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## Sports



### There's always next year

The Lady Eagles fell to  
UNC-Greensboro  
Sunday, 75-69, ending  
any hopes of making it to  
the NCAA tournament.

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## Features



### The open road

Brad Davies, of Stanford  
University, chose to take  
his finals early so he  
could criss-cross the  
country in the Oscar  
Mayer Wiernmobile.

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## Weather



**Today:** Partly cloudy  
with a high in the mid-  
50s and a low in the mid-  
30s.

**Wednesday:** Partly  
cloudy with a high in the  
lower 60s and a low in  
the mid-30s.

## Today's Word

**quadragenarian**  
(kwodru-juNAREun) *n.* a  
person who is more than  
forty but less than fifty  
years old.

Source: 'Weird Words'

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## Is binge drinking a problem at GSU?

Nearly half of GSU students surveyed admit  
to binge drinking at least three times a quarter



File Photo

By Mike Bowdoin  
Guest Writer

Nearly half of GSU students who re-  
sponded to a survey conducted in Novem-  
ber 1997, said they binge drink at least  
three times a quarter (with 16 percent  
binge drinking at least 10 times per quar-  
ter), more than one-fourth said alcohol is  
an essential element for socializing at  
GSU and one-fourth also said they sched-  
ule their classes to accommodate their  
drinking habits.

The survey, a convenience sampling of  
358 GSU students who were questioned  
about their drinking habits, also found  
that 23 percent of the respondents say  
they suffer a blackout once a quarter,  
although only about 10 percent said they  
have a hangover more than twice a week  
and only about 10 percent say they miss  
classes more than three times per quarter  
because of drinking.

Binge drinking, which is defined as the  
consumption of five or more drinks in one  
sitting, has become a concern on cam-  
puses nationwide in the past year after  
the death of two college students and the  
hospitalization of several others.

Though the findings of this survey indi-  
cate the prevalence of alcohol use at GSU,  
several university officials say they still  
find students who are drinking heavily.

"A majority of students are acting re-  
sponsibly and they need to be congratu-  
lated for that," said Sara Oswalt, GSU's  
health educator. "However, I think it's  
important that we address the fact that  
this many students are engaging in be-  
havior that puts them at risk."

Edward Bayens, assistant director of  
special programs, also acknowledge that  
there is still work to be done in this regard.  
"I'm always concerned when students

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## Students' attitudes about drinking and driving concern local officials

By Farrah Senn  
Guest Writer

According to a recent informal survey,  
nearly 59 percent of GSU students think  
they can drink two or more drinks in a  
one-hour period and still drive safely, a  
level that puts many students over the  
legal blood alcohol level and an attitude  
that concerns local authorities.

The convenience sampling of 358 stu-  
dents who were questioned about their  
drinking habits was conducted in Novem-  
ber by four student journalists in Robert  
Bohler's advanced reporting class.

Jolene Forehand, the Bulloch County  
director of Mothers Against Drunk Driv-  
ing, said that unfor-  
tunately people don't  
realize how quickly  
alcohol can take ef-  
fect.

"Across the board,  
people think that you  
can have a couple of  
drinks and drive, but  
the problem is it de-  
pends on how far you  
space out those  
drinks and having two drinks in a one-  
hour period is more than the body can  
handle," Forehand said.

Evidence shows that alcohol reaches  
the brain in minutes and just a couple of  
drinks can definitely make a person im-  
paired, according to Forehand.

"The best thing is if you've had any-  
thing to drink, don't drive," Forehand said.  
"Then you don't have to worry about how  
intoxicated you might be."

However, DUI's seem to be on the de-

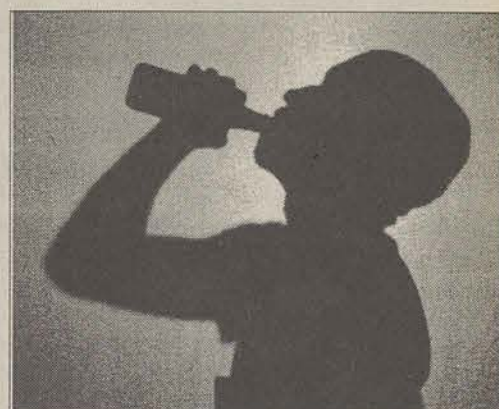


Photo Illustration by Cory Brooks

cline.  
So far this year, 157 DUI convictions  
and 23 alcohol related accidents have been  
recorded in Bulloch County, according to  
Sgt. Stan York, of the Statesboro Police  
Department.

But however, the number of DUI's is  
down from 296 last year, a reduction York  
attributes to public awareness of the dan-  
gers of drinking and driving.

"Through the educational process we've  
got and our enforce-  
ment, not only the  
Statesboro Police  
Department, but the  
other law enforce-  
ment agencies in our  
area together, hope-  
fully we've made a  
difference," York  
said.

"Hopefully,  
people in general are  
a little bit smarter these days; however,  
there is still a segment of the population  
here in Statesboro that feel a need to drink  
and then, unfortunately drive," he said.

Forehand also said she feels there has  
recently been a big change in the attitudes  
of college students towards drinking and  
driving.

"I've really watched the responsibility  
factor of college students and that age  
group and have seen a big turn around in

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"THE BEST THING IS IF  
YOU'VE HAD ANYTHING TO  
DRINK, DON'T DRIVE."

-- JOLENE FOREHAND,  
BULLOCH COUNTY DIRECTOR  
OF MADD

## Raptor Center dedicates new 'Down to Earth Encounter' exhibit

GSU News Service

A new exhibit, called "Down to  
Earth Encounter," was dedicated  
last Thursday at GSU's Center  
for Wildlife Education and Lamar  
Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center.

"Down to Earth Encounter" is  
the main interior exhibit of the  
center. It creates a sense of being  
outdoors by giving visitors an op-  
portunity to discover more than  
50 species of live and fabricated  
animals hidden within a wetlands  
area, a mixed forest, and a  
sandhills community, which are  
natural habitats.

The exhibit originally opened  
Oct. 11, but has been upgraded to  
be a more educational experience.  
Now sponsored by Georgia Power,  
the exhibit offers a full 360-de-  
gree experience integrating origi-  
nal artwork by Center Director  
Steve Hein, with eight 12-foot



Rebecca Smith

GSU and Georgia Power officials were on hand for Thursday's  
dedication.

trees, a 200-gallon aquarium, three artificial habitats, natural  
sounds and more than 50 crea-  
tures indigenous to South Geor-  
gia.

A field guide to the exhibit

allows visitors to practice their  
naturalistic skills as they search  
for the various animals in the  
display and a newly added sign  
post now provides visitors with a  
narrated introduction to the ex-  
hibit.

The new exhibit was tested on  
the kindergartners of Sheral  
Crum's class from Jeff Davis  
Primary School in Hazlehurst,  
Ga.

The students looked for and  
got to touch live animals in the  
exhibit, including a snake, an  
alligator and a turtle. They also  
got to see a honey bee hive and  
were able to pick out the queen  
bee.

Officials from Georgia Power,  
GSU President Nicholas Henry,  
Vice President of Academic Af-  
airs and Provost Harry Carter,  
Associate Vice President of Aca-

demie Affairs Charlene Black,  
and Center Director Steve Hein  
attended the dedication cer-  
emony.

There was a flighted bird dem-  
onstration, in which a red-tailed  
hawk, a red-shouldered hawk and  
a harris hawk flew around the  
area and returned, flying over  
the children.

Both the red-tailed hawk and  
the red-shouldered hawk are  
found in Georgia, while the harris  
hawk is found in the desert south-  
west.

The children noticed that the  
red-shouldered hawk flew wider  
than the other birds. The red-  
shouldered hawk lost an eye, and  
has been raised at the Raptor  
Center. It was explained to the  
children that the hawk, not the  
cheetah, is the fastest animal on  
earth.

## Carter readies himself for 'new challenges' by returning to the classroom

By Kelley McGonnell  
News Editor

"I don't take myself too seriously," Harry  
Carter, vice president of academic affairs,  
said.

Well, obviously the GSU Alumni Asso-  
ciation took him seriously when they  
named him their Alumnus-of-the-Year.

The award comes at a crossroads in  
Carter's career because next year, he will  
return to teaching and retire from his vice  
presidential duties.

Carter said receiving the award was  
one of the high points of his career along  
with being appointed vice president and  
being acting president of the university  
for a year in 1986-87.

"I hope that I'll have maybe one or two  
more of those before I retire completely  
from Georgia Southern because I am look-  
ing forward to making a real contribution  
as [a] faculty [member]," Carter said.

He will return to the classroom to teach  
in the business department next fall, but  
will look at the administration differently  
than when he taught at GSU from 1975 to  
1983.

"I think I'll have a better appreciation  
for what the administration does and what  
administrators have to deal with," he said.

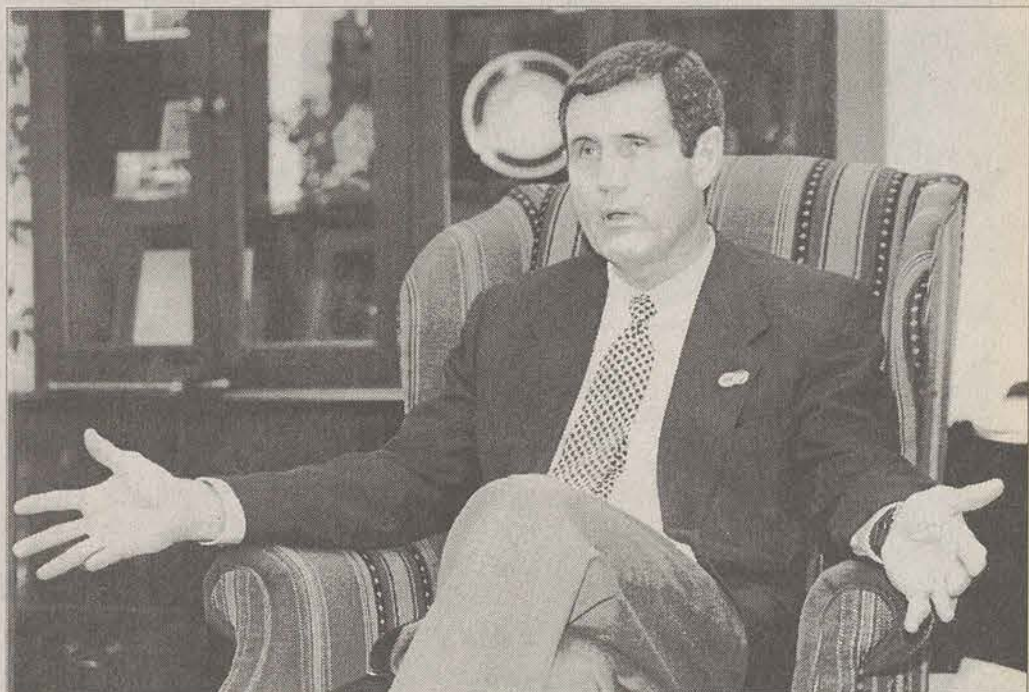
"When I was a faculty member ... I didn't  
appreciate all the issues an administrator  
had to deal with. I probably will be more  
understanding and sympathetic as a fac-  
ulty member."

In addition to viewing the administra-  
tion differently than he did the first time  
around, Carter said he will probably be  
extremely motivated and will most likely  
approach teaching differently because this  
is the last phase of his career with GSU.

"I kind of realize that this is my last  
phase of active performance at Georgia  
Southern so I'm already beginning to feel  
a real sense of urgency to really work at  
this for the last six or seven years and try  
to really make a significant contribution  
particularly with the students in the class-  
room," he said.

Carter acknowledges that the tension  
between the administration and the fac-  
ulty is real but is also somewhat inevi-  
table because of a lack of communication.

"To some degree [the tension] is natu-  
ral," he said. "I think it's natural because  
we don't do as fine a job as we could in  
communicating between the two groups.  
The faculty doesn't understand what the  
administration is doing and the adminis-  
tration perhaps doesn't understand the



Cory Brooks

challenges of being in the classroom ev-  
eryday."

He said that the two groups perform  
two different types of jobs with two differ-  
ent agendas but he believes they can re-  
duce the tension by being effective com-  
municators. He said he would like faculty

members to understand what students  
are concerned about and administrators  
to understand what faculty members are  
concerned about.

"We are all a team and the objective  
here, for the faculty and the administra-

Please see CARTER, page 12



# POLICE BEAT

## GSU Division of Public Safety

### February 26, 1998

•Hubert Thompson reported his Wachovia ATM card was missing from the Russell Union.

•Gar Frye reported his 1991 Honda motorcycle was stolen from near Hendricks Hall.

•Richard Prouty reported someone entered his vehicle in the Forest Drive parking lot and took his CD player.

•Elizabeth Foster reported someone entered her vehicle in the Biology Building parking lot and took her CD player.

•Patrick Dardis reported someone cut a tire on his vehicle in the Sanford Hall parking lot.

•Chris Jordan reported \$100 missing from Dorman Hall.

•Ann Hamilton reported a VCR was missing from the library.

•A resident of Hendricks Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

### February 25, 1998

•Shannon Blackstone reported someone entered her vehicle in the library parking lot and took her CD player.

### Statesboro Police Department

#### March 1, 1998

•Omar Sanchez-Perez, 23, Park Place, was charged with noise ordinance violation.

•A resident of East Jones Avenue reported a case of simple battery.

#### February 28, 1998

•Reginald Garland, 22, Thomasville, was charged with noise ordinance violation.

•Robert Carey Jr., 22, Middleburg, Va., was charged

with DUI (refusal) and leaving the scene of an accident.

•Ebony Jackson, 18, East View Apartments, was charged with shoplifting.

•Latovia Hines, 18, Hwy 301, was charged with shoplifting.

#### February 27, 1998

•Reginald Tarver, 21, Stadium Place, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Shadale Howell, Park Place, reported that someone tried to pry open her bedroom door.

#### February 26, 1998

•Ebony Jackson, 18, East View Apartments, was charged with theft of services.

•Latovia Hines, 18, Hwy 301, was charged with theft of services.

•April Washington, 21, Hillcrest Apartments, was charged with theft of services.

•Christopher Faircloth, 22, North College Street, was charged with DUI, red light violation and driving without a valid license.

•Scott Campbell, 23, Cumming, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Robert Williams, 22, Statesboro, was charged with felony theft by taking.

### February 25, 1998

•Dustin Ranger, 18, Juliette, was charged with DUI, weaving, failure to use signal, underage possession of alcohol and open container.

•Damian Jennings, University Place, reported that a pistol had been stolen out of his car.

### February 24, 1998

•Jeffery Herrig, 20, Snellville, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Michael Clinger, 19, Atlanta, was charged with entering auto and misdemeanor obstruction.

•Christopher Oreal, 19, Marietta, was charged with misdemeanor obstruction.

*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

#### Ongoing

• **A Night for Southern's STARS**, organized by Public Relations Events Management, will be held March 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. The show format will consist of a talent show, an auction for travel/recreation packages and raffles for some smaller prizes. Tickets are \$3. For tickets, call 871-3305.

• In the Winter Quarter Concert Calendar, there is listed an upcoming event, the Magellan Quartet **"Friends of the Symphony Concert."** This concert is being given specifically for "Friends of the Symphony." Admission to the concert is by invitation only.

• **The Economics Club** will hold elections for new officers on Mon., March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in COBA room 1111. For more information, call Chad Elkins at 681-0655.

#### Today

• The 2nd Annual GSU Mr. and Ms. Fitness Contest will be held March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. For contestant information, call 681-5922.

#### Wednesday, March 4

• The winter production of **"Measure for Measure"** will be showing March 4-7 at 8 p.m. in McCroan Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for faculty/staff, seniors, children, and area high school students with ID. Tickets are \$2 for GSU students with ID.

#### Thursday, March 5

• The Education Career Day will be held in the Russell Union on Thurs., March 5. Recruiters from 350 school sys-

tems throughout the Southeast will travel to GSU to search for teaching candidates. There will be information tables and interview opportunities. Students should bring copies of their resumes and be prepared to discuss their future plans and teaching interests

#### Saturday, March 7

• WVGS will be hosting the **Battle of the Bands** from noon to midnight at Blind Willie's. The show is a benefit for the radio station and will feature local acts battling to be called the "Best in the 'Boro."

• The GSU Botanical Garden is presenting a **"Vine Egg Basket Workshop"** for adults and children ages 12 and up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bland Cottage at the Garden, 1505 Bland Avenue. Each participant will use nature's vines to create an egg basket. Cost of the program is \$20 for Friends of the Garden and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call 871-1114.

#### Tuesday, March 10

• There will be a Math Work-

shop **"Math 99 Review"** given by J. Cason at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1003. For more information, call 681-0321.

• There will be a Math Workshop **"Math 98 Review"** given by L. Bragg at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1002. For more information, call 681-0321.

#### Wednesday, March 11

• There will be a Math Workshop **"Math 98 Review"** given by B. Burke at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1002. For more information, call 681-0321.

• There will be a Math Workshop **"Math 99 Review"** given by B. Sparks at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1003. For more information, call 681-0321.

#### Thursday, March 12

• There will be a Math Workshop **"Math 98 Review"** given by B. Sparks at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1002. For more information, call 681-0321.

• There will be a Math Workshop **"Math 99 Review"** given by W. Habegger at 5 p.m. in North Building rm. 1003. For more information, call 681-0321.

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Pennsylvania  
Woman gives pot to 4-year-old son

The Associated Press

ERIE — A tearful mother pleaded guilty to charges that she allowed her 4-year-old son to smoke marijuana while a video camera rolled.

Mary-Jane Kline, 41, pleaded guilty to eight charges including felony child endangerment, four misdemeanor offenses of corrupting minors and drug charges.

Senior Judge George Levin scheduled sentencing for March 25. Ms. Kline, who is free on bail, faces a maximum possible sentence of 28 years in prison.

Ms. Kline's lawyer, Dennis Kuftic, said his client had a history of mental problems. Court records show that she provided marijuana to her son several times from the summer of 1996 until March 1997.

"The child in all other respects was well-fed, well-clothed, well-housed. He had progressed appropriately for his age," Kuftic said. He said Ms. Kline has no other children.

The boy, now 5, has been living with relatives and family friends in Meadville. Kuftic said

Ms. Kline has had supervised visits with her son.

Assistant District Attorney Damon Hopkins said he believed the boy was going to be placed in foster care.

State police said Kline went into Erie to buy marijuana on Dec. 27, 1996, with a boy and a girl, both 14, and a 17-year-old boy.

They returned to Ms. Kline's former trailer home, where she allowed the child to smoke the drug, state police said.

"We don't know if he actually got high from it," Kuftic said.

The incident was videotaped by the 17-year-old boy, whose mother found it and turned it over to police.

2 Missouri  
Skunks' mating ritual forces schools to close

The Associated Press

SPOKANE — Spring is in the air and a young skunk's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Unfortunately, that means something else is in the air, strong enough to shut down an entire school district.

About 760 students from three schools in this small town between Springfield and Branson

went home Monday when a handful of skunks enjoying mating season unleashed the scent of love underneath a middle school.

"It was an odor that burned your mouth, it was that strong," said Dorothy Prewitt, secretary at Spokane Middle School. "We had to think of the safety of the children. We didn't want to make them sick."

Officials opened the windows and doors, turned on the fans and called in a skunk trapper.

The animals likely had been under the middle school for some time, said Larry Thorne of Critter Control. Territorial behavior probably caused them to put out the odor, which was exacerbated by unusually warm weather, he said.

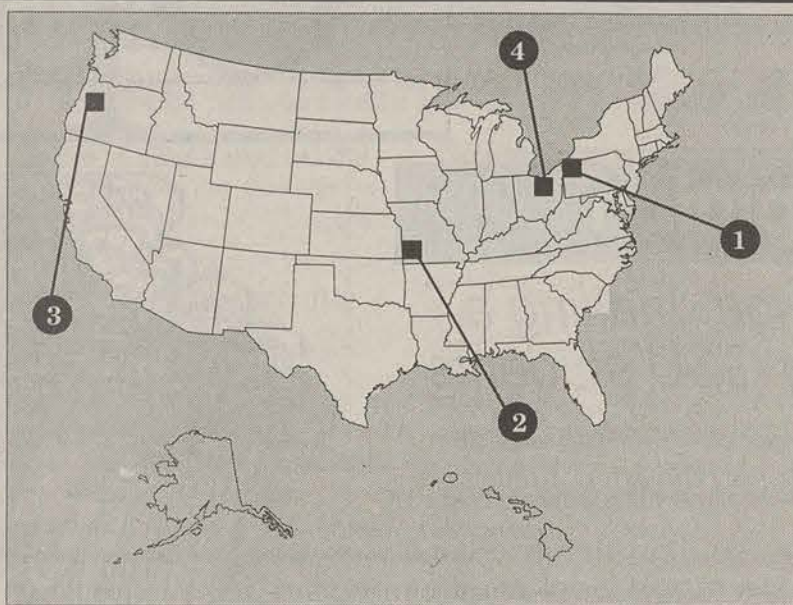
Mating season for skunks is late February. Mrs. Prewitt said this isn't the first time several have chosen to rendezvous at Spokane's schools.

"We get this about this time every year," she said. "I think it's a mating thing."

3 Oregon  
Employees reprimanded for "mooning"

The Associated Press

SALEM — Five public employees who showed just how



public they could be, have been reprimanded for "mooning" co-workers.

The incident occurred at Silver Falls State Park during a training conference for the state Water Resources Department. A department report said the five male employees were socializing with about a dozen people shortly after midnight Dec. 12 when they decided to bare their behinds as a joke.

"Unfortunately, it was mixed company," Martha Pagel, director of the water resources agency, said.

"The women who were there

sensed it was coming, and they turned their backs."

Three department workers got letters of reprimand in their files, and similar letters were sent to two local government employees.

Harsher penalties were not imposed because no one was offended, Pagel said.

"It was just sort of a prank, something that stemmed from the conversation that was going on at the time," she said.

"The people involved are long-time employees with good records who had a lapse in judgment."

4 Ohio  
Inmates watch pay-per-view movies

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Officials weren't too happy that inmates watched "Con Air" at the Cuyahoga County juvenile detention center.

Getting a \$2.95 Pay-Per-View bill for the movie didn't help either.

Authorities said that someone managed to arrange for more than two dozen Pay-Per-View movies in center rooms in recent weeks, including "Face/Off," "Liar, Liar" and "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

The county was charged \$2.95 per movie and \$6.95 for several Playboy TV programs.

John Zachariah, juvenile court administrator, said authorities were investigating how Pay-Per-View was added to the basic cable television service.

An inmate claimed to have a relative in the cable business and may have arranged the hookup, Zachariah said.

A guard also may have been involved, he said.

OFFBEAT

Chiropractor sued for rubbing woman's pubic area

The Associated Press

PULASKI, Va. — A chiropractor who massaged a woman's pubic area, telling her the treatment would relieve her constipation, must pay her \$140,000 in damages after a jury found that he committed malpractice.

Glenn Payne, 38, and the chiropractic clinic where he works must pay Tammy Cole \$90,000 in compensatory damages, the Pulaski County Circuit Court jury decided. Attorneys for Payne and Cole agreed Wednesday on an additional \$50,000 in punitive damages.

Cole, 28, began working as Payne's assistant at Tuck Chiropractic Clinic in the spring of 1994. Soon afterward, she said, he began rubbing her back, giving her flowers, calling her at home to ask her about her marriage and offering her free spinal adjustments.

When she mentioned at work one day that she was constipated, Payne claimed he could cure it, Cole testified.

She said he took her into an exam room, closed the door and

shut the blinds, and began alternating between rubbing her pubic area above her clothes and adjusting her spine.

Payne massaged her pubic

"SHE WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO SOME GOOD FOR HER."

— TERRY GRIMES, COLE'S ATTORNEY

area again in several subsequent sessions, at one point sliding his hand beneath her panties but never touching her genitals, Cole testified. When her constipation persisted after several sessions, she concluded the treatment was actually sexual misconduct.

"She wanted to believe that he was trying to do some good for her," said Terry Grimes, Cole's attorney.

Payne denied ever touching Cole under her clothes and said the technique is legitimate.

One chiropractic expert said Payne's technique may actually have been legitimate, but not his bedside manner.

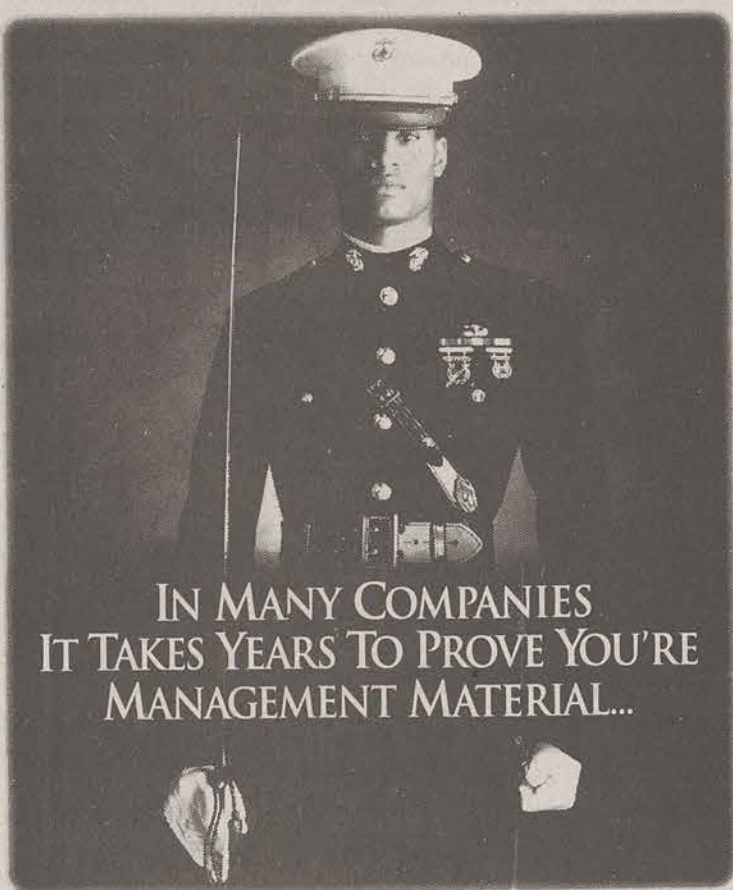
"There are reflex points in the pelvic region... They're very close to areas related to the valve between the small intestine and the large intestine, which is where a lot of constipation problems stem from," said Dr. Jerry Hochman, a professor at Life University in Marietta, Ga., which teaches chiropractics.

But if he were to do such a procedure, Hochman said, he would ensure that the door remained open and a female assistant observed the treatment.

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## Our Opinion

### Survey shows binge drinking a problem amongst GSU students

The results of a recent survey of GSU students about binge drinking are disheartening, though not necessarily surprising.

With stories of binge drinking circulating around college campuses all over the country, it is not shocking that nearly half of GSU students who responded said they binge drink at least three times a quarter and 16 percent said they overindulge in alcohol at least 10 times per quarter.

Facts are facts. College students at GSU and nationwide are binge drinking, that is drinking five or more drinks in one sitting.

Hearing about other college students dying from binge drinking has not seemed to curb the problem. Listening to lecture after lecture from doctors and other concerned authorities hasn't seemed to make college students consider the all-too-lethal dangers of drinking too much at once.

What should be done then?

First, we, as college students, should look out for our friends. Taking care of a drunk friend might not seem like the perfect end to a night of fun, but attending a funeral because you failed to take care of your friend when you had the chance is something you'll never be able to accept.

Second, we should resolve never to drive after drinking any amount of alcohol. While the number of DUI convictions in Bulloch County has declined from 296 to 157 during the past year, the problem of drinking and driving is far from solved.

Endangering our own lives by drinking too much is one thing; risking the lives of innocent people by getting behind the wheel of a car is quite another.



### National study shows racial divide is growing larger

In the February 15 and 17 editions of *The George-Anne*, a two part series of race relation stories conducted on the GSU campus in November 1997 by myself and three other student journalists in Robert Bohler's advanced reporting course, found that many GSU students, black and white, have varied ideas on whether race relations are a problem on campus ranging from the effectiveness of Black Awareness Month to police discrimination.

For those who participated in the survey, were interviewed for the survey and took the time to read the articles on the race relations survey, I would like to personally thank you.

However, after doing the articles, I can see why both black and white students feel the way they do about race relations not only on the GSU campus, but the race relations problem in general.

Thirty years ago, at the height of America's civil rights movement, a report concluded that the nation was being divided into two societies: "one black, one white—separate and unequal." On the anniversary of that Kerner Commission report, a private urban-policy group said that's exactly what has happened.



**STACY CLEMONS**

EDITOR

Released Saturday, Feb. 28, the report called "The Millennium Breach" said the economic and racial divide in the U.S. not only has materialized, it's getting wider.

homa and member of the Kerner Commission. "They need to see their own self-interest in this—that it doesn't make sense to have these underutilized regions in the country and these

He accused the authors of the report of being "stuck in the '60s" and seeing the world only through a "prism of race."

I don't know if the authors of the Kerner report are "seeing the world through a 'prism of race,'" but from what I gathered while conducting the race relations survey here at GSU and reading articles on the Kerner Commission report, I would have to say that the real problem in this society stems from a racial divide due to economics.

While the national jobless rate is below 5 percent, unemployment rates for young men in places like South-Central Los Angeles have topped 30 percent and the child poverty rate in America is four times the average of western European countries.

Everyone knows racism and discrimination still exist, but they aren't the biggest problems facing African-Americans, or the U.S. society as a whole today. If we keep banging the drum of racism, we will never find a way to close this economic rift.

We all need to look at and analyze the problems that society feels should be corrected and begin coming up with some serious solutions to these problems before it is too late.

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Although the Kerner report does not focus on local problems like those found in the GSU race relations survey, it is evident that race relations in the U.S. are viewed by a large majority of the people as a problematic issue.

"People need to become aware that things are getting worse again," said the news report's co-author, Fred Harris, a former Democratic senior from Okla-

underutilized people whose lives are being wasted."

Not all black leaders were impressed with the findings. Robert S. Woodson, Sr., a black conservative who heads the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, said the report rehashes earlier Kerner Commission updates and offers recommendations too general to be useful.

## Your Opinion

### University officials: 'postpone construction' keep parking spaces

Editor,

I would like to make a comment about your front page story on Southern Center parking lot closing. In February 26 story, the dirt parking spaces would be closed for expansion of the Southern Center. I read that SGA President Elkins was surprised by this decision.

I agree with Mr. Elkins about the surprise part. Why didn't Mr. Chambers think about setting the construction date for Spring Break.

True, he did not know that the permit was in state hands until this past week.

He could not do anything about postponing construction because of the state rule on constructing any project, but Mr. Chambers could have prevented this problem from happening if he took the time to call the state official who received the permit request and asked for an extension.

I have a feeling the state officials would agree to postpone until we left for Spring Break. With Southern Center parking closed, there will be future prob-

lems. Chaos on Chandler Road will be a nightmare with most of the students being directed towards the two parking lots mentioned.

More accidents will occur due to people trying to get to class early, and people will have some trouble with finding parking spaces due to people blocking the entrances to any parking lot. People need to leave early to get out of the lot?

Unless he sends messages to every professor on campus and asks them to dismiss students because of the traffic problem, that is impossible to do. Professors will keep their class until ten minutes before the hour. Students who have to leave early will miss out on the rest of his/her's class. Not a smart move on Mr. Chamber's behalf.

Mr. Chambers should follow my advice: postpone construction. Call state officials, this week, and ask for an extension on the permit until March 18. That way, there will not be any "congestion" and/or parking problems in the future.

**Stephen Ballenger**  
GSU Sophomore

### Students: beware of grading errors, especially final grades

Editor,

I write this correspondence as a warning to all GSU students to carefully check your grades for accuracy, particularly, of course, your final grades.

Last quarter I had the misfortune of receiving an erroneous grade for one course and an incorrect audit designation for another course.

Two of the three grades I was given for the quarter were wrong due to errors on the part of the professors.

The above scenario is inexcusable, really, and was made much worse by the fact that I was a graduating senior.

One of the erroneous grades I received was an "F", something I did not realize until well after graduation ceremonies.

Luckily, I had decided not to bother with the graduation formalities and thus saved myself some acute embarrassment.

I suppose if I had gone to receive my diploma at Hanner on the big day they would have

told me to take my butt home.

These errors on the part of my professors caused further problems for me.

I had to send academic transcripts to graduate schools to which I was applying and some of these schools required all pertinent materials be in their possession very soon after the end of the GSU quarter.

Obviously, I did not want to send a transcript with an erroneous failing grade on it.

To make a truly exasperating and complicated story short, I managed to get all the incorrect grades changed but certainly not without irritation and considerable anxiety. I must commend the registrar's office employees for their careful and patient assistance with this muddled mess.

If only the professors in question had acted in like manner to begin with, this fiasco would never have taken place. Remember fellow students, professors are quite capable of error.

It is up to you to keep up with your own grades and see that you receive your true academic acknowledgment. Don't be afraid to speak up.

**Wayne Waters**  
GSU Alumnus



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## Your Opinion

### Fellas: 'Put away your foolish pride and take a chance' in the dating scene

Editor,  
Since coming to GSU in 1995, I have noticed a decline in the dating arena due to the lack of pursuit from the male population. I have found that most guys have erased the word dating from their vocabulary. It is almost like it no longer exists. The concept of dating is like an ancient ritual that is no longer practiced. It is only whispered about by girls who believe that there is still hope for these hopeless guys.

I often ask myself, "What has happened to these guys?" Well, from my personal observation, most of them can be found religiously hanging out at local bars. They are usually huddled together watching sports or obnoxiously hitting

on unamused girls.

Some can be found cutting the rug at disco night, while others are involved in drunken brawls.

These are definitely not turn-ons to me and I can honestly say that a great majority of girls would agree.

Instead of asking a girl to dinner and the movies, these guys just go out on the town with their pals and look for potential prospects, who, if they're lucky, might get a hot beer.

I believe that some have become lazy and would be satisfied with resorting back to the ways of the caveman. Whenever they see a girl they like, they simply club her over the head and drag her home. These bar boys don't make the

slightest effort to spend quality time with a girl. They need to take a new approach if they

calities. I don't know, but I'm guessing that they find the whole idea a hassle. They have

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wish to find Ms. Right. She is not going to magically appear on their doorstep one day or decide that they're cute and follow them home from the grocery store.

I think that guys have a great misconception about dating. Some don't want to be bothered with all the techni-

to call the girl, make plans, remember that they made plans, get ready and hopefully arrive to pick her up on time and not forget their wallet. I don't think that this is an impossible task.

If all they gain from the date is a friend, I believe that it is worth it.

Wake up boys! It may be the '90s, but there is always room for proper courtship. This is an opportune time to be searching for a mate.

Dating involves respect, honesty and pursuit. There is always the risk of rejection and disappointment, but on the other hand there is also a wonderful opportunity to meet someone that might be your soul mate.

For all the good men out there, who still believe in dating and try to incorporate it in their lives, I hold you in the highest regard. There are very few that still dwell among us. I hope that you may serve as an example for the others who have casually jumped off the dating boat.

Unless there is a new trend

in dating, I don't see these guys turning over a new leaf anytime soon.

I plead with you fellows to awaken from your drunken sleep. There are so many adventures to uncover in the world of dating. The dating experience will hopefully open many doors and take you to different places. There is an entire world full of people that are waiting for a chance to meet their special person.

Who knows? Maybe, your special person is at the tips of your fingers. All you have to do is call. So, put away your foolish pride and take a chance. It may turn out to be the chance of a lifetime.

**Laura E. Gowan**  
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## Nagano is no more!

For me, and I know I speak for a majority of people out there, I am so happy that the Winter Games in Nagano are over. The Winter Olympics are a wonderful tradition of sports and displays of athleticism, but man, can they be boring sometimes.

Yes, yes, yes, I know all about the wonderful ice skating the USA has. Tara Lipinsky and Michelle Kwan are indeed incredible at what they do. But does anyone out there get just a little bored at people flailing their bodies about on the ice in some artistic expression?

Another sport that just mystifies me is the long-jump. Are these people crazy? These athletes climb up what seems to be 10-stories to a platform that overlooks thousands of people and put on skis that are twice as long as their bodies and slid down a death slide in order to jump the farthest. Totally nuts! I don't see how these guys land without breaking every bone in their body.

And what about the huge competition. This sport looks like the sport of the confused. These people look like they just couldn't let go of all the times they raced down a snowy hill when they were kids. Now, I have been in a luge before, kinda fun, but very dangerous.

The only winter sport I care to tune into is hockey. Now, the USA did completely blow the whole thing, but I did get the chance to see some good hockey. However, the USA choked so hard against Canada. They could have beaten those guys. They were just scared. The problem with the USA team was that poor Mike Richter, who can't stop a hockey puck to save his life. Oh well, being a Ranger fan I'm allowed to say these things. Ah Stanley Cup, we hardly knew ye!

The gold medal game was the best. The Czech Republic beat the Russian team 1-0 in a great defensive battle. That's good because I don't like the Detroit Red Wings and if you are any fan of NHL hockey, you know that the Detroit team are loaded with Russians. I'm sure my buddy Fabian loved to see that. His beloved Philadelphia Flyers were swept by those same Detroit guys.

If I were in charge of the Olympics, there would be a few additions to the winter sports. Snowmobiles pulling skiers through forests would be one. We could call it the "Hang-on-for-dear-life event." A very simple idea if you think about it. The only downside to the game would be the possible high-speed contact with a tree. This only makes the game better in my opinion.

The Winter games, overall, pretty much stunk. Give me the Summer Olympics any day. Now those are the real games. Baseball, soccer, track, swimming, tennis, basketball, the list goes on. The Summer Games are the games that most of the people watch for a reason: more people enjoy summer sports in America than winter sports. Now I love to ski, but give me the warm sun anytime.

## Lady Eagles fall in SoCon championship game

G-A Staff Reports

The Lady Eagle basketball team advanced to the Southern Conference Tournament Championship game Sunday, March 1, but was defeated by UNC-Greensboro 75-69. GSU held a 32-24 halftime lead over the Lady Spartans, but UNC-G outscored the Lady Eagles 51-37 in the second half.

"We came out in the second half, but our transition defense was not there," said Assistant Coach Stacy Pardee. "We couldn't get back on defense."

Greensboro started reasserting themselves early in the second half, using a 11-2 run to get back in the game. Biz Brediger's lay up with under 11 minutes to go in the game cut GSU's lead to 40-39. The Lady Eagles extended their lead to 48-41 on Rosie Arnold's driving lay up through the lane. UNC-G cut into GSU's lead again, before Arnold's three pointer gave the Lady Eagles their biggest lead

of the second half, 59-51 with less than eight minutes left in regulation.

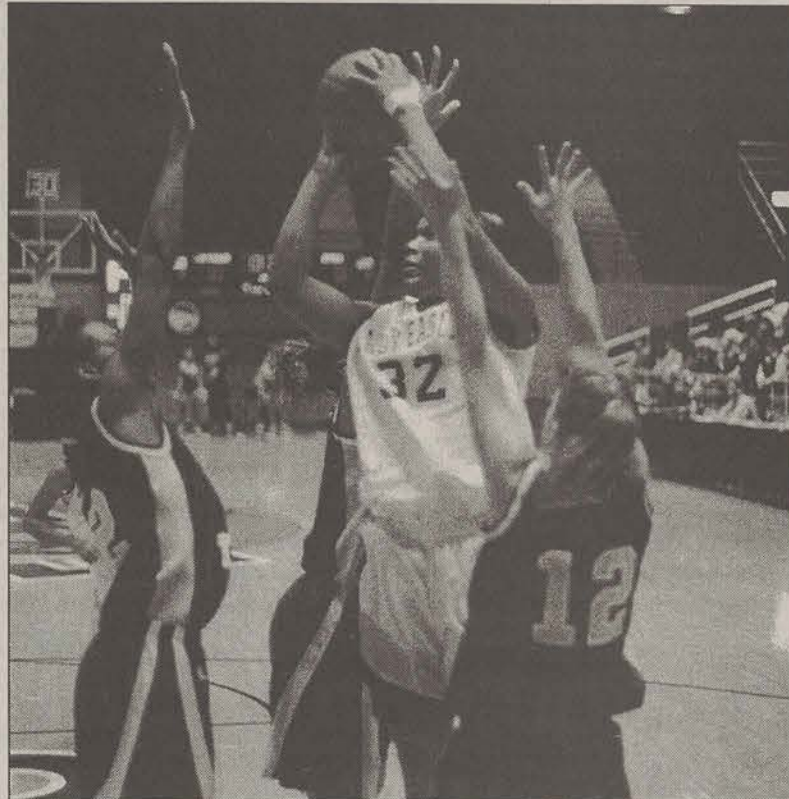
But the Lady Spartans came back once again. Rebecca Viverette's three pointer gave UNC-Greensboro their first lead of the game, 62-61 with four minutes left. The lead would swing back and forth between the two teams for the next few minutes.

Another lay up by Arnold tied the game at 65-65 at the 1:46 mark. But a Melinda Goodson lay up, and four consecutive free throws by Viverette put the game away, giving UNC-G a 71-65 lead with 21 seconds left.

"Overall, we hung in there," Pardee said. "But in the second half we didn't stay focused on the little things."

Telly Hall led all Eagle scorers, pouring in 21 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Hall received the Tournament MVP award for her efforts.

"It's tough to lose that final. Please see Tourney, page 7



File Photo

**Fun while it lasted:** GSU Lady Eagles, regular season Southern Conference Champions, lost the tourney final Sunday, March 1 to UNC-Greensboro, 75-69.

### 1998 Advance Auto Parts/Southern Conference All-Tournament First Team

Telly Hall - GSU  
Melinda Goodson - UNCG  
Biz Brediger - UNCG  
Jennifer O'Brien - Davidson  
Haley Cook - Furman

### SoCon Second Team

Rosie Arnold - GSU  
Sharon Mitchell - GSU  
Rebecca Viverette - UNCG  
Meredith Denton - Wofford  
Katy Kamp - Davidson

### SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player

Telly Hall - GSU

## GSU baseball drops doubleheader at home



Caryn Brown

**Throw him out:** GSU suffered a sweep against Jacksonville State this past weekend. The Eagles dropped two in a doubleheader, 15-8 and 4-2. GSU plays at home again on Thurs., March 11 vs. Mercer.

By Jamie Hodges  
Assistant Sports Editor

The GSU baseball team was swept by the Jacksonville State Gamecocks this past weekend. Jacksonville State defeated the Eagles 15-8 on Saturday and 4-2 on Sunday.

GSU baseball head coach Jack Stallings was not pleased with being swept, but felt that his team played better on Sunday.

"We stunk up the ballpark Saturday. Our pitching was poor and we had a lot of errors," Stallings said. "Sunday we played defensively well. We just didn't swing the bat effectively while we had players in scoring position."

In the first game of the two day series, Jacksonville State (7-2) used their sluggers to jump on the Eagles early. A Grand

Slam home run by Gamecock designated hitter Clarence Prothro put Jacksonville State out ahead 9-3 at the end of the second inning.

The Gamecocks scored again in the fourth inning. Jeff Tidwell's basehit made it 10-3.

In the bottom half of the fourth inning, GSU's lead off hitter Jody Pollock parked Gamecock pitcher J.R. Allen's pitch over

the fence for a two run shot, cutting the lead to 10-5.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play," Pollock said. "My job is to get on base. I just got a hold of one and it got out."

But the Eagles (3-7) could not silence the Gamecocks' bats, even though they went through four pitchers.

A double by Bryan Williamson, and a home run by Dean Friery put the game out of reach, as the Gamecocks went out in front, 13-5, after six innings.

**Jack. St. 15**  
**GSU 8**

"They're (Jacksonville St.) a good ball club, with a good program. We knew that from when we played them last year," Stallings said after the game. "They're a tough team. We just didn't perform well in this ball game."

The Eagles stayed closer to the Gamecocks on Sunday, but the results were still the same. GSU had some opportunities, but could not take advantage of them.

"We had some very poor at bats with guys in scoring position," Stallings said. "That has to be from a lack of concentration, not having enough patience to wait on a good pitch."

GSU scored in the first inning off a double steal by Jody

Pollock and John Durik. Durik was attempting to steal second base when he got caught in a run down. Pollock, who was on third base, sprinted toward home.

By the time the throw came in to home plate from second base, Pollock had already scored.

**Jack. St. 4**  
**GSU 2**

"I waited until the throw came in (to second) and then I stopped," Durik said. "As soon as I stopped, that was his (Pollock) key to break. Jody is a fast player, and he was able to score. The play was executed well."

The Eagles kept their lead until the fourth inning, when back to back homers by Gamecocks Wes Brooks and Jeff Tidwell pushed Jacksonville St. in front 2-1.

Another hit by Tidwell drove in two runs for the Gamecocks in the seventh.

GSU would score again however, off a Matt Easterday hit making the score 4-2. However, the Eagles could not cut into the two run gap as they went on to lose the second game.

"Of course we're disappointed. It was a tough loss," Durik said. "We made some simple mistakes. But I still believe that we have a quality team, and a great coach. As soon as we get on a roll, we'll be all right."

### MEN'S TENNIS

## Furman serves up loss for GSU, sweeps Eagles

By Lee Guarnella  
Sports Editor

The men's tennis team ran into stiff competition last Thursday as they hosted the Paladins from Furman for the first Southern Conference match of the year.

GSU couldn't find a win as Furman swept the Eagles. The Furman victory sent the GSU record to (2-4, 0-1) for the year.

Men's tennis first-year-coach Eric Gottschalk talked about what GSU would have to do in order to play with the tough opponents from the Southern Conference.

"We just have to be more confident on the courts," Gottschalk said. "Their number one (singles) guy is 47th in the NCAA and their number seven guy is 50th."

The defending SoCon champion Furman had their way with the young GSU tennis squad, defeating them in the singles competition as well as the doubles.

GSU's no. 1 player Christian Singer had to fight for every point in his loss against Furman's no. 1 player, Sam Schroclucke 3-6, 0-6.

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**--COACH ERIC GOTTSCHALK**

"I didn't play too well," Singer said about his performance after the match. "I hate having to play a lot of serve and volley." "He (Sam Schroclucke,

Furman player) served well, as well as his play at the net."

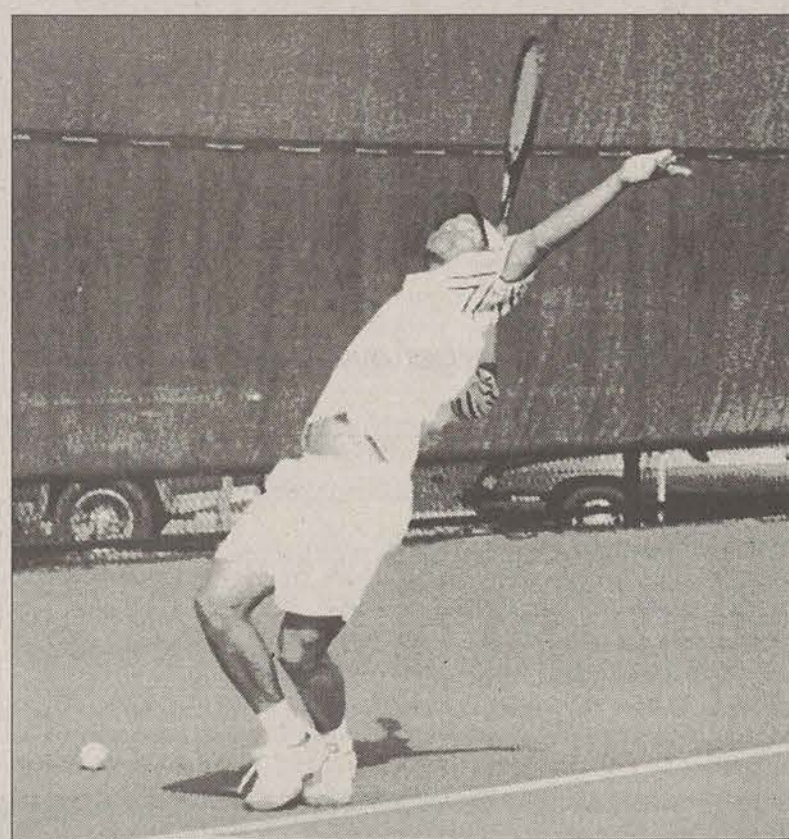
GSU's no. 6 player Alex Franqui gave Furman's Brett Damaido a run for his money, sending the match into a third set in the final match of the afternoon, but ended up losing in the end, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

The doubles action provided no wins for GSU either. The Eagles were swept in three tandem matches.

The No. 1 doubles team of Christian Singer and Florian Scheidat was defeated by Furman's No. 1 team of Schroclucke and Abney 8-2.

"They were really intimidated," Gottschalk said. "We played well but Furman has had a tougher schedule playing ACC teams like Duke and Georgia Tech."

The Eagle's next home match at the Hanner courts will be March 2 as they go for their first conference win versus Davidson at 2 p.m.



Dumas Kisseih

**The men's tennis team** lost their first SoCon match of the season to the Furman Paladins last Thursday at the Hanner courts.



## TOURNEY

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Greensboro turned up the heat, and we congratulate them," Head Coach Rusty Cram said after the game. "They were making our shots difficult with their good defense. We just weren't knocking down shots on the outside."

The Lady Eagles defeated Wofford 84-57 in the quarterfinals and Furman 80-60 in the semifinals to get to the championship game.

"We'll have four seniors coming back and all of them will have been tested through the

Tournament experience," Pardee said. "They'll be hungry for a Southern Conference crown next year."

The men's basketball team was also knocked out of the Southern Conference Tournament this weekend.

GSU was defeated by top seeded Davidson 74-68 in the second round.

Senior Elvardo Rolle led the attack, hitting six of ten from three point land for 20 points. Quentin Martin contributed 18 points and Arkee Thompson

added 14. Head Coach Gregg Polinsky said he felt that his team accomplished most of their goals for the season.

"At this point of the season, I feel we have filled our potential and maxed out our effort," he said. "We played a great Davidson team and we are a good Georgia Southern team. Both teams stepped up and made big plays."

GSU defeated ETSU in first round play 57-47. The Eagles are still unbeaten in Southern Conference first round action.

## MLB BASEBALL

# Braves reliever on comeback trail after being out 18 months

By Tom Saladino  
The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The last time Pedro Borbon pitched for the Atlanta Braves, he was at the top of his game, striking out two batters and getting two strikes on a third.

Then he heard an awful pop in his left elbow.

That was Aug. 22, 1996, against the Cincinnati Reds. "I went out with a bang," the hard-throwing left-hander recalls.

After reconstructive surgery, his elbow has been given a clean bill of health. He can win one of two open spots in the Braves' bullpen this spring if it stays sound.

The average time for recuperation from such surgery, transplanting a ligament from the leg to the elbow, is 18 months.

"Right now, everything is great, right on schedule," Borbon said at the Braves' Disney World training camp. "I've thrown batting practice every day. Everything is normal. I'm not holding anything back."

"If I was going to experience some major setback, I'd be feel-

ing it right now."

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox is pleased.

"So far, so good," Cox said. "If he pitches well this spring ... he's

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**—PEDRO BORBON, ATLANTA BRAVES RELIEF PITCHER**

got a job."

In addition to his five starters, Cox intends to keep six relievers. Mark Wohlers, Alan Embree, Mike Cather and Kerry Ligtenberg are assured of four of the spots. Borbon, Brad Clontz, Paul Byrd and Brian Edmondson, who was picked up

in the Rule 5 draft from the Mets, are contending for the other two.

Borbon, 30, made it to the Braves in 1995. He was 2-2 with a 3.09 ERA and two saves in 32 innings, primarily used in spot situations to get left-handed hitters out.

He was a standout in the playoffs that year, striking out the side in his only appearance in the opening round and then helping the Braves win the World Series against the Cleveland Indians with a save in Game 4.

Borbon tried to come back prematurely last June. But a torn forearm muscle shut him down for two months, slowing his recuperation.

"With this kind of injury you don't know what's going to happen. It's a day-to-day thing. You've just got to live with it," Borbon said his time on the sideline has been difficult.

"It was the hardest experience I've ever had in my life. I don't wish anybody to go through it. It was tough mentally, it was tough physically," he said.

## GSU SOFTBALL

# Lady Eagles finish with a 1-3 record at Univ. of South Florida/Louisville Slugger Invitational

GSU News Services

TAMPA, Fla. — The GSU softball team finished its run through the University of South Florida/Louisville Slugger Invitational on Sunday with a 1-3 record, falling in the first of two semifinal match-ups to Ohio State, 6-2, in the tourney's final day of action.

The Eagles captured their lone win on Saturday, when a five-run first inning against Coastal Carolina guided the way to a 7-2 victory.

Last Friday, GSU fell victim to the number-six ranked team in the country, South Florida, by a 3-0 count, and then to Ohio State by a score of 4-2. After the weekend's play, the Lady Eagles stand with an overall record of 6-13.

After dropping a pair on the tournament's first day, the Lady Eagles responded with its first win, led by the pitching of sophomore Jennifer Miller (4-6). Miller cruised in allowing only four hits, no earned runs,

and striking out four.

The Lady Eagles jumped on the board early when Beth Dance booked a two RBI double that scored seniors Sheri Russo

**AFTER THE WEEKEND'S PLAY, THE LADY EAGLES STAND WITH A OVERALL RECORD OF 6-13.**

and Danelle Toole. GSU would tack on three more with the help of two costly Chanticleer errors and record its most productive inning of the season. The Lady Eagles tacked on two more in the fourth inning when freshman Lacey Kammerer reached home on a wild pitch just before junior Sabrina Kight plated a run on another CCU error.

Russo led the way offensively for the Lady Eagles by going 2-for-4 with one run scored and

one RBI. The two hits moved her hitting streak to eight games. Dance contributed with a 1-for-3 showing, one run scored and two RBIs.

In Sunday's rematch with Ohio State, the Lady Eagles jumped on the board when Dance's lead-off triple in the bottom of the third inning was followed by GSU's first home run of the season -- sophomore Jennifer Harris's two-run shot that sailed over the left field fence.

GSU held the 2-0 lead for two innings before the Buckeyes plated three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to take the win. Jaime Chenevey's solo homer highlighted the sixth inning for OSU.

The Lady Eagles will be in action again this weekend when they return home for double-headers against Samford on Saturday, March 7, and Jacksonville State the following day. Game times for both days are slated for 1 p.m.

## NBA BASKETBALL

# 1998 basketball season memorable for off-court activity

By Chris Sheridan  
The Associated Press

Pick the enduring images from the 1997-98 NBA season so far. Notice how only a few are about wins and losses or on-court accomplishments.

Most are about money and power.

The NBA has had to deal with small firefights all season, symptomatic skirmishes in a league that's anxious about the post-Jordan era, tense about its authority and nervous about the atmosphere of uncertainty, jealousy and loathing. All the issues have come to the forefront as a labor war looms this summer.

"I have personally been really turned off by this entire season," said agent Steve Kauffman, who represents more than 40 pro players. "Maybe this is a prelude because we know what's coming."

Among the power struggles and leverage displays:

Latrell Sprewell choking his coach, drawing the longest non-drug suspension in NBA history, losing the remaining \$25 million on his contract and then having the players union wage its first big fight of the year.

Michael Jordan standing before a sea of microphones, stating once again that this season will be his last unless the Chi-

cago Bulls retain Phil Jackson as coach.

Commissioner David Stern cracking down on long shorts and off-court transgressions and turning the Sprewell case into a referendum on out-of-control athletes.

Damon Stoudamire rejecting two trades, refusing to promise prospective suitors he would resign with them when he becomes a free agent next summer.

Kenny Anderson having his agent broker a trade from the Raptors to the Celtics after adamantly stating that he'd never report to Toronto. Kendall Gill threatening to retire if he is traded to Toronto.

# Miscellany

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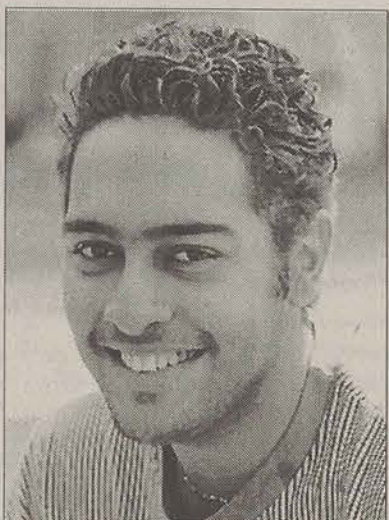
# What do GSU students do on the weekend?



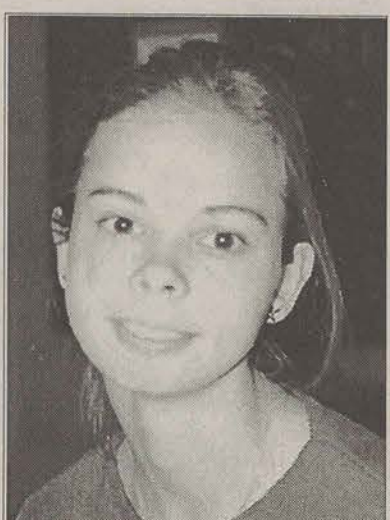
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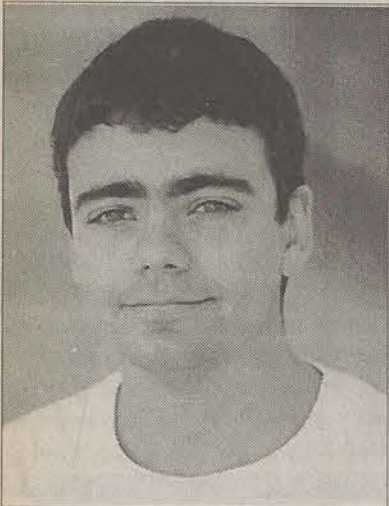
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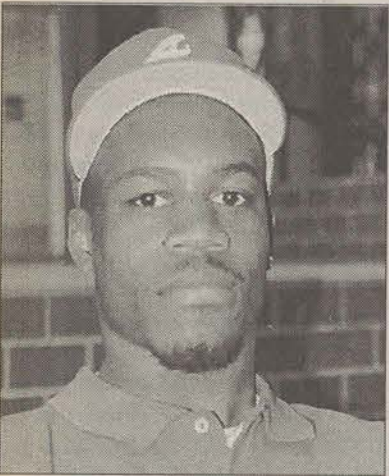
Fernando Matule: Roller Blading



Channing Doughty: Hanging with boyfriend



Jim Oliveira: Watching movies



Malcolm Lee: Hangin' out

By Rodney Reid  
Staff Writer

It's Monday morning. My television has just come blaring out to alarm me that it's 7:45 a.m. and time to get my butt up.

I reluctantly pull myself out of bed hitting the power switch on my television, while stepping over my dirty clothes from the day before. Forty minutes and a bowl of soggy cornflakes later, I jump into my car hurriedly trying to reach a parking space that is at least in the same area code as the classroom.

Slouching down into the closest desk, I prepare myself to fight through three straight hours of lectures and another grueling week of classes.

By the time Friday finally rolls its slow self around again, I'm mentally exhausted; yet I eagerly await for the weekend to get kicked off, like children awaiting for the go ahead to open their gifts on Christmas.

I know this sounds familiar to a lot of students, as we all seem to have to sit through a weeks worth of classes, trying to keep our eyes open and heads up as they sway from side to side, as if the teacher is hitting us in the head with straight jabs.

However, when Friday hits, a big gush of wind blows across

campus as we all let out our gleeful sighs of relief as we plan our weekend activities. Appropriately enough, I thought an interesting question to ask GSU this week, is what is your favorite thing to do on the weekend?

I know a lot of you are screaming there is not much to do in Statesboro on the weekend, but 20 percent of the 63 students questioned gave an answer that can be done in any city, big or small.

The answer they gave is quite simple, sleep. What is more rewarding than rolling over and smashing the snooze button on the alarm, without the least bit of guilt? After a week of class and the occasional hours of studying, we all can use a few extra hours of sleep on the weekend.

"I don't get much sleep during the week so I love to catch up on the weekend," Lisa Derella said.

The number two response, receiving 13 percent of the votes is hanging out. Hanging out is something we generally do all week long; however, on the weekends our friends seem to get a little funnier and a whole lot wilder. Coming in a close third, with 12 percent of the votes is none other the idea of drinking.

Whether throwing down a few mixed drinks at a restaurant or

kicking back at the house with a six pack, some GSU students, seem to be all for getting a little tipsy on the weekend.

Following right behind drinking, 10 percent of the students surveyed said their favorite thing to do on the weekend was go to a club.

Some may get rowdy-rowdy with Master P, others line dance with Garth Brooks, but all get out and get their groove and mangling on. Surprisingly, only 4 out of the 63 students surveyed, one of which is Adrienne Boller, said going home is their favorite thing to do on the weekend, bringing back the title of GSU being a suit case school.

Several students reported hanging out with their boyfriend or girlfriend as being their favorite thing to do on the weekend.

Maybe one of those devoted lovers can find the guy who gave practicing the violin as his favorite thing to do, to play for their significant other.

Unfortunately, two of my favorite things to do on the weekend, shopping and watching movies, were given by very few students. Quite a few students were reluctant to give a truly honest answer, instead opting to give answers that were at least legal or less taboo.

## Greek Update

### Kappa Delta presents: 'Battle of the Wings'

By Karen Abbott  
Features and A&E Editor

The Kappa Delta sorority presents the 5th Annual "Battle of the Wings" contest being held on March 5 at the Kappa Delta house from 4-7 p.m.

The event is one of the many and most popular events the Kappa Delta sorority participates in each year and the proceeds from the contest will go to Statesboro's Battered Women Shelter.

The Woodin Nikel, Buffalo's, Dingus MaGee's and Hungry Howies, among others, will be competing for the title "Best Wings in the 'Boro." Each business donates the wings and all the people attending get to choose their favorite.

The contest is anonymous. No one will know which wings belong to which restaurant. They will be marked by a colored toothpick and the restaurant with the most toothpicks

at the end of the event will be awarded with a trophy.

Money donations were also given to help support the shelter by RJ Pope, Tropical Tan and Total Image, Daylight Donuts and Franklin Chevrolet.

An added plus to the festivities will be the presence of Wild Wings Café, who will be making their debut in Statesboro.

They will be setting up a booth and handing out T-shirts and food samples to help promote their Grand Opening which will be around April 1.

The festivities will take place outside the Kappa Delta house. The public is urged to attend.

Tickets are now on sale for \$5. They can be purchased by Kappa Delta sisters or on the day of the event.

Kappa Delta hopes students will come out and support Statesboro Battered Women's Shelter and chow down on some wings!

## CAMPUS NEWS

### 'Measure for Measure' performances this week

GSU's Theatre & Performance will present nightly performances of William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, directed by Gary Dartt and James Harbour, from March 4-7 at 8 p.m. in the McCroan Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door, at the Athletic Ticket Office in Hanner Fieldhouse or by calling 681-0123.

*Measure for Measure* stimulates audiences to reflect on the world in which they live. While the play is written for the Elizabethan period, the characters and themes within the play relate to

aspects of today's current events.

The play illustrates the power and sexual hypocrisy which are present in modern-day politics and society.

The corrupting force of power is a central characteristic in the world of *Measure for Measure*.

The play also presents a battle of wills between men and women. The sexual power play at work symbolizes the power struggle between men and women in society.

In *Measure for Measure*, the struggle is political and relational.

### Get caught up in The George Anne.

## Gaining Strength Through Unity Week

### Georgia Southern University Cultural Diversity Week

March 2 - 6, 1998

Monday, March 2, 1998

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Recollections: Lumbee heritage GSU Museum Exhibit

Photographic exhibit presents pre-1945 overview of family and community life among the Lumbee Indians. Showing through March 29

2:00 p.m. "A World of Differences: Understanding Cross-Cultural Miscommunication."

This video examines 14 key facets of cross-cultural miscommunication. Sponsored by School of Nursing Russell Union - Room 2048

4:00 p.m. Cultural Diversity on Campus: Are We Receiving a Diverse Education? Panel discussion with student leaders and the Diversity Council. Russell Union - Room 2048

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

2:00 p.m. Diversity in Religion: Are we Accepting of ALL Religion?

John Parcels, Assistant Professor, Literature and Philosophy Department Russell Union - Room 2080

4:00 p.m. "A World of Gestures"

This video explores gestures from cultures around the world. Sponsored by School of Nursing Russell Union - Room 2080

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

National Coalition Building Institute Diversity Training Workshop Southern Center - Room 116

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Saving Many Lives, One Pint at a Time Self-Contained Union Rotunda - Russell Union Sponsored by Minority Advisement Program

2:00 p.m. "The Human Face: Emotions, Identities and Masks"

This video explores the expressive power of the human face. Twelve facial properties are explored with a strong cross-cultural perspective. Sponsored by School of Nursing Southern Center - Room 213

6:00 p.m. Non-Traditional Couples

Dr. Fred Richter, Associate Professor, Literature and Philosophy and Iris Sandkuhler, Assistant Professor, Art Department Southern Center - Auditorium

Thursday, March 5, 1998

2:00 p.m. "Cold Water"

Video: Intercultural Adjustment and Values Conflict of Foreign Students an Scholars at an American University. Southern Center - Room 213

6:00 p.m. The Southern Dialect: Is It Cultural Socialization?

Mildred Pate, Instructor Writing and Linguistics Department Southern Center - Room 213

Friday, March 6, 1998

11:00 a.m. Diversity through Community Service Information table on service opportunities. Sponsored by Office of Volunteer Services Russell Union Rotunda

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. International Student Coffee Hour Sponsored by First Bulloch Bank Russell Union - Room 2080

1:30 p.m. Multicultural Harmony: Where Are We Now? Art King, Coordinator, Multicultural Programs Russell Union - Room 2048

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## If you can't tip, stand at the back of the line

As in many of my previous columns, I usually write about family, friends or cheating guys. But today, I propose a question to all of you: Why are some college students so cheap?

Notice, I said some college students, not all.

Yes, I am a college student, and sometimes my funds aren't as sufficient as I would like them to be, but those are the nights I stay at home, eat macaroni and cheese and drink kool-aid.

People, don't take that \$6 in your pocket and go out for a meal unless it's fast food. And surely don't plan to go out drinking.

I know this is a college town, but most of the people who are serving you are your fellow classmates.

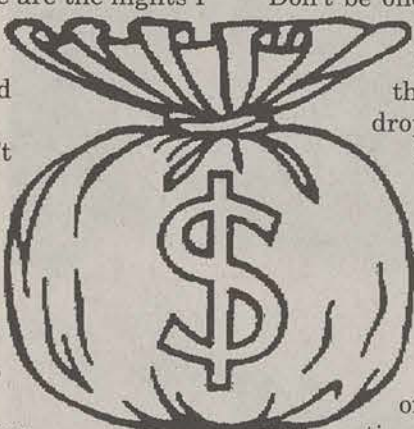
They're trying to pay for school, rent and just get by, so don't take away from them just because you don't have any money and can't tip. They're providing you with a service and deserved to be tipped.

I often go out and I notice people's behavior. I am a people-watcher, and some of the things people do kill me.

There will be a group of people complaining about waiting to get a drink, when they can plainly see the bartenders are extremely busy. Just because you may have to wait, or you were overlooked as the next person in line, is not the bartenders fault.

Having been a bartender, I know that they don't see a line. They see people standing there with money in their hands calling out what they need. They don't know who was there first.

They barely have enough time to pick their heads up in between making drinks. Many bartender-



## OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

KAREN ABBOTT

ers don't stop making drinks for 4-5 straight hours!

So when you finally do get served, throw them a dollar in the tip jar. Next time, they'll notice you and hook you up.

Don't be one of those people who fake the hand motion to the tip jar and don't drop any money in, never call a bartender "Buddy," and never ask them to make your drink a little stronger if you can't pull some money out of your pocket for a tip.

Another thing I notice is, with all the people on this campus who start tabs at a bar and put it on credit cards, why can't you leave that extra \$3-\$4.

I really don't think at the end of the month those few extra dollars are going to matter all that much.

I know that not a lot of people have worked in the restaurant/bar business before, so I do sympathize with some of you, but you can see how hard these people work.

Most of you know they only make minimum wage, so their tips are the only money they make.

Put yourself in their shoes. Bartending may look like a lot of fun, and sometimes seems glorious, but most of that thinking is false, it is a difficult job trying to please people who are drinking.

If you show some love to the bartenders, they'll show love back.

Word to the wise, tip big, tip often and just tip to make a bartender's day!

## COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

# You snooze, you lose: College students dozing off

By Anne Fawcett  
Daily Tar Heel (UNC-Chapel Hill)

The people who doze off every day in your 2 p.m. class may not be suffering from boring-professoritis.

They may actually be sleep-deprived. New research shows that college students largely make up the sleepiest group in a sleepy nation, risking dangerous academic and social consequences.

Many instructors say symptoms of deprivation — the nodding heads and droopy eyes — typically kick in during afternoon classes.

While many professors blaze through their lessons as planned, some refuse to teach during high-dozing times.

"What's the use of teaching in a bedroom?" asked James Maas, a psychology professor at Cornell University.

Maas' research on sleep deprivation has found that college students average 6.1 hours of sleep each night — three to three and a half times less shut-eye than they need and less than the national average of seven hours.

"I describe college students as a group of walking zombies," he said.

While many students behave as if they are immune to sleep, Maas said they actu-

ally need to snooze more than other adults to reach optimum performance.

Students should sleep 9 hours each day, compared to the eight hours everyone else



needs, he said.

"People need more sleep between puberty and age 25 than any other stage of life, except infancy," he added. "College students fit right in there."

Maas and a team of researchers from Stanford University found that only 1 percent of students at Cornell and Stanford said they were fully awake all day, while 25 percent reported that they took daily naps.

Then there are people like Namita

Bhatnagar, a doctorate student in marketing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who said she doesn't have a set sleep pattern at all.

"Whenever I feel most unproductive, I usually sleep three or four hours and then get up," she said.

People living in stressful environments who also deprive themselves of sleep — namely college students — risk a wide range of negative side effects, Maas said.

Sickness and exaggerated effects from alcohol consumption are among his chief concerns.

Research shows the effect one alcoholic drink has on someone who is getting between five and six hours of sleep each night is the equivalent of six drinks consumed by someone who is getting the proper amount of shut-eye.

Maas advises students to establish regular sleeping patterns.

If they do, he said they'll likely see their efficiency and grades improve. And they'll feel better, too, he said.

"Everybody can get by for a while, (but) then they get sick," Maas said. "Listen in an auditorium during exams — everyone is coughing."

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Madonna wants to keep her baby out of public eye

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At the request of a "shaken" Madonna, MTV cut 53 seconds of footage showing the singer playing with her baby daughter, Lourdes, from a program that aired last weekend.

Madonna, who also posed with the child for a photo spread in Vanity Fair magazine, now considers it a mistake to make pictures of her daughter public, MTV newsman Kurt Loder said.

It was a "spur of the moment" decision by Madonna to allow MTV cameras to shoot pictures of the girl at a Los Angeles studio last fall, Loder said. She was

making a new album that comes out this week, and MTV is airing a full weekend of Madonna-oriented programming to promote it.

The footage shows the now 16-month-old Lourdes bouncing happily to a tape of "Macarena."

Madonna had second thoughts when she was in Paris this week and she was confronted by thousands of fans shouting for her and her daughter, Loder said. "I think she was really, really shaken," he said.

Madonna's representatives called MTV President Judy McGrath to ask that the baby footage be cut out. McGrath agreed.

The pictures would have been a television exclusive, and MTV showed them to TV critics last month to tout the show. But the network willingly gave it up and

let the subject of a profile dictate the story's content because a baby was involved, Loder said.

The half-hour "Ultrasound" program discusses the making of the new album.

NEW YORK — For years, movie critic Gene Siskel has made a living by critiquing actors. Now, he's giving them a shot at him.

He did short dramatic scenes with the three Academy Award-winning stars of "Twilight" in videotaped segments for broadcast this week on CBS' "This Morning."

"The most mysterious craft in filmmaking is acting and I have realized that most critics don't write well about the craft of acting because they, like the general public, simply don't under-

stand how it's done," Siskel said.

In the first segment, Siskel plays a guy trying to pick up Susan Sarandon at a bar. The actress' tip: fill your hands.

"If you find a good prop, don't lose it," Sarandon said. "The more obstacles you make for yourself in a scene, I think, the better it is."

In the third segment, Paul Newman gave Siskel some guidelines.

"The thing that I look for is whether you can see the machinery going on," Newman said. "If you can see machinery that has nothing to do with what the guy is doing, it doesn't work for me."

After the scene, Newman gave the critic a less than glowing review.

"It was too sincere," Newman said. "I saw the machinery of the sincerity."

## COOKING CORNER

The Associated Press

Orange juice, mixed dried fruits and fresh ginger give granola a spirited new flavor. For the fruit, use a mixture of dates, figs, tart cherries, apricots and prunes. Or use whatever dried fruit you have on hand. Both old-fashioned rolled oats and the quick-cooking kind work fine in this recipe for Orange Granola. The recipe is from "fabulous fat-free cooking" by Lynn Fischer (Rodale Press, \$27.95). The cookbook contains more than 225 recipes, all with less than 1 gram of fat.

### Orange Granola

- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped mixed dried fruit
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 cups rolled oats
- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine the fruit, orange juice, ginger and 1/4 cup of the maple syrup. Cook on high (100 percent power) for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, or until hot.

Coat a jelly-roll pan with nonstick spray. Place the oats in the pan. Drizzle with the remaining 1/4 cup maple syrup; toss lightly to coat. Spread the oats in an even layer and bake in preheated 325-degree F oven for 20 minutes, stirring once.

Pour the fruit mixture over the oats; stir well to mix. Spread in an even layer. Bake for 20 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, or until the mixture is crisp and golden. Allow to cool, then store in an airtight container in a cool spot. Makes 4 cups.

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College students answer the question:

# "But can we still be friends?"

By Kelley Garry  
College Press Service

It's the standard blow off line that you have either uttered yourself or heard while maneuvering your way through the sticky dating swap meet, "I don't want to date you, but we can STILL BE FRIENDS!"

Goody. Like all you need is one more friend to worry about. Besides, is it really possible to go backwards and be JUST FRIENDS?

That is the question and its impossible answer plays like a current "GENERAL HOSPITAL" story line: Jason and Robin were in an intense relationship, broke up and now ARE JUST FRIENDS. (Sure, friends worked well when she was out of the country.)

But now with that shared history and those wanton looks across crowded rooms?

Tell me they're not going to sleep together in a couple of months! Is that how it works in real life?

Is the only way to maintain a friendship with an old lover to keep your distance or leave the country, lest you be sucked back into the old relationship vortex? Can old lovers be just pals?

From our informal interrogations this week most people said "with time" it is possible to have some sort of friendship with someone you have had a physical relationship.

But do you want to be friends with them? That's another question.

Although Jonathan, a University of Minnesota junior, is not friends with any of his ex's, he does believe it is possible to be just friends.

But first you have to break the habit of having them in your life.

"I think there has to be a separation experience," says Jonathan. But after this separa-

tion experience has occurred what has kept Jonathan from resuming a relationship with his past?

"Respect," he said, "Out of respect for the new person, out of respect for Michelle." (And trust me, there is nothing worse to a new girlfriend, than having the old one around. Even if she's knocked-up and married.)

To Julie, an art history graduate from the University of Minnesota, old lovers are like the SWAT team or 911.

They are good for back up in an emergency. They're not best

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friends

"I'd call everyday," Julie says, "But I know I'd be there for them to call. You've shared a lot together," she says. "And they knew you pretty well. [There were] a lot of common interests." And Julie has put this philosophy to work.

More than once an old boyfriend of hers has swept in at the last moment to save a project she's working on from crumbling. "I know they'd be there for me." "To me, personally I've never experienced it," says Kim a June grad from the University of Minnesota. "You can be friends, but more or less it's acquaintances. It would be hard thing [to be friends]."

You share so much when you're dating if, when you break up, it's not for great reasons there are hard feelings," she said, "And

if there are not hard feelings you can still have feelings for them. Memories still linger," she says. But aren't memories what can keep you close and connected? Maybe for a while.

"You can put in a valiant effort," says Danna, "but you move on."

And that's easy for Danna to say since she is getting married to her University of Minnesota college sweetheart very soon and has that security of shoving off with a bird in the hand.

"I'm not friends with any of my ex-boyfriends." Although, when asked, she says that if she needed a favor she could call an ex and they'd help her out.

"Yes, but it's not a friendship in the maintain-a-regular-basis [way]."

But why not, especially since she's getting married and there's no threat of a re-match? "It would be a little awkward." But what's a little awkwardness between friends?

Like Arty says, "I mean you've seen them naked so... of course you're friends."

"Well, I'm friends with all my ex's," says Arty, a University of Wisconsin grad hiding in Portland, "No, really. At some stage in your relationship you've been just friends. So unless they have done some irreparable harm..." You're friends.

"Yes!" And Arty says he would hang out with his exs if they lived in the same state, but for now, he talks to them often on the phone. "Of course you can be just friends. Just look Jerry [Seinfeld] and Elaine!"

So go ahead and call up all your old lovers and try and be best pals.

Tell them you want to try the Jerry and Elaine just-friends-thing. But beware, aren't Jerry and Elaine suppose to get married at the end of season?

## Stanford student drives the Wienermobile

By Jennifer Saba  
The Stanford Daily

PALO ALTO, Calif.—While the rest of last spring's graduating class performed the "Wacky Walk" through commencement ceremonies, Brad Davies opted to hit the road.

Davies, an American Studies major and former captain of the Stanford varsity soccer team, had convinced his professors to let him take his exams early in order to criss-cross the country in a giant hot dog on wheels, otherwise known as the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

Earlier in the year, some of Davies' friends convinced him to send in his application to Oscar Mayer after spotting the job in the book, "The 20 Best Jobs in America." One percent of applicants, recent college graduates, are chosen to attend Hot Dog High, where they learn to drive the touring vehicles.

"I fell in love with the idea," said Davies, who enjoyed the thought of road tripping while gaining experience in the corporate world.

As an Oscar Mayer Hotdogger, Davies must travel the United States in a Wienermobile for one year.

"We are goodwill ambassadors for the company," Davies said. "The Wienermobiles are the cornerstones for their marketing plans."

The Wienermobile made its first appearance in 1936 as the "wiener wagon." It traveled the streets of Chicago carrying musicians to attract attention.

Now Davies and his fellow Hotdoggers travel with modern conveniences including cellular phones, video equipment and an entertainment system with a 27-inch color television.

A typical work day can range anywhere between three to 12 hours, and sometimes Davies is required to travel every day.

"Traveling is the hardest part," Davies said. "But I can't complain."

Davies' responsibilities include everything from making promotional appearances at football games to assisting charity events and helping grocery stores with hurting profits.

This past summer, the Hotdoggers conducted a nationwide talent search for Oscar Mayer commercials.

More than 50,000 children participated in the auditions.

"I heard the Oscar Mayer baloney song about 200 times a day," Davies said.

Davies admits cruising on the road does have other drawbacks.

Each touring vehicle towers 11 feet high, stretches 27 feet long and weighs 5 tons.

Thus, navigating a Wienermobile can sometimes be a precarious duty.

Davies explained that sometimes embarrassing road mishaps can occur while maneuvering an immense hot dog.

On a trip to downtown Boston, Davies and his partner misjudged a bridge clearing during rush hour traffic.

The Wienermobile, lodged between the road and the bridge, caused a major gridlock and provoked a Boston city engineer to admonish Brad and his partner.

Even CNN made an appearance to capture the whole incident on national television.

Another time, Brad and his partner returned to their vehicle to discover that somebody had wrapped the touring dog in Saran Wrap.

Despite these humorous setbacks, Davies added that he meets "a lot of gracious and friendly people."

Although Davies is content with his present job, his plans for next year are undetermined. "My life has become one big parade. All I do is honk and wave."



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## SGA UPDATE

By Laura Owens  
Staff Writer

Several resolutions were voted on and approved at the most recent SGA meeting.

A recommendation was made for Greek Life, asking that when Greek organizations remove banners that have been hanging from trees, that they also remove the lines used to secure these banners, instead of leaving "rope rings" to accumulate around the trees. SGA felt this was necessary, as GSU has always striven for an aesthetically pleasing and beautiful campus. This proposal was passed 20 to 10.

Some SGA members felt this proposal should apply to all student organizations, not just Greek Life.

Due to concern by the student body over the disposable containers for food and drink currently being used by GSU's Division of Food Services, a resolution was passed for Food Services. The resolution states that GSU should take appropriate steps in researching possible alternatives to these disposable products that would be economically sound and environmentally friendly.

Another resolution on campus aesthetics was passed to improve the blue, GSU directional signs, and to pave the pedestrian walkway around the backside of the lake, connecting Lakeside Café to the sidewalk leading to Forest Drive. The directional signs are in need of improvement due to weathering.

Many students have complained about the dirt walkway around the back of the lake, which can get very muddy after a rain. The

on the board, and SGA now has a hand in the decision-making process of how United Way money is spent.

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resolution to address these two projects was passed 20 to 10.

Chad Elkins stated that while the dirt lot near Forest Drive would be entirely closed off on Monday, 100 to 150 spaces could possibly be salvaged after Monday. Elkins encouraged students to park in the lot next to the Theater and Scene Shop and the west commuter lot.

SGA discovered that one of GSU's goals from the university mission statement was to have a television station at GSU. This issue was looked into in the past, but never materialized due to lack of funding. A committee has currently been created to look into this again, and GSU could possibly have its own television station within a year.

The president of SGA can now sit on the board of directors for the Southeast Georgia United Way. Thanks to the amount of money SGA raised for United Way, they were granted a seat

Questions were raised about the placement of call boxes on campus, and the absence of a call box in certain areas of campus. Elkins mentioned that from now on, call boxes will be part of the construction committee and part of the budget for any new buildings on campus, which would provide call boxes for some areas of campus.

SGA agreed to fund \$500 to the Chinese Union for trips to Florida and New York. SGA election debates will be held April 16, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda. SGA elections will be held April 21 and 22.

—The SGA Update is simply a summary of what occurred at the latest SGA meeting. For more information on any issues mentioned in the SGA Update, check out future editions of The George-Anne or call the SGA offices at 681-0655.

## ATTITUDES

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the attitudes about drinking and driving," she said. "We're seeing a lot more responsibility in that age group."

University Police Captain Mike Russell said that he believes there is still a problem with drinking and driving everywhere, and that, especially on college campuses, it is still socially acceptable.

"If I grabbed a gun and walked down to the courthouse and shot somebody, people would want to hang me on the nearest oak tree," he said. "But if I got in my car after [drinking at] a Christmas party and killed somebody, people would say 'that's a ter-

rible thing, it is just unfortunate.' But you've still killed somebody."

Not only is drinking and driving dangerous, it can also be costly.

Each year, drinking and driving costs tens of billions of dollars.

In Georgia, the first DUI offense can result in a fine from \$300 to \$1,000, imprisonment from 10 days to a year and at least 40 hours of community service.

For a second conviction, the penalties increase to a fine of \$600 to \$1,000, from 90 days up to a year in prison and a mini-

mum of 80 hours of community service.

For third conviction, the consequence is a fine between \$1,000 and \$5,000, a mandatory prison sentence of 120 days to a year and at least 20 days of community service.

In addition to these penalties, insurance premiums will increase dramatically after a DUI conviction, according to Allstate insurance agent Larry Allen.

"Your premium will approximately double, just on that one conviction," Allen said.

—Mike Bowdoin, Meredith Whitt and Travis Walden also contributed to this article.

## SURVEY

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drink in a way that they're not supposed to," Bayens said.

Nonetheless, alcohol violations have dropped from last fall and Bayens attributes the reduction in alcohol policy violations this year to strict new laws for underage DUI's, a comprehensive university education plan and tough disciplinary program.

For violation of the university policy on alcohol, a student will receive no less than three months

of disciplinary probation as well as being required to serve at least 10 hours of community service and attend an educational seminar.

The second offense will result in at least five months of probation, 10 or more hours of community service, as well as follow recommendations of alcohol assessment to remain enrolled at the university.

A third offense, regardless of the time elapsed between infrac-

tions will bring a mandatory minimum of a one quarter suspension.

This article is part one of a two part series of binge drinking stories conducted on the Georgia Southern campus November 1997 by four student journalists in Robert Bohler's advanced reporting course.

—Meredith Whitt, Farrah Senn and Travis Walden also contributed to this article.

## COLLEGE NEWS

## Disabled student kicked out of dorm for drug use

The Associated Press

AMERICUS, Ga. — A wheelchair-bound student at Georgia Southwestern University was kicked out of his dormitory room after he was arrested for off-campus marijuana use he says was therapeutic.

Carey D. Burkey returned from classes last Friday to find a lock on his door and a note informing him of how he could reclaim his belongings from the residence hall. The paraplegic has refused an order to leave his dormitory room.

University officials say they also are considering suspending Burkey, 38, from the school because he defied an administrative order by refusing to leave his room.

Burkey, who also has an apartment 20 miles away from the central Georgia school, was injured in an automobile accident 10 years ago.

"Occasionally, I will use mari-

juana to relieve pain and to relieve stress because narcotics are rough on my system," he said. "I don't condone the use of mari-

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juana for kids."

Burkey was arrested Feb. 19 in Americus for misdemeanor marijuana possession. He was ordered Monday to leave his room in two days. Burkey appealed the eviction order, but university President Michael Hanes

upheld it.

A university spokesman said Burkey's eviction from campus is based on a "zero tolerance" policy against drugs on campus.

"One has to assume, maybe liberally in this case, that if one used (marijuana) off campus, he likely used it on campus and perhaps in residence halls," said Steve Baston, vice president for university relations.

Burkey said the school did not follow proper disciplinary procedures.

"They're convicting me before I am even convicted in a legal court of law," he said. "Their policy is a drug-free campus. I was not on campus with drugs."

Baston said that if Burkey is not convicted of marijuana possession, the university could allow him to return to the dorm. But Burkey still must contend with the university charge of failing to obey an administrative request, he said.

## Four fraternity brothers arrested for making money

The Associated Press

FAIRMONT, W.Va. — Police have warned Marion County businesses to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$20 and \$50 bills that were allegedly produced on a home computer by four Fairmont State College fraternity brothers.

Eric Turchin, 21, was charged last Thursday with counterfeiting. Matthew Bartic, 22, and Collin Posgate, 22, were charged with possession of counterfeit money and Christopher Ventura, 21, was charged with bringing stolen property into the state, which is a misdemeanor.

All four are members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Their hometowns were not available by press time.

Police Chief Ted Offutt said authorities found the counterfeit money in different stages of completion when detectives searched Turchin's apartment. They recovered approximately 90 \$20 bills and an undetermined number of \$50s when the students were arrested.

It was a "small, stupid operation," Offutt said.

The investigation started when a merchant in New York City called police after she received one of the bills. Counterfeit bills also have been passed in

Philadelphia, Offutt said.

He said West Virginia cashiers and bank tellers also should watch for bills with the same serial number that do not have the fabric-like feel of authentic U.S. currency.

"It is the kind of thing a clerk at a dimly lit bar may not notice," Offutt said. "But a trained bank clerk or teller would see the difference."

The counterfeiting charge carries a prison term of up to 20 years, and the possession charge carries up to five years.

U.S. Secret Service agents also investigated the case.

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