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SPORTS

GSU baseball goes 2-1 against Davidson

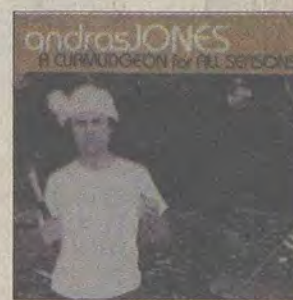
GSU baseball defeated Davidson in two out three games Saturday and Sunday. More inside!



LIFE

Andras Jones to perform at Dingus tonight

Controversial singer/songwriter Andras Jones will put his musical talent on display tonight at Dingus MacGee's. Details inside.



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Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Event Management announces 'Tropical Trivia'

By Jason Kemp
Assistant News Editor

The weather outside may be frightful, but the Events Management class from the Communication Arts department will try to make Thursday delightful for those who pass by the Rotunda at the Russell Union.

The class will be hosting a promotional "blast-off" that will explain in detail its "Tropical Trivia" event. The students will also have a table where the teams can start registering for the team trivia competition.

Melody Reid, a student in the class and a member of the publicity committee for the event believes that holding a "blast-off" event is key for generating awareness of the "tropical" event.

"We have a great event coming up on April 18th that our class is extremely proud of and we want to tell everyone about it," Reid said. "We hope that students will be interested and sign-up their trivia team at the Rotunda."

Each trivia team can have up to four members. The cost of entry is \$50 per team, or \$12.50 per person. The grand prize will be \$500. Second place will receive \$100 and third place will win \$50.

There will also be food and drink at the event from various booths that will be sponsored by businesses around the Statesboro area.

Angela Polley says that so far the initial reception has been well in regard to the solicitation of sponsorships for the event.

"I am very pleased at the way things are going," Polley said. "We don't have a complete list yet but this event is a great chance for a local business to get some exposure to the student body."

"WE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS WERE PREPARED FOR THE THEIR CAREERS BY OFFERING A CLASS THAT COMBINES LECTURE AND HANDS-ON LEARNING."

**--DR. PAM BOURLAND-DAVIS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
COMMUNICATIONS ARTS DEPARTMENT**

Michelle Lawrence, a member of the entertainment committee, added the fact that there will be more than trivia coming on at the event.

"We want everyone to realize that this event is not just trivia, it is an extravaganza," Lawrence said. "The event will also be playing host to the 6th annual Communication Art's silent auction, there will be a raffle and plenty of

music to keep the spirit festive."

While the class is the primary organizer of the event, the event itself is co-sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and the Communications Arts department.

The purpose behind the event is to give students event management experience, critical for many public relations jobs, while also attempting to raise awareness of the Communications Arts department's student and faculty.

Dr. Pam Bourland-Davis, an associate professor in the Communications Arts department, is teaching the class and feels that the hands-on aspect of the class will help students prepare for the future.

"Research on public relations internships indicated that event planning and management were activities for which many interns were responsible," Davis said. "We wanted to ensure that students were prepared for their careers by offering a class that combines lecture and hands-on learning."

"Tropical Trivia" will be held on April 18 in the auxiliary gym of the RAC; from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets will be going on sale in the upcoming weeks, \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.

The promotional "blast-off" is just the beginning, students will be hearing more and more about the event as the date gets closer. Students, faculty and staff should be on the lookout for special pricing details. For more information stop the Communication Arts building.

Phi Kappa Phi celebrates 30 years at GSU

By Dr. Mary F. Smith
Guest Writer

Phi Kappa Phi's GSU Chapter is celebrating its thirtieth year on campus. Its Honor Society key is located in front of the Henderson Library.

Phi Kappa Phi recognizes and encourages excellence across all academic disciplines. Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, it is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective multi-disciplinary collegiate honor society and is a charter member of the Association of College Honor Societies, founded in 1925.

Committed to a constant observance of the injunction expressed in its motto, Let the

Love of Learning Rule Humanity, the Society attempts to maintain unsurpassed standards. Some of Phi Kappa Phi's more famous Georgia members are Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States, and Governor Roy Barnes.

Outstanding students and faculty identified by the Chapter as meeting the Society's criteria for membership are invited to join The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The GSU Chapter will hold their initiation ceremonies on Honors Day.

Each year the Chapter nominates a senior for the Phi Kappa Phi Graduate National Fellowship and recognizes an

outstanding junior, sophomore, and freshman, who all receive a stipend to further their studies.

The Chapter also sponsors the Undergraduate Research Symposium, which will be held this year on April 6 in the Russell Union. The Symposium seeks to highlight academic achievement, recognize student research projects from all academic fields, encourage the love of learning and discovery, and publicize the academic endeavors of GSU students.

The GSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is committed to recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all disciplines of higher education.

SAGE: The Student Alliance for a Green Earth attempting to make a difference at GSU

By Jason Clary
Staff Writer

One organization at GSU is attempting to make Georgia Southern's beautiful campus cleaner and greener by organizing recycling efforts not only on campus, but also around Bulloch county.

The Student Alliance for a Green Earth organization, or better known as SAGE is helping to improve environmental awareness and responsibility by working with the GSU students, faculty, staff, and administration.

SAGE is one of GSU's newest clubs since being formed in spring of 2000. Their attention is mainly focused on increasing awareness of recycling at GSU.

The group emphasizes the importance of the vast volume of potentially recyclable material that are tossed into trash cans around campus that sometimes are located near or next to a recycling bin where the material should have been placed in the first place. SAGE held an event on campus last year called "The Rescued Recyclable" in which the group removed all of the aluminum and plastic beverage containers from all of trash containers located in the buildings on campus. Over several days of



Special Photo

WORKING TOGETHER: The Student Alliance for a Green Earth organization, or better known as SAGE is helping to improve environmental awareness and responsibility by working with the GSU students, faculty, staff, and administration.

this event members filled several plastic bags filled with cans and bottles recovered from the trash containers and molded the plastic bags into a Rescued Recyclable Mountain.

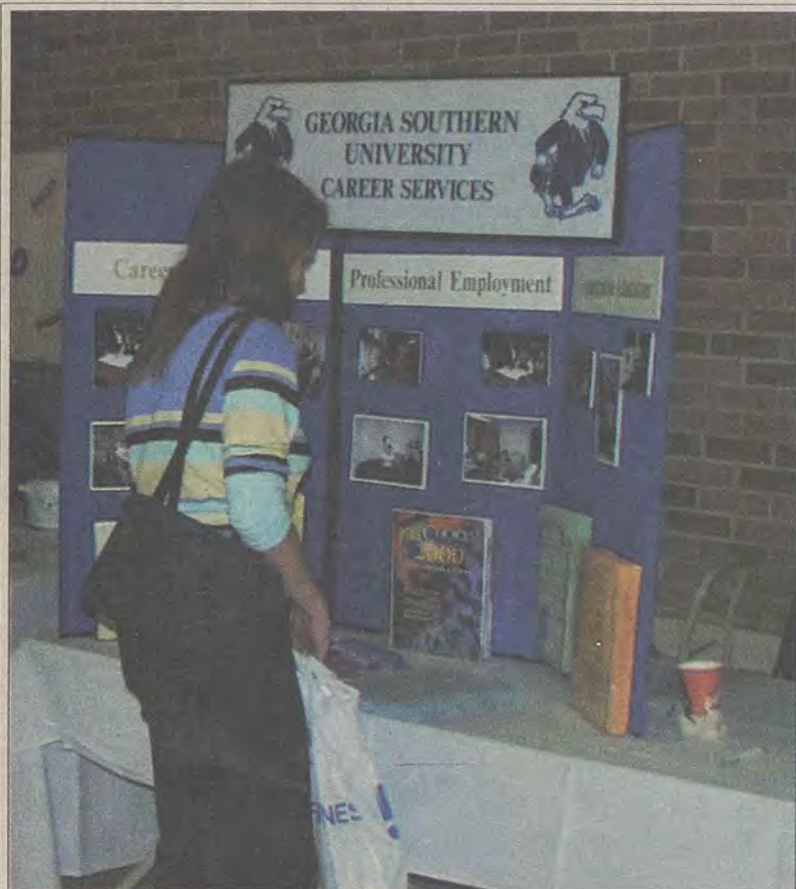
The club was also involved in the 2000 International Beach Cleanup efforts on Sapelo Island located off the Georgia coast. They also helped clean up the Ogeechee River last month. The SAGE club also contributed to the Nature Conservancy's Adopt-A-N-Acre and Rescue-The-Reef programs.

A few of the upcoming planned events for SAGE are developing an organic community garden on campus and develop and implement recycling programs at GSU

and other community schools. The group is also making plans for celebrating the upcoming Earth Day 2001.

For more information regarding SAGE events and membership you can contact Dr. Lorne Wolfe, SAGE faculty advisor, at (912) 681-0848 or visit their web site at <http://www.bio.gasou.edu/bio-home/SAGE/>.

The next time you enjoy a can or bottle of your favorite beverage on campus remember to place it in one of the multiple recycling bins located on campus instead of waste baskets. Everyone can help make GSU a cleaner and greener campus by placing items that can be recycled in the proper bins.



GRADUATION GALA:

Graduation Gala, which was held yesterday, will also be held today in the Williams Center. Graduating students have the opportunity to order their cap and gown, announcements, class rings and take care of any last minute ties with the University. The Graduation Gala will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

--photo by LaVene Bell



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU March 20-21

• **The Graduation Gala** will be held in the Williams Center Dining Hall from 10 until 6 p.m. on the 20th and 10 until 4 p.m. on the 21st.

• **The Academic Resource Center** presents Coherence: Sentence Combining by VonBergen. 3 p.m. in room 1042 of the Library.

March 21

• **Omicron Delta Kappa** will be having a meeting from 7 until 8 p.m. in room 2052 of the Russell Union.

March 22

• **The NAACP** proudly presents: "Say What Karaoke Night", beginning at 6:30 in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$2.00

March 26

• **The Muslim Lady:** presentation focusing on how ISLAM raised the dignity of women and restored them to an honorable position from 7:30 until 10 p.m. in room 2070B or the Russell Union. For more information contact Sahyah at 586-2629.

April 5

• **The Annual Dyruczion Dance show.** Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from April 2nd until April 5th underneath the Rotunda.

April 1-7

The ice cold brothers of **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.** proudly announce the return of Alpha week. Stay tuned for more information.

Ongoing

• **GSU 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.

• **Anime Crew** meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 1106 of the Forest Drive Building. For more information contact Christinia Huey at 688-2536.

• **The Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Please contact George Fotopoulos at gsi04936@gasou.edu for more information.

• **The Student Government Association 2001 Scholarship.** The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday April 3rd. Must have at least a 3.0 scholarship and have completed 24 credit hours from GSU in 2 consecutive semesters. All applicants must have 3 letters of recommendation. Applications available in the SGA office, 2nd floor Russell Union.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety March 6

• Derek Allred reported someone damaged the right door of his vehicle in the Veazey Hall parking lot.

• Regina Neville reported that someone had removed some memory from a computer in Building 806.

• A case of harassment was reported at Hendricks Hall.

March 7

• Daniel Bain reported that someone took a set of golf clubs from the trunk of his vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

March 8

• A case of simple battery was reported in the Union Commuter parking lot.

March 9

• Adam Butler Gurr, 18, Marietta, Ga., was charged with underage drinking and criminal trespass.

March 10

• Johnny Dain McGalliard, 31, Claxton, Ga., was charged with DUI, weaving over the roadway and open container.

March 12

• Gary Loper reported a 3" Honda pump was missing from the Equipment Transport Warehouse.

Statesboro Police Department March 12

• Justin Taylor, 18, 118 Church St., was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

• Travis Anderson, 21, 105-B East Drive, reported forgery.

March 13

• Nicholas Mikell, 18, 24 Jones St., was arrested for possession of marijuana.

March 18

• David Somers, 21, Southern Villas #13, reported a burglary.

March 19

• Vanessa Contreras, 18, Bermuda Run C-7, reported a case of entering a auto.

• Matthew Bradford, 19, Hawthorne II, reported a case of entering a auto.

• Cheryl Redmond, 22, St. James Place #130, reported a burglary.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained 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.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Important player in sheriff assassination arrested

Associated Press

ELLENWOOD, Ga. — A former DeKalb County sheriff's deputy was charged with tampering with evidence and his friend was charged with murder Monday after a shootout in front of the ex-officer's house left one man dead and another wounded.

Patrick Cuffy, 35, a central figure in the investigation into the Dec. 15 assassination of DeKalb Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown, was led away in handcuffs after gunfire was exchanged Sunday morning with men who drove into Cuffy's south DeKalb County neighborhood in at least two vehicles.

Hours after the shootout, police found a dead body in a nearby park and an abandoned, bullet-riddled sport utility vehicle in another location. On a nearby interstate, police stopped a red truck that had bullet holes and blood stains and detained the driver. Police have not identified the body or the truck driver in custody.

DeKalb police spokeswoman Mikki Jones said Cuffy's friend, Dania Hewitt, has been charged with murder in connection with the body found in the park. She said Cuffy would be charged with evidence tampering, a misdemeanor.

WXIA-TV quoted Cuffy's attorney, E. Duane Jones, as saying that Cuffy was charged with evidence tampering because he carried a gun into his house after the

shooting. Jones also said Cuffy did not fire a shot.

Cuffy and two other men were still in custody Monday afternoon, police said. They would not identify the two others.

Neighbors said Cuffy and several men exchanged gunfire outside his home about 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The men then pulled a wounded man into a red truck parked outside the house. The pickup and a black sport-utility vehicle were outside Cuffy's home when the gunfire started, witnesses said.

"I was talking with my friend, Dania Hewitt, outside my house when three different vehicles fired at us," Cuffy told WAGA-TV. "Hewitt was shot in both legs, but I believe they were trying to get me."

Hewitt was treated and released at Grady Memorial Hospital.

The barrage of gunfire exploded as residents in the middle-class subdivision southeast of Atlanta were heading to church or outside enjoying the sunshine.

Children riding bikes and families getting in the car to drive to church dived for cover. Hours later, stunned neighbors, many still in their Sunday clothes, remained their yards watching police investigate.

Neighbor Lois Burnell was outside across the street and screamed for a boy on his bike to get down.

"All I could think was, 'My

God, I hope they don't hit that child,'" she said.

Jones said Cuffy was targeted in the Brown case to lead investigators away from the sheriff-elect's killer.

"You get rid of the person that people are thinking now is the main suspect, and at the same time, you send a very eloquent warning to whoever out there might really have some information that they better keep their mouth shut," Jones said.

Authorities searched Cuffy's home in January, a month after the shooting death of Brown, a reformer who promised to clean up a department long tainted by corruption.

Cuffy was employed by the private security company run by former Sheriff Sidney Dorsey, the man Brown defeated in last year's election. Cuffy has said he believes investigators are targeting him because of his affiliation with Dorsey.

Two men were arrested last week and charged with lying to investigators. Authorities say one of them lied about where he and Cuffy were Dec. 15, the night Brown was gunned down outside his home.

No suspects have been publicly identified in Brown's slaying.

Brown was killed two days before he was to be sworn in. He defeated Dorsey by a 2-to-1 margin after a bitter runoff campaign.

Dorsey was under investigation for allegedly using on-duty deputies to work for his private security company and for letting jail inmates work in a home repair program run by his wife, Atlanta City Councilwoman Sherry Dorsey.

Sidney Dorsey, whose wife said he was out of town Sunday, maintains he did nothing wrong and has repeatedly said he had nothing to do with Brown's slaying.

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 North Carolina

Man makes money as pooper-scooper

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Phew! Who let the dogs out?

If your pooch's mess makes you want to stay on the porch, Jim Ingram wants you to give him a call. For a weekly fee of \$8 for the first dog and \$4 for each additional dog, he'll clear the little yard mines that man's best friend leaves behind.

"My wife and I were watching TV last year, and this story came on about a guy who scooped poop for a living," said Ingram, 43, the owner and sole employee of Doo-Ty Calls Canine Waste Removal Service. "She looked at me and said, 'You can do that.'"

At a job site last week, he parked the '78 Chevy bearing the company logo, dropped the tailgate and yanked out the tools of his trade — a narrow rake, long-handled dustpan and a 10-gallon bucket lined with a lemon-scented trash bag.

Ingram let himself through the gate and proceeded to roam the lavishly fertilized lawn in a sweeping search pattern, pausing occasionally to make a collection or cinch-up his bib overalls. A mixed-breed dog followed closely, tail wagging furiously as he sniffed at the man's heels.

"I really enjoy doing this," he said. "I'm my own boss, I've got flexible hours and I get weekends off."

Ingram can clear a good-sized yard in about a half-hour. When finished, he sprays his equipment with a Clorox solution to avoid the spread of disease. Customers can either have him dispose of the bag in their trash can or ask him to take it away with him. Most choose the latter.

He recognizes that some might find his business distasteful, but he said that dog people understand.

"If you're not a pet owner, you probably think I'm out of my mind," Ingram said. "There's definitely a repugnance factor here, but I've done crazier things in the past."

He declined to say what those things were, but he did mention a

stint as a guard in a state prison. "This job doesn't have anything on that one," he said. "I have six dogs at home, so this really doesn't faze me. I have a harder time changing my grandson's diaper than scooping a little poop."

Ingram, who works out of his home in Germantown, is still building his client list. Doo-Ty Calls has only eight regular customers, including a pet groomer and a large apartment complex. "The apartments are my biggest job — two or three buckets, easy," he said.

Ingram, also a full-time computer student at Forsyth Technical Community College, wants to expand. He's sent fliers to local veterinarians, and a newsletter and Web site are in the works.

"When I tell people what I do, they usually pause for a second, but then they say this is a really good idea. There's no overhead, and service businesses have a lot of profit potential. I'm working in a high-growth industry."

Lisa Wallace, who rescues strays for adoption, saw Ingram's card at her vet's office. She has used his service for a couple of months.

"I'm a very satisfied customer," Wallace said. "Jim's a wonderful man who provides a very unusual service. I was tired of having to hop-scootch through my yard."

The international directory of the Professional Pooper Scooper's Association lists Ingram as one of four people performing this service in North Carolina, the others are clustered near Charlotte.

"I'm the premier pooper scooper of the Triad," he said, only half jokingly. "As long as dogs do what comes natural, I'll have customers."

2 California

Flashlight is mistaken for bomb

Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — What the highway patrol initially said was a bomb found at a Department of Transportation maintenance facility Friday turned out to be a homemade flashlight.

Air Force bomb experts carefully



dismantled the device after removing it in a bombproof truck. They told the California Highway Patrol it looked like a bomb, but was harmless.

"It turned out to be a makeshift, home-made flashlight," said a CHP spokesman, Officer Gaylord Gee. "It looked exactly like what one would craft for a home-made bomb."

Several buildings within 1,000 yards of the Caltrans facility were evacuated, including a number of homes and the Winery Square Mall, which houses a grocery store, restaurant and several shops and offices.

A nearby Interstate 80 ramp was closed.

The evacuation lasted into early afternoon, after the device was removed from the area. Relatively few people were affected because most nearby residents were at work or school, said another CHP spokesman, Sgt. Roy Risk.

Workers at the maintenance facility discovered the device in a backpack about 8:15 a.m.

The backpack was among articles Caltrans workers brought to the maintenance yard from the cleanup of a homeless encampment near Interstate 80 and Abernathy Road a month ago, Risk said.

A Caltrans employee discovered the device while inventorying the articles before disposing of them, and immediately called the CHP.

The Travis Air Force Base ordinance team used a remote-control robot to move the backpack to a bombproof trailer and took it to a field near Fairfield, where the bomb was dismantled by mid-afternoon.

At the time the camp was dismantled, a homeless man there identified himself to Caltrans workers as a Vietnam veteran, Risk said. The same man later called Caltrans employees inquiring about his backpack, Risk said.

3 Wisconsin Woman wins \$5 million from therapists

Associated Press

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — A jury awarded \$5 million in damages Friday in finding that therapists planted false memories in the mind of a former school teacher who accused her parents and brother of abusing her.

The jury in Eau Claire County Circuit Court decided that the late Nancy Anneatra was a victim of abuse by the therapists, not her relatives.

The jurors said the therapists, Dr. H. Berit Midelfort of Edina, Minn., and Celia Lausted of Colfax, along with Midwest Medical Insurance Co., should pay Delores and Tom Sawyer and their daughter's estate \$5.08 million.

The award came after about 10 hours of deliberations at the close of a three-week trial.

The Sawyers, of Motley, Minn., cried as the verdict was read.

"This is a tragedy that has happened to the Sawyer family, a lot of families," said Madison attorney Bill Smoler, one of the family's attorneys.

Thomas Jacobson, an attorney for Midelfort, and Thomas Misfeldt, Lausted's attorney, didn't comment.

The case centered around the phenomenon of False Memory Syndrome. Supporters define it as a psychological condition in which a person believes he or she remembers events that have not occurred. Opponents say there is no such condition, but the term can be used to hide past abuse.

World's largest snow cone made at beach

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — At first, no one paid any attention to the snow cone in their midst.

Parked there at 24th Street Park on the Boardwalk, it was approximately nine feet of white plywood rising out of a gray concrete base. Not exactly eye-catching just yet.

But it was about to hold history. Guinness Book of World Records history. World's Largest Snow Cone history.

Attempting the snow cone record was Rob Shapiro's idea. An event coordinator, Shapiro needed fresh ideas for the Penguin Classic, a yearly event recently held by Angel Flight, a nonprofit group that flies needy patients to distant medical facilities for specialized care.

The day's focus was the Penguin Walk, where participants who made a donation walked from 24th Street to 40th Street and back, accompanied by magic shows, live music, a Navy SEAL swimming exhibition, face painting and more. But Shapiro needed something to draw the crowds.

Since ice carvers were to be there, he considered trying for a world-record ice sculpture. But, in poring over the Guinness book, he found that carvers in Japan had

wrought glacier-size figures, so that was a no-go.

But there, under the "Ice" heading, he saw it: The World's Largest Snow Cone.

A group in Michigan held the current record. Their cone, built in February 1999, contained 3,300 pounds of ice drenched in 60 gallons of blue raspberry syrup.

"I saw the record and said, 'We can beat that,'" said Shapiro.

A local engineering firm, Stroud, Pence & Assoc., Ltd., designed the cone, and McKenzie Construction Corp. built it, using iron braces, quarter-inch plywood and a water-tight rubber liner.

To best the record, though, a sound structure wasn't enough. The cone's contents had to be edible.

The ice, which was donated by seafood industry supplier Peabody LLC, had to be certified pure. Every tool that touched the cone, no hands allowed, had to be "food-grade" quality, which required disinfecting everything in the presence of a health inspector.

This done, the group got to work. Volunteers Bryan Martin and Timothy Thomas stood atop a scaffold, feeding ice into the cone with a food-grade bucket and shovel.

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Kindergarten students find diamond ring that was lost for 15 years on playground

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — When kindergarten students found something shiny in the mud, they brought it to the lost and found. It was a diamond ring, and the school secretary knew just who had lost it 15 years ago.

"In a small school like this, you're more than just a secretary or a parent," said Dot Stengel, who has worked at St. Martin's Episcopal School for 27 years. "You get to know everybody."

Seema Godiwala had lost it in 1986, while watching kindergarten students, including her younger son, and giving them pushes on the playground swings.

The ring, a gold band with 14 small diamonds set in two flower-blossom clusters, had been a gift from her father as she left her native Bombay India for New Orleans in 1978.

He wanted it to be a surprise, so he didn't check her ring size. It was a bit loose.

Godiwala's father died unexpectedly of heart failure three weeks after Godiwala and her husband arrived in the United States.

"I never saw him again. And the last thing he gave me was this ring," she said during a visit to the school Tuesday to thank Stengel.

She was devastated by the loss.

"I tore the playground apart looking for it," she said. "After school, I rounded up a bunch of kids to help in the search. I came in to Dot, and I described the ring to her. I was heartbroken."

She called Stengel six or seven times in the following months to see if the ring had been found. Eventually, she gave up hope.

Children found the ring a year ago, in mud rucked up by a bulldozer

as part of a building project. It was so dirty that it went on the lost and found shelf until January, when Stengel got around to scrubbing off the mud and saw what it was.

"You don't lose that much good jewelry on a school campus," Stengel said. "The fact that it was a diamond ring that is two flowers reminded me."

She called Godiwala, who didn't believe at first that her ring had really been found. Her son Nihal, now 20, returned to his old school to retrieve the ring, and brought it to his mother.

"I was just looking at it and saying, 'I don't believe it,'" Godiwala said. "I just can't believe I got this ring back."

The ring is still a bit loose, but it won't be for long.

"I am getting it sized, now," Godiwala said. "Oh, yes."

Third-grader has checking account and credit card

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe McInnes of Waukee is too young to drive, but he has enough credit to buy a car.

The third-grader at Iowa Christian Academy in West Des Moines received a First USA Bank Visa credit card with a \$5,000 credit line last week.

His parents aren't taking away his plastic. They say their son is responsible and can manage his money.

"He already has a checking account and ATM card," Joe's mother, Laura, said.

Joe, 8, said he has applied for more than 15 credit cards online.

"I didn't expect to get it in the mail. When it came I was like 'Wow,'" he said. Jeff Unkle, vice president of corpo-

rate affairs at First Bank USA in Delaware, said McInnes' application should have been denied "if he gave true, accurate information."

Online applicants must verify they are 18 years old. Unkle said he doesn't know how Joe slipped through the cracks but intends to review the application.

"Something unusual had to have happened here," he said. "This was an error."

Joe said he uses his own name, age, address and Social Security number on the application. He isn't always truthful when it comes to his income, which his mother said is less than \$50 a month. Joe makes his money from his Internet research company.

He charges clients 25 cents an hour to research subjects online. Then there's his \$8 weekly allowance.

Joe put the card to the test and bought flowers for his mother last week.

Tom Boesen, co-owner of Boesen the Florist, said he doesn't know if the clerk called McInnes' parents before the purchase.

"I am sure the clerk probably thought the card was his parents'," Boesen said. "There has never been a need for a policy before, but it might be something we have to address now."

Unkle said he doesn't know who would be responsible if Joe's spending got out of hand.

Joe's mother said she isn't worried that her son's newfound spending power or computer savvy will affect her own finances.

"I realize that as a parent you have to be responsible with your kids using the Internet and they need to use it appropriately, but we have never had an issue with it," she said.

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day and will continue today until 4 p.m. Graduating students need to remember that this is the perfect opportunity to finish up all of those last minute details before you leave Georgia Southern. Whether you need to order your cap and gown or just pay some unpaid parking tickets, you can do it all at the gala.

What a shame it would be if all of your hard work went

to waste and you weren't allowed to graduate just because you forgot to take care of some small business like a lost library book.

We also want to remind those students planning on returning next year that advisement and registration is well under way. If you don't procrastinate, then maybe you'll actually get all of the classes that you need for both summer and fall semesters. So, make an appointment to see your advisor if you haven't already and remember that you can now register on the web.

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Trust, friends, and all the things in between



ERIN A. MERRITT

Trust, in the strictest sense of the word; means to place confidence in, to depend on, to place reliance in. However I've found that there is much more that goes with trust than the simple definition renders.

First off, to be trusted is an honor. Someone is taking in the person that you are and has found you worthy of their deepest secrets and fears. They feel so confident in the person that you are that they are willing to open themselves to you. For being trustworthy, you should feel a sense of pride in the relationship you have with the person trusting you.

What is it about some people that makes you trust them? What is that certain something we look for in someone that makes us let our guard down more than with others that we meet?

However, that is not to say that when you trust there is not fear. This is what I want to focus on. We all know what a relief it is to share things and get things off our chest. After a while everything builds up and when you can confide in someone, there is a sense of calm that follows. Unfortunately, with this comes the fear.

Can you say that after you told someone something about you that you didn't fear, just a little bit, that their perception of you would change? That they would suddenly ignore you and pretend you didn't exist? Or worse, that they would tell others? I have friends, and while not numerous, they are reliable. There are things about them that I don't know though, and vice versa. I trust them, but some things take longer to let go of. Meanwhile, certain things never leave you at all.

So you tell and hold your breath, waiting, doubting, and hoping all at

the same time. Now I think that when we judge character based on our instinct, we are usually served well. But what happens when your worst thoughts become reality? Or what happens when you mistake the situation as bad, when it isn't that at all?

I've had it happen both ways. I have opened myself up under the pretenses of friendship and trust and had it all thrown back in my face. I have sat and replayed the events, wishing I could go back in time and reverse everything...just keep that secret to myself. Then at least I'd have my friend back right? Unfortunately this bad time comes with some good, at least you know this person isn't the kind of friend you'd want anyway.

On the other hand, I have blown everything way out of proportion and assumed the worst, when MAYBE I should've trusted my friend a little more. Perhaps I should have applied the same trust that I

felt when I told my secrets to how I felt when I hadn't talked to them in a while. Yet I don't know how to get around the fear. Every day that passes is like a reminder that I should've just kept my mouth shut. A reminder of a friendship lost. Ah, then the relief of knowing that all is well.

Friendship is a wonderful thing, trust in those friends is even better. Learn to trust yourself, your instincts, and open yourself up. However, KNOW when it's right and KNOW when it's just not the appropriate time for your friendship to go there. Remember that when someone's trusted you, they've said something about their perception of you. To respect that, you should try to honor that trust and live up to what they see in you. Who knows, they may help you find something in yourself you never knew was there.

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Do you think like me?



JUSTIN JOHNSON

I often go into these dazes throughout the day where I drift off to a land of deep thought. I think about things relevant to my life, things completely irrelevant to it, thoughts that make no sense and ones that could get me shot if I said them aloud.

I often wonder if people think the same things that I do. I contemplate whether or not people think on the same level as I do. I wonder if people are as passionate about the same things as I am, and why they are so into things that I have no interest in. I want to know what makes people tick. What little spark goes off inside of them that makes them happy, sad, worried, glad, etc?

Sometimes I just sit down and watch people and wonder what they are thinking. I try to put myself in their shoes in hopes to understand things from their point of view. Sometimes I think I find some insight, other times I'm not really sure.

More times than not I find myself feeling sorry for myself. Why? I don't really know. I guess when I have too much time on my hands I get to the point where I feel like I am thinking too much, and then I just start thinking about how everyone's life seems better than mine. Like, look at that couple. Why are they so happy? What does he have that I don't have? Why can't I have that? Does God hate me or something? If God has this master plan then why doesn't he toss a little happiness my way every once and a while?

Then, almost as if I were telling this sob story to my Mom or close friend, I feel dumb. I realize that I am every bit as deserving as the next person. I recognize the fact that while maybe my love life is non-existent, my life is actually really awesome. I know

that I have so much to be thankful for. I know that one day someone will walk into my life and sweep me off my feet, and save me from the "island of single people" where I seem to have lived since high school, with the exception of a month or two of semi-dating.

All this thinking about thinking makes me question what goes on in a person's head to make them belittle themselves to a point of almost convincing themselves that they are unworthy of happiness, something which everyone is ultimately entitled to. Maybe I'll never know the answer to this. I heard once that you could never realize the answer to something unless you can answer it for yourself first. I suppose that's true.

Maybe when I stop thinking, I'm unworthy of love, friendships and acceptance. I will be able to understand the reasoning behind it. Perhaps then I will realize that maybe it isn't a big deal at all. That it is something that we all go through.

I guess I'll keep wondering "why?" to all sorts of questions until I reach that level of understanding. That is, of course, if that level can be reached. I guess that more times than not I will feel completely alone and unable to talk to anyone about certain things regardless of the fact that others are going through the same things as I am.

I suppose in a way it's good that I can't tell what people are thinking. It keeps some sort of mystery to life and it keeps me questioning. So, all in all, not knowing the answers to certain things is a good thing.

Just know that I'm thinking just as deeply as you are. I hurt like you, love like you, and need to be loved just like you. Maybe don't always express myself in the same way as you, but at the root you and I have a lot more in common than you ever would have thought.

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DOES GOD HATE ME OR SOMETHING?

Am I too big or is my ego too small?



COREY BERNARD

Well, fellow students, it's that time of year again when the local fast food chains experience a small recession, grocery stores experience a boom in hair removal products, and women experience creeping anorexia. How is it that two women who are well under their average body weight have approached me with grumbings of their inability to wear a bathing suit in front of men?

I picked up this month's W this morning and took a little stroll through the advertisement world and tried to figure out exactly what constitutes a beautiful woman in today's standards. I realized that the androgynous look is back in. Null hips, null breasts, and most definitely underweight must be what is considered appealing to the masses.

Why do we as women allow this sentiment that women are not beautiful looking like women? And why do we allow the media to influence our perception of beauty?

As I have noticed the increasing trend toward a healthier lifestyle, I have also noticed that this trend has very well backfired. Instead of a mass of society exercising for cardiovascular wellness or muscular strength, we have a mass of society shoudering anorexic tendencies in order to be considered beautiful. Is this really what women want or is it something that women feel must be done.

Where are all the gorgeous, buxom women of the pinup era: Betty Page, Marilyn Monroe, Rita Hayworth, Racquel Welch? No smart remarks please, but where are the women of the Renaissance? As the world becomes older, the beauty of a woman becomes less feminine and more masculine. Don't get me wrong reader. If you are naturally thin then so be it. If you are naturally

chunky, then great. People are as individual as, well, their DNA. The fact that the advertisement world of today demands a clone of Trish Geoff, Kate Moss, Mila Jovovich does not mean that women must compromise their own happiness and well being for a thinly clad facade of beauty.

There is a deadly plague hitting today's adolescents and it's called "Media." Not only is it killing off a sizeable portion of the teenage female population with various eating disorders, but it is also doing long term damage to young women's egos. Take a stroll down memory lane: What were you wearing in Middle and High School? For me it was Guess, Calvin Klein, Gap, Express, etc. Then think about how important it was to wear these brands in High School Society. Finally, who were modeling these name brands and what did they look like? From a young age women have been influenced by the media's idea of what portrays beauty.

Is it really necessary to starve

ourselves to feel beautiful to the world? Is it necessary to spend hours in the weight room in order to feel as if we have a chance? Society plasters it's posters of bone thin women with eating disorders all over our walls and it's about time we vandalized their propaganda and scrawl our own graffiti informing the world that we are beautiful as we are: Natural.

Every year at right about this time the RAC experiences a population boom of about seventy five percent. Aerobic machines are jam packed and are hardly vacant for a second before it is seized in hope of a more slender hip span or smaller bum. Spring Break is a week away and the campus food courts are experiencing a drought in customers. Just take this with you reader: Break the cycle of insecurity. Take a little time to think about why you are exercising and discover whether you are truly doing it in hopes for a healthier lifestyle or what seems like a healthier ego.

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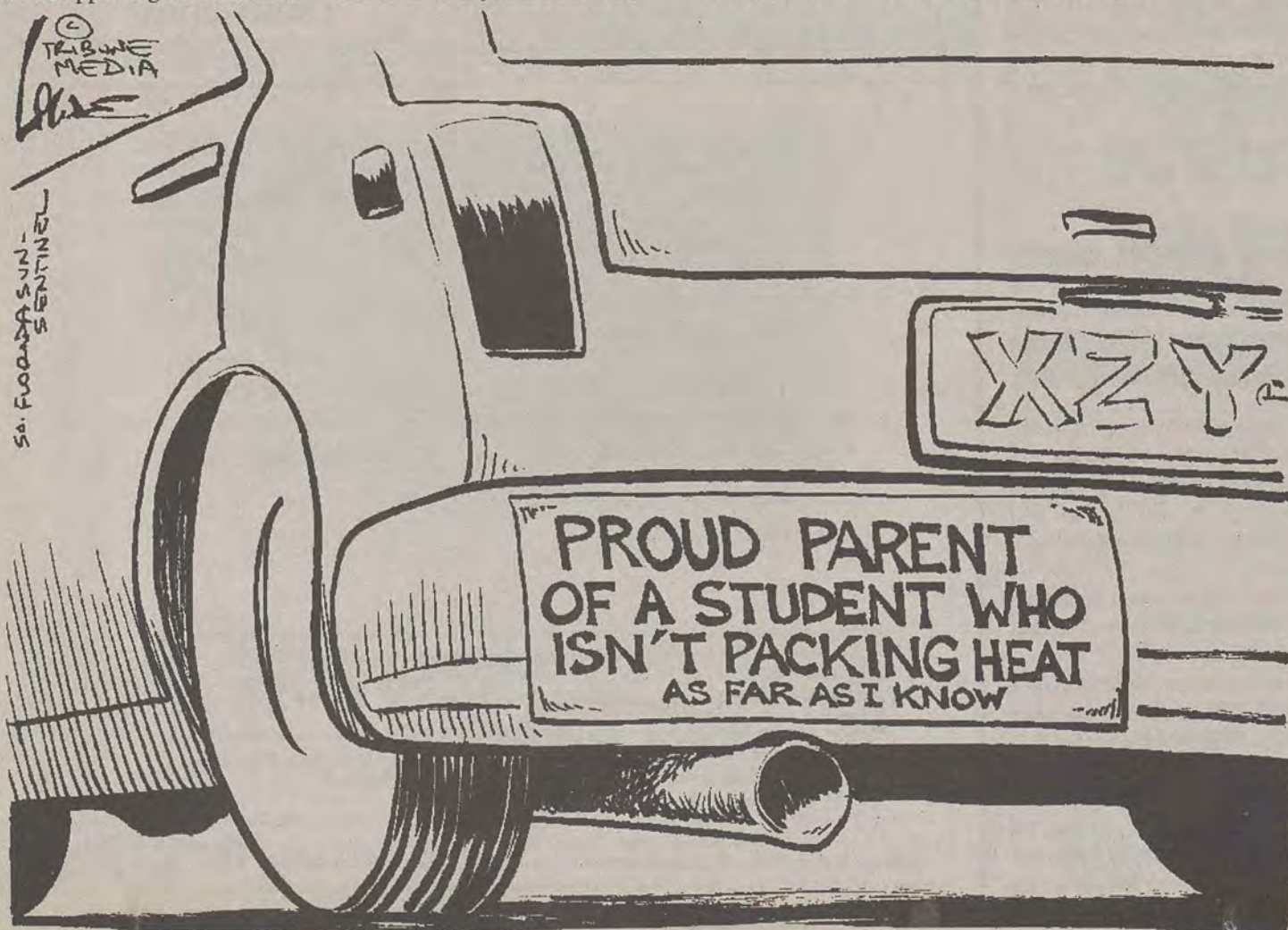
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Student dies after falling from balcony

TMS Campus

FORT LAUDERDALE - The Rutgers University sophomore who fell from a third-floor balcony to the concrete near a beach-area motel swimming pool died Monday evening at Broward General Medical Center.

Michael Santiago, 19, of Wall Township, N.J., had been kept alive by artificial life support since the early Sunday morning accident. At a news conference Monday afternoon, Dr. Ralph Guarneri, a trauma surgeon at the hospital, said, "I don't believe he will recover ... The situation will not reverse."

At 6:30 p.m., doctors declared Santiago brain dead and, with the consent of his family, took him off life support, according to hospital spokeswoman Sara Howley. Santiago's parents and sister were at his bedside throughout the day.

Witnesses told police that Santiago had jumped from the balcony into the pool three times before he lost his balance on the wet railing, fell to the concrete feet first, then slipped again and smacked the back of his head.

Santiago's accident was the first serious Spring Break incident since 1986, when a University of Massachusetts student died in a motorcycle crash on Ocean Drive. That year seven students died in Spring Break-related accidents in the state.

In the 1980s, Fort Lauderdale's beaches drew as many as 375,000 students each spring. For the past several years, the number has hovered around 15,000, according to Nicki Grossman, the president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

But some merchants feel that estimate is low and police are geared up for the crowds, said Maj. Sharon

Andersen, who oversees the beach area.

Twelve officers were added Friday to the normal complement of 10 for Spring Break, she said. They will walk the beach 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. until April 12.

"I can't say there is zero tolerance. It's unfair to hold visitors to zero tolerance when they don't know our laws," Andersen said. "But people are drinking out of open containers and walking in the streets. If we must, we will take action. We'll give them a chance to comply. If we are advised of something, we will act on it."

So far, the number of arrests and citations is about normal, Andersen said.

Santiago was injured Sunday morning as he and other Spring Breakers partied around the pool and on the balconies at the Days Inn and Suites at 4221 N. Ocean Drive.

Police received a 911 call at 3:52 a.m. from a man who said, "This kid fell off the third story. He landed right next to the pool. He looks young. A college student."

Two paramedics staying at the motel rushed to Santiago's side, and emergency workers arrived two minutes later, said police spokesman Detective Mike Reed. They found Santiago with a very weak pulse and a severe injury to the back of his head, Reed said.

At a news conference in the hospital Monday before Santiago died, his relative, Richard Blom, described him as "an athletic and strong individual who has a unique love of life."

"Mike is a very warm, outgoing young man who has many friends and family members who are devastated by his accident," Blom said. Grossman said the accident was an anomaly, not a signal that the excesses of old Spring Breaks — fights, drunkenness and all-night partying — are creeping back.

But some merchants say the crowds are getting bigger.

Dave Edwards, the new general manager of popular Spring Break spot Club Atlantis, said this year's Spring Break crowd is larger than the last one, in both door count and money.

At Howard Johnson, a Spring Break hotel on the beach, the college crowd is out in full force. "This year and last year," said director of operations Alan Berger, "you've seen an escalation."

Grossman said the current crowd is welcome here. Some local businesses people agreed.

"It's a good group of kids this year — not like they used to be," said Wendi Hazewski, manager of Margarita Café on the beachfront.

"I've been very surprised — very few fights, very little vandalism," said Edwards of Club Atlantis. "I haven't had a bathroom trashed yet."

"The Spring Breakers have changed," agreed Howard Johnson's Berger. "They're not as destructive. They're more mature. They have American Express Gold Cards."

Still, at Howard Johnson, older guests are gently warned.

"Right now we have a lot of Spring Breakers," a couple was told at the check-in counter last week. "So it gets kind of noisy. Just so you know."

Blom, Santiago's relative, had another warning for visitors: "As tragic as the situation is, the family would like to take the opportunity to remind all students that Spring Break is a time for fun and not for grieving."

"Please do not partake of any activities that might be hazardous to you."

Andras Jones to feature his controversial songs protesting American patriotism at Dingus tonight

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

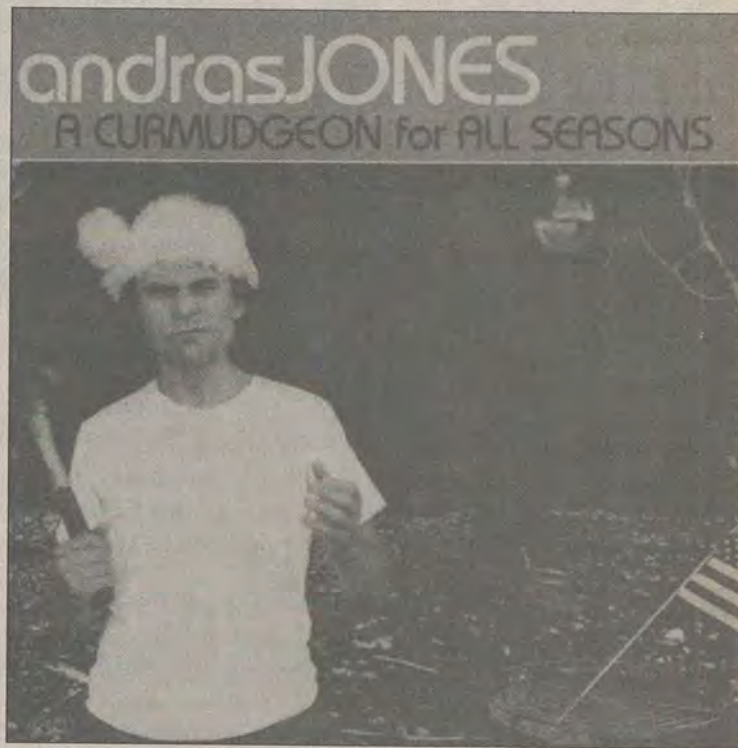
An American flag lies draped over an outdoor grill, and a can of gasoline rests against a tree in the background. On the tree hangs a Christmas ornament made of thin glass, and a man stands close by with a hammer in his hand and a Santa Claus hat on his head. He doesn't look happy, staring the camera down with his face and eyes squinted in anger.

So, what is causing Andras Jones to look like an irate psychopath? On his latest release, "A Curmudgeon for All Seasons," it doesn't take long for listeners to answer that question for themselves. Jones is not a psychopath by any means, just a perturbed, ill-tempered curmudgeon, pissed about the irony and injustices he sees in the celebration American holidays. Tonight, Jones will bring his ideas and music through the doors of Dingus MacGee's right here in Statesboro.

"If Christmas brings you joy, that's cool. I'm not trying to rain on your parade but this song is for the Christmas-less people," Jones writes in the liner notes above the lyrics of the album's first track, "Another X-Mas Song." The song is for "those who know that the Grinch was a liberator and Scrooge a misunderstood reformer," he adds.

"Another Christmas Song" provides a perfect introduction into the rest of the album. Jones writes dangerously controversial lyrics throughout the disc's eight songs, like "I'd love to see the real star of Bethlehem or meet just one of these supposed wise men, but don't pretend that this whole gaudy showcase is for them." Later in the same song, he asks, "Now we're supposed to go out and buy more stuff and that'll be enough to bring us peace on Earth?"

Jumping forward about six months, Jones sings "Firecracker Kid," a tune about the most dangerous American holiday of all, Independence Day. "The firecracker kid bursts onto the scene quoting 'Apocalypse Now,' dressed in the khakiest green. His daddy says someday he'll be a marine. Yeah, but patriotism is the furthest thing from his little mind, as well as the pictures he's seen of kids who'd been maimed and blinded," Jones sings. Perhaps the holiday song that features the most irony is "Thwack!" a song that Andras precedes by simply writing, "Happy Thanksgiving." Jones says that



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CURMUDGEON AND PROUD OF IT: Andras Jones will play his variety of radical protest songs tonight at Dingus MacGee's.

he pictures this song being covered sometime in the future by vegan punk bands at Thanksgiving gigs. "Nothingsays 'Thank you' like killing a bird, or gassin' a Kurd, or punchin' a nerd, or dropping a turd on a world you call third," Jones unleashes in this quirky punk tune.

Though many of the lines on "A Curmudgeon for All Seasons" seem humorous, they are intended to make people aware of the many injustices from which the American public is kept blind. And not all the songs are about holidays. In fact, the most eye-opening track is "April 19th," a song about the unseen injustices at Waco. Inspired by the film, "Waco: The Rules of Engagement," the song questions the notion that justice was served in what happened to the people at Waco on Patriot's Day of all days. "The folks that died at Waco might have something more to add but the radio it said the folks in Waco were bad and got what they deserved. But what about MOVE in Philadelphia, or AIM at Wounded Knee, or the syphilis experiments we did at Tuskegee? What about the Japanese internment camps and Joseph McCarthy? I mean, how much more friggin' patriotic can you be?" Jones then explains, "I don't know how much of it's got di** to do with me, but it shatters the illusion that I'm actually free."

All of the songs on "A Curmudgeon for All Seasons" have political messages, but none more so than "Hold Your Nose and Vote" and "3 Day Weekend." The latter song is about Andras' grandfather participating in the autoworkers' Great Sit Down Strike at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit back in the 1930s. "If I were half the man that came before me, I think I'd probably be about half the man that stands before you and if he were here, he'd probably disagree with me because he wanted revolution, not just a three-day weekend," Jones sings. In "Hold Your Nose and Vote," Jones writes, "What if you got to choose which one of your hands you were gonna lose, and what if you got a say in which one of your eyes you were gonna have to give away? Then you might start to see the level of hypocrisy in what they keep selling me as a two party democracy, where every couple of years they give us the chance to participate in this pacifying dance."

Tonight, Dingus will welcome a unique artist in Andras Jones and perhaps the most controversial act since the Spitfire Tour blazed through Statesboro a few months ago. Feel free to join Andras in his tongue-in-cheek patriotism, his curmudgeon characteristics, and his dangerously straight-forward lyrical ability.

Spring breakers are in absent in Key West

TMS Campus

KEY WEST, Fla. — Key West, the city that sells itself as the ultimate place to party and relax, isn't the spring break destination that it used to be, according to local police and tourism officials, who are noticing fewer sun-kissed college students in town this month.

The annual college rite continues for a few more weeks, but the word around the Southernmost City is that spring breaks of past years are history, at least for now.

Some say soaring food and lodging costs are running spring break revelers out of Key West, while others contend that strictly enforced city rules and regulations are leading them to travel to more lenient tropical locales, such as Cancun and Cozumel.

Then there are also Key West business owners who consider the annual migration deadly to the island's upscale tourist industry. One tourism expert, however, has another explanation.

"Maybe Mom and Dad just aren't as free any more with their credit cards," said Virginia Panico, executive director of the Key West Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly a decade ago, Key West's increasing popularity as a spring break destination prompted the city to increase police patrols and install portable toilets downtown and at Smathers Beach. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office also supplied deputies to help keep peace on chaotic Duval Street, and the state sent teams of extra agents to check IDs and

enforce alcohol rules.

Now, the Keys office of the state Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco is sending most of its agents to Panama City and Daytona Beach, both increasingly popular spring break hot spots. The sheriff's office also isn't being called upon to patrol Key West's bar district, and the Key West Police Department is only doubling its presence there.

Perhaps the most telling indicator that college students are heading elsewhere to vacation is the continued absence of a special spring break court at Old City Hall. For many years, students caught violating alcohol laws were given a notice to appear, then sentenced the next day to eight hours on the county work truck. The Monroe court system finally did away with the daily session in 1999 because they didn't have enough youthful offenders to warrant it.

Although Key West long held true to the spring break motto, "Come on vacation, leave on probation," some say times here have changed.

"There's kids in town, but we're not seeing a big effect on the court system. That tells me there's less of them or they're just not getting into trouble," said court administrator Theresa Westerfield, whose office handled more than 700 spring break violators in 1993.

In the past two weeks, the sheriff's office has arrested only 10 spring breakers on a variety of charges, including disorderly intoxication, driving under the influence of alcohol and unauthorized use of a driver's license. The Key West Police Department could not provide statistics on its spring break arrests thus far, but the number is believed to be significantly less than previous years, Police Chief Buz Dillon said.

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Eagles claim Saturday sweep and a Sunday defeat to Davidson

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern collected a total of 25 hits in sweeping a Southern Conference baseball doubleheader 10-5 and 14-3 from Davidson Saturday at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Georgia Southern (14-7, 5-3) banged out 14 hits in the first contest of the day, including five in a five-run seventh inning. The Eagles trailed 5-4 entering the seventh, only to have Chris Walker and Jemel Spearman open the inning with back-to-back bunt singles. Scott Henley followed with a double off Wildcat starter Wes Self (3-3) to score Walker.

After Matt Hammond was hit by a pitch, Carlos Love singled and eventually advanced to third on an error by Davidson third baseman Cassidy Lundin which also scored all three Eagle baserunners. A.J. Zickgraf closed out the scoring with a run-scoring double to centerfield to plate Love.

Starter Brett Lewis (3-2) picked up the victory for Georgia Southern after allowing just two earned runs and striking out eight in seven innings of work. Brian Rogers pitched two shutout innings in relief to seal the victory.

In the nightcap, Georgia Southern posted three runs in the third and five runs in the fifth to build an early 8-0 lead against Wildcat starter and loser Derrik Wolpert (2-3).

Zickgraf sparked the five-run fifth inning with his first collegiate home run, a solo blast over the left-centerfield wall, before Henley added a two-run shot to finish off the Eagle scoring efforts.

After Davidson (7-14, 2-9) scored three runs in the top of the seventh to trim the deficit to 8-3, Georgia Southern added four

runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to close out the scoring.

Starter Dennis Dove (2-1), who didn't allow a run in his first six innings of work, earned the victory for the Eagles after scattering four hits and striking out seven.

Zickgraf and Walker led the Eagles offensively during the twinbill, with each collecting four hits in seven at-bats. Walker also scored four runs while Zickgraf scored two and drove in two more.

Davidson scored two runs in the top of the 10th inning to defeat Georgia Southern 8-6 in Southern Conference baseball action Sunday at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Cassidy Lundin recorded a lead-off single to open the extra frame for the Wildcats (8-14, 3-9). After Lundin stole second, Dylan Deal singled off Eagle reliever Jared Comstock (3-1) to plate the go-ahead run. First baseman Carlos Love's throwing error on D.J. Dailey's sacrifice bunt moved Deal to third and allowed him to score on a passed ball by Eagle catcher Brendan Gilligan to complete the scoring.

Georgia Southern (14-8, 5-4), which trailed 6-2 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, scored single runs in the fifth and sixth before tying the game with two runs in the seventh. Chad Hall walked and then advanced to third on a double by Jemel Spearman. After designated hitter Scott Henley followed with a sacrifice fly to score Hall and move Spearman to third, Love's ground ball was misplayed by Dailey to allow Spearman to score.

Davidson jumped out to an early lead, scoring four runs in the third inning against Eagle starter Scott Tolbert. Dailey led

off the inning with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Stephen Aldrich. Jack Purcell followed with a walk and advanced a base, along with Dailey, on a throwing error by Tolbert. Ryan Stroker followed with a sacrifice fly to score Dailey before James Marino and Lundin followed with RBI singles to give the Wildcats a 4-1 lead.

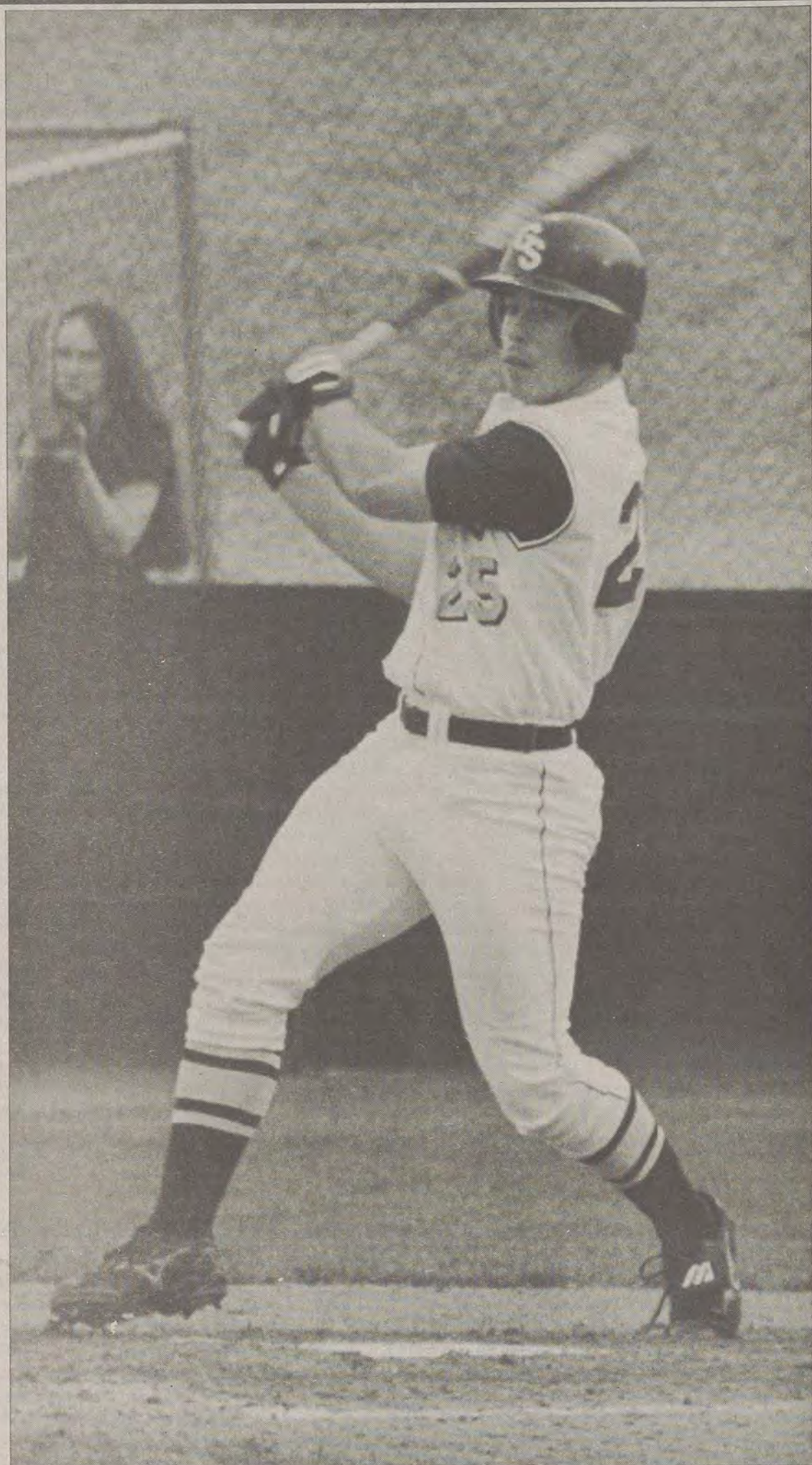
Tim Frend (1-0), who started the game in left field, pitched three innings of one-hit relief to earn the victory. Wildcat starter Jeremiah Parvin surrendered five earned runs in six innings of work and allowed seven hits and three walks while striking out four.

Offensively, Henley led Georgia Southern with a perfect 3-of-3 day at the plate while also collecting three RBI. Spearman collected two doubles and scored a run for the Eagles.

Frend, Marino, Lundin and Deal all recorded two hits for Davidson while Lundin drove in three runs while scoring one. In addition, the Wildcats snapped a seven-game losing streak with the victory.

Georgia Southern returns to action Wednesday when it travels to Atlanta to face Georgia State. The game, which will be played at DeKalb South Field, is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE IMPROVEMENT: The Eagles improved their overall record to 14-8 and their Southern Conference record to 5-4 after a two out of three game sweep over the Davidson Wildcats at J.I. Clements Field. The Eagles travel to Atlanta to play non-conference Georgia State Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.



LaVene Bell

Senior Ryan O'Keefe is named SoCon Men's Tennis Player-of-the-Week

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern senior Ryan O'Keefe was named Southern Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week for March 20, 2001.

O'Keefe led the Eagles to a 3-1 record last week with four wins at No. 1 singles. The Gold Coast, Australia native recorded a conference win over Appalachian State's Dan Holman 6-1, 7-5 in a 6-1 Eagle victory. Then, Georgia Southern took a spring break tour to California where O'Keefe recorded three wins. He topped Boris Vallejo 6-2, 6-1 in a 6-1 win over Saint Mary's before defeating Gonzaga's Timo Barry 6-0, 6-3. In his final match of the week, O'Keefe edged Deitrich Haug from #68 Pacific 7-6(5), 4-6, 7-6(10). O'Keefe also went 3-1 in No. 1 doubles action with partner Florian Scheidat.

O'Keefe is 13-3 on the season in singles action and 3-1 in conference play.

Eagle Golf Team will try to continue their streak for this weekend's tournament

By Dennis Hightower
WVGS Sports

The Georgia Southern golf team will host the Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational at the Forest Heights Country Club in beautiful Statesboro. They will try to "represent with style" as they try to continue their

winning ways. They finished first out of 18 teams in the Ironwood Intercollegiate Invitational in Greenville, North Carolina as they rallied past Furman. After the event, first year Eagle coach Larry Mays said, "We really put in a really gritty performance. This is

maybe the biggest comeback I ever been a part of."

Senior Christian Newton added, "It feels so good. This the first time we won a program in anything since I've been in the program. Coach Mays challenged us to battle and find a way to get back in it. We quit trying to be perfect out there and just said let things happen and it did." It was the first time since February 27, 1996, at the Charleston Southern Spring Kickoff that GSU has won an intercollegiate golf tournament. Junior Justin Kolumber was like Tiger Woods as he shot three-over 75 (+2). He won the individual honors as he beat North Carolina-Wilmington's Sean Dougherty and East Carolina's Marc Miller by one shot. It was the first individual title for an Eagle since Greg Green did in the Charleston Southern Spring Kickoff in February 1997. Other notables include sophomore Travis Mobley (+10) who finished tied for 12th and freshmen Tyler McKeever (+11) who finished tied for 18th.

This weekend's event will be one for the ages. GSU will try to achieve back-to-back first place finishes. The players to watch will be Kolumber, Mobley, and Newton. Auburn, AL native McKeever could be a dark horse for GSU. The tournament will feature 10 of the top 21 teams and 13 of the top 19 golfers in the nation. This is according to the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings. It's the only

published collegiate golf rankings. The top teams include #1 Georgia, #2 Clemson, and #6 South Carolina. Clemson (1999) and Georgia (2000) won the last two tournaments. The top players include Clemson's Lucas Glover (#2) and John Engler (#3), South Carolina's Kyle Thompson (#4), East Tennessee State's Chris Wisler (#5), Georgia's Ryan Hybl (#6), Augusta State's Jamie Elson (#8), North Carolina State's David Sanchez (#9) and Northwestern's Luke Donald (#10). The teams participating range from 10 different states. They range as far west as Louisiana, as far east as North Carolina, as far south as Florida, and as far north as Illinois.

The tournament is in its third year of existence, and Schenkel Committee chairman Billy Griffis is excited! "On behalf of the tournament committee, we are extremely pleased to announce the 2001 E-Z-Go Invitational will feature our best field ever," said Griffis. "We think the media and fans alike will have an opportunity to watch the strongest field of any college golf tournament in the country, and at the same time, see some future professionals." That may be true! Tiger Woods played college golf at Stanford University.

Friday will be the practice round, and the event will start Saturday at 8:00 am. The teams will play 36 holes on Saturday and 18 on Sunday.



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Lady Eagles win two of three to claim weekend SoCon series

G-A News Service

Senior Lacey Kammerer allowed only five hits and struck out four in helping the Georgia Southern softball team to a 6-1 win over College of Charleston on Sunday. The Eagles claimed the Southern Conference opening series by winning two of the three games played over the weekend.

Georgia Southern improves to 11-21 overall and 2-1 in the SoCon, while the Cougars fall to 11-17 overall and 1-2 in league play.

Kammerer's only run allowed came in the second inning, but by that time the Eagles had already opened up a 3-0 lead off RBI singles by Shannan Hoobin, Kelly Blazi and Julie Peel in the top of the first. The Eagles put together

another three-run inning in the fourth thanks to run-scoring hits by Stacie Cooper, who singled in Meghan Correia, and Janice Savage, whose double down the right field line plated both Kammerer and Cooper.

Kammerer (3-5) then cruised the rest of the way to book her first complete-game win of the season. Kenzie Kohler (4-7) was the losing pitcher after giving up three runs off four hits in a third of an inning pitched. She was relieved in the first by Marissa Echenique, who went the rest of the way for the Cougars.

For the second time in as many days, eight different players recorded hits for Georgia Southern, led by Savage's 2-4 effort with one RBI and one run

scored. Peel continued her hitting tear by going 2-3 with an RBI. Hoobin added a 2-4 showing with an RBI for the winners. For College of Charleston, five different players recorded hits, but only Jessica Schwartzkopf's run-scoring double in the second inning was for extra bases. Georgia Southern's 11 hits were the most in any seven-inning game this year. The Eagles recorded 11 hits against Florida on March 2, but the contest was extended with four extra innings.

The Eagles will continue Southern Conference play this coming weekend when it hosts UNC Greensboro for a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday and then a single-game on Sunday, that also slated for a 1 p.m. start.

2-1 SOCON: The Lady Eagles defeated the College of Charleston Cougars twice last weekend to bring their overall record to 11-21 and their SoCon record to 2-1.



LaVene Bell

Track and Field dominates two events at 2001 Georgia Relays

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern outdoor track and field team won two events at the 2001 Georgia Relays at the University of Georgia over the weekend, led by freshman Ninita McCan's win in the 100-meter dash.

Competing against Georgia, Clemson, Miami (Ohio), Tennessee-Chattanooga, and West Georgia in the two-day meet, the Eagles dominated the 100-meter event by placing three runners in the top five. McCan's first-place finish was by virtue of a school-record time of 11.99. Sophomore Jacqueline Allen crossed the line in second (12.02) and Javonne Blackley in fourth (12.36).

Blackley also took part in two big relay events for Georgia Southern, one of which finished first and the other which finished second in school-record fashion. Blackley ran the third leg for the first-place finishing 1,600-meters sprint medley squad, which also consisted of freshman Marlo Mincey, freshman Lindy Petteway, and sophomore Nuwana Waters running the anchor. The team posted a winning time of 4:20.77.

Blackley ran the anchor in the 4x200 meter relay, in which the team of McCan, Mincey, Blackley and sophomore Star Lingo finished second with a school-record time of 1:39.87.

Mincey continued Georgia Southern's

assault on the record books by setting a new school best in the 400 with her second-place time of 56.51. Petteway's time of 14.80 in the 100-meter low hurdles was a new school record, as she finished fourth in the event.

The Eagles not only established new standards on the track but also in the field. Freshman Rachel Zeigler set a school best in the hammer throw with a mark of 37.46 meters. And freshman Shaletha Lightfoot set a school record with her mark of 38.36 meters in the discus throw. Both marks were good for sixth-place finishes in the respective events. Freshman Elizabeth Nobles was actually the top field finisher for Georgia Southern, as she

recorded a third-place mark of 32.32 meters in the javelin throw.

Additionally, Allen, Lingo and sophomore Kelia Thomas finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the long jump. Allen's mark of 5.35 meters beat Lingo's mark of 5.33 meters and Thomas' mark of 5.32 meters.

Georgia Southern will continue its outdoor season this weekend by participating in the Weems-Baskins Invitational in Columbia, S.C., on March 23-24. The Southern Conference Outdoor Championship is slated for in Lexington, Va., where the Eagles will look to improve upon a sixth-place finish in their inaugural campaign.

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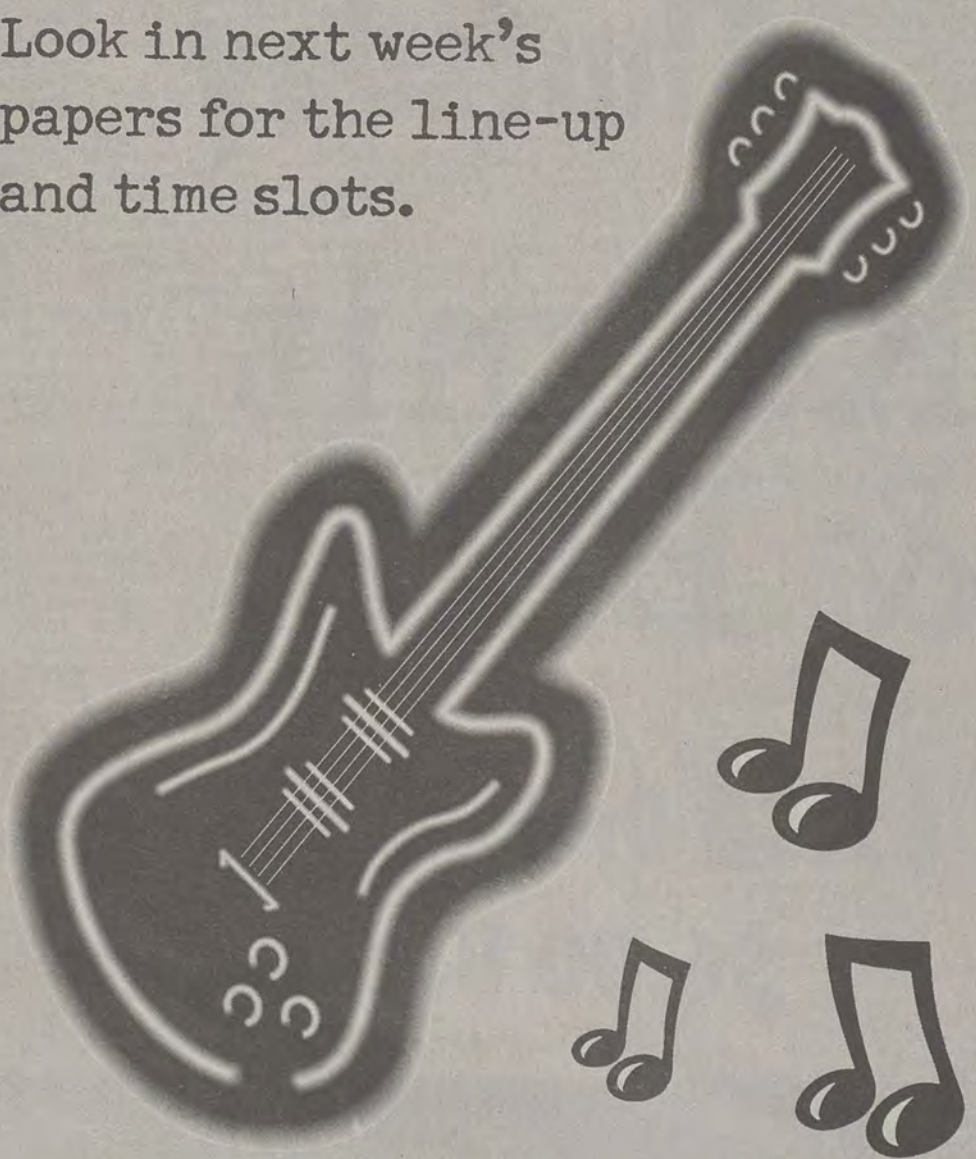
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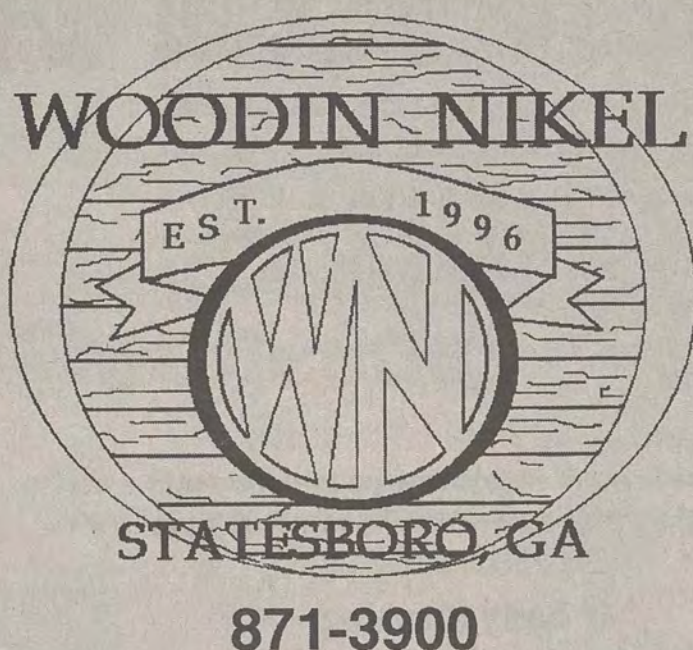
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"Car Wars . . . The Franklin Episode" is an event developed by 17 GSU students as part of the General Motors Marketing Internship (GMMI) program. This is an academic learning experience designed to help students bridge the gap between academics and the business world. The students will incorporate "Concept: Cure," a philanthropic effort to raise breast cancer awareness and funds for breast cancer research, into their event.

"Car Wars . . . The Franklin Episode" is a festive atmosphere where attendees have the opportunity to play games, win prizes, eat free food, and indulge themselves in a good time. A minimum donation will qualify the contributor to enter into a drawing to win a new Cavalier Z24 to be given away in April. A silent auction is designed to benefit "Concept: Cure." Items included are an autographed book by Jimmy Carter, a commemorative Georgia Southern football autographed by Coach Paul Johnson, Adrienne Peterson, and J. R. Revere, and many other items. Items will be on display at Franklin Chevrolet prior to the event. The auction will conclude at 2 p.m., March 22 on the GSU campus.

"Concept: Cure," the benefactor, is a partnership between General Motors, the American Fashion Industry, and Rosie O'Donnell to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. Two Chevrolet Cavaliers, custom designed by Tommy Hilfiger and

Betsy Johnson, will be on-site for "Car Wars." This is a unique opportunity for the residents of southeast Georgia and the Georgia Southern community. The cars have only been shown in the southeast 3 times, twice in Miami and once in Atlanta at NOPI Nationals in Atlanta at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Only the Tommy car was displayed in Atlanta. Both cars will be on display at GSU.

"Georgia Southern University is the first college campus in the southeast that the cars have visited," Molly Peck of General Motors said.

The GMMI students encourage everyone to come out, have a good time, and see what they have been able to accomplish as the through this academic learning experience. The GMMI program is relatively new to the GSU campus. The program promotes marketing opportunities geared toward bridging the industry-education gap.

The class, taught by Dr. Kathleen Gruben, is comprised of a variety of academic majors who are looking forward to an exciting event. The class has named their advertising agency Creative Destinations with a tagline "Driving Tomorrow's Solutions Today." The name is based on new and interesting ways to introduce students to the automobile industry. Franklin Chevrolet, the GMMI program, and many other local businesses sponsor Creative Destinations.

In addition to Dr. Gruben, two student co-directors, Carmen Perry and Jennifer Personette, coordinate Creative Destinations' efforts. The agency is comprised of four teams including research, budget, publications, and event. The research team's primary responsibility is to conduct pre and post event research, accumulate in-depth information about General Motors and "Concept: Cure" as well as conduct a focus group.

The GMMI program is more than just a class project for the students. During the semester, not only are the students able to use their school knowledge and professional skills, but also they are able to fulfill a sense of social responsibility to the community. Their work is not complete with the conclusion of the event. They must then successfully make their presentation to the General Motors executives, Adventure Partners, Franklin Chevrolet, and faculty.

Many things will come as a result of this project not only for the students enrolled in the class but for the community of Statesboro. The students gain an enhanced learning environment that extends beyond the classroom. This project is one that everyone, student or not, can take part in. By offering this, a greater sense of community will be established between the University and the city of Statesboro.

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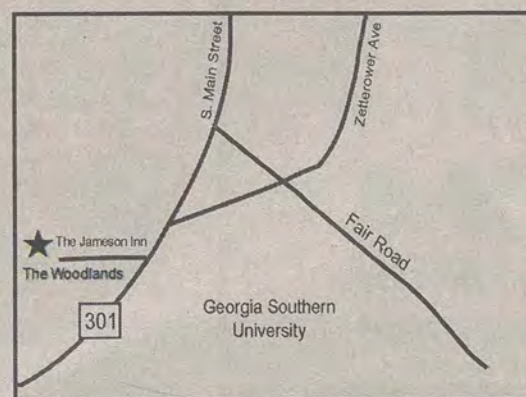


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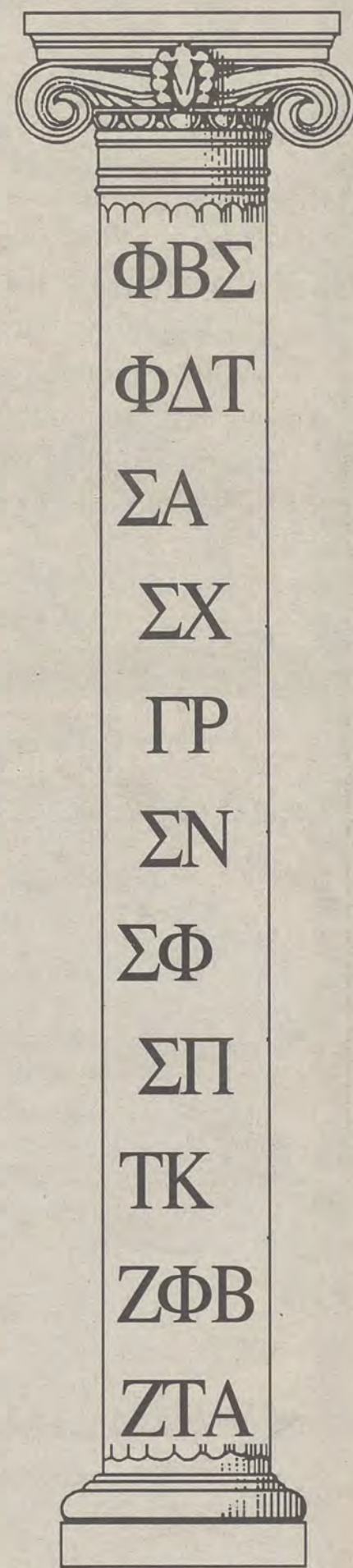
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the businesses that were so generous and participated in the raffle. Thank you to all the CRI staff and Buffalo's Café for all their hard work and help. We would also like to thank Mrs. Jane Campaigne, Mrs. Miriam Wilow, all of the members of PHA/IFC, and the Greek Week Representatives for their cooperation. We could not make Greek Week a success without you!!!! We hope that everyone has a great time. Good luck.

Andrea Bethel, PHA
VP—Programming

James Marsh, IFC
VP—Special Events

Greek Week Schedule of Events

Monday, March 19th

5:00pm–7:00pm
 Coed Kickball • CRI Clubs Sport Fields

7:00pm–9:00pm
 Wing Eating Contest • Buffalo's Café

Tuesday, March 20th

4:00pm–7:00pm
 Fraternity/Sorority Volleyball • Oxford Fields

Wednesday, March 21st

10:00am–4:00pm
 Coin War • Rotunda

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 Guest Speaker in the Biology Lecture Hall

Thursday, March 22nd

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 Greek Olympics • CRI Club Sports Field

Greek Week Points System

Points will be awarded for first, second and third place participants per chapter on the winning teams at sports events. First place winners will receive 10 points for their chapter, second place winners will receive 5 points for their chapter and third place winners will receive 3 points. Two points per person will be awarded to each chapter member attending the educational speaker.

Points will be awarded to the first (50 points), second (30 points), and third (20 points) place winners of the wing eating contest (fraternities). Points will also be awarded to the first (50 points), second (30 points), and third (20 points) place winners of the Coin War. Spirit points will be awarded to those members of chapters who attend Greek Week events (1 point per member). Raffle points will be awarded to the sororities with the most raffle tickets sold. Points will also be awarded to the first (50 points), second (30 points), and third (20 points) place winners of the raffle contest. Awards will be presented to the fraternity and sorority with the highest overall points.

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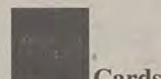
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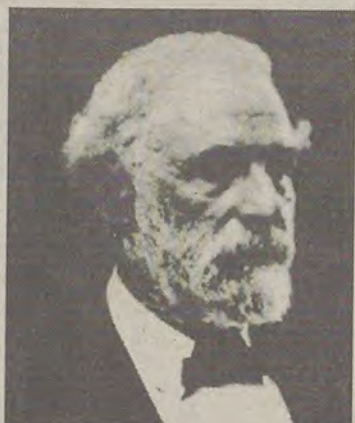
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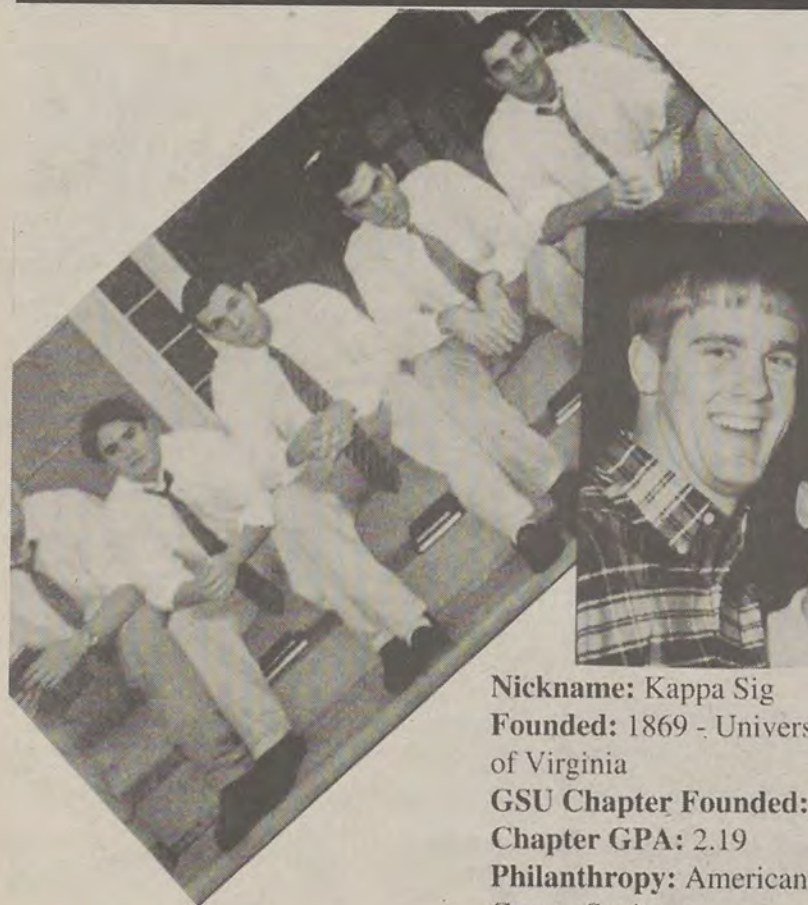


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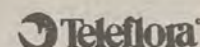
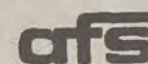
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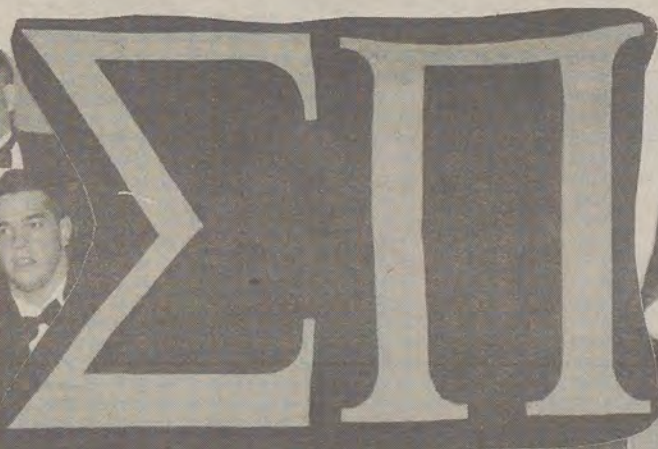
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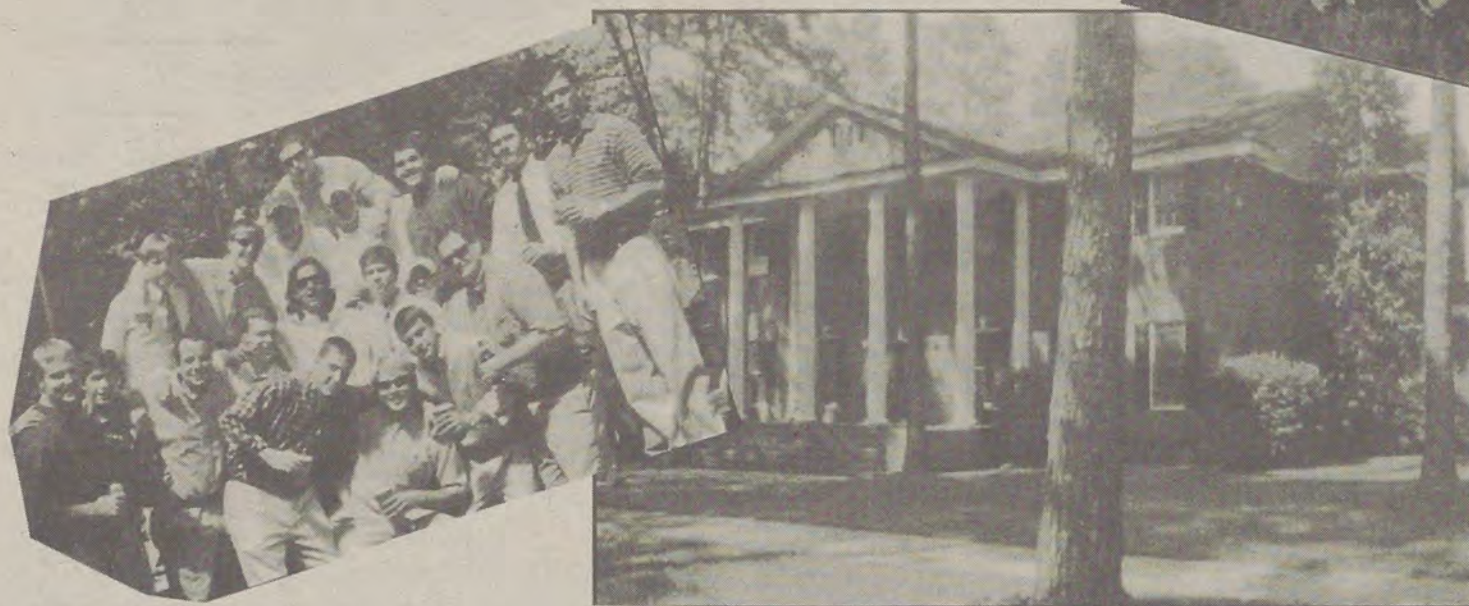
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