

Chambliss holds Senate seat

Incumbent wins runoff election

ATLANTA — Georgia Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss handed the GOP a firewall against Democrats eager to flex their newfound political muscle in Washington, winning a runoff battle Tuesday night that had captured the national limelight. Chambliss' victory thwarted Democrats' hopes of winning a 60 seat filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. It came after a bitter monthlong runoff against Democrat Jim Martin that drew political luminaries from both parties and flooded the airwaves with fresh attack ads weeks after campaigns elsewhere had ended.

Minnesota — where a recount is under way — now remains the only unresolved Senate contest in the country. With 70 percent of the precincts reporting, Chambliss captured 60 percent of votes to Martin's 40 percent. "It's been a hard and tough four weeks," he said at a victory party in Cobb County. "We had a hardcore campaign on both sides and while things look good right now, we're going to continue to follow the returns as they come in." Chambliss' mantra on the runoff campaign trail was simple: His re-election was critical to prevent Democrats in Washington from having a blank check. Chambliss, 65, angered some with his vote for the \$700 billion bailout of the

financial services industry. Martin made the economy the centerpiece of his bid. In the end, Martin, a 63-year-old former state lawmaker from Atlanta, wasn't able to get Obama voters back to the polls in large enough numbers to overcome the Republican advantage in Georgia, an increasingly reliable red state since 2002. The runoff between the former University fraternity brothers was necessary after no candidate received a majority vote during the general election. Turnout was light throughout the state Tuesday. Between 18 and 20 percent cast ballots — far less than the 65 percent who voted last month.

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▲ Sen. Saxby Chambliss arrives with his grandson at an election-night party Tuesday in Atlanta. Chambliss was in a runoff with Democrat Jim Martin, and received 60 percent of votes with 70 percent of precincts reporting.

THE HOLIDAY TREE-TMENT



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▲ Athens-Clarke County Landscape Management employees Lauren Wood (left), Blake Jones and Bryan Guest string lights on a Christmas tree downtown Tuesday. The donated tree was cut fresh Tuesday morning. The Downtown Parade of Lights is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m.

Students: Advising inefficient

By CAROLYN CRIST
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Student comments on a recent national survey point to a central theme — the University's advising process needs help. The National Survey on Student Engagement asked nearly 1,000 freshmen and 1,000 seniors about different aspects of the University. Of the 280 write-in student comments, 30 responded negatively about advising. The comments were from majors across campus, and some attacked specific advisers, the approval process or setbacks due to poor advising. "The advisement in the dorms are terrible and the adviser has no idea how to help accordingly. She does not know what classes are useful, etc.," one student wrote. "Many people have had inept and clueless advisers who give bad advice or don't know what they are talking about. This misinformation had caused lots of my friends to not graduate on time," another wrote. A third student put it simply: "Advising is broken." The NSSE steering committee, a group of 14 faculty and administrators, decided to address advising because of the high number of comments. Ann Crowther, associate vice president for instruction who has administrative oversight of undergraduate academic advising, spoke with the Academic Advising Coordinating Council during its November meeting. "The Council had a good discussion about a variety of advising-related issues, including improving student understanding of what academic advising is and is not, informing students about resources for the many areas that constitute student academic services and suggesting possible changes to the Orientation schedule and program," according to meeting minutes.

Dogs bested in Felton's return to W. Kentucky

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Georgia head coach Dennis Felton's return to Western Kentucky Tuesday night proved disappointing, as the men's basketball team mounted a late comeback, but fell just short. After a frustrating second half, Georgia (5-2) was down by seven points with four minutes to play. The Bulldogs' offense ignited, quickly scoring six points in just over a minute to

MEN'S BASKETBALL Western Kentucky 67, Georgia 63

draw within one of the Hilltoppers (4-2). However, the run fizzled as Western Kentucky outlasted Georgia 67-63. "There were a couple of rebounds that we didn't get, and a couple of really bad fouls that allowed them to pull away," Felton said after the game

on 960 The Ref. The Bulldogs led at halftime, and scored the first basket of the second period, but the Hilltoppers went on a 14-4 run to take the lead, and eventually the win. Georgia shot 1-9 from the 3-point line and an anemic 4-10 from the free throw stripe in the second, which proved to be the difference in the four-point loss. Senior Terrance Woodbury led Georgia with 18 points.



WOODBURY

THE X FACTOR

Editor's Note: This is the third in a five-day series exploring the status of women at the University. Thursday's story will discuss women's health options.

"Would we like to see more female faculty? Of course we would, but when we compare the growth, we've come a long way and still have a long way to go."

Progress reassuring to female employees

By CAROLYN CRIST
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Though women across campus acknowledge gender gaps and take a stand on concerns such as pay equity, child care and maternity leave, women in the senior administration are calling for relatively little change. "There are definitely improvements and we still have a ways to go regarding diversity and equity at UGA, but we have a supportive administration of the presi-

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dent's and provost office, and deans who are committed to seeing more progress in these areas," said Cheryl Dozier, associate provost and chief diversity officer. Dozier said there are visible signs of progress in the past 10 years. Since 1998, female faculty has increased from 26 percent to

31 percent. Of the 16 dean positions, four women fill the roles now versus two who took on the jobs in 1998. Of the 37 positions considered senior administration, 12 women fill the shoes — six are part of the president's 16-member cabinet. The numbers show women fill fewer than half the faculty and leadership roles on campus, but senior administrators say they continue to look at the positives.

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THE ISSUES

Pay equity: Nationally, 78 percent of women at doctoral universities earn comparatively the same amount as their male counterparts. About 85 percent of University female faculty report the same. **Child care:** In a University survey, 74 percent said they would be very likely to use a child care center on campus. **Maternity leave:** The University follows the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, which allows 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the "birth and care of the newborn child of the employee." Faculty can use sick leave or leave of absence with partial pay, or they can rearrange teaching duties to be on research assignment.



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Victoria's Secret is collecting "oldies, but goodies" from closets around campus to donate in campus contest. Read more about what it's doing inside, plus the competition between schools.

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