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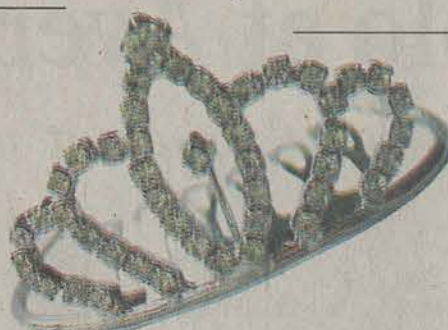
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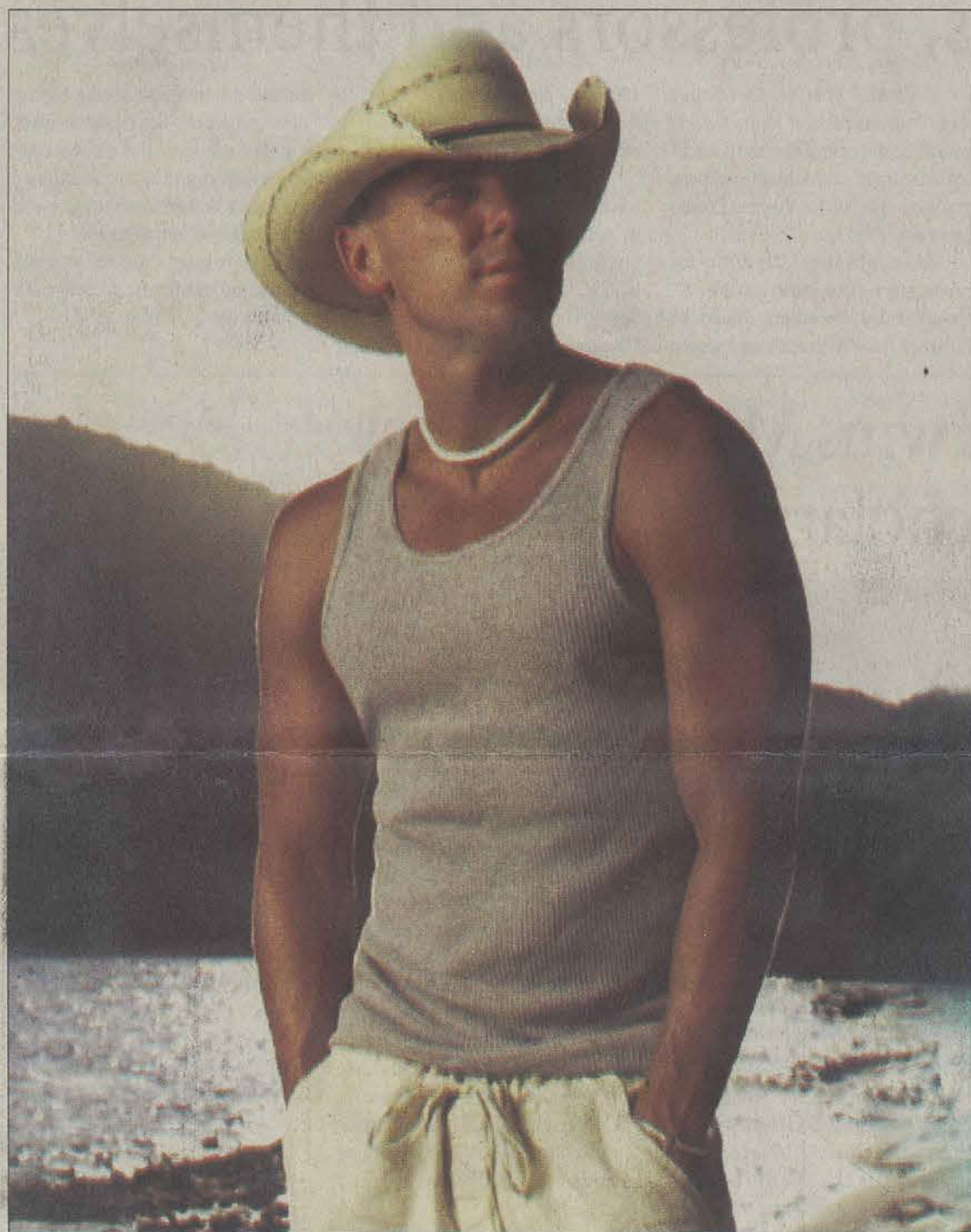
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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006

## Chesney cancels



Special photo

Kenny Chesney will not be performing at Legend's after all. Tickets will be refunded at noon on Thursday.

### Kenny Chesney points finger at local organizers

By Luke Hearn  
Executive editor

Kenny Chesney is not coming to Statesboro after all.

Speaking through his spokesperson Kate McMahon, Chesney said Statesboro concert organizers failed to tell him that Legends — the concert's venue — could no longer serve alcohol, information that led him to cancel his "Keg in the Closet" tour stop here.

"It's incredibly unfortunate that this venue didn't think to inform us of their change in status," Chesney relayed through his spokesperson Tuesday evening.

"This is a 'club tour,' taking it back to the bars me and my guys played when we were paying our dues. Given how small these shows are, to protect the integrity of the other dates, we need to keep the venues consistent," he said.

McMahon said Trey Britt, the local promoter of the concert, will refund money for purchased tickets at The Plantation Room at noon on Thursday.

McMahon said she and other organizers who work with Chesney were never informed that Legends no longer has a liquor license, even during the most recent negotiations.

"We were never told they lost their liquor license," McMahon said. "They mislead us, and that's why we cancelled."

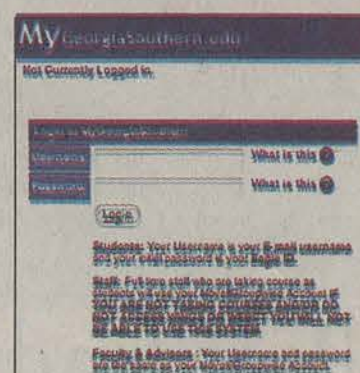
McMahon said she was not aware of any mishaps that occurred on the day of ticket sales that went against the protocol for the show, and thus could not comment on why two tickets weren't sold to each student, and why those expecting to buy tickets early Monday morning were sent away and told ticket sales would begin on Tuesday.

"We depend on our fans for our livelihood," she said, "and we don't want to make them unhappy."

Will Britt, the owner of Legends and a Statesboro City Council member, lost his liquor license for both his bars in November.

The Statesboro Alcohol Control Board found that Britt had violated the city's "50-50" liquor laws, which stated that all restaurants in the city must make at least half of their money from food, and the rest from alcohol.

In a sweeping move — just weeks after that board revoked Britt's license — the city council made massive changes to Statesboro's liquor laws, ending happy hours and drink specials in all of Statesboro.



### MyGSU helps create more secure system

Many students say MyGSU is simpler

By Koelling Borneman  
Staff writer

On Monday, students who logged in to WINGS, WebCT or their Georgia Southern e-mail account were confronted with a surprising change: each program is now accessible through one sign-on system.

Freshman Jenna Johnson approves of the new system. "It's nice that you only have to log in once and it's all right there for you. It's much easier when you only have to remember one password."

The new system was developed for security reasons. The university is in the midst of implementing a more comprehensive security policy which requires passwords to be changed about every 90 days. Changing and remembering new passwords for several different systems can be troublesome for students, while having to remember only one password is much easier.

Consequently, students are now able to access WebCT, WebMail, and Wings through the same sign-on at my.georgiasouthern.edu. Although the format for these programs has not changed, the method of accessing them has now been streamlined into one sign-on.

The majority of students interviewed say that they enjoy the MyGSU system because it gives them fewer passwords and usernames to keep up with.

"I hadn't heard about [MyGSU] until I tried to check my e-mail this morning and I was a little confused," said senior Catherine Cox. "But after I put in my new password and got to my e-mail it was exactly the same. I really like that I can get to everything from the same page now."

Scott Taylor, Assistant Director of IT Services, believes the new system will be particularly helpful for those students who often forget passwords.

Previously, forgetting your PIN number meant you had to talk with someone in person, but now there is online assistance 24/7 for those problems," said Taylor.

Laura Jackson, a freshman early childhood education major, approves of the new system. "It makes sense that everything you need would all be on one page," said Jackson.

When logging in for the first time, students use their Eagle ID as their password and then will be prompted to change it to something they would prefer. The username is the student's current WebMail username.

Students also have the opportunity to create a security question that will allow them to enter the system and change their password should they forget it. Currently, there are a number of students who have given their WINGS

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### Forum inspires GSU students, faculty

By Angela Byrd  
Staff writer

A crowd filled the lecture room in the Russell Union last night as the Multicultural Student Center hosted a panel discussion titled "The Future of Black America." The featured panelists included Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson and Georgia Southern professor F. Erik Brooks. GSU professor Saba Jallow served as the moderator for the event.

Each panelist opened with about a 10-minute outline of issues they wanted to address. Johnson opened with his personal journey through politics since his childhood, which further progressed into his adulthood. He began watching the political activity which took place in his church by his grandfather, who happened to hold the office of the Chairman of the Deacon Board.

Upon entering school, Johnson became involved with the Student Government Association, and later ran for a seat on the school board in

the 1970s. This journey led him to become the 64th mayor of Savannah, Georgia.

Johnson stressed that "It is important for young people to get into politics...to get involved in the decision making process." He elaborated on how young adults can get involved in this process. "Get involved in your area, you live in Statesboro, start being concerned about what happens in Statesboro, these decisions target you directly."

Brooks introduced his part of the discussion by traveling through a timeline of African American history highlights.

"We must review the past in order to move further into the future," said Brooks.

Covering a wide range of events, Brooks began in 1619 with the arrival of the first 20 indentured servants in Jamestown and eventually made the transition up until 1964 with the introduction of the Civil Rights Bill.

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Mayor Otis Johnson

### Michael Hostilo appears on Larry King Live

Lawyer held hostage says experience changed his life

By Adam Crisp  
Managing editor

The Statesboro attorney who was held hostage for nearly 25 hours last month said Monday that the ordeal has changed his outlook on life and that he has yet to return to his downtown Statesboro law practice.

Michael Hostilo sat down with CNN's Larry King in a 9 p.m. interview Monday.

It was the first time Hostilo had appeared publicly since his former client Robbie Brower held him hostage in downtown Statesboro. Hostilo provided new details in the case, saying he believes Brower has terminal bone cancer. His talk also provided new details to the harrowing 25-hour standoff that many watched unfold on TV.

"Robbie Brower storms into my office with my receptionist in one hand and something that appeared to look like a bomb in his other hand," said Hostilo. "He wanted justice. ...



Courtesy of CNN

The Statesboro lawyer who was held hostage for nearly 25 hours last month appeared on CNN's Larry King Live Monday night.

He came and said, I'm Robbie Brower, and you're here today to meet your maker. And then he proceeded to make me get up against the wall, place my hands up in the air, and then he tied me up or taped me using that gray duct tape."

Though police met with reporters three times during the stand off, few details were given. For the first time, Hostilo told that he tried to escape at one point. He said he was able to loosen the tape on his wrists after

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# Professor goes solo at Averitt Center for the Arts

Eun Sook Lee's lithography prints reflect the pursuit of happiness in a solo exhibition this month

By Koelling Borneman  
Staff writer

The Legends Gallery at Statesboro's Averitt Center for the Arts will host Georgia Southern professor Eun Sook Lee's exhibit "Recent Contemplations in Lithography" from Feb. 3 - 27.

Lee is currently an art professor with the Betty Foy Sanders department of art, where she is chair of the print, paper, and book arts program.

Lee transferred to GSU two years ago from the University of Notre Dame, where she received her Master of Fine Arts degree. Lee received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Tennessee.

Among other endeavors, she currently serves as the chair of the nominating committee for the Southern Graphics Council Board of Directors.

"It's been quite some time since I've done a solo exhibit in just print-making," said Lee, who claims it was an exercise for herself to get back to the art form.

While her work usually includes a variety of installation pieces, the exhibit at the Legends Gallery will feature prints made using the process of lithography, which depends on a chemical reaction between ink and surface to produce images.

Regarding the upcoming exhibit, Lee explains, "The images and layers are created through hand-drawn and digital processes to express recent contemplations by the artist on life, love, and the pursuit of happiness."

Because the Averitt Center is family oriented, Lee says the symbols she used for this particular exhibit are not quite as graphic as her usual work, in order to make it more family

appropriate.

Page Burch, senior sculpture major, is currently enrolled in one of Lee's print classes, and is impressed by her work. "I have seen part of her upcoming show, and it's a good, diverse body of work," said Burch. He has definite plans to go see Lee's exhibit when it opens.

All of the pieces that will be displayed at the Legends Gallery have been completed within the last year.

This is the first time all of Lee's lithography have been displayed together and each piece will be available to the public for purchase.

The exhibit will open on Friday, with a reception from 5-8 p.m., as a part of Statesboro's First Friday Gallery Crawl.

For more information, call the Averitt Center for the Arts at (912) 212-ARTS.



Eun Sook Lee stands with Todd Branyon amidst her art pieces at the Averitt Center.

Brian Prusa/STAFF

## Peer leaders help out students, professors and themselves

By Rachel McDaniel  
News editor

Some students just need the advice of other students. Georgia Southern offers a peer leader program that is beneficial for all involved. Peer leaders may receive credit hours on their service transcript or one hour of academic elective credit for their participation in

the peer leader program, plus they are helping students along the way.

"I got great experience learning how to talk in front of people and enjoyed just being there for the new students," said former peer leader Abby Lynes. "I was there to give the freshmen a veteran student's perspective. Being a peer leader is a great way to be involved and to meet new

people."

Being a peer leader can provide practical skills and experiences to sharpen leadership skills and students can learn more about GSU. Peer leading allows student leaders to get to know faculty members well, which can come in handy when students need a strong letter of reference for graduate school, jobs, or internships.

"A former peer leader earned classroom instruction hours for her education major and now she is teaching in Georgia," said Ashley Chambers, graduate assistant for the Peer Leader program.

The application deadline for becoming a peer leader is Feb. 17. Completed applications should be turned in at the Williams Center, room

1001 by 5 p.m. Students can sign up for an interview date when they drop off applications.

"The peer leader program is a teacher assistantship where students help faculty present information, prepare lessons, and counsel students in GSU 1210 courses," said Chambers. "The benefits of involvement are receiving course credit, earning

volunteer hours, and developing lists of references or sources and networking opportunities. This is an excellent opportunity for all majors, it addresses the top 10 skills that employers seek in prospective employees."

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## Angela Byrd wins Miss Altamaha scholarship

Special to the G-A

Angela Byrd, junior broadcasting major at Georgia Southern was crowned Miss Altamaha 2006 Saturday, at the Miss Altamaha Scholarship Pageant held in Claxton.

"We are so pleased to have Angela represent our organization this year," said Ann Jones, Executive Director, Miss Altamaha Scholarship Board. "We look forward to working with her and preparing for Miss Georgia."

Byrd challenged nine other contestants in the interview, casual wear, physical fitness, talent and evening wear phases of the competitions, winning the physical fitness preliminary.

Byrd's platform is "Child Abuse: Awareness and Prevention," which she spoke about during the interview and on stage question phases of competition. For the talent competition, Byrd sang her rendition of the Jennifer Holiday ballad from the musical "Dreamgirls" titled "I Am Changing."

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Angela Byrd wears the Miss Altamaha tiara with her evening wear outfit.

Pageant is an official preliminary pageant to the Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant that will be held in June in Columbus, Ga. This will be Byrd's second time competing at the title of Miss Georgia.

The winner of the Miss Georgia pageant will then travel to compete in the Miss America pageant next year. In addition to the chance of competing for the title of Miss Georgia and Miss America, Byrd also received a scholarship and other awards.

Byrd has served two terms Class Dean's Advisory Board, two term Senator for the University Student Government Association, is a member of the University Judicial Board, a SOAR leader, a writer for the student newspaper and treasurer/founder of 'On Pointe' dance team.

Angela is the daughter of Eddie and Linda Byrd of Metter.

## Artists show Creighton Island art

Compiled by staff

Three artists will present a lecture on Feb. 8 titled, "Creighton, An Island Sanctuary." Several artists will share their works representing the island and the inspiration they got from the place.

In conjunction with the Averitt Center for the Arts, the Betty Foy Sanders department of art will host a lecture by artists Jeannine Cook, Marquita Macon and Marjett Schille on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 5 p.m. in the Arts Building Auditorium. Steve Hein, director of the university's Wildlife Center, will also participate in a discussion after the lecture.

"Creighton, An Island Sanctuary," consisting of works by these artists, opened at the Averitt Center on Friday.

Artists Cook, Macon and Schille spent March 2005 on Creighton Island, a Georgia barrier island, to create the body of work shown in the exhibition. Their works strive to express the mystery and rich, natural beauty of the island and to call attention to its environmental importance.

The lecture to be presented on Feb. 8 will include an introduction to the Creighton Island project, with information about the island, the artists' techniques and their experiences, as well as a discussion of the environmental issues associated with the island sanctuary.

All events are free and open to the public. For additional information call 871-1712.

### CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m.  
America! We the People  
Nessmith-Lane Bldg. Room 1205

3:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Sociology  
IT Bldg. Room 1004

4 p.m.  
"Big Lesson from Small Places:  
The Low Country and Beyond"  
lecture  
IT Bldg Room 1004

6 p.m.  
SGA Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2047

7 p.m.  
Reformed University Fellowship  
Williams Center 2034

7 p.m.  
Movie: The Wiz  
Russell Union Theater

Thursday, February 9

8 a.m.  
High School Model UN  
Nessmith-Lane Bldg.

7 p.m.  
Cultural & Racial Healing Workshop  
Russell Union Room 2084

Friday, February 10

8 a.m.  
High School Model UN  
Nessmith-Lane Bldg.

11:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Hour  
Russell Union Room 2080

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### 02-03-2006

- Alicia Danielle Jackson, 20, of Morton Creek Circle, Alpharetta, Ga., was charged with driving with a suspended license, passing in a no-passing zone and driving with no insurance.
- A case of harassment was reported at Southern Courtyard.

### 02-04-2006

- Andrew Justin Proctor, 25, of Woodland Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

### 02-05-2006

- Eric William Beckwith, 21, of

Georgia Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

- Weston James Miller, 20, of Eagle Village, was charged with possession of marijuana and underage possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Stephen M. Wessinger, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with possession of marijuana and underage possession/consumption of alcohol.

### 02-06-2006

- A case of financial identity fraud was reported at the University Store.
- A case of harassment was reported at the Landrum Center.



## THE BIG STORY

## Hostilo

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eating a meal provided by the police.

"I made a run for the back of my office. He chased me, as well as his wife," said Hostilo. "I made it to the back of the office, locked my office door where he had originally entered my office with the secretaries. (He) kicked the door down. We got into a little brawl. Blows were exchanged. He kicked me here (pointing to his left temple) and I punched him a couple of times, then he drew a knife on me. At that point I became afraid and surrendered."

On the second day of the standoff, police told the media that an attempt to end the negotiations had failed around 6 a.m. after shots were fired. Hostilo said that failed attempt was orchestrated by himself, a lawyer friend and police and he believes police fired those two shots since he never saw Brower with a gun.

"At about 6 a.m. on the 17th, we tried to surrender through my convincing and an attorney by the name of Lovett Bennett, a good friend of mine on the outside who I had via my cell phone and then later using the police phone."

"And using Lovett Bennett and me and the authorities on the outside. That was a failed attempt. And at about 6:30 to 6:45, we tried a second time to surrender. Mr. Brower got nervous. Shots were fired."

In the end, the negotiations were successful, but Hostilo said the Browns decided to give up only after winning a coin toss.

"Finally at about 9 a.m., he was tired. I think he'd received some injuries when he and I got in a skirmish," said Hostilo. "He wanted some medical treatment. I assured him that he would get to see Lovett Bennett, speak with an attorney, get to see a judge. And to be quite honest, it ended in a coin flip. He said to me, 'I'm going to flip a coin. If it comes up tails, I don't trust you. If it comes up heads, I trust you.' Ironically it came out heads."

Hostilo represented Brower as his court-appointed attorney during a 1996 aggravated assault case for less than \$500. Brower went to prison for a year, and four years of his sentence was to be served on probation.

Brower's new lawyer wouldn't agree to speak with Larry King.

"I've been to my Savannah office on several occasions, but not back to Statesboro. ... You know, I'd like to say I'm a tough guy, but Larry, I don't know how I'm going to react. I don't know how I'm going to handle it. It's changed the way I perceive my practice and the practice of law. "But I'm going to tell you right now, he's not going to dictate whether I practice law again. I'm not going to let Robert Brower run me out."

## Forum

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Later during the discussion, Jallow opened the floor to questions, suggestions, and ideas in which Johnson and Brooks gave their due feedback.

Johnson said that the future deals upon four ideals which he crafted the name H.E.A.P. Health conditions, educational achievement, economic development, and political involvement. Johnson stated that if these four elements didn't get the proper attention in which they deserved, "our qualities of life are destined to be destroyed."

"Politics is the art and science of the exercise of power. Power plays a part in every walk of life. It is the ability to control in any relationship, but you must learn to establish an equilibrium," said Johnson.

Brooks felt that a big misconception with politics among young adults is that it is seen as an old man's game. He mentioned how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was at the forefront of the civil rights movement at the age of 26.

Some factors outlined by Brooks pertaining to the future of African Americans were the loss of legendary civil rights leaders, where African Americans as a people are searching for new leadership, concern for health-care, affirmative action, education, and political affiliation.

"I don't believe that people are completely conservative or completely liberal. We chose different affiliations according to different issues," said Brooks.

The Multicultural Student Center will continue celebrating Black Awareness Month from February 1-28.

## Presidents join 10,000 to mourn King's death

By Errin Haines  
Associated Press

LITHONIA — Four U.S. presidents joined more than 10,000 mourners Tuesday in saying goodbye to Coretta Scott King, praised by President Bush as "one of the most admired Americans of our time."

"I've come today to offer the sympathy of our entire nation at the passing of a woman who worked to make our nation whole," President Bush told King's four children and the crowd that filled New Birth Missionary Baptist Church for her funeral.

"Coretta Scott King not only secured her husband's legacy, she built her own," Bush said. "Having loved a leader, she became a leader, and when she spoke, Americans listened closely."

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin stressed that King spoke out, not just against racism, but about "the senselessness of war and the solutions for poverty." Former President Carter echoed that theme of peace.

King, who carried on her husband's dream of equality for nearly 40 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, died Jan. 30 at the age of 78 after battling ovarian cancer and

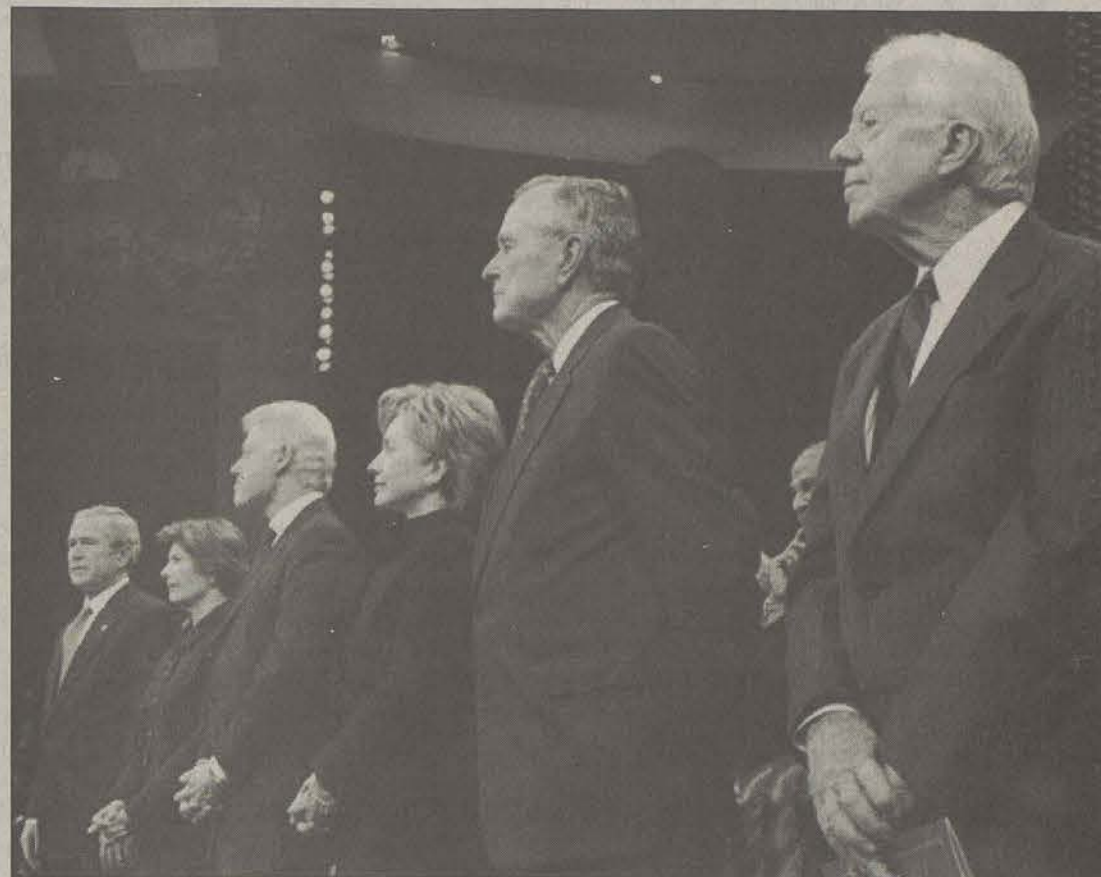
the effects of a stroke.

The eulogy fell to the Kings' youngest child, Bernice, a minister at the megachurch. She was 5 when her father was assassinated in 1968 and is perhaps best remembered for the photographs of her lying in her black-veiled mother's lap during her father's funeral. Stevie Wonder and Bebe and Cece Winans were also slated to perform.

Taking a sharper political turn, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King Jr., spoke directly to Bush's foreign and domestic policies.

Outside the suburban church Tuesday morning, the lines to get into the funeral and to attend the final viewing of King's body started forming before 3 a.m.

More than 160,000 mourners have waited in long lines to pay their respects at public viewings since King's body was returned to Georgia — on Monday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where her husband preached in the 1960s, at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday morning, and during the weekend at the Georgia Capitol, where King became the first woman and the first black person to



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

President Bush, first lady Laura Bush, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., former President George H. W. Bush, former President Jimmy Carter, during funeral services for Coretta Scott King Tuesday.

lie in honor there.

At a service Monday night, the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton

galvanized the crowd with fiery speeches that blasted the government and public figures for trying to make

the King legacy their own while doing nothing for world peace or poor black Americans.

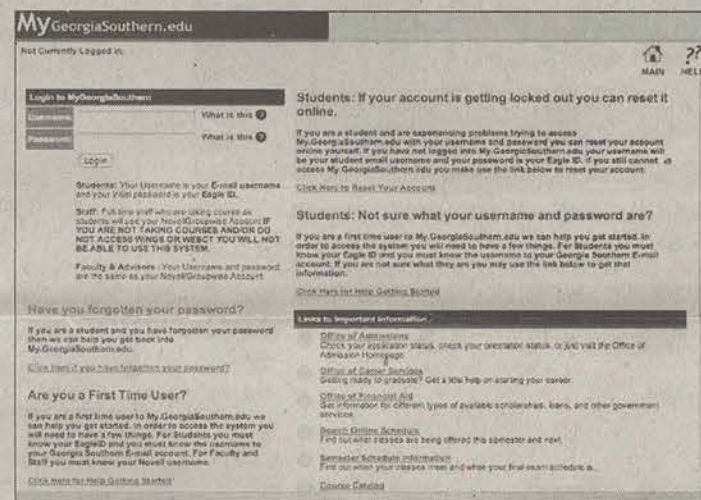
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password to their parents in order for them to pay fees online. Taylor would like to stress one issue to the students: students no longer need to give your password to their parents.

There will be a separate parent log-in set up in time for registration. If you do decide to share your password with your parents, that is your responsibility.

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## OUR VIEW

# Chesney concert cancellation disappointing

AT ISSUE: Though it's a bummer, maybe there's silver lining

So the news is out, and Kenny Chesney is not coming to Statesboro after all.

We can't express how sad this news is. We understand the high number of Chesney fans that are on this campus and how frustrated they are, and we want you to understand that we're just as frustrated.

There's not much more that can bring excitement and fun into this town than a good concert. Students flock to local restaurants every weekend to see local bands perform, and the thought of Kenny Chesney being in our sleep town is more than exhilarating.

The thought of him canceling his show is disappointing.

The concert was not cancelled because of any press that it was given, nor was it cancelled because of the debacle with ticket sales on Monday.

It was cancelled, according to Chesney's spokesperson, because of the fact that local promoters and organizers never informed Chesney's people that Legends — the venue where the concert was to be held — no longer had a liquor license and thus could not serve alcohol.

The tour is called, "Keg in the Closet," not "Diet Coke in the Closet." The bars in which these shows

are held receive no money from the show at all. Their only money comes from alcohol sales, and when Chesney learned that Legends could not, in fact, serve alcohol, he decided not to continue with the concert.

Apparently this country entertainer does not cotton to people who do not tell him the truth.

It's disappointing, we understand. It's disappointing on many different fronts. But Chesney and those working directly with him gave it their best shot.

If you're mad at anyone, be mad at the locals who tried to organize the event and failed to provide

vital information to Chesney. They're the ones who faulted on their end of the deal.

There could be a silver lining here, however. Maybe those here at Georgia Southern who are in charge of organizing concerts will see how much people want to see artists like Chesney and be able to book him or another big name similar to him to come to Paulson Stadium in the fall.

If nearly 650 tickets can sell out in under an hour with hundreds and hundreds not able to get their hands on them, there's no telling how many could be sold in the months leading up to a huge show.

We can keep our fingers crossed, at least.

Rachel McDaniel  
MAKING IT COUNT

## Minimum wage is not a living wage

The federal minimum wage is just not enough to make a decent living, especially in larger cities or suburbs. Take it from a person who has worked many minimum wage jobs: it's just not enough to scrape by with gasoline and food prices climbing.

During my years at junior college, I worked for \$5.15 at Hightower Memorial Library for 30 hours every week. My paycheck each week barely paid for a weeks worth of gasoline to get to school every day.



Rachel McDaniel is a senior journalism and writing major from Thomaston, Ga. She is the news editor for The George-Anne.

Against my will, I was forced to depend on my parents for a house to live in, food to eat and the hardest part was getting them to buy me clothes.

As gas prices rise, so does the price of all goods that must be shipped across the country, state or even county. The added fuel costs are increasing the costs of most items on the market, so why haven't wages increased with costs?

Increases in the cost of living have been steady, and the minimum wage is no longer a wage that can support families or even single person households.

Most end up slipping into severe debt, and how can students resist with all of the credit cards that they find in their mailboxes every day?

Unfortunately, others turn to a sad alternative, which

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can include committing financial fraud, stealing or other illegal means of accruing money to support themselves. It takes about half an hour to pay for one gallon of gas, which doesn't get minimum wage employees very far.

How many hours must minimum wage workers accrue to pay the rent, car insurance, utilities or credit card bills?

Last year, Atlanta's city government triggered several business groups to rush to the Capitol when Mayor Shirley Franklin appointed a commission to study the likely effects of a living wage ordinance. The commission was to hold public hearings and gather data on the costs and benefits of a living wage law.

Anti-living wage lobbyists convinced the state legislature to preempt localities from passing living wage laws, using the argument that such laws cause unemployment and raise costs for city governments.

Several states have established their own minimum wage, and Florida recently raised their state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.40.

It's time for Georgia legislators to realize that people are not making enough at entry-level jobs to support themselves.

Make Georgia a place where workers can have a decent life, even with minimum wage jobs.

Write Rachel at [ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu).



Kerry Fitzpatrick: YOUR TURN

## Trouble with tickets signifies chaos at concert

I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to those in charge of Kenny Chesney ticket sales this past Monday — I mean Tuesday — I mean... wait, what's going on?

Kerry Fitzpatrick is a senior graphic communications management major from Fayetteville, Ga.

Thanks to their supreme communication skills and organization, a large amount of deserving would-be ticket holders were completely screwed out of seeing a great performer.

One would assume that when someone as popular as Kenny Chesney schedules a stop in a town as unknown as Statesboro, perhaps there would be some sort of coherent

plan in place involving communication, advertising, and distribution of tickets.

Was that just too much to ask? I guess that those 200+ people that arrived before the rush and waited patiently only to be turned away and told "The George-Anne got it wrong. We don't even have tickets to sell yet — they'll be on sale tomorrow" should actually be thankful.

If something as trivial as ticket sales were that much of a screw-up, I can only imagine the amount of unorganized and over-crowded chaos that will be occurring this Thursday. Yes, I am bitter.

Write Kerry at [kfitzpa1@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:kfitzpa1@georgiasouthern.edu).

Amber Frix: YOUR TURN

## Ticket sales seemed unfair, showed favoritism

I would like to say congratulations to the group of hand-picked people that are going to the Kenny Chesney concert.

Amber Frix is a senior exercise science major from Atlanta, Ga.

Frankly, my friends and I are completely outraged at the fact that these tickets were published for the whole student population to buy today (Monday).

We were in the front of the line... there could have only been 200 people in front of us, and after standing in line for two hours and a million rumors later, everyone was sent away after being told they were sold out.

There is no way they sold out. There were only a few people actually allowed to buy the "two tickets per

person" as quoted in The George-Anne (Chesney in Concert, Feb. 6, 2006), and then certain others were hand-picked by the Rum Runners crew from the back of the line in large groups for tickets.

If this was going to be a private party for Rum Runners patrons and friends only, then the tickets should have never been published in the paper.

Also, if you had to have a student ID to buy the tickets, they should have been fairly sold at the campus box office.

Next time if popular concert tickets are going to be sold by a group of scrutinizing, favorite-playing, discriminating people... keep it private or keep it fair.

Write Amber at [shawty333@yahoo.com](mailto:shawty333@yahoo.com).

The Augusta Chronicle: OTHER VIEWS

## Remembering Coretta Scott King

With the passing of 78-year-old Coretta Scott King in Atlanta on Tuesday, America lost one of the 20th century's most admired and respected women.

After the tragic assassination of her husband in 1968, Mrs. King often took center stage at home and abroad to advance the legacy of peace, justice and equality that

her husband had fought for — and always through nonviolent means.

She embodied all that was good and decent in that movement. Coretta Scott King will be missed and mourned the world over, but especially by every American with a conscience. Her death is a profoundly sad event.

Brandon Smith  
AGAINST THE GRAIN

## We want that conservative voice

Welcome to Page 4, Opinions. This page has always been the uber-controversial section of The George-Anne. The tension from students has recently gotten so high that the editors found it necessary to publish the "Opinion page explained" section last Monday in place of the usual Opinion section. As a columnist — and part of the controversy — I wanted to give my opinion on the Opinion page.

After nearly every column I write, my hotmail inbox quickly fills up with mail. It's the same every time: students writing to compliment my column, explain their differing opinions or tell me to leave Georgia immediately.

I enjoy each e-mail equally, as I consider the responses one of the perks of the job.

But the minute students and readers start to attack the actual paper — that's when I get annoyed.

Hopefully the combination of last Monday's section and this column will help clear up any confusion anyone may have had.

Here it is: The George-Anne has articles and columns. Articles are news stories — including local, national and international news.

These stories are either written by students or pulled from the Associated Press. Generally you can see where they came from by looking under the name of the writer.

Next are the columns: these are written by columnists like myself. The columns can be written about any topic from any angle — as long as they're legal the editors have no control over their content. These in no way represent the opinions of The George-Anne.

Generally the columns are liberal, but the paper has no control over that. After getting my job as a columnist I started writing my "Against the Grain" columns — and as long as I abide by the law, The George-Anne has no control over what I say. This is true with every other column written in this paper.

As long as it's legal, The George-Anne will publish it.

So to the conservatives out there: stop complaining that The George-Anne is just a liberal paper that's trying to make everyone hate Bush. I am trying to make everyone hate Bush — not the paper.

So instead of coming up with super-awesome facebook groups about how the paper sucks, take some time to write up an intelligent argument, read the letter policy at the bottom of this page, and e-mail [gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu). Your opinions will be published.

I would love for people to respond to my columns via a letter to the editor, rather than just having people e-mail me "You're wrong!"

Besides, I completely agree.

Conservatives need to stand up and have a voice in the paper. I keep looking forward to reading columns about why a President who lies to us and breaks our civil rights is fantastic.

Or why oppressing over 19,000 couples in Georgia alone based on sexual preference is morally right. Or why my classmate who thinks Saddam Hussein attacked the twin towers should legally own powerful firearms. Or why poor people are lazy and dumb.

C'mon conservatives! Less complaining and more writing.

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# SPORTS

**Friday, February 10**  
2 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Georgia State

**Saturday, February 11**  
1 p.m. Softball vs. Kennesaw State, DH  
1:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Georgia Tech  
5 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Davidson

**Sunday, February 12**  
10 a.m. Women's Tennis at Georgia State.

son.  
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. The Citadel

12 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Central Florida  
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4 p.m. Softball vs. Florida A&M, DH



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## Nesbitt named Player of the Week

### GSU News Service

The Southern Conference named Georgia Southern's Elton Nesbitt as the Anaconda's The Rock Player of the Week for games played between January 31-February 6.

Nesbitt, a 5-9, guard from Deerfield Beach, FL, averaged 27.0 points per game in a pair of Eagle victories this past week.

The senior, who also averaged 5.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 3.5 steals per game. He had 32 points, seven rebounds and four assists in a win at Chattanooga Saturday.

Nesbitt connected on 53 percent of his shots from 3-point range, hitting a season-high eight three point shots.

He then scored 22 points and had four assists and a season-best six steals in a victory over Western Carolina on Monday.

Others considered for the Player of the Week award included Chattanooga's Keddrick Mays (averaged 14.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg and 3.0 apg in two games) and Elon's Brett James (career-high 18 points on 7-of-8 shooting in a win over College of Charleston).

Nesbitt will lead the Eagle's Saturday against The Citadel at 7:30 p.m.



Jared Siri/STAFF

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### NCAA Men's Basketball Division I Points Per Game Through Games 02/06/2006

Name, Team	PTS	PPG
1 Morrison, Gonzaga	624	28.4
2 Redick, Duke	619	28.1
3 Rush, Grambling	489	27.2
4 Collins, Loyola (Md.)	564	26.9
5 Clark, St. Peter's	563	25.6
6 Burtt, Iona	523	24.9
7 Stuckey, E. Wash.	527	24.0
8 Douby, Rutgers	525	23.9
9 Johnson, Jackson St.	539	23.4
10 Daniels, Lamar	487	23.2
11 Smith, East Tenn. St.	508	23.1
12 Blair, Liberty	496	22.5
13 Booker, So. Mo. St.	473	22.5
14 Nesbitt, GSU	504	21.9

**UP NEXT**  
WHO: The Citadel  
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Hanner Fieldhouse

### Chad Bishop

## THE WEDNESDAY SMACK

## The Challenge

All right Eaglets, it's time to get serious. Saturday, Feb. 11 is a day meant to separate the average sports fan from those who bleed blue and white. A near 12 hours of Georgia Southern athletics is presented to you on this day. I invite only the mildly insane, somewhat silly and nigh bit nutty to take... the challenge!!!

**11 a.m.** — Georgia Southern rugby hosts its annual Black Rose Tournament at the RAC. If you've never been to a rugby match — go. These guys may be a few fries short of a Happy Meal, but they compete with a dignity and spirit that makes you proud to be an Eagle. They also beat the snot out of everyone they play. Go check out the sport that makes you sore from just watching it.

**1 p.m.** — The Eagle softball team starts off its season against in-state foe Kennesaw State. The game is the first of a double-header to be played just beyond the left field wall of J.I. Clements Stadium at Eagle Field across from Harvey's.

Logan Free and Shanita Black were picked to the All-SoCon first team and the Lady Eagles are a pre-season pick to finish third in the conference. Come support your Eagles and let Kennesaw know they belong back in Division II.

**1:30 p.m.** — Now it's time to walk your little talons over to Clements Stadium for the beginning of a huge series with the dorks of Georgia Tech. Over the past few years, Tech has been the daytime Emmy committee and we have been Susan Lucci. But this year is going to be different. The Diamond Eagles are hungry and ready to feast on the Georgia Institute of Wreckology.

**5 p.m.** — As soon as the last Techie goes down swinging, scoot your wings over to Hanner Fieldhouse for the Lady Eagles' game with Davidson. The ladies need lovin' too and these ladies play with a heart and determination that is hard to find in this day and age. Plus, it's a lot of fun to heckle unsuspecting college women.

**7:30 p.m.** — Tired yet? Too bad soldier! On your feet! Speaking of soldiers, the men of the hardwood round out the day when they go to battle with the cadets of The Citadel. The Puppies are 0-10 in conference play and are just running through the motions to keep their scholarships. This one could get ugly, which means your day will end beautifully.

**10 p.m.** — Time to celebrate. Put a nice little bow on your day by returning to our rugby friends. They should be nice and toasted by now, so try and catch up with them at one of the best party's of the year. To Georgia Southern! (I'll drink to that.)



**Chad Bishop** is a senior English major from Snellville, GA. His sports column appears in The George-Anne every Wednesday.

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## GSU Super Bowl Review

By Jessica Martin  
Staff writer

It was a homecoming for the Bus. A first for Seattle. A return for a Pittsburgh dynasty that had been away a long time. It was SuperBowl XL from the Motor City of Detroit, and I was there to witness it.

When Sunday came, the streets were overflowing with fans.

Stevie Wonder had a pre-game concert while Aretha Franklin and Aaron Neville sang the national anthem. And then, "America's Game" started.

The first half went quicker than I possibly imagined. The score at half time was 7-3 Steelers on a questionable touchdown call.

When Roethlisberger dove, my whole section (which was in the end-zone that he dove into) felt he didn't get in.

And they were all Steeler fans. Enough said.

Halftime. It featured the one and only Rolling Stones, with singer Mick Jagger dancing around like a bafloon in a shirt that showed his stomach to the world. For Rolling Stones fans, it was

awesome. For the rest, we just made fun of good old Mick.

It was the second half that was the true show. The Steelers played the best and pulled away.

It was game MVP Hines Ward who reigned supreme, making some amazing plays. The poor Seahawks. It was so obvious that they were playing their hearts out and leaving everything they had on the field. It didn't help them that this game was a Steelers home game.

No, seriously. It was ridiculous. Black and gold swarmed the stadium. Take what you saw of the crowd on television and multiply it by a hundred. It was insane. And I kept getting hit by Terrible Towels.

I went into this game neutral. I just wanted to see an awesome game. But seeing them hand Jerome Bettis the Lombardi trophy, hearing the crowd roar like no tomorrow, and him announcing that there was no better time and place to retire brought serious tears to my eyes.

One amazing season came to an impressive close Sunday night. I sure as hell can't wait for August.