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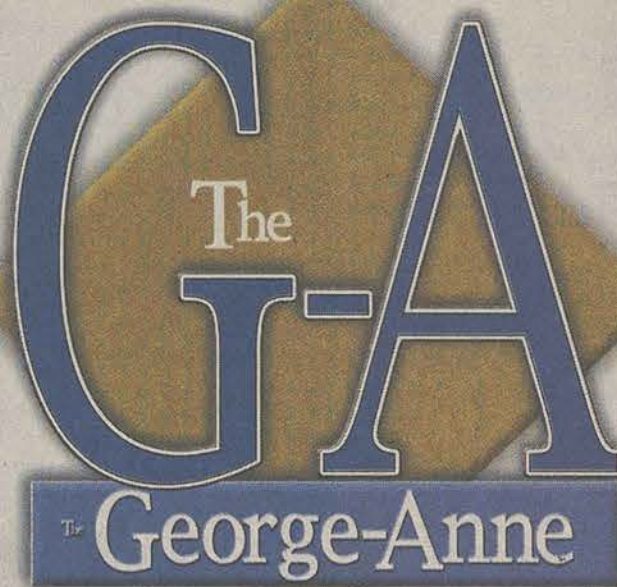


SPORTS

GSU softball plays in the Reebok Invitational

Going 2-4 in the Reebok Invitational, the GSU softball team brings their record to 5-12.

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LIFE

'The Kentucky Cycle' to open tonight in McCroan

Robert Schenkkan's Pulitzer Prize winning play about coal mining makes its debut at GSU.



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Kathy A. Bradley addresses students during Leadership Speaker Series



By Jason Kemp
Assistant News Editor

Kathy A. Bradley, the assistant district attorney for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit court, spoke Tuesday night at the University Honor's Program and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Speaker Series.

Bradley spoke about the importance of being a leader and recommended to students certain steps that could be taken towards becoming a leader. She also spoke on the importance of getting a well-rounded education while one is in college instead of just focusing on a specific trade.

"If you are a computer science major then try to go see a play," Bradley said. "Who knows, a sculpting class might be the relief that a chemistry major would need after spending all of the time in a lab."

While the theme of Bradley's speech was leadership, she also discussed her first memories of college and what it was like going to a college that had only women attending. Bradley went to Wesleyan College in Macon for her undergraduate work.

Bradley also went to law school in Macon, at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. She told the audience that she had known that she had wanted to be a lawyer since she was 15, and at the time of her high school graduation, ambitious women were encouraged to act upon the new found opportunity of attending either law or medical school.

Bradley had positive comments about the leadership series, which continues with Erik Russel in the following weeks.

"I think that the leadership series is something that has probably been needed for a long time," Bradley said. "Students often times get so caught up in the academic preparation that they need in college that they don't recognize the need for any other type of preparation."

A question and answer session followed Bradley's

speech. Students and faculty members asked the Bradley various questions, ranging from her profession to why she chose American Studies as her undergraduate major.

"I thought that the speech was well received and the question and answer session at the end was pretty lively," Bradley said. "It always makes a speaker feel good when people want to know more about the things that were discussed."

Bradley turned to public service in April of 2000 after working for over fifteen years as a defense attorney. Bradley also writes a bi-monthly column for the Statesboro Herald and was at one time an adjunct professor for Georgia Southern in the College of Business Administration, where she taught business law.

Besides being asked to speak at the leadership series, Bradley has received many accolades for her leadership abilities. She was in the Leadership Southeast Georgia's class of 2001 and served as the President of Leadership Bulloch in the mid-nineties.

Bradley served on the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees for three years, was president of the Statesboro Junior Woman's Club and a charter member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Statesboro.

Along with using her leadership skills at work, Bradley enjoys interaction with children. She has been a volunteer coach for the Statesboro Recreation department, an Ogeechee Youth Soccer League coach and has participated in several youth events sponsored by such organizations as the YMCA and the Optimist Club.

Bradley was also given the opportunity to carry the Olympic torch when it came through Statesboro during the 1996 Olympic Games Torch Relay. Being recognized as a community hero and carry the torch is one thing that Bradley says she will always cherish.

"It was just the most incredible, unforgettable experience I have ever had," Bradley said.

GSU implements online registration for all students through WINGS program

By Jason Clary
Staff Writer

Georgia Southern has finally stepped into the twenty-first century and has implemented online registration for all GSU students.

The WINGS program, Web Interactive Network for Georgia Southern, is up and running and will be the standard way for students to register for summer and fall 2001 classes.

The new registration program WINGS should alleviate the time consuming problems associated with the old way of registering.

The addition to online registration will make it easier for students to take the time needed to pick a schedule that works for them and will allow them to go online at their convenience.

According to journalism professor Ernest Wyatt, "Students may register in the library, computer labs on campus, or from home, in fact, anywhere you can gain access to the Internet, even atop a mountain in Tibet or in a canoe on the Amazon."

When asked if he anticipated any glitches in the WINGS program, GSU Registrar Michael Deal said, "We have tried very hard to look at this web system and to anticipate any problems which may occur and to remedy them. However, as with any new system, we will likely have some things that we must fine tune after we get started."

The biggest difference in online registration compared to the old way is the addition of the Registration Access Number, or RAN, that every student

will receive when he or she is advised. This number will allow students to access the WINGS registration page after a certain time and date. The RAN is simply replacing pink registration cards that students once needed to have in order to register.

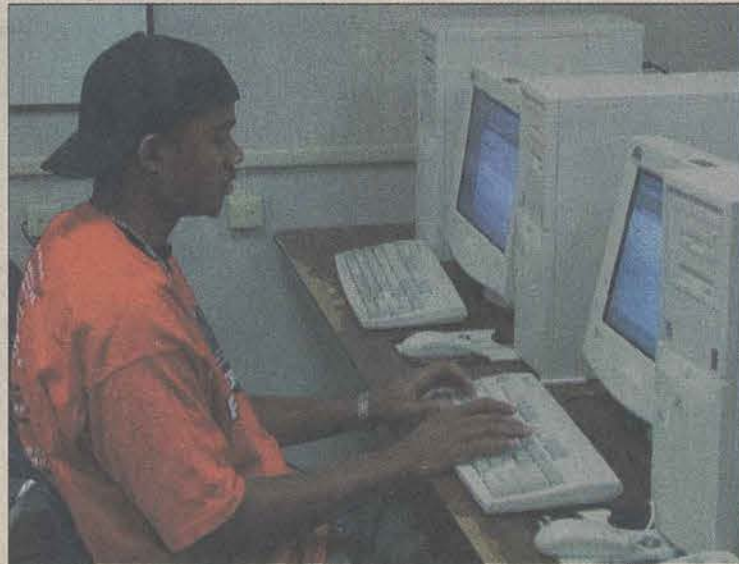
Another safeguard that online registration will have is that students that once signed up for classes that they did not have the prerequisite for will no longer be able to with the WINGS program. The WINGS program will not allow students to register for classes that he or she doesn't have the correct prerequisites for.

The WINGS program is designed to be easy for all students to use. In preparation of unforeseen problems, the registrar's office has setup a help line, along with staff members, that will assist those students in need of help. The help line will be staffed from

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The help line number is 681-0735. It also has a prerecorded message to assist students after hours.

"Staff members will assist students from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the William's Center," according to Deal.

The registrar's office has set up the online registration program via the Georgia Southern web site, which can be found at <http://www2.gasou.edu/registrar>. Students should click on the WINGS link and select "Login to Secure Area." Once at the login page, students need to enter their Social Security number into the User ID field and each student's password should be his or her birthday (MMDDYY), do not include any spaces or dashes) and then click on the "login" link. Students will then be able to register online.



Jason Clary

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Forget waiting in long lines, WINGS now offers GSU students the opportunity to register for classes online.

This year's college graduates confront a tighter job market

TMS Campus

A senior at Washington University in St. Louis thought a job awaited her after graduation at a New York City dot.com company. During her internship there last summer, the boss said she was a shoo-in for full-time work.

But the dot.com got squeezed financially and laid off workers. The job offer evaporated. Now the senior is out there with thousands of other college students looking for work.

Stories similar to hers are repeating themselves around the country. This year's graduates are competing in a job market that's tighter than it has been the past few years.

Blame the slowing economy and rising unemployment. The economy's slight downturn has prompted some companies to hold off on hiring. Some have laid off workers or introduced hiring freezes.

Plus, some high-flying technology and computer companies that offered big salaries and great perks a year ago have seen venture capital disappear. Some companies have folded; others have scaled back.

"The shakeout in the dot.com industry has sent a lot of those technology-savvy business professionals heading to a

lot of the e-recruiting Web sites such as monster.com and hotjobs.com," McCool said. "Suddenly, there's a lot more competition for the jobs that are advertised online. That's certainly something new for this year's graduating class to consider."

The dot.com financial situation doesn't have as big an effect on employment for college seniors in Kansas and Missouri as it does on the coasts, career center directors at colleges in the region said. But they say they see small signs that the job market for seniors is tightening in the Midwest, too.

Companies are taking longer to make decisions on whether to hire students they have interviewed, said Cynthia Fuls, director of student and career services at DeVry Institute of Technology's Kansas City campus.

Employers are looking for students with skills, not just energy and ideas, said Kitty Wilson, director of career services at Rockhurst University.

At the University of Kansas, Gail Rooney, director of university career and employment services, said this month's job fair still had more than 150 employers looking for qualified workers.

"We're not seeing the frenzied pace

and the growth of the past couple years," she said. "But we're still seeing a positive job market for college graduates in entry-level positions."

Rooney said some companies that have laid off workers are still hiring. They're just hiring people with different skills. If the companies are looking for employees with technical knowledge, this year's graduates can be successful.

Nationally, entering salaries for computer engineering graduates are about \$53,443, up about 14 percent over last year, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The association reported that economics/finance graduates are being offered about \$40,000, a 5.7 percent increase over last year.

Camille Luckenbaugh, the association's employment information manager, said that most other areas are seeing boosts, but the increases are more modest than in past years.

"(The job market) is still good, it's just not spectacular the way it used to be," she said. "(Graduates) were getting salaries that were so high, bonuses that were so high, that now it seems this is putting us back where we belong."

Do you agree with Kevin?



DO YOU AGREE WITH KEVIN? Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, students turned out at the RAC to learn how religion changed one man's life.

LaVene Bell

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Presbyterian Church splits on same-sex unions

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A closely divided Presbytery of Greater Atlanta on Saturday voted down an amendment to its denomination's constitution that would explicitly prohibit the blessing of same-sex unions, while its counterpart in northeast Georgia voted the other way.

The 256-225 Atlanta vote against the amendment came by paper ballot after an hour's discussion.

The Northeast Georgia Presbytery voted Saturday in favor of the amendment 65-61.

"We had a very spiritual, pas-

torally sensitive and open debate even though our vote was very close," said the Rev. Keyon Meeks Jr., executive of the presbytery.

A majority of the nation's 173 presbyteries must approve the amendment by this summer for it to become law in the 2.6-million-member Presbyterian Church (USA).

Currently, according to a ruling last year by the denomination's highest court, ministers in the denomination may perform same-sex blessing services as long as they are not considered the same as marriage

ceremonies.

The proposed amendment, passed by the national governing body of the denomination in 2000, would rule out invoking "God's blessing ... on any relationship that is inconsistent with" the view that people should live "in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or in chastity in singleness."

As of last week, 37 presbyteries had voted in favor of the amendment and 67 against it. The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta represents

110 churches. The Cherokee presbytery, which covers much of the northwestern metro area, is scheduled to vote Tuesday.

Survey says family time lapsing in Georgia

Associated Press

NORCROSS, Ga. — Georgia parents aren't spending as much time with their kids as their parents did. As a result, they're left feeling stressed, frustrated and guilty, says a survey by the Georgia Family Council.

The Norcross-based nonprofit research and advocacy organization found in its survey of 403 Georgians that parents are spending 10 to 12 fewer hours per week with their children than their parents did.

The survey, which was released Monday, also finds that 81 percent of parents say "quality"

time is more important than quantity. Council President Randy Hicks suggests that means many parents don't spend as much time with their kids as they think they should.

"People may say 'quality' because they know 'quantity' is impossible," said Dr. Richard Winer, a Roswell psychiatrist who was not involved in the study, in Monday's edition of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The survey indicates other areas where parents seem to be falling short.

"The most distressing news from the survey is that fewer than

one-third of parents say that they spend more than 30 minutes a day talking with their kids about matters important to the child," Hicks said.

Hicks suggests parents restructure their lives make more time for their families.

"We need to make some hard decisions about simplifying our lives," he said. "I'm not sure what those decisions ought to be, but it would likely involve cutting out an activity or two, no matter how important they seem, and being as purposeful about spending time together as a family as we are about other areas of our lives."

This Week's Weather



Today

Rain with a high of 70 and a low of 47.



Thursday

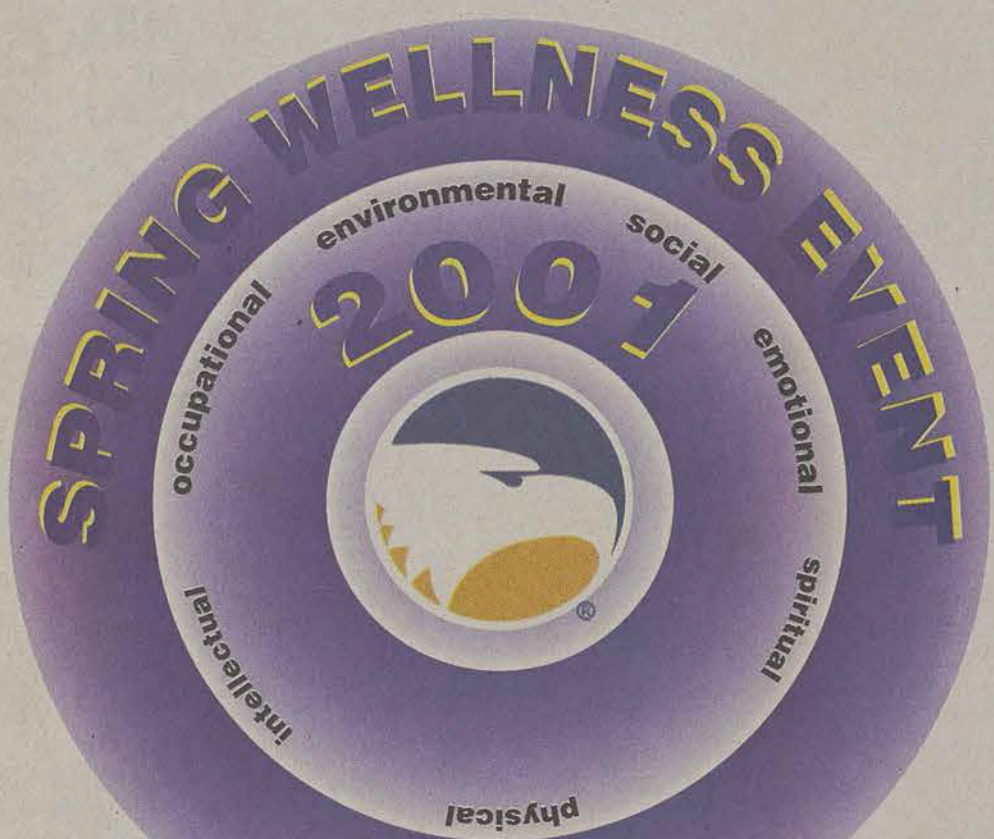
Rain with a high of 68 and a low of 50.

What: Spring Wellness Event

Date: Thursday, March 8th

Time: 7:30am — 2:00pm

Where: ... Williams Center Cafeteria



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU

February 28-March 1

• **Zeta Phi Beta Presents: A Week of Finerwomanhood.** Monday, "March of Dimes Folic Acid Day" in the Russell Union from 12 pm until 2 pm. Tuesday, "Safe Stroking" an event that includes "more condoms" and "sexual healing" in room 2041 of the Russell Union. Wednesday, "So Sweet Makeovers: Becoming a Finerwoman" from 12 to 2 pm in the Russell Union. Thursday, "Zeta's Against Assault: Stop the Madness" in the Russell Union from 12 to 2 pm.

February 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.

February 28

• The GSU chapter of **Habitat for Humanity** will meet at 6 p.m. in room 2042 of the Russell Union.

• **Gamma Beta Phi** will be holding a general meeting in Russell Union room 2041 at 6 p.m.

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.

March 8

• **GSU NAACP** presents the "4th Annual Tribute to the African American Woman" at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union theater.

March 20-21

• The **Graduation Gala** will be held in

the Williams Center Dining Hall from 10 until 6 pm on the 20th and 10 until 4 on the 21st.

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

Statesboro Police Department

February 24

• Courtney Smith, 22, Garden District 1302, reported battery.

• Tonya Miller, 22, Greenville, reported criminal trespassing.

February 26

• Shaun Hines, 20, Garden Dis-

trict 2305, was arrested for reckless driving.

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 pub-

lic 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 Jason Kemp, assistant news editor.

St. Simon's Island in need of lifeguards

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, - Glynn County officials are hoping a pay hike will help attract more lifeguards this year after a shortage left the St. Simons Island beaches unguarded last summer.

The salary has been increased to \$10 an hour for lifeguards and \$10.50 for supervisors. Previously, the county paid beginning lifeguards \$7 an hour and increased their pay each summer they came back.

The county started paying for the lifeguards' training last year, but still attracted too few guards.

"We've already been advertising, sending out information to colleges and schools," said Wesley Davis, director of the county's recreation and parks department. "We're going to see if money is the problem."

Glynn County was not alone in

scrambling for qualified lifeguards last summer. Dwindling numbers of applicants resulted in shortages throughout Georgia.

Officials speculated that the cost and time required for training, plus the level of responsibility, are more than many high school and college students want to take on for a summer job.

Although Glynn County needs only 16 to 18 lifeguards, it didn't draw enough applicants last year from a training program operated by the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

The county hired enough lifeguards to watch over its pools, but never had enough to put them on the beach at St. Simons for the summer season, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Glynn County police officers stopped by the beach periodically and used binoculars to watch swimmers.

Susan Walker, director of health and

safety for the Red Cross, said many of the newly trained guards went to work for the Sea Island Co. and its resort operations, and others may have gone to work for Brunswick's recreation department instead.

Tybee Island, near Savannah, hired about 18 lifeguards last summer and plans to increase that number this year, said Tybee Island Police Chief Jim Price.

Price said he didn't have any problems filling the lifeguard chairs last season. He got about 30 applications for the jobs, which pay \$7 to \$9 an hour. But he was left short at the end of last summer when some students left in August to go back to school.

No deaths resulted from the lack of beach lifeguards on St. Simons Island last year, but Walker said that was just good fortune.

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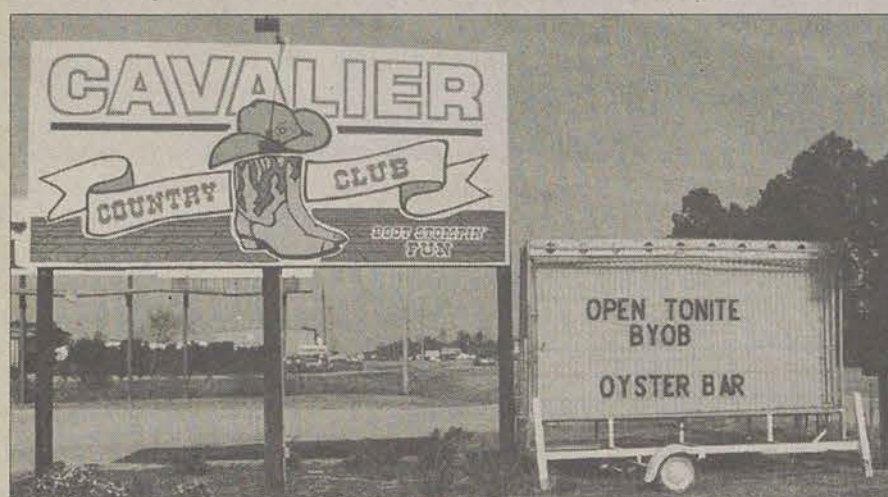
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WILL THE CAVALIER EVER REOPEN ITS DOORS?

Our Opinion

The Cavalier on Hwy. 301 has been experiencing problems for the past several weeks now. After being closed once for serious legal reasons, The Cavalier tried last week to open its doors for "all you can drink free beer - donations are welcome." Once again, the police shut down the establishment. We have made several attempts to contact the owners to find out the truth behind the scandal in order to inform GSU students of the real story. The Cavalier has always been known for its cheap beer and good times, and we feel that everything possible should be done in order to reopen its doors. We're just curious why no one is willing to talk and why this type of situation seems to happen frequently to establishments that cater to students.



LaVene Bell

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When everything seems lost, go off-roading



ERIN A. MERRITT

I spend a lot of my time wondering about the future. In May I graduate, and what then? Who will I become and will I have someone to share it with? Will I be someone that I can be proud of? A lot of the current situations I have found myself in have sent my mind into a whirlpool of images and dreams of the future.

In this month alone my life has changed shape so many times in such drastic ways that I never thought possible. It always seems when I've finally got things figured out, the ground falls out from underneath me. But isn't that the story of everyone's life?

I find myself baffled at how little control we actually have. We, as humans, think we know and understand so much, but look how much we don't know. We are such a small aspect of this world, and yet we spend most of our time thinking the world revolves around us. I'm not passing the buck either, be-

cause I know I do the same thing. Something goes wrong, "how could this happen to me?" I get my feelings hurt, "how could I be treated that way?" My life practically falls apart, "Why does God hate me?" The list goes on and on...and when the smoke clears, we usually find ourselves better off or just as well off as before. Right?

Case in point, I recently had the blow of my life. I had put almost four years of work into this and I had planned to stay here after I graduated and finish out the summer before I left. It all seemed so right, I wouldn't have to find a sublease and I could spend one last summer with my friends. So with this perfect scenario, I shouldn't have seen it coming, but I didn't.

So then I find myself with no plans for the summer. The future is coming at me with its brights on and the only thing I could bring myself to do was pull off the road for a while. Sitting there my mind started to toss out suggestions, all of which weren't good enough for me. I mean after all, this just COULDN'T be happening to me. But there I was, and it

WAS happening. What should one do when they reach a turn in the road and the road is going where they don't want to go?

Go offroading! That's right! Every possibility that came to mind, I gave it a try. Seriously at this point what the hell did I have to lose? Turns out some of these ideas worked. Not only that, my near future seems to be mapping out in a much better fashion. Well that is for now, the far-away future I cannot speak for. I think this time I'll keep my eyes open for the pebbles before the rock slide.

Take the path that seems the most ridiculous because after all, necessity is the mother of invention, right? Take the desperateness of your situation and let your mind take you to the limits. Perhaps you'll find that you're a more creative and inventive person than you ever imagined. This way when you start to think about the future it won't seem so intangible and when you get faced with a problem, it won't seem so impossible.

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Are you afraid of Kevin? I am



DAVID KOEPKE

Many of us have seen the "Do You Agree With Kevin" posters, flyers, and shirts plastered all over campus, but what does it all mean? To be honest, it's a publicity campaign propagated by the BSU (Baptist Student Union). "Kevin" is Kevin Windham, a junior hotel and restaurant management major. The start of the evening had Hotel California playing in the background, then a skit was performed and Kevin took the stage. He went on to tell people that he had a drug, alcohol, and sex problem in his younger days, but then he found God as a GSU freshman. After his testimony he said it was not really "Do you agree with Kevin," but "Do you agree with Jesus Christ." This is proof that the BSU was trying to increase its membership, but did so in the most deceptive manner.

The real question is: Why was the BSU being so cryptic? For those who lack the Webster, cryptic is defined as "a message that has a secret or hidden meaning." The only purpose for secrecy is deception. My question is, why does a religious group need to be deceptive? Many have said the only reason the BSU is being deceptive is to get more people to their event. Another good question: Is it proper for

a religious group such as the BSU to be secretive about their ministry and witness? To answer that in a word, NO.

In my search for the answer I consulted the Bible (NIV). I was shocked to read what I found in its pages. Starting with the Old Testament, there are many references to deceit, one of the first being Leviticus 19:11. Of course, that particular verse may not have applied as I wanted it to, so I moved on. Again, the Old Testament supplied me yet another verse that did have more of a usage to it, Proverbs 14:5 "A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies." Now I'm not trying to say the BSU was lying, but I am saying that a truthful witness is straightforward and does not hide behind a silhouette of mystery. I thought about it for a while and then realized that many Protestant sects do not use or even follow the Old Testament, so I went in search of a New Testament application. Pouring through the scripture yet again, I hit pay dirt.

In the city of Corinth, a principal city of Greece circa 55 AD, the apostle Paul found (was informed of) that false teachers had infiltrated the church. These teachers challenged Paul's integrity and his authority as an apostle. In response to these claims Paul wrote the people

of Corinth a letter, now known as 2 Corinthians. 2 Corinthians gave me the answers to my quest, Verse 4:1-2 "Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

Now these are different times, and the Bible does not apply literally. The simple fact of this matter is the BSU has stooped to secretive and deceptive methods of witnessing.

Many folk out there are probably saying that I am picking on the BSU, or that I am anti-religious. That is quite the contrary, I'm very tolerant and accept any religion that does not involve human sacrifice. My problem is when a religious organization is trying very aggressively to recruit new members, and is not up front and honest in the means they choose to do so. If you are going to try to get new members for your cause, don't lead them astray in the beginning by not letting them know what they are getting into from the start.

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Everyone could do a little better to racially unify GSU



MARNITE ZACHERY

Well, yet another Black History Month is almost over and, for the most part, so are the abundance of public expressions of unity, by both blacks and whites on this campus. Unfortunately, we at GSU do not often celebrate the contributions of African-Americans or engage in positive dialogue in an attempt to promote unity among races until the month of February. More

disturbing was the low attendance at some of the events sponsored this year including speaker Farai Chideya, and "The Meeting". I was in attendance at both of these Black History Month events and noticed that there were a substantial number of empty seats. Where were you GSU?

"The Meeting" is an award winning theatre production which portrays a chance encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the controversial African-American leader Malcolm X directed by Jeff Stetson. This performance celebrates the passion and ideals of these two men whose different approaches to the Civil Rights Movement were both rooted in one common goal—making the dream of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness a reality for all black people. The message of love, and

the betterment of society were universal though the bulk of GSU students were not there to benefit from it.

Farai Chideya is a journalist, author, and political analyst whose book *Don't Believe The Hype: Cultural Misinformation About African-Americans* brought stereotype shattering information to the forefront of American ideals. I went in expecting to hear echoes of "We Shall Overcome" and instead came out with a large dose of "What We Can Do In The Meantime". Her message was filled with encouraging words about the future of race relations in our society, the benefits of diversity, and the ramifications of closed-mindedness. At the end of this session several students stood up and shared their experiences with what they felt, were prejudice here at GSU. One male student, who looked

white, but was not white, spoke of the hardships of not "belonging" and the challenges of having a best friend who is both black and female. Other students expressed dismay at what they thought was they saw as "voluntary segregation" among students and many were surprised to hear that yes, racism does exist here at GSU. What does all this mean?

(1) Racism does not discriminate. It is not reserved for any particular group, is blissfully ignorant, and grows in environments where communication and knowledge are not allowed to freely enter. (2) Dialogue is important. It has the power to explode myths and bring about positive change. It is not merely just the words that effect lives, but the meaning behind the words, as well as the courage of the person who means those words that can

effect lives. (3) No one act is too small. Take a stand in your home, job, or community and realize that we can all do better. It is not enough to talk about it in the safe confines of your car, house or dorm room. Maybe you did not know about the events here at GSU because you were not informed. (I know I received no calendar in my mailbox). Why not join the Black Awareness Month Committee and make sure that publicity is much better next year?

To black students: as the majority minority group at a school made up of predominately white students it is our burden to take steps to make sure that the African-American voice is heard. If February is not enough then write letters, go to the administration and take action to remember Black History Month everyday. To white students: understand that

you too are welcome and there are no signs that read BLACKS ONLY at these functions. If the playing field was level and history books included the story of "all" Americans then perhaps this separate month would not be needed. The reality is that equality in America does not exist. To everyone: We must realize that while on the surface we all appear different, we have all been placed on this Earth together for some reason. Our options are simple—hate one another or work to bring about some cohesive change.

Marnite Zachery is a senior English major at the George Anne. She can be reached for comment at marnitez@hotmail.com. Anyone interested in being a part of a new, informal bi-weekly conversation about race relations here at GSU please send a note to gsudialogue@hotmail.com.

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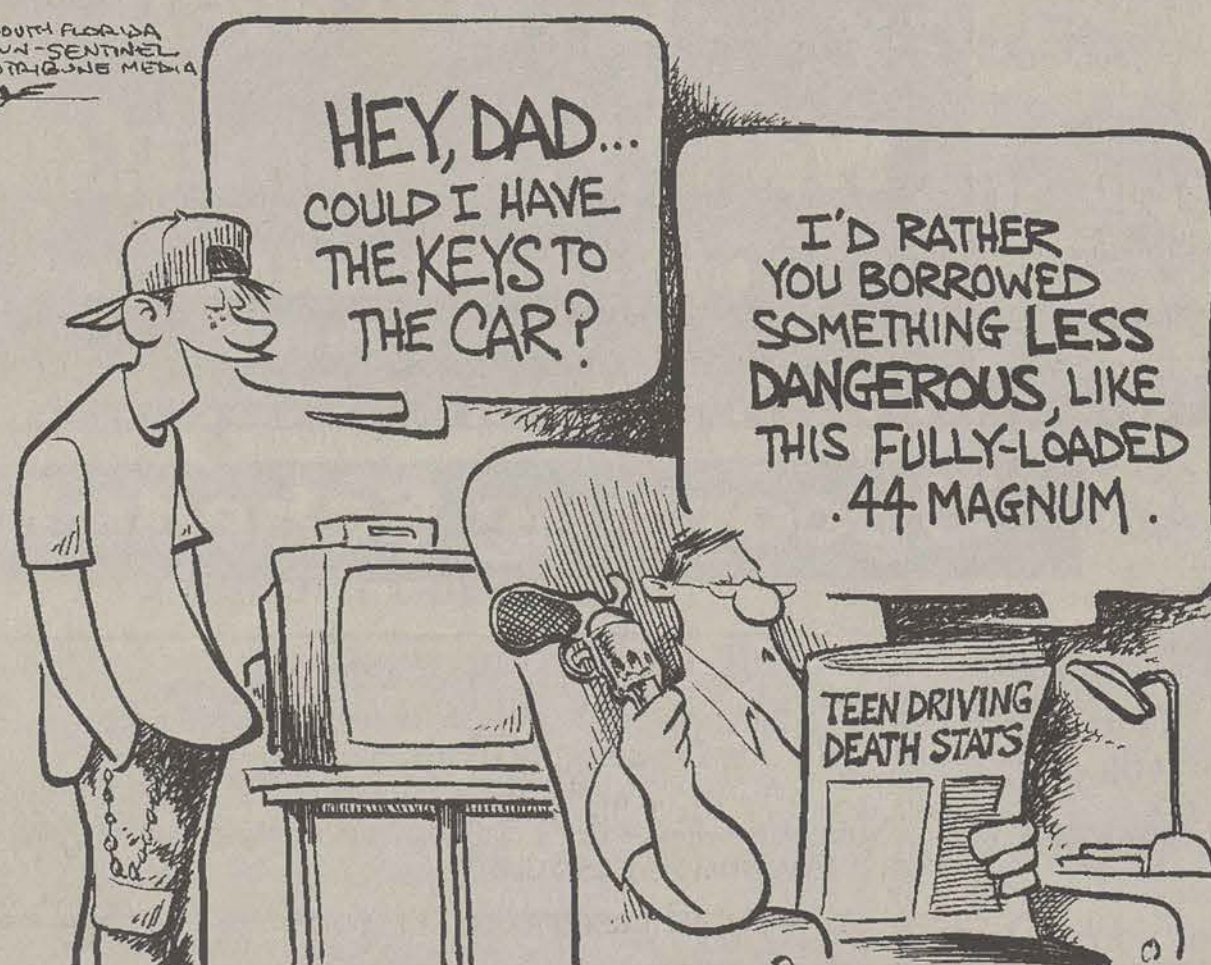
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Lady Bush vows to recruit teachers

TMS Campus

First Lady Laura Bush launched an initiative Monday to help solve the nation's education woes, vowing to go to college campuses and military bases herself to recruit desperately needed new teachers.

She said she and President Bush would try to set an encouraging example for prospective recruits by teaching in the classroom themselves this fall.

"Beyond recruiting, I plan to practice what I preach and teach a little bit myself this October," she said. "I'll volunteer my time in the classroom during Teach for America Week and, even as we speak, I'm negotiating with others to do the same thing, including my husband."

The first lady, who taught 2nd grade and holds a master's degree in library science, also said that as part of the initiative, she and her husband would support and expand Head Start and other early learning programs and promote programs that share research about preschool learning with parents.

Last year, the U.S. Education Department estimated the nation will need to hire an additional 2.2 million teachers in the next 10 years. The Illinois State Board of Education said the state will need to fill about 60,000 teaching positions in the next three years because of retirements.

"We know what works, Laura Bush said, announcing her initiative at the racially and ethnically mixed Cesar Chavez Elementary School. "We have the tools to help children succeed. But the tools are meaningless if we lack the third essential component—teachers."

Unlike her predecessor, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., who attempted to formulate a national health-care plan early in President Clinton's administration, Bush did not propose any new federal programs or announce plans to involve herself in making pub-

lic policy.

But she said she would try to focus attention on education problems and solutions.

One of the programs she favors is Teach for America, a national teacher corps founded in 1989 that encourages college graduates to make a minimum two-year commitment to teaching.

"Since 1989, more than 6,000 Teachers for America have taught nearly half a million children," she said. "The goal is to triple the number of teachers in the program."

She said her husband plans to increase spending from \$3 million to \$30 million for an initiative called Troops to Teachers, which recruits teachers from the ranks of the retired military.

"Retired members of the military protected our nation in war and led the world in peace, and they're well qualified to guide our students in school," she said. "Many had science, math and engineering degrees, disciplines our schools desperately need."

The National Education Association applauded efforts to recruit teachers but faulted her plan for failing to address what the teachers' union sees as the core causes behind the teacher shortage.

"Where we part company with the first lady is in the idea that programs like Troops to Teachers and Teach for America are the answer," said Bob Chase, association president. "Solving the teacher shortage means solving the problems that plague the profession and make it unattractive to both young people and mid-career veterans: low pay, insufficient mentoring and professional development opportunities, and little respect for allowing teachers to be part of the decision-making process in schools."

Education Secretary Rod Paige joined the first lady for the presentation, noting that the president has promised \$5 billion in education funds for reading programs.

Oprah studies are not just show and tell

TMS Campus

Every Thursday, history students file into a stately old building here at the University of Illinois for classes about Alexander the Great, the Federalist period and ... Oprah.

Oprah? Yes, Oprah; specifically, "History 298: Oprah Winfrey, the Tycoon."

Tenured Professor Juliet E.K. Walker, a specialist in the history of African-American business, introduced the course this semester.

Officials at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign said the course is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. The unusual topic has stirred enthusiasm among some, skepticism among others.

"My department chair told me a member of the board of trustees called," Walker said, "and wanted to know what kind of education was going on up there in the History Department with a course like 'Oprah.'"

To such inevitable questions, Walker has these replies:

Yes, this is a serious academic course, complete with dense, scholarly texts to read and long research papers to write.

No, students aren't getting course credits for watching a talk show.

And yes, Oprah is a historical figure, even though she is only 47 and quite alive.

And so, in a Gregorian Revival building constructed in 1940, several years before Winfrey was born, students gather in a fourth-floor classroom to analyze her success in the context of the country's social and economic history.

The course began Jan. 18. At last Thursday's class, the dozen students in the seminar took their places in blue plastic chairs around a long conference table.

Walker, sitting at one end, led the discussion.

"What changes have taken place in American culture whereby people are receptive to this kind of confessional show?" Walker asked the students.

Winfrey herself helped change the culture, offered Rebecca Lawrence, 21. "She made herself seem like 'I'm your best friend you never met' ... No one else has given them that comfort zone" on television.

Walker pursued the point. "So to what extent does she reflect the culture and to what extent did she shape it?"

Some of both, the students said tentatively.

Answering her own question, Walker concluded, "Oprah was in the right place at the right time."

The students seemed to agree with that.

The course is designed to examine how Winfrey came to be a cultural icon and to build a formidable media empire that spans television, movies, the Internet and print.

In doing so, the class also examines the history of black business in the United States, the barriers that over the decades kept more African-Americans from achieving great wealth, and why a disproportionate number of those who did are in sports and entertainment.



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Lady Eagles earn second in Reebok Invitational

By Natalie Duke
Sports Writer

The Eagles are now 5-12 overall after winning three of the seven games they played in the GSU Reebok Invitational tournament. The final scores of the weekend's games were 1-2 Samford, 4-0 Coastal Carolina, 4-1 Georgia Southern, and 1-0 Middle Tennessee State University. After playing strong all weekend, the Lady Eagles won second place in the Reebok Invitational Tournament on Sunday. Unfortunately, they lost to both Samford and Coastal Carolina on Friday. The ladies beat Jacksonville State on Saturday, yet lost to MTSU. On Sunday, the Eagles fought their way past Samford by a score of 2-1 and Middle Tennessee State 5-0 to make it to the championship game. The grand finale ended after thirteen innings of tough play with GSU falling into second place and second seeded Jacksonville State winning the championship game with a score of 3-2.

In the first of many games for the weekend, the top of the third ended after Julie Peel caught a fly ball and

Samford's short stop made an out at first after stopping a grounder, and no hits were made in the bottom half. The next inning, catcher Shannan Hoobin and Kelli Blazi pulled off a play when a runner for Samford tried to steal second. Next, Harper had a double after she hit a fly ball into far left field, but then was caught stealing third. In the bottom of the fifth Blazi singled off a line drive down the middle field. There was more offense in the sixth and seventh innings. However, many of the hits were fly balls into the outfield and none of them fell into any open holes. In the seventh inning, Samford had a chance to score after Abi Casillo made it to third, but they hit several infield bloopers which made easy outs for Janice Savage. The bottom of the ninth Pansulla scored the first run after successfully stealing third base. But Samford came back strong in the tenth inning to score two runs leaving GSU defeated 2-1.

Aimee Littlejohn started the fourth game of the Invitational against Coastal Carolina. She now

has a record of six strike outs and nine hits. Cooper made the first hit of the game when she singled in the first. The top of the third ended after the Lady Chanticleers left the bases loaded, but good defense disabled them from scoring. In the top of the fifth Meghan Correia caught a single in right field. The first run was scored by GSU's opposing team in the in the sixth inning after Coastal Carolina dropped one in a hole. In the bottom of the sixth, Julie Peel got on base after a bunt and Stacie Cooper hit a fly ball up the middle, but both girls were eventually called out. In the top of the seventh Coastal Carolina scored three more runs to lead the game 4-0. As a result, the Eagles were not able to come back and had no hits in the remaining innings. The ladies had a total of two hits in the game, one from Julie Peel and one from Stacie Cooper.

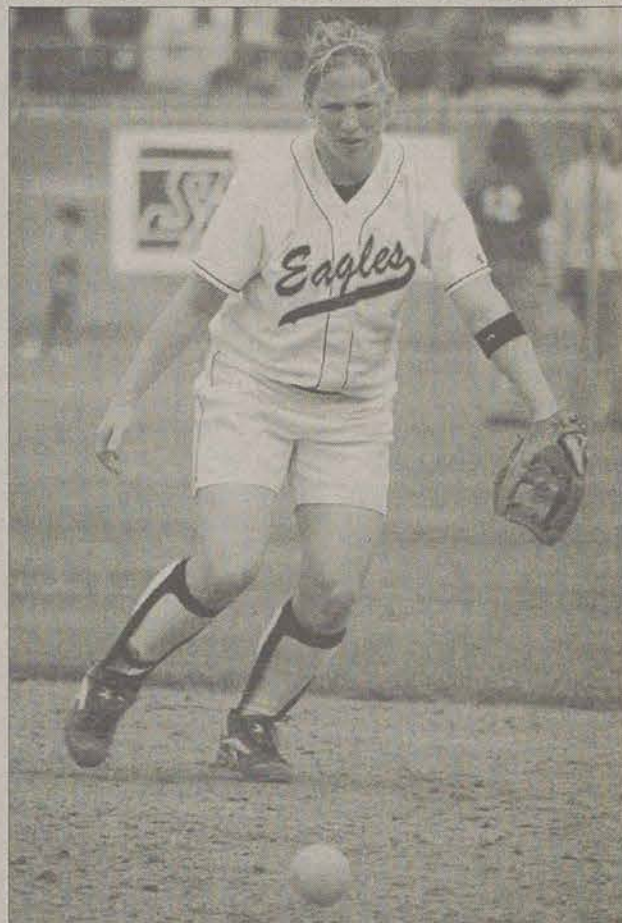
On Saturday the ladies again played into the tenth inning before the first run was scored. The Eagles scored three runs to beat Jacksonville State, 4-1, in the second game, but fell short to Middle

Tennessee State 1-0. GSU plated three runs in the top of the tenth. With the international tie breaker rule in effect, the Eagles sacrificed Lacey Kammerer to third. Then Shannon Hoobin singled to score another RBI.

Pitcher Aimee Littlejohn stayed strong all the way into the eighth before Janice Savage came into for her.

In the first game against MTSU, the Lady Eagles had the bases loaded after three singles, but were all left on base. Lacey Kammerer started as pitcher and allowed only a few hits before the first run was scored in the fifth inning, when Middle Tennessee grounded out, advancing a runner on third home and scoring the first and only run of the game.

The Eagles continued to beat Jacksonville State, Samford, and MTSU in the next three games. In addition, Stacie Cooper was awarded Most Valuable Player, while Janice Savage and Shannan Hoobin landed on the All-Tournament Team. The Eagles next game is today at Mercer at 3pm. Their second tournament, The Eagle Classic will begin on Friday.



LaVene Bell

GIVING THEIR ALL: The Lady Eagles earned second in the tournament and are now 5-12 overall.

The talent behind WVGS sports broadcasting

By Suzanne Spires
Sports Writer

WVGS 91.9, Georgia Southern's radio station, has a new twist in the sports department. Maybe it isn't a new twist, but they are doing more. In case you were not aware, the Sports Department of WVGS was in danger of being shut down because they were not doing much, but in stepped Dennis Hightower and Jarvon Lee. This dynamic duo has come together to bring students live radio coverage of football, basketball, baseball, and softball games, and various other sporting events. They even have live interviews with athletes every Friday from Horizons.

Jarvon Lee is the brain behind all of the sports activities on WVGS. Lee was born and raised in Savannah. He has a double major in Sports Management and Public Relations. He is so good at what he does that he has been working with the NFL as an area manager. When the Superbowl came to Atlanta, Jarvon saw a chance for the Sports Management Club, which he was president of last year, to get in on the action. He helped with the Superbowl theme park, supervising gaming activities, volunteers and other workers. The Sports Management Club also received Organization-of-the-Year last year. Jarvon

enjoyed working with the NFL so much that it is something that he considers an ongoing activity in his busy schedule. Jarvon is planning on starting his own sports business by being an agent.

Dennis Hightower, on the other hand, is your fun loving sports broadcaster. He got his start by taking two years of broadcasting at Hoover High School in Hoover, AL, doing his own sports show for the school. He also did commercials for the school news, WBUC. "One time we did a commercial and dressed up like Milli Vanilli for selling c.d.'s. It was so much fun," he recalled.

He is currently majoring in Broadcasting and is a GSU Sports correspondent for ESPN Radio in Augusta. Dennis said that he is inspired by Stuart Scott on ESPN. "I really look up to him because he brings that flash funny humor to sports. News is uptight, but sports broadcasting is more laid back and fun."

When asked what sport he liked covering the most and why, Dennis said, "Football, because I can use a lot more catch phrases."

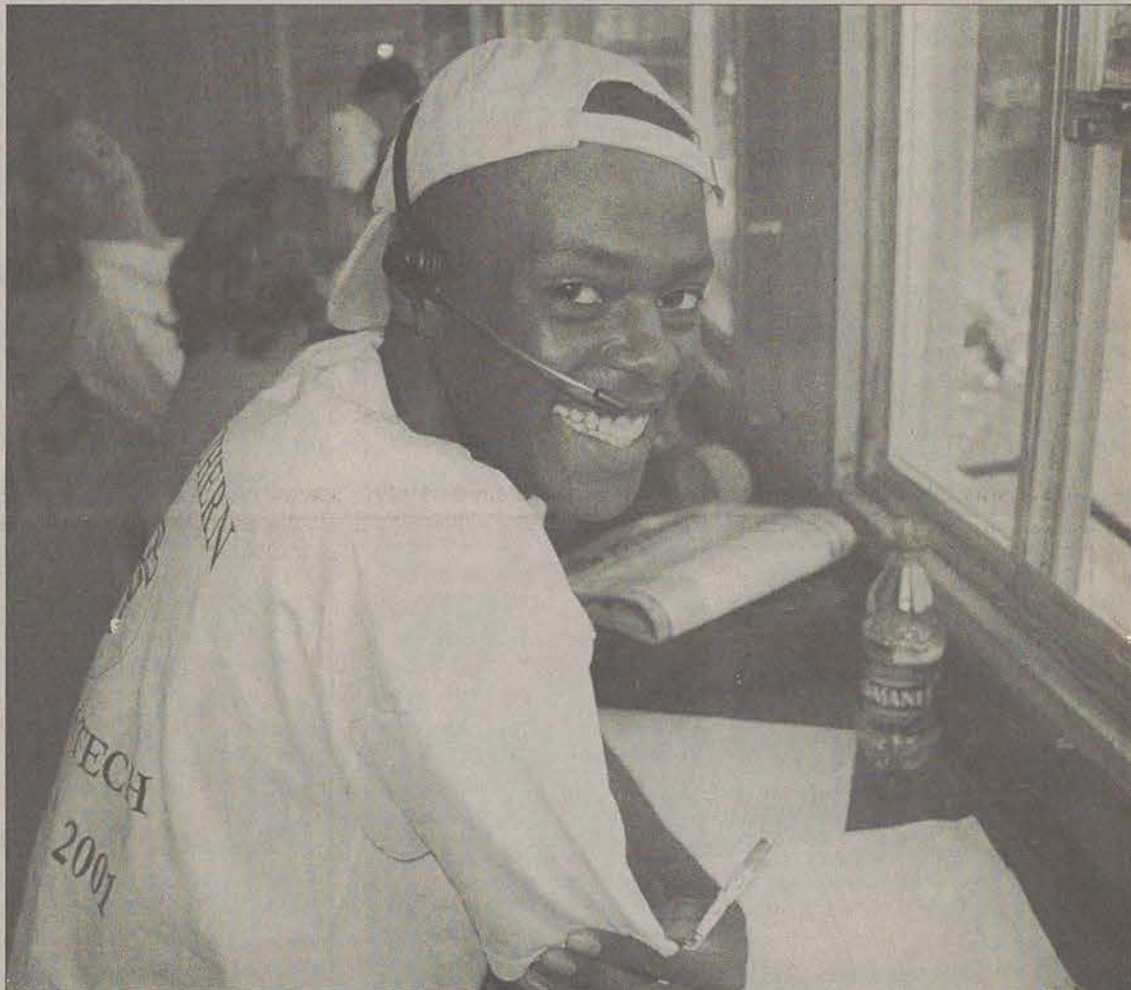
Catch phrases are indeed his specialty. He comes up with nicknames for the athletes here at GSU and when he uses them

on air they normally stick, which he and Jarvon agree is pretty cool. For example, Todd Shipley, #3 of the men's basketball team, is known as Playboy Shipley. The reason is simple; Todd drives a Lexus and attracts the girls. Dennis said that Shipley doesn't mind because "that's who he is, and he thinks it's kind of funny."

Jarvon and Dennis have come together to create a show on Friday's from 5-6 p.m. at Horizons. Horizons has teamed with the WVGS sports team because it coincides with the theme by being the only "sports bar" in Statesboro. Jarvon does most of the promotions and the board work, and Dennis does the interviews with the athletes. Dennis has even come up with a nickname for the brain behind his broadcasting... "The Don King of WVGS because he does all of the promotions."

Even great teams have their creative differences. Jarvon and Dennis sometimes do not agree on the music that Dennis wants to play in the background of his sports show. Jarvon said that he normally gets the last word, but he does try to consider what Dennis wants to do, since his is the person broadcasting.

This Friday at Horizons, Dennis will be interviewing J.R. Revere. Revere probably doesn't



LaVene Bell

RADIO MAN: Dennis Hightower delivers play-by-play action for the baseball, basketball, and softball teams.

know what her is getting himself into, but you can bet he will have a great time talking to Dennis on WVGS. There are also other upcoming events that Jarvon is working on, such as March Mad-

ness, which is just around the corner. Jarvon is also working hard to put together a Spring Sports Event (which might include water guns), and the Erk Russell Sports Awards later in

the year. Jarvon and Dennis are doing great things with sports on the radio at Georgia Southern. They are two very creative gentlemen and a great team at work in our own WVGS 91.9.

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Men's basketball falls to UTC 95-82

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

All the hard work Jeff Price's squad has put into the last three weeks of the regular season was squandered Saturday night as the Eagles fell 95-82 to UT-Chattanooga, thus losing the South's second seed and subsequent first round bye for the conference tournament.

The Mocs put together a 25-3 run in the second half to expand a 43-38 halftime lead that closed the deal on GSU's aspirations. With the win the Mocs claim the second spot in the Southern Conference's South Division and up their record to 15-12 overall and 9-7 in the conference. GSU, who had won nine of their previous twelve games, drops to 13-14 and 9-7. Despite the same conference record, UTC moves ahead of GSU based on wins in their two head-to-head games this season.

"Our guys played with a lot of passion tonight," UTC head coach Henry Dickerson said.

"They showed what they could do if they all put their minds to it. I'm very proud of this team. Georgia Southern is a very good team. We had to put it all together and play our best to win the game."

Idris Harper lead all scorers with 24 points, 16 in the final half, to establish a new career high. Dusty Pullian scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Oliver Morton had 14 points and 10 boards.

"We knew we had to come out and put pressure on them," said UTC point guard Clyde McCully who scored 13 points and dished out 12 assists. "I made it a focus to come out and make good decisions. I think I did."

"We picked a bad night to not shoot well," GSU head coach Jeff Price said. "But Chattanooga made their shots. You've got to give them credit."

Julius Jenkins, the SoCon's third-leading scorer at 17 points per game, led all GSU players with 21 points while Sean

Peterson added 20. Jenkins and Peterson were the only reason the Eagles kept it close in the first half, combining for 22 of GSU's 38 points. Kashien Latham scored nine points and pulled down nine rebounds for the Eagles.

With the loss GSU will play Thursday on the first day of the Southern Conference tournament. GSU will be seeded either third or fourth from the South division depending on the outcome of Sunday night's game of The Citadel versus Furman. If The Citadel loses, GSU will claim the third spot and play at 3:30 p.m. versus VMI. If the Bulldogs win, GSU will play host to Western Carolina at 6:00 p.m.

The tournament, played at the Bilo Center in Greenville, South Carolina, will take place Thursday, March 1 to Sunday, March 4 with the championship game being televised live on ESPN. The winner of the Southern Conference tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.



Jill Burnham

AN UNHAPPY ENDING: The Eagles end their 2000-2001 regular season with an unexpected loss to UT-Chattanooga. With the loss, The Eagles lose their second place seed and first round bye for this weekend's SoCon Championship Tournament in Greenville, SC.

Kerry Messersmith named new GSU volleyball coach

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern University athletics director Sam Baker announced Tuesday that Kerry Messersmith has been named the new head coach of the Eagle volleyball program.

"We are very excited to have Kerry join our staff," said Baker. "Throughout her career she has developed successful programs."

Messersmith replaces Eddie Matthews, whose contract was not renewed after

the 2000 season.

Messersmith comes to Georgia Southern from Yuma, Ariz. where she spent the last four seasons as the head coach at Arizona Western College. During her tenure with the Matadors, Messersmith had a record of 129-65 and took AWC to an eighth place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament in 2000. She was named the NJCAA District A Coach of the Year in 2000 and the AVCA Southwest Region I Coach of the Year in 1999.

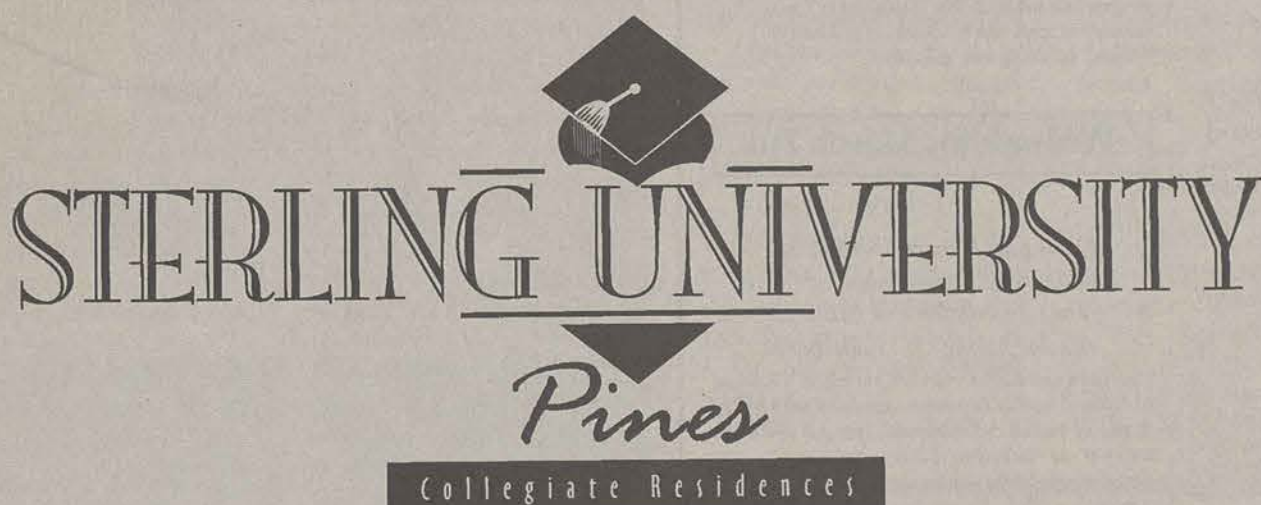
Messersmith also spent time as the head volleyball coach at Chadron State College in Chadron, Neb., Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kan., and at Allen County Community College in Iola, Kan. She compiled a 231-134 record at those schools. Messersmith's teams have recorded 20 wins or more in seven of her 13 years as a head coach.

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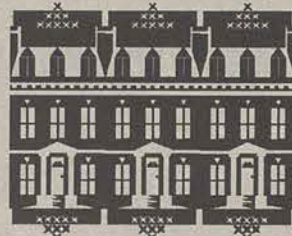
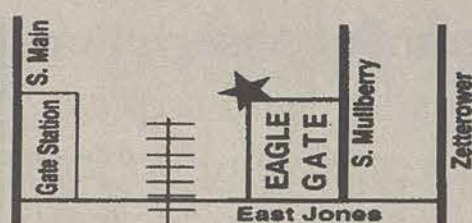
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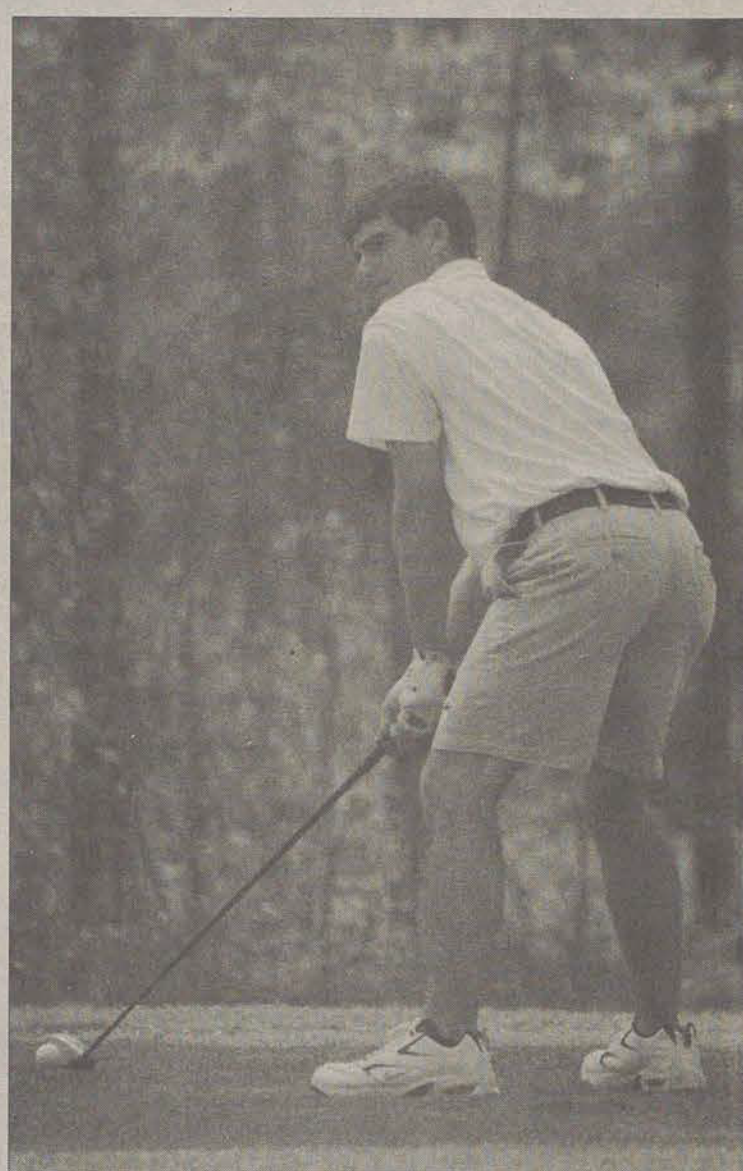
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College of Charleston led from start to finish in the 2001 Ron Smith-USF Invitational at the University of South Florida Golf Course in Tampa, and took the team title with a 54-hole seven over par 859, 22 strokes better than second place Virginia Commonwealth.

Georgia Southern's Christian Newton turned in an impressive runner-up effort, using a final-round two-under 69 to finish a single shot behind medalist Bruce McDonald of College of Charleston. The Eagles' Warren Holman posted a top-20 showing as well, tying for 13th at 221/+8. Vaughn Childre tied for 35th at 227/+14, while Travis Mobley rebounded from an opening-round 80 with 74-75 for a three-day total of 229/+16.

Host USF finished 52 strokes back in 13th place. Charleston entered today's final round with teammates Jedd McCluen and Bruce McDonald battling for medalist honors. McCluen held a one-stroke lead after 36 holes, but McDonald fired an even par 71 today, compared to a 78 for McCluen. Including the first for McDonald and a fourth place for McCluen, Charleston placed four golfers among the top 10 finishers.

In Sunday's very first pairing, Columbus State's David Lea aced the 160-yard fifth



File Photo

THE 2001 RON SMITH-USF INVITATIONAL: Despite some top finishes the Eagles came up short in the tournament.

hole. He also birdied the fourth and sixth holes for a three-hole stretch of four-under par.

He finished with a one-under 70 on the day and placed 43rd in the 90-golfer field.

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Thursday, March 1st

12:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

The Roles of 'Diet' & 'Fasting' in Different Religions

Panelists will discuss the roles of "diet" and "fasting" in four different religions: Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and Baha'i. The audience is invited to participate in the discussion.

2:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

The Meaning of 'Life After Death' in Different Religions

Panelists will discuss the meaning of "life after death" in four different religions: Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and Baha'i. The audience is invited to participate in the discussion.

3:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Is Christian Homeschool a Viable Educational Alternative (E.T. McMullen)

Representatives of the public, private and homeschool educational institutions discuss the pros and cons of each approach.

5:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Are Catholics Christians? The things your pastor never told you (Jane Hall)

Do you have questions about Roman Catholic beliefs and practices? Want the real story on issues like do Catholics worship Mary, and what role do statues and saints play? Want to find out what really happens in confession?

7:00 p.m. Russell Union Rotunda

Celebration of Christ

(Christian Ministries of GSU)

All Christian Organizations on campus are invited to come together for this annual time of music, worship, sharing, prayer and celebration of the unity found in Christ.

Friday, March 2nd

12:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

Witchcraft the Religion

(Elizabeth Strickland)

Learn more about what witchcraft the religion is and why it is considered a religion of nature. We will discuss various aspects of witchcraft and the formal nature of it as Wicca.

3:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

Muslims in America (Dr. Ahmed Barbour & Iman Magid Ali of Savannah)

Monday, March 5th

12:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Purim: How the traditions of Purim relate to Contemporary Events

(Hillel Affiliate)

This program will explain the traditions of Purim and relationship to contemporary events

3:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Native American Tribal Religions

(Donald Panther-Yates)

Survey of American Indian belief systems and religious practices with emphasis on earliest white-Indian contact and contemporary issues of religious freedom.

5:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

The Differences Between Eastern Orthodox And Protestant Religions (Maria Adams)

To familiarize GSU students with Eastern Orthodox Christianity. Discussion of differences between the Eastern Orthodox Religion and the Protestant Religion.

7:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Orthodox Christianity: An Ancient Faith in A Post-Modern Culture

(Rev. Fr. Adrian Pollard)

The presentation will consist of an interactive multi-media display, including graphics, video, music and printed material provided by the presenter. In addition, there will be a static display of religious iconography and of liturgical items used in Orthodox Christian worship. An oral presentation will introduce the theme of the program, which will be targeted to an audience that is presumed to be unfamiliar with Orthodox Christianity. Attendees will be able to experience some of the sights, sounds and smells of authentic Orthodox Christian liturgy in a non-confrontational setting.

Tuesday, March 6th

12:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Spiritual Unity in Diversity: A Baha'i Perspective (Dr. Dan Rea)

This interactive program examines the spiritual unity in the diversity of religions from a Baha'i perspective. The Baha'i Faith is an independent world religion that believes in the oneness of humanity and the oneness of God. Participants are invited to investigate and discuss spiritual unity in diversity.

2:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Unitarian Universalism: A Home for Religious Liberals and Spiritual Seekers

(Dr. Jane Page & Others)

Presentation includes a look at the past, present, and future of this non-creedal denomination. Participants use personal accounts, dramatic readings and music to convey their own spiritual journeys and to provide an understanding of why they have found a home at UU.

4:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Religion and Public Policy in America: Gay Marriage, Criminal Justice, and Church/State Relations

(Ludowise, Richter, Shriver, & Engel)

What effect should religious belief have on our public policies? Should there be a high wall separating religion and governmental policies?

6:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

American Muslim Experience

(Johnnie Lewis and Anthony Ybarra)

Moderator: Dr. Hesham Shaalan

Two American Muslims (GSU students) share their personal experiences of how they embraced Islam as a religion and what motivated them to do so.

7:00 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Impacts of Arab Islamic Civilization on Western Civilization

(Ezzat Shaalan, M.D.; Dr. P.H.)

A review of the positive impacts of Arab-Islamic Civilization on Western Civilization in the fields of Science, Philosophy and Literature

8:30 p.m. Russell Union 2080

Calling Men of Faith

(Rev. Curtis Daniel)

An encouragement to Christian men to stand up for faithfulness, integrity, responsibility, strength of character, wisdom, love and leadership, as modeled by Christ. This seminar will speak to men concerning problems of laziness, self-indulgence, and apathy.

Wednesday, March 7th

12:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

And the Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Constitution and Religion

(Pastor Mark Q.L. Louderback)

This panel discussion includes professors Christine Ludowise of the Political Science Department and Ruth Thompson of the History Department. They will discuss the history of the relationship of church and state as well as current issues. Has the wall between church and state been chipped away? Built? Or is the metaphor entirely inappropriate?

2:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

West African Religion: A path to peace (Zisca Burton & Georgene Bess Montgomery)

This session will focus on various aspects of the Yoruba Religion of West Africa that bring a sense of peace and purpose into our lives. Honoring our ancestors, nature and ourselves, can lead to a more fulfilled and peaceful existence.

4:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

Religious Diversity Among GSU International Students Enriching Campus Life

(June Spencer)

Come and meet a cross-section of the international students who enrich our lives at GSU. Learn about some of their religious beliefs, traditions, and customs.

6:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

The Collision of Faith: Denominational Discord (Jane Hall & Rev. Jerry Johnson)

Christian denominations have strong commitments to the tenets of their faith. What happens when these strongly held truths collide? Are we destined to argue and fight among ourselves? Is it possible to safeguard the truth and be ecumenical? Come and listen to the Catholic and Baptist perspective on these issues.

7:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

Finding the Spirit- Reaching the Heart. (Hillel)

Chasidism, a Jewish tradition that emphasizes the emotional aspects of faith, from an Orthodox Jewish perspective.

8:00 p.m. Russell Union 2047

Religion & Medicine: Partners or Adversaries (panel discussion)

Major illness often becomes for the patient and his family and friends a moral physical and emotional crisis when the resources of the medical and religious establishment intersect. Major illness is often a moral turning point, a time of strengthening or losing faith both in medicine and religion.

Suns' Shawn Marion released from hospital

The Associated Press

Suns forward Shawn Marion was released from the hospital Monday after being treated overnight for a concussion suffered when he was knocked unconscious going for a rebound.

He will miss the next two games and it's uncertain when he'll return, the team said.

Marion fell in the final minute of Sunday's 90-80 victory over Utah. He also was treated for a sprained wrist and bruised right shoulder.

"Considering the severe concussion that Shawn suffered, he is recovering well, without any residual effects," Dr. Thomas Carter, the team physician, said Monday.

Carter said Marion had the

most severe kind of concussion because he lost consciousness for more than a minute.

Marion, a second-year player, had 24 points and 14 rebounds. He soared for a rebound after John Stockton missed a 3-pointer, but

he came down on the back of Utah's John Starks and slammed shoulder-and-headfirst on to the court with 52.2 seconds left.

Marion's neck was placed in a brace. He was placed on a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

He is averaging 16.6 points and 11.4 rebounds for the season. Marion was also named player of the week Monday for his stellar play since the All-Star break.

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Junior

"No. God doesn't have that for me."



Rhonda Krell

Freshman

"It's illegal."



Shelley Willetts

Sophomore

"No, because he'd still be in high school."

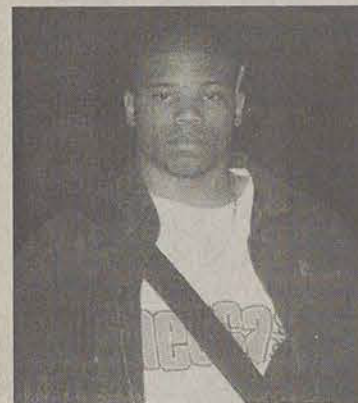


Toni Clark

Sophomore

"I just feel like there would be a lot of things he'd hadn't experienced yet."

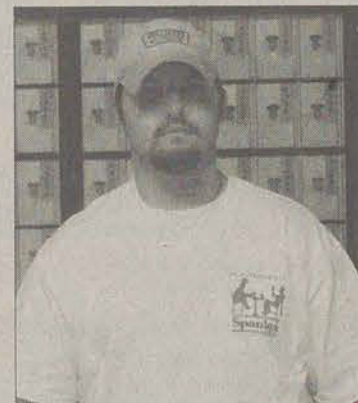
*We asked the guys:
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Vernon James

Sophomore

"No. My mind-set wouldn't be ready. Plus, my mama'd get me."



Hank Dunn

Freshman

"Depends on the person."



Eric Hornsby

Freshman

"Yes. Most girls that come here as freshman are fast-paced. Older girls are more mature and ready to settle down."



Jeffery Grant

Junior

"Probably no. Being led by God, I don't think it's going to happen."

Robbing the Cradle:

TMS Campus

Whether you disapprove or whether you just don't care, you've seen this relationship scenario plenty of times: younger woman, older man. Sometimes, much older man.

But do you see it the other way around?

We're starting to, more than ever. Unwilling to assume the role of gray mare put out to pasture, older women these days are more vital and more autonomous – and more likely to pair off with younger men.

It helps to see celebrity examples, and they're all over the place, whether it's 54-year-old Susan Sarandon and 42-year-old Tim Robbins; Courteney Cox and David Arquette (she's 36, he's 31); or the latest version: Madonna, 42, and Guy Ritchie, 32.

Romance "experts" such as Jennifer Donnelly, proprietor of It's Just Lunch, a matchmaking service in Dallas, have noticed that age is less of a factor in relationships.

"I have found, especially over the last year and a half, that more women coming in are willing to date someone younger," Donnelly says.

"People don't necessarily put an emphasis on age as much now. It's more, 'These are the qualities I like,' and if (he's) 10 years above or 10 years below, it's not an issue."

What makes this trend exciting is not simply its heart-warming affirmation that age doesn't matter when it comes to love. It also establishes older women as a demographic that's slowly, gradually coming into its own.

"Up until now, there's been a bias against women and particularly a bias against older women," says Felicia Brings, co-author of the book "Older Women, Younger Men" (\$14.95, New Horizon Press).

That is rooted, she says, in a society dominated by a male point of view.

"As women age, we become more powerful – our sexuality increases as theirs decreases," she says. "Do you know how threatening that is? That alone is an extremely threatening phenomenon to a man."

In popular culture, the only female sexuality we see is young and vulnerable. In a film such as "Autumn in New York," for example, we're treated to a pairing of Winona Ryder, 29, and Richard Gere, 51.

"In our society, people have been

conditioned over the years to expect certain responses from older women, not all of them positive," says Joyce Gioia-Herman, president of the Herman Group, a North Carolina agency that forecasts trends in business and relationships. "There's such a penalty for women when they look older. They don't get the attention, and I'm not talking only about from men. I'm talking about (waiters), service people, all kinds of attention."

It reinforces the stereotype that older women have no value.

Guys' fantasies of older women becoming reality

get it all out to. As time went on, it kind of grew."

At first, she worried he was too young.

"When you're younger, you put more emphasis on age, but it's who the person is and how he makes you feel when you're with him," she says. "When you find that connection, age has nothing to do with it."

It's a greater challenge when the age difference exceeds 10 years, Brings says.

"If it's less than 10 years, you're

in a very adult environment. When I was a teen-ager, I was hanging around adult musicians that were friends of my grandfather's, or my mother's friends, or my older cousins and aunt's friends. I was used to being around intellectually stimulating people. Relating to a woman my age wasn't going to happen."

Geer had her own business and was a financial success. Their relationship initially provoked resistance from friends and family.

"My mom didn't even come to the wedding," Geer says. "She thought I was out of my mind, or that I was being hoodwinked. She tried to break us up. And friends of his tried to break us up. I mean, tried. It was weird."

But she and O'Dreada were ahead of their time.

"The world would like to say that it's just about sex," Brings says. "But I think that older women are more alive spiritually and intellectually. Younger men want to be with them. They want that energy."

Besides, Gioia-Herman says, as our society has become more diverse, it really is becoming more tolerant.

"We're learning to live with people who pierce their tongue and other body parts," she says. "With the exception of the Middle East, we're seeing an increase in the desire of different faiths to get along with each other. In terms of our evolution, there's been a greater tolerance in a lot of different areas and that includes different types of relationships."

And women in the baby-boomer generation have helped that evolution by significantly updating the older-woman image. To compete in the workaday world, they've sharpened their skills and especially their appearance.

Pioneer that she is, Geer sees that our society still has a way to go, not only in its response to nontraditional couplings but also just to the issue of age.

"Age has the biggest bearing," Geer says. "It's the first thing people ask – they do the same thing to younger people. But it's such a rude thing. It's about putting you in a category."

"The thing I would like to get past – my God, the idea of women not being able to do things because of their age. Madonna transcended age. Cher is the same way. It is getting better. But wouldn't you like not to be determined by your age?"

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— CINDI PIPPIN

"That's an old story – that women are second class and not as good as men," says Brings. "Society tells us that as we age, we lose our youth and beauty and therefore are worthless."

But as women become financially independent and thus more powerful, they can ignore these stereotypes and make decisions that fulfill their needs and wishes.

"One of the psychologists we interviewed (for our book) pointed out that not only does sexuality increase for women as we age, we become more outrageous because we are freer," says Brings. "Children, getting educated, building a career – when we're older and have accomplished those things, we have the freedom to be ourselves, to become the outrageous goddesses we've always had living inside of us."

Whether it's the celebrity version or the couple down the street, the women in these pairings are often successful and centered. Usually, that is part of their appeal.

Cindi Pippin, 31, had never dated a younger man before she became involved with Jeffrey Denmon, 23. They met when they both worked at Liberty Restaurant, where Pippin is a manager.

"My whole life, I've been real hard-core work – everything else was second," she says. "In the beginning, he was a big listener, a great friend I could

almost of the same generation," she says. "You have the same cultural references. But when you bridge 10 or more years, then it gets interesting. You've got some differences to get over. It forces you to work harder at the relationship. It also forces you to grow – and to accept a mindset you might have been closed off to or thought was foolish or silly."

Kayce Geer and Blackie O'Dreada met when he was 20 and she was 31. But they didn't know that. They knew there was an age difference, but the attraction was so intense they avoided the topic, waiting until they were on their way to get married – literally – to discuss it.

"The day we went to get our marriage license, I went, 'What?'" Geer says. "We'd been together for a couple of years. We would try to keep our age from each other. I never inquired. I had heard he was 26 and I was 31, so I thought, That's not that big of a deal. But then I found he was 20. I was freaking out. But it really didn't matter at that point."

O'Dreada had been around adults all his life. He never cared what people might think.

"Most of the girls close to my age that I had met prior to Kayce, after 30 or 45 minutes, I would be thinking, please shut up," he says. "I was raised

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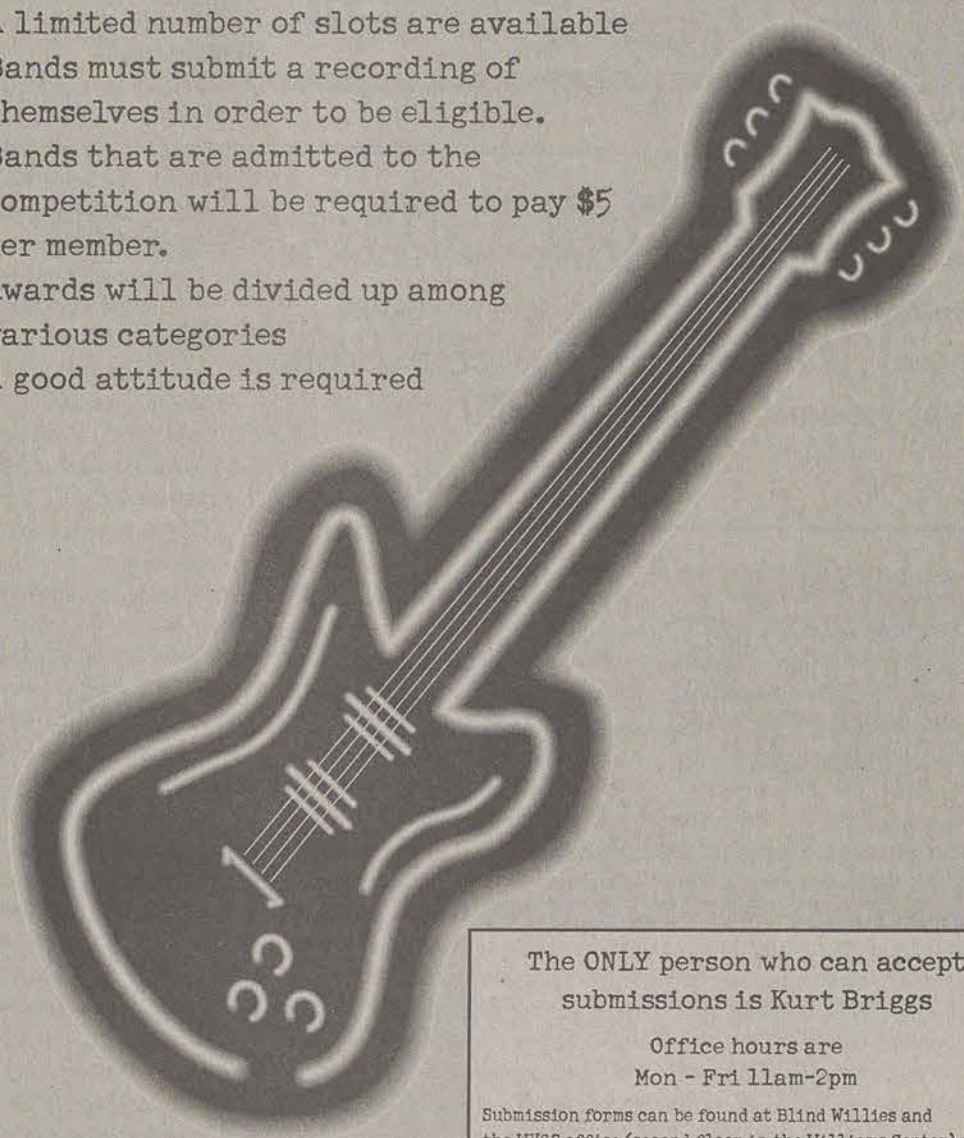
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13th Annual Ms. African American Pageant held in Union Ballroom

By Urkovia Jacobs
Staff Writer

The lights faded and a powerpoint presentation of the ten contestants with their names and platforms written underneath began to play with music from Drew Hill in the background. The screen raised, the curtains opened, and all the contestants, dressed in black, sang "Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika" ("Lord Bless Africa"), marking the beginning of the 13th Annual Ms. African-American Scholarship Pageant.

Hosted Monday, February 25 in the Ballroom by the GSU NAACP chapter, the contestants of the Ms. African American Pageant proudly showcased a business casual outfit to answer general questions about society, demonstrate their talent, and answer questions pertaining to their platform after modeling off an evening wear gown.

The mistress of ceremony for the night was Delanda Robbins, a twenty-year old Japanese major and entrepreneur from Spellman who currently owns two corporations and holds the title of Ms. Black Georgia USA 2000.

"The design of Ms. African American was to illustrate the intelligence, beauty, and talent of the women on Georgia Southern's campus," Robbins stated in the introduction.

The contestants illustrated their intelligence in the general answer questions of society which ranged from "What are your chances of receiving a job without the aid of affirmative action?" to "Who is your role model and what about that person inspires you?" All the questions were ones that the contestants had no clue would be asked, or by which judge. Regardless of their answer, they were given another chance for redemption, if needed, within the evening wear

portion in which all questions pertained to each individuals' platform.

For this night of glitter and stars, the contestants chose platforms dealing with the issues of stopping sexual abuses, promoting unity in the African American, Christian fellowship, and smoking amongst African American Youth, just to name

ing and interpretive reading.

As the clock winded down, the contestants still had one more section to perform which was evening wear, along with a question based off of their platform. Not only did they once again display style, but also knowledge of their platform.

Once all was said and done, only one would emerge as Ms. African American 2001 and that was a 21-year old senior from Macon, GA majoring in Music Education, April Dorsey. First runner-up was Elizabeth Penn, and second runner-up was Audrey Lee.

When asked how it felt to be Ms. African American 2001,

Dorsey was ecstatic.

"I feel blessed. I was tired and weary but I thank God because He spoke through me," Dorsey said.

Standing on the platform of Youth Mentoring through Christian Ministry, Dorsey stated that she wants to "further [her] platform on the GSU campus and be the best Ms. African American they ever had."

"I would encourage any women who has confidence, intellect, and love for herself to come out and participate," Thomas said regarding next year's competition.

Other awards that were given out were participation and dedication awards to all the contestants, along with a Ms. Congeniality award to Rashida Armstrong, which was voted on by the contestants. Ms. Armstrong also received the Ms. Entrepreneur award. Ms. Talent was given to Audrey Lee who performed an original poem about black beauty and there was a tie for Ms. Scholar, between Trekesha Mitchell and Krystle Jackson.

"It was the contestants and our committees' dedication that made the show a success," Thomas said.

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— APRIL DORSEY

GSU's Ms. AFRICAN-AMERICAN 2001

a few.

As these contestants prepared for the different scenes, the ladies of Dyversions and Queens and Pharaohs entertained the audience. These two dance teams came together to perform two pieces for audience enjoyment.

Another form of audience entertainment came from Demetrick Thomas, the Executive of Production. Thomas gave out door prizes to those audience members who could answer her questions correctly. Questions such as "Who was Ms. Diva 2000?" and "Who did GSU defeat to win National Champs?" allowed audience members to receive items such as a large one topping pizza from Papa John's to a chicken finger platter or a "Wings and Things" from Zaxby's.

As the show continued, contestants performed various talents that showcased their individuality and creativity. Talents ranged from original poetry about black beauty, a musical dedication to the African American women whose work is never done, and an original piano composition entitled "Wrath," to the more traditional talents of sing-

Computer game makes addicts out of students and professors alike

TMS Campus

"I got my mother addicted," says Jenkintown's Kristen Findeisen, a freshman at the University of Delaware.

Anne Willis, a sophomore at the University of Texas, got hooked and passed the habit on to her boyfriend, who gave it to his father, who ensnared people at work. Even Michael Crichton is reputedly a user. So read on at your own risk.

No, it's not something sordid. It's Snood (rhymes with dude), a shareware computer game that has swept the country, especially college campuses, where it has lured students into losing sleep, if not losing points off their grades.

"You can pretty much go into any dorm and people have it up on their laptop," says Findeisen, 18, who's studying international relations.

It's easy to play the game, which is downloaded from the Internet. A player shoots a disembodied head, a Snood, at rows of other heads, which grimace and stick out their tongues as they descend the screen. But that hardly explains the passion. At Northwestern University a year ago students dressed up as Snoods to celebrate Catherine Learned's 1,000th game. "We'd be playing so much," says Michelle Austen, 19, who threw the party for her roommate, "when we closed our eyes at night, we could kind of see the pieces."

Just 1,000 games? Dartmouth's student newspaper, The Dartmouth, told of a student who played more than 10,000 games. Snood's designer, David Dobson, says he knows of at least one person who racked up 22,000.

Dobson estimates that more a million copies of the game have been downloaded from www.snood.com, his Web site. Recently, the number has been about 8,000 copies a day. Over a week, such totals would surpass Zelda Classic for Windows, the most popular game at www.downloads.com, a site that offers free software.

"Yeah, we're pretty addicted to it," says Bob Rudderow, 22, a senior majoring in digital media at Drexel, who has seen students playing it in class on their laptops. He has the South Park version for the Mac, which features the heads of characters from the Comedy Central cartoon show, not only dropping on the screen, but dropping profanities, too.

Texas' Willis and her roommate Brit-

tany Kuhn, both 18, created a Web page (<http://ilovesnood.iwarp.com>) that features songs such as "Twinkle Twinkle Little Snood." "They're kind of cheesy, but we're proud of them," Willis says.

As a professor of marine geology at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., Dobson is the kind of guy who writes papers on Amazonian sediments for journals such as Palaeogeography Palaeoclimatology Palaeoecology. (That's one journal, not three, and it's known to cognoscenti as "Palaeo Cubed.")

Dobson, 31, began tinkering with software in elementary school in Iowa, and wrote Snood for his wife, Christina, about five years ago.

"She likes games like that. She likes Tetris and solitaire games," he says. It was based on some similar games that have been around for a decade or more, he says. "There's nothing original in video games."

As with other shareware, users can get a copy free, and are asked to send in money if they like it. Dobson says more than 30,000 people have sent in the \$14.95 registration fee.

"I'm doing much better than I ever thought possible," says the father of two. "But I'm not rich by any means."

One who registered was "Jurassic Park" author Crichton, who wrote to say that playing Snood had been interfering with finishing a book. The fee entitles players to additional features, such as new levels of difficulty. One set of games called Puzzle has 50 levels.

Paying also puts a stop to incessant pleas for folks to sign up. After every few games, a rhyme will appear as a tune plays:

The poems are bad
They keep getting worse
Register now
To stop all the verse

Singing these songs is one of the sure signs of Snood addiction, the Dartmouth article said.

Kyle Sherman, 20, a third-year engineering student at Drexel, says it's "weird" that he got caught up in Snood because "I don't play a whole lot of games."

"My friends make fun of me," he says. "A bunch of guys I play volleyball with, we hang out at my place. There would be times when they're playing darts and they can't find me, and they'd just yell, 'Snood!'"

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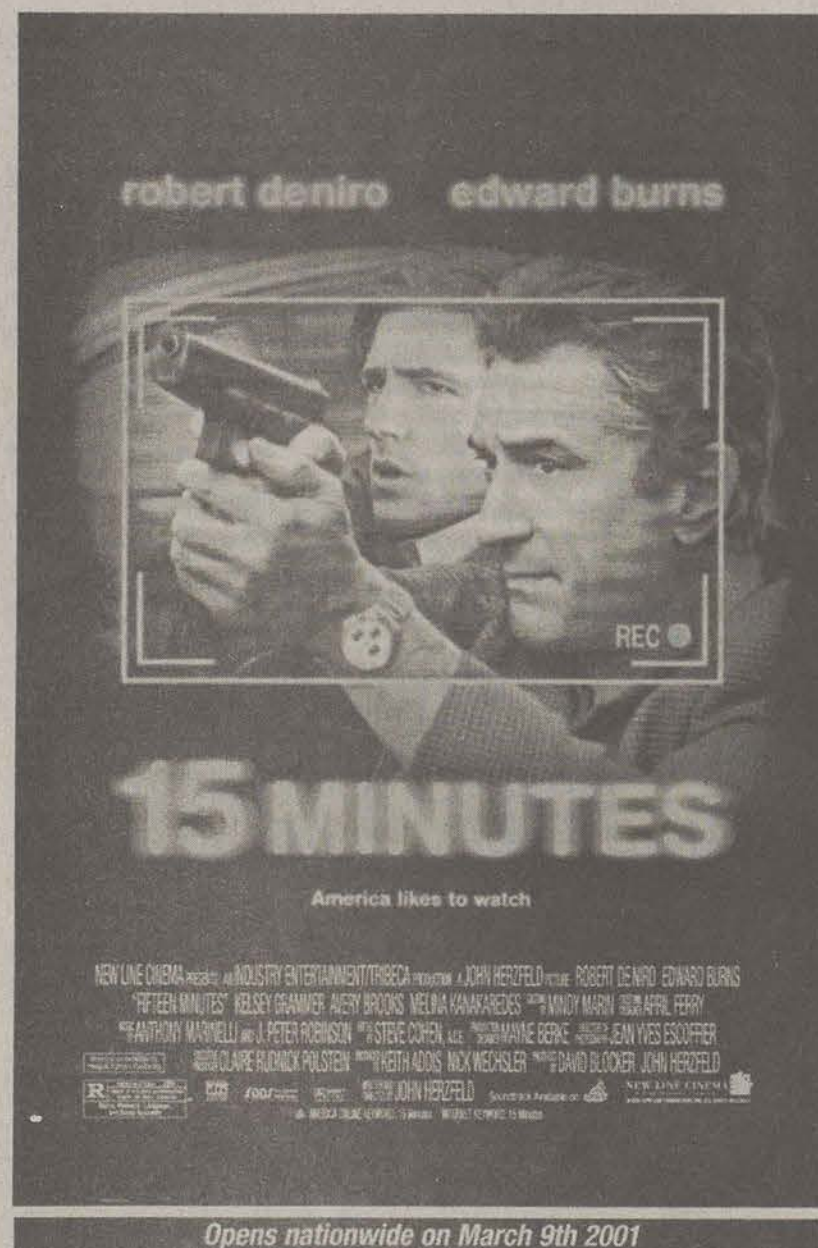
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Schenkkan's 'The Kentucky Cycle' opens tonight in McCroan Auditorium

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

The GSU Theater and Performance Department welcomes the opening of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "The Kentucky Cycle," tonight in the McCroan Auditorium. The play will run through this Saturday night, and begins at 8 p.m. nightly.

Written by Robert Schenkkan, "The Kentucky Cycle" is a moving tale about the profession of coal mining in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The GSU performance will highlight two parts of Schenkkan's play, subtitled "Tall Tales" and "Fire In the Hole."

"Tall Tales" begins in the year 1890, with Young Mary Anne Rowan (played by Laci Wilkes) being the partner of Tommy Jackson (played by Justin Evans), both of whom are only 15 years old at the time. The Rowan family owns a large portion of land in Kentucky and a coal company. When J.T. Wells (played by Nickolas Middlkauff) moves into town and cons the Rowan family into selling their coal company, the story takes a leap towards the action packed scenes that follow. Shortly after his arrival into town, J.T. Wells manages to have Mary Anne falling for him, causing controversy in her



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A MINER STORY: 'The Kentucky Cycle' is a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about late 1800s and early 1900s coal mining and union-forming in mountainous Kentucky regions.

relationship with Tommy.

"Fire In the Hole" takes place 30 years later, in 1920. Over the time, the mountains in Kentucky where the families live have been cleared and heavy coal mining is beginning to take place. Mary Anne has grown up (Adult Mary Anne Rowan Jackson is played by Tiffany Domingos) and married Tommy Jackson, who has since turned into an abusive bigoted husband. After having four children die from Typhoid (or Yellow Fever), Tommy and Mary Anne are left with only one son. The Jacksons are in major debt to the coal company, and due to the conditions continuing to worsen, people are dying from the harmful effects of mining. Then Abe Steinman (played by

Brian Estle) moves into town posing as a coal miner, and plans to form a union amongst the coal miners in the area.

The rest of the play revolves around the forming of the union to save the workers in the Kentucky mining town.

"The play is full of special effects and lots of fight scenes," Sophomore Theater major Justin Evans said. "It should be interesting to see the reactions from the audience with such an action-packed performance."

"The play is truly a great story, and it is a pleasure to be able to tell it and bring it to life," Evans added.

Tickets are \$2 for students, \$5 for faculty, and \$6 for the general public.

Looking at the future of cars with an oil crisis ahead

By Patrick Watson
Guest Writer

They may not be flying cars like we were promised by science fiction, but alternative fuel vehicles, or AFVs, are the future. The current projections show oil reserves being depleted in the next 80 years, and automobile manufacturers are scrambling to find the next big thing.

General Motors was the first on the scene with the EV1. The EV1, internally known as the Electric Vehicle 1, is an electric vehicle available strictly through lease at Saturn dealers, or at least until recently. The EV1 is not being produced anymore and Saturn has since discontinued leasing the vehicle. Every car has a downside and the EV1's major fault is a lack of driving range per charge, about 80 miles.

Jeremy McGee, professional test driver, cites his experience with the EV1. "Oh, it was a great car, really quite, quite powerful but really lousy for long trips,"

Honda and Toyota are betting that their AFVs, the Insight and Prius respectively, are the ideal compromise between environmental soundness and performance.

Honda's Insight has a hybrid power-train, meaning it uses more than one source of power to drive the wheels. It uses a one liter, three cylinder internal combustion engine supplemented by a powerful electric motor. Fuel economy is rated up to 78 miles per gallon, according to *Road and Track Magazine*.

This bantam two-seater made quite an impression on McGee. "To tell you the truth, I was skeptical about this car. But when I got in and drove it, man that was kind of fun," McGee said. "Driving...the Insight...is kind of like playing an arcade game. You are constantly trying to get the best

score, in this case the high-score is represented by lofty miles per gallon," McGee added.

The Honda Insight may have been the first hybrid to market, but Toyota brought the Prius to fruition soon after. The Prius is more practical than the Insight, but does not achieve the same level of fuel economy as the Honda.

The Prius is a hybrid very similar to the Insight in its power-train in that it uses a small electric motor to aid the internal combustion engine. The Toyota is a four-door, four passenger, compared to the Honda's two-seater, which lends itself more to the American standard for practical automobiles.

Steven McCan, a GSU sophomore, said he would enjoy the Prius's gas mileage. "With gas prices as they are right now, 65 miles to the gallon would lift a considerable financial burden off my shoulders," he said. McCan also added, "Since I drive an older car that gets about eight miles to the gallon, you can see how it could save me money."

When asked about his views on the Toyota, McGee said, "[driving the Prius] felt like driving a high-tech Corolla, nothing really exciting, not much to look at but it gets you where you gotta go, and without using that much gas either."

The Insight and the Prius use sparingly, but some cars use no fuel at all, at least not gasoline. Several car manufacturers have been looking into hydrogen-powered in the works. The major problem with this car is the lack of a place to fill up your tank.

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Ford is the leading developer of "Flex Fuel Vehicle Technology," which essentially allows automobiles to run on different ratios of gasohol. Gasohol, also known as E-85, or ethanol 15 percent, to gasoline 85 %. Some people equate AFVs with being no fun and rather slow, but Ford eliminated that notion with the concept car Super Stallion Mustang. The Super Stallion was built by Ford SVO (Special Vehicle Operations) and was capable of accelerating from 0-60 in less than four seconds. The Super Stallion ran off of any mixture gasoline and alcohol, up to 85% gas/alcohol ratio. Like the BMW, the E-85 infrastructure is not yet in place to make the concept feasible as a production vehicle.

With the likelihood of higher gas prices in the future, and the inevitability of the majority of all the oil fields running dry, within the next thirty years, as many experts believe, people may be taking an interest in these vehicles much sooner than they think.

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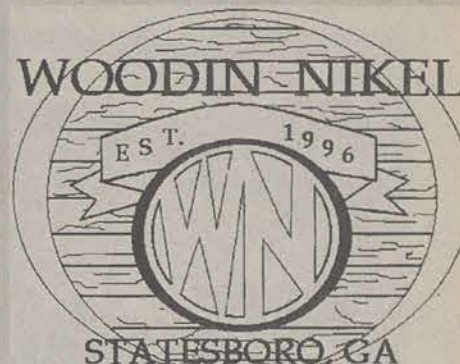
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What if Dr. King and Malcolm X had met?

By Janis Pitman
Staff Writer

"The Meeting," a powerful play about the chance of two powerful black leaders exchanging their ideas on how to achieve unity, premiered in the Russell Union Ballroom this past Monday night.

The play was authored by the acclaimed Jeff Stetson, who has won many awards for "The Meeting," including eight 1987 NAACP Theatre Awards. The play was also made into a film for the American Playhouse on PBS.

"The Meeting" depicts a "what if" situation involving Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, had they ever crossed paths to discuss the differences in the ways they each chose to bring about change during the hard times of racial injustice. Their meeting is initiated by a phone call Malcolm X makes to Dr. King (actor Doug Goldman) asking him to pay him a visit. Malcolm X, portrayed by a strikingly resembling actor named Ersky Freeman, and his bodyguard Rashad, played by Mark Anderson, set the mood for the play by walking onto stage and reveling in a conversation about love and trust.

Malcolm X seemed nervous about the appearance of Dr. King's soon arrival, and Rashad shows his complete distrust of the meeting by wearing a gun and a grim face when Dr. King did in fact appear at the door. When he finally arrives, he enters the door with a large brown paper bag on his head.

The formalities of the two men made them seem like strangers to one another, although they both knew enough about the other to either be intrigued or disgusted. Perhaps the meeting was called to order so that Malcolm X could try and convince Dr. King that the nonviolent method of changing things was the White man's way of still being control.

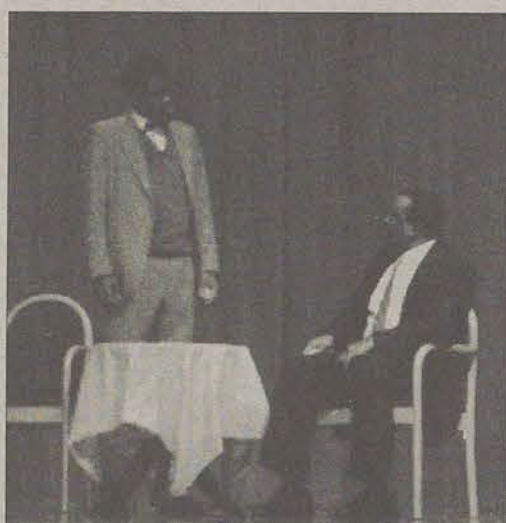
Dr. King seemed only to disapprove of the methods of Malcolm X's "survival by any means necessary" approach to handling things. A symbolic scene of "The Meeting" involves an apple and

Malcolm X almost forcing Dr. King to eat it. When Martin simply refused profusely that he did not want to eat the apple, Malcolm X replies, "You can't force

jumbled and misunderstood.

Malcolm X then challenged King to an arm wrestling match and the men duked it out on the coffee table. It wasn't clear who had actually won the challenge, because both actors seemed to have disgruntled looks on their faces even after the match was over.

"We will live together as brothers, Malcolm X or we most certainly will live together as fools," Dr. King said to Malcolm X. Their discussion grew deeper and more intimate as the play wore on, and soon the two men were on the stage with louder and harsher voices than they had entered with. Malcolm X accused Dr. King of not having any anger inside of him and King's reply was that his anger was the kind that made him want to prove that hatred is wrong. After Malcolm X listed the differences between what they each wanted out of this fight for freedom, Dr. King asked for a rematch on the



Andrea Sutton

WHAT IF SCENARIO: "The Meeting" was a play about what may have happened had Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X met.

someone to take something that they don't want to, even if it is good for them."

The conversation between the two men at first seemed tense and uptight, due to the completely opposite views they hold on how to be great black leaders. Malcolm X began to tell Martin about a "dream he had" the other night, with King to retort that that was his line but he could borrow it if he wished to. His dream seemed more like a nightmare because he had envisioned a time in the near future when young blacks would not have a clue about the struggles their ancestry had gone through to provide them with the freedom they thought they always had.

Malcolm X then read a passage from a famous speech Dr. King had once given and the two started to argue about what the contextual meanings really implied. Dr. King preached about giving nothing but love back when suffering was brought to the black people in America. Malcolm X felt the message King was getting at was that it is okay for the black people to "sit down" and take the injustice brought to them by the whites, and with speeches having context like Dr. King's famous proverbs, the ideas of justice would get

to the fact that Malcolm X wanted to free the blacks of America, not the entire country of America as Dr. King wished to do.

"The Meeting" ended with the two men reconciling their differences although never seeing eye-to-eye on the topic at large. The mystery in the brown paper bag contained a doll for Malcolm X's daughter that was from King's daughter. This kind act of warmth made the men a bit teary-eyed when the good byes were given.

Had the two of these men ever met, a different outcome on the fate of their lives could have been brought about. The play even suggested the possibility that the two great men could have even joined their forces to become a dynamic duet of black greatness to help bring justice to both of their causes. Another hypothetical resolve could be that the two could have learned a great deal from one another just by having meetings such as the one portrayed in this play. "The Meeting" was greatly inspirational and raised many questions of what if that really happened?

Sci-Fi Weekend in the Union: At least it's free

By Chris Brenneman
Staff Writer

Eagle Entertainment is calling it Sci-Fi Weekend. From the looks of the movies presented though, I'll call it Sci-Fi Day and a Half.

On paper I'm sure it looked good. Give the students of GSU a free film festival. Heck, everyone needs a film festival. They even get off to a good start. At 7pm Thursday gives us "The Abyss," the James Cameron flick about Ed Harris messing around with submarines, nuclear war heads, and ancient alien civilizations. This movie is pretty and a lot of thought was put into making it. For the time it came out, it was a standard setter. I'd check this one out on big screen. Home televisions do it no justice.

At 9:30 p.m. Thursday, "Aliens" kicks up. The franchise peaked with this movie. James Cameron took a concept that was tired after the first movie and made a space shoot'em up the likes of which is still imitated.

Take a break, that's all for Thursday.

Friday we get "Terminator 2" at 7 p.m. What the heck, it's Arnold as that zany cyborg from the future. What's there to hate?

After that, I'd go home. At 9:30 p.m. we're treated to "Men in Black," a cheap play on the part of Will Smith to give us more of his rap crap. I just wish someone had zapped me with a little red light after I saw this movie.

Friday at 7pm we get "Star

Wars Episode One." This is visual proof that George Lucas died before the filming of "Return of the Jedi." That, or proof that we're all suckers for standing in line to watch this. "You say people gonna die?" Yep, while watching this movie no less.

Eagle Entertainment ends the Sci-Fi Weekend with "The Matrix," the most popular rip off ever. That's right, the Wachowski's took ideas almost word for word from the Grant Morrison comic book "The Invisibles." There are even accounts that the comics were read on the set. And everyone called this film revolutionary.

Anywho, the whole festival is free. Even if you hate the movies, they're still free. What else do you have to do?

Allure of Japanese animated films goes academic

TMS Campus

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Japanese animated films, even the most violent, rock 'em, sock 'em, sci-fi dramas, served up as scholarly fare?

That's exactly right, according to two instructors at Bellevue Community College who are teaching the first academic course in the state on the subject of anime, or Japanese animation.

The college is serious enough to allow students to take "Anime Revealed" to fulfill a composition-course requirement.

The college could be in on the early stages of an academic trend. The University of Michigan recently started an anime-history course, and film professors say many other colleges are preparing to do the same. Anime, pronounced "AH-nee-may," is an essential element of Japanese pop culture, notes Terry Weston, who along with Scott Bessho teaches the Bellevue course to a full house of 46 students.

And although the art form may be most widely known for some of its more graphic and violent examples, it can be quite sophisticated, much more detailed in plot and artwork than the ordinary Saturday-morning TV cartoon.

While there are plenty of examples of slapstick stories for young viewers, anime often tackles such themes as death and betrayal, and the stories sometimes are so intense that

they are edited for children in the United States.

The animations are shown as television series or feature-length movies in Japan, where adults are as likely as children to be the core audience.

The academic movement in the United States reflects the fact that so many students had already become anime aficionados on their own. As elsewhere in the country, the University of Washington and

gory graphics, anime fans argue that those more intense animations are geared toward adults, not kids.

Anime, with its intricate layers of stories, plot twists and moral dilemmas, also has loyal fans at the University of Michigan and the University of California, Berkeley. The University of Michigan, for instance, offered a class in anime last fall, and Professor Abe Mark Nornes says other colleges have inquired about his syllabus.

He predicts classes will be offered at many universities before long.

"A lot of people are trying to figure out how to do it," Nornes said. "Even more are integrating anime into other courses."

Western Washington University includes lectures on anime as part of its Asian-history course.

Nornes attributes the phenomenon partly to the Internet, which has made Japan animation more accessible.

The craze borders on obsession for some. At Washington State University, a handful of students gather weekly to learn conversational Japanese simply to understand anime better. And diehards watch anime with subtitles instead of dubbed versions because they feel the dialects and the voice inflections get lost in translation.

WSU senior Trevor Menagh, a computer-science major and one of the founders of the campus anime club, says he went to study in Osaka, Japan, with the main purpose of understanding Japanese cartoons.

At Bellevue Community College, as soon as posters went up last fall announcing the new course, so many students signed up that a waiting list formed with names of anime fanatics such as Jeff Ravatt of Kirkland.

"I rearranged my schedule," he said, "and jumped through hoops to take the class."

**"I REARRANGED MY SCHEDULE
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— JEFF RAVATT

most colleges around the state have student-run anime clubs.

In the Bellevue class, students pack a classroom four days a week to watch and dissect an anime production, breaking down its symbolism, character development and message.

The class focuses mostly on the works of Hayao Miyazaki, the Shakespeare of the field, whose work includes the recent box-office hit "Princess Mononoke," an epic steeped in Japanese legend and contemporary themes such as the effect of industrial development on nature, mixed in with a struggle between good and evil.

While parents sometimes decry anime for its violence and

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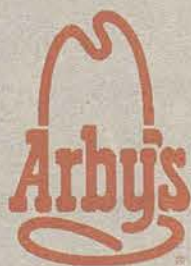
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Gov. Barnes offers more cash to lawmakers who voted for new flag

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Gov. Roy Barnes offered a little extra state cash Sunday to a handful of legislators who helped him change the state flag with their votes last month as he submitted last-minute midyear budget changes to a House-Senate negotiating team.

The negotiators approved the changes and settled their remaining differences over the spending measure after three days of talks. The compromise bill now returns to both houses for approval.

Among the last issues settled was funding for a controversial new state park in the Houston County district of House Democratic Leader Larry Walker of Perry, a member of the House negotiating team.

The conference committee also approved \$281,000 to buy 16,500 copies of the new state flag to distribute to schools and public buildings around the state.

The cost was originally given to budget negotiators Saturday as \$286,000, but Legislative Budget Officer Robert Hobbs said the higher figure was in error.

Some other winners in the budget negotiations include civic boosters in Milledgeville who last month invited the entire Legislature to middle Georgia to tour the Old Governor's Mansion and conduct a session in the historic Old State Capitol.

The compromise provides

\$5 million to restore the mansion.

The headquarters of the Georgia State Patrol will remain in Atlanta for now. The conference committee rejected a Senate proposal to build a new headquarters in Forsyth at the existing public safety training center.

The conferees also agreed to give the university system the full \$24 million the governor recommended to offset the switch to a semester system two years ago.

Under the system's funding formula, the switch should have caused a reduction in funds because fewer students opted to take the full load for a semester, five courses.

In university system projects, the conference committee agreed to provide \$10 million for a new biotech building at the University of Georgia, which will be used for vaccine development. Neither house funded the project in earlier versions.

The panel restored \$4 million for a math and science classroom at Kennesaw State University which had been eliminated by Senate budget writers, but accepted the Senate's decision to reduce from \$23 million to \$19 million the funding for a classroom and convocation center at Kennesaw State.

The governor's closing-hour adds included additional bonds for the rural highway four-laning program. When combined with an additional proposal to borrow against future federal highway grants, the initiative will make \$240 million available for work on those roads this year.

The previous versions approved by the House and Senate boosted state spending between now and June 30 from the current \$14.4 billion to about \$15.2 billion, an increase of just over \$800 million.

The compromise appears to alter that figure, but budget specialists could not provide a new figure Sunday.

Most of the new spending — \$468 million — is earmarked for a special school construction program designed to help local systems reduce class sizes as required by last year's education reform law. An additional \$166 million of the money goes to expand a modest property tax relief program begun two years ago.

Neither was at issue in the talks.

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