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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005

## Faculty and students are encouraged to get flu shots

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern officials are strongly encouraging faculty and staff to receive influenza vaccinations. Although the flu season can begin earlier, it usually starts in December, peaks in January or February, and continues through March.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), October and November are the primary months for vaccination.

The GSU Health Center has received supplies of flu shots and Flu Mist to be given to faculty and students.

Getting the flu vaccination decreases the risk of illness, helps prevent the spread of the flu virus and limits its potential development into life threatening complications.

There are two types of vaccines that are offered at the Health Center.

The nasal spray flu vaccine—a vaccine is made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu.

It is approved for use in healthy people five years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

The “flu shot” is an inactivated vaccine that is given with a needle, usually in the arm.

The shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions.

Health Services now has a supply of LAIV/ “FluMist,” which will be given to reasonably healthy students, faculty and staff through 49 years of age. The cost for a “FluMist” vaccination is \$22.

Health Services will give first priority for “flu shots” to students, faculty and staff who should not be vaccinated with LAIV/ “FluMist,” including people with medical conditions such as chronic heart or lung disease, asthma or diabetes.

The cost for a “flu shot” is \$12.

There are two remaining vaccination clinics this week for faculty and staff to receive both the FluMist (\$22) and injectable flu shot (\$12) vaccinations.

Pneumovax (pneumonia) vaccinations will also be available for \$26, on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., as part of the Health & Wellness Fair in the Russell Student Union Ballroom.

Vaccines will also be available on Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Russell Union room 2041.

The viruses in the vaccine change each year based on international surveillance and scientists’ estimations about which types and strains of viruses will circulate in a given year.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus infection develop in the body.

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## Veazey Hall renovation delayed



By Casey Altman  
 Assistant news editor

Last spring it was announced that the old residence hall Veazey would be renovated for the uses of the Georgia Southern communication arts department, Graduate Studies and the Academic Success Center, but renovations are at a temporary standstill.

GSU project manager Myron Powell said the problem lies in the limited amount of space there is to work with in Veazey. “Offices would fit but classrooms would be elsewhere,” he said.

According to Powell, the ceiling height in the building is restrictive. The ideal ceiling height for a class-

room is between 12 and 14 feet, but the ceiling height in Veazey is only nine feet.

He said the height affects mechanical equipment like projector systems and the comfort level of students, if any of the rooms are turned into classrooms. He said the higher ceilings help students feel less cramped and confined.

Another problem with the project is the number of departments vying for a piece of the building. According to Powell, six departments are trying to fit into the building: communication arts, The College of Graduate Studies, Research Services, Research Foundation, The Office of Strategic

Research, and the Academic Success Center. “For everyone to get what they want, there simply is not enough space,” Powell said.

Asbestos has also been found. Powell said the hazardous material is in tile and in the mastic on the ductwork. The bidding for the removal is underway.

According to the physical plant’s Web site, Veazey will be converted into offices, administrative space, and classrooms for the communication arts department.

There will also be some substantial improvements that will include a new

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## GSU theatre puts new spin on Shakespeare

*Theatre and performance group adds creative twist to Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’*

GSU News Service

When Georgia Southern Theatre and Performance produces a play, they give it a style as unique as the school itself. Even William Shakespeare is not immune to the personality and creativity of a GSU production.

Beginning tonight, students, faculty and the local community will have the chance to experience Shakespeare’s magical comedy, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” However, if someone comes to the Performing Arts Center expecting to see men and women in Elizabethan dress performing on stage, they are

in for quite a surprise.

Director James Harbour has a different vision for his rendition of the classic play. The setting is the turbulent 1960s, and the cast of characters embody the spirit of the times. The original play is the tale of star crossed lovers encountering the magical Fairy King and Queen in the forest and the hilarity and drama that causes. While the story remains basically the same, the forest is now New York’s Central Park, and the Fairy King and Queen are leaders of the radical movement. The lovers are, of course, the “good kids” who get lost in the new culture.

“When producing Shakespeare

you have to consider the time period,” says Harbour. “People enjoy plays they can relate to, and this one is perfectly suited for the ‘60s.”

Leading the cast as the four lovers are Beth Clemons, Jimmy Heikkila, Emily Haymans and Sean White. The fairy King and Queen will be performed by Eric Stetson and Tonya Merl, with Casey Metcalf in the role of mischievous Puck. The music for this production is all original and composed specifically for GSU by student Dean Patterson.

Nearly 100 people are involved in this production. They include 25

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Victor Martinez/STAFF

Cast members practice “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” before opening night at the PAC Nov. 9.

## Second lawyer in Saddam Hussein trial assassinated in Iraq

By Bassem Mroue  
 Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three gunmen in a speeding car killed a lawyer for a co-defendant in Saddam Hussein’s trial and wounded another Tuesday in Baghdad, a member of the defense team, police said.

It was the second assassination of a lawyer associated with the trial and was likely to raise new questions about whether this country can conduct such a sensitive prosecution in the midst of insurgency and domestic turmoil.

Defense attorneys already had

announced they would not cooperate with the special court trying Saddam and seven other defendants until security was assured.

Adel al-Zubeidi, who was representing former Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, was shot to death and attorney Thamil al-Khuzai was wounded in the ambush in the predominantly Sunni Arab neighborhood of Adil, according to lawyer Khamees Hamid



Saddam Hussein

al-Ubaidi.

Saddam’s main lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, blamed the government for Tuesday’s attack, telling Al-Jazeera television that the shooting was carried by “an armed group using government vehicles.”

“The aim of these organized attacks is to scare Arab and foreign lawyers,” al-Dulaimi said. “We call upon the interna-

tional community, on top of them the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to send an investigative committee because the situation is unbearable.”

He called for moving Saddam and his colleagues into a neutral country. Al-Dulaimi said defense lawyers do not recognize the trial’s next date, which comes on Nov. 28.

Saddam and seven others have been charged with the 1982 killings of Shiite villagers in Dujail, a town north of Baghdad, following an assassination attempt against the leader. The trial opened Oct. 19 and was

suspended until Nov. 28 to allow the defense time to prepare its case.

On Oct. 20, Saadoun al-Janabi, was abducted from his office by 10 masked gunmen, a day after he attended the first session of the trial, acting as the lawyer for co-defendant Awad al-Bandar. Al-Janabi’s body was found hours later with two bullet shots to the head near his office in Baghdad.

Al-Zubeidi also represented Abdullah Kazim Ruwayyid, a former Baath party official. Al-Khuzai

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Special Photo

Members of the Holiday Madrigal Feaste cast rehearse their moves outside of the Nessmith-Lane building.

## Celebrate medieval times

*Enjoy an ancient setting, a hearty feast and medieval comedic performances including live duels*

### GSU News Service

Get a taste of medieval food and enjoy the feuding, animated entertainment of life during the dark ages at this year's Holiday Madrigal Feaste.

The Feaste will be a medieval family feud of hilarious proportions that will keep audiences of all ages on their toes. The Holiday Madrigal Feaste will be an evening of music, food and fun presented by the Georgia Southern Opera on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The feasting and entertainment will take place in the lobby of the Information Technology Building. The environment will be transformed from a modern day atrium to a me-

dieval castle for the evening.

The Holiday Madrigal Feaste is indeed a feast, prepared by the university's catering staff under the direction of Robert Miller.

The Feaste is also a musical comedy that includes Lord Astolon (played by John Wolters of Douglasville) and his brother, King Percy (played by George Whelan of Kennesaw), who have been fighting over the crown.

This holiday season the Lord has decided to let bygones be bygones, so he invites his brother, his parents and other guests to a celebration feast. The dinner gets off to a smooth start, but soon things take a seriously wrong turn, and the fun begins.

The comedy is interspersed with

performances by the GSU Flute choir, the Early Music Ensemble, trumpet fanfares and the GSU Chorale, which will provide the musical backdrop for the story of King Percy and Lord Astolon.

The director of the Holiday Madrigal Feaste is Tamara Watson Harper, assistant professor of music and director of the GSU Opera. Rodney Caldwell, director of choral activities, will conduct the GSU Chorale.

Tickets for the evening, which include dinner and the performance, are \$35 for adults, \$27 for students and tickets can be purchased by calling the Performing Arts Center at 486-7999 or toll free at 1-866-722-2787.

## Logistics program ranked 16th in U.S.

### Supply Chain Management recognized

#### GSU News Service

How businesses get the products we consume is not something most people think about, because the products are just there. For some though, providing products to consumers is their job.

Behind the convenience we experience every day is a rapidly growing business discipline called supply chain management. Formerly referred to as logistics, the field has grown and changed in response to an increasingly competitive and global marketplace.

Supply chain management now has professional associations, focused publications and, in the College of Business Administration (COBA) at Georgia Southern, a top-notch and highly ranked educational program.

A study published in the September 2005 Supply Chain Management Review ranks Georgia Southern's program 16th among U.S. educational programs in supply chain management. With this designation it joins powerhouses like Penn State, Michigan State, MIT and Georgia Tech in the top 20.

"We are justifiably proud of this ranking," said COBA Dean Ron Shiffler, "because it reflects the high quality of our faculty in the department of management, marketing and logistics and their commitment to producing the best supply chain management professionals."

The study, titled "The State of Supply Chain Education" was based on a survey conducted by Stephen M. Rutner, an associate professor at GSU, and Stanley E. Fawcett, who is the Staheli Professor of Management at Brigham Young



Dr. Ron Shiffler

University.

The survey was distributed to members of professional supply chain management associations and to business educators throughout North America.

"It's interesting to note," said Shiffler, "that more supply chain practitioners returned surveys than academics, and among practitioners, GSU actually ranked 15th. The authors of the study concluded that practitioners place a greater value on the school's tradition, national visibility and potential for providing employees."

According to the study's authors, the key to building a strong supply chain management program is to build a strong curriculum that produces capable problem solvers.

Establishing a strong job placement program and creating publicity and visibility is vital, too, but most important for educational programs is becoming increasingly relevant to real-world problem solving.

For more information about GSU's program in supply chain management, go to the College of Business Administration's Web site at <http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/> or call the COBA office at 681-5106.

## Design, construction students win in N.C.

#### GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's construction management and interior design teams placed high in the South Eastern Regional Associated Schools of Construction and Associated General Contractors of America competition.

This competition, which was held in Charlotte, N.C., in late October, tested university students from around the South in three construction management fields: heavy civil construction, design build construction and commercial construction.

The design build team won best in interior design. Team members were excited, considering half the contest deals with architectural issues and GSU does not have an

architecture major. Members of the design build team included Bridget Holms, Adriene Manard, Kassie Roberts, Stuart Manders, Barry Fransen and Daniel Hall.

The heavy civil team won second place in the region. The team members included Thomas D'Aleo, Scott Mathis, Ty Tyson, Charlie McCarter, Justin Strickland and Lee Jeffcoat. The project that was bid on involved the resurfacing of a highway and the replacement of two bridges.

The teams competed against other schools including the University of Florida, Auburn University, Clemson University, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Western Carolina University and Southern Polytechnic State University.

### CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 9

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Flu mist and pneumonia immunizations are available. Flu mist costs \$22, pneumonia shots cost \$26 and flu shots are \$25. Russell Union Ballroom

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A toy drive sponsored by Hotel and Restaurant Management will be collecting toys for needy children. Russell Union Rotunda

11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The University Wellness Council is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive. Russell Union rooms 2041, 2047

8 p.m.

Theatre & Performance "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Performing Arts Center

8 p.m.

GSU Jazz Combo featuring Brad Rikard Group Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, Foy Fine Arts Building

8 p.m.

Statesboro Cares: Abraham Verghese, M.D., author of My Own Country: A Doctor's Story, will speak about what he has learned in 20 years of treating people with HIV/AIDS.

Thursday, November 10

3:25 p.m.

Persico Lecture Series: Barbara Hendy "Erin Go Bragh, Y'all" Carroll Building Room 2255

7 p.m.

Relax! Stretch Clinic. Sign up at the RAC College Plaza Studio behind Zaxby's

### POLICE BEAT

11-04-2005

- Alexander Lamar Crenshaw, 19, of Sylvan Drive, Savannah, Ga., was charged with theft by taking motor vehicle.
- Officers issued two traffic citations and 13 traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted three motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

11-05-2005

- David Harold Kimball, 25, of Nicholson Court, Savannah, Ga., was charged with DUI, driving with no headlights, obstruction of an officer and driving with a suspended license.
- Jeffrey Drew Mitchell, 29, of North Zetterower Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication and obstruction of an officer.
- A bicycle was taken from the College of Information Technology bike rack.

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- A bicycle was taken from the Hanner Complex bike rack.
- A bicycle was taken from the Watson Hall bike rack.
- A wallet was taken from the Russell Union computer lab.
- An Xbox was taken from Watson Hall.
- Three flags were taken from a flag pole at Southern Pines.
- Two bicycles were taken from Southern Pines.

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# Play

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cast members, 15 stage hands and numerous others who have volunteered in the scene and costume shops.

The set design is by assistant professor Kelly Berry, costumes by Brenda Dartt and choreography by Pat Alley.

Mark Womack, a Shakespearean scholar and associate professor with the literature and philosophy department is providing expert guidance as dramaturge.

The production runs from Nov. 9 through 12 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center located on the GSU campus.

Tickets are \$3 for GSU students with ID, \$6 for GSU faculty and staff, and \$10 for general admission.

For advance tickets, please contact the Performing Arts Center box office at 486-7999.



Victor Martinez/STAFF

Cast members for Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" practice before opening night. The first performance will be tonight at the PAC at 8 p.m.

# Veazey

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HVAC (heating and air system), electrical, data and telephone, life safety upgrades and furnishings. Unfortunately the physical plant cannot start making major changes until they know who will occupy the building.

"Until we get a decision on who is going in the building there's not a lot we can do," said Bob DeLaar, the assistant director of the physi-

cal plant.

"We're doing the preliminary work to clean up the space before modification begins," said DeLaar. "There are major heating and air renovations and some major electrical and communications rewiring to be done."

Powell said after the physical plant gets the go-ahead, it will take six to nine months to draw up the plans.

Then the school will probably be looking at one to two years of construction time before the building is finished.

According to Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Jane Hudak, the president announced the building would be dedicated to comm. arts.

Hudak and Pam Bourland-Davis, the communication arts department chair, chose the architects and began working with them to design the facility with comm. arts as the primary department.

They were told that other departments would be placed in the building also. Hudak was adamant that there would be classroom space and insisted that the building would be

primarily occupied by comm. arts.

"There will be classroom space for comm. arts," she said. "We're eagerly anticipating the building being restored soon."

"We have such great needs. comm. arts is a fantastic department. The president is aware of our problems and is working with us; we aren't being ignored."

According to Hudak there are 900 students majoring in comm. arts field of study and the facility is definitely needed for primarily comm. arts use.

# Saddam

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represents Saddam's half brother, co-defendant Barazan Ibrahim.

Police Lt. Khalid Hassan said the two lawyers were driving through the Adil neighborhood about 12:45 p.m. Tuesday when an Opel with a driver and three masked gunmen pulled alongside and sprayed their car with automatic weapons fire.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Mousawi expressed regret over the attack against "our colleagues in the judiciary" and said the court would do everything possible "to arrange security for the lawyers."

Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director of Human Rights Watch, said the latest attack shows that the Iraqi government needs "to reassess whether the conditions guaranteeing rights of every defendant exist."

"It is clear that whatever the government is doing is not working

and is not adequate," she said. "They have to go back and figure out how to create conditions necessary for a fair trial, above all the safety of the defense team."

The U.S. military said Tuesday that Marines killed five insurgents trying to plant explosives and captured 10 others the day before in the western city of Ramadi as American forces there stepped up their campaign to suppress deadly roadside bombs. Roadside bombs killed at least seven Iraqi security troops across the country on Tuesday.

Some international human rights organizations already had raised questions about the conduct of Saddam's trial and their concerns mounted after al-Janabi was killed. Following al-Janabi's death, members of the defense team said they had suspended further dealings with the special court until their safety is guaranteed.

Al-Ubaidi said the entire defense team had rejected an offer of guards from the Interior Ministry, pointing to frequent Sunni Arab accusations

that ministry forces or Shiite militias linked to the government have killed members of the minority that was dominant under Saddam.

He said then that they were talking with U.S. officials about getting protection from American troops. A later defense team statement said that it would seek United Nations protection for the Iraqi lawyers because they do not trust either the U.S. military or the Iraqi government to ensure their safety.

Saddam's defense team, which includes some 1,500 lawyers who act as advisers, is led by al-Dulaimi and Abdel Haq Alani, an Iraqi-born lawyer based in Britain. Alani is the top legal consultant to Saddam's daughter, Raghda, and believed to be backbone of defense team.

Alani said the latest killing confirmed defense fears that defense lawyers were being systematically targeted.

"How do they expect a trial to proceed if the lawyers fear for their lives? How can we call witnesses to take the stand in court?" he told The Associated Press by telephone. "This is a sham, not a trial."

Alani blamed the Bush administration for the turmoil in Iraq, including Tuesday's assassination.

"The whole trial, the bloodshed in Iraq, the killings, the violence and everything else wouldn't have happened, had the Americans not invaded Iraq," Alani said. "After invasion and occupation, the occupying power is responsible for protecting the lives of the people under occupation."

## Quick, what's new

### IN GEORGIA

#### Supreme Court wrangles over police searches

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court considered whether police may search a home when one resident says to come in but another objects, in an unusually spirited debate Tuesday that even drew out the usually silent Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Supreme Court has never said whether the Constitution's ban on unreasonable searches covers such a scenario — when one home occupant says enter and another says no.

The case could be so close that it comes down to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is retiring. If her successor is confirmed before the ruling is announced, her vote will not count.

The case is Georgia v. Randolph, 04-1067.

### THE REGION

#### One dead, two hurt in school shooting

JACKSBORO, Tenn. — A student shot and killed an assistant principal and seriously wounded two other administrators at a high school Tuesday, officials said. The student was arrested. The motive for the shooting at Campbell County High School, 30 miles from Knoxville, was not immediately known, Sheriff Ron McClellan told WVLT-TV.

### THE WORLD

#### France declares state of emergency

PARIS — The French government declared a state of emergency Tuesday after nearly two weeks of rioting, and the prime minister said the nation faced a "moment of truth." The extraordinary security measures, to begin Wednesday and valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews to try to halt the country's worst civil unrest since the student uprisings of 1968.

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### OUR VIEW

## We all need to check our speed

AT ISSUE: Recent accident that took life of student should make us all aware of how we drive

In light of a tragic accident on Akins Blvd., in which one Georgia Southern student was killed, a word or two about safety along the longest stretch of campus thoroughfare must be passed along.

It's tragic to lose a member of our student community. When the death comes from natural causes, it's sad. But when it could have been prevented, it's altogether frustrating and saddening at the same time.

But that's just what happened last Thursday, when freshman Russ Whitaker, while driving a motorcycle, collided with a car that was attempting to pull out of the RAC onto Akins Blvd.

We won't address blame – that's a job best left to our competent police forces. But we all should be mindful of our speed and the overwhelming traffic this busy road

receives.

Now that more students are parking at the RAC and the transit buses stop there, we all should observe the speed limit and be mindful of the pedestrians and motorists along this road.

More and more, motorcycles are becoming the vehicle of choice for students. Those of us who drive cars and trucks are trained to watch out for other four-wheel vehicles, but motorcycles share our roads, too. Don't forget to give the proper left-right-left look-over before venturing into the roadway. And for those who drive motorcycles, just because your bike can travel at mind-numbing speeds doesn't mean it's safe. Be careful.

Earlier Tuesday, we noticed students stopped – presumably for speeding – along Akins. We hate to think tickets

are the answer, but if those citations signal a beefing up of patrols by University Police, we say more power to our campus cops. If a ticket can help prevent another accident, we're all for it.

But there's a larger issue here. We should all respect each other in times like these. We've heard rumblings that members of our student community have been harassing the driver of the car involved in last week's accident.

If this is true, the persons responsible should be ashamed. Accidents are just that. Applying blame before the investigation is complete is immature, disrespectful and it's just not your job.

In the end, this accident could have happened to any of us. Almost everyone is guilty of punching the gas when turning onto Akins Blvd. It's nice to be free of speed bumps,

crosswalks and other obstructions. But we shouldn't forget that students walk across that street all the time. Buses now stop there and cars are constantly pulling out of the RAC.

If we'd all observe the speed limit, or at least something within 10 miles of the designated speed, we could prevent other tragedies like these.

Russ Whitaker, at 18, was too young to die. Accidents like these aren't supposed to happen here. Our campus is known for being sleepy and rural. But don't let that secure feeling be a substitute for good judgment and responsibility.

Drive the speed limit, look both ways before crossing the street, and when you see your friends speeding, remind them of the grieving friends and family who are mourning a freshman who shouldn't have died.

### Luke Hearn SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

## I have some really cool parents

*Editor's Note: This is not a typical "Luke Hearn the raging liberal" column. I think we've all had enough of that lately. This is a tribute of sorts to my parents, the best damn parents in the world.*

I used to envy some of my friends, especially the ones who had strict parents. I had friends who were sometimes scared of their parents, friends who would rather die than tell their dad they wanted to pursue acting or that they didn't want to play baseball anymore.

When I told my parents I wanted to study English in college, they didn't scoff at the notion. My dad didn't give me a lecture about how the arts weren't for men, and my mom didn't fuss at me because there's no money to be made with an English degree.

They were both actually excited. My dad did ask what I planned to do with the degree, but was satisfied when I told him my goals.

When I started driving, I really didn't have a strict curfew. My mom would ask where I was going, and set a time that was appropriate. I would ask for more time, and she would usually give in.

I have friends, though, whose parents ran the household like a military operation. The focus of school was making money, curfews were early and non-negotiable, and I even had a friend who had to ask his dad if he could take his shoes off while playing inside. Not asking was the kiss of death.

If you can imagine, I was (and still am) horrible at sports. But my dad didn't call me a girl because I couldn't hit the ball or properly throw a football with a perfect spiral. To be honest, my dad didn't care that I couldn't play sports. He didn't call me the "p" word when I struck out. And my mom didn't fight other moms at baseball games because our team was better and the other lady thought otherwise.

This past weekend, both my parents showed me, once again, that they are still kids at heart. At an establishment in a town close to the one I grew up in, I went to see '60s rock legend Leon Russell (Leon now plays at small bars and other local facilities). The coolest party of the whole experience, though, was that my dad's band opened for Russell. It was cool to see my dad on the stage wearing his broken-in jeans and some shirt he got at a concert. He was wearing a "My grass is blue" hat on top of his gray ponytail.

Many other people there that I knew – many of them parents of friends I grew up with and the like – were dressed in nice jeans and starched polo shirts. My mom, who I've described as anything by the June Cleaver mother, danced with her spiky blonde hair to the jams of Pops and his buddies. She was having fun, and that's all that mattered.

Here's my point: my brother and I were raised in a non-traditional manner, and we turned out OK, I think. So I may be a little weird and have some issues with things normal people don't, but I don't think I turned out to be a failure.

My parents were reasonable – maybe a little too reasonable at times. Did they ever get mad at me? Yes. Did they ever take stuff from me as punishment? Of course. But they only did that when I took advantage of their freedoms.

Thinking back on my childhood, I no longer envy those kids that had Jerry Falwell-strict parents. I actually pity the poor fools.

I'm not saying the kids who had strict parents grew up to be failures, I just think they didn't have as much fun.

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### Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

#### The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, on the indictment of Lewis Libby:

There is a cancer on the presidency, and it cannot be exorcised by the resignation of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

Libby, assistant to the president and Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, has been indicted on five federal counts, including obstruction of justice, making false statement and perjury. The charges stem from the investigation into a leak disclosing that Valerie Plame, wife of former ambassador Joseph Wilson, was a covert CIA operative.

Based on the allegations special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald laid out in the indictments, it's increasingly evident that officials within the Bush administration disclosed

...the question is why President Bush didn't fire Libby long ago if his role in outing Plame was as clear as the indictments indicate...

Plame's identity as part of an effort to discredit Wilson's criticism of one of the pretexts for war against Iraq. ...

No matter where the investigation goes from here, the question is why President Bush didn't fire Libby long ago if his role in outing Plame was as clear as the indictments indicate. It raises the uncomfortable and inevitable question: What did the president know and when did he know it?

The larger, more important context goes beyond palace intrigue: the lengths to which the Bush administration was willing to go to protect its trumped-up justifications for an unjustifiable war.

#### Las Vegas Sun, on breast cancer:

A recent study shows mammograms coupled with the use of new drug regimens -- not screenings or drugs alone -- helped create the drop in breast cancer mortality rates recorded in the last 25 years of the 20th century.

Results of the study, funded by the National Cancer Institute and published in the New England Journal of Medicine last week, also shows that none of the popular methods for detection and treatment contributed to the decline as significantly as has been reported.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in women and the leading cause of death in women

ages 40 to 55. It strikes an estimated 250,000 women in the United States annually, including 1,400 in Nevada, which ranks fourth nationally in its cancer mortality rate among women.

The new analysis showed the use of post-surgical therapies, such as chemotherapy with tamoxifen, lowered deaths by about 19 percent, rather than by one-third as had been reported in previous studies.

Mammograms, the new study showed, reduced deaths by 15 percent on average, which is lower than the 20 percent to 60 percent estimated by some clinical trials. ...

Although this most recent

#### Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times, on Bush and weapons:

The Bush administration has backed off its plans to develop nuclear "bunker busters."

The Department of Energy met with congressional opposition to a request to fund development of a nuclear weapon that could be used against underground enclaves housing communication centers or stockpiled weapons better protected against conventional weapons.

But the proposed weaponry raised grave concerns about the potential fallout and implications on international nuclear nonproliferation policies. The proposed weapon was 70 times the size of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, and the National Nuclear Security Administration had acknowledged that there was no way to avoid significant radioactive fallout threatening civilian populations.

The Senate approved some funding, but it was rejected by the House, opening the way for a conference settlement until the Energy Department withdrew the funding request.

Nuclear bunker busters would have been less powerful than the massive nuclear warheads in America's arsenal, which supporters say would have given presidents greater options with a more flexible nuclear power to confront threats from terrorists or rogue nations.

The administration now says it will try to develop non-nuclear bunker busters. Producing nuclear bunker busters could have opened the door to a new arms race. It is wise that the administration has chosen not to take that route.

Editorial round-up provided by the Associated Press

### Garrison Keillor THE OLD SCOUT

## Today's lesson: It could be worse

It could be worse. The Pharaoh keeps piling mud on your desk to be made into bricks, and you work late, and you head onto the freeway, which is packed with Huns and Visigoths, and your mere presence infuriates them. Meanwhile, you're listening to the teeth-grinders on the radio blaming the president's troubles on the Democrats.

Downtown, you run into a covey of evil teenagers, the girls with black lipstick and chopped black hair and black clothes, the boys with graffiti tattoos and their belts down around their femurs.



Garrison Keillor is an acclaimed radio personality and best-selling humorist. His "A Prairie Home Companion" can be heard Saturday nights on public radio stations across the country.

You go into the restaurant, Les Espensif, to meet your wife to celebrate your marriage and view its remains. The joint is way hoity-toity and attended by attitudinous waiters with fake accents serving half-ounce medallions of pork on a white plate two and a half feet in diameter with swirls of green foam on it and a spoonful of caramelized rice for \$28, which you eat in 45 seconds as your spouse tries to sucker you into an argument about home maintenance.

Well, it could be worse.

It would be worse if you didn't have a shed. A man needs a shed. A shed with a woodstove, a workbench and an old couch, coffee cans of bolts and screws,

a pile of old Playboys, a bottle of Old Overcoat, a tin of snooze, a deck of cards. The Pharaoh can't touch you here: You are safe in the bulrushes.

A den isn't as good, or an attached garage. You need to put some distance between you and the Main House, which, as we all know, is the domain of women. A woman is likely to pick up your Ventrilo-O-Disc from the kitchen counter as if she'd found a cockroach and demand to know what it is. A shed is a place where you can practice ventriloquism and do the exercises described in the book on Dynamic Tension that you obtained from Charles Atlas, the World's Most Perfectly Developed Man. You need a place where you can sing your song and not hear her say, "Would you mind?"

There is almost nothing so good for you as singing old songs, whether you sing praise to the Lord God or sing about the gin-soaked barroom queen in Memphis and your friends Long Tall Sally and Bony Maroney and Jenny Jenny.

Ben Hecht said, "Old songs are more than tunes. They are little houses in which our hearts once lived." In other words, they are sheds.

Winter is coming, which simplifies everything and shows you that the essentials of life are heat, food, shelter, plumbing. The rest is decorative. The life that your wife writes about in the Christmas letter, the life of steady accomplishment and upward movement on life's graph, is mostly fiction. The reality is that we are all in over our heads. I am and you are. God help us.

And so far He has. It could be worse.

Whatever bonehead things we've done, we have not yet put our tongue on the pump handle and let it freeze there, and this is a fact not to be overlooked. There are pump handles around, and in freezing weather they become lethal. You walk past them and they exert a powerful force on your body, particularly on your tongue.

In my darker hours, ever since I was 6 and went trotting off to Benson School, I have imagined that the pump handle would be my fate, but so far I have avoided it, and you too, my friend. Together, once again we hope to come through the cold season with our tongues intact, and if we do, then winter has no grip on us.

It could be worse.

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# SPORTS

## ATHLETICS CALENDAR

**Tomorrow**  
Men's Basketball vs. Portland  
6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Golf @ Hooters Collegiate Match  
Play

Men's Basketball @ Texas Tech  
6:30 p.m.

Volleyball @ Charleston 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. San Jose St.  
9 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Cross Country @ Southeast  
Regional  
Golf @ Hooters Collegiate Match  
Play  
Football vs. Morehead State 1 p.m.  
Swimming and Diving at Campbell

Chad Bishop

### THE WEDNESDAY SMACK

## Eagles vs...Eagles?

Are you still smiling? After that game this past Saturday, I'm going to be smiling for weeks.

That is of course, if we take care of business this Saturday against Morehead State, GSU's final regular season opponent of 2005.

Usually I make fun of our weekly opponent, but it's hard to make fun of someone you don't know. What I can do, however, is tell you a little bit about our new friends from Morehead, KY.

First off, where in the world is Morehead, Kentucky? It's in East Kentucky, located about halfway between Lexington and Huntington, KY.

With a population of just under 6,000, Morehead was named for Gov. James T. Morehead.

The university itself was founded in 1887 inside a little cottage.

The Morehead State Athletics compete in the Ohio Valley Conference in every other sport beside football.

The football team competes in the Pioneer Football League, whose members (Dayton, Butler, Valparaiso, Davidson, Drake, Jacksonville, San Diego and Austin Peay) field non-scholarship teams.

So if you play football for one of

these teams, you do it for free.

Morehead State's most famous football alum (the second being ESPN football analyst Mike Gottfried) is none other than former Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

The Super Bowl XXI MVP led the Giants to a 39-20 win over the Broncos.

To make things more interesting, Morehead State, formerly known as the Bald Eagles, has adopted Eagles as their nicknames. Now how am I supposed to make fun of that?

This year Morehead has already clinched a spot in the PFL Championship game against the University of San Diego Toreros on Nov. 19 in San Diego.

The Eagles (theirs, not ours), come into Paulson this Saturday with an 8-2 record, having dropped home games to the Dayton Flyers and the Tiffin Dragons, a Division II school.

So Saturday afternoon the Eagles (our, not theirs) should have no trouble with the Eagles (theirs, not ours).

It'll be another emotion filled day, as thirteen seniors will be playing in what could be their final game at "the prettiest little stadium in America."

True Eagle fans will come in droves to pay tribute to these young men who have given us so many fond memories.

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## Foster named I-AA.org All-Star

GSU News Service

Jayson Foster received national accolades from I-AA.org, being named one of four All-Stars from across NCAA I-AA football.

Foster rushed for a career-high 191 yards and scored a touchdown while accumulating 271 yards of offense, leading Georgia Southern to a 27-24 win over top-ranked Furman.

Foster shares the weekly award with linebacker Harry Carter of Duquesne, Cal Poly running back James Noble and Illinois State running back Pierre Rembert.

While recording a personal-high 33 rushing attempts, Foster also scored a rushing TD for the 10th straight game, one shy of the Southern Conference season record.

He completed 3-of-7 passes for 80 yards, the biggest coming on 3rd-and-17 when Foster found Chris Dickerson for 35 yards to set up the game-winning touchdown.

The 10th-ranked Eagles (7-3 overall, 5-2 SoCon), needing another win to keep their playoff hopes alive, close out the regular season this Saturday hosting non-conference foe Morehead State in a 1 p.m. kickoff.



Victor Martinez/STAFF

GSU quarterback Jayson Foster fights for extra yardage on his way to a career-high 191 yards rushing in the Eagles 27-24 win against Furman.

### 2005 Southern Conference Standings

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Appalachian State	4	1	6	3
Georgia Southern	5	2	7	3
Western Carolina	4	2	5	3
Furman	3	2	7	2
Chattanooga	3	3	6	4
Wofford	3	3	5	4
The Citadel	1	5	2	7
Elon	0	5	3	6

## Steroid bill penalties lightened in bid to gain support

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press

Athletes who test positive for performance-enhancing drugs would be banned for a half-season instead of two years for a first offense under changes made Tuesday to gain support for steroid legislation in the Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Jim

Bunning, R-Ky., and John McCain, R-Ariz., calls for a one-season ban for a second steroid offense and a lifetime ban for a third. It would apply to Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL and baseball's minor leagues.

"I think, seriously, that they are under the opinion that we will not act," said Bunning, a former pitcher elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Under current rules, a first failed drug test draws a 10-day ban in Major League Baseball, a 10-game ban in the NBA, a four-game ban in the NFL, and a 20-game ban in the NHL.

The House has three versions of steroid legislation, including one by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., that calls for a half-season ban for a first offense.

"It's good news for trying to pass a steroid bill," Stearns said.

## T.O. makes full apology

*Owens apologizes from his house to Eagles, McNabb, fans*

By Rob Maaddi

Associated Press

A contrite Terrell Owens, hoping to overturn his dismissal from the Philadelphia Eagles, on Tuesday apologized to coach Andy Reid, quarterback Donovan McNabb, the team's owner and president, and fans.

"I fight for what I think is right. In doing so, I alienated a lot of my fans and my teammates," Owens said, reading a statement outside his house.

His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said Owens was making a public apology in hopes of returning to the Eagles immediately.

He was suspended Saturday, two days after he said the Eagles showed "a lack of class" for not publicly recognizing his 100th career touchdown catch in a game on Oct. 23.

In the same interview with ESPN.com on Thursday, Owens said the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre at quarterback instead of McNabb.

Owens apologized specifically to Reid, McNabb, Eagles president Joe Banner, owner Jeffrey Lurie and to fans.

To McNabb, Owens said, "I apologize to him for any comments that may have been negative."

Owens forced a trade to the Eagles last year after eight seasons with the 49ers and invigorated the offense with his superior skills. He had 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs in 14 games.

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