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SPORTS

GSU Baseball beats out Mercer Bears 7-2



Destroying Mercer 7-2 on the Bear's home turf, the GSU Baseball team shows who's boss. More inside.

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Air Show to take place at Robins Air Force Base

Jets, parachuters and stunt pilots will be on hand at the air show on April 28 and 29 in Warner Robins. Details inside.

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Students prepare to take on summer jobs

By Jennifer Williams
Staff Writer

Summer is almost here and that means it is time to go looking for a job. That minimum wage job that you not only hate, but you despise. But, the summer days do not have to be spent at the meaningless, time-consuming jobs it can be spent doing something you enjoy. Many students are looking forward to their summer job, and are traveling several miles to spend three months somewhere they enjoy.

T. J. Holcombe, a 20-year-old from Marietta, is looking forward to making a little money this summer. Holcombe is working at Lowe's and taking a few classes. "I am looking forward to taking a light load at school and relaxing on my time off," said Holcombe. "My room mates are going home, and it will be pretty lonely, but I am sure that it will be fun."

Katie Shepherd, a 22-year-old senior majoring in early childhood education, is living at her parents beach house during the summer. Shepherd is working two jobs in Outer Banks, North Carolina. "During the day, I am working at a shoe store and at night I am working at a up-scale seafood restaurant," said Shepherd. "I have Sundays off and when I am not working I

am going to hang out at the pool or the beach."

Julie Russo, a 23-year-old speech communications major, is traveling home to Boston for the summer. "I am working at a finance/investment bank," said Russo. "It will be a nice and new opportunity for me to experience the workplace. I am also really excited about seeing my parents, I have not seen them since Christmas."

Russo is not the only one who has not seen her parents in awhile. Geetha Ramaswamy, a 22-year-old public relations major, is traveling 30 hours to visit her home and parents. "It has been two years since my last visit to India and I have not seen my parents since then," said Ramaswamy. "I am going to work at a local business and do public relations for them. It will be a really good experience for me."

Everyone has different plans for the upcoming summer, but most plans include working. For some students, the summer is the only time they work, while for others it is a vacation from the stresses of college. No matter where you are always make the best of your time, no matter if it is spent flipping burgers or laying out by the pool.

Statesboro Police Department issues 405 citations during Player's Ball

By Jennifer Williams
Staff Writer

Last weekend, thousands of young adults traveled to Statesboro for the annual "Players Ball." However, some are staying longer than expected.

The Statesboro Police Department issued 405 citations for misdemeanor offenses and handled 20 felony cases last weekend. The felony cases will be forwarded to Superior Court from the weekend.

The majority of the misdemeanor offenses were seatbelt violations and noise ordinance from a vehicle, which accounted for 118 and 115 citations respectively.

21 were cited for speeding and another 15 were cited for driving under the influence.

13 of the 20 felonies that commenced over the weekend were drug related. All 13 were arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. However, only one of the 13 was a student of Georgia Southern.

Two were arrested for possession of a weapon within 1000 feet of a school and three more were arrested with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of school.

The most severe arrest was rape and aggravated sodomy. Jermaine Ragin, was arrested on charges. Ragin is not a student at Georgia Southern.

A news release issued from the Statesboro Police Department commended the community for their respect and patience over the weekend.

"The Statesboro Police Department would like to thank the citizens and public for their patience and understanding during the weekend due to the large periods of traffic congestion which occurred on both Friday and Saturday nights," read the statement.



David Koepke

PLAYER'S BALL 2001: The Statesboro Police Department issued 405 citations for misdemeanor offenses and handled 20 felony cases last weekend. The felony cases will be forwarded to Superior Court from the weekend.

The release also cited many local businesses that contributed to the police in various ways over the weekend.

"On behalf of the local Law Enforcement and State Agencies who provided support during the Players Ball weekend we would like to thank the Wal-Mart Super Center, Wal-Mart Distribution, Motorola Company, Savannah Communications, Coca-Cola of Statesboro and the Grist Company of Garden City," read the statement.

Players Ball is an annual event that comes to the Georgia Southern community every April. Students travel from all over the state of Georgia and the regional area to participate in an event that is filled with music and entertainment.

Polley plans summer internship at Hope-Beckhum

By Jennifer Williams
Staff Writer

As summer approaches, many students are preparing for some fun in the sun or other leisurely activities that they can call work. Not Angela Polley, she will be working as an intern in one of the largest and most

respected public relations firms of Atlanta. The name of the firm is Hope-Beckhum and the name for Polley's work ethic, unequivocal.

Polley is a rising senior at Georgia Southern and has managed to maintain a respectable GPA while working at least 30 hours a week.

"I have been working and going to school since the beginning," Polley said. "I feel that by working so much I have become more organized and in turn that has helped me immensely with my school work."

Polley currently works at Longhorn's in Statesboro where she is a waitress. However, before she even greets a table, she first has to attend various classes ranging from public relations event management to public relations writing.

"My work is really flexible with me when it comes to school," Polley said. "This is good because in major

to get a Masters of Business Administration.

"I want to get my master's while I am working," Polley said. "I want to work in either Chicago, Atlanta or Indianapolis."

Polley starts at Hope-Beckhum in middle May. Her day will consist of media lists, account summaries and collecting clippings out of the newspaper for the clients of Hope-

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-- ANGELA POLLEY,
PUBLIC RELATIONS MAJOR

we often work in groups and spend a lot of time outside of class.

Polley's major is public relations and besides the outside work that school requires, she still finds time to participate in the Public Relations Student Society of American (PRSSA) and write for *The George-Anne*.

"I love writing," Polley said. "I also feel that it is important to be active in the organizations that support your major."

Upon graduation, Polley plans to continue her education by attempting

Beckham. This will prove for a long and tedious day, but Polley is up for the task.

"I am really excited," Polley said. "I have the feeling that this is going to be a great experience."

Polley is an example of a student who does something that many students in their early twenties do not do, work and go to school. Her resounding work ethic and outgoing personality will surely bring Polley much success as she enters the workforce.

Planet Smoothie...



LaVene Bell

COMING SOON: Planet Smoothie will soon make its way to Statesboro. Located on Fair Road next to Food Lion, Planet Smoothie will surely become a hit.



LaVene Bell

SUMMER INTERNING: Polley will be working as an intern in one of the largest and most respected public relations firms of Atlanta.

Alyssa Dennis honored as 2001 Kappa Alpha Rose



File Photo

By Donna Thigpen
Guest Writer

If you drove through Greek Row last Wednesday you may have noticed Southern Belles gracing the lawn of the KA house.

April 18 was designated as Kappa Alpha's Old South Lawn Party. The event originated as a gentleman's celebration of southern traditions, in honor of their spiritual founder Robert E. Lee. Kappa Alpha was founded in 1942 in Macon, Georgia at Mercer's Chapter. KA's Georgia Southern Chapter was founded in 1968, and

has celebrated Lawn Party since then.

Lawn Party consists of a variety of events. The Southern gentlemen of KA grow beards to the best of their ability to participate in several contests. As the contestants line up on a small stage, each girl passes by to receive a kiss on the cheek to designate "Best Kisser." This award went to Chris Gareau, while Brent Pullen took the prize for "Best Beard." On a more serious note, Tripp Turner, president of the chapter, began a new tradition with the Brother of the Semester Award. Ty O'dell

was proudly presented with the honor for his hard work and dedication to the chapter. Mrs. Jane Campaign was presented with a rose and a plaque to honor her as the Delta Theta's Chapter Honorary Rose. Mrs. Campaign serves as a Greek advisor on campus, and received the award as a result of her service to Georgia Southern's Greek Community.

Annually, Kappa Alpha honors one special Southern Belle. She is chosen by the brothers on the basis of loyalty and time well spent with the chapter. She is also chosen to help lead the other Southern Belles. This

makes Lawn Party special for the Southern Belles of KA as well. After awards are presented to the brothers, Southern Belles gather in suspense to find out who will be serenaded as the next Rose. When the Rose is announced, each brother kneels on one knee and sings "My Kappa Alpha Rose" as a dozen roses are given to the Rose.

Last year's Rose, Victoria Turner, made an enjoyable exit by presenting the chapter with a video consisting of various pictures of the gentlemen. She also gave KA an oil painting of Robert E. Lee. The timing of this

Rose was especially unique because of the fact that the President, Turner, was her brother. At the event, Tripp Turner declared it "kinda neat" that he could serve as president while she served as Rose. Victoria Turner was given a plaque as well for her diligent service to the chapter.

Alyssa Dennis, a junior, was honored as this year's Rose. Steven Dixon, Southern Belles' chairman, proudly presented Alyssa with this honor. This is her second distinction from the chapter, having also been the Pledge Class Sweetheart of Fall 98, which included Dixon and Turner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU

April 25

• The Georgia Southern University College Chapter of the NAACP present: Rev. Jesse Jackson, at 11:30 a.m. in the Russell Union Rotunda.

April 27

• **Southern Explosion** is having tryouts beginning at 6 p.m. and dances will be taught before the tryouts from 2 until 5 p.m. The try-outs will be held at the RAC, the cost is \$5. For more information call the CRI office at 681-5436.

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.

• **Anime Crew** meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 1106 of the Forest Drive Building. For more information contact Christina 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 gsf04936@gasou.edu for more information.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

New problems identified that could increase SIDS

Associated Press

ATLANTA — New mothers who don't breast-feed and those who smoke after giving birth place their babies at strong risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, government researchers said Monday.

Placing babies on their backs for sleep has long been the focus of the campaign to prevent SIDS, which kills about 3,000 infants each year.

But a study presented at a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conference in Atlanta suggests that breast-feeding and protecting babies from secondhand smoke may be just as important.

The study of 117 SIDS cases in Louisiana in 1997 and 1998 found 55 percent of the deaths could have been prevented had the mothers breast-fed their children. Studies have shown breast-feeding can help prevent res-

piratory problems sometimes related to SIDS.

The study also said 27 percent of the deaths could have been prevented if mothers had not smoked after delivery, exposing their children to secondhand smoke.

The link between sleeping position and SIDS was low enough in the study to be deemed statistically insignificant, the authors said.

SIDS, the name coined for unexpected deaths of seemingly healthy babies, kills more infants each year than cancer, heart disease, pneumonia and AIDS combined. Its precise cause has puzzled scientists for decades.

SIDS deaths have dropped by about 40 percent since 1994, when the American Academy of Pediatrics launched a "Back to Sleep" campaign to encourage parents not to place infants on their stom-

achs at bedtime.

But the SIDS death rate appeared to begin leveling off in the late 1990s.

"The 'Back to Sleep' campaign may have been effective...but increasing 'Back to Sleep' will not eliminate SIDS," said John Painter, a CDC epidemiologist who led the study.

Judy Jacobson, executive vice president of the SIDS Alliance, said placing infants on their backs remains the best way to prevent SIDS.

"There are still large pockets of the population in the United States that do not know about this recommendation — or if they do, have decided not to follow it," Jacobson said.

Critics at the conference pointed out that the study excluded the possible link between deaths and the firmness of a child's bedding. The bedding data was thrown out because it was unreliable, Painter said.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety

April 23

• Corey Head reported a Nokia cellular phone was missing from his room in Sanford Hall.

• **Statesboro Police Department**

April 19

• Efrain Sosa, 20, Players Club # 31, reported lost or stolen property.

• Derek Smith, 19, 103 S. Edgewood Dr., reported harassment.

April 21

• April Jackson, 21, University Pointe # 90, reported lost or stolen property.

• Amber Pardie, 22, St. Charles Place #13, reported criminal trespass.

• Jennifer Parker, 20, Park Place # 278, reported battery.

April 22

• Patrick Baker, 20, Bermuda Run A-12, reported the entering of a auto.

• Karlos Roberts, 20, Crest View # 19, reported armed robbery.

April 23

• Cressida Pollard, 21, Eagle Villas # 60, reported criminal trespass.

• Steph Harris, 24, Willow Bend #20, reported criminal trespass.

• Ahmad Williams, 20, Park Place #278, reported lost or stolen property.

• Curtis Senior, 22, Stone Mountain, Ga., was arrested for failure to appear.

Editor's Note: The 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 the GSU division of public safety of the Statesboro Police department.

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Jason Kemp, assistant news editor.

Jewish families protest decision by Methodist pastor

Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — Some Jewish families have cut ties with a Methodist church's popular youth sports program in protest of the pastor's decision not to allow a rabbi to speak at a baccalaureate service there.

The Rev. Randy Mickler, who declined to allow Rabbi Steven Lebow to lead the May 22 ceremony for Walton High School graduates at his Mount Bethel United Methodist Church because the rabbi does not believe in Christ, defended his posi-

tion from the pulpit Sunday.

"Political correctness is not a deity here," Mickler told worshippers, earning a standing ovation.

At least five coaches at Mount Bethel's sports program have announced they will quit. Steve Edelstein said he resigned Friday as a baseball coach.

"The reality, as a Jew, is that this is something we'll have to face throughout our lives," he said. "When we think we've got past it, it rears its ugly head again. We've basically been

told our nonbelief in Christ is a dishonor and our presence is dishonoring."

The baccalaureate service has been moved to the Cobb Civic Center. Lebow is still scheduled to speak.

Mickler described the past week as "hell" for him and his family. He said he was labeled ignorant and intolerant by some critics.

"I offer no apologies for my behavior, nor my faith or the words I've spoken," he said. But he said he "deeply regretted this unnecessary, painful and avoidable incident."

Canadian Plant recalls beef

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Alberta, Canada firm is recalling 204,000 pounds of ground beef products distributed in the United States that may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

The meat is being recalled by IBP-Lakeside Packers, the U.S. Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Sunday.

All of the ground beef products recalled in the United States are packaged in generic 10

pound cartons that are marked with the "Lakeside Packers" emblem and bear the Canada "38" plant identification number on the box end panels. Each carton bears an identifying code of "Pack Date 01MAR2001" and one of the following product code numbers: "L0311BH" or "L0231BH."

The ground beef was produced on March 1 and sent to wholesale distributors in California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West

Virginia. Meat was also sent to wholesale and retail distributors in Canada.

IBP-Lakeside Packers decided to issue the recall after a sample of ground beef from a retail store in Saskatchewan was found to contain E. coli.

E. coli is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration.

Consumers with questions about the recall may contact IBP's toll-free customer service response number at 888-299-5529.

This Week's Weather



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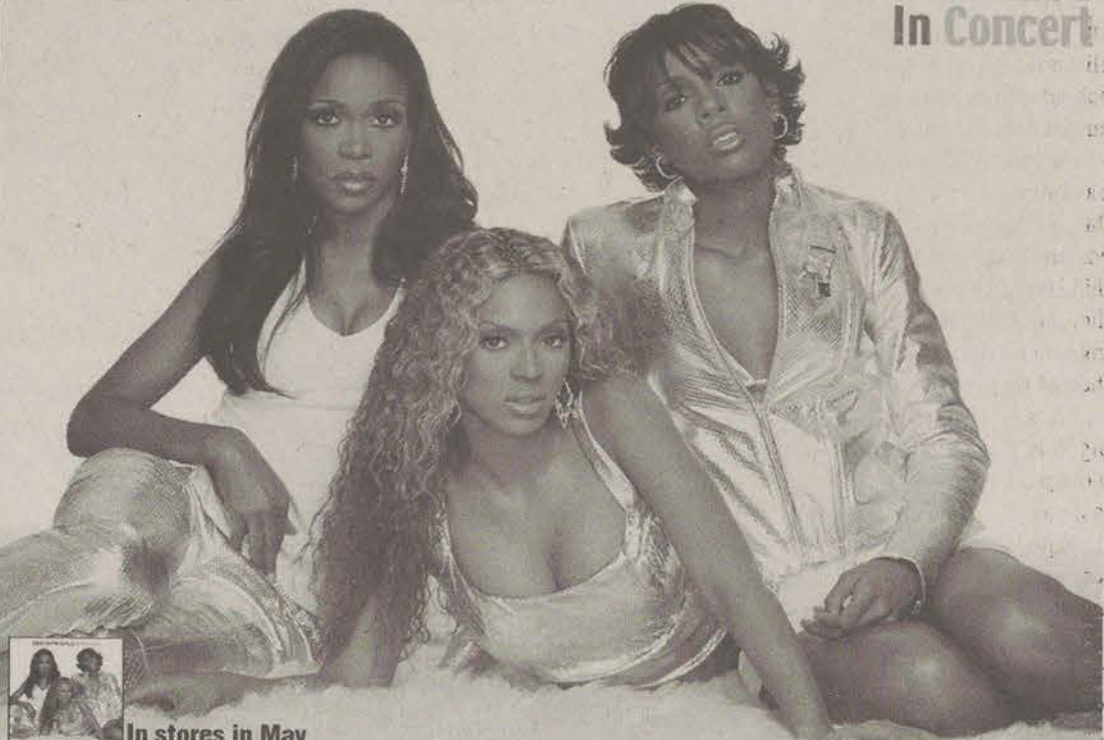
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Doctors can't turn off hiccups

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — In the history of hiccup attacks, Seth Dowell's claim to have suffered for months is not unheard of, but it is out of the ordinary. And doctors are stumped.

Dowell, a 21-year-old pharmacy technician, complained Friday he's been hiccuping about every 30 seconds, even in sleep, since he downed a deli sandwich too quickly last Aug. 23.

"It's not any kind of hoax," said Dr. Diana Banks, a neurologist at St. Mark's Hospital, who has been treating Dowell's "intractable" hiccups.

"We can't figure out where it's coming from," Banks said. "We're just going about it in a systematic way. We're running tests. So it is true."

Dowell's seemingly hopeless condition is drawing national curiosity and a proliferation of remedies that doctors joke is proof of their ineffectiveness.

Dowell's own family doctor has suggested acupuncture. And why not? Dowell says he has tried just about everything else, including drinking water upside down.

"Hiccup-fixer" Larry Nolan, a retired college professor in Durant, Okla., insists he has just the cure, a teaspoon blend of lime and lemon extract and oil he sells at \$12 for a dozen. He's offering Dowell complimentary samples of "Hiccups Away."

"It's not 100 percent, of course. Nothing is," Nolan said. "There's cases of hiccups out there that nothing can stop, apparently. I hope Seth doesn't end up that way."

Says Dowell: "I tried the citrus thing, believe it or not." It didn't work. He's also tried medication, including muscle relaxants. They haven't worked.

Hiccups are caused by nerve-induced spasms of the diaphragm, a sheet of a muscle at the base of the lungs that can twitch and slam shut the vocal cords, producing the "hic."

In a famous case, Pope Pius



② Indiana

Crime scene cleaner accused of theft

Associated Press

WARSAW — A man who makes his living cleaning up blood-splattered crime scenes has admitted stealing a knife from a home he was hired to clean after a fatal stabbing, police said.

Investigators who searched the Warsaw home of Eric Wynn, who operates Crime Scene Cleaners from his home, said they also found items taken from other crime scenes — including bullets and a gold tooth.

"Obviously, he took items that did not belong to him. It's just sort of macabre," said Sgt. Steve Kohne of the Tippecanoe Sheriff's Department.

Police said Friday that Wynn, who was charged last week with one count of theft, admitted to taking the knife from underneath a mattress in a Lafayette home

where the fatal March 4 stabbing occurred.

The weapon in that slaying had already been recovered, and a suspect is in jail, police said.

Kohne declined to elaborate on details of the Lafayette case.

Wynn is scheduled to appear in court Monday in Tippecanoe County for an initial hearing.

Tippecanoe County police said that after Wynn failed to return the knife taken from the Lafayette home, they obtained a search warrant for his Warsaw home.

When they served that warrant with the help of Warsaw police, they said they found about 25 pieces of memorabilia displayed on Wynn's home office shelf from previous jobs.

"He had jewelry and a lot of drug paraphernalia," Kohne said. "He had removed that from different scenes, be it suicide, homicide or natural death."

Also on the shelf were bullets and bullet fragments Wynn had taken from walls and a gold tooth, Kohne said.

Warsaw Detective Steve Adang said Wynn told police he has taken items from homes in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan over the years — sometimes with permission and

sometimes without. DuBois County officials are investigating whether to file charges against Wynn, who began his business in January 1996.

Wynn has cooperated with police since the investigation began.

"He was very forthright in assisting us," Kohne said. "He went through each piece and explained it to us."

A message left at Wynn's home was not immediately returned Saturday.

Virtual mayor is elected in Wisconsin

Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Tim Roberts beat five other candidates in his quest to become virtual mayor of a virtual community.

His victory, which was announced last week, left him feeling cheerful. "I'm happy," said the Janesville

man, who was proud to explain that his executive duties consist of doing virtually nothing.

Roberts, a network administrator for the Janesville Public Schools, decided to run for the office when he learned cnb-scene.com, a Web feature magazine serving the virtual

community of Southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, would sponsor the race in conjunction with the real spring elections.

The Lake Geneva magazine also saw the potential for raising money for charity through the publicity of the mayoral race. And it worked.

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Saturday, April 28th - 9:00am—1:00pm

Thousands gather for trivia bash

Associated Press

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — Jim Oliva is known as "The Oz," the all-knowing quiz master who is behind what is billed as the world's largest trivia contest.

He spends his spare time in his basement office rummaging through board games, books, videos and old baseball cards — anything that might help him stump the thousands of contestants competing in this weekend's 54-hour marathon of the mind.

"It is like a sleep-over, but for big kids," said Oliva, 55, who has written questions since 1979. "This is hours of happiness and joy."

Now in its 32nd year, the contest attracts 500 teams trying to answer questions aired on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point radio station. Eight questions are asked each hour over the radio, and teams must phone in answers within the next two songs.

The event makes for a festive weekend in Stevens Point, a college town in central Wisconsin. A parade is held before the competition, and contestants try to stay awake throughout the weekend as they revel in the atmosphere. The contest attracted 12,400 players last year.

"The town gets shakin'," said Dorea Engebretson, who has competed in the event for more than a decade.

The competition is so fierce that Oliva keeps his garbage from his cluttered basement until after the contest to make sure any clues remain secret.

"We are fruitcakes," said Engebretson, whose team this year is called "Greased and Ready to Kick Oz." "You get together, party, drink and see if you can stay up 54 hours. I have made it 52."

She has seen people fall asleep standing up.

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The George-Anne would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the student body for com-

Our Opinion

pleting another semester. This is the last edition of the George-Anne this semester. Good luck to all the graduating seniors, and good luck to every one else on

finals and all those last minute papers. We too must study for our classes in case you were wondering why this is the last edition. Have a good summer and be safe. For those of you taking summer classes, there will be summer editions but until then, we hope you have enjoyed the paper and found it informative and interesting. Peace out.

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If your going to do it, wear it on your sleeve



JAKE HALLMAN

For the sake of brevity (and in his honor), I'm going to use his nickname, "Dick," to refer to racists in this, my annual Players' Ball missive.

I like Players' Ball, and look forward to it every year. Not only is it a great party, but the entire town freaks out and we virtually live in a state of martial law near campus.

Ooooooh, black people. Scary. They all carry guns, you know, and they get ideas from that music they listen to. They talk differently from us, too. We've got to keep a lid on them, or they'll tear this town apart!

The best part about Players' Ball is that all of the subtle racists, er, Dicks, throw their pretenses of equality out of the window. I'm all for this—if you're going to be a Dick, at least do it so people can see your true colors.

I've got a friend who told me last Saturday that he was clocked going waaay over the speed limit on the bypass. The kind state patrolman pulled him over, took one look at his lily-white fraternity boy face, and waved him along, saying "You're the least of my problems."

Hmmmm. I heard another anecdote about a guy stopped at a road-block while wearing a shirt with a confederate flag emblem. The nice policeman told him "You be sure you wear that everywhere you go tonight."

These are brave jerks, showing their true colors, like the

people whose height of rebellion is joining the 2 mile-per-hour parade around campus Friday and Saturday night and blasting not "You's a Ho," which I heard entirely too many times, but "If Heaven Ain't A Lot Like Dixie."

If you're going to be a Dick, do it proudly. Don't be like the guys who live around the corner from me, directly in the parade route. They waited until Sunday afternoon to put up their rebel flags on the outside of their house, drink their Natural Light, wear their stars-n-bars bandannas, and blast David Allan Coe. Wusses.

What I really don't understand is the police presence. It's hard for me to sleep when I have helicopters flying overhead at all hours of the night. I'd bet that we have more people coming to town during football games than during Players' Ball.

Of course, those people are going to an organized event that makes lots of money for both the university and city. There's no payola when thousands of black kids descend upon Statesboro to drive around, hang out at parties, and just have a good time.

Let's give the ballers something to do! If they're going to visit the 'Boro, they should at least contribute to more of the local economy than the Quickie Marts.

A big concert, maybe? At Hanner? Bring in Outkast? How about a festival spotlighting all of the local musical artists that don't get play at the crunching guitar-oriented band competitions hereabouts? There's got to be at least one or two aspiring rappers about, besides my roommate.

But then, Statesboro doesn't put a whole lot of effort into earning the students' dollars, now do they?

I few lessons that I have learned



JUSTIN JOHNSON

With the exception of Hell Week coming up, the semester is basically over. People are getting ready to move home for the summer, go to summer school or do whatever they've been planning on doing during their break. I'm going to summer school so the fun for me will never end. School for me will now be this never ending circle of academics.

As this semester ends, I have taken the time to reflect over a few lessons that I have learned about school, love and my social life.

Lesson 1) If you go to class, it pays off. Earlier in my college career I wondered why my tests were so hard. As it would turn out, the more you go to class the easier it is. It's easier because you are more aware of the topics being discussed in class and are therefore more prepared for the course.

Lesson 2) You can like someone forever and they still might not like you back. If you took a risk and told them how you felt, then that's all you could have done. At least I was able to tell someone I liked how I felt. I convinced myself that once they broke up with their boyfriend, they'd want me. Neither life nor love works like that. I can't wait around anymore for someone who obviously

doesn't want me. If they can't see what they are missing, that's okay. You can't make someone return the same feelings that you have for them.

Lesson 3) Don't EVER back down from people or opportunities to avoid disappointment. I almost withdrew my application for editor of The George-Anne because I was scared that I wouldn't get the job or because of the possibility of someone getting it over me. The thing is, if I hadn't taken the chance, I never would have known that I would get the job. I almost sat by and did nothing in order to maintain my dignity. Sometimes, it just isn't the right thing to do. There are things in your life that you simply can't back away from. Take CHANCES!

Lesson 4) You really can do ANYTHING you set your mind to. I told myself that there was no way I would pass College Algebra. Now it seems like there is no way that I will fail. I mean this is coming from a guy who dropped it twice and has already failed it. The thing is, I actually understand it. Don't sell yourself and don't place limitations on things you do. Don't tell yourself that you can't do something unless you actually try to do it.

Lesson 5) One person can make a difference. You may think you might not be able to make a difference because you

are just one person. However, once you stand up for what you believe in, others will follow suit and changes will take place and it started with one person. Do you see something that is going on and you don't like it? Change it. Make a difference.

This year has changed me in so many ways. I've learned invaluable lessons in life, and situations that I've been faced with in the past have resurfaced. This time around I can say that thankfully I don't often make the same mistake twice.

In a few short days, my best friend is graduating from GSU. The person that I've turned to for everything for the past two years is leaving and moving to Missouri for graduate school. (I love you Erin, I know you'll do great!) So next year will already be different. The thing about life is that it's always changing. Sometimes it's great and sometimes it's not. It's up to you to make what you want to out of it. Life your life to the fullest. Have a great summer.

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A last word from Leigh-Anne Burgess

After countless hours of studying and probably more hours of partying, I will leave GSU in less than two weeks. Everyone asks, "Aren't you so happy?" Well, the truth is I'm not sure, apprehensive is more like it. Of course, it's such a relief to know that there'll be no more tests, but it's also scary to know that I will be entering the real world. The memories that I have made here at GSU are the ones that will last forever, as are the friends. In the real world, I will be stepping into complete unknown territory - the people I will meet and the place that I will live.

At GSU, I've gained more than just a knowledge of journalism. I've gained the knowledge of society. I've learned that there are those people you can trust with your life, and that there are those who can make your life utterly miserable. I've learned that sometimes saying "no" is the hardest thing to do. I've also learned that the things we experience are meant to teach us a lesson, which also taught me that my mother was always right. Hey, I've even learned how to cook. Most importantly, I've learned that the college years are meant to teach us more than just history, biology and philosophy. College prepares us for life and what we will make out of it. So, on May 5, along with my Bachelor's Degree, I'll take with me the knowledge of all these things and pray that they carry me as far as I dare dream.

What breeds all the whiney people in this country?

By DAVID KOEPKE

I have finally had it with all the whiney people. There are too many people that have gotten through life whining for everything they have. The other day the George-Anne printed a story about tanning beds, and how they are not good for you. The next day the owner of the salon pictured on the page (the salon was not even mentioned in the story) calls me all irate because she did not give permission for the pictures to be taken, her employee did. Anyways the point being is she was upset and wrote a letter to me about how tanning beds are good

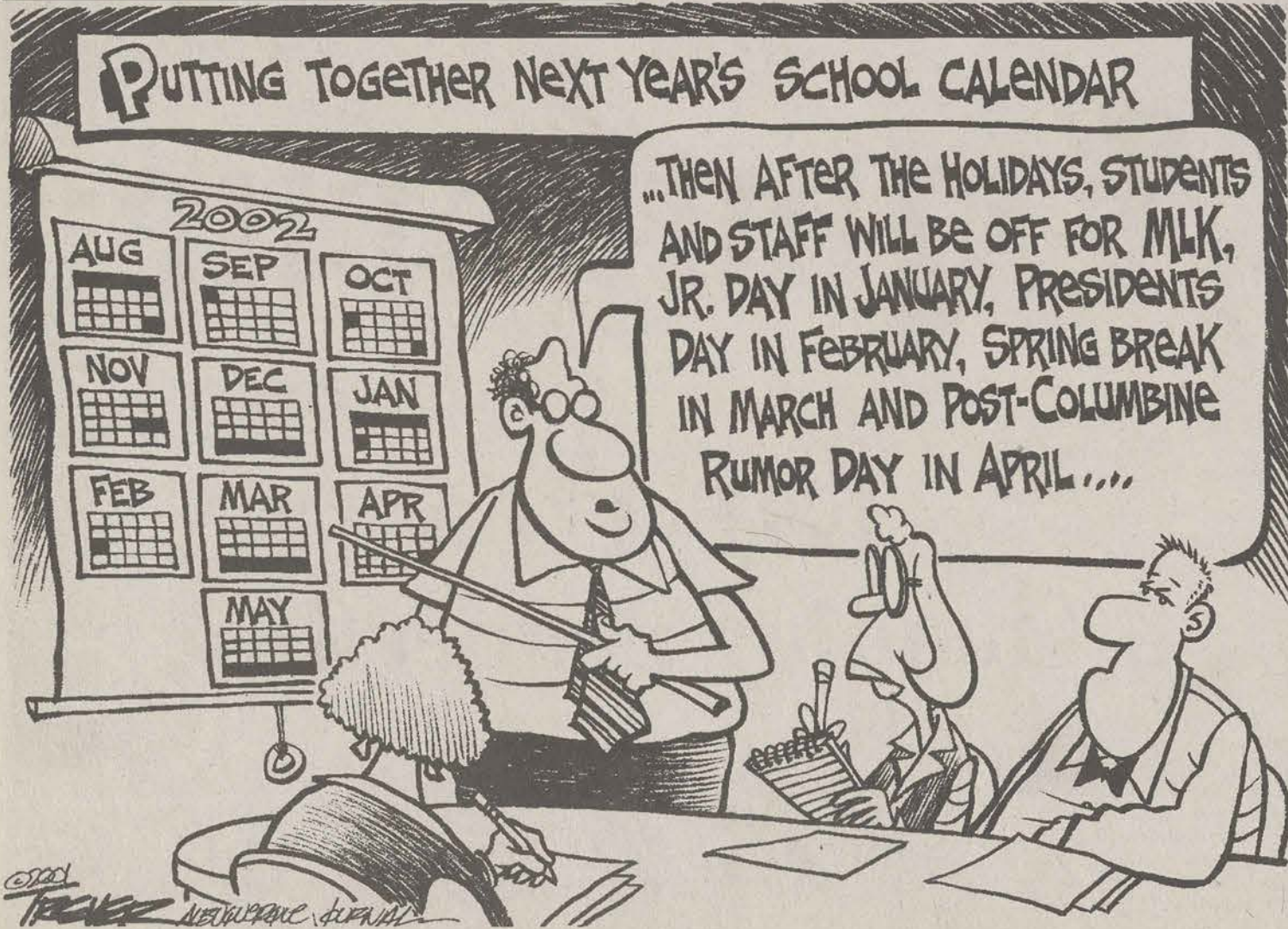
for you and they do not cause cancer. Well, after I did not run the letter the day after I received it she gets mad and indignant because she feels wronged by us. She even says that she has talked to a lawyer about the issue then stops short of demanding that I run it. Because of her incessant whining I will run the letter.

Another case of BS whining is an unnamed person at WVGS was caught letting people into the radio station over the weekend and got in trouble. I too over the weekend let some people into the radio station to do a show. I did not get caught. This person saw me up here with my friends, and so

decided to drop a dime on me and turn me in to the station authorities. His excuse when he got caught was that I was doing it so he should be able to do it too. He even had the audacity to make it a race issue because I'm white and he is black. How much more juvenile can a person get? If I shot somebody, does that give somebody else the right to shoot somebody too then say, "oh, well he did it so I thought it was okay." This line of reasoning is so stupid.

I have just had it with all the stupidity in the world, especially at institutions of higher education. When can people grow up and get a life?

Whining may get you what you want in the short term, but makes people lose respect for you and really hate you. Like in the tanning bed case, I have never met the woman, but I can tell you I do not like her already. She will probably call me in the morning even more irate about this column. Well this is the last edition so I won't be here tomorrow, but I will end my tenure as editor by telling everyone out there that reads this that you all need to grow up get lives. Stop looking at your own little picture of the world, and look at the big picture. It is much prettier and has less BS than the little picture.



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My Weekend Journal:

Observations of the Players' Ball



assortment of law enforcement vehicles. I'm confident that they were equally impressive.

It is "T" minus a few hours until the fun begins. This Friday afternoon marks the start of a relaxing weekend. Also, it will kick off the annual Players' Ball weekend event. Several thousand young adults, locals and non-locals and students and non-students, come together with their peers to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation. Many participants travel hundreds of miles and across several State lines to reunite with friends and to meet new ones. The time is approaching 3:00 p.m., and the traffic in Statesboro is noticeably busier than usual. The lanes leading into town are as congested as the lanes leading out. Georgia Southern University's (GSU) campus and many nearby apartment complexes are quickly transforming into "ghost towns." With ap-

proximately 2 1/2 weeks remaining in the semester, I expected to see numerous students in the Henderson Library working diligently to complete projects and to prepare for final examinations. In fact, I recall that at this exact time during Fall semester a person could hardly find an unoccupied computer in any of the library's labs. That goes to show you that students are unpredictable. I guess that many students felt compelled to go home and elsewhere to visit family and friends. A whole month has past since our last break—too long of a time for us students.

With so many people leaving town, I became concerned with the possibility of not having anywhere to go to eat out. Because of my busy schedule, lately I have not had the motivation to cook. And since many local restaurants hire students to help out, I decided to drive around town to see if there was reason for

alarm. Surprisingly twenty-five of the twenty-six restaurants that I visited in a two-hour period did not make plans to close. Only one restaurant had a sign hanging in the window that indicated that it would be closed on Saturday, due to a private party. I was sure that the mass exodus from Statesboro would have negatively effected the operations capability of many of the restaurants. I was wrong.

Later in the evening I visited a few places, Retrievers, Dingus MaGee's and the Mellow Mushroom, where students like to hang out. These places seem to never close. I've been to the Mellow Mushroom on numerous occasions, and I have to say that "tha spot" serves a crazy calzone, and I mean really good. As soon as I entered the restaurant, one of the waitresses was ready to serve me one on the spot, but I wasn't hungry. Besides, I had at least until 10:00 p.m. to order my calzone and until 1:00 a.m. to quench my thirst, if you know what I mean. Thank you Mellow Mushroom for remaining open for service. But the new place, Retrievers, decided to close for the weekend—what an excellent gesture by management to show concern for its hard working crew. The management was even thoughtful enough to leave a message for our guests on an outside marquee. It read "WE AINT PLAYA HATAS WE OUT PLAYEN 2." How considerate of Retrievers to inform our guests of why it closed for the weekend. But I think that Retrievers should invest in additional letters, so that we don't have to decipher what message is intended. Though Dingus MaGee's closed for the weekend, they invited us to come back on Monday.

After the sun settled, I decided to visit a friend who lives at the Plantation Villas apartment complex. But to my surprise I could not gain entrance into his parking lot without a special pass. According to my friend, the residents occupying each apartment were issued three access passes to share amongst themselves. This must be a new policy that management enacted to ensure that students have a safe place to live as well as

one that is conducive to learning. What a great idea. I'm sure that residents look forward to enjoying this policy year round. Such a policy can positively impact students' academic career. I only wished that measures were taken to employ this new practice prior to the week leading up to GSU's Homecoming Game. The noise level in this complex during homecoming week was almost unbearable. Between the frequent gathering of hundreds of individuals in the complex's parking lot, students and visitors playing loud music indoors and outdoors, and the thunderous noises produced by numerous individuals racing their truck engines, the complex was boisterous for several days straight. But this new policy ought to fix this problem.

A couple of hours after dark Players' Ball participants began gathering on Chandler Road. It was refreshing to see these young adults laughing and having fun. Even the law enforcement officers were invited to the party. They too seemed eager to be there. These officers should thank our city officials for not forgetting to send each of them an invitation. While "Players" cruised the strip showing off their colorful "Whoop-T" rides and luxury sedans, sport utility vehicles, and geared-up motorcycles, the three-hundred plus officers also had opportunities to cruise up and down the strip showing off their colorful lights and the unique color schemes that distinguished their vehicles. Some even rode those four-wheeled cycles; the kind hunters use when they're out in the woods searching for game. Also, the purely natural sounds of helicopters whirling above as well as the crowding presence of well armed officers helped Players' Ball goers relax.

Saturday was a repeat of Friday.

On Sunday, the lanes leading into Statesboro as well as the lanes leading out mirrored Thursday's traffic flow, and once again an unoccupied computer station is difficult to find.

Gary Guillory
GSU Student

I don't think that its fair

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter concerning the negative article about indoor tanning in the last issue of your newspaper. The two photos used in the article were pictures of my salon taken without my permission. Although the article was not about my salon, using those pictures misrepresents my business and was very misleading.

As for as the article goes, there were facts that were inaccurate. Tanning beds do not emit more UVA than the sun. Tanning beds are categorized as medical equipment and scrutinized by the FDA. The FDA controls the amount of ultraviolet light output and recommends exposure times.

All tanning salons are not as professional as they should be, just like that restaurants don't give good service or great food. But does that mean that you will never eat in another restaurant again? Of course not—you find out one that lives up to our standards. Many tanning salons have come and gone in Statesboro over the years. At Tropical Tan and Total Image we pride ourselves in giving exceptional, professional service in a clean, sanitary atmosphere for the past 10 years. Several positive articles have been written about our salon including an article about college town tanning salons featured in the March issue of Tanning Trends Magazine, a publication with 4000 subscribers. We are also a member of the International Smart Tan Network, an association for professional indoor tanning facilities in North America. It is sunburns, not suntans, that cause skin cancer. I hope you will publish this letter to give your readers a clearer picture on indoor tanning.

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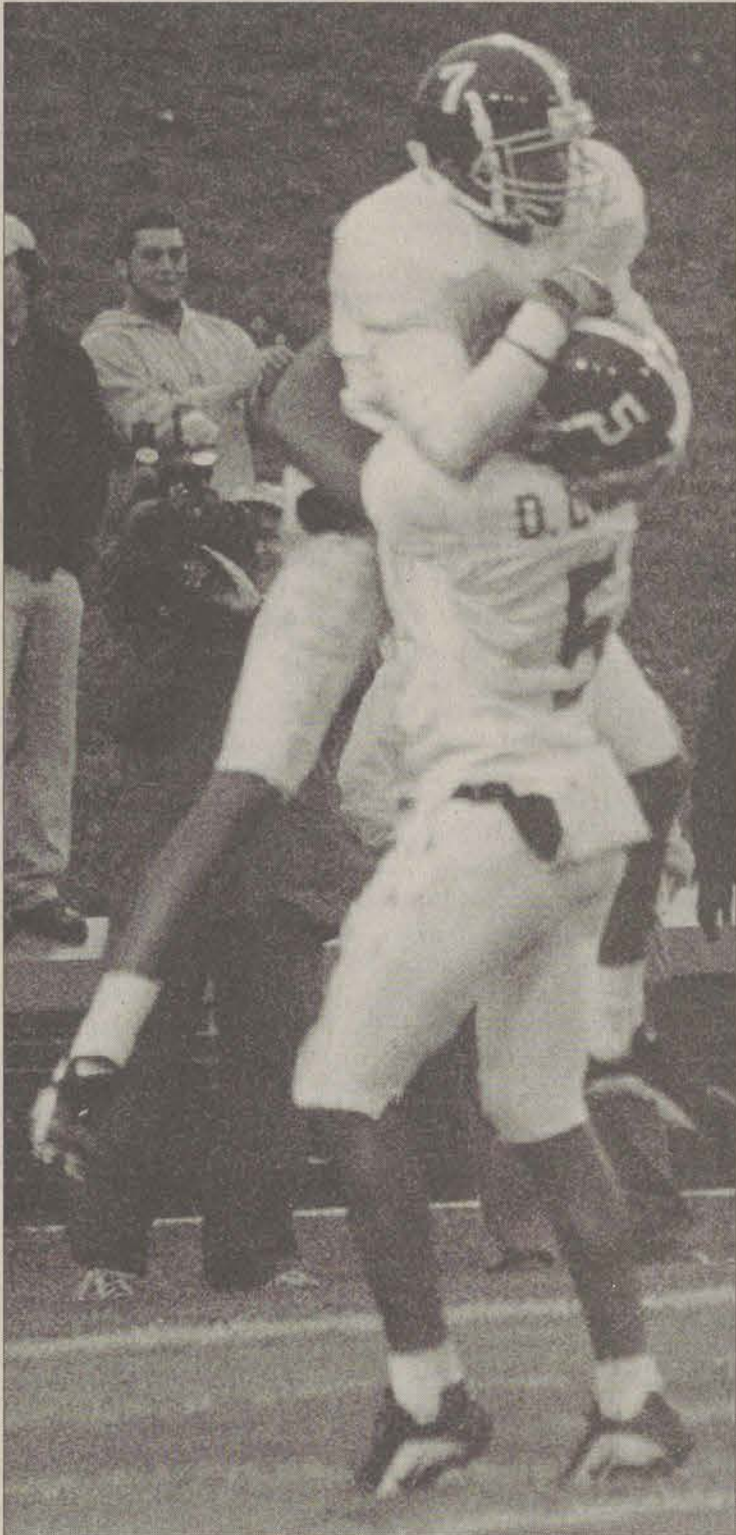
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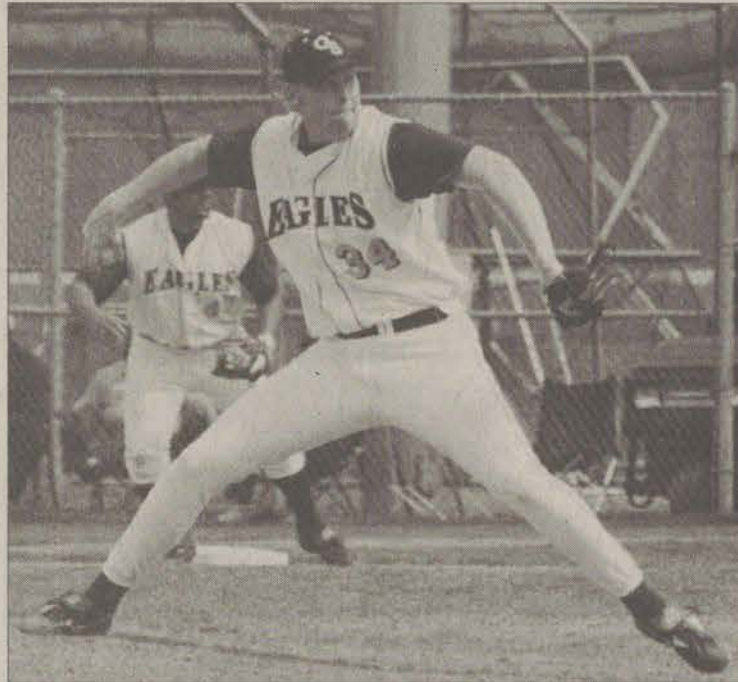
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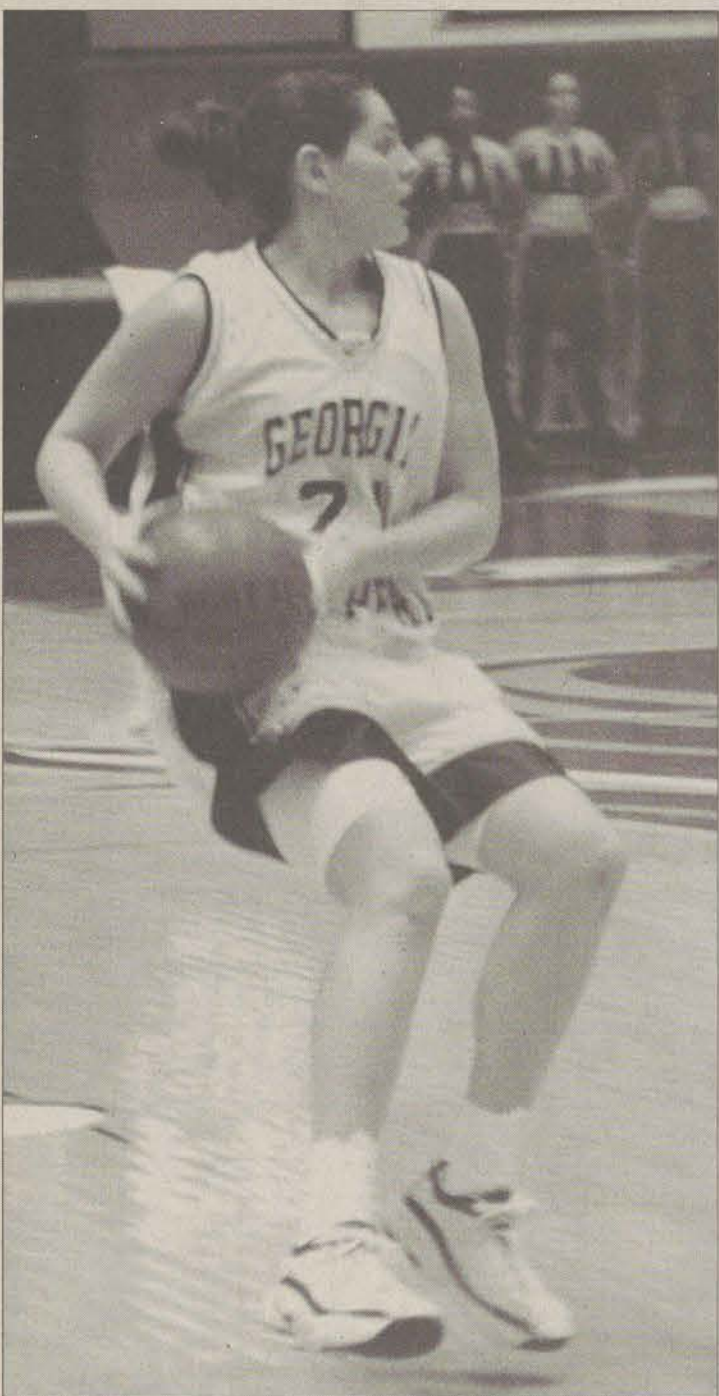
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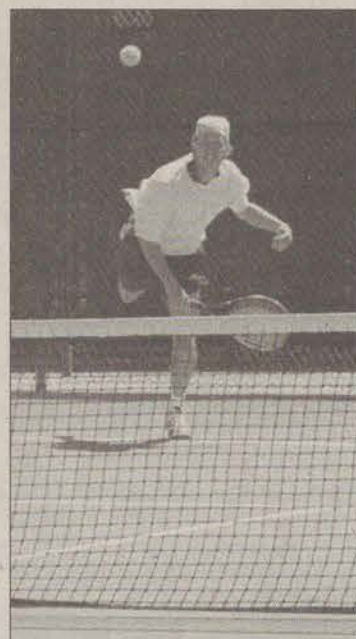
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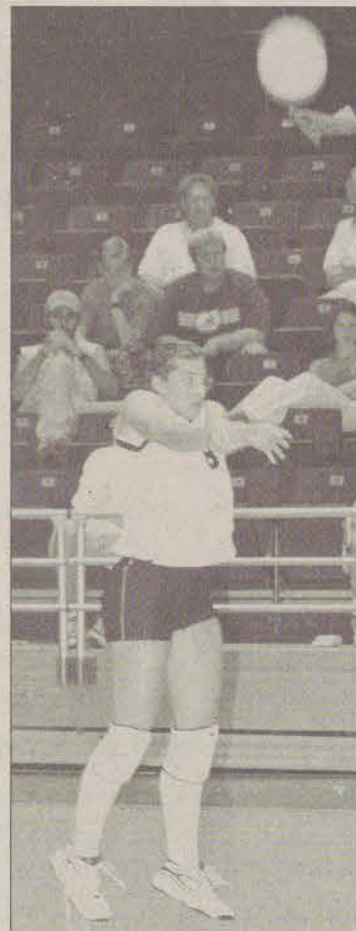
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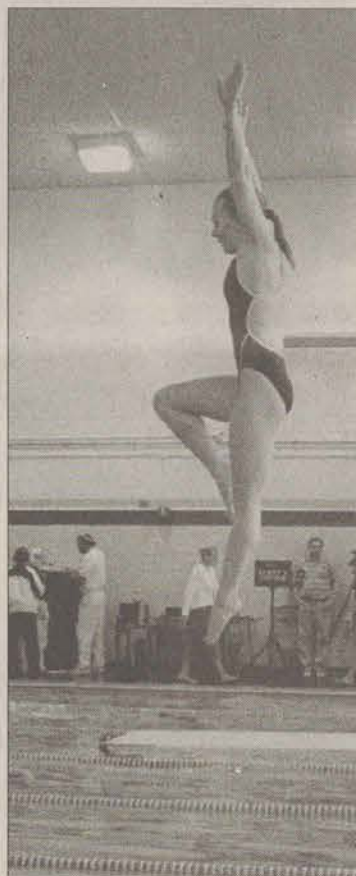
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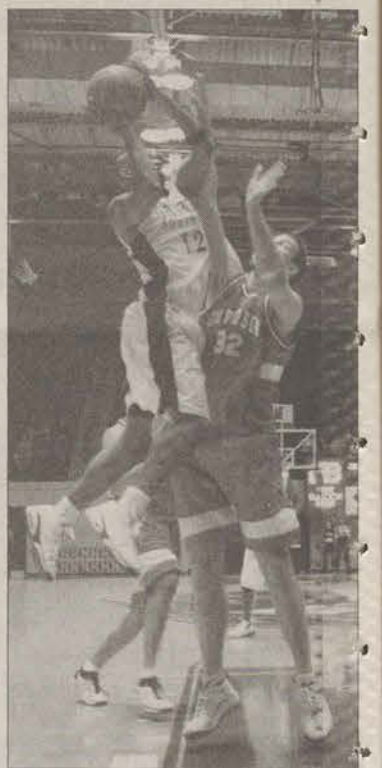
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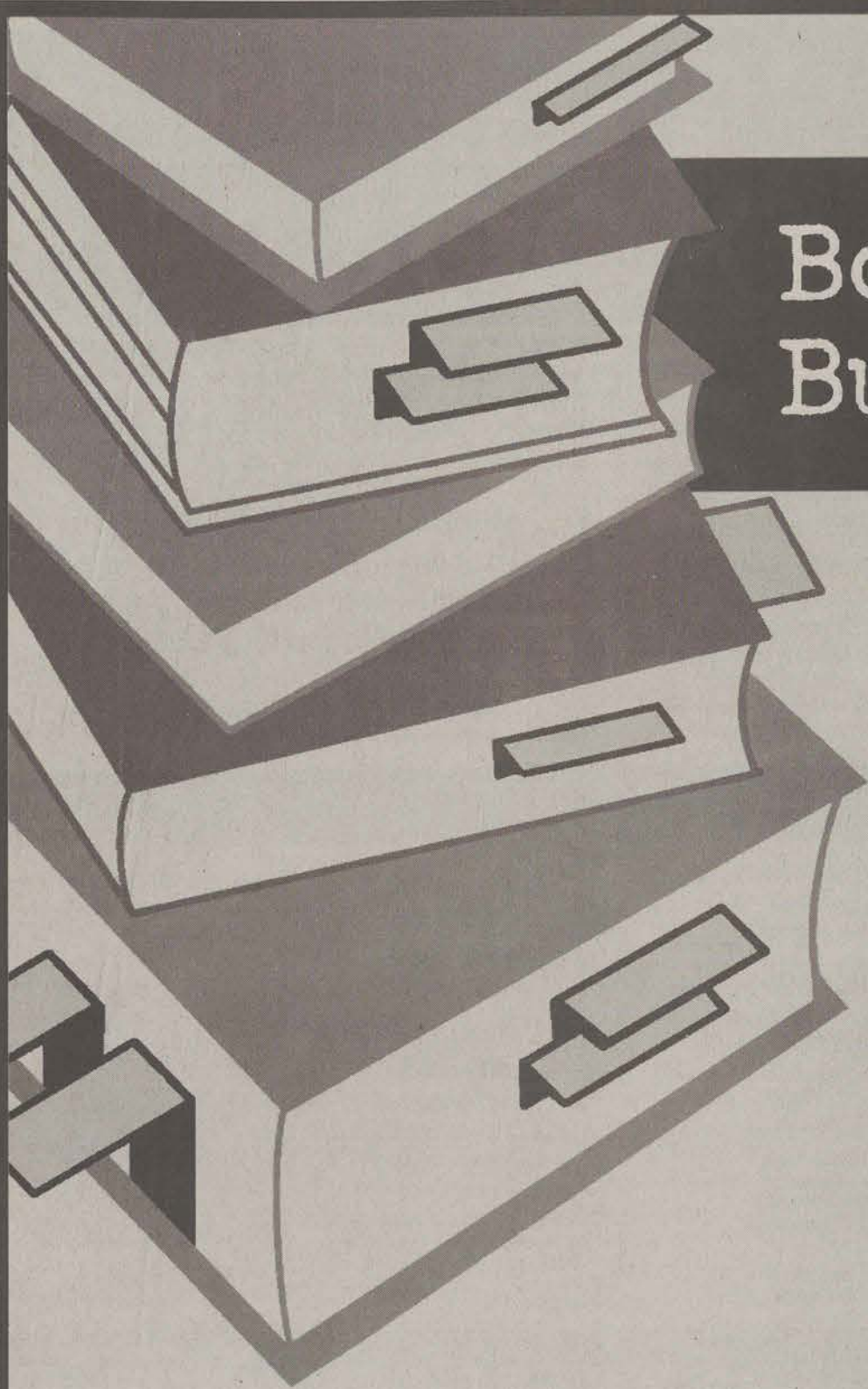
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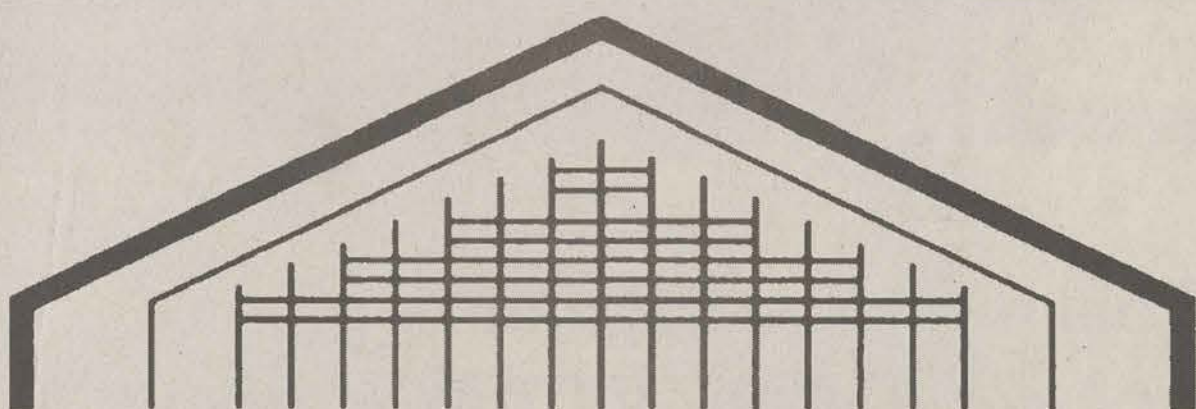
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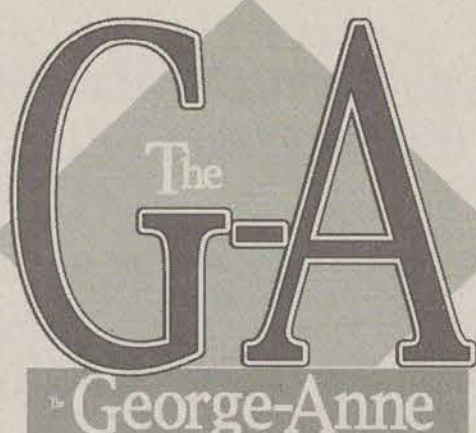
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From eighth to fifth to third

Eagle golf team claims third at the Southern Conference Championships in Tennessee

G-A News Service

Freshman Tyler McKeever and senior Christian Newton recorded the low rounds of the day for the Georgia Southern golf team in the first round of the Southern Conference Golf Championships Friday at Chattanooga (Tenn.) Golf and Country Club. The Eagles are currently in eighth place in the race for the team title and the SoCon's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

Georgia Southern turned in a round of 16-over 296, 13 shots off the pace set by Furman. The Paladins carded a first round of three-over 283, three shots ahead of College of Charleston (286/+6) and four strokes in front of East Tennessee State (287/+7). Wofford (289/+9) and Appalachian State (291/+11) round out the top five in the team competition.

McKeever fired a one-over 71, good for a tie for ninth place, while Newton is tied for 14th after turning in a two-over 72 on the par-70, 6,392-yard layout.

Junior Justin Kolumber shot a six-over 76, while sophomore Travis Mobley managed a seven-over 77. Junior Warren Holman posted a 10-over 80.

Georgia Southern bounced back in the second round of the Southern Conference Golf Championships Saturday, posting the second-best score of the day and jumping from eighth to fifth place in the race for the team title at the 6,392-yard, par-70 Chattanooga (Tenn.) Golf & Country Club.

On the strength of sophomore Travis Mobley's one-under 69, the Eagles posted a team total of six-over 286, second only on

the afternoon to East Tennessee State's five-under 275. The Buccaneers lead the tournament at two-over 562 (287-275). College of Charleston (286-287=573) occupies second place, while first-round leader Furman (283-291=574) is third and Appalachian State (291-287=578) is fourth.

Eagle senior Christian Newton turned in another solid round, firing a one-over 71 for a two-day total of three-over 143, putting him seven shots back of the individual leaders. Freshman Tyler McKeever shot a three-over 73 for a two-day total of four-over 144, while Mobley is third on the squad at 146/+6.

Junior Justin Kolumber posted a three-over 73 for a two-round total of 149/+9, and Warren Holman bounced back from his opening-round 80 with a 73 for a total of 153/+13.

Georgia Southern equaled its lowest round of the season Sunday, carding a five-under 275 to overtake Appalachian State and Furman and claim third place in the Southern Conference Golf Championships at Chattanooga (Tenn.) Golf & Country Club.

Following the tournament, Georgia Southern first-year head coach Larry Mays was named the Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year and Tyler McKeever was named the Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year. In addition, senior Christian Newton and junior Justin Kolumber were named to the league's all-conference team.

Kolumber (Orefield, Pa.) fired a three-under 67 in the final round Sunday as four

Eagles shot 70 or lower. Newton (Lyons, Ga.) carded a two-under 68, marking the sixth time in his last seven rounds he has shot par or better. Sophomore Travis Mobley (Hinesville, Ga.) and junior Warren Holman (Surrey, British Columbia) both turned in even-par rounds of 70, while McKeever (Auburn, Ala.) managed a 73.

Newton finished in a tie for seventh place, while Kolumber and Mobley tied for 16th place. McKeever narrowly missed his second top-20 finish in a row, tying for 21st, while Holman rebounded from an opening round 80 to shot 73-70 on Saturday and Sunday and earn a tie for 34th.

East Tennessee State claimed the team championship, posting a three-day total of 831/-9. College of Charleston was the runner-up at 850/+10, followed by Georgia Southern 857/+17, Appalachian State 859/+19 and Furman 861/+21. The Eagles trailed Appalachian by two shots and Furman by eight strokes entering Sunday's third and final round. Wofford's William McGirt took medalist honors, edging ETSU's Pat Beste in a playoff.

The Eagles, who extended their streak of top-10 finishes to nine with their third-place showing Sunday, could earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals. The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee will announce the field for the NCAA Regionals on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Regionals are slated for May 17-19 in Williamsburg, Va., Stillwater, Okla., and Corvallis, Ore.

Eagle tennis falls to UTC and Wofford

G-A News Service

The men's and women's tennis team competed in the Southern Conference Tennis Championships held in Charleston, SC from April 19 to the 21. The Lady Eagles lost in the first round of the tournament on Friday to Wofford with a score of 4-2. The men lost in the second round of the tournament on Saturday to UT Chattanooga with a score of 4-1.

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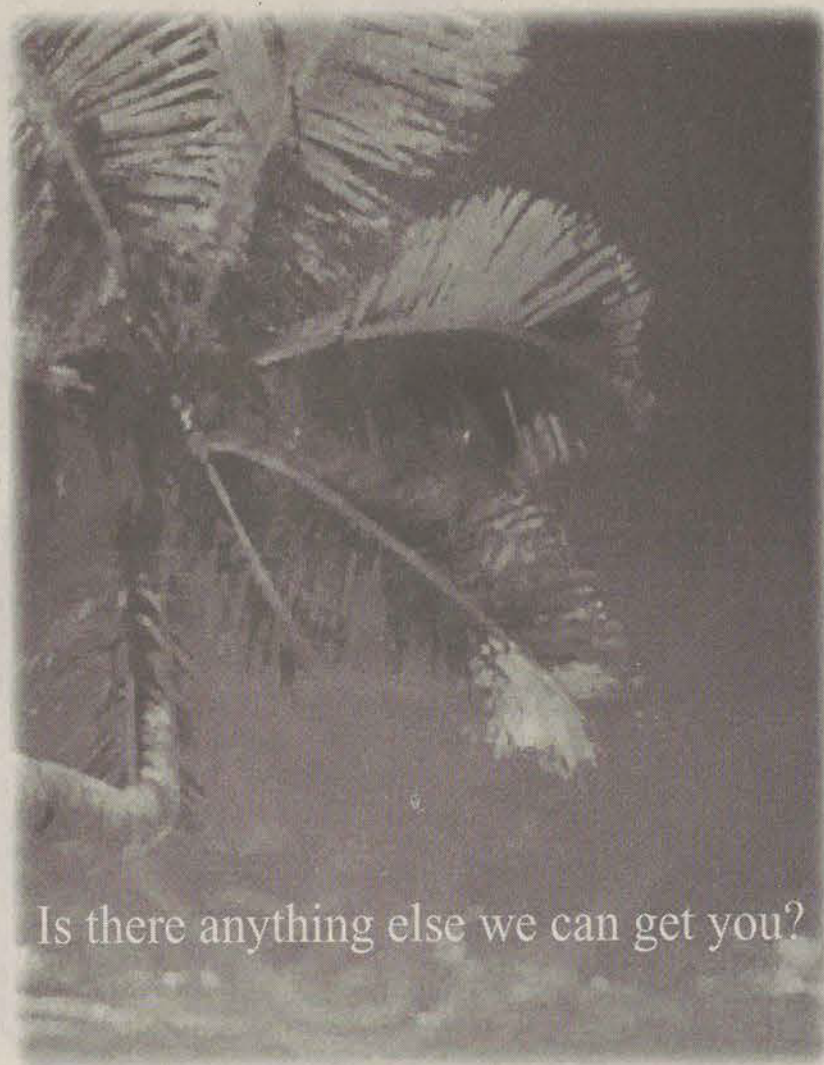
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Eagles edge out Bears 7-2

G-A News Service

The Mercer University baseball team (21-24) lost to the Georgia Southern Eagles (29-15) 7-2 Tuesday night at Claude Smith Field.

The visitors from Statesboro used an excellent pitching performance by Daniel Wheeler (4-3) to lead them to victory. The senior from Canton, Ga., pitched 8 1/3 innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits, with the two runs coming in the eighth and ninth innings.

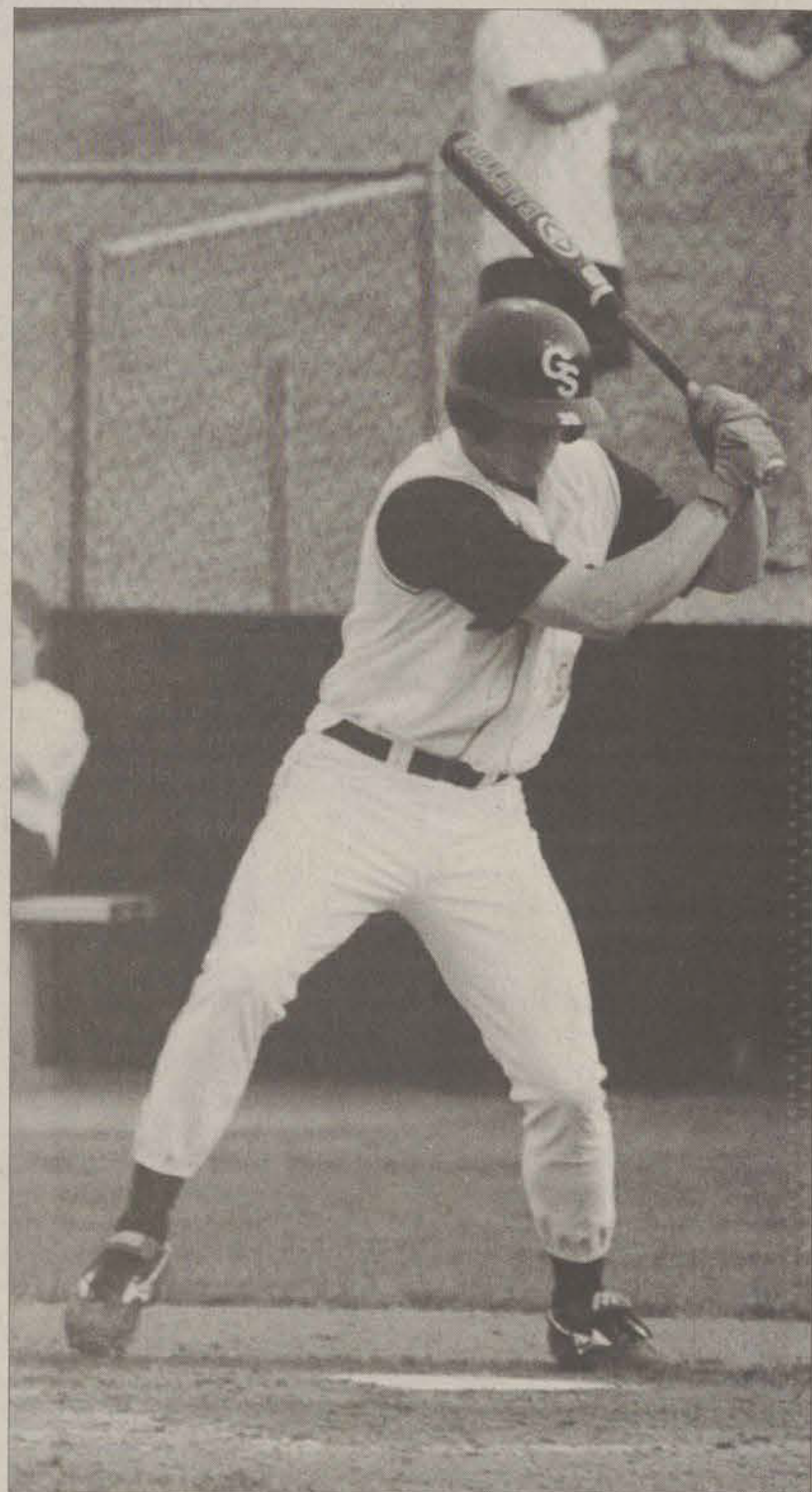
The Eagle bats gave Wheeler all of the support he would need, putting together a three-run rally in the second off Mercer starter Brian Jones (4-5), and then posting a four-spot in the sixth off of Bear reliever Brett Jarrett.

Former Mercer player Rocky Baker led the way for Georgia Southern as he tagged his former team with a two-run home run in the second inning. In all, Baker went 1-of-4 on the night with two RBI's.

Scott Henley also went 2-of-4 with two RBI's for the Eagles.

The Bears broke up Wheeler's shutout by pushing across a run in the eighth on an RBI-single by James McDonough. They then added another in the ninth on Brandon Blair's solo blast, his 12th of the season.

The Eagles will return home Wednesday and host another Trans America Athletic Conference member, Georgia State. First pitch is sched-



LaVene Bell

NON-CONFERENCE WIN: The Eagles travelled to Mercer University and defeated the Bears 7-2. The Eagles are now 29 overall, 15 in the Southern Conference. The Eagles take on the Georgia State Panthers Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium.

uled for 6:00 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium. Georgia Southern will be looking to sweep the series

against the Panthers in 2000 after posting a 24-6 victory in Atlanta on March 21.

Vick is NFL's number one draft pick

The Associated Press

About 50 people—mostly kids—from Newport News's tough East End gathered at the

youth center where Michael Vick developed his athletic skills to watch him become the No. 1 pick in Saturday's NFL draft.

No one was surprised when the Atlanta Falcons made Vick the first selection, but they cheered anyway when his name was announced, drowning out the sounds of the two small television sets in the gym of the Hampton Roads Boys & Girls Club with cheers of "Go Michael!" and "Yes, yes, yes!"

"It's wonderful, wonderful," said Johnny Woods, 21, who said he went to Warwick High School with Vick. "He worked hard for that. He should have been number one. He has the talent, why not get paid for it?"

Tyrone Williams, 33, who helped coach Vick in youth football, said the money Vick stands to make will help his family.

"They went from nothing to all of a sudden ... boom ... they have everything they could want," said Williams, who lived next door to Vick's family when the former Virginia Tech quarterback was growing up.

The Hampton Roads Boys & Girls Club holds special significance for Vick, who spent a lot of time there while growing up. In January, he chose the youth center for his news conference announcing that he would pass on his last two years of college eligibility and enter the draft.

James "Poo" Johnson, a longtime family friend and executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Hampton Roads, Inc., has known Vick since the player was 8. He said Vick was a good kid with a lot of energy who especially enjoyed fishing.

Johnson said Vick made the

right decision by turning pro after only two years of college football.

"How many times does a youngster have the opportunity to come into money like this and take care of his family?" Johnson said. "If I had a daughter who was a sophomore at Virginia Tech and Bill Gates offered her \$30 million to work for him, I'd go down there and help her pack."

Johnson said he also thinks Vick, who recently donated an autographed football to raise money for the center, has the capacity to go back to school and fulfill his degree requirements.

Many of the kids watching the draft at the youth center, which Vick still visits often, look up to Vick as a hometown hero and a role model.

"Michael Vick is my favorite football player," said Antonio Hudson, 12. "He throws real good, and he's a good quarterback."

"He inspired me to push harder in football," said 14-year-old linebacker Dakota Johnson, Hudson's cousin.

Other players with Virginia connections drafted Saturday were wide receiver David Terrell, a Richmond native who played for Michigan, chosen eighth overall by Chicago; Paul Toviessi, a Springfield native who played defensive end for Marshall, taken in a second-round selection by Denver; Bhawon Jue, a Chantilly native who played defensive back for Penn State, taken in a third-round selection by Green Bay; defensive back Cory Bird of Virginia Tech, taken in the third round by Indianapolis; and defensive back James Boyd, a Chesapeake native who played for Penn State, taken in the third round by Jacksonville.

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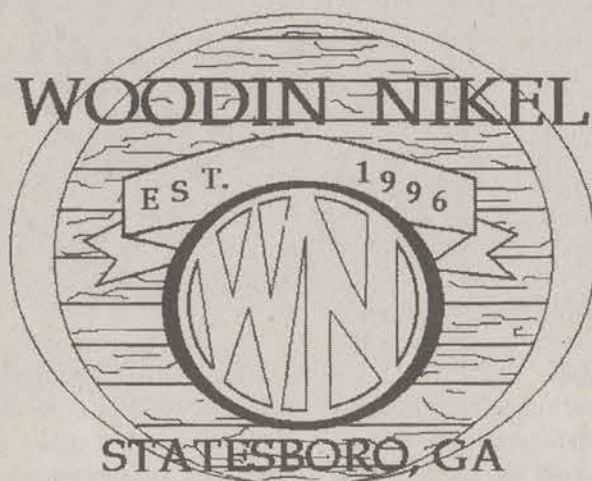
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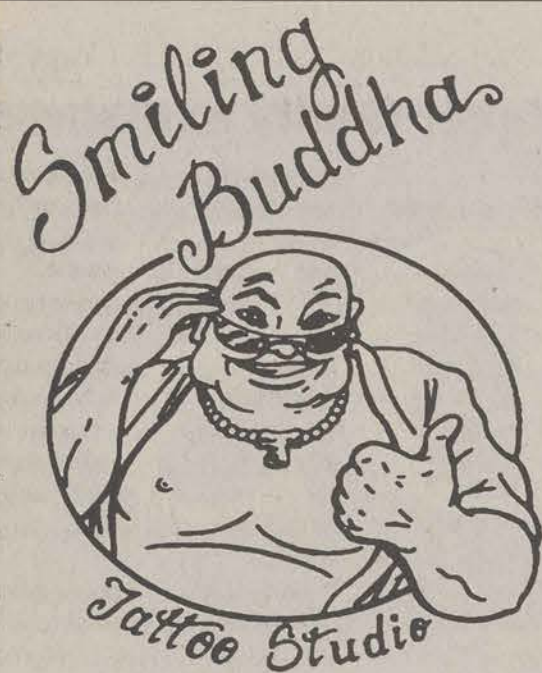
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Bouncers balance tact and confrontation

TMS Campus

DALLAS — The same elements that can make a night out on the town a good time also can turn it into a dangerous situation for the managers and security guards who enforce the rules at local clubs.

They work to keep order among a mix of alcohol, loud music and crowds. Many times, they have only negotiation as a tool during confrontations.

One incident recently ended violently outside PT's Gentleman's Club in the 4800 block of West Lawther Drive near White Rock Lake. Tyler Jay Viney, 23, an assistant manager at the Northeast Dallas club, was fatally shot April 8

by a man who immediately fled.

Police said Wednesday that they are continuing to search for the shooter.

Such incidents are extreme, security workers say. The workers, or bouncers as they're often called, do what they can to avoid violence.

"Every situation is different, but being outright physical with customers is a last resort," said Mark Anthony, a member of the security team at the Gypsy Tea Room, a Deep Ellum club. "We always try to talk the customer outside. Eighty percent of the time, I talk the customer out without a confrontation."

Parrish Johnson and Jerome Carrothers — students at the University of North Texas — said they're aware of the dangers when they work as bouncers at local parties and events.

Johnson, who is 6-foot-2 and 265 pounds, said he looks for jobs that include age and dress requirements. He said crowds full of teens can be more difficult to handle.

"If there is no age limit and no dress code, you don't know what type of people you are going to be dealing with," said Johnson, 23.

While it pays the bills, being a bouncer is "not really worth the risk you take," Johnson said.

Carrothers, 22, agreed. "It's hard to know what to expect from people under the influence of alcohol," he said.

Viney, who was killed outside PT's, was described by friends and family as a gentle giant who stood 6 feet 7 1/2 inches.

He had ushered out three or four men who were involved in an argument inside, police said. At one point, one of the men returned to his vehicle, grabbed a handgun and shot Viney.

The man who killed Viney is described as Hispanic, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, in his mid- to late-20s, with short hair, police said. Witnesses told police that he fled in a newer model white pickup with two or three other people.

Officials at PT's did not return phone messages seeking comment.

A small wooden cross decorated with blue flowers and a blue ribbon was recently placed in memory of Viney at an intersection near the club.

Viney was not a bouncer but had the responsibility of crowd control when it was necessary, said his mother, Katherine Viney. Her son planned to leave the club to return to college to study physics, she said.

"He got to know a real diverse group of people in the business. They were like a close-knit family," said Viney, adding that the club owner and many co-workers attended his funeral two weeks ago.

A close brush with a gun at a Dallas strip club persuaded Adam Aschner to find a new job.

"I decided it's not worth it. You can get hurt doing that," Aschner said, referring to an incident in which a club patron pointed a gun at him.

The 24-year-old now works as a bartender at the Main Street Internet Cafe in Deep Ellum, a coffeehouse and bar that has crowds of 400 or more at some weekend events.

Aschner said the cafe is generally calmer than a nightclub.

"On Sundays, we have a more professional crowd. They don't give us a lot of problems," he said. "All it comes down to is respect."

When customers don't respect the club rules, they are escorted to the door, Aschner said.

It's important to try to maintain control of a confrontation by remaining calm, security workers said.

Anthony of the Gypsy Tea Room said that when asking patrons to leave, security workers should approach them calmly and in a nonaggressive manner. If a conversation doesn't work, then the individual is forcibly taken to the door.

Kevin Garrett, who visits clubs in Deep Ellum, said that most security workers are "pretty cool" and that he understands they have a job to do.

"Sometimes you meet the knucklehead bouncer stereotype who thinks he runs the club and needs to be on top of you the whole night if you look suspicious," Garrett said. "Hey, I'm a black man in some predominantly white crowds. I stand out. That doesn't mean I'm going to cause trouble, though."

"I've been taken outside at my fair share of clubs. Some do it right. Others don't."

Viney's parents are left to wonder what could have been done differently when their son intervened in the confrontation at PT's.

"You are always going to have people exhibiting inappropriate behavior on any level. At times with drinking, people may get carried away and take a swing at someone," his mother, Katherine Viney, said.

"But there was never any inclination that someone would pull a gun and shoot him. It surprised everyone."

'Millionaire' not even close to breaking the bank

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The bank is open again after a long drought at "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." A Michigan engineer won \$2.18 million earlier this month — the richest prize in TV quiz show history — and another new millionaire was minted a week later. Don't go taking up any collections for ABC, however. The network hardly needs the help.

ABC and its parent Walt Disney Co. say that "Millionaire," not even 2 years old, is already the most profitable program television has ever seen. The show has generated around \$1 billion in revenue — more when you count the ripple effects.

"There has never, ever in the history of television been a phenomenon like this," said Alex Wallau, ABC president.

With "Weakest Link" and hardhearted host Anne Robinson the current rage, it has become chic to bash "Millionaire." Its ratings are down roughly 30 percent this year and it has flooded ABC with older viewers whom advertisers consider undesirable. Yet the four airings of "Millionaire" draw 77 million viewers each week. The bottom-line potency is undiminished.

"All of the ancillary businesses are growing despite the fact the television program has leveled off," executive producer Michael Davies said. "I think they will continue to grow no matter how many nights a week we are on."

How many ways does "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" make money? Take out your calculator. Each individual show costs an average of \$700,000 to produce, including prize money and host Regis Philbin's salary. Each earns between \$1.5 million and

\$2 million in advertising revenue — more for special celebrity editions, according to ABC.

Through Sunday, 257 original episodes have aired. "This is one of the few shows in television that's profitable in and of itself," said David Miller, an entertainment industry analyst for Sutro & Co.

Production costs typically eclipse advertising revenue; most shows don't make money until reruns are sold into syndication. The rights to air "Millionaire" in Canada were sold for \$250,000 per episode, Davies said. Similar deals are being negotiated for Mexican television and a Spanish-language version in the United States.

The staggering interest in an online version and CD-ROM of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" made Disney realize its enormous potential, Wallau said. The CD-ROM sold 4 million units at \$19.99 apiece, with Disney able to handle almost all of the production costs.

ABC estimates there have been 50 million participants in the "enhanced TV" online edition. Users don't pay, but each "hit" is noted when advertising space is sold for the site.

ABC is also paid a license fee by makers of a "Millionaire" board game and hand-held electronic game. A compact disc "soundtrack" to the show — a relative flop — sold 10,000 copies at \$17.98 apiece.

"What I've really tried to do, as much as I've been able to manage the 'Millionaire' brand, is focus on ways to extend the ability of our viewers to play the game, rather than just selling t-shirts and hats," Davies said.

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FORCES OF AIR: Warner Robins and Robins Air Force Base to play host to air show April 28-29

G-A News Service

The skies will be alive for this year's open house and air show April 28-29 at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, GA. The world-famous Canadian Snowbirds will perform as the premier demonstration team for the show. And attendees will be thrilled as the US Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team falls toward the earth at speeds reaching 120 miles per hour.

If that's not enough, see civilian aerobatics performer Patty Wagstaff fly her aircraft upside down, 22 feet above the ground.

Admission is free for the air show and open house, and gates open at 8 a.m. The air show runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This year's air show is going to be beyond spectacular," said Lt. Col. Emerson Bascomb, air show coordinator. "We have worked very hard for the last several months to ensure that there is something for everyone to enjoy. From the Snowbirds, to the

Golden Knights, to exhibits and entertainment, we are sure to provide the best in family entertainment for our guests."

The Snowbirds, who fly in the Canadian CT-114, perform numerous formations as close as four feet apart. When the two solo aircraft perform their head-on passes at approximately 600 kilometers per hour, the closure speed of the jets is very close to the speed of sound. The Snowbirds fly approximately 70 air shows at 50 different locations across North America each year.

The Knights, now in their 40th year of entertaining with their aerial acrobatics and precision landings, continue to show audiences around the world why they are considered the world's best parachute team.

Since its inception in 1961, the team has performed more than 8,100 aerial demonstrations in all 50 states and 47 countries. Each year, the Golden Knights perform more than 26,500 jumps before an estimated 12 million people.

"The soldiers who wear the black and gold colors of the team are some of the finest in today's Army," said Lt. Col. David T. Stahl, Golden Knights commander. "Each has excelled as a soldier and a parachutist."

"Their dedication to making every show, competition or visit a success shows the great pride and skill that has helped make them Golden Knights," Stahl added.

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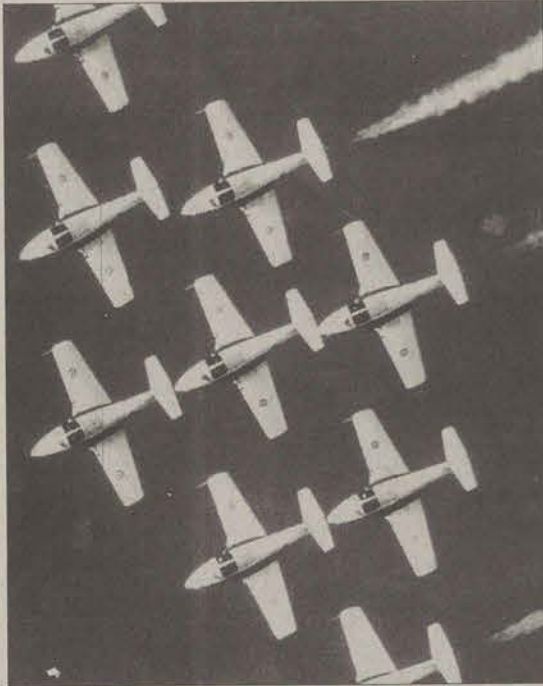
demonstrations or fly-by performances planned for the air show include the B-1, F-15, F-16, A-10 and B-52 aircraft.

On the civilian side of the house, demonstration acts will be performed by Wagstaff's Extra 300S, Dan McCullung's Pitts CB, Jimmy Rossi's Mig-17, and Pat Phillips' PT-17 - just to name a few.

A six-time member of the US Aerobatic Team, Wagstaff has won the gold, silver, and bronze medals in Olympic-level international aerobatic competition. She is the first woman to win the prestigious title of US National Aerobatic champion and one of the few to win it three times.

Wagstaff puts her aircraft through its paces - performing knife-edge spins, lomcevak, torque rolls, and precision maneuvers - including the inverted ribbon cut upside down at 22 feet.

Wagstaff bases her air show operation and highly specialized unlimited aerobatic airplane, the German built BFGoodrich Aerospace Extra 300S in St. Augustine, Florida, where she trains and hones her skills. A member of the Screen Actors Guild and United Stuntwomen's Association, she flies "stunt pilot" for major motion pictures and television projects such as "Forever Young" and "Drop Zone."



Special Photo

AIR-CRAFT: Stunt pilots from the world famous Canadian Snowbirds will fly their aircraft as close as four feet apart from each other, and up to speeds that rival that of the speed of light.

On the ground, aircraft displays, exhibits, entertainment, food and fun await air show attendees.

Additionally, the Museum of Aviation will be open during the open house and air show as early as 7:30 a.m. both days. Museum visitors will be able to sit in the cockpits of the F-15, SR-71 and F-4, as well as walk through the C-7 and C-46. For a small fee, guests can fly a mission in state-of-the-art simulators.

Visitors can park at the museum and take an express shuttle to the air show. Other shuttles, provided by base transportation, will be available at several locations on the base. Security forces personnel will direct traffic to available parking areas for shuttle busses on base.

For more information, visit the air show site at www.robins.af.mil and log onto the air show logo. A 24-hour air show information line is also available at (478) 926-1298.



Special Photo

KNIGHTFALL: From Fort Bragg, NC, the Golden Knights Parachute Team will perform at this year's air show at Robins Air Force Base.

'Love Potion' sales are hot at herbal shops

TMS Campus

FORT WORTH, Texas - If there's a message in the bottle, 35-year-old Kaye is hoping that her hormones will pick up on it.

Seeking to be amorous, she stopped by Herbal Health Shoppe in Bedford to purchase a six-pack of Niagara, the Swedish drink being touted by its distributors as a love potion.

"At first, I heard it was in the liquor stores. I was calling all over, but they didn't have it," said the Texan, who declined to give her last name. "And then I thought, 'Herb shops.'"

Although some federal health officials have expressed skepticism about Niagara's claims, Kaye had plenty of company Wednesday at the shop. Herbal Health Shoppe is among the first health food stores in the Metroplex to offer Niagara.

The store got its initial shipment late Tuesday night. When store owner Debbie Kilway opened the shop at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, the blue drink, displayed in champagne glasses, aroused the interest of passers-by.

"I'm 55, and I can't believe I'm doing this," said a giggling Diane, an Oklahoma woman visiting her daughter in Bedford. "I've been married 39 years, and I guess it's just age and loss of interest and lack of energy and all the above that gets in the way. But this was one time my husband didn't resent my spending money."

Kilway contends that the

drink, which sports a rabbit on the cap, works for both sexes. She said demand is so great that she pre-sold more than half the 5,760 bottles she ordered from the Texas distributor.



TMS Campus

LET'S GET IT ON: Niagara, the latest sex helper in a bottle, is "not likely to be a harmful product."

At Herbs Instead in Fort Worth, "it's sold great guns," said owner Toni Booth, who began stocking the drink this year. "I've been shipping it all over Texas, and I've had a lot of reorders since the onslaught at Valentine's Day."

But the Food and Drug Administration urges caution.

The drink is "not likely to be a harmful product, but it sounds like they make some really great promises - and they can't legitimately make medical or therapeutic claims," said Marie Velasco, public affairs specialist with the FDA district office in Dallas.

"We respect consumers' choices, but people need to be aware it has a lot of caffeine in it. This is just a beverage as far as we're concerned."

But Dianne Shelton of Burleson, who has exclusive distribution rights in Texas, said she believes Niagara is indeed a libidinous libation.

Made by Nordic Drinks in

Stockholm, it comes in 20-centiliter bottles, about 6.5 ounces, and contains "love herbs," among them damiana - believed by Europeans for centuries to be an aphrodisiac, she said.

It contains ginseng, which herbalists say increases endurance; mate (pronounced ma-tay, for those who would jump to conclusions), touted as an energizer; schisandra, a fruit-flavored herb prized by Chinese women as a youth tonic; and guarana, a caffeine source.

Although some herbalists also recommend damiana as a laxative, those willing to give it a chance seem undeterred by the herb's alternate use. Many people are ordering it for anniversary celebrations and wedding showers, Kilway said.

One of her most enthusiastic customers is a 92-year-old who has been checking eagerly for days to see whether the shipment was in. He ordered two cases - 24 bottles a case - to take to his girlfriend in Atlanta, Kilway said.

Not all is lovey-dovey in the land of Niagara. Pfizer - the maker of Viagra, an anti-impotence drug for men - has sued an Arkansas distributor, saying that person is improperly promoting the drink as Viagra for women.

Shelton said she has taken care not to make that comparison.

The suggested retail price for the drink is \$4.50 a bottle, but Kilway is selling it for \$6, with a portion going to a children's charity, she said.

Spring fever finally explained

TMS Campus

CHICAGO - Poets and painters have long been considered the experts on spring fever, the seasonal malady that can empty schools, boost restless energy and cause an unexpected rash of friendliness. But scientists say spring fever is more than just an emotion romanticized in song and verse: It's physiologically real.

Generally spotted in listless, lazing souls on warm, sunny days, spring fever is caused in part by daylight and the subsequent chemical changes that take place in the body, according to chronobiologists, who study the relationship involving a person's body clock, mood and behavior. Increasingly, scientists are finding that many biological and behavioral processes follow daily, monthly and yearly cycles.

"Like other animals, we have strong seasonal rhythms which are more pronounced in some people than others," said Charmane Eastman, director of the Biological Rhythms Research Laboratory at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. "Some people get winter-depressive and hypomanic in spring and summer."

Marketers love spring because consumers are more likely to buy diet and fitness products, beauty treatments, car maintenance and home improvement items, according to a recent survey by American Demographics Magazine.

But there is a dark side to the season known for volatile weather swings. Spring is when insomnia, vehicle accidents and criminal activity increase. And April is one of the months that has the greatest number of suicides, perhaps because people who have seasonal affective disorders have more energy.

"Often what I hear in the spring is that someone looks so much better, when in fact that person just has increased energy and is more impulsive. They end up committing suicide after thinking about it all winter," said Sally Mink, education coordinator for the Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association.

"For some, spring is a joyful, exuberant, energetic switch from the winter doldrums," said Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a pioneer in the field of Seasonal Affective Disorder and a clinical professor of psychiatry at Georgetown University. "For others it's a less easy transition. The

important thing to realize is that spring is not the same for everyone and some feel doubly bad, as if everyone is going to a party they haven't been invited to."

One theory maintains that spring fever is caused not by warm weather but by increased daylight. The light is measured by the eyes and relayed to the brain's pea-size pineal gland, which responds by reducing its secretion of melatonin, a hormone that regulates the daily biological clock and controls mood and energy levels.

As spring days get longer, the chemical starts to disappear and people become more energized. Sex drive, enthusiasm and confidence all increase. Conversely, as days get shorter in the winter, melatonin builds up. People feel sluggish and lethargic and start to slow down.

Rosenthal also attributes spring fever to the additional light transmitted to the hypothalamus, the part of the brain that regulates behavior such as eating, sleeping and sex drive.

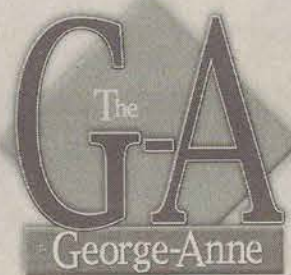
"The one thing we really do know is that there are increases in brain serotonin in the hypothalamus from winter to spring," Rosenthal said.

The body clock, which is generally not on a 24-hour schedule, has a strong role in spring fever, according to Michael Smolensky, director of the Chronobiology Center at Hermann Hospital in Houston and author of "The Body Clock Guide to Better Health."

"Light is mood elevating. A lack of light has the opposite effect," he said. "Those who have seasonal affective disorder exhibit altered circadian rhythms in the body. When we see light, it helps to reorganize biological clocks that became misaligned during short, overcast time periods of winter months."

Light, however, is just one factor. Smell, sight and hearing, senses that have been severely deprived during the winter, are assaulted by stimuli, which can make people unusually giddy, according to Helen Fisher, an anthropologist at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The fragrant aroma and soft winds of spring can trigger tremendous emotional responses, including euphoria and sadness, Fisher said.

"We are bombarded by all visual stimuli, which many people associate with relief from winter and joy," Fisher said.



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The George-Anne Editorial Board is now accepting applications for the following positions for the 2001-2002 Academic Year:

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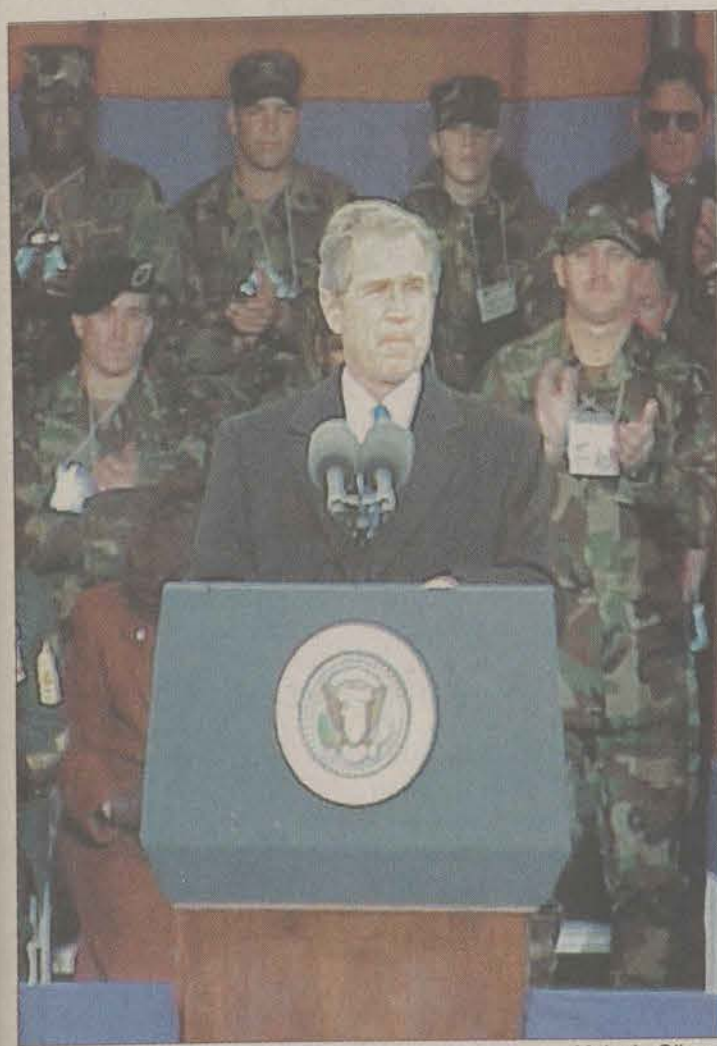
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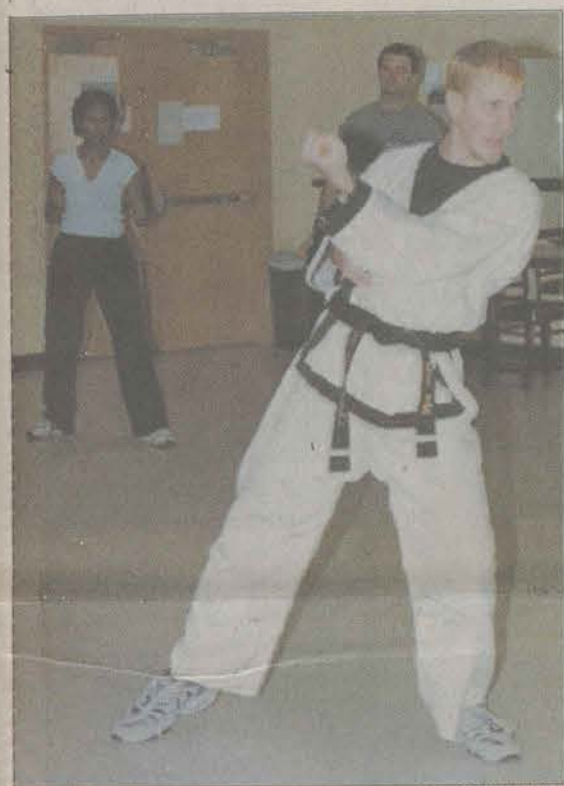
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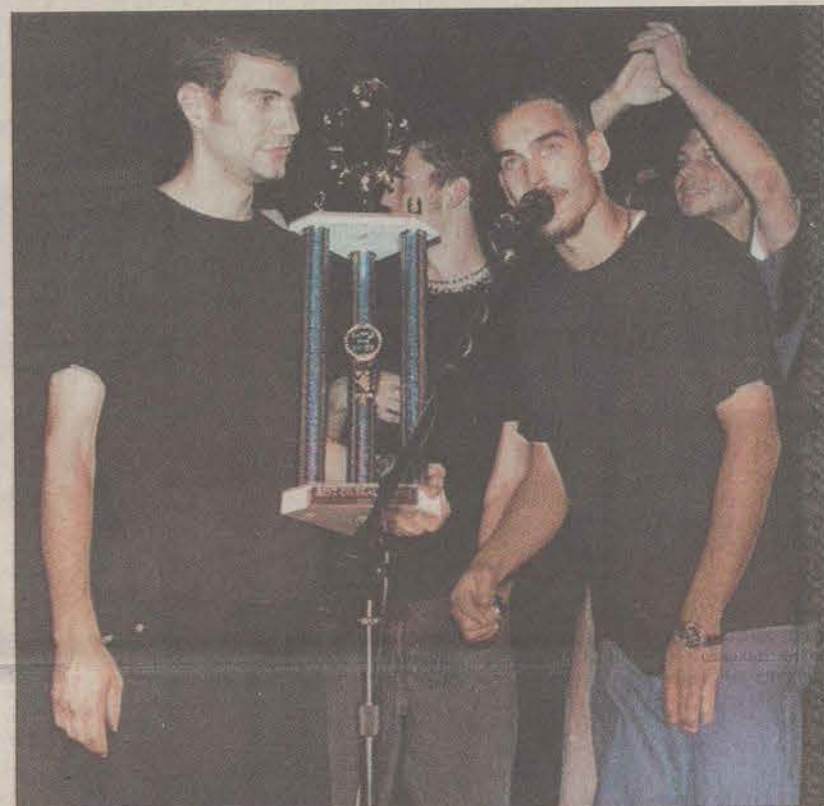
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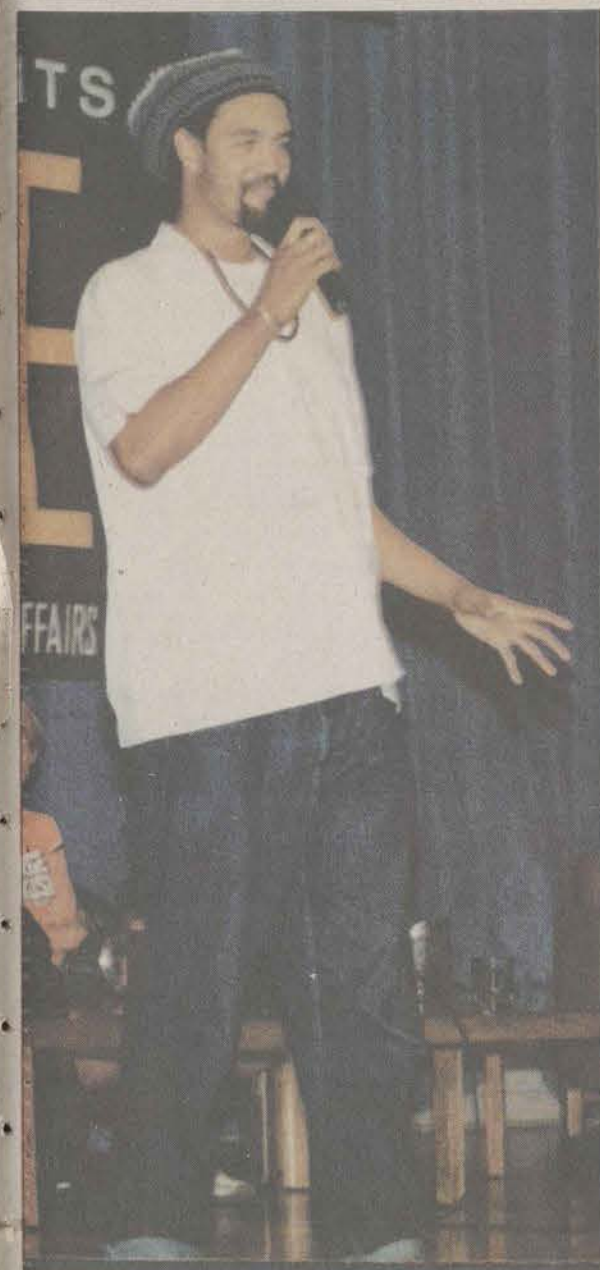
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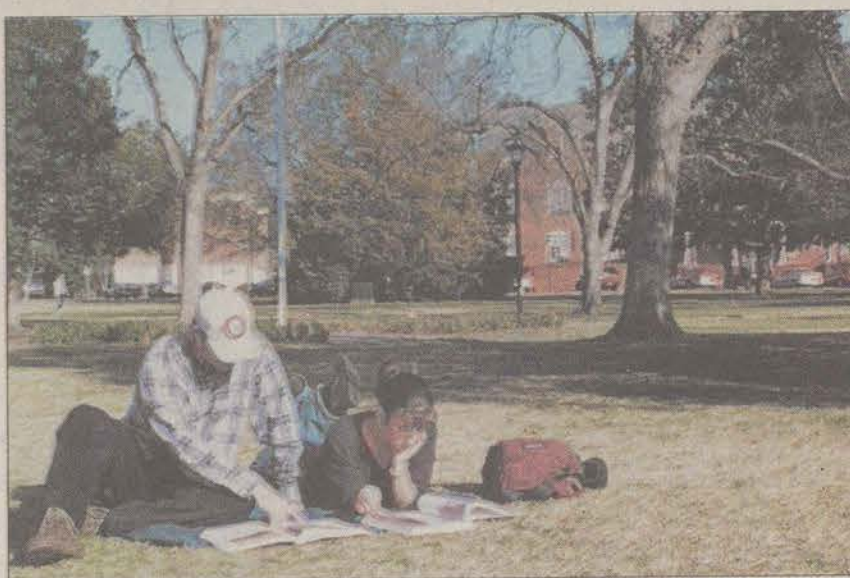
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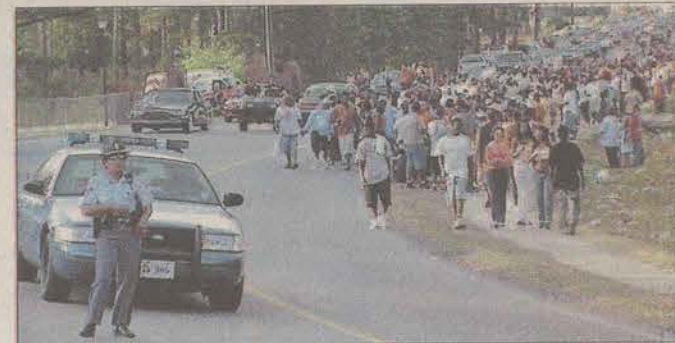
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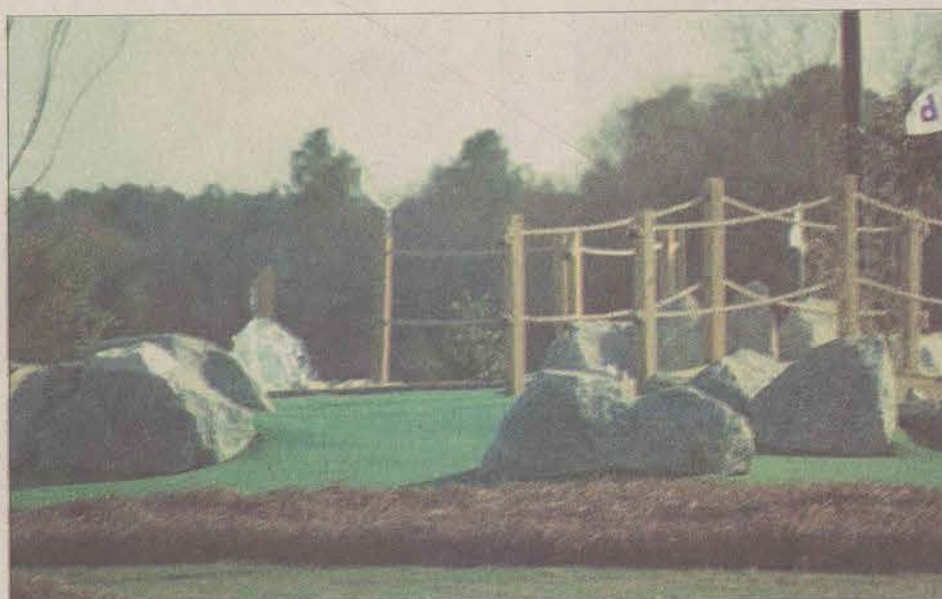
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III Deep raps their way into the Statesboro music scene

By Jarvon Lee
WVGS Sports Director

You may not have heard of the latest group to hit the GSU hip-hop circuit. Perhaps, you were waiting for the George-Anne to feature a group in the next issue of their paper. Well, it's fitting that in the last issue of the school year, we answer the highly anticipated hype about local hip-hop.

Keep in mind that not just any group of people who think they have lyrical skills, some ability to deliver madd freestyles, and the smarts to come up with a catchy name can form a music group. It involves more serious talent and the ability to create a group that is respected by your peers on a university campus.

A group known as III Deep have just what it takes, and all three members are full time students of GSU. III Deep is the winner of the campus radio station affiliated talent show, "Wildstyle Showcase." The event, held in Savannah, Georgia, was the group's first major talent show in which they walked away an undisputed winner. But, it wouldn't be the only time the group would see the spotlight; earlier this year they performed at the Atrium, a premiere hip-hop club in Atlanta. In May, the trio will take their talented act on the road for yet another show, when they open up for Lil' John and the Eastside Boys and 2 Short in Vidalia, Georgia.

So, who actually makes up the group III Deep? Representing Savannah, Patrick Walker (aka The



Special Photo

DEEP RHYMES: Statesboro's hip-hop scene is in full force with the lyrical talents of III Deep.

Sripture) was educated in the Savannah school system at Beach High and is currently in his third year at Georgia Southern. Another group member is known on stage as B. Peezy, which carries a resemblance to his birth name of Barry Price. Price was born in Decatur, Georgia and is an undeclared freshman at GSU. Brenton Gellineau (aka BlackJack) is the only remaining member and is also from Decatur. Gellineau attended Dunwoody High School before attending school at GSU.

From an individual standpoint, the three members that coincide as III Deep have been writing music since they were young. All three have been involved with a number of "groups," but when none of these "groups" showed initiative or work ethic, the three individuals decided it was time to remain solo as rappers. That remained until late 1997 when Patrick took a trip to Atlanta to visit family, and through fate, hooked up with the other two members of the down south trio.

After heated lyrical battles, they decided to do a local talent show which resulted in a second place finish. The rest is history. The group remains intact today, almost four years later, still writing songs as well as promoting their music through numerous talent shows, radio dates, air play, and local record stores.

Although they have local acknowledgments, they have never lost sight of their goal: to be recognized and respected on a national level. Catch the group performing at numerous talent shows around town and cop their maxi-single CD at Fast Trax.

SpringFest comes to Pensacola in May

G-A News Service

Pensacola, FL - Willie Nelson, Seven Mary Three, BBMac, Diamond Rio, Run-DMC and Days of the New are among more than 70 acts performing May 18-20 at SpringFest in historic downtown Pensacola.

SpringFest offers a wide mix of programming - country, alternative, folk, ska, blues, rock 'n' roll, R&B, zydeco and reggae. Five stages have been set aside for the three-day event. Performers range from country outlaw Willie Nelson to groundbreaking hip hoppers Run-DMC. The United Kingdom's "boy band" BBMac performs on Saturday, May 19, before heading off to open up for 'N Sync in Jackson, MS the following night.

Other SpringFest acts include Darryl Worley, American Hi-Fi, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, the Amazing Rhythm Aces, the Iguanas, Molly Hatchet, the Knack, Pure Prairie League, Mountain, Josh Joplin, Marcia Ball, and the North Mississippi Allstars.

Advance purchase three-day passes are only \$25 and are available at all GulfCoastFoodWorld, SunTrust Bank and Ticketmaster locations. Three-day passes can also be purchased at the gate but will cost \$35 each. Advance three-day passes can also be ordered via telephone at (850) 434-7444 of through your local Ticketmaster outlet. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com. One-day passes cost \$20. Kids ages 6-10, cost \$5 per day. Children under five admitted free with paid adult.

Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight May 18, 12 p.m. to midnight May 19, and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 20. Attendees can log on to www.springfest.net or call (800) 874-1234 to get the latest festival line-up, general festival rules, directions and maps.

The Southeast Tourism Society recently selected SpringFest the 2000 "Festival of the Year."

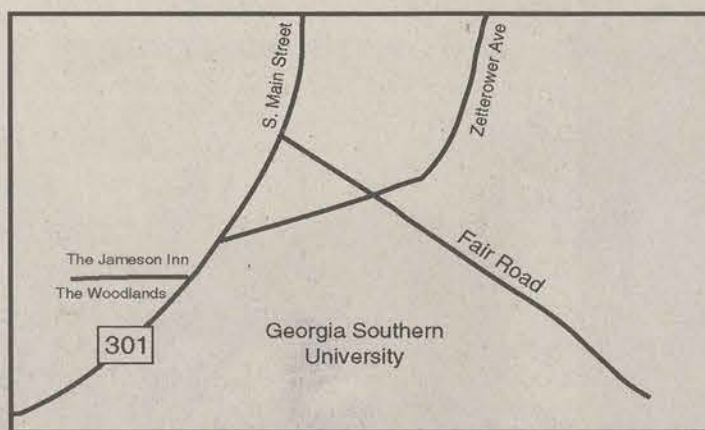
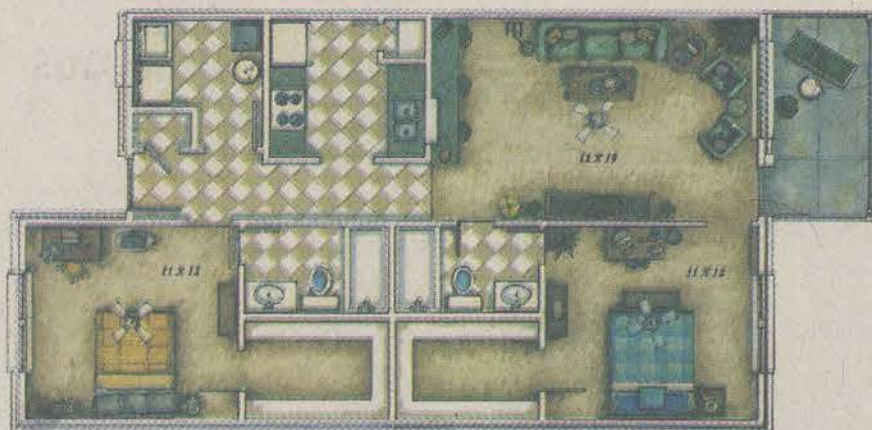
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