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POPE JOHN PAUL II • 1920-2005

A POPE OF THE PEOPLE



Andy Burriss/Associated Press/TheHerald

Pope John Paul II greets Jennie Clark, 10, of Columbia, S.C., formerly of Rock Hill, S.C., on Sept. 11, 1987 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, S.C.

Despite his pain, aged pontiff delivered a powerful message

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

Pope John Paul II, who helped topple communism in Europe and left a deeply conservative stamp on the church that he led for 26 years, died Saturday night in his Vatican apartment, ending a long public struggle against debilitating illness. He was 84.

"We all feel like orphans this evening," Undersecretary of State Archbishop Leonardo Sandri told the crowd of 70,000 that gathered in St. Peter's Square below the pope's still-lighted apartment windows.

In the massive piazza that stretches

from St. Peter's Basilica, the assembled flock fell into a stunned silence before some people broke into applause — an Italian tradition in which mourners often clap for important figures. Others wept. Still others recited the rosary. A seminarian slowly waved a large red and white Polish flag draped with black bunting for the Polish-born pontiff, the most-traveled pope in history.

At one point, prelates asked those in the square to stay silent so they might "accompany the pope in his first steps into heaven."

But as the Vatican bells tolled in mourning, a group of young people sang, "Alleluia, he will rise again."

One strummed a guitar, and other pilgrims joined in singing the "Ave Maria."

"The angels welcome you," Vatican TV said after papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls announced the death of the pope, who had for years suffered from Parkinson's disease and came down with fever and infections in recent weeks.

In contrast to the church's ancient traditions, Navarro-Valls announced the death to journalists in the most modern of communication forms, an e-mail that said: "The Holy Father died this evening at 9:37 p.m. in his

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John Paul II remembered fondly by locals

By Adam Crisp and Luke Hearn
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Five thousand miles and several continents separate Statesboro and Vatican City. But for many, the distances matters very little. The loss of Pope John Paul II looms quite large in tiny Bulloch County.

"I haven't heard too many of our parishioners speak about it," said Frier David Stachurski, the priest at Statesboro's St. Matthew's Church. "But that's probably because the pope's condition worsened over the weekend, but I'm sure there is a sense of actual grieving."

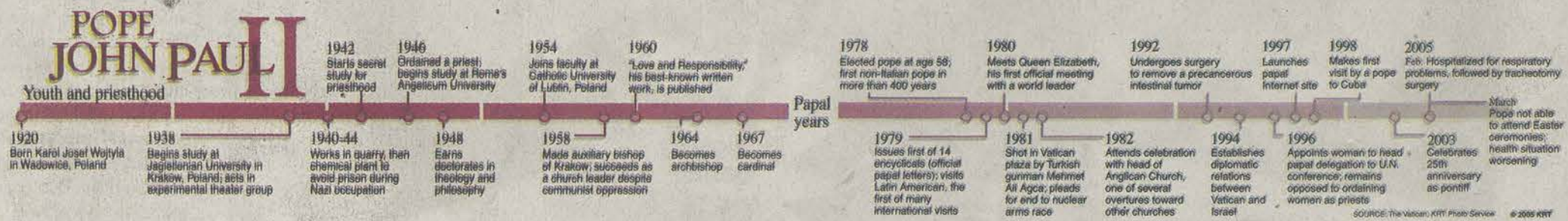
Stachurski said many Catholics, and

even Protestants, will mourn the loss of John Paul II because he delivered his message so personally.

"He transformed the papacy. It is going to be very difficult for the next pope to not travel and do the things that John Paul has," said Stachurski. "There is the notion that some people think he was not on top of things in his final years, but everything I've heard suggested he was very on top of things."

Stachurski suggests that while John Paul II remained active and visible — even when his health began to fail — a new leader for

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Brazilian, Nigerian among the list of those who could become the next pope

Experts: American pope highly unlikely

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The intense guessing game over who will be the next pope has only one certainty: the cardinals will must decide whether to follow John Paul II with another non-Italian or hand the papacy back to its traditional caretakers.

The Polish-born John Paul was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and brought a new vitality to the Vatican and challenged parochial attitudes throughout the church. One view holds that the papal electors will want to maintain the spirit by recognizing the Roman Catholic centers of gravity outside Europe in Latin America and Africa.

Another theory suggests that the Italians will

press to reclaim the papacy after John Paul's 26-year reign — the third-longest in history.

There is no clear favorite when the 117 cardinals begin their secret conclave later this month.

But names often mentioned as "papabile" — the Italian word for possible papal candidates — include Cardinal Francis Arinze, a Vatican-based Nigerian, and Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes.

Arinze, 72, converted to Roman Catholicism as a child and shares some of John Paul's conservative views on contraception and family issues. But he brings a unique element: representing a nation shared between Muslims and Christians at the time when interfaith relations assumes growing urgency. If elected, he would be the first black pope of modern times.

Hummes, 70, is archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and urges more attention to fighting poverty and the effects of globalized economies.

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Secret ballot to determine next pope

John Paul II was an unexpected choice for pontiff when he was chosen in 1978. He was the first non-Italian in 455 years and the first Pole ever to assume the papacy. The next pope may be from Europe or from the developing world where the church is growing.

Some possible candidates

Cardinal Francis Arinze	Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio	Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera	Cardinal Claudio Hummes	Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga	Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger	Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn	Cardinal Angelo Sodano	Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi
TITLE Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments	Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina	Archbishop of Mexico City	Archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil	Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith	Archbishop of Vienna, Austria	Secretary of State, Vatican	Archbishop of Milan, Italy
BORN Nov. 1, 1932	Dec. 17, 1936	June 6, 1942	Aug. 8, 1934	Dec. 29, 1942	April 16, 1927	Jan. 22, 1945	Nov. 23, 1927	March 14, 1934
CREATED CARDINAL May 25, 1985	Feb. 21, 2001	Feb. 21, 1998	Feb. 21, 2001	Feb. 21, 2001	June 27, 1977	Feb. 21, 1998	June 28, 1991	Feb. 21, 1998
COUNTRY OF BIRTH Nigeria	Argentina	Mexico	Brazil	Honduras	Germany	Czech Republic	Italy	Italy

SOURCE: Holy See Press Office

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private apartment." The spokesman said church officials now would be following instructions that John Paul had written for them on Feb. 22, 1996. A precise cause of death was not given.

In the last two days of the pope's life, after it had become clear he would not recover, the tide of humanity near the vatican had ebbed and flowed, swelling again Saturday night.

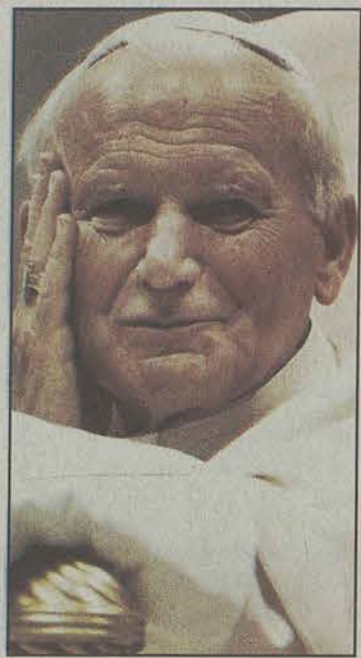
It said the College of Cardinals — the red-robed "princes" of the Roman Catholic Church — would meet at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) Monday in a pre-conclave session. They were expected to set a funeral date, which the Vatican said probably would be between Wednesday and Friday.

Karol Joseph Wojtyla was a robust 58 when the last papal conclave stunned the world and elected the cardinal from Krakow, the first non-Italian pope in 455 years.

In his later years, John Paul was the picture of frailty. In addition to Parkinson's, he survived a 1981 assassination attempt, when a Turkish gunman shot him in the abdomen, and had hip and knee ailments. His anguished struggle with failing health became a symbol of aging and, in the end, death with dignity.

People in John Paul II's hometown in Wadowice, Poland, fell to their knees and wept as the news reached them at the end of a special Mass in the church where he worshipped as a boy.

Church bells rang out after the announcement, but it took several minutes for people inside the packed church to find out as they continued



AP Photo/Giulio Broglio
Pope John Paul II smiles from his papal throne, in this May 16, 1990.

spread across the Soviet bloc. No less an authority than former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said much of the credit went to John Paul.

But his Polish roots also nourished a doctrinal conservatism. He reaffirmed the church's ban on artificial birth control and denounced in vitro fertilization, abortion, euthanasia, divorce, sex outside marriage, homosexual relations and same-sex unions.

He demanded celibacy of Roman Catholic priests and said yet again that the priesthood was not open to women. He did give in to the demands of liberal Catholics to allow altar girls.

Other critics said that while the pope championed the world's poor, he was not consistent when he rebuked Latin American priests who sought to involve the church politically through the doctrine of "liberation theology."

John Paul's health declined rapidly after he suffered heart and kidney failure after he was hospitalized twice in as many months. Just two hours before announcing his death, the Vatican had said he was in "very serious" condition, although he was responding to aides.

After his passing, Vatican, Italian and European Union flags were lowered to half-staff. In Washington, flags over the White House also were lowered.

Associated Press reporters Nicole Winfield, Frances D'Emilio, William J. Kole and Brian Murphy in Rome contributed to this report.

their vigil into a second night.

Then the parish priest, the Rev. Jakub Gil, came to the front as the last hymn faded away. "His life has come to an end. Our great countryman has died," he said. People inside the church and standing outside fell to their knees.

In Washington, President Bush mourned the loss of "a good and faithful servant of God (who) has been called home" and said the pontiff "launched a democratic revolution that swept Eastern Europe and changed the course of history."

A fierce enemy of communism, John Paul set off the sparks that helped bring down communism in Poland, from where a virtual revolution

Popes of the 10th century

Polish-born Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope to serve in 455 years. The ninth pope of the 20th century, he served the third-longest papacy in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

	Leo XIII 1878-1903	St. Pius X 1903-14	Benedict XV 1914-22	Pius XI 1922-39	Pius XII 1939-58	John XXIII 1958-63	Paul VI 1963-78	John Paul I 1978	John Paul II 1978-2005
Born	1810	1835	1854	1857	1876	1881	1897	1912	1920
Given name	Giacchino Pecci	Giuseppe Sarto	Giacomo della Chiesa	Achille Ratti	Eugenio Pacelli	Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli	Giovanni Battista Montini	Albino Luciani	Karol Wojtyla
Papacy	25 years, five months	11 years	Seven years, four months	17 years	19 years, seven months	Four years, seven months	15 years, six weeks	One month	26 years, 5 months
Legacy	Strongly valued education; opened Vatican secret archives	Acted to suppress theology of liberal modernism	Policy in the first World War was of strict neutrality	Saw the establishment of the independent Vatican City state	Criticized over whether he did too little to protect the Jews from Nazis	Convened Vatican II ecumenical council that brought dramatic reform	Was the first pope to travel outside Italy	Died of natural causes; many feared his abrupt death was a conspiracy	Most-traveled of any pope; proclaimed more saints than any other pontiff

SOURCES: Vatican; Columbia Encyclopedia Sixth Edition

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a globalized economies. His supporters note that Brazil's role as a Latin American political and economic heavyweight that could help the Vatican counter the popularity of emerging evangelical churches in the region.

Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga of Honduras, the 62-year-old archbishop of Tegucigalpa, is also mentioned as a possible candidate. But he could be too much of a break for Vatican conservatives. He has studied clinical psychology and has a dynamic, outspoken style.

John Paul's papacy was so long, some Vatican watchers suggest the conclave could look to an older "transitional" pope, who would not try to put a strong personal stamp on the papacy.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a German who heads the powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is the leading name under this scenario. Ratzinger, who will turn 78 before the conclave, was a close confidant of the late pope and is favored by those who want to preserve John Paul's conservative views.

Europe has the biggest bloc with 58 papal electors — cardinals under 80 years old. Italy alone has 20.

Latin America has 21 and Africa brings 11. The United States also has 11 cardinals and could sway the voting if they remain united. An American pope, however, is considered a virtual impossibility because the Vatican would avoid such a deep and complicated association with the world's sole superpower.

Any other forecast would find itself on shaky ground.

One only has to recall that after two days and eight rounds of voting 26 years ago, the name of Karol Wojtyla — never mentioned as a serious candidate — was announced to the crowd in St. Peter's Square. Many there were baffled.

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the 1.1 billion Roman Catholics will entuse the church's followers.

"When the pope was first installed he was very young and very vigorous — very uplifting. One of the things about the Catholic Church is that we have this central leader. It is unusual that he lasted so long, but there will be a sense of new vitality when the pope is installed."

James Woods, a professor of history at Georgia Southern, has followed the history of the Roman Catholic Church in the South, authoring one book on the church's influence in Arkansas. Now he is working to complete a two-volume history on the church's history in the entire region.

Woods heard John Paul speak in 1987 in New Orleans. The trip was part of a four-stop tour of the American South.

Woods said John Paul II will be known for his courage in fighting communism and other oppressive forces in the world.

"This was a man who has faced things many of us would be afraid of... He's certainly one of the most significant religious figures of the century," said Woods, referring to Paul's many attempts to deliver religious messages in communist Poland. "He had so much courage in the face of evil."

Matthew Goff, professor of religious studies at GSU, said when looking at who will replace John Paul, it's important to take into account the accomplishments that he has made over the past 26 years.

"Pope John Paul II changed what it means to be the pope. He was more visible than any other pope in history and used his position to speak directly on behalf of the church."

"He used the truth to defeat communism. It was the truth that set people free."

- Frier David Stachurski

Goff said the pope's interest in dialogue with all religions made his papacy unique.

"He [John Paul] has been a legendary figure for a long time, and it will be interesting to see how his successor will use his time as pope."

With the selection of a new pope likely happen in the next month or two, Goff commented on the policies of John Paul II, and the implications they have had worldwide.

"Pope John Paul II was really conservative on many issues that Catholics — especially in America — didn't necessarily agree with. His policy on birth control was one that many weren't in favor of, but it wasn't an issue that split the church. Many Catholics may have disagreed with the pope's policies, but they realized that at the end of the day, they were all still part of one single body of believers."

Goff noted that while many think there is a separation between the traditional practices of the Catholic Church and Bible scripture, there is a direct link from the papacy to the Bible.

Goff said the pope is essentially the Bishop of Rome, a post first held by the Apostle Peter from the Bible. In the book of Matthew, chapter 16, Jesus says that Peter is the rock on which the church is built. Each pope has since been a successor of Peter.

Frier Stachurski, in his Sunday sermon, touched on John Paul's impact in the world.

"(John Paul) didn't have any nuclear bombs," said Stachurski. "He used the truth to defeat communism. It was the truth that set people free."

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Fortune cookie fulfills lottery destiny

DES MOINES — A record 110 players won \$500,000 and \$100,000 prizes in Wednesday's Powerball drawing, most of whom apparently used the numbers included in a fortune-cookie message.

Ordinarily the multistate lottery expects only four tickets to win at the Match 5 prize level. Several winners in a half-dozen states revealed that they got the winning number from a fortune cookie, said Doug Orr, marketing director with the West Des Moines-based Multi-State Lottery Association, which operates Powerball.

The cookie was one number away from winning the \$25.5 million jackpot.

Tickets that match the first five numbers but miss the Powerball win \$100,000 each. There were 89 of those.

Woman receives shocking news — she's alive

SINKING SPRING — A federal agency has told a Pennsylvania woman something she already knows: she's alive.

Toni Lausch says when she tried to apply for a car loan, she was rejected because the salesman's

computer said she was dead.

Then, the IRS wouldn't allow her to

file a 2004 income tax return for the same reason. So while money had been withheld from her paychecks, she couldn't file to get a refund.

Turns out that because of a typographical error her social security number had been switched with that of a dead person.

Lausch says she has received a letter from the Social Security Administration, informing her of her revived status.

Trio cashes water jug full of pennies

FARGO — Three men from North Dakota got into a lot of trouble when they appeared to have more spare change than they could handle.

The men rolled a water cooler jug full of coins into a University of North Dakota bank in Fargo last week to cash in the money. Inside was \$1,800 worth of coins.

The men couldn't lift the jug to the counter, so the bank gave them bags to help get it to a coin sorter.

The bank also called police. Police believe at least one of the men stole the jug from a home.

The three men were arrested in a parking lot.

Rats like to be tickled, studies show

COLUMBUS — We may know what kinds of things make us laugh — slapstick, a clever pun, an inside joke with an old friend, an April Fools' gag — but just what are those strange sounds we make when laughing?

Scientists are finding there is a long evolutionary trail to our odd noises of amusement, and the latest proof comes from ticklish rats.

Jaak Panksepp, of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and his students found that the rodents emit gleeful "chirps" when playing, but only at ultrasonic tones five times higher than the human ear can hear.

Not only did the rats respond instantly to tickling, after awhile, they reacted the way a child often does before a tickling hand even reaches them.

News Briefs

Smoking ban could go into effect July 1

ATLANTA — A smoking ban in most public buildings got final approval in the Legislature on Thursday, but in a weaker form than it was originally proposed.

Senators voted 46-4 to give final approval to the ban, agreeing to a list of exemptions added by the House.

The original version would have banned tobacco smoking in virtually all public buildings. But House members added a list of exemptions — including bars and restaurants that serve only adults and small businesses.

Smoking also would be allowed in lounges at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Local governments that already have stricter smoking laws would be allowed to keep them under the bill, and may pass tougher ones in the future.

The plan must now be signed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to become law. The ban would go into effect on July 1.

Oversight discovered in Oklahoma City bombing case

WASHINGTON — The FBI is facing the possibility it made an embarrassing oversight in the Oklahoma City bombing case a decade ago after new information led agents to explosive materials hidden in Terry Nichols' former home, which they had searched several times before.

FBI officials said the material was found Thursday night and Friday in a crawl space of the house in Herington, Kan.

The extraordinary discovery came just three weeks from the 10th anniversary of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people. Nichols, who is serving multiple life sentences on federal and state charges, hasn't lived at the property for years.

The evidence raised questions about whether a group of white supremacist bank robbers might have had some connection to the attack.

All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Morgan Marsh.

Reaccreditation team on campus this week

SACS group to tour Georgia Southern campus through Thursday

By Luke Hearn
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Starting today, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) — the organization that accredits the institution as a whole — will have representatives on campus as part of Georgia Southern's reaccreditation, which takes place every 10 years.

According to Linda Bleicken, provost and vice president for academic affairs, this is a process that has taken years for which to plan.

"This is a very big deal for our institution. The process began in 2003, and we've had people from the university working on committees since then to put all of this together."

Bleicken stressed this process is not to convince outsiders that GSU has integrity, but helps the university find ways to improve.

"All of what is encompassed in this process is geared towards student learning outcomes. It's a lot of work, but it's beneficial, allowing us to look at the university very candidly," said Bleicken.

The entire reaccreditation process is lengthy. After committee work to address the compliance reports set forth by SACS, the report is sent off for approval. GSU sent its report in September 2004.

After evaluation by a SACS team, a review of the initial report is sent back to the university with further

questions in certain areas of the initial report, asking for elaboration in certain areas. The request for further information was sent to GSU in November.

Bleicken noted that this is common across the board. She also said the requests for further information can be very specific, ranging from clarification on financial issues to a further look at a specific faculty member's education and teaching qualifications.

The near final step in the process is the campus visit.

While the SACS committee will be in campus this week, they will be talking to faculty, staff and student, but also looking over the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), one of the most integral parts of the reaccreditation process.

The QEP, which serves as the one item in the SACS report that focuses on what the institution can do to enhance the institution, focuses on engaging students in the university and the overall surrounding community. The QEP has five main points, including "engaging freshmen in the campus and community cultures," which is directed mainly at enhancing the First Year Experience Program; and "engaging students through capstone experiences in all academic programs."

Bleicken explained that the topic



Provost Linda Bleicken

FOR MORE INFO...

For more information on SACS, visit <http://www.sacs.org>.

To view Georgia Southern's Quality Improvement Plan, go to <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/provost/planning.html>.

For more information on the QEP, view Wednesday's G-A.

chosen for the QEP must be one that is manageable, shows involvement of the entire campus community and having the main purpose of enhancing student learning.

The SACS committee will be on campus until Thursday. Bleicken said after the committee spends time on the campus, an exit interview will be conducted, and the committee will comment on what areas on which the university needs to work or further elaborate.

While she did not know the exact date, Bleicken said the process should be fully completed by the end of the current calendar year.

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Our Opinion

You don't have to be Catholic to grieve the loss of the Pope

This past weekend, the world lost a great man.

Pope John Paul II could be looked up to not only by the Catholic Church, but also the world.

Pope John Paul II was the first pope in over 400 years who was not Italian. During his time as pope, he brought about many changes that would revolutionize the Catholic church's view on how a pope should act and be a source of inspiration to people both Catholic and not.

He was the first pope ever to visit 125 countries and one of the only popes to ever really leave the Vatican at all. He traveled around the world helping people and mending political rifts between nations as well as religions. He supported one of the major democratic groups in Poland, which eventually led to the fall of communism in that nation. He also mended the rift between the Catholic church and Judaism, between the Vatican and Israel and apologized to many religious groups he felt the Catholic church had wronged.

He spoke eight different languages, only learning Spanish after he became pope. This allowed him to talk to just about everyone he met on a personal level, making him more approachable in his station.

He also used technology to his advantage. He was the first pope to tape and broadcast his sermons, and even allowed the establishment of a website for the Vatican. He wrote many books on many subjects, all of which did well. He used the media to reach out to the public. When he was unable to appear in public due to illness, he communicated with the masses through these means.

John Paul II was a man the whole world could look up to. You don't have to be Catholic, or even Christian, to respect and honor this great man. John Paul II has set the standard for every pope to follow him, requiring that the next pope be a leader not only to the Catholic church, but to the world as a whole.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leadership is more than membership

This letter is to address both letters in last Wednesday's edition of the paper. It is really sad to see students in leadership positions bashing one organization, and I am not quite sure where the motive lies for this blatant attack.

Whether Brandi Stone or "Jason Morris" knows it or not, there is a problem with student involvement on campus, and it is evident. Maybe they are too enthralled in Eagle Entertainment or SOAR, which are only two organizations out of the hundreds on this campus, to see this problem for what it truly is.

Being a member of many other organizations, I have observed this problem first-hand. I have been to several different organizational meetings and heard the same complaint about campus involvement over and over again.

The point is, if you think SGA alone can solve all of this campus' problems, there is a huge problem with your conception. INSPIRE is an organization that tries to build leadership skills. SGA is not an organization that is intended to create leaders, but it seeks to attract students who are already leaders on campus! That initiative is what there is an extreme lack of here at GSU.

Involvement is not a competition or a mad dash to get the most members, but a

grave problem that needs to be fixed by all the organizations on campus, collectively. Your bragging rights for more members are irrelevant, and to demonstrate that fact there are no campus awards for "Organization with the Most Members."

As a concerned student, I ask these two people to please get your heads out of the clouds long enough to realize that although Eagle Entertainment and SOAR may be having a "landmark" or "benchmark" year, and this "fact" is questionable, that does not mean student involvement isn't suffering. Also, a roster does not equal participation or success in leadership. I know several people who are "volunteers" for Eagle Entertainment but do not attend meetings or any other E-squad events.

I am extremely disappointed by these articles from people who claim to be leaders on campus. I ask you what kind of ideals you are promoting and "leading" people to support. If it is competition, bashing, endorsement of your own initiatives or belittling then you are both certainly effective leaders.

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Birds and humans fly from open cage doors

As a kid, squirrels and birds fascinated me. With no luck, I'd constantly chase them. But nature gave both the squirrels and colorful birds the ability to always outrun a slow-footed human.

On a few occasions though, the birds would have a broken wing or an injured foot and I could manage to scoop them up before they could hobble to safety. Naturally I thought their injuries were my perfect chance to have a pet, but I had a neighbor who told me differently.

She made it a point to always let us kids know that nature had its own course. If we caught a bird that was injured, she'd nurse it back to health and send it off. Or if the bird's injuries were too severe, she'd return it to the spot where we found it and let "nature take its course."

She believed wild animals had no place in bird-cages, living at the mercy of humans pretending to be God. It wasn't a well-liked policy with us kids, but now that I am older I see the relevance not just in the world of wild animals, but in mankind as well.

I was reminded of the neighborhood birds during the past week as two high-profile deaths grabbed headlines: first Terri Schiavo and then Pope John Paul II.

As much as we wanted Terri Schiavo to get up from her hospital bed and walk away, it didn't happen. And like the birds with injuries too great for care, she couldn't be nursed back to health and the cruel circumstances of nature took their course.

With Pope John Paul, his rich and full life faded to a mere shadow of a man remembered with much courage and admiration. In the end we were reminded that no matter how great a man is, he's nothing more than flesh and bones; subject to the same laws of nature that catch all of us.

In both cases mere men tried to step in and return life to these ailing people. In Schiavo's case it worked. She was alive for 15 years at the hand of man. And with the pope, modern medicine gave him a rich — although sometimes feeble — life up until the very end.

Leaders could be in it for all the wrong reasons

With all this harping about campus leadership of late, I just couldn't help but chime in.

A big part of the problem seems to be differing senses of purpose amongst leaders of campus organizations. I've no place to say who's a good leader and who isn't. As something of a leader myself, I'm sure we all do the best we can given our circumstances and our resources. Times change, trends change. Involvement falls and peaks accordingly.

Fortunately, the core reasons for becoming a leader do not change. If we stick with those, what matters most about leadership — the quality, not the quantity — will carry our organizations through rough times by maintaining a history for future leaders to stand on.

We are students, first and foremost. Whatever we are involved in, from the Basket Weaving Club to SGA, what *should* be our reasons for doing it are pretty cut and dry.

Number one is learning. Getting experience, teaching others, or whatever else you want to call it falls under this broader concept. We are here to learn. Everything we do should teach us something, and we should be constantly open to what is has to teach us. In fact, one simply cannot teach without accepting a proportional amount of instruction in return, usually from the least expected sources, which is why we leaders must be willing to listen when others would not.

Beyond learning, and perhaps even transcendent of learning, is passion. Passion for a topic or passion for a cause. Passion for people. Passion for being passionate. There is no number three. There is no "it's good for the résumé." No "I'm such a highly skilled and qualified person." No "I get too bored if I don't pack my schedule with activities."

As leaders we must forsake such selfish intentions. If we are here to learn and we are passionate, our reasons for being campus leaders are valid ones. If we have any other reasons, we've lost sight of

But when the life support — the man-made life-giver — was removed from Schiavo, her life ended.

It reminds me of a time when I didn't heed the advice of my neighbor and I decided to keep an injured bird in my bedroom. I tried to care for my new pet, but after about a week it died.

I was sad. But not because the bird was dead and I knew it would never return to the sky, but because I couldn't look into the box and see its beautiful feathers or hear it chirp when I opened the lid. I was sad for myself even though the bird was no longer in pain.

It's a trade-off many humans could learn from. Man's laws change all the time. We can decide tomorrow that every person should go on a ventilator when the end comes or we can decide that life support is an evil not worthy the pain it causes to the patient or their families. In either case, the laws of nature are absolute. When the end comes, there is no avoidance.

While it's painful to watch a person die, what lies after death must certainly be more fulfilling than an existence trapped in the modern purgatory known as feeding tubes and ventilators.

It's a greedy thought to believe that with the aid of modern medicine we can prolong a life, even if it's a limited existence, just so we can have the joy of seeing, feeling and experiencing some flicker of our loved one.

I'm sure Pope John Paul and Terri Schiavo would have chosen to continue their lives had they the choice, but nature doesn't provide a plan B. It's absolute ruling is part of the game of life and we've all agreed to play by the rules when we stepped into the world.

No matter how many tubes were given to Terri Schiavo and regardless of the treatments offered to Pope John Paul, in the end, when the cage doors were opened, their souls flew away leaving us to deal with our grief, not theirs.

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Adam Crisp
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something crucial and are about to fail miserably in any attempts to better ourselves or make a difference in our surroundings.

It discourages me as much as anyone else to see campus leaders squabbling and mixing their personal vendettas and inter-organizational dilemmas in with what is actually relevant to the rest of the GSU population. But I have to applaud those leaders whose letters were recently published here.

Even if I don't necessarily agree with what they wrote or how they wrote it, they were reaching out in some attempt to address the campus community about a disturbing issue concerning that community. They're keeping the lines of communication open, and that's a lifeboat in the world of keeping group efforts afloat.

Things go wrong within organizations. The marks of good leadership aren't in flawless proceedings; they're in evidence of calmly commandeering both good and bad situations by keeping true to a core purpose.

Once we have our motives sorted out, we need some standard qualities. For good leaders, it's never about glory or recognition. It's not about awards or titles or rank. Want to be a good leader? Be prepared never to defend yourself — not because you never have cause to, but because you know there are more important things to be done. Be prepared to take all the responsibility and none of the credit. Be capable of performing all the tasks assigned to everyone under your charge, but patient enough not to step in and do it for them.

Finally, expect all humans to prefer learning for themselves over listening to you. I do, which is why I'll be the first to admit I'm ending this column about 700 words too late. I'm sure all those reading this could've figured it out on their own.

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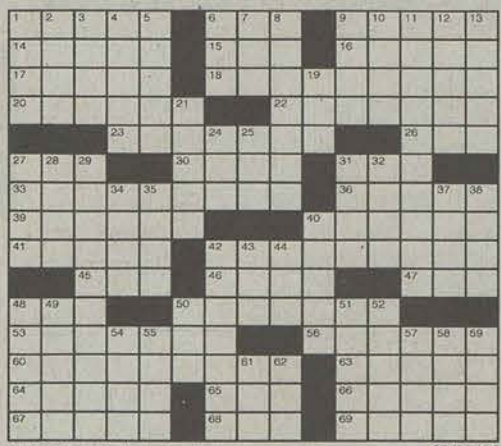
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"We do not know what we want and yet we are responsible for what we are - that is the fact."
--Jean-Paul Sartre



Bob's failure to leave the nest didn't disturb his mother nearly as much as his incessant crying between feedings.

20 Announcements

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Life Guard Training April 16-17 & April 23-24 from 9-5 pm at Georgia Southern University. Call 912-764-4468 to register.

HAVING A meeting next week? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** to boost your attendance!

40 Autos for Sale

IF YOUR in the market for a new car, place an ad in the **G-A** to sell your old car fast.

1998 FORD Explorer Blue, 4X4, auto, 151K Miles. Runs great. \$4700 OBO. Call 912-678-9681 for info.

NISSAN SENTRA '94.
Cruise control, power steering, \$1900. Automatic with 17000 miles. Perfect condition. Call 912-871-7684.
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'98 TOYOTA Tacoma, V.6, 3.4 liter, auto, cruise, ts, CD player, extra cab, 67,000 mi., \$9000/negotiable. Call for more info. 912-687-3247.
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50 Auto Parts, Repair

BLACK CHROME taillights for 98-2004 Nissan Frontier. Excellent condition, asking \$100, price negotiable, serious inquiries only, 770-364-8954.
MUD TIRES, Wild Spirit FWT, 265/75R16, only 5K Miles on them, \$300 obo. Call Ross @ 912-481-2866.
1998-2000 Ford Ranger 2 wheel/ 4x4 Performance Accessories 3" Body Lift Kit complete, uninstalled, \$120. Call 912-682-5957.

52 Bicycles

FOR SALE: Haro Mosh freestyle bike \$75 obo Call 912-678-1552.
BICYCLE FOR sale, 21 Speed Mtn. Bike, Monogose brand XR100 series, Great Condition, only 1 yr old, great for getting around campus, originally \$150 but asking \$50 b/c never used. Call Drew 404-409-9110.

60 Business Opportunities

NEED AN extra \$18,000.00 a year? Candy vending ro-

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Internship: Excellent Advertising Sales and Marketing opportunity. Earn \$3000-8000 and gain allowable business EXPERIENCE developing the Georgia Southern University Official Campus Telephone Directory. **GREAT RESUME BOOSTER!** Call April at College Directory Publishing, Inc. 1-800-466-2221 ext. 600 www.campusdirectory.com.

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500 SUMMER jobs, 50 camps, you choose! North-east, USA. Athletic/Creative counselors/coaches needed; Sports, Water, Art. Apply on-line www.summertimeemployment.com; Carolyne@summercampemployment.com; 1-800-443-6428.

75 Churches

DO YOU want to bring students to your church activities? Place an ad in the G-A!

LOOKING FOR a church with true worship? Whitesville Full Gospel Baptist Church is at 306 Shelby Street. Come experience the full Gospel! Question? Contact 912-489-4428.

90 Education

FUN & STUFF Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun.
<http://www.stp.georgiasouthern.edu/funstuff/>

100 Etcetera

LINE DANCE Class offered Instructor Tony Phillips, on Thursdays April 7-28, from 7-8 pm. Classes will be held in the College Plaza Activity Room, \$39 per person. To register call 912-681-5551 or online at <https://ms-eagle1.georgiasouthern.edu/wconnect/wc/dl?accocode=Course-Status-05CE040702>.

120 Furniture & Appliances

FOR SALE: Queen mattress set \$50 and black iron bed frame \$50, good condition. Call Chad @ 912-486-0133.
BLACK AND glass kitchen table with four chairs, \$50, contact Justin at 678-478-1617.
FOR SALE: sofa/love seat w/ lamp tables \$200, washer/dryer \$150, bar, red bull refrigerator, dresser \$25. Call 912-541-8110.
SOFA BED and chair for sale \$80. Call 978-687-6035.

140 Help Wanted

PART-TIME receptionist

FALL 2005: 3 bed/bth available in Statesboro Place. 1 friendly roommate. \$345/mo. All inclusive, completely furnished. Apartment 508. If interested call Meghan at 706-333-6582.

SUMMER SUBLEASER: You can have 2 bdrms/1 bath to yourself from May-August with all utilities included. Cable/w/d. \$440.00. Call 404-451-2406.

SUBLEASER FOR the Summer in Talon's Lake! Private bedroom and bath! 3 very quiet roommates. \$335 a month. Call 770-378-9590.

SUMMER SUBLEASER needed for amazing house. Male or Female. Available April 15th. Rent is \$266.67 + 1/3 utilities. Call 912-601-1518.

DO YOU need a cheap place to live in the summer? \$299/mo, all inclusive. Townclub apartments. Includes: pool, basketball, and clubhouse. Call 678-234-2550 for info.

FEMALE SUBLEASER needed ASAP! Sublease for just summer. May-August. 1 bedroom in 4 bed-

room house. 5 minutes from campus. \$210/mo plus 1/4 utilities. Call Laurie: 706-840-4865.
3/4 BEDROOMS/2 bath, CHA, w/d hookup; less than 5 minutes to campus, all appliances included, new fireplace insert; deck on back of house. Call Jason Williams @ 912-764-4462 to schedule appointment.

NEW HOUSE for rent. 3 bed/2 bath. Available August 2005. \$825 per month. Convenient to GSU. 14 Henry Street. Call 912-682-4733.

SUBLEASER: apartment in Campus Club May 10-July 31. \$389 month. May free. All inclusive. Call 229-344-1026 or 229-344-1029.

SUBLEASER NEEDED ASAP for Garden District Townhouse, \$280/mo, large bedroom, individual bath, walk-in closet. If interested call Shawn 678-907-3909.

SUMMER SUBLEASER May-July. University Pointe Apartments, one bedroom large/bathroom. Rent: \$360/mo. Cable/water included w/rent. Call 912-

681-2536.
SUBLEASER NEEDED: Statesboro Place Apartments. \$335/mo. Comes with washer/dryer and fully furnished. Get personal bedroom and bathroom! Call 706-436-1481.
3 BED/2 bath apt for rent Park Place. \$220/mo + utilities, washer/dryer 1st, last + \$150 damage call John 912-6871568.
6 BED/5 bath next to Holiday Inn Express for lease in August. Has everything you want. Call 912-764-6076 or 912-682-7468.
SUBLEASER 1 room in Statesboro Place ASAP! All inclusive in a 4 bed/4 bath apt. Call 912-227-1940 if interested.
FEMALE NEEDED to sublease a great apartment in Campus Club May-July. Will pay \$75 making your rent only \$314. Call 912-541-1314
SUMMER SPECIAL! Sub-lease May-July May FREE!!! \$450 monthly 2/1 duplex, close to campus/triangle. Call 912-871-4273 and leave a message.

ROOM FOR rent, 18X9 feet for \$345/per mo. Private bath, 2 closets, close to campus in Towne Club, full size washer/dryer, dishwasher, balcony, and pool. Call Rachel @ 912-729-2626.
HOUSES FOR rent now! Available in August. No pets! 24 hour repairs. Hood Rentals 912-764-6076.
SUBLEASER NEEDED ASAP May-July in Statesboro Place. No Roommates, All-inclusive, furnished \$345/mo, w/d, digital cable, h.s. internet. If interested call Mala: 706-333-6582.

230 Roommates

ROOMMATE NEEDED
spacious apartment Quiet neighborhood. Rent \$250, water included, cable split four ways. 1 mile from campus! For more info contact Marcus @ 404-374-3075.
FEMALE ROOMMATE needed! 1/2 of lease for 2 bed/2 bath apt. 18 Somerset in Hawthorne. Call Christina 706-294-4167.

250 Sports & Stuff

GOLF CLUBS for sale! \$50! Call 678-687-6035.

290 Travel

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STUFF Visit our Web site for list of places to visit and things to do that are both educational and fun. On-line at <http://www.stp.georgiasouthern.edu/funstuff/>

305 Volunteers

YOUR ORGANIZATION interested in helping the Statesboro Community become a better place to live? If so, call Habitat for Humanity @ 912-489-2076.

Announcement - Student Media Positions Selection 2005-2006

The Student Media Advisory Board of Georgia Southern University announces its selection process to choose student editors and managers of the 2003-2004 broadcast and editorial boards of the university's official student media (The George-Anne, Miscellany Magazine, and Southern Reflector Magazine). Students interested in applying for an elected position will be expected to present (1) a resumé; (2) a letter of application explaining the candidate's qualifications and their 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 letter of application or on the waiver form. However, a separate application packet (a resumé, a letter of application and a signed waiver) should be submitted for each medium, if a student wishes to apply for more than one.

and photographers, provided training in the basics of newswriting 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 or news in the preparation of the front page for each edition.

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 of the student newspaper. The editor in chief will be responsible for the total content of the magazine.

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, 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 executive editor 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 **Monday, April 4, at 5 p.m.** Applications should be sent to Bill Neville, chairperson, Student Advisory Media 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 as follows: Candidates for the **George-Anne, Miscellany Magazine**, and **Southern Reflector** must appear **Friday, April 15**. All interviews will be held at 3 p.m. in Room 2007 of E.I. Williams Center (Upper Floor).

SELECTION AND TERM: The editorial and broadcast 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 and broadcast boards shall extend through the end of

Eagles Football
conducts Saturday
scrimmage

Chase Lanier/STAFF

Coach Mike Sewak looks out onto Paulson Stadium.

GSU Athletic Media Relations

The outdoor elements during Saturday's scrimmage proved to be somewhat better than Friday's practice as Georgia Southern went for 90 minutes at Paulson Stadium.

After practicing for two hours in a steady rain the day before, wind gusts up to 30 MPH was the story Saturday. The team worked on different plays from various yard lines.

"The ball was on the ground too many times today. I counted nine times, you lose snaps and you're not moving forward," said head coach Mike Sewak, who noted the team only fumbled three times yesterday in the rain. "We threw two interceptions, had six penalties on offense and four on defense. We need to eliminate those mistakes."

"Our younger guys are getting more snaps and you can see they are gaining confidence. That's certainly a positive. We've had our defensive scheme in place a full year and that makes a big difference. Our players and coaches too have a better understanding," continued Sewak.

The secondary should be one of the most experienced positions with four seniors penciled in as starters. Lewis Barr and Chris Williams intercepted a pass today. Sewak has been especially pleased with two of the secondary seniors.

"Tariq (Muhammad) has done a super job. What we implement defensively is suited to what Tariq does. A.J. Bryant has become more of a physical factor. He needed to work on his running game this spring and he has certainly made improvements," said Sewak.

GSU returns to practice today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the practice fields.

Harvick bounces back
from cheating scandal
with Bristol win

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Down but not out, Kevin Harvick pulled his team out from an embarrassing cheating scandal by taking Richard Childress Racing back to Victory Lane.

Harvick scored his first victory since 2003 on Sunday, winning the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway despite a stack of obstacles against him.

His crew chief, Todd Berrier, was stuck at home serving a four-race suspension for cheating last month in Las Vegas. His car owner, Childress, spent most of the weekend complaining about the penalties against his team and driver.

And when the crew uncovered the No. 29 Chevrolet hours before the race, they found a puddle of leaking power steering fluid. The team had to fix it, and the unapproved repairs forced them to start last in the 43-car field.

He took the lead with 66 laps to go, pulled away from the pack and easily beat pole-sitter Elliott Sadler to the finish line. Seven lapped cars separated the first- and second-place cars.

It was Harvick's first victory since he won at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in August 2003, and it was RCR's first win at Bristol since the late Dale Earnhardt brashly bumped Terry Labonte out of the way here on the final lap in 1999.

He won this race with patience and a fierce determination that's been brewing since Berrier was caught illegally rigging Harvick's fuel tank to appear full when it actually wasn't during qualifying in Las Vegas.

NASCAR cracked down on the blatant cheating, fining Berrier \$25,000 along with the suspension, and docking Harvick 25 points in the standings.

So they headed on to Bristol with a chip on their shoulder and something to prove.

They did it with the win.

Tampa Bay's Sanchez suspended for violating baseball's steroids policy

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was suspended 10 days for violating baseball's new steroids policy, the first player publicly identified under the major leagues' tougher rules.

The suspension begins Monday when Tampa Bay opens its season against

Toronto, the commissioner's office said Sunday.

Under the new policy that took effect last month, steroids and other performance-enhancing substances are the only drugs to draw a 10-day suspension. Baseball officials and the players' union agreed they would not disclose the exact substance for which a player tests positive.

Sanchez said he was surprised by the suspension, adding that he uses milkshakes and multivitamins to build his energy - and blaming the positive test on something he bought over the counter.

"I'm going to fight it, because I've never taken steroids or anything like that," said Sanchez, who was released by Detroit in mid-March and signed by the Devil Rays.

Sanchez, 28, who hit .322 with 19 stolen bases in 79 games for the Tigers last season, said he was drug tested while he was with Detroit. He was to be the Devil Rays' center fielder on opening day.

Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar said the team would have no comment on the suspension.

"It's surprising," manager Lou Piniella said. "That's all I have to say on that."



Duane Bureson/AP Photo
Alex Sanchez of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays

Winning streak
now at 14 straight

Eagles continue their undefeated conference record while they equal their longest winning streak in 11 years

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You can bring out all the clichés to describe the 2005 Eagle baseball team. Call them the cardiac kids or say that they're for real.

But no matter what, you have to mention that they are winners.

In a weekend where Georgia Southern (20-7) found themselves on the brink of seeing their 13-game win streak snapped in the ninth inning of two separate occasions, the team somehow managed to sweep a three game set from Gardner-Webb.

Yesterday's 12-11 victory over the Bulldogs (11-17) may have been the most dramatic of them all.

Trailing 11-10 going in to the bottom of the ninth, GSU sent the bottom of their order to face GW ace and projected first round draft pick Zach Ward.

The tide quickly turned for GSU as catcher Flint Wipke started the inning with a single and was moved into scoring position after a sacrifice bunt by senior Brent Stephens.

Two batters later, sophomore shortstop Brandon Ponder stepped up to the plate and blasted his third double of the game into right field to drive in the tying run.

"Coming in to the weekend all we had heard about was how good that Zach (Ward) kid was," Ponder said.

Ward stayed in the game to face the next batter, Eagle third baseman Logan Phillips who hadn't registered a hit in the game, but had reached base twice after being plunked twice in the game.

Phillips quickly fell behind 0-2 but was able to chop an outside fastball over the pitcher and through the infield to drive in the winning run.

"I kept telling myself that we were going to come back," Phillips said. "It was definitely one of the most emotional nine inning games I've



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

GSU Senior Brent Stephens rounds the bases during a home game earlier in the season.

played in."

For the game, Ponder finished 4-for-5, a career high for hits, while scoring three runs.

The loss given to Ward, who is now 5-3 for the season, capped off a terrible weekend for the prospect.

In game two of Saturday's doubleheader, Ward lasted only two-thirds of an inning giving up nine earned runs, matching his season total up to that point.

The Eagles cruised to their easiest win of the weekend after the huge first

inning en route to the 12-4 victory.

In game one, Stephens was the hero knocking in pinch runner Trey Hunter in the bottom of the ninth with his deep fly ball which was dropped by the Bulldog centerfielder. The ball would have been deep enough to serve as a sacrifice fly even if it had been caught.

Six Eagle players are now batting over .350 for the season while the team as a whole is riding their longest winning streak since the 1990 season.

Left fielder Jason Hurst has been

tremendous for the entire year with his team-high .425 average.

GSU next game is Tuesday in J.I. Clements Stadium when they host Mercer in a non-conference showdown starting at 6 p.m.

Eagles
Next Game:
Mercer
When: April 5, 6 p.m.
Where: Clements Stadium

Eagles take two from App. State; Lead Coach Poole to 100th win

By Renaldo Stover

After having lost a chance to play two games Thursday due to inclement weather, Georgia Southern (17-22, 4-2 SoCon) began their three game weekend series against Appalachian State (13-23, 1-8 SoCon) under clear skies Saturday afternoon at Eagle Field.

In Game One, the Eagles wasted no time getting on the scoreboard as sophomore Maria Laurato hit a two run double with two out to give the hosts an early lead.

The Eagles would add a run in the bottom of the fourth when ASU committed an error after a bunt by A.J. Street allowed junior, Shanita Black, to cross home plate.

The Mountaineers showed signs of life in the top of the fifth after a two run double closed the gap to one. But it was too little, too late as the Eagles held on

to win game one by a final of 5-2.

Game 2

Game two began with senior Tiffany Urena striking out two of the first three batters she faced as the Mountaineers continued to struggle offensively. The same could not be said of the Eagles.

Maria Laurato would ignite the GSU offense in the bottom of the first launching a three run rocket shot over the left field fence to give the Eagles an early lead.

Urena dominated the Mountaineer offense, allowing only one hit in the game.

In the bottom of the third, freshman Robyne Siliga hit an RBI double that was just inches from leaving the park followed by an RBI double by Laurato to give the Eagles a commanding 5-0 lead and a chance to end the

contest early.

The Eagles would do just that.

After loading the bases in the bottom of the fifth, Gina Sterchi stepped up to the plate and collected an RBI single. Logan Free then gave the Eagles all the runs they would need when she hit a two run single giving the Eagles an 8-0 lead ending the game by mercy rule and more notably, giving Coach Natalie Poole, career victory 100.

"It feels great to get to 100 wins," said Coach Poole, after learning that she is the third coach in team history to reach the 100 victory mark.

As for her teams performance in the double header Saturday, Coach Poole pointed out that a major factor for her team was an all around freshness due to the game cancellations earlier last week. This was mainly evident with bat speed and no errors

committed in the first two games of the weekend.

Game 3

In the third game of the weekend, fans saw the Lady Eagles grab an early 2-0 lead before the Mountaineers tied things up in the top of the fifth inning with consecutive runs.

Both sides traded plate appearances for the next three innings until in the top of the ninth inning when Diana Cook hit a solo homer to give the visitors a 3-2 lead. Tiffany Glover would add an insurance run when she hit an RBI down the left field line to boost the lead to 4-2. The Lady Eagles attempted to rally in the bottom of the ninth but eventually fell by a final score of 4-3 in a game that most fans enjoyed.

Overall, the Lady Eagles had a great weekend and will now look forward to

Eagle tennis loses
4-3 heartbreaker to
SoCon rival Furman

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GREENVILLE, SC - The Georgia Southern men's tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision to conference foe Furman Saturday afternoon at the Minor Mickel Tennis Center. The Eagles won the doubles point and got singles wins from Danie Van den Heever and Charles-Henri Trotter.

The Eagles took an early 1-0 lead by winning the doubles point for the second consecutive match. At the No. 1 position, Vincent Patry and Van den Heever won 8-6 against Allen Simmons and Andy Sobczyk. The win was their ninth of the spring and upped their SoCon record to 3-2. Also winning for the Eagles was the No. 2 pairing of Lasha Janashia and Germano Knorr. They won their second straight match, defeating Greg Maarschalk and Ben Pauluhn 9-8(4) to improve their conference mark to 3-1. GSU just missed a clean sweep of the doubles matches when Tom Green and Trotter lost a tight 9-8(4) decision to Scott Kahler and Kevin Lackey at No. 3.

The Paladins (10-11, 4-1 SoCon) bounced back by winning the first three singles matches to take a 3-1 lead. Simmons downed Patry 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1. Brennen Phippen defeated Janashia 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 and Stephen Nash prevailed over Green 7-5, 6-2 at No. 4.

Needing victories to stay alive, the Eagles rallied to force a 3-3 tie. Trotter captured his second consecutive win, a 6-3, 6-3 triumph against Ryan Friend at No. 6. With the win, the junior now stands at 3-1 against SoCon opponents. The team's lone senior, Van den Heever, then tied the match with his 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 decision against Pauluhn at the second slot. He now owns a three-match winning streak, a team-best 4-1 record in conference play, and moves into a tie for the team lead in spring wins with five.

With the score knotted at 3-3, the match boiled down to the last contest between Knorr and Sobczyk at the fourth position. Sobczyk won the first set 6-2 but Knorr came back to win the second 6-3. Sobczyk was able to win the last set 6-2 and give Furman the point it needed for the win.

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 3-13 overall and 2-3 in the conference. They will look to even their SoCon record Sunday as they travel to Spartanburg, S.C. to play Wofford. The match is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Track and field
competes at
Catamount Classic

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CULLOWHEE, NC - Neither wind, nor rain, nor even a little bit of snow could slow the Georgia Southern track and field squad Saturday as they competed at the Catamount Classic on the campus of Western Carolina. The Eagles won four events during the meet, and ended with a total of 19 top-three finishes.

Eagle winners included Giselle Cunningham in the 200M dash (25.16 seconds), Lauren Jacobs in the long jump (18'7"), Mandi Phillips in the triple jump (36'8.25") and the 4x400M relay team (4:21.98), as the team was able to get a feel for the track that will host the SoCon outdoor championships April 30 - May 1.

The track and field team will have next weekend off before returning to competition April 16 at the Solid Orange Classic in Clemson, SC.



Natalie Poole, GSU Softball head coach

their next match up when they travel to face conference leader Chattanooga this Saturday at 1 p.m.