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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

LADIES' LOCK-UP

Britt offers his two cents on Nikel uproar

Bar owner, city councilman says he hopes controversy will 'blow over'

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

Will Britt, the embattled city councilman and owner of the Woodin Nikel, said he is listening to complaints about the Wednesday night "Ladies' Lock-up" at his bar.

Britt said Friday by telephone he has engaged in a dialogue with two of the women who were in attendance at the Statesboro City Council last week, asking for changes to Statesboro's liquor ordinances, hoping to curtail underage drinking and practices that lead to binge drinking.

"I've started a dialogue with two

women from the group, and I have heard their concerns," said Britt, who adds the Nikel is no longer squirting alcoholic beverages into girls' mouths. Instead, the bar now only serves drinks in cups.

Laura Milner, a Georgia Southern professor who served as a spokesperson for a group of around 100 locals last Tuesday, said it's too early to call Britt's talks with the group "negotiations." Instead, she confirmed that at least one



Will Britt

person who was at last week's meeting had talked with Britt.

But Milner said the concerns brought before last week's council meeting weren't about Britt specifically.

"It's an overstatement to say we are in negotiation talks," said Milner. "We are pushing for changes with law enforcement and changes in the law."

Milner said Britt's bar was used as an example of a larger problem.

"This is more about exploitation and safety," she said.

Britt said he felt targeted by the manner in which the group brought about their concerns.

"I was not pleased with the public

way they brought their concerns to me," said Britt. "But I defend (their) right to do it this way... I will live with it."

Britt said his status as a city councilman made him a ripe target. But he has told other restaurant owners that he will absorb the controversy with hopes it will blow over soon.

"I'm definitely sure it was easier for (the group to come after) me," said Britt. "I've told other (bar owners) I will take the heat for this. I told them 'Let's let it die. Let me take the heat. Let the news and the situation cool down.'"

According to Britt, attendance at last week's "Ladies' Lock-Up" was near-

ly identical to the previous weeks.

"The numbers are almost identical; within 2 to 3 percent of the week before. Some of that was because of the article in The George-Anne. People who don't usually come, came to offer their support," he said.

He said comments from others have been positive.

"Far more people have come to me very upset (about the club being) painted in this way. I have yet to meet one student who has ever heard the Woodin Nikel called 'date rape night,' he said.

As for future talks, Britt said he's willing.

"We are probably going to have a

meeting ... If they can offer tangible things I should address, I am willing to meet them and tell them what I will change and what I won't change.

"I want them to say 'he's making an effort.' I have made some changes... and it's a better environment."

Milner said she has been encouraged by recent talks with other members of the city council.

"I am encouraged by what city officials have told me," said Milner.

Britt said he's willing to work on complaints.

"I can fix tangible problems. If there are girls passed out in the bathroom, I can identify and fix those sorts of complaints — if they are true."



LaVene Bell-Keopke/STAFF

Quarterback Jayson Foster breaks away from defenders on his way to another 100-plus yard game.

Eagles emerge against Mocs

The Georgia Southern Eagles emerged from a two-game losing streak against the Mocs of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The game served as a big morale boost for players and coaches. | **Read the whole story, p. 8**

A pain in the gas: 'snow day' pinches parents

Parents say public school break an inconvenience

By Rachel Weeks
News editor

On Friday Gov. Sonny Perdue requested that all Georgia K-12 public schools close to conserve fuel after Hurricane Rita struck more fuel refineries. All but three of Georgia's 181 school systems voluntarily went along with the governor's request. The decision was praised by President Bush on Monday, but caused a political hailstorm, with parents complaining of inconveniences.

"Clearly, the governor didn't consider the impact of this stunt on working Georgians," said Secretary of State Cathy Cox, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate. "He must not realize how much Georgia families will

have to spend for last-minute childcare alternatives for their children on Monday and Tuesday. What was he thinking?"

The impact of cancelled classes was felt at GSU as parents brought their children to class.

Laurie Bryant, who commutes from Savannah, brought her seven-year-old son, Alex, to her 3:30 p.m. class Monday. Although all Chatham students were offered free daycare at the local YMCAs, Bryant said bringing her son to class was more convenient.

"It's an inconvenience (having classes cancelled), but I'm not fuming mad or anything," said Bryant. "It's not a problem for me, but I can't imagine what people who have to work are doing."

Superintendent of Bulloch County Schools Jessie Shields Strickland said after receiving an emergency e-mail from Gov. Perdue's office Friday afternoon.

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INSIDE

71 y.o. homecoming

Students at Northeastern State University know 71-year-old Muriel Saunders as their homecoming queen. Saunders was crowned Saturday night during halftime ceremonies. | **Only in America, p. 4**

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CORRECTION

Student are not allowed to take ENGL 1102 until they have passed ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better and taken the Regents' Test or exempted both parts of the test. An article in the Sept. 21 edition of The George-Anne provided incorrect information.

Students get experience with remote broadcast truck

Live remotes are real-world classroom, say professors

By Casey Altman
Assistant news editor

Last Saturday, Georgia Southern students had an opportunity to prove themselves as broadcasters by producing the football game. The broadcast was carried by Comcast South and aired live across the Southeastern U.S. The crew will air the next two home games. Then the last game will be aired by Fox, and according to Kent Murray, a communication professor and the director of Saturday's production, one

students who excel may get to work with the Fox staff on that game.

Twenty-eight of the 37 staff working on the production were students. They held various positions from operating cameras to assistant directing.

The students had a brief training session in July, when the school rented a truck to be here for five days.

Murray said he was nervous at first. "Prior to those five days, I had a high anxiety level," said Murray. "But by the end of day two, I had a higher confidence level in the students, and

they have really proven themselves to me this past Saturday night."

FONT Assistant Kristin Miller deals with all the graphics used during the production. She makes sure statistics, downs and scores are constantly updated during the game.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," she said. "We're really lucky to get to do this, to use professional equipment for every home game from here on out."

Murray said the idea to get a truck

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Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A remote broadcast truck was used to broadcast Saturday's game.

THROUGH OUR LENS



A view from the press box as fans begin the fill Paulson Stadium Saturday as the Eagles prepare to take on University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

photos by Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

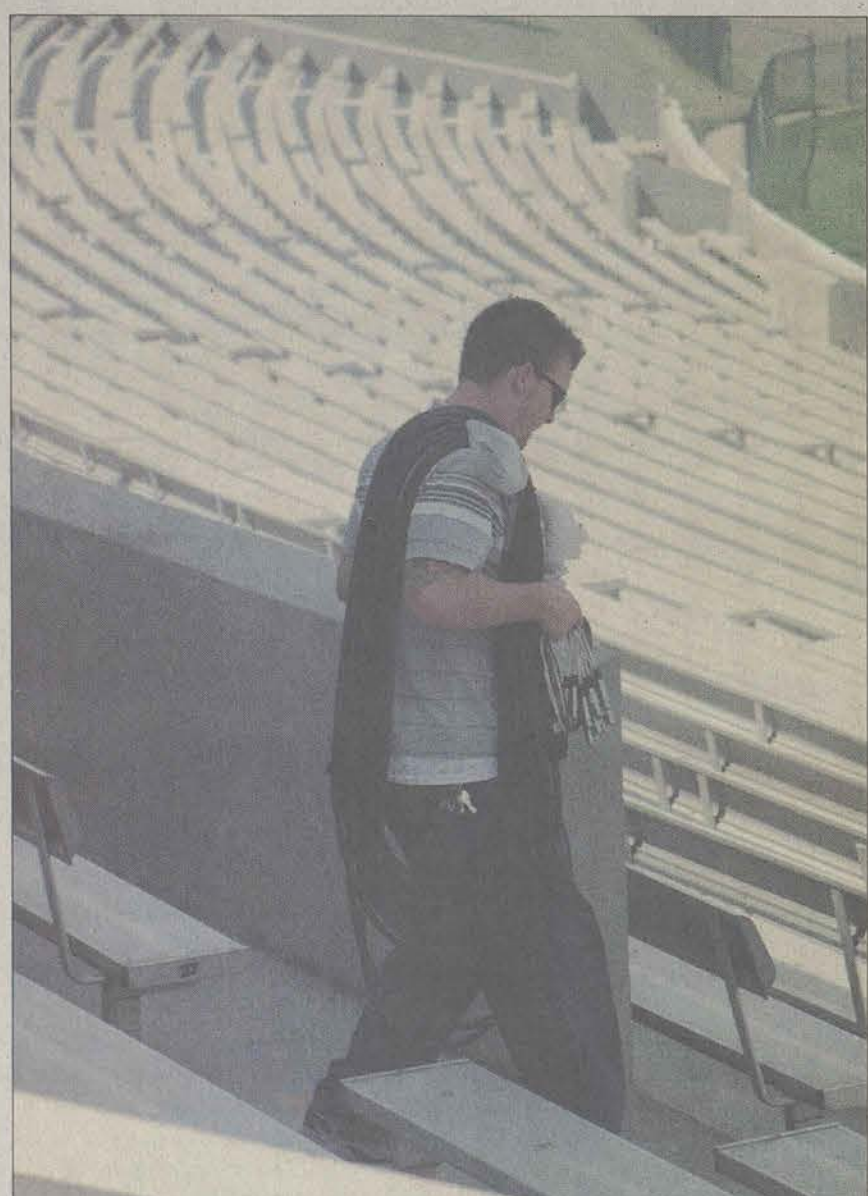
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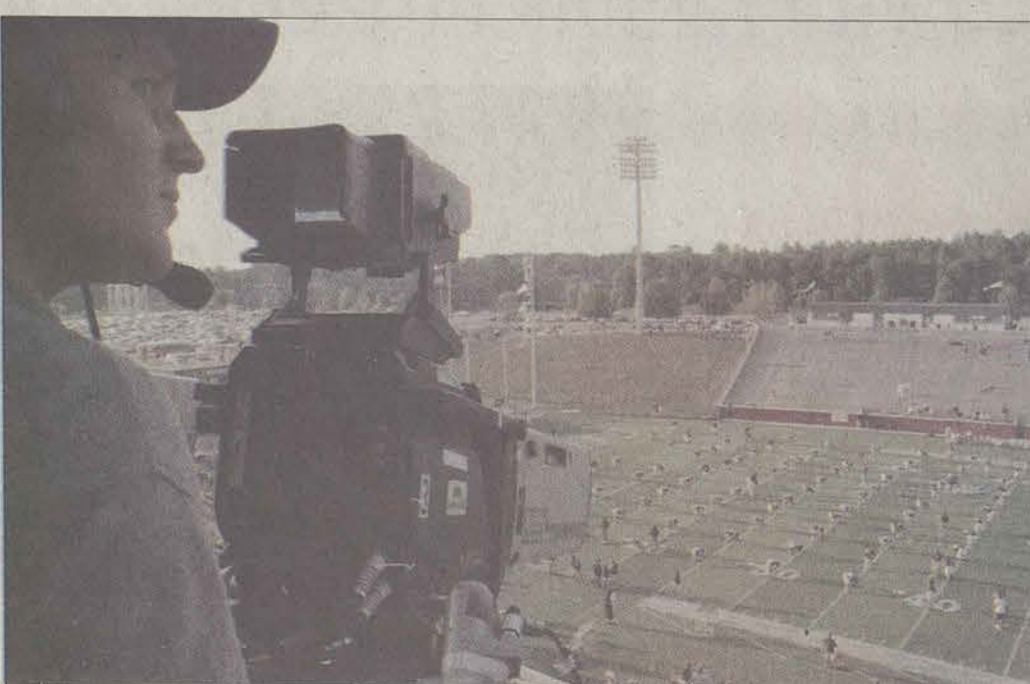
Above: Steven Hein, director of the Lamar Q. Ball Raptor Center, holds an eagle during Saturday's game.

At right: Lynon Jefferson, slotback for the Eagles, greets young fans just before kick-off.

Below: A member of the marching band readies equipment.



Above: A member of the camera crew carries video cables hours before the game.



Left: A camera operator, atop the press box, surveys the field as the teams warm-up.

Study Abroad Fair sets sail today

By Rachel Weeks
Staff writer

Travel abroad programs offer the perfect excuse to travel and earn class credit while learning about other cultures in exotic places. Today's Study Abroad Fair allows students to look at all of the programs offered and to meet the professors and students who have made the trips themselves. Jeff Palis, study abroad coordinator, said almost 300 students traveled abroad last year and Georgia Southern students were able to travel to 15 different countries.

Palis said the study abroad fair is a great way to get information about the classes available in various countries of the world. "Students will be able to meet with program directors, the professors who teach the programs and students who participated in the program."

Van Tassel, program director of international studies for the Costa



Picture of Buckingham Palace taken by a GSU art student in London.

Rica program said all students should experience life outside of the United States, especially since the trips are reasonably priced.

"I take a group to study abroad

in Costa Rica. We live with families there and have class in Costa Rican colleges," said Tassel, "Normally a study abroad experience would cost about as much as if you remained

on campus during the semester. Any financial aid applies to the trip and as far as the university is concerned, it is just like taking classes here."

Anthony Fierstos, took a trip to Xalapa, Mexico, for the 2004 school year and encourages other students to travel over the border. "The people there seem more welcoming and open than a stranger you might meet here," said Fierstos. "Study abroad allows for an incredible opportunity to travel all over Mexico. Because things in Mexico are so cheap and public transportation is absolutely incredible, you can travel anywhere you want to at anytime for 10 to 20 bucks."

Kori Williams traveled to London for summer classes, including watercolor painting and art appreciation. She said traveling is a life-changing experience. "You learn, you grow. It's totally different when you are in another country; you really learn to be independent."

Special Photo

Eagle Village asks for book donations

By Jennifer Maddox
Staff writer

Eagle Village, the new residence hall on campus, needs help from Georgia Southern faculty and students. Like all the other residence halls on campus, it has a resource room where students can study, but right now there are very few books. The empty shelves should contain academic resources such as textbooks that students can use as references.

University Housing is asking for anyone who has old textbooks or academic resources to donate them for students in Eagle Village. Allison Scott, interim academic enhancement coordinator for University Housing, feels that such resources are important to have available for students.

"We feel that a residence hall should support the academic mission and goals of the institution," said Scott. "One of the ways we would like to do this is through providing resources such as old textbooks so students might be able to refer to them

and understand a concept in one of their classes better," says Scott.

Eagle Village is a residence hall exclusively for first year students that currently houses 776 students. Most are taking primarily core classes, so books and other sources should be introductory texts.

The complex is divided up into two living learning communities, Success-In-U and First Year Interest Groups. Students involved in the Success-In-U program take three reserved courses a semester, and the First Year Interest Groups take two reserved courses a semester.

Students' academic studies could be easier if they had a library of resources to search for the definition of words, explanations of math problems, dates of important events or tips for writing papers in MLA style.

"Each residence hall on campus has a resource room in which resources are provided for residents, and it would be nice if we could provide that same service to our residents,"



Special Photo

Eagle Village resource center needs campus contributions to look like this.

says Eagle Village Resident Advisor Nicole Komisarow.

University Housing is encouraging people to donate books for classes within the core curriculum, but anything will work. Any other resources, like dictionaries, style

guides, atlases and encyclopedias are always needed.

Anyone willing to donate materials for students in Eagle Village may do so by dropping them off at the University Housing office in Watson Hall.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 27

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Annual Study Abroad Fair
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m.
Statesboro-GSU Symphony
Masterworks I
Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 p.m.
Movie: "The Quarrel"
IT Building 1005

5:30 p.m.
Spanish Club Meeting
Russell Union 2042

Thursday, September 29

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dare to Declare
Russell Union rooms 2080 and 2084

5 p.m.
Construction Management
Guild
Carruth Building 1025

Friday, September 30

6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Georgia Conference on Information Literacy Reception
Center for Wildlife Education

POLICE BEAT

09-21-2005

- A case of battery was reported at the Sports Complex fields.
- A checkbook was taken from the Southern Pines computer lab.
- A textbook was taken from Olliff Hall.

09-22-2005

- Shawn Michael Donovan, 21, of Yarmouth Court, Lawrenceville, Ga., was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, giving a false name, unauthorized use of blue lights, unregistered vehicle and no proof of insurance.
- Jason Lee Nastasi, 19, of Georgia Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, theft by taking and possession of a false I.D.
- Sean Massey Powers, 19, of Eagle Village, was charged with underage drinking and possession of a false I.D.
- Jessica C. Vauner, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with underage drinking.
- Alex M. Weaver, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with underage drinking, possession of marijuana, possession of a control substance and obstruction of an officer.
- A case of simple assault was reported at the Sports Complex.
- A portable phone was taken from the Henderson Library.



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Hurricane warnings posted for Florida Keys

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) - Officials ordered residents evacuated from the lower Florida Keys on Monday as strengthening Tropical Storm Rita headed toward the island chain, threatening to grow into a hurricane with a potential 8-foot storm surge. Although Rita's immediate threat was to Florida, rough projections of its track raised the possibility that the Louisiana coast could be targeted less than a month after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area.

Residents trickle back to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Residents began streaming back Monday as part of a plan by the mayor to reopen New Orleans one neighborhood at a time, despite repeated warnings from the top federal official on the scene - and President Bush himself - that the city is unsafe. Mayor Ray Nagin, under mounting pressure to rescind his decision to let people in, defended the move and complained that the federal official in charge in New Orleans, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen, had made himself "the new crowned federal mayor of New Orleans."

North Korea pledges to drop nuke programs

BEIJING (AP) - North Korea agreed Monday to stop building nuclear weapons and allow international inspections in exchange for energy aid, economic cooperation and security assurances, a breakthrough that marked a first step toward disarmament after two years of six-nation talks. The chief U.S. envoy to the talks praised the development as a "win-win situation" and "good agreement for all of us." But he promptly urged Pyongyang to make good on its promises by ending operations at its main nuclear facility at Yongbyon.

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Healthy volunteers needed for Streptococcal Prevention In Non-pregnant Women (SPIN) Study

Group B Streptococcus is the most common cause of life-threatening infections in newborns. In pregnant women, GBS can cause bladder and womb infections. The most prevalent diseases caused by GBS in non-pregnant women are blood infections and pneumonia. GBS also causes illness in the elderly and individuals with other diseases, such as diabetes and liver disease.

Dr. Daron Ferris and his colleagues at the Medical College of Georgia are testing the effectiveness of a vaccine to prevent GBS type III bacteria in the reproductive tract. Participants must be:

- Women age 18-40
- Not pregnant or nursing
- Sexually active in the last four months
- More than one year since tetanus immunization

In addition to receiving a free physical and pelvic exam during enrollment, qualified participants will be compensated for their time. All study visits will take place at Medical College of Georgia Student Health Services.

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Quick, what's new

IN GEORGIA

School closings bring some criticism for governor

ATLANTA — Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue's request that the state's schools close for two days as a hedge against possible fuel shortages stirred controversy Monday as hundreds of thousands of school children got an unexpected break from classes and their parents tried to figure out how to manage. Supporters said the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction was exercising creative leadership. Critics said he was grandstanding. In Washington, President Bush praised Perdue for his decision, saying the governor "showed some leadership" in "anticipating a problem."

Former reporter sues Weather Channel

ATLANTA — A judge will decide whether to admit evidence in the case of a former reporter who claimed in a lawsuit the Weather Channel dismissed her in favor of younger, sexier forecasters. The lawyer for Marny Midkiff, 42, seeks to convince a judge to allow what he says is convincing evidence against the Atlanta-based network.

THE REGION

Army Pfc. convicted in prison abuse case

FORT HOOD, Tex. — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts. England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy, four counts of maltreating detainees and one count of committing an indecent act.

THE NATION

Bush drops 'diversity' hint about nominee

WASHINGTON — President Bush hinted on Monday that his next nominee for the Supreme Court would be a woman or a minority, saying that "diversity is one of the strengths of the country." The president also expressed optimism that the Senate would confirm John Roberts as chief justice this week — which seems virtually certain.

'Intelligent design' debate to unfold in federal court

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial, the latest legal chapter in the debate over the teaching of evolution in public schools is to unfold in federal court. The Dover Area School District was to start defending its policy of requiring ninth-grade students hear about "intelligent design" before biology lessons on evolution.

THE BIG STORY

Rita's death toll climbs with new discovery

By April Castro

Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Tex. — Rescuers pushed their way into once-inaccessible neighborhoods as Hurricane Rita's floodwaters receded along the Texas-Louisiana coast Monday.

The death toll climbed to seven when the bodies of five people were discovered in a Beaumont apartment.

The five — a man, a woman and three children — apparently were overcome by carbon monoxide from a generator they were using after the hurricane knocked out the electricity over the weekend, authorities said.

The children's aunt discovered the bodies after going to check on the group.

Rita roared ashore Saturday morning, slamming the refinery towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas, as well as Lake Charles, La., after an epic evacuation that emptied out a large swath of coastline and saved countless lives.

Some three million people fled from Rita's path after seeing what Katrina did to New Orleans a month

ago.

As of Sunday night, only two deaths had been blamed directly on Rita.

"As bad as it could have been, we came out of this in pretty good shape," said Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who called the absence of widespread fatalities "miraculous."

Crews worked to clear roads of fallen trees and other debris so that utility workers could begin restoring power.

In Lake Charles, National Guardsmen patrolled the town and handed out bottled water and food to hundreds of people left without power.

Mike Deroche, director of the Terrebonne Parish, La., Office of Emergency Preparedness, said Monday that the floodwaters were going down in most areas and that the parish had nearly 9,900 homes that were severely damaged.

In Chauvin, a steady stream of people were brought by small boats from the flooded sections of Terrebonne Parish.

Robert LeBlanc, director of the Vermilion Parish, La., Office of Emergency Preparedness, said just about



AP Photo/Ric Feld

Residents outside of flooded Hackberry, La., drive livestock down La. Route 27 to another field Sunday after Hurricane Rita passed through the area.

everyone who needed to be rescued had been taken care of, and the focus instead turned to clearing the roads to Pecan Island and rescuing roughly 5,000 cattle there.

LeBlanc said the water had fallen, and hundreds of people have gone

home to save what they can and begin rebuilding.

Authorities had trouble keeping people from southern Louisiana from traveling through floodwaters in their own boats to discover whether Rita wrecked their homes and liveli-

hoods.

People checking their hurricane-hit homes and towns returned with stories of flooding to the rooftops, coffins and refrigerators bobbing in the water and stilts where their houses once stood.

Experimental wind energy projects underway across Georgia

By Julia Silverman

Associated Press

ATLANTA — In an effort to make the county less dependent on foreign oil, wind energy projects are under way at opposite ends of Georgia.

Although scientists have been exploring wind power for decades, wind energy technology still is in its infancy a quarter-century after the energy crisis of the 1970s, said Bill Bulpitt, senior research engineer for Georgia Tech's Strategic Energy

Initiative.

"There was a sense of urgency at that time," he said. "Sadly, 25 years later, we haven't turned the corner ... This country just has not done a very good job of taking care of its energy problem."

In northwestern Georgia, an alliance of the state's electric cooperatives has erected a tower on top of Rocky Mountain near Rome, Ga., to measure wind speeds and directions.

The project will be conducted over the course of a year to determine whether the site is suitable for producing wind-generated power.

The North Georgia mountains are the only areas of the state where wind generation will work, said Michael Whiteside, president of Green Power EMC.

Green Power EMC runs the renewable-energy program for 17 Georgia electric cooperatives.

But initial results from the first

two months of the study are showing the area has slow wind speeds of 6 to 10 mph.

"You need higher speeds to put in large turbines," Whiteside said.

But off the coast of Savannah, Ga., the Atlanta-based Southern Co. is working with researchers from the Georgia Institute of Technology on a similar study to determine the feasibility of offshore wind turbines.

There, the research platforms are showing much faster wind speeds

— 16 mph — than in the north Georgia mountains, he said.

One advantage of developing wind-generated power in southeast Georgia is that it's close to population centers.

Location is one problem with existing wind-energy producers, such as turbines located in the plains of west Texas.

Once electricity is produced there, it's expensive to get the energy to customers, Bulpitt said.

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PokerShare.com offers to stamp name on town

① MORGANTOWN, Ky. — An online poker site wasn't bluffing when it offered \$100,000 to have its name stamped on a community.

Officials at PokerShare.com are offering that sum if the western Kentucky hamlet of Sharer — which has no city council, no grocery and no post office — changes its name to PokerShare.com.

The proposition has Butler County Judge-Executive Hugh Evans scratching his head, but he's not keen on the idea.

"I can't speak for everybody, but certainly speaking for myself, this isn't going to happen," Evans said Thursday. "When you talk about poker and gambling, we're not for that in our county."

First dibs went to Sharer because of the similarity of its name to PokerShare.com.

② WEST CHESTER, Pa. — A defense attorney asked a judge to bar any references to his client's nickname in his upcoming murder trial, saying jurors might think someone called Scuz is, well, scuzzy.

Demetrius "Scuz" Fiorentino,

31, is charged with the April 2004 shooting death of Joel "Wellz" Taylor, 19, during a botched drug deal in a Coatesville crack house.

In his request Friday to Common Pleas Judge Phyllis Streitel, defense attorney Laurence Harmelin cited the dictionary definition of scuzzball as "an unpleasant, dirty or dangerous person; creep" and scuzzy as "dirty, shabby or foul in condition or nature."

But Assistant District Attorney Lorraine Finnegan said it would be nearly impossible for witnesses to identify the defendant without using his nickname.

"All of these witnesses are going to have to call him by the name they know," she said. "We're not calling him a scuzzball or scuzzy. ... It's 'Scuz' because that is his nickname."

Two teens ride horses to school

③ SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Frustrated by rising gas prices, two high school teens got fed up and decided to saddle up.

Melissa Evans and Chapa Stevenson made their 30-mile roundtrip trek to school last week on their horses, Nighthawk and Wink.

The seniors live in Rush Valley, a town of about 500 people 45 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

The trusty steeds spent their days in a stall inside the high

school's animal laboratory.

On Thursday school officials stepped in, telling the girls that horses on school grounds were against the rules.

Evans' mother, Karren, is disappointed her daughter can't ride her horse to school anymore.

"It took hours for her to get to school," she said. "But hay is much cheaper than gas."

71-year-old woman crowned homecoming queen

④ TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — She wants to be known as an advocate for the elderly, but students at Northeastern State University know 71-year-old Muriel Saunders as their homecoming queen.

Saunders was crowned Saturday night during halftime ceremonies at Northeastern's football game against East Central University.

Saunders was among five finalists for homecoming queen. All of the other finalists were in their 20s.

Spectators cheered and applauded when Saunders' name was announced. After the coronation, students and well-wishers mobbed Saunders to have their photograph taken with her.

"I don't know what the big deal is. I guess it's because of my age," said Saunders, a graduate student from Muskogee and an 11-year member of the Muskogee School Board.



Feces cleanup lands teacher in hot water

⑤ WICHITA, Kan. — A substitute teacher has been told not to come back to a Wichita school after she told misbehaving students to clean up the mess left when someone defecated in the back of a fourth-grade classroom.

Several parents at Gammon Elementary School raised concerns, said school district spokeswoman Susan Arensman.

The teacher, whose name was not released, was filling in for a teacher on maternity leave.

After discovering the feces on Tuesday, Arensman said three students began laughing and acting up. That's when the teacher assigned the clean-up punishment.

It was unclear who had defecated or whether it was done purposely.

Arensman said an investigation is ongoing. No decisions have been made about whether the teacher will be allowed to teach at other Wichita schools.

Cheryl Ward, who has a kindergarten and second-grader at Gammon, said the teacher's actions could have put the children's health at risk.

"There can be hepatitis and all sorts of things spread through human feces," said Ward, an emergency medical technician.

"It makes no sense at all to have children cleaning that kind of thing up."

Arensman said she spoke with the teacher.

"She was more upset that news stories about this are making the school and her kiddos look bad," she said. "It's really unfortunate."

Plastic lawn deer threatened by hunters

⑥ Duluth, Minn. — Homeowners who decorate their yards with life-sized plastic deer are complaining the sculptures are being damaged by those stalking real deer during Duluth's special season for bowhunters.

"My decorative doe, Felicity, had an arrow sticking out of her hind quarter," Orval Willow of Hunter's Park complained yesterday.

"This has got to stop. We paid good money for our beautiful deer."

Willow said his four plastic pink flamingos and a lawn ornament depicting the posterior of a fat woman bending over were unmo- lested.

Local police said they have received numerous complaints from throughout the city that plastic deer are being shot with arrows by hunters mistaking them for the real thing.

One citizen, who declined to be identified "because I work with a bowhunter," said she has outfitted her plastic deer with blaze orange vests to protect them from arrows.

Randy Waxwing, spokesman for the Lake Superior Spear, Boomerang & Bow-hunters Ltd., said residents with plastic deer in their yards should remove them from now through season's end on Dec. 31 to protect them during the municipal bow-hunting season.

"You can't blame our people for shooting plastic deer; they're so life-like," Waxwing said. "Many of our own members have plastic deer themselves as inspiration for hunting season. Hunters love deer; that's why we kill them."

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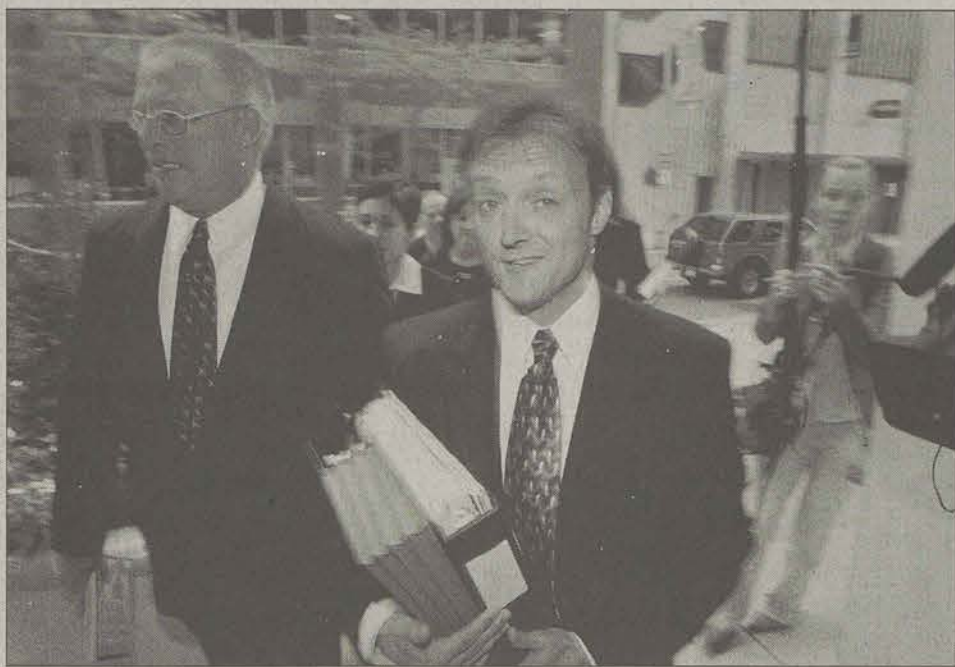
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Pennsylvania American Civil Liberties Union legal director Witold Walczak, center, enters the U.S. District courthouse in Harrisburg, Pa., Monday.

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Role of religion in ‘intelligent design’ debated in court case

By Martha Raffaele
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — “Intelligent design” is a religious theory that was inserted in a school district’s curriculum with no concern for whether it had scientific underpinnings, a lawyer told a federal judge Monday as a landmark trial got under way.

“They did everything you would do if you wanted to incorporate a religious point of view in science class and cared nothing about its scientific validity,” said Eric Rothschild, an attorney representing eight families who are challenging the decision of the Dover Area School District.

In his opening statement, the school district’s attorney defended Dover’s policy of requiring ninth-grade students to hear a brief statement about intelligent design before biology classes on evolution.

“This case is about free inquiry

in education, not about a religious agenda,” argued Patrick Gillen of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. “Dover’s modest curriculum change embodies the essence of liberal education.” The center, which lobbies for what it sees as the religious freedom of Christians, is defending the school district.

Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial, the opening of the trial in federal court marked the latest legal chapter in the debate over the teaching of evolution in public school.

The eight families argue that the district policy violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

About 75 spectators crowded the courtroom of U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III for the start of the non-jury trial. The scene outside the courthouse was business as usual except for a lone woman reading the Bible.

Arguing that intelligent design

is a religious theory, not science, Rothschild said he would show that the language in the school district’s own policy made clear its religious intent.

Dover is believed to be the first school system in the nation to require students be exposed to the intelligent design concept, under a policy adopted by a 6-3 vote in October 2004.

It requires teachers to read a statement that says intelligent design differs from Darwin’s view and refers students to an intelligent-design textbook, “Of Pandas and People,” for more information.

Intelligent design, a concept some scholars have advanced over the past 15 years, holds that Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection cannot fully explain the origin of life or the emergence of highly complex life forms. It implies that life on Earth was the product of an unidentified intelligent force.

Holiday

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noon at around 3 p.m., all of the state’s superintendents had a teleconference to discuss closing public schools to conserve fuel.

“With the exception of a few people who were rude about it, most people were understanding of the situation. People don’t understand how much fuel our bus system consumes,” said Strickland. “Some people don’t think of the school system for its educational purposes, but as a childcare service and that disturbs me.”

Strickland encouraged parents to develop an emergency plan to take

care of their children, since we are close to the coast and vulnerable to hurricane.

Paul Webb, director of transportation for Bulloch County schools broke down the fuel use of Bulloch County school system.

“In Bulloch County we have about 100 buses that run an average of 60 miles a day, and that would be about 6,000 miles a day,” said Webb. “Last year we spent about \$330,000 on fuel. We operate buses year-round, running about 36 buses during the summer, including field trips and all athletic trips.

“Over the last few weeks almost on a daily basis have been getting requests from state departments to record how many gallons of fuel we used,” said

Webb. “We received an e-mail Friday morning saying 37 offshore drilling sites and 10 refineries were in the path of Rita.”

Chatham County first grade teacher Eloise Glorieux has been teaching for 20 years and believes the days off will be a burden later in the year. “I’d rather be working because we are going to have to make the missed material up some time during the year.”

Bryant, whose husband will keep her son Tuesday, said canceling class didn’t seem like a long-term fix to the gas shortage.

“It seems like a dumb, short-term solution to me,” said Bryant. “What are the schools going to do for the rest of the year?”

Remote

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and do a broadcast was presented when GSU President Bruce Grube came to visit the communication department’s facilities last year. While visiting the broadcasting lab, Grube mentioned that at St. Cloud University in Minnesota — where he served as president — students were producing programs.

Murray said he commented to Grube, “You get me a truck and a technician, and we can do it too.”

Murray said that in January and February arrangements were made to bring in a truck. After talking with Comcast representatives it was decided that GSU students would have three home games this season to produce.

According to Mark Mohr, a professor in communication arts and the professor in charge of tape, the truck the students operate from is on the same level technologically as trucks used to air big events like Monday Night Football or NASCAR and the equipment is better than any the school owns.

To put it in perspective, Murray said the cameras owned by the school cost about \$10,000, and the cameras on this truck cost between \$160,000 to \$180,000. Mohr said some of the camera lenses cost about \$250,000. A Voyager I truck, like the one used Saturday, would cost about \$3 million and a High Definition truck would cost about \$7 million, said Murray.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Students work inside a remote broadcast truck at Saturday’s football game.

“Here’s our hope,” said Murray. “If we do well and the president has the confidence, we may acquire the truck permanently so we can cover a variety of our sporting events, fine arts, and even possibly rent it out to other units with our students or let our alumni be freelancers on there.”

Working on these broadcasts will be beneficial to students. “This will give our students an advantage when they start to get jobs,” said Mohr, “because they will have experience with this equipment and they can say they have had something aired on FOX Sports.”

Students are looking forward to this opportunity. “This is my first time working for national TV,” said senior Garrett Bailey. “I’m not nervous; I’m really excited.” “I may want to do this as a career,” he said.

“I graduate in December and this

is truly going to help me when I start looking for a job,” said senior David Dobson, a broadcasting major. “It’s great training.”

“I was very pleased [with this broadcast],” said Murray. “My camera people got me some great shots. We had a little technical problem in the tape area, but I think it had more to do with the equipment than the students that were in that area.”

“They got a hard-nosed learning experience through that, but I think everybody did very well,” he said. “I think they will definitely get better.”

The crew has two more games to polish their skills; Oct. 8 when the Eagles play Western Carolina and Oct. 22 at homecoming against the Citadel.

“The first time it’s rocky,” said Miller, “but by the last game I think things will go much smoother.”

Weekly Eagle Buzz



TODAY



All Homecoming 2005 participation forms due by 4pm into the Office of Student Activities. Download forms at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com

Leadership 102 Series, “Decision Making” presented by INSPIRE.

5:30pm- 6:30pm in Russell Union 2084.

“Masterworks 1” will take place at 8p.m in the Performing Arts Center. The Statesboro-GSU Symphony will donate \$2.50 towards Hurricane Relief efforts per ticket from the concert featuring world-renowned violinist Barnabas Keleman.

Wednesday, September 28th:

7pm in Russell Union 2044 – Soundstage Committee Meeting (Eagle Entertainment)

7pm in Russell Union 2075- Maximum Exposure Committee Meeting (Eagle Entertainment)

8pm in Russell Union 2052 – Reel Cinema Committee Meeting (Eagle Entertainment)

Ongoing Events –Katrina Relief

Collection canned goods and non-perishables for The One Million Challenge Project www.theonemillionchallenge.com. Through September 30, 2005.

Upcoming Events:

Career Services presents the Sophomore Reception on October 4th and 5th from 11am-1pm in the Williams Center Room 1047/1058. Are you majoring in confusion and minoring in procrastination? Join the team at Career Services for a “Meet, Greet, and Eat” event created just for Sophomores. Learn about majors and careers, EagleTRAK and job opportunities, while you enjoy some free food. Contact Career Services at 681-5197 for any questions.

Office of Parent Programs will be sponsoring Family Weekend 2005 from October 7-9, 2005. Students are encouraged to invite their families to join other Georgia Southern parents and families for a special weekend on campus this fall. This annual fall event provides an opportunity for families to visit their student’s campus home, talk with university staff, cheer the Georgia Southern Eagles to a football victory, and meet other Georgia Southern families. Please view the Office of Parent Programs website for pricing and a schedule at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/parent>.

CRI Intramurals will hold sign-ups for a Tennis Singles Tournament by October 4th at 6pm. This is for beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions for men and women. Play begins October 7th. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Contact CRI at 681-5436 for any questions.

CRI Intramurals will hold sign-ups for indoor Soccer by October 4th at 6pm. This is Intramural competition by teams within our university. Men, women and co-ed divisions. Play begins October 7th. The cost is \$30.00 per team. Contact CRI at 681-5436 for any questions.

CRI Intramurals will hold sign-ups for Volleyball by October 4th at 6pm. This is a chance for students to play other students through the sport of volleyball. Men, women and co-ed divisions. Play begins October 10th. The cost is \$30.00 per team. Contact CRI at 681-5436 for any questions.

CRI will hold indoor Soccer Officials Clinic on October 3rd and 4th at 9:00pm in Auxiliary Gym at the RAC. This is a free event. Learn to be an official to be able to officiate indoor soccer intramural games. Contact CRI at 681-5436 for any questions.

CRI will hold Volleyball Officials Clinic October 3rd at 8pm in Auxiliary Gym at the RAC and October 4th at 9pm Court 3 in RAC. This is a free event. Learn to officiate for volleyball intramural games. Contact CRI at 681-5436 for any questions.

Important Dates and Deadlines

September 30	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due	December 9	Residence halls close at 12:00 p.m.
October 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Spring 2006 admission	December 9	Commencement
October 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2006 admission	December 10	Christmas break for students begins
October 1	Family Weekend	December 15	Employee Tuition Assistance Program registration for Spring 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosenwald Building, second floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.
October 7-9	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	Dec. 26-30	Christmas Holidays - Administrative offices closed
October 10	Homecoming Classes canceled beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21		
October 21-22	Registration for Spring 2006 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time)		
October 24	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.		
October 27	Comprehensive Exams for M.Ed. Students	SPRING 2006	
October 29	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, thesis and dissertation defenses	Dec. 8, 2005	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2006 graduation
November 9	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2006 admission	January 2	New Years Day observed
November 15	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review	January 4	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
November 16	Thanksgiving holidays for students - Administrative offices closed November 24-25 - Residence halls open	January 6	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
November 23-25	Deadline for Spring Semester 2006 Undergraduate Admission Application	January 7	Residence hall check in, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 1	Last day of classes	January 9	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar) for specific registration times.
December 1	Reading Day	January 9	Fee payment deadline for Spring Semester 2006
December 2	Final exams	January 9	Classes begin (First Day of University Classes)
December 5-8	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic thesis or dissertation to College of Graduate Studies	January 9-12	Drop/Add
December 8	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2006 graduation	January 13	\$50 Late Registration Fee begins
		January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday - Administrative offices closed -No classes
		January 17	Attendance Verification Deadline for classes starting January 9-13
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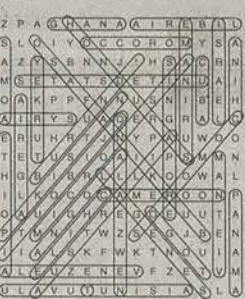
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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (09-27-05). Set your goals high this year, and do the best you can. Celebrate every score of 80 percent and up.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is an 8 _ There's a flurry of activity, but once that's over, you'll be in a good position to relax. Set it up that way.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 6 _ Have you been working out of your home? If not, why not? Just kidding. Reasons are unimportant. Just know you'll get more done if you do.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 10 _ All you have to do is decide it's OK to do without, and you'll think of another way to get what you want. But no cheating!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 5 _ Work as much as you can for the next two days. Conditions are good for making a profit, doing a familiar task.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ Just when you'd almost given up, you get a new energy surge. You'll also understand something that recently had you bamboozled.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ More wealth is yours, this time from something you've previously set aside. This is more like something in your closet than in your savings account.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 9 _ Yes, you are being tested. Your diplomatic skills are chal-

lenged by a very frustrating situation. Deep breaths.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ As the day progresses, it gets easier to find out what's going on, through your network of informants. Be patient.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is an 8 _ One thing leads to another, naturally. You've made a good impression on important people, and they'll send you valuable referrals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 6 _ If you can just wait for a while, your odds for success improve. You'll be putting away stores for the future, but that counts, as you well know.

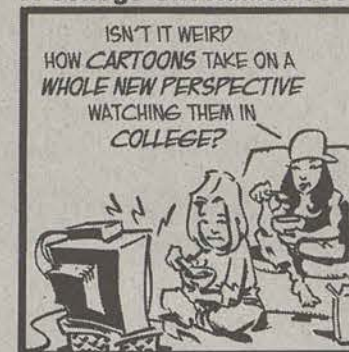
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _ With the help of an expert, you're back on track and making progress again. You don't have to know everything, if you know who to call.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 6 _ Conditions are looking good for taking on another job. That could be a solution to your financial worries.

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Jury convicts England in Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse case

Private charged with six of seven counts of abuse at prison

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts.

England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy, four counts of mistreating detainees and one count of committing an indecent act. She was acquitted on a second conspiracy count.

The jury of five male Army officers took about two hours to reach its verdict. Her case now moves to the sentencing phase, which will be heard by the same jury beginning Tuesday.

England tried to plead guilty in May to the same counts she faced this month in exchange for an undisclosed sentencing cap, but a judge threw out the plea deal. She now faces a maximum of nine years in prison.

England, wearing her dark green dress uniform, stood at attention Monday as the verdict was read by the jury foreman. She showed no obvious emotion afterward.

Asked for comment after the verdict, defense lawyer Capt. Jonathan Crisp said, "The only reaction I can say is, 'I understand.'"

England's trial is the last for a group of nine Army reservists charged with mistreating prisoners at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, a scandal that badly damaged the United States' image in the Muslim world despite quick condemnation of the abuse by President Bush. Two other troops were convicted in trials and the remaining six made plea deals. Several of those soldiers testified at England's trial.

Prosecutors used graphic photos of England to support their contention that she was a key figure in the abuse conspiracy. One photo shows England holding a naked detainee on a leash. In others, she smiles and points to prisoners in humiliating poses.

The conspiracy acquittal came on a count pertaining to the leash incident; she was found guilty of a maltreatment count stemming from the same incident.

Beyond the sordid photos, prosecutors pointed to England's statement to Army investigators in January 2004 that the mistreatment was done to amuse the U.S. guards at Abu Ghraib.

"The accused knew what she was doing," said Capt. Chris Graveline, the lead prosecutor. "She was laughing and joking. ... She is enjoying, she is participating, all for her own sick humor."

Crisp countered that England was only trying to please her soldier boyfriend, then-Cpl. Charles Graner Jr., labeled the abuse ringleader by prosecutors.

"She was a follower, she was an individual who was smitten with Graner," Crisp said. "She just did whatever he wanted her to do."

England, from Fort Ashby, W. Va., has said that Graner, now serving a 10-year sentence, fathered her young son.

The defense argued that England suffered from depression and that she has an overly compliant personality, making her a heedless participant in the abuse.

England's earlier attempt to plead guilty under a deal with prosecutors was rejected by Col. James Pohl, the presiding judge. Pohl declared a mistrial during the sentencing phase when testimony by Graner contradicted England's guilty plea.

Graner, a defense witness at the sentencing, said pictures he took of

England holding a prisoner on a leash were meant to be used as a training aid. In her guilty plea, England had said the pictures were being taken purely for the amusement of Abu Ghraib guards.

Late Monday, Pohl rejected a request by Crisp to allow testimony during the sentencing phase by an Army captain who has reported similar prisoner abuse by other U.S. soldiers at a camp near Fallujah around the same time as the Abu Ghraib incidents.

Crisp said testimony by Capt. Ian Fishback would provide evidence of a command breakdown in Iraq that might have led England and other soldiers to think detainee mistreatment was condoned by military leaders.

But the judge ruled that he saw no proof that the two abuse situations were related, or that abuse elsewhere would in any way lessen the blame England might deserve for Abu Ghraib.

Pohl also ruled that prosecutors could use part of a deposition by Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, a senior officer in Iraq when the Abu Ghraib abuse took place, in which Kimmitt said England's conduct threatened the U.S. military mission in Iraq.



Associated Press/Tony Gutierrez

U.S. Army Pfc. Lynndie R. England, right, walks out of the courthouse with her attorney, Capt. Jonathan Crisp, left, Monday Sept. 26, 2005, in Fort Hood, Texas. England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts.

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Athletics Schedule

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Women's Soccer hosts Wofford, 4 p.m.

Friday
Cross Country at Gardner-Webb Duals, 4:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis at Jacksonville Invitational, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday,
Football at Elon, 2 p.m.
Men's soccer at UNC Greensboro, 7 p.m.
Volleyball hosts Furman, 2 p.m.

Sunday
Volleyball hosts Wofford, 2 p.m.
Women's soccer at Davidson, 2 p.m.

COMMENTARY

Mmm...
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clad volleyball
players

By Eric Powell
Staff Writer



What a great weekend in sports.

We had a rematch of last year's AFC Championship Game as the Patriots visited the Steelers, the baseball pennant races are in full swing, and America pulled out a dramatic victory in the America's Cup of golf.

However, with all of this great action going on I found myself most interested in the soft core pornography that is women's beach volleyball.

How small can they make these bathing suits, and how can I order the Pay-Per-View version?

Normally the closest thing I get to free smut on cable is the Howard Stern Show or those Girls Gone Wild commercials that come on late at night, but this was during broad daylight.

I remember watching Kerri Walsh and Misty May as they dominated their way towards the gold medal during last year's Olympic Games, and as I watched them in the tournament on TV this weekend.

I also recalled how I used to picture them dominating one and other off the beach as well (or on it depending on what kind of mood I was in).

Sadly I don't think either of them swing that way, but it got me thinking.

Am I a horrible person because I can't watch a women's sporting event without thinking about sex?

As a 21st century 'modern' male, I want to be able to say that I would have watched that volleyball tournament even if the girls were wearing chain mail suits of armor.

But that just isn't true.

There's no denying that it takes tremendous athleticism to play volleyball, or any other sport at the level of Walsh and May, but it seems that the 'non-mainstream' sports of today have to sell different aspects of their competitions to attract customers.

Just as much is reported about the attire of women's tennis players on ESPN as are the actual results of the matches.

Average NASCAR fans know full and well that Robby Gordon threw his helmet at fellow driver Michael Waltrip's car after an incident earlier this month, but could they tell you who won that race?

I'm not saying that NASCAR is purposely selling anger and violence for their sport, or that the WTA urges their participants to dress to impress.

What I am saying is keep it up.

I would never watch a car race unless I knew that two drivers were gunning for each other and I would never watch a women's sporting event on TV unless I was afforded the opportunity to daydream about the participant's in a provocative manner.

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Eagles make mockery of Chattanooga

By Bryan Metcalf
Staff Writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles evened their record at 2-2 (1-1 in the Southern Conference) Saturday night with a 48-10 win against the Chattanooga Mocs at Paulson Stadium.

According to Eagles head coach Mike Sewak, the team executed the gameplan much better Saturday night than in weeks past.

"We got a good push from the fullbacks and our offensive line did a great job on attacking," said Sewak.

"Penalties didn't hurt us and we didn't have any turnovers, so good things happened."

The Eagles scored on their first possession for the fourth straight week when Jayson Foster scored on a 15 yard run making it 6-0 after a failed extra point try.

The Mocs responded with a field goal, but would not score again until the Eagles had built a 20-3 lead.

Chattanooga tailback Lironnie Davis ran up the middle for 45 yards and a touchdown. The extra point made it 20-10, but the scoring ended there for UTC.

GSU added another score with 45 seconds left in the first half when Foster snuck in from a yard out for

his second rushing touchdown of the game. Jonathan Dudley's extra point made it 27-10 at the half.

Both Foster and Eagles fullback Jermaine Austin finished the first half with 120 yards rushing. As a team, the Eagles had 333 yards on the ground in the first half, while UTC had 281 yards total.

"This week we held onto the football," said Foster after the game, "we got it all clicking and the points piled up."

The second half was all GSU as the Eagles added three more touchdowns with a pair coming from quarterback Darius Smiley in the third quarter.

The Eagle defense stepped up in a big way, holding UTC's running back Eldra Buckley to just 30 yards rushing and preventing the Mocs from scoring through the air. T.J. Rutledge led the way defensively with nine tackles and a forced fumble.

John Mohring said after the game that he was happy to get the first home win of the season.

"Every game is important to us now," said Mohring. "We can't lose any more or we might lose our chance at the playoffs."

Mohring added seven tackles to his Southern Conference leading 34,



LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

Jermaine Austin barrels through defenders on his way to 127 yards against UTC. It was his 26th career 100-yard game. The senior fullback also moved into second place on the Eagles' career rushing attempts list with 696.

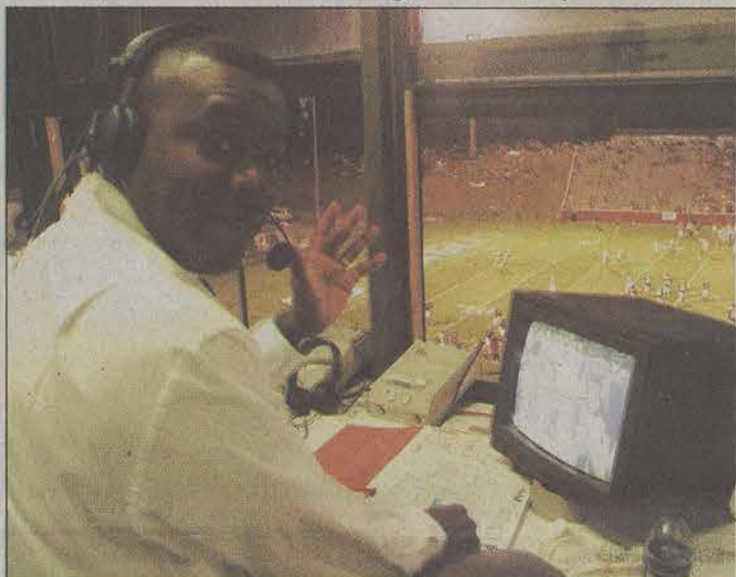
but the real highlight of his night was a one-handed interception in the fourth quarter that he returned 27 yards leading to Smiley's third and final score of the night. Dudley's extra point made it 48-10.

"John's gotten off to a really good start," said GSU defensive coordinator Joe Tressey. "The better he gets the more he's going to help us."

The Eagles travel to Elon

STATISTICS	UTC	GSU
First Downs	22	27
Rushing Attempts	35	66
Rushing Yards	216	483
Completions-Attempts-Int.	38-18-2	5-3-0
Passing Yards	222	26
TOTAL OFFENSE	438	519
Punts-Average	3-45.0	2-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	10-84	4-20
Sacks By-Yards	1-7	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	7-14	7-12
4th Down Conversions	0-2	2-3
Time of Possession	26:12	33:48

Q&A with GSU legend Tracy Ham



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Tracy Ham still holds four NCAA and over 50 Georgia Southern football records twenty years after guiding the Eagles to consecutive titles.

Renaldo Stover
Sports Editor

The fireworks following Saturday's game against UTC were great. However, they were nowhere near as explosive as the ones provided by one of GSU's greatest athletes of all time.

I'm talking about Tracy Ham, who along with Adrian Peterson, are the only football players in GSU history to have their numbers retired.

Most students on campus probably were in diapers when Ham threw five touchdown passes in the 1985 national championship game against Furman.

The Eagles trailed by 22 points in the third quarter of the game before winning their first of six national championships 44-42.

Ham also holds the distinction of being the only player in college history to run for 3,000 yards and pass for 5,000 in a career while also being the first I-AA player to run and pass for 1,000 yards in a season.

I caught up with Ham during last weekend's game against UTC before he was scheduled to do color commentary for CSS.

How does it feel to be back at GSU covering the team?

It's part of my heritage now. Being a former Eagle and just being able to come back and watch the team and do some color commentary is great. It's interesting because now I'm seeing and talking about the game from a different perspective.

How do you keep your emotions in check as a former player covering your alma mater?

I was a quarterback, so that was my main job to stay in control. I watch the game from more of an analytical standpoint than a spectator standpoint. I like to not only watch the ball but the action that is going on away from the ball. Understanding the offense gives me a chance to be more analytical.

How has your experience at Georgia Southern helped you throughout your career on and off the field?

Just being an athlete teaches you discipline. I think it teaches things about poise, staying focused and handling yourself in tight situations. From a business standpoint, you have to be disciplined to do what you are supposed to do and that's what can also help you be successful.

What would be your advice to the team after having a few games not go exactly as planned early in the season?

I want to tell the team to stay focused and continue to be character kids. Guys shouldn't lose their character over a loss. Those losses should build character, unity and cohesiveness.

These are the things that will sustain the team over the long haul and one or two losses at this point does not mean that the team won't be able to reach their goals. At the same time three or four losses could make a difference. The quarterback (Jayson Foster) is young right now but he has to continue to believe that this is his team.

Ultimate frisby to
host charity event
for Katrina victims

By Eric Robinson
Staff Writer

The GSU Ultimate Frisbee Club Team will host a tournament to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Twenty city and college teams from around the region will compete on October 15th and 16th at the Sierra Club Fields by the RAC.

Ultimate Frisbee teams from the University of Georgia and North Carolina State University have already agreed to play, and several others have agreed to donate to the cause.

Women, men, and mixed teams are expected to compete. The teams will receive donations from businesses, and visiting players will be put up in houses to be sure all the money goes towards the cause.

The GSU Finance Association will be assisting the GSU team raise money from local businesses.

"It's all going directly to the Red Cross," said Datubo Benson-Jaja, coach of the GSU team. "We're trying to raise as much as we can from the community."

In addition, the GSU team has agreed to match the total donated by the visiting teams.

The tournament will be free to all who attend and open to anyone who wants to be a spectator.

For more information, call Datubo Benson-Jaja at 541-2397 or e-mail GSUultimate@yahoo.com.

Men's soccer tops Stetson;
falls to Gardner-Webb

G-A News Service

Gardner-Webb's Gampi Lapeschi scored the game-winning goal at the 38:48 mark as the Bulldogs defeated GSU 3-1 Sunday afternoon at Eagle Field. The Eagles are now 5-2-1, while the Bulldogs improve to 5-1-2 on the year.

The Bulldogs, out of the Big South Conference, got on the board first, as Shane Flippin scored his first goal of the season off a corner kick 14 minutes into the game.

Lapeschi's goal came off a penalty kick, which went sailing into the net to the right of GSU keeper Adam Webb, giving Gardner-Webb the 2-0 advantage.

Kevin Rossi scored his first collegiate goal at the 43:37 mark off a goal kick from Webb, as his shot went right over GWU's Tyler Kettering, pulling the Eagles within a goal going into the break.

With less than ten seconds remaining in the contest, Gardner-Webb's Kwasi Opuku-Tuffour took advantage of Webb being out of the box, connecting on a shot from Lapeschi, giving the Bulldogs a 3-1 win.

GSU outshot Gardner-Webb 14-12. The Bulldogs were called for 14 fouls, compared to GSU's six.

In Friday's action, Brandon Makowski netted his third goal of the season in the third minute of overtime to give Georgia Southern a 3-2 victory over Stetson.

It was the fourth win in a row for the Eagles, while Stetson fell to 1-6-0.

The Eagles got on board less than one minute into the game when Brad Mitchum sent a direct kick from midfield into the box where Justin Elie headed the ball in for his fifth goal of the season, giving GSU the 1-0 lead.

Midway through the second half, Julian Donaldson's corner kick to Jason Tindall led to Lawrence Smith's sixth goal of the year, giving the Eagles the 2-1 advantage.

Adam Webb recorded the win, stopping five shots.

The Eagles return to action on Saturday, Oct. 1, as they travel to UNC Greensboro for the 2005 SoCon opener.

Volleyball team goes 2-0 to
begin conference slate

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern volleyball team defeated Elon Sunday three games to none for its second consecutive sweep. GSU (9-5, 2-0) hit a match high .432 in game one, leading the way to a 30-21 win.

In the second game, the Eagles' defense took over, holding Elon to a match low .027 hitting percentage and winning, once again, 30-21.

Game three saw eight tie scores and five lead changes before the Eagles were able to finish off the Phoenix, 30-27.

The Eagles were led offensively by Iulia Porumbescu who recorded a match high, 10 kills. Jennifer Charles had eight kills, followed by Bailey Coleman and Cristie Mitchell, who each posted seven.

Defensively, Porumbescu led the team with 11 digs, with Coleman recording eight and Staci Anderson recording seven.

On Saturday, GSU defeated UNC Greensboro three games to none in the Eagles first conference match of the season.

The Eagles victory came behind a powerful offense that finished the match with a .275 hitting percentage. Senior Iulia Porumbescu led the match with 24 kills and hit .439.

Senior Cristie Mitchell finished the match perfect, having five kills on five attempts to hit 1.000.

Sophomore Bailey Coleman ended the match hitting .412 (eight kills) and freshman Christy Dowd hit .333 (four kills).

GSU ended the match with seven service aces, with two coming from senior Natalia Galantini and freshman Mae Chabra.

Galantini led the Eagles with 21 assists, while Chabra and Coleman led the team in digs, each recording eight. Junior Jennifer Charles led the team in blocks, totalling two block solos and three block assists.

"We served the ball better today than we have all season," head coach Kerry Messersmith said.

GSU return to action hosting Furman Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.



ROUND-UP

App. State 45
The Citadel 13

All-America quarterback candidate Richie Williams threw for a season-high 259 yards and three touchdowns as No. 22-ranked Appalachian State downed The Citadel, 45-13, in Southern Conference action Saturday afternoon at Johnson Hagood Stadium. App. State rolled up 423 yards of total offense nearly doubling the 219 for the Bulldogs. For the second straight game, the Bulldogs failed to reach the 100-yard rushing mark, compiling only 69 net yards on 42 rushes. App State plays at Furman on Saturday, October 1 at 3:30 pm while the Bulldogs head to Cullowhee, NC to face the Catamounts at 6:00 pm.

Furman 44
Hofstra 41
(2OT)

Ingle Martin scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak in the second overtime period to lift ninth-ranked Furman to a 44-41 win over 17th-ranked Hofstra Saturday at Paladin Stadium. Martin's game winning plunge capped an 8-play, 25-yard drive that featured eight consecutive running plays and followed a 33-yard Rob Zarrilli field goal that gave Hofstra a 41-38 lead in the second overtime period. Using a school record 102 snaps, the Paladins amassed 488 yards in total offense to Hofstra's 381. Furman returns to action next Saturday when it takes on Gardner-Webb in a 2:00 p.m. game in Paladin Stadium. Hofstra will entertain defending national champion James Madison next Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Elon 12,
NC A&T 9

Reggie Hall rushed for a career-high 180 yards and a touchdown as Elon turned back North Carolina A&T 12-9 - its third consecutive victory - to highlight 2005 Phoenix Hall of Fame/E Club Weekend festivities Saturday evening at Rhodes Stadium. On 32 carries, Hall gained 183 yards while only losing three to average 5.6 yards per carry as the Phoenix (3-1) defeated the Aggies (1-3) for the first time in five years. The Phoenix are off to their best start in six seasons and its first three-game winning streak in five years. Elon edged North Carolina A&T in first downs (15-13), rushing yards (202-117), total offensive yards (250-231) and penalties (4-9). In next week's action, Elon enters Southern Conference competition when Georgia Southern visits Rhodes Stadium for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday to highlight 2005 Phoenix Family Weekend activities. The Aggies will host Tennessee State at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Western Carolina
Nicholls State

With Hurricane Rita threatening the state of Louisiana, Nicholls State cancelled this last Saturday's game with Western Carolina in Thibodaux. No make up date will be scheduled for this year, but the schools will work to make up the game in a later year. Also, there are no immediate plans for the Catamounts to schedule another game at this time, leaving Western with nine regular-season contests. Thibodaux is approximately 45 miles southwest of New Orleans. The Catamounts and Bulldogs had a third game rescheduled in 2001, as their game on Sept. 15 was postponed until Nov. 17 due to the national tragedies surrounding Sept. 11. Western Carolina will return to action on Oct. 1, hosting The Citadel for Family Weekend. Kickoff at E.J. Whitmire Stadium/Bób Waters Field is set for 6:00 pm.