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◆ *GSU's Greek tragedy*

Theater and Performance pulled off a challenging performance of the classic "Oedipus Rex" last week in McCroan Auditorium.

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BRIEFLY...

House bans sex between ministers, parishioners

By Joan Kirchner
The Associated Press

ATLANTA—With no opposition from the minister-lawmakers who killed a similar proposal two years ago, the House unanimously passed a bill barring ministers from having sex with those they counsel.

With no debate, the House voted 149-0 for the bill to ban ministers, priests and rabbis from having sex with those they're counseling even if the parishioner consents.

Ministers who violate the law could be jailed for up to three years.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

In 1994, three lawmakers who are ministers successfully killed the proposal in the House despite the emotional testimony of women who said their pastors used Biblical arguments to draw them into sexual relationships during counseling.

This year, authors of the bill removed a clause that would have barred ministers from a sexual relationship with parishioners for a year after the counseling ends.

"I think it will protect clergy in the long run," said Rep. Melanie Harris, R-Woodstock, one of the sponsors. "Since it would be a criminal case for the district attorney, people aren't just going to come forward with bogus claims."

Rep. Ron Crews, R-Tucker, one of the ministers who worked to kill the bill in 1994, said the current proposal "is not as difficult for pastors to live with."

Though Crews opposes the clause barring sexual relationships in cases in which the parishioner consents, he said he voted for the bill anyway because "it's the right thing to do, it's the right thing to do."

WORD OF THE DAY

quadraliteralism (kwodru • LIT • e • ru • liz m) *n.* use of taboo (four-letter) words

Source: Weird Words

'BORO WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy with
highs in the 70s.

Wednesday
Scattered
showers and
thunderstorms
ending with
highs in the 80s.

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Baseball season creates a parking crunch for dorms

By Beth Hendrix
Staff Writer

Cone, Sanford and Brannen Hall residents have been receiving parking citations for parking their cars in undesignated areas because GSU baseball fans are using their parking spaces.

The dorms are located beside J.I. Clements Stadium and during baseball games, fans are taking the already limited parking spaces of the dorm residents.

This is leaving the residents no other choice but to park in unauthorized spaces, thus receiving tickets.

"It isn't fair that we have to pay \$45 to purchase a parking permit and have nowhere to park," said Christy White, an SGA representative and a resident of Cone Hall.

Residents of these dorms have received around 45 tickets since the baseball season began.

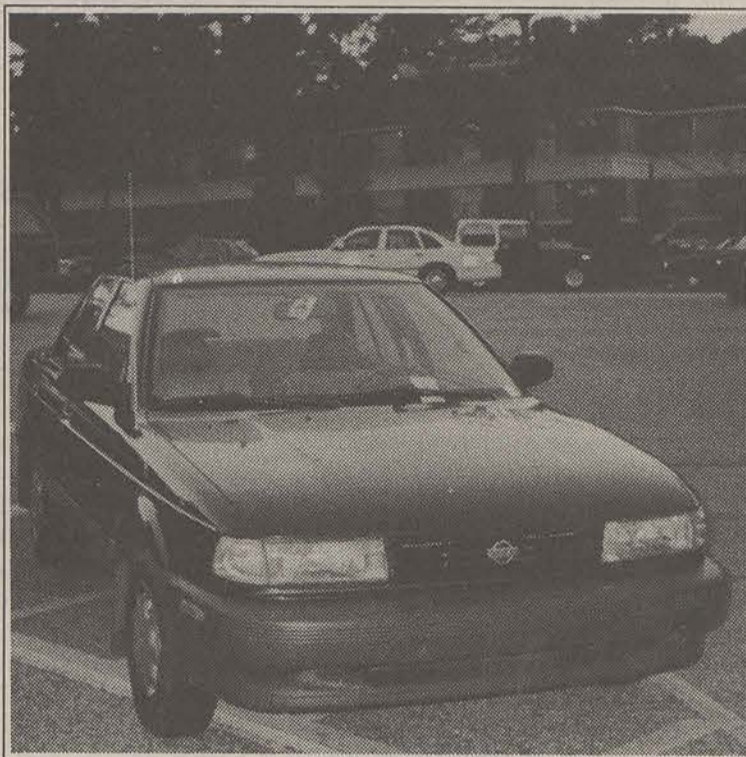
The problem with parking is greater this year since attendance to baseball games has increased.

Bob Chambers, director of parking and transportation, said he will work towards resolving the problem.

"We're asking the fans to park in the lower Hanner parking lot near the Nursing Building and across from Arby's," he said.

Chambers said that fans will be asked to park at Hanner during the games on weekdays, but said that on the weekends there should not be a problem.

The parking area of the dorms are roped off and cars that do not have the parking sticker for the A-lot cannot park



Christopher Cole

Residents of Cone, Sanford and Brannen Hall have received parking citations for parking in undesignated areas whenever their parking spaces are occupied by baseball fans.

there. They are directed to park somewhere else. This policy began at the baseball game last Wednesday.

The residents will be able to park in their designated spaces along with the elderly and handicapped during the baseball games.

Chambers said the students who have received the tickets will be put through an appeals process.

The ticketing of residents is not the only problem that has come up during this baseball season.

Several students' automobiles have been damaged by foul balls that have gone over the stadium's fence. Though signs hang on the fence warn-

ing of the dangers of foul balls and to park at one's own risk, residents have no choice but to park in the lot.

A car belonging to Scott Whidden, a resident of Brannen Hall, was damaged by a foul ball during the game against Georgia Tech Feb. 14. The right back window of his car was shattered. Whidden said he was told that GSU will pay to have the window replaced.

Frank Ellwood, associate athletic director, said GSU plans to pay for the damages incurred by the foul balls.

"As long as they have filed against their insurance company, we will pay for the damages," he said.

New plan to allow bikes on campus

By Kevin Bonsor
Staff Writer

A plan that will allow students to keep riding bikes on campus was approved by the president's cabinet last week.

The cost of the plan, which will install bike paths on campus, is projected to be \$700,000, according to an estimate presented by facilities planning.

GSU President Nicholas Henry said the president's cabinet approved the plan because, "the students seemed to think it was a good idea."

According to the plan, the construction of an eight-to-10 foot wide perimeter bike path will circle the campus, and will be the first of two kinds of bike paths built. This loop is designed to take bicycle traffic off the pedestrian and take it around the campus.

"The pedestrian was not designed to accommodate both walkers and bikers," said Gregory Grey, landscape architect for facilities planning.

"It really takes away from the atmosphere of the pedestrian to have a lot of bicycle traffic down it."

The loop will have connecting paths, giving bike riders access to key points on campus.

Bikes will be parked in bike plazas which will be constructed at various locations. Facilities planning said they hope to construct enough bike plazas to eliminate bikes being locked to light poles.

The second type of bike

paths will involve widening the roads of GSU. Drivers and bikers will have to share the road, but streets will be clearly marked as to where bikes are supposed to be ridden.

Two parts of the plan that will affect the plan's budget are still being discussed.

As it stands now, the projected budget is \$672,168.

Facilities Planning have not yet decided to use asphalt to construct the bike paths or pavers, which were used to build the pedestrian.

A decision also has to be made whether or not to take the perimeter loop around the sports complex. Three hundred thousand dollars would be saved by not taking the loop around the complex. Construction will not begin until a budget is passed.

Philip Hodge, director of facilities planning, was hesitant to comment on a timeline for the project at last week's SGA meeting since a budget has not been agreed upon.

Until construction is completed, bike riders will be allowed to keep on riding on the pedestrian.

Even after construction is complete, bikers will not be forced from the pedestrian onto the new paths.

Heather Karlson, SGA vice president of auxiliary affairs, said if "renegade" bikers would get off the pedestrian and use the new paths, the pedestrian would be safer.

Two students charged in fire at KA house

By Lara Schermock
and Erika Anderson
Staff Writers

GSU students Stephen Ira Leeb and Gordon Ross Mims have been charged with second degree criminal damage to property for the Feb. 15 fire at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house.

The fire started when Mims allegedly pushed a lighted smoke bomb through an open laundry room window, igniting a basket of clothing, causing heat and smoke damage to the room.

Residents were able to extinguish the blaze after they were awakened by smoke detectors, police said.

Leeb, 20, of Metter, and Mims, 20, of Statesboro, turned themselves in to the University Police last Wednesday evening.

They were held at the Bulloch County jail on \$2,000 bonds.

Mims and Leeb are residents of the Sigma Nu fraternity house.

The KA house is located next door to the Sigma Nu house. Police said the men acted alone and Sigma Nu was not involved.

"As far as my understanding, Sigma Nu will not be prosecuted because the two men acted on their own," GSU Police Captain Buddy Peaster said.

Leeb refused to comment on the incident.

Mims was unavailable for comment by press time.

Hal Fulmer, KA's faculty advisor, said he regrets the incident occurred.

"I'm sorry that it happened,"

he said.

"Sigma Nu and KA have good relations; it was an isolated and individual incident," he said.

In a press release issued by GSU, Peaster said the two men intended to create smoke and not fire with the smoke bomb, a common illegal firework in Georgia.

"The charge was based on the recklessness of their actions which led to a fire," Peaster said.

"We determined that there was no malicious intent to destroy the house."

The crime is a felony, but is a lesser charge than arson.

"Even though they weren't charged with arson, that doesn't diminish the potential danger that the KA guys faced," Peaster said.

"They were charged with criminal damage to property because that was the particular statute that suited this case."

Peaster also said the men would probably have to go through state or superior court, as well as the judicial affairs division of the university.

"A lot of people get confused and think that's double jeopardy, but it's not because they are different hearings," he said. "The judicial affairs hearing deals with the students' university status."

He said the judicial hearing pertains to the violations of the Student Conduct Code.

"It is easier to break the student conduct code, because there are more things that can be violations of the conduct code than are violations of the law," he said.

Car engulfed by flames



James Hill

Last Friday, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Statesboro Police and firefighters responded to a report of a car fire near the intersection of Veterans Memorial Parkway and Lanier Drive. According to the police incident report, the car,

a red 1980 Mercury Bobcat owned by Connie Altman of Claxton, Ga., was engulfed in flames "around the hood area." The fire then spread to the grass, burning a large section near Eagle's Court and Park Place Apartments.

South Carolina man murders wife

By Justin Miller
Assistant News Editor

Police are still uncertain why a South Carolina man shot and killed his wife and then took his own life last week.

James Martin Allen, of Aiken, allegedly followed his wife, Tina Strickland Allen, of Claxton, to her work, on the corner of Bel Air Drive and Northside Drive East, according to a press release issued by the Statesboro Police Department.

According to witness accounts, at approximately 8:40 a.m. Allen confronted his wife in the parking lot of the office and shot her several times in

the hand and chest with a .357 caliber pistol.

Immediately following the shooting, Allen headed down Highway 301 north and passed Bulloch County Deputy Howard Nesmith.

Nesmith, responding to a lookout broadcast for a white male driving a white Ford Thunderbird, followed Allen and attempted to pull him over.

Allen apparently ignored Nesmith's blue lights and siren, but after driving a short distance down 301, Allen pulled off the road a few miles past Clito.

Nesmith said he then observed Allen taking out a gun.

Allen then shot himself with the pistol which was later identified to be the same gun he used to shoot his estranged wife.

He was pronounced dead before the EMS arrived on the scene.

Hospital officials were unable to revive Tina Allen. She died as a result of the gunshot wound inflicted by her husband.

At the time of the murder the couple was going through a divorce and were fighting over the custody of their children. Police said they believe the murder might have been a result of that battle.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

February 21, 1996

- Stephen Ira Leeb, 20, of the Sigma Nu House, was charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree.
- Gordon Ross Mims, 20, of Route 9, was charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree.
- Michael Vaughn reported a Trek mountain bike was missing from the Sigma Nu House.
- Kelin McNaboe reported \$50 missing from her room in Cone

Hall

- John Ard reported a book bag missing from the Henderson Library.

Statesboro Police Department

February 23, 1996

- Stacey Larmont Harley, 23, of Savannah, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and a concealed weapon.
- Robert Smith, of In-the-Pines, reported a battery.

- Abdullah Ozkan, 25, of Bermuda Run, was charged with speeding, DUI and an open container.

February 22, 1996

- Chastity Lynn Jordan, of Hendricks Hall, reported a peeping tom.
- Greg Williams, 23, of Church Street, was charged with no proof of insurance and driving with a suspended license.

February 21, 1996

- Monika Peebles, of College

View, reported lost or stolen property.

- Holly Harris, of Park Place, reported harrasing phone calls.

February 20, 1996

- Karen Collins, 20, of Park Place, was charged with false report of a crime.
- John Vincent Henderson Jr., 22, of Stadium Walk, was charged with possession of marijuana
- Lauara O'Quinn, of Willow Bend, reported a suspicious person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU

• *The Miscellany* is accepting submissions for its spring publication. The magazine publishes short stories, drama, poetry, music and visual art. Submissions should be sent by Feb. 29 to landrum box 8001.

• The GSU Museum will host a public school art exhibit in honor of Black Awareness Month through Feb. 29. Call Stephanie Ray at 681-5409 for more information.

Tuesday, February 27, 1996

- Cinema Arts will present "Burnt by the Sun" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union theater.
- The GSU Botanical Garden will present "Don't Let Down Your Yard" from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 871-1913.
- Gary L. Lemons will present "The Whiteness of Blackness, the

Blackness of Whiteness: Teaching the Novel of Passing" at 4 p.m. in the Union in room 280. For more information, call 681-5409.

Wednesday, February 28, 1996

- Gary L. Lemons will present "Black is Black Ain't: Toward a Post-Modern Critique of Race and Sexuality in the Time of AIDS" at 7 p.m. in the Union Theater. For more information, call 681-5409.
- The "Leap of Fate Mystery Date Extravaganza" will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Tickets are \$2, \$3 at the door. For more information, call Lisa Fall at 681-5138.

Thursday, February 29, 1996

- Gary L. Lemons will present "Teaching What You're Not: Teachers Moving Students Be-

yond the Boundaries of Identity Politics" at noon in the Union in room 280. For more information, call 681-5409.

• The Distance Learning Center will present "Coping with Changing Campus Culture" from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in Southern Center room 116.

• Deidre Brown and Michael Cowan will perform an invitational piano recital at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Friday, March 1, 1996

- Billy Hoffman will perform in a junior recital at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

- Cinema Arts will present "Singin' in the Rain" at 7 p.m. in the Union theater. For more information, call 681-5471.
- David Steadman will

present "Biodiversity in the South Pacific" at noon in the Biology building in room 2217. For more information, call 681-0574.

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

- Janos Starker will present a Master Class at 2 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Recital Hall. For more information, call 681-5766.

Thursday, March 7, 1996

- Steve Kittell will present "Organizing the 1996 Olympics" at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center Auditorium. For more information, call 681-5267.

Friday, March 8, 1996

- Marc Gilbert will present "The US and Vietnam: Relations & Prospects" at 2 p.m. in the Union ballroom. For more information, call 681-0548.

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IN GEORGIA

Gingrich said he understands some of Buchanan's views

The Associated Press

KENNESAW, Ga. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today he understands why many Republican voters support presidential candidate Pat Buchanan's stand against free trade.

"I think in the case of those voters, they're worried about jobs. I agree with them," Gingrich told reporters after addressing about 400 high school students in his home district north of Atlanta.

"They're telling you that all too often we don't negotiate effectively internationally. I don't want to build a wall around America, but you can make a case (that) we ought to be tough in negotiating with Japan and other countries," he said.

But Gingrich said he's still staying neutral in the race for the GOP nomination.

Buchanan, the conservative commentator who narrowly won Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, says free trade agreements are undermining U.S. jobs and sovereignty.

In his stop at Harrison High School, Gingrich took questions from students.

Asked about abortion, Gingrich reiterated his belief that

abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest, but added, "I have to believe life begins at conception."

"Talk to somebody you know about the first time they went to the doctor and how they felt when they heard that heartbeat," he

said.

He told the students they must set goals and accomplish them if they're going to compete in a rapidly expanding world market and keep up with the explosions in technology.

He acknowledged that he

needs help with goals himself.

"I have a vision of myself being thin. I have a tactic of eating ice cream," he said. "I need to change one of those two."

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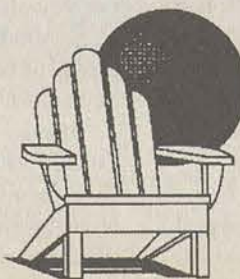
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1 New York
Man reports theft of his marijuana

The Associated Press

BATAVIA — A man who told police he had been robbed of his marijuana ended up being charged for possession of drugs.

John Roblee, 19, called police last weekend to report that the five people who bought marijuana from him had later returned and stolen what was left in his room at the Friendly Motel, city police said.

The five people accused of theft were arrested on charges of petit larceny and conspiracy, police said.

Roblee was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

2 Georgia
Husband shoots bird, bullet grazes wife

The Associated Press

JONESBORO — When Roscoe Crawford couldn't get the bird that had flown into his daughter's bedroom out, he decided to use a gun. The bullet that killed the bird managed to graze Crawford's wife in the

head, causing a minor injury.

When Crawford and his wife, Rita, returned from church around 4 p.m. last Sunday, one of their two daughters told them there was a bird in her bedroom, police said.

Crawford tried to get the bird on his own, but after the bird apparently attacked him, he left and returned with his 9mm handgun, police said.

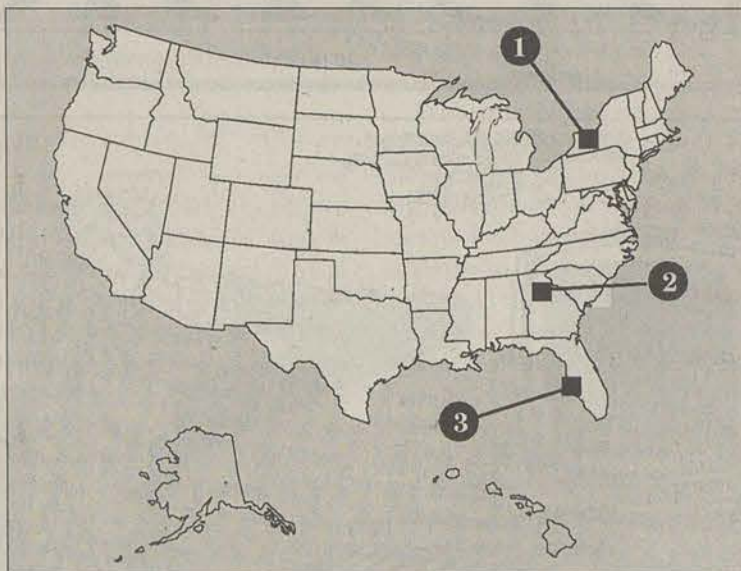
With the bird cornered in the upstairs bedroom, Crawford fired a shot that killed the bird, passed through the bedroom wall, went through a dining room wall and into the kitchen, where Mrs. Crawford was.

Crawford did not know his wife was downstairs, said Clayton County Police Lt. Doug Jewett.

Mrs. Crawford, who was bending over in the kitchen when she heard the shot, said she reported feeling something strike the top of her head. The bullet grazed her head then continued out the door into the carport. Police were unable to find the bullet.

Mrs. Crawford was taken to Southern Regional Medical Center with a minor injury. No charges have been filed.

Crawford asked police to take the gun because he no longer wanted it in his home, Jewett said.



3 Florida
Doctors remove 91-pound ovarian cyst

The Associated Press

TAMPA — A woman who couldn't fit behind the steering wheel of her car thought she was hopelessly fat until doctors discovered she was carrying a 91-pound fluid-filled ovarian cyst.

"They say you get a brand new body in heaven. Well, I got mine sooner," said the woman.

Doctors drained eight gallons of blood from the benign cyst, which had displaced organs in the woman's abdomen.

Afterwards, the surgical team hoisted the sac away on a large towel.

The 27-year-old woman, who asked not to be identified, is 5-foot-4 and has been heavy since age 12.

Two years ago she weighed 370 pounds.

She dropped 60 pounds in a year, but noticed no change in her midsection.

The Tampa woman had been reticent about going out in public, fearing she would invite stares.

Not any more. "I feel like a brand-new me," she said.

OFFBEAT

Man kills girlfriend to marry the corpse

By Melanie Burney
The Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, New Jersey — A man who admitted stabbing and strangling his girlfriend — then called her mother to say he would marry the corpse — was sentenced to 30 years in prison for murder.

"I just wanted to say how very sorry I am," Forrest D. Fuller apologized in court to the family of Jodie Lynn Myers. "I too, have lost someone whom I loved very deeply."

Family members wept. "It should be life in prison," said Myers' grandmother, Mary Stevenson. "We hope you rot in hell."

Myers, 20, was killed Nov. 23, 1994, after she broke off her relationship with Fuller, who did not want to see her with another man, prosecutor Stephen G. Raymond said.

Fuller, 30, avoided a possible life sentence by pleading guilty last year to charges of murder, theft and making terroristic threats.

He must serve the full 30

years without being eligible for parole.

He brutally beat Myers in his trailer, strangled her with his hands and a necktie and stabbed her five times with a steak knife, Raymond said.

The crime happened in the town of Pemberton, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Trenton.

After that, authorities said Fuller went to work at a convenience store and stole \$659 before ending his shift.

He returned to his trailer and then placed Myers' body in her car.

Before driving off, Fuller phoned Myers' mother to say he would marry the corpse and that he would send her daughter's severed finger with a wedding ring.

Fuller was arrested the next day in Fairmont, West Virginia at a bar where he told patrons he had his girlfriend's body in the car.

A wedding dress was found in the trunk. Fuller was heading to California, authorities said.

OFFBEAT

Coaches lock up wrestlers to lose weight

The Associated Press

PEORIA, Ill. — Two high school teachers lost their coaching jobs for locking three students in a room so they would stay away from food and lose weight for a wrestling tournament.

Bartonville police, acting on an anonymous tip, found the boys locked up at Limestone High School around 11 p.m. on Feb. 1, the eve of a regional tournament. The students, who were locked up voluntarily for a few hours, had nothing but a bottle to urinate in and a screwdriver to take the doors off the hinges in case of an emergency.

School officials were summoned to unlock one set of doors, but another set was padlocked and had to be opened with bolt cutters, according to a police report.

Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons called the case "dumb and regrettable and embarrassing" but not criminal, in part because the boys weren't held against their will.

Limestone Superintendent Sherwood Dees refused to discuss the incident or the status of the two coaches.

But head wrestling coach Bob Daugherty confirmed to the Peoria Journal Star that he and assistant Tim Turner were relieved of their coaching duties. The pair are still employed as teachers at the school just outside Peoria.

The wrestlers were reluctant to talk to authorities, but eventually cooperated.

"The boys claim, or say, that coach Turner was the one who locked them in and coach

Daugherty was well aware of it," Lyons said.

The Bartonville Police report

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PROPORTION ..."

— JUDY SAEGAR
MOTHER

says the parents were contacted and knew the boys were at the high school but not that they

were being confined in that fashion.

However, Judy Saegar said she and her husband knew that 17-year-old Matt Saegar was to be locked up.

"I feel the whole incident has been blown out of proportion ... by the Bartonville police," she said, declining any further comment.

The intent was to keep the wrestlers away from food and water so they would lose enough weight to qualify for certain weight classes in the regional wrestling tournament that began Feb. 2.

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Our Opinion

CLEC violations expose reckless conduct at GSU

Any organization funded with public money must be expected to heed the regulations established in its by-laws. When it breaks those rules the public trust has been betrayed.

The revelation that GSU's Campus Life Enrichment Committee has violated its by-laws regarding student members for some time should come as little surprise to our readers. It is the sort of bungling we expect from administrators who avoid public scrutiny.

Some on campus may be wondering why CLEC has been the center of so much controversy, and why some members of student government have so aggressively pursued this issue. The answer is simple. Students cannot allow their trust in GSU officials to be violated. If we don't hold their feet to the fire now, we are setting ourselves up for another disaster later.

Look at the scope of this problem. When the executive assistant to the president of GSU directs a staff member to follow the Faculty Senate by-laws regarding committee membership, and the staff member in effect refuses to do so, we have a rather serious situation.

We are not in a position to judge whether Maria Cahill intentionally broke the rules, but even if she didn't, her activities have the same result as a flat refusal to obey guidelines. Neglect, in this case, is just as bad as intentional violation.

This situation has all the classic properties of a scandal: Covert activities that undermine regulations, a snowball effect of new information, and stonewalling from those responsible for the activity. The fact that Cahill has refused to open her office to the press sends the message that her case is indefensible. If she could mount a reasonable defense she would have done so already.

If anything good can come out of this situation, it will send up a red flag to other faculty and staff at GSU who are responsible for a budget and who are bound to regulations governing their organizations.

In the future we expect more employees of GSU uphold the standards of their job by following the regulations of their departments.

Apparent exclusion of SGA members incites further outrage

In a related matter, we cannot avoid commenting on charges leveled at CLEC from others on campus.

It was enough bad news to learn that CLEC has been operating in violation of its rules. But in yet another affront to the student body, Cahill apparently scheduled committee meetings when SGA-appointed members could not attend.

To fully understand the implications here, remember that these members were the only two delegated from SGA as the result of an agreement last November. That agreement was reached after SGA pursued the matter of student membership violations.

Cahill scheduled the meetings when the "majority" could attend, without consulting further with SGA members. As a result, even though SGA was given only a slight concession in November, student government still had no say on the committee.

This incident certainly smells of a power struggle.

We at *The George-Anne* hope this situation improves.



"WONDERFUL! ... BUT MY VCR STILL KEEPS BLINKING TWELVE!"

Liquor in 'Boro doomed if students don't vote

CHRISTOPHER COLE

EDITOR

less artifact of civilization.

I took part in these roundtable criticisms of Statesboro because of the liquor law, but my attitude has changed slightly. I've mellowed a little and realized that students aren't going to accomplish any changes simply by complaining about the status quo.

So I've quit complaining and now I'm simply waiting for, and encouraging, a referendum on liquor by the drink in Statesboro. If and when we see that referendum, I'll have my voter registration card waiting in my wallet.

Unfortunately, only a small fraction of GSU students even have Bulloch County voter cards in the first place.

And that's not me playing one-up on you. I don't think any less of people who aren't registered to vote in the county where they reside. But I do think they are forfeiting a moral right to complain about government.

Do any of the non-voting students who have made liquor their

favorite focus of complaint really believe the forces against them are weak? Do they think mere criticism of liquor laws will make the proponents roll over and forget the whole thing? We're talking about lions who will never sleep with the lambs. The only sure recourse for legal liquor is in the voting booth.

Part of the misunderstanding is that liquor laws were developed in response to the growth of our college campus. The current ban on liquor has its origins in Prohibition times — long before our school was a "threat" to the community. The people who passed this law grounded it in deep moral convictions against intemperance.

Moral arguments of that depth are not easily swayed — especially not by us uppity college students, whose only perceived interest is a quick alcohol buzz.

Our only solution is to get out the vote among supporters of legal liquor.

This means more students must register to vote and most of them must show up at the polls when the referendum appears. Without this basic support, a liquor referendum will not likely pass. Many Statesboro voters want to keep it that way.

Of all the rhetoric and cheap shots that get hurled at the kids of "Generation X," perhaps the only justifiable accusation is that we fail to become involved when a situation appears hopeless.

This is a most stinging accusation since the young people of so many other generations were actively engaged in hopeless situations and managed to pull through it. Instead of dismissing themselves as useless in solving problems, they loaded up for bear and jumped right into them.

That isn't how Generation X looks at problems. We see them as someone else's failure to provide leadership — but never the result of our own own lack of initiative.

This makes us, in effect (though not by all intentions), rebels without a clue.

Wake up and make a difference, not another empty complaint.

Constant president-bashing is counter-productive

CLAY MINGUS

COLUMNIST

one. A politician, by definition, is one who makes policy. The next time someone asks you about the occupation of one of your parents, I challenge you to answer, "My father? Oh, he's a politician." It would be interesting to see how many people immediately write him off as a shady, Machiavellian creature.

The truth is that most of us will be politicians, in the strict-

not so quick to throw all the blame on the president. Perhaps they were not so negative. The people of that time had their eyes on coming out of the Depression completely. Perhaps this hope is what kept the citizens during this time from electing a new president.

Americans today have allowed negativity to somehow jade their view of society and our future.

council member needs to receive verbal abuse about? Granted, her feelings are as worthy of attention as anyone else's, but there is a better way to handle these situations.

I often see bumper stickers reading, "Don't Blame Me. I Voted For Bush." Where were all of his supporters while that election was going on? It has almost become the "in thing" to be against the current president.

It is certainly tempting to join others in bashing the president, even if one knows nothing about the issue.

He can be blamed for anything in today's times. It has become the normal thing to do.

We need to start examining our own beliefs about the "destiny" of this country and acting upon them. We need to get rid of the idea that everything that happens to us is someone else's fault and start accepting some responsibility for ourselves.

I know that if Bill Clinton is defeated in this election, I will hear the same word on the street in four years. Just as many people who are unhappy with Mr. Clinton now will be discontented by the new president after a few years.

Americans have a thirst for constant change, and while change can be a beneficial idea, blame need not be a part of it. In the end, it is something that has very little or nothing to do with the president.

Our desire for change is the driving force, and the president is the one who has to take the hit.

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'Judge not' is forgotten in the shuffle of religious right politics

Morality seems to be a heavy issue on the minds of many recently.

It has unfortunately reared its head in politics with Pat Buchanan, et al preaching the Christian Coalition's version of morality (can we say, "Big Brother is watching?") and has come up all the way down the global "hot-topics" food chain and even popped up here on the pages of *The George-Anne*.

Often, students climb up on soapboxes. This may be attributed to the fact that most of us are still idealistic and optimistic enough to think that if we shout loud enough people will listen and modify their behavior accordingly. How could they not once we impart our wisdom on them? After all, we're college students.

Once you get back to reality you'll realize that not everyone outgrows this mindset. Take politics, for example: as proof I give you Buchanan, Dole, Newt, and the almighty Rush. While all these men may be pushing the genius level of intelligence, they have not realized that you need to act the right way, not

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preach it.

On the other end of the spectrum you have the middle and lower classes who spend all their time working or the obscenely rich who spend all their time spending money. Neither group has the time to really get involved. How can such polar opposites relate to one another, let alone say they have the answer's to the other's problem?

Well, Siddhartha was right: We need balance, so I guess the middle is where we ought to shoot for. Forget the ideal, communal, Belinda Carlisle "Heaven Is a Place on Earth" philosophy, and shrug off the Oliver Stone paranoid, Generation-X, Seattle grunge "life sucks then you die" attitude. But, and here's the ultimate question, where is the middle?

Maybe those of us who think we know the answer need to live it instead of preaching it so that those around us can have a bet-

ter chance of figuring it out.

One thing I know for sure is that "judgmentalists" don't have the answer. What really upsets me the most is that the loudest judgment comes from Christians.

I guess the reason I take hearing Christians judge others so personally is because I am one. Every week I read letters to the editor on this person's sinful behavior or that person's horrible lifestyle.

As an avid reader of the Bible I can say that there are no passages in the Bible where Jesus turns to his disciples and says, "okay, now that you're with me, go out and judge people until they can't stand you." Maybe I missed it, if so I would be much obliged to anyone who can come up here to *The George-Anne* offices and point it out to me.

I'll tell you what I do remember reading from the Bible. I recall reading phrases like "judge not lest ye be judged," "he who is

without sin, let him cast the first stone," and above all, "love thy neighbor as thyself."

From an early age my parents taught me that the Bible was there for my edification, not for my justification. What that means is that it is there as an example to live by and a measuring stick to judge my own life (not those around me). I know myself well enough to know that I fall way short of Jesus' example. I also know that perfection isn't supposed to be my goal, but *striving* for it is.

My relationship to God is mine, not anyone else's, and certainly not the domain of anyone else to judge. However, my shortcomings are key to my understanding of people around me.

The key to Christian morality is love. There are a lot of people out there who do a lot of things I find abhorrent or even puzzling, but I can't condemn them for being that way.

Every time I mess up, whether it be a cuss word or a felony, is no different than anyone else's shortcomings. As a Christian I have to realize that there is no scale by which God says some

things are "sorta bad" and others are "really bad." They are simply good or bad. It is cut and dried.

Anyone who does something that I consider to be a sin I have to love them and realize that, like me, they are human. Also as a Christian, if I really think I have the answers I need to live it instead of screaming and yelling it. We're supposed to be "shining" examples, not some morally twisted version of psychotic hall monitors. Sure, there are a lot of people out in the world doing bad things, but it's not our job to let them know. That comes under God's domain — and sometimes those "people out in the world doing bad things" is me, and

maybe, you.

For those of you supporting Buchanan, the Christian Coalition or any other ultra-conservative group, there is one instance in the Bible where Jesus got angry and yelled and told people they were doing bad things. It wasn't in an abortion clinic, in the homes of prostitutes, at homosexuals, tax collectors or kings — it was in the temple, and he was talking to church leaders who were claiming to be followers of God, but had forgotten to "love thy neighbor."

In other words, regardless of what you believe, live your life and allow others to live theirs. Maybe this will give God enough elbow room to do his job.

Our Opinion

Sports already have enough money at GSU

Editor,
How many times just this year have we read stories in various local media relating to money and sports?

Let's see, there is:

- 1) A push to raise \$1 million for sports;
- 2) All the funding that has developed the sport facilities along Old Register Road and the bypass;
- 3) The editorial in the Feb. 22 *George-Anne* wanting more money for athletic facilities ("GSU needs better facilities," Mike Davis).

Is GSU only known for sports? Are people here only for entertainment and competition? Or are we here to offer degree programs in various academic disciplines to broaden cognitive complexity and possible assist in skill development for potential employment?

It seems that extracurricular sports are far more important than support of classroom and laboratory facilities. Over the past four years I have encountered the following academic problems:

- 1) Not enough sections of required courses to meet the demand of students needing the course for their major;
- 2) A lack of laboratory equipment to serve the number of students enrolled in the course;
- 3) When primary training equipment has broken down it takes from three to six months to get a replacement (How do students continue their training in the meantime?);
- 4) Promises of permanent

appropriate facilities to house academic programs that still have no projected date of fulfillment;

5) Training on or with equipment that has not received funding to stay current with industry technology (don't even dream about state-of-the-art).

But we must raise more money for sports programs, because that will help attract students to GSU for degree programs that don't have adequate laboratory facilities. Is this not why some students and faculty leave GSU?

What will it take to support the academic programs as the first priority of an educational institution?

Kent

Last name withheld

Faculty guide will be useful

Editor,
I would like to address the Faculty Guide. This guidebook developed by SGA allows students of GSU to see the types of professors who teach at GSU.

Professors have different ways of teaching a class. The way a professor teaches a class has a very strong influence on grade distribution. This has an effect on the way a student learns, and thus, the grade received in the course.

This issue has become a concern for myself and others. In order for the student to feel comfortable with what he or she is studying, they must feel

comfortable with their professors. If the student does not feel that comfort, the grade may not reflect the true ability of the student.

The guidebook enables the student to aid in the selection of professors that are best suited for their learning needs.

The issue of grade distribution by this book is being overshadowed by the many positive aspects this book entails. Students need to be able to choose the type of learning environment best suited for their educational needs.

Todd McKenzie
GSU student

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FROM THE FAIRWAY

RONNIE SWINFORD

NCAA trying to screw fans again

The NCAA is thinking about legislating the behavior of fans at basketball games.

This is a reaction to the incident that happened before and during the New Mexico State-Long Beach State game on Jan. 22.

Long Beach head coach Seth Greenberg found an anti-Semitic message on a dry-erase board in the visiting locker room. Greenberg also had two fans thrown out of the arena after he says they berated his team with racial slurs.

Now, because of this, the NCAA is considering mandating what is acceptable fan behavior.

I do not condone what happened at New Mexico State, but why should they ruin good-natured heckling that exists all around the nation?

Did those fans go too far? Yes.

Racial and ethnic slurs are products of ignorance.

But does this prove there is just cause for the NCAA to mandate fan behavior? The answer to this is no.

The NCAA is looking at copying the policy of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Its policy revolved around the principle of "changing the hostile attitude to a hospitable one."

If this solution is used, why have home games, the advantage would be gone.

Why not just play every game in an empty gym in the middle of nowhere?

This is yet another attempt by the NCAA to gain more power.

They must figure they are more important than the game. Well they are wrong.

The origin of the word fan is in the word fanatic. This is something that has been forgotten over the years. The purpose of having a home game is to have an advantage.

Whether it is at Florida Field in football or Cameron Indoor in basketball, or J.I. Clements, in baseball home fields are supposed to be an advantage.

That comes from the physical makeup of the place as well as the inhabitants of the place during the game.

In basketball, all the courts are the same size. So the fans make the biggest difference.

And what is more fun — going to a game and sitting on your hands for two hours, or raising hell for two hours and having fun?

Fans are the ones who pay to see the events.

Fans are the ones who watch the games on television.

And fans are the ones who pay huge sums of money to buy merchandise from those teams.

If fan participation is limited, then how does that help anyone?

This is just another case of the NCAA leaping before they look. They did it with the no celebration rule in football and now they will do it again in basketball.

The NCAA needs to learn to address real problems instead of fabricated ones.

One real problem that comes to mind is a playoff format in division one football.

I bet they would not try to settle down the fans at that game.

Eagles spank Gamecocks



File Photo

By Ronnie Swinford
Sports Editor

Tied at six in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs and the number nine hitter at the plate, GSU started to think that extra innings were in its future. Jason Andrews, then ended the game with his third career homerun, to give GSU the 7-6 win over the South Carolina Gamecocks.

"The homer was the third here," Jason Andrews said. "I was the ninth hitter, I knew he would pitch to me, so I was just looking for a fastball."

The possibility of this game even getting to the ninth inning tied at six seemed remote early in the game. At the end of two

innings the game was tied at three. Then the Gamecocks added two more runs in the fourth inning to take the lead.

GSU would claw their way back in the seventh inning with three runs.

The inning started with a single by Mark Hamlin. A groundout by Sy Jones then moved Hamlin to second.

Donnie Coe then stepped to the plate and launched his first career homerun to tie the game for GSU.

"The homerun was the first of my career right-handed," Coe said. "This is a big game, since we are going in to our conference schedule."

After the homerun in the sev-

enth, Andrews grounded out, but then Antione Moran walked and stole his seventh base of the year. Tyson Whitley then singled to center, Moran motored around from second to score the last run of the inning for GSU.

With its first lead since the first inning, GSU tried to hold the Gamecocks.

Jon Phillips replaced GSU starting pitcher Ryan Cummings, who gave up five runs in seven innings. Rob Streicher was the first batter that Phillips faced, Streicher crushed the third pitch from Phillips over the centerfield wall to re-tie the game. Phillips would strikeout the next batter, but would then give up a single to Brandon Walters. Phillips then got the next batter to fly to right, but was replaced with Tod Lee after throwing a wild pitch.

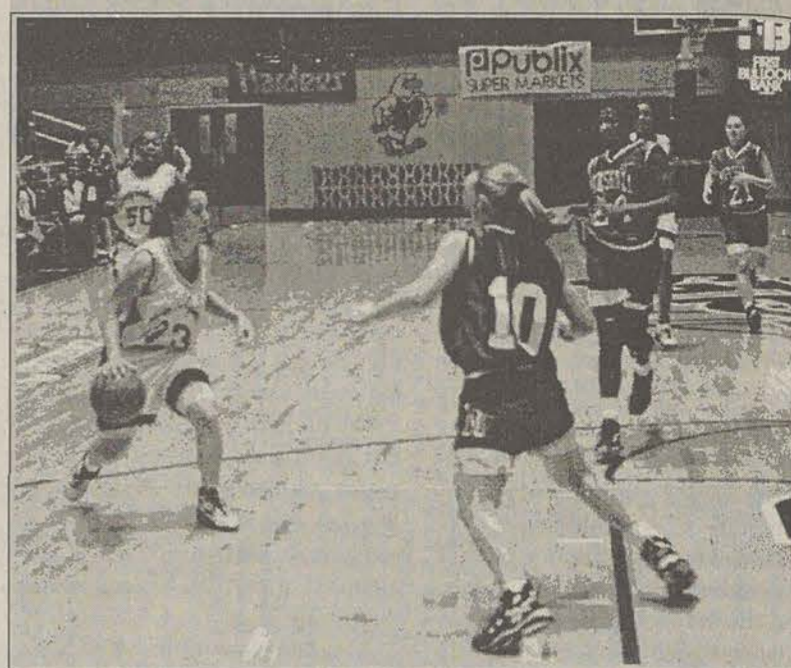
Lee would get the win in the game, recording four outs, two on strikeouts.

"This was a good win for GSU, we got good pitching and defense and hitting in the game," GSU head coach Jack Stallings said. "We are starting to swing the bats better."

Coe was the hero for the Eagles, with three RBI's, but Andrews homerun was the difference in the game.

"Jason (Andrews) has been struggling with the bat lately, but I think he is banging out of it," Stallings said.

Lady Eagles topped by Catamounts



File Photo

By Ronnie Swinford
Sports Editor

The GSU Lady Eagles were hoping to give senior center Marysue James a fond farewell with a win over Western Carolina. Instead GSU dropped its last regular season home game of the year 102-94, Saturday Feb. 24.

"We started off flat in both halves and that was the difference in the game," head coach Drema Greer said.

The game started fast for Western and cold for the Lady Eagles who scored only 11 points in the first nine minutes of the game. Over that same period of time Western hit for 27 points. GSU would continue to fall further and further behind until the 6:18 mark in the first half.

With 6:18 left, GSU trailed by 18 points. Over the last six minutes the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Cats 27-13 to trail only by four at the half.

At the half Western had three people in double figures scoring. Karen Mason had 15 points and Amy Baker and Pam Owens both had 11.

GSU's only double-figure scorer in the first half was Mary Perry, who started in place of Telly Hall. Hall, the Lady Eagles' leading scorer for the year, was suffering with the flu and managed to play only eight minutes in the first half.

But the story of the half was the 30 fouls called. GSU actually stayed in the game in the half by making 18 free throws, eight more than Western made, and two more than Western took.

Western Carolina shot 63 percent from the field in the first half, in comparison to the Lady Eagles' 41 percent during the same half.

The second half started slowly for both teams, and with 16:00 minutes left only 12 combined points had been scored. But then

both teams seemed to find their strokes and they started to light up the scoreboard.

Western took the first run of the half extending its lead to 74-60 halfway through the second half.

GSU would close within two with 3:04 left in the half. Western Carolina would hit two three-pointers, one by Amy Baker and one by Pam Owens, to re-extend its lead to eight points.

Those baskets broke the Lady Eagles. They would close the lead back to five but would never again really challenge.

Western Carolina was led in scoring by Pam Owens. She had 28 points, only missing three of her 13 shots, and making four of five three-point attempts. Other Catamounts in double figures were Beth Currence with 16, Baker with 17, Missy Brody with 13 and Mason with 21.

GSU was led by Tarsha Askew, who hit for 20 points and had 13 rebounds. Perry also had 13 points for the Lady Eagles. The only other Lady Eagle in double figures was Svetlana Trjeskal, who had 16 points. She was four of seven from behind the three-point line.

"It was turnover city early in the second half for us," Greer said. "We had to rely on our defense to come back in the second half."

"Those two three's really broke our back," Greer said. "The way they run their offense, you have to help out down low, and when you do it allows them to shoot from outside."

The loss brings the final record of the Lady Eagles to 14-12 for the year. The Lady Eagles finish the year at 7-7 in the conference. They will host a first round game in the Southern Conference Tournament this Wednesday.

SOFTBALL

Lady Eagles stomp Colonials in double header

By Ronnie Swinford
Sports Editor

The GSU Lady Eagles, needing a confidence boost after their 1-7 start of the year, got it in a big way with a double-header sweep of Georgia College on Thursday.

The games were a contrast in styles. The first was a hard-fought battle; the second a 8-0 blowout.

The first game started slowly for both teams.

In fact, GSU didn't get its first hit until the third inning when Tara Anderson singled.

The hit was the first in nine innings as the Lady Eagles had been no-hit in their last game.

Georgia College would break the scoring drought first when they pushed two runs across in the fourth inning.

The inning started after the first out of the inning when Audrey Jacobs singled.

She then stole second. After a fly out to center, Tracy Reese then doubled to knock in Jacobs. DeeDee Black then singled to move Reese to third.

Black then stole second. The throw to second by GSU catcher McCaine Lowder went into centerfield and allowed Reese to score from third. The inning ended on the next play when GSU shortstop Tara Anderson snagged a line drive by Christi Ruark.

GSU would get even in the bottom of the inning. The inning started with a homerun by Ashley Flemming. The homer is the first of her career.

The inning would continue when Tonya Whitted walked. She then stole second and went to third when the pitcher from Georgia College threw the ball half way up the backstop.

A double by Mandi Dunn scored Whitted and tied the game at two.

Georgia College could mount no more offense against senior Eagle hurler Vanessa Fawcett, who would go seven innings for the win.

She struckout five and gave up only two runs.

The game went into the bot-

tom of the seventh inning tied at two.

GSU opened the inning with a groundout to the pitcher by Dunn. Amy Cook then singled. Beth Dance came in to run for Cook.

After a pop-out to the catcher by Renee Johnson, Missy Boyd came to bat.

Boyd tripled to right centerfield to score Dance and give GSU the 3-2 win.

The second game was called after five innings when GSU led 8-0.

GSU took command in the bottom of the first inning.



They scored five times in their first.

Missy Boyd started the game by reaching on a dropped ball by the right fielder.

Tara Anderson then tripled Boyd in, and scored on a throwing error by the right fielder. McCaine Lowder popped out to short for the first out of the inning.

Then Ashley Flemming singled but was erased on a fielders choice that allowed Sherri

Russo to reach first. Russo then went to second on a wild pitch.

Tonya Whitted then singled to give GSU runners on the corners with two outs. Mandi Dunn then singled to score Russo.

Dunn advanced to second when the throw came to third.

The third baseman then tried to throw Dunn out at second and threw the ball into the right centerfield gap, allowing both Whitted and Dunn to score.

The inning finally ended on a groundout by Amy Cook.

GSU starting pitcher Mandi Dunn then proceeded to shut down the Colonials for the rest of the game.

She pitched five innings and struckout one.

She walked two, but allowed only two hits for the game.

The Lady Eagles would get three more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The inning started with an Anderson triple, her second of the game.

After a pop-out, Flemming hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Anderson. Russo and Beth Dance, who hit for Whitted, both singled.

Dunn then singled to score Russo and Dance.

This ended the game as the mercy rule was enacted.

"We built a little confidence in this game," head coach Kelly Kirkland said. "We are getting better as a team."

Home Sports Schedules

The Lady Eagle basketball team will host a first round game in the Southern Conference Tournament this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

GSU will play VMI March 2 and 3 in baseball. It will be a doubleheader Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m. The Sunday game will start at 1:30 p.m.

BRAVES BRIEFS

Braves sign three reserves

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Now that the marriage between Atlanta Braves outfielder David Justice and actress Halle Berry is over, the team is drawing unusual media coverage.

Reporters from People magazine and News of the World, a British tabloid, were on hand for Saturday's workout at Municipal Stadium, hoping to talk with Justice about the end of his three-year marriage. He declined both requests.

The People reporter did get to interview hitting coach Clarence Jones, the only person from the team to attend when the couple married Jan. 1, 1993, in a private ceremony.

The Braves announced the signing of three more players Saturday, including reserve infielder Mike Mordecai and backup catcher Eddie Perez.

Mordecai hit .280 in 73 games

with the Braves last season, while Perez batted .308 in a brief stint with Atlanta and is expected to back up Javier Lopez this year.

Also signing was minor-league infielder Robert Smith.

All three received one-year deals.

The signings left seven players in camp without a contract, including Lopez, outfielder Ryan Klesko and pitcher Greg McMichael. Lopez and Klesko have turned down multi-year offers from the team and are now expected to sign one-year deals.

"We'll wait a couple more days and see what happens," said Klesko, who asked for four-year deal at \$10 million while the team offered at least \$1 million less. "Anything is possible."

Former Braves Mike Devereaux and Kent Mercker are feeling left out. Don't count on it.

The Braves say they'll only be taking 22 current players who were with the club last year.

Mountaineers down Lady Eagles



File Photo

By Mike Davis
Senior Staff Writer

The Appalachian State Lady Mountaineers came into Hanner Fieldhouse Thursday night having already clinched first place in the Southern Conference. However, they were still trying to accomplish the goal of continuing their undefeated conference record.

And with the 30-point, 12-rebound performance from Andreia Hinton, ASU reached that feat by breezing past GSU 102-94 despite a late Lady Eagle surge.

"I'm proud of our players," Appy head coach Linda Robinson said after the game. "It's hard to play on the road and win. Especially in the Southern Confer-

ence.

"We responded to what GSU handed us. This win will give us confidence that will help in the remainder of the season," Coach Robinson said.

GSU's only lead came off the first points of the game when Telly Hall's layup gave GSU the two-point advantage.

But Appy answered with a three-foot jumper by Hinton, followed by another from Maaret Artosalo, giving them a lead they would never relinquish.

The Lady Mountaineers scraped together an impressive 12-2 run midway through the first half, with the only two GSU points coming off free throws.

GSU trailed by as much as 14

in the fast-paced first half, but did battle back in the second.

With eight minutes remaining in the game, Svetlana Trjeskal knocked down a three-pointer to chip the Appy lead to seven.

After two ASU free throws, the Lady Eagles scored the next six points off two ASU turnovers, cutting the lead back to a reasonable three points.

But the Lady Mountaineers overcame GSU's 9-2 run and answered with six straight points of their own to put the game out of reach.

Still trying to battle back with a few minutes remaining, an eight point spread was the closest the Lady Eagles would come to claiming an upset win over the first-place team in the Southern Conference.

"I'm pleased with our effort," GSU head coach Drema Greer said. "Appalachian State is a tough team and their record shows it."

"We gave them a run for their money. The kids executed the game plan in the second half, and in result, we found ourselves behind by only three points down the stretch. I'm pleased with the effort," Greer said.

Tarsha Askew led the Lady Eagles with 20 points, while Marysue James contributed 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"I think we played good," Askew said. "We felt that we

could beat them, and now we know we can if we ever face them in the tournament. Hopefully, we can bounce back from this and do better next time."

In the first half, Appy shot 5-8 from three-point land, while GSU connected on just 1-6.

But it was the lack of rebounding that enabled the Lady Eagles to mount a lead-changing run.

The Lady Mountaineers outrebounded GSU 51-40, but the devastating 21 offensive boards, of which Hinton grabbed nine, allowed Appy to score 25 second-chance points.

"Andreia really played well," Robinson said. "She came through for us by giving us second shots. She would never admit it, but she was the factor in this win."

"But GSU played absolutely great. They came in with a good game plan and were in a good position to pull this one out. Marysue James made some great moves down low, and Tarsha Askew was unconscious shooting from the field," Greer said. "They are a great team."

With the win, the Lady Mountaineers upped their conference record to a perfect 13-0, convincingly the best in the Southern Conference with UT-Chattanooga left to play before the tournament.

With the loss, the Lady Eagles' record stands at 14-11, 7-6 in the conference.

BASKETBALL

Drexler on shelf for 3 to 10 weeks

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets already were struggling for decent playoff position without Mario Elie.

Now they'll have to make do without Clyde Drexler, too.

The Rockets said Friday that Drexler, who has been nursing a sore right knee, will have arthroscopic surgery early next week and miss an undetermined amount of time.

"All I can do is be angry about it," Drexler told the Houston Chronicle.

"The key is to get it taken care of as soon as possible ... Hopefully, everything will work out and I'll be back as quickly as possible," said Drexler.

Team doctor Bruce Moseley said the surgery will be to clean up any possible loose cartilage and look for ligament damage.

The recovery time for arthroscopic surgery can vary from three to 10 weeks.

It could be much longer if there are problems with Drexler's anterior cruciate or medial collateral ligament.

Rockets officials did not make a prognosis for Drexler's return. The playoffs begin April 25.

Already without Elie, who isn't expected back before April because of a broken bone in his right forearm, Houston might be in danger of facing the same playoff gauntlet as last year.

If they don't beat the Los Angeles Lakers at The Summit Saturday night, the two-time defending champs would drop to fifth place in the Western Conference.

Last year, they started the playoffs No. 6 and never had the home court advantage.

"It's going to be tough without Clyde," said Hakeem Olajuwon. "But as long as we get our injured players back before the playoffs, I think we'll be OK."

"In the meantime, it will give other players a chance to step up and do the job," Olajuwon said.

The likely fill-ins for Drexler will be Sam Mack, Tim Breaux and newcomer Jaren Jackson.

It's also possible that point guards Eldridge Recasner and Sam Cassell will be on the court at the same time more often.

Drexler played most of his career with the Portland Trail Blazers, coming to the Rockets at the trading deadline last season to Houston for Otis Thorpe.

BASEBALL

Braves have yet another 'Young Gun'

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Atlanta's top four starting pitchers are the best in the game. The player who's expected to fill the fifth spot has more modest expectations.

"I just want to go out and hold my own," Jason Schmidt said. "If I win half of my games, that would be a great season for me. I really don't expect to go out and win 20 games. I'd like to win 10."

Schmidt, a 23-year-old rookie right-hander, is expected to step in as the fifth starter for the Braves, who traded Kent Mercker to Baltimore after last season in a cost-cutting move.

At first glance, it would seem akin to asking a guy who plays a guitar on the street corner to join the Rolling Stones. The Braves, though, insist it's actually the best situation for a young pitcher to be in.

"I think it would be easier to do on a staff like this than on a lesser one," Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone said before Wednesday's workout. "He has the opportunity to seek the advice of some individuals who've had a lot of success in the past and ask them how they go about it."

Still, Jason Schmidt doesn't roll off the tongue like Atlanta's other starters. There's Greg Maddux, the four-time NL Cy Young Award winner. And Tom Glavine, the World Series MVP. And John Smoltz, who was second in the NL in strikeouts last season. And Steve Avery, twice an 18-game winner.

"There's a lot of pressure," Schmidt said. "You've got to keep up with them, or at least people expect you to. Being a rookie, that's going to be hard."

Third baseman Chipper Jones, who stepped into the Braves lineup last season and was runner-up for NL rookie of the year, offered this bit of advice to Schmidt:

"I would tell him he just needs to listen to what those guys have to offer. He's coming into the best staff in baseball. If he just heeds their advice and goes out and doesn't try to do too much, just stays within himself, he'll be more than fine."

Schmidt, who led the International League with a 2.25 ERA last season, struggled during a call-up to the Braves, going 2-2 with a 5.76 ERA.

At 6-foot-5, 210 pounds,

Schmidt is a power pitcher who is still trying to master one of his off-speed pitches.

"You can't get narrowed down to one pitch," Mazzone said. "Our philosophy here is: If you have two quality pitches, you're going to win; if you have three quality pitches, you're going to throw a shutout, and if you get down to

one pitch, you're going to lose."

Schmidt, like many young pitchers, hasn't learned to change speeds. He tries to throw his curve and slider with the same velocity as his fastball.

"He's got to understand that it isn't how hard you throw the breaking ball, it's the touch you have on the breaking ball,"

Mazzone said.

It's also going to take time for Schmidt to develop a rapport with the other starters, who have a strong bond on the field, in the clubhouse and at the golf course.

Glavine, Avery and Smoltz blossomed together at the beginning of the decade as "The Young Guns." They

truly became a formidable staff when Maddux came aboard in 1993.

"I'm not even going to try to fit in yet," Schmidt said. "I'm going to wait till I get a whole season in, and if they accept me like that, that's great. But I don't expect to fit in and jell with them right away."



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ON CAMPUS

Students discuss this year's trends at GSU

By Dana C. Gunter
Staff Writer

Trends are like a bad cold — they are hard to get rid of. No matter where you go, there's bound to be a trend someone is following or making.

Remember those old-school Adidas jogging suits? Yep, that was a trend most people thought would have disappeared by now. But it is still being sported today.

Don't be a fashion victim this time around. Just look around you and see what fellow GSU students are wearing.

Fashion trends differ from place to place, so it's common for students on campus to represent a variety of styles.

If you don't know or cannot decide what to wear to class,

here's a simple guide of some of the styles available to choose from.

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No matter which styles you choose, whatever you feel you would look the best in or fits your budget the most is the one you should feel free to choose.

ON CAMPUS

Theater department brings 'Oedipus Rex' to GSU

By Amy Tomaziefski
Staff Writer

Directed by Mical Whitaker and David Addington, the department of theater and performance presented its production of the classical Greek tragedy, "Oedipus Rex."

Many were skeptical as to whether or not the theater students could pull off such a challenging performance.

David Addington, department chair of the communication arts department, said the reason they chose to perform "Oedipus Rex" was to simply introduce it to GSU.

"I've known about the play all my life and I've shied away from it many times because I couldn't find a translation that brought it up to date," Addington said. "I thought if I was ever going to do it, I'd better do it right now."

The cast included Jennifer Bolt, Alex Boney, Jacquelyn Oglesby, Bobby Oglesby, Michael Mesich, James Harbour, John Stevenson II, Casey Dickey, Stephanie Cartwright, Lani Mikell, Tricia Weiler, Dean



James Hill

Students enthral the McCroan Auditorium audience with their performance of Oedipus Rex.

Lorek, Bryce Jackson, Aaron Roesch, April Beichler, Damian Dunn, Ryan McCarty, Janice Patterson and Claire Taylor.

With a cast this large, many directors find it hard to get everything together.

"This has been one of the most enjoyable experiences I've ever had with a cast," Addington said. "They have been extremely professional. They loved the

cused.

Jennifer Bolt, a cast member, said this experience meant a lot to her.

"It was really hard. In the past, I haven't been thrilled with Greek drama, but it really came alive to me," Bolt said. "I had to roll up my sleeves and dig in and grab it all."

Each of the actors had their own focal points as well as their own goals while rehearsing for the play.

"I wanted people to be shocked, horrified and sympathetic at the same time," Bolt said.

"I wanted the crowd to want to take their eyes off the performance, but not be able to."

"Oedipus Rex" ran from Feb. 19-24. The directors said they hope to see more productions similar to this come to GSU.

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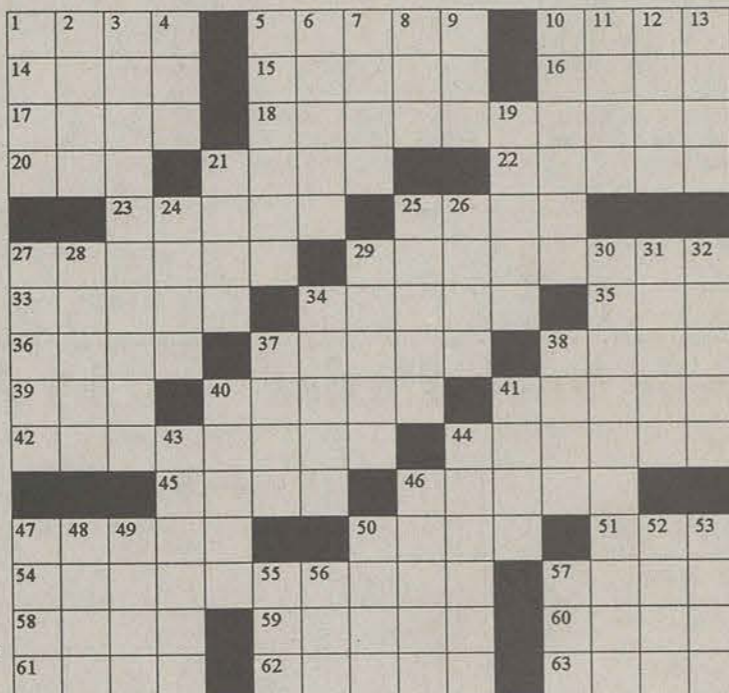
Crossword 101

"King James & Others"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- California
 - Dramatized
 - Take a dip
 - Initial: Abr.
 - Round peg
 - Assistant
 - Type of excuse
 - Aviator Jimmy & family
 - And so forth: Abr.
 - Pub offerings
 - Stirs up
 - Waitress instruction
 - Comparative word
 - Airborne needs
 - Reagan's Press Sec. (transposed)
 - Actress Sophia
 - Serious
 - Collection of materials
 - Goddess of fertility
 - Track down
 - Filth
 - Obit word
 - Cogitate
 - At that place
 - Presidential James
 - Liquor follower
 - Fishing need
 - Ascend
 - Tailor
 - Time periods
 - Timetable initials
 - Bush's Sec. of State
 - Placed
 - Hot serves
 - Mountain ridge
 - Sea eagle
 - Lease
 - Adjust the clock
 - Lyrical poems

- DOWN**
- Liver secretion
 - Med. school subject
 - Tennis champ
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- Hwys
- Spring sport
- Possess
- Peach type
- Book of the Bible
- Trademark
- Cook Book author
- Accustom
- Alma
- Question relentlessly
- "Of I sing"
- Counterfeit
- Rows

- Not that
- Most unrestrained
- Red wine
- Mediterranean island
- Partially opened
- Delicate fabric
- Gov't agents
- "out a living"
- Prong
- Summer coolers
- Lance Ito's railing
- Exist
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Quotable Quote

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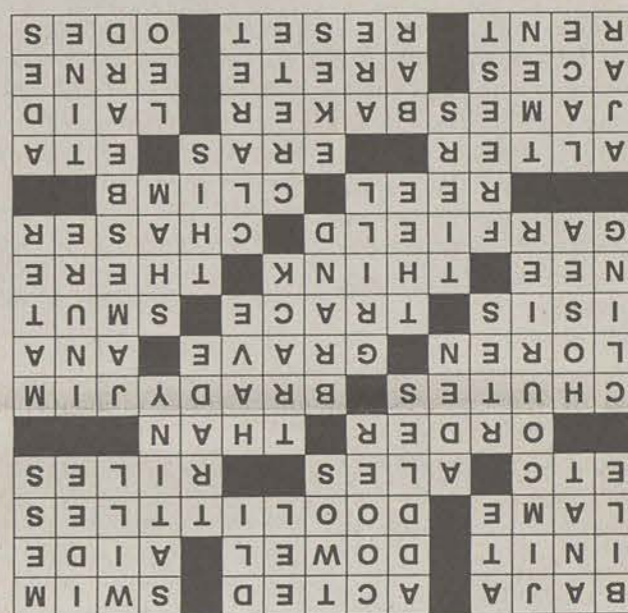
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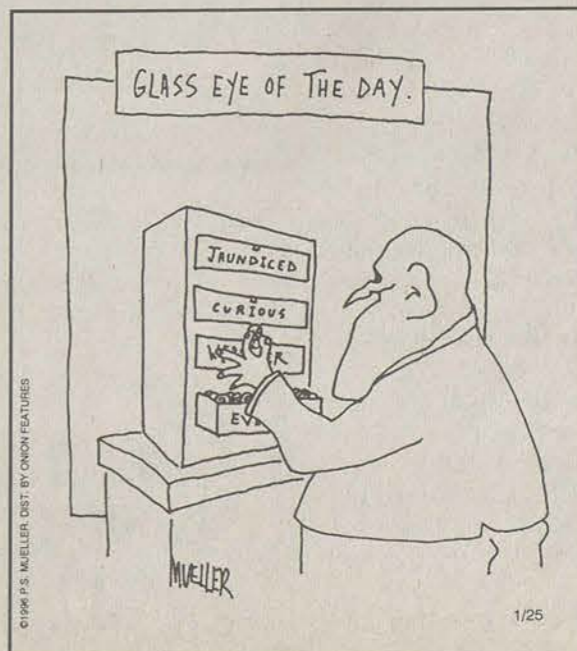
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IN GEORGIA

Coverdell joins Dole's camp

By Dick Pettys
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sen. Paul Coverdell, a leading Georgia backer of Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's failed presidential bid, threw his support to Bob Dole, calling him "tested, tried, steady and ready."

But a day after a New Hampshire primary in which Dole finished second to Pat Buchanan, other former Gramm backers in Georgia's congressional delegation didn't follow Coverdell's lead.

With the state's presidential primary less than two weeks away, all eight Georgia Republicans in the House were uncommitted.

Coverdell and six of the eight congressmen endorsed Gramm more than a year ago. After Gramm withdrew last week, Coverdell met with Georgia congressmen and state legislators who had supported the Texas senator.

"The consensus was that each one of us would be best served to take some time and work our districts and reach our own decisions," said Rep. Bob Barr of Smyrna. "There was no effort to move as a group" behind Dole or any other candidate.

At a news conference with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison — Gramm's former national co-chair and now a Dole supporter — Coverdell said he told his Washington colleagues he planned to endorse Dole but didn't try to convince them to do the same.

But John Stone, a spokesman

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— SEN. PAUL COVERDELL

for Rep. Charlie Norwood of Augusta, said Coverdell asked Norwood to back Dole. The spokesman said Norwood "has always liked Buchanan" but doesn't plan to endorse anyone at this point.

Rob Leebern, top aide to Rep. Saxby Chambliss of Moultrie, said Chambliss has no plans to endorse any presidential candidate at the moment. "He will be thinking about it long and hard,"

he said.

At the news conference, Coverdell called Dole "a true American hero" and said, "He's a good man. You can feel it when you're near him."

Both senators sought to minimize Buchanan's 28 percent to 27 percent win over Dole in New Hampshire.

"If it had been a two-man field, my guess is Bob Dole would have won New Hampshire 60-40," said Coverdell. "It isn't a two-man field yet so you've got a wide contest that divides up the vote."

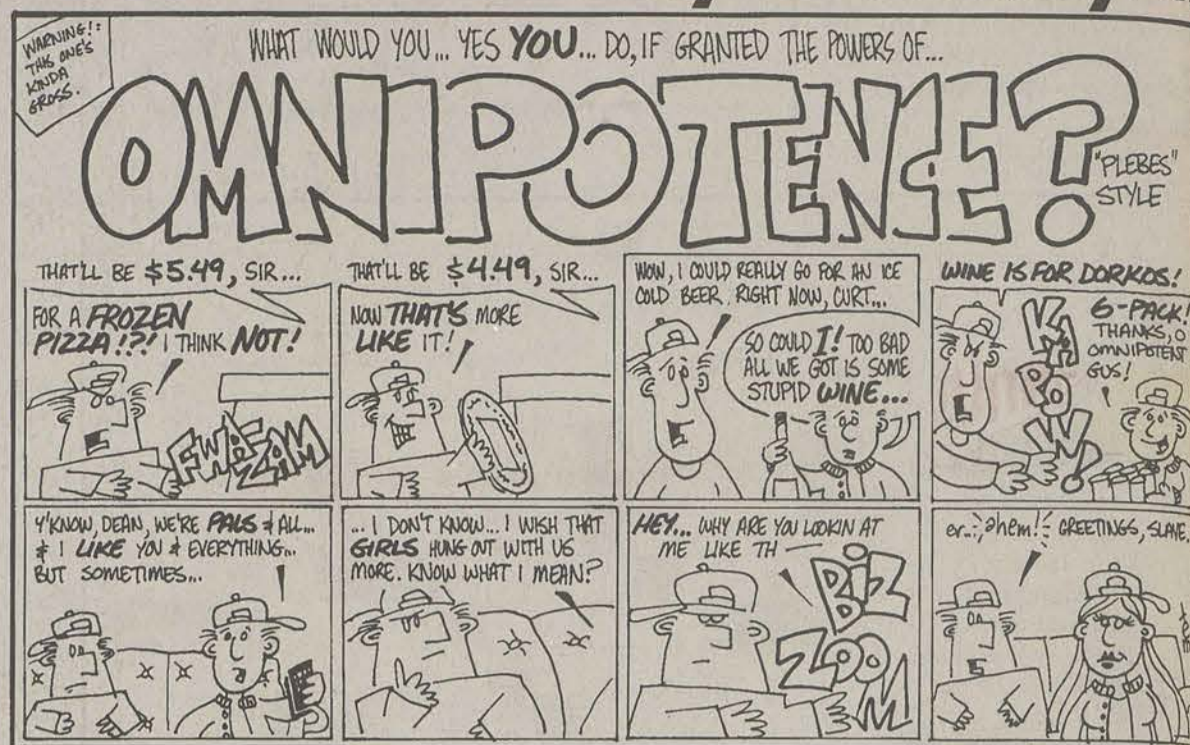
"You've got to look at staying power," said Hutchison. "That's what a presidential contest is. It is not a sprint. It is a marathon. And I think Bob Dole is the marathon runner here."

The closest Coverdell came to criticizing Buchanan was when he was asked if he felt Buchanan met the minimum requirements to be president.

"I think it's best that the president of the United States have been engaged in leadership of the U.S.," he said. "If I'm walking onto an aircraft and the person gets on in a pilot's uniform and says, 'Gee, I've never flown one of these before,' I would get off the plane."

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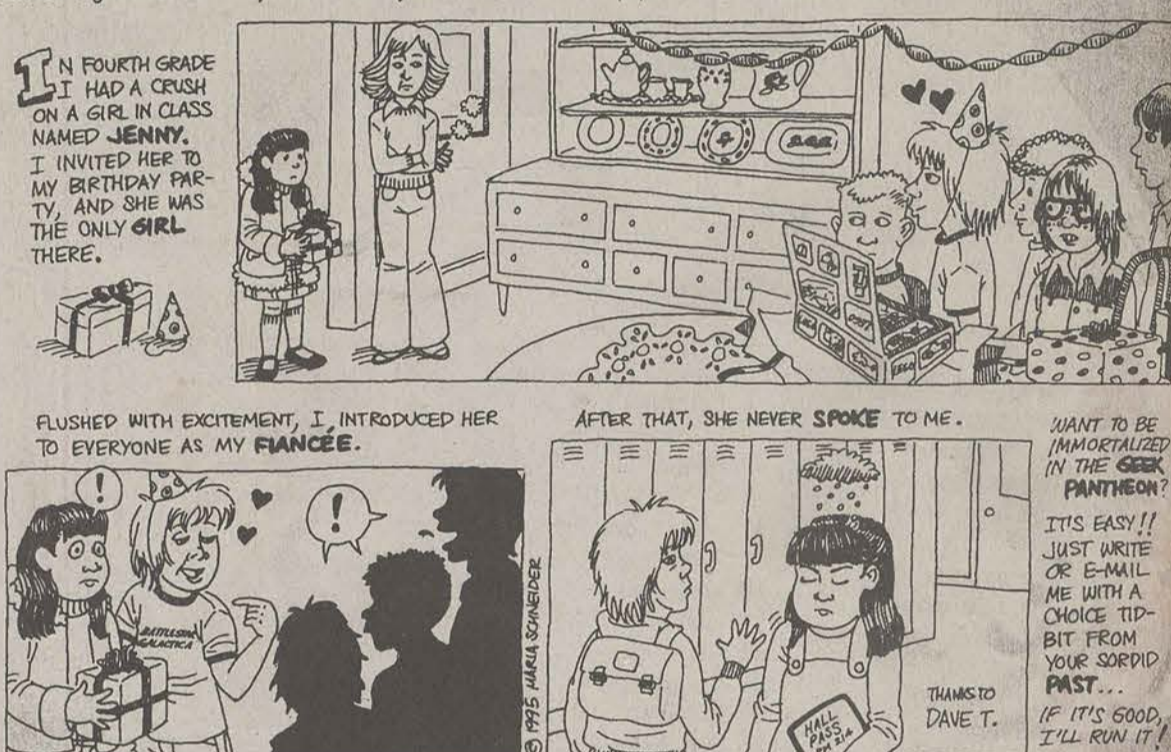
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IN GEORGIA

Woman attacked in Atlanta hotel

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Police are still searching for the attacker of a Denver woman who was beaten at a downtown high-rise hotel.

Pauline Cerasoli, 56, a physical therapist, has been unconscious since Friday, when an assailant pushed his way into her Westin Peachtree Plaza room and crushed her skull.

It was the second brutal attack at the hotel in recent weeks.

"She's still very, very critical," Atlanta Police Maj. Mickey Lloyd said, adding that Cerasoli is at an undisclosed hospital. "She has shown no improvement that we know of."

Cerasoli's older sister, Janie Martell, and her family flew to Atlanta from their home in Barre, Vt., after the attack, said Cheryl Riegger-Krugh, a longtime friend and colleague at the University of Colorado, where Cerasoli is an assistant dean.

With them, Riegger-Krugh said, was Bob Fakdi, a high school flame whose relationship with Cerasoli — called Polly by her friends — was recently renewed.

Since moving to Colorado in 1988, Cerasoli had been separated from her friends and

family in Vermont, Riegger-Krugh said.

"She had never married, because she never met the right person. But now she thought she had. It was a rekindled high

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— MICKEY LLOYD
ATLANTA POLICE MAJOR

school romance. I think he always loved Polly," she said.

Cerasoli had come to Atlanta Feb. 12 for an American Physical Therapy Association Conference. Also director of the University of Colorado's physical therapy program, she was joined by five other faculty members and was excited about networking, said Riegger-Krugh.

The attacker apparently brought his weapon with him to her room on the 64th floor, and took it when he left, police said.

Investigators would like to question a man seen in the hotel

on Dec. 30 when housekeeper Elia Banderas, 31, was beaten to death in a room on the 60th floor.

A computer composite of the man looks like a man arrested in the hotel on April 28, 1993. He threatened to return and said they would remember him, police said.

The man, whose name was not released, managed to shut off the power to 10 elevators, trapping people inside for more than two hours. He chased two women up a stairwell and into their room, then grabbed a teacup and placed it over their peephole while claiming he was with room service.

Lloyd said they are investigating the similarities in the recent two cases. Nothing was stolen and neither woman was sexually assaulted. Both were beaten on the head and face.

"This suggests we're dealing with a very angry person," Lloyd said.

The hotel, which has added security and is handing out safety tips, is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for either crime.

IN GEORGIA

Senator: Fonda killed the sex ed bill

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A state senator's accusation that actress Jane Fonda had killed his sex education bill prompted a sharp rebuke from Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard, the Senate's presiding officer.

Sen. Perry McGuire, R-Carrollton, took the Senate floor Wednesday to accuse Ms. Fonda of "directing policy of this state."

Howard called the accusation a "red herring that's been thrown out that some person I don't think most of you ever have even met is controlling the Senate."

"You can say whatever you want to up here, but don't question the work ethic of this Senate," Howard told McGuire.

Ms. Fonda has been an outspoken opponent of McGuire's bill, which would rewrite Georgia's sex education guidelines and make them state law. She told Atlanta's WAGA-TV in an interview that the bill has no chance of passing.

"Very confidently she said the sex education bill is dead for the session," McGuire said.

"I couldn't help but think, 'Wow, I'm there every day and I didn't know that, but she knows it.'"

The bill would ban all sex education before the fifth grade and would prohibit lessons on birth

control until high school, or as early as seventh grade with approval of a local school board.

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R-CARROLLTON

Ms. Fonda, who lives part-time in Atlanta with her husband, Turner Broadcasting Chairman Ted Turner, has cam-

paigned against teen pregnancy in Georgia.

She testified against McGuire's bill before a Senate subcommittee earlier this month.

McGuire charged that she lobbied Senate Education Committee Chairman Richard Marable, D-Rome, to keep the bill in committee until it's too late for it to pass this session.

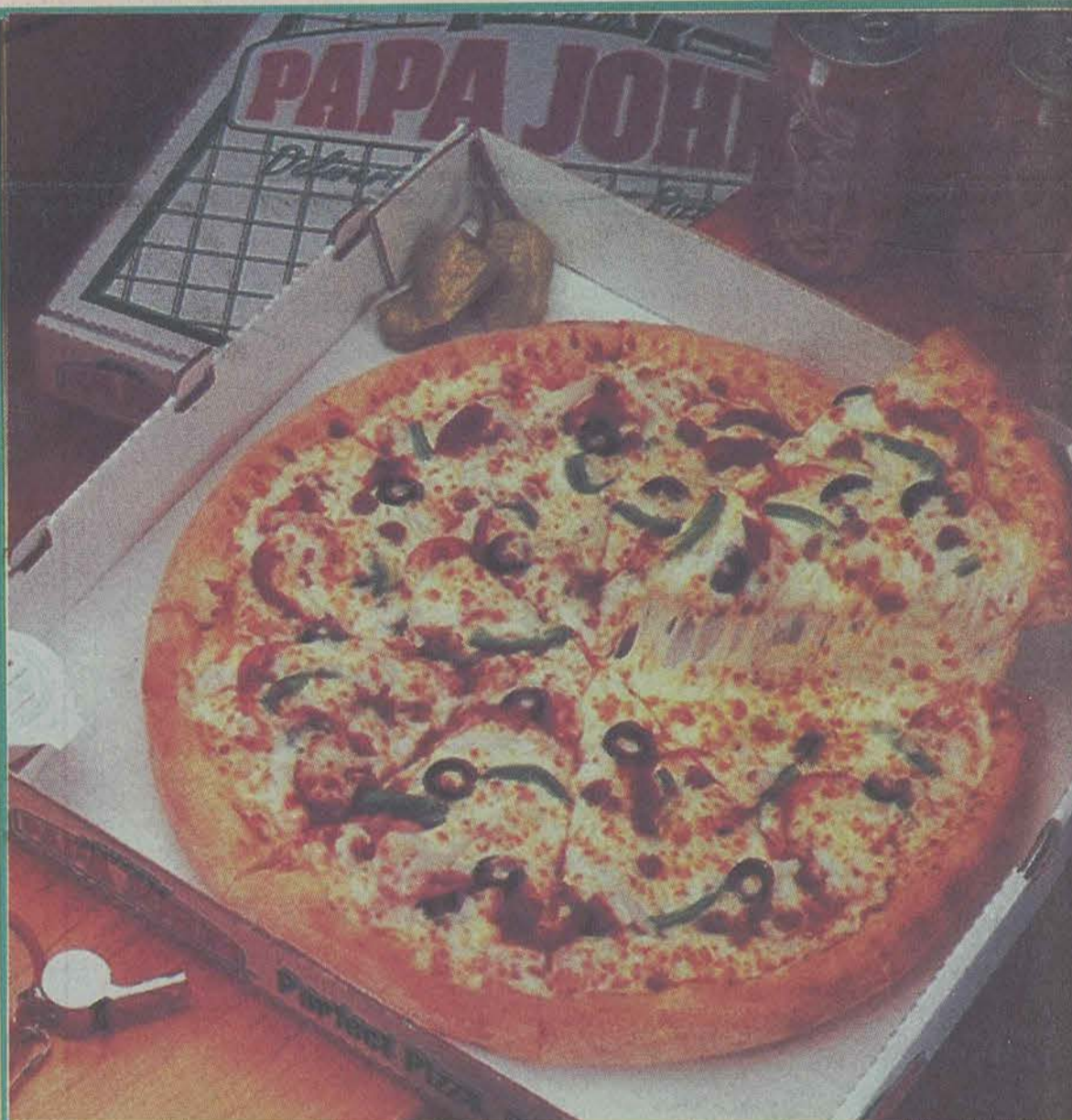
The committee has held two public hearings on the bill, and a third is scheduled.

"I have not seen Jane Fonda," replied Marable.

Ms. Fonda's spokeswoman, Jan Memory, said she has had no contact with legislators since her testimony.

The actress' remark about the bill being dead was a reference to McGuire's comment that he doubted the bill would pass, she said.

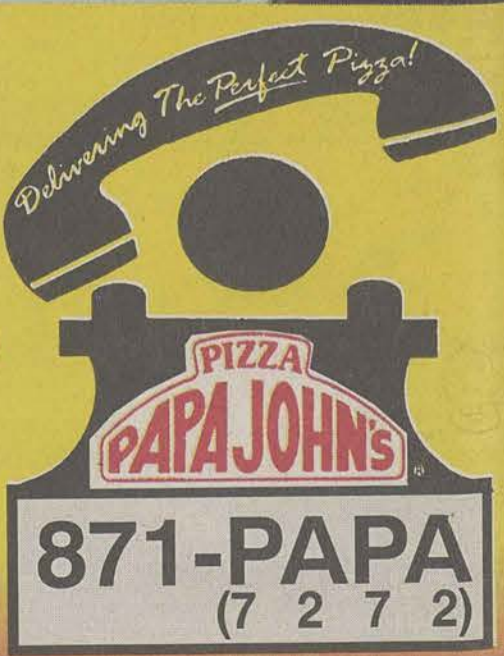
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