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SPORTS

Women's basketball wins 95-55

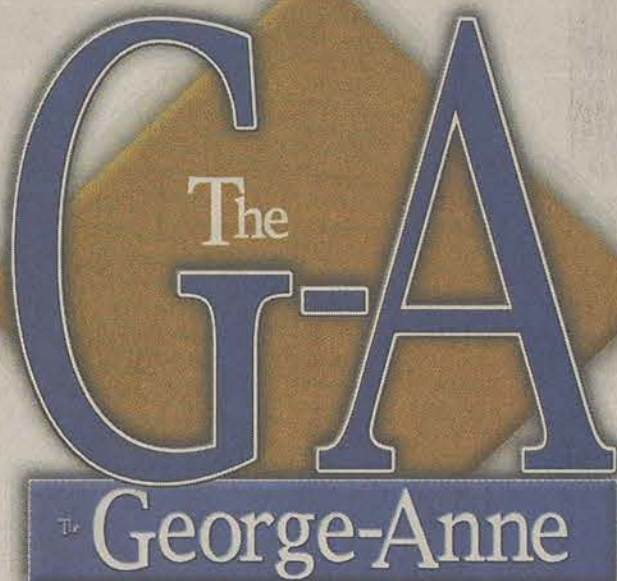
GSU women's basketball rocked Western Carolina yesterday in Hanner.

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LIFE

El Salvador Relief Concert held in Russell Union

Mandorico, a Latin based band performed in Russell Union to raise money for the less fortunate in El Salvador. More inside!

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Wednesday, February 14, 2001

President Bush visits Fort Stewart

By Meggan Kicklighter
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush spoke to the 3rd Infantry Division of the Army at Fort Stewart on Feb. 12. This was President Bush's first visit out of the White House since he took office.



Melanie Gibson

PRESIDENT BUSH VISITS FORT STEWART: In Bush's first official trip outside the White House after taking office, he visited Fort Stewart Monday and spoke to the Third Infantry Division of the Army.

After arriving at Hunter Army Airfield, the president was flown by helicopter to Cottrell Field where he spoke to soldiers, their families, distinguished guests and the general public.

President Bush was accompanied by Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

Bush began by ceremoniously walking the field to review the troops of the 3rd Infantry Division.

He then began his speech by asking for a moment of

silence for those still missing due to the recent incident involving the Navy sub U.S.S. Greeneville and a Japanese fishing boat.

He complimented the 3rd Infantry Division on being the most highly trained and highly mechanized unit in the army.

"Because of you, the march of freedom continues," he said.

Bush also expressed the importance of his rank of Commander in Chief.

"There is no greater duty or no higher honor than to serve as Commander in Chief," he said.

President Bush went on to speak about the current conditions of the Army and what he planned to do to improve them.

Bush said that America owes the military a decent quality of life, good equipment and a clear mission with clear goals. He said that mistreatment of the military was "ungrateful, unwise and unacceptable."

The soldiers cheered "Hooah!" in agreement when the president recognized the current hardships of the military.

"The Army here is over-deployed and under-paid," he said.

The President announced that his 2002 budget would allow for \$5.7 billion to improve the quality of life for the military.

He said that \$1.4 billion would be used to increase military pay, \$400 million would go to improving military housing and \$3.9 billion would be used to better military health benefits.

After the speech, the President shook hands with the public and proceeded to visit one of the maintenance shops on Fort Stewart, eat lunch with the troops at Discom Downing Facility and tour some of the barracks.

The soldiers at Fort Stewart expressed their excitement over the president's speech and his making Fort Stewart the first stop on a week-long tour of military bases.

"It raised morale especially since he made us the first stop," said Sergeant Gary Roemmich.

"It instilled a lot of pride [in us]," said Private First Class Timothy Horscher.

Sgt. Bryan Brown sat with the President at lunch. He said that President Bush was interested in talking to people and was down-to-earth.

"He was a very down-to-earth man, and he took a lot of time to talk to people," he said.

"It was awesome."

Pfc. Rachel Barr said that President Bush toured her barracks and agreed that housing for the military needed improvement.

"He (Bush) said that he didn't understand how we lived in bad conditions like we do," she said.

"Right now, three soldiers live in a room designed for two people."

Commanding General Walter Sharp gave a press



GREETING THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE ARMY: The President announced that his 2002 budget would allow for \$5.7 billion to improve the quality of life for the military.

conference in which he commented on what President Bush spoke about as well as the conditions of the military.

"What he (Bush) proposed in his budget is based on what we need," he said.

"This is the post that needs the most infrastructure improvements in the United States."

Sharp also said that he thought that the president chose Fort Stewart as his first stop because of the number of deploys from there and so that Bush could see good examples of the needs of the whole military.

The 3rd Infantry Division is made up of about 22,000 soldiers dispersed at Fort Benning, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

SGA moves closer to ratifying new constitution

By Jake Hallman
Staff Writer

After a near-disastrous start two weeks ago, the Student Government Association moved several steps closer to ratifying a new constitution for the body last Wednesday.

Though few senators took an active role in the proceedings, the Senate amended and ratified most of the constitution. Fireworks erupted over provisions of Article III of the document, which sets GPA requirements for senators.

Senator James Dixon proposed an amendment to set the GPA requirement to a student referendum to be held at the same time as SGA elections in March, but the amendment was summarily dismissed by SGA President Francys Johnson.

"This amendment will not be considered, since it is not germane to Article III," Johnson told the body.

"I don't see what the problem is here. Senator Dixon's compromise is a nice alternative to all the fussing and fighting we've been having," said Senator Matt Boone, head of the Constitutional Review

Committee. The SGA has been embroiled in a dispute for the past month over how high the GPA requirements should be.

Dixon appealed Johnson's decision, and after some verbal fencing the Senate overruled Johnson. During debate over the amendment, SGA Executive Vice President Robert Bryant left the meeting, apparently in frustration over the proceedings, to return as votes were being counted.

A revision of the amendment was introduced by Dixon and Senator John Bryson, which led to the passage of Article III by an overwhelming margin.

Senators seemed bored by many of the procedural details of ratification, with a steady trickle leaving the meeting early.

"People are talking too much. That's the problem," Bryant said.

"That could be the problem," Johnson replied, shortly before calling for a second vote on Article V after senators expressed confusion over the previous vote's wording. Johnson had to call for the Senate to come to order several times during the meeting due to senators' talking out of turn.

Also at Wednesday's meeting,

City Councilman Joe Brannen and City Clerk Judy McCorkle gave a presentation with facts about Statesboro and its growth.

"We appreciate you being here. If it wasn't for Georgia Southern, Statesboro would be a small agricultural town," Brannen said.

"The city of Statesboro wants to see that the services you need are provided. We also want to hear from you."

"They are here tonight as part of our efforts to foster closer ties with the city and the county. We're moving closer to our objective of cultivating those ties," Johnson said.

Lauren Koch, Ms. GSU 2001-2002, also addressed the Senate. "If I can help you guys with anything you want to get done, I'm definitely open to that. It's a very prestigious job, and I think I can get a lot done with it," she said before accepting an SGA resolution of congratulations.

In other Senate business, the body swore in a new senator and approved a \$500 fund request for the Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE).

GSU professor publishes chapter in new book

By Teresa D. Southern
Staff Writer

Edward W.L. Smith is a seven-year veteran at Georgia Southern University. He attended Grand View College and Drake University for his undergraduate studies. He attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky where he received his masters in General Experimental Psychology and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a minor in Philosophy. After graduate school, Smith received a part time position teaching at Georgia State University, which he left to have a full time independent practice of Psychotherapy in Atlanta.

Dr. Smith is a Board Certified Clinical Psychologist. While teaching at Georgia State, Smith decided that he wanted to go back to university teaching and at the same time a position was available here at G.S.U.

Classes that Dr. Smith teaches here at G.S.U. are Psychology of Adjustment, Psychology of Human Sexuality and Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology. The graduate classes he teaches are Foundations of Psychotherapy, Personality Assessment, and Clinical Seminar.

"For the past couple of years I have been interested in the qualities of the person that allow him or her to be an effective psychotherapist. In review of literature, I've found that research indicates that only less than 15 percent of the variants in psychotherapy outcome can be accounted for by the technique or method used, so the major factor in therapy

seems to be the person doing it," Smith said.

This is the basis of a chapter he published in "Personhood of the Therapist," one of several books he has written chapters in.

"This is a theoretical chapter. I have another chapter in the book which is under review," Smith said.

Dr. Smith is also the author of six books which include "The Growing Edge of Gestalt Therapy", "The Body in Psychotherapy", "Sexual Aliveness A Reichian Gestalt Perspective", "Not Just Pumping Iron", "Gestalt Voices" and "Touch in Psychotherapy". He is also the author of 18 chapters in various books and of about 80 professional articles.

Dr. Smith has held over 160 workshops. The workshops were held throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has

also held workshops in the Caribbean, Denmark, England, Germany, and Ireland. Most of these workshops are for Continuing Education for Physiotherapists.



DR. EDWARD SMITH: In his seventh year at GSU, Edward Smith has published several articles and books, including "The Growing Edge of Gestalt Therapy."

Dr. Edward Smith is just one example of the many teachers here at Georgia Southern that are involved in a variety of areas outside the university.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU February 20

- Question and Answer session on Financial Aid will be held in room 2084 of the Russell Union from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- The GSU College Republicans will be holding an open meeting beginning at 5 p.m. in room 2048 of the Russell Union. Contact John P. Jones at 486-3113 for more information

February 21

- Question and Answer session on Financial Aid will be held in room 2084 of the Russell Union from 2 to 3 p.m.

Ongoing

- GSU's NAACP meets every Monday in Russell Union room 2080 at 6 p.m.
- Academic Resource Center will be offering free tutoring in the Library Ground

Floor, room 1001 in the following courses: English, Biology, Sociology, Math, Algebra, Probability, Physics and Chemistry. Call 681-0321 for more information.

- The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Support Group for students, staff and faculty meets in Rm 2072 of the Russell Union on Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. For more information call 681-5409

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Fortune found in Atlanta house by firefighters

Associated Press

ATLANTA —Three Atlanta firefighters were looking for bodies when they sifted through the ashes of a burned-out house in the city's West End neighborhood.

They didn't find any bodies. Instead, they found a fortune—thick stacks of cash in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

They filled a bucket with bundles of wet bills, some with the edges charred or burned. Some money was destroyed. When they filled the bucket, they began stacking the money on a desk.

Capt. Gerry Rusinski, firemen Ken Hutchinson and Dennis Smith had something to think about when the total reached about \$220,000.

"It was tempting, but it wasn't ours," Rusinski said. "We'd have had to hide it in the attic just like that old man."

By the time they finished dig-

ging through the ashes, they found about \$660,000 in cash.

The man who lived in the house, Robert Elmo Sharpton, had died of a heart attack on April 4 at age 74, exactly eight months before the fire.

It turned out the cash that had been stashed in the attic was just a small portion of Sharpton's wealth. His bank accounts and stock portfolio is worth about \$6.7 million, according to probate court records.

He also owned numerous rental properties in Atlanta.

Sharpton left no will. He was never married and had no children, according to court records. A judge ruled that his girlfriend, Eloise Bolan, 78, was Sharpton's common-law wife and declared her the legal heir. She would not talk with the news media.

Thieves broke into Sharpton's house after his death. They took socks, cement flower pots and a

Buck knife. The never touched the fortune that was right above their heads in the attic.

Sharpton was a frugal man who never drove a new car and took vacations anywhere discount bus tickets on Greyhound would take him, according to his cousin, Oliver J. Jett Jr.

"He just wanted to make it, he didn't care about spending it," Jett said.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, Sharpton returned to Atlanta and worked at a furniture store. Then he bought some juke boxes and put them in beer joints around town.

After that, he owned a sewing shop and later opened a motorcycle dealership. He concentrated on real estate, buying houses cheap in foreclosure auctions, renting them out and eventually selling them.

"He did all the plumbing work, all the electrical work, all the maintenance work," Jett said.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety February 9

- Cecil Patterson reported someone entered his vehicle in the Hendricks Hall Parking lot and took a CD player and approximately 115 CD's.

- Zeream Walden reported a Wachovia check card and several checks were taken from his room in Kennedy Hall.

February 10

- Heber E. Tucker, Jr., 20, Players Club #170, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction.

- LaMarvin Love reported someone damaged the left side of his vehicle with a sharp object in the Forest Drive commuter lot.

- Corey Middlebrooks reported a grill, a textbook and a calculator was missing from his room in Kennedy Hall.

February 12

- Juan Antonio Campos, 18, Oxford, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

Statesboro Police Department February 12

- Natasha Hamilton, 20, Marietta, Ga.

reported a civil dispute.

February 13

- Amanda McGomery, 25, Willow Bend #30 reported an unwanted person.

CORRECTION: Jonathon Perry reported a robbery; he was not arrested for burglary.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the Georgia News Brief 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 at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

Spacecraft lands on asteroid 196 million miles away from the earth

TMS Campus

LAUREL, Md. —Defying tremendous odds, scientists Monday landed a spacecraft without legs on the surface of an asteroid 196 million miles from Earth and got it to send a beacon home.

The spacecraft took close-up pictures of the boulder-strewn surface of Eros 433 as it floated gently down.

Cheers rose from the hundreds of people gathered at the site of mission control, the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, when the radio beacon got through.

"This is the first time a spacecraft has landed on a small body," said Robert Farquhar, the mission director.

It was also the first deep space mission to be operated by a center outside NASA.

The space agency earlier had estimated the odds of a successful touchdown at less than 1 percent, considering that the spacecraft, the size of a car, was never intended to land on anything.

But the craft, called NEAR Shoemaker, had been in orbit around Eros for a year. It was nearly out of fuel and had completed its mission to photograph the asteroid, 60,000 images already had been beamed to Earth, and collect data on its composition. It was destined to fall into the asteroid or be ejected into space.

Farquhar and his colleagues decided they had nothing to lose by

attempting a landing. And they had much to gain, mainly images the craft would take on the way down, whether or not it survived the landing.

Indeed, during the final descent, NEAR beamed back photographs showing rocks the size of a fist and ridges just inches across. Farquhar said he believed the craft was perhaps 400 feet above the surface when the closest shots were taken.

Scientists are interested in studying asteroids like Eros because they are so old. They represent the original materials from which planets formed and therefore hold clues to the origin of the solar system, when these space rocks, along with gas and dust, were being swept up to form planets. Data taken from orbit confirm that Eros is made from pristine interplanetary dust agglomerated into rock.

Eros also happens to orbit far closer to Earth than bodies in the Asteroid Belt between Mars and Jupiter. In fact, with its elliptical path around the Sun passing in and out of Mars' orbit and close to Earth's, scientists have calculated that it has the potential to collide with Earth in 1.5 million years or so.

The potato-shaped asteroid is only 21 miles long and 8 miles wide. The gravity there is about one-thousandth that of Earth's, meaning that if you can jump one foot into the air at home, you could loft yourself 1,000 feet on Eros.

Monday's 3:02 p.m. touchdown followed a series of engine burns designed to slow the spacecraft to less than 7 mph. Tension grew in the control room during the final minutes, as NEAR continued to beam back ever finer-scale pictures of the surface.

"Now we're looking at a scene the size of a football field," said Farquhar as the craft descended. "That rock's the size of a suburban house."

Farquhar and other scientists had transmitted the landing instructions to the craft the day before, so Monday they simply watched and waited and commented on the surprising features of the surface.

"It's very flat, with ghost remains of craters," said Joseph Veverka, a planetary geologist from Cornell University who was in the control room. "It's an amazing sight."

The surface of Eros looks much like the moon, except that on small scales, it has more boulders and fewer craters. Scientists aren't sure why.

At the time of the landing, the scientists lost contact with the craft and then regained it, guessing that perhaps it bounced a few hundred feet above the surface before settling back down.

But moments later they received the radio beacon.

This Week's Weather



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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Washington Man sells soul to eBay

Associated Press

SEATTLE—A young man's soul brought \$400 on the Internet auction site eBay.

The bidding began at 5 cents Feb. 1 and concluded at 4:36 p.m. Thursday on the listing "20 yr-old Seattle boy's SOUL, hardly used," offered by Adam Burtle, a University of Washington student and part-time automotive technician from Woodinville, a tiny suburb northeast of the city.

For the auction listing, he displayed a picture of himself wearing an "I'm with stupid" T-shirt.

"Please realize, I make no warranties as to the condition of the soul. As of now, it is near mint condition, with only minor scratches," he wrote. "Due to difficulties involved with removing my soul, the winning bidder will either have to settle for a night of yummy Thai food and cool indie flicks, or wait until my natural death."

The bidding only took off in the last hour, when the price shot from \$56 to \$400.

Burtle, an atheist, said a former girlfriend bid \$6.66.

"I was happy to be past \$7.50," he said.

Don't look for a similar offer anytime soon, at least on eBay, which has 22 million users and 6 million items up for bid at any given time. The listing was removed and Burtle has been suspended from the site.

In the past, eBay has blocked auctions for souls before they ended, but Burtle's slipped through the cracks, said Kevin Pursglove, a spokesman for the San Jose, Calif.-based company.

The buyer was identified only as a woman from Des Moines, Iowa, with an eBay feedback rating of zero, meaning she has no track record with other users of the Web

site.

"I don't think she's going to be able to collect on my soul, to be honest," Burtle said.

He said he never intended the ad to be taken seriously.

"I was just bored, and I'm a geek," Burtle said. "So anytime I'm bored, I go back to my Internet."

2 Delaware

Lethal injections for sale on Internet

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. - A machine used to administer lethal injections is being offered for sale on an Internet auction site by a collector of capital punishment items.

Arthur Rosenblatt said he bought the machine after its manufacturer and the state of Delaware squabbled over a \$5,000 repair bill two years ago and the manufacturer ended up keeping the machine.

The 70-pound device, the size of two adjoining milk crates, controlled the flow of three chemicals during lethal injections for seven years. Delaware has a new death chamber at its maximum security prison in Smyrna, and a different system for administering the deadly chemicals.

Rosenblatt won't say how much he paid for the machine, but said he had received bids of up to \$7,100 by Tuesday. The 28-year-old writer said he would accept bids through Friday.

The collector said he decided to sell the device to make room for other items he owns.

"I have so many other pieces here," Rosenblatt said. "It's just time to make room for more."

Other items in the collection include the original electric chair used in Tennessee, and a postcard



written by Lee Harvey Oswald, the suspected assassin of President John F. Kennedy, to Oswald's mother.

Rosenblatt said he is an opponent of capital punishment, but defended the sale of device.

"I don't feel I'm selling death on the Internet," Rosenblatt said. "I sell perspective."

Kevin Pursglove, a spokesman for the Internet auction site eBay.com, on which the machine is being sold, said the company has not received any complaints about the sale.

The state does not have a record of how much was paid for the machine, said Beth Welch, spokeswoman for the state Department of Correction.

State policy restricts officials from discussing details of what chemicals are used and how.

The Nov. 17 execution of convicted murderer Dwayne Weeks made him the 10th person to die by lethal injection in Delaware since the state renewed its capital punishment statute with the March 14, 1992 execution of convicted serial killer Steven Pennell.

One inmate, Billy Bailey, chose to die by hanging in 1996. Delaware Death Row inmates are no longer given the choice of death by hanging.

3 Ohio

Heifer on the loose since September

Associated Press

HILLIARD, Ohio - The last cow from a herd of 115 that escaped from a fairgrounds rodeo in September is still on the lam after eluding her captors for more than four months.

The heifer was one of a group of cattle at the Ohio Cutting Horse Association rodeo that busted out of a pen Sept. 23 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in the Columbus suburb of Hilliard.

The cows wandered through downtown before gathering around a railroad track where a speeding freight train killed 67 of them. Most of the surviving animals were rounded up by rodeo cowboys within days, but four or five remained at large.

The police department has been averaging one or two cattle sightings a day for months, said Lt. Bob Parkey. Some volunteer cowboys, coordinated by the association, have followed up on the sightings with police backup.

"I thought it would take a week," Parkey said. "But never in my wildest dreams did I think in February that we would be looking for cattle on the loose."

Seeing-eye horses are being trained for the blind

Associated Press

ELLSWORTH, Maine - You've heard of seeing-eye dogs. How about a seeing-eye horse?

An Ellsworth man with a degenerative eye disease is about to become the owner of a 2-foot-high horse named Cuddles that will serve as his guide.

"I know she'll be part of the family," said Dan Shaw, who plans to fly to North Carolina on March 6 to meet Cuddles. Shaw has been carrying a photo of Cuddles in his wallet so he can show her off to friends and relatives.

The pygmy horse is being trained on a ranch by Don and Janet Burleson, the couple who founded the Guide Horse Foundation.

Shaw, 44, denied his blindness for years and tried to hide his condition from family members. But he began to come to

grips with his blindness after instances of tripping over things and bumping into other people.

"I think the hardest part was when I knocked down little children. I didn't even see them," said Shaw.

With his vision down to 1 percent, his wife nearly persuaded him to get a seeing-eye dog, but he balked, saying that he could not bear the idea of losing an animal he would have grown to love when it dies.

A television episode about the Burlesons' training program on "Ripley's Believe It or Not" changed Shaw's mind about getting a guide animal. Hearing that the horses can live 40 years, Shaw knew he had found the option he had been awaiting.

"It's like a dream come true," Shaw said. "I feel like I've been blessed."

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THE CAVALIER

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Opinions

The oldest continuously published newspaper in Bulloch County Page 4—Wednesday, February 14, 2001

Liked By Many,
Cussed By Some...
Read By Them All

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ANNOUNCES THE NEW WINGS WEB SITE FOR STUDENTS

Web registration, better known as WINGS (Web Interactive Network for Georgia Southern,) is finally here at Georgia Southern. Our school, all be it many years behind other schools, has introduced this "new" technology to students. "New" technology that was supposed to be installed and in

Our Opinion

use last semester. Now that it is finally here, WINGS begins its registration debut for Summer Semester.

Our suggestion, take advantage of it. Once again it is one of those things that you are already paying for. Who wants to wait in line at the Williams Center to register? Who wants to stand in that horrible Drop/Add line? No one, that's what we thought.

This program, while allowing you to register for classes

and change them, also has other capabilities. Your grades can be accessed, you can get another copy of your schedule (cause we all lose it before the new semester comes around), and the list goes on and on. This program gives you your school information at the click of a few buttons, without having to bother with going up onto campus and figure out which building to go to on Sweetheart Circle.

WINGS, a great step to the future, will enhance the school's appeal to new students. Bringing more students to GSU will allow the university to grow physically and financially. Can you see the pattern?

With the new Information Technology building to come shortly, the university really needs to show that it is capable of keeping up with the new technological advancements of the "information age." WINGS may be the first stepping stone to achieve that goal.

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Alabama in trouble... so what's new?



RANDY DOBSON
I was watching television the other night, ESPN to be exact, and they were talking about college football...Alabama to be more precise. Hmmm, I thought, let's hear what they have to say.

Well, even though I came in the middle of the story, it was readily apparent by the looks of grave consternation on the faces of the anchors and reporters that the news was not good...as if it ever it where 'BAMA is concerned-ha (please refer to my previous column, "Crazy in Alabama").

At any rate, as it turns out, it is alleged that some boosters paid a sum of \$200,000 to a current tide freshman's former high school assistant coach, just to convince the kid to go to Alabama. "No comment," is all the coach, as he arrived at the high school IN HIS FORD EXCURSION, coupled with his Mr. T starter kit.

First of all, folks, this thing appears to be extremely serious. I mean, hell, the friggin' FBI is involved already. And the story just broke 2 weeks ago! Not only is the NCAA, the United States' version of the KGB, involved, but the FEDS, G-Men.

Not surprising, really. But what it shows me is that this is very serious. No, all you 'BAMA fans, this is not something like the Bill Curry scandal; you can't just sweep this under your carpet! This is for real.

You see, life is a highway, and each exit along that highway represents a decision. Only, some of the exits are clearly lit and well marked, and some are also clearly lit, but also have "caution" signs placed in front of them. Ev-

erybody has to pass by his share of exits, no matter how long the journey. But then again, most of us pay attention to directions and easily find our way home.

And on the 8th day, God created Alabama...and said (*%&\$#^%)!!

You know, I do feel sorry for the players at Alabama, for it is not their fault that the vast majority of Alabama alumni and boosters are arrogant enough to think that they actually *did* create the universe. It's not their fault that the founding fathers of the university didn't know that the G.O.P. had already claimed that particular mascot. But hey, at least Adam made his mistake because of a woman.

No, there isn't any way 'BAMA can squeeze out of this wet paper sack, and they can probably blame us in Georgia. Remember the song by Charlie Daniels, "The devil went down to Georgia, lookin' for a soul to steal. He was in a bind, 'cause he was way behind; he was willin' to make a deal"? Well, unfortunately for them, as I recall, "...The devil bowed his head because he knew that he'd been beat. And he laid that golden fiddle on the ground at Johnny's feet. Johnny said, Devil just come on back, if you ever wanna try again, I done told you once, you son-of-a-gun, Alabama's where you shoulda went!"

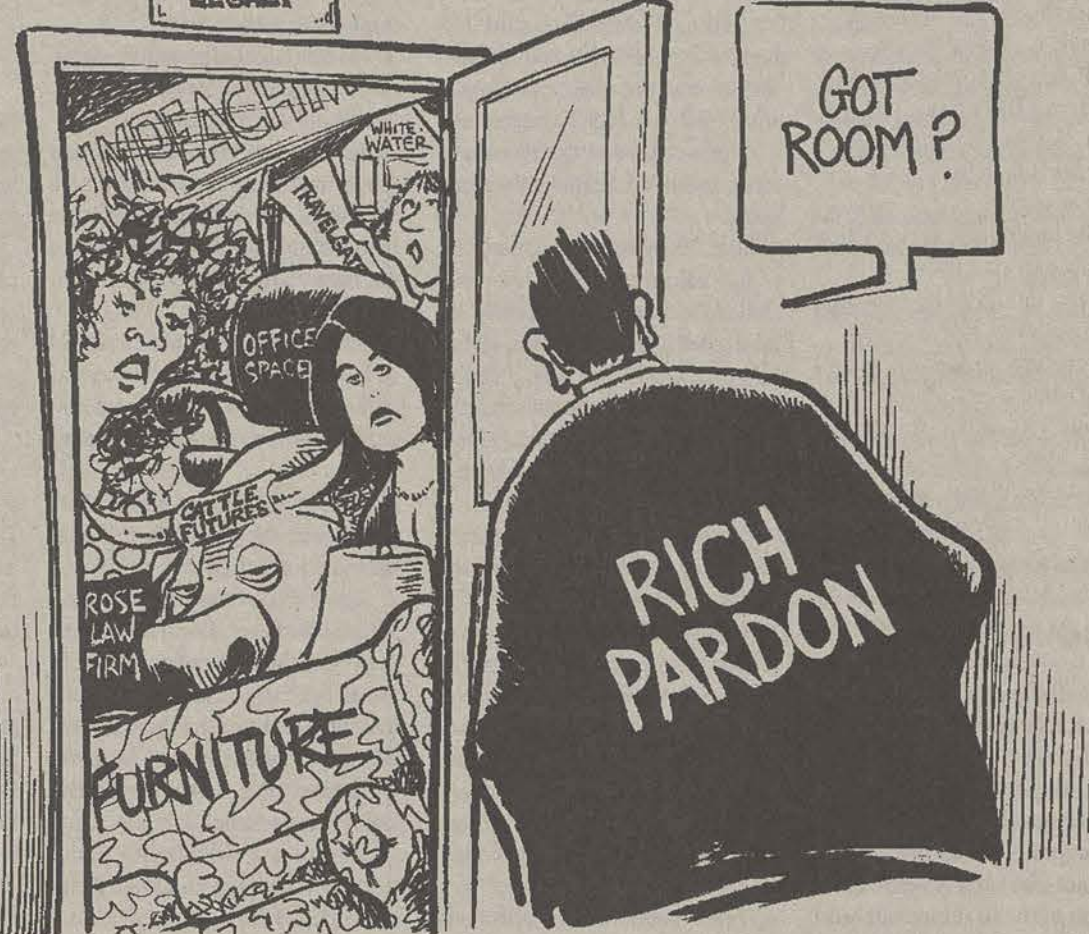
Yep, folks, it's true. Alabama's definitely in a heap of (*%&\$#^%) this time around. And, unlike the six prisoners that recently escaped from one of their prisons, the TIDE will get caught...and they will get the Death Penalty.

Hmm. I always said I am a firm believer in our system of justice. Let's hope it actually works this time around.

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Jake's second stripper story



JAKE HALLMAN

I fronted a band for a while. We weren't all that great, the incredible skill of some of its members notwithstanding, but we at least managed to marry off two trumpet players and send another one into rehab.

One of our favorite places to gig (still my favorite to hang out at) was the Velvet Elvis in Savannah. One night, as we were all trying to keep up with our drummer, a striking brunette walked in and started shaking her groove thing directly in front of the stage.

She was wearing what appeared to be a men's red handkerchief tied in the back, covering just enough that I could pretend to care about her as a human being. Our mellophone player was soloing away, quoting Mozart like a madman, so I turned to the drummer.

"Oh, my God," he mouthed, taking a second to point a drumstick in her general direction.

"I saw her first," I yelled at him, covering the mike so the whole world

wouldn't know of my carnal plans.

Live music fans, take note: as a frontman, I learned that no matter how dumb you act on stage, no matter how talentless you are, the crowd will love you. They don't care about your skill. They don't care about your sex appeal. All they know is that you're up on stage, and they're not. It's a great ego boost, and can lead to all kinds of nastiness. In short, don't believe the hype—the guys in the band are just like you, except that they can't find a real job.

She's mine, I thought, as we hit a set break. I hopped down from the stage and made a beeline to her barstool.

"Saw you dancing up there. What's your name?" Oh yeah, I'm smooth... "Casey."

"So, Casey, what brings you out tonight?" I asked, hoping her answer would be "I need lots of good sex and heard you'd be here." It wasn't.

We talked for a while. She told me she was a dancer at a club in Atlanta (yeah, that kind of dancer) on the weekends, but lived down here. She was legally divorced from her parents, and had just broken up with her fiancée.

Family problems and relationship

problems, I thought. Easy pickin's.

In the meantime, the drummer and bass player were huddled in the corner watching me, wishing they could sing.

Then she made the red-flag statement. "Guess how old I am!"

-POP!- Didja hear that? It was the thought balloon of erotic fantasies above my head going bye-bye.

23? No. 20? Uh-uh. 18? Naaah. She was 16 years old. In a bar. On Congress Street.

And I was thinking of sleeping with her.

"Tell ya what. I'm just flying wingman for the drummer...He saw you up there and *really* thinks you're hot," I backpedaled. Hell, he'd dated a 15-year-old in his early collegiate days, the horny li'l devil.

I motioned to him, and took my leave. Turns out he had much the same conversation, passing her off to our bassist.

The bass player (a.k.a. Mr. Christian, virgin, ne'er-do-wrong, shall not sully his body for it is a temple) went home with her, skipping equipment loading to leave immediately after we finished our last set. To hear him tell the story, nothing happened. He went home, talked to her about God, and took notice of the myriad types of condoms she had pinned up on her bedroom walls.

Lyin' bastard.

We figured that was the end of it, until she showed up at another Velvies show while we were setting up. She'd brought a small photo album.

"Hey, Jake! Take a look at my new modeling portfolio!" She handed it to

me, and I opened it, figuring it'd contain some glamour-type shots in black and white. It started with a couple of those, then came the swimsuit photos. Then the smaller swimsuit photos. Then the *no* swimsuit photos.

I felt dirty. I handed it back. "What do you think?" She was perky, not realizing that the pictures she held in her hand sealed the doom of any future political career she might be planning. Hell, looking at them probably did the same for my aspirations.

"Err, they're, uh, nice. Don't you work on the weekends? What are you doing down here?" I'd secretly put my foot down on scheduling middle-of-the-week shows after the first encounter with her. We didn't need the publicity of a bassist arrested for statutory.

"I got a job down here!" Great. She's out of the exotic field, probably picking up tips at Denny's.

"At Classy Cat's!" she added.

I excused myself and looked very busy trying to figure out the intricacies of a microphone stand for the next half-hour.

Sixteen, and a stripper. What sends a girl who should be in high school into a situation like that? She seemed happy. I don't know if she was—again, my courage failed me. I didn't want to get to know her. I didn't want to sympathize with her pain. I didn't want to try and help, if I even could have.

Why? Too much risk. Besides, she's 16.

And a stripper.

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Napster to discontinue music trade

Associated Press

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In what company officials are saying could be a fatal blow, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered music-swapping service Napster to discontinue facilitating the trade of copyrighted music.

The three-judge panel ruled that Napster must prevent its more than 53 million members from accessing and trading copyrighted music, and in its ruling said that the company may be liable for "vicarious copyright infringement."

"Napster, by its conduct, knowingly encourages and assists the infringement of plaintiffs' copyrights," read part of the 58-page ruling.

Additionally, the court ruled that District Court Judge Marilyn Patel would need a July injunction, in which she ordered the service to cease operation. The court ruled that the injunction should apply only to the



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newspapers quoted Mori as saying. "The United States claims rescue was difficult because of high waves, but that explanation does not satisfy us."

According to the Coast Guard, seas were running 3 to 4 feet at the time, fairly calm for that reach of the Pacific. The survivors were rescued by a 41-foot Coast Guard utility boat and a smaller Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat, both dispatched from the Coast Guard station at Honolulu some 20 miles away.

Addressing American troops at Ft. Stewart, Ga., Monday, President Bush called for a moment of prayer for "those missing, their families and our friends, the people of Japan."

The wreckage of the Ehime Maru lies about 1,800 feet below the surface, well within the Navy's search and recovery capabilities.

In 1995, the Navy retrieved from 3,700 feet deep the remains of the F-14 Tomcat flown by Lt. Kara Hultgreen, its first female carrier combat fighter pilot, after she was killed in a crash during landing.

Three crewmembers, two school teachers and four teenage boys were missing from the Ehime Maru. As vocational students, the boys were aboard to examine the life of fishermen.

The Pentagon and National Transportation Safety Board have launched a full-scale investigation of the accident.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle, the Greeneville's captain, was relieved of command and reassigned to shore duties. The submarine has returned to port in Pearl Harbor.

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Lady Eagles win first game of double header

By Natalie Duke
Staff Writer

The Eagles won the first game of a double header against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on Saturday. The Yellow Jackets had an overall record of 25-33 while the Eagles were 30-38. Georgia Tech landed fifth place in the (ACC) Atlantic Coast Conference with a 2-6 mark, claiming their only wins against eventual ACC champion Florida State. Georgia Tech and Florida State are two of the only teams from the ACC that are on the Eagle's schedule this season. The first game began at 1pm on Eagle Field and ended five innings later due to the eight run rule. The Eagles won the first game with a score of 9-1, but lost the second game 2-1 to Georgia Tech.

In the first inning right fielder Meghan Correia hit a grand slam to knock four runners in. Meghan had a batting average of .300 and has been at bat ten times since the start of the season. "We had a

promise, and we stepped up to that promise," said Meghan. At the top of the second the bases were loaded for Georgia Tech, but came to a swift halt when Stacie Cooper made a double play for the last two outs. In the top of the third Lacey Kammerer stopped possible singles by catching the grounders sent to the rubber. The Yellow Jackets did not score their first run until the top of the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth Georgia Tech's second baseman Susanne Miller, a senior from Colorado, robbed Cooper of a possible line drive. The Eagles had a total of seven hits in the game, while the Yellow Jackets had only five. The fifth inning ended the game early with a final score of 9-1 Eagles.

The second game began at 2:40 pm. Janice Savage started as pitcher for the first inning. Kelly Blazi made a stop to save a single from turning into a double. The bottom of the first inning ended with two people left on

base. No errors were made by Georgia Southern in the first. The top of the second started off with a catch from leftfielder Tabitha Robinson, a freshman from Morrow, GA, followed by another catch from the center fielder Julie Peel, a sophomore from Dublin, GA. Georgia Tech barely got to steal a base before Janice Savage made the last out. She came back to score the first RBI in the bottom of the second when she knocked Correia home after singling. Savage successfully stole second base, but the inning ended shortly after. The next run was not scored until the top of the fourth when Georgia Tech had two on base and Kori Jacobson tripled to bring in two runs. Suzanne Pansulla got on base in the bottom of the fourth, but was called out after the Jackets made a double play. In the bottom of the fifth Meghan Correia walked on to first. Julie Peel then advanced her to second base. Stacie Cooper was again robbed of a possible hit

when she fouled a hit all the way to the fence in right field, but the ball was just an inch short of being fair. She got a hit to advance Meghan to third, however was caught stealing. Ryan Harper made an excellent catch on an infield fly followed by a catch from Correia to end the inning. No more runs were scored in the game making the final score 2-1. Georgia Southern did not have any errors in the second game.

"We played really well defensively and it was a disappointing second loss, but we are improving every ball game. We would have liked to have had both games despite the mental let up. We have the capability to beat Georgia Tech," said Coach Kirkland.

Georgia Southern will face the Yellow Jackets again at their home field in Atlanta on April 4th. Their next game is at Georgia State in Atlanta on Tuesday, February 13th at 1pm.



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FIRST WIN: The Lady Eagles won their first match on Saturday against the ladies of Georgia Tech and lost in the second game.

Eagles prepare for competition against VMI

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

A game after tying the GSU Division I record for assists, point guard Sean Peterson showed that he is able to help his team win in other ways leading the Eagles with 21 points along with six assists in their 78-73 road victory over the Virginia Military Institute Monday night.

Peterson, seven-of-twelve from the field, and freshman forward Marcus Byams helped spark a unenthusiastic Eagle team early on. VMI started the game by scoring the first 11 points and ended the run on a Richard Bruce jumper just 3:53 into the contest. GSU would not score their first basket until 14:27 in the first half. The Keydets led 17-6 when Bruce scored another basket at 11:01, but the Eagles, using effective full court pressure, converted VMI turnovers into points and outscored the Keydets 44-23 over the last 11 minutes of the half.

Once GSU got things turned around, the Eagles controlled the rest of the first half taking a 47-40 half-time lead. Freshman Marcus Byams contributed a career high eight points, including the tying bucket with 7:40 left in the first half that brought GSU all the way back from its early hole to knot the game at 23-23.

After sitting out last season as a red-shirt, Byams started out the 2000-01 campaign on the bench. But with the season-ending injury to forward Wayne Wooley, Byams and Edward Keith are now Price's first big men off the bench.

"I think that Marcus has done a great job," said GSU head coach Jeff Price to *The George-Anne* two weeks ago. "You never know until you get a chance to play. He surprised us and probably himself the way he's playing in his first year in college basketball. He's coming in and our mentality at first was 'Just don't hurt us' but he's doing more than

that, he's helping us win games."

The second half would see GSU go inside as Kashien Latham would eventually post his ninth double-double of the season, scoring 17 points and pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds. "Our team is as good and consistent as he is," Price said of the 6'8" junior from Hinesville.

VMI would hang around in the second half and actually tie the game on a Mike Gilbert jumper with 8:09 left to make it 57-57, but the Eagles answered with a Todd Shipley 3-pointer and a Peterson layup to reclaim the lead for good. Shipley hit for 12 in the game while the Eagles' leading scorer Julius Jenkins would score 14.

GSU improved to 11-13 overall and 7-6 in the league while VMI dropped to 7-16, 4-9. The Eagles will next play UNC-Greensboro on Saturday on a regionally televised game on Fox Sports Net South.

Lady Eagles wipe out WCU 95-55

By Dennis Hightower
WVGS Sports

The Lady Eagles are on an eight game winning streak, after shooting 49.3% from the field (40% from the three-point line) to give GSU (18-6 overall, 12-3 SoCon) a 95-55 massacre over the Western Carolina Lady Catamounts. 593 electrifying fans saw every Lady Eagle score. Danna Simpson led the way with 20 points and six rebounds. The 5'8" junior from Nashville, Tennessee help smack the Catamounts. Sarah McCary and Amy Krach added 10 points.

GSU showed aggressiveness early as they committed more steals (7-1) and fewer turnovers (8-1) in the first five minutes. Players such as Tiffany Lanier, Lauren Langley, and Shawnica Hill showed the hustle and desire to go for the steal or a rebound. WCU (10-14, 4-11) converted one of five from the three-point line in the first half. The Lady Eagles converted three of the six three-pointers GSU had in the half.

The second half was basically the same as the first half as Western did not control the basketball. They committed 25 turnovers (14 in the second half). GSU committed a season low 14 turnovers. "I'm so proud of this team. This was a team effort. Tiffany (Lanier) certainly

set the tone for this team, but don't estimate what Danna is doing out there. Aside from 20 points, she did a tremendous job defensively," GSU Coach Rusty Cram said.

With Chattanooga's win over North Carolina-Greensboro, GSU is one game behind both of them for

first place. GSU plays UNCG on Saturday. The tip is at 3:30pm and will be nationally televised on Fox Sports Net. They close out the regular season with home games against Furman and Davidson. GSU can reach 20 wins for the first time in four years.



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KEEP ON WINNING: The Lady Eagles are getting closer and closer to a 20-win season which would be the first in four years. The ladies have two more games in their regular season against Furman and Davidson. Please come out and support the Winning Lady Eagles!!

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Peterson performs above Eagle's expectations

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

Sean Peterson took one more look at GSU assistant coach Tom Spencer before deciding that he wasn't being joked on. "One more assist," Coach Spencer said after the Eagle's victory over East Tennessee State last Saturday. Peterson shook his head, this time knowing that the trio of assistant coaches grouped at midcourt weren't pulling his leg.

"One assist short," Spencer said again as Peterson pulled away from the group and walked over to press row to be interviewed. "Maybe next game."

16 assists. That's a lot of good passes in one night, even for the Southern Conference leader. One more and the first-year GSU player would have had the program's Division I record. Peterson, the highly touted junior-college transfer that has turned the GSU offense into the

most explosive in the league, knows that 16 assists in a single game is outrageous. But that doesn't mean that the 6'1" point guard won't take Coach Spencer's encouragement and try to make it happen.

Tying Reggie Watson's 16-year record isn't the only impact the Mount Dora, Florida native is having on the Eagle basketball program.

With Peterson's inclusion in the Eagle starting lineup, GSU has become the highest scoring team in the conference at 76.4 points per game. After getting just under seven points per outing last season from the guard spot opposite Julius Jenkins, GSU head coach Jeff Price knew what need was at the top of his wishlist for this season.

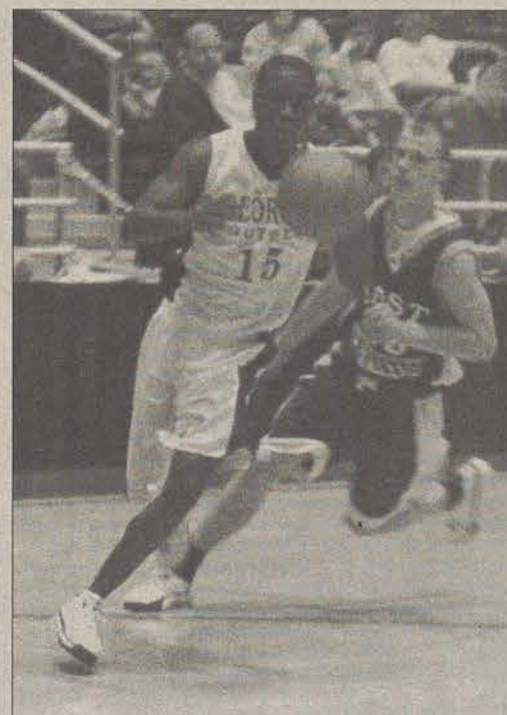
"It's really important for Peterson to take over the point," said Price during the preseason. "It's something that I wanted to accomplish from last year. I wanted us to be more athletic and a little more quicker out on the perimeter. That's what we were missing last year in our style—athleticism to get to the basket. I think we've improved on that aspect with

Shawn."

Price's preseason assessment of Peterson proved to be right on. Through Monday's win over the Virginia Military Institute, Peterson has averaged 12.5 points, 6.3 assists, and 2.3 steals per game. The assists and steals num-

ber are good for first and second respectively in the conference.

"It's nice to now that you have a



Jill Burnham

TYING THE RECORD: Peterson will continue to attempt to break the record for assists. He has tied the record, and has a chance to break it this Saturday against UNCG

bers are good for first and second respectively in the conference.

"It's nice to now that you have a

point guard that is a great offensive threat," Price said. "He can shoot the ball and score points but also knows how to get the ball to other people."

"It means a lot to play with someone like that," Jenkins said, "because if we run the lane we know he's going to find us, that's how he is. It's great to have a point guard like that; and he can score too so that's also a plus."

After his and the team's slow start to the season, both Peterson and the rest of the Eagles are starting to come together. "Sean is getting more comfortable playing with us and knowing how we like to play and how we like to get the ball," junior forward Kashien Latham said. "And in return, we're getting more comfortable knowing when he's going to shoot and when he's going to pass."

"I'm pretty much comfortable in the offense," Peterson noted though he conceded it took awhile to get used to his new teammates. "I just try to distribute the ball to the players out there on the court. I try to know my personnel and try to get them as many touches as possible. That's all I want to do—to try and help this team win."

As long as Peterson strives to equal Saturday's performance (he scored 11 points, grabbed six rebounds and made two steals to go along with his career-high 16 assists) the GSU basketball program will experience more big wins. At least then

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EQUESTRIAN MEET: The Equestrian club competed in the IHSA and casme home with several awards

Tennis defeats Jacksonville falls to S. Florida

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team beat Jacksonville University (4-3) this afternoon at the Alexander Brest Tennis Complex in Jacksonville, Fla.

Isabella Kling and Amy Bartlett teamed up to defeat Sharon Schmeiser and Tamara Kaftalovich (8-1) in No. 1 doubles action. The lady Eagles' No.

Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) horse show February 3-4 of the new year. College of Charleston, Georgia Tech, University of Florida, Florida State University, and Georgia State University all attended the hosted show by Wesleyan College. The two day horse show consisted of one hunterseat show on Saturday and two western horsemanship shows on Sunday.

All the GSU riders, whether hunterseat or western horsemanship, are coached by Eleanor Ellis at Evermore Farm in Brooklet. GSU riders are required to ride at least twice a week in order to compete at the upcoming shows.

The hunterseat riders and their placing at the show on Saturday are as follows: Katherine Merritt 1st and Emilee Chisena 6th in intermediate over fences, and Kerry McGarvey 6th and Emilee Chisena 3rd in intermediate on the flat. In the division of open hunterseat on the flat Brittany Jones placed 3rd, and 4th in open fences. Kerry McGarvey received a 1st in invoice over fences, and in the division of novice on the flat Blair Vick placed 3rd, Sharon Jones 1st and Kaye Neville received a 5th, and Emily Wilbanks received reserved and Caryn Hood 6th in advanced walk, trot, canter.

On Saturday at the western horsemanship show, GSU riders in their divisions and their placing in both shows are as follows: open western horsemanship Stephanie Smith 3rd and 4th, Tiffany Mobley 4th and 3rd. Open western reining Stephanie Smith placed 1st and 3rd and Tiffany Mobley received a 2nd and a 3rd. Kerry McGarvey placed 2nd and Jenny McBride 1st and 3rd in advanced western horsemanship II, and Kaye Neville received two 1st in advanced western horsemanship I. Caryn Hood 5th and 6th in intermediate western horsemanship and Emily Wilbanks received two 1st places. In the division of advanced walk, trot, canter Patty Craw 4th, and Stephanie Zell placed 2nd and 3rd in beginner western horsemanship.

At IHSA horse shows across the country, all riders are judges in the same ways. These judges only look at the riders, not the horse. Each rider draws a horse randomly, had no warm-up on the horse, and all the rider can do is walk into the arena. This way of showing makes the competition more equal since, in fact, it is not judged on the horse. Georgia Southern University's Equestrian Team's next show is March 10-11 at the College of Charleston.

play, McNamee battled Packer (6-3, 6-3) to seal the win.

Sophomore Tamara Kaftalovich earned a win for JU in the No. 4 singles match over Callie Ward (6-4, 6-2), while freshman Venessa Kelley defeated Baldwin in three sets (5-7, 6-1, 7-6) in the No. 6 singles match.

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team lost to the University of South Florida (5-2) Saturday at the USF Varsity Tennis Courts in Tampa, Fla.

Isabella Kling and Amy Bartlett gave the Lady Eagles the only wins of the afternoon in singles play. Kling defeated Tina Harrison at the No. 1 position 6-2, 6-3. Bartlett overcame Genevieve Houle in three sets 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 in No. 2 singles.

The Lady Eagles (1-3) return to action on Saturday, February 17 in their home opener against conference-rival East Tennessee State at 12 noon on Hanner Courts.

WIN SOME, LOSE SOME: Lady Eagles Tennis defeats Jacksonville and falls to S. Florida in the weekend match.



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El Salvador Relief Concert has poor turnout

By T. McDonald
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday marked a rather unique occasion for the folks at Eagle Entertainment. A concert was held in support of an entire nation.

The El Salvador Relief Concert, held in the Russell Union Ballroom, featured the music of Mandorico, and was set to raise money and more importantly, food items, for needy families and individuals in impoverished areas of El Salvador. To be delivered through the Red Cross, these proceeds are certainly much appreciated in developing countries in the new millennium.

The featured band was a five-piece Latin group, a well-established ensemble hailing from Atlanta that specializes in salsa, reggae and fusion jazz. Refreshments were offered, and the concert was set to include dancing, which unfortunately did not develop, as the

overwhelming majority of concert-goers elected not to participate.

So, a concert for such a noble cause seems like an excellent idea, does it not? Sadly, the efficacy of the fund raising

a short set of about an hour, but they did play well. It suffices to say that the fan base for salsa and fusion jazz music is likely not a large one here at Georgia Southern. This is surely the predominant reason for the poor showing of participants.

The people at Eagle Entertainment should be commended for their efforts last week, as their hearts were in the right place. It's unfortunate that this show was less than stellar, but every little bit certainly helps. Perhaps next time, advertising and promotion on a grander scale would be beneficial, as well as a reevaluation of the types of music that are widely appreciated here at our university.

The small turnout for the El Salvador Relief Concert shouldn't discourage future concerts for charity. With a little more promotion, relief concerts present an opportunity to have fun while helping the less fortunate in the world.



LaVene Bell

HELPING THE DEPRIVED: Mandorico played at GSU to help raise food and money for charity.

suffered due to lack of support and attendance. Michelle Martinez, a member of the Eagle Entertainment staff that planned the event, was "disappointed" with the turnout. The concert only garnered \$57 and ten food items. Mandorico played

Ex-Members Only musician says 'Read My Lips' as he brings to life classics of the 80's

By Amanda Permenter
Staff Writer

Break out the Pogo ball and the big hoop earrings and get ready to "Read My Lips." The band Read My Lips, founded by ex-Members Only musician Bart Bryers, is undoubtedly the hottest new 80's cover band in the Southeast. The band rocked Legends for the first time last Friday night, and have played about fifteen gigs since they began touring last fall.

Bryers had hopes of forming a new musical entourage after leaving Members Only last spring and posting an ad for musicians in a music store. Bassist Patrick Garrity answered the call, clearing a path for killer keyboardist Venus Asai, dynamite drummer Johnny Able, and wailing lead vocalist Megan Cleary.

Cleary, who has toured with Nickelodeon's Musical Around the World, and also works for Ted Turner hosting children's game shows, truly didn't hold anything back on stage.

"Anywhere we play there's going to be a party," Garrity asserted.

"A lota' women, a lota' drinking, and a lota' dancing. We're a party band."

Even the band's attire radiated the 80's, not to mention the glowing lips hanging in the stage's backdrop.

"IT'S OUR INTENTION TO BE AS BIG AS, OR BIGGER THAN, MEMBERS ONLY."

**-BART BRYERS
EX-MEMBERS ONLY MUSICIAN**

Before rocking into some great 80's classics like "Hit me With Your Best Shot" and "Walking on Sunshine," Read My Lips prepared a packed house for a long night of such fun with their rendition of "Walk Like an Egyptian."

After a set break at the bar's last call and a short birthday bash for one of the Legends bouncers, Read My Lips was back to prove that they cover more than 80's.

"We like to pull it up to about '92 to include more of the music this

audience has been exposed to," Bryers says. "So, we take it up to just before Pearl Jam and Nirvana and the rest of that stuff."

This was quite evident after Cleary belted and breathed out Salt N' Peppa's "Push It," and Bryers didn't miss a beat going into Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby."

They filled in the middle of the second set with the J. Geils Band classic, "Angel is a Centerfold," as well as Olivia Newton John's "Get Physical," Rick Springfield's "Jesse's Girl," and Tiffany's "I Think We're Alone Now."

For the grand finale, Cleary went back into an Olivia Newton John mode, Pat Garrity geared up to mimic John Travolta, and they cranked out the Grease soundtrack favorite "Summer Lovin'."

"It's our intention to be as big as, or bigger than, Members Only. Not to put them down," Bryers explained. "That's just our goal."

With shows like the one Friday night, Read My Lips is bound to become as big as they want to be... And that's not just lip service.

Right-wing Indian leader says 'no' to Valentine's

Associated Press

BOMBAY, India - A right-wing leader described Valentine's Day as a "Western craze" and asked party members Monday to disrupt celebrations planned in India's largest city.

Bal Thackeray, a powerful local politician who heads the Shiv Sena party, asked activists to stage demonstrations outside bars, clubs and colleges that plan to organize celebrations on Valentine's Day.

"What is this Valentine's Day and who brought this Western craze here, which is alien to our culture?" Thackeray

said in Monday's edition of Saamna, or Confrontation, a newspaper published by his party.

He warned that party members would hold protests if any "indecent" activities were held on Valentine's Day, which is Wednesday.

The party objects to the exchange of Valentine's Day cards and gifts, and feels that the annual festivities to celebrate love are indecent.

But in Bombay, India's financial and film capital, and in other large cities, dating is common and is increasingly gaining social acceptance.

Bombay mayor Hareshwar Patil, also a Shiv Sena member, said he supported Thackeray's stance and called for a ban on all celebrations of Valentine's Day.

"If any such indecent celebrations are held, they will not be allowed," said Patil.

He said such imitation of the West "spoils our young boys and girls." But he said there was no formal ban issued by the civic administration on the celebrations.

Protests against the festival picked up his week in Uttar Pradesh when activists of the Hindu Jagran Manch or the Hindu Awareness Platform attacked shops selling Valentine's Day cards in Kanpur city.

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'Slow Ride' is perfect Valentine's love music

By Chad Buissereth
Urban Music Director, WVGS

Alright. You've got the flowers, you did the chocolate exchange thing, and you're probably going to highlight the night with some form of entertainment: a movie, a candlelight dinner, or engage in the enlightenment of poetry at the Urban Café Lounge. So how do you top off the only night you and your significant other didn't fight? Fellas, lay down on the bed, tell your girl to hit "START" on the CD player, and get ready for a "Slow Ride" — 80 minutes of the hottest bump & grind tracks ever produced, playing behind you as you engage in hot relations with your Valentine.

Executive produced by DJ Charl E. Brown, this CD has it all from spanking new tracks including Maxwell's "A Woman's World" and Musiq's "Love" to old school jams like Isley Brothers "Between the Sheets" and Jodeci's "Freaking You". Also included are tracks from D'Angelo, Silk, Adina Howard, Sons of Funk, R. Kelly, Jagged Edge, Jill Scott, and Tank. I also enjoyed the last track which incorporates some local talent on the rise.



File Photo

an R&B group called Platinum Potential, with their hot new single, "Cut Em Up."

I highly recommend that you go out and cop "The Slow Ride" this Valentine's Day if you want a CD that will keep you in the mood, in the groove, and can run the whole 80 minutes with-

out having to skip a song.

"The Slow Ride" made its debut release on Monday as a limited edition (only 100 copies available) and will be available at Fast Traxx, or your nearest RA in Winburn, Dorman, Veazy, Brannen, or Sanford Hall.

Superintendent bans Valentine's Day from Virginia schools

Associated Press

KING GEORGE, Va. — King George County schools are a no-Valentine zone this week.

After learning that school secretaries would typically deal with 100 to 200 deliveries of flowers, balloons and the like each Valentine's Day to teachers and students, Principal Joseph Pociask banned all such deliveries for the entire week.

Acting King George School Superintendent Carol Collins liked the idea, and she extended the ban to all

four county schools.

Pociask said he isn't an unromantic grinch, but he just wants to minimize disruptions.

"People who are champions of education realize our job is to deliver education, not to deliver flowers," he said.

The ban has angered many county teachers, parents and students, as well as their loved ones.

"I'm extremely disappointed that I do not have the opportunity to show my wife that I love her by sending

her flowers to her work environment," said Darrell Myers, whose said his wife works for the school system.

The move also upset some florists. James Beverly, who owns Beverly Hills Florist in Dahlgren, said he was thrown for a loop when Pociask told him about the new policy.

Beverly said he has often donated wreaths, corsages and other items to the schools, and didn't appreciate the short notice.

New Birth Baptist Church and Vision Ministries bring Road Tour to GSU

By Urkovia Jacobs
Staff Writer

Approximately 400 people showed up at the Education Building to try something new and different Friday night.

Coordinated through Vision Ministries in conjunction with New Birth Baptist Church, "The Violent Take it By Force Road Tour" came to Georgia Southern backed by a lot of student support. "The purpose of this Road Tour is to heighten the awareness of Christ and make Him the focal point of the students life," speaker Elder Terrell Murphy stated after the conference.

"The Violent Take it By Force Road Tour" started in November, and will continue for seven more dates, one of which is February 26 at Savannah State University.

The turnout at the conference was so large that many people who came 30 to 40 minutes late were forced to either stand during the conference or simply leave.

"We get requests almost everyday from schools, and we are re-evaluating the Road Tour and conference to see if we can possibly do the tour in the fall," Murphy said.

One of the goals for the Road Tour is to create excitement for the "Violent Take it by Force" conference that is held annually at New Birth but was not this year due to the Road Tour.

"We understand that students [often opt] to go to events such as Daytona Beach and oth-

of the conference, GSU students had mostly positive comments.

"I think he related well. He was a little outrageous at times but overall it was needful," NaQuanda Hayes stated.

"It flowed; it was God," campus minister Darius Wise said.

"This wouldn't be possible as a Road Tour if Bishop Eddie

Long didn't believe in these ministers and our college ministry as a whole," Murphy said. "He has invested well over a six-figure budget in the college ministry alone without the Road Tour."

"I have never been to a school so open and welcoming, even if they didn't

know what they were welcoming," Road Tour crew member and Campus Minister Ebony Thomas said. "It was awesome to see the different ministries work together. We want to leave with the mindset that unity has to happen."

If you would like to read more about the Tour and where they will be going, you can visit the web site at www.byforce.org.

Georgia Southern's Road Tour was also helped and supported by Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Outreach, Christ Ministries, United in Christ, and Voices in Ministry.

"IT FLOWED; IT WAS GOD."

-DARIUS WISE

CAMPUS MINISTER

ers that are killing their soul, but we want to show them that it's still fun to be in Christ while building up their morale," Road Tour crew member and minister Mulan Ford said.

Speaking on the topics of sex, drugs, alcohol, credit card debt, and even sexual preference, Elder Murphy was able to connect to a lot of students who came looking for answers. Murphy read a story out of the Bible, translated it to modern language, and then related it to the lives of students while using his own life for examples.

When asked what they thought

Love is a late bloomer as less valentines are being sent this year than normal in Valentine, Nebraska

Associated Press

VALENTINE, Neb. — If there is love in the air, it might be suffering a little this year if the postal count is any indication.

Even though the Valentine Post Office has already handled over 17,000 pieces of mail for

Valentine's Day, Postmaster Rick Bordeaux said that count is a couple thousand pieces behind normal.

People annually send Valentines here to receive the city's postmark before being sent on to loved ones.

Bordeaux said cards

have been sent this year to all 50 states, Japan, Canada, Australia and several other countries.

Love may just be a late bloomer this year.

Bordeaux said his office still is receiving boxes of cards for relay each day.

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LAUREN, Thanks for putting up with everything and thanks for listening. More importantly, thanks for choosing me. Happy Valentine's Day.

SEAGLE, YOUR awesome smile and warped sense of humor brings light to my day! Have an awesome Valentine's day sweetheart! It wasn't me - Word!

LAUREL I Love You. Don't ever forget that and never worry. I miss you every day that I don't see your face.

CHERMAINE, THIS is just to show you that there is still someone who cares. Happy Valentine's Day!

APRIL, SERENA, TARYN, ANNA AND KELLEY. Thank you for always being there when I need you most. I love y'all - love LaVene

DEAR POOSH you make my pooshie catch on fire every time I look at you. Love, other poosh!

JONATHAN, KNOW that you are everything to me, my best friend, my rock, my love eternal, I am yours always- Love Morgen

JEFFERY YOU are a great friend. I thank God for the love you have shown me. No matter what, we will always be special friends.

TO SUSAN and Little T- you two are the greatest chics in the world! Meggan

LUCY, THANKS for always being there for me through thick and thin. I will love you always and forever. Happy Valentine's Day Lucy.

DEAR DELVIN, today I want the world to know how much I love you. You are a gift to my life!

BARB, GERT, LUCY AND JEWELS thanks for being the best friends ever. Love, Krusti

CARL A.K.A Christy you are an Angel in disguise. You satisfy our mind body and soul. Thank you for those wonderful months and those that will come.

CHITTY-CHITTY-Bum-Bum with Love!

KELLEY, Thanks for the great advice and continuous love! -Justin

BRAD I just want you to know that I love you so much. I am glad that you are finally here. I hope that I am everything you ever wanted.

LEIGH-ANNE, I did write this one! HAHA You are one sexy chick! Come over to T.C. # 76 :) -- Hot Boy

DANA, May your marriage go great! Love Ya! -Justin

ERIN, you are the best friend that I could have ever asked for. I love you! -Justin

DAVID, Thanks for being a great boss! -- The G-A crew

ADAM, I can't believe it is finally happening. You have made all my dreams come true. God has blessed us in so many ways. Love, Sweet Pea

MORGEN, OUR adventure has been fun and crazy. I love you so much. You're so great! Just remember, Punta Cana is in 25 days. Jonathan

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY LEX. I love you and only you. Love always, your girlfriend Kimmi

LAVENE, Thank you for six and a half years of love and devotion. I love you from the bottom of my heart. David

ERIC, many people have dreams and goals and never pursue them but I am trying to make my dream a reality. Will you be my Valentine?

VICTOR, YOU warm my heart each day. Being with you has been wonderful. I Love you and Happy Valentine's Day!

AKANE, Thanks for being all the things I wanted and more. You are my Boo for life and then more.

RAY, IN know we have some problems right now but I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart.

CHRIS YOU have been there for me through good and bad times. I thank you for everything- I love you very much!

TO ERICA my Bright dawn know that I Love and I am thinking of you on this special day. I hope you enjoy going home.

(JUSTIN MY HUSBAND) We have had our ups and downs but through it all we are still together. Let's start working on the kids. Love forever and always, the Wife.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to my buddies! Shada, Donna, Beve (in Savannah) Kim, Tiffany, Calvetta and the Crystals. Love you guys. Pimp hard, pimp harder

MADD LOVE TO ALL THE WWF'S who have made the grind the hottest thing since pennicillian

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MUCH LOVE TO MY GIRLS AT CC#112 Joi, Tashisa, Kia, Angel, Cresta, Twyla and Helen! Wishing you all love throughout the day.

LET'S MAKE today and everyday a love expedition for the rest of our lives. Happy Valentine's day, I love you lots, from Louis

22 YEARS is a long time to love someone. I thank God that his love is everlasting.

TO BRAD: Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Meggan

CHIPPER is ohhh sooo sexy! Happy Hearts Day! I love you!

BRITTNEY I love you so much. You bring me so much joy. I thank God for you every night. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Dustin

TO HUTT(MON) Thank you for being a kind and loving husband. I will love you always. Love Tiffany.

KASH25, YOU are my friend and I will always be "by your side." I will love you always and forever. From T61

TO JAMIE M, I have NO self defense, I've fallen for you! Your Secret Admirer

MR. ED will you be my Valentine? I just wanted to say thanks for all that you do. I am lucky to have such a great guy. Love, Brittany!

JENNY, Even though you take up all the bed at night and I have to sleep halfway in a chair you are worth it. Love Zack

DAVID, You have always meant so much to me. You are my heart and my soul. I Love you - Love LaVene.

WENDY Happy Valentine's Day may your day as well as your birthday be smooth and cool.

TO THE GSU Chapter of the NAACP I want you to know that I love you very much. Keep up the good work!

CHACE AND MATT know that even if you can't steal someone's heart in time for Valentine's Day you will always have mine - Love Morgen

BONITA, THIS IS for you, just to brighten your day a little more because you are that one shining star in my sky. Happy Valentine's Day.

THE ANGEL of my dreams. The beauty I see with my eyes. The other half of my heart of my heart. Love is now in my life. Love Beans.

EDWIND I have had fun chillin' with you these past days. Hope there are many more to come. Happy Valentine's Day Love Angelica.

I AM THE MOON, you are the sun, if I never met you no day would be fun. be my Valentine!

RANDOLPH, JON, AND ERIN -- Thank you for being the best friends a guy could ask for! Love, Me!

TO MY FAMILY, Valentine's day is a wonderful way to say I love you all. Each day I thank God for you guys!

TO MY BROTHERS IN PHI SIGMA PI I want to wish you all a happy Valentine's Day!

LAVENE, DAVID, JUSTIN, NICK, AND MICHAEL, I am glad to still have all of you in my life. I love you guys.

KELLY L. SMITH - Happy Valentine's day to the most precious angel that I have ever been blessed to meet. With Love!

MY LOVE FOR YOU goes on forever and today I want to show you what you mean to me. Have a great day. Love you!

LEROY (DREADS) you know I am there to talk to. Hope we can talk tonight and I will give you what you wanted Sunday.

TONY, THANKS for all your love and support. You are so patient and understanding. I love you "3".

TO my sweet adorable loving friends Tyesha and Ebony. I hope that you have a great Valentine's Day. Stay sweet and remember that you can't please everyone.

JAY H, I heard once it was better to have love and lost than to never have taken the chance to find out. I'm so glad I told you. Love, me

TODD, Happy Valentine's Day My Love. You have made my life so wonderful. My only hope that I make you as happy as you make me.

HEY LAUREL, I know we just met but I can't stop thinking about you. Not that I want to! Love ya beautiful!

MARTIN YOU mean the world to me. I am looking forward to sharing many more memories. I Love You

WE LOVE YOU JASON J. Love always, Jodi and Ms. Pez.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY CHASTITY! This is our first together and definitely not our last cause this will last forever. Love you baby!

CHUCK, Thank you for loving. Words cannot express how much I love you. You have all of me. I adore you.

WE share true love a love that is meant to last for a lifetime. Let's keep our love strong. I will love you for always and forever.

TAY-TAY, BON, NAY, LOUIS AND MR. KEITH, thanks for being my family away from home. Happy Valentine's Day Love, Angel.

KT, I love you lil sis. I am glad you are here. Please don't move. You are the greatest Love, big sis.

LEIGH-ANNE, You are one sexy thing. Love, Your Secret Admirer

MIKE, the better I know you, the more I love you. Four years already together and it is only the beginning. I love you.

TO KHIMBERLI I wish you a happy valentine's day with all my heart. KG

TO THE members of Alpha Phi Omega - I love all of you very much. We are leaders, friends, but most of all we are Brothers!

MY HEART is filled with love and only meant for you. Today I want to pour it all out and give it to you. Love You.

MY EVENING CREW AT HENDERSON LIBRARY is as always the best! Most sincere thanks to Alex. Aquintha, Clanailya, Darren, Felicia, Kasinda and Keesha. From Peggy Lee.

ZACH, I love you very very much. love always, Your Pooh Bear.

TO ZAXBY'S EMPLOYEES, I love you guys. Love, Maya

SHELLEY, We'll always have our men in Oz. Happy Valentine's Day!!! Love, L.A.

