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## Sports



### Pitchers sign pro contracts

Junior Eagle pitchers Ryan Cummings and Tod Lee sign with the Angels and Orioles.

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### Birth of July



### Independence Day observed

There will be no classes on Friday in honor of Independence Day. Have a fun and safe holiday.

### Weather



**Today:** Mostly cloudy with a high in the mid to upper 80s.

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

### Today's Word

**mot juste** (mo • ZYUST) n. the perfect word or phrase; precisely apt expression; an expression or word that conveys precisely the right shade of meaning  
Source: Weird Words

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## The George-Anne

Liked By Many, Cussed By Some ...  
Read By Them All

## Sigma Chi cleared of allegations of using racial slurs

By Kevin Bonsor  
Staff Writer

The Sigma Chi fraternity has been cleared of allegations of racial slurs being used at a May 13 party hosted by the fraternity, but at least one of the six GSU students who accused the fraternity of the racial slurs is appealing the decision.

A judicial board composed of three students and three faculty members, with a racial mix of three whites and three minorities, found the fraternity not in violation of the student conduct code at a June 5 hearing.

Sigma Chi President Yancey Ford was reluctant to comment about the decision. He first declined to comment, but when asked why he wouldn't comment, he said he thought the decision was fair.

During the hearing, six GSU students who either reside at or were visiting Georgia Villas testified that they heard racial slurs and threats coming from the Sigma Chi house, which is located directly across from Georgia Villas. However, details of each witness' story varied from one person to the next.

During the hearing, a representative of

Sigma Chi was given an opportunity to ask questions. Some questions included inquiries into whether witnesses had been drinking that night, the proximity of Georgia Villas to the fraternity's house and whether the witnesses were familiar with the lyrics contained in rap music.

"Are you familiar with rap music?" the Sigma Chi representative asked the witnesses. "Does rap music contain the n-word?"

Through this line of questioning the Sigma Chi representative tried to establish that the slurs witnesses alleged they heard came from rap music that was being played inside the house.

While all of the witnesses accusing Sigma Chi of using the racial slurs said they were familiar with rap and even some of the songs that were being played that

night, they all said the racial statements they heard were not singing but speech.

A discrepancy in the stories of the people who say they heard the racial slurs is the length of time the alleged racial slurs and

threats went on. Some said 10 to 15 minutes and others said 30 minutes, but all six said they heard offensive statements coming over a loud speaker.

One witness who testified that someone at the party used racial slurs said that the statements made were inexcusable and unacceptable.

"I'm very upset about this situation," she said. "I have zero tolerance for the ignorance. I know what I heard and I am not deaf."

After all the witnesses who say they heard the alleged statements were questioned, Sigma Chi was given the opportunity to call witnesses of its own. Ten

witnesses were called by the fraternity and none said they heard any racial remarks that night.

The witnesses called by the fraternity included two fraternity members, a member of Phi Mu who was present at the party, the singer who provided the entertainment for the party, two security officers from a Savannah-based security agency which provided security for the party, a GSU Public Safety officer who went to the fraternity house to check out complaints of loud music and racial slurs being used, and two students who live in close proximity to the fraternity house.

After the board announced its decision, Roberta Gerald, one of the witnesses testifying against Sigma Chi, said she planned to appeal.

"I was really upset," Gerald said. "The evidence was clear that they [Sigma Chi] were guilty. I don't understand how they found Sigma Chi not guilty on all charges."

Gerald said she wanted to appeal the case even if she had to go all the way to the Chancellor. She submitted a letter of appeal to Judicial Affairs Officer Ed Bayens at the end of last quarter.

**AFTER THE BOARD ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION, ROBERTA GERALD, ONE OF THE WITNESSES TESTIFYING AGAINST SIGMA CHI, SAID SHE PLANNED TO APPEAL.**

## Retirement reception held for Armstrong

By Farrah Senn  
News Editor

Faculty, students and members of the community gathered in the Union Ballroom Friday to bid farewell to Richard Armstrong, vice president of business and finance who is retiring after more than 12 years of service at GSU.

GSU President Nicholas Henry was among those in attendance and said that Armstrong will be missed very much.

"He's added an enormous amount to GSU over the last 12-and-a-half years, not only in terms of being able to acquire funding, but also in terms of presiding over the biggest construction boom the university has ever seen as well as beautifying the campus in the process," Henry said.

"We are very grateful to him and we'll miss him."

Among Armstrong's major accomplishments while in office is persuading the financial department to appropriate \$100 million in funding for parking and construction.

Armstrong, who came to GSU in January of 1985, said that his decision to retire is mostly because of his age.

"I've reached that magical age of 65 and I'm looking forward to the next chapter," he said.

"My retirement plans are to have fun and be more relaxed than I've been in these last forty years, still participating in Georgia Southern activities and looking with a great



Farrah Senn

GSU President Nicholas Henry (right) chats with Richard Armstrong at a reception held Friday to say goodbye to the retiring vice president.

deal of admiration on the progress of this institution."

Armstrong received his bachelor's and master's at Auburn University and earned his teaching degree at Columbia University in New York.

He has held positions at Auburn University, Clemson, Columbia, the University of Georgia and the University of Nebraska.

Armstrong will turn over his chair to Ronald Core, executive vice president of the Mississippi College for Women, today.

"I've met him, he's a fine man,

and I'm sure he'll serve this institution quite well," Armstrong said.

Core has 31 years experience in higher education administration and has a bachelor's in English from Bowling Green State University, a master's in higher education administration from Western Carolina University and a doctorate of education from the University of Georgia. He is former budget director at West Carolina University and former assistant to the vice-chancellor for business affairs at Bowling Green State University.

## Two-year grant funds new Asian studies program

By Farrah Senn  
News Editor

Because of the growing economic and political prowess of Asian nations, GSU has created an Asian studies program which will include the addition of new courses and modification of existing courses.

The program is funded by a two-year \$154,000 grant awarded to the Center for International Studies by the U.S. Department of Education in May.

The grant will be implemented in August and will be used to fund the development of an interdisciplinary undergraduate concentration in Asian studies, including 10 new courses and extra Asian components in 10 existing classes. The foreign language department will be strengthened in Chinese, Japanese and Arabic. Library holdings on Asian topics will be expanded and additional links between GSU and Asian colleges will be created to enhance the new program.

Zia Hashmi, director of the Cen-

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## Three students arrested in connection with book scam

By Michael Bowdoin  
Staff Writer

Three GSU students have been arrested and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a fourth for their alleged involvement in a systematic ring of deception which bilked the University Store out of hundreds of dollars during the book buy-back phase of last quarter.

Jameel Anthony Cornelius, 20, of Stone Mountain, Kevin Lamar Williams, 20, of Decatur and Amir Shareef McCullough, 20, of In The Pines, were arrested and charged with theft by deception. A fourth suspect, Ricky Muse, is still at large.

Captain Buddy Peaster, of the University Police Department, said that they were apparently altering buy-back vouchers in order to increase the amount of money received in exchange for used books.

Peaster said that the ring began as an innocent entrepreneurial operation, with the men in question purchasing large amounts of the more valuable texts from students and other local textbook merchants at prices lower than the exchange value and then selling the books to the University Store for a profit. They were able to determine which texts were worth more by obtaining a "textbook

recycler's" list from a national company similar to the list used by the bookstore.

Due to the large number of books being resold, a number of other students were employed to actually collect the vouchers and cash for the individual books, he said.

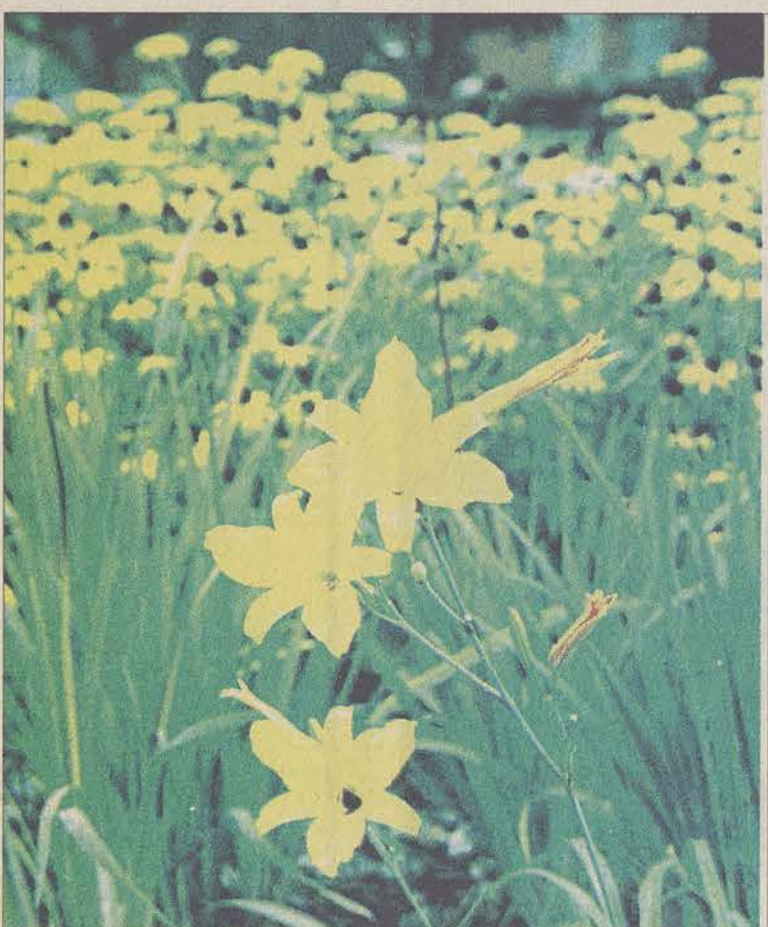
However, the group did not break the law until they struck upon the idea of marking up the vouchers, authorities said. They were allegedly changing numbers, such as ones into fours, to create markups such as \$1 to \$4 and \$10 to \$40. Suspicions were aroused when the alterations were noticed.

Billy Allen, of the University Store, reported the alleged crimes on June 11, and the University Police moved swiftly, arresting McCullough on June 12 and Cornelius and Williams on June 13. The police were able to gain more information about the crimes by questioning accomplices whose names appeared on the vouchers.

"The case is pretty well resolved," Peaster said. "The suspects have admitted to their involvement and they have been cooperative with us. They seem to have real-

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## Scenes of summer



The flowers are in full bloom near the new Builders of the University Terrace.



(Above) Lisa, a nursing graduate student, feeds the ducks with her children, Dylan and Makayla, by the lake.



(Left) Even though summer quarter is just beginning, the heat is already in full swing.

Photos by Mike Spilker

**POLICE BEAT**

**GSU Division of Public Safety**

**June 26, 1997**

•Joanne Dannacher reported a TV and a VCR were missing from the Science and Technology Building.

•Heather Deal reported several compact discs were taken from her vehicle in the Hendricks Hall parking lot.

**June 25, 1997**

•Harry Arling reported a stereo and a VCR were missing from the Foy Building.

**June 22, 1997**

•John Patrick Kempy, 22, of College Apartments, was charged with criminal trespass, obstruction of an officer and public drunkenness.

•Joyce Babiaz reported a cellular phone and \$40 missing from her room in Winburn Hall.

**June 20, 1997**

•William Andrew Galloway, 32, of Brooklet, was charged with DUI (refused test), driving with suspended license and a stop sign violation.

**June 16, 1997**

•Corey Jamaal Rainey, 17, of Cordele, was charged with theft by taking.

**Statesboro Police Department**

**June 28, 1997**

•Shawn Byrd, 23, of Hillcrest Apartments, was charged with headlights required, driving without a license on person and no insurance.

•Dana Bexley, of Players Club, reported seeing a suspicious white male standing outside her window.

**June 27, 1997**

•Denitra Wadley, 22, of North Main Street, was charged with battery.

•James Lindy, 23, of Simmons Road, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of cocaine within 1000 feet of a housing project.

**June 26, 1997**

•Cedric Raymond, 19, of Portal, was charged with no tag and no proof of insurance.

•Prina Tralaya, 23, of West Jones Avenue, was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude, driving without a license, misdemeanor obstruction of an officer, possession of counterfeit substance with intent within 1000 feet of a project and criminal trespass.

•Darriel Elmore, of Chandler Road, reported that someone forged a check from her personal account.

•John Betcher, of Herty Drive, reported that someone stole a bike from his residence.

•Matthew Johns, of Georgia Avenue Apartments, reported that someone broke the passenger's side window of his vehicle and stole a CD player.

•Hal Carter, of Boardwalk Apartments, reported that someone broke the driver's side window of his vehicle and stole a cellular phone.

**June 25, 1997**

•Kimberly Brown, 18, of Reidsville, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Samantha Calhoun, 18, of Reidsville, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Lakeysa Walker, 19, of Claxton, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Tyanda Fish, 18, of Reidsville, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Shala Marshall, 21, of Lafayette Street, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Christy Freeman, of Boardwalk Apartments, reported that someone stole a CD player from her vehicle.

•Daniel Hobson, of St. Charles Place, reported that his wallet was lost or stolen.

**June 24, 1997**

•Frank Davis Jr., 18, of Mable Street, was charged with affray and misdemeanor obstruction at Butler Homes.

•Samantha Humphrey, of Eagle Walk, reported that a CD changer, a small safe and several CDs were stolen from her apartment.

•A resident of Brittany Lane reported a case of harassment.

**June 23, 1997**

•John Fisher, of Henry Street, reported that a CD player and a power adapter were stolen from his vehicle.

•Drew Wright, of North Main Street, reported that a cassette deck was stolen from his vehicle.

•Omar Shaveldeen, of North Walnut Street, reported that his wallet was lost or stolen.

•Molloy Eason, of Route 6 Statesboro, reported that someone broke the driver's side window of her vehicle, stole 40 CDs and attempted to steal a CD

player in the Cinema 9 parking lot.

**June 22, 1997**

•Rodriguez Timmons, 21, of Cone Homes, was charged with aggravated assault, discharging a firearm on a public highway and felon in possession of a firearm.

•Matthew Moshos, of Willow Bend, reported a case of simple battery at his residence.

•Lorraine Aldrich, of Railroad Street, reported that someone flattened her tires and put ketchup on her car.

•Craig Perla, of Campus Courtyard, reported that he returned home to find his door and a window unlocked, both bedroom doors kicked in and several items stolen from his apartment.

**June 21, 1997**

•Jenniffer Murphy, of Campus Courtyard, reported that her ATM card was lost or stolen.

**June 20, 1997**

•Grady Hadden, 23, of Stillmore, was charged with possession of marijuana.

**June 20, 1997**

•Edwaughn Hogley, 21, of Sylvania, was charged with obstruction, giving false information, no tag, open container and suspended license.

•Laine Williams, 17, of Mossberg Circle, was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

•Hershel Carter, 25, of Claxton, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Chartez Martin, of Hawthorne II, reported that a tape deck, a CD player and a TV

were stolen from his residence.

•Elma Hanes, of West Inman Street, reported a case of simple battery at her residence.

•Easir Arafat, of Knight Drive, reported that his wallet was lost or stolen.

•Russel Dasher, of South Main Street, reported that someone known to him took \$260 from his apartment.

**June 19, 1997**

•Jerry Jordan, 22, of Jewel Drive, was charged with open container, suspended license, no proof of insurance and invalid tag.

•John Kallonates reported that a CD player, a cellular phone and 30 CDs were stolen from his vehicle in the Cinema 9 parking lot.

**June 18, 1997**

•Michael Burrell, of Eagles Nest, reported that a TV and a VCR were stolen from his apartment.

**June 17, 1997**

•Alfredo Rowlands, of Eagle Walk, reported that a cordless phone and a CD player were stolen from his residence.

**June 16, 1997**

•Ronnie Cope, 17, of Blakewood Apartments, was charged with disorderly conduct, seatbelt violation and outstanding warrants.

*Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of The George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crimes. All reports are public record and as such are obtained from the Statesboro Police Department and the GSU Division of Public Safety.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Things to do at GSU**

**On Going**

•Tryouts for the **O.A.S.I.S. Community Band** are scheduled for July 1, 15 and 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Statesboro High Band Room.

•Canoes will be available at Wells Lake in front of the Zach Henderson Library on July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from noon to 3 p.m.

•The annual **watermelon cuttings** are scheduled for July 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10 a.m. at Campus Lake.

•Information about the newly approved **Tuition Remission/Reimbursement Program** for employees will be presented by the Office of Human Resources on July 21 and 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the training room of the Blue Building. A training session to help supervisors interpret the program requirements is July 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. also in the training room.

•A six-hour introduction to **Quattro Pro** for new users will be held on July 14 and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Blue Building. Deadline for registration is July 7.

•The basics of **WordPerfect** will be taught July 28 and 30 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Blue Building. Registration deadline is July 21.

•An **Introduction to Paradox** is July 29 and 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Blue Building. Registration deadline is July 22.

•The "Leadership Training Through Diversity Awareness" program will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Southern Cen-

ter room 124. Participants will concentrate on identifying the information and misinformation about groups in our campus community. Registration deadline is July 1.

**Thursday, July 10, 1997**

•The **Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC)**, which also serves as the President's Staff Committee (PSAC), will meet in the President's Conference Room.

**Sunday, July 13, 1997**

•The **Statesboro Astronomy Club Star Gazer Party** will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Akins Pond Road off 80 West.

**Tuesday, July 15, 1997**

•An **Introduction to Windows 95** will be presented from 9 a.m. to noon at the Blue Building training room. Registration deadline is July 8.

**Thursday, July 17, 1997**

•An **Introduction to Eudora** introduces students to e-mail with the Eudora program from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration deadline is July 10.

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**TIMES:** 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (Each day)

**PLACE:** Williams Center, (Upstairs)

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 California  
Woman wins  
\$475,000 after beer  
falls on her foot

The Associated Press

SANTA ROSA — A woman who claims she was permanently injured when a six-pack of beer fell onto her foot has won \$475,000 in damages from a Santa Rosa market.

Annette Blenker was opening a beverage cooler two years ago when the beer fell from a shelf. She didn't sustain any broken bones in the accident, but suffers from a rare nerve disorder that leaves her in constant pain, her lawyers said.

Experts hired by Blenker's attorneys said the disorder, reflexive sympathetic dystrophy, is a lifelong condition that sends tingling, burning sensations up and down her leg.

But a defense expert for Berry's Market and its insurers called the pain psychosomatic.

Jurors said they were more concerned with how Berry's Market handled the incident. They called the store clerk and manager failed to document the incident, and an in-house videotape was erased.

Pat Berry, owner of nine Berry's Markets in Sonoma County, said Blenker waited two months after the incident to complain. By then, the tape was erased, he said.

Blenker's suit originally sought \$2.5 million for lost lifetime wages, future medical costs and other damages.

2 Wisconsin  
Anti-abortion  
protester arrested for  
neglecting child

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The 2-year-old child of an anti-abortion organization leader was found in a locked car parked in hot sun, leading to the mother's arrest.

The boy was "listless and sweating profusely but awake," Jefferson Aikin, a spokesman for the Milwaukee County Department of Human Services, said.

Monica Migliorino Miller, director of Citizens for Pro-Life Society, was taken to jail. The boy was treated at a hospital and was discharged.

The car was parked at a garden shop whose employees noticed the youngster in the vehicle. They called 911 but had gotten the car open by the time authorities arrived, police Lt. Billy Hacker said.

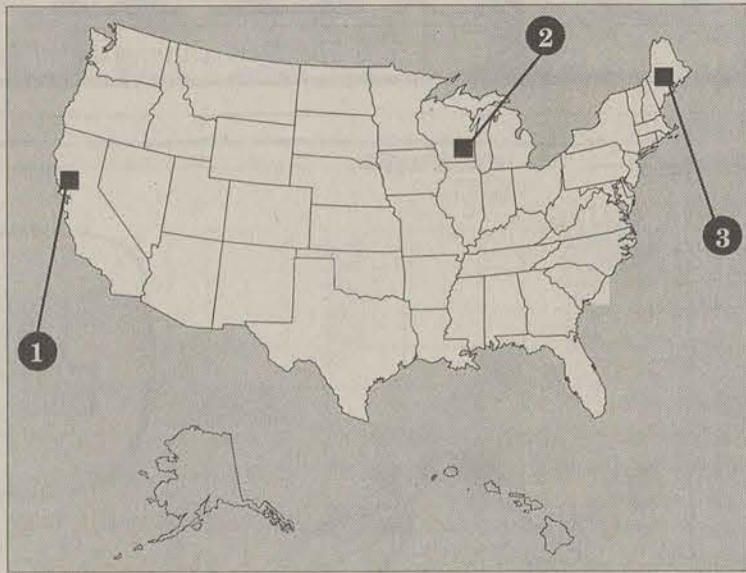
A man identified as the child's uncle cared for the boy following his release from the hospital.

He said Ms. Miller's husband, Edmund, in Florida with the couple's two other children, planned to travel to Milwaukee after hearing of the case.

"He was very concerned about Monica and his kid and, I think, as shocked as anyone would be about the whole situation," the man told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

The boy was in the car an estimated 20 minutes, Aikin said.

It was doubtful the county would try to have the child placed in protective custody, he said.



3 Maine  
Residents warned as  
big bird runs loose

The Associated Press

BENTON — It weighs 200 pounds, is more than 5 feet tall, has sharp claws, a long neck and can run 30 mph. And a state veterinarian says the big bird that remained at large should be considered dangerous.

"We have a stray ostrich — or an emu — we're trying to find. It's still out there, and we're not having any luck," said Paula Mitchell of the Waterville Area Humane Society. "The poor thing is still running around."

Mitchell said the big, flightless bird was last sighted in Winslow in central Maine.

Rodney Blaisdell of Benton received a gash in the hand when he tried to catch it barehanded. Fourteen stitches were required to close the wound after his encounter.

"I grabbed that bird around the neck and he just started putting the feet to me," said Blaisdell, adding that he bled so much from the wound that he almost passed out.

Several people have reported seeing the mystery bird, and some have even gotten close to it, officials said.

Two boys who roped the bird found out it wasn't going to be captured without a fight.

"He didn't enjoy the rope, but when he hit the electric fence he went berserk," said Christine Bessey, dog catcher for the Benton-Albion area.

"I'm tired of chasing that thing. We'll find the owner, and when we do, the owner can chase him," Bessey said.

According to Blaisdell, the bird apparently got loose as it was being transported in the back of the pickup truck of a Brooks man who had bought the bird from someone in Clinton.

OFFBEAT

Island makes ties illegal

By Pauline Arrillaga  
The Associated Press

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — Neckwear a nuisance? Bow ties a bother? No problem. Just head south to this resort island on the Gulf of Mexico, where ties have been made taboo.

Declaring the tie detrimental to the welfare of South Padre Island and its visitors, the town's Board of Aldermen approved a resolution making it illegal to wear ties.

"The very appearance of a tie causes a discordant note for our visitors, sometimes causing serious regression back to their humdrum and ordinary business lives," the proclamation states.

It further decrees that police officers will issue a written warning to first offenders, while second offenders will be fined the amount of a "fine silk tie" and the offending neckwear will be confiscated and destroyed.

Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz, whose own tie was cut off after the proclamation was ratified, devised the idea after attending a tour-

ism conference at which he invited participants to visit the island, but warned them not to pack a tie with their bathing suits and flip-flops.

It's all in good fun, he notes, but not everyone is laughing.

The police department has received dozens of calls from visitors worried that a policeman is going to snip off their neckwear, said Chief E.E. Eunice.

"We're kidding about cutting things off," Eunice assured, adding that officers actually plan to give promotional T-shirts to anyone they see wearing a tie.

But many of the island's 2,000 residents are applauding the notice code.

"I don't know anybody who wears a tie out here on the island. That's why I live here," said Tom Huebner, a local attorney who also swears off socks and long pants from March through October.

"You can always spot a salesman or someone from off the island who comes over here to sell something," he said. "They're always wearing a suit."

OFFBEAT

Man wanted in Illinois caught after applying for a police job

The Associated Press

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — Gary Harrison might still be a free man except that he made a bad career choice.

Harrison, who had been using aliases for a couple of years to avoid an Illinois arrest warrant for parole violations, applied for a job with the Pine Bluff Police Department.

Police spokesman Lt. Steve King said Harrison, who was using the name Cory Moore, passed a written and physical test. A background check was next.

Sgt. Danna Powell ran the applicant's fingerprints through a national crime computer and the fingerprints matched Harrison's.

Powell called Illinois and had

officials send Harrison's picture and fingerprints to Pine Bluff, King said.

After the fingerprints and picture confirmed the man's identity, he was asked to come to the police station, King said.

When Harrison arrived, officers told him about the evidence they uncovered and he confessed, King said. He was arrested and taken to the Jefferson County jail.

Harrison was convicted of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of motor vehicle theft in Illinois between April 1991 and August 1992, King said. He was sentenced to five years in prison and paroled in 1993.

He left Illinois without permission, which was a violation of his parole. Eventually, he began

using the name Cory Moore, got married and landed a job as a security guard in Little Rock, King said.

He passed a background check at a security company and was issued a gun. That made him a felon in possession of a firearm, King said.

Harrison said in his application at the police department that he had never been arrested or convicted of a crime.

Harrison's wife found out about his past when she visited the police department, King said.

"He told her he was trying to start fresh," King said.

Harrison's wife, who asked not to be named, said she knew he had been in trouble when he was a juvenile. She said she wasn't mad at him for lying about his

past.

"He has not been in trouble since we have been married," she said.

King said Harrison will be extradited to Illinois and is probably going back to prison.

Body found more than a year after woman dies alone

The Associated Press

YACOLT, Wash. — She kept to herself and was between jobs, so nobody noticed when Barbara Ann Dorian disappeared more than a year ago.

It took that long before a neighbor finally looked into her trailer home and saw her body. Since then, the Clark County medical examiner's office has been trying to find her family.

Before Dorian disappeared, "I saw her going in and out a couple times, but there was no eye contact, no wave," said James Styres, whose property is next to Dorian's in southwest Washington.

So Styres didn't think much about it when he stopped seeing the 52-year-old woman in the winter of 1995-96.

"I figured she moved on," he said.

But on May 31, Styres was clearing brush on his own property and noticed that the road into Dorian's property was overgrown. Farther in, he found her 1971 Ford truck awash in overgrown weeds. A lawn mower was rusting near her home, a small camper set on concrete blocks.

Styres began to feel uneasy.

"In a way, I kind of knew. It just didn't seem right," he said. When he looked through the camper window, he saw a body curled on the camper floor.

The medical examiner's office estimates Dorian died 16 months ago. Her remains — still in long

underwear, two shirts and socks — were mummified and weighed just 17 pounds.

The cause of her death "probably will never be determined," Brian Miller of the medical examiner's office said. "There was no sign of trauma."

A report published in *The Columbian* newspaper of Vancouver triggered a flood of calls from people who knew her.

Acquaintances said she had a

sister in Arkansas, although "it's been so many years ago they don't know her name," Miller said.

Documents found in her home indicated Dorian had two brothers in Chicago — Tom and John — but efforts to find them have so far been unsuccessful. People listed under those names are not related to Dorian, although some calls have not yet brought a response, Miller said.

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## Our Opinion

### Georgia's new DUI laws might save some lives

A number of new laws go into effect today in the state of Georgia, and among these laws is one which will hopefully make our highways a little less deadly.

In fact, Public Safety Commissioner Sid Miles says, "Georgia is now going to have the toughest Teen-age and Adult Driver Responsibility Act in the United States."

The law not only means that teens will have to wait until age 18 to receive an unrestricted license, but also tougher laws for adult drivers, especially those under the age of 21.

For drivers under 21, a .02 blood-alcohol content will constitute a DUI. In other words, driving after having just one beer or drink may cost a driver under 21 his or her license.

But those over the age of 21 aren't exempt from the tougher DUI laws, either. This law eliminates the no contest plea that has allowed first-time offenders to avoid license suspension.

The message sent by this new law seems loud and clear: choosing to drink and drive will cost you your license.

Some have complained the law is too tough, especially the "zero tolerance" for drivers under the age of 21. But those under the age of 21 cannot legally drink in this country in the first place. It stands to reason, then, that for this age group, drinking and driving means two laws have been broken. Therefore, the penalty must be more harsh.

But fair or unfair, this new law goes into effect today, and hopefully, it might save a few lives.



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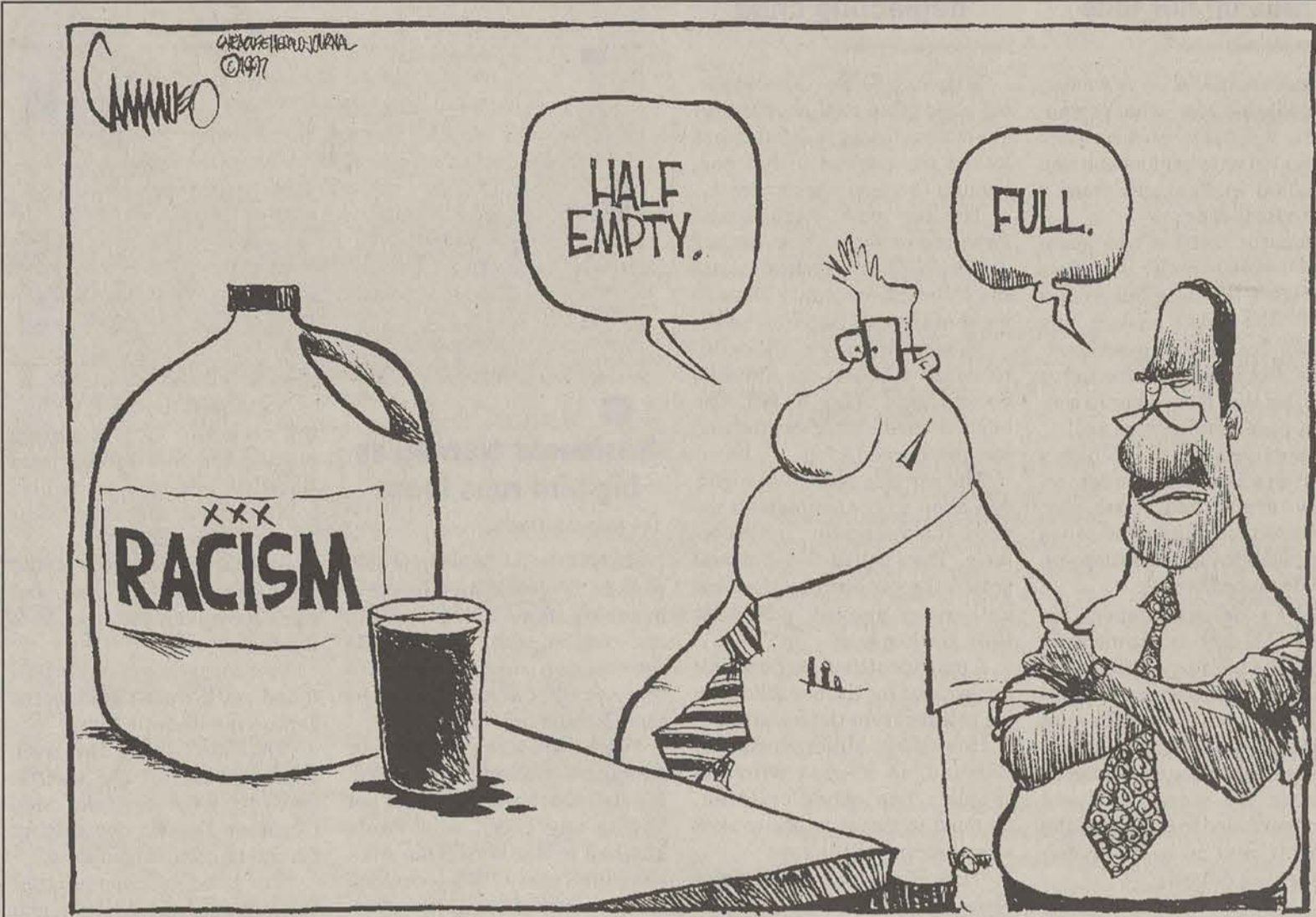
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## Capital punishment is not even a practical option

The sentencing of Timothy McVeigh to death in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing has brought the issue of the death penalty to the forefront once again.

Perhaps this high-profile case will help stimulate a robust debate concerning the morality of the death penalty.

The families of the victims understandably want some type of retribution, but our courts, which are based on the decisions of imperfect human beings, must not be manipulated by the emotions of the families.

It is astounding that a country which claims to be predominantly Christian has executed 331 people between 1977 and July of 1996. It is also astounding that these same Christians believe that killing a person is a morally defensible punishment for a person who has killed. These loving Christians have no problem with electrocuting prisoners, making them suffer a slow, painful death preceded by a 138-degree body temperature which causes the blood to boil, the skin to char and the hair to singe.

But some people, especially



**AMANDA CREWS**

EDITOR

those in the South, will never be able to admit that the death penalty ought to present a moral dilemma. And in a country with such a diverse population in terms of culture and belief systems, basing an argument on morality is almost a futile exercise.

Perhaps those who believe the death penalty is morally justifiable might be convinced otherwise by a more practical assessment.

Research has proven that the death penalty is not, as some have claimed, the most cost-effective way of handling criminals. Life imprisonment without parole costs taxpayers less than executing a prisoner. While the prisoner who is executed eats a few less meals than the prisoner who is in prison for life, the candidate for the electric chair also must go back to court again

and again and again, and during these 10 or 15 years of mandatory trials and appeals, he or she is eating plenty of meals.

Also, contrary to popular belief, capital punishment does not deter future criminals nor does it lower the crime rate. A 1988 study conducted for the United Nations concluded that "This research has failed to provide scientific proof that executions have a greater deterrent effect than life imprisonment. Such proof is unlikely to be forthcoming."

And in countries like Canada, the homicide rate dropped significantly in the 17 years following the abolition of the death penalty.

The most convincing argument against the continued use of the death penalty is that imperfect humans manage the judicial system, and as imperfect

humans, mistakes are sometimes made. But when a person's life is at stake, we cannot afford such mistakes.

A 1987 study revealed that 350 innocent people were sentenced to death in this country between 1900 and 1985. Of those 350, 23 were actually executed. There are probably innocent people sitting on death row right now.

Two condemned inmates who were released July 2, 1996 from a prison in Illinois because they were proven innocent, had waited on death row for 11 and 18 years.

Do innocent people deserve to die because juries and imperfect humans made mistakes?

Life imprisonment is the answer. Life imprisonment is cheaper and reversible. The only possible benefit of the death penalty is that it may satisfy the desire for revenge.

But should we allow these emotions to dominate our judicial system?

Even if we do want revenge, that revenge won't bring back our loved ones. It will simply make another family mourn.

## Believe it or not, levitating frog could have real-world applications

Get ready to dance naked in the streets, because scientists have finally done something that humanity has long dreamed about, but most of us thought would never happen within our lifetimes.

That's right: They have levitated a frog.

I swear I am not making this up. According to an Associated Press article sent in by a number of alert readers, British and Dutch scientists "have succeeded in floating a frog in air." They did this by using magnetism, which,

I mean, of course the frog "showed no signs of distress": It's a frog. Frogs are not known for their ability to show emotions; they are limited to essentially one facial expression, very much like Jean-Claude Van Damme. What did these scientists expect the frog to do? Cry? Hop around on their computer keyboard and spell out the words "I AM EXPERIENCING DISTRESS"?

No, we don't really know what the frog was feeling; this is why we should be skeptical about the scientists' claim, as reported by

### WHAT DID THESE SCIENTISTS EXPECT THE FROG TO DO? CRY? HOP AROUND ON THEIR COMPUTER KEYBOARD AND SPELL OUT THE WORDS "I AM EXPERIENCING DISTRESS"?

as you recall from physics class, is a powerful force that causes certain items to be attracted to refrigerators. Magnetism is one of the Six Fundamental Forces of the Universe, with the other five being Gravity, Duct Tape, Whining, Remote Control and The Force That Pulls Dogs Toward The Groins Of Strangers.

The article states that the scientists levitated the frog by subjecting it to "a magnetic field a million times stronger than that of the Earth." According to scientists, the frog "showed no signs of distress after floating in the air inside a magnetic cylinder."

I am not a trained scientist, but my reaction to that last statement is — and I quote — "Duh."

the AP story, that "there is no reason" why this same magnetic technique could not be used on "larger creatures, even humans." If magnetic levitation really turns out to be safe, I think it could have some important "real world" applications:

1. GETTING CHILDREN OUT OF BED ON SCHOOL MORNINGS. Scientists calculate that the attraction between a child and his or her bed on a school morning can be up to 75 times as strong as mere gravity. Most parents try to overcome this attraction by pounding on the door and shouting ineffective threats.

Think, parents, how much easier it would be if, at 6:30 a.m.

## DAVE BARRY

COLUMNIST

on school mornings, you could simply press a button, thereby activating gigantic magnets under your child's bed that would cause the child to float upward. Then, instead of wasting your time yelling, "YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!" you could waste your time yelling, "STOP DRAWING WITH THAT MARKING PEN ON THE CEILING!"

2. COPING WITH PEOPLE WHO "SAVE" SEATS. I don't know about you, but it makes me nuts when I enter a self-service restaurant, airport gate area, movie theater, etc., and there are people "saving" seats — sometimes lots of seats — for people who are not there, and who sometimes do not ever actually show up, which does not stop the savers from vigilantly guarding their seats, often by placing items such as shopping bags on them. My feeling is, if an actual person was physically there and had to go to the bathroom or something, fine, you can "save" that person's seat until he or she returns; but if you're "saving" a seat for a hypothetical person who is not there, then the seat should go to real people who ARE there. The concept of "saving"

seats should be restricted to junior high school, where "frontsyt-backsy" is still considered a legal technique for butting into line.

So my idea is that public seating areas would be monitored via cameras; if a "seat-saver" was observed denying seats to real people, the appropriate magnets would be activated, and the seat-saver, along with the shopping bags, would vacate the "saved" seats, very much the way a Poseidon missile vacates a submarine. Granted, the magnetic field would also prevent everybody else from using the seats, but I think the overall effect would be worth it.

3. IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE. I recently had my annual physical examination, which I get once every seven years, and when the nurse weighed me, I was shocked to discover how much stronger the Earth's gravitational pull has become since 1990. There should be magnets — very powerful magnets — under doctors' scales to compensate for the gravitational increase, much the way economists adjust dollar amounts for inflation.

I'm sure I could come up with other practical uses for magnetic human levitation, but I have to go. It's been an hour since lunch, and, as a resident of the Earth's magnetic field, I find myself powerfully attracted to the refrigerator.

Dave Barry is a syndicated columnist at the Miami Herald.

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"Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater."

-- William Hazlitt

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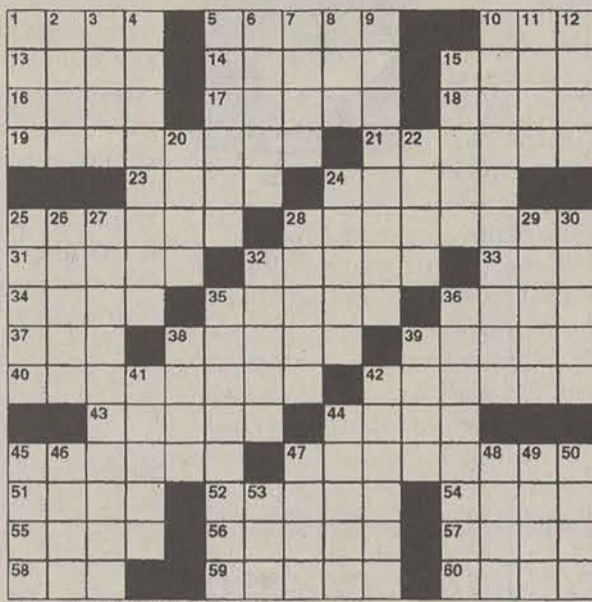
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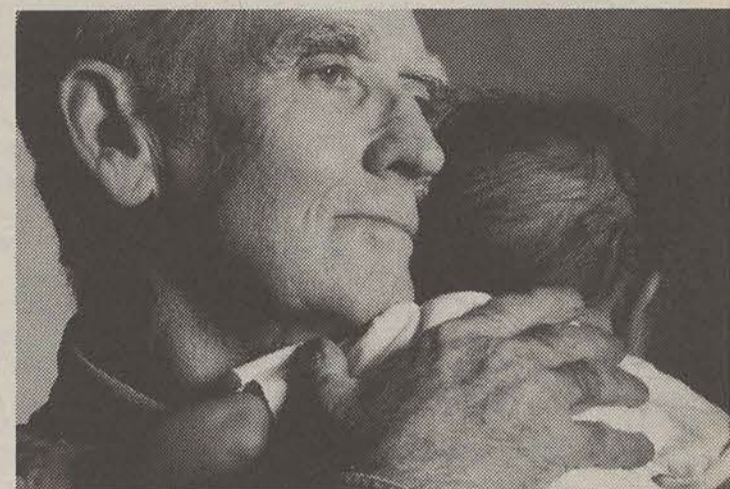
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EAGLE BASEBALL

Juniors Cummings, Lee sign with Angels, Orioles

GSU News Service

GSU junior pitchers Ryan Cummings and Tod Lee have both agreed to terms with the Anaheim Angels and Baltimore Orioles, respectively, officially relinquishing their senior year of eligibility with the Eagle program.

Cummings, the Angels' eighth-round selection during the June amateur draft, earned All-Southern Conference



Ryan Cummings

honors in 1997 by compiling an 8-7 record with a 4.05 earned run average. He made 17 starts with one complete game as the Eagles' top starter and led the league in strikeouts with 104 in 113.1 innings of work.

Lee, chosen by the Orioles in the 23rd round, earned Collegiate Baseball All-America honors for the third consecutive year in 1997 by compiling a 6-2 record with a 3.92 earned run average. He established a new school record with 42 appearances, all in relief.

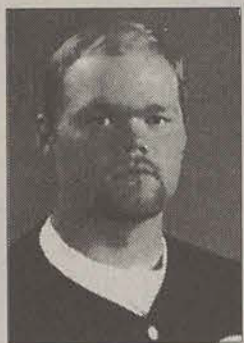
Lee was also chosen as the Southern Conference's Pitcher-of-the-Year, topping the nation with 13.9 strikeouts-per-nine-innings.

Cummings has been assigned

to pitch for the Boise Hawks, Anaheim's short-season A affiliate under the direction of former Eagle Tom Kotchman.

Lee will start his career at Bluefield, W.Va., Baltimore's Rookie League affiliate in the Appalachian League.

Cummings and Lee are the 66th and 67th Eagle players who have gone on to sign professional contracts under the direction of head coach Jack Stallings.



Tod Lee

GEORGIA NEWS

Report: Georgia spending more on college students

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia dwarfs the national average in the amount of aid it gives college students, who on average also spend less on tuition than their peers elsewhere, says the Southern Regional Education Board.

What gets the credit? The gambling-driven HOPE scholarship program.

"We keep saying we don't know of any state doing anything comparable to HOPE, and this confirms that," said Glenn Newsome, director of the scholarship program. "Everywhere I bump into higher education types, they can't believe it."

Georgia's amount of student aid from state and local programs is 12.2 percent, according to a SREB report. The average for southern states — where students are attending higher education in record numbers — is 4.9 percent, and the national average 7.1 percent. Virginia is the closest SREB state, at 8.5 percent.

Also Georgia families spend a smaller share of their income on college tuition and fees, and Geor-

gians get much more state student aid than families in other states, according to the Southern Regional Education Board's report on higher education trends.

**"WE KEEP SAYING WE DON'T KNOW OF ANY STATE DOING ANYTHING COMPARABLE TO HOPE, AND THIS CONFIRMS THAT."**

— **GLENN NEWSOME, HOPE DIRECTOR**

"We're a relatively high income state with relatively low tuition," said Joseph L. Marks of the Atlanta-based SREB, who helped compile the SREB's "Fact Book on Higher Education."

Those trends are attributed to the state lottery-funded HOPE scholarship program, under which students with a "B" average can attend a state college or

university tuition-free, or get a grant toward a private college education.

Also in the fact book: Faculty members at four-year schools in Georgia didn't see much increase in salaries between fiscal 1991 and fiscal 1996 although salaries on average dropped nationally and in SREB states, the report said. Georgia is in the midst of a four-year, 6 percent annual pay hike that's raising the state's standing.

More federal aid is coming in the form of loans instead of grants. SREB officials said loans make up 60 percent of federal financial aid packages to students, compared to 30 percent 25 years ago.

The statistics didn't paint a bright portrait of higher education overall. Students on average are paying more for schooling because universities and colleges are passing on more costs to them, said Mark Musick, president of the SREB.

The fact book compares higher education in 15 Southern states with national trends.

CROSS COUNTRY

Simmons resigns as cross country coach

GSU News Service

Brad Simmons, GSU's head cross country coach since 1994, has announced his resignation effective June 30.

Simmons, 25, cited personal obligations which has necessitated his relocation to Nashville, Tenn., for an impending marriage as reason for leaving his three-year, part-time post.

"I always will be grateful for the experiences I have gained during my tenure as head cross country coach," Simmons said. "I am confident the successes I have enjoyed while working for Georgia Southern will endure and that the cross country program will continue to flourish."

Under Simmons' guidance,

GSU displayed continued improvement within the Southern Conference. After finishing 10th during his initial season, the men's squad improved to seventh in 1995 and posted a pair of regular season meet titles — winning the GSU Invitational and the Stetson Invitational. The Lady Eagles improved an eighth-place standing with a seventh-place finish in 1996. Freshman Avallina Anderson, recruited by Simmons, finished first at the 1996 Gate/GSU Invitational and was the program's top Southern Conference runner (23rd).

"We certainly hate to lose Brad, but we appreciate and fully understand his decision," athletics director Sam Baker said.

"We thank him for guiding and representing our cross country program in a very positive manner and wish him continued success."

Simmons was a four-year Eagle cross country letterman from 1989 to 1992 before accepting an assistant coaching position under former head coach Jim Vargo prior to the 1993-94 season. A three-time academic all-conference selection during GSU's membership in the Trans America Athletic Conference and Southern Conference, Simmons earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1993.

Baker said a search for a replacement would begin immediately.

ASIAN

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ter for International Studies, believes the program is important because of the tremendous economic growth of China, India and other Asian countries.

"My education philosophy is that education is not a purely local or national affair," he said. "It involves the world."

Hashmi said that the largest population concentration in the world is in Asia, with Japan ranking as the second major economic power after the United States.

China encompasses one-fourth of the world population

and is the only major communist power left in the world, and India is not only a major country in terms of population but is the world's largest democracy, he said.

"So many important economic, political and social changes are taking place which will make an impact on the United States," Hashmi said.

The program will also offer more learning opportunities for faculty members and students who plan to study abroad.

The first workshop is sched-

uled for October and will feature Roger Ames, Director of the Institute of the East West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hashmi said that the Center for International Studies is also organizing study abroad programs in which students will spend a semester in Asian countries to experience their culture.

The Center for International Studies, established by Hashmi in 1982, also plans to focus on the development of other area studies programs such as Latin America and Europe.

THEFTS

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ized their mistakes," Peaster said.

Peaster said that he was able to contact the fourth suspect, Muse, by phone in Atlanta, and that Muse has agreed to come to Statesboro within the next few days and surrender himself.

"According to the laws of the state of Georgia, it is a type of theft to get money by means of trickery," Peaster said.

If convicted, the suspects may face a maximum penalty of twelve months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

This is apparently the first case of an organized approach to the book buy-back voucher scam, although Peaster says that sev-

eral cases are generally reported each quarter.

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