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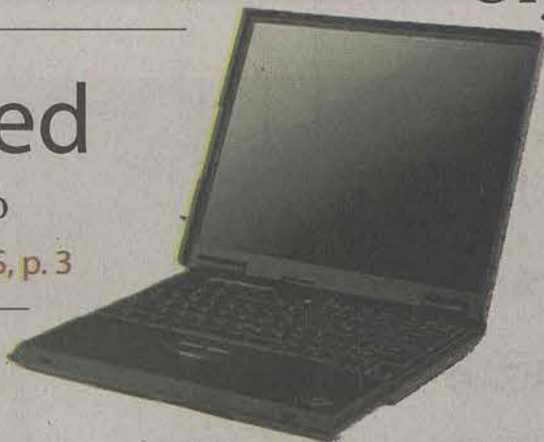
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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006

# Holiday home safety

## Keep your apartment safe with simple steps

By Stacy Downs  
McClatchy Newspapers

Apartments are easy targets for burglars.

"You have a lot of people coming and going, and you also have a lot of residences close together," said Sgt. Dan Ward, spokesman of the Lawrence, Kan., Police Department. "So somebody strange can blend in easily."

Ward has worked a lot of apartment burglaries, including ones that occur while college students are on Thanksgiving and semester breaks. Some might have been prevented if the residences had looked lived in while the tenant was away. Here's what Ward, a security-device manufacturer and a handyman suggest:

### DOORS

Obviously, lock them, even when you're at home. And never leave a key under a potted plant or the doormat. Burglars have been onto that for decades.

Burglars are forever kicking in doors to get inside apartments. Consider installing a strike plate into the door frame. Burglaries also occur when people are at home, so you might want a keyless deadbolt, too. Consult with your apartment manager before having either installed. The labor and supplies cost about \$180 for both, said Andrew Smith, owner of House Doctors handyman service.

Secure sliding doors to patios and balconies with pull-down bars. For added protection, place a wooden dowel that fits snugly in the bottom track.

Consider a wireless alarm. They cost about \$7 for a simple one to \$35 for a device with a remote control at hardware stores and home-supply centers, says Lauren Russ, spokeswoman for Intermatic, an Illinois company that makes wireless home-security equipment.

In apartments versus single-family houses, these devices can be more effective because the residences aren't

see **BREAK**, page 12

## Tips to prevent break-ins while on break

By Katie Dyches  
Staff writer

Winter break is just around the corner, and for many students that means a trip back home to spend time with friends and family. While everyone looks forward to a much-deserved break from classes, there are things students should do to make sure their apartments are safe and secure while they are gone.

Break-ins are not a huge problem here in Statesboro, but they do happen. There are a few simple precautions to take before leaving town to help insure your home is secure.

"The most important thing to do is to secure all your doors," said Captain Laura McCullough of the GSU Campus Police. "Break-ins aren't too big of a problem around here, but students should always take the proper precautions."

The Campus Police recommend that students do a few basic things to help prevent break-ins

over Winter Break.

"Of course, lock all your windows and doors, especially if you live on the ground floor, where it is easier for someone to break in," said McCullough.

McCullough also recommends removing any expensive items from your apartment if at all possible. Laptops, iPods, televisions and video game systems are some of the most commonly stolen items. If it is not possible to take these items with you, keep them out of plain view by storing them under a bed or in a closet. Make sure to also secure your bike with a heavy-duty bike lock, or bring it inside if possible. Campus Police are patrolling 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during the holidays, which provides added security for those living on campus.

"Most of the precautions are common-sense things like locking your doors and windows and closing your blinds," said Vickie Shaw, a see **SAFE**, page 12

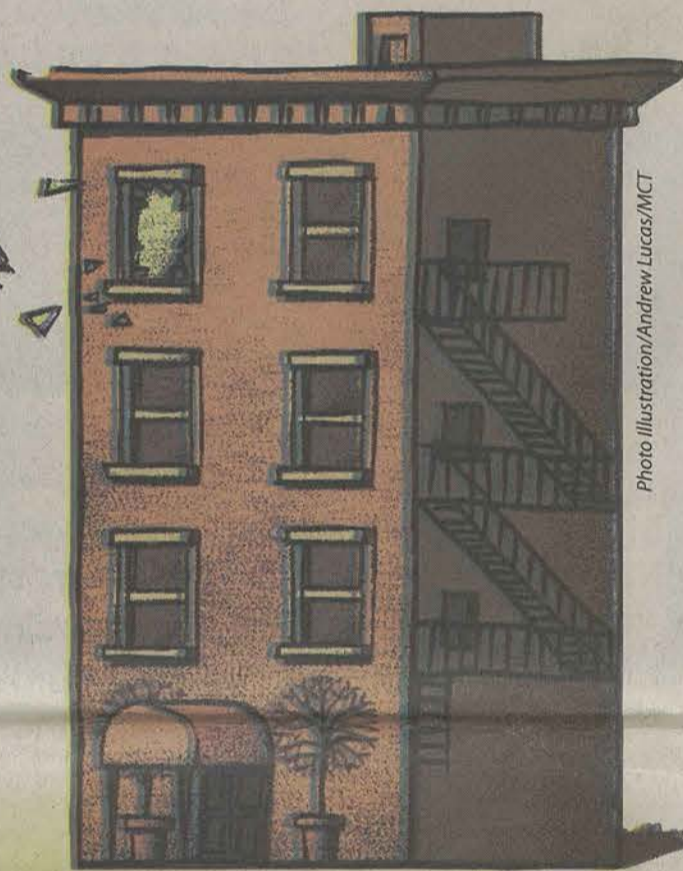


Photo Illustration/Andrew Lucas/MCT

### Stay safe in your building:

1. Cooperate with other tenants in keeping the outer main doors locked. Don't permit strangers to enter the building when you are entering or leaving, and don't buzz them inside the building.
2. Avoid using the laundry room in your apartment building or complex alone, especially at night. Develop a buddy system. Consider carrying a personal alarm.
3. Don't place your full name on an identification slot on the door, mailbox or in the phone directory. Use your last name or just a first and middle initial.
4. Consider installing a peephole in the center of a door, especially if you have children, so everyone can see outside the apartment. To have one installed costs about \$12 in parts and \$30 in labor from a handyman service.
5. Install programmable wireless door and window monitors, which are an effective way to alert apartment dwellers to break-ins. A code entered on a keypad activates and deactivates the alarm. (Intermatic, \$20, home-supply and hardware stores)
6. Screw a light sensor onto any incandescent light. The light then will turn on at dusk, without any programming. It can be used outdoors on porch lamps and indoors on table lamps. (Intermatic, \$6.95, home-supply and hardware stores)
7. Keep the blinds lowered while you're on vacation. Otherwise, burglars may look in and see what you have that's worth stealing.



### While you're away for winter break:

1. Put mail and newspapers on hold or have a friend pick them up.
2. Don't leave notes on the door or mailbox, which advertise your absence. Don't leave that information on your answering machine either.
3. Remove valuable items, such as laptop computers and expensive jewelry, from your apartment.
4. Lock all windows and doors. Don't keep a key hidden outside, especially not in the obvious places, like in a flower pot or under the welcome mat.
5. Make an inventory of valuables with photos and serial numbers, and keep them with your other sensitive documents. This helps police return stolen items if they're recovered, and if not, for your renters' insurance claim.

Photo Illustration/Michelle Kumata/MCT

## Former GSU employee remembered by loved-ones as caring, friendly

### Compiled by staff

Mrs. Janet Lynn Albertson Fail, age 41, a former Georgia Southern employee, passed away Saturday.

Fail was originally from Tattnall County but worked in the materials management department at GSU for over a decade as a buyer of the university's technology equipment.

Her funeral will be held today at 11 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church.

Due to overwhelming concerns and requests from GSU faculty the GSU News Service released information about her memorial via mass e-mail to campus employees.

Fail was diagnosed with liver cancer in June 2005, shortly afterwards, her co-workers and community members

worked together to throw a chicken dinner fundraiser and raffle to help fund medical expenses and other expenses.

Around campus, Fail was known for her positive attitude and professionalism.

"She was a very caring individual, friendly and helpful and was really close to her family," said Bob Miller, catering

manager on campus. Fail served as the organist at Friendship Baptist Church and was a Relay for Life chairperson.

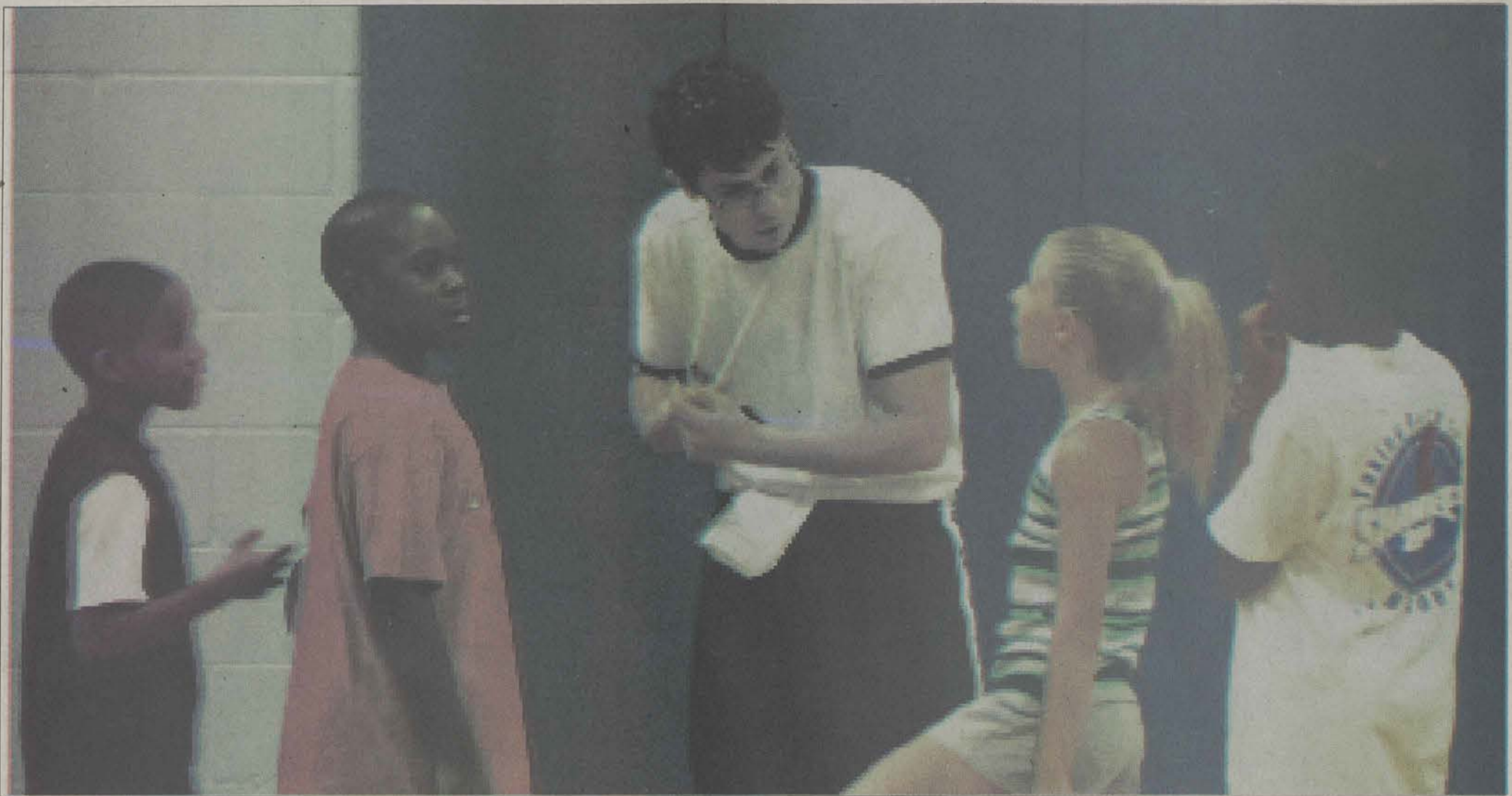
She is survived by her husband, Osey Fail, Jr., as well as three daughters, Katie Alberston, Kayla Alberston and Kaci Fail, all of Statesboro.

More information is available on the Joiner Anderson website at [www.joineranderson.com](http://www.joineranderson.com).



Janet Lynn Albertson Fail was a long-time faculty member at Georgia Southern, organist at Friendship Baptist Church and a Relay for Life chairperson. She passed away Saturday after being diagnosed with liver cancer in 2005

Special Photo



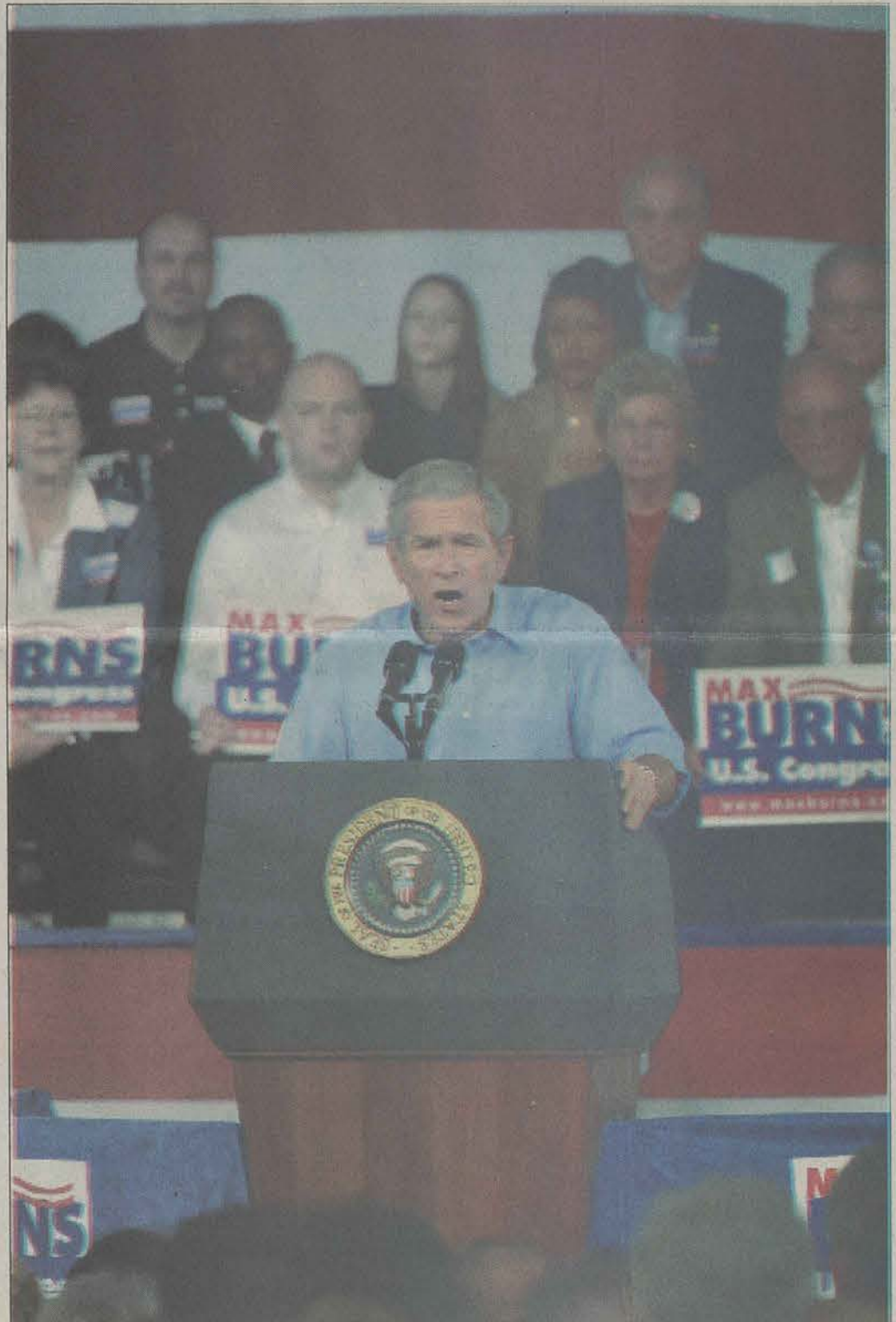
Georgia Southern student Mark Biackesay helps with a youth basketball camp.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

### FALL 2006 SEMESTER

# Thru our lens

Throughout the semester The George Anne Daily photographers captured moments of students and campus life. From Basketball camp to the words of some of the most powerful men in the world, Georgia Southern has sure seen their share of events this semester. From sizzling controversy to fair lights, GSU students are proud to stand up and participate in local happenings and southern traditions.



President Bush visits Georgia Southern's campus on behalf of former GSU professor Max Burns.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF



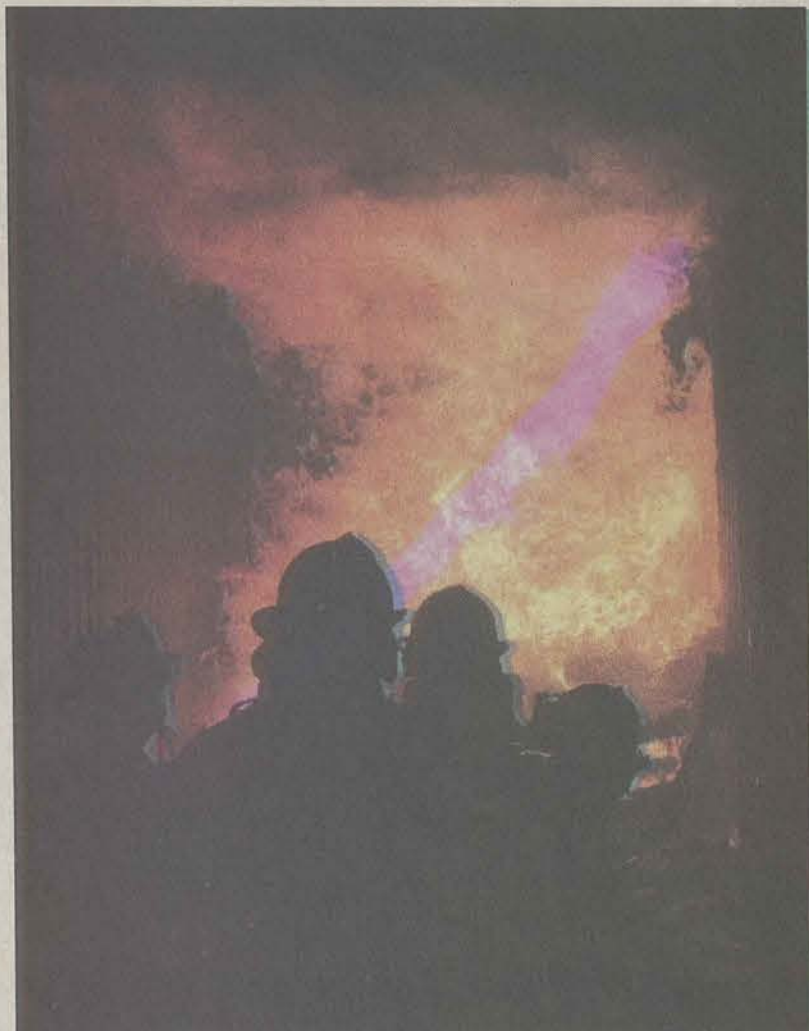
Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Craig Larimar listens to tracks on the recent "Miles Ahead" demo release.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

GSU students participate by sharing their political views during the President's visit.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

Local volunteer fire department heats up new recruits during a practice burn.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A local fireman shuts the door to accumulate the most smoke possible and lower the thermal level during a controlled burn this year.



Brian Prusa/STAFF

The library expansion is finished and has opened its stairwells to new knowledge.



Brian Prusa/STAFF

The traditional yearly fair spun around once again this October.

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 28

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Festival of trees  
Russell Union upstairs

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Cancer ribbon display  
Russell Union Commons

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Centennial reception  
Russell Union Commons

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Young Democrats  
Russell Union 2044

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
NYC information meeting  
Russell Union 2052

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Distinguished lecture:  
Butch Reynolds  
Education lecture hall

Wednesday, November 29

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Children's vegetable garden  
Botanical Garden

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Video Gamers Alliance  
Russell Union 2080

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SGA meeting  
Russell Union 2048

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Movie: Pulse  
Russell Union Theatre

## POLICE BEAT

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• Ruben Charles Hayslett, 23, of Southern Pines, was charged with wanted person.

• A 2001 Pontiac was taken from the Perimeter commuter parking lot.

## Senior exhibit focuses on local music scenes



Special photo

Photographs like this by Grayson Hoffman will be one display through Dec. 1 in the Legends Gallery of the Averitt Center.

## GSU News Service

Grayson Lane Hoffman, bachelor of fine arts candidate at Georgia Southern, opened his senior photography exhibition, "Never Comin' Down," on Saturday, Nov. 25.

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

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will close with a reception on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Hoffman was born in Tallahassee, spent his youth in Miami and his school years on St. Simons Island.

His grandmother and older sister are artists, and Hoffman's talent was evident at an early age.

He began to concentrate on photography during his junior year of high school by taking courses and exhibiting in local galleries and shows.

In recent years, his interests have expanded to include photojournalism.

About his photography, Gray-

son said, "I try to make my photos freeze the image of a 'decisive moment.' For this exhibition, my subject was the local band Miles Ahead. I have used techniques of shading and contrasting to express the moods and emotions of the musicians' lifestyle. The black and white photography of Ralph Gibson has been a strong influence."

Hoffman's work has been exhibited by The Art Place at Mountain View in Atlanta and presently can be found in the Glynn Art Association Gallery on St. Simons Island.

His photos have appeared in the "Atlanta Constitution," "The George-Anne" and the "Savannah Morning News."

At this time, Grayson is pursuing a career in photojournalism, while still perfecting his craft of fine-art photography.

The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. The Averitt Center for the Arts is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the artist at grayson\_l\_hoffman@georgiasouthern.edu.

## Olympic runner on campus today

## GSU News Service

Butch Reynolds, a former Olympic runner and the current speed coordinator for the Ohio State University football team, will visit Georgia Southern today.

After speaking to exercise science students and faculty during the day, Reynolds will make a public presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the College of

Education Building for the campus and local community.


"Ohio State is currently the No. 1 college football team in the United States in Division I-A," said Dan Czech, an associate professor of exercise science in GSU's Department of Health and Kinesiology.

"Coach Reynolds will talk about why the Buckeyes are faster, and he will also discuss running

science, mental toughness and his Olympic experiences."

Reynolds - who set the world record in the 400 meters in 1988 and then went on to compete in three Summer Olympics - is in his second year as a member of Ohio State's football staff.

He serves as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Buckeyes, specializing in speed training and nutrition.



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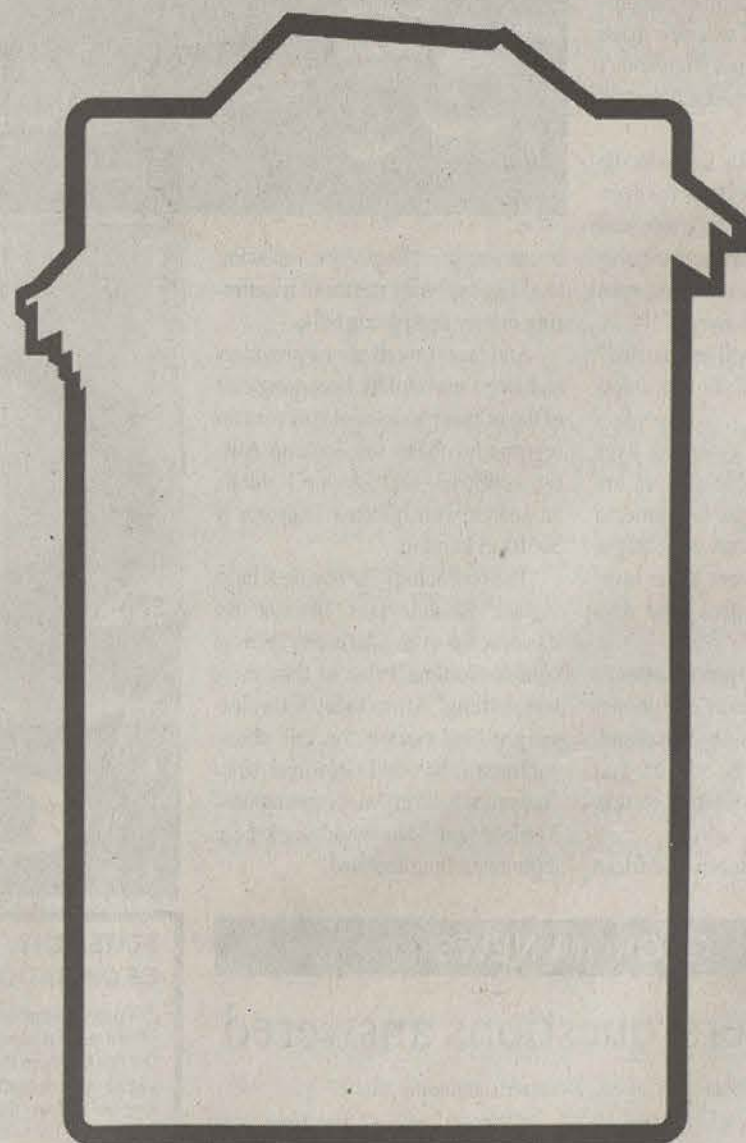
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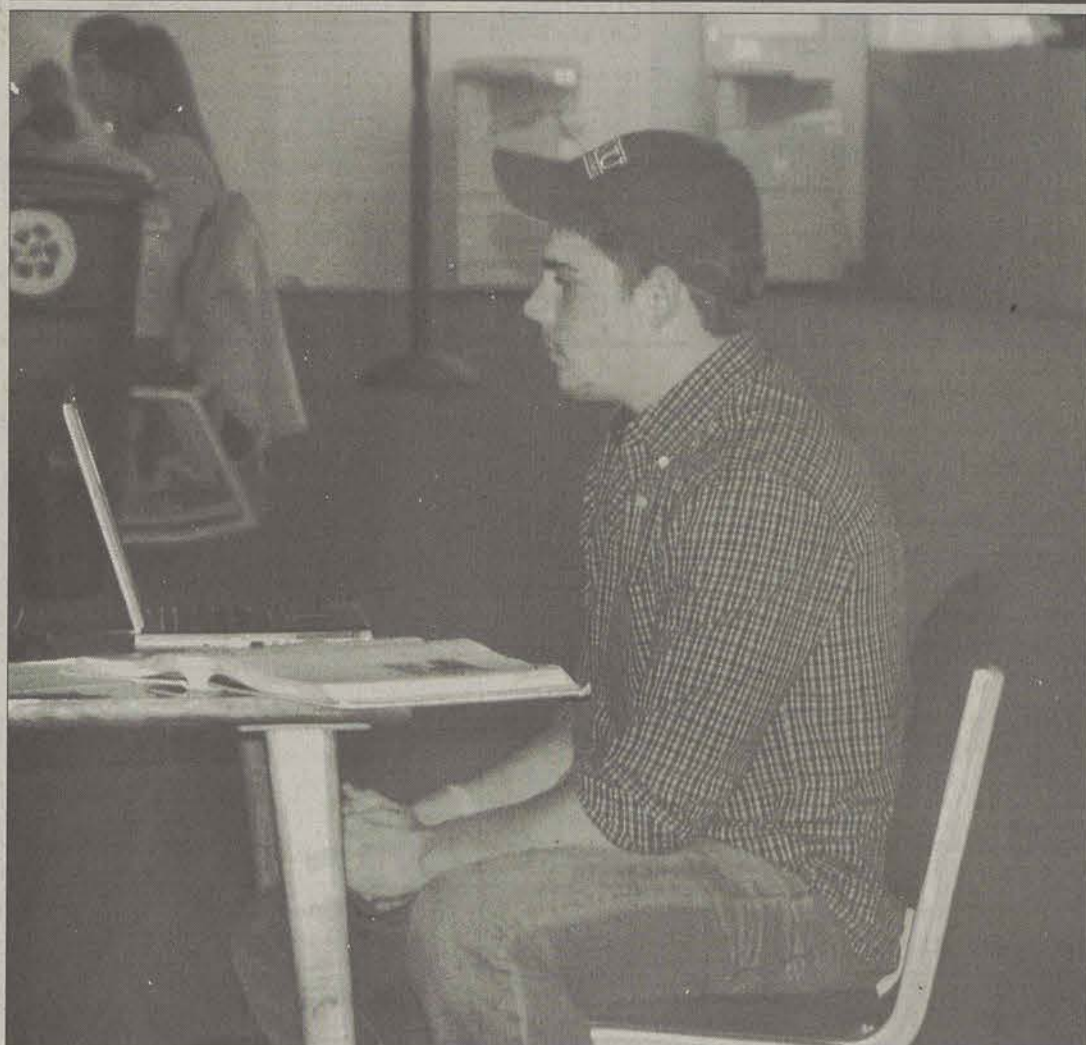
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Jamie Tuten/STAFF

A student takes advantage of wireless access in the Henderson Library. It will also be available in the Russell Union.

## Campus goes wireless

By Ditoria Geddis  
Staff writer

Getting connected to the world wide web is easier than ever now that wireless Internet is available in the Henderson Library.

There is a printer on the circulation desk that students can use to hook up their laptops if they need to print. Students can also use jump drives to save information from their laptops, then print from computers that are already connected to library printers.

Campus IT workers are currently working so students will be able to print using a wireless connection.

"During this temporary phase of construction the library has less computers, so the student tech fee provided us with 18 wireless laptops to let students check out at the circulation desk," said Head of Systems Department David Lowder. "This will allow students to work in groups or use the computers anywhere in the library."

Library employee Peggy Miley said, "Students will be allowed to check out the wireless laptops for two hours and there will be a 15-minute

assistance time to make sure that students bring the computer back in good condition."

The check out time is 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. and the assistance time is from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you damage the computer the replacement cost is \$1400.

"Students will not be allowed to take the laptops outside of the building," said Lowder.

According to Network Coordinator Savitri Jayaraman, the connection is secure because it is centrally controlled in the Information Technology building.

Henderson library computers were cut from about 330 to 150, so the wireless will allow more students to use the Internet during renovation. After the renovation is complete, the library should have more than 400 computers, plus more wireless Internet availability throughout the building.

There are two different ways for students to be allowed access at the library: GSU guest and GSU campus. The GSU guest connection lets users surf the Internet but does not give the users access to campus resources.

If a student just wants to check his or her e-mail, then having a

GSU guest connection is all they would need. Students using GSU campus connection gives access to campus resources in addition to the Internet.

For a GSU campus connection users must be authenticated through Clean Access. Everything on your computer is up to date to be compatible and Clean Access makes sure this possible.

If a student is using GSU guest it will not take long to log on, but using GSU campus will take longer, because of all the information that needs to be downloaded, Lowder said.

The library is not the only unplugged facility on campus.

The Russell Union is also getting wireless access installed, said Associate Director of Student Affairs Jeff Herrington.

Currently, the Russell Union has two data ports in every meeting room, so that people can hook up their laptops to get the hard-wired Internet. The process should be done by spring semester.

"Eventually the whole campus will have wireless Internet, it is just an expensive process," said Herrington.

## Weekly Eagle Buzz



### Today

We got a 2nd bus!! Go to NYC over winter break for only \$250.00. This includes transportation and hotel. For more trip info, visit the website at [www.eagleentertainmentonline.com](http://www.eagleentertainmentonline.com) or stop by the Office of Student Activities in Russell Union 1056.

### Wednesday, November 29th:

8pm - Union Theatre - "Pulse" only \$2.00 a person

### Thursday, November 30th

8pm - Union Theatre - "Pulse" only \$2.00 a person

### Saturday, December 2nd

Video Gamers Alliance will sponsor the Finals Blitz from 5pm to 11pm in the Williams Center Dining Hall. Contact Victoria Felder at 912-688-7753 or [vfelder@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:vfelder@georgiasouthern.edu) with any questions. VGA is going out with a bang this semester. Well, more like a blitz! We are hosting

and pokemon! Entry is two non-perishable food items or two toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, tissue, etc) OR a clothing item.

Here is what we have planned:

Dance Floor: come out and shake what your momma gave ya to the latest hits

Food: Dominos, Chick-Fil-A

Org-Busi Blast: We are inviting student organizations and local businesses to assist in making this program worth your while by setting up booths of free info, candy, and giveaways

Pokemon Card Game: We will have tables set up for you Pikachu and Mewtwo fans to trade and play the popular game!

Video Games: it would not be a VGA event without video games!

Soul Calibur 3, Super Smash Bros Melee, Halo 2, Madden 2007, DDR, Pokemon XD, Mario Kart: Double Dash, Mortal Kombat Armageddon, Pikmin 2, Dead or Alive 3, Guitar Hero and MORE!

Sponsors = VGA, EB games, Dell Technology

<http://videogamersalliance.com>

### Monday, December 4th

Finals feast will take place from 7pm-10pm in the Russell Union Ballroom. Enjoy free breakfast food, entertainment, free prizes, and more. Take a break from finals and enjoy a social non-stressful program! Pick up a free ticket in the Office of Student Activities today.

### Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities:

Office of Registrar reminds students that Advisement and Registration for Spring 2007 is taking place now! 24/7 via WINGS.

Undergraduate students - Contact your advisor to be advised and receive your RAN for next semester. Transients and Post-Baccs- Your Spring 2007 RAN is available in your [mygeorgiasouthern](mailto:mygeorgiasouthern) account. Contact Wayne Smith for any questions at 871-1680.

### Miss Southern University

Interested in entering the Miss GSU Pageant?

We have two opportunities for you to attend an informational meeting about The Miss Georgia Southern University 2007 Scholarship Pageant. At the information meeting, you can get an application/entry packet and ask any questions you might have about the pageant. You can attend of the following - Tuesday, December 5th from 7pm-8pm in Russell Union 2052 or Wednesday, December 6th from 7pm-8pm in Russell Union 2052.

### GET READY TO REAPPLY FOR 2007/2008 FINANCIAL AID

- Students receiving federal financial aid must reapply for financial aid by completing the 2007/2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- You should receive your Federal Pin as a reminder that after January 1, 2007, you can start filing your 2007/2008 FAFSA on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Georgia Southern's school code for the FAFSA is 001572.
- The preferred application deadline for the 2007-2008 FAFSA is April 20, 2007. (Some aid programs are administered first come, first served, so apply by the preferred application deadline.)
- Missing the preferred application deadline may prevent your aid from being available in time to pay fall fees.
- If you have questions, contact your financial aid counselor at (912)681-5413 or visit our website at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/financial/> for information.

### Holiday Helper:

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching and you know what that means! Parties and presents galore! However, not for everyone. This holiday season, while you are shopping for that perfect present for your family and friends; why not try to help someone who could use a bit of holiday cheer? The Holiday Helper Tree is a service project in which you can adopt an individual or family in the local community and assist them during the holiday season. The tree will be open at Lakeside Cafe from November 6 - November 28, from 9am - 3pm. During this time, volunteers will be staffing a table for those people who wish to commit to buying a gift for someone whose name is on the tree. This service project is sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Happy Holidays!

The Office of Volunteer Services is sponsoring an Alternative Winter Break Trip to Cumberland Island, GA from December 9th - December 15th. This is a service trip. The work will be environmental and preservation related. Cost includes transportation, lodging, and meals. It is \$60 a person. Contact Diana with questions at 681-0010.

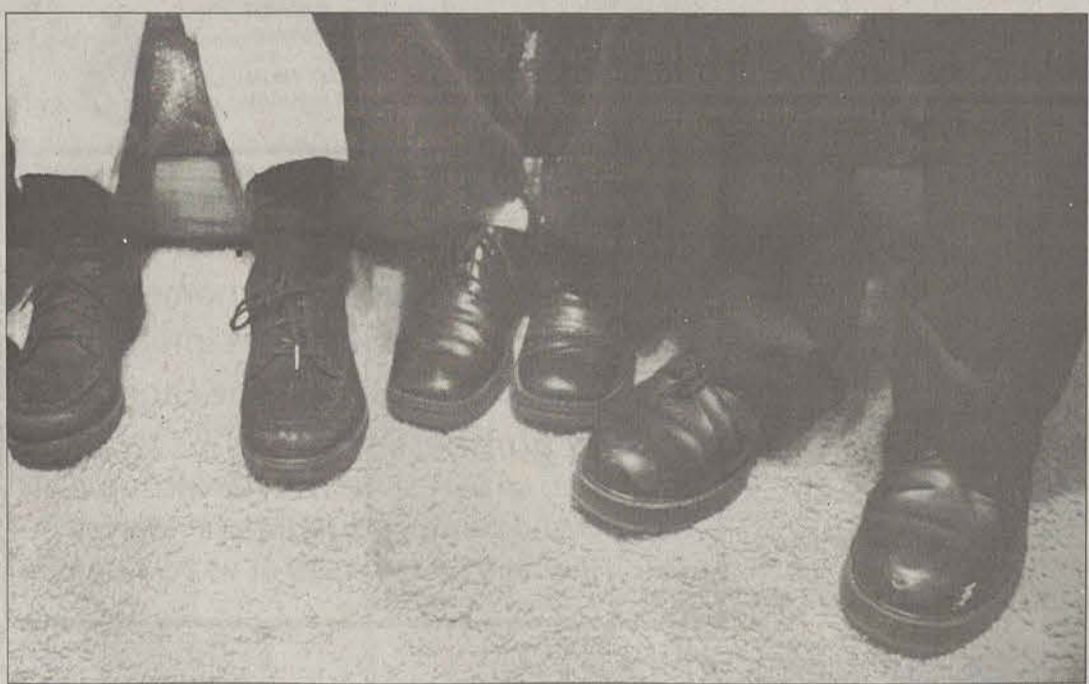
### NYC Win Break Trip:

Dates: Sunday, December 9 - Friday, December 15

What to do: Shopping, Theatre, Sight-Seeing, and more shopping of course! Too much to list!

Cost: \$250 (Includes transportation to and from New York, transportation to and from hotel, a four-day stay at the Hampton Inn, free continental breakfast, and loads of fun!!!) SIGN UP ASAP!! Spots are limited.

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Special photo

Ryan Sellars' photography will be on display in Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts building on campus until Friday, Dec. 1. The exhibit will close with a reception from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Sellars reflects on American dream

### GSU News Service

Ryan Sellars, bachelor of fine arts candidate at Georgia Southern, opened his senior photography exhibition, "Homeland," Monday, Nov. 27, in the small gallery of Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will close with a reception on Friday, Dec. 1 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Sellars grew up in Savannah, Georgia and during his years in high school he became fascinated with photography.

When he arrived at GSU he

began taking art courses and proceeded to concentrate in the photographic area.

His plans are to continue his photographic pursuits after an anticipated graduation in December 2006.

"Homeland" is a presentation of digital works by Sellars. According to Sellars, the inkjet prints convey a satirically jarring look into his personal view of society.

The works make comments on the "American Dream" with images that are reminiscent of George Orwell's 1984. Sellars creates a 1950s Cleaver-esque home that hopefully will make one stop

and ponder the organization of today's society.

Sellars said, "I create works that question. Questions are the key to knowledge and it is surprising how little questioning we actually do. It almost hurts to think of how slightly we attempt to understand our society."

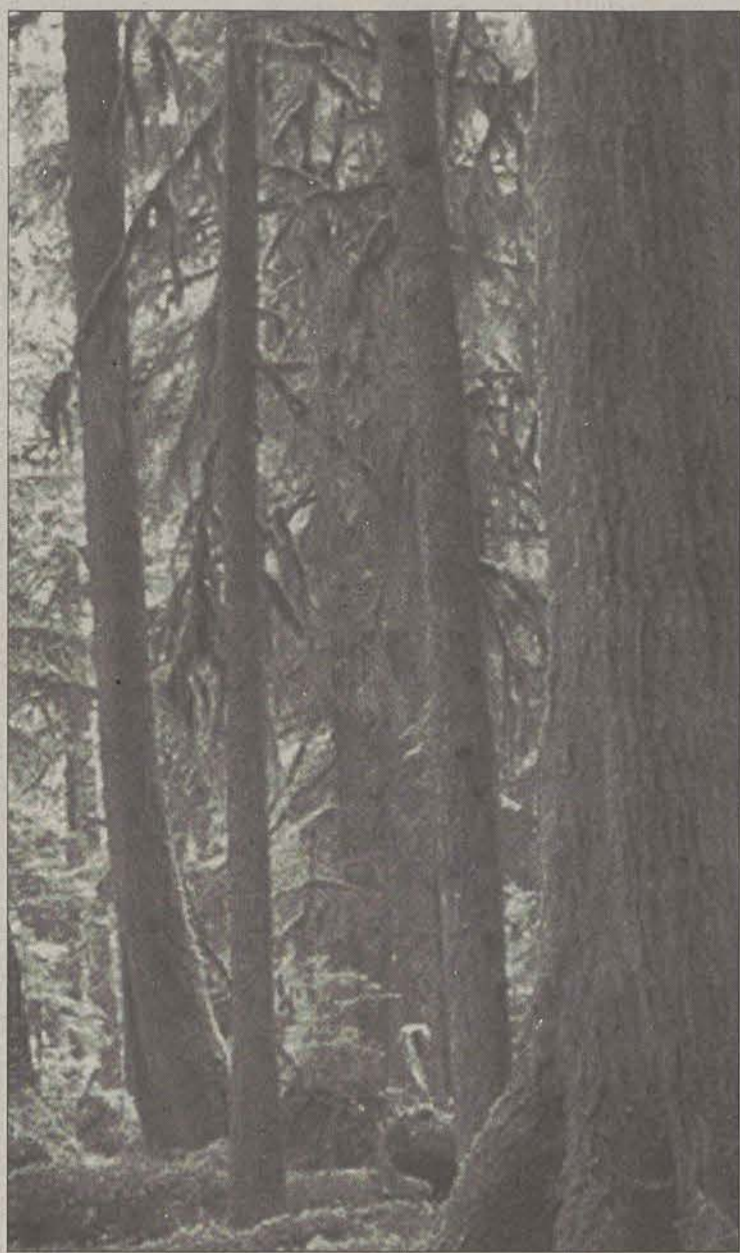
The reception and exhibition are free and open to the public. Gallery 303 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Gallery programming is supported by student activity fees.

For more information contact the artist at [ryan\\_t\\_sellars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ryan_t_sellars@georgiasouthern.edu).



# A growing industry

## Forestry has \$16 billion impact



Special Photo

Central Georgia's forests were a large part of \$16 billion industry last year.

By Matt Barnwell  
The Macon Telegraph

The state's forest industry, a sizeable chunk of which can be found in middle Georgia, had a \$16.1 billion economic impact last year. That's 14 percent higher than in 2004, according to a Georgia Tech report released this month. The industry's nearly 67,700 jobs keep it among the top in the state.

"It's a big part of the economy around these parts," said Scott Thackston, a forester with the Georgia Forestry Commission who works in six middle Georgia counties. "There's a lot of wood and forest in this area."

The tree business touches private forest owners, land managers, timber companies, forestry consultants, loggers, timber buyers, paper producers, furniture makers, home builders, nearly anyone whose livelihood can be traced back to the available supply of woody raw materials.

The industry's total impact last year, including indirect economic effects on local communities, was \$26 billion. Among all of Georgia's manufacturing industries, forestry ranks second behind food processing, based on compensation to employees and proprietors. And based on the total number of jobs, it ranks third, behind textiles and food processing, the report said.

Although the industry appears to be on sound footing, it also is in a period of transition, Thackston said. Many of the major timber companies

are merging or selling off their land to smaller investment groups, he said.

Those new owners may not just harvest trees from their property, but may use it for hunting and other recreational aspects as well. Other chunks of land may be slated for development, like Houston County's 20,000 acre Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area. Once part of a massive timber tract owned by the Weyerhaeuser Co., it was sold in 2004 to a consortium of developers.

Driving the land sales, Thackston suggested, are rising property taxes as urban areas sprawl further outward. Large companies that once owned land to ensure that they could feed a continuous supply of timber into their mills are finding it's cheaper to buy the wood and let landowners pay the taxes, he said.

"You don't have as large of a continuous tract of timber as you once did," he said.

A major market for timber products, the building industry, can play a substantial role in the health of the forest industry.

Building products and other housing needs, such as windows and manufactured homes, showed significant growth in 2005, said Nathan McClure, energy and development director for the Georgia Forestry Commission.

"The housing market was very strong last year," he said. "It reached a 33-year high and provided significant support for manufacturing sectors of the forest industry."

# Campuses cash in on students' urge to buy

By Noah Bierman  
McClatchy Newspapers

Students bunking in the newest residence halls at the University of Central Florida soon will be tripping over Maggie Moo's ice cream, Subway sandwiches, Starbucks, Red Brick Oven Pizza, Barnes & Noble and other chain stores on the way out of their dorms. It's getting harder to tell the difference between the university and the mall.

Once content to sell sweat shirts from a generic campus store and meals from a mess hall, universities are entering into increasingly sophisticated arrangements with national retailers, allowing more franchises directly on campus. At UCF, many of the stores set to open in the coming weeks are attached directly to the dorms, across from a basketball arena under construction with its own set of chain stores.

"This much impulse buying on the way to class could be hurtful," said Boston Russell, a 20-year-old sophomore from Longwood, Fla., who is among the first living in the new dorms on the edge of a pine forest in suburban Orlando. The design, he said, is "letting these companies have a free shot at us when we walk by three times a day for class."

College towns with quirky health food and rare book stores have long been a staple at traditional universi-

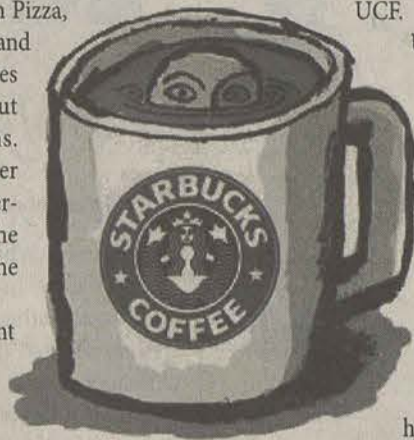
ties, but many schools are placing retail on campus and collecting rents to subsidize operations and attract students. "We're a public university, but we want to adopt some of the best practices of the private sector," said Bill Merck, vice president for administration and finance at UCF.

Urban schools have a longer tradition of integrating their campuses into downtown retail environments. But even that model has changed.

The University of Pennsylvania began aggressively developing the depressed West Philadelphia neighborhood around its campus a decade ago, starting with a \$100 million project opened in 1998 that converted a parking lot into a hotel, sporting goods store, Barnes & Noble, Cosi coffee bar and Urban Outfitters, among other stores.

"At the time there was probably not a lot of enthusiasm among developers for the site," said Paul Sehnert, Penn's director of real estate development. "We needed to prime the pump."

Schools are trying to live up to the modernized standards of students. "It is no longer enough for a college or university simply to provide students with four walls and a bed," Jill Eckardt, FAU's director of housing.



## Tips to beat holiday stress

By Nerissa Pacio  
McClatchy Newspapers

The holiday crunch is looming, with more to do in the same amount of hours. We turned to the experts for advice on how to shave minutes off our daily routines, from packing in a more efficient workout to streamlining your morning makeup. Remember these tips, and you'll spend more time enjoying family and savoring the holiday spirit and less time worrying.

It's tempting to load up on sweets and skip regular workouts, but Marie Crooks, fitness manager and personal trainer at California's Club One Santana Row, suggests squeezing in some exercise time, even if you go less frequently than you normally would. Instead of a full hour at the gym, she said, go for a higher-intensity, 30-minute session that packs a bigger, and more calorie-burning punch.

Combine exercises. Instead of standing still to lift weights, step up onto a raised platform, alternating legs, while pumping five-pound weights in each hand over your head.

Getting all your shopping done for that endless list of family, friends and co-workers is all in the planning, said Kathryn Finney, author of "How to Be a Budget Fashionista: The Guide to Looking Fabulous for Less."

Make a list. Ideally, you'd keep a running holiday list year-round, said Jasontek, who creates an Excel spreadsheet of people, their interests, gift ideas and stores that carry the items. If you haven't done that, start now.

Go when it's not busy. Take a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning off to shop, Finney said. These are usually the slowest times at stores and the best days to find parking. Use gift cards. Put all you plan to spend on a gift card to budget time and money, Finney said. When the funds run out, stop shopping.

Save time by organizing and knowing exactly what's in your wardrobe, said Katie Rice Jones, San Francisco Bay-area style expert and co-host of Comcast's TV show "Inside City Limits." Use idle time to plan ahead for the following day, whether you're leading a Monday meeting in a power suit or moving offices in jeans on a Friday.

Avoid ironing. Throw a dryer sheet and a damp cloth in the dryer with that blouse you really want to wear while you're doing your makeup or hair.

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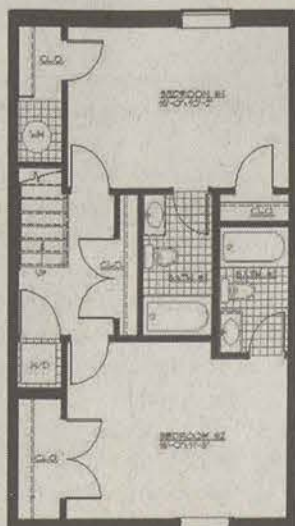
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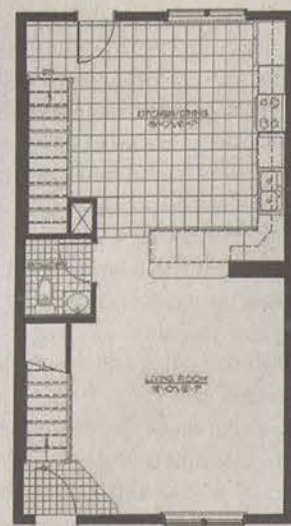
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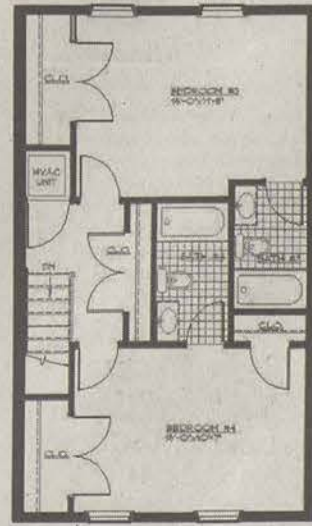
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# SPORTS



## Who's HOT

**In NCAA Football:** The USC Trojans. Currently riding a four game win streak, the Trojans have knocked off three ranked opponents in Oregon, California and a clobbering of No. 6 Notre Dame in last week's 44-24 win in Los Angeles.

**In NBA:** The San Antonio Spurs. After defeating the Seattle SuperSonics, the Spurs have won five of their last six games to push their record to 9-2, only one game behind Western Conference-leading Utah.

## Who's NOT

**In NFL:** Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons. Coming off their fourth consecutive loss to NFC South division foe New Orleans on Sunday, Vick flipped his version of the dirty bird to the crowd as he was booed walking into the locker room at halftime.

### I-AA PLAYOFF RESULTS

#7 **Furman** 13 at #18 **Montana St.** 31

**Game Recap:** Jack Rolovich passed for 272 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third score Saturday as Montana State upset Furman 31-13 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

#13 **CCU** 28 at #1 **App. St.** 45

**Game Recap:** Armani Edwards passed for three touchdowns and ran for two more to lead Appalachian State to a 45-28 win over Coastal Carolina in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs Saturday.

#6 **JMU** 31 at #5 **YSU** 35

**Game Recap:** Marcus Mason scored on a 1-yard run with 1:12 remaining as Youngstown State overcame an 11-point deficit en route to a 35-31 victory over James Madison on Saturday night in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

#9 **UNH** 41 at #8 **Hampton** 38

**Game Recap:** Chad Kacker caught a 25-yard TD pass from quarterback Ricky Santos with 4:40 left to give the University of New Hampshire a 41-38 win over Hampton in a Division I-AA first-round playoff game Saturday. The Wildcats (9-3), an at-large selection for the playoffs from the Atlantic 10, will go on to play Massachusetts next week in the second round.

#11 **ILST** 24 at #14 **EIU** 13

**Game Recap:** Pierre Rembert rushed for 122 yards and the game-winning touchdown Saturday, leading Illinois State to a 24-13 victory over Eastern Illinois in the first round of the NCAA Division I playoffs.

#12 **UT-Martin** 30 at #10 **SIU** 36

**Game Recap:** Nick Hill connected with Alan Turner for a 45-yard touchdown pass with :57 seconds left to give Southern Illinois a come-from-behind 36-30 win over Tennessee-Martin in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

#3 **Lafayette** 14 at #3 **UMass** 35

**Game Recap:** Liam Coen passed for three touchdowns—including his team's last three scores—to lift Massachusetts to a 35-14 victory over Lafayette in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs Saturday.

#22 **McNeese** 6 at #2 **Montana** 31

**Game Recap:** Montana had 514 yards in total offense and didn't allow McNeese State past midfield in the second half in a 31-6 first-round playoff victory Saturday.

### DIVISION I-A WRAPUP

#5 **LSU** 31 at #9 **Arkansas** 26

**Game Recap:** JaMarcus Russell and LSU cleared another contender from the national title picture and just might have added one more big game to their already brutal road schedule—this time in the BCS. Russell threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 9 LSU held off the SEC West champion Razorbacks 31-26 on Friday.

#10 **Notre Dame** 24 at #2 **USC** 44

**Game Recap:** Too much speed, too much defense, and too much Dwayne Jarrett. With all that, Southern California didn't need last-second heroics to beat Notre Dame this year. John David Booty passed for 265 yards and three touchdowns to Jarrett as USC overpowered the sixth-ranked Fighting Irish 44-24 Saturday night and likely leapfrogged Michigan in the race for the national championship.

# Lady Eagles defeat WIU

## Carolyn Whitney's 18 second-half points leads GSU to victory

### GSU News Service

Carolyn Whitney scored 18 of her 20 points in the second half as the Georgia Southern women's basketball team defeated Western Illinois 64-60 Saturday night at the AmeriSuites Midtown Thanksgiving Tournament, hosted by New Mexico.

With the win, the Lady Eagles (2-5) snap a five-game skid and garnered third place in the tournament. Western Illinois falls to 1-4 on the season.

The Western Illinois Westerwinds held the Lady Eagles scoreless almost five minutes into the game, producing a 6-0 advantage starting with a running lay-up by Nicole Myers.

Enduring a five-minute drought, the Lady Eagles got on the scoreboard after converting a steal by Concetta Henry into a fast break layup by Shawnda Atwood at the 15:16 mark.

Ashley Rivens tied up the match at nine points when she made a three-pointer off a screen with 12:42 on the clock. Rivens finished the game with 18 points, shooting 6-of-11 from the field, including four three-pointers.

Christa Waterman gave GSU its first lead of the game, 21-20, with 6:12 remaining in the first half of a second-chance shot in the paint.

The Lady Eagles got into foul trouble early, sending Western Illinois to the charity stripe 14 times. The Westerwinds converted 10 of those free throws successfully.

The Westerwinds led the Lady Eagles at the half, 33-30, shooting 11-of-22 from the field. GSU shot 12-of-33 with a pair of treys.

In the second half, the Lady Eagles came out a different team, forcing nine second-half turnovers.

"I thought we got out-hustled and

they were more aggressive in the first half than we were," said eleventh-year Head Coach Rusty Cram. "Our goal was to try and get the girls to come out more aggressive in the second half?"

Carolyn Whitney exploded, hitting three field goals, two from behind the arc, and making 10-of-10 from the charity stripe.

The Lady Eagles fought back and finally regained the lead that they would never relinquish as Rivens hit a jumper with 9:36 on the clock, giving the Lady Eagles a 47-46 advantage.

With 8:14 remaining, Christa Waterman's long jumper at the top of the key rattled in and the Lady Eagles built up a 55-47 lead, translating into a 10-0 run in a two minute span.

The Westerwinds efforts to regain their first-half lead came up short as the Lady Eagles sealed the four-point victory off a pair of free throws off the hands of Carolyn Whitney.

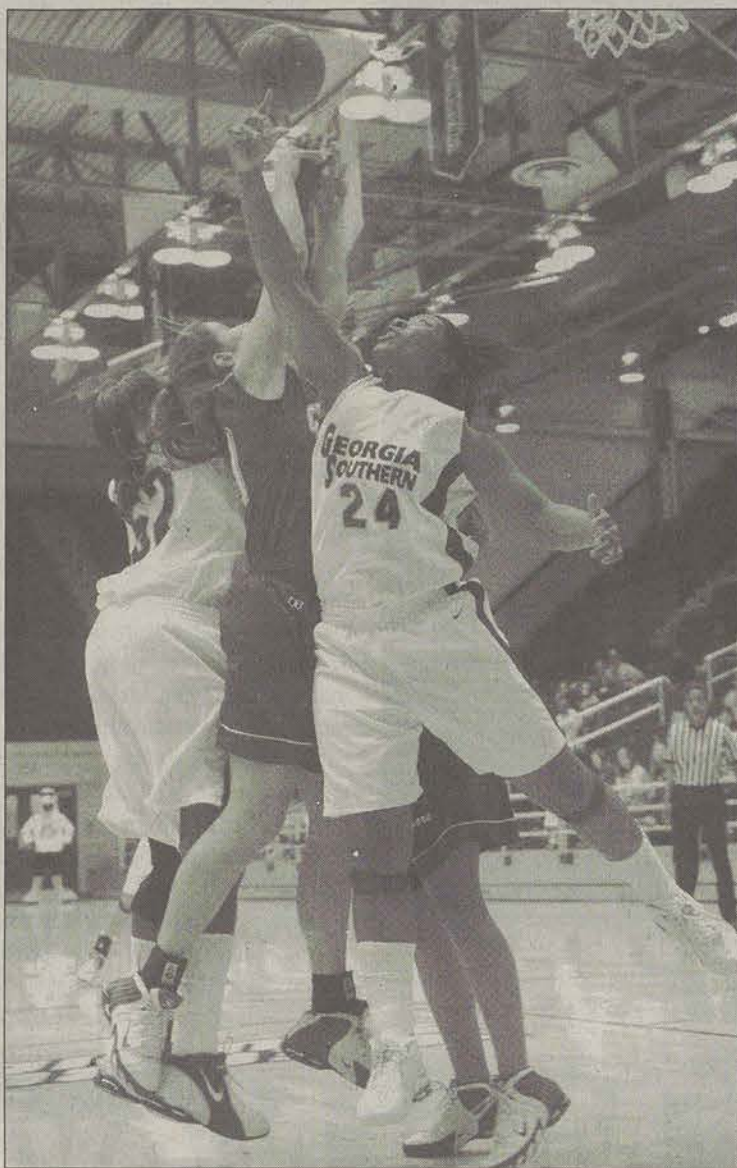
The Lady Eagles controlled the boards, grabbing 45 rebounds compared to WIU's 35. The positive 10 rebound margin converted into 20 second-chance points in favor of the Lady Eagles, compared to Western Illinois' nine.

WIU's Dee Dee Murphy led her team with 13 points and eight rebounds.

At the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Tournament, freshman Carolyn Whitney was named to the AmeriSuites Thanksgiving All-Tournament Team. New Mexico's Julie Briody earned 'Most Valuable Player' honors as the Lobos garnered the tournament title defeating Siena, Saturday night by a 78-39 margin.

Cram and the Lady Eagles will return home to host South Alabama Tuesday. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

**What's next for the Eagles:** vs. South Alabama, Tuesday 7 p.m.



Jared Siri/STAFF

Eagle guard Ashley Rivens attempts to block a shot in this file photo. GSU defeated Western Illinois 64-60 Saturday at the AmeriSuites Midtown Thanksgiving Tournament.



Jr. Carolyn Whitney, F

Totaled 18 of her 20 points in the second half of GSU's 64-60 win over Western Illinois Saturday.

### Score by period

	1	2	Total
Georgia Southern	30	34	64
Western Illinois	33	27	60

### GSU Notables

Ashley Rivens: 26 points, three rebounds  
Shawnda Atwood: Six points, five rebounds  
Christa Waterman: Eight points, four rebounds

## Eagles receive conference honors

### GSU News Service

Five Georgia Southern football players earned All-Southern Conference honors, announced the league office Wednesday. The league's head coaches voted three Eagles to the First Team and another two to the Second Team.

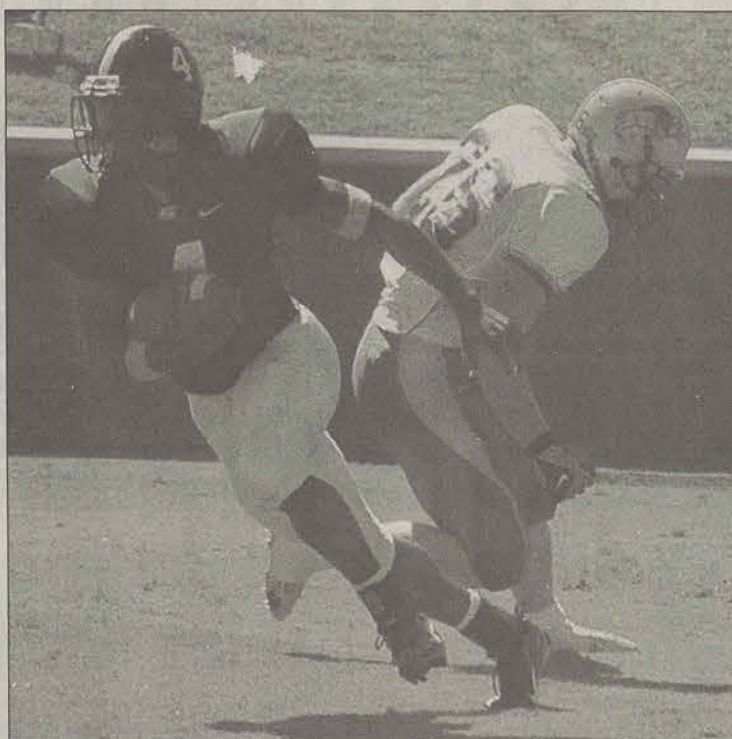
Junior Jayson Foster was named First Team wide receiver and Second Team return specialist. Senior defensive lineman Charrod Taylor and senior linebacker John Mohring joined Foster on the First Team. Senior center Lance Wayne and sophomore defensive back Brandon Jackson earned Second Team honors.

Mohring finishes his career as a three-time All-SoCon honoree as he repeated as a First Team selection. Taylor earned Second Team accolades last year.

Mohring was part of the Buck Buchanan Award 'Watch List' for national Defensive Player of the Year until the final ballot. He led the Eagle defense, and ranked third in the league, averaging 9.3 tackles per game. The senior outside linebacker was second in the SoCon with 14.0 tackles for a loss, and he intercepted two passes. During his four-year career Mohring finished with 302 tackles, fifth among the GS all-time leaders.

Taylor ended the season with a career-high nine tackles against Central Arkansas, finishing second overall with 48 tackles. He also recorded 6.5 tackles for a loss, four quarterback hurries and two sacks.

Foster led the Eagles, and ranked fourth in the SoCon, averaging 117 all-purpose yards per game. He caught a team-leading 33 passes (fourth-most



Jared Siri/STAFF

Eagle wide receiver Jayson Foster was one of five GSU football players given all-conference honors Wednesday.

in a season), accumulating 368 yards and three touchdowns. On the ground he rushed for 346 yards and five scores. In addition, Foster averaged 10.4 yards per punt return and a league-leading 26.9 yards per kickoff. For the second straight year he led the team in scoring touchdowns.

This season Foster set a GSU single-game record with an 85-yard touchdown reception (at The Citadel), and tied a career record when he returned a punt 78 yards for his second-ever punt return TD (versus Central Arkansas).

Wayne ends his stellar career as a four-year letterman who never missed a start in 46 contests. During

his career, he helped the Eagles win three straight national rushing titles and led the offensive linemen all four years in kickoff blocks.

Jackson tied for the league lead registering five interceptions. During his first year in the program, the sophomore cornerback recorded 35 tackles and a team-leading four pass break-ups.

Also announced by the league office on Wednesday, the SoCon Sports Media Association chose its all-conference picks. Foster was a First Team return specialist in addition to Taylor and Mohring repeating as First Team selections. Jackson was chosen Second Team.

## Creighton 'Diver of the Week'

### GSU News Service

After an outstanding performance in both the one-meter and three-meter dives, sophomore Katie Creighton was named Northeast Conference Diver of the Week for last week.

At the Highlander Invitational (Nov. 17-19) Creighton came in second place in the one-meter dive with a score of 187.5, just 0.15 points shy of first place. In the three-meter dive, Creighton dominated the board winning first place with a score of 158.7, 20 points ahead of runner-up Ayers Gilman of Radford.

Creighton will return to action with the rest of the Eagles on Jan. 6 2007 when Georgia Southern hosts Radford. Start time is scheduled for 11 a.m.



Creighton

### Upcoming events

vs. Radford	11 a.m.	01/06/07
vs. SCAD/Wingate	5 p.m.	01/19/07
at SCAD/Wingate	11 a.m.	01/20/07
at G-Webb/N. Fla.	6 p.m.	01/26/07
at G-Webb/N. Fla.	11 a.m.	01/27/07
NEC Championships	TBA	02/15-17/07



GA Sports predicts the top five fantasy players of the weekend.

### WR Steve Smith, Panthers

Last week: at Washington L 17-13  
Five receptions, 34 yards, one touchdown

This week: at Philadelphia (5-6)  
Predicted stats: 95 yards, two touchdowns

### QB Tony Romo, Cowboys

Last week: vs. Tampa Bay W 38-10  
306 passing yards, five touchdowns

This week: at NY Giants (6-5)  
Predicted stats: 270 passing yards, two touchdowns

### QB L. Tomlinson, Chargers

Last week: vs. Oakland W 21-14  
109 yards, two touchdowns, one passing touchdown

This week: at Buffalo (5-6)  
Predicted stats: 160 yards, two touchdowns

### QB Tom Brady, Patriots

Last week: vs. Chicago W 17-13  
269 yards, one touchdown, two interceptions

This week: vs. Detroit (2-9)  
Predicted stats: 315 yards, three touchdowns

### RB Stephen Jackson, Rams

Last week: vs. San Francisco W 20-17  
121 yards, one touchdown, nine receptions for 71 yards

This week: vs. Arizona (2-9)  
Predicted stats: 130 yards, two touchdowns

### This week in SPORTS

#### Tuesday

Women's basketball vs. South Alabama, 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Track and Field at Clemson Opener, 12 p.m.  
Women's basketball at Central Florida, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday

Men's basketball at Winston-Salem St., 2:30 p.m.



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- USC 10-1
- Michigan 11-1
- Florida 11-1
- LSU 10-2
- Louisville 10-1
- Wisconsin 11-1
- Boise St. 12-0
- Arkansas 10-2
- Notre Dame 10-2
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- Tennessee 9-3
- Wake Forest 10-2
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- Nebraska 9-3
- Brigham Young 10-2
- Georgia Tech 9-3
- Texas A&M 9-3
- Oregon St. 8-4
- Hawaii 10-2

# Eagle baseball recruits seven new players for 2007 season

## GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern baseball program received a National Letter of Intent from seven student-athletes. Head Coach Rodney Hennon announced the newest additions to the program from the fall signing period.

Those committing to Eagle baseball by signing a National Letter of Intent were: outfielders Lucas Rutherford of Madison, FL and Vince Smith of Kingsland, GA, infielder D.J. Fitzgerald of Virginia Beach, VA and pitchers Tucker Stone of Baxley, GA, Ryan McCafferty of West Chester, PA, Trent Franzago of Byron, GA and Tony Chisman of Covington, GA.

Smith was named to the Georgia "Top 20" team prior to his senior year. A two-year letterwinner, he was part of the 2006 regional championship squad. In 2005 he hit .378 and stole 20 bases, recording 35 runs scored and 20 RBI. As a sophomore he was named to Baseball America "Top 30" national recruiting class of 2007, All-Region and All-Coastal Empire.

In 2006 he helped his team win the Barrett-Fletcher U18 World Series championship. An All-Region linebacker, twice he received the Big Stick Award at Camden County HS. He played for Head Coach Jay Easley at CCHS and Kris Edge of the Savannah Chain.

During Rutherford's freshman year at Tallahassee Community College he batted .355 for Coach Mike McLeod. This fall he played for the Panhandle Conference All-Star team. An Honorable Mention All-State outfielder at Madison County under Head Coach Terry Barrs, he batted .467 during his junior year and .417 as a senior while being named as Defensive Player of the Year. In the



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Eagle baseball received letters of intent from seven players during the fall signing period. GSU will begin its season February 2 at the University of Hawaii.

summer he played for the Tallahassee Bears and Coach Ryan Robinson.

Chisman, who played for Coach Chris Davis at Salem HS, is a three-time Rockdale Citizen All-Area pick. Twice he earned the Most Valuable Pitcher Award and last year he was named to the Georgia Dugout Club "Top 20". Over the past two years he posted a 12-6 record and a 2.85 ERA in 88.2 innings. He struck out 109 to 26 walks and saved seven games.

The right-handed pitcher played summer baseball for the Nike 5-Tool program and Coach Roger Wilkin-son. He was 13-of-13 in save opportunities and struck out 24 in 18 innings. During the Perfect Game National Tournament he registered four saves and did not allow an earned run. He led the team to a sixth place tie in the

wood bat U17 championships.

Stone was 9-3 with a save last season playing for Coach Jeremy Smith at Appling County HS. A First Team All-Region pitcher, Stone led the team in innings pitched, strikeouts and wins. Through 54.2 innings he struck out 57 and walked 25 posting a 2.69 ERA.

Another right-handed pitcher, McCafferty played for Coach Dean Owens at East HS and Mike Manning for the All-Star Baseball Academy. He ranked as the fifth-best pitcher in Pennsylvania according to the Perfect Game Northeast.

Last summer he posted a 3-0 record and 1.08 ERA for the West Chester American Legion squad. During the 2006 Perfect Game World Championship, he struck out seven

and walked one in 4.2 innings in a win over the On Deck O's.

Franzago participated in the Georgia "Top 100" showcase, and then was selected for Team Georgia (Top 20 players). He pitched two innings against Team Chinese Taipei allowing no runs on one hit and struck out three. Versus Team USA Franzago struck out five in 2.2 innings, allowing one hit and no earned runs. He played summer baseball for Coach Chance Reynolds and Tommy Joyce for the TNL Travelers and at Peach County for Coach Jeffrey Bailey.

The lone infield signee, Fitzgerald is a two-time preseason PUMA All-America selection. A Second Team All-District shortstop last season, he was named the team's Offensive MVP.

During his sophomore year he earned Honorable Mention All-District honors. Fitzgerald plays at Ocean Lakes for Coach Gary Speden. During the summer he plays for Coach Lee Banks and the Tidewater Orioles. He also played for Coach Manning and the All-Star Baseball Academy.

"We really focused with this class on pitching and speed with our position players. We feel like we've addressed both those needs. I think we signed four quality pitchers who will add depth to our staff and three very athletic position players that can help improve our team," said Hennon.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by staff

### Bama fires Shula after 6-6 season



Special photo

Head Coach Mike Shula was fired by the University of Alabama, the Associated Press reported Monday. In his four-year tenure, Shula had a record of 26-23 and was 0-4 against rival Auburn Tigers.

Shula's disappointing season concluded with three consecutive losses to Mississippi State, LSU and Auburn. The Tide have had seven different play-callers since Paul "Bear" Bryant's final season in 1982. According to the AP, Alabama has named defensive coordinator Joe Kines as an interim head coach.

### Vick apologizes for flashing 'dirty bird'

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick apologized for flashing fans the finger in the Georgia Dome on Sunday. In a statement released through the team, Vick said he regretted the event and was eager to put the situation behind him.

It's been a rough season for the Falcons, who are 5-6 following the 31-13 loss to the rival Saints. The Falcons travel to Washington to take on the Redskins Sunday.



Special photo

### Dallas Cowboys release Mike Vanderjagt

The Dallas Cowboys released troubled kicker Mike Vanderjagt Monday, according to the Associated Press. The former Indianapolis Colts star didn't live up to Head Coach Bill Parcells' expectations this season, completing only two of five field goal attempts of over 40 yards. Vanderjagt has had trouble ever since the Colts' playoff loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers last season.

The Cowboys have signed veteran place kicker Martin Gramatica to replace Vanderjagt. Gramatica has played for the Colts and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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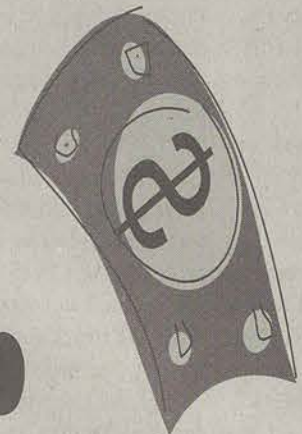
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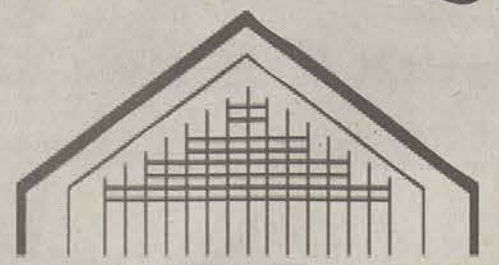
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# Don't sweat the small talk

BY ERIN WADE  
The Dallas Morning News

"Hi there, how are you doing?"  
"Great, thanks, how are you?"  
"Just fine, thank you — uh, and you?"  
Ugh. Pause. Uncomfortable silence. Crickets. Downward glance. Twiddling thumbs. Rising blood pressure. Now what?  
Why does small talk have to be such a big cause of stress?  
While some may be gifted with the ability to gab, many more feel uncomfortable with small talk, mingling, networking, "schmoozing," what have you, be it at work, a party, the gym or the bar. But there are ways to keep the conversation going without feeling phony or betraying your personality.

Debra Fine is a former engineer who is now a professional speaker and author of "The Fine Art of Small Talk" (Hyperion, 2005), living in Colorado. She says small talk didn't come naturally to her, either. "I honestly had no clue how these people did this. My philosophy was that, if it didn't come naturally, then you just didn't do it. But now I know you can learn it."

So why is small talk so difficult? Fine says it's because the less gregarious of us are too self-concerned and only worried about our own comfort level.

"Most of us are afraid of rejection," Fine says. "But you have to take the risk of talking to someone new. They may be in a bad mood or getting tired of something, but it's up to you to take the risk."

Also, if we take more of a burden of communication upon ourselves, it puts us more in control of the situation.

"I always used to hope that someone else would come up with something to talk about, but that's unfair," Fine says. "You have to take the burden of making everyone else feel comfortable. If someone asks you how you are doing and you say 'Fine,' that's not enough. You have to give them something to work with."

Here are 10 more tips from the experts on how to conquer small talk and actually learn to enjoy it.

**1. ASK QUESTIONS.** Ed Peters of 4Profit Institute in Arlington, Texas, has been a professional speaker for about 15 years. "When talking to someone one-on-one, you have one minute to find out everything about them. You have the rest of your life to tell them about you," he says. "We immediately think that we have to do all the talking. But let the other person talk, or you may never have a chance later down the road to tell them about you."

**2. KEEP IT SIMPLE.** "The most basic thing to do is keep things simple," says David Erkel, a Dallas financial planner and member of Toastmasters. "Where are you from? What are your plans for the weekend? Stay away from tricky topics."

**3. BE VAGUE.** If you don't know the person well or haven't seen them in a while, don't assume they are still working for a specific company or they are still married, etc. Instead of "How's the wife?" maybe ask "How's the family?" Or instead of "How's the job at the newspaper?" ask "What's been going on with work?"

**4. AVOID CONFLICT.** "I've done a little bit of reading on communication and happiness, and one of the things I often come across, where people get into trouble, is when they insist on being right," Erkel says. "About 99 percent of the time, being right doesn't really matter. If someone says a car is a nice shade of blue, but it doesn't look blue, there's absolutely no reason to be right. It's better not to take a position. Be agreeable."

**5. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPILL YOUR GUTS.** If you're a private person, that's OK. You can still engage in small talk and keep your private life just that, Erkel says. "You have a private life and a social life," he says. "Small talk doesn't mean that you're opening up your personal life. You're just navigating and socializing through any given day."

**6. FOCUS.** It's OK not to talk to everyone. If you get a good conversation going, then run with it and build that relationship. "In my experience it's been much more valuable to have a good conversation with one person in a limited amount of time versus trying to talk to 20 or 30 people," Erkel says.

**7. LEARN TO LISTEN.** Some people may not be the best talkers, and Peters says that there

is a responsibility on you to get something out of the conversation. "Some people may have distracting mannerisms, or be all over the board, or be really boring," he says. "But ... I always try to find something that's usable. If you walk away from them without understanding, that's as much your fault as it was the speaker's."

**8. TELL A STORY.** While Peters encourages small talkers to do a lot of listening, inevitably someone is going to ask you a question.

"Don't just say, 'I had a great day.' Tell them a story," he says. "People love stories, be it something that happened at work or with the family. It's more interesting than facts or statements." It's also a great way for people to remember you. "I can run into someone I met 10 years ago who won't remember my name, but they'll remember the story."

**9. WATCH YOUR BODY LANGUAGE.** Uncross those arms. Look them straight in the eye. "Your body language will betray you if it doesn't match your words," Erkel says.

Peters also says that too much movement can distract the listener from what you are trying to say. "Gestures and movements should have meaning," he adds. "Step forward to make a point, or step back and open your arms when you expect someone to react."

**10. PRACTICE.** "If somebody's bashful or not tremendously comfortable with small talk, make it a project or personal goal to improve," Erkel says. "Continue to experiment with waiters, clerks in stores, etc. Set a goal to open up the door to conversation."

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# Break

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so spread out. "The alarms can help," Ward said. "They make a loud noise. Someone's not going to stick around if one goes off."

### WINDOWS

Make sure they're locked. It's important to keep blinds shut and shades down at night and when you're away. You want to block a burglar's view of what's inside your apartment.

Wireless alarms that operate with magnetic trips can be used on windows. They often come with anti-theft stickers.

### LIGHTS

It's important to make sure lights come on at night. This can be done using something as simple as a sensor in a table lamp that automatically illuminates when it's dark or by using a programmable timer. More sophisticated light-control systems cost about \$100.

### PHONE

Turn off the ringer when you're away. Burglars are savvy at connecting residents' names with phone numbers. Sometimes they stand outside an apartment and dial the tenant's number. If no one picks up, the burglar breaks in. But if the phone ringer is off, the burglar thinks he dialed the wrong number.



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residential education coordinator for University Housing.

"Students living on the first floor are also provided with a window stick to help secure their windows. We highly recommend that they use it when they're out of town," said Shaw.

For those students living off-campus, the same precautions apply. Many apartment complexes send out newsletters before the holidays, reminding students of ways to keep their homes secure.

"Although we haven't had much of a problem with break-ins, we want our residents to be smart and do what can be done to help prevent break-ins," said Justin Gossett, assistant manager of The Woodlands of Statesboro.

"We send out a newsletter to help remind our residents of the precautions they need to take when going out of town," Gossett added.

The Woodlands and many other apartment complexes in the area provide security systems in their units, which they recommend using at all times, especially when going out of town. Keeping a few lights on can also provide some added security by helping your apartment to not look so empty. Outside lights can be especially helpful in deterring a thief.

So what should you do if you return home to find that your apartment has been robbed, despite your precautions? The Statesboro Police recommend leaving your apartment as soon as you discover that something is wrong because the burglar could still be in your house. Call the police and let them do the investigating.

Taking a few extra minutes to secure your apartment before you leave can make all the difference in the world. After all, no one wants to come back home after a nice vacation to find his or her apartment has been robbed.

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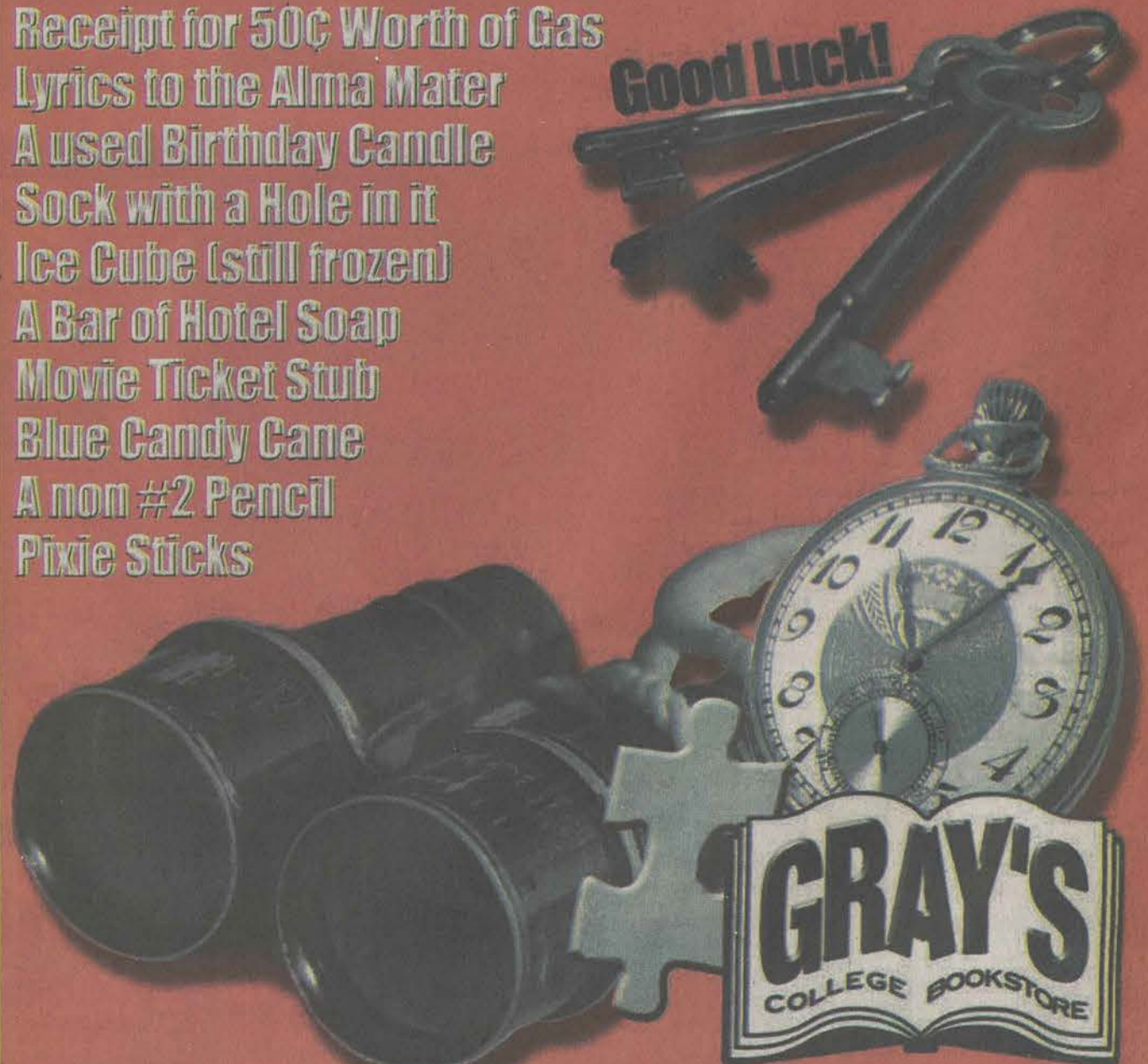
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