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This Week's Weather



Today
Partly cloudy with a high of 69 and a low of 39.



Wednesday
Isolated t-storms with a high of 70 and a low of 63.



Thursday
Partly cloudy with a high of 69 and a low of 48.



Friday
Partly cloudy with a high of 64 and a low of 49.

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Sports



GSU gets swept by Ga. Tech
With their opening games, Eagles go to 0-2, losing to Tech Saturday and Sunday.
Please see story, page 6

Features



Triangle club hosts panel discussion
With a variety of religious members present, GSU's Triangle Club holds a discussion on homosexuality in relation to spirituality.
Please see story, page 10



Keep in mind that February is Black History Month. GSU is sponsoring a number of events to honor African American Heritage.

Today's Word

Adiabolism (adiABuliz'm) n. The condition of not believing in the devil.
Source: Weird Words

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Baker explains decision to cut teams

By Kelley McGonnell
Editor

Athletic Director Sam Baker attended the SGA meeting last Wednesday to answer questions about the decision to drop men's swimming and diving and cross country.

Questions were submitted to SGA President Russell Keen on index cards by the senate, many student-athletes and more than 100 other interested students. Keen asked Baker the questions in an attempt to avoid repetition.

The following is a look at the questions asked and Baker's responses.

What part of Title IX is GSU trying to comply with?

There are three parts to Title IX and GSU must comply with at least one. The university must either have athletic participation that is proportional to the overall undergraduate enrollment, must show a history of sports expansion or must accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex, according to the three-part test prescribed by the Office for Civil Rights.

"The problem with dealing with Title IX is that a lot of people don't always fully understand it," Baker said. "We are trying to increase our participation rate, but at the same time the prong of the Title IX test that we are trying to meet is 'meet the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex within our student body' — also the potential student body, those that are in our potential recruiting area."

He said that adding the programs caused a problem because the athletic department did not have the money to fund the additional programs.

"[Title IX] also causes you to have to be able to fund your scholarships at the same level that your participation rates are," Baker said.

Baker said that the committee had to decide how to fund a competitive athletic program and took it through the proper channels for approval.

How did this decision come about?

In 1994, the NCAA ruled that each institution in the organization would have to go through a certification process, Baker said.

"At that time, in the gender-equity part of the program, in order for us to increase participation it was proposed that we would provide track as a sponsored sport at Georgia Southern," he said.

Baker added that GSU planned to start sponsoring track in 1996, but the planning stages took longer than

the department had hoped so the additions were postponed.

How are these cuts not considered discriminatory?

"[The programs] were cut because they are sports that were looked at as possibly being cut," he said. "The courts have not seen institutions that have discontinued sports as being discriminatory towards men."

"This is the unfortunate part of Title IX," Baker said. "That there are financial limitations and institutions have to live within budgets and when they make decisions on what sports they are going to sponsor sometimes they have to make difficult decisions on discontinuing sports in order to add sports."

Why does it appear that there are 30 more football players this year opposed to last year?

Baker explained that the discrepancy is obvious in official numbers only. The official count depends on the number of players at the first game, and on the quarter system the first game was played before classes started. Walk-on players cannot be added until after classes have started.

"We [can] bring 90 to campus up until our first game. Your official date of claiming numbers is what your first contest is," Baker said.

Under the semester system, classes are in session before the first contest, therefore the walk-ons are added to the roster before the official count is taken.

The football team has not really grown by 30 players, only the official count has, according to Baker.

"On an annual basis we've had over 120 to 130 football players. [The difference this year is] just because of the reporting," he said.

Why couldn't a proposed budget be established for women's track and then the money gleaned from the other sports?



CURIOS ATTENDEES (left) pay close attention to the question-answer session regarding the dropping of men's swimming, diving and cross country.

ADDRESSING HIS AUDIENCE, Sam Baker, GSU athletic director, answers questions posed by the audience at last Wednesday's SGA meeting. The meeting was a regular-scheduled SGA meeting, but Baker was invited as a guest to address the concerns of many students due to the dropping of three men's sports programs at GSU to suit Title IX requirements.

Photos by Sarah Trucksis

"Right now we run a pretty bare bones athletic department," Baker said. "Our equipment budgets are pretty slim as they are. We travel on \$18 a day when the state allows \$25 per diem to travel. I don't think there was a lot of money in there to glean from other programs in order for us to have a competitive program."

Because the new sports would be scholarship sports money had to be reallocated, according to him.

Swimming was targeted to be cut because it is not sponsored by the Southern Conference, Baker said.

How much money will be reallocated due to the cuts?

"It is somewhere within the \$100,000 range by the time you look at budgets and you look at coaches salaries," he said.

Baker warned that the athletic department is not saving money by cutting the programs.

"It's not saving; it's reallocating. We are not saving money, we are reallocating money in order to put in two more sports."

Please see BAKER, page 12

Lasorda kicks off GSU baseball season

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

Tommy Lasorda, the famous former Los Angeles Dodgers manager, was the featured speaker of the fourth annual Southern Boosters Leadoff Banquet held last Friday night where he said college baseball coaches are important because they contribute to the major leagues.

The banquet officially kicked off the GSU baseball season, which started the next day against Georgia Tech.

During his speech, Lasorda commented on how glad he was to be at GSU and discussed the importance of college baseball coaches and their contribution to the major leagues.

"I'm very happy about being here tonight, for one reason in particular," he said. "I've always admired college coaches. And I feel that these guys are the supply system to the major leagues."



Susan Smith

HALL OF FAMER Tommy Lasorda spoke at GSU's Southern Boosters Leadoff Banquet last Friday.

I respect them, and I appreciate what they do for our game of baseball."

Lasorda also gave excellent praise to GSU's baseball team head coach Jack Stallings.

"John Stallings is just, without a doubt, one of the finest baseball coaches in America," Lasorda said.

"And that's why I'm here tonight. I wanted to come down and be part of this dinner. I

wanted John to know, and I guess everybody calls him Jack but he's really John, I wanted him to know that I appreciate what he does for the game of baseball."

Another topic addressed in Lasorda's speech was how important it is to have self confidence in order to be a success in life.

"Self-confidence is without a doubt, the first step to success," he said. "We've got to have confidence in ourselves; we got to believe."

Other activities during the event included a silent auction of baseball memorabilia.

Some of the items on sale were paintings of former Atlanta Brave David Justice and Home-Run King Hank Aaron.

The dinner was also highlighted by the 20th Anniversary reunion of the 1979 GSU base

Please see LASORDA, page 12

'Woman of distinction'



Susan Smith

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH the NAACP held the tenth annual Miss African-American pageant. Stephanie Burke was crowned 'Woman of Distinction.'

New three-way stop lessens waiting time at Marvin Pittman commuter lot

By Tiffany Fell
Staff Writer

Students are not waiting as long to enter and leave the Marvin Pittman commuter lot now that the new three-way stop has been added on Forest Drive.

The three-way stop signs were added on Jan. 20 to lessen the delay time of people entering and leaving the lot.

Director of Parking and Transportation Robert Chambers, said that before the three-way stop was added people had to wait a long time to leave the lot.

"We were noticing that the de-

lays getting out of that parking lot were as much as six minutes which is just absolutely unacceptable," Chambers said.

"Before we put in the stop sign, some people got so frustrated from having to wait so long that they would take chances getting out into traffic," he said. "There were several very close calls."

A graduate student with experience in transportation management conducted a study with the help of the city of Statesboro Engineering Department to observe traffic flow at the intersection, according to Chambers. They determined from

the data that a three-way stop needed to be put in.

Parking and Transportation has checked the delay times several times since the three-way stop was added and has noticed a significant change.

"The worst we have seen it has been three and a half to four minutes," Chambers said.

Brooke Mueller, a junior from Lilburn, Ga., said she loves the new signs. "The traffic used to make me late for class. Now everyone has an equal opportunity coming and going, including me," Mueller said.

Some people are still adjusting to the new three-way stop signs.

A few near misses have occurred, but no accidents have been reported, according to the GSU Division of Public Safety.

Chambers said that people going through that intersection from Forest Drive, as well as out of the commuter lot, are probably not used to the new signs. "We have seen some near misses," he said. "I think we'll have that situation until people get a little more accustomed to it being a three-way stop."

Orange flags have been put up to alert drivers of the new stop signs.

Tom Wilson, a senior from Lilburn who uses the commuter lot fre-

quently, is glad the signs have been added but has still not adjusted to the new change.

"After driving for three years to that spot, it is hard to break out of the routine of not having to stop there," she said. "It's such a routine, that you forget about the signs."

Mueller thinks some students are causing the problems at the intersection. "People need to be more cautious," Mueller said. "People won't even give each other turns, especially those who are turning right into the parking lot."

No accidents or complaints have been reported.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department

February 13

• Mark Bowen, 20, of 690 Burton Ave, was charged with cruelty to animals.
• Everton Johnson, 20, of 755 Steve Rd, was charged with possession of marijuana.

February 12

• Natasha Hinds, of University Point, reported harassing phone calls.

February 11

• Jack Malone, 23, of 602 S. College St, was charged with indecent exposure.
• Emily Hunt Revels, 19, of 217 Westpoint Dr., was charged with DUI.
• Richard Batto, of Players Club, reported Criminal Trespass.
• Daniel McWhorter, of Robinhood

Trail, reported the theft of his bicycle.

February 10

• Krissa Wells, 19 of 943 Old Wadley Rd, was charged with DUI.

GSU Division of Public Safety

February 12

• Reginald Anton Dunham, 19, of Hendricks Hall, was charged with entering auto, possession of burglary tools and carrying a concealed weapon.

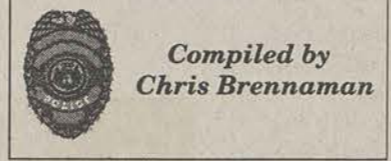
• Deshawn Jemel Bailey, 20, of Hendricks Hall, was arrested and charged with entering auto and obstruction of an officer.

February 11

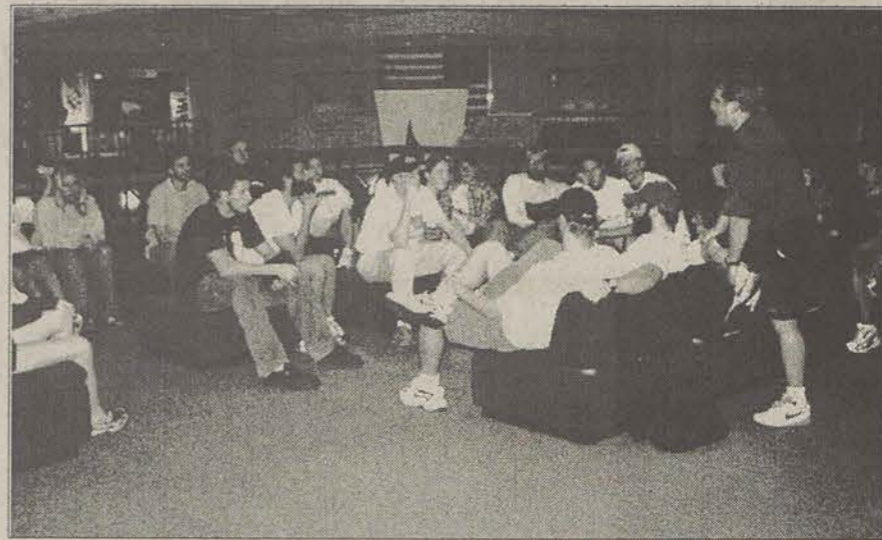
• Erin Mexhatto reported someone damaged the right mirror of her vehicle in the Olliff Hall parking lot.

• Nima Farsinejad reported a computer monitor and a mouse was missing from The Pines.

Editors 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 crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department. Have a nice day.



The meeting before the meeting ...



Sarah Trucksis

GETTING THEIR FACTS STRAIGHT: Men's swim team coach, Derek Shaput hosted an informal meeting for members of both men's and women's swimming and diving and cross country running teams before last Wednesday's SGA meeting with athletic director Sam Baker. At the meeting athletes voiced their concerns about the decision to cut men's teams from next year's athletic program in order for the athletic department to be compliant with Title IV. The meeting was initially intended to be held with SGA President Russell Keen to discuss possible action the teams could take, but, Keen did not attend the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU

Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring in the Tutorial Center** in library room 1001 has begun for the spring semester. Classes being tutored are: American government, math, chemistry, western civilization and U.S. history, writing, biology, anthropology, learning strategies, and statistics. For more information call 681-0321.

• **Military veterans** are wanted to assist in the chartering of a university organization that will provide veterans a powerful voice on campus and in the community. If interested, contact Chris Jones.

• **GSU Summer Study Abroad in Ireland Programs** application deadline is Mar 15. For application information, contact Sam Couch, geology & geography, Herty 1102A, 681-5361. Financial aid available. Late applications may require an additional charge.

Tuesday, February 16

• **Middle School Honors Day** will be held in the Foy Recital Hall. Admission is free.

• **The Third Irish Music Festival** featuring Harry O'Donoghue, Tom O'Carroll and the Dady Brothers will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, February 17

• **GSU Basketball Club Team** is holding an open practice from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call J.J. Boudoin at 871-6123.

Thursday, February 18

• **The Golden Key Honor Society** will hold a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

Thursday, February 25

• **The Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony Association** will sponsor a **Card Party** at the Statesboro Inn as a Music Scholarship Fundraiser at noon. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch and prizes. For tickets and info call Pam Radford at 764-3395.

Monday, March 1

• **Gamma Phi Eta Fraternity, Inc.**, will be presenting **"Tribute to Black Women."** A poetry contest through Georgia Southern's Esoteric poetry reading ensemble will be held for a spot in the program, and a prize as well.

GSU AT THE MOVIES!

• **Pleasantville:** Thursday, February 18, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Friday, February 19, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
• **Meet Joe Black:** Thursday, March

4, 5:30 and 9 p.m.
Friday, March 5, 7 and 10:30 p.m.
• **You've Got Mail:** Thursday, March 25, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Friday, March 26, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
• **Saving Private Ryan:** Thursday, April 8, 5:30 and 9 p.m.
Friday, April 9, 7 and 10:30 p.m.
• **Patch Adams:** Thursday, April 15, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Friday, April 16, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

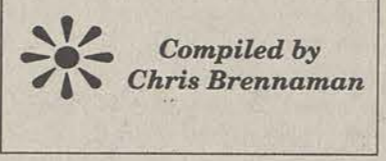
• **Don't miss Kevin Smith's New Jersey Trilogy!**

Thursday, February 25

• **Clerks:** 5:30 p.m.
• **Mallrats:** 8 p.m.
• **Chasing Amy:** 10 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

• **Clerks:** 7 p.m.
• **Mallrats:** 9:30 p.m.
• **Chasing Amy:** 11:30 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Victims scavenge through rubble in quake-ravaged, Colombian city

ARMENIA, Colombia (AP) — Morning mist rises from a hill of broken concrete and twisted metal, the legacy of a deadly earthquake that erased much of this once-prosperous coffee city.

Amid the vultures on this football field-sized dump where municipal trucks haul tons of rubble each day, dozens of human figures carrying burlap bags search through the rubble for something to sell.

Most have heard tales of searchers hitting the jackpot and finding cash, jewelry or gold amid the debris from banks, stores and other businesses that collapsed in the Jan. 25 earthquake that devastated Colombia's western coffee belt and killed 1,124 people.

Others search for iron, aluminum and copper to sell to recyclers. Many of the scavengers are former workers and shopkeepers who lost not just their homes, but their jobs and businesses — a new class of desperately poor in Armenia, a city of 300,000.

"The quake destroyed much of Armenia. Its downtown, with most of its businesses, fell to the ground. People's reality turned upside down overnight, and they started thinking of survival," said Luis Carlos Villegas, head of the government's reconstruction commission.

Unemployment in Quindio state stood at 15 percent before the quake and is now expected to rise to 50 percent, said Diego Villegas Restrepo, an aide to Quindio's governor.

An estimated 250,000 people were left without homes after the quake. Many have formed camps of makeshift lean-tos, while others camp out on sidewalks in front of their houses to protect their belongings from looters.

The government estimates the quake caused damages of \$1 billion and has promised rebuilding loans. The international community has also pledged tens of millions of dollars. But such funds might not be available for weeks, if not months, and people must fend for themselves in the meantime.

Mediators at Kosovo peace talk progress

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — Mediators at the Kosovo peace talks insist they are making progress in bringing the ethnic Albanians and Serbs together, but they have left the toughest part until last: NATO deployment in the province.

The Serbs say they will never allow foreign troops on their soil. The Americans say if they don't, NATO will bomb Serbia. Russia, a party to the talks here, doesn't like that one bit.

In the meantime, NATO planners are forging ahead with Option A — minus, a plan that had been sitting on the shelf since October. It involves sending 25,000-30,000 troops into Kosovo; the poor southern province of Serbia where an estimated 2,000 people have died.

Mexico volcano erupts, villages evacuated

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An explosion shook the crater of the Volcano of Fire in western Mexico last week, releasing lava, gas and ash and forcing officials to evacuate some nearby residents.

The government's Notimex news agency said the village of Juan Barragan at the base of the volcano was being evacuated due to a cloud of gas released by the explosion at the volcano, part of the Colima Volcano complex.

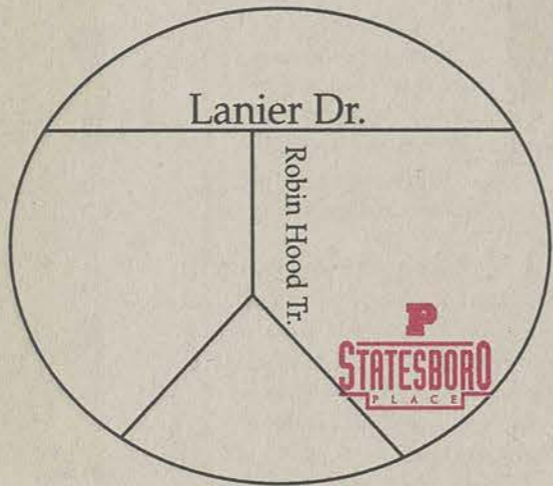
Diego Hernandez, a radio operator at the Colima state civil defense department, said several other villages also were being evacuated. But he said "there are no great risks" to human life.

Officials also evacuated several villages in November due to an earlier eruption of the volcano, which has been gradually shoving a column of cooling lava down its slope. The 12,533-foot volcano 300 miles west of Mexico City also erupted in 1991 and 1994.



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1 Tennessee

Roadkill for dinner?

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE—That dead possum in the middle of the road could be on the menu if the Tennessee General Assembly approves legislation making it legal to eat road kill.

It would only be legal to eat accidentally killed wild animals, not dogs or cats.

"Of course I know everybody's going to call it the Road Kill Bill, but it's common sense legislation," said Rep. Tim Burchett, R-Knoxville.

Burchett and Rep. Tommy Head, D-Clarksville, introduced the measure.

Burchett said he sees "half a dozen deer carcasses" on the road between Nashville and Knoxville every week and considers it a waste.

"If you hit a deer or whatever now, you have to get it tagged by a game agent (of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency) if you want to take it home," Burchett said.

Allen Gebhardt, assistant director of the TWRA, said all it takes to claim a squashed animal is a phone call to the local TWRA or law enforcement agency for a permit number.

"Why do they need to know about it?" said Head. "If you've messed up your car hitting a deer, at least you ought to be able to take it home and eat it."

Gebhardt said the TWRA is concerned that the measure

might invite out-of-season hunting and the poaching of rare but commercially valuable wildlife.

"We want people to be able to use these accidentally killed animals, but we don't want to create a loophole that allows someone to kill a deer out of season and put it in the back of the truck and claim that he hit it."

Head said a wildlife officer who "can't tell the difference between a deer that's been shot and one that's been hit by a car" needs to get another job.

One reason for the bill is that TWRA is not prompt about removing large carcasses from the roadways, Head said.

Rare wildlife, such as bears, are another concern, Gebhardt said.

"Because of the small population in general, we want to be able to keep track of them. A bear carcass is worth thousands of dollars, and we don't want to create a loophole that would allow someone to illegally transport a bear."

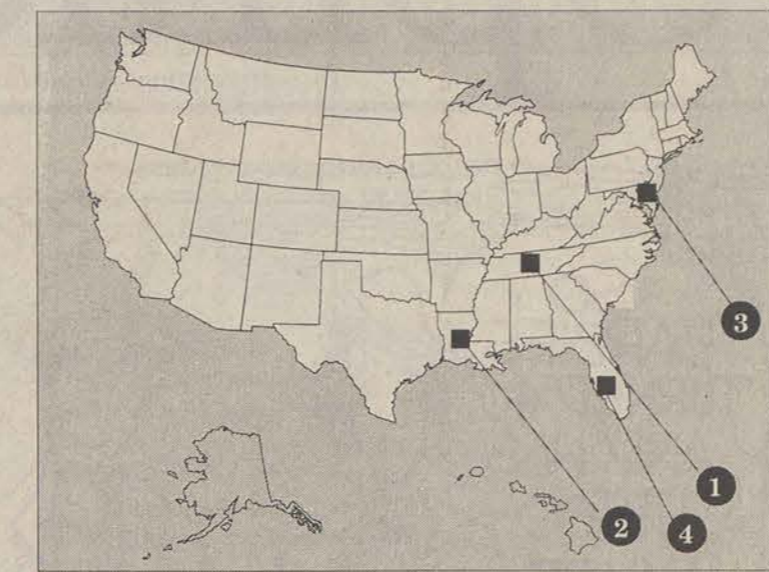
2 Louisiana

Cross-dresser fails at bank robbery attempt

The Associated Press

KENNER—A cross-dressing man who tried to rob a suburban New Orleans bank fled on a bicycle when a teller said she didn't have any of the \$20 bills he was asking for.

Police said James Tamborella Jr., 25, entered the First American Bank at 9:25 a.m. last Monday, wearing makeup, carrying



a purse and dressed in a pair of women's black jeans, black shirt and black beret.

"He was color-coordinated, yes, he was," Lt. Steve Caraway said.

He handed a teller a holdup note written on the back of a personal check, Caraway said, keeping his hand in the purse while the teller read the note and the name.

The note asked for \$20 bills but, when the teller told him she didn't have any in her drawer, he snatched the note and left on a bicycle, Caraway said.

Even before investigators learned of the check, Detective Michael Glaser recalled that he stopped a man on a bicycle last week when a purse had slipped out of the man's duffel bag.

Working both leads, police tracked down Tamborella and arrested him as he walked home at about 11 a.m.

Tamborella told police that he rode his bicycle to The Esplanade mall, where he changed clothes and washed off the makeup. He said his bicycle was stolen while he was inside.

3 Rhode Island

School spends big bucks to investigate 'satanic' t-shirt

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE—The Westerly School Department is paying \$45 per hour for a consultant

to listen for signs of Satanism in heavy-metal music.

The Providence Journal reported last Saturday that the school hopes the testimony of the consultant, a retired police officer, bolsters its case in a dress-code dispute.

Junior Robert Parker is challenging rules that barred him from wearing a T-shirt promoting the heavy-metal band White Zombie.

Parker was suspended twice for wearing the faded black shirt with the band's name on the front and "666" — sometimes a number signifying the devil — written on the back.

The American Civil Liberties Union has taken up Parker's cause on the grounds that the school's ban violates his free speech rights. The group contends that other students have worn shirts that read "Praise Jesus" and "I will serve the Lord" without any problems.

After 20 hours of research, consultant Edmund Pierce found that White Zombie did, indeed, promote devil worship, school attorney Thomas Grady said last Friday, when school officials held a five-hour hearing on the dress-code dispute.

At an earlier hearing, Grady

said that cult activities, including Satanism, can be dangerous. Therefore, he said, it behooves school officials to ban things, such as White Zombie merchandise, that they believe promote cults.

4 Florida

Huge manta ray takes fishermen for a ride

The Associated Press

NEW SMYRNA BEACH—In an unusual twist, a giant manta ray caught a couple of fishermen, dragging their 16-foot boat a mile and a half out to sea.

Coast Guard Petty Officer John Bowman said he and the crew of the Ponce de Leon Inlet station's 41-foot rescue boat were called out last Tuesday afternoon to a report of a boater in distress in the Atlantic Ocean.

When they arrived at the scene, Rafael Figueroa's boat was heading east at about 6 knots.

Apparently, a manta ray had become entangled in Figueroa's anchor line. In an effort to escape, the manta ray started swimming, towing the boat with it.

The giant creature pulled the boat carrying Figueroa, 41, and Gilbert Luna, 61, both of Deltona, for nearly two hours.

Commemorative tissues prepared for tear-jerker movie

The Associated Press

BRUNSWICK—The new romantic drama starring Kevin Costner, Paul Newman and Robin Wright Penn promises to be a tear-jerker. And the Maine Film Office is making the most of it.

Commemorative tissues have been printed for screenings of the movie, "Message in a Bottle," which prompted dozens of Boston University students to sniffle and weep at a sneak preview last month.

The movie, which opened in theaters across the nation on Friday, was filmed last summer in the state's mid-coast region, which was disguised to look like North Carolina's Outer Banks.

It's an old-fashioned tear-jerker featuring Costner as a widowed boat builder in North Carolina who writes a letter to his dead wife, puts it in a bottle and throws it into the ocean. Penn, who plays a researcher from the *Chicago Tribune*, finds the bottle and sets out to find Costner.

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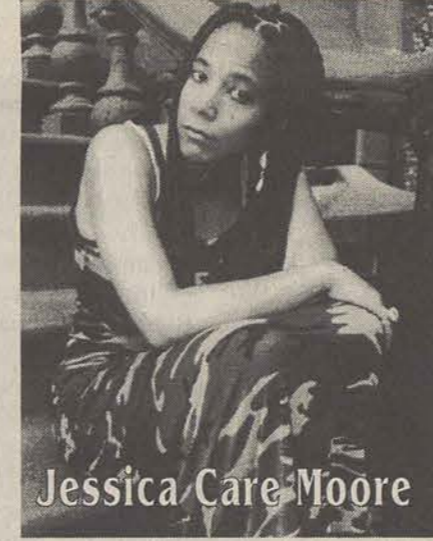


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Our Opinion

GSU should be thankful for our distinguished guests

Someone, somewhere, is doing something right for GSU. We are very fortunate to be able to have several distinguished speakers and lecturers visit our campus each year and those people and committees who have brought them to us need to know they are greatly appreciated.

For instance, last year, Campus Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC), brought us Maya Angelou. Not too many college campuses around the United States have had this cultural experience, and we here at GSU are privileged to have had a poet of such strength and power come to us.

Billy Blanks, famed creator of the exercise phenomenon, Tae-Bo, recently graced our campus thanks to CLEC and CRI. This guy isn't just another exercise guru, he has trained such celebrities as Sinbad and Carmen Electra. We were extremely lucky to have him train us.

Baseball legend, Tommy Lasorda, was just here kicking off the Eagle Baseball season. The former Los Angeles Dodgers manager spoke at the fourth annual Southern Boosters Leadoff Banquet

Everyone remember MTV's first Real World? Then you'll remember Kevin Powell, who will be at the Union Theater tonight at 7:00 p.m. He is the former senior writer of Vibe magazine, a regular contributor to the New York Times, Essence and Rolling Stone, and of course, one of the first cast members on the Real World. He is coming to GSU as part of Black Awareness Month.

There are many more prominent people who have visited our campus — too many to name them all — and those who bring us these people deserve a gigantic THANK YOU!



Problems abound with Athletic decision

I would like to start my column this week revisiting an issue that I brought up last week. The dropping of men's swimming and diving and cross country to meet Title IX obligations.

1. Obviously I am a woman and I do hope that women will be given equal opportunities in all aspects of life. I do not think we should get them at the expense of hard-working men. That is simply unfair. Whether there was or was not another course of action GSU athletics could have taken to add the two women's programs is really beside the point to me.

Even if dropping these programs is the only way to accomplish our goals, it is still unfair to the men who lost their sports. There are many things about life that are unfair. This is one of them. Because I am a woman and because I have been subject to discrimination at times, I find any discrimination unfortunate.

2. The George-Anne is a student paper first and foremost. Student dollars, along with advertising dollars, pay for the printing of our paper and for our stipends. Therefore, it is the responsibility of this paper to give students a place to air their grievances and to express their opinions. There will be equal coverage of women's indoor and outdoor track when it starts. But



KELLEY MCGONNELL

EDITOR

right now men's swimming and diving are ending and students on this campus have a right to know what the athletes are feeling.

3. In no way is this newspaper attacking Sam Baker. He is simply the Athletic Director, the

as it is, the figure head in the controversy.

4. Most importantly, the decision was made incorrectly. At least one student should have been involved in a decision that affected so many students. That chosen student may have agreed

I DO HOPE THAT WOMEN WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE. I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD GET THEM AT THE EXPENSE OF HARD-WORKING MEN.

spokesperson for the department that dropped the programs. He was involved in the decision and, because of his job, he is being called upon to answer some questions. I admit that he has gone above and beyond his job requirements by being so willing to discuss the decision. He is in a tough position and he did not make the decision by himself. But I am responsible for describing the actions of the paper, Dr. Carter is spokesperson for the university, so Baker is, as unfortunate

that this was the only way to go, but he or she was never given the chance. Of course, the process needed to be kept quiet until a choice was made, but we have seen that there were leaks anyway.

Baker said at the SGA meeting last week that the athletes were told during finals because he wanted to avoid leaks. He said that a reporter asked him about the decision the Saturday prior to the announcement. So adding one more person in on the

process would not have hurt. One student would have been a voice for the 14,000 students who pay for athletics on this campus.

SGA has spent the year trying to revamp their image and to really be a voice for students and to represent their best interests. By not including at least one SGA member in the decision, the powers that be have caused a bigger problem than the decision itself would have caused. They did not give SGA a chance to represent the students. That too is unfair.

5. There are too many facts to be considered in this issue. There is no way that one story could cover every aspect. We are simply trying to get the information out there when it is available to us. We are students trying to graduate while trying to keep a campus informed. The more we dig, the more digging we find we have to do. It took the athletic department at least five years to make this decision. It will take time to present all the facts that they used to make it.

It is important to remember that everyone involved in this decision and everyone affected by this decision is a person. They are not nameless dozens with no emotions. This decision is hurtful to the students affected but also to the unfortunate committee that had to make the decision.



Backtalk

Now you have a chance to "talk back" to The George-Anne about whatever floats your boat. It's a quick, easy way to write a mini-letter to the editor. Fill out this form and send it to P.O. Box 8001, or drop it by The George-Anne office at Williams Center room 223.

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Cyclists be wary of pedestrians and vehicles

You're walking down the pathway between the Foy Building and Russell Union, when you are grazed by the handlebar of a carelessly maneuvered bicycle. Yes, fellow students, this is becoming a common phenomenon throughout the walkways of GSU, as more and more of our peers trade in their tennis shoes for these faster methods of transportation to get from class to class.

I understand that having a bicycle on campus allows students a more efficient way to get around. Furthermore, I am quite sure that the majority of those who are in possession of a bicycle operate them responsibly. However, like so many other things, the careless few are the ones responsible for spoiling everyone else's fun.

Frankly, I am pretty fed up with these cyclists who think that, because they're moving faster than the rest of us, they can simply run down any pedestrian that gets in the way. A "watch out" or "excuse me" coming from the mouth of an oncoming cyclist is nearly un-



VANESSA KEBER

A&E EDITOR/COLUMNIST

heard of.

This problem becomes especially severe when the cyclist is coming upon a group of pedestrians whose backs are

miscalculate the distance between pedestrians, there are those who play chicken with oncoming traffic. I would be incredibly rich if I had just one

FRANKLY, I AM PRETTY FED UP WITH THESE CYCLISTS WHO THINK THAT, BECAUSE THEY'RE MOVING FASTER THAN THE REST OF US, THEY CAN SIMPLY RUN DOWN ANY PEDESTRIAN THAT GETS IN THE WAY.

turned. Unaware of the oncoming attack, neither cyclist nor pedestrian are able to react fast enough to avoid collision. I personally have seen two such incidents, both of which ended in the cyclist falling from the bike and the bystanders coming to their assistance.

In addition to cyclists who

dollar for every time I either saw a car slam on its brakes to avoid hitting a cyclist, or did so myself.

These near-misses almost always occur when cyclists choose to cross busy roads (Chandler Road, in particular) without using one of the many strategically placed cross-

walks.

Please don't misunderstand—I realize that cars can be pretty bad about stopping for people in crosswalks—but your chances of making it safely across the street are higher than if you decide to peddle yourself into oncoming traffic.

It's even better when you're driving down the road at twilight, and you spot a vague form coming off of the sidewalk and across your lane. Any guesses as to what that shadowy figure is I'm talking about? Yet another cyclist.

Those who own and operate bicycles need to do so responsibly, and realize that their carelessness affects everyone around them. If you see a pedestrian, be courteous and slow down for them.

Chances are good that you will not be late to class, as your mode of transportation is nearly twice as fast as theirs. Furthermore, please do try to find a crosswalk when crossing busy roads. It is important to remember that an iota of common sense can prevent serious accidents.

Your Opinion

Reader says mens' teams should check their priorities

Editor:
I think the behavior of the men's swimming team has been truly classless.

Instead of taking this unfortunate event and acting like men, they have been nothing but whiners. I recall a quote by Hemingway, "A man is defeated, but never destroyed."

They tell us that it is not fair. Of course it is not fair. Let me tell you what is also not fair. When I was nineteen, I was fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. Six of my best friends were killed by a Viet Cong sniper. That's not fair. My mother died when I was overseas fighting. That's not fair.

I think these young men need to get their priorities straight. From what I understand, they get to keep their scholarships

should they stay here at GSU. But I doubt they care about that. In fact, not one of those men's swimmers has ever said, "What I am really mad about is that I have to transfer from GSU and not receive my degree from here."

They are simply interested in swimming. If they were half as sincere in their dedication to their education, and the educational opportunities that they might be denied by transferring from GSU, I might have an easier time of feeling some sympathy for them.

They get to keep their scholarship. They can transfer anytime they want to another school and begin competing immediately. I wish all college students had it as easy as these guys.

George Compson, GSU '74

Alumna disturbed by editor's column

Editor:
As a Georgia Southern alumna, I always stayed interested in the affairs of the university.

I am frankly disturbed by your reaction to the elimination of Men's Swimming—particularly since you are a woman.

It is evident that this program was dropped because of Title IX concerns. Your editorial demonstrates a very vile form of ignorance to the issues involved in Title IX. I think that your editorial, along with the article on the front page, are indicative of an irresponsibility in journalism. You should strive for FAIR journalism and coverage.

Likewise, I am distressed that the reaction of the women's Swimming team has been as it is.

I understand their loyalty, but I remember young ladies I went to school with back in the late sixties and early seventies who could not

swim because there was no swim program for women. Title IX gave that opportunity to women.

These young ladies, along with their coach, seem blasé about the whole matter—almost as if it has always been their "right" to swim. It has not. There have been plenty of women throughout the history of Title IX who have sacrificed their pride and their chance to compete in college athletics so that future generations of women athletes could compete. These young ladies are a discredit to their efforts.

I applaud Sam Baker and the athletic department, not for their decision to drop the program, but giving more young ladies the chance to compete in Indoor and Outdoor Track. I hope that you, Ms. McConnell, and *The George-Anne* will give these "pioneers" as much attention as you have this issue.

Sheila Henry
Alumna

Booster shocked by Title IX stories

Editor:
I am the parent of a GSU alumna, so I always keep up to date on what is going on in Statesboro. I am a freelance writer who has spent twenty-five years in journalism.

Thus, you can imagine my shock at how ignorantly all of the stories on the elimination of men's swimming have been written. Someone needs to research the aspects of Title IX—a term that did not even appear in any of the articles. I think this whole matter could be resolved through a better knowledge of Title IX.

Likewise, I am surprised at the reaction of the women swimmers to the news. In a world where gender issues have dominated the academic and political worlds, it is disgusting to me to observe the blatant disregard for these issues among the women swimmers.

This is what Title IX has done for

women, making it a somewhat equal and level playing field for both genders.

Let me also say a word about Sam Baker. I don't know this man, but over the three or four years he has been here, he has done nothing but protect the interests of GSU athletics and make it a better program. I don't believe that he would have made this decision without careful consideration of all the aspects involved. I am proud of the job he is doing and, I speak for many Southern Boosters when I say that he is a credit to the University.

I hope that *The George-Anne* will provide as much coverage to the addition of track as they have to the elimination of swimming. Only then can *The George-Anne* say that they represent all views involved in this matter. For once it would be nice to read a story that got the facts right.

William A. Timmons

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March Madness is already here

Don't believe what Dick Vitale and the rest of his basketball analyst buddies might tell you. If you're a huge high school and college hoops fan, the madness has already begun. This is especially true if you're a Bulloch County resident or GSU student.

The high schools have already completed their region playoffs, and are now gearing up for the state basketball tournament which kicks off this weekend. And local area high school teams are taking advantage of the new GHSA rule, which has now expanded the field of the state tournament from 16 to 32 teams.

The madness is in full swing for local area high schools in Bulloch County and surrounding communities. The Statesboro boys' basketball team dominated their new region (3-AAA) and will enter the state tournament as the top seed. Other schools, such as Southeast Bulloch and Metter, are sending both their boys' and girls' teams to state even though they lost in the semifinals.

But this madness is not only limited to the high school scene. There is plenty of frenzy to go around for GSU hoop fans on campus.

The Lady Eagle basketball team is rearming themselves for the Southern Conference Tournament, which gets started in less than two weeks. GSU is battling for the top seed with UNC-Greensboro and East Tennessee State. But with teams like Furman, Davidson and UTC-Chattanooga only a game or two behind in the standings, nothing is guaranteed. Overall, the whole conference is stronger at this point in the season than it was last year.

"We're at that point now where we can't take anybody lightly," Lady Eagle guard Tori Durrett said. "Because everybody in our conference is starting to play at another level. Everybody wants to win. It's crazy."

Of course it's crazy. That's why they call it the Madness.

Meanwhile the GSU men's basketball team will have their work cut out for them for the upcoming SoCon tournament, competing against college basketball powerhouses such as The College of Charleston, who cracked the Top-20 last week, and Davidson, who also has a realistic shot of going to the NCAA's. It may seem hopeless for GSU, but let me ask this question: Who expected the Atlanta Falcons to beat the Minnesota Vikings for the NFC championship?

This is why you have to play the game to determine the winner. And this is why they call it the Madness.

Yellowjackets sweep Eagles

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

The GSU baseball team came into last Sunday's matchup looking for a little redemption from their opening day defeat at the hands of favored Georgia Tech, but still lost the match 11-4. The Yellowjackets of Georgia Tech benefited from a

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three-run double by designated hitter Bryan Prince, (much like the day before).

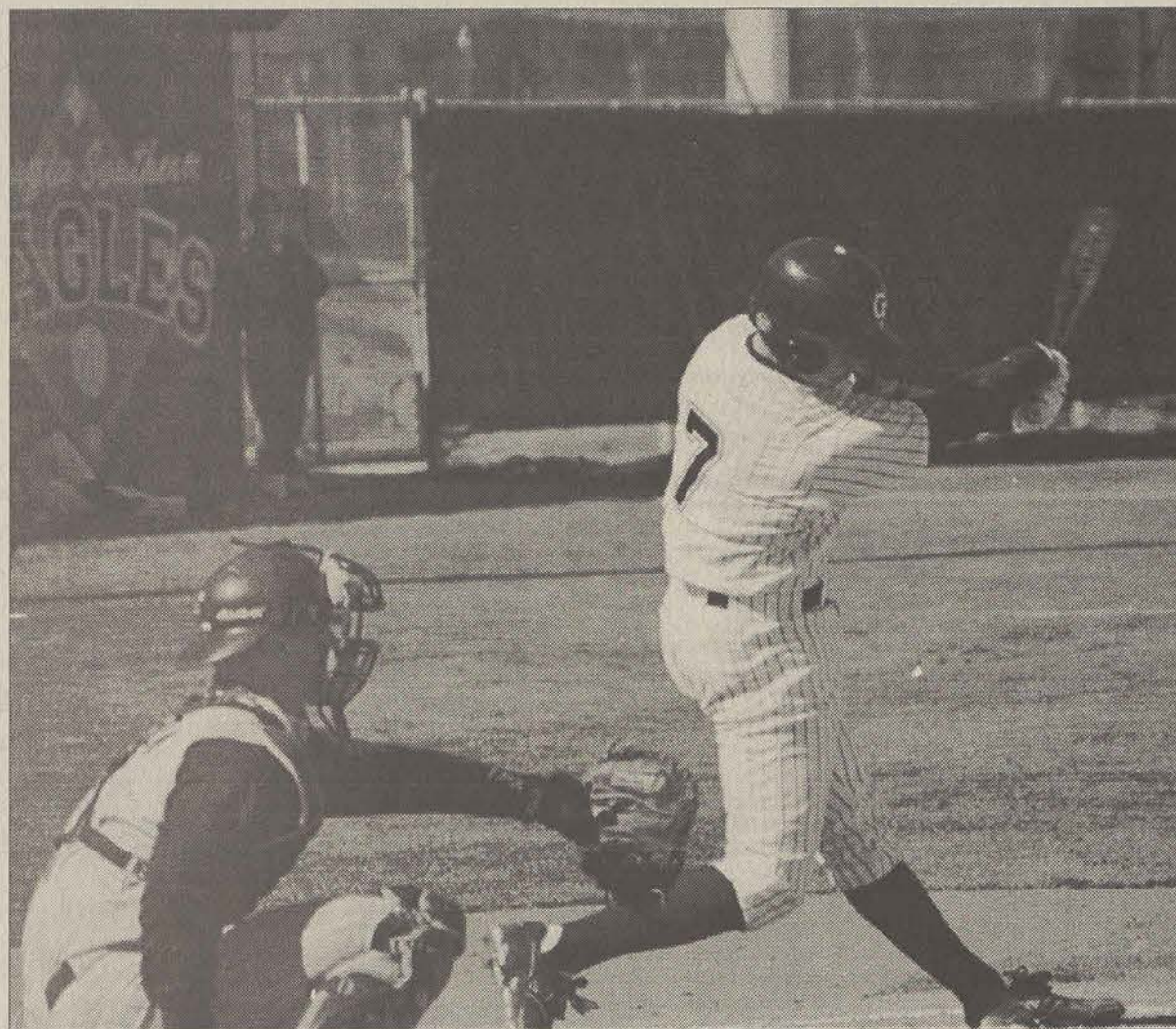
In GSU's season opener the day before, the sophomore Prince capped a six-run fifth inning with a three-run, base-clearing double. On Sunday, the Yellow Jackets attacked in a similar fashion one inning later and with one more run.

"We've grown a lot in the last year or so," said senior catcher Michael Holder. "If we could just get rid of the one bad inning, we could be in the lead or at least tied going into the later innings."

Georgia Tech struck first last Sunday in the first inning when sophomore Matthew Boggs scored the game's first run on no hits.

True freshman David Ray, who got his first collegiate start Sunday, struggled early in the contest recording three walks against the first four batters he faced. Ray lasted three innings giving up three runs, four hits and five bases on balls in what also became his first loss.

The Eagles did however show poise from their lineup in the fifth inning starting with a sacrifice fly from freshman J.R. Revere. GSU would receive one more run off the bat of junior Jody Pollock. Southern would mirror that inning later in the seventh



Susan Smith

GEORGIA TECH SWEEPS EAGLES: The GSU Eagle baseball team was swept by the Top-25 ranked Yellow Jackets at home last weekend. The Eagles are now 0-2 for the season.

starting with a Revere single and a 2-run double from sophomore Dustin Langley.

GSU's chances were thwarted early in the top of the sixth inning as the Yellow Jackets reeled off four consecutive base-hits, three of the Tech players scoring later hits.

Designated hitter Bryan Prince, who led off the inning, collected two doubles, three RBI's, and scored a run all in the top half of the sixth inning. Sophomore Cory Vance recorded his first victory of the 1999 season pitching six innings, giving up two runs on five hits and striking out seven Eagle batters. Vance

started the game by retiring the first ten batters in order while sending five of the ten to the bench by way of strikeout. Freshman Steve Kelly and senior Chuck Crowder came in to relieve Vance and had the same results combining for two runs, on three hits and striking out three Eagles.

GSU used five pitchers in the loss to go 0-2 on the season and 47-20 against the Yellow Jackets from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The next Eagle home game will be Sat., Feb. 20 against Eastern Kentucky at 1:30 pm. GSU will travel to Jacksonville,

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---SENIOR CATCHER MICHAEL HOLDER

Fla. for a one-game series against the University of Jacksonville on Wed., Feb. 17th.

Lady Eagles cruise over Charleston

*Senior guards Rosie Arnold, Tori Durrett, Mary Perry and Svetlana Trjeskal play last game at GSU



Susan Smith

IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL! This College of Charleston defender is left taking notes after Lady Eagle guard Tori Durrett blows past her on the way to the basket. Charleston was overwhelmed by a GSU team that was extra motivated by the festivities of senior night. Seniors Durrett, Rosie Arnold, Mary Perry and Svetlana Trjeskal were honored before the game.

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

The Lady Eagle basketball team had no trouble with an over-matched Charleston team last Saturday night. GSU (12-12, 11-5 SoCon) coasted to an easy 77-61 victory over the Lady Cougars in front of a Hanner Fieldhouse crowd of 1,008, who came out to watch seniors Rosie Arnold, Tori Durrett, Mary Perry and Svetlana Trjeskal play their final home game.

"It feels wonderful to go out my senior year (and finish) my last game at Hanner Fieldhouse (with a win)," Durrett said, whose 12 points during the game tied her personal career high. "We played excellent; everybody stepped up and played intense."

GSU jumped on the Lady Cougars early and maintained control throughout the whole game. After scoring the first seven points of the contest, the Lady Eagles quickly built up a big lead. Charleston (6-8, 3-13 SoCon) was able to get within 26-21, off two free throws by Lady Cougar center Jodie Olofson with 6:38 left in the first half. But that was as close as the Lady Cougars would get to GSU, as the Lady Eagles went on a 13-4 run over the next four minutes. Alie Rousseau's two free throws gave GSU a commanding 41-25 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Lady Eagles continued to dominate. Things were starting to look ugly for the Lady Cougars when GSU

expanded its lead to 56-32 with over 12 minutes left in the game.

Charleston was able to come back with a 12-1 run of their own, which cut the Lady Eagle lead to 57-44 with 8:24 left in the game, but the Lady Cougars were unable to get GSU's lead down to a single digit.

GSU head coach Rusty Cram constantly sent in fresh troops off the Lady Eagle bench and used GSU's up tempo game to wear down Charleston. Once the Lady Cougar starters began to foul out, their chances of a comeback deteriorated even further.

"We felt like we had a lot of fresh legs," Cram said. "We were really pushing the ball. That was our goal going in; the last couple days of practice we've done nothing but push, push, push the ball up the floor. I felt like that was when we were in our rhythm. And I noticed that they (Charleston) were starting to get a little bit tired."

For the seniors on the Lady Eagle squad, the victory finished the last chapter of a scrapbook of memories they will always carry with them from playing at Hanner Fieldhouse.

"I thought it was very good to finish out like that," Lady Eagle senior Mary Perry said. "Everybody just went out and had fun today, and played hard. And everybody played together."

GSU loses season-opener to Georgia Tech

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

One could almost hear a sigh of relief coming from the GSU dugout as the long awaited 1999 season was minutes away from the first pitch. Across the diamond stood the 21st ranked opponents from North Georgia,

GSU 4
Ga. Tech 6

who beat the Eagles 4-6 on Saturday in

the season opener.

Georgia Tech, who came into this weekend 2-4, looked to get on a roll after dismal visits to UCLA and Auburn.

The experience showed as Georgia Tech traveled to Statesboro to defeat the Eagles in a heartbreaking fashion.

Despite the win, Georgia Tech appeared a bit rusty defensively committing five total errors. However, GSU was not able to capitalize on the errors and only scored one run in the second inning.

The Eagles struck first in the first two innings scoring three times in the first and once in the second. GSU sent eight batters to the plate in the first with Scott Henley and Michael Holder recording the first RBIs of the season.

Starting pitcher Daniel Wheeler held the highly powered Jackets in check in the early going. Wheeler (0-1) held Tech to only one hit until the fifth inning.

"Daniel (Wheeler) has done a great job for us," said relief pitcher Mike Standridge. "He has confidence in us, (the bullpen), that will hold the lead and we have confidence in him."

But the sophomore from Canton, Ga. gave up a little more than a hit in the fifth inning.

The Jackets, who opened the inning with a Jason Basil strikeout, reeled off two consecutive singles by freshmen Wes Rynders and Victor Menocal.

In a snowball-like effect, the next three Jackets reached base respectively by a walk, a single, and an error.

Georgia Tech sent 11 players to the plate as they posted a 6 spot in the top of the fifth. Sophomore designated hitter Bryan Prince had a two-out, three-run double late in the inning.

A combination of Phillip Roland, Mike Standridge, and transfer Marty Jones kept the Jackets quiet for the rest of the game.

Georgia Tech junior Simon Young threw six complete innings to receive his second victory and go 2-1 on the season.

Southern had a big opportunity in their final at bat with the bases loaded and no outs.

Junior Ryan Petersen led off the inning with a single as infielders Jody Pollock and Dustin Langley both reached base on a fielders' choice.

However, the Eagles could not take advantage of the opportunities as Tech got out the next three Eagles in consecutive order.

GSU first baseman Scott Henley led all Eagle sluggers, going 2-5 from the plate and batting in an RBI. Henley also scored a run for the Eagles.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Sport Management Conference coming soon

By Reginald M. Farrell
Assistant Sports Editor

Are you interested in a career in sport management? If so, you might want to make plans to attend the seventh GSU Sport Management Conference in the auditorium of the Russell Union on Feb. 26-27, 1999. The conference is sponsored by the department of Recreation and Sport Management.

"The purpose of the conference is twofold," said Ming Li, associate professor of recreation and sport management. "One is to provide the student with a great opportunity to interact with sport management practitioners; through interaction with the speakers, students can get networks and contacts. The second aspect of the purpose of this conference is to provide the student from Georgia Southern to interact with students and faculty members from other institutions."

Among the several features of the conference, practitioners from the sport industry will be speaking to the conference attendees. The speakers are Reggie Williams, vice-president of Disney sports attractions, Becky Bowman, director of compliance

at Clemson University, Doug Messer, senior associate athletics director at the University of Texas, Molly West, director of client services with career services with career sports management, Mitch Wheeler, president of marketing associates international, Khalil Johnson, executive director of Georgia Dome, a host venue for the 1996 Olympics, Super Bowls and other sporting events and Eddie Brown, regional sport marketing manager of Nike, Inc.

Other events include breakfast and lunch with the speakers, visits from GSU sport management alumni, a resume writing and job search workshop, conducted by Dr. Bill Sutton from the University of Massachusetts, and opportunities to talk with faculty representatives from several institutions such as Georgia Southern, University of Louisville, University of Georgia, Slippery Rock State University, Florida State University and University of West Virginia to name a few.

According to Li, there has been a great deal of preparation in organizing the event.

"We have done a lot of things in order to prepare for the conference," Li said. "First of all, we had to make sure the facilities were available. Second, we had to coordinate with food services and invite speakers from various segments of the sports industry, and through the contacts of the faculty here we were fortunate enough to get some big name speakers. Third, there were logistic issues involved, including the making of programs and badges and solicitation of door prizes."

In addition, Li feels the conference will be an opportunity to promote the recreation and sport management of GSU.

"We believe that this will be one of the opportunities to promote the name of Georgia Southern University, to promote the name of the department and the name of the program so that we can attract prospective students to our graduate programs" said Li. "We're looking forward to it every year."

Anyone interested in attending the Sport Management Conference may call Ming Li at (912) 681-5922 or visit the website of the department of recreation and sport management at www2.gasou.edu/RASM/conference.htm.

Softball team split with Georgia Tech last Wednesday

By Luke Martin
Staff Writer

For the third time in as many series, the GSU Lady Eagle softball team split their series, this time with the Lady Jackets of Georgia Tech.

In game one, Lady Eagle pitcher Aimee Littlejohn had Georgia Tech singing the "Statesboro Blues" as she held

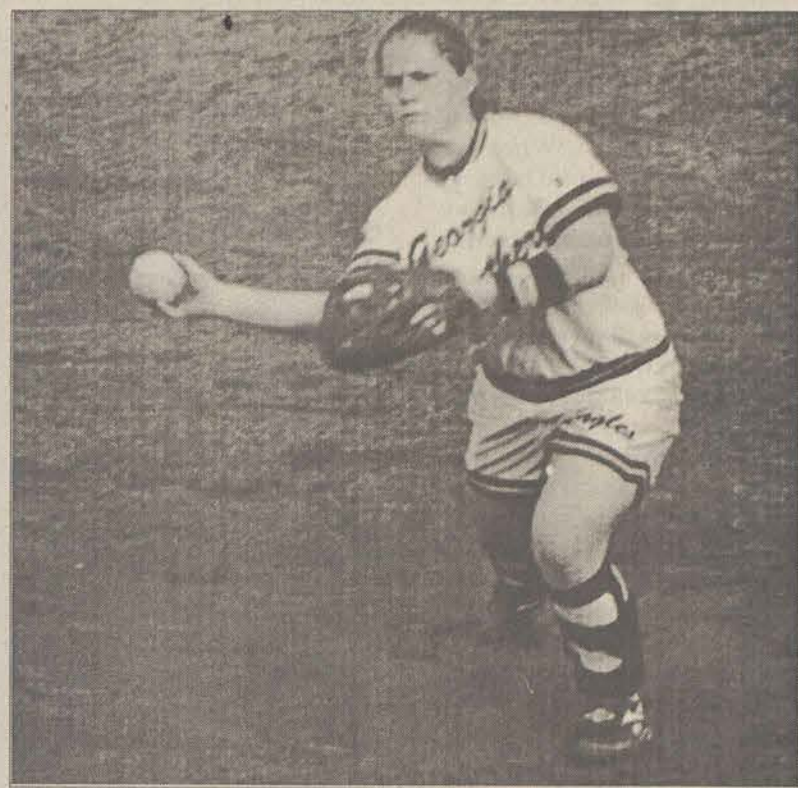
the Lady Jackets to two runs on seven hits and striking out three to get her first win of the season.

It didn't take long for the GSU bats to warm up, as they were able to plate two runs in the second inning. Jennifer Harris singled to start the inning, followed by a walk to Jennifer Miller. On a 3-2 count, McCaine Lowder doubled, scoring Harris. After Tiffany Kepple grounded out to the pitcher, Jaclyn Kaylor singled up the middle, scoring Miller.

In the bottom of the third, Littlejohn lined a double down the left field line. Ashley Flemming reached on an error by Tech shortstop Ellen Styer, and then Harris singled to right field, advancing Littlejohn to third. Miller then hit a long fly ball to deep centerfield that was caught, but Littlejohn was able to tag-up and score easily.

Littlejohn ran into a little trouble in the top of fourth. Kori Jacobson started the inning with a single past third. She advanced to second on a single by Miki Deal, then to third on a single to center by Jamie Frost. She then scored on a single past a diving Tiffany Kepple. However, Littlejohn was able to strike out pinch hitter Lacey Schanz to end the inning, leaving the bases loaded.

The Lady Eagles added an insurance run in the fifth when Harris hit a one-out double to the warning track in left field. She was moved to third base on a ground out by Miller and scored on a wild pitch.



Erik Anderson
YET ANOTHER SPLIT: The Lady Eagles split their third straight series this season last Wednesday afternoon, this time against Georgia Tech.

Littlejohn shut the Lady Jackets down for the rest of the game, giving up a meaningless run in the top of the seventh.

"I was trying to keep the ball down" said Littlejohn of her performance.

In the second game, it was a case of "to little, to late" as Georgia Tech was able to grab the lead early and Lady Jacket pitcher Mimi Utt was able to shut down the GSU bats, holding them to two hits over the first six innings.

The Lady Jackets wasted no time in game two getting on the board, scoring in the first inning. Heather Sumrow singled, advanced to second and scored when the

ball got away from first baseman Lacey Kammerer.

GSU's defense struggled once again in the fourth, leading to two more runs for Georgia Tech. Mimi Utt doubled past a diving Jaclyn Kaylor. Ellen Styers then singled to

center and advanced to second when Kaylor's throw home was off the mark. After a fly out to center, disaster struck. Kori Jacobson reached first when the ball got away from Flemming, who was covering first when Kammerer charged the ball. While the Eagles scurried to get the ball, two Lady Jackets scored.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Eagle bats woke up. Lowder singled to start the inning, and was pinch run for by Kelly Blazi. She proceeded to steal second and advanced to third on a groundout by Sabrina Kight. She scored on a double to the right field wall by Stacie Cooper. Kammerer then dropped a single behind second base, plating Cooper. However, the rally fell short as Littlejohn grounded out to the shortstop to end the game.

"We came out flat (in the second game)," said Harris. "We needed to score earlier."

The loss dropped the Lady Eagles to 3-3 on the season. GSU will next be in action at home against the South Carolina Lady Gamecocks Thursday at 4 p.m.

GSU on the road

GSU men's tennis team beats Jacksonville University

GSU News Services

JACKSONVILLE, FLA - GSU notched a 4-3 win over Jacksonville on Friday afternoon improving their overall record to 2-3.

Ryan O'Keefe, Wojciech Nowak and Darren Clark each recorded singles victories to lead the Eagles.

GSU clinched the match

when the doubles team of Alejandro Franqui and Clark defeated the Dolphins' tandem of Mike Stecker and Tom Freiburger 8-5.

GSU returns to action on Friday when they host Coastal Carolina at the Hanner tennis courts.

Starting time for the match is 2 p.m.

Singles Results

1. Juan Cabera (JU) d. Kendall Swartz (GSU) 6-4, 6-0
2. Brian Tukker (JU) d. Christian Singer (GSU) 6-4, 6-4
3. Ryan O'Keefe (GSU) d. Addams England (JU) 6-3, 6-3
4. Wojciech Nowak (GSU) d. Mike Stecker (JU) 6-3, 6-1
5. Darren Clark (GSU) d. Tom Freiburger (JU) 6-3, 6-1
6. Hart Pollack (JU) d. Jesper Anderson (GSU) 6-1, 6-2

Softball team swept by Jacksonville State

G-A Staff Reports

The Lady Eagle softball team was swept by the Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks 4-1 and 3-0 last Sunday.

In the first game, GSU catcher MacCaine Lowder hit 2-2 with one RBI and Lady Eagle Ashely Flemming went 1-3 and scored one run.

GSU is now 3-5 overall for the season and will play their next game at home against South Carolina, Thursday at 4 p.m.

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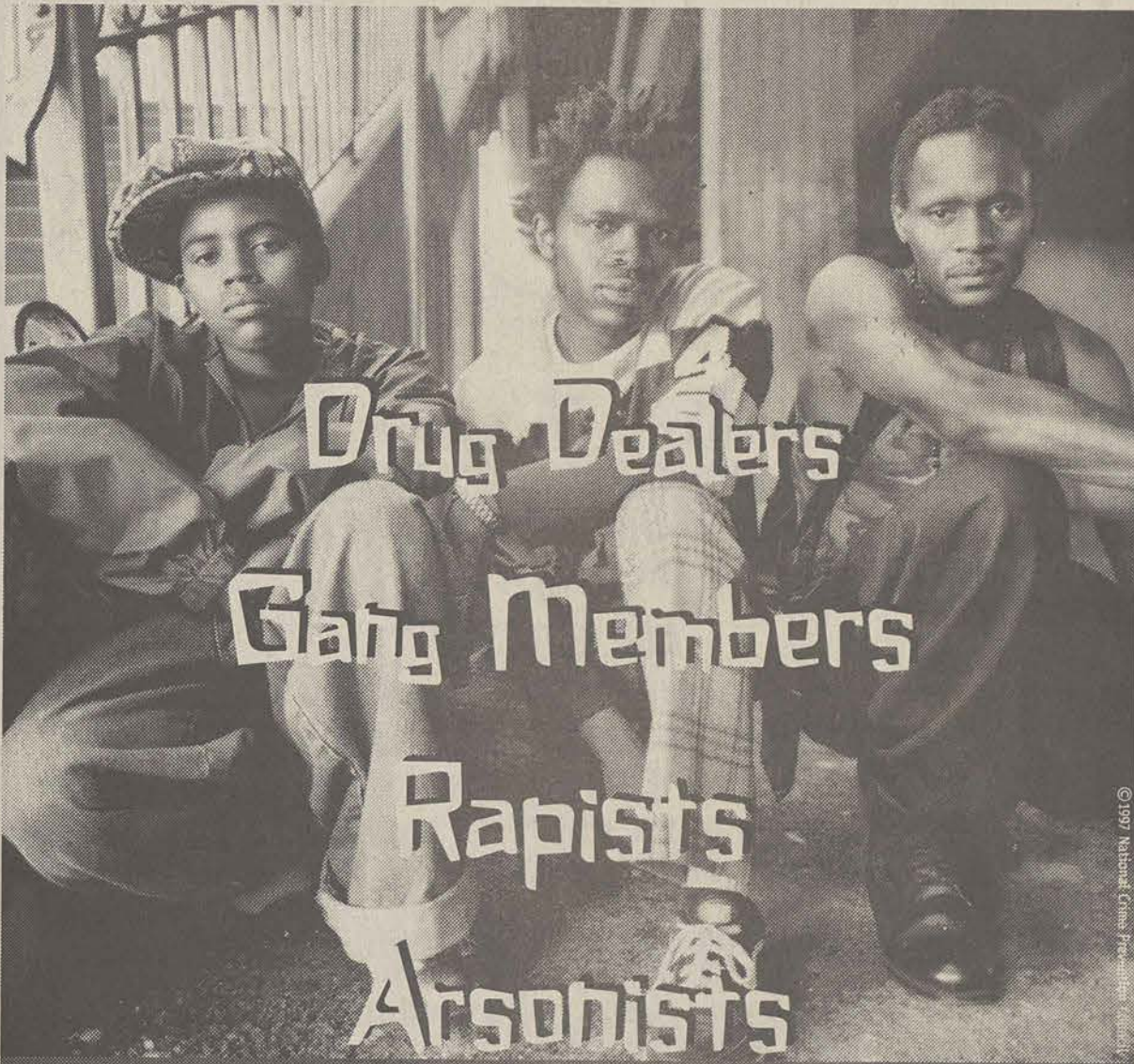
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The greatest free show on earth

By Kevin Coheleach
Staff Writer

The "greatest show on earth," takes place about ten highway hours west of Statesboro, Ga. What is this party? It is Mardi Gras, which is french for Fat Tuesday.

Is Mardi Gras just a day, or is it a season? It is more like a holiday season, actually. Fat Tuesday is deemed as the "day of days," however, the actual carnival season can run as long as three months.

Is it worth a trip all the way from GSU? Senior Alan Westling replies, "I attended the celebration during my sophomore year, and yes, I had the time of my life!"

The ultimate game plan to make this trip a reality is to leave after classes on Thursday afternoon. One must make sacrifices from time to time in order to capitalize on excellent opportunities.

Leaving Thursday afternoon allows time to travel to exotic Tallahassee, Florida, where one can absorb the zesty night life with some choice scholar-party people with their hands in the air. The next morning, you will be about six hours away "The Big Easy," New Orleans.

Arriving into the scene during the afternoon leaves plenty of time to absorb the culture, from the authentic Cajun food, to the classic blues music. There is much to see.

It is virtually impossible to miss the parades as thousands of observers flock to the streets to feast their eyes on the flashy floats with tenants in elaborate purple, green and gold costumes.

Each parade boasts its own theme, however, one thing they all share in common is "throws."

What are throws? The party favors are thrown up for grabs to thousands of eager specta-



Allison Taylor

THE PARTY CONTINUES: Balconies decorated like this one are just one of the many attractions of Mardi Gras.

tors longing for a souvenir.

The party favors for this festival consist of flashy beads and medallions alongside the popular theme and logo cups.

tactfulness and the cat-like reflexes necessary to battle for the beads I want as they area launched from the towering floats. I was proud to

blocks where many popular, fun-loving pubs and eateries are strategically located together.

The two story buildings are lined with exterior balconies where many a VIP may be seen throwing very prestigious and honorary beads, and often, a spectator may encounter some shocking and wild requests for beads.

Women and men alike may be seen flashing for beads during the late night antics of the French Quarter. A crazy time for college kids, but the family man should consider a more family atmosphere such as Disneyland.

The Mardi Gras experience offers different strokes for different folks. It is definitely an educational experience: from cultures to traditions and traveling to New Orleans. One can have an experience of a lifetime.

The entire show is free. Call a couple of good friends and make plans to load up the jeep next year and live it up for a long weekend. It's the right thing to do.

ARRIVING INTO THE SCENE DURING THE AFTERNOON LEAVES PLENTY OF TIME TO ABSORB THE CULTURE, FROM THE AUTHENTIC CAJUN FOOD, TO CLASSIC BLUES MUSIC. THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE.

Graduate student, Robby Me Daniel, who went to Mardi Gras last year, said, "Standing aside my first parade, I learned quickly that this wasn't going to be just another pretty parade. This was all about survival of the fittest. Fortunately, having played soccer since the wee age of four, I've acquired the

boast a large stack of beads as a trophy of my success from the parade."

Partygoers enjoy taking their beads along to the famous Bourbon Street where there are many high spirits enjoying a unique social scene throughout the French Quarter.

This is a couple of square

Annual scavenger hunt attracts people of all ages across the nation

The Associated Press

WYOMING, MICH. -- "Pedaling through tree-lined streets in a Missouri mood, seeing a road to pick, I went east and ended it right, with 46 at my fingertips."

So begins this year's riddle for a treasure hunt that has become an annual ritual for thousands in west Michigan and across the country.

Every year since 1981, Joe Cramer has bicycled across the greater Grand Rapids area in search of the perfect hiding place for his medallion: a small, oval-shaped marker stamped with the contest's year.

He releases a riddle in November and then a monthly clue until someone finds the marker.

If no one solves the riddle by March, new clues are released weekly.

The prize: a silver cup, coins and other items Cramer pays for himself.

"I threw my fist up in the air, like 'Yes, finally!' when I saw it," recalled Robert Lyon, 51, of Wyoming, a Grand Rapids suburb.

He found the medallion on a telephone pole guide wire last March. He had been trying to solve the riddles for more than after a dozen years.

But the baffling clues Cramer comes up with are about more than just stumping participants.

Some 20 years ago, Cramer suffered a three-year memory loss because of carbon-monoxide poisoning.

"It was terrible," recalled Cramer, now 54. "I could remember how to work, but I couldn't remember my family... I'd go for a walk around the block and if I lost sight of my house, I wouldn't know where I was."

So Cramer improvised. To remember a street named Poinsettia, for ex-

ample, Cramer would think "book" as in "read." He would then think of the color red, and finally the street.

Cramer's memory eventually returned.

But instead of forgetting what he describes as his "real odd way of thinking," he used it to fashion clues for treasure hunts, first for his kids in the backyard and then for adults.

Contestants use maps to find and then physically pick up the markers, which means prizewinners are almost always from Michigan. But that has not stopped people from across the country, even overseas, from playing.

About 11,000 people sent him self-addressed stamped envelopes seeking clues for this year's puzzle.

The local newspapers also join in on the fun and publish the clues each year.

Those who solve the puzzle qualify for a special "Winner's Circle" riddle, which Cramer tries to make even more challenging.

Cramer says one woman broke down in his office crying because she could not solve the riddle, but he offers no special assistance to anyone--not even his wife.

"I tried one riddle about seven or eight years ago, and I wasn't even close," Sandie Cramer said.

Curiosity and obsessiveness are characteristics all the winners share, according to Cramer.

"They might be a little hyper," he said.

"They're always at the puzzle, even on their breaks. They don't sleep well. They take great pleasure in working it out."

A 9-year-old won the contest in 1991, after he accidentally found the marker while playing at a park near his home.

The oldest winner: a 91-year-old woman who snuck out of a nursing home to play in 1990, he said.

The marker has been found every year.

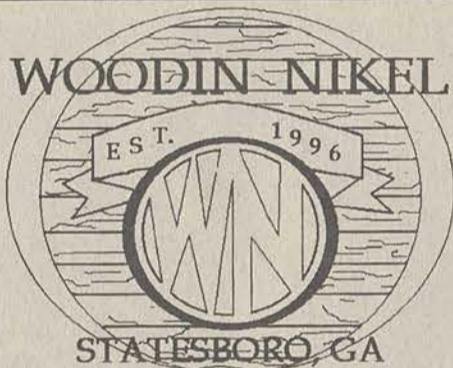
"I think there's a certain amount of luck involved in winning," Kathy said.

McRae, 46, of Ada, who cracked the puzzle two years in a row with the help of her family. "We have seven children and it's nice to have stuff they can put their ideas in on."

This is the contest's 18th riddle, and Cramer has no plans to stop making puzzles anytime soon, lest he forget about his own experience.

"I'm so very grateful I got my memory back. I can't express it," he said.

"I lost it all and got it back."



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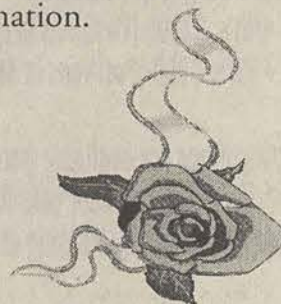
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Aggravating incidents that make your skin crawl

By Nicole Claroni and Yolanda Gunn
Staff Writers

You're at the student Union theater and it's completely empty. You kick up your feet, relax and get ready to enjoy a movie all to yourself. Until Big Head Fred and High Hair Haley decide to sit right smack in front of you, totally ignoring the thousands of unoccupied seats.

This annoying incident is an example of a pet peeve. Pet peeves are aggravating occurrences that really make your skin crawl. Whether it be people who smack or the national debt, GSU students answer the question of "What is your pet peeve?"

"People who steal your parking space when they know they saw your blinker," Lisa Harrison, said.

Road atrocities and parking peeves are quite popular on the list among GSU students.

Sophomore Brian Saxton agrees. "No one in this town can drive," he said. "I hate it when people turn without blinkers or have blinkers on and don't turn."

Many students agreed that

nerve-scraping noises such as knuckle-cracking, tongue rings clanking against teeth, and the "flip-flop" noise that flip flops make were their biggest pet peeves.

Humans, by nature, are annoying creatures. They are the driving force behind idiosyncratic behavior. They are the source for why pet peeves were created. However, sometimes we do things that are as common as getting dressed and we don't realize that we may be driving someone else up the wall.

"It bothers me tremendously to see someone wearing thick socks," Shakira Smith said. "They simply make my flesh crawl."

Unheard of, you think. However, pet peeves are personal attributes to self. Whether you know it or not, they define who we are and how we operate in our daily lives.

For example, the most popular pet peeve to many is to see others who wear Nike tennis shoes with Reebok clothing, or vice versa. According to our poll, many college students feel that

it is a major violation to intertwine athletic name brands. The rule is you either wear all Nike, all Reebok or all Adidas. Never a combination.

GSU students vent their frustrations on people peeves:

"My peeve is when you have a 10 a.m. class and it is 9:59 a.m. and you're in line to get a scantron and the person in front of you is buying a peppermint with a credit card that won't process," Marnite Zachery, said.

"People who indicate quotation marks by using their hands," Peter Christopher, writing and linguistics professor, said.

Al Watts, a CET major, thinks it's a "fashion no-no" when people wear "sweat pants with one leg up."

Other nuisances deserving honorable mentions among the student body include chains that connect your wallet to your pocket, shoes with no socks, people who wear open-toed shoes with unkempt toenails, inhumane parking fees, tobacco chewers, people who dress up for class everyday and skinny people who complain about being fat.

Teaching the brain to restore sight

The Associated Press

Like many people drawn to science, Bernhard A. Sabel was intrigued by a mystery. "When we get a cut on our skin, it heals and no one thinks anything of it. But people don't think the brain can repair itself," Sabel said.

Sabel and his colleagues have disproved this conventional wisdom about the brain's limited recuperative ability in a dramatic way.

"We were able to show for the first time that lost sight can be restored," Sabel said. "The brain's visual system in adults is not as unchangeable as previously thought. It possesses potential for adapting to change."

Sabel's treatment has been demonstrated to be effective for those whose strokes or injuries have left them with a narrowed field of vision. For these individuals, the normal view of the world is replaced by a narrow field of vision that divides itself into three distinct areas.

In areas where cells have escaped harm, vision remains normal. Where massive cell death

has occurred in either the optic nerve or vision-processing areas, there is simply insufficient sensory information for the brain to construct an image. Between these two areas is a "transition zone." Here, enough cells have survived to provide some signals and some signal-processing ability, but the resulting view is too distorted to provide useful visual information.

The survivor cells in the transition zone are the key to vision restoration, Sabel said. Using a computer-assisted examination, his team is able to determine the location and concentration of these hearty cells.

Researchers devised experiments that proved their existence. In these tests, sightless volunteers were asked to guess the shape or color of an object that was held before them but which they insisted they were unable to see.

Their answers proved to be accurate.

Using magnetic resonance imaging, researchers realized that the blind often did have

vestiges of the sort of neural activity associated with sight. This opened up an exciting possibility: If the machinery for "seeing" had not shut down entirely, perhaps it could be revived.

From experiments in which the optic nerves and vision-processing areas of rats were destroyed, scientists learned that as much as 70 percent of an animal's "normal vision" could be retained with as few as 10 percent of the cells in vision centers, Sabel said. The brains of the rats had managed to "work around" the damage. From here it was a short intellectual leap to realize that the "miraculous" restorations of sight that from time to time had been reported in humans might represent a similar self-repair capability.

"Vision can, in fact, be restored to a significant degree," Sabel said. "We were able to show for the first time that lost sight can be restored in man. Partial blindness is not as irreversible as generally believed."

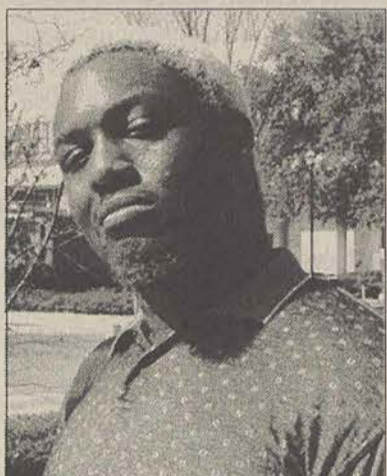
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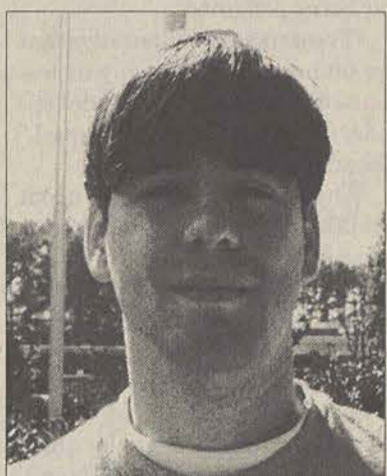
"Stupidity."
—Kelly Stewart, English major



"People who always think that they are right."
—Nikki Turner, Comm Arts major



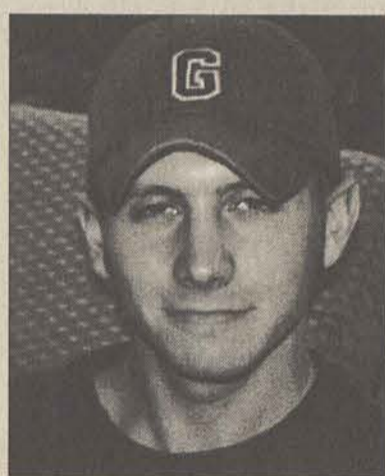
"Simple-minded people."
—Sly Colquitt, Criminal justice major



"People who ask me what my pet peeve is."
—Jesse Crim, CIS major



"People who do not signal."
—Carla Pinkins, computer engineering major



"When you study all night for a test, then find out that it is the wrong day."
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Homosexuality and spirituality—can they coincide? Stephanie Burke named 'Woman of Distinction'

By Tricia Hall
Features Editor

Homosexuality and spirituality—how do they relate? It is a question that many people argue, debate and struggle over.

Last week was Out Week, and the Triangle club sponsored a panel discussion on the topic. Representatives from six different denominations were present at the discussion—an atheist, a Unitarian Universalist, a Lutheran, a Roman Catholic, a Wiccan and an Episcopalian. Each representative agreed that their particular denomination was open to homosexuals.

Heather Mello, a bisexual atheist, spoke of her experiences. She was raised Methodist, but converted to atheism. She said her parents have many misconceptions about both issues.

"My mother thinks that my bisexuality is a phase, and that I hate God. I do not hate God," she said. Mello pointed out that one of the biggest misconceptions regarding homosexuality and atheism is that people choose their sexuality into it. She said that that was not necessarily true.

"For me, the two were totally separate." After converting to atheism, Mello said she is much happier. "I don't have a lot of the guilt that I used to have over my sexuality. However, I try to be mindful as a bisexual woman, as a human being."

Ann Marie Alderman is a lesbian and represented the Unitarian Universalist's position concerning the issue. Alderman is currently a candidate for ordination in the Unitarian Universalist Association. She said that the Unitarian Universalist's care



David Koepke

HOMOSEXUALITY AND RELIGION: Representatives from six different denominations discussed their views on homosexuality and how it relates to their current beliefs.

about gay and lesbian people.

"We want to know what people are and the life that they are living. We want to meet your partner," she said. "You can be whole and complete and we love you."

Rev. Schulte, a gay minister in the Lutheran church, spoke of his experiences. He said that the Lutheran church is currently divided on the issue. He admitted that it does put some stress on the congregation.

He said, "If [homosexuality] doesn't place any stress on the congregation, then I am doing the wrong thing. God accepts me, it is those around me who do not necessarily accept me. God does not frown upon me because I am gay. God does not have a problem with me being gay; whether I am practicing it or not." When the question was raised about a particular Bible verse that condemned homosexuality, Schulte replied by saying, "Unless we know the context, we cannot give it meaning. If not, we are taking our own belief and looking into it."

Jane Hall, the campus minister for a Roman Catholic Church, explained its position on the issue of homosexuality and spirituality. She said that the Roman Catholic Church is open to homosexuals and they are welcome to come and worship.

She said, "We are very supportive of one's sexual orientation. What matters is how we act upon it. We do call homosexuals to the same standards as we do to [single] heterosexual adults, and that is abstinence."

Raven, a Wiccan, explained how paganism is now very open.

She said, "Within witchcraft, there is room for just about anybody. It is pretty open about your sexuality and how it relates to your spirituality." She said as long as you don't hurt anyone, including yourself, you can do pretty much what you want as a Wiccan.

Rev. Ron Davidson was the last to speak on the position of the Protestant Episcopal church. He said the question of sexuality is one that is alive and well in the church. Right now, the Episcopal church has not ordained any gay or lesbian priests, however, there are some priests who have announced their homosexuality after being ordained.

"The present position says that we do not marry any gay or lesbian couples. However, we do consider all homosexuals to be equal," Davidson said.

When asked to comment about the Bible verses condemning homosexuality, Davidson said that his church had not yet found an answer to the question, but pointed out that we must think about the people and not simply the Bible verses. He said if we can say that Christ can be revealed in homosexuals, than Christ can not frown upon homosexuality.

"I think that the panel challenged everyone involved," Andrew DeLoach, co-chairman of the Triangle club, said. "We learned a lot of Christian and non-Christian perspectives."



Susan Smith

AN ENCHANTED EVENING: The NAACP hosted the Miss African-American Woman of Distinction pageant Tuesday night. The women were judged on their style, grace, individuality, talent and intellect.

By Tricia Hall
Features Editor

The Miss African-American pageant celebrated its tenth anniversary with seven women competing for the "Woman of Distinction" title. Stephanie Burke won the title of "Woman of Distinction," Tuesday night.

"I was very surprised that I won," she said. "I don't go to pageants to win. For me, it is all about the fun and intensity."

The pageant began as contestants marched in, carrying signs displaying the name of an African-American woman who they considered their woman of dis-

tingtion. These names included influential women such as Harriet Tubman and Oprah Winfrey.

The pageant was sponsored by the NAACP, who awarded the winner with a one year scholarship to GSU.

The contestants were judged on their style, grace, individuality, talent and intellect. They competed in three categories: talent, evening wear and a question and answer session.

"I think that they answered the questions and performed very well," Tamika Howard, coordinator of the pageant, said. Winners included Shavon

White; first runner up and winner of the talent competition, Resheeda Moore; second runner up, Anita Taylor; being named Ms. Scholastic and Ms. Congeniality, and Thomasia Jefferson; being named Ms. Entrepreneur.

"All the contestants were very nice, we got along well and created a bond," Burke said. "We practiced really hard and it all came together in the end."

Howard agreed that the ladies did an excellent job.

"The pageant went very well, the girls did a very good job and I was pleased with all of them," she said.

Career Services offer workshops for students

By Tamaya Huff
Staff Writer

Career Services is offering students a cup of flavored coffee and a chance to prepare for their future career, both free of charge. For the first time at GSU, the program entitled "Coffee Shop Hours" encourages students to find a major, learn more about their chosen major and learn vital job strategies and interviewing skills.

They are also given a chance to interact with career advisors to gain additional information. The entire program has been divided up into five workshops. It began in January and each workshop will be offered once a month

until April from 3 to 5 p.m. with fresh coffee on hand for visitors.

Patricia Bergmier, director of career services and coordinator of the program, discussed the reason for this new approach.

"We thought it would be a lot more fun and interactive than doing just a regular workshop," she said.

The titles of the workshops are resume and cover letters, job search strategies (including salary negotiating and relocation/cost of living), interview skills (including dining and business etiquette), graduate school planning (including applying to law and medical school), deciding a major and/or career path, or finding out what you

can do with your major.

Bergmier said, "The workshops provide a plan for students."

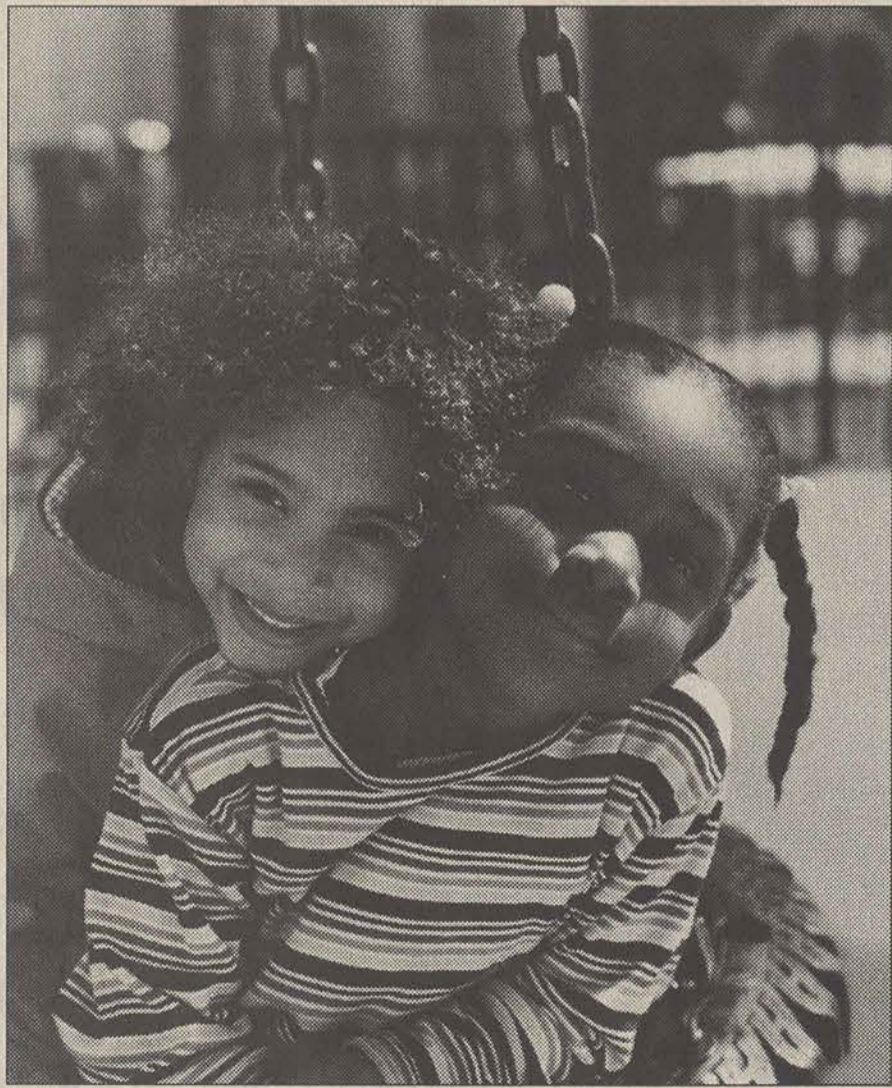
This plan includes deciding a major, what jobs you can obtain with this major, how to gain valuable experience for the resume and looking at graduate school possibilities.

Assistant director of career services, Alexander Hines believes that it will be to the students' advantage to attend all of the workshops. "You should attend all of the workshops, each of them are important," he said. However, if you cannot attend any of the workshops," Hines said, "You can schedule an appointment to talk to a career specialist."

Career Resource Specialist, Amy Williams, said, "My duties vary from day to day. I work with students on a walk-in basis in the career resource library. I help students mostly with resumes on the RE WEB program, and help them locate jobs and decide majors."

The RE WEB is a on-line resume writing program provided by GSU.

Anashay Murphy, a public relations major, also works in Career Services updating information on different majors and assisting students. She believes that the department helps point students in the right direction. "It's very helpful in planning a career," she said.



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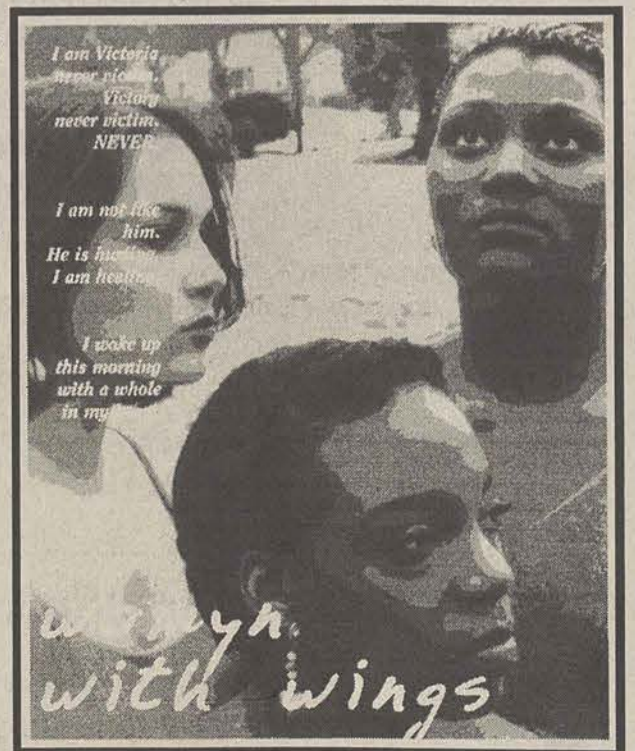
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Love 'em or hate 'em, body piercings make a point

By Andy Dehnart
Campus Correspondent - Stetson University

STETSON, Fla. (CPX)—To establish identity, some folks wear clothes from the trendiest stores, splash themselves with an array of scents, plaster their vehicles with bumper stickers, and load their bookbags with buttons declaring their pet causes and politics.

But perhaps the fastest way to get noticed in the '90s is body piercing. Driving metal studs and hoops through bellybuttons, ears, eyebrows, nipples, noses, tongues - and a few other places where the sun doesn't shine - seems to grab

attention these days like few other things.

Experts say the reasons people poke multiple holes in their bods are as varied as the parts they have punctured. But more often than not, they're looking for a way to express themselves, said Donald L.

Sanz, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist and director of the Counseling Center at Stetson University.

As with choosing clothes, people pierce themselves to stand out but to also identify with others who are doing the same thing, he said.

"It's a very interesting juxtaposition between rebellion" and making a statement, he said.

Some folks display their piercings to shock people, others use them for sexual stimulation, and still others hope their hoops "attract members of the same or opposite sex (or) send a signal about their sexuality," Sanz added.

There is a group of hole-y folks health care professionals fret about: Those who are addicted to self-mutilation. They go far beyond average body display, covering themselves with tattoos and multiple piercings because of feelings of anger or self-hatred, experts say.

"That's the part (where) we have to be most concerned - when people are hurting themselves," Sanz said.

Myrna Diaz, a junior at Texas A&M, said she doesn't

know much about all the psycho-babble that goes along with the tongue ring she got for \$60 about a year ago. Diaz said she got the stud because she simply wanted to break a bad habit.

"I bit my nails, so I needed something to mess with in my mouth to keep my fingers out of it," she said. "I've bitten my nails for 15 years, and I'm

free now." Prices range from \$25 for the standard navel ring to \$140 for an "Ampdravya" piercing in ... well, let's just say it's easily concealed with underwear.

Legislators and doctors are increasingly uncomfortable with this fashion trend, which can, when performed under unsafe conditions, lead to infections and the spread of diseases such as hepatitis and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

No doubt a piercing like the one gotten recently by Dolores, a student at the University of Michigan who declined to give her last name, would send shivers down many folks' spines. She said she got her "tummy button" after asking a friend to pierce her stomach with a knitting needle. "I was very drunk," she said. "But it looks nice."

Tales like that have prompted Indiana state Sen. Luke Kenley to propose legislation that would make it illegal for someone to pierce a minor without consent from a parent or legal guardian. He hopped on the issue after receiving complaints from one woman who reported finding a piercing parlor where no records were kept and bloody needles were dropped between uses into antiseptics not strong enough to kill some deadly germs.

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Avalanches kill 5, including 3 students

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RENO, Nev. — Avalanches killed five people in California, Colorado and Utah last Saturday.

In California, where 2 feet of snow fell on Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas, three men and a woman were sledding near a lakeshore in the northern Sierra Nevada, about 35 miles west of Reno, when a block of snow gave way, burying them under 6 feet of ice.

One man, 21-year-old Harry Eichelberger of Chicago, managed to dig himself out after being buried for four hours, and run for help. Fifteen young members of a Dartmouth College alumni group who were staying in a cabin across the lake responded quickly. Wearing headlamps and using brooms, mops and rakes, they dug out the other three.

Despite their efforts, 21-year-old Malcolm Russell Hart, a stu-

dent at the University of California at Berkeley from Dover, N.H., died. The three survivors were being treated for hypothermia at a local hospital on Sunday and Monday.

In Colorado, three men were skiing and snowboarding Saturday with friends in the central Rockies, about 130 miles southwest of Denver, when an avalanche about a half-mile wide engulfed them. Killed were Andrew P. Vork, 19, of Parker, Colo., Casey James McKenny, 19, of Marquette, Mich., and Matthew Alan Noddin, 22, of Portland, Maine, authorities reported. McKenny and Vork were students at Western State College, and Noddin was a former student at the college, according to school spokesman Larry Meredith.

In Utah, 22-year-old Justin Hiel's body was found in a snow slide 20 feet deep. He was snowshoeing with friends in a canyon about 10 miles south of Salt Lake City when he decided to return to his cabin for warmer clothes. Hiel's friends saw the avalanche but could not find him immediately afterwards.

BAKER

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How do athletic fees benefit students?

Baker said the fees benefit students because successful athletic programs help GSU gain notoriety throughout the country and they encourage alumni to donate money to the university.

"Potential employers know the name Georgia Southern because of its four national championships in football. It gives Georgia Southern a level of recognition that perhaps an institution that doesn't have a successful program would not gain," he said.

Why didn't the athletic department just try raise the

athletic fee?

The Board of Regents approves all fee increases. According to Baker, with HOPE funds leveling out, the Board of Regents is cautious with fee increases because they must be absorbed by HOPE funds.

Why didn't the athletic department tell the most recent recruits that these cuts were a possibility?

"We didn't know during recruiting what would happen," Baker said.

Will the cuts affect recruiting in the future?

"I can't imagine that it would," he said.

LASORDA

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ball team. Five individuals from the baseball program were inducted into the GSU Baseball Wall of Fame. These individuals included former Eagle outfielder and pitcher Roger Godwin, who played from 1978-81, former infielder Bob

Laurie (1977-80), former pitcher Alan Willis (1978-79) and former long-time athletic trainer Tom 'Doc' Smith.

Before he left, Lasorda told the audience in attendance again how grateful he was to be at the banquet.

"It is gratifying to see all of you here," he said. "I am extremely proud that I was able to come here tonight, and be a part of this. I was proud to see these fellows who had worn the uniform of this university being honored tonight."

As a major league baseball manager, Lasorda led the L.A. Dodgers to two World Championships, four National League pennants and seven Western Division titles. He recorded 1,599 wins during his long career as manager, ranking 13th on the all-time major league win list. Lasorda was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., on August 3, 1997.



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