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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

SGA candidates prepare for election

By Michael Cardinal
Staff writer

Elections for the Student Government Association are coming up in April, and the application for candidates is due this Friday, Feb. 23 by 5 p.m.

If you'd like to have a say in issues concerning academic policies, parking, transportation and other such issues, consider grabbing an application at the Student Activity Center.

The candidate's meetings will be held Feb. 26 and Mar. 1 in Russell Union room 2041 at 6 p.m.

Brittany Hall, the SGA publicity coordinator said, "We vote on issues that affect the student body directly. Recently we voiced our opinion about the new residence hall being built in 2008. SGA senators were able

to debate in favor of a traditional style dorm or the newer apartment style."

Being apart of the SGA allows students to voice their opinions to the university about issues like this one and many more.

Brittany Hall does not want students to feel intimidated about running for office at a university, saying that is very easy to apply.

Most people remember the excitement of elections last year, when multiple campaigning strategies included using the campus and Facebook to get their name out on campus.

One of these candidates was Chris Ford, who was elected SGA president.

"Last year there was the Ford Ticket," Hall said, "However, the SGA does not recognize tickets, or a campaigning strategy

where a group of students campaign together instead of individually," said Hall.

SGA recognized the candidates from the Ford ticket individually, because that gave everyone a chance to have an equal opportunity to win. The tickets are not necessary, and students have often won by campaigning individually in the past."

Jon Simpson, a current business administration senator, said, "Most of your work is sitting on committees. This year I'm pretty busy, so I only sit on a few."

Each committee focuses on a different aspect of campus affairs.

"For instance, the Activity Budget Committee is responsible for dispensing the student activity fee each semester," said Simpson.

"We essentially listen to fund requests

and fund things we think are worthy of being funded by the fee."

Jon also sits on the Strategic Planning Council, which maintains the planning at the university level.

"I am the only graduate student on that council, so I give input on a student level. It can be tedious at times, but it is essential to participate in conversations as a representative of the students."

Once candidates are selected, the voting will take place on WINGS from Apr. 2-4.

There will be a program called "Rock the Vote," which is designed to encourage students to vote this year. Information on "Rock the Vote" will be advertised in the near future. For more information, check out the website at <http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/sga/>.

Student Government Objectives

* To provide direct channels for the responsible and effective participation in the university community.

* To review regulations affecting academic activities, general educational policy of the university, the welfare of the university and such other matters as may maintain and promote the best interest of the university community.

* To assist in the development of academic programs and policies in the university community.

* To serve as a liaison between the students, faculty, professional staff and administration.

* To promote understanding and cooperation among students, faculty and administration.



Obama begins campaign

By Amy McIntyre
Assistant news editor

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama continues to campaign heavily, making visits to Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, all early primary states, following his formal presidential announcement in Springfield, Illinois on Feb. 10.

Obama said to the large crowd gathered in the cold, "I went to law school because I wanted to understand how the law should work for those in need...[As a civil rights attorney] I came to understand that our cherished rights of liberty and equality depend on the active participation of an awakened electorate. It was with these ideas in mind that I arrived in this capital city as a state Senator."

With references to Lincoln's contributions during a time when the United States was deeply divided along ideological lines, which some would argue mirrors the current situation in the U.S., Obama made his announcement of his run for the White House.

Senator Obama will have his work cut out for him. Senator Hillary Clinton leads Obama in recent polls including the USA Today/Gallup poll, concluded on the Feb. 11, Clinton with a significant lead of 20 percent over other Democratic candidates including Obama and John Edwards.

Following his announcement, Obama faced harsh criticism for his position on Iraq from a surprising source, reported CNN. Australian Prime Minister John Howard said in a nationally televised interview that Al Qaeda would be

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Fitness for beginners

RAC to offer special workout session



Top: Students attend a weekly fitness class at the RAC.

Above: A student trains on a new fitness machine at the RAC.

Right: Jason Hood lifts weights during his daily workout at the RAC.



By MJ Trahan
Staff writer

Do you feel the urge to work out, but don't know where to begin? Have you always wanted a little help getting started on that perfect body? "Fitness for Beginners" will hold their second session this Friday, February 23 in the RAC Seminar Room from 5:30-6:30pm. Any and everyone is encouraged to attend.

"This is a great opportunity to learn the fundamentals of fitness and get started the right way," said Ottavio Lobefaro, fitness intern.

Fitness Director Michele Martin, Lobefaro, and other members of the CRI Fitness staff are working together to provide the key fitness class for starters. According to Lobefaro, people can injure themselves or become discouraged with their routine if they have not learned proper techniques and fundamentals.

"There are always people in the gym who want to ask questions. We're providing this class to give answers immediately and help participants

get their routine going," said Lobefaro. "Ultimately, we would love to see people come in who have never been to the RAC."

Valuable information will be given about the general use of equipment in the gym, as well as proper techniques for your routine. Other topics will include the discussion of safety and essential nutrients needed by the body in order to exhibit optimum performance and endurance. "The food guide pyramid and nutritional guidelines will be introduced to help participants know exactly what the body needs in order to function correctly during exercise," said Martin. "One of the key factors of an individual's exercise regimen is their nutritional routine, as well."

Each class will consist of 20 minutes in the classroom, and 40 minutes divided between the cardio deck and machine weights area.

Participants will visit cardio machines for a warm up, leg and upper body machines, and then move to the stretching mat for necessary stretches and cool down.

Speaker to lecture on Greensboro Massacre

By Robert Greene II
Staff writer

A horrendous tragedy takes place in a Southern city, fueled by racial hatred.

The Ku Klux Klan yet again gets away with violent misdeeds. And today, people still speak of the tragedies of that day.

The Greensboro Massacre which took place in 1979. Five members of a local union were killed by the Ku Klux Klan during a march for more workers rights, still sends shockwaves through the area to this day. Unfortunately, unlike most other violent incidents in the Civil Rights era, this event is not as well known.

Cynthia Brown, a guest speaker coming to Georgia Southern on Wednesday, is out to change that.



Cynthia Brown

Her lecture, entitled "Reconciling Past Racial Conflict and Looking Toward the Future: A Case Study of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission," is an attempt to expose more people to what happened that day and also to efforts by citizens of the Greensboro community to fight that injustice.

"They are trying to investigate causes and consequences of what happened in Greensboro," said Kevin Buckler, professor in the Justice Studies department. According to Buckler, the lecture will be a combining of different fields of study.

"I think it's important because it focuses on a multidiscipline approach," said Buckler.

Among the subjects essential to understanding this issue are history, psychology, justice studies, and sociology.

Buckler said that the event will be especially good for students in those fields.

Beyond that, he said that it is important for students to know about this event. "Outside of Greensboro, not many people know about what happened," he said. "But it's still very important to them."

The Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been set up to try to heal the wounds of that event.

Brown is an expert in racial and cultural strife, having studied it in such places as South Africa, Egypt, and Ghana.

The lecture will be at 5:30 in the Russell Union Theater, with free admission.

GSU continues cheerleading tradition

By Maria Folsom
Staff writer

Georgia Southern is about to make another generation of Eagles fans. The GSU Sports Marketing Department is sponsoring a fundraiser aimed at teaching young girls the fundamentals of cheerleading and the traditions of being an Eagle.

Spectators at this Saturday's ESPN televised basketball game will be treated to a routine by these up-and-coming spirit leaders.

Brittany Tucker, a graduate assistant majoring in sports medicine, also serves as the director of the Jr. Eagle Club. Tucker, a former cheerleader, wants the fundraiser to

increase awareness about the sport of cheerleading.

"There's this perception of cheerleading not being a 'real sport,'" she said. "With this fundraiser, we hope to not only raise the necessary funds but to inspire a younger group of people."

Tucker emphasizes the importance of cheerleaders' roles at sporting events.

"We add to the overall experience of the game," she said. "This event will definitely boost our support system on campus and in the community."

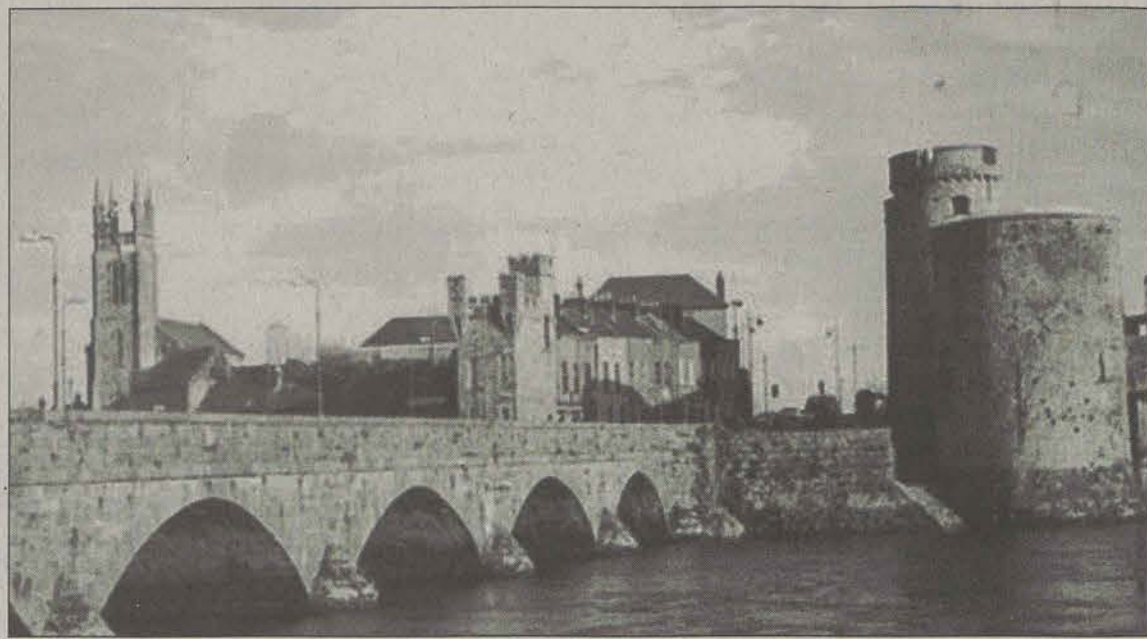
Brent Jones, the director of sports marketing, believes the program is beneficial to those involved as well as the community.

"This event is a wonderful community service event," Jones said. "We're continuing the tradition and pride in GSU by passing it on to a younger generation."

Registration begins February 24 at 9 a.m. The cost of registration is \$25 with a flyer and \$35 the day of the event.

Registration includes lunch, a T-shirt, pom poms, free admission to the game, dance and cheer coaching by members of the GSU cheerleading squad. Presently, females between the ages of 3 and 14 are eligible to sign up.

For more information about this and future events, all comments and questions should be e-mailed to junioreagleclub@hotmail.com.



Special Photo

The University of Limerick is one of the newest universities in Ireland and was formed by joining two schools together.

Program offers study in Ireland

GSU News Service

On a recent trip to Ireland, Jane Hudak, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies, opened doors for a study abroad program at the University of Limerick. Beginning this fall, GSU students will be able to cross the Atlantic and take classes in what is often referred to as "Earth's most global country."

"The University of Limerick is one of the newest universities in Ireland, formed by joining a teachers' college and a technical school," said Keeley. "Located on the campus of the 650-acre National Technology Park, it is home to the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, and it has an Olympic-grade sports complex. It's an ideal location for study abroad, offering programs that interface well with offerings at GSU."

Keeley did extensive research on higher education in Ireland before proposing a program with the University of Limerick.

"My goal for the Center for Irish Studies is to develop a sustainable study abroad program that results in long-term relationships," said Keeley. "The program will be a greater benefit to our students if they have a classroom and research experience that integrates well with their education at Georgia Southern. The University of Limerick offers that type of experience."

Keeley emphasized the student-centeredness of the University of Limerick, a facet that mirrors GSU.

"Students who study there will feel challenged, but comfortable in the environment," Hudak noted. "Limerick is a regional university and somewhat rural, but it has excellent student accommodations. There's transportation into the city of Limerick, and it's close to the Shannon International Airport. There's also a high-speed train to Dublin and Cork."

Because the University of Limerick follows the semester calendar, students can go there for a full semester of study, taking four courses and earning credits that will transfer to GSU. Students in the program can register here and use

HOPE scholarship funds.

Keeley also noted the recent endowment of the Eddie Ivie Scholarship for Study in Ireland.

The scholarship was created by family and friends to honor the memory of a Savannah restaurateur, and concerts are held in Savannah and Statesboro each year to build the endowment and make funds available.

"Learning from Irish faculty while living among Irish students offers a whole new perspective for students from the U.S.," said Keeley.

Hudak believes this trip and the exchange of students is just the launching point for growing ties between the Georgia Southern and Ireland.

"Georgia not only shares a strong historical bond with the Irish," said Hudak. "we share contemporary bonds as well. In the future we expect to strengthen those bonds through educational films, Web sites, and publications that will build on our relationship with Ireland. The study abroad program is a wonderful beginning."



Special photo

Pictured from left are Dean W. Bede Mitchell, Senator Jack Hill, Lois Roberts, Wendy Weinberger and State Representative Jon Burns.

Library dean discusses issues with legislators

GSU News Service

The dean of the Zach S. Henderson Library at Georgia Southern University attended Georgia Library Day at the state

capitol in Atlanta on Feb. 13.

According to Dean W. Bede Mitchell, Georgia Library Day provides librarians with an opportunity to meet with their state legislators and discuss library

issues and concerns.

The Georgia Library Association, the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, and the Georgia Library Media Association sponsor the annual event.

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Infraternity council wins award

Special to the G-A

The Interfraternity Council at Georgia Southern University received the prestigious Fraternal Excellence Award at the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference Leadership Academy awards banquet this past weekend in Atlanta.

The Fraternal Excellence Award recognizes those fraternity councils who achieve at least 85 percent attainment of benchmarks set in 11 areas of IFC operations.

Those areas include risk management programming, judicial procedures, community service and scholarship.

Of the 57 member institutions of the SEIFC, only six were recognized this year as recipients of the Fraternal Excellence Award.

"The Fraternal Excellence Award is a very prestigious honor that is not freely given," said Victor Felts, SEIFC Executive Director.

"The recipients of these awards must demonstrate a high level of achievement. Georgia Southern

should be proud of its fraternity community for receiving this high honor."

Founded in 1966, the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference is a voluntary association of fraternity governing councils in the southeastern United States.

The SEIFC is one of six regional associations throughout North America designed to bring together institutions and individuals with a commitment to fraternity life on college and university campuses.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 21

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Book circle presentation
Education building 3158

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Immigration lecture
Russell Union 2080

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Cultural book club
Russell Union 2044

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
RUF
Russell Union 2043

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cool majors
Russell Union 2080

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Racial conflict lecture
Russell Union Theater

6 p.m.
SGA meeting
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Political science club
Carroll Lecture Hall 2227

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP meeting
Russell Union 2080

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Anime crew
Russell Union 2042

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
James Howard Kunstler
Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

POLICE BEAT

02-19-2007

• Minor damage was reported from an electrical fire in an exhaust fan in a men's bathroom in the Forest Drive Building.

02-17-2007

• James Olen Rylee, 21, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication.

• David Lewis Summerall, 20, of Bermuda Run, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Herschell Wayne Winters III, 17, of Macon, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, obstruction of an officer, public indecency, and possession of a false I.D.

02-15-2007

• William Ross Wetherald, 19, of Olliff Hall, was charged with interference with government property.

• A computer and a projector were taken from the Hollis Building.

• Some computer equipment was taken from the Foy Annex.

• Officers issued seven traffic citations and four traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted three motorists.

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That's the sound of about \$200 hitting a cash register, a tax-time bite that no one talks much about. It's what the Internal Revenue Service estimates is the average cost for taxpayers to file basic federal income tax returns.

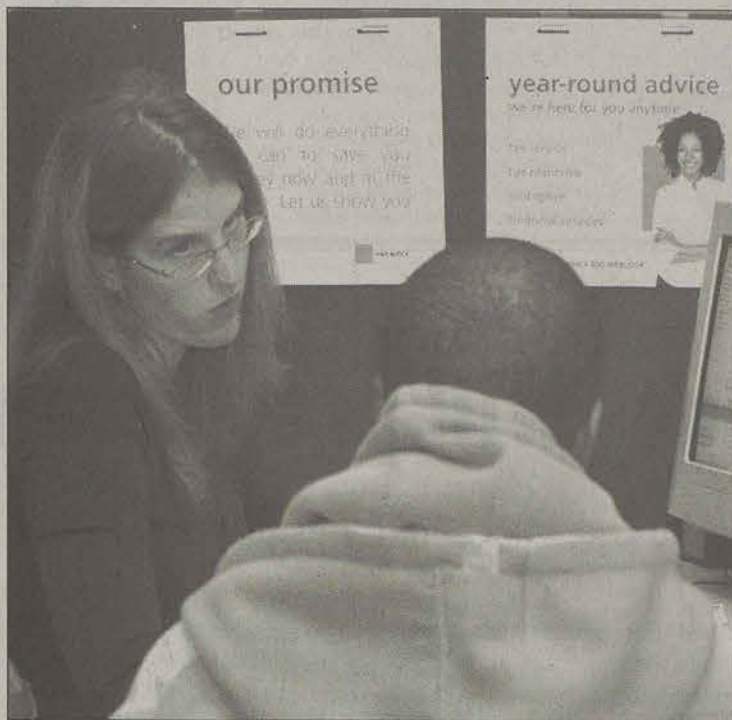
Professional tax preparers dispute that estimate, which the service calculates and publishes in instructions for filling out Form 1040. H&R Block Inc. and Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc., the nation's two largest chains, calculate that the average fees their clients paid last season ranged from about \$155 at Kansas City-based Block to just under

\$178 at Jackson Hewitt.

Rising or not, tax preparation fees probably are a bargain for many of the approximately six in 10 taxpayers who hire professional help, suggests Eric Toder, a former IRS research director who is now a tax research specialist with the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C.

"You need to look at it in terms of what you get back for the money," Toder said.

An experienced tax professional probably will be more able than an inexperienced, and perhaps intimidated, layperson to winkle more legitimate deductions and savings out of any given tax situation, he said.



Tax Preparer Sandie Rosenblatt, left, works on the income taxes of Steven Edwards at the H&R Block headquarters.

Fred Blocher/MCT

EDUCATION

Math anxiety saps working memory needed for math

McClatchy Newspapers

Worrying about how you'll perform on a math test may actually contribute to a lower test score, U.S. researchers said on Saturday.

Math anxiety, feelings of dread and fear and avoiding math, can sap the brain's limited amount of working capacity, a resource needed to compute difficult math problems, said Mark Ashcroft, a psychologist at the University of Nevada Las Vegas who studies the problem.

"It turns out that math anxiety

occupies a person's working memory," said Ashcroft, who spoke on a panel at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco.

Ashcroft said while easy math tasks such as addition require only a small fraction of a person's working memory, harder computations require much more.

Worrying about math takes up a large chunk of a person's working memory stores as well, spelling disaster for the anxious student who is taking a high-stakes test.

Stress about how one does on tests like college entrance exams can make even good math students choke. "All of a sudden they start looking for the short cuts," said University of Chicago researcher Sian Beilock.

Although test preparation classes can help students overcome this anxiety, they are limited to students whose

families can afford them.

Ultimately, she said, "It may not be wise to rely completely on scores to predict who will succeed."

While the causes of math anxiety are unknown, Ashcroft said people who manage to overcome math anxiety have completely normal math proficiency.

Great art!

• Simon Pope's "Gallery Space Recall" exhibit at the Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff, Wales, in October is a startlingly empty room, with patrons called upon to supply the art by imagining another art show they have seen so that, wrote Pope, the two exhibits "exist at two locations simultaneously, both here and there." (Pope wrote that the exhibit suggested the brain-injury disorder "reduplicative paramnesia," in which a person has a delusional belief that something exists at two places at once.)

Least competent people

• In October, health officials in China again warned citizens against the increasingly popular but seriously painful leg-stretching "Iliarozov procedure" (mentioned in *News of the Weird* in 2002), believed to add as much as a couple of inches to a person's height (and, consequently, stature). The patient's leg is deliberately broken and affixed to a rack, with the leg stretched slightly every day so that the bones fuse together to cover the separated space, lengthening the leg. (Said one 33-year-old, 5-foot-tall woman in 2002, aiming for four more inches: "I'll have a better job (and) a better husband. It's a long-term investment.")

Going out in style

• In the weird and wonderful world of crazy coffins, getting buried has never been so much fun. For coffin-makers Vic Fearn & Company Limited are now doing a roaring trade in customized caskets for people who want to go out in style. The coffins, ranging from a giant electric guitar to a sports bag, have proved so popular that they even go out on tour to "Crazy Coffin" exhibitions to art galleries. The coffin-makers first took the zany path to death when a woman asked to be buried in a model fighter. Next came a man who couldn't afford to buy a canal long boat so he wanted to be buried in a model one. "That caused friction with his wife so we had to build one for her as well," he said. Currently being crafted is a scaled-down model of a 1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost. It has wheels so the pall-bearers can push it.

Giving to charity affects the brain, study finds

It's not just helping the poor, the arts or the church that makes giving to charity feel good.

Giving affects the same part of the brain stimulated by sex, drugs and money, according to researchers at the National Institutes of Health.

12-step program aims to cure severe e-mail addiction

Alcoholics have one, and so do drug abusers. Now people addicted to e-mail also have a 12-step program designed to tackle their obsession. Marsha Egan's plan taps into deepening concern that e-mail misuse can cost businesses millions of dollars in lost productivity.

On average, workers who receive an e-mail take four minutes to read it and recover from the interruption before they can resume working productively, Egan said.

Extra time to file: April 17

Procrastinators, rejoice. The IRS has pushed back the tax-filing deadline to April 17. The reason for the last-minute change announced in January: The traditional April 15 tax deadline falls on a Sunday, and several states and the District of Columbia celebrate holidays on April 16. That gives you two extra days to delay this year, unless you file for an extension, of course.

Consumer satisfaction at highest

Consumer satisfaction with the products and services they buy reached an all-time high in the final three months of 2006. Analysts say the report indicates that spending growth should continue in the first quarter.

However, the increases were not across-the-board. Several department store chains and discount stores — Wal-Mart and Federated, in particular — saw drops in customer satisfaction. Electronic retailers such as eBay posted the highest scores, with an overall customer satisfaction rating 12 percent higher than retailers as a whole.

Sexy media images hurt young girls

Media images of sexed-up girls and women posing as adolescents can cause psychological and even physical harm to adolescents and young women, a study in the U.S. has warned.

The pressure of what experts call "sexualization" can lead to depression, eating disorders, and poor academic performance, said the report, released Sunday by the American Psychological Association.

Stars attend Obama event

Checks from Hollywood's A-list stars such as George Clooney, Eddie Murphy and Barbra Streisand added up to an expected, one-night take of \$1 million for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

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"You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth."

- Evan Esar

OUR VIEW

Lifestyle changes will prevent the Freshman 15

AT ISSUE: Student diets, exercise and choices of foods play an intricate part in the weight loss game

With stress from midterms and college life affecting the way students eat, the freshmen 15 is creeping up on some unsuspecting students, wrapping some pounds around their waist due to changes in the way they eat.

But weight isn't the only thing to consider when you are evaluating your health. What's important is that you get exercise daily and eat foods that are good for your body, not just foods that taste good or make you happy. Once your parents aren't controlling what you eat anymore, the dorm or apartments get stuffed with twinkies,

frozen foods and other sweets. Students start putting on weight when they start buying their own groceries, eating out four times a week and not getting enough exercise.

Over time, if these bad habits are not reversed, they could lead to a lifetime of bad health. Overcoming the temptation of junk food is one of the hardest things to do. When this is added to the stressful college atmosphere students become overwhelmed with choices. When studying for a midterm or writing an important paper it is easier to open package of Ramen noodles and

drink a can of Coke than it would be to prepare a balanced meal. These choices lead to excess calories, trans fats, and increased sugars.

Next time your working on a huge assignment and that King-size Snickers is calling your name, open up the fridge and grab something green or look for some fresh fruit.

Fruits and vegetables are a key element in the bodies quest for nutrition. Something as simple as celery and peanut butter can offer you a great healthy snack that tastes delicious.

When making food choices at mealtimes, it

is important to treat your body as a temple. If you do not give it balance, it will make negative changes.

Overloading your plate with meats and starches will only increase the chances of gaining that dreadful 15. Make sure that your plate consists of variety. Try something new, maybe some of that scary rabbit food that everyone fears.

In addition to eating well, exercise should be an important addition to your daily life. Making simple changes in your routine can increase your health and decrease those negative pounds.

John Harris
GUEST COLUMNIST

Weird news or the real news?

It is possible to be driven to a kind of insanity by reading the news. I don't mean from the act of staying informed, although these days that is certainly possible.

The madness I'm talking about comes from reading the plethora of "fluff" news stories out there, all those things that seem to be there just to fill up space. I was browsing around my Wii's News Channel, which gets news from the Associated Press, and was struck when I saw a bizarre headline. Maybe you will agree with me. It read: "Police: Dog Waste Trickled Down Stairs."



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Now I think it goes without saying that this cannot be the whole story, that the headline exists only to attract attention to a fairly inane report that no one would care about were the headline even vaguely sane. It turned out to be about a guy who took bad care of his dogs, and the police removed them from his care.

There seem to be important news stories out there to be covered, but the weird news always seems to get the most attention.

Georgia Representative Charles Norwood Jr. died of lung cancer last weekend. The story in the L.A. Daily News notes that one time, he responded to a Democrat's complaint, about him ending questioning for a hearing, with "When you get in charge, you get to run the damn thing. Right now, you're not." I hope for his sake that there is no reincarnation: statements like that produce what I like to call "roach karma." Norwood's departure from the Material Plane would be itself hailed as a victory for the Democrats if the resulting special election wasn't likely to just elect the next Republican standing in line.

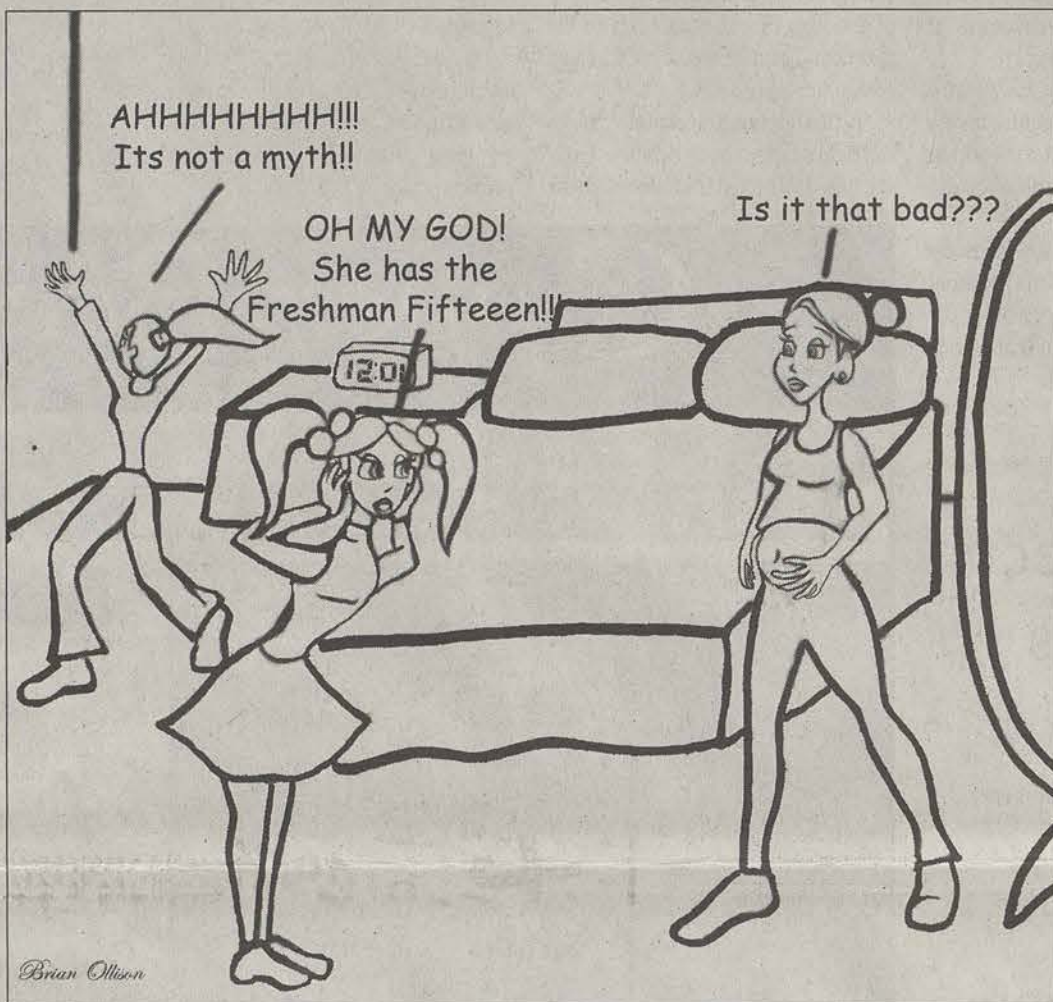
Also making the obituary rounds, a few days ago Anna Nicole Smith, long a persistent presence on the outer edge of trash celebrity consciousness, died from unknown causes. Stop for a moment and consider what it says about the world that we even know who she is, whose only real claims to fame were a Playboy centerfold from over a decade ago and having married an oil millionaire in the most blatant act of gold digging in memory. I think this proves mankind is not fit for survival, and that evolution will be clearing the decks of us within a few hundred thousand years or so. The really weird news is that immediately after her death, three different parties requested legal control of her body. What do those three parties have in mind for the corpse?

The Scooter Libby trial has closed argument, and victors and losers have been so far difficult to tell. It is possible that a win for Libby will be a loss for the administration, since the defense has posited the theory that they are using him as a scapegoat. The most entertaining thing to come out of the trial has been news that his office was once visited by none other than couch/shark jumping Scientologist, Tom Cruise.

It's like there is no possible bad news about the Bush administration that can't be unearthed. They're leaking identities of CIA operatives, and they're meeting with celebrity Scientologists. They're losing a war many thought to be a slam dunk, and Cheney accidentally shot someone in the face. They have been exposed as enthusiastically ignorant of the principles of scientific inquiry, and the President once choked on a pretzel. Maybe their strategy is to distract people from their serious flaws with hilarious ones.

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Stuart Tedders: YOUR TURN

How to ensure your health

As an academician and a member of the Wellness Council, I am always interested in how people's perception of health varies.

The term "health" has different meanings depending on who is asked, and the perception of health is strongly influenced by our social circumstances and personal experiences.

If you think about it, "health" is an intangible concept that can be somewhat difficult to grasp. You can't see it, you can't hear it, and you can't taste it.

At best, you can only feel it, but, even then "health" isn't easily recognized or understood.

According to the World Health Organization, an individual's "health" is a complete state of mental, physical, and social well-being.

The implication of this definition is that "health" must be considered more than simply the absence of disease.

If we are to think of health more holistically, it is critical we reorient our mindset and embrace a "wellness" approach in our lives.

This means we should take a proactive stance to maintain, or preserve, health as it relates to our mental, physical, and social well-being.

Unfortunately, we usually only preoccupy ourselves with "health" when we get sick. This tends to run counter to a "wellness" approach, which would prevent illness.

In general, four factors influence "health" and they include genetic characteristics, environmental influences, lifestyle patterns, and access to quality health care services.

To a large extent, three of the four factors are considered to be modifiable, or changeable.

In fact, it is estimated by the Georgia Division of Public Health that these factors may account for as much as 80 percent of our overall health status.

Although life expectancy has risen considerably over the past several decades, we face significant hurdles related to our health as a nation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, and diabetes, account

for approximately 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S.

The sad fact is that many, if not most, of the risk factors associated with all of these diseases are modifiable.

Recent estimates also indicate that more than 90 million Americans live with a chronic illness and 25 million people experience either disability or physical activity limitations due to these conditions.

What this means to you is that your chances of living longer are increased, but your chances of having a poorer quality of life, especially in the golden years, are also increased.

Although most people say they value their health, my experience has been that this contradicts how we tend to live our lives.

To illustrate this point, just take a moment to observe the prevalence of fast food, smoking, and obesity among the faculty, staff, and students as you walk through campus.

As you begin to reflect on this notion of "health" and "wellness," I encourage you to ask yourself, "Do I really value my health?"

If you are honest with yourself, you may be surprised at your answer.

Robert Greene II
I'M JUST SAYIN'

There's still a long way to go

As a quick reminder to you, for what must be the billionth time, February is Black History Month. It's time for everyone in the U.S. to sit back and reflect on what contributions African Americans have made to our society.

It's easy to say that there shouldn't be a month to celebrate the achievements of African Americans anymore. After all, weren't schools getting better at teaching about blacks over the years? Don't Americans finally understand the scope of racism that once reigned America?

Then, a few fools at Clemson University proved me wrong. In case you haven't heard the story about it already, a few college students decided to have a "Living the Dream" party, in which several of them decided it would be a good idea to wear blackface and bring back memories of the minstrel shows of the 19th and 20th centuries. Of course, this party was held the weekend before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

I assumed, before reading this article a few weeks ago, that such behavior was behind most Americans. While I think most whites today have transcended that

racist past of American history, the Clemson story proves that there are a few fervent holdouts. Cowardly holdouts, too, considering their apology letter to the university was unsigned. I guess the KKK, men so brave they wore hoods to hide their faces, would be pleased that these are their ideological descendants.

But this is only a morsel of the real race issues facing our nation. What of the high mortality rates that still affect African American babies? It is appalling the mortality was higher in 2000 (2.5 times the rate of whites) than it was in 1950.

The inner cities of America aren't doing very well, either. Despite constant public service announcements about the dangers of gang violence, drug trades that tear families apart, and the lack of proper education, too many young black males from the inner city are ending up in prison, especially for nonviolent drug offenses. I know what you're thinking. When does personal responsibility come into play here? That's certainly important, and it's the only thing that can keep the black community a strong and vibrant part of American, world and society.

Which brings me to today's biggest example of racial disparity, the Hurricane Katrina effect on New Orleans. Now, I'm not going to even highlight the biased news coverage, in which captions of pictures said "looting" for blacks wading through the floor waters for food and supplies, and said "found" for their white compatriots who did the same for survival's sake. Instead, I am going to talk about how President Bush, who two years ago declared that the government would take a hard stance against poverty, has forgotten about the still decrepit state of New Orleans. He didn't even mention the city in his recent State of the Union address. A lot more must be done, both for blacks and whites who were forced out of their homes in the Big Easy.

We clearly have a long way to go. There's much that the world's richest nation must do on behalf of all peoples, but especially for African Americans, a people who have been a contradiction staring America in the face. I know we can do it, but the ugly stain of racism will take more to get out than a month dedicated to a people's history. Still, it's a start in the right direction. If people don't know the trials and tribulations of African Americans, then how can they possibly fathom solutions to the problems still faced by the black community?

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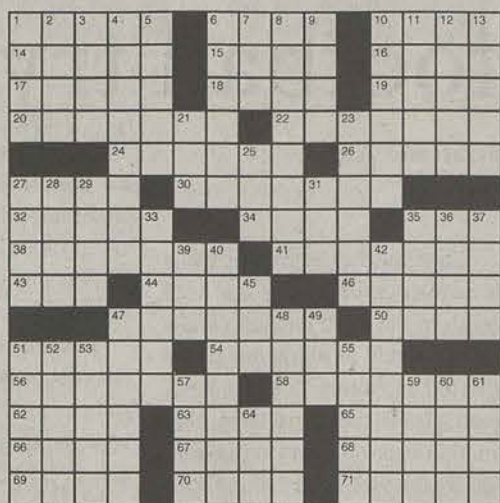
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17 Perceptive
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19 Front of the calf
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27 Furnace waste
30 Joan Collins series
32 Show-biz notable
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35 High-fiber fruit
38 Clicks open
41 Kind of question
43 Former Chinese leader
44 Taylor and Torn
46 Statistical inclination
47 End of a romance
50 Scottish loch
51 Chicago terminal
54 Movie theater
56 Interstellar clouds
58 Sound the horn
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63 Java neighbor
65 Time off base
66 Otherwise
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71 Violinist Isaac



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Final Question: Can you name this famous Rossini opera?

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1. DIMES
2. RASCAL
3. TONIC
4. SWAMP
5. DELAY
6. STYLUS
7. DROLL
8. IMPEDE

Solution - Trivia Puzzle 62

NFL: The Indianapolis Colts. The Super Bowl champs are investing in their future. On Monday, the Colts put a franchise tag on defensive end Dwight Freeney and Head Coach Tony Dungy publicly declared he will be back next season.

Mr. Martins: Mark had that agonizing Daytona. Jacques, of the NHL's Panthers, is torn by his job titles. As coach he thinks his 13th-place club has a shot at the playoffs (it doesn't); as G.M. he may strip the team by Tuesday's trade deadline.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

Donte Gennie drives down the court past two defenders against The Citadel Monday night. Gennie had a career-high 30 points for the night.

Gennie leads Eagles to win over Citadel

GSU News Service

Senior Donte Gennie scored a career-high 30 points and Georgia Southern never trailed in defeating The Citadel 81-62 Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

GSU snaps a four-game home losing streak and moves to 12-15 overall and 5-11 in the Southern Conference. The Citadel drops to 7-20 and 4-12.

Gennie's performance is the first 30-point game by an Eagle since Elton Nesbitt dropped 30 on the College of Charleston just over a year ago on Feb. 3, 2006. Gennie also went 6-for-6 from 3-point land, which is tied for fifth all-time at Georgia Southern.

"He was tremendous," said GSU head coach Jeff Price. "He shot the ball great, he led us well on the court, he played with confidence, he defended well and played like a fifth-year senior. We need him to continue to do that. He's shot the ball really well here lately and hopefully we can keep him shoot-

ing the ball like that."

Junior Louis Graham, harassed by double-teams all game, worked out 14 points and six rebounds on six of nine shooting. Fellow junior Dwayne Foreman had 12 points and dished out a game-high eight assists.

The Citadel's Kevin Hammack, who torched GSU for 32 points in the school's first meeting in Charleston, was held without a point for the first 16:10 of the ball game but finished with 18. Donny McLendon added 16 and Bryan Streeter had 12.

The Eagles led 32-27 at halftime and scored 20 points in the first five minutes after intermission, eventually breaking off a 22-8 run to lead by 19.

"We were a lot more aggressive in the second half," added Price. "You could really tell a difference. We hit two 3s right away. Offense creates intensity and we didn't have much offense in the first half and when you're not scoring, everything's flat and you

don't defend as well. (If) you come out and make a couple of shots, you pick up your intensity defensively. I thought those first couple of minutes were really big."

Gennie and Foreman opened the second half with back-to-back trifectas and senior Jimmy Tobias added another under a minute later. The Eagles came out firing after halftime, shooting 8-for-9 from the floor and 5-for-5 from behind the arc. A five-point halftime lead ballooned to 20 in eight minutes.

While Georgia Southern couldn't miss, The Citadel had difficulty on their end. The Bulldogs went over four minutes without a field goal before McLendon finally ended the drought at the 15:51 mark.

"Anytime you're shooting the ball well, everything else goes better. We've struggled offensively all year and it was good to see us in the second half, have a good offensive half, and maybe that'll give us some confidence, we'll

start being more aggressive and score more points."

Georgia Southern enters the homestretch of the regular season this week, traveling to Wofford Thursday for a 7 p.m. start. Saturday the Eagles host the College of Charleston at 1 p.m. in a game televised on ESPN2. All fans are encouraged to "Wear Blue for ESPN2."

Halftime: Chattanooga 33-26.
3-point goals: GSU 5-20 (Brown 4-9; Atwood 1-2; C. Whitney 0-3; Rivers 0-2; Melson 0-4), Chattanooga 10-29 (Hand 3-8; Hall 2-5; Hatchett 2-6; Wade-Fray 1-6; Ogan 1-2; Anderson 1-2). **Fouled out:** GSU - Brown, Davidson - none. **Rebounds:** GSU 45 (Atwood 13), Chattanooga 43 (Anderson 15). **Assists:** GSU 9 (C. Whitney 5), Chattanooga 7 (Anderson 3). **Total fouls:** GSU 16, Chattanooga 8. **Attendance:** 687.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (11-17, 6-11)
Brown 6-18 2-2 18; Atwood 6-16 2-2 15; Melson 1-8 0-0 2; Jessie 2-6 4-4 8; C. Whitney 1-6 0-0 2; Rivers 1-5 0-0 2; Waterman 0-2 0-0 0; Gelfer 0-2 1-2 1; Ogburn 2-4 0-0 4. Totals: 19-67 9-10 52.
CHATTANOOGA (21-7, 14-3)
Hall 6-11 3-4 17; Hand 3-8 4-4 13; Anderson 4-17 1-2 10; Wade-Fray 2-8 3-4 8; Hatchett 2-7 0-0 6; Ogan 2-3 1-1 6; Hollingquest 1-5 3-3 5; Mohr 0-0 0-0 0; Spann 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 20-60 15-18 65.

Hatcher to hold football tryout

By Zac Case
Sports editor

Chris Hatcher hasn't caught any breaks since becoming the head coach of the eagle football nation. After recently finishing one of the shortest recruiting times in 1-AA football, Hatcher must now hold another walk-on tryout to compensate for the poor documenting skills of former coach Brian VanGorder and his staff.

VanGorder held walk-on tryouts just five days before his resignation on Jan. 16, however, only the participants of the tryouts and VanGorder's coaches know the results of that meeting.

"We literally had no information coming in. We didn't even know there had been a tryout," said Ashley Anders, defensive coordinator. "Students were coming in and telling what had happened at the tryout and we didn't have documentation on any of it."

Students who did originally audition their skill will be required to come back to Hatcher's tryout today if they wish to play next season. The football staff feels that each coach sees this as a chance for the players to showcase their talents under different eyes.

"Each coach has a distinctive idea of what they want for their team. By holding this second tryout, we just making sure we leave no stone unturned," said Anders.

Even though the recruiting class has been well defined, the coaches are having an open attitude toward any position. They state, however, there is one thing they look for in all their players.

"Our number one criterion, without a doubt, is speed. That's what the game of football is about and that's what we base our offense on. We feel size, in essence, is overrated."

Georgia Southern is well known for its triple option, but VanGorder scrapped it for a more traditional offense.

Hatcher has a wide-open offense that is as explosive as the option, "Our offense is very similar to the option, to the old hambone, but instead of pitching it backward, we just pitch it forward."

Hatcher's coaching success comes from his ability to adjust his offense to his personnel. "In 2004, the national championship season, we threw for 3,000 and rushed for 2,000. This season we led the conference and were among the top 10 teams in the nation of total offense, but we didn't run the ball a lot because that wasn't a strong suit of our football team."

Based on that offense, Hatcher and his staff are looking for any kind of natural talent that will allow them to be successful on the field even if speed may not be a strong point. "If you're a football player, you're a football player and we'll find someplace to use you."

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Eagles' late rally quenched by league leader

By Katie Porter
Staff writer

Tiffany Brown's game-high 18 points and Shawnda Atwood's double-double paced the Georgia Southern women's basketball team, but league leader Chattanooga stopped a late Lady Eagle rally and held on for a 65-52 victory Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse. Georgia Southern (11-17, 6-11) rallied back from a 12-point deficit to close the match to just three points with 7:40 remaining in the game, but the Lady Eagles struggled from the field as a team, and went on a shooting drought over a six-minute span.

Chattanooga (21-7, 14-3) took advantage of the slump and produced a 13-point advantage with 1:38 remaining, before freshman forward J'Lisa Ogburn broke the drought with a jumper.

The Lady Mocs spent the remainder of the game on the line, making five free throws and sealing their third consecutive victory.

Tiffany Brown paced the Lady Eagles with 18 points, making 6-of-18 from the field, including four triples.

Junior forward Shawnda Atwood tallied her season-first and third career double-double with 15 points and a season-high of 13 rebounds.

The Lady Mocs were led by junior guard Laura Hall who scored 17 points on 6-of-11 shooting, including a pair of three-pointers while tallying four steals.

In first-half action Chequilla Jessie (Sanford, Fla.) scored the first field goal of the match for a GSU's only lead of the game, 2-1. But Chattanooga's 18-6 run over the next 7:51, was capped by Tagan Hatchett's three-pointer, and the Lady Mocs held a 19-8 advantage with 10:33 on the clock.

Georgia Southern fought back with a 7-0 run over the next 1:47 to close the gap to a 19-15 Lady Moc lead.

Five of Chattanooga's last made field goals of the first stanza were from three-point land, with a pair coming off the hands of Brooke Hand and the Lady Mocs built up a 10-point lead with 43 seconds remaining. Tiffany Brown closed the first half with a triple of her own, narrowing the gap to seven points, and Chattanooga led at the half 33-26.

Brown's trio of three-pointers and a bucket gave her 11 first-half points to lead all scorers, while UTC's Hand led the Lady Mocs with eight points. Georgia Southern was held to 30.3 percent first-half shooting, but UTC didn't fare much better shooting 34.4 percent from the field.

The Lady Eagles were successful in holding league scoring leader Alex Anderson to her lowest score this season (10 points) without fouling out. But the junior forward still managed to produce her 15th double-double performance of the season with 15 rebounds, giving the Lady Mocs an option in the paint.

"I thought we guarded (Anderson) well enough," said head coach Rusty Cram. "But we just broke down mentally, and we left three-point shooters open at crucial times when we were making runs."

Georgia Southern led the rebound margin, 45-43 over UTC, and though both teams had 18 turnovers, the Lady Mocs converted GSU's miscues into a 23-8 points-off-turnovers advantage.

Half of UTC's successful field goals came behind the three-point arc, hitting 10-of-29 three point attempts,

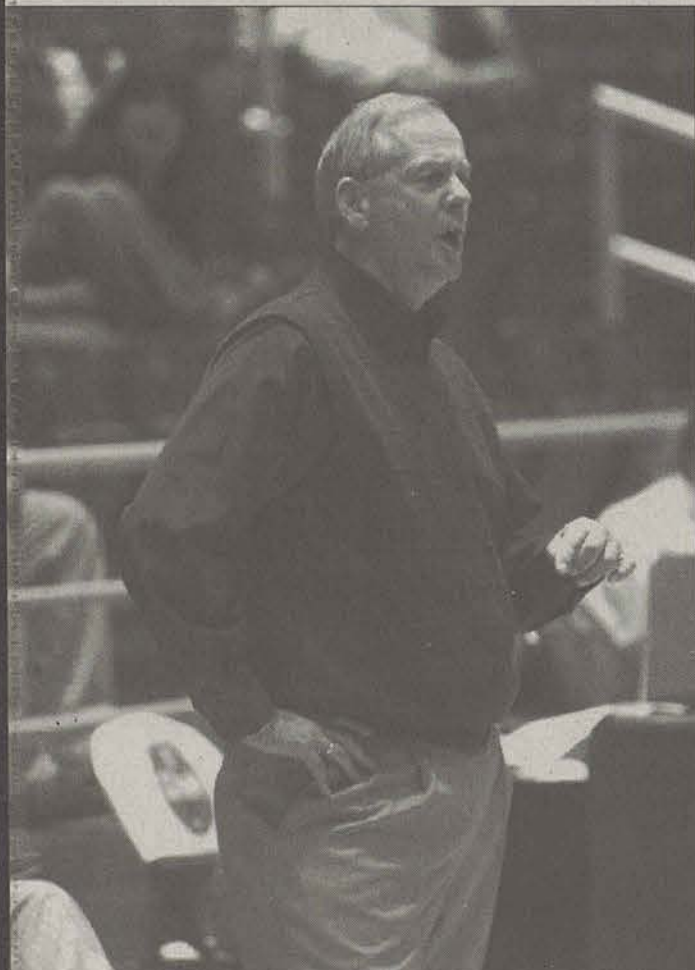
compared to Georgia Southern's 5-of-20 three-point shooting.

Chattanooga led the field goal shooting margin, shooting 20-of-60 (.333) compared to GSU's 19-of-67 (.284) shooting from the field.

The Lady Eagles conclude the regular season on the road, facing the College of Charleston, Saturday, February 24. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m. at Kresse Arena. The Lady Mocs return home to conclude the regular season, clashing with Wofford, Saturday, February 24 at 5 p.m.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (12-15, 5-11)
Gennie 11-13 2-2 30; Graham 6-9 2-2 14; Foreman 3-7 4-6 12; Tobias 3-8 2-2 9; Marshall 3-3 0-0 6; Fields 1-3 1-2 3; Johnson 1-2 1-2 3; Janiszewski 1-4 1-2 3; Ashe 0-0 1-2 1; Ward 0-0 0-0 0; Thompson 0-0 0-0 0; Salazar 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 29-49 14-20 81.
THE CITADEL (7-20, 4-12)
Hammack 6-15 4-4 18; McLendon 5-12 4-5 16; Streeter 5-6 2-2 12; Nelson 2-6 3-3 7; Everhart 3-6 0-2 6; Swinton 1-3 0-2 2; Valliulis 0-0 1-2 1; Thompson 0-1 0-0 0; Diasparra 0-1 0-0 0; Brick 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 22-50 14-20 62.

Halftime: GSU 32-27.
3-point goals: GSU 9-13 (Gennie 6-6; Foreman 2-4; Tobias 1-2; Fields 0-1; Atwood 0-1), The Citadel 4-16 (Hammack 2-8; McLendon 2-7; Thompson 0-1). **Fouled out:** GSU - None, The Citadel - none. **Rebounds:** GSU 32 (Tobias 9), The Citadel 20 (Everhart 5). **Assists:** GSU 22 (Foreman 8), The Citadel 8 (Hammack 5). **Total fouls:** GSU 18, The Citadel 21. **Attendance:** 1764.



Tao Ventre/STAFF

Coach Cram instructs his players while trying to rally late Monday night. The Eagles have concluded all their home games this season.

Errors and rain delay allow Kennesaw to snap seven game streak

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern could not rally from committing five errors and a 56-minute rain delay, dropping a 7-5 decision at Kennesaw State Tuesday night. The loss snapped the Eagles' (8-3 overall) winning streak at seven games. It was their first loss in the continental United States.

The game was halted 56 minutes in the bottom of the eighth due to rain. Kyle Kamppi came on in relief for a 1-2-3 inning, striking out two batters.

Georgia Southern brought the tying run to the plate in the top of the ninth after A.J. Wirnsberger drew a two-out walk. However,

Justin Freeman earned his second save when he got Griffin Benedict to strike out.

The Eagles faced their biggest deficit of the season when Kennesaw State (2-3) plated four runs in the first. A leadoff double from Martin Baker and walk put the first two runners on. A sacrifice bunt moved both into scoring position. Jay Morrow hit a RBI groundout. A RBI double from Adam Cross plated one run, then another scored on Jace Whitmer's line drive to the right centerfield fence for a triple. Brady Vaughn reached on an infield single, scoring the fourth run.

A two-out rally in the second inning cut into the Owls' lead. Phillip Porter walked

then Brian Pierce followed with a single up the middle. Chris Hollis sent a shot over first base, down the right field line, for a 2-run triple.

Kennesaw loaded the bases in its half of the second against relief pitcher Charlie Strohecker. An error, hit batter and two-out walk loaded the bases. After jumping ahead 0-2 on Morrow the count went full, but Strohecker struck him on a called third strike to end the inning.

Mike Economos ripped a one-out double in the third, his team-leading ninth. Wirnsberger followed with a RBI double to nearly the same spot in right field. Benedict drew a four pitch walk, which chased starter Kody Paul. Relief

pitcher Kyle Muschara (1-0) got a flyout and strikeout to end the third.

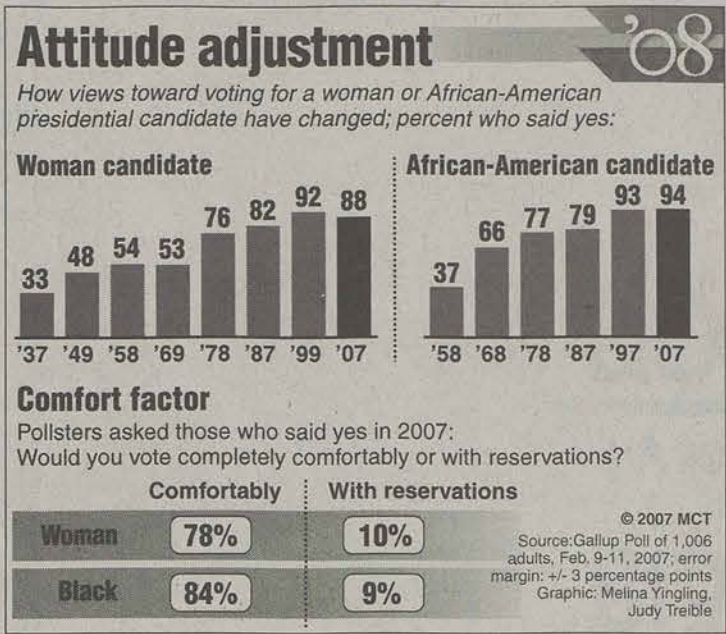
During the fifth, Vaughn lined a leadoff double. When Andrew Martin walked, Vaughn took third on a passed ball. Head coach Rodney Hennon brought in Aaron Eubanks. The junior left-hander walked the first two batters he faced, bringing home one run. He averted further damage thanks to a strikeout, foul out and groundout to end the fifth, but the Eagles trailed 7-5.

Following Wirnsberger's one-out single, Shehan came up two batters later. He drove one into the gap, but Morrow in left field made a running grab to rob Shehan of extra bases

and end the inning.

Josh Lairsey allowed four runs on four hits in the opening inning. Strohecker gave up three runs (one earned) on three hits in three innings of work. He walked three and struck out three, falling to 3-1 this year. Eubanks pitched three hitless innings, striking out a career-high five batters.

"We had every opportunity tonight, Kennesaw deserved to win the game they made some plays," said Hennon. "I thought Charlie Strohecker kept us in game. One of the positives was Aaron (Eubanks), he gave our team a lift. The bottom line was our defense, we didn't make plays and didn't make good decisions.



Obama

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looking forward to the 2008 presidential election in anticipation for a democratic victory.

Politicians both in the U.S. and in Australia publicly rebuked his unprecedented support of a particular American party.

Obama's position on Iraq is less of a balancing act, an advantage he maintains over Hillary Clinton, who continues to face harsh criticism from the far-left for neglecting to admit she was wrong in authorizing the Iraq invasion in 2002.

At a fundraiser for Barbara Boxer in California on Tuesday, Obama declared the war should never have been authorized, according to a report by Fox News.

Obama missed the historic vote

in 2002, being elected to the Senate in 2004.

Obama is publicly against President Bush's plan for Iraq, which includes 20,000 additional troops in Iraq.

Obama introduced legislation in January 2007 as an alternative to President Bush's policy, which goals include the removal of all combat brigades from Iraq by March of 2008. Clinton introduced her own piece of legislation to act as an alternative to Bush's policy as well.

Barack Obama* continues to campaign in California including Hollywood, attempting to generate support from the wealthy film business.

Hollywood support has been a long-held stronghold of the Clintons, and it will prove a testing factor for Obama to gain their support.



Special Photo

Archaeological workers remove a wooden statue from a more than 4,000-year-old mud brick tomb that belonged to a scribe of divine records and his wife, near the famous Step Pyramid in Saqqara, Egypt on Tuesday.

Archaeologists unveil new tombs in Egypt

Archaeologists unveiled the tombs Tuesday of a pharaonic butler and a scribe that have been buried for more than 3,000 years, proof that Egypt's sands still have secrets to reveal.

Although archaeologists have been exploring Egypt intensively for more than 150 years, some estimate only one-third of what lies underground in Saqqara, site of the country's most ancient pyramid and burial site of kings, has been uncovered.

"The sands of Saqqara reveal lots of secrets," said Egypt's antiquities chief, Zahi Hawass, as he showed reporters a 4,000-year-old mud brick tomb that belonged to a scribe of divine records, Ka-Hay, and his wife.

The tomb, along with the butler's 3,350-year-old limestone grave and two painted coffins, were discovered earlier this year near the famous Step Pyramid of King Djoser, the oldest of Egypt's more than 90 pyramids.

Hawass said the three discoveries are just the tip of what remains undiscovered at Saqqara, which was the burial grounds for Memphis, the capital of Egypt's Old Kingdom.

In December, archaeologists in Saqqara discovered the mummified remains of a doctor who was buried along with surgical tools more than 4,000 years ago.

Two months earlier, the graves of three royal dentists were discovered in Saqqara after the arrest of tomb raiders led archaeologists to the site.

Hawass said the mud-brick tomb unveiled Tuesday, which also featured wooden statues and a door with intricate hieroglyphic carvings, including one of the scribe and his wife, "could enrich our knowledge

about the people who actually surrounded the kings of Saqqara."

"It doesn't look great because it was built from mud brick and not built of limestone, but I really believe that this tomb is very important," said Hawass, who donned his signature Indiana Jones-style hat.

Three wooden statues also were found in the tomb. Two of them, each about 3 feet tall and depicting the scribe, were laid out on pieces of foam on the ground. One was missing a left arm. The third was not shown because it was in poor condition.

After Hawass presented the tomb, workers picked up the ancient statues, placed them in the back of a pickup truck, while tourists, surprised at the media commotion, quickly snapped photographs, and drove them to another building in the complex.

On the other side of the Step Pyramid, archaeologists then unveiled the second tomb, which belonged to a butler who died some 3,350 years ago.

Carved out of limestone, it contained murals that showed scenes of people performing rituals and monkeys eating fruit. The blue and orange colors of the paint were surprisingly well preserved.

"This is a very, very lively scene," said Maarten Raven, the excavation's director and a curator at the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden, Netherlands.

Raven said he believed other tombs from the New Kingdom, similar to the butler's, had yet to be uncovered in Saqqara, which is famous for Old Kingdom antiquities.

Many of the New Kingdom tombs, which date from 1570 B.C. to 1070 B.C., can be found in the southern Egyptian city of Luxor.

Audit shows misstated stats from Justice Dept.

By Marissa Taylor
McClatchy Newspapers

The Justice Department has routinely misrepresented the number of terrorism prosecutions, possibly undermining decision-making in the war on terrorism, an independent government audit has found.

The report, released Tuesday by the Justice Department's inspector general, concluded that the department in most cases "could not provide support for the numbers reported or could not identify the terrorism link used to classify statistics as terrorism-related."

All but two of the 26 statistics reviewed from October 2000 through September 2005 were wrong.

"These inaccuracies are important because department management and Congress need accurate

terrorism-related statistics to make informed . . . decisions," Inspector General Glenn Fine said in the report.

Part of the problem, according to Fine, was that the Justice Department routinely counted criminal cases as terrorism-related even when prosecutors had found no links to terrorism. Fine also blamed a "decentralized and haphazard" system.

The Justice Department defended its tracking system and the inclusion of cases that aren't directly linked to terrorism.

"While such cases often result in convictions for other crimes, their underlying purpose is to prevent and deter terrorist infiltration," Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said.

The inspector general's audit is the latest report to raise questions

about the Justice Department's tracking of terrorism cases.

The Government Accountability Office, Congress' auditing arm, has found fault with the Justice Department's statistics in previous reports.

The Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, an affiliate of Syracuse University in New York, found last year that the number of terrorism cases had dropped to nearly the same levels as before the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Democrats and some Republicans have accused the Justice Department of manipulating terrorism-related statistics to claim success in the war on terrorism and to argue for more resources.

Boyd said the inaccuracies found from 2002 to 2004 resulted

partly from the reorganizations of the Justice Department and the FBI after Sept. 11.

Since then, the Justice Department and the FBI have improved their terrorism-case reporting, he said.

Sen. Charles Grassley, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he doubted that the Justice Department had done enough.

"The question I have now is whether the inaccuracies are an accident or if there was some other motive behind it," said Grassley, an Iowa Republican.

"Two major reports in four years saying the same thing doesn't give me much confidence." According to the inspector general, the Justice Department's office that oversees the 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices routinely over-reported terrorism statistics.

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