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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006

Famed civil rights leader here Jan. 17

Civil rights leader, wife of famed Medgar Evers, Myrlie Evers-Williams to speak at MLK ceremony

By Cheryl Frost
Staff writer

Civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams will be visiting Georgia Southern on Tuesday, Jan. 17, in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A 50-year member and former chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Evers-Williams has become an icon for the battle against racial discrimination.

In 1950, she met her husband, Medgar Evers, who joined the NAACP following his service in WWII, after which he and his brothers were refused voting rights. Despite the dangers during a time of segregation, the couple never faltered in their quest for civil rights.

Evers was shot and killed in June of 1963, just hours after President John F. Kennedy announced his



Myrlie Evers-Williams

plans and support for an integrated America. When a deadlocked all-white jury allowed her husband's killer to go free, Evers-Williams fought relentlessly for justice. Her determination paid off after 30 years when, in 1994, her husband's murderer was finally convicted.

The struggles and triumphs of the tragedy were captured in the 1996 film "Ghosts of the Mississippi," starring Alec Baldwin, and Whoopi Goldberg as Myrlie Evers.

The university will show a screening of "Ghosts of the Mississippi" on Monday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre.

Evers-Williams moved to California shortly after her husband's death, where she enrolled in Pomona College and earned a Bachelor's degree in sociology. She went on to become the assistant director of planning and development for the Claremont College

system, then moved to Los Angeles for the position of consumer affairs director for the Atlantic Richfield Company. In June of 1988, she was appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley to the city's five-member Board of Public Works. She was the first African American woman assigned to it.

She has earned a number of awards for her ongoing civil rights campaign, including the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Achievement Award and the League of Women Voters' Woman of Honor Award. The NAACP presented her with an Image Award for Civil Rights and she received the state of California Woman of the Year Award.

Evers-Williams' speech, "Tomorrow's Leaders: Their Voices, Our Journey," will be presented in the Performing Arts Center at Plant and Chandler Roads at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Both movie screening and presentation are free and open to the public.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Lupton Building razed

Workers begin the demolition of the Morris and Ann Lupton Building at Paulson Stadium. The building was nearly flattened by Wednesday afternoon. School officials are mum on what might be placed in the building's former location. This past season the building housed a restaurant for alumni and team locker rooms.

Magazines rank GSU neighbors

Savannah schools get nods from mags, but just for 'buzz'

By Christina Calloway
Staff writer

How did you come about choosing Georgia Southern? Although this may seem like a trivial aspect to the whole college experience, more and more news magazines are finding that it is not.

The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report are just two examples of prominent media outlets that provide information about colleges to prospective students. Since rankings are used nationwide by prospective students, it would make sense that colleges would strive for better standards so that their names will be provided in such books and attract more students. So, where does GSU rank?

Newsweek, in conjunction with Kaplan, recently published its annual college guide, which featured the hottest 25 schools. In it, Savannah College of Art and Design and Armstrong Atlantic State University were included among the nation's most interesting schools, with SCAD even being part of the top 25. While GSU was not included, this would not be an indication of the significance of the institution. Such books are based on particular rankings, and one reason

GSU was not included is the way colleges are ranked by different books and news magazines.

Newsweek ranked the Hottest 25 by basing schools on "creating buzz among students, school officials, and longtime observers of the admissions process" (www.msnbc.msn.com). The premier outlet used nationwide by students and colleges is U.S. News and World Report. The way schools are ranked is through categories, regions, public/private, and other characteristics such as peer assessment, average freshmen retention rate, average graduation rate, percent of classes with less than 20 students, etc. Each year, the magazine sends out a survey that is voluntarily answered by colleges.

Recently, GSU was ranked (by U.S. News and World Report) 56th in the South as the one of the best universities to obtain a Master's degree. In other rankings GSU's supply chain management program was ranked 16th in the nation by Supply Chain Management Review and the Princeton Review cites GSU in its 237 best business schools for COBA's business and accounting graduate degrees.

Another reason for differences in rankings is reputation of the school. Under President Grube's direction, the

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Thompson new VP of Student Affairs and Enrollment Mgt.

GSU News Service

Teresa Thompson was named Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Georgia Southern, announced President Bruce Grube on Dec. 8. Thompson was selected after a national search, which yielded several excep-



Teresa Thompson

tional candidates.

Thompson has served as an interim vice president since July 2004. She came to GSU in 2000 as director of admissions and was named associate vice president for enrollment management in 2003.

During her tenure, she has developed the universi-

ty's strategy of attracting high-ability students. GSU once ranked in the bottom quarter of entering freshmen SAT scores among Georgia universities, but now consistently draws from the top 25 percent of students in the state.

"I am very pleased that Dr. Thompson will continue in her role as the high-energy architect of many of the strategies that are building a

new GSU," said Grube.

"The university is at a crossroads. As we prepare to enter our second century at the end of 2006, we do so as an institution that is poised to reach new heights of academic distinction. At the heart of it all is the rising caliber of students who are coming to our university.

"Dr. Thompson is a strong leader

see **THOMPSON**, page 10

Election-year politics loom over Perdue's State of the State

By Doug Gross
Associated Press

ATLANTA — For the final State of the State address of his historic term as governor, Sonny Perdue was joined on the podium of the state House by the man who would like to take his job.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, a Democrat, returned to his traditional role

Wednesday, presiding over the annual speech given before a joint assembly of state House and Senate members.

Until Perdue became the first Republican elected governor in Georgia since Reconstruction in 2002, that always meant a supportive No. 2 introducing his party's leader.

This time, a smiling Taylor introduced "his excellency, Gov. Sonny Perdue" just months before he hopes

to take him on the campaign trail.

And Secretary of State Cathy Cox, the Democrat Taylor will face in this summer's primary, was quick to follow the speech with a statement wishing a pox upon both of their houses, saying "good ol' boy politics has simply gone bad."

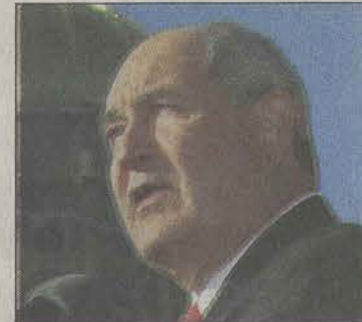
Politics is never far from the activities of the Georgia Legislature, where members are elected every two years

and lawmakers regularly use their posts as stepping stones for higher state and federal office.

But Wednesday's speech was steeped in the stuff, from Perdue promising a \$100 gift card for every Georgia teacher — a formidable voting bloc — to Democrats' quick claims that the governor's proposals amount to little more than election-year posturing.

With state tax revenues healthier than at any time in his tenure, Perdue was able to roll out a host of education proposals that included a 4 percent pay raise for teacher — the largest in four years — and a plan to lower class sizes.

"Let me tell you one more thing," Perdue said to a Republican-dominated Legislature that interrupted his

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Gov. Sonny Perdue

TODAY

 High: 75 | Low: 54
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

 High: 74 | Low: 39
T-Storms

SATURDAY

 High: 56 | Low: 32
Cloudy - windy

SUNDAY

 High: 62 | Low: 39
Partly cloudy

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OUR PRINT SCHEDULE

The G-A will print next Thursday, Jan. 19 but look for us to return our daily, four-day-a-week schedule Jan. 23. Welcome back, Eagles!

Changes to HOPE scholarship

Book allowances no longer applied to unpaid fees, but are returned to students; book allowances will be based on lottery revenue

GSU News Service

Effective spring 2006, HOPE scholarship recipients will be able to use their HOPE book allowance at the University Store to purchase books and required supplies.

Previously, student's book allowances were applied to unpaid tuition, fees, housing and meals on the student account.

According to Georgia Southern's Financial Aid Office, this change will affect most HOPE recipients by increasing the amount due on their student account.

Financial aid advisors encourage students to review their online invoices at <http://students.georgia-southern.edu/registrar>, then log into WINGS, choose Student Services and Financial Aid, Registration Invoice and Web Payment, and then enter 2006 for the term.

The HOPE book allowance will not be subtracted to calculate the balance due. Any amount showing as a balance due must be paid on or

before Monday, Jan. 9, to prevent cancellation of classes.

Any excess funds will be returned to students at their campus post office boxes after class attendance is verified and bookstore credit charges are processed.

Students may charge spring 2006 books and required supplies at the University Store on Wednesday, Dec. 14, through Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The HOPE book allowance is dependent on a student's continuing HOPE eligibility and the number of hours enrolled.

A student enrolled in six or more hours will have an available book allowance of \$150. A student enrolled in less than six hours will have a book allowance of \$75.

The changes are facilitated by changes in the HOPE regulations as administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

For more information about changes to the HOPE scholarship,

contact Financial Aid at 681-5413 or the Office of Student Fees at 681-0999.

More changes to book allowances are possible in the next few years, because student's book allowances will be based on lottery revenue.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission outlines changes to the HOPE Scholarship involving fee triggers at the end of each fiscal year.

The first year trigger will determine student's book allowances based on the lottery's earnings. If the lottery's year-end balance is less than the previous year's balance, the book allowance will be reduced to \$150 per academic year. Pell Grant recipients will continue to receive a \$300 book allowance per academic year.

In 2007, the second year trigger, if the lottery's year-end balance is less than the previous year's balance, the book allowance will be eliminated.

Biostatistics students work in drug development and testing



Special Photo

Professor Robert Vogel stands next to graduates of the Biostatistics Center, Li Shi and Yang in the Biostat Lab of the Hollis building.

GSU News Service

Developing and testing a new drug requires the best efforts of a team of experts, and one of those much-needed experts is a biostatistician, a mathematical scientist who designs drug testing protocols and manages, analyzes and interprets the resulting data.

Since its inception in 2001, Georgia Southern's biostatistics program, working through the Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics, has produced eight biostatisticians and has an increasing number of students are opting for this growing field of study.

"In 1998, I learned that Georgia had no biostatistics programs offered south of Atlanta," said Karl E. Peace, Ph.D., founding director of the center. "I believe that Georgia needs a greater presence in the biopharmaceutical industry, so I created the center to implement a graduate-level program in biostatistics."

Students completing the program earn an MPH, a Master's in public health, but their required course work is equal to that required for a Master's of science degree in biostatistics.

"If we are preparing students to study the safety of drugs, if we are going to prepare them to work in the pharmaceutical industry, the National Institutes of Health, the FDA and other regulatory agencies, they need hands-on experience," said Peace.

To meet that need, he created the Peace Center for Biostatistics at GSU, which allows students to have hands-on development and design of drug testing protocols, then perform statistical analyses of the data collected.

Biostatistics students are required to become expert in SAS, Statistical Analysis System, the same software used for analysis at the FDA, the National Institutes of Health and throughout the pharmaceutical industry.

Among the eight graduates of the biostatistics program, three have chosen doctoral-level graduate studies, three are employed in research, one is in the faculty of GSU's School of Nursing, and the most recent graduate is weighing her options among several pharmaceutical companies.

Because of the collaboration needed in drug testing, Peace requires students to work in teams to develop their research. Before they leave GSU, biostatistics student teams have opportunities to share their research proposals at symposia on campus and at the national Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS), an annual conference founded by Peace in 1994.

In January 2004 Karl Peace provided an endowment to create the Jiann-Ping Hsu School of Public Health, the first school of public health in the University System of Georgia.

CALENDAR

Friday, January 13

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Physics of Sound At Museum Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building

Saturday, January 14

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Hanner Hooligan Tailgate

5 p.m.
PAC, Ailey II dance company

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
GSU offices closed, no classes

Tuesday, January 17

7 p.m.
Lecture by Civil rights leader Myrlie Evers-Williams

Wednesday, January 18

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Midway: Between Slavery and Self-Sufficiency - The Remaking of a Black Community, 1860-1875 at the Museum Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Art Exhibit, Foundation: Form and Content at Foy Fine Arts Building

5 p.m.
The Statesboro Police Department will break ground for the new police station at their future site on West Grady Street.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom
The Department of University Housing will sponsor Spring Success 2006. Faculty members will team up to welcome back first-year students to campus and follow-up with them regarding their academic success from the fall semester.

Avoid the flu with simple steps

By Jerriod Grizzle
Staff writer

The flu usually affects 20 to 50 percent of the U.S. population each winter and for college campuses the rates are even higher.

Head nurse for Georgia Southern, Carol Turknett, said factors such as close contact contribute to the flu virus being spread among college students.

"Because of the way the flu is spread and the fact that college students live close together in dorm life are factors in developing the flu virus," she said.

The flu virus can be spread through the air in small water droplets from the nose. Someone who has the flu spreads the virus by

sneezing, coughing or even talking. The flu virus can also be transmitted by direct contact like drinking after someone or shaking hands.

While there is no cure for the flu the best way not to get the flu virus is to take steps to prevent getting it said Turknett.

"Students can help to avoid the flu in small ways. Students can simply avoid the flu by being clean. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze and frequently wash your hands. Also, drink lots of fluids," she said.

Turknett also points out that the best way to insure you don't get sick this semester is to get a flu vaccine.

"There are still vaccines available

at the health center," she said.

There are two forms of the vaccine being handed out at GSU this semester: a shot vaccine and a flu mist spray. The cost of the vaccine by injection is \$12 and the spray mist costs \$22.

People who are at high risk of catching the flu virus should get their vaccination immediately, including people with lung or heart disease, anemia and people who have immune disorders.

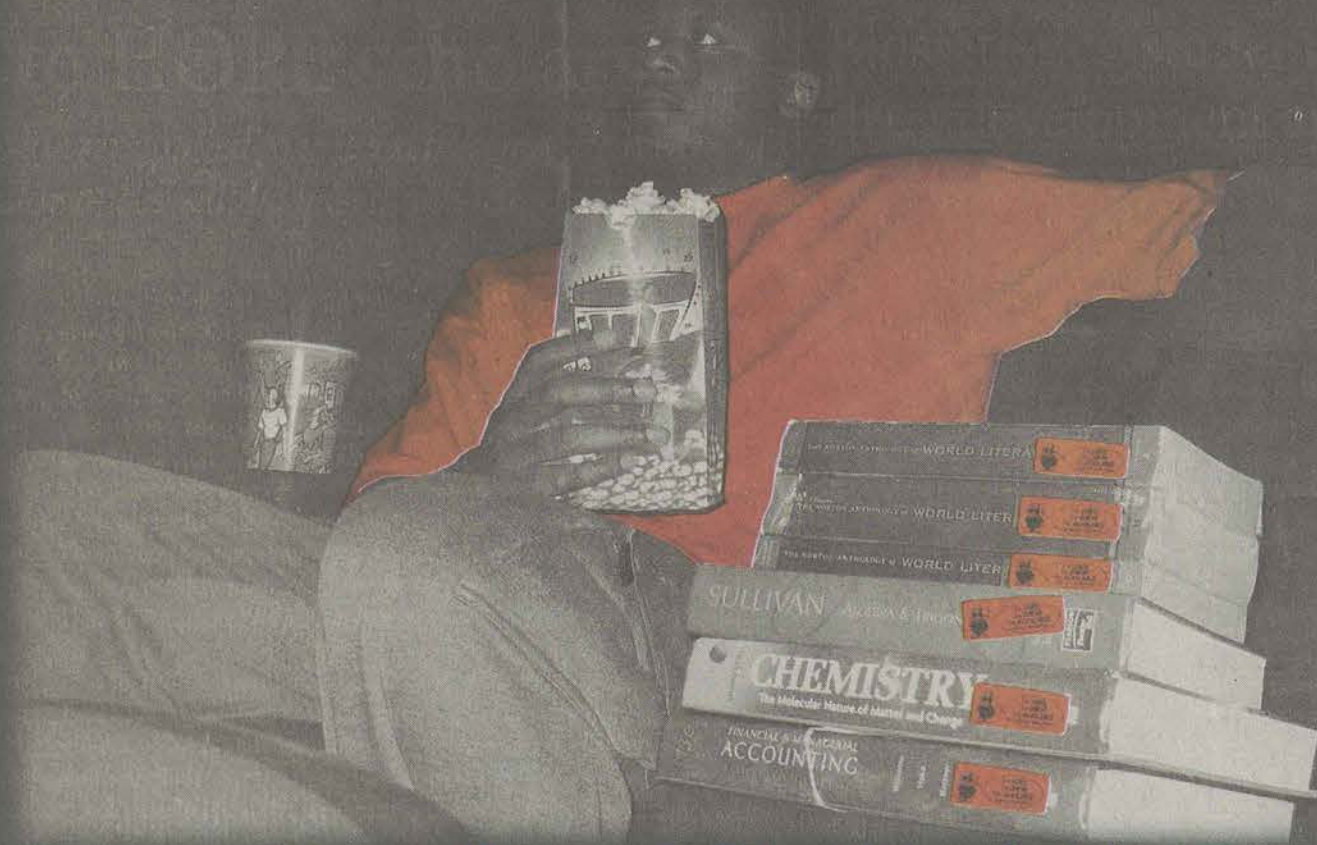
The flu virus is often mistaken for the common cold because they have some of the same symptoms.

"Unlike the cold, the flu comes on you suddenly and is highlighted by a very high fever of about 101 degrees and up," said Turknett.

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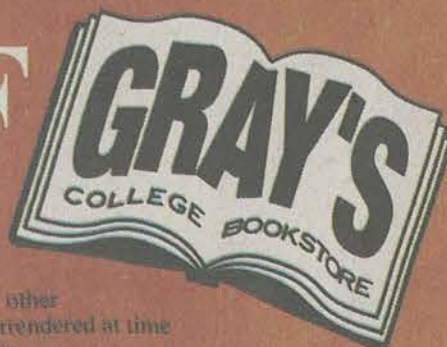
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THE BIG STORY

Iran defiant as West looks to push for economic sanctions

By Nasser Karimi
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The U.S. and Britain said Wednesday that Western countries will likely seek Iran's referral to the U.N. Security Council after it restarted nuclear activity. Iran's president said his country would not be bullied and would push ahead with the program.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he could not rule out the possibility that Iran will face economic sanctions.

International impatience with Iran was growing after it broke U.N. seals at a uranium enrichment plant Tuesday and said it was resuming nuclear research after a two-year freeze. Enriched uranium can be used as a fuel for both nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.

"I think the first thing to do is to secure agreement for a reference to the Security Council, if that is indeed what the allies jointly decide, as I think seems likely," Blair told the House of Commons in London, adding that he was in close contact with Washington on the issue.

"We obviously don't rule out any measures at all," Blair said when asked about possible sanctions. "It's important Iran recognizes how seriously the international community treats it."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said "it is more likely than ever" that the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, will refer Iran to the Security Council. The council could then impose sanctions.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday if Iran continued on its present course, "there is no other choice but to refer the matter to the Security Council."

McCormack said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had discussed the situation by telephone with IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw.

Russia, a longtime ally of Iran, expressed anger as well. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov talked with Rice, and both sides shared "a deep disappointment" over Iran's move, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

But Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shrugged off the international outcry.

"Unfortunately, a group of bullies allows itself to deprive nations of their legal and natural rights," Ahmadinejad told a crowd during a visit to the port city of Bandar Abbas. His speech was broadcast live on state-run television. "The Iranian nation is not frightened by the powers and their noise."

Former President Hashemi Rafsanjani took a sharper tone, denouncing the West's "colonial policy."

"If they cause any disturbance, they will ultimately regret it," the cleric warned in a speech for the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha aired on state TV.

"Even if (the Westerners) destroy our scientists, their successors would continue the job," he said. "It would not be easy for them to solve the (nuclear) case by imposing sanctions or anything like that."

Rafsanjani, who was Iran's president in the 1990s, lost to Ahmadinejad in a runoff election in June. The policy of pursuing the nuclear program has become a point of national pride for many Iranians, a rare issue that crosses the reformist-conservative divide.

Rafsanjani now serves as head of the Expediency Council, a powerful

body that mediates between the elected parliament and Iran's unelected Islamic clerical leadership, which holds ultimate say in the country.

Iran insists its research is for peaceful energy production only. But the United States suspects Tehran has ambitions to produce nuclear weapons.

"I tell those superpowers that, with strength and prudence, Iran will pave the way to achieving peaceful nuclear energy," Ahmadinejad said. "In the near future, (nuclear) energy will be completely carried out by the Iranian nation."

The president accused the West of seeking to prevent Iran's technological development and control the country by forcing it to buy nuclear fuel abroad.

"They falsely say that they oppose nuclear weapons. They want to have nuclear monopoly to sell it drop by drop at an expensive price and use it as an instrument for domination over nations," he said.

Blair said Iran's decision to restart its nuclear program, coupled with Ahmadinejad's recent inflammatory comments about Israel, "cause real and serious alarm right across the world."



AP Photo/Vahid Salem

Demonstrators form a human chain at the Isfahan's Uranium Conversion Facility to support Iran's nuclear program just outside the city of Isfahansouth of Tehran Iran. Hundreds of Iranian students rallied outside the gates of the uranium conversion plant here Tuesday, forming a human chain and calling on Iran to ignore Western pressure and forge ahead with its nuclear program.

Leaders help 'persecuted' Christians

By Greg Bluestein
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Leaders in the Georgia House lobbied a post-holiday salvo Wednesday in the so-called war against Christmas.

Ruling Republicans presented legislation that bans the state and local governments from banning public employees and students from "verbal expressions" celebrating any public or legal holiday.

"As a group, Christians are feeling more and more persecuted in our country," said state Rep. Sue Burmeister of Augusta, the bill's sponsor and secretary of the House Republican caucus.

"Whether we like it or not, this country was founded by Christian pilgrims," Burmeister said. "It seems like we're taking all of our beliefs out to be in favor of these people that have no religion."

The bill, which was also sponsored by House Speaker Pro Tem Mark Burkhalter, drew an immediate rebuke from Democrats.

"I thought the Republicans were supposed to favor less interfering with local governments. This is a solution without a problem," said Rep. Tom Bordeaux, D-Savannah. "The way for Christians to feel less persecuted is to start practicing our

faith — not politics."

Communities and interest groups have long fielded protests against municipal displays of Nativity scenes. However, the debate seems to have grown recently to encompass carol singing, Christmas trees, and "Merry Christmas!" greetings, even in paid advertising.

In November, the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal group based in Scottsdale, Ariz., announced that its 800 cooperating attorneys have volunteered to handle without fees any complaints about "improper attempts to censor the celebration of Christmas in schools and on public property."

In Georgia, two state lawmakers filed bills that would prohibit any government agency from stopping people who work for them from saying "Merry Christmas" instead of the generic "Happy Holidays." The same would go for schools, where students would also be allowed to call a holiday by its name — like Christmas or Hanukkah.

The state's official take on Christmas made national news when Gov. Sonny Perdue's office sent out a press release that announced plans for a "holiday tree" lighting ceremony at the governor's mansion. Exactly 30 minutes later, another press release

was sent out that corrected the name of tree to a Christmas tree, blaming the neutral wording on "a politically correct staff brain-freeze."

Burmeister said the state's moves are a reflection of changing religious undercurrents.

"As a Christian, I feel more persecuted," she said. "Everybody should have the ability to celebrate — especially when it comes to Christmas and Easter. But we're not forcing that on anybody."

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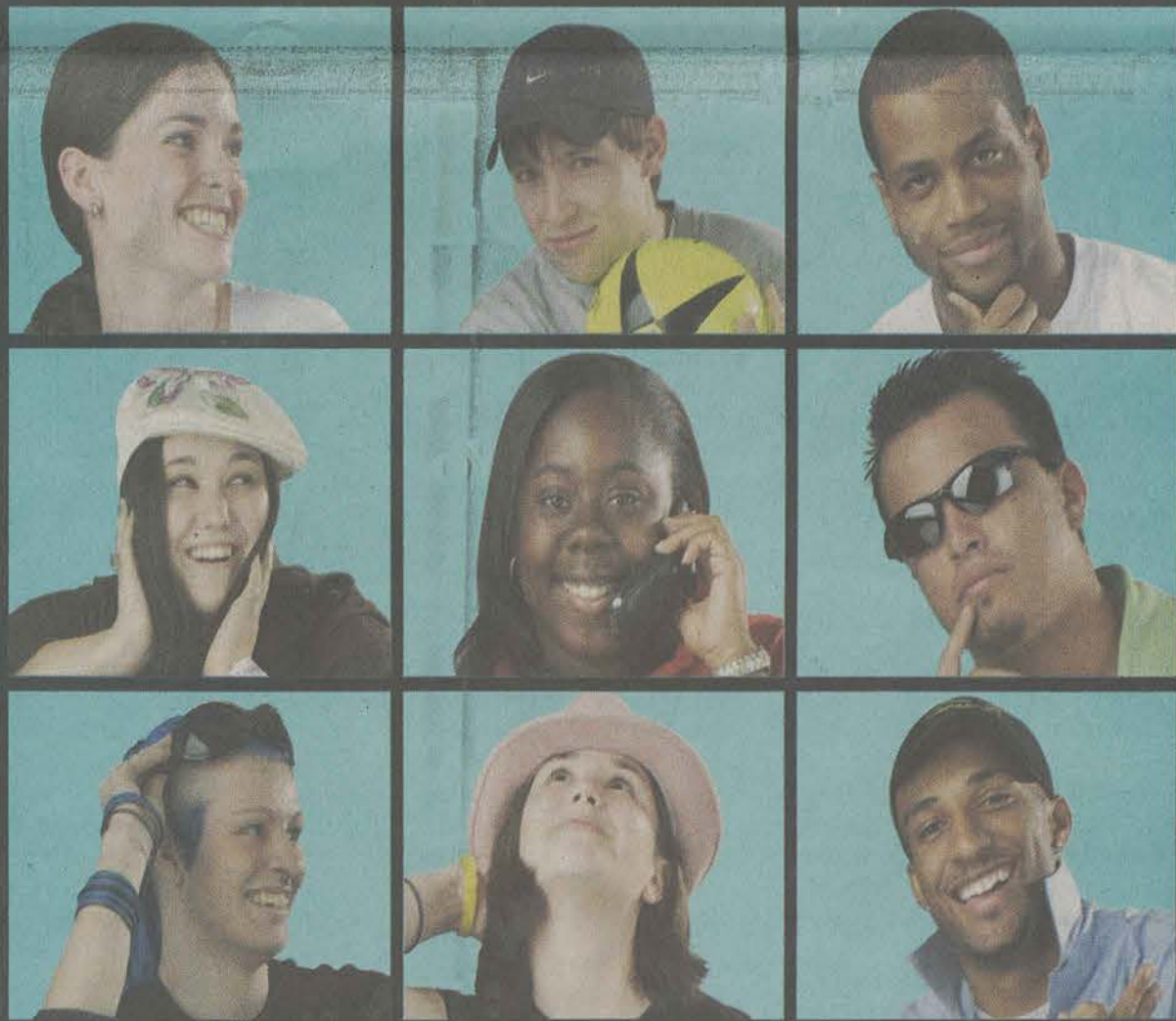
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RAs receive a stipend each semester. The annual stipend has recently increased to \$3,750 for first year RAs and \$4,000 for RAs after successful completion of their first year of service (budget pending). RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing, for which they are financially responsible. Resident Advisors are allowed a single room at double occupancy rates when space is available. Equally important are the non-tangible benefits: the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and the chance to develop skills such as leadership, communication, organization, time management, and group dynamics.

PARTIES:

Toppings Tuesdays:
January 10, 2006
9 pm in Brannen and Johnson Halls
January 17, 2006
9 pm in Eagle Village and Southern Pines

Come to one of these ice cream sundae extravaganzas and learn more about the life of RAs at Georgia Southern. The RA selection process, timeline, interview format and much more will be covered. Bring your questions, your energy and have a good time with staff and students.

FAVORITE QUOTES:

"Becoming a resident advisor is truly one of the best leadership experiences you can have at GA Southern. The experience will lead residents to become more involved with various activities on campus. You also have the opportunity to create a great community by openly communicating ideas as well as upcoming programs to residents."
—Matthew O. Bryant, Kennedy RA

"I enjoy my job as an RA because I get a chance to meet and exchange thoughts with a large diverse group of students."
—Kandayce Lee, Johnson Hall RA

INTERESTS:

RAs at Georgia Southern are involved in many clubs, organizations and activities on campus. Some of those involvements are:

SOAR leader, Greek Life, Baptist Student Union, NAACP, Student Government Association, Intramurals, Tutoring, Eagle Entertainment, Talon Club, Camp Eagle, Circle K, Golden Key, Black Student Alliance, International Student Club, Student Wellness Council and many, many more!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 27, 2006
Applications are due to the University Housing office in Watson Hall
February 2-4, 2006
RA applicant interview process (required of all applicants)
February 10, 2006
RA offers extended
February 16, 2006
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"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have."

- Gerald Ford
38th President of the United States

OUR VIEW

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

AT ISSUE: During holiday weekend, it's important to remember message of slain civil rights leader

On Monday the nation will observe the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

While his actual birthday is on Sunday, celebrating it Monday gives us the chance to honor the slain leader by having a day off in his honor.

King was an extraordinary man who spent his life speaking against racial discrimination and oppression.

Instead of giving in to those who saw blacks

as lower-class citizens he decided to fight back using non-violent methods to try and squelch racial tensions.

In his very famous "I Have a Dream" speech, King said wanted his children to "one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

King wanted all people to live as equals. He urged everyone to respect others, regardless of their race, age, sex or creed. He wanted peace

and equality.

Though we've come a long way in meeting the hopes of King, we're sad to note that nearly 40 years after his death, the vision that King had for the people of America still has a long way to go until it reaches his standards.

Racism is not dead; discrimination is still prevalent in many situations; crimes are committed everyday out of hate; and groups of people are still oppressed.

This holiday weekend, we should be reminded

of the messages that King brought to our nation and his efforts to ensure equal rights for everyone.

On Monday when you roll out of the bed sometime afternoon and enjoy the rest of the day watching the all-to-wonderful daytime television shows, think of what that day really means, of the man whose birthday we're celebrating, and the crusade he launched against racism, bigotry, oppression, and inequality.

It's the least you can do.

Luke Hearn SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

Really? Trans fat is bad for humans?

I am not the skinniest person in the world. To be honest, I was quite the skinny man when I entered college and have since put on weight that adds up to somewhere around 50 pounds. While I do not consider myself obese or anything like that, I do realize that I could be a little more in shape.

The things is, I know how I've put on the weight that I have. I know that French fries and double Whoppers topped off with a milkshake aren't healthy, but I eat them anyway, because they're good.

I realize too that doughnuts in the morning aren't a healthy breakfast, yet I eat them, because I have no restraint.

Last week, I saw a news segment on trans fatty acids — also known as trans fat — and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's new requirement that this substance be identified on all product nutrition labels.

The FDA identifies trans fat as the result of manufactures adding hydrogen to vegetable oil in order to preserve a product's shelf life and flavor via a process called "hydrogenation."

You may remember trans fat from such court cases as, "I'm a fat ass and I'm suing McDonald's because I am, indeed, a fat ass addicted to McDonald's," and "Oh, my God, Oreos make you fat?" If you eat at McDonald's and don't realize you're doing an injustice to your body, I hereby label you a moron.

I'm sorry, but no one eats Oreos or French fries and thinks that's a healthy diet.

According to reports, the FDA hopes the amount of trans fat listed on a product will help consumers identify those foods they should stay away from in order to avoid possible cardiovascular complications. Some activists are even pushing that restaurants identify foods they serve that contain trans fat.

But here's the kicker: trans fat is not found in fruits and vegetables, nor is it found in meats such as chicken or steak. Trans fat is found in foods such as candy bars, doughnuts, French fries, potato chips, cream-filled cookies and other things that we all know aren't healthy for us.

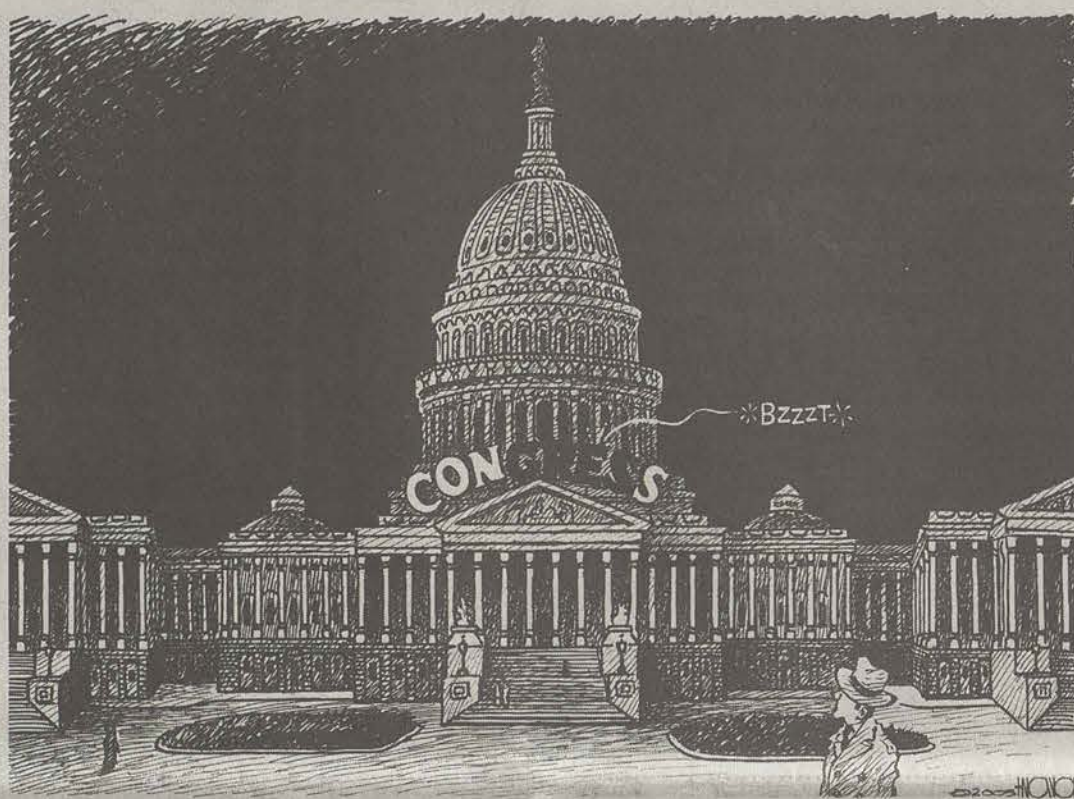
I'm sorry, but no one eats Oreos or French fries and thinks that's a healthy diet.

When I'm perusing the aisles at the local grocery store and I stray onto the "snack" section I don't look at the product label in hopes that what I see will make me healthier. Instead, I look at my belly and consider how much this box of cookies or whatnot might add to its total mass, and whether or not the few minutes of bliss they would provide would be worth tighter jeans.

I think we have to realize we live in a fat nation. And we are this way not because of improperly labeled food items, but because we eat crap...not literally, I hope, but figuratively. We consume things that are fried in animal fat, processed with chemicals that change the chemical make-ups, and pumped with growth hormone and other steroids.

Americans eat junk and that's why we're fat and unhealthy and have high rates of deaths related to food consumption. No product label will save us from that, Mr. FDA man: we're going to be fat regardless.

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Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, on the Patriot Act:

The brouhaha over extending the Patriot Act raises a significant question for the Bush administration. If the anti-terrorism measures are as critical to the nation's safety as President Bush insists, then why did the White House leave its reauthorization to the last minute?

Throughout 2005, the administration's domestic agenda was chock-full of all kinds of initiatives.

Approved in haste after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Patriot Act was known to have flaws. But there wasn't time during that scary fall of 2001 for Congress to carefully iron out the wrinkles. That's why lawmakers put a 2005 expiration date on the law, to ensure that a much-needed

Republicans and Democrats in Washington, and the assorted "special interests" groups that help them stir partisan cauldrons, have turned the Patriot Act into a political football.

reappraisal would ultimately take place.

Why didn't Congress and the Bush Administration establish a task force to thoroughly vet the Patriot Act?

Instead, Republicans and Democrats in Washington, and the assorted "special interests" groups that help them stir partisan cauldrons, have turned the Patriot Act into a political football. The Bush administration and Congress ought to set up a panel of experts to conduct a complete review of the Patriot Act. They should identify provisions that are an unnecessary intrusion on civil liberties and recommend ways to bolster those aspects that truly make the nation's anti-terrorism safeguards stronger.

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio, on the Department of Homeland Security:

Sometimes the most obvious of strategies can be sidetracked in the struggle to please.

A government grant program begun more than two years ago by the Department of Homeland Security to finance anti-terrorism efforts in urban areas got way off track by trying to accommodate everyone with their hands out.

Only Washington belt-tightening forced Homeland Security to re-evaluate how it distributes its domestic security funding.

With limited resources, the

federal agency finally did what it should have done when the Urban Area Security Initiative was first announced in 2003.

Instead of doling out millions to cities based on boundaries and political considerations, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff recently announced a new system of funding American cities based more on risk assessment, or where terrorists are most likely to strike and cause the most damage.

What a concept. ...

The Dallas Morning News, on Alito agenda:

If you fear Samuel Alito is more of a revolutionary ideologue than a cautious judge, chances are that you slept pretty well last night.

The Supreme Court nominee didn't wow the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday like John Roberts did in his hearings, but the respectful jurist gave no hint he would use the bench to remake America in his image. Here are prime examples:

The conservative wasted no time declaring he has an "open mind" about abortion rights. Going into the hearing, his Reagan-era memos had generated understandable anxiety that he wanted to strike down Roe vs. Wade.

Judge Alito also affirmed his belief in stare decisis, which means judicial precedents largely should prevail. That matters because Judge Alito would need a compelling reason to vote to overturn Roe.

He didn't go as far as Chief Justice Roberts in affirming the reasoning in Roe, but Judge Alito was explicit about his preference to uphold the law of the land. His approach should somewhat relieve abortion rights supporters.

Here's the Alito creed: Judges shouldn't inject their own views into interpreting the Constitution and statutes. The judiciary isn't the lawmaking body, he declared.

His answer should reassure those who worry about an Alito agenda. Like Chief Justice Roberts, he emphasized that a judge must apply constitutional principles to the facts of a case. His political views don't matter.

Bottom line: So far, so good.

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Editorial round-up provided by the Associated Press

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Textbook prices shouldn't be shocking

The start of this semester was as predictable as all the past ones. As expected, I found myself pushing my way through hundreds of upset college students to find the books my classes require.

I can't help but laugh sometimes when students, especially upperclassmen, are awestruck and bewildered by the high costs of the textbooks. It's as if they were expecting prices to have miraculously decreased.

Even though I predict the beginning of fall '06 will mirror the start of this semester, in that students will again be

surprised at the high cost of textbooks, I felt that this would be a great opportunity to discuss textbook prices.

While I don't fully intend on supporting the publishers or these costs, I do hope to explain why the prices are as they are.

The first reaction people have to these high costs is to assume this is some sort of way for schools to drain students of a little more cash and up their personal profits.

If this is the reason a lot of you are upset, I'm here to say that you can calm down a little bit.

This is completely false.

In fact, most schools make little to no profit off book sales. Where does the money go? Well just think about it. The information didn't research itself, the paragraphs didn't write themselves, the diagrams didn't draw themselves, the books didn't print themselves, or ship themselves, or stock themselves onto shelves.

Textbooks aren't just thrown together and handed to students. They require hundreds of people doing lots of research and development to create. Complex ideas need to be portrayed in a way that thousands of students, all with different learning methods, can relate to.

Publishers, like the popular Thomson, claim that producing a textbook "can take many years and dozens — even hundreds — of professionals." They even make the point that development costs can easily exceed \$1 million. The creation of these textbooks is an elaborate and expensive process.

But all expenses aside, from simply a practical standpoint, are textbooks really all that expensive? I see a lot of Polo shirts around campus — and I doubt the student underneath thought twice about the cost of the shirt.

I imagine that the research, development and production of those shirts don't come close to that of a single textbook, yet many students are still able to purchase the shirt with a smile and the textbook with a frown.

Students also often complain that they never cracked open their book, and that it was a complete waste of money. That's another argument for another time. The simple fact is that as long as textbooks are around, they are going to be expensive. They have to be.

Just remember those books were developed by experts with the intention of assisting the processes of both teaching and learning. If used as they are intended to be used, they successfully do their job and prove to be invaluable course materials.

I'll leave you with this statistic from The College Board: "On average, the cost of books and supplies for students attending a typical four-year college is just about \$2.23 a day."

After expensive tuition and living expenses is this truly too much to ask when it comes to invaluable, professionally designed course material?

I think not.

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Woman who died in '03 left in front of TV

1 CINCINNATI — The mummified body of a woman who didn't want to be buried and planned on returning after she died, Hamilton County Coroner O'Dell Owens said Monday.

Johannas Pope had told her live-in caregiver that she didn't want to be buried and planned on returning after she died, Hamilton County Coroner O'Dell Owens said Monday.

Pope died in August 2003 at age 61. Her body was found last week in the upstairs of her home on a quiet street. Some family members continued to live downstairs, authorities said. No one answered the doorbell at Pope's home Monday afternoon.

It could take weeks to determine Pope's cause of death because little organ tissue was available for testing, Owens said.

An air conditioner had been left running upstairs, and that allowed the body to slowly mummify, he said. The machine apparently stopped working about a month ago, and the body began to smell.

"Standing outside, one could smell death," Owens said.

Police went to the house last Wednesday after receiving a call from a relative who hadn't seen Pope in years. They found a staircase behind a door blocked by a basket and climbed to the second floor, where they found the body.

It was not clear if any crimes were committed, Owens said.

Authorities did not identify the caregiver, a woman in her 40s who apparently lived in the home with Pope, Pope's daughter and her 3-year-old granddaughter.

concluded that the dog was linked to the cat's death, but officials said they still could not make a case because there were no witnesses.

After discovering her cat Cody dead under a tree in front of her home in August, Marilyn Christian came to suspect Lucky, a German shepherd mix belonging to neighbors Sean and Janet Daryabeygi.

After authorities said they could do nothing because they needed a witness, Christian went to the Daryabeygis, who gave her samples of Lucky's saliva and fur.

Armed with the DNA test results, she asked the county to declare Lucky dangerous, which would have required the Daryabeygis to carry at least \$50,000 in liability insurance, keep the dog locked up at home and muzzle it during walks. Officials declined to do so because no one had seen Lucky kill the cat.

Health program caller gets sex line

3 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — At least one enrollee in TennCare, the state's health program, got a surprise when she dialed an insurer's toll-free help line and got a pitch for sex talk.

Bethany Morgan said she used a 1-800 number promoted by John Deere Health, an insurer that administers TennCare benefits, to order new prescription cards.

She said a message on that line prompted her to call another number that told her: "Welcome to an exciting way to go live one on one with hot horny girls who are waiting now to talk to you."

"I've never encountered any-

thing like this before," Morgan told WATE-TV. "I thought I was going to get insurance cards, not a sex line. I didn't hear all of it, I hung up."

Morgan placed another call to make sure she was dialing correctly.

"I dialed the number again that they gave me and I was like 'OK, I'm not losing it, it's really a sex line.'"

Morgan said she had called the same number months ago when she needed assistance and had no problems.

Todd Florence, a spokesman for John Deere Health, released a statement Tuesday that said the company "regrets this mistake and is taking action to ensure the correct phone number is published in the future."

He said the company had "mistakenly printed an incorrect telephone number that appeared in our newsletter for TennCare members."

The phone number was previously a John Deere Health customer service number but had been discontinued in December and was not updated in the publication.

"The phone company that owned the 800 number then sold it to another business," the statement said.

Man shot entering wrong home

4 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. — An intoxicated man who was shot to death last week in an apartment mistook a neighbor's unit for his own and broke in when his key wouldn't work, authorities said.

Hector Soto, 21, had recently moved to the apartment complex

and had been out celebrating his upcoming graduation from a trade school, his stepfather, Robert Ward, said Monday.

Soto was "fairly well intoxicated" when his friends drove him home early Friday, said San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Bradford. All the buildings in the complex look the same, he said.

Soto got into the wrong apartment through an open front window and headed to the bathroom, where he encountered the resident, a 65-year-old state prison counselor, authorities said.

They scuffled and the resident, thinking Soto was an intruder, shot

him once. The shooter will not be charged, Bradford said.

"It's tragic. A real mess," he said. "I don't believe Soto intended to hurt anybody."

Town plans 23rd outhouse race

5 CONCONULLY, Wash. — A town plans its 23rd annual Outhouse Races this weekend. Replica outhouses of all shapes and sizes will be pushed down Main Street and judged by spectators.

The best john will receive the coveted Outhouse Trophy, a



4-foot-tall outhouse with bronze plaques naming past winners.

Teams consist of two pushers and a rider.

Outhouses must measure at least 2 feet wide, 2 feet deep and 5 feet tall. And they must be equipped with a toilet seat and toilet paper.

Cat owner uses DNA to implicate dog

2 LEESBURG, Va. — A cat owner, frustrated that officials couldn't prove a neighbor's dog had killed her pet, took a cue from television legal dramas and used DNA evidence to pursue the case herself.

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Georgia Southern Basketball Show

The GSU basketball show airs Thursday night on UPN Channel 13 at 10 p.m. Catch all the news and highlights from the previous week's action with host Ricky Ray.

The Jeff Price Radio Show

The Jeff Price radio show airs live every Thursday night from Loco's Cafe in Statesboro. Everyone is welcome to come meet Coach Price and selected members of the team with broadcast time slated for 7 p.m.

Hooligan Tailgate kicks off weekend



Fourth annual event features free food, entertainment

By Chad Bishop
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern Eagles' home-court win streak of 17 games (sixth longest in Division I) will again be on the line Saturday as GSU faces Wofford at 2 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The game will be precluded by the fourth annual Hanner Hooligan Tailgate, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Tailgate, organized by boosters Bill Bates and Jimmy Durrence, began in the spring of 2002 when the two alumni wanted to create a tailgating atmosphere comparable to that of Paulson Stadium.

"We (alumni) decided to donate money toward the cost of food for those who wanted to attend," said Durrence. "We never envisioned so many would come to donate and help us support this event. We have so many alumni and supporters who help make this a success this year."

Athletics Marketing Director, and play-by-play voice of the Eagles Ricky Ray believes it's a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon.

"It's an event we all look forward to," said Ray. "It really shows how loyal and excited our fans are. They put a lot



Jared Siri/STAFF

of time and money into this event."

With a big crowd expected for this year's event, Durrence said planning for the event is like "rolling dice."

"We really have no idea how many people will show up," he said. "1,500 people showed up in 2003. The weather always plays an important role as well."

Despite what the weather may be outside, the weather inside will be perfect for an Eagles team which has won seven straight overall and is coming off a thrilling 71-68 victory over fierce rival College of Charleston on Monday night.

GSU enters the contest second in the conference in scoring offense at 78.8 ppg, third in field goal percentage at 46.3% and first in three-point field goal percentage at 40.3%.

The Terriers of Wofford (5-11, 0-3) seem to be headed in the other direction. Wofford has lost three in a row, and seven of its last nine. Howard Wilkerson, Shane Nichols and Eric Marshall are all averaging 12 ppg for the Terriers.

"Wofford is always a tough game for us," said Eagles coach Jeff Price.

"They run a motion-style offense, which is hard to defend, and they slow the game down. They lost to Clemson by two and Notre Dame by three, so they're definitely a competitive team."

As for the Tailgate, Price said the event really creates excitement for the game and can't express enough how important a role the Hooligans and fans play in not only supporting the team, but also affecting the outcome of the game.

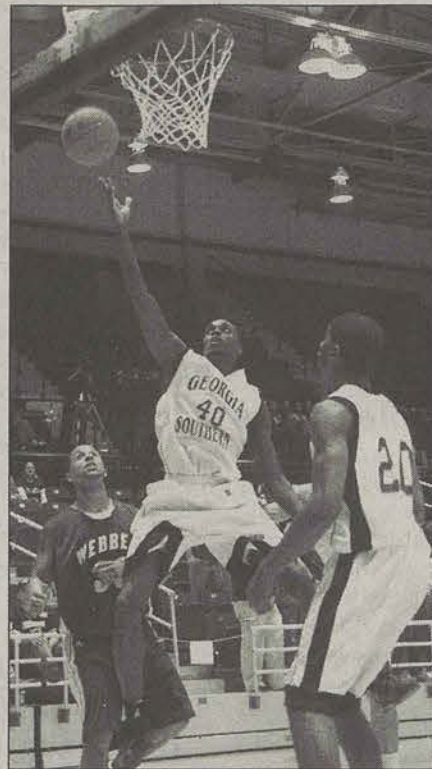
Durrence said the alumni and boosters continue to support this event because they want to see GSU athletics excel.

"We also want to show a little appreciation to some of the support groups like the Hooligans/Talon Club who go to the game and support the team."

Food will include the traditional hamburgers (provided by McDonald's) and hotdogs (provided by Robbin's of Statesboro), plus chili and 15-bean soup.

Kevin Tillery and Lance Smith, both GSU alumni, will provide live music and entertainment.

The Hanner Hooligans hope to cheer SoCon Player of the week Louis Graham (right) and the rest of the Eagles to another home victory this weekend against Wofford. The game can also be heard on the GSU Radio network, 107.3 FM.



Jared Siri/STAFF

SCOREBOARD

Montreat	68
UNC Greensboro	96

UNC Greensboro forward Kyle Hines scored a career-high 29 points and also had six assists, five blocks and five steals as the Spartans rolled past Montreat, 96-68, in non-conference men's basketball action Wednesday night in Greensboro.

THIS WEEKEND IN THE SOCON

MEN

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Montreat	
Appalachian St.	1 p.m.

Davidson	
Furman	2 p.m.

Citadel	
Charleston	2 p.m.

UNC Greensboro	
Elon	7 p.m.

Chattanooga	
Western Carolina	7 p.m.

SOCON STANDINGS AS OF 1/11

	Conf.	All
North		
Elon	3-0	6-9
UNC-G	1-1	8-8
West. Carolina	1-1	7-10
Chattanooga	1-2	9-8
App. St.	1-2	6-9

South		
Davidson	3-0	9-5
Ga. Southern	2-0	11-4
Furman	2-1	8-6
Charleston	1-2	8-6
Citadel	0-3	6-9
Wofford	0-3	5-11

WOMEN

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Furman	
Wofford	1 p.m.

Charleston	
Elon	2 p.m.

Appalachian St.	
UNC Greensboro	2 p.m.

Chattanooga	
Western Carolina	4:30 p.m.

SOCON STANDINGS AS OF 1/11

	Conf.	All
Southern		
Chattanooga	5-0	11-3
Davidson	3-2	7-7
Furman	3-2	7-8
GA. Southern	3-2	6-8
Charleston	3-2	5-7
West. Carolina	2-2	2-11
Elon	2-3	6-7
Appalachian St.	2-3	6-8
UNC-G	1-3	5-8
Wofford	0-5	4-10

NCAA Men's Basketball Division I Three-Point Field Goals Per Game Through Games 01/09/2006

Name	Team	Games	3FG	3PG
1	Leasure-Co. Carolina	13	63	4.8
2	Collins-Loyola (Md.)	12	56	4.7
3	Lafayette-Houston	12	48	4.0
4	Lofon-Tennessee	11	44	4.0
5	Wooten-Oakland	15	58	3.9
6	Chiera-Cent. Conn. St.	12	46	3.8
7	Redick-Duke	14	53	3.8
8	Dixon-Troy	13	49	3.8
9	Ray-Villanova	11	40	3.6
10	Smith-Campbell	13	46	3.5
11	Humphrey-Florida	14	49	3.5
12	Nesbitt-Ga. Sou.	15	52	3.5
13	Merritt-Sanford	13	44	3.4
14	Novak-Marquette	15	50	3.3
	Gardner-Missouri	12	40	3.3

Van Gorder ready to continue tradition

Coach leaves NFL for position at GSU, names assistants and brings in new offensive scheme

By Chad Bishop
Sports editor

The Georgia Southern head football coaching picture became a little clearer on Dec. 9, as Athletics Director Sam Baker announced the hiring of Brian VanGorder as the school's new head man.

VanGorder comes from the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars, where he was the team's Linebackers Coach for the AFC South's 9-3 team.

"It's been a whirlwind day," said VanGorder. "I spent this morning going over film of Peyton Manning and preparing for the (Indianapolis) Colts, then made my way up here."

VanGorder, who plans to remain with the Jaguars until the end of the season, said he has a clear picture in his mind about the future of GSU football.

"I have a picture in my head about what I want this program to be, and about what kind of head coach I want to be," said VanGorder.

VanGorder spent the four previous seasons as the Defensive Coordinator for the University of Georgia and recalled facing GSU in the team's season opener in 2004.

"I thought to myself, 'Who made this decision,'" said VanGorder. "GSU was a difficult team to prepare for, and killed some of (Georgia's) momentum going into the 2004 season."

VanGorder is most noted for his defensive philosophies, coaching UGA to the nation's eighth-ranked total defense in '04 and fourth-ranked total defense in 2003. VanGorder also



Rachel McDaniel/STAFF

Georgia Southern's new head football coach Brian VanGorder addresses the media at a press conference held December 14th.

served as Defensive Coordinator for Western Illinois University in 2000.

The 46-year-old Jackson, Michigan, native said he will have a defensive coordinator under him at GSU, but that he will oversee the defense as his own.

As for the offense, VanGorder promised to keep the option, sort of.

"It won't be the traditional triple-option GSU fans are used to," said VanGorder. "We'll use a few more multiple sets."

Making modifications to the offense won't be the only change for VanGorder. The coaching staff will also most likely see some new faces.

"I'll talk to the assistants already here," said VanGorder. "But it's also very important to me to find the right coaches, who have integrity and are good people. I want the best coaches I can find."

VanGorder replaces Mike Sewak, who was fired on Nov. 30 after posting an 8-4 record and coaching GSU to its third playoff appearance in four years.

"I don't have a concern over the high expectations," said VanGorder. "I respect the traditions, standards and expectations of this program. I want to be in a head coaching position where my job is watched and good things are expected from my program."

Arkansas QB Alex Mortensen transfers to Georgia Southern

Associated Press

Ending speculation about where he would play next season, Arkansas quarterback Alex Mortensen's father, Chris Mortensen, said Friday night that his son would transfer to Georgia Southern.

Mortensen, a redshirt freshman, played in four games for the Razorbacks last season, coming off the bench in each of them. He finished the year behind Casey Dick and Robert Johnson on the depth chart.

The player also had considered transferring to Louisville, Chris Mortensen told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in the newspaper's Saturday edition.

"I wish Alex nothing but the best," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "He's a fine young man with great character. I hope things work out well for him at Georgia Southern."

Nutt released Mortensen from his scholarship in December so the quarterback could look around. The coach had said he understood Mortensen was looking for more



Associated Press

Alex Mortensen hopes to earn additional playing time with the Eagles.

playing time. By transferring NCAA Division I-AA GSU, Mortensen gains immediate eligibility and can play for three seasons.

If Mortensen transferred to another NCAA Division I-A school he would have had to redshirt again and had only two years of eligibility.

Mortensen was recruited by GSU coach Brian VanGorder.

Eagles to face UGA in '08

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern football program announced their series against the University of Georgia will resume in 2008.

The Eagles will travel to Sanford Stadium on Aug. 30, 2008, to open the season against the Bulldogs.

This will be the fourth meeting between the two in-state universities (1992, 2000 and 2004). UGA won the last meeting 48-28.

"This is a great opportunity for GSU football," said GSU Director of

Athletics Sam Baker. "I think this is an ideal situation for us, playing Georgia every four years. This is an exciting game, not only for our student-athletes and coaches, but for our fans as well."

According to head coach Brian VanGorder, "The opportunity to compete against the University of Georgia is certainly one we look forward to and I'm sure the entire state will watch with a keen interest."

Volleyball coach resigns

GSU News Service

Kerry Messersmith, who has led the Georgia Southern volleyball program the past five seasons, resigned on Friday, Dec. 23.

She accepted the volleyball head coaching position at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Messersmith led the Eagles to a 116-52 record during her five years and appeared in the NCAA Tournament in 2001 and 2003.

"We are extremely excited to have Kerry Messersmith coming on board as head women's volleyball coach," said Roz Ervin, Senior Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator at UAB.

"She has a wide range of experience and has built her career on turning programs around. She will provide that additional spark needed to take our program to the next level."



Special Photo

Former GSU head volleyball coach Kerry Messersmith will take over at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Lady Eagles get home win

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern senior Nicole Newton poured in a team-high 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Eagles to a 74-63 Southern Conference win over UNC Greensboro Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Newton's 24 points were a career high and the most by a GSU player all season. Fellow senior Lee DuBose added 12 and sophomore Shawnda Atwood pulled down a career-best 13 rebounds.

UNCG (5-8, 1-3 SoCon) sophomore Kristen Boone also set a new personal best with 25 points and tied her career high with eight steals.

GSU (6-8, 3-2 SoCon), playing without sophomore starters Fallon Lee and Tiffany Brown, who are academically ineligible for the rest of the season, started quickly out of the gate, racing to a 25-8 lead.

The normally slow-starting Lady Eagles, who have not led in the first five minutes of a game since Dec. 10 at Centenary, shot 10-for-14 from the floor during that stretch and went almost five minutes without missing a shot.

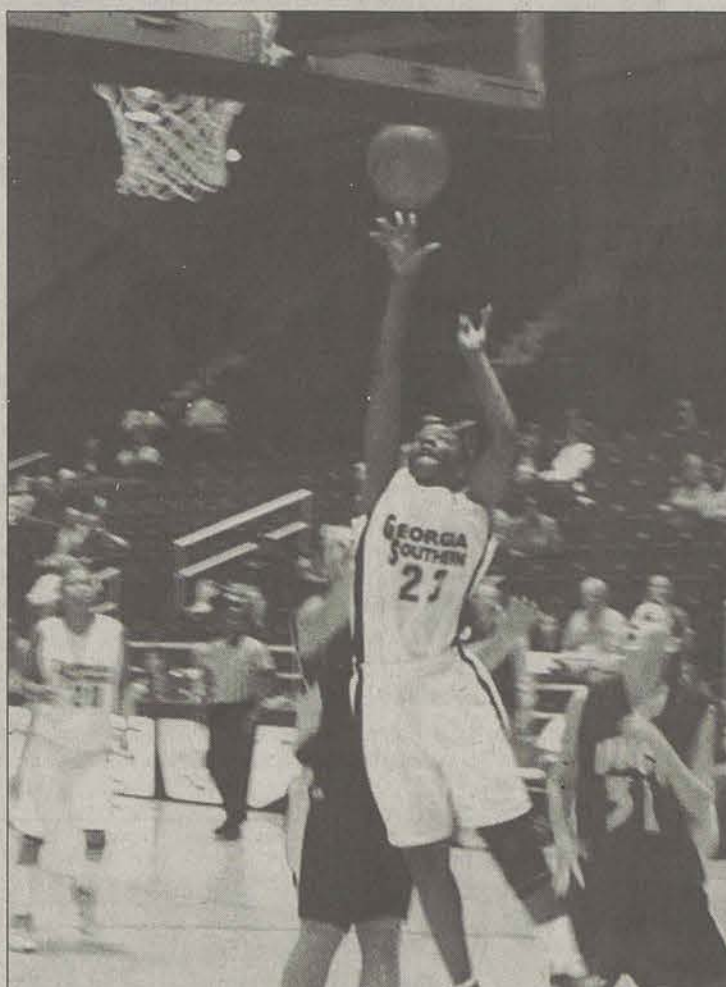
The Lady Eagles answered a lay-up by Boone with an inside basket from sophomore Chequilla Jessie to go up 29-15.

The Spartans proceeded to go on an 8-0 run capitalizing on four GSU turnovers.

Six of those points came from Boone, including two lay-ups following a steal.

After two free throws from GSU sophomore Christa Waterman, Jasmine Byrd's three-pointer cut the lead to five 31-26 with 5:21 to play in the half.

With the score 34-28, GSU ended the half on a 6-1 run, highlighted by four points from sophomore Concella Henry, who ended the scoring with two free throws in the final 15



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Sophomore guard Shawnda Atwood drives through two UNC-Greensboro defenders in Monday's home win.

seconds, and GSU led 40-29 at the break.

The Lady Eagles dominated the glass in the first 20 minutes, out-rebounding UNCG 24-12 overall, and 9-5 on the GSU end of the floor.

Newton led all scorers with 14 points, hitting seven of her nine shots. Boone countered with 13 points and five steals.

Newton opened the scoring in the second half for a 13-point advantage and after two free throws from Boone, kicked the lead back up to 13 on the next trip down the floor.

Boone started a run of five unanswered points to get the deficit under

10 points, and after Newton hit yet another lay-up, Spartan freshman Gini Grimsley put back her own rebound and UNC Greensboro trailed 46-38.

Newton answered once again and DuBose hit a try to get the lead back up to 13 and the Lady Eagles cruised the rest of the way.

GSU won the rebounding battle 51-31 for the game and held the Spartans to 5.9 percent (1-17) from 3-point land.

GSU goes back out on the road for the next three games, starting Saturday at Davidson. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

Van Gorder names Assistants

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern football coach Brian VanGorder announced the hiring of seven assistant coaches to his staff.

Joining the Eagle football program are: Darin Hinshaw (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks), Scott Fountain (Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator), Deion Melvin (Defensive Coordinator), Joe Danna (Secondary), Jeff Beckles (Wide Receivers) and Parker Wildeman (Defensive Line). Chad Lunsford (Running Backs) rejoins the football coaching staff, having worked the past three seasons with the Eagles.

Hinshaw worked at Middle Tennessee State the past five years, his first two as running backs coach then the last three seasons as co-offensive coordinator.

Fountain spent the past two seasons as the offensive line coach at Middle Tennessee State.

Melvin comes to GSU after serving as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Missouri State the previous seven years. Last year the Bears boasted the third-best passing defense and ranked third in pass efficiency defense in the Gateway Conference.

A former assistant coach at Central Michigan, Danna had stints as the secondary (2003-04) and wide

receivers (2002-'05) coach while with the Chippewas.

Beckles spent three seasons at Georgia as a graduate assistant coach (2002, 2004-05) working with the wide receivers. Beckles was part of the coaching staff that led the Bulldogs to three January Bowl games during his tenure.

Wildeman comes to GSU after coaching the past two seasons at Western Illinois. The defensive line coach for the Leathernecks, he had two stints in Macomb. During his initial two-year run, Wildeman worked with then-defensive coordinator VanGorder in 2000. That team won the Gateway title with a 9-3 overall record (5-1 league mark) and climbed as high as No. 3 in the national polls.

Lunsford worked with the Eagles' slotbacks the previous three seasons, helping the Eagles continue its dominance as the nation's top rushing team. GSU has won the past five NCAA I-AA rushing titles.

"I feel very fortunate to have a coaching staff of this caliber in place. There were a lot of attractive candidates out there but I think we found an experienced group that will be a great fit for myself and Georgia Southern," said VanGorder. "Our staff has already hit the ground running, working on recruiting and preparing for spring practice."

Graham earns honor

Special to the G-A

The Southern Conference Tuesday named Elon's Jackson Atoyebe and Georgia Southern's Louis Graham as the Anaconda's The Rock Players of the Week for games played between January 3-9.

Graham, a 6-8 forward from West Palm Beach, FL, shot 72 percent from the floor (18-of-25) and averaged 17.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 blocks in three Eagle victories last week. He was also 15-of-19 (79 percent) from the free throw line.

After opening with a 17-point outing against Webber International, the sophomore then added 12 points, a career-high five blocks and four rebounds at The Citadel. Graham concluded the week by tying his career best with 22 points in a come-from-behind victory Monday against College of Charleston.

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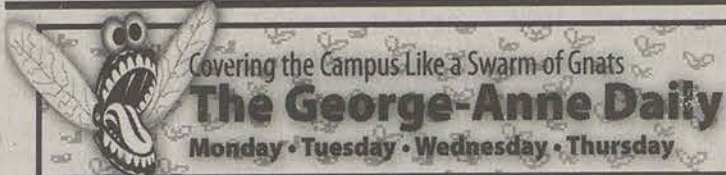
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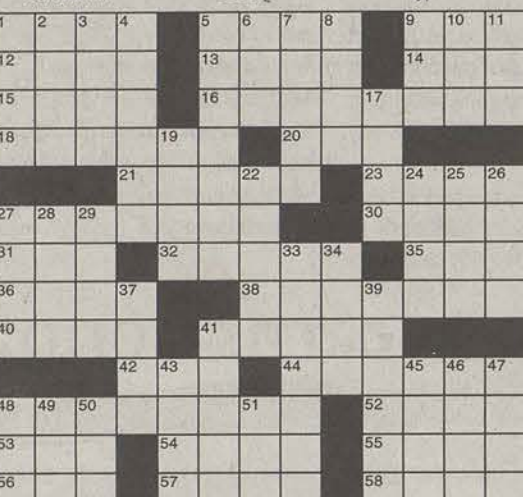
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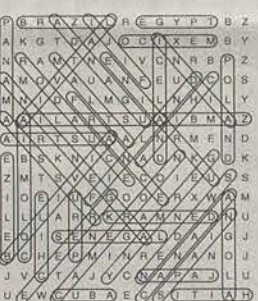


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Falconry meet this weekend

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A scenic walkway winds through the Wildlife Center, allowing thousands of visitors each year to get an up-close look at eagles, hawks, owls and falcons in their natural habitats.

While the Wildlife Center typically displays its raptors in a more passive setting, an upcoming event that will be hosted by center director Steve Hein will provide a completely different perspective on some of nature's greatest hunters.

More than 35 falconers from all over Georgia as well as parts of South Carolina and Florida are scheduled to bring their birds of prey to rural Bulloch County this weekend for the annual Georgia Game Hawks Club falconry field meet.

Falconry is the hunting of wild

quarry in its natural habitat by a trained raptor. A variety of hawks and falcons will stalk rabbits, squirrels and ducks during the meet, which will run from Saturday through Monday.

"Falconry is one of the few outdoor pursuits that allow you to form a true bond with the wild," Hein said. "It's a sport that provides a privileged perspective on the relationship that exists between predator and prey."

Falconry has a history that dates back 4,000 years, and it is the only sport in America that uses trained wildlife. Since all raptors are protected by state and federal law, anyone who wishes to become a certified falconer must obtain permits from the proper governmental agencies. In Georgia, that means going through the state Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Falconers are certified at three different levels: apprentice, general and master. It takes two years to earn ap-

prentice status, and at least seven years to become a master falconer.

Falconers from all three levels will participate in this weekend's meet. They will bring with them red-tailed hawks, Harris' hawks and peregrine falcons, Cooper's hawks and American kestrels.

"As falconers, we are subservient to our feathered hunting partners," said Hein, who has been a master falconer for more than 19 years. "We don't control the birds; they choose to hunt with us so long as it proves beneficial to them."

Most hawks go after squirrels and rabbits, but peregrine falcons, a species that has been clocked at more than 240 miles per hour, are designed to pursue avian quarry, such as ducks that migrate through the area.

"Hawks tend to fly from tree to tree in search of their quarry on the ground," Hein said, "while falcons are birds of the sky, hunting high aloft."



LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

Master Falconer and Wildlife Center Director Steve Hein holds Freedom, the Georgia Southern eagle.

National scholarships open for graduate students

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Opens; Nominees may include GSU students and recent alumni

GSU News Service

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is now accepting nominations for its Graduate Scholarship Program, one of the largest and most competitive scholarship programs in the country.

College seniors at more than 2,000 accredited institutions in America and alumni who have graduated from those institutions since May 2001 may compete for the scholarships, which can be as much as \$50,000 per year for six years.

The foundation will award the graduate scholarships in early summer 2006 for use during the 2006-2007 academic year. Each scholarship award will be renewed in subsequent years based on performance.

Since it began awarding scholarships in 2001, the foundation has received approximately 1,000 applications for these scholarships each year, and awarded scholarships worth \$29.9 million to 209 recipients.

Last year the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded 77 graduate scholarships. A panel of national experts assists the foundation in selecting scholars, who must be nominated by the faculty representative at their undergraduate institution. Dr. Saundra M. Nettles, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, is Georgia Southern's faculty representative.

Application materials and the list of faculty representatives is available at the foundation's website, www.jackkentcookefoundation.org or by calling 1-800-498-6478.

Professors train for on-line classes

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern and the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents will offer a unique 10-week distance learning workshop for professors and other instructors to improve their online teaching skills.

"Facilitating Learning Online" runs from Jan. 30 through April 17, with participants able to go online to study and submit homework according to their own schedules.

The course will model a spectrum of online learning practices using interactive and collaborative experiences. Developed as a faculty training workshop by the USG Advanced Learning Technologies staff, the course is run by GSU's Continuing Education Center.

The fee is \$250 per person for USG employees and \$500 per person for everyone else. To register visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted>.

We're hiring

Arts and Entertainment editor

The George-Anne Daily is searching for an arts and entertainment editor. The ideal candidate should possess excellent writing abilities and an eye for grammar and design. Successful applicants will be energetic, creative and industrious team players who enjoy telling stories through words, photos and graphic design.

The A&E editor works about nine hours per week, with a bulk of that time being spent helping to design the Hiatus, The G-A's expanded Thursday edition. The newspaper uses the latest in digital technology, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator. Training will be provided in the areas of design, but we expect applicants to possess and eye for news and feature stories and to be able to spot grammatical, punctuation and style errors.

The A&E editor is one of seven editors on The G-A staff. Preference will be given to those applicants who have experience in journalistic writing – especially those who have served on the newspaper's staff. The job is open to any Georgia Southern University student.

If you meet these qualifications, please drop your resume, cover letter and any writing samples by The George-Anne Daily offices, Rm. 2023, Williams Center. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

Copy editor

The George-Anne Daily is searching for a copy editor. Successful applicants must be able to spot a typo at 50 paces. The ideal candidate should be familiar with the Associated Press Style as well as standard grammar and punctuation usages.

The copy editor will work Wednesday evening from about 6 p.m. until 11 p.m., proofreading completed pages. The copy editor works under the supervision of a staff of editors, but often their eyes are the last to view pages before being printed.

Preference will be given to those applicants who have experience in journalistic writing – especially those who have served on the newspaper's staff. The job is open to any Georgia Southern University student.

If you meet these qualifications, please drop your resume and cover letter by The George-Anne Daily offices, Rm. 2023, Williams Center. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. A timed copy editing test will be administered to finalists for the job.

POLICE BEAT

Officers sniff out marijuana stash

01-07-06

• Officers responded to a Campus Courtyard apartment in reference to a burglary which occurred over Christmas holidays. Officer Nathaniel Bolton smelled burnt marijuana inside the apartment and discovered evidence of marijuana use. Detective Kaleb Moore arrived at the scene and began an investigation into the burglary after which he questioned occupants of the apartment about suspected marijuana use. A search of the apartment was conducted and an estimated two pounds of marijuana were discovered. Orrett Thomas and Richard Hunter were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute.

01-04-2006

• Four projectors were taken from the College of Education Building.

01-07-2006

• Jonathan Van Long, 23, of Woodlands Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI.
• Eagle Village residents reported a burglary in which someone took \$30 in quarters.
• Southern Courtyard residents reported a burglary in which someone took three TV sets, a DVD player, several DVDs, an Xbox and several games, a PlayStation and several games, a computer, a palm pilot and a clock.

01-08-2006

• James Ewell Stuart, 20, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

01-09-2006

• Matthew Gessner, 19, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with public intoxication, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.

01-10-2006

• Ryan Walker Johns, 19, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication, giving false information to an officer and possession of a false I.D.
• James F. Johnson III, 19, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
• Craig R. Smith, 19, of Eagle Village, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.
• Stephen K. Stone, 18, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol and public indecency.

CHANGE IS
IN THE AIR

Talons Grille
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Taylor County to keep segregated WWII plaques

The Associated Press

BUTLER - A pair of plaques that separately list blacks and whites from the county who served in World War II will stay up in the county courthouse.

The Taylor County Commission voted 5-0 Tuesday to keep the plaques up, but to also add a third plaque that lists everyone from the county who served in the war.

The motion also includes adding an explanation for the new plaque, and for the two old ones, which were put up in December 1944 at the

courthouse in Butler, about 80 miles south of Atlanta.

But before the vote, Edward DuBose, president of the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP, said the plaques should be taken down. DuBose told commissioners the segregated plaques had no place in modern society, likening them to Jim Crow-era signs for segregated water fountains and bathrooms.

"This is not over," DuBose said after the vote.

DuBose pledged that if the county refuses to remove the plaques, he will mobilize chapters of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People from across the state and bring them to Taylor County.

"We're prepared to fight for justice to the end for all citizens," DuBose said. "We will not stop until they are removed."

However, two of the commissioners who voted for the motion are black, including chairman Clinton Perry Jr.

Perry explained he was voting for the motion because County Attorney Eddie Davis cited a Georgia law that prohibits removal of the plaques.

Commissioner Patty James, the

other black member, said she wanted the law examined further before she voted. But when it came up for a vote, she supported it.

The new plaque, which is expected to be completed by December, will not identify anyone by race. It will also provide a chance to add names that were not included on the original plaques.

The plaque for whites has more than 600 names listed, including 15 who were listed as casualties. The plaque for blacks has more than 200 names, including two listed as casualties.

Perdue

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speech several times with applause. "As long as the people of Georgia trust me to be their governor, our Georgia teachers will remain the highest-paid in the Southeast."

He offered up a tax credit for working families with children in daycare, another for people who donate land to conservation and a plan to expand broadband Internet access to rural areas of the state.

He also capped his speech with references to Baby Noor — the Iraqi newborn brought to Georgia for potentially lifesaving spinal surgery by members of the state's 48th Infantry Brigade.

Taylor used his official response speech to push an initiative of his own — a plan to offer affordable health care coverage for the children of families who earn too much to qualify for the state's PeachCare program.

"It is time to provide health insur-

ance to every child in Georgia — every single one," Taylor said of his Peach-Kids proposal, which faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Legislature.

He said he agreed with Perdue's calls for teacher raises and smaller class sizes, but called them Democratic issues the governor had opposed in the past.

"We need to worry about teacher pay, class size and our kids' education, not just in election years, but every year," he said.

Cox, who had no official role in the State of the State ceremony, slammed "bickering under the Gold Dome" in a statement she released.

"If our state's leaders had spent the last three years cooperating and working for all the people of Georgia, we would be much further along in improving our schools and strengthening higher education," she said.

For Taylor and Perdue, the meeting at the podium Wednesday may have been awkward, but it actually involved less political acrimony than last year's State of the State.



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Thompson

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who, with her team, has built a solid partnership with the university's academic affairs division, and I am delighted that she has accepted the vice president appointment," he added.

In addition to leading the uni-

versity's admissions and enrollment management programs, Thompson will also oversee student support services.

Thompson will join President Grube's team of senior administrators, which includes Dr. Linda Bleicken, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Joseph Franklin, Vice President for Business and Finance and William Griffis, Vice President for University Advancement.

Magazine

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Campaign for National Distinction has recently been launched to raise \$40 million so that the university can achieve the goal of being recognized as one of the top comprehensive universities in the nation. Other ways that can be attributed to such a goal is by the university's Strategic Plan which can be viewed at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/ir/councils/guidance.htm>. The Strategic Plan includes comprehensive plans for the university's advancement. Advancements such as GSU being one of the top two choices for Georgia freshmen and the average SAT of entering freshmen jumping from 987 to 1078 in five years will only help to enhance the recognition of GSU for ranking profiles and most importantly, for prospective students.

Is there really a way to determine which college a student will attend?

This is a question that weighs on the mind of millions of high school seniors every year and now more than ever, this question weighs on the minds of college officials. As common as the admissions process is around the country, the process of choosing a college may not be as common as it used to be in the past.

A more traditional way to choose a college is by looking at things that are most relevant to a student like location, cost of attendance, number of students, and the like but what about the things students really care about? This question seems to be a new trend in choosing a college and some of the top news magazines have already become picked up on this trend.

Nevertheless, the most old-fashioned way to persuade a prospective student is through word of mouth so when you think about why you chose GSU, you might want to thank the person that put a little birdie in your ear. Or just think about all the great things about GSU that eventually made it #1 to you no matter what the

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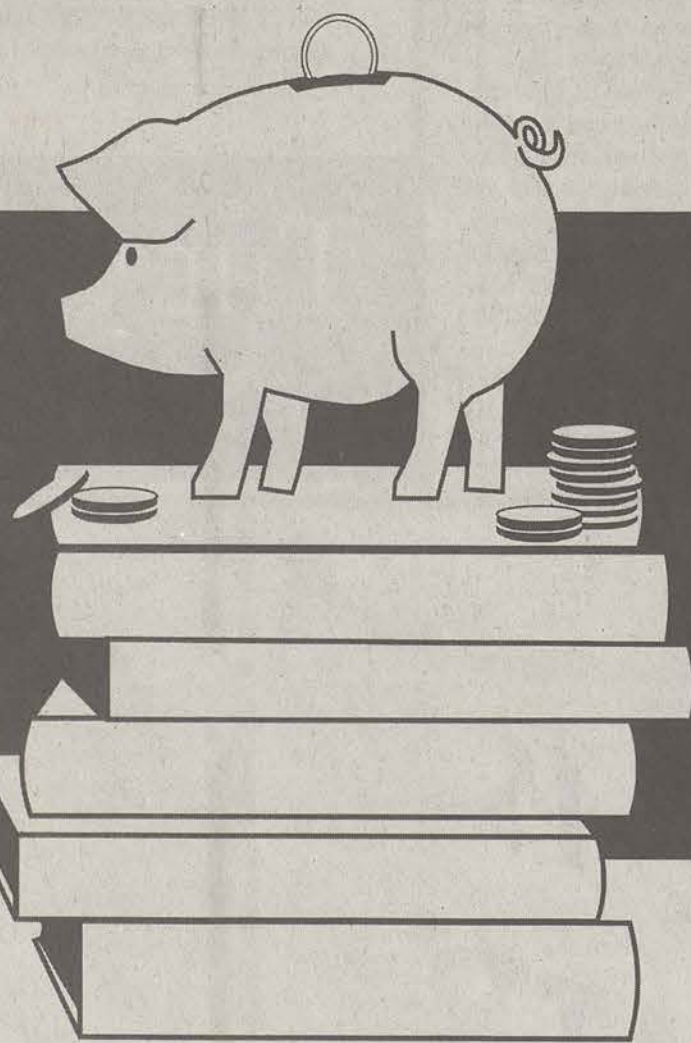
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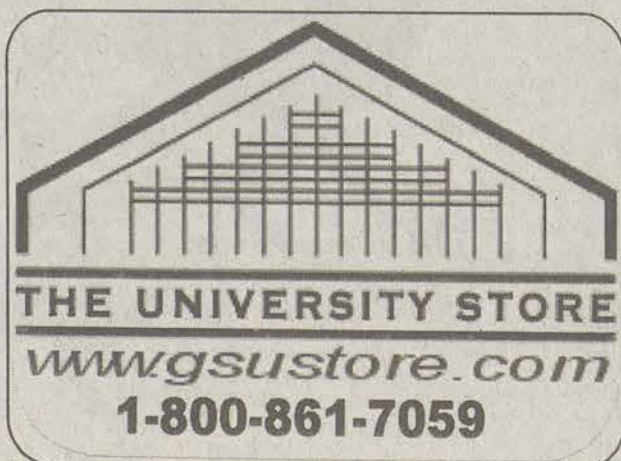
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Weekly Eagle Buzz



Monday, January 16th

The Multicultural Student Center will sponsor the movie, "Ghosts of Mississippi" at 7:00pm in the Russell Union Theatre. The movie is about a riveting true story of the 1994 murder conviction of Ku Klux Klan member Byron De La Beckwith (James Woods) for the 1964 slaying of civil rights activist Medgar Evers (James Pickens Jr.). An assistant D.A. (Alec Baldwin) reopens the unresolved case thirty years after the crime in this powerful courtroom drama. Whoopi Goldberg plays Evers' widow. Contact the Multicultural Student Center for any questions at 681-5409.



Tuesday, January 17th

The Multicultural Student Center will be sponsoring, "Tomorrows Leaders; Their Voices, Our Journey at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, come and hear civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams (widow of slain civil rights leader Medger Evers) speak. "I have reached a point in my life where I understand the pain and the challenges; and my attitude is one of standing up with open arms to meet them all." Myrlie Evers-Williams. This is a free event for the public and GSU students. Contact the Multicultural Student Center for any questions at 681-5409.

Eagle Entertainment and Reel Entertainment presents, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" - at 8:00pm in the Russell Union Theatre - \$2.00 Admission. Call the Office of Student Activities for any questions at 486-7270.

Wednesday, January 18th

University Housing presents the Spring Success 2006 program in Johnson Hall, Eagle Village, and Winburn Hall from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Pairs of faculty/staff will be coming around to welcome back first-year students and talk with them about their academic success 1st semester. Free giveaways will be given out and those students that are home will be entered into a drawing for an iPod! Contact Ali Scott with any questions at 486-7521 or Allison@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

SPRING 2006		March 15	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission
January 9-12	Drop/Add	March 25	Comprehensive Exams for M.Ed. students
January 13	\$50 Late Registration Fee begins	March 30	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday - Administrative offices closed - No classes	April 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission
January 17	Attendance Verification Deadline for classes starting January 9-13	April 5	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, thesis or dissertation defense
January 23	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period	April 5	Honors Day, 8:30 a.m.
February 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission	April 8	Annual Alumni Awards Dinner
February 20	Deadline for M.Ed. Students to register to take the comprehensive exams during Spring Semester 2006	April 12	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
February 20	Early Registration for Summer Semester 2006 and Fall Semester 2006 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time.)	May 1	Last day of classes
February 24	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due	May 2-5	Final exams
March 1	Priority deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	May 5	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies
March 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	May 6	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2006 graduation
March 1	Deadline for receipt of Graduate Assistantship Applications to have priority consideration for Fall Semester 2006	May 6	Residence halls close, 12:00 p.m.
March 6	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	May 11	Commencement
March 13-17	Spring break for students - Administrative offices open - Residence halls open		Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosenwald Building, Second Floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.
SUMMER 2006		June 17	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
May 5	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2006 graduation	June 17	Comprehensive Examination for M.Ed. Students
May 11	Employee Tuition Assistance Program registration for Summer 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosenwald Building, second floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	June 18	Residence halls open for Term B check in at 12:00 p.m.
May 11	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.	June 19	Classes begin for Term B
May 14	Residence halls open, 1:00 p.m.	June 19	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, thesis or dissertation defense for Summer graduates
May 15	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.	June 24	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Education Graduate Evening Session June 26 Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
May 15	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/register) for specific registration times.	July 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission
May 16	Fee payment deadline for Summer Semester 2006	July 3	College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session ends
May 16	Classes begin for Long Term and Term A (First Day of University Classes)	July 4	Independence Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes
May 16	Classes begin for College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session	July 6	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty for Term B
May 16-19	Drop/Add	July 11	Final exams for Tuesday/Thursday Evening classes, Long Term
May 19	Deadline for M.Ed. Students to register to take the comprehensive exam during Summer	July 12	Classes end, Long Term
May 29	Memorial Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes	July 12	Final exams for Monday/Wednesday Evening classes, Long Term
May 30	Classes begin for College of Education Graduate Evening Session	July 13	Reading Day, Long Term
May 30	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period	July 13	College of Education Graduate Evening Session ends
June 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	July 14-15	Final exams, Long Term
June 2	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Term A	July 16	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for students attending Long Term
June 9	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session	July 19	Classes end, Term B
June 15	Classes end for Term A	July 20	Final exams, Term B
June 16	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Long Term	July 20	Final exams for Evening Classes, Term B
June 16	Term A exams	July 20	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies
June 16	Final exams for Evening classes, Term A, 6:00-8:00 p.m.	July 20	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Fall 2006 graduation
June 17	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for students attending Term A	July 21	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. August 4 Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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Ailey II will jazz up GSU stage

GSU news service

An exceptional dance company that merges the spirit and energy of the country's best young talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers is coming to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Georgia Southern.

Ailey II will appear at the PAC on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

Part of the prestigious Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York, Ailey II emphasizes a balance of repertoire, technique and performance that has made it one of the most popular dance companies in the United States.

"Ailey II can be counted on to deliver high-energy dancing made even more electric by the push of youthful ambition," a reporter for The New York Times gushed in a review of a performance by the group.

Ailey II began in 1974 when Alvin Ailey initiated a workshop for the most promising scholarship students in the dance school that he founded. Alvin Ailey died in

1989, but his love for the art of dance lives on through the crit-



ically acclaimed junior company that bears his name.

Under the direction of Sylvia Waters, Ailey II allows its members to refine their technique while gaining invaluable performing and teaching experience during their tenure with the company.

Many past members have gone on to highly successful careers as dancers, teachers and choreographers.

In recent years, Ailey II's distinctive repertoire has included works by dance masters such as Talley Beatty, Ulysses Dove and Lar Lubovitch, and innovative choreographers like Robert Battle, Donald Byrd and Kevin Wynn.

Tickets for Ailey II are \$29 plus tax per person. GSU faculty, staff and students will receive a 10 percent discount. Groups from outside the university are also eligible for a 10 percent discount.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any GSU student with a valid University ID can purchase one ticket for \$10 plus tax.

The PAC is located on the GSU campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive.

The box office is open every Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The box office is also open one hour prior to the start of each performance.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call (912) 486-7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

ON THE STREET

What was the highlight of your winter break?

"Going to downtown Atlanta to see the peach drop."



Jeff Wright, Freshman

"Seeing my family over the break and celebrating my birthday at Dave and Buster's."



Giovanni Cooley, Senior

"I learned about my family history through a tragic death in my family."



Andrew Grant, Sophomore

"I enjoyed being able to sleep in every day."



Christie Perry, Sophomore

"I had a great time visiting in San Diego, California."



Vicky Feng, Senior

"I enjoyed being able to spend time with my siblings and Mom and Dad."



Brian Smith, Junior

People's Choice

Jessica Simpson performs without Nick at the 32 annual People's Choice Awards



AP Photo/ Kevork Djansezian

Jessica Simpson performs "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" at the 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles Tuesday.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

If you have a question you'd like us to ask, e-mail our managing editor at gamed@georgiasouthern.edu.



OUR PICK

BE A HOOLIGAN!

The Hanner Hooligans aim to pack the fieldhouse for the Eagles' Basketball game against Wofford. Free food, drinks and entertainment from 11 - 2 p.m. The game starts at 2 p.m.

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DVD RENTALS

1. Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Brad Pitt
2. Fantastic Four, Jessica Alba
3. Cinderella Man, Russell Crowe
4. The Dukes of Hazzard, Johnny Knoxville
5. War of the Worlds, Tom Cruise
6. Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo, Rob Schneider
7. The Polar Express, Tom Hanks
8. March of the Penguins, Luc Jaquet
9. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Johnny Depp
10. Stealth, Josh Lucas

MOVIES

1. Hostel
2. The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
3. King Kong
4. Fun With Dick and Jane
5. Cheaper by the Dozen 2
6. Munich
7. Memoirs of a Geisha
8. Rumor Has It
9. Brokeback Mountain
10. The Family Stone

ALBUMS

1. Eminem: Curtain Call
2. Carrie Underwood: Some Hearts
3. Various Artists: NOW That's What I Call...Vol.20
4. Bo Bice: The Real Thing
5. Kenny Chesney: The Road and the Radio
6. Nickelback: All the Right Reasons
7. Mariah Carey: The Emancipation of Mimi
8. Kelly Clarkson: Breakaway
9. Black Eyed Peas: Monkey Business
10. Johnny Cash: The Legend of Johnny Cash

Source: Entertainment Weekly

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Chronicles of Narnia PG
(4:00), 7:00, 10:00

The Family Stone PG-13
(4:10), 7:00, 9:30

Fun With Dick & Jane PG-13
(4:50), 7:10, 9:30

Grandma's Boy R
5:20, 7:45, 10:00

Hostel R
5:25, 7:45, 10:05

King Kong PG-13
(4:00), 7:25, 8:00

Memoirs of a Geisha PG-13
6:45, 10:00

Munich R
(4:00), 8:00

The Ringer PG-13
5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Rumor Has It PG-13
5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Wolf Creek R
5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Parenthesis denotes matinee.

Watermelon

Aphrodisiac of the gods

Fomer professor's novel talks on love, watermelon and GSU

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

It might be some students' dream — or maybe just fodder for college professors' fantasies — but for former Georgia Southern professor Robert West, falling in love with a student was reality.

West has parlayed that experience, mixed with plenty of fiction, into a novel based loosely on a love affair between student and professor that takes place at Georgia Southern College in 1976.

The characters and the name of the school are different but "Watermelon Fall" was inspired by West's nine-year career as a speech and drama professor at GSU. The story takes place in fictional Magnolia, Georgia, at North Georgia State University.

"All the imagery comes straight from Statesboro," said West. "I transposed and put it into a fictional school in north Georgia, but readers will notice the similarities."

West's 150-page book details the love affair between a blooming freshman and a philandering,

scotch-drinking, divorced English professor. Though West married a student, the similarities end there, he said.

"When I was professor at GSU, I married one of my students. That's part of the reality and the rest of the book is fiction," he said. "Back during that time... I mixed with my students. I worked hours and hours with those kids doing theatrical performances. The liberal professors would drink and smoke a little pot with the kids and conservative ones didn't mix with them."

Though the book is chock full of romantic scenes of cuddling by the university's lake, picnics and followed by sex in the woods, and dorm room courting, West says the book isn't a romance.

"My book is a love story, not a romance," explained West. "The difference is that a romance ends on a happy note. A love story ends on a tragic story."

West says the book is aimed at two audiences.

"My target is two groups: young college females and women probably between 45 and 55," said West.

College females who lust after sexy, salt and pepper-haired faculty will be intrigued by the romance but middle-aged women will identify with the time period in which the book is set, said West.

West paid for the printing out of pocket and is traveling the country doing the marketing himself.

"I thought the most difficult part would be the actual writing, but it turns out it is marketing that's the

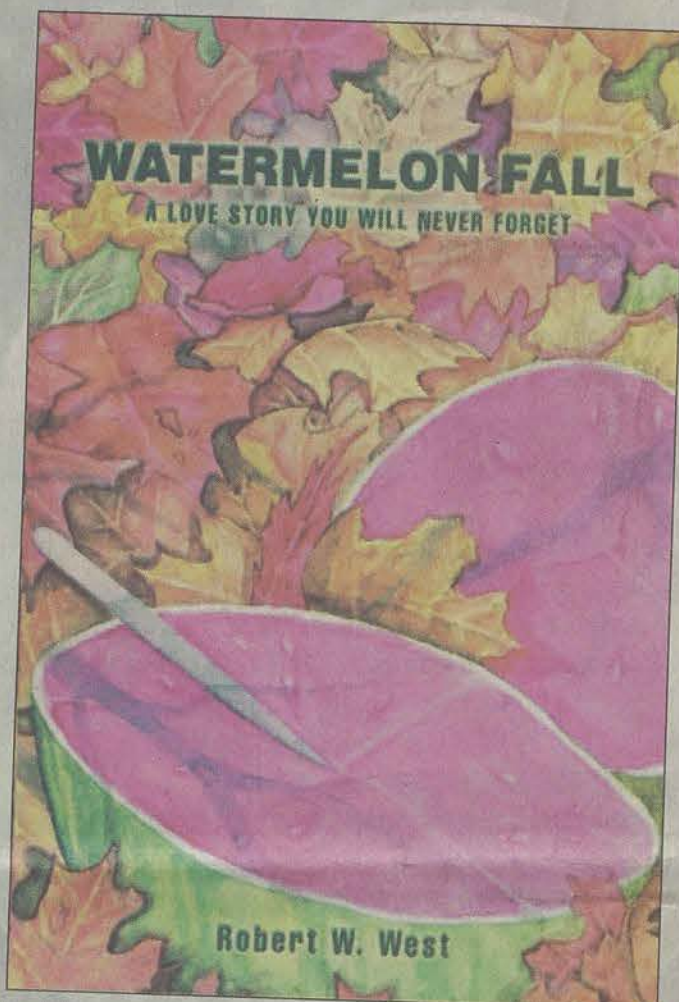


Robert West

ABOUT THE BOOK

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Special photo

most tedious," said West. "Getting its popularity spread throughout the country requires the most effort."

West currently teaches at the University of South Florida. During breaks and weekends he travels, selling his book and holding signings. He'll be in Statesboro at The University Store Jan. 28 for just such a signing.

"I hope some students will come back and share memories," said West. "I probably taught 1,000 students while I was at GSU."

While they are there, West said he'll likely hawk a book while swapping stories.

"I'd just like to become a best-seller," joked West. "I'm just on the very tip of that."

The little black dress still a classic among college kids

By Ashley Ferguson
Fashion correspondent

While walking through downtown Savannah on New Year's Eve, I saw many young ladies strutting down the cobblestone (which is no easy feat) wearing the one outfit that never goes out of style: the little black dress. This garment has been around since 1926, thanks to Coco Chanel, and its influence on fashion has never faltered.

The little black dress has found many Hollywood muses — from Audrey Hepburn to Kate Moss — that put fire into designers' eyes to construct a new trend based on one simple color. The LBD has many forms from a day dress to a dance dress, from a Gothic dress to a show-stopper dress. A woman can literally have a different kind for every occasion.

The little black dress of 2006 caters to every woman in every mood. Feeling sexy? Try a basic strapless or

one-shouldered design with a brooch accompanied with a colored high heel; red would be my preference, but that is just me. Feeling comfy? Think about throwing on a simple black dress with short sleeves and a hemline hitting right above the knee.

Since this look exists for every woman to make her as unique as possible, I will not put further input into the little black dress. Just remember that you always need at least one in your closet.

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DVD/VIDEO
RELEASES

"Red Eye"

Air travel just keeps getting worse, what with the long lines, extra security precautions, fees for the onboard meals and of course, the nutty guy sitting next to you using threats of violence to coerce you into helping his assassination plot. Rachel McAdams stars as a woman on an overnight flight whose seatmate (Cillian Murphy) says her dad will be snuffed if she doesn't cooperate in arrangements to kill a U.S. leader at the hotel where she works. DVD, \$29.99.



"Transporter 2"

Jason Statham returns as the stoic protagonist from the sleeper hit "The Transporter" in a laughable sequel that puts cheap effects and outlandish action into overdrive. This time out, Statham's no-questions-asked driver-for-hire has given up the high-speed delivery game in favor of life in the slow lane as chauffeur for a rich family's young son, whose abduction forces our hero back into action to save the boy and foil a plot aimed at the U.S. war on drugs. DVD, \$29.98. (20th Century Fox)



"The Constant Gardener"

Director Fernando Meirelles does a masterly job capturing the world-weary nuances of John le Carre's suspense fiction with this intelligent, gripping tale of international intrigue. Ralph Fiennes stars as a British diplomat peeling back the layers of his marriage as he uncovers startling government and corporate secrets while investigating the murder of his wife (Rachel Weisz). DVD,



The Strokes try different sound in 'First Impressions of Earth'

Latest album by The Strokes: Quantity over Quality?

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff writer

Several bands made rock better in 2002. And just like Hair metal met its death at the hands of Grunge, Nu-metal's disappearance gave rise to a more raw, emotional and innovative sound.

Among the bands leading this revolution were The Strokes.

Called the saviors of rock by critics, they obtained near immediate fame, unlike other bands that shone on that year.

But can The Strokes really be Generation Y's Nirvana? Not even close.

Their sound might have been interesting, but they had no bigger role than bands like The White Stripes or The Hives.

Their third album "First Impres-

sions of Earth" is their newest release, and with it The Strokes try to change a few things.

Unfortunately, not all are very effective.

What many fans will notice first is the sound that characterized the band has been altered significantly.

Few songs retain the same ambience that their previous album, "Is This It," exuded.

Although most songs do keep the style to a certain extent, but it is enough that most avid fans can get over the difference and casual listeners will not even notice it.

With "Impressions" The Strokes were trying to find an originality that their previous record lacked.

In their quest they took combined their sound into a garage-indie-glam-ballad rock mixture, not surprisingly the results are mixed as well.

Songs like "Vision of Division" have a "hard" sound and strong chords.

"Electricityscape" has a good use of the guitar solos, and the bassline in "Razorblade" is executed well.

Most of the songs have a mellow sound, which reflects the bands



cool and relax attitude.

However few of them are noteworthy, with the exception of "Say Anything" which starts a bit dull but thankfully picks up its pace with a great chorus delivery.

Then there is the album's first single "Juicebox" which is the song that deviates the most from The Strokes' style.

Fortunately it is the only one like that in the album.

The only major problem is the fact that the album contains 14 tracks.

I never noticed the difference that three songs more can make, especially when most of them are quite similar.

Listening to this record became almost tedious, but of course I do have a deadline to review it, so I had to listen to it for as long as possible.

"First Impressions of Earth" The Strokes

Record Label: RCA
Release Date: Jan. 3, 2006

Prices:
amazon.com - \$13.48
barnesandnoble.com - \$13.28
samgoody.com - \$ 9.99

Grade - 3.5 of 5 ★★★★★

In the end, if The Strokes are not redeemed by the great songs this album has, they are at least by their sex-drugs-and-rock and roll attitude.

One of these days, their shtick will catch up with them

But in the meantime, we might as well enjoy the music.

'Munich' revives dark time in sports

By Stan Hochman
KRT Campus

Can a nation claim to be righteous if it organizes a hit team to murder murderers? Does killing killers beget more killing, more innocent casualties, the quintessential vicious cycle?

If everyone demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, will half the world be blind and the other half toothless before the killing stops? Until the killing stops and a truce endures, will there ever be peace in the Middle East?

Steven Spielberg asks those anvil-heavy questions in his compelling new movie, "Munich." The film is a high-octane blend of fact and fiction, a taut account of Israel's response to the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes and coaches at the 1972 Olympics by a band of Black September terrorists.

The color scheme in Munich was muted pastels. Security was minimal, 2,000 unarmed men and women wearing powder blue, a skimpy budget of \$2 million.

Let the record show that they spent \$1.6 billion on security in Athens in 2004.

Spielberg based his gripping movie on the book "Vengeance" by George Jonas, embellishing some episodes to make them more dramatic, more edge-of-the-seat suspenseful.

It must be a good movie, because some critics are screeching that it is pro-Arab, while others yelp that it is pro-Israel.

And while it is competently acted and brilliantly photographed, it is not your basic cloak-and-dagger



'Munich'
Directed by Steven Spielberg

Cast: Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffrey Rush, Mathieu Kassovitz, Claran Hinds.
Running time: two hours and forty-four minutes.
Rated: R

Showtimes: 4:00, 8:00

Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

action movie.

Spielberg wasn't going to make another documentary, and he wasn't interested in a spinoff of "Ocean's 11" or "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

If you blink, you miss the disclaimer, "Inspired by real events," which precedes the opening scene.

"The fiction," Spielberg told Time magazine, "comes in the interpersonal relationships of the five members of the ex-Mossad (Israeli intelligence) team."

Go see the movie, then read a book to weed fiction from fact.



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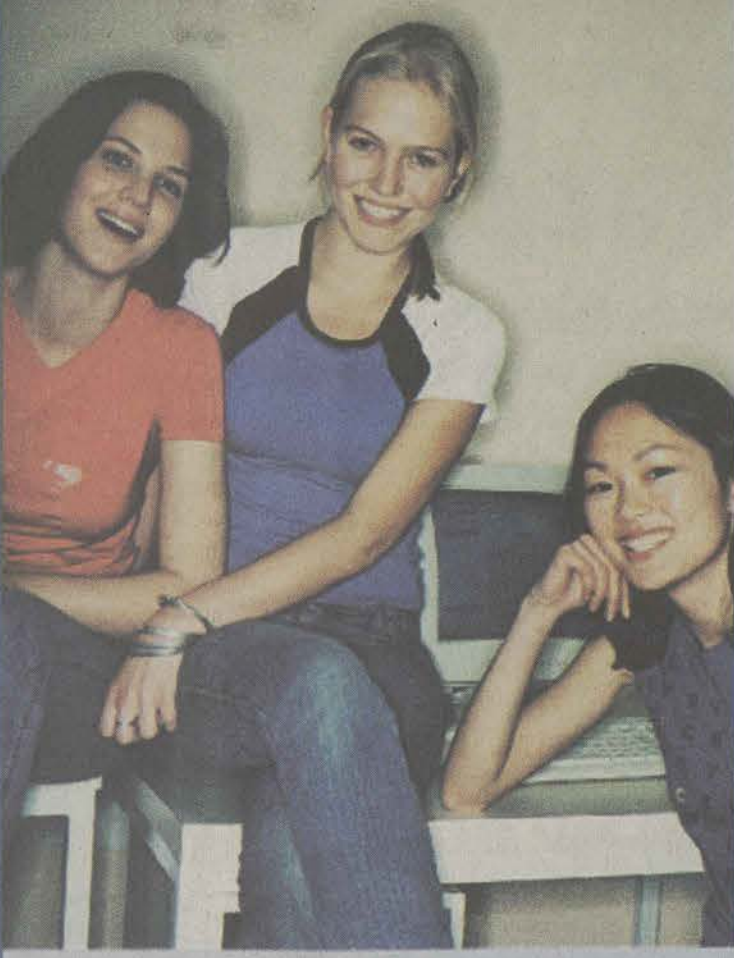
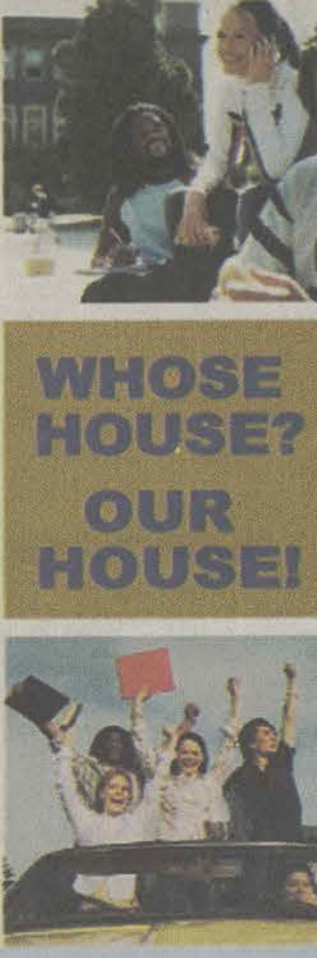
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New nickel to debut Thursday

The Associated Press

A new nickel breaks into circulation Thursday, and it will feature Thomas Jefferson appearing in a totally new view.

The front of the coin is based on an 1800 portrait of Jefferson painted by Rembrandt Peale, and the reverse is modeled on an 1938 rendition of Jefferson's Virginia home at Monticello. Whereas previous nickels had featured a profile view of Jefferson, the Peale portrait shows the president looking directly at the viewer.

The nickel is the final in the Westward Journey Nickel series which commemorates the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. The series began in 2004 with the release of the Peace Medal and Keelboat nickels.

The new nickel will be available in two-roll sets and bags at noon on Thursday. They will be minted in Philadelphia and Denver and can be shipped directly to customers (1-800-USA-MINT), though delivery may take two to three weeks.

The image of President Jefferson's home at Monticello, by Felix Schlag, has been carefully restored by U.S. Mint sculptor-engraver John Mercanti. Previously, the U.S. Mint had used a modified design of the painting for technical reasons.

A previous Jefferson nickel appear in 2005, along with two new reverse designs of American Indians and wildlife encountered by the Lewis and Clark on their journey.

Pocket change

The final design in the Westward Journey nickel series should be appearing soon. The series returned \$19.4 million to the U.S. Treasury.

2004

Front

Back designs

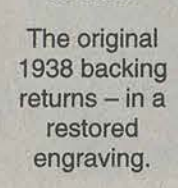
The 1938 front design was unchanged. Two different back designs debuted.

2005

Last year's coin had a cropped rendering of the third president and two more back designs.

2006

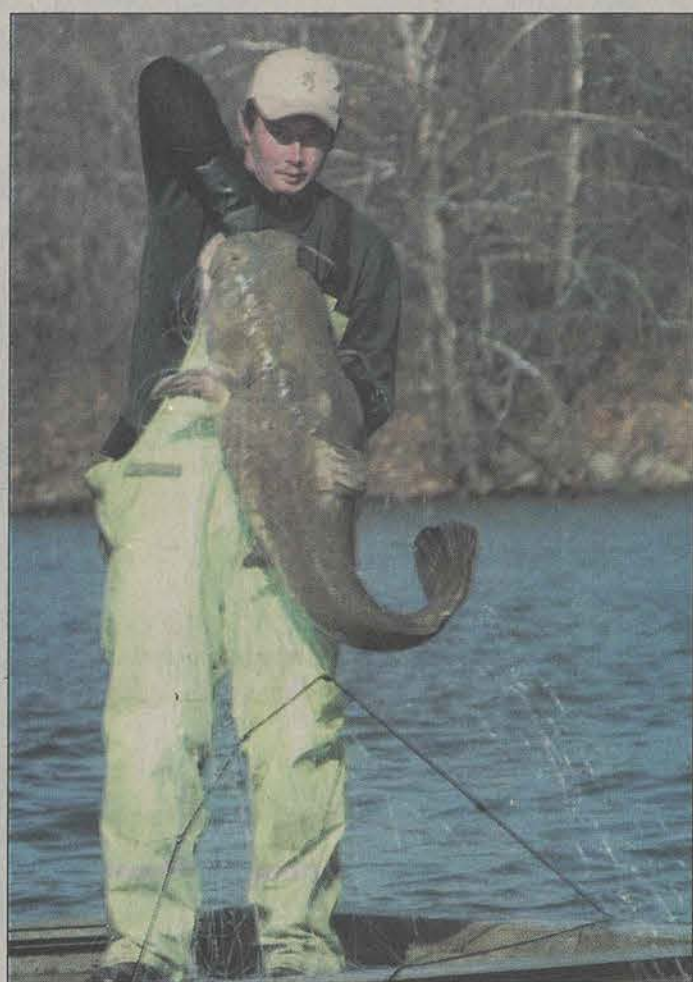
The latest nickel is the first U.S. coin to have a face rendered in a non-profile view.



SOURCE: United States Mint

AP

IT'S JUST A NEAT PHOTO



Jason Oller pulls in a large flathead catfish he caught in his net while fishing for paddlefish on the Arkansas River Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2006, near Fort Smith, Ark. Oller is from Hope and is commercial fishing this week on the Arkansas River.

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