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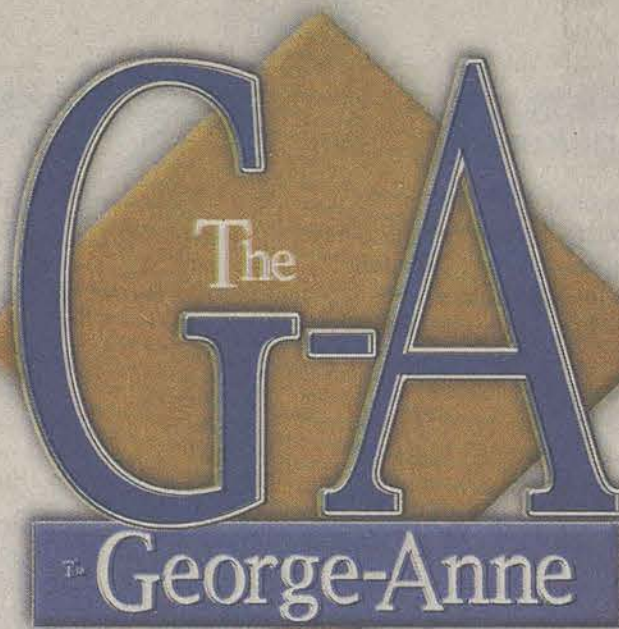


SPORTS

**Men's basketball
beats UNC-
Greensboro 72-68**

GSU men's basketball defeats UNC-Greensboro 72-68 and are now tied for second place in the Southern Conference. More inside!

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LIFE

**Abracapocus
rocks Mellow
Mushroom**

Abracapocus performed at Mellow Mushroom this Friday night bringing a wider variety of entertainment to Statesboro.



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SGA meeting ends

•Conflict among senators causes meeting to end

By Jake Hallman
Staff Writer

The SGA's meeting on Feb. 14 ended abruptly after several senators left and the body could not make quorum.

Although SGA President Francys Johnson had voiced hopes to end the 6:00 meeting within an hour, deliberations on the new SGA constitution continued until almost 8:00. As the meeting continued, senators proposed tabling discussion on the constitution to vote on a fund request from Hillel.

Immediately before discussion could begin on the fund request, Senator James Dixon called for quorum. After Dixon's call, Senator Adrian Stallings said, "you're so selfish," before storming from the chamber.

Stallings returned at the close of the meeting to explain her displeasure at Dixon's move.

"To call for a quorum minutes before we vote on a fund request when it has already been stressed the importance of us passing this fund request to night... says 'screw this organization,'" she said. "I'm sorry, but I'm livid about this. It's selfish and self-serving."

Stallings added that senators not wishing to stay and finish the Senate's business should be replaced.

Dixon defended himself, saying that his call was necessary to enforce SGA bylaws.

"We were all elected to serve the student body, but part of our duties as senators are to enforce the rules of our own Senate," he said. "I wish we did have quorum, I wish we could have voted on the thing, but we didn't have quorum."



Adrian Stallings



James Dixon

Our rules say that if you don't have quorum, you don't vote."

Before the unplanned end of the meeting, senators did pass more of the proposed constitution, and will likely finish the process this week.

"I want it to be known that I am very proud of the work we've done on this constitution," Johnson said. "We have deliberated on it, we have discussed it, and that's what we're supposed to do."

Senators also heard a presentation from Andrea Re, president of the Bulloch County Board of Realtors. Re, a GSU alumna, explained that Statesboro is experiencing a major housing boom.

Re attributed the growth to four factors: cooperative government, the success of GSU football, GSC gaining university status, and the passage of the liquor-by-the-drink referendum. "I do think that it has had a major impact in terms of the community and the restaurants we've seen spring up in the past three or four years," she said.

"There are numerous new complexes going up in and around the Statesboro area," Re added. Over 500

new units are slated to open soon on Lanier Drive alone in two new complexes.

"Come this time next year, you will certainly have more options than you have previously had," she said. "The growth in the number of places you all can choose to rent has increased tremendously."

The growth comes with a price, however. "You're probably going to see some of your rents go up," Re explained, particularly at newer complexes to cover pre-construction costs.

"Don't be surprised if their rates are a little higher than the established places," she added.

Re also warned students about the perils of leasing a house or apartment. "Please do not go rent a place without a lease agreement," she said. "Number two, do not go in and when they hand it to you, just sign it. I encourage you to read every single detail in that lease agreement."

"That lease agreement is a legally binding document."

Leases should state how deposit money is handled, explain responsibility for damages and for cleaning

up a property, and tell eviction procedures, she added.

"If you don't fulfill your obligation, the landlord can take you to small-claims court, and he can file for back rent if you are not paying," Re said.

If a landlord doesn't uphold a lease, students should notify the property manager and keep written documentation, she explained, since under Georgia law, a lessor has responsibilities.

"The landlords must make the place habitable. If it is not habitable, you, as a tenant, have the right to file notice that you are canceling your lease," Re said. Students with problems can also contact the local housing board.

At Wednesday's meeting, senators also learned that in the last Faculty Senate meeting, the SGA lost seats on admissions committee and athletics committee, and lost placement on other campus committees. These changes were due to new bylaws passed by the Faculty Senate, according to Johnson.

"We are working to make sure those seats are returned. We have

presidential support in this effort," he said. GSU President Bruce Grube did not veto the bylaws when they were presented to him in December by the faculty, however.

The SGA Parking and Transportation committee reported that there is the possibility of an on-campus transit system within four years, and that the university is looking at options for new parking lots as construction increases on campus.

"Every time we build a new building, we don't have money for the new parking spaces," Senator Kimberly Reese said. "There's not a place on campus to build a parking deck."

Senator Nick Pearson added that a parking deck would increase parking fees to seven times their current rate.

Also at the meeting, SGA Executive Vice President Robert Bryant announced his intentions to run for SGA President by relinquishing control of the Elections Committee. "At this time I cannot oversee that committee," he said.

"This administration will conduct an ethical election. I think that's admirable and I think that's a good break from the past," said Johnson before appointing Jerry Rice, SGA vice president for academic affairs, as head of the committee.

During sixty second speeches, Johnson exhorted Senators to become involved as volunteers, seeking a 10 percent increase in registered volunteers on campus.

"Statesboro will never be the same once we release the magnitude of the Student Government on it," he said.

The Senate also welcomed the new SGA administrative assistant, Maggie Denton, and passed a resolution honoring the art department's Gallery 303 at the meeting.

Freedom Forum to be held Feb. 22

By Meggan Kicklighter
Staff Writer

Diversity Fellow for the Freedom Forum, Catalina Camia, will speak at the Russell Union on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in Room 2070.

The Freedom Forum, based in Arlington, Va., is one of the nation's largest journalism-based foundations.

The Forum promotes protection of the First Amendment, international news press freedom and diversity in the newsroom.

It was started in 1991 by Allen Newharth, former president of Gannett Company, the nation's largest newspaper chain that prints newspapers like U.S.A. Today.

The Freedom Forum also has its journalism museum called the Newseum.

Interested students can come out to hear Camia speak about opportunities, especially for minorities, in the field of journalism, particularly in print media.

Those students may also set up an appointment to speak personally with Camia after her presentation.

Assistant Professor of Journalism, Dianne Lamb, said that Camia is coming to Georgia Southern because of the diversity of its Communication Arts Department.

"We have a very high minority enrollment (in Communication Arts)," she said.

According to the Freedom Forum web site, 28 percent of the United States population is people of minority. Only 12 percent of that number work in a newsroom.

The percentage of minorities is higher here at Georgia Southern, says Lamb.

"Thirty percent of the journalism department at Georgia Southern is made up of minorities," she said.

"Forty percent of the broadcasting department is minority students."

Camia is currently President of the Asian American Journalism Association. She is also a reporter for the Dallas Morning News.

Savannah celebrates annual Irish Festival

By Jason Clary
Staff Writer

The Savannah Irish Festival this weekend kicked off Savannah's St. Patrick's Day festivities while bringing several local and international Irish music acts and activities for the thousands of revelers looking for some good old Irish "craic."

The event began with a Ceili Dance followed by a mixer on Friday night, featuring music from the quintet of Tadhg O'Cathan. The Ceili was a chance for many to enjoy this traditional Irish dance while meeting new friends from all over the Southeast.

Saturday's festivities began with Opening Ceremonies featuring the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society Chicago Police Department. A Savannah and Georgia Southern University favorite, Harry O'Donoghue, followed the Opening Ceremonies. You might remember listening to Harry earlier this month when he played to a large crowd at Archibald's Restaurant. His contemporary style music,

along with his repertoire of traditional Irish songs, makes him a Festival favorite.

Other popular returning acts from last year's festival included the band Morning Star, Tom and Debbie O'Carroll, and Frank Emerson.

One of the newcomers to this year's festival was a cultural tra-

ditions group, the Armagh Rhymers. These multifaceted musicians brought to the festival storytelling and interactive drama with the audience. They also presented poetry by some of Ireland's most renowned poets.

The eclectic ensemble of Celtic Soul mixes traditional

Irish music with the drive of a rock concert. They performed on Saturday night, as well as Sunday afternoon.

Aside from the three-day event packed with Irish dancing and music, the festival had many booths set up with vendors selling Irish gifts and souvenirs. For those interested in the traditional

Irish food and drink, the festival included booths set up with Irish dishes. As far as the drink, there were several Irish beers available for sampling, although the most popular Irish beverage, Guinness, couldn't be found.



SAVANNAH IRISH FESTIVAL: The Savannah Irish Festival kicked off the Savannah St. Patrick's Day festivities this past weekend bringing several local and international Irish music acts and activities to the area.

Winners of Roy Powell Awards for Creative Writing announced

By Jason Clary
Staff Writer

The Georgia Southern Department of Writing and Linguistics announced the winners of this year's Roy Powell Awards for Creative Writing.

GSU Senior Bobbi-Lynn Edmondson took home first place for her short story "Flip of the Coin." Bobbi-Lynn says her stories are "a mixture of slap in the face reality and dark creatures with razor sharp teeth imagination. The only things worth writing about are the things in dark boxes under lock and key."

GSU Graduate student Kesha Thomas took home first

place in the poetry contest with her poems titled "Silverware," "Ethnocentricity," and "My First Period." Kesha is working on her Master's Degree in English Education and although, "I haven't been writing that long, I feel that I was born with writing in my heart."

Both Creative Writing winners will have their works published in the upcoming issue of Miscellany and also received a cash award of \$50.00 along with an award certificate.

In addition, both ladies will be honored on April 4th during Georgia Southern's Honors Day Ceremonies.

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New Black Panther Party leader dead, spokesman says

Associated Press

MARIETTA— Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a black militant known for his harsh rhetoric about Jews and whites, died Saturday morning, a spokesman for the New Black Panther Party said.

"Minister and Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad had made his transition to the ancestors," Malik Zulu Shabazz said at a news conference outside Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, where Muhammad was taken earlier this week.

He declined to reveal how the 53-year-old Muhammad died, saying only that it was of "very serious and natural causes." The leader had shown no prior signs of illness, Shabazz said.

He was surrounded by Muhammad's family and eight party members wearing black uniforms, combat boots and berets.

They chanted "Long live Khalid Muhammad!" and "Black power!" "Our hearts are aching. We are sad but at the same time we are happy because we know that his place is secure," Shabazz said.

Hospital officials were not immediately available for comment.

Muhammad was named one of Louis Farrakhan's top lieutenants in the Nation of Islam in 1981. He served at Nation of Islam mosques in New York and Atlanta throughout the decade, and in 1991 became Farrakhan's personal assistant.

It was Farrakhan who gave him the name Khalid, meaning warrior, but he was born Harold Moore Jr. in 1948.

In his own public speaking engagements, Muhammad quickly became known for his virulent attacks on Jews,

homosexuals and whites. He was ousted by Farrakhan after a 1993 speech during which he referred to Jews as "bloodsuckers" and urged mob murder of white South Africans.

In April 1994, before a cheering audience of about 2,000, Muhammad denounced Jews as "honkies."

"I am going to be like a pit bull. That is the way I am going to be against the Jews. I am going to bite the tail of the honkies," Muhammad said.

He remained unrepentant about his rhetoric.

"I was born to give the white man hell, and I will give him hell from the cradle to the grave," he told an Atlanta crowd in 1995.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU

February 19
• **Sigma Gamma Rho** presents a panel discussion on how to protect yourself and deal with the aftermath of sexual assault at 7:22 p.m. in Russell Union 2047.

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.

• **Black Student Alliance** will host "Mighty Esoteric" evening of poetry in Russell Union room 2080 at 7 p.m.

February 27-28
• **Multicultural Affairs** are asking students to come and vote for the recipients of the Essence Awards between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the rotunda. For any questions contact Reginald Johnson at 871-7416.

• **Academic Resource Center** will sponsor a Regents' Essay Review by M. Pate at 4 p.m. in Library room 1042.

March 1
• Deadline for study abroad in Costa Rica applications. For more info contact Dr. Doralina A. Martinez-Conde at 681-0119 or Dr. Antonio Serna at 871-1375.

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 Room 2072 of the Russell Union on Thursdays from 5 until 6 p.m. For more information call 681-5409.

• **Black Student Alliance** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Check sheet for room number. For more info call 681-5458.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety

February 15
• John Thomas Lunsford, 20, 105 Olympic Boulevard, was charged with DUI.

• Paul David Brinson, 20, 1702 Chandler Road, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Statesboro Police Department
February 15

• Shaun Bell, 22, Monticello, was arrested for seatbelt violation and driving on suspended license.
• Kendra Lowery, 19, 117 Stadium Walk, reported criminal trespass.

February 16
• Natasha Butler, 18, 710 Georgia Avenue Apt. 61, was arrested for shoplifting.

• Shekia Nicole Johnson, 20, Atlanta, was arrested for shoplifting.
• April Evette Arney, 24, Atlanta, was arrested

for seatbelt violation and driving on suspended license.

• Roger Collier, 22, 120 Lanier Drive, reported a civil dispute.

• Chewwe Rollins, 20, Stadium View 20, reported burglary.

February 17
• Charles Jemill Lee, 19, Pembroke, was arrested for DUI and operating without headlights.

• Jovan Antuan Myrick, 22, 510 South College St. Apt. 413, was arrested for driving on suspended license, giving false identification and a seatbelt violation.

• Gregory W. Tomke, 20, Alpharetta, was arrested for DUI.

• Babatude Tria Bailey, 19, College Park, was arrested for disorderly conduct.
• Michael Youngblood, 21, Kennedy Hall 2110, reported damage to property.

• Calvin Odum, 19, 19 Varsity Lodge, reported conspiracy to commit burglary.

• Demond Brown, 23, Augusta, reported an injured person.

• Nathan Henderson, 22, 44 Eagles Nest, reported criminal trespass.

February 18
• Amanda Reid, 18, 306 North Main, reported criminal trespass.

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

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Leigh-Anne Burgess, news editor.

Savannah proposes use of Maya Angelou quote

Associated Press

SAVANNAH—Poet Maya Angelou says she considers it a compliment that a proposed African-American monument on the city's riverfront would quote her graphic description of slaves held in ships that once docked there.

"The picture of it, it's so horrible. And yet if we can see how horrible it is, then we might treat each other a little nicer," Angelou said in a telephone interview Thursday.

The bronze sculpture would depict a black family embracing with broken chains at its feet. The chosen site is on the Savannah riverfront, where the first slaves

came into Georgia.

The passage reads in part: "We lay back to belly in the holds of the slave ships in each others' excrement and urine together, sometimes died together, and our lifeless bodies thrown overboard together."

Angelou said she has used the passage in lectures for about 15 years, though it's never been published in a book or poem.

Savannah's city council approved the monument last month, but has yet to approve the quotation. City officials said they needed Angelou's permission first. "I'm going to give my permission,"

said Angelou, author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and the poet chosen for Bill Clinton's presidential inauguration in 1993. "It would be a compliment to me that I had said something that resonated in their own experiences in their own lives."

David Jones, a black city councilor who is leery of the quote, said he might accept it if the passage is accompanied by something more uplifting.

"They had lynching in Georgia, they hung slaves and burned black men alive tied to a tree trunk," Jones said. "But I wouldn't want to see a statue of that."

EAGLE BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER



Monday, February 19th

The Eagle Basketball Teams face off against the Paladins of

FURMAN

Lady Eagles tip-off at 5 pm

Men's hoops begins at 7:30 pm

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Students with valid Georgia Southern I.D. get in free!!!

This Week's Weather

Today
Partly cloudy with a high of 64 and a low of 47.

Tuesday
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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Michigan Man wants to use sheep as lawn- mowers

CALEDONIA—Dan Erskine has a plan for saving this southern Kent County village some money, and he isn't at all sheepish about touting his ewe-nique idea.

Erskine, a member of Caledonia Village Council, said the village would save a bundle on lawn-mowing costs by releasing a flock of sheep on the grounds of its wastewater-treatment plant.

"They run them out West all over the place, so there's really no reason why it can't be done here," said Erskine, who floated the idea to other council members this week. "They can graze that grass down as well as we can mow it down."

Erskine, who was born and raised on a dairy farm, pitched his plan to two local farmers, Alan Steeby and Jim Martin. They told him that the fence surrounding the plant is sufficient to keep sheep from going on the lamb.

Erskine and the farmers are trying to figure out how many of their sheep are needed to do the job right and are working out a "fair trade" of "sheep for grass," Erskine told The Grand Rapids Press for a story Friday.

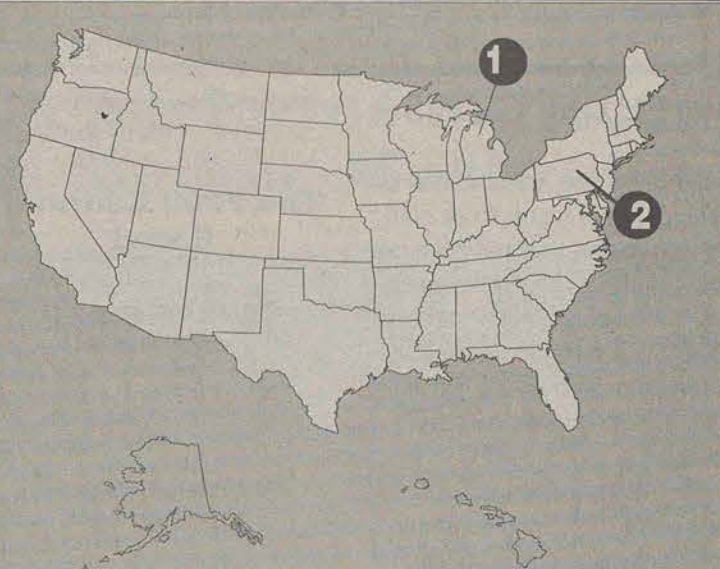
Martin said the idea sounds like it would work.

"Why wouldn't it?" he asked. "There's all kinds of grass (at the plant). They've got nothing else to do. They'll just stay in there and eat."

Don Stypula, environmental affairs director of the Michigan Municipal League, laughed when told about the proposal.

"Mowing with sheep, you say?" he said. "I think it's creative."

The plan has its skeptics, such as councilwoman Wendy Sandstra, who wondered whether liability and other hazards would



outweigh the benefits of grazing. Others expressed concerns about the odor of the animals.

"I'm sure they're not going to have any more odor than the sewer lagoon," Erskine reasoned.

2 Pennsylvania Man claims God told him to murder

Associated Press

PHILIPSBURG.—A man accused of murder here and in Georgia said God led him to Pennsylvania and told him to behead a convenience store clerk.

Eric Jerome Fant, 37, of Memphis, Tenn., was arraigned Friday afternoon in Centre County, where he is accused of killing 50-year-old Avinash Kaushal with a machete. Fant was ordered held without bail in Centre County Prison, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

Fant whispered to his attorney and giggled during the arraignment. Afterward, he told reporters that he was acting on orders from God when he killed Kaushal at a Citgo gas station off Interstate 80 in Show Shoe Township on Sunday morning.

"God guided me here," Fant said. Asked what God told him to do, Fant replied: "Cut off his head." Asked if he was referring to Kaushal, Fant said: "Him too."

District Attorney Ray Gricar said Fant had been "very talkative" ever since his arrest, but would not say whether Fant

had confessed to any of the crimes. Gricar said Fant's statements should not prevent him from being tried.

"Based upon what I know about Mr. Fant he is competent, and there would be, I would think, no reason why we couldn't proceed to have the preliminary hearing next Thursday," Gricar said.

"Legal competence means he understands what the charges are against him and he can converse with his attorney so that his attorney can help defend him. Based upon all the conversations that Mr. Fant has had with numerous detectives from New Jersey, Georgia, Tennessee, here in Centre County, it's quite clear he understands the legal predicament he's in and he's able to talk about these events very coherently," Gricar said.

Fant was taken to Pennsylvania after he waived his right to extradition during a brief court appearance via closed circuit television in Belvidere, N.J., where he had been held since his arrest Sunday night along I-80.

Fant is wanted on charges in five states, including robbery and murder in Pennsylvania, murder in Georgia, aggravated assault in Tennessee and car theft in South Carolina.

Kaushal was in the United States on a visa from India and had recently moved to Snow Shoe from New York City.

200 potbellied pigs are looking for new homes

Associated Press

NORTHFORTMYERS, Fla.—On a five-acre bit of pig paradise, 400 potbellied porkers have spent their days dipping in a kiddie pool, burrowing in straw and snoozing in the barns.

But some of the pigs who have called the George L. Davis Potbellied Pig Sanctuary home will have to find a new place to live since one of their caretakers has become ill with multiple sclerosis.

John and Cindy Harris have been able to find homes for about 50 of the pigs and can keep caring for about 150, but that leaves 200 that need to move in the coming months.

"We could run an ad in the paper and place every one of them if I didn't care who they went to, but I do," said Cindy Harris.

The Harris have run the pig sanctuary since 1997, and Cindy Harris also runs a medical records copying service.

But the multiple sclerosis causes her to periodically lose her vision and the cost of her medications can be up to \$1,000 a

month. There isn't enough money to pay for the medical expenses and the \$500 a week feed bill for the pigs.

Her husband said he can take over his wife's business if she can no longer work, but they won't be able to keep caring for

so many pigs, some of whom are too old or too fat to be adopted.

Since October, the Harris have been trying to thin their herd.

"I'd like to see them all live out their lives somewhere, on a farm or a sanctuary or with a family," John Harris said.

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For more information, please contact:

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BAM Keynote Speaker

**Farai
Chideya**

**will visit
Georgia Southern**

**on Monday,
February 19th**

**7:00pm
Russell Union Ballroom**



Ms. Chideya is a journalist and author whose scope goes from television to print, and from African-American issues to punk music.

In 1997, *Newsweek* named her to its "Century Club" of 100 people to watch in the new millennium.

Ms. Chideya's 1995 stereotype-shattering book, *Don't Believe the Hype*, is now in its eighth printing. Her second book, *The Color of Our Future*, is a study of race through the eyes of 15-20 year olds.

She currently does political commentary for BET News, CNN, MSNBC and FOX. In the past, she has anchored "Pure Oxygen," the prime-time show on the Oxygen women's network started by Oprah Winfrey.

Ms. Chideya will speak at 7pm in the Russell Union Ballroom.

**For more
information, visit:
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**For more information, please contact Joyya Smith in The
Multicultural & International Student Center at 681-5409.**

WHAT CAUSES THE UNIVERSITY TO MAKE THESE OFF THE WALL DECISIONS?

Have you noticed any trees missing lately? Hint, hint: all the shrubbery around campus. All of the decorative shrubs that surrounded the buildings on campus have been chopped to the stump. Besides cutting down all the shrubs we paid for, Georgia Southern has decided to take more of our money to buy pine saplings to plant around campus. Why is that? What was wrong with the shrubs? Is

Our Opinion

it all part of the big plan to beautify our campus?

Georgia Southern is known for having a scenic campus, with many varieties of vegetation. This effort into making our campus beautiful is a lot of what appeals students to this campus. However, the bare stumps all over campus DONOT look appealing whatsoever. Does the school plan on replacing these before new students visit for orientation? Hopefully, they will be replaced by the time spring arrives. But it still doesn't answer what was wrong with the old

shrubbery?

We also wonder if Georgia Southern's new gazebo will be complete in time for orientation. The progress seems to be going well with the actual structure of the gazebo, but the landscape is a mess. Let's see some bright flowers and plants around the newest addition to our campus. Which brings us to another point, what about the new signs at all of the entrances? They've been under construction since last semester and still, they are not finished. With orientation fast approaching, lots of people will be lost if the signs are not in place to point the visitors in the right direction.

Georgia Southern is using all this money to better our campus. However, if no one is pleased when they come for orientation, what's the point of spending all that money? Not that we're complaining about the efforts they're taking to improving the campus, we appreciate that. Nevertheless, we are questioning the motives behind the decisions and the slow progress in all projects that Georgia Southern undertakes.

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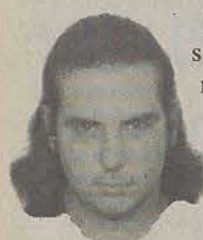
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Reparations for slavery are not merited



**CHRIS
BRENNAMAN**

It seems that several members of the black community, including Johnny Cochran, are rallying behind the cause of awarding blacks reparations for slavery. They say that the United States government "owes" them for using them for slave labor.

Here's a list of proposed reparations right now.

- Land redistribution.
- Tax breaks.
- Free college tuition.
- Direct monetary compensation.

One individual who is sheparding the cause says that the US government could owe more than a trillion dollars. Let's have a history lesson. Slavery is probably the second oldest profession. The moment one civilization realized that they could get another one to do their work for them let the proverbial cat out for the rest of human history. Make no mistake, slavery still occurs all over the world. Just because it doesn't happen in Europe or the US doesn't mean it's over and done with. My point is, it has and will go on for many many years, and will continue years after all of the last group to be subjected to slavery. Blacks are neither the first nor the last.

I have a quick question. Who are we going to take money or land for thereparations from? The government? I don't think so. The only money that the government has comes from the tax payers. I have another quick question. Are we just going to be targeting whites? Because

whites were not the only slave owners in the united states. If this group does succeed in getting its

reparations, are blacks going to be subjected to paying up as well? Why shouldn't they. As I said, blacks did own slaves alongside the whites, and while whites did go and get the Africans, don't think for a minute that the Africans didn't help out a whole lot. They were traded with. They were given goods for their own kind. Will reparations be sought from African nations? I doubt it. No, my friends, these individuals are duping a good many into believing that it's a cut and dry case of "whites oppressing the backs."

So these members of the black community basically want white America to give them money. That's what it boils down to, right? A group that I feel does not accurately represent the majority of blacks wants more money. You know what? I would be all for it if there was a population of former slaves. I really would. They would deserve it. It's not for someone to be a slave.

Never has been. But do me a favor really quick. Stop reading this column for a second to count how many former or current slaves you know. No cheating, they have to be living. Are you done? Now, unless you know someone who is incredibly old, I'll bet you don't know a one. Zero. So what is all of this all about?

Simple. Greed. Greed in all of its ugly, obnoxious glory. These people don't give a lick about righting past wrongs. No. They want to pay less taxes and get more free stuff just like the rest of us, only they've found a bogus cause to stand behind.

You want to honor your ancestors? Great. Open museums and educate people. But to tell me, a white man, that I owe you money, or anything for that matter, because your great great grand cousin may or may not have been a slave is beyond ridiculous, its down right stupid.

White America owes black America nothing.

That's right, read that again if you have to. I refuse to pay up for the supposed sins of my ancestors. And if the government caves into these vultures, then guess what, I'm leaving. I like this country. Heck, I love this country. But I have no desire to a part of a country whose government gives into the greedy whims of people who can't move forward and let the past be just that. The past. I refuse to salute a flag that might tell me that I'm going to be screwed because someone with the same skin color as me "owned" someone with a different skin color.

I have never owned a slave. Tell me who I owe again?

Take the Georgia flag down and keep the confederate symbol off. Not only is it racist but it's the sign of a group of jerks that got their tails kicked into oblivion by a better side. That's right. It's the symbol of losers and racists. It needs to go.

But do not tell me that I owe you a damn thing because of something that was abolished more than a century before my birth.

I just wish these "leaders" would actually stand up and do some leading for everyone instead of pushing the racial divide even further.

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Ever hear the term, 'God Complex'?



**RANDY
DOBSON**

I was in an interview the other day, my second interview with that company. Everything was going well. So well, in fact, that the

Senior Vice President of Operations, after explaining what the position entailed and that, in fact, he was creating that position for me, said something like, "Well, Randy, if this sounds like something you'd want to do, I will go ahead and put together an offer package for you that I think you'd like."

"Okay, I said. I look forward to hearing from you next week." And then the real issue was brought to my attention.

"By the way, Randy, what in the hell took you so long to get back in touch with me?" And then he explained to me that he had misplaced my resume after our first interview, which is why he had called a certain member of the faculty here, at Georgia Southern University, and left three messages on voice mail, asking this faculty member to contact me and let me know that the V.P. was trying to get in touch with me.

Okay, I'll be honest. At first, I was somewhat confused because it was somewhat difficult to believe. I mean, a potential employer, a senior vice president of the largest company of its kind east of the Mississippi, contacts a faculty member, to tell him he wants to hire one of the students in

that faculty member's own department, and all the V.P. asks that faculty member to do is tell the student to call him, and the faculty member, who sees that student four or five times each week, doesn't tell him?

It just does not make sense that a member of the faculty of this university, the same university at which I have amassed close to \$30,000 in debt in order to complete my degree, and the same university that I have come to love, would do this. We are talking about one's future career, and the man can't take the time to even send me an email to let me know that someone has tried to reach me?

There is only one word I can think of to describe this type of a person, this type of man: sorry. I could use the term ostentatious, or arrogant, or egotistic, or even ignorant really, but sorry says enough.

You know, when students and professors do not get along, the student has to go way out of the way so as not to piss him off, to "walk softly", if you will. Well, I can tell you this: I am far from perfect, folks, and I have more faults than southern California. However, to be so self-absorbed, and so inexhaustibly pompous, as to think that you wield that much power, to decide which students will and which ones will not find jobs, well, that is probably a huge burden to bear.

I was so embarrassed when this V.P. told me what had happened, both for myself, and also for Georgia Southern University, that I even tried to cover for the guy. "Well, sir, he is awfully busy. Maybe he has been traveling."

"Hell. That's no excuse!" he said. "Even I return phone calls, Randy. All he had to do was call you, or even call me. Anyhow, it's a good thing you just happened to call. I'll get that offer together for you. Talk to you next week."

Even the V.P. knew that what the professor did was wrong. I'm telling you, that was a most embarrassing moment, and I will never forget what this professor nearly cost me. And, just to make certain I wasn't overreacting, I asked a couple of guys in my major and another professor what they thought about the situation. Needless to say, they would have been angry as well. But, none of them were surprised that this professor had done this.

And therein is the saddest part of this whole thing. People expect things like this from this professor. But, for the life of me, I wonder how someone like this is a professor...a teacher. You see, in my opinion, teachers should care about their students. Sure, there are some people who may never get along, but that doesn't justify this man's actions...nothing does. Period.

I am no longer angry. Of that you can be assured. But I will do something about this. It's a little funny how, while we are students, the school doesn't really listen to us. But, once we become alumni, and are giving money, how the words we speak suddenly carry some weight? Well, I graduate in May.

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Abracapocus performs musical magic at the Mellow Mushroom

By Janis Pitman
Staff Writer

Abracapocus graced the back of the Mellow Mushroom Friday night with a performance that singer Sam Aranson believes to be one of their best yet.

The band is getting tons of support from the small but growing community of music lovers who want a better jam scene to arise in Statesboro. Abracapocus consists of GSU students Aranson, Connor O'Malley, John Post, Chris Elliot, and Scott Elmor.

"Our goal is to create music so that the kids can dance," Aranson said. All the kids were surely dancing by the night's end on Friday. The crowd was the usual group of heads that like to come out and boogie while getting their drink on.

The band played many new songs that they have written recently, like "Valencia," an instrumental that was catchy enough that words were neither needed nor missed.

The band's music has a nice reggae feel to it that remained strong throughout both sets and kept all viewers were in dance mode. When the guys covered "2001," a Deodato original (more popularly regarded as a Phish tune) the crowd cheered and begged for more.

During their set break, Aranson was still pumped up and ready to keep going. He and the famous Jeff from Kwijibo, another Statesboro favorite jam band, joined to play a couple songs together. The band's rendition of "Blackwater" had everyone screaming for some of that funky Dixieland music.



David Whiddon

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC: In playing at the Mellow Mushroom Friday night, Abracapocus continued to help bring the music scene alive in Statesboro.

Abracapocus wrapped up the night with one more reggae jam, as Aranson belted out, "Legalize it, then herbalize it," from atop the stage at the 'Shroom.

The entire weekend was a musical success, with a Saturday night performance by Kwijibo at the Mellow Mushroom. Although Statesboro does not have a large scene with bands that would rather frequent towns like Athens, we do get talented students that love getting together to provide us with enough noise to dance the nights away.

The only reason larger bands don't come around often is the fact that there is not a big enough venue for them to play, like the Georgia Theatre in Athens or the Variety Playhouse in Atlanta. However, bigger is not always necessarily better. The small bands and smaller venues in Statesboro provide for an intimate feeling of family when the same faces are seen on a

weekly basis and the guys in the bands are friends and not huge rock stars. They are the ones you sit next to in class, or the guys that will party with you after the show.

With bands like Abracapocus, Kwijibo, and Rubin gracing our favorite bars and restaurants, the music scene could very well reach new plateaus that may attract a wider variety of prospective students interested in attending GSU.

The three bands are currently discussing a free music festival that may take place in March at Blind Willie's.

Abracapocus will also be playing at the Rotunda on Earth Day, which is sometime in late April.

For more information on upcoming performances, call the Mellow Mushroom or Blind Willie's, or contact a band member about playing in your backyard.

MiddleGround is a 'chemistry experiment on stage'

By Travis Jones
Staff Writer

The crowd of fans gathered at Horizons Friday night had the privilege of rocking out to a budding band that's definitely making a name for themselves. In only their second public performance, Statesboro's own MiddleGround proved that people want to see a new, talented rock band without having to hear 50 cover songs.

MiddleGround, featuring vocalist/guitarist Bob Davis, guitarist Michael Avant, bassist Matt Yogus, and drummer Josh Roberts, is a chemistry experiment on stage, melding pop hooks and simple hard rock that brew and explode into a lively stage show. It's this successful blend of pop shine and rock grit that earn the band its name.

The band, who cites Collective Soul and Creed as influences, pounded out eight originals, most notably a "jam" song

that starts out floaty and becomes surprisingly heavy with Davis and Avant trading guitar solos, "Once Around the Sun" with Roberts' token rock drum solo finale, and "Poor Tom," a song Davis wrote in astronomy class.

The four GSU students say it's this energy along with their heart for making music and entertaining fans that's fueling their desire to make themselves known outside the Statesboro area. "We're doing this for us and for our friends," Avant said. Judging from the crowd Friday night, it looks as though they're satisfying their friends and luring new ones.

MiddleGround is planning prospective gigs in Macon and Augusta and seeks to share the bill with other local favorites, including Jennifer Nettles. They are also working on promotion, including an upcoming web address.

"You have to keep proactive and promote yourself," Avant said. "Because of



LaVene Bell

STATESBORO'S OWN: MiddleGround rocked at Horizons Friday night for friends and fans.

a small mindset, less bands make it." Contact the band at middlegroundmusic@hotmail.com.

This weekend's student one-acts a success

By Amanda Permenter
Staff Writer

"Thinking inside the box" was the caption gracing the front of the program for this year's student directed one-act plays, which took place last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.

The Theater and Performance Department annually presents a series of one-act plays directed and performed by theater students. The acts were completely organized by students under the supervision of theater professor Mical Whitaker.

"The one-acts are a great introduction for students coming into theater," Whitaker said.

The student-directors even chose which plays to perform, or as Whitaker put it, "the plays chose them." Everyone agreed upon the choices and sequence of the acts, and spent three to four weeks from that point preparing to perform.

This year's picks were "Funnyhouse of a Negro" by Adrienne Kennedy, "For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide/when the Rainbow is Enuff" by Ntozake Shange, and "Hard Candy," a bit of comic relief by Jonathan Rand.

The one-acts were presented in the Black Box Theater, which provided for an extremely intimate environment for both the actors to perform and the audience to watch.

"Funnyhouse of a Negro" was directed by Melanie Kitchens, and exaggerates the tragedy of a woman's mental struggle with her own mixed ethnicity. The act was tied together with a poetic twist supplied by Deshaun Miller's recital of "Madhouse" by Calvin C. Henrton as the play opened, and Langston Hughes' "Me and the Mule" in

closing.

The actors were genuine in their roles, and the nearly choreographed movements of each character were immaculate. Incredible emotion was conveyed through this act, as the script called for anything from

so the audience didn't have to go home with the death and suicide on their minds.

"Hard Candy," a satirical comedy about the hiring practices of an influential company, was directed by graduate student Michael Abbot.

The play was Abbot's first attempt at directing and proved quite impressive.

"It was intense," Abbot

said after the show. "We had a bit of a bad dress rehearsal yesterday, but the actors just rocked tonight. I was really pleased."

For Mills Garwood, an actor in "Hard Candy," this was his first play at GSU.

"It's an adrenaline rush," Garwood stated after a very successful opening night, "and it's something I love to do."

Apparently, every actor loved their job, because there was an atmosphere of dedication and ambition throughout each performance. If you missed the one-acts at the Black Box theater, be sure to make a date to see the Kentucky Cycle, which starts February 29 at McCroan Auditorium.

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Eagles overthrow Spartans to earn second in SoCon

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern freshman Kenny Faulk sank three free throws in the final eight seconds en route to a career-high 18 points as the Eagles held off a late rally by the UNC Greensboro to hand the Spartans their first loss of the season in Fleming Gym, 72-68, Saturday afternoon in a regionally televised Southern Conference matchup on FOX Sports Net South.

Georgia Southern (12-13, 8-6 SoCon) made eight of 12 free throws in the final 1:35 to preserve its eighth win in the last 11 games and remain in a three-way tie for second place in the Southern Conference's South Division. UNCG (15-10, 9-5) fell two games back of North Division leader East Tennessee State with two regu-

lar-season contests remaining.

The Eagles held the lead for the first 32-plus minutes of the game before UNCG's David Schuck tied the game at 51-all on a pair of free throws with 7:54 left in the game. His dunk on the next possession gave the Spartans their first lead, and a Jay Joseph basket gave the Spartans their biggest lead at 57-53 with only 6:26 remaining.

But the Eagles would battle back, putting together an 11-0 run to reclaim the lead. A Julius Jenkins dunk capped the spurt at the 2:58 mark, giving Georgia Southern a seven-point advantage at 64-57. The Spartans countered with a Nathan Jameson 3-pointer to get to within four before Sean Peterson's two free

throws put the Eagles up six with 1:35 remaining. UNCG answered with a 3-point play by Courtney Eldridge, and after Georgia Southern's Frank Bennett made one-of-two free throws, the Spartans pulled to within 67-65 on Schuck's tip-in with :38 showing on the clock.

But the Eagles made five free throws in the final 33 seconds, including one each by Peterson and Todd Shipley. Greensboro got as close as one on Jameson's third 3-pointer of the game with 13 seconds left, but Faulk knocked down two free throws with eight seconds left and sank one-of-two with just 0.4 remaining on the clock.

"I thought we took advantage of our quickness on the boards and we did

a good job defending Jameson, especially in the first half," said GSU coach Jeff Price. "Hopefully, we're starting to get over the hump at the right time heading into the tournament."

Georgia Southern outrebounded the Spartans 46-26, the largest deficit on the boards for UNCG since being outrebounded 46-25 at West Virginia November 25.

Faulk led all scorers with 18 points. Kashien Latham posted his 11th double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Peterson had 15 points and Jenkins finished with 10.

Georgia Southern takes on Furman Monday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse in the Eagles' final home game of the season.



THREE WAY TIE: The Eagles defeated UNCG on Saturday and earned second place in the Southern Conference South Division along with two other teams. The Eagles next take on Furman tonight in their final home game of the season.

Jill Burnham

Lady Eagles split pair of wins against JSU

G-A News Service

In only her fourth career start, freshman Janice Savage tossed a one-hitter en route to a 3-1 win over Jacksonville State Saturday afternoon at University Field. The win salvaged a split for the day, as Georgia Southern dropped the first game 2-1 after JSU's Lauren Buck hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The 3-1 victory in game two gave Savage her first career win. She carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning before the Lady Gamecocks (1-1) registered their only hit and run of the contest. The run, however, was unearned for Savage as she finished her complete game out- ing allowing no earned runs and striking out one.

The win broke a four-game losing streak for the Eagles (2-8), and it marked the first time GSU has beaten the Lady Gamecocks since the 1993 season. Jacksonville State had won the 10 previous meetings.

"Janice pitched a great game, and it's good to get back into the win column," said Georgia Southern head coach Kelley Kirkland. "Janice showed a lot of poise out there on the mound against a good hitting team."

The Eagles didn't waste any time giving Savage runs to work with. Freshman Meghan Correia scored

Georgia Southern's first two runs, starting in the opening frame when reached home off a Stacie Cooper single. Correia scored again in the third to give the visitors a 2-0 lead when Savage helped her own cause with an RBI single to left.

Jacksonville State plated its lone run of the game after committing a two-base error that put Carrie Parker on second. Parker made her way to third on a groundout and scored on a fielder's choice, as Kelly Blazi's throw from the plate wasn't in time. Two batters later, Andrea Tomey broke the no-hitter with her two-out single to left.



LaVene Bell

SPLIT WEEKEND: The Lady Eagles lost to Jacksonville State Saturday morning, but defeated them Saturday afternoon, bringing the Eagles' record to 2-8.

Correia led the Eagles by going 2-for-3 with two runs. But even more stellar was her play in right field, in which she robbed Tina Hill of a hit in the first inning with a diving catch. And then in the sixth with the score 2-1 and a runner on first, she snagged a sure triple out of the air with a diving over-the-shoulder catch that all but thwarted JSU's come-back effort.

"Meghan played a crucial role for us, both offensively and defensively," said Kirkland. "She hit the ball well, and she also kept us in the ball game with spectacular play in right field. Without her catch in the sixth inning, that game would have been tied and (Jacksonville State) would have a runner at third with one out. She certainly made a huge difference in this game."

In the opener, Blazi's RBI single in the top of the seventh inning broke a 0-0 tie and gave GSU what could have potentially been the game-winner, but in the bottom half of the inning with a runner aboard, Buck hit a one-out home run over the left-center field fence to give the Lady Gamecocks the 2-1 win.

Junior Aimee Littlejohn (0-2) was handed the loss despite another respectable outing. She carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning before Tomey singled to left to give the Lady Gamecocks one of its four hits of the day. Tomey led the hosts with a 2-for-3 effort, and it was her single in the bottom of the seventh that set Buck up for her game-winning homer.

Littlejohn finished her four-hitter with two runs allowed, one walk and four strikeouts. She also led the Eagles at the plate by going 3-for-3. Jill Wilcoxson (1-0) earned the win after giving up six hits, one run, and striking out four in a complete-game effort.

Georgia Southern will return to action on Friday when it hosts the first of two consecutive tourna-

ments. The third annual GSU/Reebok Invitational will welcome in four teams - Samford, Coastal Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Jacksonville State - for the three day round-robin tourney. The Eagles will face their first opponents on Friday in the likes of Samford (3 p.m.) and Coastal Carolina (5 p.m.) followed by MTSU (1 p.m.) and JSU (3 p.m.) on Saturday.

Racing legend dies in final lap

The Associated Press

Dale Earnhardt, one of the greatest stars in auto racing history, died Sunday from injuries in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion had to be cut out of his car after slamming into the wall on the final turn of the race while fighting for position. He was taken to the hospital accompanied by his son, Dale Jr., a young NASCAR star who finished second in the race.

"This is understandably the toughest announcement I've ever had to make. We've lost Dale Earnhardt," NASCAR president Mike Helton said.

Earnhardt died instantly of head injuries, said Steve Bohannon, a doctor at Halifax Medical Center.

"There was nothing that could have been done for him," he said.

The death comes at a time that driver safety issues were under increased scrutiny. Three NASCAR drivers were killed in wrecks last season.

The accident happened a half-mile from the finish of the NASCAR season-opener, won by Michael Waltrip.

Earnhardt, running fourth, grazed Sterling Marlin's car, crashed into the wall at the high-banked fourth turn going about 180 mph, and was smacked hard by Ken Schrader.

Earnhardt's death was the biggest blow to auto racing since three-time Formula One champion Ayrton Senna was killed in the San Marino Grand Prix in Imola, Italy, in 1994.

Neil Bonnett, one of Earnhardt's best friends, was killed that same year in practice for the Daytona 500. Rodney Orr died in a wreck three days later, also in practice, and was the last driver killed at the track until Earnhardt's accident.

"NASCAR has lost its greatest driver ever, and I personally have lost a great friend," NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said.

It was the second major wreck in five years in the race for Earnhardt, a driver known for his aggressiveness on the track. He flipped wildly on the backstretch near the end of the race in 1997 but was not seriously hurt. He came back to win the race the next year



Special Photo

A SAD LOSS: NASCAR great Dale Earnhardt died Sunday in the final lap of the Daytona 500. His son finished second place.

on his 20th try.

Earnhardt was the leader among active Winston Cup drivers with 76 career victories. He also had the most victories at Daytona International Speedway, 34.

Eagles lose first games of season against Tech

By John Seaton
Staff Writer

A great amount of anticipation came with top-ranked Georgia Tech's visit to Statesboro this weekend to take on the Georgia Southern baseball team. The Jackets proved they were more than worthy of their number one ranking, breaking out the brooms and earning a two game sweep of the Eagles. Tech won game one on Saturday 23-3 and took game two on Sunday 10-2.

The Eagles were greeted rudely by the Yellow Jackets on Saturday in front of a J.I. Clements stadium record crowd of 2,071 people. Georgia Tech scored one run in the first and two in the second to take a 3-0 lead, but the fourth inning would be the time when the Yellow Jackets broke out.

Georgia Tech would send nine batters to the plate in the inning, while scoring six runs on five hits in the inning. Tech junior Richard Lewis would deal the big blow in the inning, a triple off the wall in center. The triple would be a part of a big day for the second baseman as he went 5-for-7, while also hitting for the cycle.

Tech would continue to pour it on in the sixth inning scoring five more runs on three hits along with a Georgia Southern error. Georgia Southern would manage to get on the board in the sixth putting up a trio of runs.

Second baseman Brandon Burnsed would reach on a fielders' choice, and third baseman Carlos Love would advance to first after strike three got away from Tech catcher Tyler Parker setting up senior DH Scott Henley. Henley would deliver the hit the Eagles needed driving a double deep into the right centerfield gap scoring Burnsed and Love. Sophomore Matt Herring would then slap a single to right field to score Henley. Those three runs would be all the Eagles were able to manage in the game.

The Yellow Jackets would score a one run in both the seventh and the eighth innings, but seven more runs in the ninth inning would add insult to injury as the Eagles fell 23-3.

Game two on Sunday would stay close much longer than the game on Saturday. Eagle pitcher David Ray would silence the Georgia Tech bats in the first four innings giving up only

two hits.

"I thought David Ray pitched very well in the early going," said Eagles head coach Rodney Hennon.

He appeared to be cruising in the fifth recording the first two outs quickly. Ray was then only one strike away from getting out of the inning against Tech centerfielder Wes Rynders, but Rynders was able to fight off several pitches before managing an infield hit. Ray was then able to get lead-off hitter Matthew Boggs in the hole 0-2, but Boggs fought back and drew a walk. Tech's second baseman Lewis would follow with a single driving in Rynders, and then Tech third baseman Mark Teixeira would deal a major blow to the Eagles. Teixeira, the NCAA na-

score on a looping single to center by Teixeira making the score 7-0.

Tech would score another run in the top of the seventh to extend their lead to 8-0. The score would remain at that until the bottom of the eighth when Georgia Southern threatened to make a game out of it. Dayrrl Stephens would smack a double down the right field line, and pinch hitter James Payne would drive him in with a single to center. An error and a passed ball would move Payne to third where he would be driven in by Matt Herring. The Eagles would load the bases but were unable to get the hit they needed to draw any closer. Tech would score two more in ninth to pad their lead and close out the game.



LaVene Bell

FIRST LOST: The defending SoCon Champions lost their first two games to number one ranked Georgia Tech Saturday and Sunday at Clements stadium.

tional player of the year in 2000, blasted his third homerun season over the right centerfield wall to give Tech a 4-0 lead.

The Yellow Jackets would go back to work at the plate in the sixth putting up 3 more runs. Designated hitter Derik Goffena would lead off with a triple to right-center, and he would be followed by the catcher Parker, who would knock him in with a single to center. Parker would be caught stealing, but Rynders and Boggs were both able to reach base again on an error and hit respectively. Rynders would score on a sacrifice fly by Lewis, and Boggs would

"They have a really good team," said Eagle freshman Brandon Burnsed. "We really wanted to play better. We'll just have to have a few good days of practice and get ready for our next game."

Hennon agreed with Burnsed, but he also gave Georgia Tech credit.

"They are a good team baseball team, and they do a lot of things well," he said. "I still feel good about our team. We just have to come back and have a good day of practice before Jacksonville (a 4:00 game Wednesday in Statesboro). There is still a lot of baseball yet to be played."

Athlete of the Week: Alie Rousseau

By Suzanne Spires
Staff Writer

If you have gone to any of the GSU women's basketball games, then you have probably seen Alie Rousseau, #3. Alie, 5'9" and a junior, has been playing basketball since eighth grade. She signed with Georgia Southern during the early period after earning three varsity letters in basketball at Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. She was also voted team MVP as a senior, helping her team to a 19-5 record.

Last year Alie broke the Georgia Southern record and fell one short of a Southern Conference

record by hitting eight out of nine three-pointers in a game against Appalachian State, a game that was her career high, and best moment in basketball. Just two weeks ago, Alie was named Southern Conference Player of the Week. To this she says, "Yea, I like shooting."

Alie is facing a couple of physical setbacks this year though. She has been having problems with her shoulder and knees, but she is not letting that stop her. Head coach of the women's basketball team, Rusty Cram, said that she is fighting these physical setbacks by spending half an hour or so training before and after practice. She may not be able to play

for extended periods of time, but she is very dedicated to playing and shooting her best when she can get in the game.

When asked what he felt about Alie, Coach Cram said, "She's got a piercing shot, and we're glad to have her on our team."

The feeling seems to be mutual. Alie said that she likes Georgia Southern and is "confident about the team's game." This Saturday the GSU women's basketball team took on Greensboro and Alie Rousseau was there to help the team to a great victory and a leap to the first place in the Southern Conference.

If God had really intended men to fly, he'd make it easier to get to the airport.

— George Winters



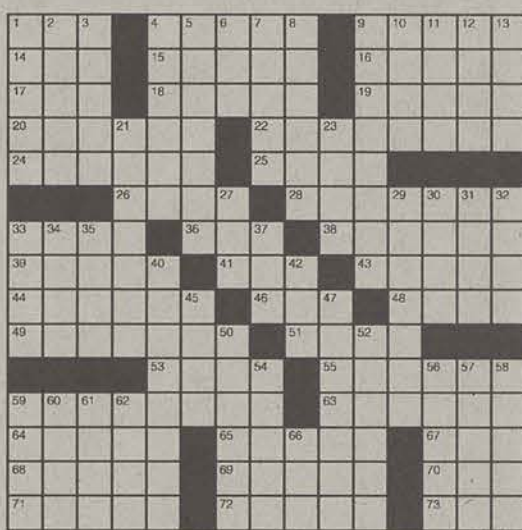
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couch potato)
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nursery rhyme
69 Avoid capture
70 Cassowary kin
71 Time between 12
and 20
72 At no time
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I WAS JUST HOPING SHE DIDN'T FIND MY SECRET BETTY & VERONICA SKETCHBOOK...

YOU TALK ABOUT A BLAST FROM THE PAST!! I USED TO BUY AN ARCHIE COMIX DIGEST ONCE A YEAR AT THE ANNUAL CLAMBAKE MY UNCLE'S GKI CLUB HAD AT DUXBURY BEACH... (IN MASS.)

IT BASICALLY CONSISTS OF DRAWINGS I DID WHEN I WAS A WEED LAD OF ME & ARCHIE'S FAVORITE FEMALE COWBOYS NUDIE.

FAIRLY G-RATED STUFF MIND YOU...

BUT SCANDALOUS & EMBARRASSING NONETHELESS...

WHY AM I STAR WARS TRADING CARDS!! I JUST READ SOMETHING ABOUT AN INFAMOUS C-3PO CARD THAT CAME OUT YEARS UPON YEARS AGO...

FOR A JAKE SOMEONE AT THE CARD CO. PUT GENTILIA ON C-3PO & IT GOT PRINTED!!

IT'S A SUPER RARE CARD & WORTH BIG \$\$\$!! I TOLD MY MAMA TO SEARCH MY STASH.

FIND THE PENIS, MAMA!! FIND THE PENIS & WE'RE RICH!!

I FOUND IT FUNNY HOW ONE MINUTE, I DIDN'T WANT HER TO FIND THE DIRTY STUFF & THE NEXT, I WANTED HER TO.

HE'S INSIDE YELLIN' AT HIS MOM ABOUT C-3PO'S PENIS... I CAN'T MISS HIM...

THE GONGFARMER

BY RANDY REGIER

WHOA, NEW SLACKS!

CHECKERED PANTS, LIKE A CHECKERED FLAG. WINNER PANTS. I'M A WINNER. FIRST PLACE IN THE HUMAN RACE!

THEY LOOK LIKE THE FABRIC FROM AESOP'S SHIRT.

YOU WEIRD ME OUT WITH THESE FREAKED OUT COMMENTS YOU MAKE. IT'S LIKE YOU LIVE IN SOME CHEESY LITTLE CARTOON WORLD OR SOMETHING.

THE GONGFARMER

BY RANDY REGIER

HEY, NEW SHIRT!

WHERE'D YOU GET IT?

STITCHED IT OUTTA SOME FABRIC I HAD HANGIN' AROUND.

IF ID OF ONLY GOTTEN HERE A LITTLE SOONER.

THE GONGFARMER

BY RANDY REGIER

THERE'S A CRYIN' SHAME OVER THERE. LOOKS LIKE I LOST ONE.

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD'VE SAVED IT?

PROBABLY.

IF ID OF ONLY GOTTEN HERE A LITTLE SOONER.

Breim Lint by Amy K.R.

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BigFatWow: In the mall Internet connection

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CHICAGO—When soothsaying investors were predicting that e-retailers would make brick-and-mortar stores obsolete, owners of the largest shopping malls made a show of trotting out their own Internet strategies.

From hand-held scanners for shoppers to kiosks with Internet access, these gizmos were an anxious attempt by mall developers to prove they were ahead of the cyber curve. But no sooner had the gadgets been launched than the dire warnings that spurred their creation proved drastically off target.

Hundreds of e-retailers fizzled, and malls were seen again as durable. And the Palm hand-held infrared scanners with names like YourSherpa and FastFrog already have been shelved. Mall owners launched those programs "at a time when everyone was abuzz about tech initiatives in the real estate world," said Greg Andrews, an analyst with California-based Green Street Advisors Inc. "It was a kind of a knee-jerk reaction."

Which may explain why the Irving, Texas, developers of the provocatively named BigFatWow Inc. are careful to distance themselves from the quickly constricting dot-com world.

Sure, BigFatWow's mall-based Internet centers merge the point-and-click and brick-and-mortar worlds, but the company's goal is decidedly old-fashioned: By providing a dozen computer terminals hooked up to free T-1 high-speed access to the Internet, the centers could draw more shoppers to the mall and expose people on the other side of the digital divide to the cyberhighway-blacks, Hispanics and older women who are less likely to use the Internet. Just as critical, malls would get rental money from BigFatWow for its space.

Since June, the privately held firm has opened 40 centers in the lobbies of malls

nationwide, said Brent Earles, executive vice president for sales at BigFatWow. The first one in the Chicago area opened at Gurnee Mills in November.

BigFatWow's numbers doubled this month when it merged with its major

will you use the Internet in the years ahead to complement a shopping center?"

So Daseke viewed BigFatWow as an entertainment, or "inter-tainment," center, a way for malls to keep shoppers around longer, much as skating rinks and amusement rides already do in malls across the country. An additional incentive for malls to invite a BigFatWow center: The company would pay rent for its space. Part of the rent includes a percentage of the company's gross revenue. A mall's management also gets to use the center's advertising displays for its own promotions, according to company officials.



Special Photo

ONLINE BUYING IN THE MALL: Shoppers are using BigFatWow in the malls as an alternative to shopping online at home.

competitor, Plano, Texas-based CyberXpo. Retaining the name BigFatWow, the new 250-employee company has 114 installed centers nationwide and plans to have 300 by the end of the year.

Recently at the Gurnee Mills BigFatWow center, situated in the lobby near the Spiegel outlet store and within sight of the Rainforest Cafe's 20-foot-high wooden giraffe, seven of the nine computer terminals were filled with shoppers pecking away at keyboards and staring at screens for their search-engine results. Seemingly oblivious to the constant din of squeaky shoes, crying or laughing children and intercom announcements, Michelle Espinoza, 23, a part-time dog trainer from Mundelein, looked up Web sites on dog training. It was the first time she had ever experienced high-speed Internet access.

From the beginning, BigFatWow founder Don Daseke, a Dallas apartment and real estate investor, always approached Internet opportunities with the nuts-and-bolts needs of shopping mall real estate investment trusts in mind, Earles said.

"The issue for mall owners isn't, 'Hey, look out for the big bad e-retailers,'" Earles said. "Rather, the issue is, 'How

But even though Gurnee Mills' owner, the Mills Corp. in Arlington, Va., welcomed the center at its Gurnee site, the company is taking a wait-and-see approach to ventures like BigFatWow, said Mark Rivers, executive vice president at Mills. "The single biggest reason developers have embraced these technologies is for the 1/8 rental 3/8 income they can bring in," Rivers said. "But a lot of these concepts are still in their infancy."

Company executives hope high-speed Internet providers and sellers of consumer high-tech goods will bite, and, so far, SBC Communications Inc., AT&T Corp., Excite@Home Corp., Compaq Computer Corp. and Sega Enterprises have come on board as sponsors or partners. The lure for them is the potential to reach huge numbers of shoppers who are on the other side of the digital divide. For although millions of people still don't have access to the Internet, more than 90 percent of Americans visit a shopping center each month, the International Council of Shopping Centers says. "We provide a bridge for the great digital divide," Earles said. "Our centers are free. They're easy to use, and it allows anyone who didn't have access before to experience the Internet."

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