Murillo said.

Todd Schweizer, one of the owners of the company, said employees had been working with the man for about a week.

No one answered the door at an address left by the man, and calls to a cell phone number also were not answered, Detective Robert Lewis said. Company employees waited several days to report the

theft because they may have believed he was coming back, Lewis said.

### Charges dropped against 'raging grannies'

4 TUCSON, Ariz. — Charges have been dropped against the "Raging Grannies," five women accused of trespassing after they tried to enlist at a military recruitment center to protest the war in Iraq, a city prosecutor said.

The five women tried to enlist on July 13, saying they wanted to go to Iraq so their children and grandchildren could come home. Recruiters called police.

Their group, dubbed the "Tucson Raging Grannies," includes members ranging in age from 65 to 81 — decades older than the maximum age for recruits. They have protested at the center every week for three years.

City Prosecutor Laura Brynwood said Friday the trespassing charges were dropped earlier this month because they would have been difficult to prove.

Patricia Birnie, a spokesperson for the group, said the group will continue to protest outside the recruitment center "until there is no longer a need to be there." But trying to enlist again is not in their immediate plans.

### **Geese honked** off about not crossing road

6 AMHERST, N.H. — Linda Kaiser's geese aren't happy with town officials. A new town ordinance to control domestic animals forbids the geese from doing something they've done for years — cross the road from their home to a park.

Kaiser doesn't think that's fair, and she's collecting signatures for a petition warrant article to allow the geese to cross the road.

Since she put wire up in June to pen in the geese, people have been stopping at her home to tell her how upset they are about the ordinance. She said about 80 people have stopped since the ordinance was passed, and about 350 have signed a petition to let the geese through.

Town Manager Carl Weber said the ordinance was adopted because of complaints about the geese and chickens on another

A violation of the ordinance could carry a fine of up to \$1,000.

2 MORRISVILLE, N.C. — A man who used to work for farm equipment-maker John Deere is accused of stealing more than 100 minature tractors and selling them

Timothy Paul Weekes, 25, was

## Gas

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slowed the U.S. economy's growth rate, though domestic fuel consumption is still rising.

"We're losing a lot of crude oil and also a lot of natural gas," said Lawrence J. Goldstein, president of the New York-based nonprofit Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. Goldstein estimated that total refinery

production of gasoline, heating oil, diesel and other fuels could fall by as much as 20 million barrels over the next 60 days. Also Monday, several refiners said damage at their plants appeared to be minimal and oil prices eased from the day's high of \$70.80 a

barrel. The Gulf of Mexico normally produces 2 million barrels of crude oil a day, or about 35 percent of the United States' domestic output, according to government and industry data. About 10 billion cubic feet a day of natural gas is produced in the region.

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Excellence" award four times in the last seven years, and earned the "General Advertising Excellence Award" 12 times in the last 14 years. The paper competes with other four-year universities including Valdosta State, Georgia Tech. and Kennesaw State for he GCPA's top honor.

"The purpose of The G-A is to serve he student population by keeping them informed, as well as providing them with an outlet for self-expression," said Student Media Adviser Bill Neville. "It was necessary for The G-A to initiate a daily publication cycle in order to effectively provide GSU's growing campus with up-to-date local

and national news."

The G-A staff has also committed itself to increasing the efficiency of its online service. Starting this fall, The G-A web site will install upgrades in order to better host Internet traffic. The web site will be enhanced by a 24-hour breaking news template from the Associated Press, greater access to G-A archives, and a section entitled "Coverage Plus." Through the Coverage Plus section, student media slideshows and multimedia presentations will be available to view.

The G-A staff will be marking this occasion on Sept. 12 by hosting a casual ceremony at the Russell Union Rotunda. Readers will have the opportunity to meet G-A editors, writers, and photographers. Music, ice cream, drinks, and contests will also be provided.

## Transit

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putting flashing lights and crosswalks on and off campus to make it safer for pedestrians. Currently, buses stop in the middle of Lanier Road, and have to wait for traffic to slow before continuing the route.

"We are looking to solve all of these problems we have, plus, we are still addressing problems," said Hagins.

SGA is asking students to send complaints by e-mail. Students can reach the Student Government Association at sga@georgiasouthern.edu.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

**OUR VIEW** 

## GSU needs real food on campus

AT ISSUE: Starbucks, other franchises would be great additions to GSU's busy campus

Last week's edition of The George-Anne featured a story regarding the possibility of a Starbucks coming to the Georgia Southern

If all goes as planned, the new gourmet coffee shop would most likely replace the now closed game room in the Russell Union.

The need for a Starbucks — or an establishment similar to it — is long overdue on our campus. Besides Chick-fil-A, there are no other franchise facilities on campus. Even

the "home of the chicken sandwich" in the Union is a little less-than-average, and the early closing time makes it even less of a perk for on-campus eating.

The only problem with the supposed forthcoming Starbucks is timing.

No one knows for sure when, or if, it will be here, though campus administrators say it's on the short list of possible occupants of the old game room.

There's a process the university must follow

before bringing in the coffee shop, and we hope that process goes forth in a hasty manner.

Starbucks needs to come to GSU. While it would provide a place where students could buy real coffee on campus and converse with other coffee lovers, it would also be a great marketing tool for our school.

Currently, the closest Starbucks to Statesboro is Savannah, and while there are other coffee shops around town, they're not convenient to those who spend most of their time on

GSU needs more appealing restaurant venues on campus. The new transit system has made it so that many students, who would have normally left campus between class breaks, stay on campus until their classes are completed. This fact alone makes it pretty clear that we need more options.

We hope Starbucks will be here soon and that it will be the gateway facility allowing for other big chains to follow closely behind.

Luke Hearn RAMBLINGS OF A RAGING LIBERAL



## Washington, D.C.: not the perfect place I remember

T've always held the Washington, D.C. Lin my mind as a place of historical perfection. When I was in the seventh grade, I went there on a class field trip and was fascinated by what I saw.

On that visit, we toured all the major landmarks and historical sites, and we spent time learning some of the history.

When I had the chance to go back there late this summer for the first time since seventh grade, I felt like I was in a totally different city.

But instead of being in the place that once inspired awe in my soul, I felt I was in a land where the white paint and rare marble served only as a mask to the ugliness that lurks behind the walls of our government buildings.

When I was there at age 13, seeing Abraham Lincoln sitting in all his glory was awesome. I'm convinced he smiled at me when I walked by, assuring me that he approved of how the place was

When I saw old Abe there last month, he looked uncomfortable and

It may have been the temporary fencing around the mall that made his view anything but appealing. It may have been the cigarette butts and Styrofoam cups vandalizing the sidewalks leading to his run-down palace. Or maybe - just maybe - it could be the dirty politics being practiced just miles away in our nation's capitol

Lincolnlookedlikehewastryingto remember how to stand up so he could get the heck out of town.

The Capitol and the White House — both places that used to sparkle and shine in the afternoon sun - looked gray in the afternoon haze. Neither place seemed to amaze those trying to find the magnificence in their presence, and neither inspired the feelings of patriotism that they should have.

The politicians in power in D.C. have made America's historic city stink, just like they have made the image of their party smell even worse.

Too much more of this, and Abe will rise from his marble chair, march down the goose-grease infested mall, grab the Washington Monument and start spearing people.

He'll probably start at and then make his way down to the White House, where he would clean a house wrought with Texas dirt and

At 13, I had no real idea what was going on in Washington, D.C., but looking back, I know it was nothing like what's happening there today.

Sure, there was corruption — as there always has been, and always will be - but there wasn't as much as there is today.

We weren't fighting an unnecessary war, we didn't have an incompetent president, we didn't have scandals that were a matter of life and death (no, the "blue dress" was not a matter of life and death, thank you) and we didn't have a majority party in leadership that was drunken with theocratic principles, rather than the democratic ideas that inspired the men for whom the monuments are named.

Sure, all the temporary fencing and barricades, mixed with the dove and goose droppings, made the city look less like the beacon on the hill and more like some dump in disguise, but I think those outward signs are poetic commentary on what lurks inside the city's hollowed halls.

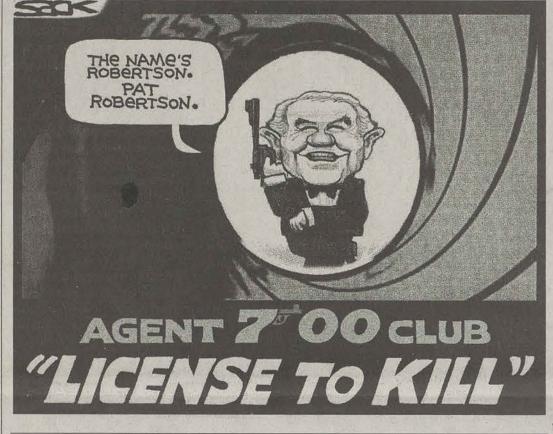
Our government is being guided by those who do not have the common American in mind. Instead, those on the right ignore the peoples' needs in pursuit of goals that harm more than help.

Old Abewould be quite horrified by what's happening in the Washington, D.C. of today.

Leaders of his day made decisions based on what was right for the

He would have never turned his back on the American people, nor would he have cowered in the face

of dissent. Write Luke at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu



Jim Reichard: YOUR TURN

### Environmentalism not just about animals, trees

In his recent column, Adam Fogle is correct in that the Earth is a system in which the climate, air, water environmental ignorance is a serious threat. The problem is, he parrots the same tired old argument used by antienvironmentalists that not only shows his ignorance, but keeps people confused.

The anti-environmental movement tries to make

people think it's a choice between Jim Reichard. people (i.e. jobs) and warm fuzzy who believes Adam Fogle was off course with his recent column The Sierra Club is not your friend," is an associate professor in

animals and trees. Environmentalists then are a threat because they place plants and animals ahead of people. Nothing could be further from the truth. the department of geology and geography.

he'd understand that environmentalfrom oil prices to natural hazards, are directly related to our ignorance about the natural

If Mr. Fogle was truly informed

ism is about saving PEOPLE from themselves. Most of our problems,

In the large scheme of things, scientists understand

and biomass are all in a delicate balance that supports life as we know it.

Human activities often disrupt this balance, leading to a degraded environment that in turn affects jobs and our quality of life. Moreover, there is strong scientific evidence showing that humans are capable of disrupting the Earth system to the point where ecosystems could begin to collapse.

Should this occur, the Earth could simply shake us offlike it has countless species throughout geologic time. Just scare tactics you say? Consider the fact the geologic record shows many such environmental collapses, some leading to mass extinctions.

In the end, environmentalists are trying to save the Earth for ourselves. Keep in mind the Earth couldn't

The Earth will continue to spin and revolve around the sun whether we're on it or not.

Write professor Reichard at jreich@georgiasouthern.edu

Editorial Round-up: WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

### The Beaufort Gazette on Hurricane Preparedness:

(AP) — Mention the word "hurricane" and the first thought for many Lowcountry residents is "evacuation."

It's no wonder, with all the fretting over when to leave, where to go and what to take when a hurricane threatens. ... As the coastline fills, evacuations get harder. Hurricane Floyd in September 1999 remains a searing

memory for many who were caught in bumper-to-bumper evacuation traffic that literally stretched from one end of the state to the other.

Hardships aside, having a personal and business hurricane evacuation plan is as important to everyone in Beaufort County as air conditioning. It is as basic as meat and potatoes.

munity heavily damaged by a hurricane.

But there's more to the task of hurricane preparedness, and a new word is starting to get more attention. We're starting to hear more about "recovery," and that is a good

Governments and some private-sector leaders are putting new emphasis

on the painful process of preparing for the unthinkable: Rebuilding a com-

escape failing schools. About 40,000 ...having a personal and business hurricane evacuation

meat and potatoes.

public school students in South Carolina are taking the opportunity to do exactly that. A solid schooling experience is plan...is as basic as built upon a comprehensive foun-

> dation: good teachers, of course, but also supportive parents and a student who is disciplined and motivated to learn. But No Child Left Behind was

The Greenville News on the

No Child Left Behind Act:

controversial, President Bush's land-

mark No Child Left Behind Act was

designed to help struggling students

(AP) — Though extraordinarily

never intended to guarantee better results. Its focus was on school choice — greater educational opportunity - for parents and

Adam Crisp SCENE AND HEARD

## Today is a new day for your news

C tudents who wake this morning and venture to campus will find a different sort of newspaper waiting in the racks.

Instead of the standard student paper everyone has become accustomed to, today's George-Anne has turned a new leaf and is what we like to think of as a grown-up version of the past.

Today, The George-Anne is a



Adam Crisp is the managing editor for news of The Georgedaily. Perhaps we aren't a daily in the since that many might think. We won't print seven days a week, but we will crank up the presses four days a week, backto-back, Monday-Thursday.

for us here at the

paper, who had become accustomed to printing three days a week for the last several years. But, we're confident about the future because we have a truly talented and dedicated staff.

In the early 80s, the paper was printed a mere once a week. A few years later, the paper made the leap to twice weekly and then three days.

I couldn't imagine making such a change with any other group. Everyone from our executive editor down to our entry-level reporters have great enthusiasm about what's to come.

Sure, we might be a bit nervous. And we all know late nights are ahead, but producing a paper for a truly unique audience, in a vibrant and enthusiastic community, makes the opportunities of such a venture worth all the stress.

But even though our staff possesses a wealth of talent, we still need help. We're always looking for writers, photographers and those who can offer their opinion on our product.

Not only can writing and photography jobs at the G-A be a nice source of extra income, the experience here is far more valuable. For those who are interested in a career in media, working for a daily student publication is a great way to earn experience, and a great tag for your résumé.

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We'd also like to hear from you, the average reader. The George-Anne is your publication. If you think we should address an issue, provide a service or just shut our mouths, you should stay in touch.

Please e-mail me. We might be a grown-up paper these days, but we aren't aiming to be too grown-up to listen to our readers.

Write Adam at gamed@georgiasouth-

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By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

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challenging. Aries (March 21-April 19) \_ Today is a 6 Just when it seems you'll have to agree to disagree,

tion opens up Again, love finds a way. Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8 Whenever you unfamiliar

another op-

territory, you'll problems. That's part of

2 Dudes

the adventure, remember? Enjoy. Gemini (May 21-June 21) \_ Today is a 7 \_ Listen at keyholes and you'll discover valuable information. Don't talk about it yet; you don't have the whole story.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) \_ Today is an 8 Continue to dig through the information before making up your mind. Let the answer come to you.

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YOU, DUDE, BUT THIS

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By Aaron Warner



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# SPORTS



Women's Soccer August 31, 4 PM GSU vs. Mercer Statesboro Volleyball September 1, 7 PM GSU at Georgia Athens, Ga.

What's on tap this week...

**Cross Country** September 2, 6 PM Georgia Southern at Gamecock Invitational University of South Carolina Columbia, SC

Men's Soccer September 2, 5 PM GSU vs. UMBC Annapolis, Md. Volleyball September 2, 7 PM GSU at Auburn

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VOLLEYBALL

### Georgia Southern wins to complete Invitational

**G-A News Service** 

The Georgia Southern volleyball team closed out the 2005 Georgia Southern/La Quinta Inn Invitational by defeating Jacksonville in four games. GSU (2-1) rallied back from a first game loss, 35-33, to defeat the Dolphins (0-3) in the next three games; 30-27, 30-27 and 30-23, respectively.

The Eagles were led by senior Iulia Porumbescu, 25 kills and 24 digs, and sophomore Bailey Coleman, 24 kills

Freshman setter Mae Chabra, who led the team with 31 assists, recorded her first career double-double tallying 14 digs in the match. The Eagles also totaled 25 blocks in the match, led by 8 from junior Jennifer Schenk.

"I was impressed with our play this weekend," head coach Kerry Messersmith said. "Our defense was very strong and our blocking was sharp. Natalia (Galantini) and Mae were outstanding setting the ball all weekend. Iulia and Bailey really played to their potential. Overall, I thought we played great volleyball."

Porumbescu, who led the tournament with 71 kills, and Coleman were both named to the All-Tournament team.

The Eagles, who lost their first match of the tournament to LSU in four games Friday morning and defeated Campell in four Friday night, was very happy to finish the tournament with a victory.

GSU will return to action playing at Georgia on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m., and will not play at home again until Oct. 1, when they will be hosting Wofford.

LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF GSU's Jennifer Schenk spikes a ball in a match during

SOCCER

### Women's soccer opens Eagle field with a victory

by Renaldo Stover

On an extremely warm Sunday afternoon that saw a large number of fans sweating almost as much as the Georgia Southern women's soccer team, which faced off against North Florida, things seemed a bit cooler after a 1-0 victory in the inaugural match at Eagle Field this past weekend following a special dedication

Coming into the match, North Florida seemed to have an advantage based on the number of upperclassman on their roster with collegiate experience. In comparison, the Eagles' lone senior this season is Jessica Rice. However, this did little to faze a young Eagles squad, which saw the first half end with a combined nine attempted shots on goal and neither

Early in the second half, fans were finally given something other than the blazing heat to talk about when freshman Ashley Toussaint scored her first collegiate goal at the 48:24 mark, following a North Floridaturnover. GSU sophomore Laura-Ashley Harris showed off her goalkeeping skills throughout the match, making seven saves in the contest which ended as a 1-0 victory for the Eagles. This shutout is the third in Harris' career. GSU head coach Ashley Hart said she felt that the team started slowly but definitely played well in the second half.

"We were able to create our own chances with a good work ethic," Hart said, adding that she was glad



LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF GSU freshman Susanne Rogers moves the ball downfield while avoiding UNF player Elizabeth Gowan.

that the team was able to get a win in the first match at

GSU improves its record to 1-1 on the season and will look for a second victory tomorrow at 4 p.m. when they host Mercer at Eagle Field.

## Eagles play in final scrimmage

GSU getting ready for season opener against Northeastern

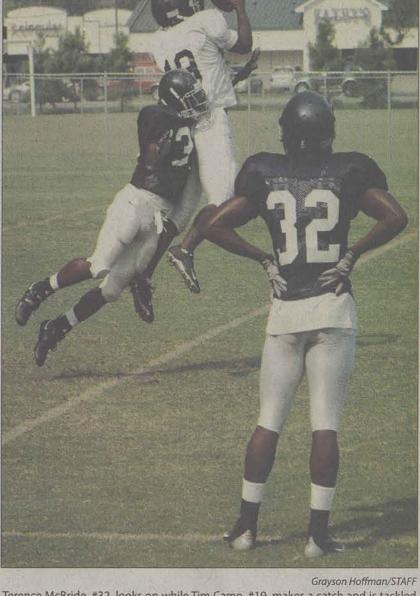
By Renaldo Stover Staff Writer

Georgia Southern wrapped up their final scrimmage of the preseason this past Friday in a game that seemed to leave a few questions unanswered for Coach Mike Sewak leading up to this weekend's game against Northeastern. The starting offensive and defensive units (blue team) were matched up against a gritty scout team unit (white team), which showed flair at times, including a Ronald Wiggins touchdown 61-yard touchdown run.

The blue team's first drive, led by quarterback Jayson Foster, ran like clockwork and was capped off with a Jermaine Austin seven yard touchdown run after a nine play, 70-yard drive. Although Foster finished the game with 123 yards on 13 carries, this would be the only scoring drive he would lead during a windy Friday afternoon.

Backup quarterback Darius Smiley got into the flow of things during the blue team's second drive of the day after marching down to the 27-yard line. Smiley gave fans a glimpse of his running ability from this point, taking a snap into the end zone for his first of two touchdowns on the day.

Following a brief halftime, the starting defense seemed fired up during the second half of the scrimmage. Strong safety lariq Muhammad showed why he could possibly be one of the hardest-hitting defensive backs in the SoCon this season after a play in which he blasted into the backfield and unloaded on the ball



Terence McBride, #32, looks on while Tim Camp, #19, makes a catch and is tackled during a practice last week.

The scrimmage was also a chance for the defense to go through various drive scenarios that they could possibly face when the season starts. One highlight during these scenarios came when the defense was inside the 10 and refused to allow the scout team to cross the five-

Coach Sewak said he wasn't pleased with the quarterback situation, which he had hoped to solidify by this point, while also noting that there are still a few questions in the kicking game. As far as how he feels leading up to this week, Coach Sewak says that he is glad that he has a few more days to work.

"We need to find a killer instinct and play with enthusiasm," Sewak said. "We can't just win with defense but have to play as a team."

Kickoff for next Saturday's game at Northeastern is scheduled at 2 p.m. It can be seen on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast on a tape-delayed basis starting at 3:30 p.m.

### **Game Breakdown**

SCORING DRIVES: Austin 7 run (Foster run) Smiley 27 run (kick fail) Wiggins 61 run (kick blocked) Bolen 31 FG Smiley 21 run (Smiley pass to Greer)

RUSHING: Foster 13-123; Smiley 5-74; B. Andrews 5-60; Austin 8-49; L. Turner 7-31; Maynard 1-19; Jefferson 2-3. Wiggins 8-96; Paschall 13-10; Griffin 15-(-)31; Davis 2-(-)7. PASSING: Foster 3-8 36 yards; Smiley 2-3

39 yards. Griffin 11-21 51 yards; Heaberlin 1-1 1 yard.

RECEIVING: Steele 1-30; Maynard 1-20; Mc-Cutcheon 1-10; Dickerson 1-9; Covington 1-6. Lake 1-22; Wiggins 3-17; Davis 3-11; Miller 2-7; Larson 1-6; Gibson 1-1. DEFENSE: Bynam 6 (two sacks); Sherman 6

(three tackles for loss); Taylor 5 (three TOL); Muhammad 4 (sack); Kranz 3 (two TOL); Long 3; Mohring 3 (two sacks), McBride 3.

