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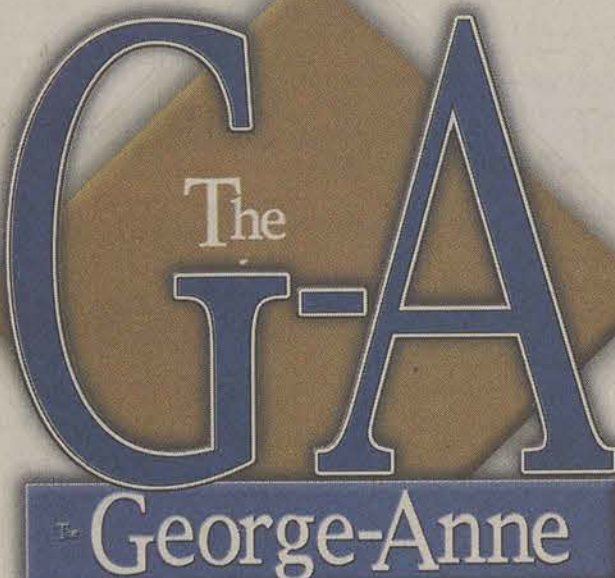


SPORTS

Lady Eagles win at home

GSU came out on top with a 79-70 win against Western Carolina Saturday improving their record to 10-15.

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LIFE

Carlos Santana: one to watch at the Grammy's

The 52-year-old guitarist is up for 10 awards, including song, record and album of the year.

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SGA UPDATE

Mass graduation concerns addressed

By Logan Thomas
Staff Writer

Vice President of Academic Affairs Linda Bleicken opened up the SGA meeting this week to apologize for the situation of mass graduation. Many senators complained the student voice was not heard in this decision.

Although moving the graduation to Paulson Stadium instead of Hanner Fieldhouse was already

set in stone, the students should not be discouraged, Bleicken said.

"When students make noise about an issue, I take it back to the [presidential] cabinet and next time an issue comes up someone will remember to ask the students," Bleicken said.

Recruitment coordinator for career services Connie Alston announced plans for an event called the Graduation Gala to help students prepare for graduation.

The event would be something new for GSU and would attempt to make the graduation process easier, Alston said.

"We would try to help students take care of business such as applying for graduation, clearing for graduation, and other things required in the graduation process," Alston said.

The event would include Herff Jones representatives to order cap, gowns and class rings, a business office representative to pay

graduation fees, and parking and transportation representative to take fine payments before graduation.

Many other organizations will attend the event to be held March 7 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and again on March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students with any questions may go to room 1057 and 1048 in the Williams Center if they have any questions.



"...NEXT TIME AN ISSUE COMES UP SOMEONE WILL REMEMBER TO ASK THE STUDENTS."

— LINDA BLEICKEN

The following is a synopsis of the SGA meeting on February 16, 2000:

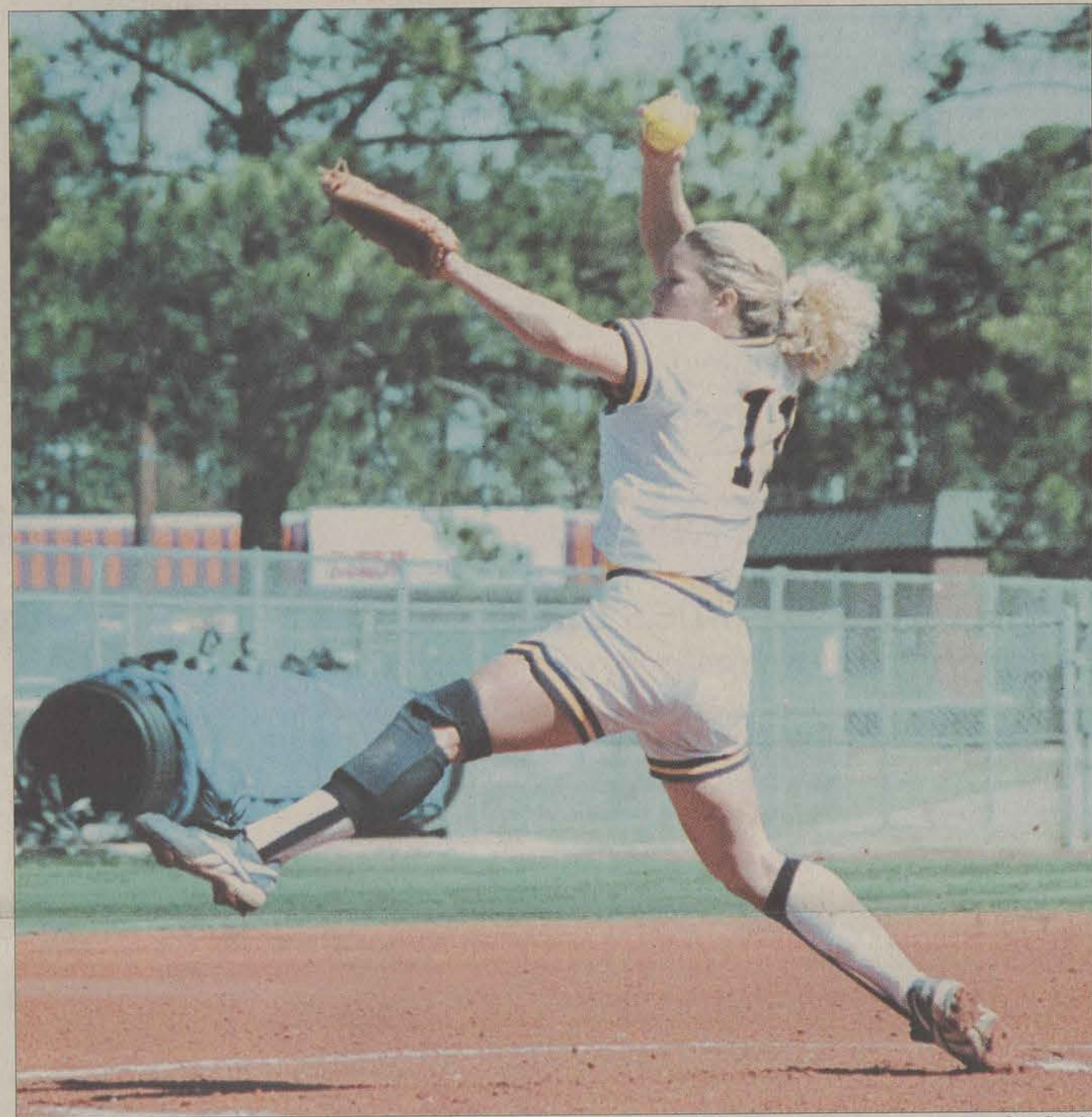
- A fund request of \$750 to the National Society of Black Engineers passed along with a similar request of \$700 for the College Republican organization.

- A golf tournament is to be held at Hackers driving range on February 24 at 4:30 p.m. sponsored by the PRSSA and the Relay for Life society. The tournament is \$9 to enter with all proceeds being contributed to the Cancer Society.

- President of SGA Aaron Nicely addressed the senate again on the appearance of SGA and the senators arriving promptly for the meeting.

"If we are going to raise our voice, let us raise them together and not one at a time," Nicely said.

It's Miller time!



Cory Brooks

MAKING HISTORY: The GSU softball team beat UGA for the first time in 10 meetings yesterday at the Lady Eagle Field. Pitcher Jennifer Miller allowed only four hits and no runs to secure the win. Please see page 6 for results of this weekend's softball contests.

Summer graduation ceremonies no longer held

By Tamara McKenzie
Staff Writer

Summer graduation ceremonies have been terminated and summer graduates will have the choice to either participate in ceremonies in May or December, according to the Registrar's office.

Graduates can choose to participate in May ceremonies before they have completed requirements or to come back in December.

The decision was relayed to seniors by mail only weeks after being told that GSU will have its first ever mass graduation in May.

The decision is a recent one.

"The decision to not have a summer (August) graduation ceremony came about in early January, around the same time that we decided to have a mass graduation in May," Registrar Michael Deal said.

He said the change came along because of a number of issues, but mainly a desire to bring all students together drove the decision. "Many prospective summer graduates came to us and said that it would be good to walk and graduate with friends, either in May or December, instead of having to wait for such a small ceremony in August," he said.

He said the May and December ceremonies are more elaborate.

"The May and December ceremonies are more grand events, and this is what we want" Deal said.

He also said that the summer graduation, like previous ceremonies, would have to be divided into two parts, and they are trying to eliminate this.

"Having ceremonies in May and December, and not in August may be a setback for some students, but I see the change as more of an improvement," Deal said.

Elizabeth Heard, a senior broadcasting major, said she feels differently.

"I've waited for years to do this, and I prefer to graduate at Hanner," Heard said. "It's just going to be too hot in May at the stadium."

As some students voice disapproval of there not being a summer ceremony, Deal said that he sees the change as being

more of an improvement.

"Having no summer graduation ceremony will allow interns to carry out a full internship in the summer if they choose to participate in ceremonies held in May, and not have to return to Statesboro."

Deal said that the change would also allow a single renowned and memorable speaker to address the graduating class, rather than having to find different speakers to address different ceremonies.

As the news of not having a summer ceremony reaches those completing classes in August, these students now have to make swift decisions. Deal said that many concerned students either visited or called the Registrar's office, in reference to there not being a summer ceremony, but taking care of all concerns has been going smoothly.

Deal said many students have responded to a letter sent to prospective graduates and have made the decision about when to participate.

"So far, few students have elected to wait until December to receive their degrees, and opted to participate in the ceremony held in May," Deal said.

Because of this, he said that it is projected that some 1300-1500 students will participate in the graduation ceremony scheduled at 9 a.m. on Saturday May 13 at Paulson Stadium.

According to Deal, "The graduation is expected to be no longer than three hours, and if it rains, the ceremony will be moved back to Hanner, with individual ceremonies like before."

Deal said that the May ceremony will be the only mass graduation held at Paulson Stadium. The ceremony in December, because of cold weather, will be held at Hanner like previous ceremonies.

Even though over 1,000 students will congregate at the stadium in May, all students will be recognized individually as they walk across the stage.

"To make the ceremony shorter, we are thinking about having two lines going on stage, with two individuals announcing names. Individuals will not receive their actual degrees at the ceremony, but a diploma cover with a congratulatory certificate," Deal said.

Diplomas will mailed 6-8 weeks after graduation.

Fight at apartment complex results in 11 arrests

By Shawntineal Hughes
Assistant News Editor

A fray involving some 20 people on February 11 has resulted in seven arrests and a restraining order, according to police reports.

Demetria Harris is believed to have caused the dispute and was also charged with underage possession of alcohol, according to the police reports. Harris and the other suspects allegedly kicked in the door of a Stadium Club resident and began the fight.

The victim, whose name is being withheld at this time, said that she did not personally know Harris. Harris was looking for the victim's friend and since the friend was not around, Harris started a fight with her, according to the victim.

The victim now has a restraining order on Harris which was issued in court on Feb. 14. The restraining order states that Harris cannot come anywhere near the victim or her friends.

Harris was also involved in an earlier fight at Johnson Hall on the same day according to a GSU Police Department incident report. "Neither of the parties pressed charges so therefore nothing was done," Jake Futch, the responding officer at GSU, said.

The six other suspects were Patrick Afeku, 18, of 3203 Cloverhurst Dr., East Point, Ga.; Anthony Kirk, 18, of 150 Riverbend Dr., Covington, Ga.; James Abraham, 18, of 1212 Blount Ave., Augusta, Ga.; Kelvin Thomas, 19, of 4521 Kings Point, Statesboro, Ga.; Jamar Durden,

19, of 2251 Johnson Hall; and Jamaal Taylor, 18, of 1256 Johnson Hall.

More individuals were involved, but only these seven were caught and arrested, according to the responding officer Travis Tuenge.

"Upon my arrival [to a 911 call in reference to a fight in Stadium Club] approximately 20 people were engaged in a fray and approximately 10 of them fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, I apprehended two suspects: Patrick Afeku and James Abraham. Within a few minutes Bulloch County Deputies made contact with the other five subjects."

No other information is known about the other six suspects other than the arrests and that they have all been released on bond.

Savannah River named eighth in pollution

AUGUSTA—A national environmental group has listed the Savannah River eighth among the country's worst polluted waterways.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group also ranks Georgia seventh in the nation among states whose municipal sewage plants don't comply with environmental laws.

USPIRG Southern Field Director Robert Pregulman says the Savannah River has become a dumping ground for paper and pulp mills and big chemical plants.

The river also absorbs treated sewage from dozens of municipalities and industries.

Pregulman's group uses data from the Toxic Release Inventory to rank the rivers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does the inventory every year to keep track of the release



Internet photo

A boat sails down the Savannah River.

of legally-permitted toxic chemicals.

The most recent inventory was done in 1997. It shows that the Savannah River received almost 5 million pounds of toxic chemicals that year, including huge amounts of nitrates from plants

near Augusta.

Environmentalists want Congress to lower the amount of toxic chemicals that cities and companies can legally dump and to increase fines against violators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•Donations are being accepted from any GSU organization for the **United States Student Fund**. Call the SGA office at 681-0655 for more information.
•**Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.
•**The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.
•**NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2047.
•**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.

GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity

meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.
February 15 - 23
•Meet the contestants of the **Ms. African American Pageant** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the Rotunda.
February 23
•The NAACP presents the **Ms. African American Pageant** at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.
•**Theater & Performance** presents "Memoirs of Darkness and Light" at 5:30 p.m. in the Communication Arts Building Room 1001.
February 24
•**Eagle Cinema** presents "The Best Man" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.
•**Theater & Performance** presents "Memoirs of Darkness and Light" at 8 p.m.

in the Communication Arts Building Room 1001.

February 25
•**Eagle Cinema** presents "The Best Man" at 7 and 9:30 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.
•**Eagle Cinema** presents "The Best Man" at 3 and 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.
February 27
•**Diversion** presents "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.
March 1 & 2
•**Mr. Esquire Information Session** at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2042.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department February 19

•Corliss Reese, 21, of 115 Pamela Way Lot 20, was charged with driving too fast for conditions and leaving the scene of an accident.
•Aaron Orman, 18, of 229 E. 46th St., Savannah, Ga., was charged with DUI, impeding the free flow of traffic, and driving without a valid license.
•Tara Schuster, of Eagles Nest Apts., reported criminal trespass.
February 18
•Ryan Widener, of 309 Sandy Run Ct., Augusta, Ga., was charged with DUI, expired tag, leaving the scene of an accident, striking a fixed object, and open container.

•James Davis III, of 103 Valley Trail, was charged with DUI, underage possession of alcohol while operating a vehicle, open container, adult seatbelt, failure to maintain lane, and no proof of insurance.
•Martha Rollins, of #60 The Lodge of Statesboro, was charged with possession of cocaine.
•Carla Maddox, of Park Place Apts., reported theft by taking.
February 17
•Brock Sayre, 23, of 111 Park Place Apts., was charged with criminal damage to property.
•Ateekuman Kanspada, of Towne Club Apts., reported lost or stolen property.
•Isha Dean, of College View Apts., reported

entered auto.
•Thomas Dillon, of Savannah, Ga., reported entered auto.
•Rashard Glass, of S. Main St., reported criminal trespass.
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.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

College offers six times usual scholarship awards to boost enrollment

TMS Campus

FULTON, Mo. (TMS) — Combine a new dean of enrollment with a new college president and an enrollment crisis, and what do you have?

Scholarships galore.
Westminster College announced this week that it will dish out 66 Churchill scholarships — valued at more than \$660,000 — to the incoming class of 2004.

Westminster, with approximately 700 students, has been struggling to raise enrollment to 850 for several years. As a result, school officials have created more financial incentives for students to attend. Positive results, school officials said, have encouraged their decision to create even more scholarships.

"The board of trustees was so pleased with the increased quantity

and quality of applicants that they approved increasing the number of awards, which had numbered 10 to 15 in recent years," said Neal Creighton, the college's interim president.

The scholarships range from \$10,000 to the full tuition of \$14,060 and can be renewed annually for maintaining excellent grades. Recipients are chosen based on high school grades, test scores and demonstrated leadership.

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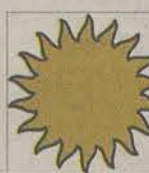
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Lifestyles Editor

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This Week's Weather



Today
Sunny with a high of 92 and a low of 43.



Tuesday
Partly cloudy with highs of 63 and lows of 73.

Miscellany

Calling All Artists

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Days to the Art Search 2000 Deadline

Submit your art — poetry, short stories, photographs, sculpture, and other creative works today. Cash prizes will be awarded in this juried art search.

Contact Miscellany at 681-0565 or visit Room 2009 Williams Center for more information or visit our web site at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu> for entry information. The deadline is March 3, so hurry already.

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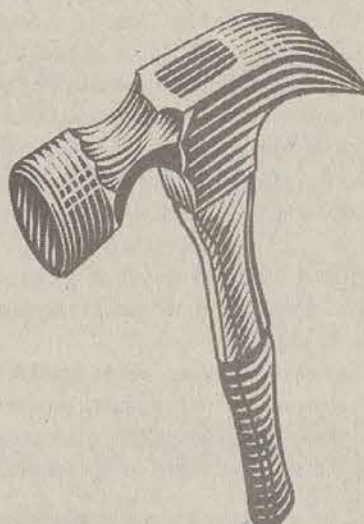
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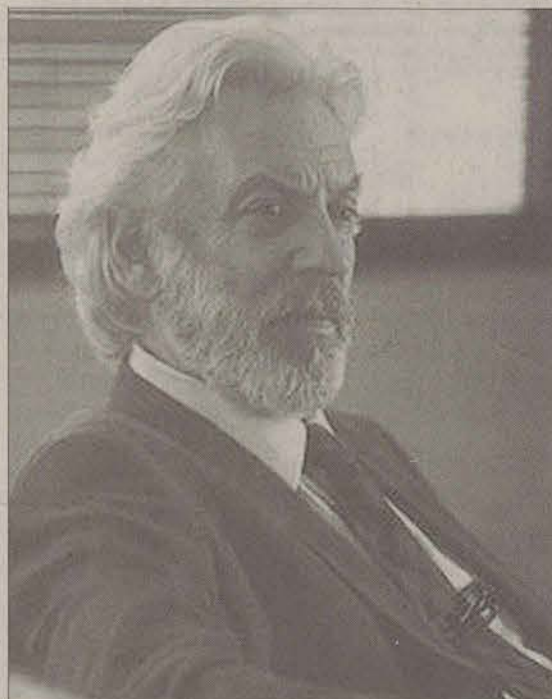
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Cinema Arts presents Grammys trying to correct past snubs

'Don't Look Now'



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Special to the G-A

Tonight, the Cinema Arts program will show "Don't Look Now" in the Russell Union theater at 7:15 p.m.

Don't miss the opportunity to see the new 35mm print of this hypnotic masterpiece from the Nicholas Roeg ("Bad Timing," "Insignificance"), a still underrated classic of the uncanny, the supreme rendition of cinematic fear and terror.

Creatively adapted from Daphne du Maurier's short story by the same title, the film is set in Venice, the city of forgetfulness, during its chilling and foggy off-season where an art restorer (Donald Sutherland) and his wife (Julie Christie) try to find solace after the tragic drowning of their

small daughter.

Instead of peace, they learn from a befriended blind psychic medium that their dead daughter is trying to contact them and later warn them of the impending danger.

The film builds its atmosphere of mystery and dread with masterful editing and perfectly timed sounds, images, words and expressions.

The characters hear whispers and echoes, see visions and hear warnings, but the creeping fatalism envelops the film as we realize what's foretold cannot be forestalled.

Burt Roeg's filming of Venice with its maze of canals and narrow, weaving streets that most contributes to the movie's pervasive sense of ambiguity and disorientation.

"Don't Look Now" pulls us inexorably into its world holding us under its spell until its shocking climax.

Until then we are the hostages of his art, powerless to heed the film's title warning. What an irresistible feast for the soul and the mind! Admission is \$2.

1973. 110 minutes. British.



www.nyrock.com

The Associated Press

Carlos Santana will probably win a slew of gold gramophones at Wednesday night's Grammy telecast. But it would be more fitting if he took home an engraved gold watch instead.

The 52-year-old guitarist's 10 nominations — including nods for song, record and album of the year — is one more embarrassing case of the Grammys lauding a veteran near the end of a career instead of early on, when the music actually merited it.

Santana's mega-million-selling "Supernatural" album is by no means the worst one he's ever made. But this collection of duets (with young-bloods such as Dave Matthews, Lauryn Hill and Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20) is more of a marketing coup than a bold artistic statement on par with 1969's classic "Santana," 1970's "Abraxas" or 1971's "Santana 3." None of those albums was even nominated, and Santana has won just one Grammy over the course of his storied 31-year career.

That will undoubtedly change Wednesday night. And if he wins for song, record or album of the year, it might translate into one of those heart-tugging awards-show moments when the audience roars and leaps to its feet as the humble vet struggles to find words to express his gratitude. It'll make for great

TV. But it'll also be an all-too-familiar case of the Grammys trying to absolve themselves for glaring past mistakes.

A few of the more notable recent examples: — Bob Dylan: He's the most important American rock figure besides Elvis, but he had to wait 25 years before the Grammys got around to nominating him for album of the year. He won, in '97, for "Time Out of Mind," but his Grammy grand total of four still puts him behind Amy Grant, the Bee Gees and Toto.

Bruce Springsteen: The Boss won just two minor awards in the first 20 years of his career before the Grammys played catch-up and gave him four statues in '94 (including best-song honors) for "Streets of Philadelphia" — a tune that pales in comparison to his earlier work. — Eric Clapton: He'd been revolutionizing blues-rock for a quarter-century before he won his first award in 1990. The Grammys tried to right that wrong in 1992 by showering him with six trophies for "MTV Unplugged," a hit-and-miss album of which Clapton said during his speech, "I was convinced this wasn't worth releasing."


The Grammys also gave him the record-of-the-year trophy in 1996 for his uber-bland "Change the World." It's too bad Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Sam

Cooke, Bob Marley and Elvis aren't still alive and making records, since they'd be ideal candidates for similar late-career Grammy avalanches. (The first four never won a competitive Grammy, while Elvis only won them for his gospel records.)

Granted, the Grammys have tried to become more hip by recruiting younger voters and retooling the nominating process in the mid-'90s. As a result, young trend-setters such as Alanis Morissette and Hill have won album-of-the-year honors in recent years — Hill took home a whopping

five Grammys last year alone. And the addition of categories for rap, metal, hard rock and alternative music means cutting-edge artists of today will get a better shot at a Grammy than their predecessors.

But for the time being, brace yourself for a long run of better-late-than-never Grammy landslide victories. After Carlos Santana leaves the stage, you've still got Neil Young, Chuck Berry, Chrissie Hynde, Patti Smith, Elvis Costello and dozens of other Grammy-less rock legends waiting in the wings.



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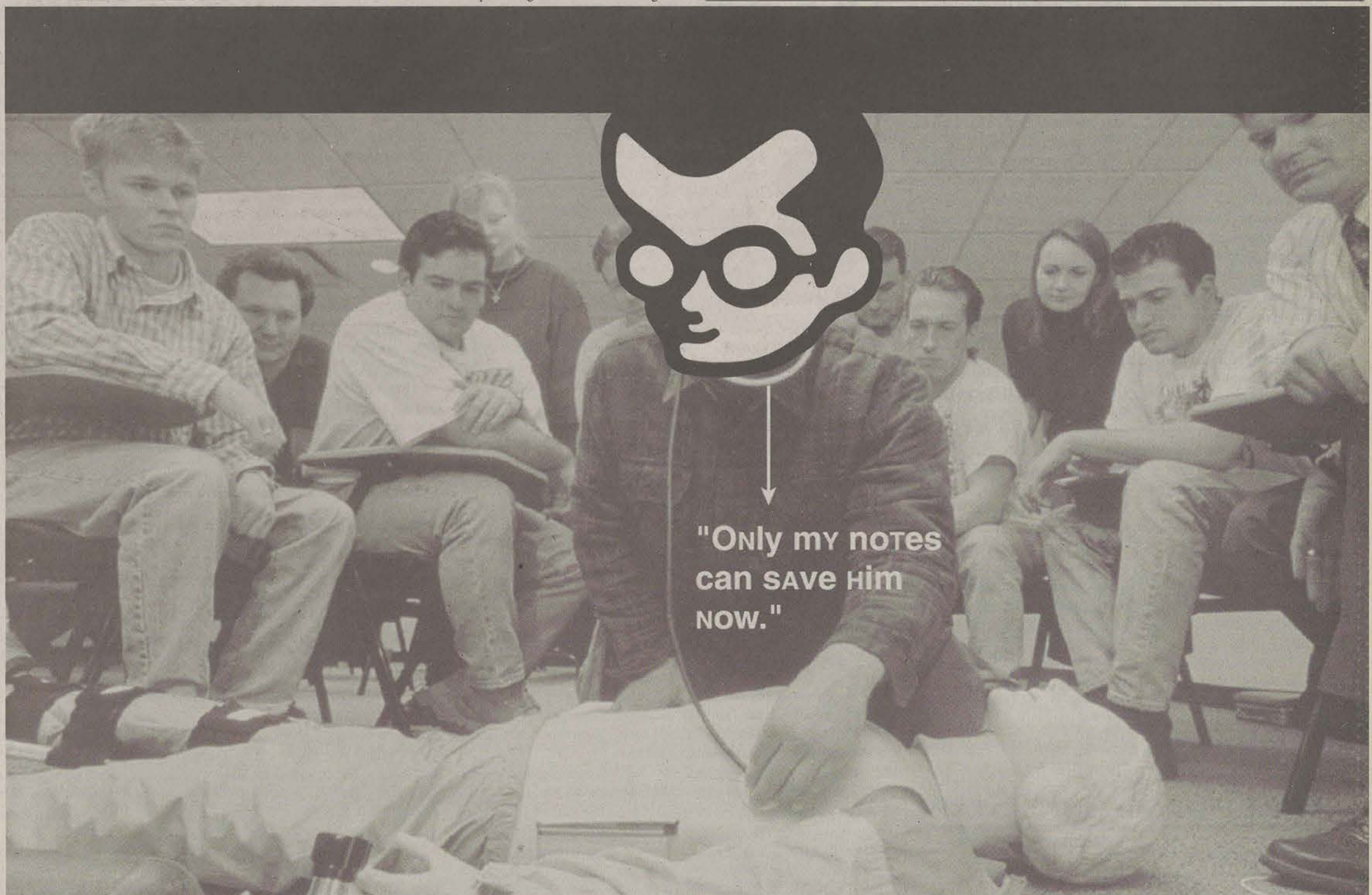
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Graduation apology is not quite enough this time

Way to go, Dr. Bleicken. Thank you for apologizing for leaving the student voice out of the decision to change the way GSU carries out graduation ceremonies.

But unfortunately, apologizing after the fact is not as good as

Our Opinion

fixing the problem.

Graduation is the goal (well, is supposed to be the goal) for all students attending GSU. Of all the things that need to have been decided with plenty of student input, this is it.

Students should have been involved in a decision to move three ceremonies into one mass graduation at a football field in May. Some 1,400 students may graduate May 13 because, in addition

to the move to Paulson, there are no longer going to be summer ceremonies.

Now graduates have to figure out when to graduate, May or December, even though they are finishing school requirements in August.

Students should have been involved. It was unfair to not give students a voice in such an important decision.

Last year, university officials dropped some men's athletic programs without consulting students. While the decision was not reversed, officials did revisit the issue so that students could have some input.

This should happen this go around. SGA and other students should be asked to participate in discussions on this issue.

So, while appreciated, the apology is too little too late.

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When will students at GSU take a stand?

The president of the University of Pennsylvania is having to walk over students protesting sweatshops to get to her office.

University of Michigan students are fighting against a secret society that meets in the student union.

Student members of the NAACP are challenging Duke students to take their vacations to Virginia Beach instead of channeling money into South Carolina because of the Confederate Flag issue.

Even students at Seattle Pacific University are protesting — against public displays of affection.

And what are we doing at Georgia Southern University?

Nothing.

The U. of Pennsylvania protest, which includes a sit-in and fasting, stems from the university's products being manufactured in alleged sweatshops. The group of students, Students Against Sweatshops, has done enough research to see problem, and they are willing to do something to fix it.

We have a problem here in Statesboro that no one has to research.

At the University of Michigan, the student government has gotten involved in an attempt to bar a secret society from using student union space for its meetings.

Our SGA knows of a wrong, and they have done nothing.

At Duke, the NAACP wants to boycott South Carolina, while many students want to protest at the presidential primaries to take down the flag.

When are the students of GSU going to protest?

And way over there in Seattle, students at a Christian university are protesting the way others display their affection. A student-led committee is posting signs and reviewing policies to try to tone down the kissy-kissy stuff.

Do we have a committee?

Oh, you ask, "for what?"

How about the fact that while we were gone for Christmas, the oh-so-sweet city council members voted to change the city charter to say that you must be 25 to run for city council?

Does that bother anybody else but me?

Our rights were stripped from us

while we were celebrating the winter holidays. And nobody has done anything about it. Did anybody even call their state representatives? I doubt it.



**KELLEY
McGONNELL**

The only group on this campus that is vocal about political decisions is the College Republicans, and frankly, all I have seen from that camp is McCain signs and stickers.

There is more to rally behind in this town than football (not that I mean any disrespect to my Eagles).

If it isn't the city council charter, then look at the baseball issue. Our money pays for scholarships for four people who were kicked off the team. Shouldn't we demand answers?

And look at graduation. Not only is there going to be one long (sorry, it will be long) graduation ceremony at the oh-so-intimate Paulson Stadium, but there is no longer a ceremony in the summer.

If you are supposed to graduate in August, prepare to be confused.

We have other issues that we gripe about and never act on. Like the wetlands situation. Did you know that we destroy wetlands to build new buildings, and then we build new wetlands somewhere else? Hello, seems fishy to me.

College campuses are supposed to be places of heightened social consciousness. We are the only real places in this country that actually celebrate Black Awareness Month, and Out Week and Women's Awareness Week.

Most other places go to the sales and watch the 60 second promos on TV. College campuses actually have events geared to educate people.

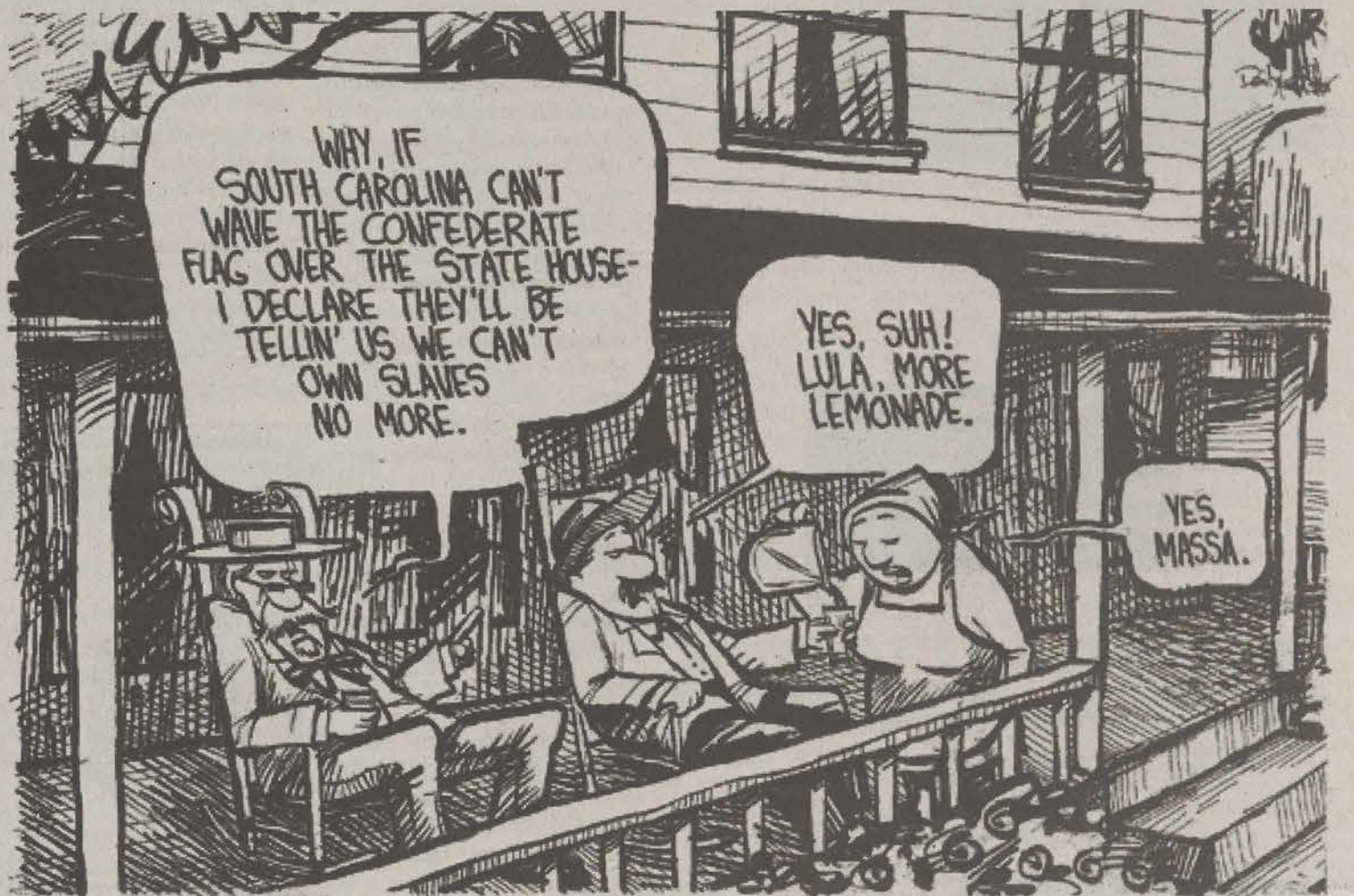
But GSU is dropping the ball when it comes to standing up for the students. We are apathetic and lazy. People strip us of our rights and make decisions that affect us without consulting us. Yet we do nothing.

Where are our protests? Where is the outrage and the sit-ins?

Heck, if a school in Seattle can protest too much kissing, shouldn't we be able to protest the acts of city council and the university officials?

Or maybe we just like having no voice.

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The pros and cons of college life

There are pros and cons to almost every situation that you can possibly be in nowadays. Every single day you are faced with choices, and from those choices you make a decision.



JUSTIN JOHNSON

That decision paves the road for future choices that you will be faced with. Some of those choices will be wrong and some will be right.

The choices that you make will have a positive or negative effect, a.k.a. the pro's and con's. However, they all will make an impact on you.

There are certain cases where the pros or cons heavily outweigh each other. I mean, winning the lottery is definitely a pro, right? Yea. What are the cons of winning the lottery? Well, organizations calling your house 24/7 because they basically know you're loaded and therefore assume that you have no excuse for not forking over big money.

Hmm...didn't think about that one, did you? Then again, you still have millions of dollars and I think if I was you I'd personally be able to deal with the calls, but that's just me.

Good things can emerge out of the bad, and sometimes something that started out good ends up bad. That's just the way the world works, and I don't have a reason for 99.9 percent of the things that happen to us on a daily basis.

Okay, let's do more examples now that deal with realistic situations that college students deal with daily on

the local level.

You know, a few visuals for all of you reading this. Some of these scenarios you've already dealt with. Maybe you made the wrong choice, maybe you made the right one, I'm not going to tell you whether you did or not because frankly it's not my place.

All right, so you're going out tonight to some club in the 'Boro. You know that you're going to be faced with decisions already. I can think of three right now: which club, to drink or not, and sex.

Now, these are choices in a given scenario, so don't jump on me. I'm not saying that everyone at GSU goes out every single night, gets drunk, and has mad sex with completely random people.

You have these choices to make now. You pick a club to go to, no biggie. You're there, you're dancing and you notice there is a big sale on beer. Hmm...decision time. First of all, let's assume you are of a legal age to drink, because we all know that there is no underage drinking on this campus because it is illegal...Errrrr...yea, uh-huh.

OK, you indulge in the sale because it turns out that you have exactly one dollar in your pocket. Congrats, the entire pitcher was only 75 cents. You even have a quarter left over.

You have made another decision. This decision has pros and cons.

The pros: you're floating on clouds; you have more self-esteem; everything is funny; you're pretty sure you're the most desired person in the club, and you're relaxed.

The cons: puking, trying to find

someone to drive your car home, being caught driving drunk, or even worse, going to jail. But hey, by going to jail you get to be famous for a day when your name goes in the police beat of the *George-Anne*. What to do?

You find a ride home with a guy or girl that "volunteered their services" to you early that night. Hmm...decision time again. Man, so many decisions, so many outcomes.

The pros: a good time, an additional mark in your little black book, and something to be confused about come morning. The cons, well, getting the funk. What to do?

Here's another scenario for you. We are all faced with from time to time the inclination to skip class, or my biggest flaw, procrastination.

GOOD THINGS CAN EMERGE OUT OF THE BAD, AND SOMETIMES SOMETHING THAT STARTED OUT GOOD ENDS UP BAD.

Option a) The alarm goes off at 7:30. Your class is at 8:00 a.m. Technically, you have time to get to class but somehow manage to convince yourself that by the time you take a shower, put on your clothes, and try to find a parking place that isn't there, that there is no way you could be there on time. Sleep time.

Option b) The alarm goes off, you get up and get ready. You manage to find a parking place. Wow, it's your lucky day already.

You go to class and the teacher gives a pop quiz that's worth 25 percent of your entire quiz grade. Good thing you went to class. You

don't have to call home and try to explain to your parents why the class turned out to be a lot harder that you thought it would be. You're in the clear.

What to do? You see, you're going to be faced with decisions every single day of your life. For the most part, you control those decisions. You have laid the bricks of the road you are now traveling. If you aren't happy with decisions you've made, there is an alternative.

Make choices you think are best for you. You can't be perfect all the time, I'm not, and I don't expect you to be either.

We all make mistakes! All the decisions you make will have pros and cons, just make the best of them.

More than likely, you know you

better than anyone else, and as a result, know what is best for you. You don't always know what's best for your roommate or for your siblings, although we think we do most of the time.

Live your life, accept the challenges that face you, and deal with them as you see fit. Also, have a lot of fun, but at the same time be aware of what you're doing and most of all be responsible. There is only one you, so take care of yourself.

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Disney's 'Semi-Charmed Life' with controversy

By Adam Shiver

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Well, Disney is doing it again. Causing controversy that is.

Recently visited my friendly neighborhood movie theater to catch a film. I grabbed my snacks and headed to my seat just in time for previews, one of my favorite things about the whole show. As the previews progressed, I noticed one for Disney's recently released animated film, "A Tigger Movie."

As the preview started, my ears perked up at the sound of one of my favorite bands playing background music for this new Disney children's movie.

I immediately recognized the catchy intro to Third Eye Blind's hit single "Semi-Charmed Life."

In just a few seconds, the song's lyrics really sank in. They're very focused on sex and drugs. In the first verse alone lead singer Steven Jenkins refers to oral sex and taking drugs through the nose. The song also alludes to crystal meth and how to take it.

I'm not sure what Disney was thinking when they picked this tune for a trailer, but one thing is certain: they're only hanging themselves by doing so. After all, people have already gotten riled over some of their last films.

Rumors still abound that that's a penis pictured on

the cover art of "The Little Mermaid" and that animators spelled the word "sex" in clouds swirling throughout "The Lion King." There have also been plenty of people noticing just how well endowed and shapely some of Disney's leading animated, female characters have been.

Does the company do this stuff on purpose? You'd think they'd be more careful given the questions that have been raised in the not-so-recent past. Then again, after hearing Third-Eye Blind's music used to peddle a children's film, maybe I'm giving Disney too much credit for maintaining its high standards for family entertainment.

Baseball sweeps Bethune-Cookman over weekend, raises record to 3-2 overall

By Joe Schulman
Guest Writer

The GSU baseball team won in dramatic fashion on Sunday against a tough Bethune-Cookman team. The Eagles won in the bottom of the ninth, 4-3, improving their record to 3-2. Dustin Langley hit a bases loaded single to drive in the winning run.

"It was a big hit. Dustin's had a couple big hits this week. He had a big hit down in Jacksonville to put us ahead too," said head coach Rodney Hennon.

The Eagles battled back from an early 2-0 deficit to take the lead 3-2 going into the ninth inning. However, David Ray gave up a homerun to Jeante Nunez to tie the game 3-3. In the bottom of the ninth, the Eagles loaded the bases off of three walks, two of which were intentional. Langley then hit a 3-2 pitch up the middle to drive in Matt Herring for the win.

"I just tried to worry about getting the bat on the ball and making something happen, making them make the play," said Langley.

Sammy Watson started the game for the Eagles and pitched five strong innings, giving up just two runs on eight hits. Watson relied on the outside corner most of the day and

recorded three strikeouts.

Hennon said that Watson isn't the type of pitcher to throw it past every batter, but he pitched well enough to leave the game with only two runs allowed.

Despite their strong finish, GSU's bats were silent throughout the first two innings. The Eagles also struck out seven times and the only hit in the final three innings was Langley's game-winning single.

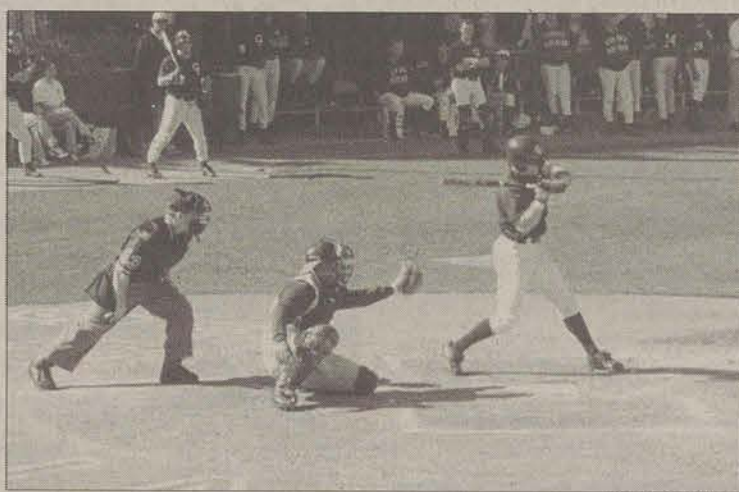
"Today we weren't making hard outs. I just don't think we had good at-bats today as a whole and if you look at today's game, that is what we need to improve," said Hennon.

John Durik and Brian Rinehart each led the team with two hits and Matt Easterday went 1-3 and scored two of the Eagles' runs. Sammy Watson pitched five full innings ending with a no decision and David Ray pitched the ninth inning and recorded the win.

By Scott Harrison
Student Writer

GSU got off to a slow start in Saturday's match-up against Bethune-Cookman, but managed to pull out an 8-3 win over the Wildcats in the late innings.

Eagle starting pitcher Bill



Lindsey Wise

COMING UP BIG: Matt Easterday, above, had some timely hits for GSU

Stewart gave up two runs after loading the bases with no outs in the first inning, but later settled down to pitch 6.2 innings of five hit ball. "I got off to kind of a slow start, but after a while I settled in and our hitting picked up," said Stewart, who managed to avoid further trouble until he was relieved by Phillip Roland.

GSU got on the board in the bottom of the third inning when John Durik doubled to centerfield driving outfielder J.R. Revere in with the Eagle's first run.

The Eagles tied the game up in the fifth inning when Wildcats starting pitcher Elgin Grand walked

Matt Herring with the bases loaded.

The action picked up in the sixth inning when Bethune-Cookman's hitting coach was ejected for arguing a call by the home-plate umpire. It happened again in the seventh inning when another coach from the Wildcat's bench began arguing over another call by the first base umpire. Both coaches were ejected for the rest of the game.

After the ejection, the Eagles mounted an assault on Wildcat's pitcher Mark Woodward. Woodward gave up four runs to GSU before being relieved by Brook Jerue.

Outfielder Matt Easterday picked up his first RBI in the seventh against Woodward, taking advantage of the two errors committed by Bethune-Cookman that put Rosado and Spearman in scoring position. Easterday doubled to right field, putting GSU on top for the first time in the game, 3-2.

After Easterday scored on a passed ball, catcher Ryan Flemming drove in two runs, and Revere extended the lead to 7-2 on an RBI base hit.

"Our hitting really picked up in the later innings, giving us the chance to pick up the win even though we started off kind of slow," said head coach Rodney Hennon.

Bethune-Cookman's Carlos Baez answered GSU with a solo home run in the top of the eighth inning.

The Wildcat's Brook Jerue gave up another run in the eighth inning when Jemel Spearman drove in the final run for the Eagles with a solo home run over the left field wall.

Pitcher Phillip Roland (1-1) picked up the win for the Eagles as GSU went on to hold off the Wildcats in the ninth inning, earning their second victory of the season.



In other sports ...

Men's basketball

G-A News Services

GREENVILLE- Senior forward Stanislav Makshantsev paced five double figure scorers with 20 points to lead Furman to an 80-73 Southern Conference win over visiting GSU Friday night at Timmons Arena.

Makshantsev converted on 7-of-8 field goals and 6-of-7 free throws to headline a Paladin offensive attack that included 13 points from Anthony Thomas and 11 points by Karim Souchu. Marcus Dilligard and Kenny Zeigler chipped in 10 points each for Furman (10-17, 3-10 SoCon South). Hamp Jones scored a season-high 27 points to lead GSU (14-11, 8-6 SoCon South). The win marked only Furman's third triumph in its last 15 games. With the loss GSU drops into third place in the SoCon's South Division, a half-game behind Wofford, who the Eagles will face Monday in Statesboro.

"I thought our zone defense was very effective against them tonight," Furman head coach Larry Davis. "They shot lights out on us in Statesboro, but tonight I thought our perimeter defense was spectacular. That was a big key because our inside defense wasn't very good, especially down the stretch. Hamp Jones killed us in the second half."

Leading 39-25 at intermission, Furman had its lead sliced to nine points at 51-42 following a free throw by Hamp Jones with 10:54 left, but the Paladins answered with a 10-0 run over the next four minutes to take a 61-42 advantage following two Kenny Zeigler free throws with 6:54 remaining. Furman then went the final five minutes of the game without a field goal, converting 16-of-24 free throws over that span to preserve the win. Both teams combined to shoot 67 free throws, with Furman's 33 made free throws and 44 attempts marking season highs. The Paladins also outrebounded GSU 38-27.

For GSU, the only other player in double figures besides Jones, was sophomore Kashien Latham who chipped in 10 points. Julius Jenkins and Wayne Wooley added eight a piece.

Men's tennis

G-A News Services

The GSU (3-5) men's tennis team won its second consecutive match on Saturday, defeating Radford 4-0 in a rain-shortened match at Hanner Courts. The Eagles swept all three doubles matches to earn the doubles point, then got quick victories at number one, five and six singles to clinch the match before officials stopped play because of wet court conditions.

GSU's first singles player Kendall Swartz picked up his third victory of the season, defeating RU's Faycal Rhalazi 6-4, 6-0. Also making quick work of their singles' opponents for GSU were sophomore Wojciech Nowak, shutting out the Highlanders' Rahid Lamrissi, 6-0, 6-0, and senior Jesper Andersson, defeating Radford's Phil Lobb, 6-0, 6-1.

The Eagles continued their strong doubles play, picking up their fifth out of a possible eight points this season by sweeping the Highlanders in all three doubles matches. The tandem of Nowak and Andersson improved their doubles record to 6-2 on the season with their 8-1 triumph. At number one doubles, Ryan O'Keefe and Kendall Swartz were 8-2 winners to pick up their fifth win of the year. Also, the team of Darren Clark and Florian Sheidat evened up their doubles record this year, defeating their opponents 8-6.

GSU will be back in action on February 26 in Birmingham, when they play the nationally-ranked Blazers of the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Women's tennis

G-A News Services

TAMPA- South Florida swept the first five singles matches to clinch a win over GSU, 9-0, Saturday.

The Lady Eagles never had a chance against the 39th ranked team in the country. Isabella Kling came the closest to victory for GSU, losing in number one singles action to Katherine Tessier 2-6, 7-6, 6-3. The number one doubles team of Kling and Martha Barrett also held their own in an 8-5 loss to Tessier and Harrison.

Lady Eagle softball splits double headers against pair on in-state foes



Cory Brooks

BIG WEEKEND: GSU picked up their first win ever against UGA.

By Ryan Hemenway
Staff Writer

The first ten games of the 2000 softball season for the Eagles had shown one thing, nothing comes easy for this team. Heading into the doubleheader with UGA, the Eagles had been winless in the nine tries against the Bulldogs. But, in the tenth game of the series, the Eagles finally got the ball to bounce their way.

The story of the Eagles season continued in the second game, with nothing coming easy for the team. Holding a slim 1-0 lead in the top of the seventh would prove to be enough for the win, but not before some excitement. After retiring the first two Bulldogs easily, the Eagles added some suspense to the game.

An error on a routine ground ball by sophomore shortstop Kelly Blazi allowed the tying to reach base, and then a single by Georgia's Beth Adams put the potential go-ahead run on base for the Bulldogs. Atoning for the previous error, Blazi made a tremendous diving stop to her left of a Michelle Tyree hit up the middle, flipping the ball to sophomore second baseman Stacie Cooper for the third out to clinch the first ever win for GSU over the Bulldogs.

"I should have got the first one (error in the seventh)," said Blazi, "it shouldn't have come down to the one at the end (diving stop)."

After losing several heartbreakers to start the season, the Eagles were ecstatic with the win over rival UGA.

"We just needed a win" said head coach Kelley Kirkland, "we have been right there, the breaks just haven't gone our way. We definitely have the monkey off of our back now."

Kirkland is quick to point out GSU's record can be deceiving, "we haven't been blown out or beaten really bad, it has just been a break against us here or there, or we just have left too many on base, we can't leave runners at second and third, or make the error at the crucial point in time which is what we have done, but fortunately today it went for us and hopefully it will give us a boost of confidence."

The lone run of the game came from Kelly Blazi, who singled in the third, which turned out to be the only GSU hit of the game. After the single, Blazi stole second, moved to third on a ground ball, and scored on a passed ball during Stacie Cooper's at bat much to the joy of the boisterous crowd at the game.

For the Eagles, senior Jennifer Miller pitched the four hit, complete game shut out for her first win of the season. Miller struck out two and walked one.

In the opener of the double header, the Eagles were defeated by UGA 5-3. The Bulldogs struck quickly in the first, scoring two runs off of starter Aimee Littlejohn behind a lead off double from UGA's Beth Adams and the Bulldogs were able to load the bases with one out. Sophomore Stacie Cooper threw the lead runner out at home to temporarily slow the UGA offense until Lisa Schutt singled up the middle to give UGA the early 2-0 lead.

The Eagles got on the board in the bottom of the second when senior Jaclyn Kaylor scored on a Kelly Blazi RBI ground out. Unfortunately for the Eagles, the Bulldogs would respond and score what would prove to be the winning two runs in the top of the third. The Eagles would score their final two runs of the game in the bottom of the fifth on a two run home run by senior Jennifer Harris into the left field bleachers. The home run was the first of the season for Harris as well as the Eagles, and the fifth of Harris's career.

Sophomore Aimee Littlejohn took the loss for the Eagles, pitching a complete game, striking out four and walking five while giving up three earned runs.

In Sunday's action against the other GSU, the Eagles also managed a split with Georgia State. The Eagles controlled the early part of the game starting off with Jennifer Miller striking out the side in the first inning. Miller pitched 4 2/3 innings of no hit ball before an opposite field home run by Georgia State's Adrienne Lyman tied the game at 1-1.

The Eagles had taken an early 1-0 lead over the Panthers in the second inning when with the bases loaded and no outs,

sophomore Suzanne Pansulla drew a walk to score the first Eagle run. But, the Eagles were not able to capitalize further as the next three Eagle batters were retired without a run scoring.

The game unraveled for Georgia Southern in the top of the sixth as five Panther runs were scored on five hits and an error. The Eagles were unable to respond as Georgia State went on for the 6-1 victory.

In the second game Sunday afternoon, the Eagles were again aggressive early and able to claim the lead. In the bottom of the first, junior Shannan Hoobin got things started reaching on an error by the Panther first baseman and senior Jennifer Harris followed reaching on another Panther error to give the Eagles runners on first and second with one out. Senior Jennifer Miller would make the Panthers pay for the defensive lapses as she doubled home Hoobin and Harris to give the Eagles the early 2-0 lead.

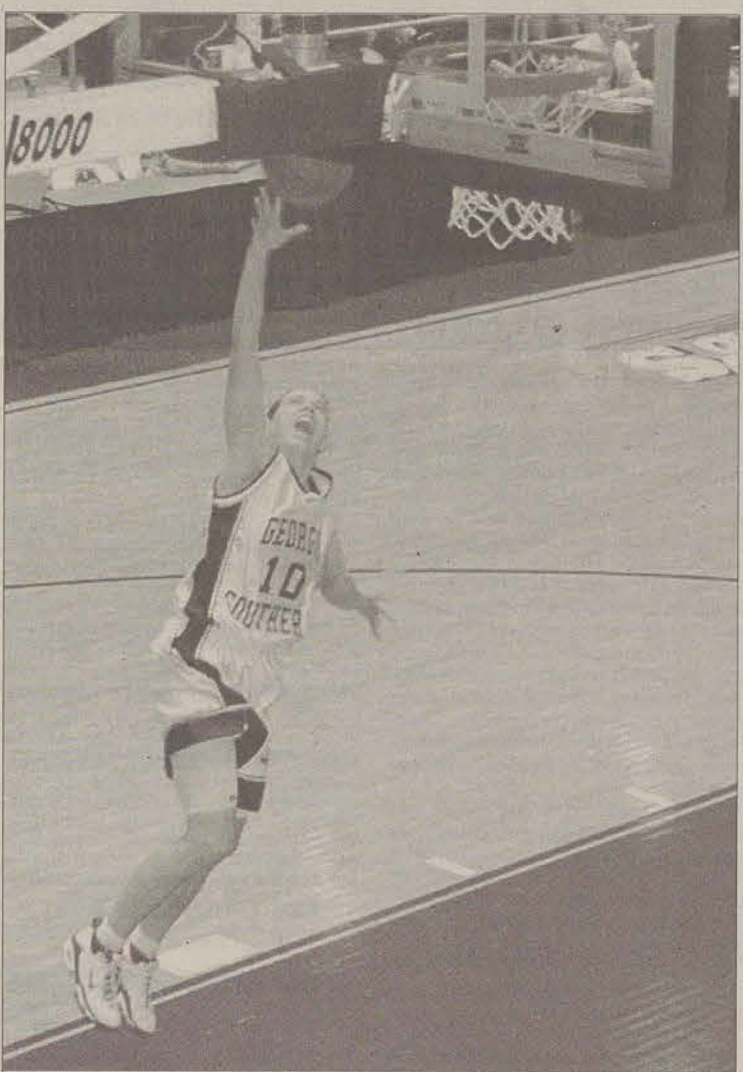
Junior pitcher Lacey Kammerer, coming off a strong performance last week against Jacksonville State, picked up where she left off as she cruised through the Panther line up after some early first inning jitters until the top of the fifth when she began to struggle with control. Adrienne Lyman came through with the clutch hit for the Panthers to tie the score at 2-2 with a single that scored two runners who had reached on walks. Kammerer was able to avoid further damage getting Amanda Corly to line out to Stacie Cooper at second, and then striking out Christine Dangler to end the rally.

Georgia Southern responded in the bottom of the sixth with two runs of their own. Sophomore Tiffany Kepple opened the inning with a walk, and Kammerer helped herself at the plate singling up the middle. Stacie Cooper then hit into a fielders choice, reaching first, but erasing Kepple at third, but then Jennifer Harris doubled down the third base line scoring the decisive two runs for the Eagles.

As in just about every other game this year, the Eagles again provided the crowd excitement in the seventh. Georgia State's Cheryl Bodziony opened the inning with a double and after advancing to third on a ground out, scored on a deep fly ball by Katie Blue to cut the lead to 4-3. Kammerer then forced Adrienne Lyman into a high pop fly on the infield to save the win for the Eagles.

"It's finally good to see my team come together" said Kammerer after the 2-2 weekend for the Eagles and finally getting into a pitching groove "I'm much more relaxed on the mound, I don't have as many jitters allowing me to know what to do when I get on the mound."

After the split with Georgia State, the Eagles improved to 3-9 on the season and return to action the weekend at home in the GSU/Reebok Invitational at 3 p.m. on Friday at Eagle Field.



Lindsey Wise

AN EASY TWO: Sophomore Danna Simpson, above, led GSU with 15 points points and four assists on Senior Night.

By Matthew Sauls
Student Writer

Senior night for the Lady Eagles basketball team proved to be a memorable one for departing seniors Nakita Whatley and Tondra Warren. Saturday night marked the last time fans will hear Whatley's and Warren's shoes squeak on the Hanner Fieldhouse basketball floor. If going out in style is what these ladies had on their mind, they succeeded. Warren matched her career high with 15 rebounds while also contributing with 14 points. Whatley fell one point short of her career high with 14 points helping the Lady Eagles defeat the visiting Western Carolina Catamounts 79-70.

Whatley has played in 95 games, starting 16 of them during her career GSU. She has accumulate 252 points over her career, with 140 coming this season prior to Saturday's game. When asked about how playing her last game at Hanner Fieldhouse affected her Whatley said, "I was real nervous at the beginning, but as the game went on I forgot about it being my last home game."

"It feels real good," said Warren. "It was a memorable experience, something that you can tell your kids about." Warren, who has spent the majority of her four

years in Statesboro in the starting lineup, totaled more than 900 points and 500 rebounds during her career. Saturday night she had perhaps her finest game as an Eagle, going seven for eleven from the field for 14 points to go along with her career-best 15 boards.

The Lady Eagles went into the locker room with a two point lead at the half, 42-40. In the first half, Western Carolina's Laura Echols dominated GSU on the inside scoring 16 points and pulling down four rebounds. The second half proved to be different for Echols as the Eagle defense picked it up. "We decided to give them the outside game and try to shut down the inside game," said GSU head coach Rusty Cram. "The turning point of the game came when Echols received her fourth foul. This was crucial because if she scored 16 in the second half we would have lost."

Another Lady Eagle that had a big night Saturday was sophomore guard Danna Simpson. "It was important to win the last home game," she said. "Knowing it was the last home game helped me step it up." Simpson ended up with a team-high 15 points while also contributing with five rebounds, four assists and two steals.