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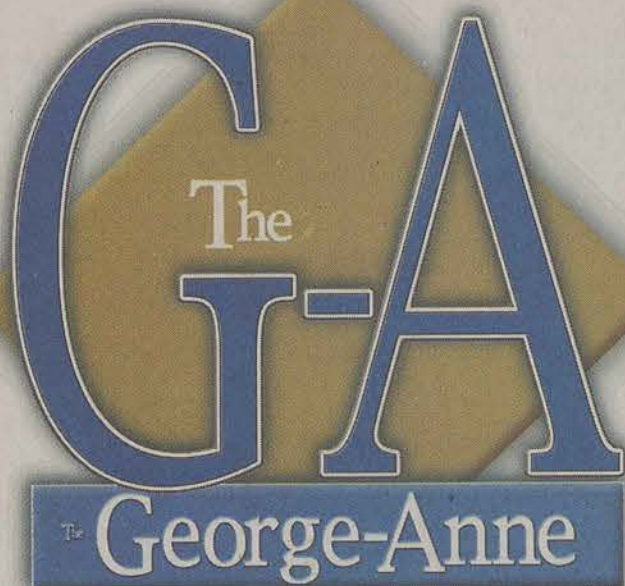
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SPORTS

Lady Eagles fall to Furman

After losing 86-72 Monday, GSU dropped 5-4 in Southern Conference action.

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Charter to put age stipulation on those running for City Council

By John Bryson
News Editor

Those wishing to qualify as candidates for city council in future elections will now have to meet a minimum age requirement of 25 years if city charter changes passed by the Statesboro city council on Jan. 4 are approved by the Georgia legislature.

The changes occurred against a backdrop of debate that centered around the council's belief that increasing the age would ensure more mature candidates would hold elected positions.

District 4 representative Joe Brannen, whose district is primarily comprised of students, felt that the changes were for the "overall betterment of the city."

"I just felt like by that age a candidate will have more experience, maturity and be more capable of handling the job," Brannen said.

"I don't know what the average age is in my district, but I'm sure there is a number of students who would be qualified."

When asked what qualities a person at 25 has that a person who is younger does not, Brannen cited several factors.

"They have experience in dealing with people, professional experience, and the old experience of day to day adapting," Brannen said.

SGA President Aaron Nicely, who sought unsuccessfully to unseat Joe Brannen in the November election,

was caught by surprise by the decision.

"I was shocked that a city would go so far to exclude students who provide so much economically as well as in community development," Nicely said.

There has been recent speculation that the negative publicity that surrounded Aaron Nicely's failed bid for the city council may have prompted the change, but Brannen insists otherwise.

"I could not speak for others, but it had absolutely no bearing for me,"

been something the voters should have decided."

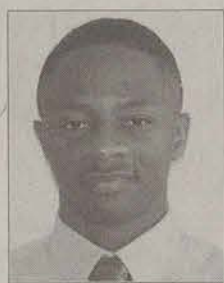
Brannen does not support the idea of a referendum.

Since the changes involve amending the city charter, the changes must now be approved by the Georgia legislature. Rep. Jim Martin (R-Statesboro) believes the changes will be approved.

"I think [the changes] will pass in this session," Martin said. "The legislative council is drawing up the bill

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— AARON NICELY, SGA PRESIDENT



Brannen said.

Councilman Wendy Hagins was the only member of council to vote against the changes.

"I see the reasoning on both sides,"

Hagins said. "I did have some questions about it, because your chronological age isn't a good indicator of maturity."

Hagins further indicated that council may have handled the situation inappropriately by deciding the issue.

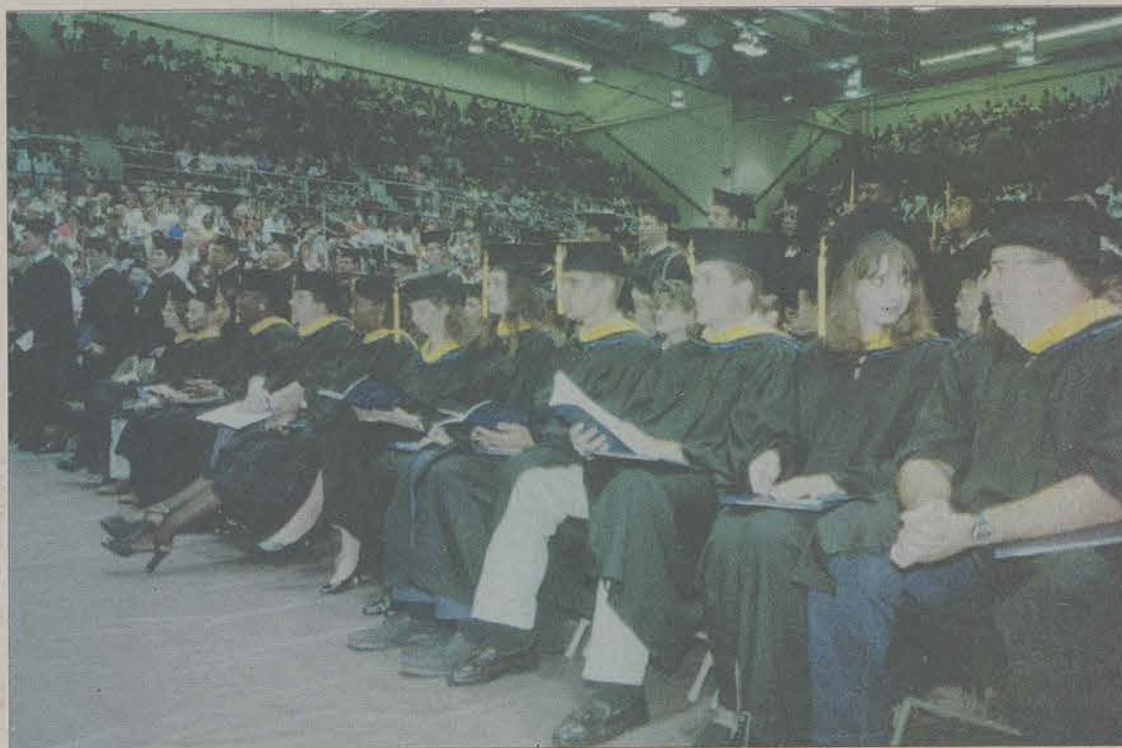
"I think certain changes should be made by voters rather than governing bodies," Hagins said. "This may have

right now."

When asked whether he supported or opposed the changes to the charter, Martin said he doesn't "intend to tell local government how to operate."

"It would appear that a minimum age for a job of that caliber is in order," Martin said. "Whether 25 [for council] and 30 [for mayor] is really appropriate remains to be seen, but I think maturity is something a candidate should bring to the table."

Senator Jack Hill and Rep. Bob Lane were unavailable for comment as of press time.



File photo

THE WAY IT WAS: Graduation will be held at Paulson Stadium for the first time this semester instead in the past, when it took place at Hanner (above).

Mass graduation changes explained

By John Bryson
News Editor

On May 13, GSU will hold the first mass graduation at Paulson Stadium, raising concerns that students would not have their names recognized and that the ceremony may last too long.

GSU Registrar Michael Deal said that concerns that the first mass graduation at GSU would not include graduates' names and would be too long are unfounded.

"We never intended not to call names," Deal said. "Also, we anticipate the ceremony will only last two

and a half to three hours."

GSU formed an ad hoc committee to discuss changing the graduation ceremony amidst concerns that Hanner Fieldhouse was simply becoming too small to accommodate the large number of students and their families taking part in the festivities.

"Eventually it would have come to tickets if we remained in Hanner," Cecil Perkins, assistant registrar for graduation, said. "So the change was made partly to accommodate the large crowds."

In addition, the inability to lure a

big name speaker and provide more in the way of pomp and circumstance contributed to the change.

"We wanted to be able to attract a higher profile speaker to the campus also," Deal said. "This will help us to do just that."

Holding the ceremony in the outdoors opens the door for the weather to affect the ceremony, but GSU does have contingency plans ready.

"In the case of bad weather, we are looking to hold multiple ceremonies at Hanner, perhaps at 9 a.m., 12 noon and sometime later in the afternoon," he said.

VPSA candidate concerned about students

By Shawntineal Hughes
Assistant News Editor

Ronald Speier, one of the four finalists for vice president of student affairs, is concerned about how students think, feel, and act, he said at the first open forum for the VPSPA position Monday.

Speier is currently the assistant vice chancellor for student life and dean of students at East Carolina University. Each candidate is expected to give a presentation on the topic entitled "Challenges for Student Affairs in the year 2000 and beyond."

Speier has six main ways to tackle that topic. He plans to meet and exceed expectations listed in the university's strategic planning documents. The second step is to respond to a diverse student body and thirdly, to keep pace with various technological advances which involve staff training.

"Staff training helps to ensure that everyone knows how to use the technology and helps us better serve and assist students," Speier said. "We need to adapt to technology and wire our residential facilities to meet the demand of technological needs."

Speier wants to create a student-

centered environment and involve parents as partners in their child's learning process.

Parents are a part of the university community, and he is willing to provide them with any information concerning their child that they would like to know, Speier said.

The last step is to develop a staff development program.

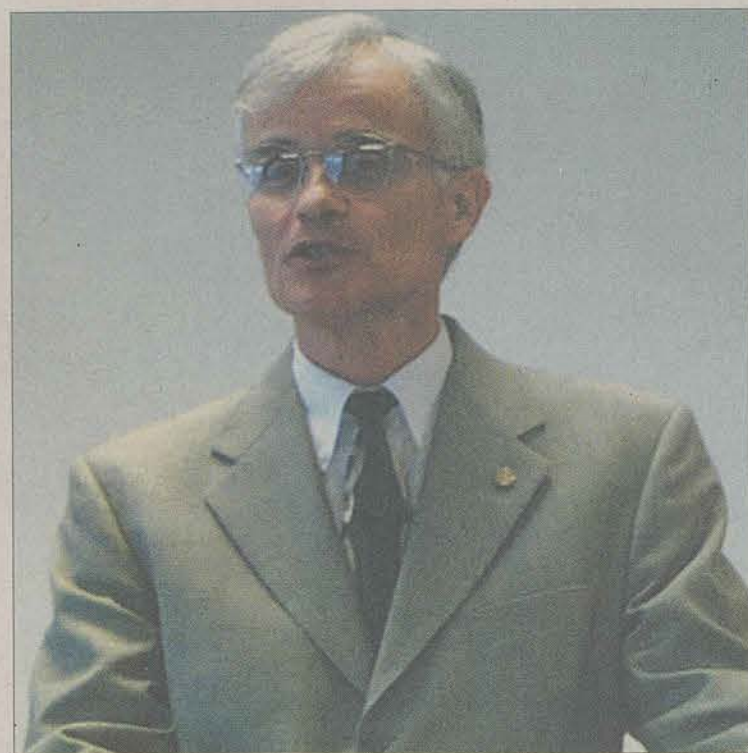
"The staff program provides opportunities to grow your own staff and gives individuals the opportunity to move up," Speier said. "This program will be implemented by the staff."

Speier said he believes that the heart of Student Affairs should be focused on student learning and activities. He encourages faculty and staff to participate in student activities.

"It is important for students to know that we care about them," he said.

Speier said he believes that student behavior is very important and that students should be responsible in their actions off campus as well as on campus.

"Students do not give up their rights when they are out in the community," Speier said. "Things that



Lavene Bell

Ronald Speier

happen off campus can just as well happen on campus. If the situation puts other people lives in jeopardy, the student can be suspended or expelled, especially on issues such as drugs, alcohol, and sexual assault."

Speier said he has many ideas for GSU, such as creating other com-

puter labs around campus and involving students in some decision making processes.

He said that it was a privilege to come to GSU to apply for the VPSPA position.

The forum ended with questions from the public.

Raptor Center announces \$2 million expansion plans

G-A News Service

GSU formally announced plans for a \$2 million Phase II expansion of its nationally-acclaimed Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center yesterday.

While more than doubling the acreage presently dedicated to the center, the expansion will showcase native waterfowl, songbirds, woodpeckers, and wading birds, augmenting the birds of prey of the current facility. A new ornithological center will introduce visitors to the joys of birdwatching, while an innovative watershed system will illustrate the essential contributions of wetlands in an observable and measureable wetlands macro-laboratory.

"One of the things that makes GSU unique among its peers is its commitment to the environment," University President Bruce F. Grube said. "In announcing this expansion today, we have redoubled our commitment to environmental education for our students and for all of those who visit the center. Our work here is an important part of our outreach to the community."

Advisory Board Chairman Archie

Davis said the center has been an overwhelming success for environmental education and a popular destination for visitors since it opened in 1997. More than 40,000 students have visited on school trips, and thousands more visitors have attended programs or enjoyed the center's buildings and grounds.

The expansion will allow the center to double its capacity for organized programs during school hours, while simultaneously conserving native habitat for local wildlife by preserving a significant wetlands/bottomland forest corridor. The wetlands exhibits will adjoin the center's protected bottomland forest and will provide a sanctuary for local and migrating birds and other native fauna.

"Setting aside 13 prime acres for environmental education, and designing those acres to act also as a wildlife sanctuary in the midst of a thriving public university, sets a national example for urban and suburban planners," Terry Johnson, program manager for Georgia's non-game/endangered wildlife program with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources said.

Colleges examine false alarm consequences after deadly fire

TMS Campus

CHICAGO—The fire alarm that warned of thick, black smoke billowing throughout his Seton Hall University dormitory failed to rouse freshman Pete Tornatore from bed.

"I actually went back to sleep after I heard the alarm, and my roommate had to wake me up and tell me it was real," he said.

That Tornatore and many of his neighbors didn't immediately spring

from bed was of little surprise to several students milling around the burning building, where 18 false alarms had sounded since September — seven of them during December's final exams alone.

This time, there was no prank: The Jan. 19 fire that broke out killed three students and injured 58. Ah, the old false alarm. College students past and present know it well. Blaring sirens and flashing lights — often in the middle of the night

— that force everyone to evacuate their rooms until firefighters allow them to return. In some dorms the alarms are so frequent many students, much like those at Seton Hall, lock their doors with hopes that no one will discover they didn't leave the building along with everyone else.

"I was actually written up last semester for not evacuating for a fire alarm," Alex Ross, a student at Tulane University, said. "It was 3 a.m. dur-

ing finals, and I was sure it was a prank. Lo and behold, it was. But, ironic as it is, I'm being fined whereas the individual who pulled (the alarm) is getting away."

With the Seton Hall fire still fresh in everyone's minds, housing officials on several campuses say they're making no apologies to students who fail to follow the rules. They're also stepping up reminders about safety and forging ahead with plans to safeguard

dorms against fire.

Painfully aware that the Seton Hall dormitory had no sprinklers, officials at the University of Texas at Austin said they're stepping up plans to install the devices in several residence halls.

Stanford University also is ensuring all of its residence halls have sprinklers by the end of next year. Meanwhile, officials at the University of Cincinnati said they'll continue to run 2,800 students living in

campus housing there through monthly fire drills.

But the real job, many campus officials say, is getting some students to respect the importance of those fire-prevention efforts.

To combat pranksters and scofflaws who fail to evacuate during alarms, many colleges and universities have resorted to imposing stiffer penalties and installing what many in campus housing call "crime-fighting equipment."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•BSU meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

•Pi Sigma Epsilon presents "Super Bowl Party Pack Giveaway" worth \$250. Tickets are \$1. Purchase tickets at the COBA Building. Drawing will be held on Friday, January 28.

•GSU's Eagle Entertainment Council is in the process of accepting applications for **Team Leadership positions**. The students selected for these positions will have the opportunity to plan and execute programs for campus. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 4. Applications are available in the Russell Union Room 2022. Call 486-7270 for more information.

January 26

•Creative Writing Club meeting in the

Russell Union Room 2045 at 5:30 p.m. Open to anyone. A new club.

January 27

•Eagle Cinema presents "Stigmata" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

January 28

•Eagle Cinema presents "Stigmata" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

January 29

•Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County is holding a **Home Fair** at 10:30 p.m. in the Community Room inside the Recreation Department on Fair Rd.

•Eagle Cinema presents "Stigmata" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

•Shire of Forth Castle, the local group of The Society for Creative Anachronism, will hold a free public display of arts and sciences of the middle ages at the Bryan County Recreation Center in Pembroke, Ga. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Sue Waters at 691-1256 or Mark Mettler at 823-3761 for more information.

January 30

•Pianists at Work I featuring Natalia da Roza at 3 p.m. at the Carter Recital Hall. Admission is free.

February 3

•Eagle Cinema presents "Fight Club" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 4

•Eagle Cinema presents "Fight Club" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 5

•Eagle Cinema presents "Fight Club" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 26

•The National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Georgia Chapter is offering a financial planning workshop for people with MS. NMSS will present "Money Talk" at 10 a.m. at Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Rd NW. in Buckhead. There is no charge for the program. Call 1-800-822-3379 for more information.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Gates Foundation is world's largest

The Associated Press

SEATTLE, WA - Bill and Melinda Gates have donated another 5 billion dollars to their foundation, boosting its endowment to about 21.8 billion and making it the world's richest foundation.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation surpassed London's Wellcome Trust with the latest gift from the Microsoft Corp. founder and his wife, according to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*. Wellcome Trust has about 13 billion pounds, the equivalent of 21.4 billion dollars.

"What's extraordinary about the Gateses is how much money they've put in so fast," editor Stacy Palmer of the *Chronicle* said Monday. "They started off with just a billion or two and in the past year they've made this extraordinary infusion."

The latest \$5 billion gift of Microsoft stock from the Microsoft Corp. founder and his wife was confirmed by the foundation Monday. The couple has given 20 billion worth of Microsoft stock to the foundation

over the past year, said Trevor Neilson, a foundation spokesman.

Microsoft shares have soared in recent years, making the software giant the most valuable company in the world, based on market capitalization. Based on Microsoft's 4 p.m. Nasdaq stock price of \$101.25 per share, Microsoft was worth \$522.45 billion.

"The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will continue to focus on helping to improve people's lives primarily through health and learning," foundation co-chairwoman Patty Stonesifer said Monday.

"Particular attention will go toward accelerating the development and distribution of lifesaving vaccines," she said.

In November, the foundation gave \$750 million over five years to the Global Fund for Children's Vaccines, which will help immunize poor children around the world against disease.

"Melinda and I are committed to ensuring that every child has access

to lifesaving vaccines in the next millennium, regardless of where they live," Bill Gates said then.

Education is another focus. The foundation announced in September that it would establish a \$1 billion Gates Millennium Scholars Program for minority students, with 50 million in gifts over 20 years.

The *Chronicle* editor said the foundation's "very, very large gifts" are unusual. Foundations are required by United States law to give away 5 percent of their assets each year.

Software magnate Gates, whose company's programs run most personal computers, topped the Forbes magazine list of the world's billionaires with a net worth of \$90 billion last June.

The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* also lists the foundation as the richest in the United States, easily surpassing the Ford Foundation's \$13.1 billion and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation with \$13 billion.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department January 22

•Marcus Graham, 19, of 2345 Rocky Ford Rd., Portal, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jason Key, 20, of Park Place Apt. #256, was charged with possession of schedule IV narcotic.

•Michael Piffer, 19, of 12045 Wexford Overlook, Roswell, Ga., was charged with DUI and laying drags.

•Mathew McClendon, 18, of 2867 Roanoke Rd., Lagrange, Ga., was charged with DUI and improperly stopped vehicle.

January 21

•Timothy Daniel, 21, of Upson St. P.O. Box 374, Lexington, Ga., was charged with adult seatbelt and driving on suspended license.

January 20

•Larry Overby, 27, of Park Place Apt. #256, was charged with possession of a firearm during committing a crime, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, and possession of schedule IV narcotic.

•Michelle McCalley, 21, of 241 N. Main St. Apt. #517, was charged with shoplifting.

•Robby Overby, 21, of Park Place Apt. #256, was charged with possession of schedule IV narcotic.

•Ronald Newsome, 19, of 338 Page Garrett Rd., Swainsboro, Ga., was charged with loitering.

January 19

•Phillip Knight, 18, of #2 West Forest, was charged with enticing a child for indecent behavior and statutory rape.

•Benjamin Wheeler, 18, of 6060 Camden Ct., Cumming, Ga., was charged with DUI refusal, improper starting, and obstruction.

January 18

•Daniel Stripling, 18, of 2321 Kennedy Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Justin Merrell, 18, of 140 Benjamin Ct., Fayetteville, Ga., was charged with driving on suspended license and adult seatbelt.

•Jahann Scott, 19, of 121 Longleaf Dr., Sylvania, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana and being a wanted person.

•Shone Pearsall, 19, of Hwy 24 P.O. Box 1846, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with DUI and headlights required.

January 17

•Kevin Cunnin, 19, of 315 Westerhall Ct., Atlanta, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jarred Albrecht, 18, of 140 Scott Blvd., Tyrone, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Terry Taylor, 22, of 21 Gordon St., was charged with simple battery, criminal trespass, and interference with emergency call.

January 16

•Kevin Caskey, 19, of Seasons Apt. #32, was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Aundell Grace, 21, of 3494 Oglethorpe Trail, Girard, Ga., was charged with speeding, DUI, and driving on suspended license.

•Anthony Kay, 22, of Bermuda Run

Apt. K-14, was charged with possession of marijuana.

GSU Department of Public Safety January 22

•Regan Slater, 19, of Willow Bend Apt. #10, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

January 21

•Tommy Pringle reported his wallet was taken from the RAC.

•Chasity Garner reported her keys were taken from her book bag in the Russell Union.

•Rose Gee reported \$95 was taken from her purse in the Nursing Building.

January 19

•Lee Stargell reported his laptop computer was taken from his room in Dorman Hall.

•Mary Williams reported her wallet was taken from Room 2018 in Deal Hall.

•Susan Franks reported her wallet was taken from Room 288 in the Carroll Building.

•A Brannen Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

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

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntineal Hughes, assistant news editor.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Barnes proposal will reduce HOPE

The Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. - Gov. Roy Barnes' budget proposals for next year will mark the first time Georgia has curbed some HOPE scholarship benefits, several student leaders charged Monday.

University System Chancellor Stephen Portch acknowledged that the scholarship program no longer would pay certain student fees if the proposal is adopted.

"It's a rearrangement of the program ... in the end it's going to be a more expensive program," Portch said.

Under the lottery-funded HOPE schol-

arship program, high school graduates who earn a "B" average and choose to attend a Georgia college get free tuition plus a book allowance. Many of their student fees also are covered.

Under the governor's proposal, HOPE no longer would pay for athletic, parking or facilities fees. An analysis by some student leaders showed that could require some HOPE scholars to pay as much as \$191 per semester.

"This proposal would be the first in the history of HOPE to reduce benefits to students and is contrary to the original promise of a free college education for

every deserving Georgia student," said John M. Fuchko III, who chairs the student advisory council to the Board of Regents.

Portch said Barnes is making other changes to the program, including one that would allow Pell Grant students to utilize those funds as well as HOPE scholarship funds. Currently, the value of the Pell Grant is subtracted from the HOPE scholarship.

"It's certainly not an overall reduction in HOPE," Portch said. "It's a juggling around...In total, students will be receiving more."

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Nude fly-fishing mural hooks drivers

By Joe Danborn

MOBILE, Ala. — There's a naked woman standing outside Steve McCoy's store on Government Street. Well, she's not quite naked, she's wearing a green fedora and a strategically placed fishing creel.

And she's not really outside the store so much as on it.

OK, she's actually part of a mural McCoy commissioned in November to draw attention to his sporting goods shop, McCoy Outdoor Co.

The roughly 5-foot-by-7-foot mural depicts a Rocky Mountain fly-fishing scene au naturel. In it, the blonde expertly floats a fly line over a mirror-still lake. She sports a tiny trout tattoo in the small of her back, which faces east, and only the creel stops her from mooning drivers westbound on Government Street.

"It was meant to be artistic and an attention-getter," said McCoy, 52, who said he has owned the shop in that location for more than 20 years. "It was not some evil plot to expose the neighborhood to pornography or anything."

McCoy bought the building adjacent to his shop last spring and slowly has been fixing it up, he said. When a new Rite Aid opened across the street, McCoy's building "started looking a little pale. I wanted to update the cosmetics, you might say."

McCoy met muralist Brad Fuller when Fuller was waiting tables at Bella Koozeena restaurant, McCoy said. Fuller had painted interior murals for the restaurant, and the two men began searching for inspiration, McCoy said. They grew fond of a book cover with the same general scene as the mural, he said, and Fuller went to work.

Around the same time, McCoy spotted a reprint of a 1945 ad in *Outdoors Magazine* in his wife's copy of *Vanity Fair* magazine. The wartime ad for Rain-Beau Fishing Lines shows, of course, a nude woman fly fishing, wearing a fedora and a creel which covers her rear.

But Fuller used a photograph to paint a different backdrop, McCoy

pointed out.

"Plus, she's right-handed, and our woman is left-handed," he said.

All Saints Episcopal Church sits on Ann Street, within sight of the mural. But the Rev. David Powers, rector of All Saints, said no one there has said anything to him about it.

"Nothing caught my eye to offend me," he said. "It didn't stand out enough to impress me one way or the other."

Frank Palombo, a planner with Mobile's Urban Development Department, said the city has no problem with the mural since it bears no words.

"We were concerned that it might be a sign, but we took a look at it, and we decided it's a work of art, not an advertisement," he said.

Joy Harriman, who lives a few paces from the store, said although she wondered about the choice to add the trout tattoo, she still thinks the mural reflects McCoy's civic-mindedness.

"I don't know of any other business owner in this area who's done as much to their business frontage to improve the overall ambience of the neighborhood," she said. "That's not to say that the mural itself improves the ambience, but I'd rather see them doing something rather than doing nothing."

McCoy said he has had only one complaint about the mural. A woman called within a week or two after it went up to say she found it demeaning to women and not in good taste, he said.

"Most people find it novel or humorous," he said.

McCoy's wife Sara, though, did have one objection:

"She thought the skin color was wrong," he said. "She thought it was too pale, that she needed a little more sun."

Regardless of the hue, McCoy said he is happy with the result.

"We always had to tell people we were next to the Krispy Kreme, which was the only real landmark around here," he said. "Now we tell them we're the one with the mural on the side and the boats out front."

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Virginia

Snowball throw leads to felony charges

The Associated Press

RADFORD—A Radford University student who threw a snowball at an unmarked police truck was charged with four felonies, police said.

Jonathan James Andrews, 19, was charged with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle, escaping the custody of a police officer and two counts of assault on a police officer.

Two officers with the Radford Police Department were patrolling in an unmarked four-wheel drive truck about 5:30 a.m. Thursday when it was hit by a snowball near the Radford University campus, said police Capt. Gary Harmon.

The officers, who were in uniform, stopped to charge Andrews with throwing a missile at an occupied vehicle, Harmon said.

Even though the missile was only a snowball, "it can cause many accidents," he said.

The officers told Andrews he was under arrest and took his arm, but he jerked away and ran, Harmon said.

"They pursued him, tackled him and a wrestling match ensued," he said. "During that, he hit one officer in the face twice and the other officer in the face once."

Neither officer required medical treatment, Harmon said.

2 Georgia

Dance club finds way around alcohol ordinance

The Associated Press

FORT VALLEY — A nude dancing club has found a clever

way to skirt a Peach County ordinance banning the sale of alcohol at such establishments.

Customers pay a \$7 cover charge at the Neon Cowboy, which offers patrons an eyeful of nude dancers, but no alcohol. If a patron wants a beer, he simply tells security.

Then he is whisked in a golf cart the 1,000-plus-feet east to Boss Hawgs II Bikini Co., where waitresses are clad in bikinis but the beer flows freely.

The golf cart ride is free and there's no cover charge at Boss Hawgs.

"We have a nice arrangement worked out here, and everybody's benefiting from it," Boss Hawgs' owner Romany Lawson said Tuesday.

Neon Cowboy opened in 1994 featuring nude dancers, beer and wine. Peach County soon enacted an ordinance making that illegal. The county and the club have been in court battles ever since.

3 New York

Obstetrician carves his initials in mom's abdomen

The Associated Press

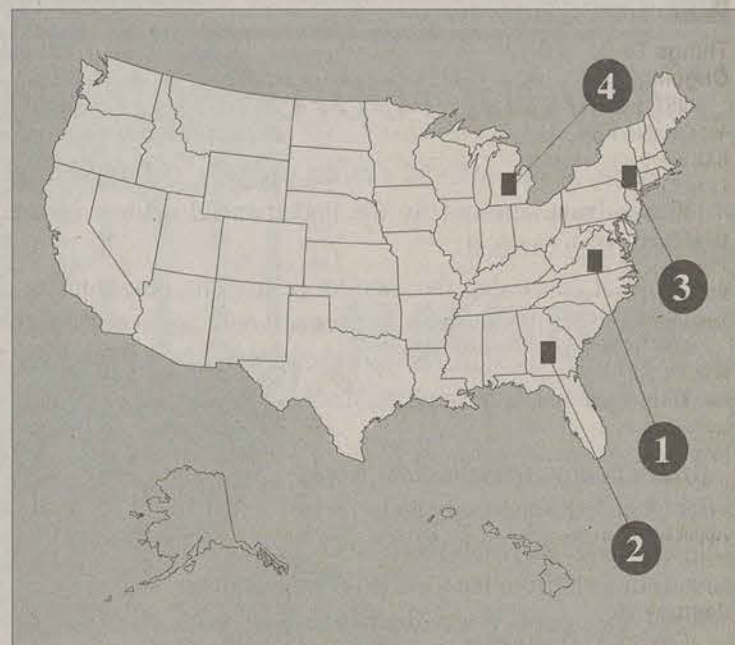
NEW YORK — A Manhattan doctor who carved his initials into the abdomen of a woman whose baby he had just delivered by Caesarian section is being sued for \$5 million.

Dr. Allan Zarkin "felt very close to this woman, but something clicked on and off in his brain," his lawyer, Kenneth Platzer, said Friday.

The woman, Liana Gedz, 31, says in her lawsuit that the 3-by-11/2-inch letters "A" and "Z" make her feel like "a branded animal."

Zarkin, a 61-year-old obstetrician, cut his initials into his sedated patient an inch above her Caesarian incision shortly after delivering her baby girl Sept. 7.

But he was mentally impaired at the time, his attorney said, "and this



was a bizarre, unexplainable event."

Zarkin, Platzer said, suffers from a frontal-lobe disorder called Pick's disease, a progressive form of Alzheimer's-like dementia characterized by personality changes and inappropriate behavior.

"The doctor had no ill will, no malice, no intent to harm the patient," Platzer said. "I would call it a cerebral dysfunction brought on by an illness."

Zarkin is being treated by a psychiatrist and a neurologist, his lawyer said.

The carved initials are permanent, Gedz, a dentist, said in her lawsuit, which was made public Friday in Manhattan state Supreme Court.

4 Michigan

11-year-old boy charged with felony after hitting teacher with carrot

The Associated Press

DETROIT — An 11-year-old boy has been charged with felony

assault after he allegedly threw a carrot slice that hit his middle school teacher in the eye.

The boy was being held Friday in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

If convicted, he could face a variety of penalties, including time in a boys training school.

The boy was suspended from Murphy Middle School last Wednesday after throwing carrot pieces at classmates, the *Detroit Free Press* reported Saturday.

One of the chunks hit teacher Lee Williams in the eye, leaving it red and swollen, police said.

The boy then ran away from the school, but returned Thursday morning and started bragging about what he'd done the day before. He ran away again before police arrived, but returned an hour later and pulled the school's fire alarm, police said.

He finally was caught by a teacher after pulling the alarm.

Woman uses billboard as highway resumé

The Associated Press

BERLIN, Conn. — Donna Gore says "I'm not your garden variety anything."

Judging from her latest job search attempt, few would argue against that.

The Hamden resident purchased a billboard on the Berlin Turnpike—a commercial strip in central Connecticut—earlier this month to advertise her availability as a victim's advocate.

A speech pathologist who was laid off from her last job at a Shelton nursing home, she says she's ready and qualified for a career change. She says she lost her father to a homicide more than 18 years ago and has since become an advocate for several causes.

The giant sign features a photograph of her smiling face, her phone number and a brief description of her background and skills.

"My father always said, 'You have to spend money to make money.' You have to make investments in the future," she said.

Despite running low on savings since her unemployment benefits ran out, Gore spent \$700 on the billboard and \$150 for a computerized photograph. It will stay up for about a month, she said.

"Most people who don't have jobs can't afford billboards," said Nancy Cronin, manager of Middletown-based A R Mazzotta Employment Specialists. "It's a novel idea. It's unique. I suspect it won't become the norm."

Cronin said she doubts it will be effective.

Since the sign was erected on Jan. 10, Gore has received only one call for a potential job, and that was from a start-up computer software company that could have openings in the future. She has received a couple dozen calls from people wishing her luck in her search.

"I'm 54-years-old and I've never seen anyone do it," said Robert Hooper, a partner in C P H Staffing and Consulting of Farmington. "Maybe it's going to be effective, I don't know. It depends who's looking."

Vince Bocalini, owner of New Haven-based Outdoor Systems Advertising, said this is first time he's sold a billboard to an individual seeking a job. Companies have used billboards seeking employees, he said.

"We just think it's great. It's very exciting," said Bocalini. "We're very hopeful that she'll get a job."

Gore, who has spastic cerebral palsy, is able to walk, drive and live a mainstream life, burdened, she says, only by her current financial woes. She says she earned a master's degree in speech pathology from Kansas State University and worked in that field for more than 20 years.

Still, she claims she's being discriminated against because of her disability.

Disenchanted with the health care industry, Gore said she wants to work as a victim's advocate.

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Call your representative and ask for your voice

Yet again, as our editorial cartoon suggests, the students of GSU have been screwed by the underhanded actions of the Statesboro City Council.

Instead of discussing the issue of raising the minimum age requirement for city elections, the council once again decided to take action when the students were not present in order to try and sneak this provision through the back door.

Behind phony arguments that people under 25 lack the necessary maturity to hold elected office, Statesboro has once again successfully removed students from the local political equation.

While they publicly say the negative attention Nicely's city council bid received did not contribute to the decision, everyone else realizes the truth for what it is. Capitalizing on the perception that students lack "maturity" after Nicely's disorganized bid, they decided the political heat they would receive was acceptable

because students wouldn't hear about it until it was too late. In addition, they are betting that GSU students really wouldn't care or do anything about it.

So, it's up to the General Assembly to decide the political future of students here in Statesboro. Call our local legislators who are, at this very moment, in Atlanta formulating state policy.

Call the District 4 city councilman, Joe Brannen. Show the council their pre-conceived notions of student apathy are not well-founded. Demand your right to participate in decisions affecting this city.

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Basic Statesboro Politics
Made Easy.

Being different is a great quality

Every single day I wake up at 8:30 a.m. I take a shower, brush my teeth, and put on my clothes. In lots of ways, I'm just like you. I drive to class like a lot of you, I eat lunch around noon, and I have a job. I go to class 90 percent of the time, and there are times when I consider patting myself on the back for getting up and actually going.

On the outside, you might consider me average in basically every aspect. You may have passed me on my daily walk to class,

thinking nothing of me. After all, I'm average looking, average talking, socially average, and basically just a face in the crowd, right? No.

That's where some people are led astray. Now, this is no plea for you to pay attention to me, or to try to track me down, that would only make me even more paranoid.

Have you ever heard the saying "Don't judge a book by its cover"? How many people can honestly say that they always honor that guideline in life? Not many.

Maybe we SHOULD follow that

guideline. It's true isn't it? Can you tell if someone is smart by looking at him? Are you able to tell who is better off financially by looks? If a person doesn't go out and party every night, does that make him a hermit? The thing is, we have no idea what's going on in that person's life. So, how can we judge something we know nothing about?

The other day I was talking to a friend and he told me that I was different. At first, I took being different as a bad thing, and after saying a few words of choice to him, he looked at me like I had lost my mind. He quickly told me that being different is definitely a good thing, and that the fact that I'm not a follower makes me so.

So, later I thought about what he had said to me. I wondered why being called different made me feel inadequate, and why I felt that if I wasn't going along with everyone else, that it was somehow a bad thing.

I now think that being told you are different is the best compliment that anyone could ever give you. The

fact that you stand alone in the crowd, being your own person, is a good thing. I mean, it's a great thing that you don't conform to meet another's standards.

I'm also not saying that you should rebel against the government or go naked to class tomorrow because you feel you have the right to. There are certain basic rules that we know we shouldn't break, they're called ethics.

Everyone has a story. The story of their life I guess you could say. It's that story that makes you different. So, even if you wear the exact same outfit as your roommate, part your hair exactly the same, or drive the same car, you'd still be different. If two things look alike and act alike, that doesn't always mean that they are alike. I'm not you, and you're not me, and even if we tried our best to make us the same we couldn't. Kinda ironic, huh?

The best person you can be is yourself, and being unique is the thing that in the long run people will remember the most about you. The simple fact that you stood out and made a difference in your life.

So, be different, even if only you

notice that you are. Live your own life, and have fun with it. Maybe no one will ever give you a cookie for all the good stuff you've done, but hey you just might feel a little better about yourself. Also, don't be so quick to judge others either. The fact that they're a little different than you makes them who they are, and frankly, I think you'd be even less happy if they were exactly like you now wouldn't you?

If someone tells you that you're different, say thank you. It's a good thing, trust me. So, maybe you'll see me on my daily walk to class, and maybe you'll say hey and maybe you won't, that was your choice wasn't it? Maybe I won't ever get to find out who you are, or your story that makes you different from John Doe, but even if I just glance at you, I'll know that you have a story, and hopefully it won't be just a copy of someone else's.

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Juggling deadlines, term papers procrastination

Mid-semester hasn't even begun to creep around the bend and I'm guessing that many of you are already feeling the stresses of classes. And for those of you who are balancing school with work, the pressures are beginning to accumulate, just waiting for one too many weights to be added that will cause a collapse that seems inevitable.

I have worked one, two and three jobs at a time throughout my college years while being enrolled as a full-time student. Over the past five years (yes, I am on the five-year-plan) I have learned many valuable lessons in time management and the importance of getting out every now and then to clear your mind.

I know that more and more students are holding down jobs while taking classes and, although it probably won't ever be simple, there are several ways to get through each semester with good grades, maintain your job and actually have a social life. I had to learn the hard way several times, so I am hoping that my oh-so-intelligent insight might help a few of you out there before you have to learn on your own.

First of all, it's time to ban the word 'procrastination' from your vocabulary. Yeah, yeah, I know: that's easier said than done, but it is possible. Start simple with this one. Pick your two most time-consuming or difficult classes and make a practical goal of how long you will work on homework or reading assignments each night. It will pay off in the long run, I promise.

This way you won't have to cram the night before an exam while you're at work with your boss giving you the look of death. Eventually, you will even incorporate this method into your less challenging courses and all will be right with the world.

The bottom line is don't put things off until the last minute. It will affect both you and your job, which is never good.

Another thing I have found to work rather well is let your employer

get to know you. Sure, some bosses could care less, but it's worth a try. Talk to your boss when you can and let him or her know what's up in your life. This will come in handy when you need a few off days during finals week. If your boss sees you as a personable employee who works hard at both school and the job at hand, he or she will probably be a little more flexible when it comes to the really important school assignments.

Also, it's a great idea to get to know your fellow employees. Just in case you need a night off on the spur of the moment, you may need their help. They will be much more willing to give you a hand if they at least know your name. But I suggest letting them know a little more than that.

Your instructors generally don't want to hear about your personal life or its problems, so I wouldn't recommend bothering them with how late you had to work the night before your term paper was due. There are, however, some instructors who take student work into consideration, but those are few and far between. So, don't count on it. We are adults, and instructors expect us to be able to handle things as such.

Lastly, you must have a life outside of school and work. If you don't, you will go insane, I promise. If you keep a reasonable schedule you will have time to spend with friends. If you don't have a reasonable schedule, get one pronto!

It's not completely easy for most of us to work and do well in school, but I am living proof that it is possible. Don't give up, and always remember that you will make mistakes, but don't let them get you down. One of these days you will graduate and won't have to worry about that 8 a.m. exam.

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Local politics seem to leave students out

The purpose of this series, which will be in three parts, is motly to make you mad as hell. Our generation is defined by its cynicism, yet, oddly, colored by its lethargy. That said, it seems only rage, against any machine, ever motivates us.

The root of our current democratic society is not found in any document, event or belief from the 18th century. Politics today bares more resemblance to the Lewis Carroll creation than to anything Machiavellian, Hobbesian or Jeffersonian.

The bombs no longer burst in air, but in the schoolyards, and young Gonzalez's horrid debacle is proof that Lady Liberty's call for the world's poor, tired and hungry need add "By Invitation Only" and "RSVP."

It seems only fitting then that the

word "politic," defined as "wise in promoting a policy," has little to do with any ideological or philosophical quandry. In other words, "Hail to the Chief" needs to be renamed "Hail to the fundraisers and pollsters." Campaign finance reform indeed.

My personal level of "jadedness" has less to do with any whiny songstress, and more to do with not believing my vote will result in much change. When I do "Rock the Vote," it's not so much about effecting change, but rather about trying to pick the lesser of two (or three) evils.

Gettin' down to brass tacks here in the 'Boro, we ought to look closely at campus. Acknowledged or not, we are everything positive about this town.

It's no secret that there were few tears shed when our past president, Dr. Henry, resigned. Unfortunately that had

less to do with his ability to lead "and administer" (i.e. fundraise), and more to do with his relationship to Board of Regents Chancellor, Steven Portch. But what a shitty reason.

Perhaps it is equally good then that, again no secret, our current president, Dr. Grube, was all but handpicked by Herr Portch. Amongst the candidates he was clearly the best man for the job, and since his arrival the winds of change have certainly swept through campus. Dr. Grube has made a mark by facing a lot of "tough decisions"—like raising admission standards, and all but doing away with graduation ceremonies and liberal arts graduate courses. But are all these decisions the best for morale?

The goal is clear: keep good students from transferring up to Athens, and the bad ones from being able to get in here. The verdict? GSU is not the place for students with above average ambition.

As for our role in local politics, are city council's recent big effort is in changing the minimum age to run for city council to 25, erasing any traditional student's role in the proceedings. Lockjawed? You bet I am. From sucking on their... decisions.

And where's our student government president, Mr.—I can't remember! I don't think SGA allows students in meetings anymore.

Forget about it. Who cares about all this politic-smolitic crap?

Not me. I just wanna to focus on planning next September's trip to Athens for our heralded showdown with the Dawgs. I just wonder how many of us will find ourselves on the home side of the hedges rather than the visiting side.

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Student says that fan behavior was unbecoming

Editor:
You are not the only person who feels embarrassed to be an Eagle. I was shocked and embarrassed at the actions of the fans at the Chattanooga game.

I too rushed the field like many other students did, but the determination of some of the fans to tear down the goalposts (goalposts that don't even belong to our school!!!) shocked and upset me.

The game was great and a lot of fun, but it is a shame that it had to end like that. I was further embarrassed when the Atlanta news stations and the A.J.C. ran articles and stories about the actions of our fans.

I had calls from friends and family who wanted to know if I helped take the goalposts down.

Like you, the game made me question my coming to Georgia Southern. I also feel bad for Dr. Grube, who is working hard to improve the image of Georgia Southern, and then an incident like this sets us back so far. I think the students who were involved owe Youngstown State an apology.

Your Opinion

Brad DeBardelaben
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Tell me why...

Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?
Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

How come wrong numbers are never busy?
Do people in Australia call the rest of the world "up over"?
Can a stupid person be a smart-ass?
Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn shop?

Education department lifts sanctions against Brewton-Parker

The Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Ga. — The Department of Education has lifted sanctions it imposed two years ago against Brewton-Parker College after the liberal arts school was accused of financial aid fraud.

Brewton-Parker, which is owned by the Georgia Baptist Convention, is now free to provide students with financial aid on an advanced payment basis. The end of the sanctions, which occurred about 18 months before schedule, also allows the school to offer athletic programs.

"There's a marked feeling of celebra-

tion that we have accomplished something very important," President David Smith said. "We've come out of this much stronger than when we entered into our period of maladies."

In February 1997, the government accused Brewton-Parker officials of scheming to defraud the federal education department from 1992 to 1996 in 1,871 claims totaling \$2.1 million.

Student aid was funneled illegally to athletes, international students and others, according to the government's lawsuit.

In May 1998, U.S. District Judge B.

Avant Edenfield approved a \$4 million settlement between the federal government and Brewton-Parker, which is in Mount Vernon, about 70 miles southeast of Macon.

Brewton-Parker officials revamped the financial aid operation and reorganized its business practices in the wake of the scandal. As part of the settlement, the school was not allowed to operate a financial aid office. As a result, Smith said, students were forced to wait for an outside firm to manage financial aid programs and then submit the paperwork to the education department for inspection.

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Furman blows past Lady Eagles, 86-72

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

Coming off an emotional win last Saturday, the Lady Eagles fall to 6-12, 5-4 So Con and out of a four-way tie for second place in the conference with the 86-72 loss to the Lady Paladins of Furman.

Furman's Jackie Smith collected a double-double, leading both teams in scoring (26) and rebounds (13).

Even with the Lady Eagles placing three players in double-digits including Danna Simpson's team high of 16 points, it was not enough to claim the victory for GSU.

"We have to do the fundamental things first," said Lady Eagles Head Coach Rusty Cram. "I don't think we did that tonight."

Senior forward Tondra Warren left early in the first

half after picking up two quick personal fouls leaving sophomores Sarah McCary and Mimi Lindsey to defend a potent Furman front-court.

Furman's Smith wasted no time taking advantage of the Lady Eagles slow start scoring 15 points on 4 of 7 shoot-

presence on defense."

McCary posted a team high 9 rebounds to go along with her 14 points while Amy Krach scored 13 points shooting 3 of 4 from the three-point line and listing a game high 4 block shots.

GSU shot just 38 percent from the field and 68 percent from the free-throw line. Furman received a whopping 35 free-throw attempts making 74 percent of them while shooting 49 percent from the floor.

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- RUSTY CRAM, WOMEN'S HEAD COACH

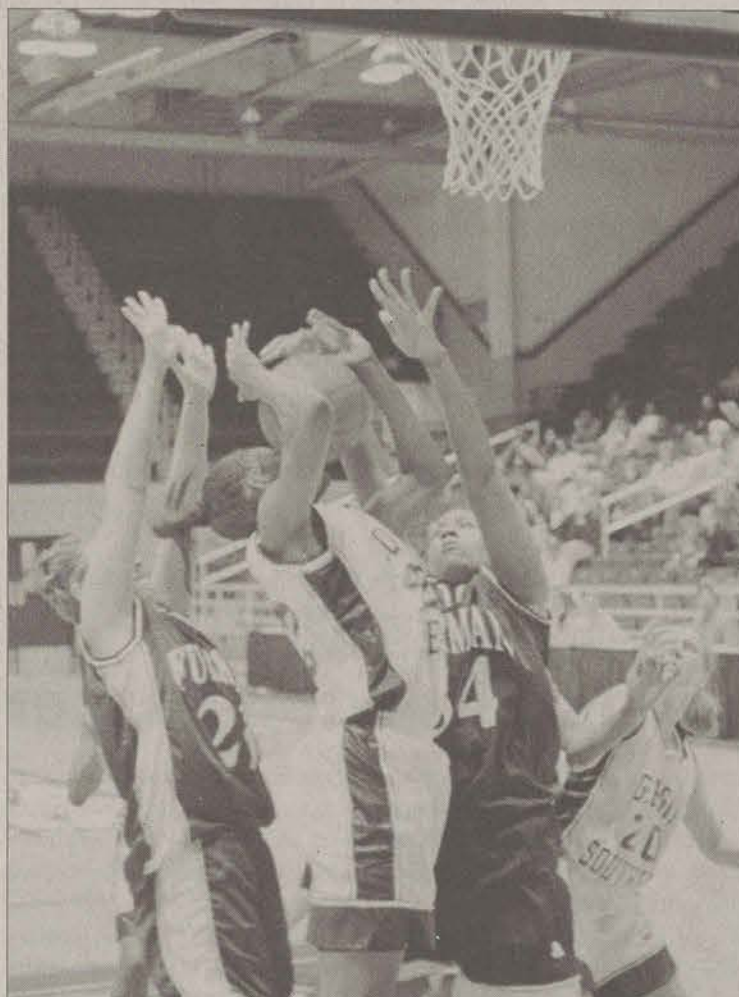
WOMENS BASKETBALL NEWS & NOTES

- Junior Amy Krach's 4 blocks on Monday night were a career high. Her previous high was 2 vs. UGA earlier in the year.

- The Lady Eagles posted the highest GPA of any sport at GSU during the fall semester with a 3.15 average.

ing and making 6 of her 8 free-throw attempts. Reserve center Orion Wake came off the bench to collect 8 points, 4 rebounds, and a devastating pick that knocked GSU's Danna Simpson to the floor and out for the rest of the first half.

"Missing [Tondra Warren] hurt," said the sophomore Simpson. "We needed her



Cory Brooks

IN THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE: Lady Eagles basketball team lost a tough game to conference rival Furman 86-72.

GSU men defeat Citadel 93-81

G-A News Service

STATESBORO, Ga. - Five players scored in double figures to lead Georgia Southern to a 93-81 Southern Conference win over The Citadel Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The 93 points scored were the most for GSU in a SoCon regular season game since Feb. 1, 1994 when the Eagles posted

For The Citadel, Alan Puckett scored a game-high 20 points, while Michael Joseph added 14, Mike Roy 12 and Romas Krywonis 11 in the losing cause.

With its early 21-point lead diminished, Georgia Southern had to fight off a second-half comeback to hold on to the win. The Eagles never lost their advantage, but the margin was cut to three, 74-71, with 6:09 remaining. Latham then answered for the Eagles by hitting 1-of-2 from the foul line followed by a short jumper. Quentin Martin then assisted Jones for a layup to cap an 8-0 run that gave the

101 against East Tennessee State.

The Eagles improve to 9-8 overall and 3-3 in the SoCon, while the Bulldogs fall to 7-12 on the season and 3-3 in league play.

Freshman Julius Jenkins poured in 19 points to lead the Eagles.

Kashien Latham finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds, and DeMarlo Slocum chalked up 15 points after hitting 5-of-7 from three-point range. Todd Shipley and Hamp Jones both added 12 points each for the winners.

Eagles a 79-71 lead with just over five minutes left in the contest.

Georgia Southern connected on 6-of-6 shots from the foul line in the final minute to revisit its double-figure lead in which it would never relinquish.

Both teams committed 15 turnovers, but it was the Eagles who one the battle on the boards by out-rebounding its counterparts 43-31.

For the game, the Eagles shot 51 percent (30-of-59) while the Bulldogs hit on 47 percent (27-of-58) of their shots.



Hans Knoepfel

GOING TO THE HOLE: Freshman sensation Julius Jenkins drives past onlooking Citadel players for two of his game-high 19 points.

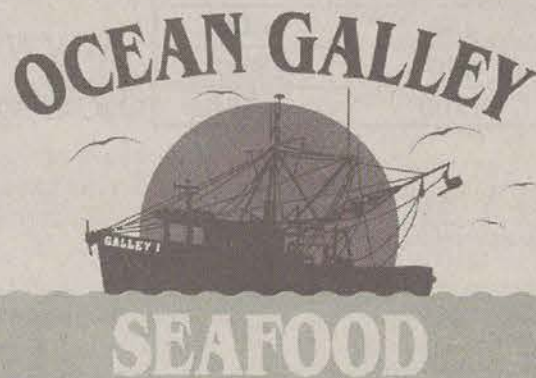


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GSU loses opener to Georgia St. 7-0

G-A News Service

ATLANTA, GA- The Georgia Southern men's tennis team lost 7-0 on the road Sunday against nationally ranked Georgia State in the squad's season-opening match. The Eagles only victory came at number three doubles where sophomore Wojciech Nowak and senior Jesper Andersson defeated the Georgia State tandem of Frank Huot and Carl Lumsden by a score of 8-6.

The match, against the 66th ranked collegiate team as voted on by the International Tennis Association, was closer than the score indicated as the Eagles dropped a couple of close decisions. At number one doubles, Kendall Swartz and Ryan O'Keefe dropped a 9-8 (7-5) decision to Nick Brochu and Pablo Perez that would have given GSU the doubles point.

"I was really pleased with the way our doubles teams played," GSU head coach Andrew King said. "The doubles point could have went either way."

At number four singles, Darren Clark came the closest to victory in singles play for the Eagles. Clark lost a three set decision to Frank Huot 6-0, 6-7, 6-3. Also in singles at the second slot, GSU's O'Keefe dropped a tough two set match, 7-6, 6-4, to Pablo Perez. At the first position Kendall Swartz fell to Brochu 6-4, 6-3.

"I felt that we were in most of our matches," said King. "We were just unable to get the wins we needed."

Lady tennis loses over weekend

G-A News Service

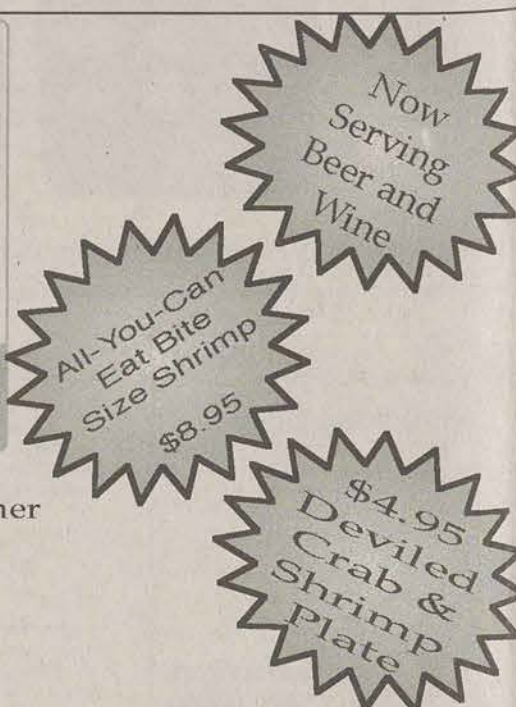
Athens, Ga. - The GSU women's tennis team was unable to get a win over the weekend, losing three singles matches on Friday and then falling three singles and two doubles matches on Saturday at the Georgia Invitational.

In Friday's play, it was sophomore Martha Barrett falling to Georgia's Anne Nguyen, the nation's 80th ranked player, in straight sets 6-0, 6-1. Taylor Nance and Ella Reilly could do no better on Friday as Nance lost to Kentucky's Brooke Skeen 6-0, 6-0 and Reilly lost to Kentucky's Lauren Rookledge by the same score.

In Saturday's consolation bracket, Georgia State players were victorious over the Eagles twice as Mable Abraham defeated Reilly 6-4, 6-2 and Nina Jansen defeated Barrett 6-1, 6-2. Nance also fell on Saturday, losing to Brenau's Libby Fletcher 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles action, Barrett paired up with junior Isabella Kling to face Brenau's doubles tandem of Fletcher and Perez, and lost 8-4. Ella Reilly and Taylor Nance also teamed up on Saturday, but fell to Mississippi State's Elmeir Sloan and Amelie Detriviere by a score of 8-2.

GSU will begin dual-match play next Saturday when it travels to Tallahassee, Fla. to face Georgia State at 10 a.m. and Florida State at noon.





Eagle Football Notebook

By Doug Kidd
Co-Sports Editor

"The Run" receives national attention

The awards and accolades continue to pile up for Adrian Peterson. This time the sophomore fullback picked up some national notoriety for his spectacular 58 yard run midway through the second quarter of December 18th's championship game. Peterson, taking the handoff on a counter trap play, burst through the middle of the line before bouncing off several defenders and then streaking down the left sideline.

The climax of Peterson's run came as Penguin free safety Dwyte Smiley, who had the tackling angle on Peterson, was shoved down by Peterson's free hand. "That was just vintage Adrian Peterson," said head coach Paul Johnson. "He does that in every game." Peterson's run was judged by a panel of sports journalists as the "College Football Play of the Week" presented by the Compaq Computer Corporation. The run also

received considerable media attention from ESPN's "Plays of the Week", CNN and other sports media outlets.

Johnson joins Russell, Stowers as AFCA winners

Paul Johnson's selection as AFCA's I-AA coach of the year isn't the first time he's been acknowledged by that organization nor the first time Georgia Southern has had a head coach recognized by the oldest and most prestigious of the coach-of-the-year awards. Johnson also earned I-AA Region II Coach-of-the-Year honors following the 1997 and 1998 seasons, which saw Johnson lead GSU to back-to-back playoff appearances.

During Johnson's three seasons in Statesboro, he has racked up consecutive 10-win seasons, the first time GSU has recorded double-digit victory totals in three straight seasons since '88-'90. The previous run also saw GSU head coaches Tim Stowers and Erk Russell earn the top spot among I-AA coaches, with Stowers

winning the award in 1990 after a 13-2 championship season. Russell, who also captured the award after the '86 championship year, won the award in his final season that saw GSU go to an undefeated national championship season in 1989.

Williams seals game, takes award

Adrian Peterson wasn't the only GSU player garnering attention from Compaq for their play during the I-AA championship. Eagle kick returner Anthony Williams received the nod for "Best Kick Return" during the season's final contest for his game-breaking 72 yard punt return. "That punt return was huge," said Paul Johnson. "I think that was a crucial play." Williams, a red-shirt freshman from Stone Mountain, took the Youngstown State punt straight up the middle before veering outside and outrunning six Penguin players for the score. Williams touchdown, the last of the first half for the Eagles, concluded a 28 point GSU run that put the game away at the half.



Luke Renfro

LOOKING TO PASS: Nikita Whatley looks for an open Lady Eagle. Whatley had 15 points in the winning effort.

Lady Eagles shock UNCG, 72-69

BY Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

Lauren Langley's shot in the closing seconds boosted the Lady Eagles to a 72-69 victory over a stunned UNC-Greensboro team Saturday night.

Senior guard Nikita Whatley led the team with 15 points, while four other Lady Eagles scored in double-figures. Sophomore Danna Simpson delivered a game high 11 assists in what appeared to be a complete team effort.

The Lady Spartans (10-6) (5-3) had an opportunity to win the ball-game with 9 seconds remaining after Langley's go-ahead shot, but they turned the ball over to Whatley who raced down the court for the final two-points of the match-up.

Langley's 12 points off the bench was also game high. The 5-9 junior knocked down 4 of her 5 free-throw attempts and recorded 3 rebounds.

With the win, GSU advances their record to 6-11 overall, 5-3 in the conference and three wins out of the seven meetings against UNC Greensboro.

GSU will travel to Davidson and Wofford before returning home on the February 6th to host conference-leading Chattanooga. Greensboro will travel to East Tenn. State, Charleston, Appalachian State, and Furman before hosting Davidson on February 12.

Eagles outlast UTC 62-59

G-A News Service

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — GSU outscored Chattanooga 10-3 over the last 4:39 of Monday night's Southern Conference showdown at the UTC Arena to take a 62-59 victory, the Eagles' first league road win of the season.

The win moves Southern to 10-8 overall, and 4-3 in the SoCon, good for a tie for second place with UTC. The Mocs fell to 7-11, 4-3 in league play.

Trailing 56-52 at the 3:20 mark, GSU sophomore point guard Donta Humphries nailed a three-pointer as the shot clock expired to moved the Eagles within one of the lead. After UTC's David Phillips made one of two free throws, GSU sophomore forward Kashien Latham, plagued by foul trouble the entire night, scored on a layup with 2:10 remaining to pull the Eagles even at 57-all. After a Chattanooga foul, Latham connected on a pair of free throws to give Southern a 59-57 lead at the 1:22 mark before Julius Jenkins' jumper put GSU up 61-57 with just 20 seconds remaining.

The Mocs' Oliver Morton cut the Southern lead to two on a layup with

just :07 showing on the clock. After Latham sank one-of-two free throws to push the Eagle lead to three, UTC's Rashun Coleman misfired on a shot at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

Senior forward Hamp Jones led GSU with 12 points and 12 rebounds, his third double-double of the season and the third consecutive double-double by an Eagle. Jenkins scored eight points in the final 9:30 of the game to finish in double figures with 11. Sophomore forward Wayne Wooley came off the bench to post eight points and nine rebounds, both career highs.

Morton led Chattanooga with a game-high 20 points and 11 rebounds. Coleman added 14, while Phillips and Tim Parker chipped in 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The 1999-2000 Eagles have now won 10 games faster than any team since the 1992-93 Eagle squad won 10 of their first 13 games. GSU set season lows in turnovers, points allowed in a game, points allowed in the second half, field goals allowed, opponent field-goal percentage and opponent three-point field-goal percentage.



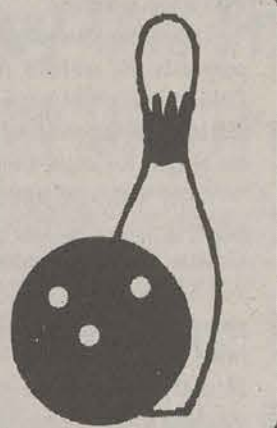
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Please remember to check with Career Services (681-5197) weekly since we add companies throughout the semester.

INTERVIEW DATE	PRESELECT & RESUME DUE DATES	PRESENTATION DATE/TIME/PLACE	MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED	COMPANY/FIRM	POSITION/LOCATION	MAJORS
1/27/00				Hyatt Regency-Savannah	Interns/Various locations	Restaurant & Hotel Management, Hospitality/Recreation, Business
1/28/00				Centex Homes	Entry Level Construction Superintendents, Field Managers Estimators & Purchasing/Nationwide	Building Construction & Contracting
2/09/00	1/31/00	2/8/00 at 6:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2047		General Investment & Development	Marketing Representative/GA, FL or 15 other states	All Majors
2/09/00	1/31/00	2/8/00at 6:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2075		Ferguson Enterprises	Management Trainee/Nationwide	All Business & Liberal Arts
2/09/00	1/31/00			Ford Motor Credit	Customer Service Representative/Atlanta, GA	Finance Management, Marketing
2/09/00				Sitel Corporation	Customer Service Representative/ SE USA	All Majors
2/24/00	2/08/00	2/23/00 at 5:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2041	2.5	Macy's	Assistant Sales Manager/ Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans	Business, Fashion Merchandising & Marketing
2/29/00	2/15/00		2.5	Wallace	Plant Management Trainee/Nationwide	Print Management/ Industrial Management
3/2/00	2/17/00	3/1/00 at 6:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2048	2.5	Quad Graphics	Corporate Trainee, Co-op and Interns/Nationwide	All Majors
3/3/00	2/18/00			Southern States Cooperative	Management Trainee & Summer Interns/Southeast USA	All Majors
3/6/00	2/18/00			Post Properties, Inc.	Leasing Consultant/Atlanta, GA	General Business, Hotel & Restaurant Management, Marketing Sales, Management
3/7/00	2/21/00			ABF Freight Systems	Management Trainee/Nationwide	Logistics, Mktg, Mgmt.
3/8/00				Fort James Corporation	Engineers/Rincon, GA	MET, EET
3/8/00				Kroger Company	Retail Store Management/Atlanta, Savannah, GA	Marketing, Management
3/22/00		3/21/00 at 6:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2042	2.8	Apex Supply Co.	Sales/Management Trainee/Atlanta, GA	LIT, Management, Marketing, Interior Design
3/22/00		3/22 in Russell Union Commons/Information table /Interviews in Russell Union rm. 2042		Athens Y Camp	Summer Camp Leaders & Interns Tallulah Falls, GA	Psychology, Recreation, Education, Family & Child Dev
3/23/00	3/7/00		2.8	Sherwin Williams	Management Sales Trainee & Summer Interns/Georgia and SE USA	Marketing, Management
3/28/00	3/13/00			Consolidated Electrical Distributors	Management Trainee/Local & Nationwide	All Business Majors
3/28/00	3/13/00	3/27/00 at 6:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2042	2.5	Seven-Eleven, Inc.	Field Consultant Trainee/Florida, Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia & Virginia, Texas	Management, Marketing, Liberal Arts
3/29/00	3/14/00		2.5	Shaw Industries, Inc.	Engineer/ SE USA	IET, EET, MET, IM
3/29/00	3/14/00	3/28/00 at 5:00pm in Russell Union rm. 2075	2.8	SunTrust Bank-Atlanta	Accountant, Financial Services Representative, Associate/SE USA	All Business

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Presentation:
March 21, 2000
5:30pm-7:30pm
Russell Union Room 2080
Must attend presentation to sign up for interview on March 22. Interviews will be in the Career Services Office of the Williams Center, Building 400, Room 1058.

GSU construction management team wins national competition

By Justin Johnson
Features Editor

A team of six GSU students from the Building Construction and Contracting Program (BCC) recently won first place among 18 other top notch universities at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) residential construction competition in Dallas, Texas.

"The competition has been held for the past 12 years in conjunction with the NAHB International Builder's Show," said team advisor William Zabel, an assistant professor of technology.

"It is an effort to give construction management students the opportunity to apply the skills learned in the classroom to a real construction project" Zabel said. "Students

work during their Christmas break preparing a detailed management proposal for an actual residential project. This year they presented a proposal for a single family neighborhood in Eugene, Ore."

The six students from the BCC that were a part of the team that won were Scott Murray, Michael Mathers, Jeff Tindol, Ryan Lewis, David Miller, and Betsy Hersey. The guidelines for the competing teams stated that each team must represent a corporate division of a national builder, Centex Homes, presenting their new project proposal to upper level management for the consideration of funding and acquisition.

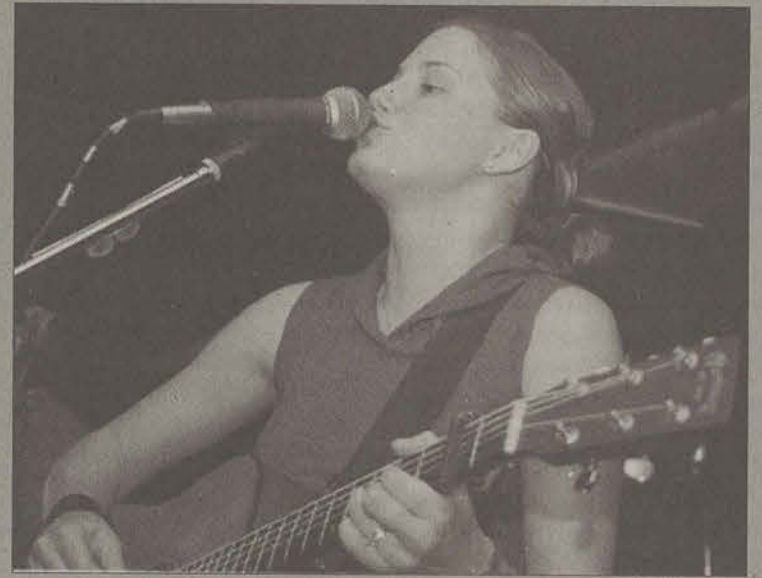
The management proposal consisted of a complete land development and multiple house cost esti-

mate, construction schedule, budget, marketing plan, cash flow statement, financial pro-forma, and company organization structure. The proposals were submitted to a group of construction company executives who acted as judges.

Two weeks after submitting their proposals the students traveled to Dallas to make the make their presentation to the panel of judges at the NAHB convention on Jan. 14.

After winning against other schools like the University of Florida, Brigham Young, Purdue, and Arizona state, GSU not only gained recognition on a national level, but will also receive a \$1,000 prize and the display of the NAHB traveling trophy for the next year.

Jennifer Nettles still has 'soul'



Luke Renfro

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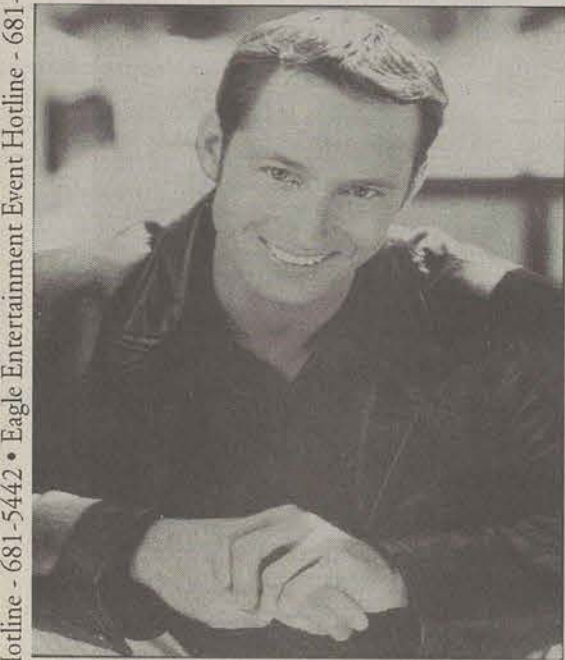
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X-Men head to the big screen

Knight Ridder Newspapers

It looks to be an X-traordinary year for Marvel Comics. The X-Men are headed to the big screen this summer, courtesy of director Bryan Singer.

Before that, expect big changes in the X-Men's sizable corner of the Marvel Universe: new characters, new costumes and new creators. Chris Claremont, who guided the team of mutant heroes for 17 years, returns to his old friends in March, taking over the writing of X-Men and Uncanny X-Men.

Writer Warren Ellis, hailed as one of the most creative people in *Entertainment Weekly's* "It List

1999," is in charge of setting a new direction for three X books "Generation X," "X-Man" and "X-Factor" in his role as "plotmaster." And Steve Skroce takes over the writing and pencilling of "Wolverine."

Here are some other Marvel projects to look forward to this new year: The Avengers get a new lineup with issue No. 27 of their book, which also introduces a new format. The issue will be Marvel's first "100-Page Monster." In addition to the new tale by Kurt Busiek and George Perez, the mammoth issue will feature reprints of four classic Avengers tales.

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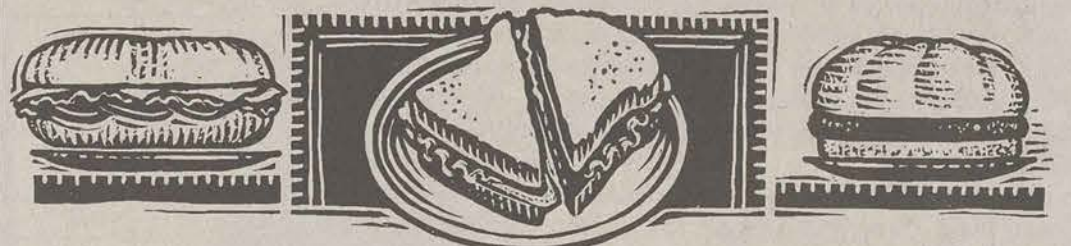
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Statesboro welcomes new bookstore

By Dana K. MacKay
Staff Writer

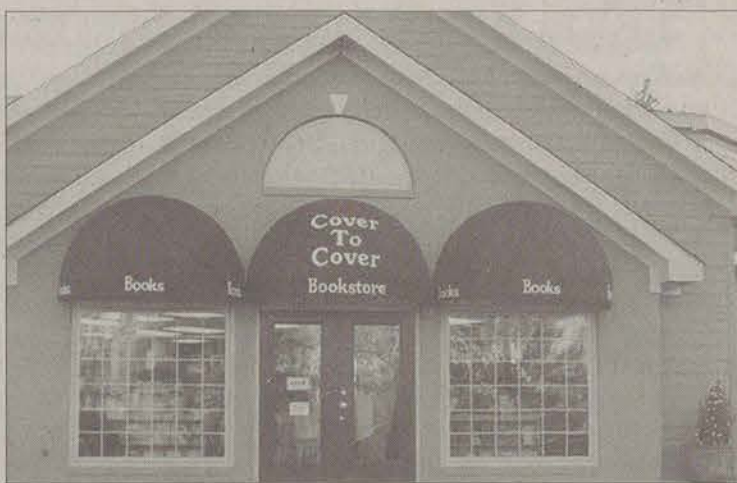
Do you want to find your soul? Would you like to know what it's like to live in Juneau, Alaska? Have you ever wondered why some of the greatest political leaders made the decisions they did?

You can find these answers and really anything else you wanted to know at the new bookstore Cover To Cover, located downtown in The Village Square at the intersection of Savannah Avenue and Zetterower.

Owned and operated by John Wiggins and his wife, Amber, this quaint shop offers a large variety of books at the cover price.

The aroma of new books hits you when you open the door, which I, personally, think is a wonderful smell. The environment is suitable for a bookstore, with soft music lilting through the air and a couple of chairs in case you would like to peruse a book before purchasing it.

They have a diverse selection, ranging from science and nature books, to the best-sellers, to biographies, poetry, Oprah's book club collection, and so many more. If there is a particular book you are looking for, they will be more than happy to order it for you, and you



LaVene Bell

Cover To Cover is located at the intersection of Savannah Avenue and Zetterower. It offers a diverse selection of books at cover price.

can expect it in about three days. Their hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Cover To Cover is hosting An Evening of Love Poetry, February 12, at 8 p.m. It is presented by The Evening Muse and all readers are welcome.

All you have to do is bring a favorite love poem(s) to share, original works included. They ask that you please limit your reading to five minutes. If you have any questions pertaining to the read-

ing, call 486-7328.

Future plans for the store include plans to finish the upstairs of the building and furnish it with more inventory, including cards and calendars.

Overall, it is a small, quaint store, with an extensive variety of books, though not many copies of each. But the hometown atmosphere and the people make up for anything they may lack when compared to a national chain. It is well worth a visit just to see it and experience it wall-to-wall and cover-to-cover.

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'The Hurricane' takes box office by storm

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

The movie that has critics whispering about Denzel Washington's odds of winning an Oscar this year has swept through box offices as a number one hit, according to CNN. The Universal Pictures and Beacon Pictures production outpaced its competitors with more than \$15 million in ticket sales last week.

Rubin "The Hurricane" Carter, a promising middle-weight boxer in the 1960's, is convicted of a triple homicide he claims he did not commit. The film is based upon Carter's autobiography. It revisits the events that led to his incarceration and describes his search for justice.

He lost his boxing career and his freedom for many years on the night the police officer told him, "We're looking for two Negroes in a white car."

Carter's response, "Any two will do?" was not far from the truth, especially when the homicide detective is a man with a vendetta against blacks in general and Carter in particular. Carter's history doesn't help. His actions as a youth give two juries cause to believe that he is capable of a racially motivated killing. They find him guilty. The judge sentences him to three life terms.

The film is notable for Denzel Washington's unflinching portrayal of Carter as an angry young man victimized and fueled by racial prejudices. He must set aside his beliefs and learn to trust the group that seeks to help him (three Canadians and a lost youth inspired by Hurricane's story) if he is to regain his freedom. He has little reason to have faith in the strangers. His requests for an appeal have been denied. The public as well as famous person-

alities like Mohammed Ali have already lobbied on Carter's behalf unsuccessfully. Bob Dylan's song "The Hurricane" reminds moviegoers that this case was one of tremendous public interest at the time.

He has served more than twenty years when he meets the people who ultimately gather enough new evidence to bring before the court. Forfeiting Carter's right to exhaust the appeal process, his attorney asks the Supreme Court to rule on the matter. Against normal procedures, the court agrees. Overturning the juries' verdicts, the judge rules on Carter's behalf. The Hurricane is as free as the wind at last.

This movie provokes painful moments and victorious ones with precise realism. The audience will not find claims of police brutality or prison rapes that stereotype most dramas of this genre. As a true story, the film is a simple illustration of truth. It raises relevant concerns about the justice system and civil rights that linger in society today.

Vicellous Reon Shannon, John Hannah, Debra Kara Ungar, and Leiv Shreiber excel in their supporting roles, making this a winning performance from the moment the lights dim until the screen darkens again.

Photo from www.the-hurricane.com.



BREAKDOWN

'New comers' continue to make an impact in the WWF

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

I've been watching wrestling for well over a decade now, and in recent weeks, I've noticed something that's been happening in the World Wrestling Federation that really hasn't happened before. Newcomers are making a huge impact relatively early, and are getting over with the fans at an alarming rate.

First off, I don't believe that there is only one explanation as to why Superstars such as Rakishi, Too Cool, and Kurt Angle are all "getting over" with the fans soon after their debut. Rather, I think there are a variety of reasons that can back up my recent observation.

Going back to when WCW was kicking the WWF's ass in the ratings war, (which really isn't a war any

longer) the WWF had to basically start fresh when it came to their talent department. All of the WWF's stars had left Vince McMahon and his organization and joined Ted Turner's, which in turn, left the WWF starving for "main eventers." Because of this, athletes hired by WWF scouts really put a strain on the trainers training young prospects to get them in and out of training camp quickly. With this being the case, there were a lot of new comers that were put on Federation programming that really weren't ready. Keep in mind also, at this time, cutting a promo wasn't as important back then as it is today. So, if a Superstar had a less than impressive debut in the ring, respect and a solid fan following would be hard to come by.

Today what the WWF has is young athletes in camp for an average of six to eight months without there being any rush to put them on Federation Programming. Now that the WWF has gotten a handle on things, and have signed all of their talent to long term contracts, there isn't any pressure to put them on shows such as RAW and Smackdown! in a hurry. The end result is athletes that are impressing fans with their talent both in and out of the ring. And with the right gimmick and angle, that's all a newcomer needs to get "over" with the fans.

Another underlying reason why fans are taking to Superstars so quickly deals with over-exposure. Because only the best on the ros-

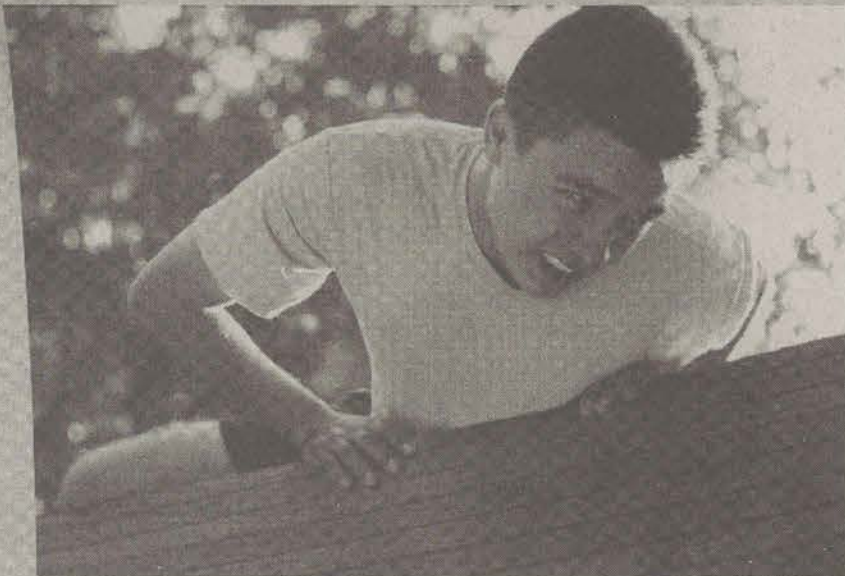
ter get exposure on live broadcasts, such as RAW, and even on taped shows such as Smackdown! and HEAT, fans see the same wrestlers week in and week out. As great and as diverse as the WWF's talent roster is, you know wrestlers are being over-exposed when your sitting on your couch cutting the same "promo" as the Federation Superstar on your television screen. So, when new wrestlers such as Rakishi and Kurt Angle come out, WWF broadcasts are given a little color and allow for more interesting story lines to develop as well as new "promos."

If you like what's happening in the WWF right now with new additions to the already existing impressive roster, stay tuned because in the next few months more athletes will be making their Federation television debut. In addition already existing Superstars will be asked to take their skill to another level in hopes of adding to the "main eventer" line up. And as if that were not enough, the Undertaker's return to the ring will most certainly add to the mix.

It is indeed the perfect time to work for the Sports Entertainment industry if you're a wrestler who's been busting his but for the last twelve years waiting for your break. Let all just hope you're not a wrestler waiting for your break in Tunerland.

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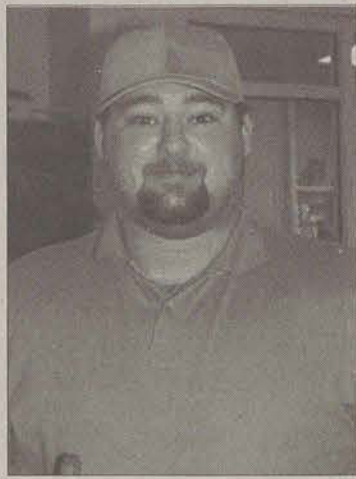
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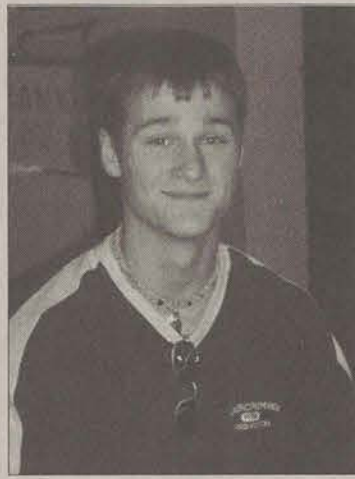
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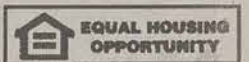
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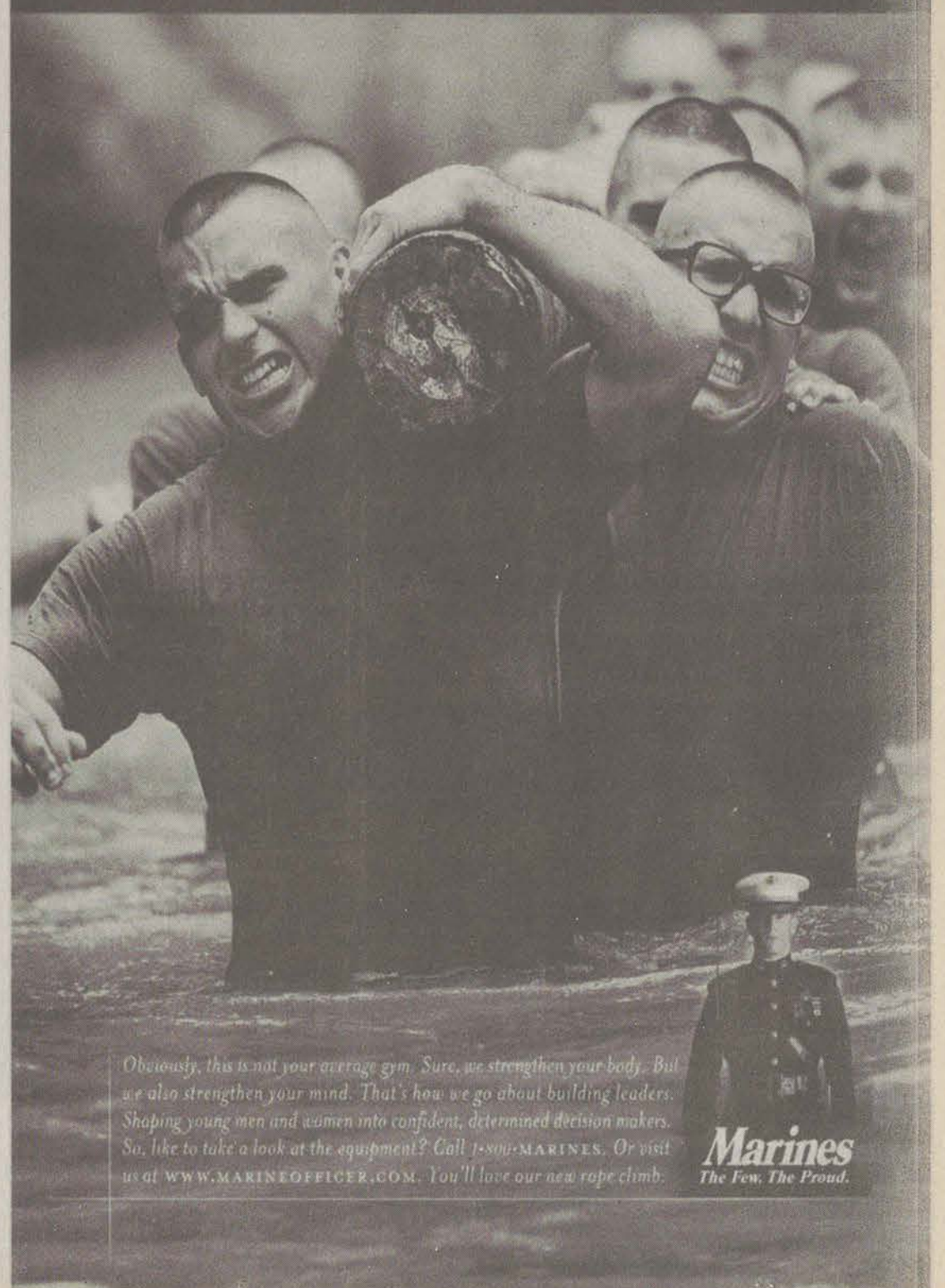
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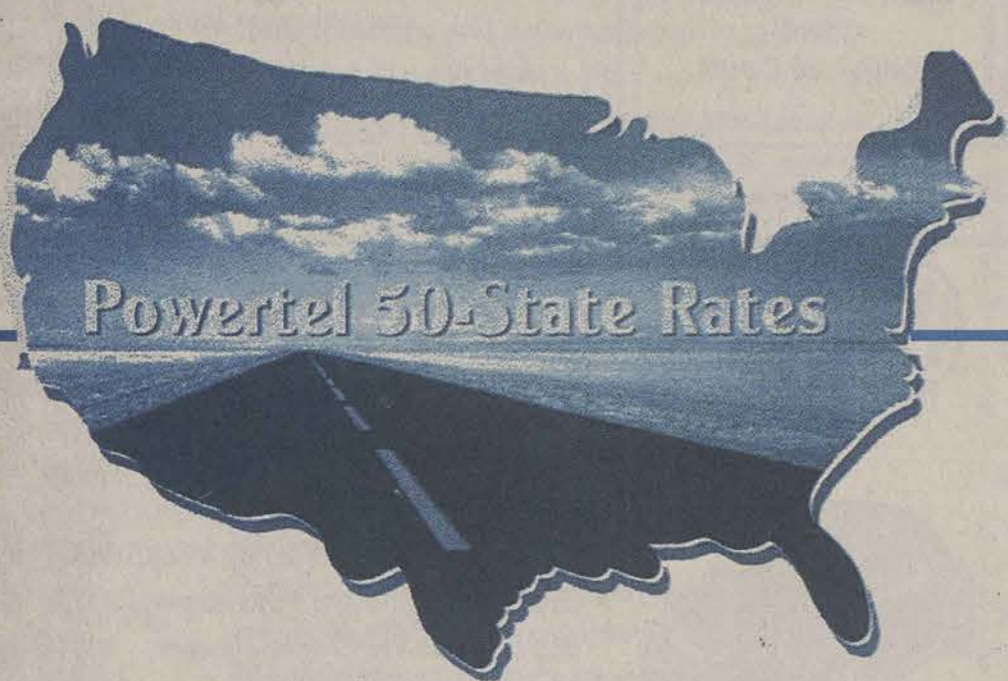
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'Sport' is a silly, sappy satire

By Joe Ben Deal
Staff Writer

Like a live cartoon on stage, the "Slastic Representatives" showed the silly side of sports and commercialization in their hilarious performance of "Sport" last Wednesday.

The "Representatives" were the very talented actors Chris Chalk, Eric Johnson, and Brandon Roberts of the Blue Shift Theater Ensemble. They started the "physical comedy" by running around as referees and playing with the audience.

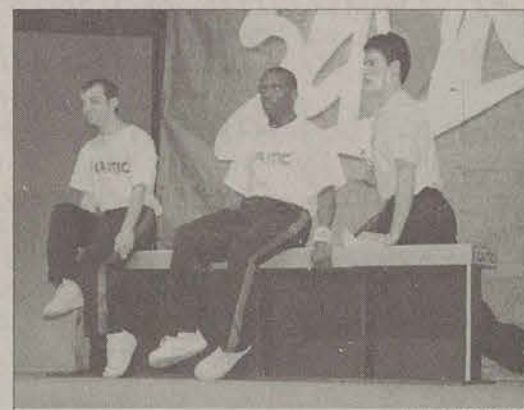
At 7 p.m. they came out on stage in their "Slastic" sports wear. "Slastic" is their sponsor who has taken commercialization to the extreme, selling all kinds of products from sports wear and baby diapers to household cleaners and bullet

proof kayaks.

The actors were almost like cartoon characters in a few of the events. In a game of tennis, the tennis ball had a mind of its own and bounced all around one player while helping out the other player. Then there was the skier who was having trouble standing up with his skis and kept flopping back and forth.

The night of sports also included a three-way boxing match, a Frisbee flinging holy man, and some elderly guys playing an unusual game of chess.

The silly sports continued for two hours with only occasional



Luke Renfro

breaks to advertise Slastic products and one short ten minute break.

The hilarious comedy was full of entertaining events, but watching these guys fall and fumble all over each other got a little boring a few times. Luckily each event was crazier than the one before it and always got more laughs.

'Girl, Interrupted' is thoughtful, beautiful

by Dana K. MacKay
Staff Writer

Has the thought ever crossed your mind that your sanity could be questionable? Have you ever had the fear of being committed as a patient into a mental hospital for these thoughts?

I saw "Girl, Interrupted" this past weekend and I would have to say, by far it is the most thought provoking movie I have seen in a long time. Directed by James Mangold ("Heavy," "Cop Land") and produced by Douglas Wick ("Wolf," "Stuart Little") and Cathy Konrad ("Cop Land," "Scream"), the film is lead by an awesome performance by Winona Ryder, and supported by a talented cast.

Ryder plays Susanna Kaysen, a 17-year-old girl, who in 1967 is committed into Claymoore, a mental hospital, by her parents, after some abnormal behavior. There, Susanna meets some unforgettable people like Daisy, who has a thing for her father's rotisserie chicken and laxatives; Polly a burn victim that can't seem to lose her childhood innocence, and an unprecedented performance by

Angelina Jolie as Lisa, an aggressive sociopath. Whoopi Goldberg also has a small, but endearing part as the no-nonsense Nurse Valerie.

It becomes unclear whether Susanna is recovering or falling down further into the rabbit hole of mental illness. She is diagnosed as having Borderline Personality Disorder, characterized by "uncertainty about self-image, long-term goals, types of friends or lovers to have, and which values to adopt." However, it is through Susanna's stay in "the bin", and the friends that she meets that help her find herself. A very obvious message in the movie is that the mind is a very powerful thing, and what you believe to be true about yourself can largely shape how you become or present yourself.

This film is based on a true story, recounted in Susanna Kaysen's book, "Girl, Interrupted."

A small point of interest was that the mental hospital in the movie, actually named McLean Psychiatric Hospital was the same place Sylvia Plath, author of "The Bell Jar," stayed. This is not a light weight



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Angelina Jolie plays Susana Kayseen, a girl who is thrown into a mental hospital for displaying abnormal behavior.

movie, and will require some thought and effort, but it is well worth it. However, a warning must be posted. After seeing this film, be prepared to question your own sanity. You have to wonder; exactly what is considered crazy?

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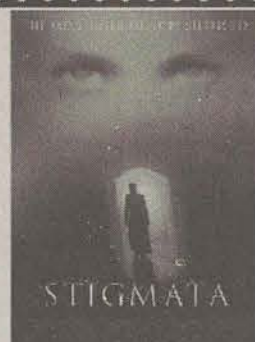
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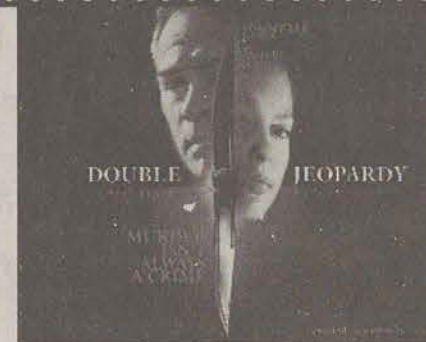


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Michael Jordan dons No. 23 again as a co-owner

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Michael Jordan was the first to arrive. He put on a No. 23 Washington Wizards jersey, ragged on Rod Strickland for being less than punctual, then took to the court as a dunking, trash-talking, coaching part-owner.

More than anything, MJ was in charge.

"Not yet! Press out!" Jordan barked when reporters entered at their usual time to watch the final few minutes of practice. It was Jordan's order and Jordan's alone, even with majority owner Abe Pollin, general manager Wes Unseld and coach Gar Heard in the gym.

Reporters were allowed in at the end of practice, Jordan's first as an active, playing participant since he joined the Wizards last week as part owner and president of basketball operations.

"I could go for a beer right now," said Jordan, smiling and looking slightly winded as he made his way up the stairs.

By all accounts, it was some practice.

"He's definitely moving the same way," said forward Tracy Murray, who guarded Jordan during some of the drills and the two scrimmages. "Dunking the ball, shooting a jump shot, fadeaway. Still got the same game, hasn't gone anywhere."

"And as soon as he sets foot in that gym, he starts talking trash, so of course the intensity is going to pick up."

Good thing there are some large dumpsters underneath the MCI Center. The trash talk made a huge impression with every single player, and some of them returned it.

"He's not 25 anymore," rookie Laron Profit said. "I try to remind him of that every time we matched up together. I'm the 22-year-old now. I've never been known as a shy one. He talked. I talked. He talked a little more. And I talked a little more, and he talked some more. I left him alone after that."

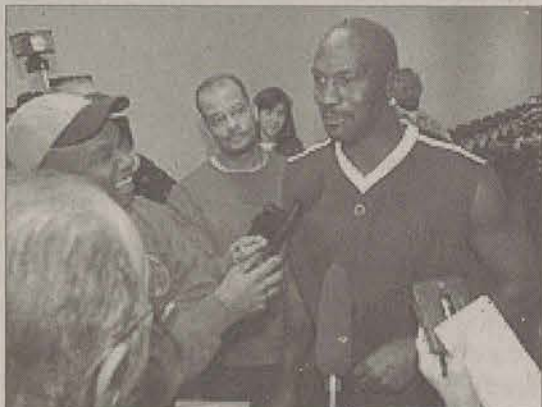
"Mike is Mike. He could still come back and lead the league in scoring. He was having fun, but I'm sure he was evaluating. He was competing, and he was going to see who was going to compete with him."

That's exactly what Jordan was doing. By being himself, he turned a Wizards practice into something it hasn't been in a while - energetic and fun.

"Which is what we should expect every day," Jordan said. "Actually, I told them they shouldn't have to wait for me to come out to show the en-

ergy that they had today. I just tried to keep them focused, challenge them, say whatever I have to say. If they can play hard against me, they can play hard against anybody. It was fun."

Since Jordan became part of the operation, the Wizards (13-29) have been their usual frustratingly inconsistent selves. They lost bad at home



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to Dallas, beat Indiana at home impressively, then got buried by Atlanta on the road.

Jordan, who says he'll be a commuter-president, watched the Indiana and Atlanta games on TV at home in Chicago. He reached the same two conclusions everyone else has:

-The Wizards have talent, but no chemistry.

-The Wizards won't have salary cap room for three years, so it's the current roster of players that is going to have to play better if there's any short-term hope.

"You've got three solid players, Mitch Richmond, Rod Strickland and Juwan Howard," Jordan said. "The point is getting them to play with the continuity and the chemistry it takes to play basketball. All three of the base guys have played effectively in the years past, and it shouldn't be any reason why they can't do that now."

Jordan's biggest challenge could be Strickland. Heard, an old-school coach, has clashed with Strickland in an effort to get the point guard to show up on time and become a team leader - to no avail.

"You try to be an example in that sense," Jordan said. "You're going to work a little harder. If that means I have to come in and chastise and make people get up and get here early ... Rod got here 15 minute before practice, so I made sure I told him if I have to come by and pick him up tomorrow, he'd better be here a little bit earlier."

Jordan will be in the owner's box - not on the court, Heard pointed out wistfully - for Tuesday's home game against the New York Knicks.

"I'm learning. It's a challenge," Jordan said. "People have low expectations about what can happen here. It's all fine and good. I've been in worse scenarios, but the good thing about it is we have only one way we can go. That's up. We can't go any further down."

Scientist says Titans lateral against Bills went forward

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Now we have it - scientific proof that images can be deceiving and that NFL referees don't know projectile geometry from rocket science, or even, say, a lateral from a forward pass. While the Tennessee Titans bask in this week's Super Bowl hoopla, Buffalo Bills fans have more reason to cry in their beer as they reflect on what should have been.

A University of Rochester professor has offered proof that the pass at the end of the Bills-Titans AFC playoff game that ended the Bills' season Jan. 8 was not a lateral pass but an illegal forward pass that should have been called back.

Mark Bocko, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, said the keys to looking at the play are where the television cameras were placed and the height of the ball when it was thrown versus when it was caught.

"The point was the fact that the ball was higher when it was thrown than when it was caught makes it look like the ball may have gone backwards," he said. "You're viewing this trajectory in three dimensions, from an angle that makes it appear it went backward. It's basically just simple geometry," he said.

Bocko, a longtime Bills fan, watched that Saturday playoff game on television, saw the replays and studied the photos in the newspaper the next day.

"So Sunday morning, I sat down at my computer and wrote a program to plot trajectory," he said. "This isn't definitive, because I don't know exactly where the camera was."

Using the Matlab program, he estimated that when the ball was thrown it was about 6 feet off the ground and was caught about 1 foot above the ground.

While the ball was thrown on the 25-yard line, he estimated that the television camera catching the action was located at about the 20-yard line, creating a geometric illusion.

Viewing the path of the ball against the background of the 25-yard line, it appears to be a legal lateral. But projecting the path of the ball down onto the playing surface, the ball can be seen advancing upfield.

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Bocko is philosophical about the play.

"There's nothing we can do now but make ourselves feel better over the winter," he said. "I'm sure those referees don't think of projectile geometry."

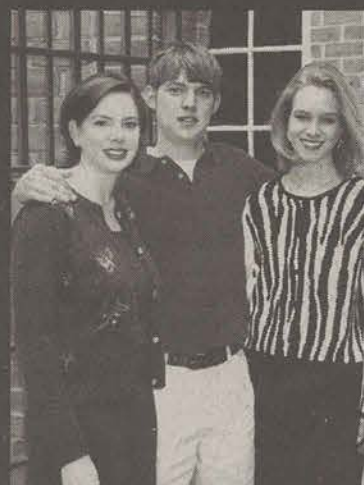
Bocko is content to let his Sunday morning exercise stand as is, and is not planning to take the case further to find out where the cameras were located. But if anyone were to give him the location, he would be able to plot that coordinate into the program for a more accurate result.

Bocko has placed his research into the lateral on a web site - www.ee.rochester.edu:8080/courses/ece111/bills/ - with this caveat: "To make a definitive determination of the legality of the lateral one would need to know the precise location of the camera that took the replay video, and in the absence of such information this analysis is subject to revision. However, this does suggest that images can be deceiving."

Now, how is the professor's computer program at plotting skates in the crease?

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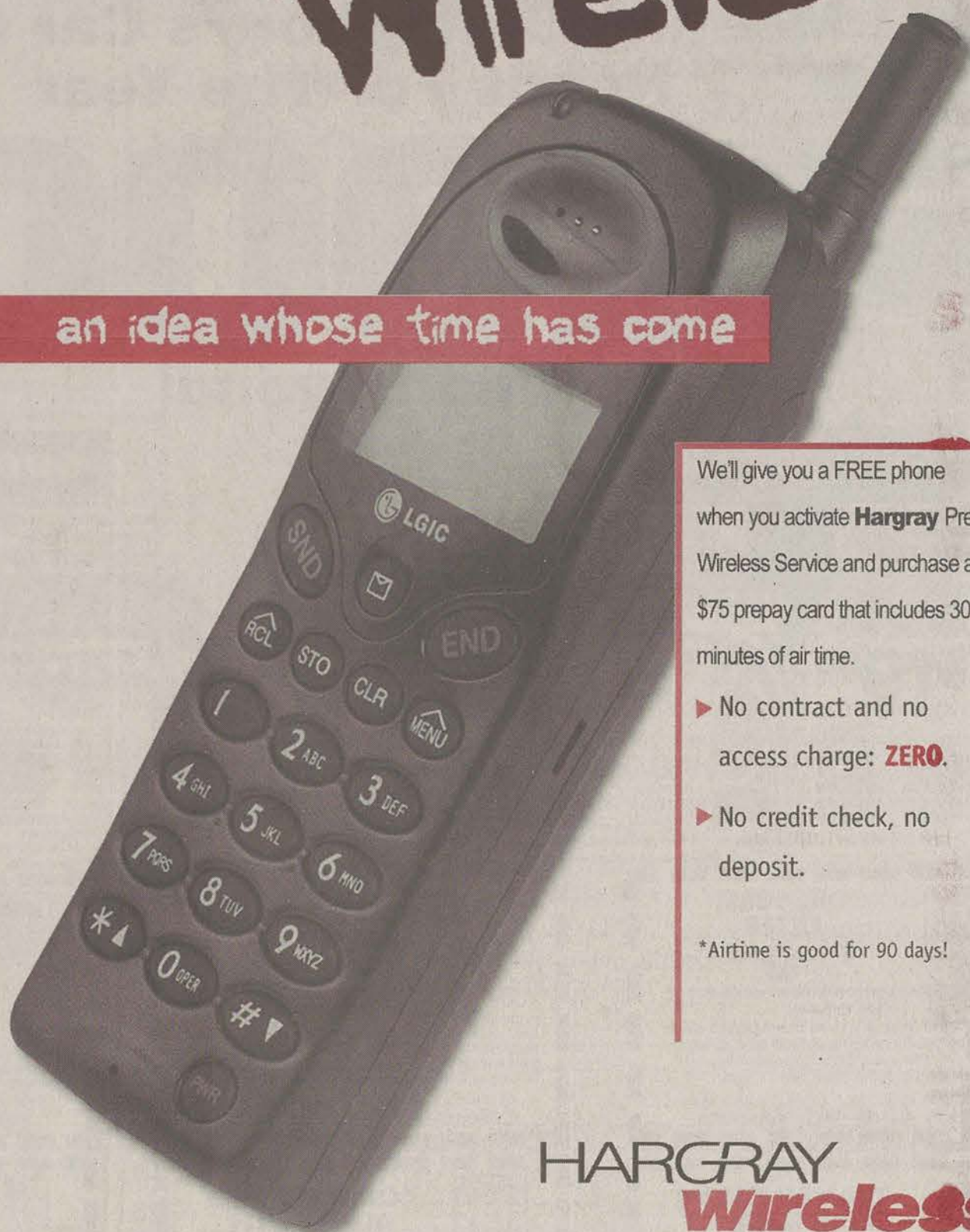


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Tar Heels out of top 25 for first time in a decade

The Associated Press

It's the powder blues these days at North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (11-8), ranked as high as No. 2 earlier in the season, fell out of *The Associated Press* college basketball poll for the first time in a decade Monday.

"We have never been concerned about national rankings, whether we were ranked high or not," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said. "I am concerned, however, that we're losing games."

The Tar Heels lost to Virginia and Florida State last week, extending their losing streak to four, dropping them out of the rankings from No. 21. It was the first time since the preseason poll of 1990-91, a stretch of 172 consecutive polls, that North Carolina was not ranked.

Last week's ranking put the Tar Heels second on the consecutive poll streak, one better than their run from 1972-1982, but short of UCLA's 221 consecutive rankings from 1966-1980.

Kentucky had a run of 164 consecutive polls ended last month. The longest current streak belongs to Arizona, which has been in 83 straight, a streak that began with the first regular-season poll of the 1995-96 season. Stanford and Duke are tied for second at 66, runs that began with the preseason poll of 1996-97.

The Tar Heels are shooting over 50 percent to lead the Atlantic Coast Conference, but have lost six of their last nine games because of poor ballhandling and a porous defense.

North Carolina entertains No. 22 Maryland Wednesday night, hoping to avoid its first five-game skid since the final five games of the 1952 season.

"If there was any magic solution, I'd sure like to find it," Guthridge said. "We've had good practices. We just have to get over this losing and start winning again. We're a good team. We're not a great team."

Teenagers Accused Of 30 Break-Ins

By Amanda Vogt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Two Illinois teenagers and a runaway from Chicago have been arrested in connection with about 30 burglaries at veterinary clinics and other businesses in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota over the past year, authorities said Monday.

Arrested early Friday as they allegedly burglarized a veterinary clinic in DeKalb were Glenn E. Trauthwein, 19, of Waukegan and a 16-year-old juvenile runaway from Chicago, said Deputy Chief Bob Randall of the Lake County sheriff's police. A third suspect, Marissa J. Arteaga, 19, of Mundelein, was arrested later at her home, Randall said.

During questioning, the three suspects admitted to burglarizing seven veterinary clinics, a tavern and a pizza restaurant in Lake County and participating in at least 20 additional burglaries across the Midwest, police said. In each clinic theft, ketamine, an animal tranquilizer sold illegally as a hallucinogen, was targeted, Randall said.

The three suspects allegedly used the drug and sold it at rave parties, Randall said. Known by the street name

"Special K," ketamine, a liquid, can be swallowed, injected or cooked into crystal form and pulverized into a powder and inhaled, Randall added.

Although street value varies, Randall accused the three suspects of earning \$2,000 a week selling the drug. A major break in the case that had stymied Lake County investigators for months came when it was learned that the suspects were wanted by DeKalb police too.

After receiving information that the suspects were planning a break-in early Friday, officers staked out the building, Randall said search warrants will be issued for unsold portions of the stolen ketamine.

Trauthwein, who is being held in the DeKalb County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond, has been charged with burglary in the DeKalb break-in and will be served with arrest warrants for his alleged role in at least six Lake County burglaries, Randall said.

Charged with four counts of burglary, Arteaga was released on a \$50,000 recognizance bond. Randall said the juvenile, who was reported as a runaway to Chicago police in October, is in juvenile detention in Lake County. He faces eight counts of burglary, Randall said.

By Lisa Anderson
Chicago Tribune

MILFORD, N.H. — As a light snow fell and the steam from countless mugs of coffee misted windows of the old Milford Diner and Stonecutters' Lounge, the counter talk turned, as it increasingly does these days, to politics.

As the candidates arrive in New Hampshire a week before the first-in-the-nation presidential primary, crunch time is upon Cy Wright, Bob Speckman and the other regulars, perched on stools at the mottled formica counter, to seriously whittle down their choices. If the past is any indication, this is the week that they, like most New Hampshireers, will make their draw.

Exit polls in 1996 showed that two-thirds of voters made up their minds in the seven days before the primary, while 40 percent waited until the last three days. Complicating the Feb. 1 primary this time are tight Democratic and GOP races in which voters appear to be weighing the candidates more by personality than by platform.

This is different from the issues-oriented manner in which they judged candidates in 1996, just as New Hampshire is a different place than it was then. The sharp economic fears and insecurities that drove the primary agenda here just four years ago and propelled conservative pundit Pat Buchanan to a GOP victory have melted in the heat of a booming economy.

Thanks primarily to a large influx of high technology firms, the Granite State has become the Go-Go State, the fastest growing state in New England, with the lowest unemployment rate in the Northeast. Signs of

this prosperity are everywhere. Even at the height of the quadrennial primary frenzy, the "Help Wanted" notices in store windows handily outnumber the campaign posters seemingly stuck on every lawn.

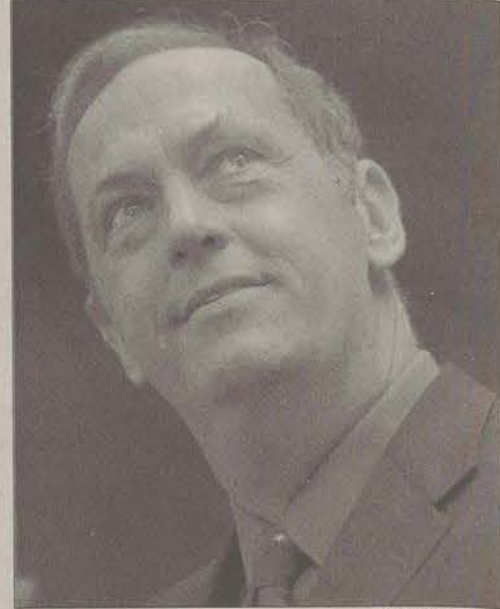
"The economy is good. We're at peace. Everybody's pretty much fat and happy," Andrew Smith, director of the University of New Hampshire Survey Center in Durham, said.

Under such circumstances, Smith said it is understandable that voters are less than galvanized by candidate platforms that seem more similar than distinct.

"It doesn't really matter what they propose because once Congress gets through with it's going to be in completely different shape anyway," he said. "So, what we have to look for is a candidate who is going to do the right thing, or what we think is the right thing."

Most polls here show virtually neck and neck races between Democratic contenders Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley and between GOP rivals Arizona Sen. John McCain and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

According to a tracking poll of likely voters by American Research Group released Friday, in the Democratic primary 47 percent support Gore, 38 percent prefer Bradley and 15 percent remain undecided. In the GOP contest, the poll showed 35



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Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley speaks to a crowd of supporters at Cornell College Sunday.

percent support for McCain compared with 30 percent for Bush. The poll showed 17 percent support for millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, 4 percent for former talk-show host Alan Keyes and 1 percent each for Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch and conservative activist Gary Bauer. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent.

With no single issue dominating and no radical distinctions perceived among the front-runners' platforms, many voters said they are basing their decision more on the man than on his message.

Wright, 64, is one of them. "Bush. Absolutely. I just figure he's got the character, the experience," said the retired builder. "I'm just looking at getting something decent, making the office (of president) upright again," he said.

Ice storm leaves many in the dark and freezing

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Even with a fire in the fireplace, it was a chilly 47 degrees in Bernadette Martin's house Monday.

And like the more than 100,000 other Georgians still without power after an ice storm over the weekend, she was worried about temperatures dropping even lower and the possibility that the electricity may not be turned back on until Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mrs. Martin kept telling her 4-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter, bundled in winter coats as they played in the living room, that they were on a glorified camping trip. Outside, the power line drooped next to the driveway, where it fell after a tree branch knocked it down over the weekend.

"I hate to leave the house in case everything freezes," Mrs. Martin said. "But we might have to get a hotel for the kids to keep them warm, if we can find one of those that has power."

The storm spread snow, ice and rain and cut off electricity across much of the Southeast. More than a half-million customers lost power in Georgia, and thousands also were blacked out in Alabama and the Carolinas.

Preliminary damage estimates in Georgia were \$25 million, according to state Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine.

The Red Cross opened 10 shelters in Georgia for people without heat, and Gov. Roy Barnes declared a state of emergency in 20 counties. Schools from Atlanta north were closed Monday.

Georgia got more snow Monday, and the forecast called for temperatures to plunge into the teens and 20s Monday night. Another round of frozen rain is expected Friday.

The Carolinas also were hit with a new round of snow and ice Monday, with more than 8 inches falling in some areas. An estimated 44,000 customers remained without power in South Carolina and three traffic deaths in that state were blamed on the weather. About 18,000 customers were without power Monday night in North Carolina.

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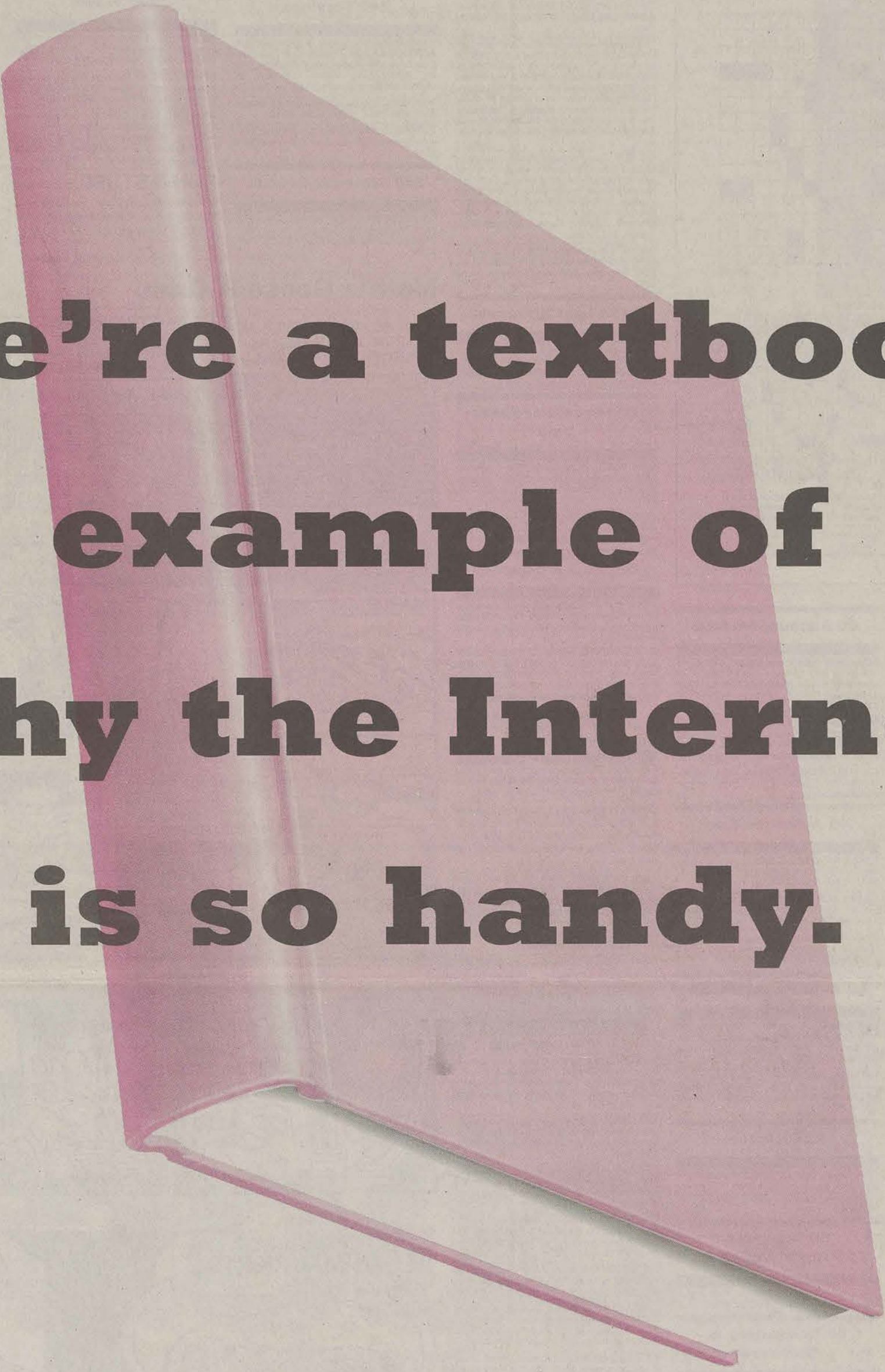
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