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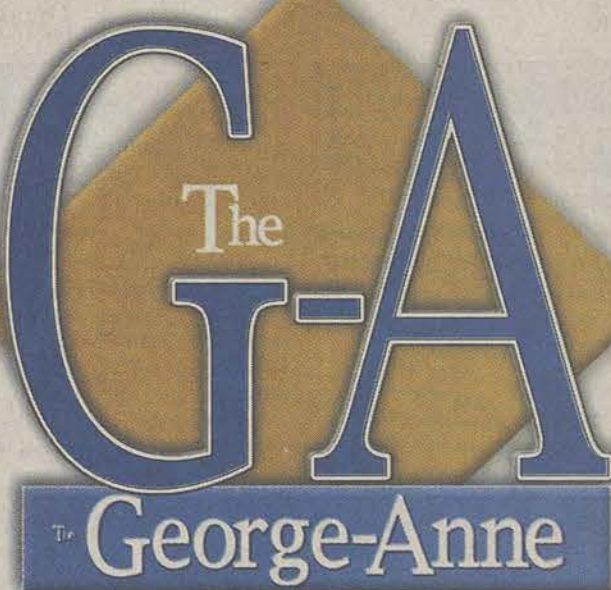


## SPORTS

### GSU Golf coach resigns

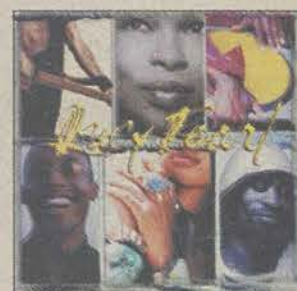
John Laird says he's disappointed he won't get to work with next year's team.

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## LIFE

### Lucy Pearl is the new must have CD



This new CD combines the genres of funk, hip-hop and R&B to create a whole new sound.

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# SGA elections upheld; Nicely to revamp constitution in 2000-2001

By John Bryson  
News Editor

Citing "no preponderance of evidence" to support the charges, the University Judicial Board upheld the second SGA elections held May 1-2 and 4-5 after hearing testimony from both the Estrada and Nicely camps on last Thursday evening. In addition, the judicial board stated that it will submit recommendations for changing the elections procedures and guidelines to the vice president for student affairs.

The hearing, which lasted six hours, was marked by hair-splitting from both sides and the atmosphere was again rather confrontational.

The decision effectively guarantees that Aaron Nicely will continue to hold his office as SGA president for the 2000-2001 year.

Nicely said he wasn't surprised.

"I was very pleased with the decision," Nicely said. "But I was not shocked."

Nicely said that his first order of business will be to revise the SGA constitution and campaign regulations in order to avoid future problems.

"My first order of business is to revamp the SGA constitution and campaign regulations," Nicely said. "We hope to have a constitution prepared and submitted to the senate for its consideration by the end of the first semester."

Robert Bryant, executive vice-president elect and member of the Estrada ticket, had alleged that the Nicely campaign violated campaign regulations by campaigning within one hundred feet of the Lakeside Cafeteria as well as inside the Russell Union on election days.

Bryant was clearly upset with the decision.

"The judicial board made the incorrect decision like the first time," Bryant said. "In the future, they need to evaluate the evidence instead of putting their weight behind Aaron Nicely's word. The students were cheated and they will suffer for it."

Bryant provided as evidence a letter from Sheri West, leadership coordinator for the Russell Union and staff member in charge of the Russell Union polls on May 4, that documented the presence of Nicely campaign supporters in the Union and also provided testimony from himself and Joyce Estrada to substantiate the allegation that Nicely supporters were campaigning within the one hundred feet distance at Lakeside.

In her testimony, Sheri West stated that she wrote a letter to Earl Cashon documenting the presence of Nicely supporters because she felt it might become a problem.

"I was unaware of the campaign regulations at the time," West said. "But after reviewing them later that day, I decided to write a letter to Earl [Cashon] because I felt there might be a problem."

In her letter, West stated that she: 1. Witnessed James



File Photo

### SGA President Aaron Nicely

Dixon, a candidate on the Nicely ticket, point out his name on the ballot to another student at the polling location. 2. at 2:55 p.m., all members of the Nicely executive board ticket approached the polls while they

were still open while wearing campaign paraphernalia (violation of rules 9 and 11) and, 3. noticed the presence of people wearing Nicely campaign t-shirts in the Union periodically throughout the day.

Campaigning in the Union is expressly forbidden by the campaign guidelines.

Nicely's primary defense of these allegations was to state that the t-shirts were given away on campus and that anyone, not just his campaign staff, could have been wearing them.

"I did not authorize anyone to wear their shirts in the Union unless it was for official business as laid out in the guidelines," Nicely said.

The guidelines state that candidates may enter the Union on election days only for "official business, to eat in one of the specialty shops or to vote."

As to the allegation that there was a campaign member present at Lakeside, Nicely said in his testimony only that he didn't know if the person campaigning down there was affiliated with his campaign.

"That person wasn't a candidate on my ticket, I don't even know if they were a supporter," Nicely said. "I didn't tell them to go down there inside the one hundred feet mark... but if they did, they shouldn't have."

It is unclear exactly when the new administration will take office, and comment on the matter was unable to be obtained prior to press time.

# McNair program takes flight at GSU

By Marlow Lemons  
Staff Writer

"When you think about first class, think about the McNair program. It is the best of everything!"

That statement was made by Angela Carlyle, coordinator of the new Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate achievement program at GSU.

Under the Department of Educational Opportunity Program, this newly funded program seeks 15 talented undergraduate students in order to prepare them for doctoral study through research and other scholarly activities.

McNair scholars will be exposed to a series of workshops, test preparation activities, field trips to graduate programs, and counseling activities which focus on careers, self-esteem, and critical thinking skills.

The purpose and goal of this program is to work closely with these scholars, encourage their entrance into graduate programs, and track their progress to successful completion of advanced degrees.

"The McNair participants come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines, but we aim to work with college juniors and seniors who have a 2.8 or higher GPA," Carlyle said. "One of its main goals is to increase the number of graduate degrees attained by students from segments of society that are historically underrepresented."

A brief history of the Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate program reveals that it is named after NASA astronaut, Dr. Ronald E. McNair, who was killed in the Challenger Space Shuttle explosion January 28, 1986.

McNair had great interest in the

### Georgia Southern University Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Institute 2000 Summer Scholars

Name:	Classification:	Major:
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Heather Forsyth-Kehr	Senior	Political Science
Deborah Hill	Junior	Hist./Philosophy
Phyllis Hill	Junior	History
Christopher Johnson	Junior	Engineering
Richard Kilburn	Junior	Mathematics
Carol King	Junior	Intl. Studies
Kamellah Martin	Senior	English
Ebonique Thomas	Senior	Spanish Education
Ronald Wright	Senior	Anthropology

education of our young people and is the only African-American male to have a federal scholarship named in his honor. This scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is distributed by the TRIO program.

The McNair program is broken into two parts.

"The program has enrolled 15 scholars for the academic year; 10 of which participate in the summer research institute," Carlyle said.

According to Carlyle, scholars during this summer will present their research to an open-house symposium on June 26 in the Russell Union. This symposium will encourage the faculty to attend and give feedback on their undergraduate research.

They will then have the opportunity to present their research again at the regional SAEOPP/UTK Conference July 6th-9th to compete for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes.

This year's theme is, "McNair Program: A First-Class Experience."

"This is a pilot program," Carlyle said. This is a new beginning for McNair here on the campus of GSU.

According to the McNair coordinator, the McNair scholars developed this theme and also believe that this theme represents them.

Carlyle says that programs, such as McNair are extremely important to many undergraduate students.

"I am a former Upward Bound student from the class of 1989," Carlyle said. "Therefore I have a really good understanding of what TRIO programs do for students. A program designed like the McNair program can encourage students to gain educational experience, do their best, reach their goals, and succeed."

Other students seem to agree. "What I hope to gain from the program is a greater understanding of what is required of graduate students academically, socially, and financially," Deborah Hill, a history major with an emphasis in religious studies who plans to attend Emory University for doctoral study.

"What I am really excited about is simply the opportunity to experience graduate level research in a realistic environment," Ronald Wright, a senior anthropology major, said.

"I see the Ronald E. McNair program as a tool necessary to continue building that foundation and following that path toward obtaining a Ph.D."

Phyllis Hill, a junior history major, feels that the peer connection is important.

"Confidence... because I am surrounded among peers that have succeeded academically, but yet have the same questions about pursuing a higher level degree," Hill said. "It lets you know that I'm not alone in this educational race."

## "SOAR"ing with the freshmen



John Bryson

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SOAR leader Kim Brauda stops her small group by the Founders Terrace to play an ice breaker game. SOAR is the university's orientation program for freshmen and transfer students and will be running all summer.

## Texas A&M bonfire put on hold

Knight-Ridder Tribune

COLLEGE STATION, TX - Vowing not to tolerate a repeat of November's fatal bonfire collapse, Texas A&M President Ray Bowen on Friday put the event on hold for at least two years and ordered a drastic downsizing before it can be revived.

Bowen also demanded that students who participate in what many Aggies consider their most revered tradition undergo a change of culture and demonstrate a willingness to accept his terms for the revival. When and if bonfire returns, Bowen said, it will revert to a simpler, smaller "teepee" design that will resemble the stacks of logs built in the 1950s.

"I think the decision today is driven as much by having observed the horror that visited our campus as much as anything else," Bowen said of the Nov. 18 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27.

Reaction to Bowen's announcement ranged from

relief and support to disbelief and criticism.

Many former students said they are happy that the bonfire was not eliminated. But others are disappointed the bonfire will be canceled for two years. Some say the university could have solved safety problems and still have a bonfire this fall.

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, an A&M graduate and a professional engineer who once represented the College Station area, praised Bowen's announcement, but said he strongly disagrees with halting the bonfire until 2002.

Barton, an Ennis, Texas, Republican, said there is no safety justification to stop the bonfire for two years because the planned teepee design for the logs "eliminated the largest structural problem."

"It does not take two years to decide how to build a teepee-style bonfire. I'm sorry, but it doesn't," he said.

Barton said that A&M officials told him that Bowen's

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— TEXAS A&M PRESIDENT  
RAY BOWEN



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•More than 2,000 tickets will be available for students to purchase beginning August 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Paulson Stadium to the GSU vs. Georgia football game. All students who are enrolled in the 2000-2001 academic year will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis. They will also be allowed to purchase two tickets each with proof of a current I.D.

•**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.

•The 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.

•**The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2116.

**June 23**

•A reception is planned to honor Linda Bleicken, acting provost, Melanie McClellan, acting vice president of student affairs, and John Daily, chief information officer, who will all be moving to new positions. The reception will be held Friday, June 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

**June 28-30**

•**GSU Theatre and Performance** will present "Reckless" by Craig Lucas at 8 p.m. and July 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$4 for faculty/staff and \$2 for students. For info call ext. 0123.

**July 1**

•**Upward Bound Reunion** to be held July 1-3. Former Upward Bound students and staff families are invited to participate in the 20th anniversary celebration and reunion. For registration and information contact Randy Gunter at 681-5458 or rgunter@gasou.edu.

**July 11**

•**GSU President Bruce Grube** will kick off the summer season with a ceremonial watermelon cutting at 10 a.m. near the small lake on campus Watermelon cuttings for faculty, staff and students will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for the remainder of July at 10 a.m.

## BONFIRE

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decision to cancel the bonfire for two years is really a way to halt student trends with the bonfire that Bowen doesn't like.

"He's trying to break the culture of some of the student leadership," Barton said. "He wants to break that chain. But there is another way to break it without stopping the bonfire."

Bowen insists that the new version will be designed by a licensed engineer, with only one layer or stack, versus the six that comprised the 1999 bonfire, and students will only be allowed to work on the project for two weeks each fall.

Perhaps the most jarring change will be the elimination of the so-called cut site, where students chop down logs and then haul them to the campus. Cut sites have been the scene of numerous reported injuries of students through the years, as well as hazing incidents.

"My decision places great respon-

### GSU Public Safety

**June 8**

•Tobias Perez, 22, address unknown, was charged with pedestrian under the influence.

•Michael Peacock reported someone entered his Jeep in the Perimeter Commuter parking lot and took his CD player.

**June 9**

•Mandi Lee Gibbs, 17, 213 College Street, was charged with DUI (.097) and failure to maintain lane.

**June 10**

•Jerome Saahir Lawson, 19, 273 Woodyard Court, Brooklet, was charged with possession of marijuana and failure to maintain lane.

**June 11**

•Guy Dale Dunn, 19, 5463 Westside Drive, was charged with DUI (.127) and failure to maintain lane.

•Deon Lamar Walker, 17, 4007 Worth

## POLICE BEAT

Street, Savannah, was charged with theft by taking.

•Ji Kim reported a Mongoose bicycle was taken from the Kennedy Complex.

**June 13**

•Latra Knight reported someone entered her vehicle in the Union commuter parking lot and took her book bag.

**June 14**

•David Ila Wilmouth, 39, Camaro Court, was charged with DUI (refused test), driving with a suspended license and failure to maintain lane.

**June 16**

•Tongelia Cooper reported that someone had broken the window at the Oxford Hall Wash-and-Shop facility.

**June 17**

•Geraldine Tharpe reported that someone had taken some computer equipment and a

telephone from room 1508 Hampton Hall.

•Belvin Vileza reported that someone took an industrial extension cord from his work site behind the administration building.

**June 18**

•Christopher Lee Wilson, 25, 3105 Leftwich Street, Huntsville, Ala., was charged with driving with a revoked license.

*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 John Bryson, News Editor.

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sibility upon our student leadership," Bowen said. "It requires that they work with us to meet the conditions I have described. In doing so, they will be committing to fundamental changes in all aspects of the bonfire, changes which none of them would have ever anticipated before last Nov. 18."

While most of the A&M organizations voiced support for Bowen's plan, his announcement was a jolt to the students who led a petition drive for the bonfire's return.

"We were ready for a year off to make sure there was time to implement the changes that were needed to make bonfire safe. We were not ready for what we heard from Dr. Bowen today," said Will Clark, one of the organizers of the "Keep the Fire Burning" campaign.

But other Aggies welcomed Bowen's decision.

"How can it be harsh when we are just looking for the safety of our

students?" asked student body president Forrest Lane.

Judy Franklin, president of the 40,000-member Houston A&M Club, the largest A&M club in world, called the announcement good news.

"I'm delighted that it appears the tradition will continue," she said. "It could have been worse. There had to be controls to make sure the bonfire is put together in a safe manner. It could have been a decision to abandon tradition."

Jim Patterson of Fort Worth, a building contractor who graduated



Linda Epstein/TMS Campus  
**Emergency personnel place a sheet over remains found in the debris from the Texas A&M bonfire collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 on Nov. 18.**

with the class of 1948, said he's glad to see A&M return to a smaller, simpler bonfire.

"I love the bonfire. I love the Aggie traditions," Patterson said.

The student leaders who worked on the bonfire — so-called "Red Pots" — also reluctantly supported Bowen's decision, said bonfire advisor Rusty Thompson.

"It was obviously difficult for them but they understand the reality," said Thompson.

## This Week's Weather



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## ONLY IN AMERICA...

## 1 Michigan

## 85-year old woman slaps would-be robber

The Associated Press

ADRIAN, MI - Lucille Case refused to be a victim when an intruder came into the 85-year-old woman's home demanding money. So she stood up, began slapping the man and yelled.

The intruder headed for the door and left empty-handed, leaving the woman relieved and unharmed and an investigator applauding her tactics during the confrontation Wednesday.

"The best thing to do if you think someone is in your house is try and lock yourself in a room with a phone and call 911. Make noise, turn lights on, yell out a window," police Detective Todd Dennis told The Daily Telegram for a story Saturday.

Case said it all happened when she heard glass breaking in her front room. She thought it was just her cat, frightened by the storm outside.

"I didn't pay any attention to (the noise) and then I looked up and there he stood in the bedroom doorway," Case said. "He said 'Money, money, give me your money or I'll kill you.'"

When Case smacked him a few times and shouted, the intruder bolted.

Police are investigating.

## 2 New Jersey

## Man seeks to drive mower cross-country

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - The way Gary Hatter sees it, he has a little more than 3,100 miles to go before he makes the cut.

Hatter, 46, is driving a bright orange lawn tractor in a quest to land himself in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest distance traveled on a riding mower. The record is 4,039 miles over 51 days.

On Saturday morning, the Champaign, Ill., man rolled down Barrack Street in Trenton with his 17-year-old son, Gary Jr., following in a car. When he pulled up to the New Jersey State-

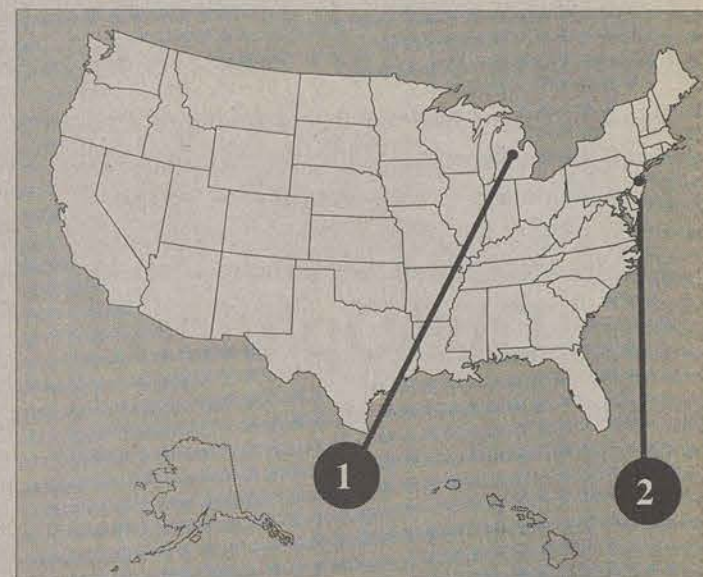
house on his 17th day of driving, an odometer he added to his Kubota mower read 877.9.

Twenty-one years ago, Hatter had a higher highway vantage point and more horses under the hood. He drove trucks for a food company but injured his back unloading milk. Two operations have failed to remedy the spinal disk degeneration he suffers, and he has been unable to work since.

"The Guinness Book of Records is kind of secondary," said Hatter, adding that his primary goal is to raise money for a third operation.

He said he has raised \$425 through donations and selling checkered flags for \$5 that he autographs.

He said he hopes a third operation will stave off nerve damage that doctors have told him could leave him paralyzed. He said he long ago exhausted his medical insurance. He estimates he needs \$100,000 to cover the operation and related physical therapy.



## Lucy Pearl brings new music to the forefront

By Tamika Mills  
Staff Writer

'Lucy Pearl' is a musical culmination of pop, hip-hop, and R&B with all members stemming from formerly successful groups. 'Funky Diva' Dawn Robinson of the trend-setting diva girl group 'En Vogue,' Raphael Saadiq of 'TonyToniTone,' and Ali Shaheed Muhammed of the ground-breaking hip-hop group 'A Tribe Called Quest' all contributed to the album.

The songs are relatively short, averaging about three and a quarter minutes, but the bass and beats are pretty hot and Dawn's vocals bring a smooth kind of calm to each track. From the moment I heard the group's first single, "Dance Tonight," I knew I had to snatch a copy of the CD.

Most of the tracks are based on stories any individual can relate to on the laid back tip. I cannot seem to hear enough of the first single "Dance Tonight," but my next favorite song off the CD is track number 4 entitled "LALA."

Lucy Pearl can appeal to mixed audiences who enjoy funk, hip-hop or R&B. The group is not representative of each member's past achieve-



File Photo

**NEW FLAVA:** Several artists who broke away from their former groups collaborated to create the new vibe that is Lucy Pearl.

ments, but of what each individual had brought to their group and expanded upon to give them new life.

Lucy Pearl is a successful merger between music genres with a real

laid-back feeling.

So, once again, take Ya' girl Mi-Kay's advice and snatch up your own copy of 'Lucy Pearl' and dance all night!

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## JUDICIAL BOARD NEEDS LESSON IN PRECEDENTS AND MANNERS

The University Judicial Board rendered a decision in favor of Aaron Nicely last Thursday, citing "no preponderance of evidence." That decision is perhaps the most reckless verdict the judicial board has ever issued.

Failing to take note of their own precedent set only two

### Our Opinion

months before, in which they cited "unintentional acts of wrongdoing" in throwing out the Estrada victory, they decided that hearsay (in the form of Nicely's testimony) IS grounds for recalling an election. However, in the contesting of the Nicely victory they decided that documented violations of campaign regulations and the SGA constitution, regardless of their vagueness, are NOT.

This flies in the face of common sense and decency. In fact, the judicial board has done more to cloud this process than to adjudicate it. The question arises: Did the judicial

board know what it was doing?

There was a UJB member who admitted during the proceedings that he had never seen the SGA campaign regulations or the constitution prior to that meeting. How could he have possibly been able to make an informed decision?

In addition, there was another judicial board member who apparently thought it appropriate to doze off during the proceedings. Did he hear everything while assessing the case and making his decision?

If there were an appeals process, the George-Anne would urge the losing party to take advantage of it, but none exists.

So, in the end, the judicial board has questioned the reputation of an upstanding member of the student body on second hand evidence and continued the political career of another who has been seen by many as manipulating the process. The *George-Anne* sincerely hopes they are proud of their work.

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## Nicely has his second chance, but was it worth it?

Now that the dust has settled around the debacle that was this year's SGA elections, it appears the big winner was Aaron Nicely.

Or was he really?

Sure, he may have defied the odds and won a second term as our SGA president, but the price he will pay politically down the road will be immense.

Nicely, who won election last year

with approximately 67 percent of the vote, should have had it made in the shade last year. He had been elected by approximately 67% of total voters and 29 of the 34 senators were on his ticket. He should have been able to accomplish whatever he wanted.

Instead, the entire year appeared to have been wasted on infighting and personal missteps (i.e. - the city council election fiasco), while the students of GSU suffered. Decisions were made without student input (mass graduation, etc.) by GSU ad-

ministrators and the campus began to regard SGA as a joke.

He received lashing criticism from the George-Anne pointing out the fact that he hadn't accomplished much, and rightfully so. Beaten and bruised, Nicely decided not to run for reelection. A smart play, since there was no way that he would have been reelected, and he knew it.

Estrada was able to galvanize her campaign and defeat two other candidates in the first election by a substantial margin. Her campaign, composed of largely disaffected members of the Nicely administration as well as outsiders, coasted on a wave of anti-Aaron sentiment.

Yet, it would be learned later that members of her campaign had engaged in "unintentional acts of wrongdoing" according to the university judicial board, which called for a second election after hearing the prosecution's star witness, yep you guessed it, Aaron Nicely testify about the alleged acts.

So, now the focus became Estrada and her campaign's violations. People weren't talking about Aaron Nicely and his lack of success anymore. They wanted to know what

had happened to the bright star that was Joyce Estrada and how she could let her people engage in such dubious acts.

Nicely saw his opportunity.

Jumping into a crowded election field where Estrada was still the strongest candidate, Nicely knew that his political hopes rested on getting into a runoff. He was successful, finishing second in the six candidate field behind the strength of his campaign cash.

Then, during finals, Aaron made his push. He blanketed the campus with t-shirts and fliers, reminiscent of his first campaign a year ago, and squeaked out a 29 vote victory over Estrada. Unable to sweep his entire ticket into office, he would have to settle for 3 out of 5. In addition, a majority of the senators elected were affiliated with the Estrada ticket.

He successfully fought off the contesting filed by Robert Bryant and now stands to once again seize the reigns of power in SGA. But, there is something he should be aware of before he begins his redemption tour next year.

Nicely will be working with far less political capital than he did last

year. A hotly divided executive board will accompany him into office, as well as a hostile senate. Two very large problems he did not have to contend with last year, they are sure to make things infinitely more difficult for him next year. In addition, a skeptical George-Anne will be watching his every move. Not exactly the type of reception he had hoped for, but definitely one he deserves given his past record.

One must admit that Aaron has played his cards perfectly and exploited every advantage, as well as received a few lucky bounces, here in the past weeks during this election cycle. However, I'm willing to bet that next year won't be so rosy for him.

Nicely says he wants to reform the constitution and repair the problems with SGA next year, and he now has the chance. However, he's paid a heavy price, one that I find not worth bearing, in order to get it.

Maybe I'm wrong, but if you can't get the job done when everyone's on your side, how are you gonna do it when everyone's against you?

Guess we'll have to see won't we?

## Reality Check: I was wrong about Coach Hennon

There comes a time in every man's life when he must face the reality that he may have been wrong on an issue, when he must be willing to put aside

his pride and machismo and just admit his short-sidedness.

In doing so, however, one runs the risk of being

made to look like an imbecile. But these thoughts must be brushed aside as well, for the battle with one's own pride is an ever raging, horrifyingly cyclical process which, one hopes, can carry us into the beginning stages of manhood.

You are probably asking yourself at this very moment, "What the heck is he talking about?" Well, it is simply this: I am at just such a crossroads.

You will, no doubt, remember the column I wrote about the scandal that rocked the GSU baseball team early in the spring semester of this year. You will also recall that I suggested Coach Rodney Hennon resign his position, that the damage done to the GSU baseball program was too severe, the wound too deep, for him or the team to be successful.

I was wrong, VERY wrong, and in more ways than one.

Recently, Coach Hennon's alma mater, Western Carolina, came calling. They had arrived with a strong contingent of fans and a good group of young men who represented their school well, both on the field and off.

I was afforded the opportunity to meet and speak with several of our visitors. And, truth be known, I was impressed. I was impressed with the group of players who were proud to have once called Hennon

"coach." I was impressed with the fact that they were still going through the pain of having lost a coach, a mentor, and a friend. "It's just not the same," one player told me.

How does a man make an impact like this on his players' lives? How does a man create a feeling of oneness, a unity so strong, a tie that binds so strong a chainsaw can't cut it?

What kind of man does it take to accomplish this? A man of character. A man deeply rooted in a system of beliefs, an approach to the game and to life so rare that one can only stand by and watch in admiration.

As I wrote my last column on this issue, I also have played ball on the collegiate level and higher. When a man is reared in a certain environment, surrounded by men of the same mold as mentioned above, he can recognize these qualities and hope and aspire to be the same.

As I spoke to and to know these men, guys who were recruited by Hennon at Western Carolina, all of this became apparent to me . . . in a most embarrassing way. There, at that precise moment of enlightenment was where I came to the crossroads I find myself at today. And it has taken me this long, unfortunately, to say what I have to say.

Within me there rages a tempest: Do I speak the truth, thereby running the risk of appearing foolish, or do I keep silent and truly be the fool?

My decision is made. Yet, how do I say, "I may have been too quick to judge?" How do I say, "I was too harsh?" How do I say, "I am sorry?"

I am not exactly sure how to say these things sometimes. Pride is quite alive within me, unfortunately. No excuses, though. Just a reminder that no one is always right, especially me.

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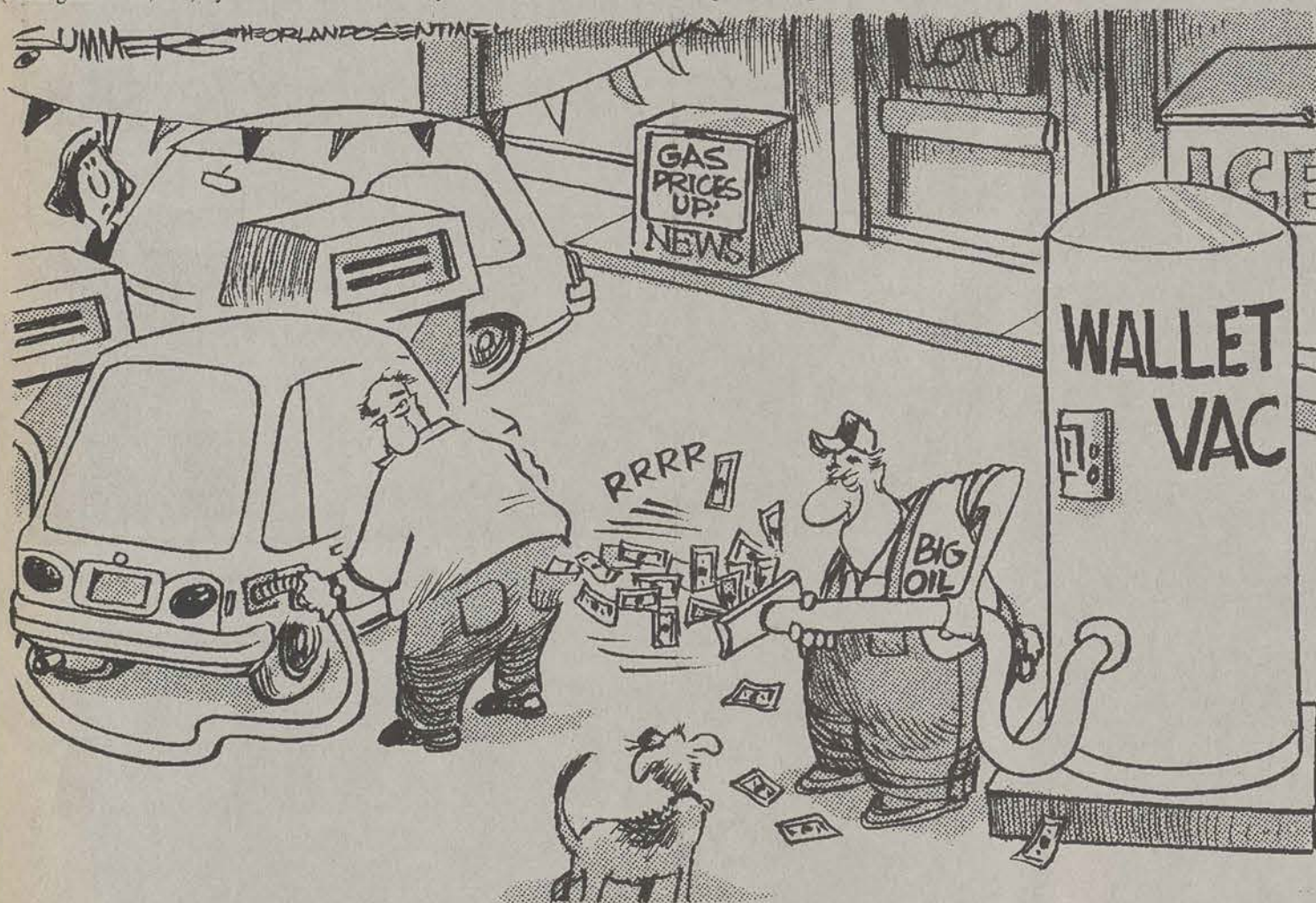
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## If women ruled the world, what would it be like?

Today as I find myself pondering among the myriad of topics to write this column about, I am reminded of a conversation I had with a male friend about what life would be like if a woman were president. As we try to weed out the "super corrupt" from the "super-duper corrupt" in this years presidential election, it

appears that all of the candidates look alike (navy blue suits), sound alike (lies, lies, lies), and probably even smell alike (don't want to know). There are about one hundred million ways that a female could stir up America for the better. In the interest of time

space, and sleep deprivation, today I offer four of them.

First, there would be no war. We female superpowers would sit down over cheesecake and strawberries, shop, and have a highly intellectual conversation about how unnecessary fighting is. Since we are so much more in touch with our emotions we'd cry a little, sing a lot, and eventually laugh at how funny it would be to live in a male-dominated society in which violence rules, and size is the only thing that matters. Peace would reign forever.

Second, the American family would be completely in tact. Our female leading lady would set the example by not allowing her hormones to dictate her actions and we would not waste tax payer money or time discussing "cigars", or ethically challenged "interns". Not only would she

provide daycare in the White House, but in both your workplace and mine. Mothers would not be penalized for balancing a career and family—instead they would get a raise just for having two X chromosomes!

Third, the restaurant industry would be completely revamped.

Madam President, in her State of the Union Address, would declare that only muscular men could serve as waiters. Supposedly, they are the stronger of the sexes, so it is only fitting that they use these natural abilities for the greater good of the society as a whole. This is what my management professor might call "specialization". Instead of "Hooters", we'd have "Pecks" or even "Buns." This would ensure that my fettucini alfredo would reach my table in excellent condition. Sexual harassment would be obsolete because, of course, men

enjoy being viewed as objects and not individuals with brains (i.e. Fabio).

Lastly, the United States would be a more beautiful place because, let's face it, some things just require a "woman's touch." The White House lawn would be featured in Better Homes and Gardens and America would benefit from that "maternal glow". We females usually outlive our male counterparts and would therefore, be able to make our positive impact last even longer.

Unfortunately, this dream, for now, is simply just a dream. Perhaps after four more years of an unstable economy, children killing children, homelessness, hopelessness and heartache, America will awaken from this horrible dream and begin to see life through the eyes of some truly phenomenal woman.



**MARNITE ZACHARY**







## John Laird resigns as golf coach at GSU

G-A News Service

John Laird, head coach of the Eagle golf program for the past three seasons, has announced his resignation effective June 30, according to a statement Tuesday from GSU athletics director Sam Baker.

"I want to thank Coach Laird for his tireless efforts to better our golf program here at GSU," Baker said. "He has done an outstanding job of building relations within the community and he leaves the program positioned to reap the benefits of his ef-

forts."

Laird spent three years as the head of the golf program, guiding the 1999-2000 Eagles to their best scoring average in eight seasons. Under Laird's leadership, the program produced a pair of All-Southern Conference selec-

tions, established three golf scholarships and coordinated the development of an on-campus short-game practice facility.

"I would just like to thank GSU and the Statesboro community for all the support that the golf program has re-

ceived," Laird said. "I'm extremely proud to have been a part of the return of the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational. The tournament means a great deal to the community and our program."

"I'm disappointed that I won't have an opportunity to

be involved with this group of players anymore. All but one player returns and I feel our three signees have the potential to step right in and compete."

Baker indicated a national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

## "Bubba" Gwynn signs national letter-of-intent to play golf at GSU

G-A News Service

GSU golf coach John Laird announced Friday, June 9, that William (Bubba) Gwynn III has signed a national letter-of-intent to attend GSU and join the Eagle golf program.

A former standout at Duluth (Ga.) High School, Gwynn played one season at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., before transferring to Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta. He will have two years of eligibility remaining. Gwynn is a former Atlanta

Junior Golf Association Mountain Golf Club with a Player-of-the-Year and 64.

**(BUBBA'S) MATURITY AND OVERALL TALENT SHOULD ADD TO THE COMPETITION FOR THE NUMBER ONE SPOT ON THE TEAM."**

**- JOHN LAIRD, GSU GOLF COACH**

former Gwinnett County champion. He holds the course record at Sapphire

"Bubba has the rare combination of being a long hitter with a really solid short

## Benedict, S.C. State cancel football game over confederate flag protest

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

South Carolina's Benedict College will not play a scheduled football game against South Carolina State and has moved its lucrative homecoming game as a protest over the Confederate flag.

The South Carolina State Bulldogs are opposed to moving the Sept. 2 game to Charlotte, N.C., as Benedict officials proposed.

That leaves the historically black colleges at an impasse that will halt the series again. They played last season for the first time since 1966.

The game drew 24,577 fans in Orangeburg, S.C., but those fans will be looking for something else

to do Sept. 2. The Tigers and Bulldogs are seeking new opponents to fill the vacancies on their schedules.

"We'd like to find another game, but it's kind of late for that," Benedict athletics director Willie Washington said. "We're looking into it, but we're not going to panic because we do have 10 games."

Benedict also has moved its Oct. 28 homecoming game against Elizabeth City State, a university in North Carolina, to Charlotte's Memorial Stadium. The Tigers' four remaining home games this season will be played in Columbia, S.C., at Bolden Stadium.

Benedict chose to take a stand on the S.C. State and homecoming games to support the NAACP's boycott of the state in protest of the Confederate flag. The boycott is targeted toward events that benefit tourism in South Carolina.

"Our stand as an institution is that we will honor the economic sanctions that are in place and we will not try to bring in major athletic activities," Washington said. "Homecoming is our largest crowd and you've got a large number of alumni returning. That's why homecoming has been moved."


The homecoming game generates about three times the revenue of Benedict's other home games,

so the school risks losing a big payday.

But Washington's hope is that the alumni will turn out for the game in Charlotte just as they would in Columbia.

"We still expect to make as much or more with the game in Charlotte," Washington said.

Last year's game drew a crowd of 24,577. S.C. State made \$166,000, and Benedict was paid \$23,500, the guaranteed amount in the schools' contract. The contract does not specify how much Benedict would have earned from this year's game, but Washington said revenues would have been split evenly.



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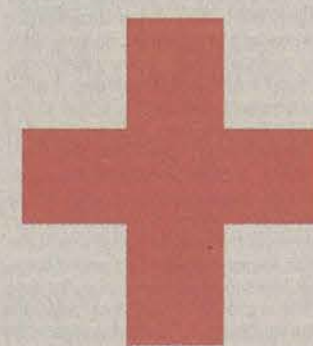
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