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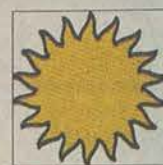
## End of the Week Weather



**Today**  
Scattered  
showers with a  
high of 79 and  
a low of 56.



**Friday**  
Mostly cloudy  
with a high of  
65 and a low  
of 54.



**Saturday**  
Sunny with a  
high of 65  
and a low of  
44.



**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy  
with a high of  
70 and a low  
of 49.

## GOLD EDITION

Thursday  
March 25, 1999  
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## Sports



### GSU softball mows over Elon

Eagles defeat the Fighting Christians 7-0.  
Please see story, page 6



### Forest Heights Golf Club to host invitational

The Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational will be held this weekend showcasing top college golf teams in the U.S.  
Please see story, page 6

## A&E



### Matrix star Carrie-Ann Moss

Moss gives insight to her latest movie release, "The Matrix," which opens tomorrow night.  
Please see story, page 11

## Today's Word

Noa (NOU) n.  
Pertaining to a milder word or expression such as "shoot," "darn" or "gosh."  
Source: Weird Words

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## SGA Presidential election coverage

# Bryson and Nicely go head-to-head

By Allison Taylor  
News Editor

Within the next few weeks students at GSU will determine who will lead their Student Government Association into the next millennium as Aaron Nicely and John Bryson announced their candidacy for SGA president on Monday.

Candidates for the positions of president, executive vice president, vice president of academic affairs, vice president of finance, vice president of auxiliary affairs and senators were required to attend meetings on Monday or Tuesday to review the rules for campaigning.

Following the meeting on Tuesday, candidates on both tickets were officially permitted to start running their campaigns.

But things have already gotten off to a shaky start.

For the first time in remembered history, no one ticket will win all five positions.

Each ticket suffered a setback when they were told that both tickets lost a running mate to disqualification.

On the Bryson ticket, Melissa Ringo, the hopeful for vice president of academic affairs was deemed ineligible to run. As a transferring sophomore this semester, Ringo has yet to earn a credit from GSU and thus she failed to meet the requirements of the Student Government constitution. Ringo's name still appears on Bryson ticket information but will not appear on the ballot.

The Nicely lost their candidate for vp of auxiliary affairs because he failed to meet the minimum grade requirement of 2.0. Nicely did not want to disclose the candidate's name and refused to coop-



John Bryson

erate. Andy Pippen's name appears on the Nicely ticket flyers as the candidate for the position, regardless of his disqualification.

Also, according to Katie Farmer, elections officer, neither candidate is on the ballot because they did not attend one of the mandatory candidates meetings.

Both presidential candidates were shocked by these last minute decisions but are still looking forward to leading successful campaigns for the

individuals remaining on their tickets.

Bryson's platform includes finding resolutions for the parking situation on campus, creating a bill of rights to establish students' rights, implementing an SGA reform to ensure a diverse group of representatives, as well as full opposition to fee increases and GSU Internet access to all houses on Greek Row.

According to Bryson it is important to stay within budgets, and he



Aaron Nicely

said it is very difficult to justify fee increases on the present fees at GSU.

"There is no need to start asking for more money," Bryson said. "If it's crucial I would redirect money."

As for Greek Row gaining Internet access, Bryson said the Greek's form an intricate part of the campus.

"It is one way GSU can reach more students," he said. "If students live in residence halls they get Internet access, so should the Greeks."

Nicely is running a slightly different campaign, with a strict four-point platform.

He said he wants to implement a continuing program on Internet registration, to create a house of representatives for student organizations, to create monthly random acts of kindness and to create a legal advisory service for students.

See CANDIDATES, page 14

## 1999 SGA Presidential Tickets

SGA Presidential Candidates	John Bryson	Aaron Nicely
Executive Vice President	Zachary Rushing	Joyce C. Estrada
Vice President of Academic Affairs	N/A	Casey Jackson
Vice President of Finance	Amanda S. Keddington	Francesca Evans
Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs	Bo Grimes	N/A

## Candidate says recruitment of better students, faculty and staff is a must

By Tiffany Fell  
Staff Writer

Walter Wendler, the fourth candidate for provost/vice president of academic affairs, said that institutions should recruit faculty, students and staff who are better than the present ones during an open forum held March 11 at the student union.

"Not to say that the students, faculty and staff at the institution aren't strong, but there is a quest for quality that you continually have to work to improve," Wendler said. "We need to continually strive to never take anything but the very best."

Wendler outlined 12 principles that he said he believed would help a university be recognized for excellence. Lane Van Tassel took questions from the audience in a question and answer session after Wendler's speech.



Susan Smith

### Walter Wendler

Strong arts and sciences programs with high standards and high expectations are important to an institution, Wendler said.

The professional programs and disciplinary programs should also have excellence and would be supported by excellence in the arts and sciences, he said.

"The general core educational

foundation of the university has got to be strong," Wendler said. "The core curriculum at Georgia Southern seems to be in good shape."

Wendler said the best universities are built on excellence in scholarship that should be geared to the institutional mission, which in GSU's case is a regional mission.

GSU should become a national model for excellence in regional universities by looking at other excellent national institutions, Wendler suggested.

"The distinctiveness of Georgia Southern can shine through the process of looking at the best practices at other places," Wendler said. "So, they should not become one of the other institutions but actually become excellent and distinct simultaneously."

Wendler said that he thinks GSU's best days lie before it.

"I think the pieces are in place," he said. "The real question is does the institution have a will to go to the next level. That is the fundamental question."

## Walter Wendler Fourth in a series of four candidates

**Present Position:** Executive Assistant to the President, Texas A & M, 1997 to present.  
**Previous employment:** Dean and Professor, College of Architecture, Texas A & M, 1992 - 1997. Department Head, Department of Architecture, Texas A & M, 1989 - 1992. Executive Assistant Dean, College of Architecture, Texas A & M, 1988 - 1989.

**Education:** B.A., Environmental Design, Texas A & M • M.A., Architecture, University of California. • Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Texas.  
**Community Service:** • Member of Steering Committee of College Station • Community Enhancement Programs • Board Member of Brazos 2020 vision • Board member of TAMU-BCS council.

## Wachovia to add \$5 monthly charge to student accounts



David Whiddon

**QUICK CASH:** GSU students Jennifer Bedingfield and Sid Bedenbough stop by a Wachovia ATM rather than visiting a teller, which will soon save them \$5.

By Daniel Edison Underwood  
Student Writer

Wachovia Bank, which claims to have more GSU student accounts than any other local bank, will begin charging a \$5 monthly fee for more than two teller-assisted transactions a month.

Wachovia's student checking account, the College Account, is geared toward college students and offers a Visa Check Card, unlimited check writing, no minimum balance and free ATM usage, banking officer David

Beaubien said.

Making transactions at the night deposit or an ATM will remain free and do not count toward the two teller-assisted transaction.

First Bulloch Bank, Sea Island Bank and Eagle Bank and Trust also have students accounts, and their charges vary.

Customer service representative Michelle Johns at First Bulloch Bank said their college account, the Varsity Checking Account, has a \$1 monthly fee only if a customer wants a check card. Otherwise, the regular ATM card, ATM usage and all transactions, including teller assisted ones, are free.

Sea Island Bank's college account, the Signature Student Check-

ing account, offers ATM and check card services and no minimum balance for a \$1 monthly fee, said teller Nora Watson.

Eagle Bank and Trust's college account, the University Account, offers overdraft protection, ATM usage, an ATM card and/or Eagle Bank Check Card for a \$3 monthly fee, said Customer Service Representative Michelle Lee. Eagle Bank and Trust looks to other Statesboro banks to set their monthly fee.

See WACHOVIA, page 14



## 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.

• **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.

## Friday, March 26

• A lecture titled "Issues in Public Health and Community Nutrition" will be held in the Southern Center Auditorium from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 681-5785.

## Saturday, March 27

• GSU will hold an **information session and campus tour** for prospective students at 10 a.m. The event is free to the public. For reservations call (912) 681-5532.

• **Southern Says Thanks**, a community festival, will be held Sweetheart

Circle from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• A workshop titled "This is Your Brain" will be held at the museum from 10 a.m.-noon.

## Sunday, March 28

• A **Graduation Recital** will be held in the Foy Recital Hall at 3 p.m.

• **First Baptist of Statesboro** is holding an Easter worship service in the Russell Union Theater at 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Monday, March 29

• A **General Student Recital** will be held at the Foy Recital Hall at 1 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 30

• The **Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Recital** will be held in the Foy Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 31

• A **Graduation Recital** will be held in the Foy Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

## Saturday, April 10

• The **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** will be held Sweetheart Circle. Check in is at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. \$75 gets you a T-shirt. For more information call 1-800-822-3379 or Brooke Brandenburg at 688-2566.

## Saturday, May 1

• **Bulloch County March of Dimes** will be held at 9 a.m. at the Hanner Fieldhouse. To register your GSU club or organization, call Stephanie Duvall at 871-7432 or e-mail at gsu0311.

## GSU AT THE MOVIES!

## 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.

## Cinema Arts Program

March 22

• Maborosi

April 5

• Colonel Chabert

April 12

• The Wooden Man's Bride

April 19

• Much Ado About Nothing

All Showings at 7:30 p.m. at the Russell Union

## POLICE BEAT

## Statesboro Police Department

## March 20

• Demarcus Bedford, 19, Players Club 83, was charged with Burglary.

• Marius Danson, 19, 1818 Chandler Rd., was charged with burglary.

## March 18

• James Carte Jr., 23, 2702 Paoli Pike, was charged with DUI.

• Laura Smith, of Park Place, reported criminal trespass.

## March 16

• Derrick Mainer, 19, Lot 17 of Curls Trailer Park, was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

## March 14

• Amanda Hughes, of Park Place, reported criminal trespass.

## GSU Police Department

## March 22

• Jennifer Futch reported a canon printer and a logitech mouse was taken from room 1112 Forest Drive building.

• Jessie Marquis reported \$110, a block-buster and BP card were taken from his wallet in his room in Johnson Hall.

## March 21

• Chavonne Branham reported a Dyno bicycle was missing from the southern courtyard bike rack.

• Cleopatra Pinder reported someone took

her discover card from her room in the Pines and made several transactions.

• A grease fire was reported at room 5113 in the Pines.

## March 12

• Megan Lokey, Laura Calvert, Jessica Carlson reported someone had torn the side mirror off of their vehicles in the Winburn Hall parking lot.

• Andrew Christian Snowby, 18, Hawthorne II, was arrested and charged with DUI.

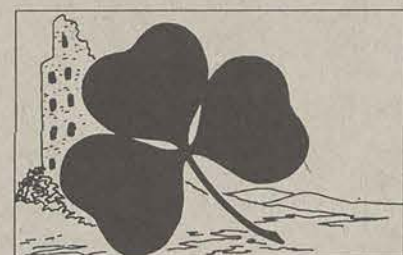
*Editors Note:* Police Beat appears in every issue of *The George-Anne* in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature, and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

## Irish studies minor to be offered at GSU

Special to the G-A

The Board of Regents recently approved the addition of an Irish studies minor which offers students interested in Ireland's history and culture a curriculum that will expand their knowledge of the Irish experience through the centuries. It also provides those with Irish and Scots-Irish ancestry a chance to gain better understanding of their heritage.

Professors representing five departments offer courses including "Irish Theater," "Twentieth Century Irish Literature," "Historical Geography of Ireland," "Irish Cultural Identities in Literature Relating to Famine," "Ireland in Film" and "The Politics of Conflict in Northern Ire-



land."

A special feature of the minor is the opportunity to take the physical biogeography of Ireland course in the Summer Studies Abroad in Ireland program, a two-week on-site study of places of distinctive geographical interest throughout Ireland.

"Interest in Irish studies courses for college credit has come not only from students,"

Frederick Sanders, director of the Center for Irish Studies, said. "It has come from parents with family ties to Ireland's whose children will soon be entering college. Many people have felt that the formal study of Ireland's rich centuries-old heritage is essential for countering the familiar stereotypes that caricature Irish life." Such courses have been unavailable until now.

"Providing an academic program that will give young people in our area and throughout Georgia the opportunity to study the diversity of the Irish experience through a series of courses has been a goal of the Center since it was established in 1995," Sanders said.

## Faculty/Staff Connection

• **Linda A. Cionitti**, associate professor of music and head of the department's woodwind area, presented a session on "Improving the Sound of you Clarinet Section" at the Georgia Music Education Convention in Savannah. She also adjudicated clarinets for the All-College Band and performed with and directed the University's Clarinet Choir at the convention.

• **Leslee N. Higgins**, assistant professor of accounting, participated in the 1999 New Faculty Consortium held at the Arthur Andersen Training Center in St. Charles, Ill. The consortium is sponsored by the American Accounting Association and allows new faculty members to meet and interact with colleagues from other universities and colleges across the nation.

• **Tom McMullen**, associate professor of history, presented a poster paper, "The Trustworthiness of Reason: Harvey, Descartes and the Heart," at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Anaheim, Cal.

• **Michael West**, assistant director of the Russell Union, recently presented the closing keynote at the University of South Carolina's Resident Assistant Training Conference. The fun and interactive presentation titled "Everything I Need to Know About Leadership, I Learned from My Far Side Calendar," addressed qualities and traits of effective leaders, as demonstrated through various selections from Gary Larson's famous cartoon strip.

• **J. Ricky Cox**, assistant professor of chemistry, organic division, gave a seminar at the UGa chemistry department on "A Tale of Two Flexible Molecules: Consequences in the Color Stability of Monoacylated Anthocyanins and the Phosphorylation of Aminoglycoside Antibiotics."

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

## Terror in Yugoslavia as NATO threatens air strikes

SRBICA, Yugoslavia — (AP) All that remained last Sunday were a half-dozen pools of blood staining the pale winter grass and a few fragments of skull and brain.

Saturday morning, Serbian special forces wearing white jumpsuits and black masks that showed only their eyes had swept through this Kosovo village, breaking down doors and de-

manding to see all the young men.

Eight of the men they found were marched, hands on heads, into a narrow gully in the piney woods overlooking Srbica and shot to death, according to three witnesses who watched from home. Later, Serb police dragged the bodies out of the woods, heaved them into a blue troop truck and hauled them away.

## Hey, Bulloch County, Georgia Southern Says Thanks!

with a community festival on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Join us for a full day of free family activities...

- The 1999 Youth Arts Festival**  
ART DEPARTMENT  
Now in its 17th year, this popular rite of spring features lots of hands-on activities, demonstrations by professional artists, music by University and community groups, and much more.
- Hike through History**  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN BOTANICAL GARDEN  
Take a relaxing guided tour through the stand of pines where Charles H. Herty made turpentine history.
- Leaf Art**  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN BOTANICAL GARDEN  
Use the natural treasures you pick up on the Herty Trail to create works of art.
- Brain Matters**  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN MUSEUM  
This interactive exhibit allows "hands-on" participation as it shows how the brain develops, how messages are sent, and the effects of alcohol and drugs on the brain.
- Feathers & Fangs**  
CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION & LAMAR O. BALL, JR. RAPTOR CENTER  
Get an eagle-eye view of native birds and reptiles as our Wildlife Center staff show off their friends.
- Southern Spirit**  
ATHLETICS  
Catch the spirit with a visit from the Georgia Southern Cheerleaders and Eagle Mascot GUS. Pick up information on youth summer athletic camps.
- Speakers Corner**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
What's an election without a debate? Political Science students demonstrate the finer points of the art in a mock debate.
- Stars Over Statesboro**  
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT  
Join campus astronomer Dr. Benjamin Zellner in the Georgia Southern Planetarium for a mid-morning look at the night sky over Statesboro. One show at 11:00 a.m.; seating for 60.
- Blood Pressure Screening**  
NURSING DEPARTMENT  
Blood pressure is important! Have yours checked by our student nurses.
- Aging Well**  
DR. CATHY SHRIVER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING  
Growing older is a fact of life. Pick up some tips on doing it right at this 30-minute talk at 10:30 and 2:30.
- Leisure Interests & Lifelong Activities**  
RECREATION AND SPORTS MANAGEMENT  
Check out ways to enrich your life through career and leisure opportunities at Georgia Southern.
- Sports Medicine for the Weekend Warrior**  
HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY  
Learn how to enjoy the gains of a physical workout while reducing the discomfort of unpleasant pains. Ideal for all fitness enthusiasts.
- Mocktails**  
HEALTH SERVICES EDUCATION  
Try tasty non-alcoholic "mixed drinks" and alcohol awareness literature served up by health educators.
- Fun at the Fountain**  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Enjoy the lighter side of education with clowns, magic shows, and at 2:00 p.m. the Kazoo Band.
- Defenders & Contenders**  
CAMPUS RECREATION & INTRAMURALS  
Members of the Martial Arts and Fencing clubs will demonstrate their skills. Audience participation requires a waiver; parents must sign for children.
- Puppets A-Plenty**  
COMMUNICATION ARTS/PUPPET THEATER  
Children of all ages will enjoy an entertaining stage performance and "strolling" puppets.
- Technology & Treasures**  
HENDERSON LIBRARY  
Check out exhibits and demonstrations galore, from Web-surfing and digital cameras to rare books and art collections.
- Techno Teaching**  
DR. ALISON MORRISON-SHETLAR, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF TEACHING  
Find out about the state-of-the-classroom as technology opens new doors for teachers and students in this 30-minute lecture in front of the Henderson Library at 11:00 and 2:00.

**Takin' Care of Business**  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
Join the COBA "Professors" and their "travelin' medicine show" as they celebrate interactive communications.

**Buttons 'n' Bones**  
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
Get your hands dirty and tour the "evidence" room as you "dig up" revealing clues about our ancestors and their environment.

**Tropical Treats**  
RESTAURANT, HOTEL, & INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT  
Enjoy the tastes and lifestyle of paradise as you sample tropical treats until 1 p.m.

**Campus Cruises**  
CAMPUS RECREATION & INTRAMURALS  
Enjoy a relaxing canoe ride on the campus lakes. Paddle yourself or join one of our "cruise directors." Life jackets, canoes, paddles, and instruction provided.

**Fitness Fun**  
CAMPUS RECREATION & INTRAMURALS  
Test your "fitness finesse" and learn how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

**Constructive Crafts**  
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION & CONTRACTING GUILD  
Student members of the BCC Guild will demonstrate their skills and let kids try their hands at woodworking projects.

**Millennium Preview**  
PHYSICAL PLANT  
Look into Georgia Southern's future with this three-dimensional exhibit of the campus' 20-year master plan.

**Medieval Reenactments**  
SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM  
Let Society members answer your questions and show you martial arts skills of the Middle Ages.

**Musical Showcase**  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
Enjoy the talents of campus and community musicians performing classical favorites, jazz, and modern selections.

**Electric Eagle Slide**  
HUMAN RESOURCES & STAFF TRAINING  
Join the party and learn the latest in line-dancing moves starting at 2:00 p.m.

**Campus Tours**  
ADMISSIONS OFFICE  
Take a closer look at your neighborhood campus with a one-hour guided walking tour. Meet in front of the University Store at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Festive Feast**  
RUSSELL UNION & AUXILIARY SERVICES  
Get your FREE Cokes, popcorn, and cotton candy at the Union Rotunda.

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# Everything you ever wanted to know about your SGA candidates

## The Bryson Ticket

## The Nicely Ticket



The SGA elections next week are more than just voting for a president. The Bryson ticket consists of a team of individuals who are willing to work together. Bryson said he has intricate knowledge of the way SGA is run. The vice presidential candidates have little SGA experience but are hoping to bring a voice to students on campus. Here are the three running mates for John Bryson.

*"A complete ticket for a changing Georgia Southern"*

### Executive Vice President

**Zachary Rushing**

**Year and Major:** 21, Political Science major

**Previous SGA Experience:** none

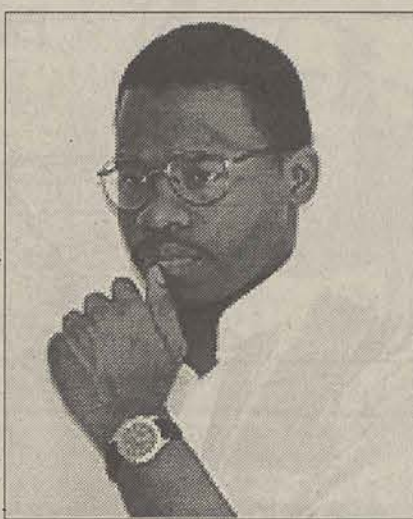
**GSU Activities:** Young Democrats, GSU Comics, GSU Fencing Club

**Why are you running for executive vice president?:**

"The job of executive vice president is one of both honor and responsibility. I believe that the honor of being chosen to not only help the president fulfill his duties but also step in if he is unable to is an unique position I look forward to undertaking."

**What responsibilities do you think are exclusive to your position as executive vice president:**

"To stay constantly informed. The nature of vice president is not only as a liaison for the other VP's to the president and vice versa but also of understanding the goals of the administration."



### Executive Vice President

**Joyce C. Estrada**

**Year and Major:** 20, Junior, Public Relations major

**Previous SGA Experience:** none

**GSU Activities:** SOAR leader 1999-2000, worked with CICS to raise money for Honduras Relief efforts. Trying to establish a new organization on campus.

**Why are you running for executive vice president?:**

"I am not a politician but a student that through everyday experiences at GSU knows what students want and need. In this position, I will be able to fulfill those needs."

**What responsibilities do you think are exclusive to your position as executive vice president:**

"Not only will I oversee some committees but be responsible of giving every student a chance to have their voices heard by SGA, administrators and fellow students."



### Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Casey Jackson**

**Year and Major:** 19, sophomore, Political Science major

**Previous SGA Experience:** current SGA senator serving on the Academic Affairs committee and the Master Steering committee.

**GSU Activities:** member of Phi Mu sorority, participant of Habitat for Humanity, volunteer for Children's Miracle Network, member of Gamma Beta Phi honor society

**Why are you running for vice president of academic affairs?:**

"I chose VP of Academic Affairs because I wish to strengthen the bond between the faculty and students of GSU. I believe if students and faculty, hand in hand, expressed their concerns, actions could be taken to better the GSU academic program."

**What strides would you take to bridge the gap between the new administration at GSU and the students?:**

"I hope to initiate a very strong relationship between the new administration of GSU and the students. I would achieve this by being a reliable outlet to the students when it comes to voicing their opinions and desired changes."



### Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs

**Bo Grimes**

**Year and Major:** 21, Junior, Business major

**Previous SGA Experience:** been on SGA the past three years

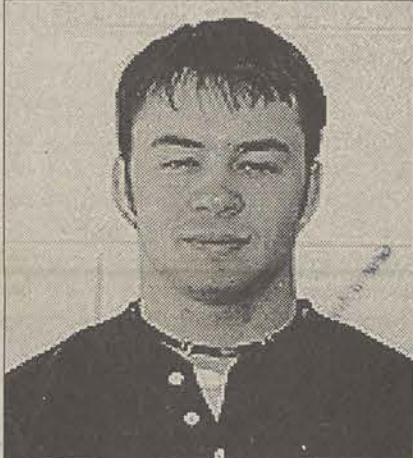
**GSU Activities:** Sigma Phi Epsilon vice president of member development; intramural flag football, basketball, soccer and softball

**Why are you running for vice president of auxiliary affairs?:**

"I am running because I have been on SGA for three years and have the experience needed for an office that affects so many students and I like working for the betterment of the students and university."

**What is your view on the parking and transportation situation on campus and how do you feel about having a meal plan rollover?:**

"My view on parking is simple; I would work hand in hand with Bob Chambers to improve parking. I would like to see new lots open sooner than planned and new lots added with the opening of new buildings on campus. I would also like more 15 minute spaces added at Landrum and Sweetheart Circle. I feel that students should have their meal plans rollover because it is a shame that students don't get what they pay for."



### Vice President of Finance

**Amanda S. Keddington**

**Year and Major:** 20, Sophomore, International Studies major

**Previous SGA Experience:** none

**GSU Activities:** Women's Rugby Club president

**Why are you running for executive vice president?:**

"I want to make sure that student money is not being wasted on unnecessary fee increases, and that there is a fair and equal SGA budget."

**What strides would you make to ensure that fund requests introduced to SGA are dealt with in a fair and unbiased manner?:**

"Make sure that both pros and cons are given an equal amount of time to debate the issue. Enough research is going into the fund request."



### Vice President of Finance

**Francesca Evans**

**Year and Major:** 21, Junior, Community Health major,

**Previous SGA Experience:** none

**GSU Activities:** Black Students Alliance, SOAR leader 1999-

**Why are you running for vice president of finance?:**

"As a member of a student organization, I realize how hard it is to raise money and as VP of Finance, I could make a difference even if I only helped one organization."

**What strides would you make to ensure that fund requests introduced to SGA are dealt with in a fair and unbiased manner?:**

"I believe that the previous SGA VP of Finance and the financial advisory committee have handled fund requests in a fair manner and I will continue their efforts by conducting in-depth investigations before funding organizations."



## How GSU's Student Government operates; a quick guide to being informed on the upcoming SGA elections, slated for next week

G-A News Service

Student Government Association will be holding elections March 31 and April 1 at Lakeside Café, the College of Business Administration and the Student Union.

Any student of GSU may vote in the elections provided they provide some form of picture ID and have no registration holds. Students will vote for president and executive vice president. They will also vote for vice president for academic affairs, vice president for finance and vice president of auxiliary affairs. A total of 34 senators will also be voted on.

The elected president of SGA will head the Presidential Advisory Committee and chair the

senate meetings. In addition, he or she will be the official representative of the student body. The president may veto any action or appointment of the senate within 5 class days of the passage, but can only vote at senate meetings if there is a tie on a 2/3 vote.

The executive vice president will act as interim president in case of the removal or resignation of the president. He or she will also set up interviews for position appointments and work with the publicity assistants that will be appointed by the executive officers by a majority vote.

The vice president for academic will serve as the official representative to the Academic Advisory Council and will attend and be able to vote at

all Faculty Senate meetings. He or she will also be responsible for attending all Undergraduate Council and Calendar meetings and will be able to vote. In addition, the VP of academic affairs will oversee the SGA scholarship selections procedures and chair the United Way Student Fund Drive.

The vice president of auxiliary affairs will chair the Food Services Committee and will work with the director of auxiliary services in addition to serving on the Housing Appeals Committee. He or she will be held responsible for distributing the SGA Student Directory and the SGA Fresh Faces of Georgia Southern.

The vice president of finance will be in charge of all disbursements and financial operations of

SGA. He or she will also oversee the expenditures of groups receiving money from SGA and will serve on the Activity Budget Committee.

The senate on a whole will approve the final budget of SGA and will make all budgetary expenditures in excess of \$200. It will also approve or reject any special appointments and can override a presidential veto with a two-third majority.

The full senate must meet at least three times a quarter and can be called to meet by the president, the other four executive members acting in unison, by the SGA advisor or one-third of the senators. Penalties are inflicted on senators who miss excessive meetings. The executive officers must meet at least once a week.



## Our Opinion

### Pick SGA representatives based on merit, not on popsicles

SGA elections are once again underway. GSU students must pick a new executive board and a brand new senate to represent them next year. The past year has proven that SGA is a very valuable entity and that it is very important to choose the next senate very carefully and cautiously.

SGA is responsible for fund allocations to student organizations and are representatives on many GSU committees. They are a very vital link of power on campus and are oftentimes the only voice students have to the administration.

Students must vote, but also students must be informed when they make their decisions. In the past, the candidates have swayed votes by handing out freeze-pops and dressing up in crazy costumes. They have spent tons of money on banners and T-shirts. What students should care about is what the candidates will do once in office. It shouldn't matter who spent more money.

The George-Anne is making every effort possible to provide students with the facts of the campaigns. We will try to tell you where the candidates stand on certain issues and what they intend to do once elected. In return, we urge you to make an informed decision by actually talking to the campaigners when they hand you their materials.

SGA has done a lot in the past year to help students by representing us professionally and appropriately. Let's elect a new senate that will continue to build on the foundation that has been laid and to add new improvements as the first school year under new President Grube gets underway.



## Backtalk

Thank you for continually printing letters about men's swimming and cross country sports being cut. We are all very upset! Keep up the good work.

— JENNIFER MILLER

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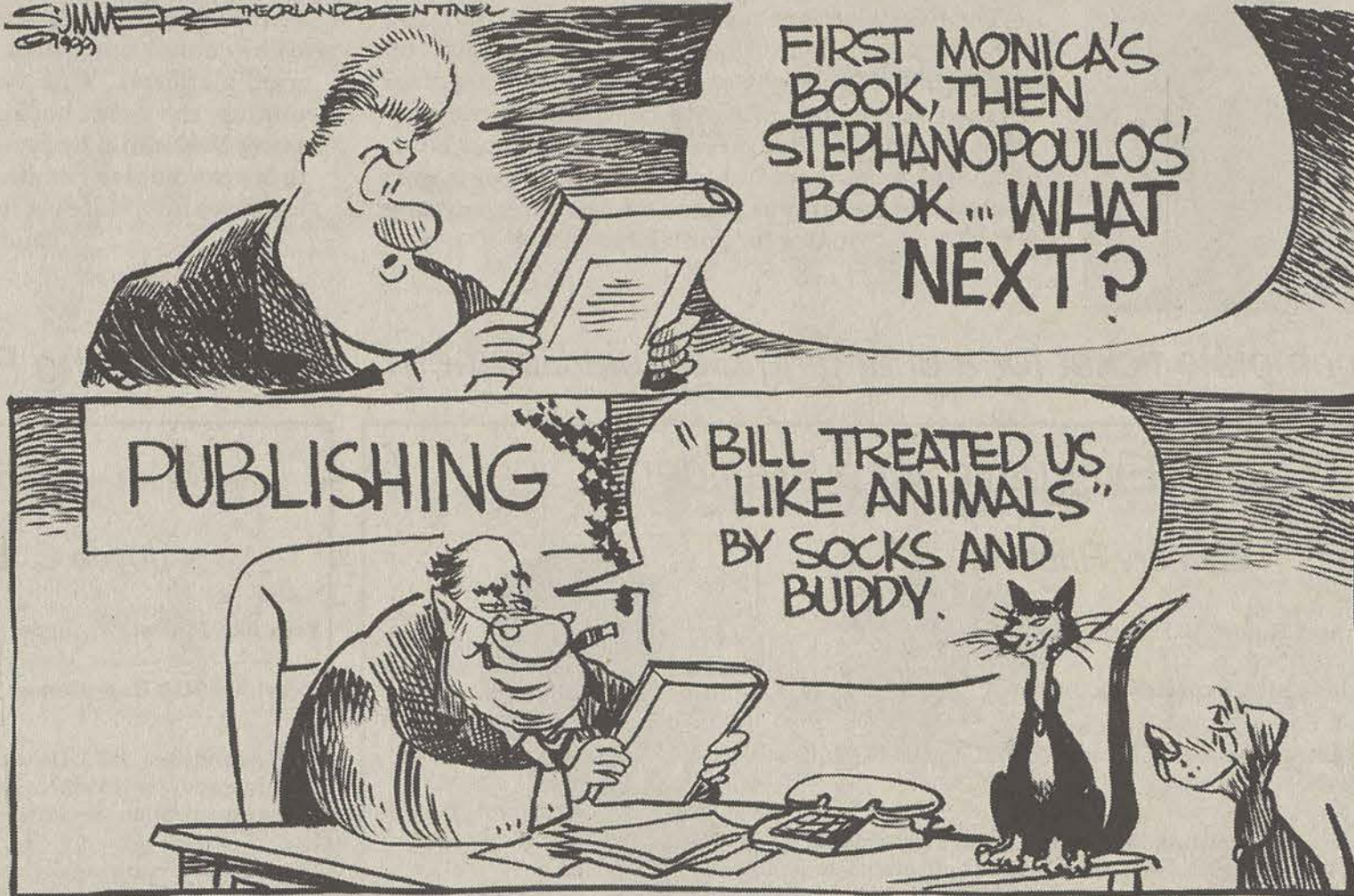
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## Mandatory sentences: the cornerstone of freedom

Have you heard of mandatory sentences? No, I'm not talking about a new policy the English Department wants to make campus-wide, but rather that great and democratic policy instituted by several state and local governments around the country, not to mention our federal government (can we spell D-E-A?). Never mind they are probably the brain-child of some leftist right-wing republicrat with a seersucker suited bow tie fetish and criminal baton-bashing dreams ala the LAPD. The fact is, they work, and here's why.

Imagine that you are a cotton farmer somewhere in South Georgia. Now, suppose that just maybe times are tough. Maybe you quit planting soy beans during a recent cotton boom, and now have all your acres brimming over with cotton.

But, unfortunately for you, the government lifted trade restriction with Egypt, or somebody, or reduced tariffs, or something like that. The important thing is that you can't sell your cotton at competitive prices—foreigners are killing you—and as a result you are broke.

To make matters worse, you have one kid in college, and two more on the way. You have mouths to feed, and backs that need clothing. The bank isn't helping you out neither, because, well, they're more concerned with turning that farm of yours into a "residential development"—which you think means subdivi-



### JUSTIN MILLER

COLUMNIST

sion or apartment complex for the nearby college students. The bottom line is that you're still broke, you have no source of income, and the only thing the bank's giving you is additional ATM cards and friggin' lollipops.

Yet, your neighbor, also a cotton farmer, is doing quite well. Since y'all've been friends since General Oglethorpe trod through these parts, you decide to go talk to him about how he's doing so well, and you're two months away from bankruptcy.

Your friend decides to let you in on a little secret. Together, you pile into his Ford 350, and barrel on into his fields. All you see is acre after acre of cotton—just like your fields.

But then, in the most secluded spot on his land, far away from the dirt highway, and slightly covered by the shadows of nearby pecan trees, you see a patch of peculiar looking plants. It is marijuana, and you quickly realize how your neighbor has managed to make it through these rough times. The only catch? There are people to pay off, palms to grease, and information to be exchanged.

Now, imagine you are a college student. You and two of your

friends go to the apartment next to yours to hang out with Joe. Joe's got a big screen TV, and you want to see MTV's Spring Break on it for, well, the obvious reasons. As the four of you sit there wondering why you never heard about the MTV Cruise Ship before your Spring Break, in walks the police.

Well, actually, in stomp the police, over a splintered rendition of what used to be Joe's front door. Ski masks donned, and automatic assault rifles at the waist, they throw you down, cuff you, and drag all of you off to jail.

Although you were totally unaware, your friend Joe happened to have two hits of ecstasy and a dime bag of marijuana in his room. At the station you are all charged with conspiracy to distribute, conspiracy to consume, or conspiracy to buy, or something like that. You don't know since they don't tell you the same thing twice.

To save his own hide, your "friend," Joe, turns "state evidence" which is to say he will say anything to avoid serving time. He confesses that you were all there for the express purpose of buying the drugs from him. It is now your word against his, and

you my friend have no credibility, because you are now an accused drug user.

At the trial all three of you get mandatory sentences of 180 days in prison. You can't fight it or appeal it—that is why they call it mandatory.

The problem is that while in jail, you will all be raped (by both prisoners and guards).

Also, one of your friends will become a drug addict (ironically, the first time he/she ever actually did drugs was in prison), and the other one will be a paraplegic thanks to an irate prisoner that threw him/her off a second-tier row of prison cells. You?

Well, you my friend are dead in only two weeks. You were stabbed 61 times by a prisoner upset over a basketball game in the yard.

Meanwhile, back in our fictitious little college town, located somewhere between here and there, the Drug Task Force is happy because they produced results, the town is happy because they see results, and the earlier mentioned farmer is happy, because his information brought someone to trial, and his boy is just doing fine at the university (and he sure loves that new Wrangler, too).

Oh, and the local sheriff is everyone's hero, and definitely a shoe-in for re-election.

And darn it, those mandatory sentences do work, really.

## How to manage your stress and smile

I have noticed a disturbing pattern among students on the campus of GSU. Being the usually happy-go-lucky type, I smile and say hello to just about anyone I pass on campus, whether I know them or not. In doing this, I am a bit surprised with the usual response: coughing, scowling or looking at the ground.

What could possibly be so disturbing in a college student's life that they cannot simply return a smile?

I realize that many of us are working for that slot on the Dean's list, or perhaps striving to keep the HOPE scholarship. Does this warrant such grumpiness? I don't think so.

No, I think the real reason for the crankiness is that college students are stressed out and lack the means by which to cope with their problems.

The most popular way for students to relax seems to be partaking in the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Translated: Going out to a club and getting completely trashed so that the pressures of term papers, exams



### VANESSA KEBER

A&E EDITOR/COLUMNIST

and classes melts into a drunken stupor.

This is, in my opinion, the worst thing you can do. You

you can control and work to change them.

This plan helps to put your problems into perspective. Also,

**MAKE A LIST OF ALL OF THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU, IN ORDER FROM MOST TO LEAST. THEN, CIRCLE THOSE THINGS THAT YOU CAN CONTROL AND WORK TO CHANGE THEM.**

wake up the next morning in a pool of beer and vomit with the same problems you had the night before, only now you have to figure out whose house you're at and how you're going to get home.

A more sensible alternative would be to make a list of all of the things that are important to you, in order from most to least. Then, circle those things that

you'll find that many times after you write everything down, all that's going on around you seems a little less scary and a little more manageable. It offers you the "light at the end of the tunnel," if you will.

You'll also find that alcohol only goes so far in temporarily numbing stressors. Instead of going out and partying to forget

about how worried you are that you haven't studied enough for a test you have to take the next day, stay home and outline the chapters.

I can guarantee that the next morning you will have a slightly brighter outlook on how you'll score on the exam. The great part is that, after it's all over, you can party to have a good time and not just to forget.

If you're having trouble coping with problems on your own, or if you're not sure where to begin, head over to the library and check out some books on time management and coping with stress. One that I had to read for GSU 1211, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey, is one to try.

Though it is a little abstract and written for more mature readers, the book offers some pretty good tips on how to calm down and put things into manageable terms.

Perhaps if we learn more positive ways to cope with our problems, students will be able to smile a little easier.



## Your Opinion

### Reader calls Brennaman column "insane"

Editor:  
I am writing in regards to the "Assistant New Editor/ Columnist," Chris Brennaman, opinion/article published today. "Why sometimes I hate this place." Why was this article even published? This guy is a very sick person and needs to seek professional help.

Anyone with this amount of aggression towards the world doesn't need to be publicizing their feelings. I've heard of the freedom of press, but this was

pure trash. I would not be surprised if he won't be put under surveillance by local police, or any other higher authorities.

The fact that he would want to shoot students, and harm innocent animals, is astonishing and scary.

Are there people really in this world, on this campus, that are that sick? Does he think he is walking perfection?

He really needs to re-evaluate himself and try to find something else to express his feel-

ings— possibly in a more positive direction.

There is a better way to say all that he said. All he did was piss people off, and I wouldn't be surprised if he were spit on by anyone. Shame on you *George-Anne* for printing this insane opinion. If I weren't so starved for free news and something to cure my boredom before classes, I would vow to not read your newspaper again.

**Laurie Kiefer**  
GSU Student

### Swim parent disagrees with Martin's column

Editor:  
The March 9th issue of *The George-Anne* contains an error of implied fact in Luke Martin's Upper Deck editorial.

Luke states that, "Sam Baker made the right decision by cutting the men's cross-country and swimming and diving teams, and there are 45.5 million reasons why it was the correct one. ...Forty-five and a half million is the amount of dollars GSU would lose in federal funding if it failed to comply with Title IX."

At a recent Faculty Senate meeting, Acting President Carter, was specifically asked if GSU as in any peril of being fined, if the feds were "breathing down our neck". He

honestly answered "No" to both questions. So much for the 45.5 million reason "panic attack."

He was asked if there was an immediate need to cut these two teams. He again said, "No."

It looks from "The Bleachers" like the athletic director and president are trying to give false impressions and imply that this action was somehow forced by Title IX. It was not. Title IX does not require slashing of any men's teams. Check out the NCAA News & Features Web pages — "cooperation and creative financing" are the methods encouraged in complying with Title IX's fine goals. Not cutting men's swim teams. In fact, a president of

the Women's Sports Foundation has stated, "This slashing of men's teams has to stop!"

Check out the facts before you mouth off, Luke.

The fact that the Athletic Long-Range Planning Committee, which excluded student as well as swimming staff representation, and the acting president made this terrible decision brings shame to a fine university.

They should be stepping up, owning up to their errors in judgement, and reversing this decision that Dr. Carter admitted didn't have to be made.

**Bruce Aron**  
Proud Eagle Swim Team Parent Supporter

## Jury selection begins for man accused in murder of gay Wyoming student

By Paul Pringle  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LARAMIE, Wyo.—A hangman's noose dangles over the beer taps at the Fireside Lounge, a rowdy but chummy bar where Matthew Shepard felt safe and where his friends last saw him alive.

The gallows rope is an innocent decoration. It pokes fun at this town's Old West baptism in frontier justice. But the martyrdom of Shepard, the gay University of Wyoming student who was lashed to a buck fence and pistol-whipped to death in October, has erased much of the innocence and fun from Laramie.

On Wednesday, jury selection began for the first of two local men accused in the 21-year-old Shepard's murder, a savage crime whose homophobic overtones sent waves of revulsion across the world. News organizations from as far away as Germany and Saudi Arabia have lined up to cover Russell Henderson's trial. The spotlight will direct fresh heat on Laramie's lingering agonies of shame and loss.

Already, just the mention of Shepard's name reduces some Fireside patrons to tears.

"Matt was a really good friend

of mine," said Jessica Mercer, 22, who stood outside the bar in the bone-bending wind that rakes Laramie year-round. She was crying. "He was one of the greatest people. I really miss him."

Mercer was hugged by Maurice Hill, 34, a Fireside regular.

"Something like this never happened here before," Hill said, his voice equal parts remorse and anger.

"But maybe the trial will be a good thing. Maybe it's going to open up people's eyes."

Henderson and Aaron McKinney, both 21, face murder, kidnapping and robbery charges. A judge granted them separate trials, and McKinney's is set for August. If convicted, they could get the death penalty.

The defendants' girlfriends were charged with being accessories after the fact. They allegedly helped the men conceal bloody clothes and other evidence.

Shepard, uniformly remembered as a gentle and trusting young man, was the son of a well-to-do Wyoming couple. His father is an oil executive whose work took the family to the

Middle East. Shepard attended high school in Switzerland and spoke three languages. He moved here last year to study political science at the University of Wyoming, his parents' alma mater.

The campus, a sprawl of limestone buildings set among Christmas pines, represents Laramie's No. 1 industry. Ranching is a distant second.

Henderson and McKinney are high school dropouts from broken homes. Their mothers are dead.

The Laramie police say McKinney confessed to them. He reportedly admitted that he and Henderson lured Shepard from the Fireside shortly before midnight on Oct. 6, drove him to a dirt road a mile outside of town and tied him to the crude fence constructed of lodgepoles.

They then stole his wallet and shoes, and repeatedly clubbed him with a .357 Magnum pistol, according to the police.

Police officers say McKinney told Shepard on the drive to the murder scene that he would be beaten because "it's Gay Awareness Week."

Shepard was easy enough prey. He stood 5-foot-2 and weighed 105 pounds.

## Eagle Entertainment

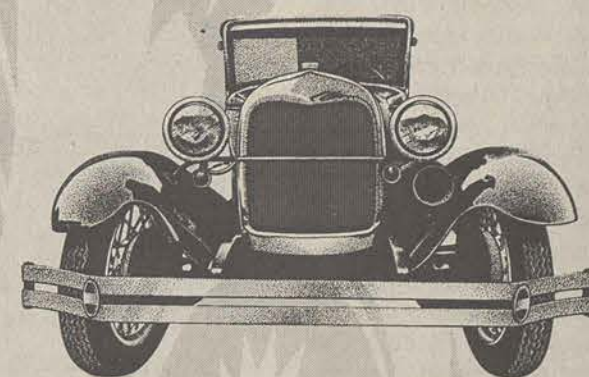
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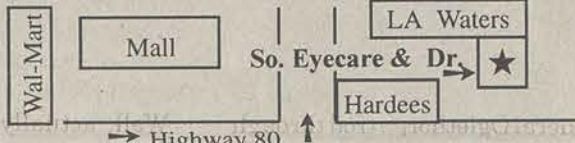
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### BREAKDOWN

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### The Raging Climax

With only six days till WrestleMania XV, the World Wrestling Federation kicked off one of the best RAW broadcasts ever. Though the stories weren't as great as last Monday's show, the action was definitely intense.

One thing that stood out this past Monday was Steve Austin, who finally got a hold of the mic after several weeks of being silent. It was very entertaining to hear Austin insult The Rock and then douse the principle owner of the company, his son Shane, and The Rock with beer. All that pandemonium produced by Austin reminded me of the days that the "Texas Rattle Snake" reigned as WWF Champion. Do you see a little foreshadowing? I do.

Another nice addition to RAW was the main event between Austin and Paul Wight with special guest referee Mankind. I couldn't help but laugh when Mankind would attack "The Big Show" whenever the five hundred pounder got the upperhand in the match. I also enjoyed watching Paul Wight get nailed with a chair several times. However, I must say I was surprised to see Austin defeat Wight so easily. If anything, I thought the match would have ended in total Chaos.

But needless to say, though RAW turned out to be very entertaining, I couldn't help but feel a little cheated when the show went off the air. Here we are, less than one week away from the WWF's largest pay-per-view event of all time, and the show ends with Austin getting planted with the Rock Bottom? Granted, the point being made here is if The Rock is able to apply his finisher this Sunday, then it's over. The same point was made two weeks ago on Sunday Night Heat when Austin applied the Stone Cold Stunner to the "Great One." Even the 26-year-old, third generation WWF Superstar was unable to move after the devastating neck breaker.

These two instances, without a doubt, have added to the tension when the two superstars meet this Sunday. But again, even though the WWF had a method to Monday's madness as far as the closing of the show is concerned, RAW should have ended with a bang! Something that would have kept the fans in question till Sunday. Maybe the WWF will go that route on HEAT one hour before the pay-per-view extravaganza.

Before I end this editorial, I would like to add that whatever Titan Sports Inc. is paying the Blue Meanie, it's too much. Now I understand that in ECW, the Smurf was somewhat popular, but come on. The WWF needs to realize that their catering to a different audience then ECW. Drop the little guy and use the money that you're paying him to give Jeff Jarrett and Owen Hart a new gimmick. Enough is enough! It's time for a change!

## The Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational Golf Tournament returns to Statesboro

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

The Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational golf tournament, formerly known as The Chris Schenkel, has returned to Statesboro after a ten-year hiatus. During the 1970s and 80s, the collegiate golf tournament was the biggest in the Southeast. Former players who participated in this invitational, such as Curtis Strange, Chip Beck, Mark Calcavecchia and Hal Sutton, are now currently on the PGA Tour.

GSU golf head coach John Laird said he is grateful that his team will get an opportunity to host such a prestigious tournament.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," he said. "And it will have an immediate impact on our golf program."

The nation's eyes will be focused on Forest Heights Country Club, located right outside Statesboro's

city limits, as GSU will be competing against the top schools in the country. The nation's No. 1 ranked team, Clemson, will draw the biggest attention, along with No. 3 Georgia, No. 5 Georgia Tech and No. 9 Florida.

The GSU golf team members are excited about sharing the national stage with the collegiate golf powerhouses.

"I've been looking forward to playing in this tournament all year long," Eagle Blake Adams said. "It's just a big honor to play. This is a real prestigious tournament."

Adam's teammate, Matt Stroud, is also anxiously awaiting the tournament this weekend.

"It's going to be fun, hosting this event," Stroud said. "We might have a little bit of an advantage on other teams, because we've played this course so many times."

For the GSU golf program, it is a

win-win situation. Regardless of how they will finish in the invitational, Laird's program will receive exposure on a national level.

"It helps us in recruiting, and it gives our team a chance to compete on a national level," Laird said.

According to Adams, for GSU to be successful this weekend they have to be mentally tough and focused on their goals.

"We have to be focused and determined," Adams said. "And we need to put all of our priorities in the right places, and try to do our best."

Festivities kick-off Friday morning with practice rounds for all the schools competing. GSU will begin their practice round at 10 a.m. The actual tournament officially begins Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and will last most of the day. Two rounds will be played on Saturday, and the final round will be played on Sunday.

### Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational

**What:** The 1999 Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational

**Where:** Forest Heights Country Club, Statesboro

**When:** Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28

**History:** The Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational returns after a ten-year absence. The original tournament, known as The Chris Schenkel, played from 1971-1989, was the biggest collegiate golf tournament in the Southeast. Former players include Curtis Strange, Chip Beck, Mark Calcavecchia and Hal Sutton.

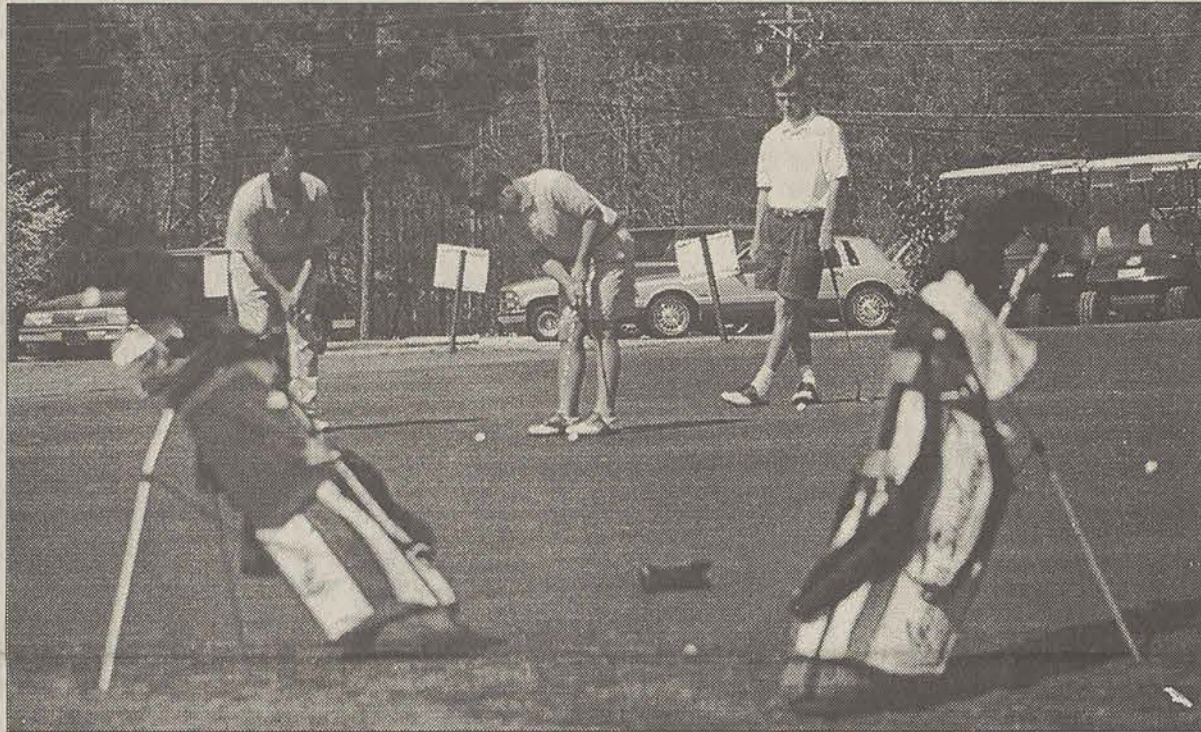
**Highlights:** This year's event features 10 of the top 50 schools in the nation, including top-ranked Clemson, No. 3 Georgia, No. 5 Georgia Tech and No. 9 Florida. Six of

the nation's top 11 golfers will be in attendance. This also marks the only home event of the season for the GSU golf team.

**Starting times:** 8 a.m. shotgun start for Saturday's 36 holes; tee times from 8 a.m. to 9:52 on Sunday

**Admission:** Free; Spectators are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket; Refreshments will be available. Golf etiquette is expected

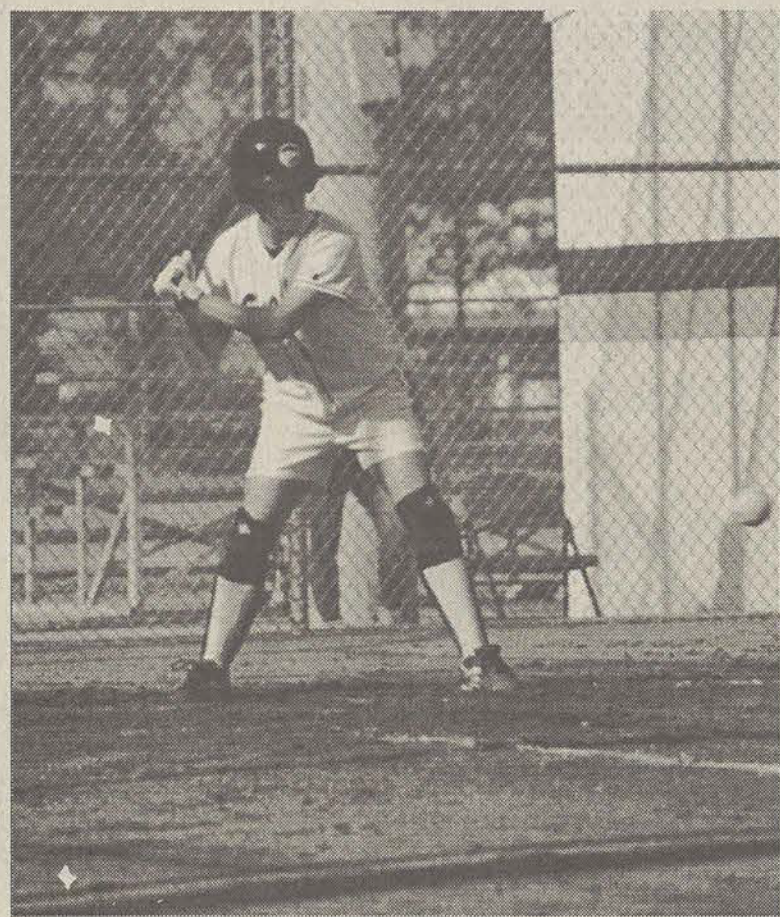
**Directions:** From campus, take 301 south to the bypass. Turn right. At the second blinking light (Country Club Drive/ at Chevron), turn left. Forrest Heights on the left after the "S" curve.



Erik Anderson

GO IN THE HOLE: Blake Adams and Matt Stroud practice their putts for the tournament this weekend.

## Lady Eagles devastate the Elon Fighting Christians 7-0



Cory Brooks

SWING BATTA': Eagle softball improved their record by beating the Elon Fighting Christians last night.

By Kim Hurst  
Staff Writer

The GSU Lady Eagles improved their record to 21-17 on Tuesday with a doubleheader sweep of the Elon Fighting Christians.

Game one was dominated by GSU as the Lady Eagles won by a final score of 7-0. GSU scoring began in the second inning when three runs crossed the plate.

The first two runs of the inning were scored on bases loaded walks. Jaclyn Kaylor scored the first run when Stacie Cooper was walked. The second run was scored when Tiffany Kepple scored on a walk received by Beth

Dance. Sabrina Kight, on first base with a single when the two walks occurred, scored run number three for the Lady Eagles on a wild pitch by Elon pitcher Jessica Vanderploeg.

GSU wasted no time scoring runs as they scored three more runs in the third inning. The inning was highlighted by Kight's two run single. Kelly Blazi started the scoring in the third inning with her RBI single to left center.

The Lady Eagle's attempt to score in three straight innings began when Jennifer Harris was hit by a pitch. Harris immediately stole second base. Ashley

Flemming then stepped in and delivered an RBI single, giving GSU a 7-0 lead.

Freshman pitcher Aimee Littlejohn ran her record for the season to 10-8 with six strong innings. In her six innings on the mound, Littlejohn gave up four hits and two walks, while striking out three Elon batters.

Lacey Kammerer relieved Littlejohn for the seventh inning. Kammerer pitched a scoreless inning, giving up no hits, one walk, and recorded one strikeout.

Head Coach Kelley Kirkland was pleased with her offense and pitching in game one. "Aimee pitched real well for us, she has done so all year," she said.

Game two for the Lady Eagles was dominated by pitching for both teams. GSU jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Harris scored from second base on an RBI single by Flemming. Harris got on base by reaching on an error, then stole second.

With the scored tied at one in the bottom of the eighth inning, Blazi scored the game winning run with two outs on an RBI single by Dance, giving GSU the win by a final of 2-1.

Pitching game two for the Lady Eagles was Jennifer Miller. Miller pitched eight innings in game two. In her eight innings, Miller gave up four hits, one unearned run, and struck out two. Miller ran her record on the year to 9-4.

"We had some errors that hurt us in game two, but we picked up the win, and that is what we wanted," said Kirkland.

The Lady Eagle's next home game will be next Tuesday at 5pm against Charleston Southern.

## GSU golf team warms up for E-Z-Go Invitational, finish sixth at Pepsi Invitational

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

The athletes on the GSU golf team will be participating in quite possibly the biggest golf tournament in their entire careers when the Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational returns to the Forrest Heights Club this weekend.

"They are excited about the Schenkel E-Z-Go," GSU golf head coach John Laird said. "And they are looking forward to competing against the nation's best."

The Eagles will be taking on the best golf programs in the country, such as Clemson, Georgia and Georgia Tech. But to prevent his team from getting too high on emotion about the event and lose focus, Laird will instruct his team to take the same business-like approach to this invitational that they have taken to all the invitationals they have already competed in this season so far.

"We'll approach this tournament like any other," Laird said. "To the effect that we'll try to take care of our own business."

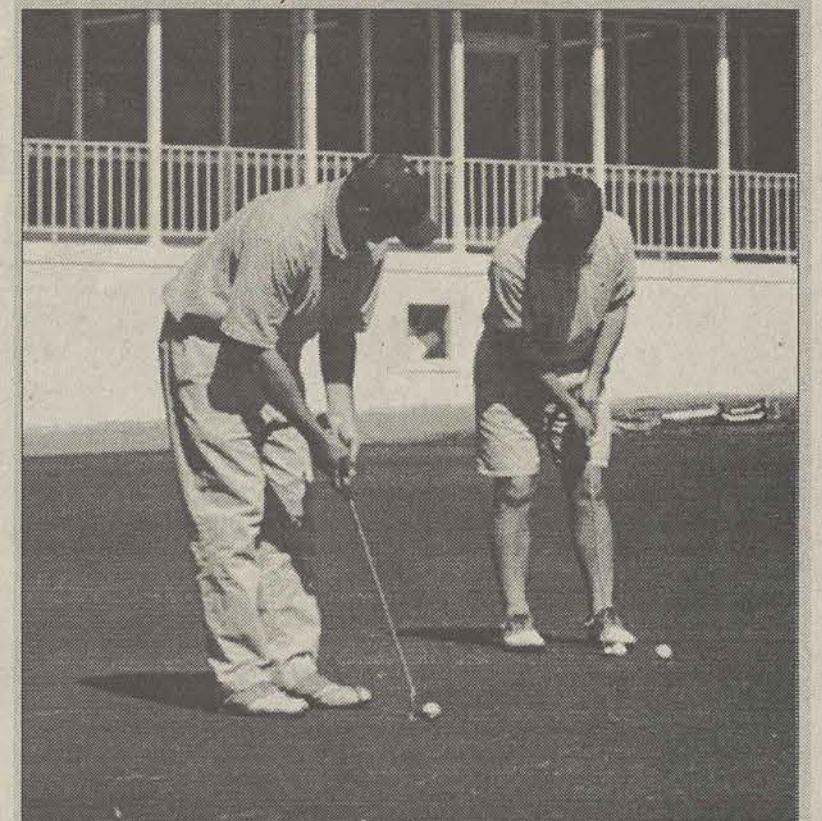
The golf team took care of some business this past weekend in Greenville, N.C. at the Bradford Creek Golf Club. The Eagles competed in the Pepsi Intercollegiate Invitational to get ready for the Schenkel E-Z-Go. GSU finished sixth out of a field of 25 teams, and finished with a team score of 882.

The Eagles were led by Blake Adams, who finished tied for 15th place individually. Adams shot rounds of 72, 73 and 74 to finish with a total score of 219. Eagles Matt Stroud and Toby Browne, Jr. finished right behind Adams. Stroud and Browne, Jr. finished tied for 24th overall and put up identical scores of 221.

But now the Eagles set their eyes on an Invitational that used to be the biggest in the Southeast during the 1970s and 1980s. They will look to be led by Stroud and Adams. Adams leads the team with an overall average of 73.06, shooting his lowest round at 68, (four under par). Stroud is a close second, shooting an average round of 73.20 while enjoying a personal low of 70 (two under par). GSU will also look to strong performances by Browne, Jr., Christian Newton and Mac Butler. Jeff Gordon and Lynn Kilduff are also listed on the roster, and have competed for the Eagles this year.

Adams said he likes what he has seen out of his team's efforts so far this season.

"I believe that we are a lot stronger this year," Adams said. "We got a lot of good players who are willing to work hard, we're playing well, and we're shooting some real low scores."



Erik Anderson

ON THE GREEN: Blake Adams and Matt Stroud practicing for the perfect putt.



## Eagles swept by Charleston

GSU News Services

Travis Howell had a pair of hits including a two-run homer in the seventh and Lucas Hocker struck out a career-high 11 as the College of Charleston completed its Southern Conference baseball three-game sweep of GSU with a 5-2 win last Sunday at Remley's Point Field in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Charleston extended their home-field winning streak to a school record 12 games.

With the win the Cougars improve to 17-8 overall and 8-1 in Southern Conference action, while the Eagles fell to 14-10 and 7-5.

The Cougars opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning when Billy Colome reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and third and scored on Howell's sacrifice fly to right for a 1-0 lead. Monte Lee and Ronny Marmol followed with doubles as Lee scored for a 2-0 CoC advantage.

Charleston, winners of six in a row and 15 of its last 17 games, stretched the margin to 3-0 in the

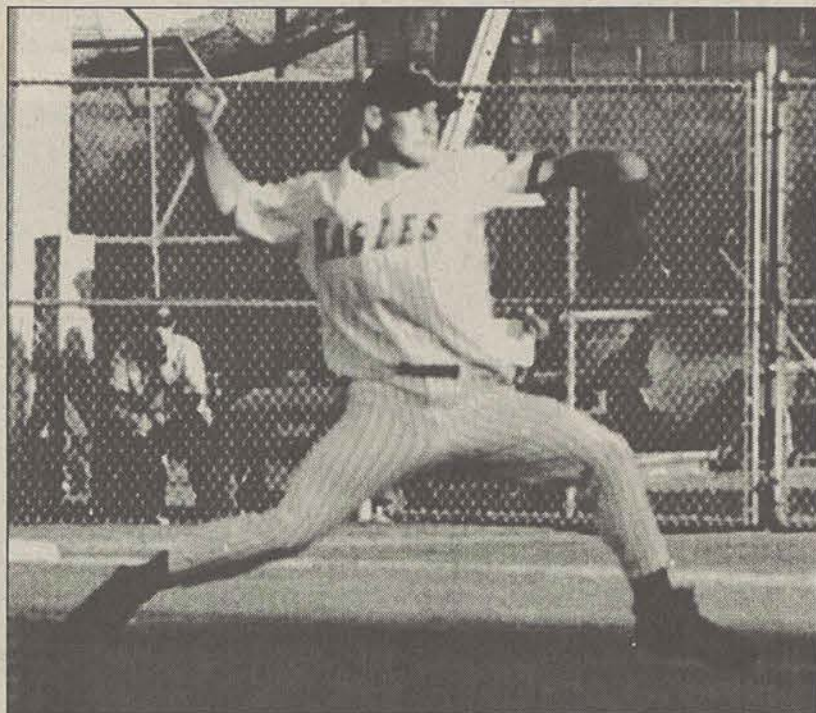
second inning when Karl Morris doubled to right leading off the frame and eventually scored on a two-out single to center by Joey Foxhall.

The Eagles loaded the bases with no outs in the third inning on a walk by Jody Pollock and hits from Dustin Langley and Matt Easterday. Michael Holder delivered a sacrifice fly to center field scoring Pollock cutting the margin to 3-1.

Howell's second homer of the series and third of the season came on a 3-2 pitch after Colome had led off the seventh inning with a bunt single and stole his third base of the game stretching the Charleston lead to 5-1.

GSU answered in the eighth on pinch hitter Brook Hoover's RBI single to center scoring Scott Burks, who had walked, cutting the lead to 5-2. But, Brett Davey, Charleston's third relief pitcher of the inning, got Scott Pollock to bounce into an inning ending double play with two runners on.

GSU travels to UNC Greensboro next Saturday for a SoCon doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.



File photo

**BATTER UP:** Eagle Baseball had a hard spring break, losing to Charleston in an all out -sweep of the series. (Picture from previous game)

## Eagle Softball fairs well over Spring Break

GSU News Services

For the first time since holding a 3-2 record early in the season, the GSU softball team improved its overall mark to an above-.500 standing after going 9-6 over a 10-day Spring Break road trip, improving to 19-17 on the year.

After dropping all three games in pool play action at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla. (March 12-14), GSU was one of eight teams placed in the Bronze Division tournament bracket. Entering as a No. 7 seed, the Lady Eagles claimed upsets over No. 2 seed Miami-Ohio, 4-1, and No. 5 seed Princeton, 3-2, to earn the right to play No. 1 Toledo in the Bronze Division championship game.

There, the Lady Eagles captured the Bronze Division title. Jaclyn Kaylor paced GSU's efforts with a 1-for-3 outing with one RBI and two runs scored. Jennifer Miller moved her impressive record to 8-4.

Following their 3-3 showing at the FSU Invitational the Lady Eagles traveled to Deland, Fla. for a doubleheader with Stetson. GSU cruised to a 7-0 shutout in game one behind the efforts of Aimee Littlejohn. The freshman pitcher allowed only four hits, no runs and struck out 10 Stetson batters in seven innings. Kaylor continued her hot streak with the bat by going 4-for-4 with four RBIs and one run scored. But Southern was forced to settle for the split after dropping the second game, 2-1 in 10 innings.

From there, the Lady Eagles traveled to Charlotte, N.C., and halved a doubleheader yet again, this time with UNC Charlotte. Southern won the first game 5-1 behind another sterling performance by Littlejohn, who tossed a four-hitter and struck out 11. In the second game, the Lady 49ers cruised to a 7-1 win.

GSU made its final stop of the 10-day road trip when it took part in the Winthrop Invitational at Rock Hill, S.C. (March 19-21). There, Southern overcame an opening loss to Bradley (4-1) to win its next three games in pool play action. A 10-1 win over North Carolina A&T, a 6-



File Photo

**YOU'RE OUT!:** Eagle Softball had a mixed Spring Break, winning six and losing four games. (Picture from previous game.)

0 win over Iona and a 3-0 shutout of Charleston Southern placed the Lady Eagles in a 16-team championship tournament bracket, pitting them against Wichita State in the first round. Riding another superb effort by Littlejohn, who allowed only three hits and one earned run, GSU claimed a 2-1 upset win over the Lady Shockers.

The Lady Eagles ended the tour-

nament as one of eight teams still alive in the championship bracket when rain set in and canceled the final day of play.

Over the Spring Break period, GSU saw three of its players receive Southern Conference weekly honors. Behind four strong performances at the Florida State Invitational, Miller was named the SoCon's Pitcher-of-the-Week on March 15

after compiling a 1.13 ERA. Littlejohn posted an ERA of 0.93 last week to earn her the latest pitcher-of-the-week honor. And freshman Stacie Cooper was named the conference's player-of-the-week this week after hitting .424 (14-for-33) in the seven-day span with three doubles and two home runs. She also exited the Winthrop tourney riding an 11-game hitting streak.

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# Garth Brooks gets first hit vs. White Sox Eagles dominate Wright State

By Teddy Greenstein  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PEORIA, Ariz. - Don't believe what you hear. Garth Brooks actually has friends in high places. Brooks, the country-western singing legend who is playing for the Padres this spring, got his first hit in 11 at-bats Sunday. The pitcher who gave it up was Mike Sirotko, who was under the impression that he should take it easy on the stocky left-fielder.

"I was only going to throw fastballs," he said. "No matter what."

Sirotko took his directive from a conversation he had overheard Wednesday, when Brooks and the Padres visited the Sox in Tucson. Sirotko was listening when Sox General Manager Ron Schueler told reliever Bill Simas to keep his pitches on the plate.

"I guess they were orders from the powers that be," Sirotko said. "I heard (Schueler) say, 'Throw good fastballs, but don't try to fool him.'"

Brooks, who was sent into the game to pinch-hit in the second inning, tapped Sirotko's 1-0 pitch up the middle past a diving Ray Durham. After rounding first, Brooks got a hug from Frank Thomas. The Peoria Stadium crowd of 7,069 loved it.

"You could tell how excited he was, and I was happy for him," Thomas said.

"It's hard to get a hit at this level."

Sirotko, who favors alternative music, was not upset to be attached to the event.

"I have no problems giving up the hit," he said. "But since I don't really follow country music, I don't know the scope of all this. If he ever writes a song about this, I'll probably never hear it."

No rest for the weary: If defense was manager Jerry Manuel's greatest concern before Sunday's game—and it was—then he had every reason to be alarmed after it.

Although the box score from Sunday's 11-8 victory over the

Padres indicated the Sox played errorless baseball, they were anything but flawless.

The most glaring mistakes were made by shortstop Mike Caruso, who short-hopped a pair of throws to Thomas. Both plays were ruled hits, even though one was on a routine grounder hit by catcher Jim Leyritz.

"(Caruso) might be going through a little dead-arm period," Manuel said.

"He's been coming in for early work and throwing after he comes out of games."

Caruso, as usual, said his shoulder is fine.

"I just didn't get enough on the throws," he said. "I guess I let up on them. I don't think strength is a problem."

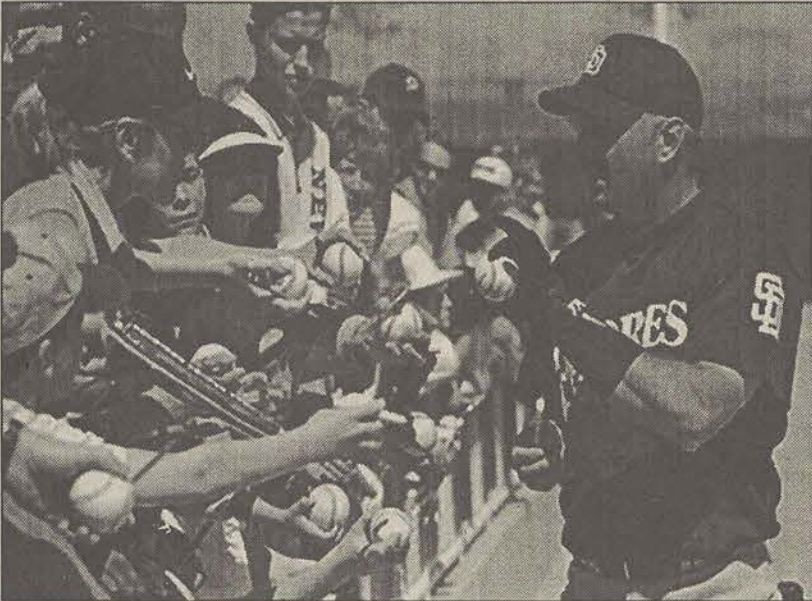
Caruso, who committed 35 errors last season, has made four errors in 13 games this spring, prompting some concern. Last week Thomas was quoted as saying that Caruso "will never be a good thrower."

Thomas changed his tune Sunday.

day. "He'll be fine," Thomas said. "He still gets a little lazy (with his throws) at times, but when he sets and plants, he's fine. He's not as smooth as Ozzie Guillen, but his range is better."

The Sox's pitchers sure hope so.

"What Mike should do is realize his weaknesses and do everything he can to improve, whether it's adding strength to his shoulder or doing more long tosses," Sirotko said. "To get to a championship level, we have to have an excellent shortstop."



CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?: Fans seek an autographed ball during Spring Training



HOW TO HIT: Garth Brooks receives batting advice from Padres' Carlos Hernandez. He is 1-for-15.

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

The GSU men's tennis team completely dominated Wright State last Sunday afternoon at the Hanner Courts. The Eagles won every singles and doubles match on their way to an easy 7-0 shutout win.

"Everybody played really well," head coach Erik Gottschalk said. "I think that anybody could see that."

GSU's dominance was so total that only one Eagle lost more than two games during the singles matches. With the win, GSU (8-5, 3-2 SoCon) has won four out of their last five contests.

"We just have a little bit more experienced than (Wright State)," Gottschalk said. "We've already established our offensive rhythm, and they're still trying to determine their lineups."

In singles action, GSU's top seed Kendall Swartz dispatched Veasna Tith Turner 6-2, 6-1, while the Eagles' second seed Chris Singer eliminated Chad Camper, 6-2, 6-2.

Ryan O'Keefe rolled to victory over Wright State's Joey Turner, 6-0, 6-1, and GSU's Darren Clark triumphed over Warren Gavin, 6-

1, 7-5. Clark's teammate Wozniak Novak swept through his opponent, Rocky McKorkle, 6-0, 6-0. And Jesper Andersson disposed of Wright State's Darius Prier, 6-2, 6-1.

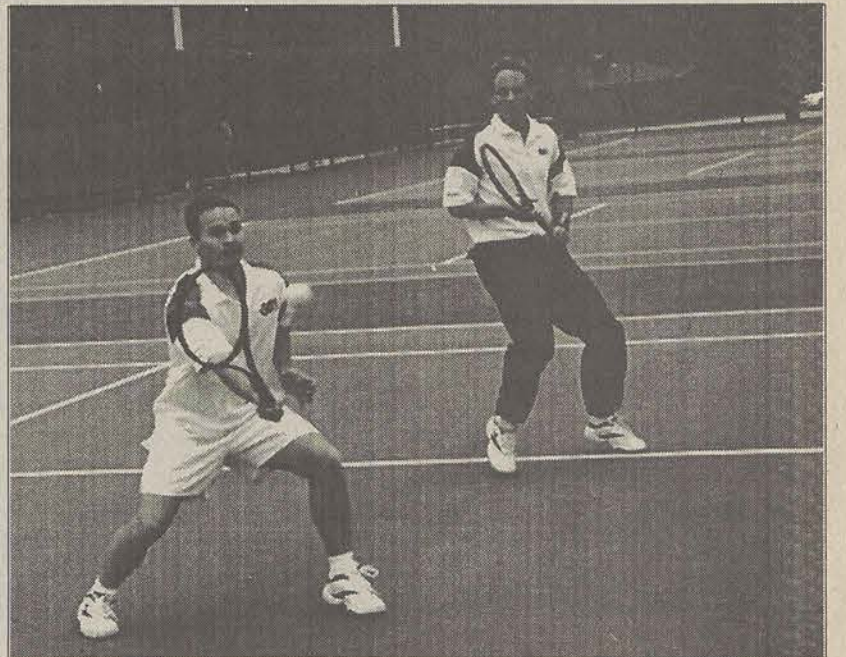
During doubles play, the GSU team of Swartz/O'Keefe beat Wright State's Tith/Turner 8-3, and Clark/Alejandro Franqui defeated Wright State's Camper/Derry 8-4.

The Eagle duo of Singer/Novak shutout Gavin/Prier, 8-0.

The Eagles' win total of eight so far this season has already surpassed the total number of victories they had last season, which was seven. Gottschalk said he is pleased with his team's improvements, and looks for better things out of his squad for the future.

"I think that this group of guys have big potential," he said. "And they are starting to come up."

GSU will take to the road this weekend to battle Southern Conference foe Davidson on Friday and Winthrop on Saturday. The Eagles next home match is scheduled for Wednesday against Charleston Southern. Starting time for the match is slated at 2:30 p.m.



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## Balloonists celebrate record-breaking global voyage

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The two aviators who managed the first nonstop circumnavigation of the world in a balloon brought their epic 21-day voyage to an end Sunday, bouncing down in the Egyptian desert with a profound sense of "feeling closer to our planet."

Swiss psychiatrist Bertrand Piccard and his British co-pilot Brian Jones were plucked from the desert by an Egyptian military helicopter after a six-hour wait spent contemplating their feat and washing their hair.

The pair had taken off in the towering Breitling Orbiter 3 on March 1 from the snowy Swiss Alps and set the around-the-world record over North Africa on Saturday. Asked if there was ever a boring moment, Jones said, "absolutely not."

The men used up their last fuel to reach Egypt, landing on a scorched plateau near the Dakhla oasis, 300 miles southwest of Cairo, after traveling 29,056 miles.

The two men, modest, cheerful and a bit red from their desert wait, described how they soared seven miles high while listening to Eric Clapton and watching the interplay of light and shadow on sand

and sea. There were dire moments, especially over the Gulf of Mexico, when they felt they were suffocating due to the combined effects of altitude and cold. But they found a compatibility that surprised them both, never exchanging a cross word despite the stresses of three weeks in the air.

"We were in another world in our gondola," Piccard said. "It was like a little piece of paradise."

The men said they had only just started to discuss how they would use their \$1 million prize, offered by the St. Louis brewer Anheuser-Busch. They indicated they would share it with members of the team, and flight controller Alan Noblesaid initial plans called for creating a foundation to make grants to worthy causes.

The end, like the flight, was at the mercy of the winds. The pilots began to descend soon after crossing the Libyan border into Egypt, their sights set on a road cutting through the desert near the Dakhla oasis. They overshot it, however, when a huge chunk of ice expectedly fell off the balloon as it neared the warm dunes, making the aircraft lighter and sending it upward.

The pilots wanted to find another road, but Noble, in a chase

plane communicating with the balloon, said he decided that with the sun quickly heating the dawn air, creating unstable winds, it was time to end the flight.

Emptied of helium and hot air, the gondola came down once, bounced up about 500 feet, came down again, and bounced about 200 feet. On the third landing - at 8:03 a.m. local time, 12:03 a.m. Dallas time - it stayed put in the sand on a plateau about 50 miles northwest of Mut, an age-old trading post in the oasis, one of the few circles of green in Egypt's vast Western Desert.

The logistics of extracting the balloonists from this barren location proved almost as difficult as getting them there. The support team cooled its heels at the barren Mut airstrip as military helicopters they had expected from the Egyptian government failed to appear.

After several hours, an Egyptian colonel turned up at the airstrip and ordered a helicopter into action, Noble said.

"It seemed almost entirely appropriate that when Bertrand and I got out of the capsule for the first time in 21 days, we were totally alone," Jones said. "We had time to collect our thoughts ... and we even washed our hair."

## Dress sales raise money for AIDS foundation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The bosom-baring violet-and-blue gown Elizabeth Taylor wore to the 1969 Academy Awards sold for \$167,500 Thursday, the highest price in a closet-clearing sale of Oscar glamour.

Christie's auction house said the price was the second-highest ever for a dress at auction, after the \$222,500 fetched by one of Princess Diana's dresses in 1997.

The sale of 56 dresses worn to four decades of Academy Awards ceremonies brought in a total of \$786,120, including Christie's premium of 15 percent on the first \$50,000 of each item and 10 percent of any amount in excess of that.

Mattel Inc. bought Miss Taylor's elegant crepe gown, which showcased the star's tiny waist and violet eyes, but was really designed to call attention to the 69.42-carat diamond necklace her then-husband Richard Burton had given her. She wore the dress, designed by eight-time Oscar-winner Edith Head, to introduce best picture nominee "Midnight Cowboy."

The second most expensive dress was a black silk faille and dove-gray tulle Jean-Paul Gaultier gown that Madonna wore in 1998 to present the Oscar for best song from a feature film.

The Home Shopping Network bought it for \$79,500, but the cable television network's president, Mark Bozek, declined to say what he planned to do with it.

Christie's did not provide price estimates before the sale, but suggested that bids start at \$2,000 and said some custom-made gowns might go for as much as \$50,000.

"We're very pleased with the results," said Mathilde Krim, chairwoman of the board of directors of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, which was to receive the proceeds from the sale. "A lot of research can be done with this kind of money."

American Movie Classics and its sister station, Romance Classics, bought the third- and fourth-highest priced dresses, worn by best actress nominee Kate Winslet in 1998 and Janet Leigh to the 1959 ceremony.

The cable channels paid \$57,500 for the "Titanic" star's forest green silk crepe Givenchy gown and \$34,500 for the silver beaded Edith Head evening dress Leigh wore to present two Oscars for best screenplay with her husband, Tony Curtis.

Actress Natasha Richardson, the event's chairwoman, said the auction of Princess Diana's gowns inspired "Unforgettable: Fashion of the Oscars."

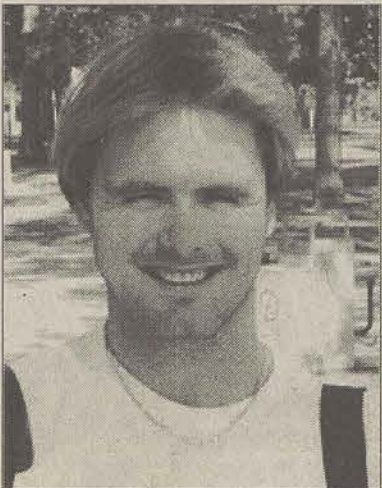
"I thought of the incredible couture gowns created for the Academy Awards each year, all of which are too special to be thrown away, but will not be worn again," she said.

Her father, director Tony Richardson, died of AIDS in 1991.

One buyer shelled out \$17,250 on faith alone. Cate Blanchett, nominated for best actress for her role in "Elizabeth," had not told Christie's what she planned to wear to the Oscars last Sunday, but the mystery gown sold sight unseen, to an unidentified buyer.

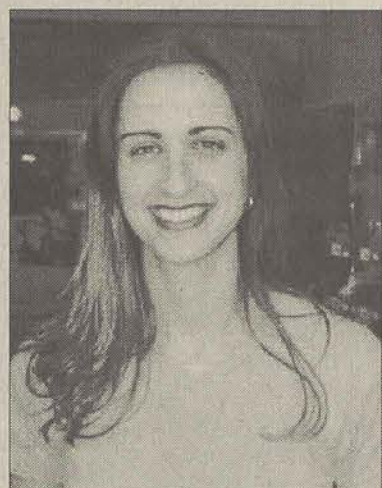
A few eye-popping get-ups drew slightly more down-to-earth bids.

## How do you feel about having six weeks left until exams?



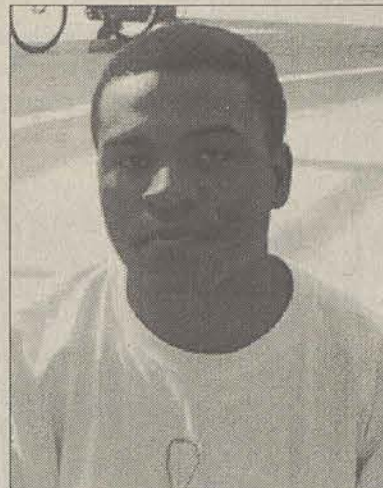
"I feel uncomfortable because this semester has flown by so quickly."

Charles Guyer



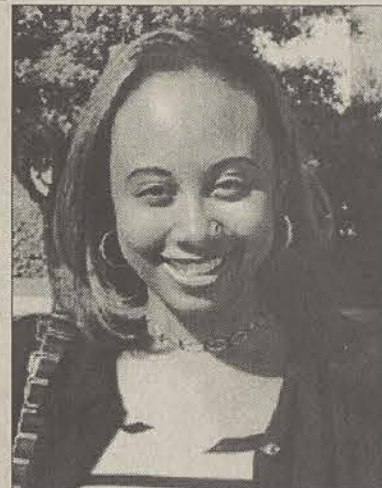
"I'm relieved because next semester will be my last full semester."

Tarah Toy



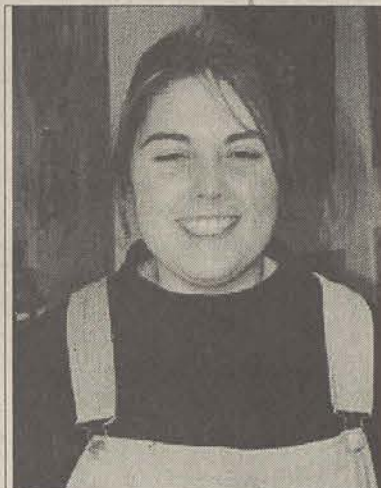
"I am ready to get out of here because I will be graduating and I'll start my internship."

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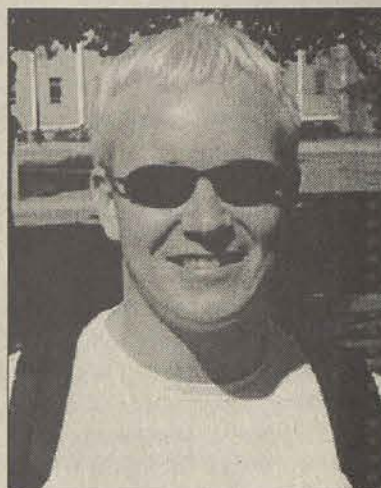
"I am ready to go home to make some money in Atlanta."

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## AROUND TOWN THIS WEEK...

VANESSA KEBER

It seems as though spring has finally smiled on the Boro, bringing with it a flurry of azalea petals and white cherry blossoms. The sunshine and blue skies are not all that's waiting for GSU students this week, however. The clubs have filled their schedules with plenty of activities to occupy students' lives every night of the week.

### TONIGHT

Hightail it over to Buffalo's for **Karaoke Night**. See **Michael & Luke** at Dingus MaGee's, or warp over to Wild Wing for **The Breakfast Club**. Battle of the Bands veteran **Brickyard** will be pleasing the fans at Mellow Mushroom tonight, or head over to Archibald's to see the **Jimmy Wollong Band**.

### FRIDAY

**Joel & Jen** are at Buffalo's, or you can leave room for **Soup** at Wild Wing. Watch out for **County Line** playing at Dingus MaGee's.

### SATURDAY

Big GSU event: the **Southern Says Thanks Community Festival** will be taking place in Sweetheart Circle from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **D.J. Rob Meadows** will be at Wild Wing that night. Check out **Ben Tempel** at Dingus MaGee's.

### WEDNESDAY

It's **Comedy Night** at Buffalo's! Check out comedians David Rojahn and Michelle Beaudry. **Ben Tempel** will be performing at Dingus MaGee's, or see **D.J. Treet** at Wild Wing.

## Ska band 'Skwzbxx' offers little more than catchy name

By Jake Hallman  
Staff Writer

I felt cheated after listening to Skwzbxx's latest album, "Freak in my Candy." It has seven tracks, making up only nineteen minutes and thirteen seconds. Of that, only 18:04 is music, the rest being made up of "Gooniesbury Pie & Sourmash," a questionable monologue. Call me nostalgic, but whatever happened to the days of releasing *lots* of music on an album, or even two albums, a la Guns n' Roses and Bruce Springsteen? I expect more from a group than twenty minutes. Twenty tight minutes, but only twenty minutes.

Oh, and it's pronounced "Squeeze-box," as in Zydeco slang for accordion.

I found that I could enjoy this

album on an intellectual level. The players are together, the music is mixed well, and there are no obvious clinkers among the songs.

That's where it stopped, though. This isn't a disc that reached out and grabbed me. As mentioned before, the players are competent, but not virtuosos, so there's no flashy technique to hold the interest.

As for the songs themselves, there's a mind-numbing homogeneity to them. A little singing, a short tutti horn hook, a chorus with long vocal syllables, and then repeat. Six times.

The cover art was nice, though. Apparently these gents like Pez, the official monetary unit after the Y2K financial crash.

Skwzbxx' sound could be called ska, if you consider No Doubt and

the Mighty Mighty Bosstones purveyors of the Jamaican tradition. "Freak in my Candy" has enough rock in it to make serious skankers scoff (or is it skaff?), but enough off-beat guitar licks and horn hits to keep it away from popular radio.

This isn't to say that Skwzbxx isn't a good band. They just aren't done justice by an album, since their emphasis seems to be on live shows. In fact, the "thank you's" of "Freak" read like a Who's Who of big Blind Willie's (a moment of silence, please) acts. Jump Little Children, Uncle Mingo and Spider Monkey all get props on the CD insert.

By all accounts, Skwzbxx is a blast to watch live. They're regular visitors to Savannah, usually at the Velvet Elvis.

Unfortunately, a good live show doesn't always translate to digital, which is the case with "Freak." It'd be good background music for a party or highway driving, but can't hold up to average listening scrutiny.

All told, "Freak in my Candy" sounds like a very, very well done

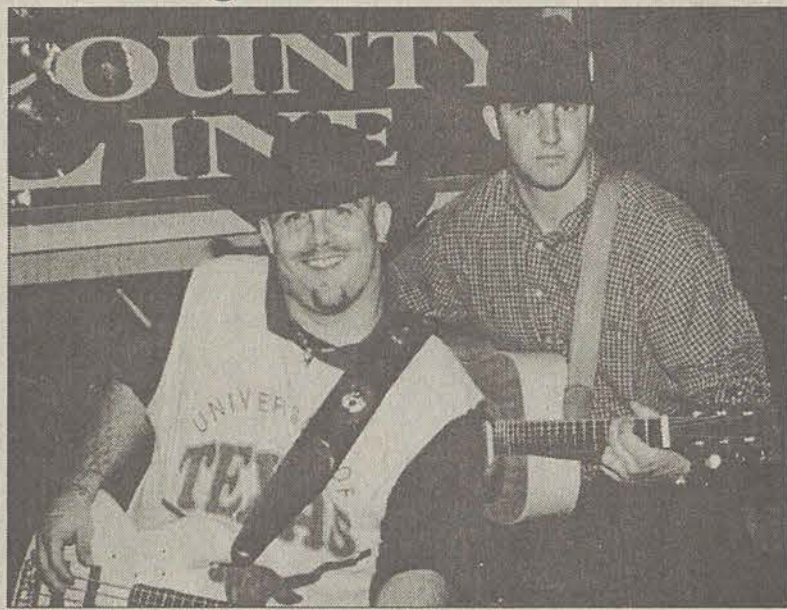


club demo, the kind of thing that a band sends out to bars to get gigs. It gives a snapshot of the band's sound and personality, but I was left thinking that Skwzbxx has more po-

tential than they've let on.

Hopefully, they'll take time out of their touring schedule and the next record will be more fully fleshed out.

## Drawing the line...



Hans Knopf

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## 'Shakespeare in Love' wins seven Oscars

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES-In a night of surprises and upsets, the romantic comedy "Shakespeare in Love" won seven Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow.

Steven Spielberg's bloody World War II epic "Saving Private Ryan" won the prize for directing and four other Oscars.

Roberto Benigni, as an Italian Jew shielding his son from the horrors of the Holocaust in "Life is Beautiful," stunned the audience by becoming the first star of a foreign film to win as best actor.

The tragi-comic film, which Benigni also wrote and di-

rected, won additional Academy Awards for foreign film and dramatic score.

"This is a terrible mistake because I used up all my English," he said, as he leapt to the stage for the second time.

The split between best picture and director marked the first time since 1989 the prizes had gone to different movies.

That year, "Driving Miss Daisy" won as best picture, while

Oliver Stone was named best director for "Born on the Fourth of July."

Paltrow, never before nominated, was honored for her role as the object of a young Bard's affections.

"I don't feel very deserving of this in your presence," she said, sobbing, as she named her fellow nominees.

Judi Dench, who played the imperious but fair-minded Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love," and James Coburn, the alcoholic, abusive father in "Affliction," won



**THE BARD'S TRUE LOVE:** Gwyneth Paltrow brought home an Oscar statuette for Best Actress for her work in "Shakespeare in Love."

best supporting Oscars.

"Saving Private Ryan" also took prizes for cinematography, editing, sound and sound effects editing.

"Am I allowed to say I really wanted this?" Spielberg joked as he

accepted his second directing Oscar. His first was for "Schindler's List" in 1993.

If you missed this award-winning film, you can still catch "Shakespeare in Love" in theaters.



**A HAIL THE QUEEN:** Judi Dench won Best Supporting Actress.

## Behind the scenes of 'The Matrix'

By Chris Brenneman  
Assistant News Editor

Brand spanking new sci-fi action movie "The Matrix" will be opening tomorrow night in theaters, starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and Carrie Anne-Moss. Recently, I was able to speak with Carrie Anne-Moss to hear what she had to say about the movie, her colleagues and being Canadian.

Moss said that the best part about working on The Matrix was being able to perform along with, as she put it, an incredible cast. She said that being in the same film as Laurence Fishburne was like a dream come true as she idolized the actor and feels that he is a stunning performer. When asked about what it was like to work alongside Keanu Reeves, arguably one of the least talented actors in Hollywood and renowned for his ability to get under the skin of other actors, Moss denied all of it.

"Keanu is great to work with," Moss said. "I really and truly cannot say enough good things about him. He's committed and I'd like to karate chop whoever said those things."

Speaking of karate chopping, the actress said that she and the rest of the cast spent several months training under the tutelage of Will Ping, the Hong Kong martial arts master.

"We spent six hours a day doing nothing but martial arts. It was really tough but it let me do most of my own stunts in the movie."

I was curious as to what this particular film offered other than the typical big guns, big bombs and big boos of other action flicks. Moss had to think for a second answered, saying:

"This movie is quite a spiritual one. It's almost mythical.



**PART OF AN INCREDIBLE CAST:** Actress Carrie-Anne Moss stars in the new action flick, 'The Matrix.'

There would be days when I was working on it when I would go 'wow, it can't get any deeper,' and the next day it would. For me it has a special meaning and it deals with such ideas as destiny and fate."

Moss has a resume that includes the films "Sabotage," "354 Girls a Year" and "The Secret Life of Algernon." She has "appeared in many television series in guest roles and as a series regular." I asked her which she preferred, TV or film.

"I prefer film all the way," she told me. "Film has a direct and clear path. You know from the beginning how things will end and that is so much easier for character development. TV is fun but less interesting than film."

Moss then touched on the subject of how she goes about choosing a role in any production.

"It's hard to get a part in any production. The way I look at things, you have to take each role a day at a time. You never know when you'll be out of work in this business."



**'LOVE' CONQUERS ALL:** The Miramax film "Shakespeare in Love" won Best Picture beating "Saving Private Ryan."

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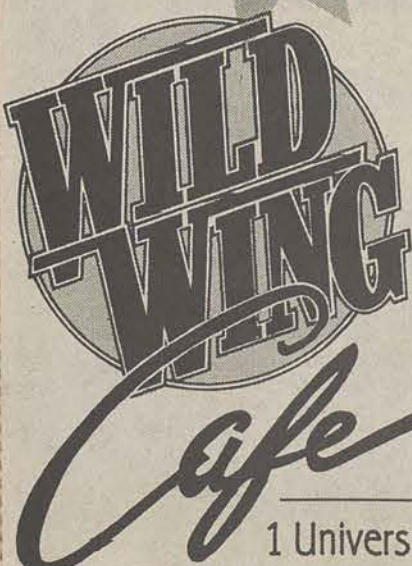
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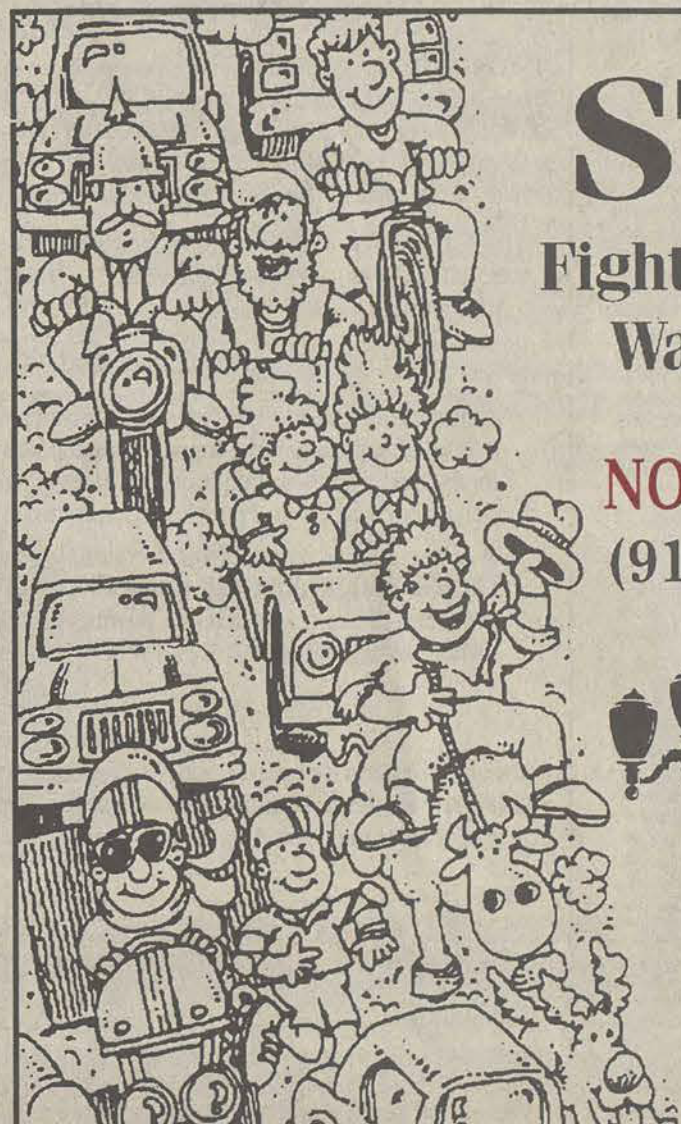
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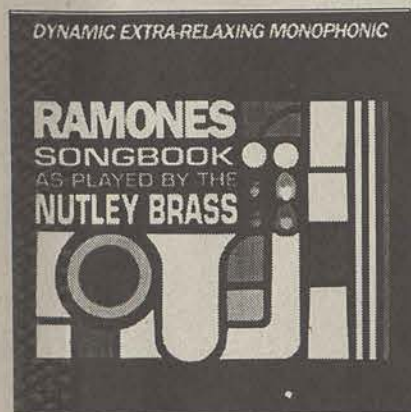




# Spring has sprung up with a bouquet of great CDs and compilations

By Douglas Blake  
Staff Writer

Ahhh—smell the fresh sultan oil in the breeze. So relaxing. Spring break may be over but the party is just beginning. This week our CD reviews will focus on those CDs that will bring life to your party. And, just in time for those spring bashes, make sure to check out these two hot compilation CDs, guaranteed to be crowd-pleasers.



## Songbook—The Medicine Label

I know you all remember the Ramones from the early 80s to the mid 90s, brandishing the airwaves with lovable punk pop classics.

"I wanna be sedated" is more than likely their most popular song; if you have heard that you can then automatically recognize the Ramones' sound. Same three chords, same rough-around-the-edges voice that

Remember that RIYL means Recommended If You Like. You can hear these CDs and many others on WVGs 91.9 FM.

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"Ramones

screams college radio rock.

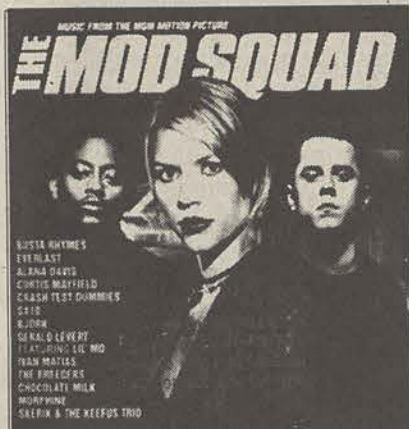
What college radio loves more than progressive punk rock is cover songs. When you combine the two, you get this lovable instant classic of an album.

On "The Ramones Songbook" the Nutley Brass, a well respected orchestral ensemble, covers 10 classic Ramones songs in a lounge jazz vibe that just breeds party.

The Nutley Brass takes such classics as "I Wanna Be Sedated," "Beat on the Brat" and "Something to Believe In" and recreates each of them in an "Austin Powers" lounge power quirkiness.

This CD will be a great change for those who love punk rock and those that love lounge music. Just slide this CD in at the beginning of any party and let it jam the night away.

RIYL — The Ramones, Lounge Music, Jazz  
Various Artists—"The Mod Squad"—WB



In recent years soundtracks have been better than the movie themselves.

The Mod Squad comes out this Friday, and if the soundtrack is any indication of the quality of the movie, then you should see this one. The soundtrack is good for a wide variety of music listeners, featuring Busta Rhymes, Bjork, Everlast and The Crash Test Dummies.

Some of the treats on this album are Bjork's "Alarm Call" which was originally featured on her album "Homogenic." This version is a party remix that converts it from a soothing techno masterpiece to a pop dance hit.

This album is fun because of the wide range of music available through it.

The album begins with Busta Rhymes and goes into Everlast and, throughout the album, weaves in and out of each musical genre without making you think.

Soundtracks make great driving CDs and this is no exception.

RIYL — Rap, Alternative, Pop  
Various Artists—"200 Cigarettes"—



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Where "The Mod Squad" soundtrack takes a more modern alternative edge in its musical selection, the soundtrack to "200 Cigarettes" takes a retro approach.

The sound track is filled with classic 80s tunes you thought you had forgotten about, much in the same way "The Wedding Singer" and "Gross Point Blank" soundtracks did.

To steal a line from the Time/Life 80s CD Collection commercial, "To buy all these CDs for that one song could cost you up to two hundred dollars."

There are some great 80s classics here that, when put together on a soundtrack, are great listening but to go out and get all the individual CDs would be insane.

The CD features songs from Blondie, Kool and the Gang, Joe Jackson, The Go-Gos, The Ramones, The Cars and even Dire Straits.

This CD is so much fun; the songs are all rock pop classics that will get you jumping at any party.

One of the special treats on this album is actually a new song from Harvey Danger that sounds like it was meant to be a song from the late 80s.

Without trying to sound any more like a commercial, this CD is worth it for those classic songs you wish you had never forgotten.

RIYL—The 80s, The Wedding Singer, To Party

## GSU gives back to the community with festival

By Heather Culp  
Staff Writer

In celebration of spring, GSU is providing fun entertainment for the whole family at the 17th annual Youth Arts Festival this Saturday on Sweetheart Circle. The event, entitled "Southern Says Thanks," is held to honor the community's efforts in assisting and supporting GSU.

Richard Tichich, head of the GSU Art Department and an organizer of the festival, said that the program "will have a great variety of activities for the children."

These activities will include several volunteer-led projects including works in painting, drawing, sculpture and print-

ing.

The children will be able to create works of art at the festival and take them home at no cost.

Not all of the activities at the festival will be for children. Tichich said that there will be at least 50 different community and professional artists from the state of Georgia doing demonstrations on Sweetheart Circle during the day.

In addition to the visual arts, the festival will also have presentations in the performing arts.

A stage will be constructed on the circle where several different acts will be performing throughout the day.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Georgia Southern Jazz Band and Gospel Choir as well as several other acts performing a variety of music. Expect to hear everything from folksongs to bagpipes.

The stage will also be welcoming two dance troupes, one of which features Mexican folklore. Tichich stated that these performers will be accompanied by live mariachis.

The arts festival has been held every spring for the past 17 years with the help of student volunteers. It seems that there is not a shortage of students willing to lend a hand in this event.

"We have over 100 volunteers helping out this year," said Tichich.

These volunteers help the children with their projects, conduct face paintings, and construct the stages and booths.

The Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the GSU campus. Be advised that the section of Sweetheart Circle from the Henderson Library parking lot to the Herty Drive entrance will be closed during these hours, so make plans accordingly.

Parking for this event will be available in the Georgia Avenue, Hanner Fieldhouse and library parking lots.

## Have a heart...



Special Photo

**DANCE MUSIC WITH A PULSE:** Atlanta band Heart to Heart will be performing at Legends Friday night. The concert will begin at 10 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge. Get out there and dance!

## Announcement — Student Media Positions Selection 1999-2000

The Media Committee of Georgia Southern University announces its selection process to choose student editors and managers of the 1999-2000 broadcast and editorial boards of the university's official student media (The GEORGE-ANNE, MISCELLANY, SOUTHERN REFLECTOR, and WVGs/FM).

Students interested in applying for an elected position will be expected to present (1) a **resume**; (2) a **letter of application** explaining the candidate's qualifications and their plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a **signed waiver** (included with this advertisement) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Media Committee to validate the candidate's academic standing. Students may indicate the position(s) sought either in their letter of application or on the waiver form. However, a separate application packet (a **resume**, a **letter of application** and a **signed waiver**) should be submitted for each medium, if a student wishes to apply for more than one medium.

**SELECTION AND TERM:** The editorial and broadcast boards will be selected by members of the committee based on a majority of those voting, according to committee by-laws. The term of office for the editorial and broadcast boards shall extend through the end of the next spring semester.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Specific qualifications for persons holding board positions are listed below. Prior experience may be considered in lieu of stated qualifications. The board positions for each medium are listed in ranking order.

### THE GEORGE-ANNE

**Editor in Chief** — The editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. An editor should have served on the staff one year and should display capabilities required for the position. The editor is responsible for the preparation of a commentary section for each edition. The editor serves as the chief executive officer of the newspaper and is ultimately responsible for the total editorial content of each edition. (Pay: \$1,500 per full semester)

**Managing Editor** — The managing editor should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on the staff. The managing editor should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as layout, copy editing, and news and feature writing. The managing editor will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content in all sections of the newspaper, such as news, sports and features. The managing editor (with the assistance of the news editor) will be responsible for the preparation of the front page. (Pay: \$1,400 per full semester)

**News Editor** — The news editor should know basic news writing and should be familiar with news sources on campus. The news editor should demonstrate news judgment and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the paper. The news editor will be responsible for all news gathering operations of the newspaper. The news editor assists the managing editor in the preparation of the front page. (Pay: \$1,300 per full semester)

### MISCELLANY

**Editor** — The editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor should demonstrate both the interest and the talent to create a quality publication which showcases the arts — literary, visual, and, to the extent practicable, performance arts — on behalf of the university's students, and to promote the arts in the university community through the staging of various arts-oriented events. The editor, in cooperation with an assistant editor, will conduct a juried selection of contributors for the magazine. The editor will be responsible for the total editorial content of the magazine. (Pay: \$600 per full semester)

### SOUTHERN REFLECTOR

**Editor** — The editor should have completed two years of university work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor should have served at least one year on the Reflector staff and should be familiar with magazine copy writing, magazine photojournalism, layout and design of pages, and staff management. The editor is responsible for the all editorial operations for each edition. The editor serves as the chief executive officer of the magazine and is ultimately responsible for the total content of each edition. (Pay: \$1,100 per full semester)

**Art Director** — The Art Director should have served at least one year on the Southern Reflector staff and should be knowledgeable in all aspects of magazine production, including but not limited to layout and design, computer graphics, and all photographic processes used by the Reflector. The Art Director will be responsible for the management of photographic assignments and photographic production work. In addition to these duties, the Art Director shall perform other duties as assigned by the current Editor. (Pay: \$1000 per full semester)

**Managing Editor** — The managing editor should have completed one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on the staff. The managing editor should be familiar with magazine production and university business procedures. The managing editor is responsible for promotional activities in support of the magazine, advertising operations, routine office management, and financial review, and distribution of the magazine. In addition to these duties, the Managing Editor shall perform other duties as assigned by the current Editor. (Pay: \$900 per full semester)

### WVGs/FM

**Station Manager** — The station manager should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern, and should have served at least one year on the staff of the station. The manager should display leadership qualities and should have a basic knowledge of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, broadcast equipment, and budgetary matters. (Pay: \$1000 per full semester)

**Music Director** — The music director should have completed at least one year of college work and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the station. The music director is responsible for reporting playlists to trade journals, maintaining telephone and mail

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**Operations Manager** — The operations manager should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester as a DJ (disc jockey) at the station. The operations manager is responsible for keeping WVGs in compliance with all Federal Communications Commission rules for noncommercial radio stations, producing PSAs (public service announcements), and producing quarterly issues lists. The individual who applies for this position should be well organized, skilled at using station facilities to produce CDs, and able to interact with other people effectively when enforcing compliance with FCC and station regulations. (Pay: \$950 per full semester)

**DEADLINE:** The deadline for the receipt of all applications for any of these positions is **Wednesday, March 31, at 5 p.m.** Applications should be sent to Bill Neville, chairperson, Media Committee, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022 Williams Center.

**COMPENSATION:** Payment rates for board members are tentative and pending final approval by the Student Activities Budget Committee.

**INTERVIEW DATE:** The Committee has established two interview sessions for candidates. All candidates for board positions on **George-Anne** and **Reflector Magazine** **MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY** for an interview with the committee on **Friday, April 9** and for **Miscellany** and **WVGs/FM** on **Friday, April 16**. Each interview session will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 2007 of FI. Will

## APPLICATION FORM AND WAIVER

**INFORMATION:** Questions regarding these positions should be directed to the advisors of the media: Robert Bohler (The GEORGE-ANNE) at 681-5933 or Box 8091; Mike Mills (MISCELLANY) at 681-0228 or Box 8048; Dianne Lamb (REFLECTOR MAGAZINE) at 681-0534 or Box 8091; or Bill Neville (WVGs/FM) at 681-0069 or Box 8067. Additional information and interpretation of the qualifications may be obtained from the chairperson, Bill Neville (681-0069 or Box 8067).

Position(s) applied for (Please check ALL that are applicable):

### GEORGE-ANNE

( ) Editor in Chief  
( ) Managing Editor  
( ) News Editor

### MISCELLANY

( ) Editor

### REFLECTOR

( ) Editor  
( ) Art Director  
( ) Managing Editor

### WVGs/FM

( ) Station Manager  
( ) Music Director  
( ) Operations Manager

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2. A student seeking a position on an editorial or broadcast board must have a **CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE** of at least 2.0 and must not be on scholastic or disciplinary probation. If at any time a board member drops below these standards, that member must relinquish the position.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby authorize the Media Committee, in relation to the above criteria for board positions, to contact the GSU student records representatives to validate my academic standing for compliance. This validation may be at a time of application and at any time during the period I would hold a board position.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

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This (1) application/waiver form (or a facsimile), together with a (2) resume and a (3) letter of application for each medium in which a position(s) is sought, should be received by Wednesday, March 31, 1999, by 5 p.m. to: Media Committee, Bill Neville, chair, Room 2022 Williams Center, Box 8067, GSU, Statesboro, GA 30460. Candidates for George-Anne and Reflector must be available on Friday, April 9, and for Miscellany and WVGs/FM on Friday, April 16. All interviews are scheduled at 3 p.m., Room 2007, Williams Center (Upper Floor).

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## Southern Center to be renamed

Special to the G-A

The Board of Regents voted last Wednesday to rename GSU's Southern Center for Continuing Education after former state representatives Paul E. Nessmith and W. Jones Lane.

The name of the building will be the Nessmith Lane Continuing Education Building.

Nessmith served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1963 through 1980. He served as president and director of the Statesboro Federal Land Bank Association, chairman of the Southeastern Peanut Advisory Committee and as supervisor of the Ogeechee River Soil and Water Conservation District.

He was named Georgia Master Farmer in

1961, received the Legislative Conservation Award from the Georgia Sportsman Federation in 1968 and the outstanding Service Award from the Georgia Farm Bureau in 1969.

W. Jones Lane was a native of Statesboro who served for 20 years in the state House, concentrating his work on the improvement of the Georgia transportation system.

Lane served as the president from 1972-1973 and the vice president from 1971-1972 of the Statesboro Home Builders Association. He was active in the national and state Home Builders Associations, the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts.

A renaming ceremony will be scheduled later in the year.

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## CANDIDATES

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"I want to make progress instead of promises," Nicely said. "If I can accomplish this then I will do a greater service to the students."

Nicely said that he wanted to keep his platform small and manageable.

"In the past people have given a laundry list of ideas to change during their presidency," Nicely said.

He said he was realistic in thinking that there were only so many things that he could do, since he would only hold the position for one year.

Bryson said that being SGA president is something he has wanted to do since the day he arrived on campus.

"I chose this year to run because I know what's going on around campus, I know what students want, and I know what administration wants too," Bryson said.

Bryson has been a member of SGA for three years. He has been a senator for all three years and active on several committees, including the budget and media committees.

Nicely said that SGA needs to put ideas into action.

Nicely has been a member of SGA for the past year, where he served as vice president of fi-

nance. He has served on several committees, including the president advisory committee, technology budget committee, among others.

"The experience I have gained this year has given me the resumé I need to be more successful next year," Nicely said.

According to Nicely he wants to build relationships and bridge the gap between different groups on campus.

"The House of Representatives will bring all 160 student groups together," he said. "A monthly forum will make the SGA accessible to the students."

According to Bryson, his leadership style is student-centered and very informed.

"I have a greater understanding of the issues as they have evolved," he said. "I have an intricate knowledge of what's going on and how things work within the government."

Nicely said he wants to be a hands-on president.

"I don't want to talk, I want to start the work," he said. "I plan on listening to ideas and acting on the suggestions of others."

Nicely said he wants to have leadership by style, not by word of mouth.

Bryson added that he is famil-

iar with issues such as student fees, parking and how the honor code was implemented from personal experience.

According to Bryson his ticket is really strong, especially with the relationship between himself and the executive vice president, Zack Rushing.

"I think it is important to provide balance in the top two positions," Bryson said.

Bryson said that he and Rushing are a good balance because they are willing to disagree on certain issues and, thus, eventually determine the best final outcome for all involved.

Both candidates are excited with the leadership style of the new University President Bruce Grube, and look forward to his student centered operation.

Elections will be held March 31 and April 1, for candidates on both tickets and for senators, as well.

All students can vote providing they have picture ID, and as long as they do not have registration holds.

Ballots can be cast at the Lakeside Café, the Russell Union and the College of Business Administration.

There will also be a radio debate between the Nicely and Bryson next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

## WACHOVIA

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"We compare with all the other banks and try to base it on what they offer," Lee said.

One reason for Wachovia's fee, which goes into effect April 1, is that tellers are, "a service given to all customers," Beaubien said.

"They can offset the charge by not using teller-assisted transactions," he said. "It is still theoretically a free account."

Another reason for the implementation of the \$5 fee is to prepare college students for the future, Beaubien said.

"After the customer graduates, it will convert to a regular checking account," which has a \$10 fee, Beaubien said.

A survey done in 1996 by Wachovia found that more than 51 percent of students at GSU banked at Wachovia, partly due to the large number of GSU students that come from the metro-Atlanta area, Beaubien said.

Their parents could deposit money directly into their child's account at Wachovia Banks stationed there, he said.

Wachovia will be placing signs inside the bank and putting an insert in college students' banking statements to inform them of this change, Beaubien said.

There has not been much

reaction to this change because it is relatively new, but Wachovia is preparing for the changes right now, said Beaubien.

Wachovia is in the process of changing the ATM on Fair Road back to a deposit taking ATM.

"We know the branch gets pretty crowded," Beaubien said.

There is also now a \$100 credit on Wachovia's ATM cards, which means if a customer were to deposit \$500, there would be \$100 available immediately to cover the student until the rest of the money clears.

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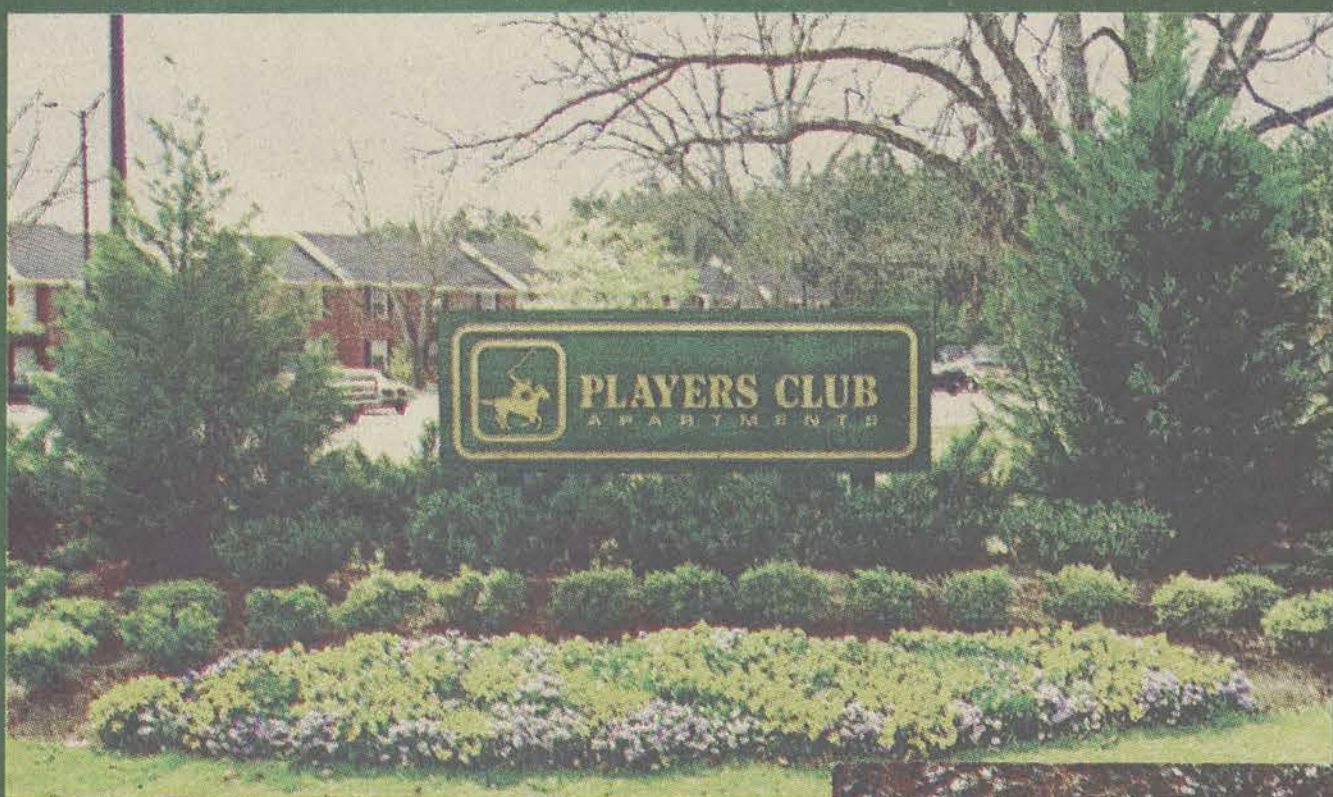








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