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THE GEORGE-ANNE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007

City council could pass motion to cap involuntary towing services



Special Photo
New legislation could pass through the Statesboro City Council that could limit the prices charged for involuntary towing services.

2007 GEORGIA STATE TOWING

SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT EACH DESIGNATED ENTRANCE AND EACH SIGN MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- WARNING THAT UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED
- TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES
- METHODS OF PAYMENT
- HOURS OF OPERATION

Georgia Law mandates that all towing companies and wrecker services engaged in the removal of vehicles from private property without the owner or operator's consent hold a State issued Non-consensual Towing Permit.

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No fee may be charged if the trespassing vehicle has not been hooked with the hoisting apparatus or loaded by the wrecker service and the operator can produce the ignition key and immediately remove the vehicle from the property.

Police: Towing companies are in 'obvious violation of state law'

By Amy McIntyre
Assistant news editor

The Statesboro City Council passed a motion on the first reading Tuesday to regulate wrecker and towing services in the community.

The ordinance addresses businesses who have been forced to pay exorbitant fees following the towing of their vehicle.

"This ordinance addresses those who have had their vehicles towed involuntarily," said Mayor Bill Hatcher.

"People having their vehicles towed do not have direct negotiation with towing companies so are forced to pay whatever price the towing company is charging, and it is much higher than voluntarily towing services."

The council is attempting to address more than just the cost of involuntary towing services in Statesboro.

Mayor Hatcher said that there are nearly four or five violations of state law concerning towing occurring in Statesboro. However, the cost has been the first and foremost concern for the city council.

The council said in the past, towing companies in Statesboro have been charging upwards of \$150, sometimes including a storage fee, when voluntary towing services charged well below \$100.

Prices can vary depending on the type of equipment needed for tow, supposing the company has to pull a car out of a ditch or the like.

Chief Stan York and Lieutenant Frank Roach of the city council

have been monitoring the towing problem for quite some time. On Monday, York addressed the issue of towing companies in Statesboro seeking illegally parked vehicles.

"What we have is towing companies cruising Statesboro, looking for cars to tow. This is an obvious violation of state law," said York. Lieutenant Roach also addressed two other concerns about illegal parking and subsequent towing.

Many people who have had their vehicles towed call the police believing their vehicle has been stolen, causing unnecessary hassle for the police department.

And it is required by law that businesses post signs with the cost of illegal parking, something that businesses in Statesboro have been remiss in doing.

The ordinance to adopt code regulating wrecker and towing services in Statesboro addresses many of these issues.

First of all, towing companies would have a cap of around \$65 - \$75 for involuntary towing services and be required to wait twenty-four hours before charging a storage fee, an issue mandated under state law.

Secondly, a tenant or property owner wishing to remove a vehicle must call the police department, so they have some record of the vehicle's removal.

The tenant must then be present to sign a document outlining who authorized the tow, the location and time the vehicle was taken. This would stop towing companies cruising and taking vehicles at random.



Special Photo/MCT
An emergency worker transports a man who was wounded outside Atlanta's CNN Center after a domestic dispute erupted in gunfire late Tuesday afternoon.

Woman killed at CNN in Atlanta

By Mary Ann Mrowca
McClatchy Newspapers

A domestic dispute erupted in gunfire at CNN's headquarters complex Tuesday, killing a woman and critically wounding the ex-boyfriend who pulled a gun on her, authorities said.

The man and woman were arguing near the main entrance of the complex when the man shot her, police officer James Polite said.

The armed man was then shot by a CNN security guard.

The woman was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital, authorities said. The man was in critical condition.

The woman, who checked and stocked honor bars at a hotel attached to CNN Center, was Clara Riddles, 22, of College Park, said Caryn Kboudi, a spokeswoman for the Texas-based Omni Hotel chain.

Polite described the man as the woman's ex-boyfriend. Kboudi said the hotel was not aware of any of the woman's domestic troubles.

The victims were seen being carried out of the building on stretchers. The man's face was covered in blood and his shirt was removed.

CNN reported that the offices of its Internet operations, CNN.com, were immediately evacuated.

Video footage also showed police pointing guns at a man lying on the ground at the bottom of an escalator inside the building.

An announcement over the build-

ing's public-address system said there had been gunfire "with potential casualties." Police cordoned off an area by the escalators near the main entrance, facing Centennial Olympic Park.

The park was the site of a bombing that killed a woman and injured more than 100 people during the 1996 Olympics. "I heard four or five shots. I really didn't see it. I got out of there quick," said Jas Stanford, 27, who had been helping take down a temporary stage in the park used for college basketball's Final Four festivities.

Besides the Omni Hotel, the CNN complex also includes a large atrium and a food court.

It is connected to Philips Arena, the home of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks.

In the food court, Trina Johnson, 44, of Atlanta, was with her daughter on a family outing.

"All of a sudden we heard a big boom. We thought it was an explosion," Johnson said. "We didn't see the gun. Everybody just started running."

Soon afterward, CNN coverage of the shooting was being shown on large-screen televisions inside the atrium, near where the shooting had taken place.

A message seeking comment was left with CNN officials.

On Monday, a woman was shot and killed at the University of Washington in Seattle by an ex-boyfriend on whom she had sought a restraining order, police said. The man killed himself afterward.

Penalties increase for excessive absences

Strict attendance policies mirror real world expectations

By Avina Darmadjaja
Assistant news editor

Most students aim for the best grade possible in their classes. They spend long hours in the library, try to complete every assignment down to that five points extra credit and therefore think they have satisfied all requirements in order to make that perfect score. However, many of them have often ignored one little thing that could hurt their final grade in a big way: attendance policy.

"I've gotten an unnecessary B in a class for missing one too many days," said Urian Booze, a senior art major.

Colleges, including Georgia Southern, have tightened their attendance policy and increased the penalty for students missing too many days. Although most departments let each individual instructor decide his or her own policy, others, like the art department, have set a strict departmental policy to avoid inconsistency among different professors.

"They allow you three absences total, and on the fourth they deduct your grade an entire letter grade," said Amy Dexter, a sophomore art major. "I feel that this is too extreme." Still, even though the policy is a bit extreme, most art students

will not change it a bit because they understood the importance of attending classes.

"All art classes are long and full of important information so it's not a good idea to miss even a day," said Bryan Wei Wang, a senior graphic design major. "Though I always use up all three absences."

According to Bruce Little, art professor and MFA program director, the department decided on the "three absence policy" because that the first step to success, both during college and once employed, is to show up.

"If employees are absent excessively, they are fired or wages reduced," said Little. "We believe [our policy] mirrors, to the extent possible, real work expectations for

our students once they leave our protection." The good news is that many of the art faculties also provide incentives—as much as a half letter grade boost to their final grade, for students who attend every class.

Little encouraged students to be wise and "bank" their three absences for "when they are sick, a car breaks down, there is a family crisis, a court date or there simply must be a mental health day at the beach."

The department does not question those three days, though anything beyond that will be subject to penalty. "We would rather our students learn this lesson here, where it costs them a bump in their grade, rather than later when losing a job might cost them their house or health benefits for their family," said Little.

Testing service cancels plans for new GRE exam

McClatchy Newspapers

The makers of the GRE graduate school entrance exam have scrapped an extensive makeover of the test, citing concerns they wouldn't be able to accommodate enough students at test centers.

The Educational Testing Service, which designs the exam, had already delayed planned revisions by a year, including lengthening the exam from two-and-a-half to four hours. ETS also was planning substantive changes such as eliminating antonym and analogy questions and emphasizing more critical reading.

Most students already take the current version of the GRE on a computer, but ETS had hoped to switch to a more

secure Internet-based system that would eventually expand the number of sites where the test could be taken.

The new version, however, was to be offered only about 30 times per year, whereas students are free to schedule the current test at almost any time.

On Monday, ETS and the Graduate Record Examination Board said they did not have the capacity to make the planned switch this fall and would stick with the old test and the centers where it was already being administered. The test had been in development for about five years, said ETS spokesman Tom Ewing.

"In the last three months we've looked very carefully at the issue of

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Announcement - Student Media Positions Selection 2007-2008

The Student Media Advisory Board of Georgia Southern University announces its selection process to choose student editors and managers of the 2007-2008 editorial boards of the university's official student media (The George-Anne Daily, Miscellany Magazine of the Arts, and Southern Reflector Magazine). Students interested in applying for an elected position will be expected to present (1) a **resumé**; (2) a **cover letter** explaining the candidate's qualifications and his or her plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a **signed waiver** (included with this advertisement) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Student Media Advisory Board to validate the candidate's academic standing. Students may indicate the position(s) sought either in their cover letter or on the waiver form. Please submit a separate application (**resumé**, **cover letter** and **waiver**) for each publication.

SELECTION AND TERM: The editorial boards will be selected by members of the committee based on a majority of those voting, according to committee by-laws. The term of office for the editorial boards shall extend through the end of the next spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS: Specific qualifications for persons holding board positions are listed below. Prior experience may be considered in lieu of stated qualifications. The board positions for each medium are listed in ranking order.

THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

Executive Editor -- The executive editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The executive editor should have served on a student publications staff one year and should display capabilities required for the position, including demonstrable knowledge of basic journalistic and business practices and an understanding of media law and ethics. The executive editor is responsible for the preparation of a commentary section for each edition. The executive editor serves as the chief executive officer of the newspaper and is responsible for the total content of each edition in consultation with editors in chief of companion publications.

Managing Editor for News -- The managing editor for news should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on a student publications staff. The managing editor for news should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as newsgathering and reporting practices, news and feature writing, copy editing and proofreading, photojournalism, layout and design and media law and ethics. The managing editor for news will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content in all sections of the newspaper, such as news, sports, features, companion publications or related media and other duties as assigned by the executive editor. The managing editor for news (with the assistance of the news editor) will be responsible for the preparation of the front page. The managing editor for news is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations and office management of the newspaper, its subordinate divisions (advertising, marketing and production), and all companion publications or related media. The managing editor for news serves as the chief operations officer for the newspaper.

Managing Editor for Operations -- The managing editor for operations should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on a student publications staff. The managing editor for operations should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as newsgathering and reporting practices, news and feature writing, copy editing and proofreading, photojournalism, web design, layout and design and media law and ethics. The managing editor for operations will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content on the website gadaily.com, such as news, sports, features, companion publications or related media and other duties as assigned by the executive editor. The managing editor for operations will work with all entities of student media to determine web coverage and content.

News Editor -- The news editor should know basic news writing and should be familiar with news sources on campus. The news editor should demonstrate news judgment and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the paper. The news editor will be responsible for all newsgathering and reporting operations of the newspaper, including recruiting reporters, providing training in the basics of newsgathering and writing, working in cooperation with the managing editors on staffing the news, features, sports, photography and related departments, maintaining an assignment calendar for the benefit of all departments of the newspaper, and other duties as assigned. The news editor assists the managing editor for news in the preparation of the front page for each edition and coordinates with the managing editor for operations on any online content.

MISCELLANY MAGAZINE OF THE ARTS

Editor in Chief -- The editor in chief should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor in chief should demonstrate both the interest and the talent to create a quality publication which showcases the arts -- literary, visual, and, to the extent practicable, performance arts -- on behalf of the university's students, and to promote the arts in the university community through the staging of various arts-oriented events. The editor in chief will select contributors for the magazine. The editor in chief should be familiar with basic editing and design duties, as well as media law and ethics. The editor in chief is responsible for all editorial operations for each edition, which will be published as a supplement to the student newspaper, and will coordinate its publication with the executive editor. The editor in chief will be responsible for the total content of the magazine.

SOUTHERN REFLECTOR MAGAZINE

Editor in Chief -- The editor in chief should have completed two years of university work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor in chief should have served at least one year on the staff and should be familiar with magazine copy writing, magazine photojournalism, online writing, layout and design of pages and media law and ethics. The editor in chief is responsible for all editorial operations for each edition, which will be published as a supplement to the student newspaper, and will coordinate its publication with the appropriate editors of the student newspaper. The editor in chief serves as the chief executive officer of the magazine and is ultimately responsible for the total content of each edition.

DEADLINE: The deadline for the receipt of all applications for any of these positions is **Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m.** Applications should be sent to Kelley Callaway, interim chair of the Student Media Advisory Board, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022, Williams Center.

COMPENSATION: Payment rates for board members are pending final budget approval by the Student Activities Budget Committee and the Student Media Advisory Board.

INTERVIEW DATE: All candidates for board positions **MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY** for interviews on **Friday, April 20 at 3 p.m.** in Room 2009 of the Williams Center.

APPLICATION FORM AND WAIVER

INFORMATION: Questions regarding these positions should be directed to the advisors of the media: Ryan Honeyman (The George-Anne Daily) at 681-0172 or Box 8055; Laura Valeri (Miscellany) at 681-0151 or Box 8026; or Logan Thomas (Southern Reflector) at 486-7459 or Box 8067. Additional information and interpretation of the qualifications may be obtained from the interim chair Kelley Callaway (681-0069 or Box 8067).

Position(s) applied for (Please check ALL that are applicable):

GEORGE-ANNE

- () Executive Editor () Managing Editor/News
() Managing Editor/Operations () News Editor

MISCELLANY

- () Editor in Chief

REFLECTOR

- () Editor in Chief

- Students interested in applying for an elected position are required to present (1) a **resumé**; (2) a **cover letter** explaining the candidate's qualifications and their plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a **signed waiver** (included below) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Advisory Board to validate the candidate's academic standing.
- Students seeking a position on an editorial board must have a **CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE of at least 2.0 and must not be on scholastic or disciplinary probation**. If at any time a board member drops below these standards, that member must relinquish the position.

I, _____ do hereby authorize the Student Media Advisory Board, in relation to the above criteria for board positions, to contact the GSU student records representatives to validate my academic standing and disciplinary standing for compliance. This validation may be at a time of application and at any time during the period I would hold a board position.

Signed _____ Box No. _____

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This (1) application/waiver form (or facsimile), together with a (2) resumé and a (3) cover letter for each medium in which a position(s) is sought, is due by Friday, April 13, 2007, by 5 p.m. delivered to: Student Media Advisory Board, Kelley Callaway, interim chair, Room 2022 Williams Center Box 8067.



Special Photo

Phi Sigma Phi will collect school supplies through April 23. The supplies will be delivered and donated in August to New Orleans communities.

School supply drive to help children in need

This year, donated items will go to children affected by the Hurricane Katrina

By Ashley Reed

Staff writer

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity is sponsoring its first campus-wide school supply drive for children designated as being in low-income communities by the Teach for America Foundation, the fraternity's philanthropic organization.

Teach for America is a non-profit organization that recruits recent graduates of all academic majors who wish to commit two years to teaching in urban and rural public schools.

The purpose of the foundation is to ensure that children in the United States' lowest income communities receive the educational opportunities that they deserve by enlisting the nation's most promising future leaders.

The drive began on Monday, April 2 and will run until Monday, April 23. The campus community can get involved by placing their donated items in the marked boxes located downstairs of the Russell Union near the information desk and in the College of Education

inside the second floor computer lab.

Service committee head, Rebecca Chamroeun, is asking that everyone take this opportunity to make a difference.

"This year the school supplies will go to children in New Orleans," said Chamroeun. "We all know the effects of Hurricane Katrina to that area, and it is important that we help take the burden off of the parents affected by the hurricane by donating items for their children."

The donated school supplies will be packaged in book bags and delivered to the New Orleans communities during Phi Sigma Pi's National Convention in August.

Amy Hackney-Hansen, advisor of the fraternity and assistant professor of psychology, insists that all items donated will help those children who are less fortunate.

"Even a package of pencils or a notebook will make a difference," said Hackney-Hansen. "Imagine the impact Georgia Southern can make if each individual just donates one item. If you don't have time to buy school supplies, donate your spare change to Phi Sigma Pi, and we'll do the shopping for you."

GRE

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whether there were enough Internet-based testing centers available to ensure that every student who wanted to take the test could," he said. "It became clear that there were not enough domestically."

The GRE is taken by between 550,000 and 600,000 applicants to graduate programs annually.

The change involves very different issues than the scoring errors on the SAT college entrance exam that surfaced last year. But Monday's announcement could contribute to concerns that the standardized testing industry, busy with dozens of national and state-level standardized exams, has too much on its plate.

The announcement confirms ETS "has repeatedly tried to rush computerized exams into the marketplace before they were ready for prime time," said Robert Schaeffer, public education director of the group FairTest, which has been critical of the testing industry. "They pushed these flawed products to increase test-maker income, not improve assessment quality or meet students needs."

Even though it scrapped the planned changes, ETS said it is still considering whether to increase the price of the exam. It had previously announced the cost would rise but had not said by how much. The current exam costs \$130 in the United States and \$160 in most other places.

"We're still evaluating whether the price is going to go up," Ewing said. "We suspect it will but we just don't know at this point."

LinkLink takes donations

GSU News Service

Every April LifeLink of Georgia, the local organ procurement organization, along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the transplant community across the country honor and pay tribute to the generosity of organ donors and their families.

"Each year we focus on families and organizations to help LifeLink inform Georgians about organ and tissue donation," said Kathleen Lilly, executive director of LifeLink of Georgia.

"We share information with the community about the greatest gift anyone could ever give...the gift of life," she said.

National Donate Life Month inspires individuals to seek information about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor.

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LifeLink schedules and promotes events to highlight the critical organ shortage in the United States. Currently more than 95,000 people are listed for an organ transplant nationwide.

In Georgia over 1,700 family members, friends and colleagues await donated organs from helpful volunteers.

Contact Tracy Gay, public relations specialist at 1-800-544-6667 to schedule a free presentation. LifeLink is also available to participate at health fairs or other special events.

Visit the Website www.lifelink-found.org to learn more about organ and tissue donation.


"Please make a commitment to become an organ and tissue donor today and share your decision with your family," said Lilly.

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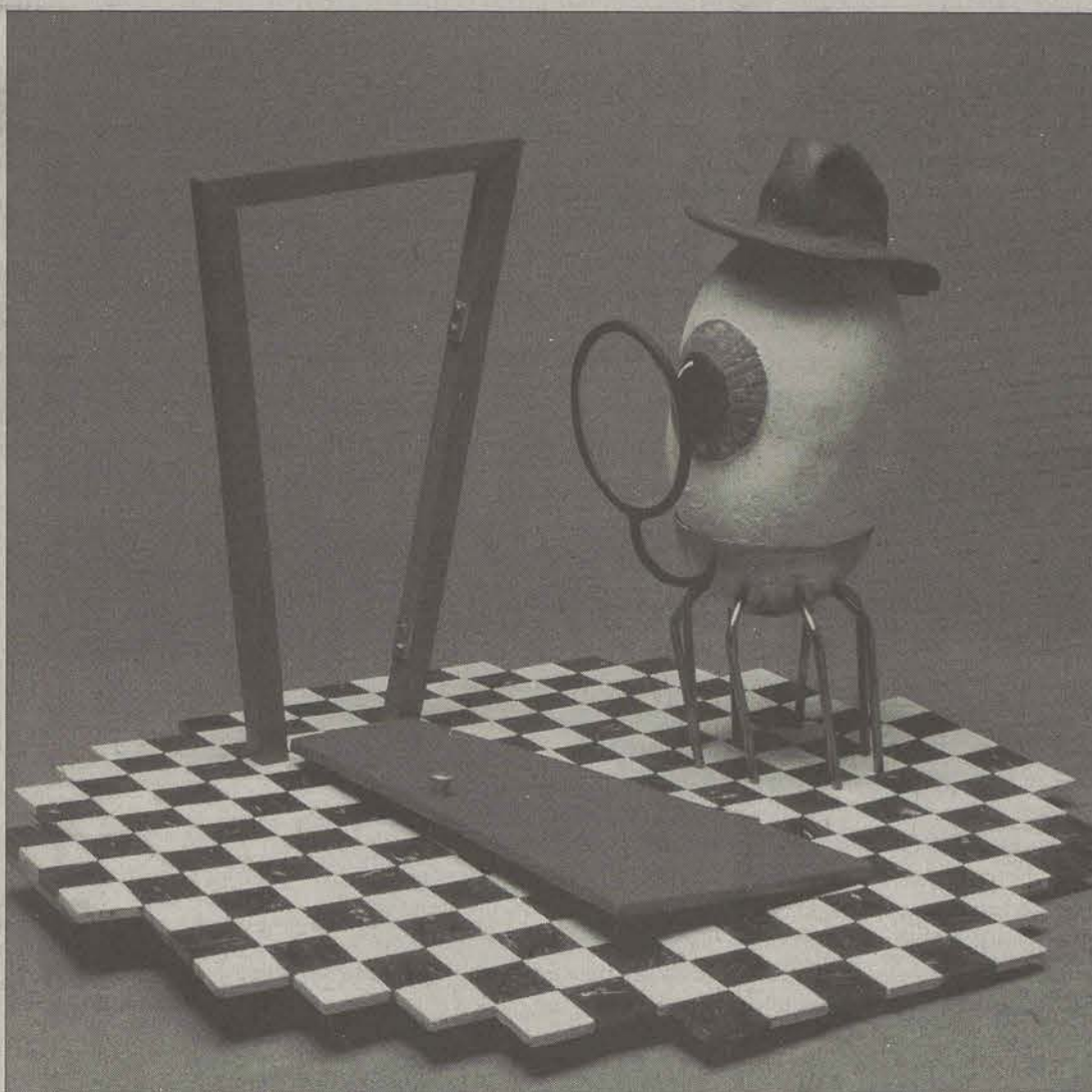


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Special Photo

GSU senior Page Burch will present his exhibition, *Of Doom*, on April 13 in the Averitt Center for the Arts. It will be on display until April 19.

Fear drives GSU artists' work

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate, Page Burch, will present his solo senior exhibition, *Of Doom*, April 13 through 19.

The exhibit will hang in the Legends Gallery of the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro.

An opening reception for the artist will be held on Friday evening, April 13, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Burch is a graduate of Shaw High School in Columbus, Georgia.

As an art major in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, he participated in the Fire Sculpture performance in March 2006.

He aided in the building and running of Exquisite Cupola in Scotland and England in April 2006.

He also created a bench, "Chive Greca," which is on display on Statesboro's Linear Park.

Burch states that his sculptural exhibition features imitation metal bombs, homemade toys, rockabilly bats and other items.

He finds these materials are appropriated and misused to speak on a society he believes is on the brink of doom.

The pieces blend traditional methods and practices with more modern and unconventional materials such as cast hot glue sticks and fishing worm rubber.

About his work Burch said, "My current work uses old-school imagery to speak about the prominent fear of attack found within today's society and its relationship with society at the time of the dawn of the nuclear age in the 1940s."

The exhibition is sponsored by the Department of Art and is free and open to the public.

The Averitt Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gallery programming is supported by GSU Student Activity Fees. For more information, contact Burch at pageMB247@hotmail.com.

Interested in Art? Check out these local events

• **Exhibit:** A Family Affair: Rosie Remley and Susan Hodgins

• **Dates:** April 13 - May 25

• **Where:** Averitt Center for the Arts



• **Exhibit:** The Design Group, graphic design students

• **Dates:** March 31 - April 8

• **Where:** GSU Arts Building

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Screening Begins April 13, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

For more information, Applications are available on our website at <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu>, or in Human Resources on the 1st floor in the Rosenwald Building on campus (912-681-5468, P. O. Box 8104, Statesboro, GA 30460).



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"The people who are regarded as moral luminaries are those who forego ordinary pleasures themselves and find compensation in interfering with the pleasures of others."

- Bertrand Russell

OUR VIEW

Towed away

AT ISSUE: Statesboro towing companies are violating Georgia towing laws

Finally, the towing tyranny in Statesboro is coming to an end. The Statesboro City Council's vote yesterday to pass legislation to end illegal towing is a step toward more fair and reasonable parking laws.

Statesboro police did a fine job of investigating local towing services, and in the process they found that four or five state towing ordinances are regularly abused by local towing companies.

As some students know, walking to

the parking lot and not finding your car can be scary and frustrating, especially if there is no record of where your car is. One state law that towing companies routinely ignore is notifying people that their vehicle is being towed, and to what location.

Towing companies in Statesboro have failed to provide information about their businesses, like the name, number or the cost of towing and storage. In fact, so many people called the Statesboro police

to report their cars stolen, the calls were interfering with their other duties, and resulted in the investigation.

Another major towing law that has been ignored by towers is the law against cruising. Recently, Georgia Southern has enforced time restriction for parking, and cars may be towed after midnight. The change is not listed in the 2007 parking regulations, and signs that state cars can't be parked after midnight do not have tow-

ing company information.

There's no telling how long towing companies have taken money illegally from students and Statesboro citizens. The City Council should review past records and fine the companies accordingly.

After all, they fine Statesboro citizens for the parking infractions, and yet they have been breaking Georgia laws repetitively. It's time for towing companies to pay their fines like the rest of us.



Safer ways to keep it all fun in the sun

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States with more than one million skin cancers diagnosed annually. Exposure to the sun in unsafe ways can lead to this form of cancer. In fact, more than 90 percent of all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure.

With a national and local push to increase physical activity, some people are spending more time outdoors in direct sunlight.

So is it possible to enjoy the outdoors while staying safe in the sun? The answer is yes, if you follow some simple guidelines.

First, seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest. Try and schedule your run, walk, or soccer game early in the morning or after 4 p.m.

Second, avoid tanning and UV tanning booths. Tanning, like burning, causes genetic damage to skin cells.

"You can't protect the skin by damaging it," said James M. Spencer, MD, director of dermatologic surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "Tanning not only increases the risk for melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, but accelerates skin aging."

A recent study conducted by the American Academy of Dermatology found that 26 percent of young people under the age of 25 had used a tanning bed in the past year. Of those 26 percent, over half were women. So next time you're planning to lay in the tanning bed, use sunscreen or reduce your time in the tanning machine.

Third, use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. It is important to apply sunscreen everyday and to reapply every two hours when swimming or exercising vigorously.

Fourth, cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses. Choose loose-fitting clothing made of tightly woven fabric.

Fifth, examine your skin head-to-toe every month. Be aware of skin changes and the growth and appearance of moles and freckles.

Sixth, see your physician every year for a professional skin exam. The faster you find out about skin cancers, the faster than can be removed and with minimal damage.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 20 people die each day from skin cancer resulting in over 8,000 deaths a year.

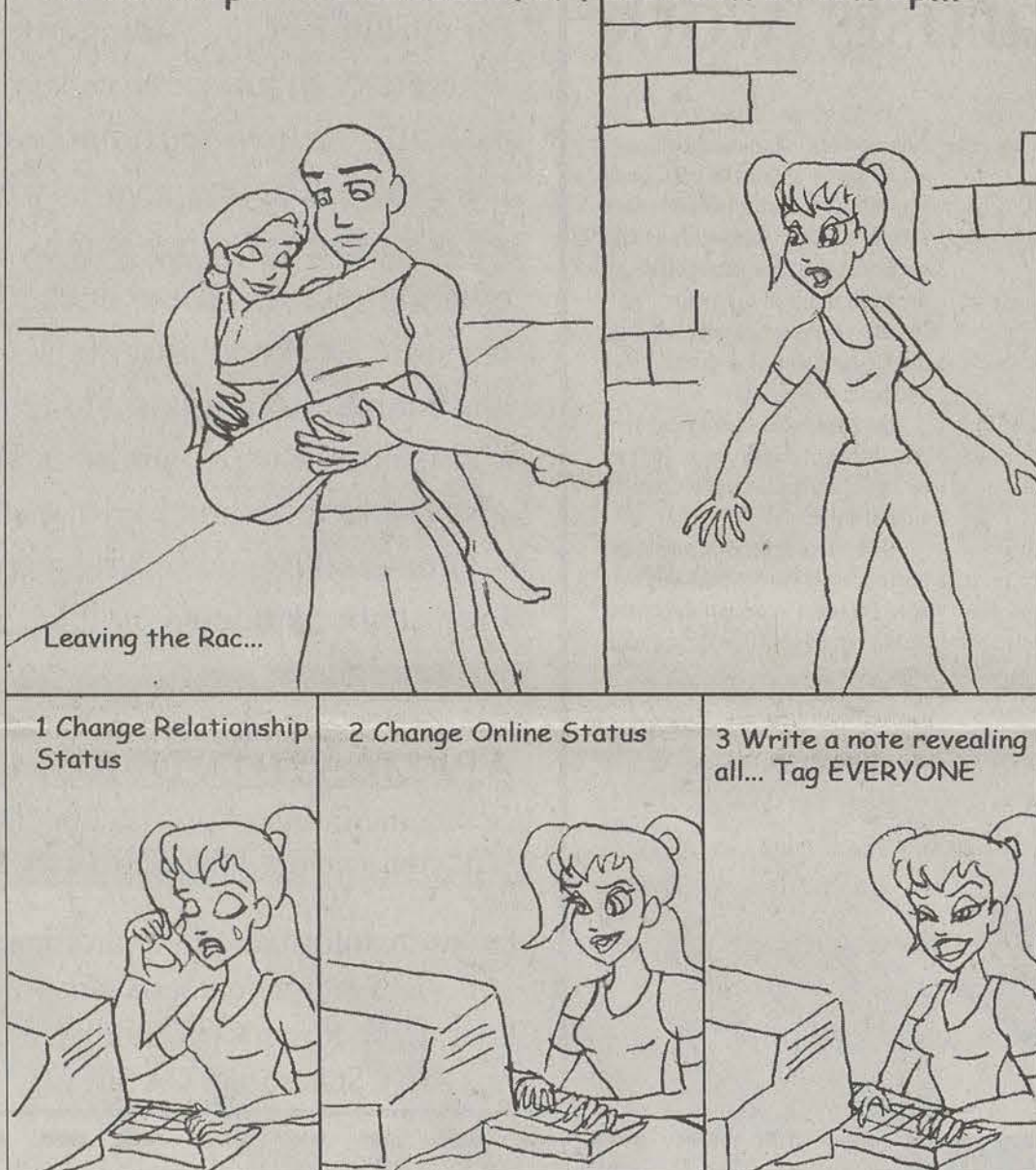
Reducing your sun exposure and avoiding tanning beds can not only preserve your youthful appearance, but it may also save your life.

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Three steps to a successful facebook break up...



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Johnathan Clark | YOUR TURN

Support the troops, not the politics

Every time I watch a debate show there is always a conservative supporter of the GOP who brings up someone's loyalty to the country by saying they do they support the troops.



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The troops did not choose this war; they chose the military for the same reason, any high school or college graduate would join the military, for opportunity to make money.

To look at the reasons for going to Iraq as a negative to the men and women serving the country is wrong both on conservatives that use the military to defend them-

selves against media criticism and the hippie liberals of the sixties that called soldiers "baby killers" in the first place.

I grew up in Fort Stewart/Hinesville where soldiers are just people trying to feed their children, support their spouses, pay their bills and maybe pay for college.

They go to war because that is what their job calls them to do, because I'm not doing it and neither are most of us.

All the negative issues about the war blame it on ignorant men running the country that cannot focus on actual diplomacy.

We are going to be in Iraq for a long time not because I am another stubborn conservative but because leaving Iraq will do more harm than good.

Seeing America defeated by an unorganized group of Iraqi rivaling

and revenging death squads, criminals and clueless foreign fighters that aid in killing both Iraqis and Americans.

If we lose, conservative Americans will not look at themselves as fools for supporting a faux war, but will blame liberals for calling the war off.

Make more people vote for another government like the Bush administration and we will be fighting another exploitive crusade based on faux principles.

In other words we will learn nothing from this war and we will be putting our military brothers and sisters back in harms way in another easily crafted excuse to go to war.

If you want to really support the troops, then visit a veteran hospital or support a group or make a group that support military family members.

Miguel Fuller GUEST COLUMNIST

Georgia alcohol sales on Sunday?

According to dictionary.com, a hypocrite is "a person who pretends to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principles, etc., that he or she does not actually possess." Basically, a hypocrite is a person who says one thing but does another. After recent action, or non-action, by the Georgia General Assembly, there are many who feel as if a big hypocrite sign should be placed in front of the Georgia State Capitol.

Last Monday, the day before the cross-over cut-off, the Republican-dominated Senate Rules Committee dropped the issue of Sunday alcohol sales. Because this session of the General Assembly is only 40 days, there is a deadline for issues to be put on the roster for debate. If the proposed bill would have passed the senate, it would have been sent to the House and may have landed on the ballots for Georgia voters to decide in November.



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Georgia is one of only three states in the U.S. that refuses to sell alcohol on Sunday in retail stores, according to The Atlanta-Journal Constitution. Many Georgia citizens and businesses have protested the existing law saying it intrudes on their personal rights. Many convenience store owners are upset that a major part of how they make money is being restricted by the state.

This is where the hypocrisy begins. During the 2004 Presidential election, the issue of gay marriage was at the

forefront of domestic issues in America. Conservatives were going around yelling that gay marriage was going to tear away at the foundation and sanctity of marriage in America. They made it seem as if Bob and Tom wanting to get married would cause the world to implode.

Lawmakers in Georgia and all around the country proclaimed from every mountaintop that the voters of America needed to decide if Bob and Tom should get married. With a flash of light, the "Gay Marriage Amendment" showed up on ballots across the country, allowing voters to decide if two consenting adults should enter into a legal union. The lawmakers across the country got what they wanted - amendments to states' constitutions outlawing gay marriage.

After this whole debacle, one would think that the lawmakers of Georgia would let the voters decide on issues dealing with citizen's personal freedoms - not so.

Behind the Legislature are Christian conservatives saying that people have six days to buy alcohol, and the Sabbath should be reserved for worshipping the Lord. Does everyone in Georgia observe the Sabbath now?

When it comes down to it, members of the Georgia Legislature are showing what true hypocrites they are. They will let the issue of gay marriage go before the voters of Georgia, but they won't let the voters decide if they should be able to buy alcohol on Sunday.

The issue of religion and politics is an old one, especially in the Bible-belt, but there has to come a time when people have to stop pushing their beliefs on other people. The Christian conservatives who are so concerned about the morality of everyone else need to look inside their own homes and churches and fix the problems there before they come out and try to fix society's problems.

The Georgia Legislature must let the voters of Georgia decide if retail stores are to sell alcohol on Sunday. If they let this bill die and not see the light of day on ballots in the future, many will see this current crop of lawmakers as pure hypocrites.

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SPORTS

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GSU Softball: A.J. Street. The senior pitcher was named the Southern Conference Pitcher of the Week for last week's games. Street pitched 10 scoreless innings and picked up two wins in the series against Furman. She improves to 5-4 on the season with a 2.71 ERA.

NHL: Claude Julien. The head coach for the New Jersey Devils was fired Monday, one week before the end of the regular season. The Devils are in first place of their division and second in the Eastern Conference. General Manager Lou Lamorello, who has done this to a coach before, will step in behind the bench.

Fans, say hello to sports break

After watching the end of a predictable national basketball game Monday night, my mind began to realize the certainty now set for the sports world. And, I was not happy when I came to this astounding conclusion.



Zac Case
MY OPINION

College basketball is now over. The NFL and college football are mere memories. We must now relegate ourselves to the start of the Major League Baseball season, but even that will get old after a few weeks. Welcome to the dog days of the sporting year.

No longer will you be able to turn the television on and have a choice between a top 10 match-up in the Big East, a rivalry game in the Pac-10, or a college bowl game.

We will be stuck listening to chatter about the Red Sox and Yankee rivalry...again.

Until college football begins in five months, decent sporting events will be sporadic.

The Masters, which starts Thursday, is by far the best golf tournament of the year, but after that, what do fans have to look forward to? The NBA playoffs?

The NBA playoffs are great but they feel like they last as long as the regular season, Commissioner David Stern trying to milk as much television exposure as possible, stretching them out for nearly two months.

Plus we all know what is going to happen; whoever comes out of the west going to win it all.

What else have we then? Continual ESPN self-promotion in its coverage of the NFL draft until late April and probably more Arena Football coverage considering ESPN is a partial owner of the league.

The minor details of the NFL draft, like the Dallas Cowboys looking to improve its defensive line, will receive non-stop coverage from ESPN for nearly a month, much to the chagrin of sporting fans who really could care less.

I wonder if they will do the same thing for the NBA draft held in late June?

There are the hockey playoffs, beginning around the same time as the NBA's.

Hockey playoffs can be entertaining, however most Americans could care less about the sport.

I am not a hockey fan but it is funny to watch an overtime playoff game that goes until early morning hours, or even funnier, teams that elect not to shave for two months.

ESPN Classic is good for some sporting entertainment during this dry season.

We can watch old college football game to get ready for the season still far away, or relive the 1993 NCAA Men's Basketball tournament.

Classic games will provide some relief from the other mind-numbingly boring sporting events taking place over the next five months.

Locally, the Blue-White game will be held in a few weeks, but that will only get me more depressed, knowing college football is still four months away.

So, I guess the only alternative to watching average sporting events is to get outside, play golf and tennis, or hibernate until sports become important again.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN VS. GEORGIA BULLDOGS

4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Eagles to put leash on Bulldogs

Georgia Southern looks to end losing streak against the Dawgs

By Zac Case
Sports editor



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

Shortstop Aubrey Thwheat drives a base hit into left field in a win of Furman on Sunday. The Lady Eagles play Georgia today at 4 pm.

The Lady Eagles are preparing to continue their recent winning streak as they travel to Athens to take on the Georgia Bulldogs in a doubleheader today at the Georgia Softball Stadium.

Georgia Southern returns to Athens for the first time since the NCAA Regional in May. GSU's first-ever NCAA appearance ended at the hands of the Bulldogs, 11-6, who swept the season series 4-0.

After losing nine out of 10 games, the Eagles have seven wins in their last nine outings and are coming off a three-game sweep of Furman.

Pitching was on display last weekend as three GSU pitchers combined to shut out Furman over the last 21 innings. The trio held the Lady Paladins to just 14 hits for a .177 batting average.

Pitcher A.J. Street completed 10 scoreless innings in the Eagles' series sweep over Furman on Saturday and Sunday. She posted a 2-0 record for the weekend including coming to mound in extra innings in game two to pitch three innings and pick up the 1-0 victory.

Street recorded four strikeouts and only gave up four hits in the series. She picked up her first shutout since 2005 with a three-hitter on Sunday.

On the season, Street is 5-4 with a 2.71 earned run average. Opponents are hitting .230 against her.

At the plate, four players hit .500 or better, including senior Katie Smith who went 4-for-7 (.571) with two doubles and two RBI. She has surpassed her career total in doubles coming in to the season and has already set new career highs in several offensive categories.

For the season, Lindsey Hopkins leads the Eagles with a .325 batting average.

Melissa Laliberte (6-7, 2.29 ERA) and A.J. Street (5-4, 2.71 ERA) have logged the majority of the innings in the circle for GSU in 2007.

The Bulldogs compiled a 1-4 mark last week after dropping a doubleheader to No. 24 Georgia Tech and losing two of three games at No. 3 Alabama.

Georgia's 2-1 game one win against the Crimson Tide on Saturday snapped Alabama's 30-game home winning streak.

Victoria Sanders paced Georgia offensively in the Alabama series after compiling four hits in eight plate appearances. Melissa Wood contributed three RBI last weekend while Kellie Middleton tallied two home runs in game three on Sunday.

Georgia holds a 17-1 all-time record against GSU, including the two wins in the 2006 NCAA Athens Regional.

Anders helps linebackers shine at practice

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern football returned to the practice fields Monday afternoon, two days after their first scrimmage. The Eagles went back to wearing shoulder pads and helmets.

After the offense stole the show on Saturday, head coach Chris Hatcher liked the improvement he saw from the defensive unit. At the end of practice, the offense battled the defense in an 11-on-11 two-minute type drill. The defensive line made several plays where they broke through and made a sack in key situations. The offense was still able to find the endzone but according to Hatcher, defense was the key.

"Well today defensively was probably our best day of the entire spring practice. Saturday the offense pretty much had the upper hand and then today the defense was challenged by the whole staff," said Hatcher. "They came out a lot more enthusiastic, a lot more fire in their eyes which is good to see. We still had some good plays on offense but overall I would have to give the day to the defense, which will make me sleep a little better tonight."

The Eagles will practice again on Wednesday afternoon then take the rest of the week off for Easter. There are two weeks and counting before the conclu-

sion of spring drills on Saturday, April 21 with the Blue-White game.

No one on defense knows more about the holes that need filled at linebacker than defensive coordinator Ashley Anders, who also happens to be the linebackers coach.

Anders, who served in a similar capacity at Valdosta State, is known for developing all-conference linebackers. He did so several times at Valdosta State. He inherits a youthful corps looking to replace departed seniors Jason Earwood and All-America John Mohring.

Rising sophomore Terrione Benefield started seven times last year. But during spring of his redshirt year he moved from defensive back to the outside linebacker position, so he is still learning the ins and outs of playing linebacker. The versatile Benefield made 38 tackles, including 5.5 for a loss, and intercepted three passes.

Fellow sophomore David Lewis saw significant action at linebacker, actually starting the season-opener. Lewis made 13 tackles while playing in all 11 games. He will challenge for the starting middle linebacker spot.

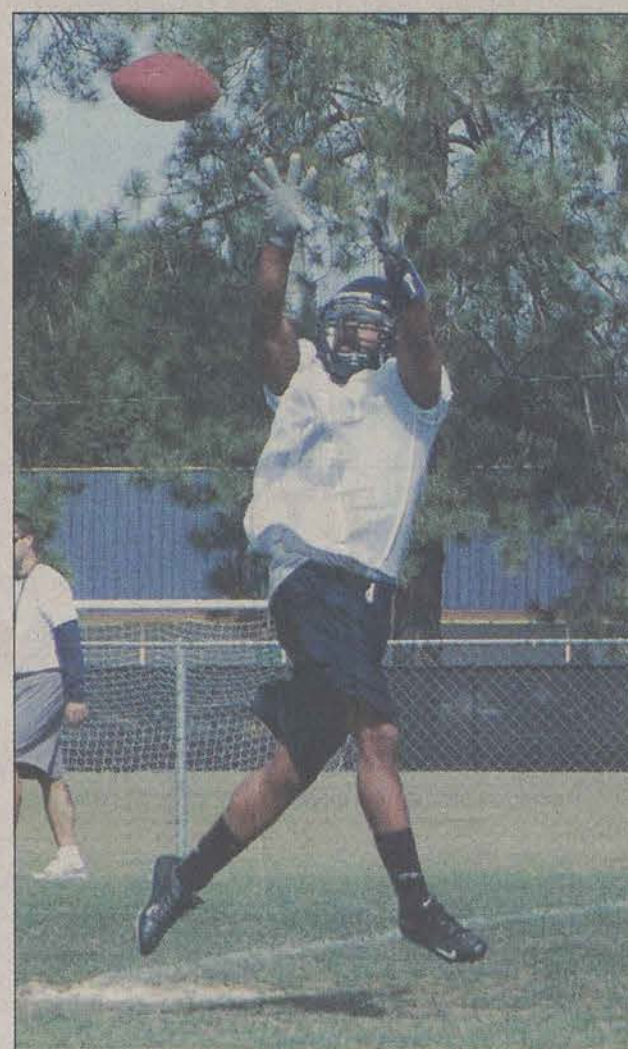
E.J. Webb joined the Eagles in January after playing last year at Fork Union Military Academy and will have four years of eligibility remaining. He could step in immediately at outside

linebacker. Mississippi transfer Quentin Taylor is sitting out the spring to meet academic requirements, but come fall could factor into the system.

Others looking to challenge for playing time include: redshirt-freshmen Alex Johnson, Corey Rushing; juniors Justin Callaway, David Morris, Cliff McGhee; and senior transfer Cory Clements.

"Slowly but surely we're making progress, that's all you can really ask for. We have had a couple of injuries so (right now) we don't have a lot of depth. Guys have to make sure they are in shape, they will play a lot of snaps and we will go from there," said Coach Anders. "David Lewis has shown flashes that he can really be a good football player. E.J. Webb, a newcomer, has shown a lot of athletic ability. He's flying around, but once he settles in and gets under control he'll be able to contribute. Terrione Benefield is going around and making plays. I've been real pleased with those guys. Everyone has been making progress."

Last week redshirt-freshman tight end Michael Veal suffered an ACL injury and will miss the 2007 season... Sophomore linebacker Harland Bower tore his triceps muscle and could miss up to six months... Junior defensive lineman Matt Wise suffered a foot injury and will miss the rest of spring practice.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

The Eagles next practice will be today at 3:20.

NCAA championship just a Florida repeat

By Scott Fowler

McClatchy Newspapers

Overrated! Overrated!

No, not Florida. The Gators are phenomenal. They have now duplicated Duke's rock-star teams of 1991 and '92 with two consecutive national championships.

No, I'm talking about the NCAA final itself. Florida's 84-75 win against Ohio State was another exercise in pleasant efficiency if you're a resident of Gator Nation, but otherwise as boring as usual.

It's not a coincidence. It's becoming a tradition. This makes seven times in the past 10 years that the winner has won by at least nine points.

Two-thirds of the time in the past decade, if you went to bed halfway through the second half, you didn't miss much.

That's not much of a percentage if you're hoping to see the next Lorenzo Charles or Rollic Massimino. And the reason why people refer to those finals in the 1980s so often is the ones that have followed have rarely measured up in electricity.

Just like 2006, when Florida beat UCLA by 16 in the final, there wasn't a single lead change in Monday night's second half. In fact, Ohio State never got closer than six.

This wasn't the Gators' fault. There simply was no team in the country that

could beat them in this tournament, or even come close. Florida was a great and experienced team in the truest sense, full of fast playmakers who ran, scored, played defense and shared.

"One of the greatest teams of all time," Florida coach Billy Donovan called his squad, and who could argue? The Gators deserve all the glory for their back-to-back titles (sandwiching a football championship, no less).

Florida won despite not suiting up the game's best player. That was Ohio State star freshman center Greg Oden, who did everything he could -- 25 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.

On the biggest stage, Oden played the finest game he has all season (and possibly his last in college).

But because Oden's teammates never could hit an outside shot, going 4-for-23 from beyond the 3-point line, the game was never in doubt.

"We pretty much got every and anything out of Greg tonight," Ohio State guard Mike Conley Jr. said. "Our team needed to play as well as he was."

Florida big man Joakim Noah was No-ah factor. He was in foul trouble the whole game and only scored eight points. But Florida is so deep, it didn't matter.

Lee Humphrey, the senior guard

who looks so clean-cut that Donovan jokes that he has milk and cookies every night before bed, hit a 3-pointer almost every time Ohio State threatened.

I thought the game's key moment was early (a bad sign if you're hoping for a thriller), when Ohio State cut Florida's early lead to 24-22. The Gators promptly hit three straight 3-pointers, the first by Humphrey, to set the tone that they would be the only ones making the treys (10-for-18).

Ohio State never got within five after that. The Gators oiled up their machine and went to work.

For us, it was repetitive.

For them, it was a repeat.