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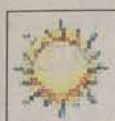
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SGA brass see big changes for next year

Chris Brenneman
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SGA Executive Vice President Nick Pearson says that this year's executive board hopes to build a foundation for future GSU Student Government Associations.

"We're looking past ourselves," Pearson said. "We're remaking the students as our top priority."

SGA President Bryan Saxton agrees.

"It's our goal to look after the students and their interests."

Pearson said that SGA has created a political action committee to the Statesboro city council.

"It'll serve as a community relations committee. We've put into play an agreement with the city council representative for District Four, which represents the majority of the students, [and] have created the city council advisor which is basically the political action committee for the SGA. We will be the student voice to city council," Pearson said.

Pearson added that SGA will have someone present at all city council meetings.

Saxton said that SGA also plans to concentrate on GSU's student organizations.

"We want to get more organizations involved," Saxton said. "I want more exposure for them."

Saxton said that SGA still plans to introduce a House of Representatives for the organizations to participate in.

"I'll introduce the idea to the clubs at the organizational meeting on September 12," Saxton said. "Most organizations haven't heard about it yet. It won't get together right away. Coordinating over 130 groups is not going to be an easy thing to do. If it takes a year to start it up, then the next administration will have to carry it on."

Saxton and Pearson both said

that all clubs will be treated equally.

"People need to know that it doesn't matter if your club has three members or three hundred members, they'll still get the same treatment," Pearson said. "They're a registered organization just like any other. There was a lot of disrespect paid to some of the smaller organizations last year."

Pearson added that last year's senate treatment of the GSU Anime Club made the body look bad.

"There were two or three [senators] at the meeting that made the rest of us not look so well. We're trying to get everyone to realize you're still there to represent them," Pearson said. "I don't care how many people are in it."

Plans are also underway to increase the amount of money that a student organization can be granted by the SGA.

"It's been \$500," Pearson said. "We want to up that amount to \$1000."

Saxton said that the money would be divided into \$500 a semester, for both semesters.

"We have to take the proposal to the senate," Saxton said. "I don't see why they wouldn't let it happen."

Pearson said that this year SGA has \$50,000 dollars to "get rid of."

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Jake Hallman/STAFF

HOLDING THE BATON OF LEADERSHIP: Student Government Association President Bryan Saxton wants to reshape the image of the SGA this year. Saxton, widely considered a dark horse candidate in last year's elections, has taken office with a mandate to increase the visibility, reputation and leadership of SGA.

Florida leads world in shark attacks this year

Associated Press

Almost half of the world's shark attacks this year have occurred along a single stretch of Florida's coastline long considered one of the finest surfing spots in the state.

While the area's pristine beaches and good waves attract surfers, experts say the green waters teeming with baitfish—ballyhoo, mullet, pilchards—are what draw the predators.

"It's a smorgasbord of food coming back and forth," said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File in Gainesville.

Six people were bitten by sharks off New Smyrna Beach over the

weekend, raising to 15 the total of attacks along more than 50 miles of Volusia County's beaches this year,

worldwide since January. Twenty-nine of them have been in the United States.

"IT TOOK A NICE BIG CHUNK OUT OF MY HAND. I KNEW TO GET THE HELL OUT OF THE WATER."

— JASON VALENTIN
SHARK ATTACK VICTIM

Burgess said. The Volusia County Beach Patrol has a higher figure—17.

Forty shark attacks have occurred

Last year, there were 79 shark attacks worldwide, 51 in the United States, 34 in Florida and 12 in Volusia County, Burgess said. The county is

now on track to surpass its record of 18 shark attacks, set in 1996.

Lifeguards on Monday temporarily closed a quarter-mile stretch of New Smyrna Beach for a third day in a row after a shark was spotted swimming in the surf.

The precaution followed the beach patrol's standard policy of clearing the water for up to an hour after a sighting, said Capt. Robert Horster.

Surfers, lifeguards and shark experts are quick to point out that encounters in Volusia County are

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Reasons for
shark attacks not
immediately clearBy Shana Bridges
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Sharks have gotten a bad reputation ever since the movie "Jaws" came out in the seventies. The movie's theme music alone can strike fear into the hearts of grown men.

Recently, there have been many shark attacks in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. These attacks have drawn attention to the aggressiveness of sharks and have "stirred up" a newfound fear of one of the largest fishes in the world. However, the ratio of people on the beach to shark attacks leaves little to be afraid of.

On Sunday, August 19th, six people reported being attacked by a shark off the coast of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

This is just one of many recent shark attacks off US coasts. Attacks have been reported in Florida, Massachusetts, California and South Carolina this year.

According to Dr. Stephen Vives, an ichthyologist in the GSU biology department, there have been an increased number of reported bites in the last two years, but no one is exactly sure what has caused this increase.

"It's hard to tell if it is because there are more people or more sharks," he said. Vives added many of the shark attacks are from small sharks, from 3-5 feet long.

Bull shark attacks are more prevalent because they are known for their ill-tempered dispositions. They also hunt in murky waters where a person swimming could easily be mistaken for a struggling fish.

The bull shark has been called "one of the most confused sharks around." It is responsible for many of the recent shark attacks and, according to researchers, is considered to be the deadliest shark in the oceans. Much of its concentration focuses on tropical and subtropical coastal waters.

Most commonly, sharks attack humans because they mistake them for natural prey like schooling fish and stingrays. Most attacks occur in the shallow water of sandbars, where the shark may be confined at low tide. They may also be found at the steep drop-offs of river mouths or channels because those areas are ideal for hunting.

Although shark attacks have been more prevalent recently, people can easily avoid them.

Shark experts warn people not to swim at times of low light, such as dusk, dawn, and night between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. when sharks are more active and cannot see their prey as well. It is best to avoid swimming, diving, and surfing alone because sharks are more likely

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'Operation Move-In' held last Saturday

• Nearly 3,000 students move into GSU residence halls

By Chris Brenneman
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"Operation Move-In" kicked into effect Saturday as almost 3,000 students and families moved into the dorms to start the new semester.

GSU faculty and staff were on hand this year to help with the move-in process.

"It's a positive comment to the students to see the members of GSU's staff helping them to get situated," said Chris Caplinger, GSU's academic coordinator for university housing.

"It shows the students and their parents that the staff is there for them," he said.

Caplinger said that it's important for members of the faculty to be there, since this is the first time many students have lived away from home.

"It's a traumatic time for parents and students alike," Caplinger said. "I think it's good for us to be there to ease the transition."

Caplinger says it's not uncommon for students to get to know future teachers.

"We had one student tell us that a math professor helped her move in, and later she had him for a class. The program also serves as an introduction."

The faculty and staff members of "Operation Move-In" started work at 8:30 a.m. and worked in shifts until 5 p.m. Saturday, doing everything from hauling boxes and answering phones to distributing keys and talking to parents.

Caplinger said that it's just as important to be present for the parents as it is for the students.

"It's a hard time saying good-

bye," he explained.

Parents were out in droves Saturday, along with siblings, friends, and even grandparents.

He added that it's not as important for the faculty to help as it is for them just to be there.

The program has been around for several years now, and Caplinger said GSU President Grube and Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Linda Bleicken send out almost 2,000 letters to the faculty and staff every year on behalf of "Operation Move-In."



LaVene Bell/STAFF

MISSION POSSIBLE: "Operation Move-In" began this past Saturday, bringing students and parents together to haul heavy luggage and to say their loving goodbyes.



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

August 17

•Ryan Curtis Hanks, 20, Statesboro Place, was charged with an open container and DUI.

August 19

•Harvey Wadsworth, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

•Michael Doyle Wadsworth, 17, was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

August 20

•Alexander Cooper II, Park Place, was charged with theft by taking.

GSU Public Safety

August 16

•Waymond Stirling Boyer III, 19,

Olympic Blvd, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain in a lane and carrying a pistol without a license.

•Robert Alexander Keese, 20, Park Place, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

•William Pedan Webster, 19, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

•Melissa Moore reported her wallet taken from her bookbag at Paulson Stadium during band practice.

August 17

•Gary Allen Dorsey, Jr., 19, Savannah, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

•Victor Cabral reported someone entered his vehicle in the Landrum

Center parking lot and took his wallet.

August 21

•Michael Thomas Sanders, 20, 1801 Chandler Rd., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

International News Brief

Jamaica considers legalizing marijuana for private use despite U.S. opposition

Associated Press

In the heart of Kingston, about a dozen men stand in an open-air emporium stacking long buds of marijuana even though the crop is illegal in Jamaica.

"High-grade, the best ... smell it," says a dreadlocked 27-year-old Rastafarian at the "Luke Lane" market, who gives his name only as Toro as he holds a bud in the air and beckons to a passerby. Sale completed, he lights a joint of rolled marijuana and smiles. These days, he has a lot to be happy about.

A government commission recommended Thursday that marijuana be legalized for personal use by adults — a move the government will likely endorse despite opposition from the United States, which has spent millions to eradicate the crop on the Caribbean island.

"(Marijuana's) reputation among the people as a panacea and a spiritually enhancing substance is so strong that it must be regarded as culturally entrenched," said the commission's report.

The National Commission on Ganja, as marijuana is known here, also said Jamaica should allow the use of marijuana for religious purposes. This is important to the Rastafarian minority, who worship deceased Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie as a prophet and use marijuana as a sacrament.

Prime Minister P.J. Patterson last year appointed the commission, which included academics and doctors. So far, he and elected

officials have not publicly commented on the report. But Ralston Smith, an aide to Patterson, said: "My gut feeling is that the commission's recommendations will be followed."

Any change in existing drug laws would have to be approved by Parliament. And legalization, even for personal use, could cause friction with the United States and violate the 1988 U.N. Convention Against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Jamaica signed the accord.

"The U.S. opposes the decriminalization of marijuana," Michael Koplovsky, a U.S. Embassy spokesman, said Thursday.

Over the last 20 years, the United States has worked with Jamaica to burning marijuana fields and carry out other anti-drug efforts. It has also provided aid to fight drug trafficking in Jamaica, the Caribbean's largest marijuana exporter and a major transshipment point for cocaine bound for Europe and South America.

The commission addressed these concerns in its report, urging the government to "embark on diplomatic initiatives ... to elicit support for its internal position and influence the international community to re-examine the status of cannabis."

Between 1992-98, the United States provided \$7.8 million to Jamaica to eliminate marijuana production and trafficking. The most popular method has been to chop down the plants and burn the fields.

Indian indentured servants are thought to have brought marijuana to Jamaica in the 19th century. Its use as a medicinal herb spread rapidly among plantation workers, with some using ganja tea to alleviate aches, and others using rum-soaked marijuana as a remedy for coughs and fevers.

But it was not until the 1960s and 1970s, with the rise to popularity of Bob Marley and other reggae icons, that marijuana began to gain acceptance outside poor neighborhoods.

Marijuana's deep roots were clear in Luke Lane after word spread of the commission's recommendation. Among the patrons was 43-year-old Horace Clarke, who was also buying school supplies for his three children.

"At night, when the children are sleeping, sometimes I smoke a little with my lady," Clarke said as he bought a quarter ounce for about \$2.50.

The vendors were pleased at the possibility the it might be legal to use marijuana, even though selling the drug would remain illegal.

All had stories of being chased by the police. "If you're going to smoke it, you have to get it and we sell it," said a dealer who gave his name only as Metro.

He said he earns about \$100 on a good day.

"This money doesn't go out to buy guns, it goes to food that fills the bellies of my children and puts them in school clothes and pays their school fees," he said.

"What's criminal about that?"

Florida teenager rescues best friend after gator attack in lake; pulls her back to shore

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Florida — After 14-year-old Edna Wilks was pulled under water by an alligator, she surfaced her arm still in the gator's mouth and began prying at its jaws with her other hand. By the time the reptile let go, her friends had all fled.

Except one. Best friend Amanda Valance stayed behind and pulled her to shore as the gator followed.

"She saw his tail whipping around in the water and she told me she thought to herself she couldn't let me die," Edna said Monday.

Edna received blood transfusions, treatment for a broken arm and underwent surgery to clean debris from the arm's muscles.

If Amanda, also 14, hadn't been brave enough to stay, Edna is sure the alligator would have killed her. "We've been best friends for about 2 1/2 years and now she's more than my best friend, she's my hero," Edna said.

The girls and four friends were floating on Boogie Boards in Little Lake Conway on Saturday night when an alligator grabbed Edna's arm and pulled her under the water. She realized it was an alligator and started screaming. "He was spinning me in the water real fast and jerking me."

After the spinning stopped, she surfaced and was able to take a deep breath, her arm still in the gator's mouth. She began prying at the gator's jaws and the animal finally let go.

The girl stayed 2 feet away throughout the attack. When Edna popped free, she grabbed her and helped her onto a Boogie Board. Then she pulled the board to shore, as the gator trailed behind.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission later killed two gators nearby one 6 feet, 5 inches (2 meters) long, the other 11 feet, 2 inches (3.5 meters). The larger gator was big enough to have killed someone, said Lt. Joy Hill, a commission spokeswoman.

"I'm very blessed," Edna said. "I know that I wouldn't be here right now without my friend Amanda. She saved me and she deserves everything in the world."

Local man arrested for narcotic possession

G-A News Service

A local man was arrested for possession of four white pill fragments believed to be the prescription drug Xanax yesterday after letting the air out of a patrol car's tires.

Dane Chadwell, 19, of a Savannah address, was near two patrol vehicles Tuesday while Statesboro police officers assisted a wrecker service near Dingus MaGees.

Sergeant Anthony Gore noticed Chadwell acting suspicious

around the patrol vehicles. Officers then caught Chadwell as he attempted to deflate a rear tire of Officer Clayton Walker's patrol car.

A search incident to Chadwell's arrest revealed his possession of the pill fragments. Chadwell was detained on charges of possession of a schedule four narcotic and interference with government property, and turned over to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department for bonding purposes.

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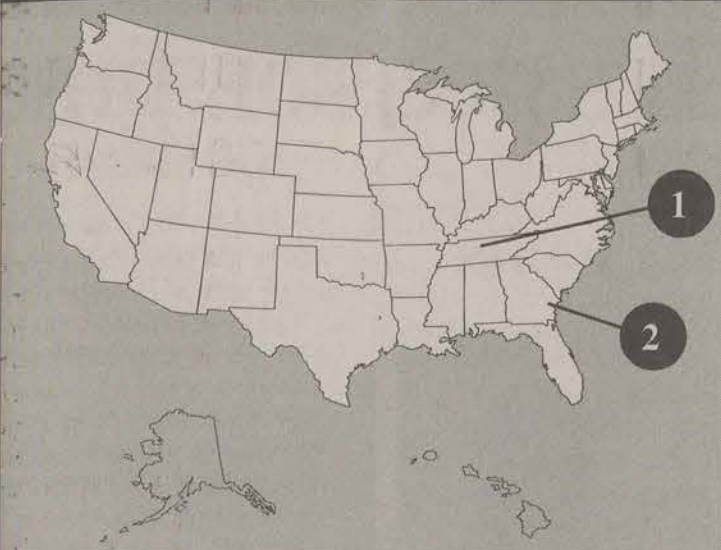
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Pharmacist claims impotence in denying sex for drugs

DAVENPORT, Iowa — A Fort Madison pharmacist, accused of dispensing drugs with forged prescriptions, said Monday he could not have exchanged drugs for sex because he has been impotent for years.

Steve Helling, 46, is on trial in U.S. District Court, charged with conspiring to distribute a controlled substance.

Prosecutors say that over a two-year period, Helling filled prescriptions

that he knew had been forged or altered.

"I have never knowingly filled a prescription I thought was forged," Helling testified.

Prosecutors contend that Helling filled forged or altered prescriptions brought to the pharmacy by Laura Newell-Law, Deborah Arnold and Leslie Greenslaugh.

Arnold, 50, of Carthage, Ill., is serving a federal sentence of 13 years

and 2 months on unrelated drug charges.

Greenslaugh, 37, and Newell-Law, 44, both of Fort Madison, have pleaded guilty to charges of using forged or altered prescriptions.

They will be sentenced Sept. 28.

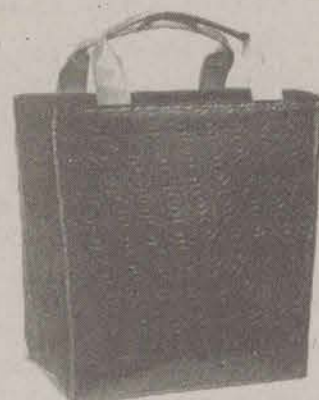
Helling said he only recognized Arnold, whom he said had brought prescriptions to his pharmacy. He said he did not recognize or know the other two women.

The women, and other witnesses, claimed Helling filled forged prescriptions in exchange for cash or sexual favors. One witness claimed she was coerced into a back room of the pharmacy after hours and raped.

Helling said those accusations cannot be true because he has been impotent since 1995. He said he was diagnosed with diabetes in 1993 and by 1995 could not become aroused.

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1 Tennessee

Plane crashes into truck — driver dies, pilot walks

GREENEVILLE — A Mosheim pilot walked away after his plane crashed on a road Sunday evening, but a pickup truck driver was killed — either by the plane or by a power pole it had knocked down.

Chad Andrew Brown died and his wife, Shawna, was injured in the freak accident on Blue Springs Highway as the Mosheim couple were driving to church shortly before 6 p.m. EDT.

Bruce M. Hartman was trying to land his single-engine Piper J4A Cub on a private grass airfield behind his home in Mosheim, about seven miles west of Greeneville, but came in a little low and tried to abort the landing, said Greene County Sheriff Steve Burns.

As he tried to pull up, the plane apparently stalled and dropped onto some power lines, clipped the top of the truck and then slammed into the parkway, where it caught fire, Burns said. The truck veered off the roadway, crashed through a chain-link fence and into a building.

Hartman, 37, escaped with minor injuries.

Investigators believe that debris from a shattered power pole or an electrical transformer on another pole crushed the driver's side roof on the pickup truck, instantly killing Brown, 19.

His wife Shawna, 20, was treated at a local hospital for injuries sustained in the crash and was released Sunday night.

2 Georgia

Lion hunters capture stone statues of cats

SAVANNAH — In downtown Savannah, lion statues are posted in front of homes and churches, stone sentinels keeping watch over entrances and doorways.

But lately the stone cats have needed protection of their own. Police have noticed lion statues being stolen in what may be a new Savannah tradition: lion hunting.

Just last month, in one of the most dramatic examples of lion larceny, two 400-pound lions, valued at \$250 apiece, were stolen from outside a house.

The thefts have persuaded people to take extra precautions to keep their lions safe. One family hoped to discourage thieves by cementing their four lions in place.

Others are using special sealants such as Liquid Nails and Bondo to secure their lion statues, according to Savannah hardware stores.

Carlton Durham, an elder at the United House of Prayer for All People, expects the weight of his church's lions to be enough of a deterrent.

Two 800-pound lions mark the entrance.

"They are so heavy, it would take at least four, maybe six men (to move one)," Durham said.

Larceny in general has increased 66.5 percent from last year, according to the Savannah Police Department.

Stolen bikes, patio furniture,

statues and other items are being taken during the night from commercial and residential buildings.

"It's not any one type of item," said Brian Renner, planning and research coordinator for the Savannah Police Department. "It's just more of everything."

However, the thefts of lion statues has been good for a Savannah area garden shop as residents search for substitutes to replace their prized lions.

"We recently had run on them," said DeeDee Goodwin at Southern Precast Concrete in Blitchton, a shop that sells the statues.

"Mostly customers from the downtown area who have come here to replace the ones that they had stolen."

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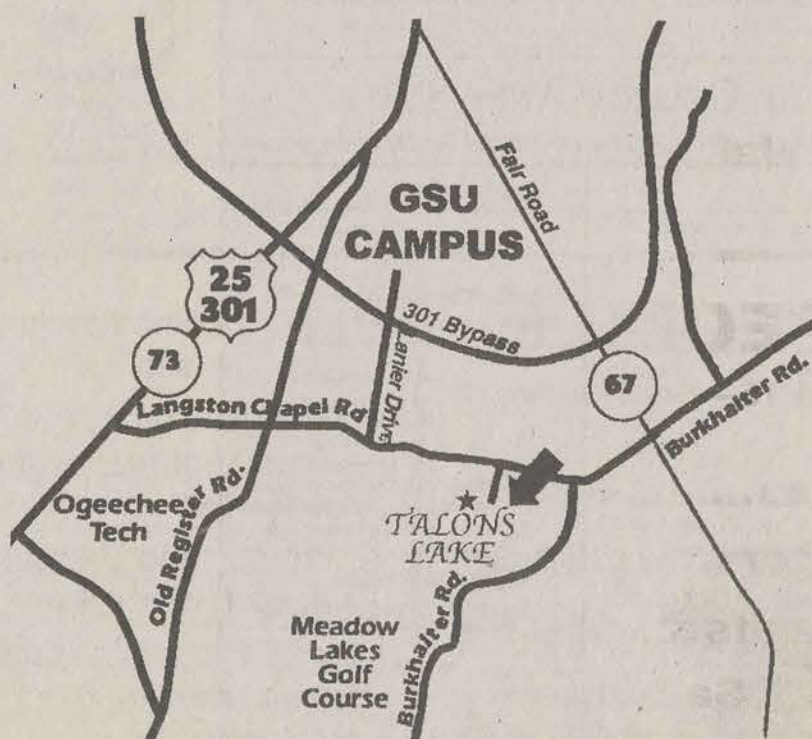
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OPINIONS

WINGS plummets to earth... hard

They overflowed the Williams Center hall. They were confused, angry and impatient. They even stole chairs out of the G-A office.

Yup, WINGS took its first baby steps out of the nest and proceeded to eat dirt.

We attend a major regional university, one that's supposed to be clawing its way into the "first tier" of academia. There are nearly 15,000 of us here paying tuition. Couldn't a

bit of that go towards a modern, dare we say efficient registration system?

There are the horror stories: you click on a link, then wait for five minutes before the data you need pops up.

Sure, you can rationalize, the server is overloaded. When? During registration, probably the only time you need it. This is clearly not far-thinking design at work.

Many of us yearn for the "good old days," when kindly grandmother types took your registration information and inputted it into the computer by hand. Sure,

you had to wait in a line, and sometimes deal with dead hearing aid batteries.

There was a limited number of retirees tapping the keys, however.

The system never jammed up, unless someone happened to remind Edna of her grandson "who studies music up in New York."

What about the guy who clicked to add a class, then found all of his classes canceled, *except* the one he tried to add?

Registration is second only to graduation in terms of determining our ultimate academic fate. Why not make it a bit less hellish?

Our Opinion

Customer service and the decline of modern civilization

JAKE HALLMAN



I realize I'm about to come off like Michael Douglas in "Falling Down" here, but I consider myself quite a normal guy.

I'm a responsible news editor, pay my taxes, and even play piano at the local Lutheran church on Sundays. I'm not prone to flights of random rant against the mentally incompetent.

However, Michael Douglas *did* end up with Catherine Zeta-Jones, so who cares about me?

Anyway, my bitter rival Chris Brenneman and I went to Burger King for lunch Monday.

The counter wench, like most

counter wenches I've encountered as of late, didn't even attempt the rudimentary steps of customer service.

Important aside here: I use the term "counter wench" not out of any misogyny, just for easy identification. A "counter wench" could just as well be male as female.

Y'know, things like smiling.

Things like looking at us as if we weren't dirty journalists, seeming to pay attention to our order, saying "please" and "pardon me, could you repeat that?" instead of "WHAT?!!!" Things like attempting to look somewhat well-groomed and hygienically fit enough to handle our food.

We were shoved our burgers, and sat down, discussing exactly why customer service has gone to hell in the fast food industry. We've both had ample experience, seeing as we're just now learning what that strange thing with the round heating coils is that sits across from our respective refrigerators.

I like enumerated lists, so here's

our hypotheses:

1) The economy's been good for the past few years. So good, in fact, that practically anyone can get a job *somewhere*.

To that end, why should the counter wench care if the customers berate the gods about her crappy attitude? Someone complains to a manager, and she gets fired. Next

SHE HATES PEOPLE LIKE ME. PEOPLE WHO LUCKED OUT WITH PARENTS WHO WERE REASONABLY WELL-OFF, GOT A COLLEGE EDUCATION, AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE OVER \$15K A YEAR.

week, she'll be working at the Wendy's a block away.

2) Apologizing for the "Fight Club" references, we were all told we're gonna be movie stars. We'll all have the big houses, nice cars, and a Playstation 2 in the den.

Uh-huh. This is *not* going to happen on a counter wench's salary. I know this, and they know this. Minimum wage doesn't even barely pay the rent around here, let alone get you Gran Turismo 3 and a new Mazda.

Who is the counter wench going to vent her frustrations on? Her co-workers? Certainly not. She has to work with them every day.

That leaves the customers. People she sees every day who evidently aren't working while she is. People who she sees come in

wearing nice clothes, driving nice cars. She hates all of us. She wants what we have, and she's never going to get it on her salary.

This plays nicely into:

3) Abject frustration. The kids who ate paint chips are the ones who just aren't going to amount to much. We'll always need them to flip burgers, take out the trash, sweep up after us and (thanks Frontier) install DSL, but they'll never have the respect that any hard worker deserves from society.

The counter wench with a high

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I'm actually impressed with SGA....so far

CHRIS BRENNAMAN



I got the pleasure of interviewing SGA president Bryan Saxton and his VP Nick Pearson. I've known Nick since before his SGA tenure. We had a bowling class together and he embarrassed us all with his prowess at the lanes. Bryan? Well not many people knew of him six months ago. Then he came and took the presidency and brought his entire ticket along for the ride.

If you're not familiar with the state of SGA in the last few years, here an overview. After a good run by Russell Keen, we got Aaron Nicely. Aaron was a charismatic guy, made you feel like you were

the most important guy in the room. However, some felt he was kind of shady. After his first run at president we had the venerable Zach Rushing run against the beautiful (and highly intelligent) Joyce Estrada.

Messy does not even begin to describe that election. One thing led to another and when the smoke cleared, Aaron Nicely was back in office for round two. Midway through his tenure, some paper work wasn't filed, and Aaron was no longer president. Enter Francys Johnson. Again, we had someone who was a charismatic guy, but some folks questioned his motives.

Now all through this not much was accomplished. The SGA and the George-Anne spent most of their time at odds with each other and I think the students suffered from the whole debacle.

So here we are in 2001 and the

new officers are touting that the dark days are over and they're ready to move on to, get this, doing their job.

I've never run into anyone in SGA more dedicated than Nick Pearson. The man does not mince words and he says what he means. When he's interviewed he doesn't give sound bites, he gives honest answers to questions. When he doesn't know the answer, he tells you as much. Whenever I've needed to talk to him, his door is always open and he always returns calls. He even stops by the office to say hello. In the past when an SGA face came by, we knew were in for some smoke-blowing.

I met Bryan for the first time last week and he came across as a humble, even shy, man. I spent Tuesday morning with him in his Union office and

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It's decision time

JUSTIN JOHNSON



fine. In high school, your teachers told horror stories about college. Ha, it couldn't be true because look at you. In your bed, all cozy and warm, you again drift off to sleep.

When you wake up, it's dark outside. You stumble out of bed, take a shower and put on your clothes for the day. You're starving, so you eat.

The phone rings, and a friend down the hall encourages you to come out that night. You say sure. After all, you haven't done anything all day. You should do something. You should go out. You don't want to be totally unproductive do you? No. So you do go out and you have a blast. I'm glad you went out, you tell yourself.

The alarm clock goes off. You say to yourself, "There's just no way I can go to class today. I'm way too tired." You hit the snooze button.

Two weeks later, you come to class and discover you have a test. What? That ass of a teacher is giving us a test? School has barely started! What is she thinking? She is out to get me. She hates me. She wants me to fail this class. She is determined to make me pay for missing class. I know it! Look at her, she's passing out those tests and she's smiling! She's loving it! I hate her.

You read the test over, you recognize a few words like "the" and "why". Other than that, you wish you had a dictionary to translate. You also wish you had a calculator. That way, you could figure out if indeed you did make a zero on this test and made 100's on all your other tests, you could pull off with a C. You decide you can, and everything is okay. There's three more tests, after all.

And this, the downfall of the college freshman. The decision that caused him to lose his HOPE scholarship. The reason he landed himself academic probation before he knew what hit him. All of these things could have been avoided if only he had not turned off the alarm. If only, but no—you can't change the past.

Listen to your family, your teachers and to people that have experience in the field. They aren't stupid, even if you think they are. Don't assume that you know everything, you don't. This is, however, the beginning of the rest of your life. Take hold of that. Manage your time wisely. Go to class. Your parents and your grades will thank you for it. You might discover your teacher isn't out to get you after all.

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Of course everything will be

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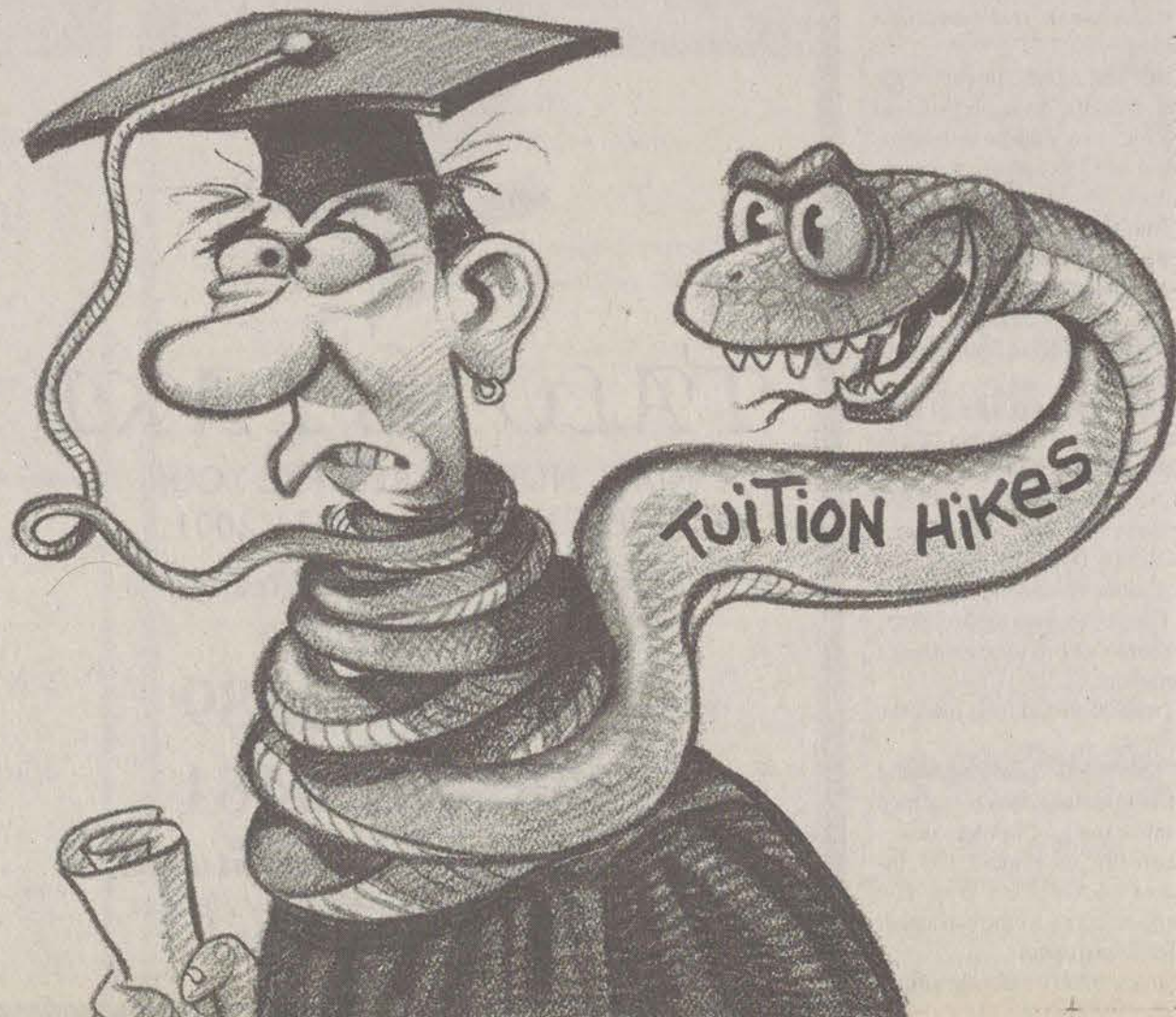
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THE STRUGGLES OF SELECTING A MAJOR

Amanda
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I have always envied those people who run around elementary school and junior high knowing exactly what they want to do with their lives, and go on to do exactly as they plan. What is their secret? How can they be so certain?

When I decided on a major during my senior year of high school, I was so excited about my choice that I mistook my own enthusiasm for certainty. Of course, I thought, I was *destined* to be a teacher. All of my life experience was all beginning to make sense. Possessing the power to mold the minds of an entire classroom full of impressionable children and becoming the ultimate role model seemed incredibly heroic. As my dad so hesitantly put it, it is "a...well, noble profession, if you don't mind not getting paid much."

My favorite thing about a major in education was the concentric pattern of decisions to be made once I decided on the education part: In what grade level will I specialize? What subject will I teach? I figured this was the space within which I had room to be creative, and increase my chances at making money in the field. The grade level was an easy choice: middle grades. I remember being in middle school, and how desperately my peers and I needed good teachers and examples to follow. In honor of one of my favorite high school teachers, I decided on History Education.

All it took was my first college-level World History course, and I was in my advisor's office. I hadn't even taken a Geography class, yet there I was, changing my major to Geography Education. I justified it by reasoning that it was somewhat closer to a science, therefore there would be a greater demand for it than something I really like to do, like English.

As much as I hate to admit it, I was settling horribly on a major in Education because I thought my dream job was just that: a dream. Though it was very uncharacteristic of myself, I deserted that dream and lowered my bar for something more attainable. When I got back to school this semester, I had a new perspective, and I changed my major to what it was always supposed to be: English. Coincidentally, if my top choice career doesn't work out, I can still be a noble English teacher. How is this time any different than the other times I was "sure" of my major? I can feel that I'm doing what makes me want to do my best. I don't feel like a square peg trying to fit through a round hole anymore. Sure, I have fears and doubts about the future, but now I wouldn't trade my goals for anything. It is now worth the work I'm doing just to see how it all works out.

Whether you are in my position and have already test driven a few majors, or you

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The 'Boro has an alternative to your 'daily grind'

By Angela Colson
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Looking for something different from your average franchised eating establishment with a classier yet relaxing atmosphere? Then try The Daily Grind Coffee House located in The Village Square on the corner of Savannah Avenue and South Zetterower (the nice new upscale place that looks like it doesn't belong in Statesboro).

The Daily Grind offers a variety of coffees: espresso, café au lait, cappuccino, café latte, mocha royale, etc. Some other atypical drinks worth a try: chai tea (a personal favorite), steamed milk and honey (which tastes like a warm vanilla milk shake), hot chocolate, Italian soda, French Soda, and smoothies.

This relatively new coffee house also offers various desserts and pastries like cheesecake, gourmet cakes, muffins, and of course bagels. The prices of the different desserts and pastries are from \$1.20 and up.

The Daily Grind also serves lunch. Their lunch menu varies from day to day but always serves "Rhonda's Chicken Salad Sandwich." The chicken salad, named after the owner, is made with grapes and almonds.

The first time I went to The Daily Grind, I tried this chicken salad. Now, I must confess that I'm not a big fan of fruit in my chicken salad or fruit in any kind of salad for that matter. Since I went on a Saturday and that was the only sandwich they were serving I had only one choice.

I ordered the sandwich as a basket, which comes with chips, pickle, and a "sweet surprise." The chicken salad was served on a croissant and was actually very good. I picked the grapes out, but that's just a personal preference.



Lindsay Wise/STAFF

A HAVEN AWAY FROM YOUR DAILY GRIND: The Daily Grind, Statesboro's most popular coffeehouse, features live music, refreshing drinks, and a relaxing atmosphere.

I also ordered the vanilla chai tea served cold, which I have had before. If you have never tried chai tea, get it. It's sooo good. It's a blend of black tea, honey, vanilla bean, ginger, and milk is added to create this wonderful drink. I prefer vanilla chai tea, but they offer other flavors as well.

The next time I went to the coffee house, I went on a week day and they had many more choices for lunch: tuna in pita bread, roast beef with Swiss cheese on a

hoagie with au jus, BLT on sour dough, and turkey on a croissant. They also offered soup of the day, a cream of potato, which I did not get. I ordered the roast beef and I was very impressed. It wasn't like a cold deli roast beef, it tasted like it had just been in the oven. My friend ordered the BLT and she was impressed as well: the lettuce and tomato looked and tasted fresh. The prices of the baskets are \$5.95-\$6.95, which sounds expensive, but I recommend that you try it at least once.

The aesthetics of the place are much like that of a typical coffee house, but with a classier look. Each table is uniquely different with mismatching chairs. There are also a couple of differently designed sofas as well as a coffee bar. The area inside is not very big, but it is quaint and cozy and definitely has that coffee house feel and look. Despite its coffee house atmosphere, it lacks one thing that is found in most coffee houses: smoking. The Daily Grind is a non-smoking establishment.

The owner, Rhonda Rodewolt, mentioned that The Daily Grind has entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Singer-songwriter Leslie Berry, originally from the Atlanta area will be playing Friday night and regular Dwight Emerson, who showcases modern and traditional folk music as well as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and James Taylor, plans to release a new CD at The Daily Grind on August 30.

A CULINARY CAMPUS...



Jill Burnham/STAFF

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Any day of the school year, you can hear numerous students complaining about the lack of food on campus. The complaints should ring hollow, considering that there are now actually 18 places to eat on campus.

Everything from American cheese-

burgers to home-cooked fried chicken, and even Chinese eggrolls can be bought on campus with either Eagle Express or your meal plan.

The Russell Union has the Educated Palate, the only place on campus to sit down and enjoy being waited on. The current American favorite, Chick-fil-a, is also located in the Union.

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- Union Station
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'YAY YAY' FOR 'YA-YA': A book about sisterhood and friendship in the American South

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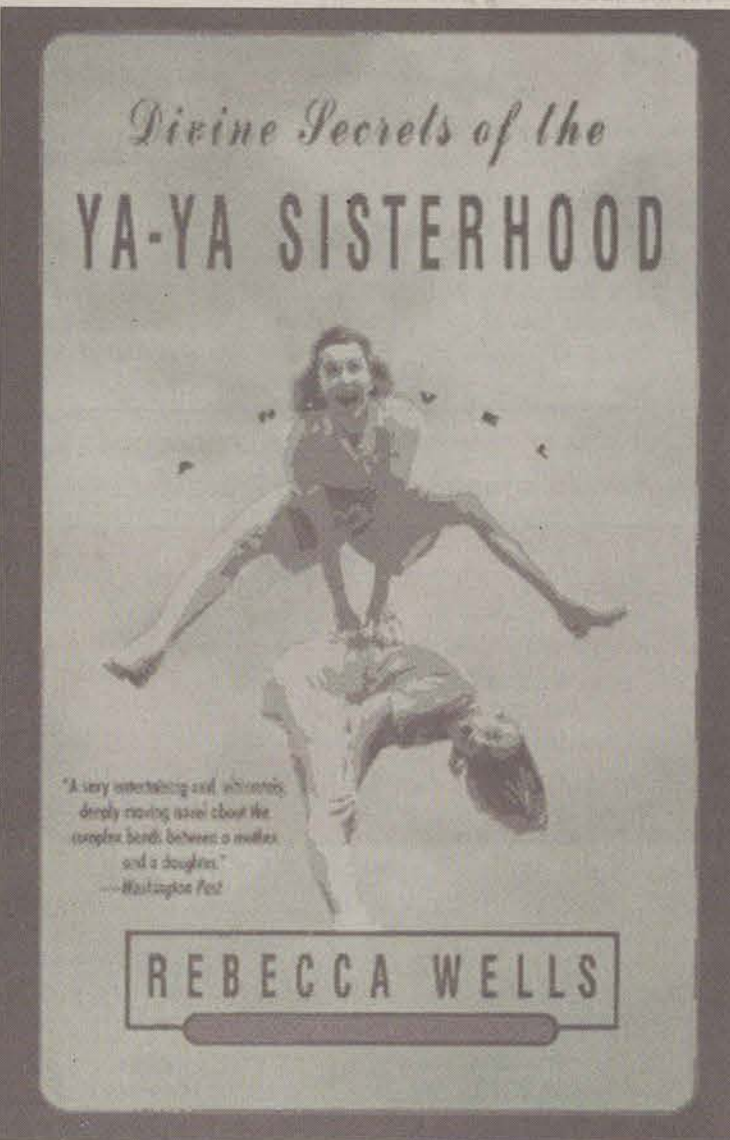
It's not in Oprah's Book Club, but it should be. Rebecca Wells' "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" is a poignant, delicious tale of the often tumultuous mother-daughter relationship and the everlasting bonds of childhood friendships. Set in the heart of Louisiana, the novel tells the story of life in a small southern town from the 1930s on up through the eyes of the Ya-Yas, an eccentric group of four best friends: Vivi, Teensy, Caro, and Necie. From the Shirley Temple Look-A-Like Contest and the "Gone With The Wind" premiere to the lazy days at Spring Creek, cocktails, marriage, and motherhood, these four Southern belles have relied on each other for humor and strength throughout the years.

While the novel centers on the Ya-Yas, it also tells the story of Vivi Abbott Walker's daughter Sidda. At forty years old, Sidda Walker, a successful theater director, becomes engaged to the love of her life; yet, she suffers from a sort of breakdown about life and her relationship with her mother. In an interview with The New York Times, Sidda reveals parts of her childhood that do not speak kindly of Vivi. Vivi, in turn, refuses to speak to Sidda.

Enter the other Ya-Yas to the rescue. In an attempt to make Sidda understand why her mother is the way she is, they press Vivi to send Sidda "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," a scrapbook and journal of their lives. Thus begins Sidda's journey and our journey into the stories of the Ya-Yas.

We learn about Vivi's own abusive childhood, and while we are disgusted with her abuse towards Sidda and her siblings, we can't help but feel sorry for her hard upbringing. Wells does an excellent job of portraying Vivi Abbott Walker as a flamboyant, off-center character that seems to accept her own position in her life as a caged bird who is only free to fly when she is with the Ya-Yas.

Like many Southern writers,



Special Photo

BEST FRIENDS IN THE SOUTH: Rebecca Wells' book, "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," focuses on the life-long friendship of four women and their children in the Southern United States.

Rebecca Wells offers a big helping of the quirky South, particularly, the bayou French Louisiana South. The steamy humidity, the smell of crayfish "etoufee," and the sounds of the Ya-Yas playing "bouree" envelop our senses and allow this Southern culture to become almost another character in the novel. She also succeeds in capturing the best and worst of the South that she is so familiar with (Wells is from Louisiana) through the dialogue between the characters and the rich Southern traditions.

While there is much to rave about in the novel, there are a few unanswered questions, but the novel's companion "Little Alters Everywhere" attempts to fill in those holes. In fact, "Little Al-

ters Everywhere" gives the different perspectives of life at the Walker house with tales from Sidda's siblings and others that have witnessed events in their lives that is needed to understand specific details in "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

Although the abuse and heartache in the novel often overshadows the humor and charm, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" excels in creating dynamic characters whose own abuse and heartache often overshadow their own humor and charm as they persevere through friendship and forgiveness. (Note: Filming recently began on a movie version of "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" that is supposed to star Ashley Judd and Sandra Bullock).

'Rat Race' runs downhill fast

Associated Press

Nearly 40 years ago, a cavalcade of comic geniuses starred in "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World."

It was the story of a group of greedy strangers who outscheme and outwit each other in search of buried treasure, while an assortment of lazy cops sits around a police station tracking their progress and trying to figure out who will get there first.

"Rat Race" claims it's not a remake of the 1963 film, but it's awfully similar.

This time, the story's about a group of greedy strangers who outscheme and outwit each other to reach a \$2 million jackpot, while an international assortment of ultrawealthy

gamblers sits in a Las Vegas penthouse, tracking their progress and betting on who will get there first.

Every once in a while, director Jerry Zucker pulls out a sight gag or a surreal comic moment reminiscent of movies he first made his name on: "Airplane!" and the "Naked Gun" series.

But most of the jokes telegraph themselves a mile away, so you can plan ahead not to laugh.

Much of what made "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World" so funny came from the strength of the cast—including Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Buddy Hackett, Ethel Merman, Mickey Rooney, Phil Silvers and Jonathan Winters—and the consistently quick, witty banter.

The players here—Rowan Atkinson, Whoopi Goldberg, Cuba Gooding Jr., Seth Green, Jon Lovitz, Breckin Meyer and Amy Smart—have varying degrees of individual star power. And the dialogue they have to work with from former "Saturday Night Live" writer Andy Breckman is sporadically funny at best.

The characters all happen to get a gold coin, inviting them to participate in the game, while playing slots at The Venetian hotel-casino.

As the hotel owner who sets up the race, John Cleese plays an eccentric, British version of Jeff Probst in

this high-stakes game of "Survivor."

Individual moments are memorable, such as the side bets the wealthy gamblers make while they wait for the race to end: whether a hooker will perform an especially kinky act involving a bathtub full of Pepto-Bismol, or the flavor of a certain piece of candy in an enormous box of chocolates. "SCTV" alum Dave Thomas makes these scenes work as the straight man.

Atkinson is funny for the first few minutes; all bugged-out eyes and gangly limbs, he's perfect for

this kind of broad physical comedy. But his manic, Benigni-esque shtick gets tiresome quickly.

Lovitz is funny simply because he's Jon Lovitz;

just seeing him on screen is good for a laugh. And there's an amusing cameo from Kathy Bates as a nutty woman who sells squirrels.

Some moments probably sounded funnier than they became in the execution. The idea of a cow dangling by a rope from a hot air balloon, floating through the air and slamming into the windshield of a bus full of Lucille Ball impersonators probably looked good on paper. (It looks good just writing it.) But when it actually happens, the joke lands with a thud.

Then after functioning as a wacky, broad comedy for nearly two hours, the movie abruptly shifts gears with a feel-good ending. And what's even worse, it features Smash Mouth singing their ubiquitous hit "All Star," which was already painfully hackneyed when the song appeared in "Shrek" three months ago.

It could have been worse, though. It could have been "Who Let the Dogs Out." Oh, wait, that song comes on during the start of the race.

Never mind.

"Rat Race," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual references, crude humor, partial nudity and language. Running time is 112 minutes.



Cause unknown for fire that killed WVU swimmer

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The cause of a weekend house fire that killed a West Virginia University swim team member may not be known for another week.

Morgantown Fire Department captain said Monday.

"We're still interviewing the occupants of the house," Capt. David Bean said.

Thomas M. Schwind, 20, of Huntington Woods, Mich., will be buried Tuesday in Detroit.

Schwind's body was found Saturday morning in a second-floor apartment above where the fire is believed to have started, said Morgantown Fire Capt. Rick Hill.

There were seven people in the building at the time of the 5:19 a.m. blaze. The six who escaped told firefighters that Schwind was still in the building.

One of the occupants, Andrew Engle, has told investigators that he reached Schwind, but "he somehow got away from him. Then he couldn't find him, it was too smoky and too hot for him,"

Bean said.

Engle spent one night in Ruby Memorial Hospital and was treated for smoke inhalation, Bean said.

Brian Daniels and Nicholas Frye also were treated for smoke inhalation.

They will take a framed certificate of special recognition to the family from WVU President David C. Hardesty Jr.

"Tom was just a special man and a great kid," McIlquham said.

"Everyone turned to him as a leader and a friend." Both the men's and women's swim teams met with assistant coach Steve Phillips and other school personnel to discuss the tragedy.

"It's very hard," Phillips said. "Right now we're just trying to make sure all of our athletes are taken care of. It's been rough on them."

"He was one of those kids who would do anything for anybody. The big thing now is to stay strong and remember the good things he did."

Schwind, who swam primarily backstroke and breaststroke, will be buried in his swim uniform.

Schwind is the second WVU student to die in an apartment fire this year.

A 22-year-old Clarksburg man was killed on New Year's Day when his two-story building burned.

"HE WAS ONE OF THOSE KIDS WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ANYBODY. THE BIG THING NOW IS TO STAY STRONG AND REMEMBER THE GOOD THINGS HE DID."

**—STEVE PHILLIPS
WVU ASSISTANT SWIM COACH**

tion and released. Housemate Rob DiMilia and two female guests were uninjured, a school spokeswoman said Monday.

Schwind had returned to Morgantown on Thursday to prepare for Monday's start of fall classes. He was a member of the WVU swim team and was a third-year sophomore physical education major.

McIlquham and assistant athletic director Terri Howes will attend the services Tuesday at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Detroit, along with some members of the swim team and Schwind's roommates, school officials said.

IMPRESSED, FROM PAGE 4A

I had a great time. He seemed uncomfortable being interviewed, knowing that most of the faceless mass would be reading the end results of the conversation. I can't say that I blame him. I was interviewed once last year by a 15 year old reporter from the high school I attended for their newspaper and was still a bit nervous.

Bryan didn't sit behind his desk. Instead he sat beside me in front of the desk. He decided to forego the usual jacket and khakis in favor of

jeans and a flannel shirt. He talked about wanting to be involved with the students and regaining their trust. Like Nick, he chose honest answers over sound bites.

Hopefully, this is a sign of things to come. As much fun as it was reading articles detailing SGA's shenanigans, enough is enough. SGA is in place as a means for the GSU student body to have a say. We've had enough of electing individuals whose only reason for being in SGA is personal gain. It's time the children were sent home and

the adults given the power.

It is my sincere hope that Bryan Saxton, Nick Pearson and the rest of the "new" SGA don't make me or the people that elected them look like fools. I've been writing for four years here at the George Anne and both Bryan and Nick know my reputation. I hope they know that these happy columns don't sit well with me and nothing gets me going more than a screwed-up SGA.

Keep it up guys.
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SERVICE, FROM PAGE 4A

school diploma (or less) and no prospects for further betterment due to lack of ability or resources *knows* that she's a counter wench and probably will be a counter wench for the foreseeable future.

She hates people like me. People who lucked out with parents who were reasonably well-

off, got a college education, and have the potential to make over \$15k a year.

Okay, so with my degree I'll probably top out around \$10k.

She hates us just the same. Again, we have what she cannot. We must die.

And thus, we have the explanation for crappy customer service and the seeds of a revolution.

How long will it take for some Che McCuevarra to take all these malcontents and turn them into a fearsome cauldron of seething rage that will destroy our society?

I say we lock the lot of 'em in the rear freezer and replace them with robots.

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MAJOR, FROM PAGE 6A

are undeclared and still trying to commit, chances are, you can't decide with certainty because you are lying to yourself. There is an easier way to find the right major.

First, you have to know what you love to do—that one thing for which you have an undying passion. Next, you

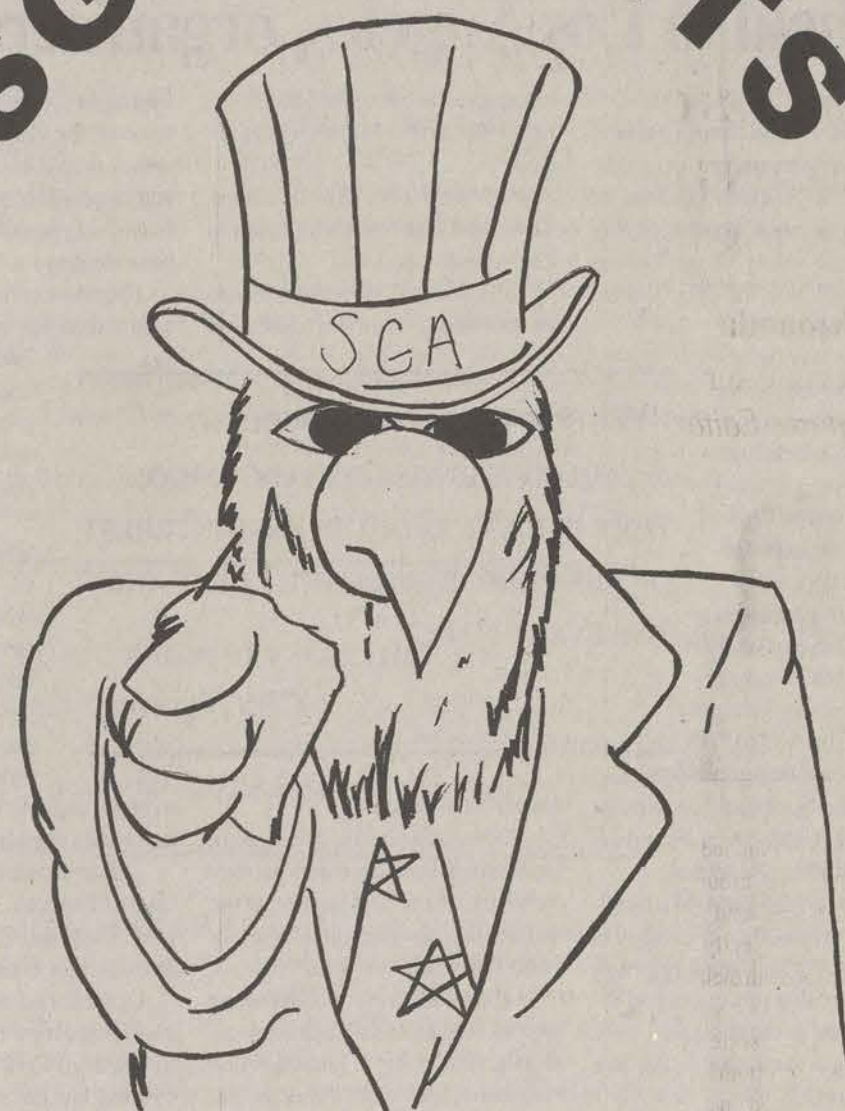
have to know things for which you have a talent or ability. Then, you have to discard the money factor and realize that you will inevitably create a way to make money at something for which you are so talented and love so unquenchably.

Indefinitely, the thing that

you truly desire to do with your life will have a way of working out in ways you never thought possible...unless you never try it.

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Latin Grammys pulled from Miami; to be held in Los Angeles, organizers say

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Latin Grammy Awards will be moved from Miami to Los Angeles because of fears Cuban exile protesters will threaten the safety of performers and the audience, the event's organizers said Monday.

Miami city officials agreed Sunday to let protesters demonstrate in a three-block area near the arena, but organizers wanted protesters to be kept farther away.

"I can't guarantee the security of our people. We have people coming from all over the world," said Michael Greene, president and CEO of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences and the Latin Recording Academy.

Protesters also planned to infiltrate the ceremony, he said in a statement: "The Academy was made aware that protesters had secured tickets to the show and were organizing a disruption to the live telecast itself."

Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas offered Monday to create a half-block buffer between the protesters and a security zone established for performers and people arriving for the ceremony at American Airlines Arena, but the offer was not enough.

Greene cited protests in 1999 when the Cuban group Los Van Van performed in Miami. Batteries

and eggs were thrown at ticket holders as they arrived for the event, he said.

Now the event will be held Sept. 11 in the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles, he said.

Officials at CBS, which plans to air the show, issued a statement

Miami last year, but city officials rejected the idea. They said Cuban artists would be part of the event and cited a law barring the county from doing business with those who have dealings with Cuba.

Foundation President Jorge Mas Santos took part in the event's nomination ceremony last month. Within two weeks, about 20 foundation members resigned.

The issue was debated on the streets of Little Havana, where people agreed the event should not take place in Miami.

About 60 exile groups opposed to Fidel Castro planned to protest against Cuban musicians and artists attending the ceremony.

Cuban nominees include Francisco Cespedes, Chucho Valdes, Issac Delgado, Celina Gonzalez y Reutilio and Omara Portuondo.

Greene said academy officials considered moving the event north to Broward County and were told by local law enforcement that they could not guarantee people's safety.

"We're saddened by this. It was not necessary," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, which represented the exiles in negotiating protest permits.

Penelas said the event would have brought \$30 million to \$35 million in revenue to the area.

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backing the academy.

"We support the Recording Academy's decision to do what they believe is in the best interest of the performers, the guest and the event itself," the network said.

Miami City Commissioner Tomas Regalado said academy officials should have known when they chose Miami for the event that protests would follow.

"This was handled very badly from the beginning," Regalado said. "Whoever gave Mr. Greene guarantees should have known better that this would have happened. We should have discussed this from the beginning and not at the last minute."

Academy officials wanted to hold the first Latin Grammys in

U of Illinois-Springfield accepts first class of freshmen

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. Freshmen across Illinois are getting ready for their first year of college. And one college is getting ready for its first year of freshmen.

The University of Illinois at Springfield has never had freshmen or sophomores, but after a decade of effort administrators have created the "Capital Scholars" program to serve underclassmen.

"We're excited," said James Stuart, the program's director. "This is going to be fun."

The university had hoped to recruit a first year class of 100 students for the program, and Stuart said a total of 119 students have paid their registration fees and are scheduled to show up Thursday.

"(The total) is quite remarkable for the first year," Stuart said.

The Capital Scholars program

is targeted for a select group of students. Stuart said the initial class has an average ACT college entrance exam score of 25-26, and the students rank in the top 15 percent to 20 percent of their high school classes.

UIS was founded in 1970 as Sangamon State University, an "upper division" university, with juniors, seniors and graduates. The idea was that students would complete their first two years of college at community colleges before moving on to an upper division school to finish up.

The upper division concept never worked as well as it was hoped and has been abandoned by most of the schools that originally adopted it. Administrators at SSU/UIS began publicly discussing adding freshmen and sophomores in the early 1990s, although there had

been discussions of the idea on campus for some time before that.

It was assumed that the university would move to a full four-year undergraduate program when it became a part of the U of I system in 1995, but opposition from other colleges fearful of competition for freshmen delayed approval of the change until 1999.

As a result, the first UIS freshmen will be limited to the honors-type Capital Scholars program, but no one doubts that the day is not far off when the university begins admitting a more diverse population of freshmen.

Each member of the first freshman class will take a series of specially designed courses that will be team-taught by five faculty members from different disciplines and that will look at topics and issues from multiple perspectives.

New technology creates virtual scenery

Associated Press

DETROIT — A theater professor plans to produce a production that will use new technology to create virtual scenery and characters that will interact with live performers on stage.

George Popovich wants to make Henry Ford Community College one of the first schools to use three-dimensional technology and actors in a stage performance.

His first virtual play, Shakespeare's "The Tempest," is scheduled for August 2002.

"We're forming the performance styles of the 21st century," Popovich said. "We're little people and we

have big technology."

To produce the play, Popovich and his students will use four projectors, a 15-foot screen and several computers. Over five years, the school has spent about \$150,000 on theatrical technology need for the virtual production.

Audience will wear 3-D glasses and see images directly in front of their faces.

During the performance, crew members will control the computerized images from backstage. The virtual characters and sets will interact with performers on stage with the ability to improvise and react just like a human actor.

"That's what makes this different

from a rock concert or an IMAX movie," Popovich said.

Popovich said "The Tempest" is an ideal play to stage with digital technology because it incorporates elements of magic. It tells the story of a group of people shipwrecked on an island, where they encounter a group of fairies.

Each show will be limited to audiences of 80 people to keep the experience intense.

Jeff Ensign, a musician and former Henry Ford student, will create the computerized images.

"We're trying to explore new aspects of theater," he told The Detroit News for a story Sunday.

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GSU taking no West Nile precautions

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In the wake of the Aug. 11 death of an elderly woman in Atlanta from the West Nile virus and a 40-year-old man's diagnosis this week in Florida, GSU has no special plans to protect students from the disease.

According to Dr. Curt Hames, chief physician at GSU Health Services, the likelihood of students being at risk from the mosquito-borne disease is remote.

"It's more older people, over the age of 50, who are much more susceptible than this age group on campus would be," Hames said. "Usually, people who have some other medical problems.

"I think the chances in this age group would be pretty slim. It's something to be on the watch for, but hopefully it won't have an effect here."

Should the disease appear in the area, the first course of action will be to eliminate mosquitoes with additional spraying and removal of the standing water the insects breed in, Hames added.

The West Nile virus has killed 10 people in the United States since 1999. When the disease struck in New York, officials instituted mass anti-mosquito sprayings and Atlanta health officials have used larva-killing chemical pellets to stem the risk of the disease.

Atlanta officials met with New York experts Monday to hear how they handled the virus and to share their own plans, according to Dr. Adewale Troutman, director of the Fulton County health department.

For most people, the virus causes only a flu-like illness and many who are exposed don't get sick at all. People with weakened immune systems are considered most at risk.

"It crosses the blood/brain barrier and causes inflammation of the brain," Hames said.

"Most infections are mild. Symptoms include fever, headaches and body aches. Often you can get a skin rash, swollen lymph nodes, or, in a more severe infection you have a headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor or disorientation."



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THE ENEMY HAS ARRIVED: Mosquito larvae have been targeted for eradication by public health officials in Atlanta and other areas struck by the West Nile virus. An elderly woman died in Atlanta last week from the disease, and cases have been reported up the Eastern seaboard, from Florida to Ontario.

Tropical Storm Chantel slams into Yucatan Peninsula

• Storm triggers 13-foot waves, whipping up winds that battered buildings, snapped powerlines and sent debris flying all directions.

Associated Press

CHETUMAL, Mexico — A storm nearing hurricane strength slammed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula late Monday night, triggering 13-foot waves and whipping up winds that battered buildings, snapped powerlines and sent debris in all directions.

The center of Tropical Storm Chantel moved over land near the Xcalak peninsula and at 1 a.m. local time (2 a.m. EDT) Tuesday was centered just south of Chetumal, a city of 100,000 and the capital of Quintana Roo state.

Sustained winds approaching 70 mph buffeted shuttered restaurants along this city's deserted coastline. Officials said waves up to 13 feet high pounded the coastline.

Mere hours before the storm rumbled inland land, however, state officials expressed confidence that the storm would not be a major killer by downgrading their state of emergency to a less serious "state of alarm."

Earlier Monday, the region prepared for the storm with Caribbean cruise ships sailing to alternate ports, hotel owners slipping warnings under guests' doors, and civil defense officials stocking shelters with food and bedding.

The storm's front edge brought relatively little rain. The U.S. National Weather Service said that the worst of the rains were likely to come hours after Chantel hit land.

Tropical storms become hurricanes when sustained winds reach 74 mph.

The weather service reported that the storm should continue to move west through the Yucatan and could reach the Gulf of Mexico late Tuesday.

Mexico's National Meteorological Service advised that the storm could still become a hurricane after crossing the Yucatan Peninsula into the Gulf of Mexico.

Mexican television reported that police and soldiers evacuated 1,500 people from three fishing villages north of Chetumal.

State officials said they also evacuated fishermen from Banco Chinchorro, a group of coral reefs east of the Xcalak Peninsula.

Still, shelters here remained well below capacity.

A Chetumal technical school set up to house 500 people had just 112 refugees registered as the storm continued to push inland.

"We don't know yet whether to evacuate," said Arturo Lopez Brasco, a 40-year-old watchman who was nailing planks over the windows of his house across the street from the waterfront.

"I have to be guarding those cars on the corner," he said, and expressed fears that his house might be looted if he left.

The storm "doesn't meet conditions of greater risk," said state spokesman Eduardo Sadot, explaining why the state of emergency had been canceled.

Quinta Roo Governor Joaquin Hendricks, whose state is home to seaside resort city of Cancun, urged residents and tourists to take precautions, and school classes were canceled across the state through Wednesday.

As a precaution, Carnival Cruise Lines diverted all of its Caribbean tours to the port of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico, Notimex reported.

One of the cruises, heading from Galveston, Texas, to Playa del Carmen and the island of Cozumel, 40 miles south of Cancun, arrived in Veracruz on Monday

morning with 1,489 passengers and 733 crew members on board, said the director of port administration, Raul Rodriguez Canovas.

The ship was scheduled to return to Texas on Tuesday night.

In the meantime, local officials were offering 16 buses to show tourists Veracruz's colorful capital city of the same name.

Michael Sheehan, a spokesman for Miami-based Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., said his company had diverted only one cruise ship, which left Saturday bound for Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cozumel. It was rerouted to the eastern Caribbean, Sheehan said.

Mexico's National Meteorological Service advised that the storm could still become a hurricane after crossing the Yucatan Peninsula into the Gulf of Mexico.

Although pounding rains soaked Cancun at dawn Monday, they slowed to intermittent showers and drizzle later in the day, and few tourists seemed overly concerned about the storm.

Bob Brunner, 52, an English teacher from New City, New York, vacationing in Cancun with his wife and daughter, said the Fiesta Americana hotel had slipped a storm notice under his room door.

But unless things get much worse, he said, the family would stick to their initial plans to stay until Thursday.

"If it's stormy tomorrow, they (his wife and daughter) will do the obligatory shopping and I'll find something stronger to drink than coffee," he quipped.

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SAXTON, PAGE 1A

Saxton said that this year, each college will be represented by four of its own senators.

"We're going to charge the senators with going to their colleges and finding out what they want," Saxton said. "Of course they're still representing the general student body, but the ones specifically for that college need to be on the senate to meet the needs of their college."

In addition to the senators representing the colleges, Saxton said that there will be 14 senators-at-large and three freshman senators.

"That's 41 total senators," Saxton said.

Pearson also said that SGA and the faculty are having good relations so far.

"We've been meeting with the administration including the new Vice President of Student Affairs, Linda Bleicken and the Dean of Students, Randy Gunter, as well

as with Dr. Grube," Pearson said. "They've expressed an interest in starting anew with SGA. We have a great working relationship with the faculty."

Pearson said that despite the good relationship with the faculty, that SGA is more concerned with the student body.

"If the faculty does something the students don't agree with, then the relationship goes on the back burner when it comes to us representing the students," Pearson said.

Pearson said that the new executive board wants to emphasize committees in the new school year.

"In the past couple of years we've lost student seats on a lot of the standing committees because of non-attendance, or in some cases haphazardness. We've had members just not show up," Pearson said.

Pearson said that senators will only be allowed two unexcused

absences.

"We're going to be strict about that," Pearson said.

Saxton and Pearson also said that SGA will not be doing as many programs in the coming year.

"Our main focus is not programs," Pearson said. "We're sponsoring a pep rally for the students and helping SAGE with a recycling program. However, we're not here as far as entertainment. We're going to let Eagle Entertainment handle that. We want the programs that we do to benefit the student body. They won't be seen as the most fun. We want to get stuff accomplished."

Pearson said that plans may be underway to move the SGA offices from upstairs in the Russell Union to the bottom floor in the space currently occupied by Snackers.

"It's still in the works," Pearson said. "But it still has our

support. We don't want new offices, [but] we would prefer to be on the student's level. We don't want the students to have any kind of excuse for not being able to see us."

Saxton and Pearson both said that they hope that their relations with student media will improve in the new year.

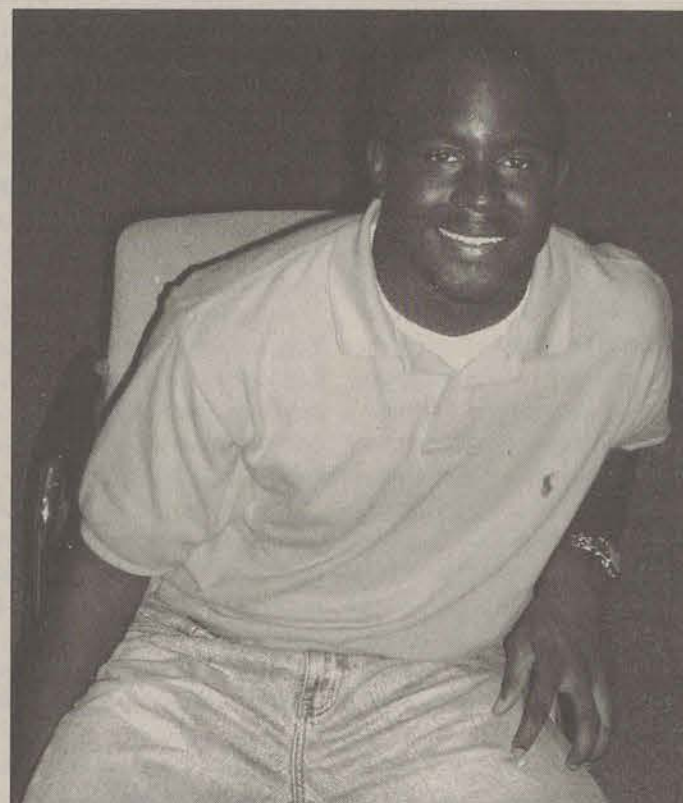
"I can't think of anyone in this office currently that has any outstanding problems with any of the student media," Pearson said.

Saxton said that the student media and SGA are both working towards the same end.

"We're both looking out for the students," Saxton said. "We're going to let the paper know what we're doing."

Saxton said that improving SGA's image is a top priority.

"We're going up," Saxton said. "We want it to be fresh. We're getting people out there and letting the students know what SGA is."



Jake Hallman/STAFF

NICK PEARSON: SGA Vice President Nick Pearson hopes to improve relations with the student body, student media and to emphasize committees during the school year.

ATTACK, FROM PAGE 1A

nothing new. Surfers and kayakers regularly see sharks in the surf. Last Easter weekend, there were seven attacks over a two-day period.

"They're always there. You just have to be careful and know what's around," said surfer Leonardo Pedreros, 18.

A combination of murky water, caused by recent heavy rains pouring runoff into the water, and an unusually crowded beach because of a surfing contest over the weekend, may have caused the sharks to mistake humans for fish.

"When the water is clean, there is no problem because the sharks can see," said Dan Jacocks, 44, who kayaks every

morning off New Smyrna Beach, about 15 miles south of Daytona Beach.

On Saturday, a shark bit 19-year-old Jaison Valentin's left hand for food while he was surfing off New Smyrna Beach. The animal left a 2-inch gash on the back of his hand, requiring surgery to repair torn tendons and ligaments.

"It took a nice big chunk out of my hand," said Valentin, who said he plans to return to surfing once his hand is healed. "I knew to get the hell out of the water."

Another victim, 17-year-old Becky Chapman underwent surgery after being bitten in the leg. She was in good condition Monday.

Sharks also have been on the attack this month in the Bahamas, where two Americans were bitten in the leg. Both are recovering at a Miami hospital, one after having his leg amputated.

An 8-year-old boy was attacked by a bull shark in July in Pensacola, on Florida's Gulf Coast, about 400 miles away. Jessie Arbogast's arm was severed and he lost nearly all his blood. The arm was reattached but Jessie remains in a light coma.

Surfer Sean Nolan saw one advantage to the shark attacks.

"It thins the line," said Nolan, 24, a student. "Usually it is so crowded. Maybe this will keep people away."

SHARK, FROM PAGE 1A

to attack a solitary individual. Do not swim near people who are fishing, sandbars, deep drop-offs,

channels, river mouths, or sewage outfalls. If you notice any fins or dark shapes in the water, leave quickly but calmly, and do not swim where schooling fish congregate in large numbers.

Do not wear shiny jewelry because it resembles the light reflected from schooling fish, and do not enter the water if you are bleeding, as a shark's olfactory senses are highly acute. Refrain from excess splashing, and do not enter murky water because it is easy for the sharks to confuse a human as their own prey. And, of course, common sense would tell you never to harass a shark and agitate their instinctive aggressiveness.

Sharks, although dangerous, can be appreciated for their cunning skill and beauty. Shark researchers have

tried to dispel many myths about the danger of sharks. Although they do not deny that sharks are dangerous, they want people to realize that a majority of sharks attack humans because they confuse them for prey.

Although the number of shark attacks has gone up each year, it is not yet clear if there is any change in the per capita ratio of these attacks.

According to Jan W.H. Koetze, a shark activist, "Media sensationalism and widespread ignorance has given the shark a bad name. Although there are species who are responsible for an average two to three non-fatal attacks on swimmers, surfers, and divers each year, its role as a menace is exaggerated; more people are killed each year by dogs than have been killed by sharks in the past 100 years."

Federal Reserve stages aggressive reductions in interest rates

Associated Press

The Federal Reserve already has staged its most aggressive reduction in interest rates in almost two decades, and many analysts believe the central bank isn't done yet.

Private economists are looking not only for a seventh rate cut at the end of the Fed's meeting Tuesday but also an eighth at the next Fed meeting Oct. 2.

"It is still a very uncertain economic situation out there," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "It is difficult at this moment for the Fed to know when the rebound is coming."

While most economists believe the Fed's upcoming actions will be the more traditional quarter-point rate moves, they did not rule out another half-point cut, especially if central bank policy-makers thought such a surprise move would lift Wall Street out of its current doldrums.

Private economists said at least a quarter point move on Tuesday was a virtual certainty, given recent statements by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, who have warned that troubles related to a pronounced yearlong economic slowdown are not over.

"They have pretty much locked in another quarter-point rate cut," predicted David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's Co. in New York.

In an effort to keep the economy out of recession, the Fed has already cut interest

rates six times since Jan. 3.

The first five reductions were half-point moves, marking the most aggressive Fed easing since early 1982, when the Fed slashed rates to fight the country's worst recession since the Great Depression.

At the Fed's last meeting on June 27, the Fed added a sixth rate cut, but the move was the more normal quarter-point reduction that the Fed has often employed under Greenspan, bringing the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge on overnight loans, down to 3.75 percent.

Those moves have pushed banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, to 6.75 percent, its lowest level in seven years.

U.S. manufacturers issued a plea Monday for a half-point rate cut this week, saying such a move was needed to help alleviate a slowdown in sales that has already prompted them to eliminate 708,000 jobs.

In a letter to Greenspan, National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasnowski said the bolder half-point move was needed to counteract "a sudden and unexpected deterioration overseas" that was raising the threat of a global recession.

The administration of President George W. Bush is counting on lower interest rates plus the impact of nearly \$40 billion in tax rebate money this year to boost consumer demand and provide greater strength in the second half of the year.



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Who is Erk
Russell?Melissa
Connors
Sports EditorA crash course in
Eagle football
history.

About 50% of the campus is actually asking themselves that question right now, and the other 50% of the campus is spouting off statistics and awards that the man has won. Well, back in the day, (about a year ago) I was in the first group. Yes, I'm admitting to it, too. After being Sports Editor for all of five days, this question arose in conversation and I just stood there and said to myself... Who is Erk Russell? Well, I was laughed at, and I'm still teased about it to this day. So I'm here to inform you poor souls that have no idea who I'm talking about so you're not laughed at.

Erk Russell is a football god. The day he stepped foot on Paulson Stadium in 1982, Russell created a dynasty. To fire up the team before a game, Russell, bald-headed, would head-butt each of the helmeted players, often causing blood to run down his face. But it didn't matter to him, he was dedicated to winning the game and he usually did.

Russell began his career as the defensive coordinator for the University of Georgia, molding some of the best defensive teams in his 17-year stint. Russell left Georgia in 1982 to become the head coach for the Eagles, completing a 7-3-1 in his first season. During his time as head coach for the Eagles, Russell led the team to an outstanding 83-22-1 overall record, and after the Eagles moved to Division I-AA in 1984, he achieved a 70-14 mark, averaging 10.4 wins per season.

Russell's 1986 squad led the nation in scoring (41.3 points per game), total offense (501.8 yards per game), and rushing offense (327.1 yards per game). The Eagles were unstoppable in the playoffs during the 1986 season, averaging 50.7 points and winning their second straight national championship, a 1-AA first. Other achievements include three national championships, 83 victories, 17 All-American selections, and numerous honors and awards.

Russell was honored with 19 Coach-of-the-Year awards, inducted into two Hall of Fames, voted Man-of-the-Year, and Coach-of-the-Decade; all in eight years.

Russell ended his coaching career in 1989 with a 15-0 record, making the Eagles the only 15-0 college team of this century.

Russell grew up in Birmingham, AL and earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Auburn University. He was the last four-sport letterman in Auburn history, earning ten letters in football, basketball, baseball and tennis.

Russell was born July 23, 1926 and is married to the former Jean Farmer of Birmingham. They have two sons—Rusty and Jay—who also grew up to become football coaches.

Yeah, I know who Erk Russell is now.

By Doug Kidd
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Jamaal Zanders hopped up and down on the Savannah State track, waiting for his picture to be taken.

The team picture already done, Zanders and his football teammates were ready for individual snapshots.

One after another, his Tiger teammates handed a form and \$20 to the photographer before stepping forward and posing.

When Zanders' turn came, a defensive coach pulled the senior and another teammate ahead. No money exchanged, no forms filled out. Just take the picture, please.

Zanders is that type of player for Savannah State and he knows it. So do his teammates. When a visitor asked a group of players where he could find the best defensive player, they all pointed to Zanders.

If the Tigers have a chance of beating Georgia Southern come Sept. 1, Zanders will have to play a big part in stopping I-AA's best offense.

"Yeah, I do a lot for this team," Zanders said at SSU's media day last Saturday.

He rattled off his entire resume before that statement. According to Zanders, his 90 tackles from last season make him the team's returning leader. So do his 14 tackles for losses. His five sacks rank him pretty high, too.

He also returns punts and kick-offs, averaging 15 yards per punt return. The versatile Zanders said he plays safety but the coaches like to walk him up close like a linebacker.

Come to think of it, Zanders will start referring to himself as one. "I play like one anyway," he said.

At 6-0, 202 pounds, Zanders



Special Photo

SEASON OPENER: The Eagles continue to prepare for their 2001 season by holding scrimmages as they return to fall season workouts. The season opener is September 1 against Savannah State at Paulson Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

is a little undersized for a linebacker—but then again, most of his teammates are small for their position, too.

But that's not stopping this Tiger from dreaming big.

"We have a group that will step up," Zanders said. "It benefits us to play the champs because we get to see how good we are. It will let us know where we stand, especially on run defense."

SSU will surprise Eagle fans with their defense, Zanders said. The Tigers have watched a lot of film of GSU and think they see

some holes.

Zanders likes the run blocking of the offensive line but isn't impressed with any facet of the Eagle passing game. He thinks SSU can mount an effective pass rush and shut down GSU's receivers.

"They [receivers] didn't impress us on tape," Zanders said. "We're not too worried about [GSU's] passing game."

Film also showed the Eagles' slotbacks successfully blocking down on linebackers and safeties.

Zanders though, doesn't believe they can block him. "No, not at all," he said, using the size of GSU's Mark Myers and Andre Weathers as proof. "It won't happen."

But Zanders wouldn't bite on the most obvious question.

"Adrian Peterson will get his 100 yards; we have to be realistic," he said, admitting the Tigers will have to gang-tackle the GSU fullback. "We just want to limit him."

The Tigers can't afford Peterson's supporting cast to run loose, Zanders said. "We have to

keep the others down; we can't let two or three guys reach 100 yards."

Zanders contends GSU's option won't overwhelm the Tigers because SSU faced a similar team last season in Bethune-Cookman.

"They run the same offense and we stopped it," he said of the Tigers 30-15 loss to the MEAC school. "I know we can stop Southern."

Zanders better hope so. Or his next picture will have Peterson & Co. running him over.

Defensive coordinator looks
for more depth in linebackersBy Doug Kidd
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A reporter asked GSU defensive coordinator Rusty Russell if he was pleased with all the linebackers coming back this season.

After all, Russell had starters Mike Ward, Mike Youngblood and Jamar Jones returning with regulars Corey Middlebrooks, Joe Scott and Kevin Heard.

"Heck no, I'm not pleased," said Russell, who also doubles as linebackers coach. "We need some more; we have a serious depth problem."

The depth problem was so apparent that GSU implemented a 4-3 defense after spending the past two years in a 3-4.

"We're changing because it fits our personnel better," said Mike Ward. "That's why we're going with a different look."

Last year, outside linebacker Jamar Jones did see action playing down, so the look shouldn't be that different. This season the plan is for Jones to spend more time on the line.

Russell said the new front seven alignment was used out of necessity during last season's playoff run. "We just had to do something to survive," he said.

The linebacking corps might have to survive a little more this season with the loss of Jason Neese. Neese, the team's leading tackler the past two seasons, was forced to retire after chronic back and neck problems.

"We hated to lose Jason," Russell said. "Linebacker is a

position where you get hurt."

That's all too true, as GSU has found out. Neese is the third Eagle linebacker who has had their career ended in the past three seasons.

Daryl Morell was hurt midway through 1998 while Jimmy McCullough was lost in last year's

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JUNIOR LINEBACKER**

opener at Georgia. Neese had been hurt throughout 2000 before succumbing to the injuries after the season. All three are now student assistants with the team.

"I've only had one player hurt before," said Russell, who has coached for 23 seasons. "Now I've had three unusual situations, all under unique circumstances."

Now Russell has to find a replacement for Neese and he thinks he's found one in Joe Scott. "Joe probably played as much as anybody last season," he said.

Scott logged plenty of playing

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Parking changes made at Paulson Stadium

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Paulson Stadium parking spaces and prices have been changed for the 2001 season, according to a release by GSU Athletic Media Relations.

The majority of parking spaces will now be reserved for Southern Boosters members, the fundraising arm of the athletics department. Southern Boosters president John Mulherin said his organization has taken over an estimated 800 general admission parking spaces.

The move, Mulherin said, was the first in an effort to make Paulson Stadium parking solely for contributors. Eventually all general admission parking will be elsewhere.

But for this season's six home games, general admission will be allowed to park in the "White" lot. The lot will begin with row seven and extend to the back of the parking area.

General admission parking will also cost \$10 a game, up from \$5 last season. A season parking pass will be available for \$30.

The increase was made because large tailgating parties with R.V.'s or tents are now designated in row six. These groups were scattered throughout general admission parking in years past, causing problems.

Large parties were moved, for instance, because one R.V. might take three or four spaces, Mulherin said.

With these groups taking away another general admission row, the price increase was implemented to recoup lost parking money.

"The raise in prices is straight economics," Mulherin said. "But

we put in the season pass because we don't want to eliminate the great atmosphere Paulson Stadium is known for."

Mulherin admits the price hike might deter some students from parking at the stadium but hopes that, instead, it will promote carpooling.

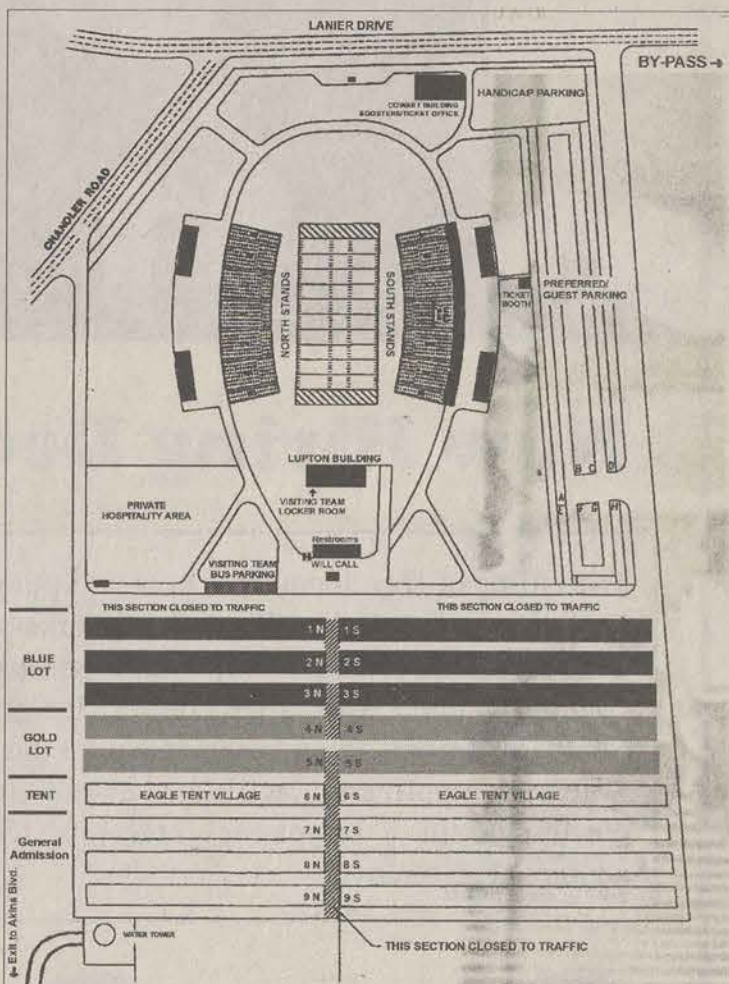
"Thirty dollars between four or five people makes it easier," he said.

But a parking pass doesn't necessarily mean a spot; all parking is

limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mulherin said there is a good chance the stadium lot will be full prior to game time. "We expect a sellout for at least five games," he said, noting the lot might have to be closed an hour before kickoff.

Any overflow parking will be directed to the Recreation Activity Center parking lot or Oxford Field. Mulherin said overflow parking would be free.



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PARKING CHANGES: The rows highlighted in blue and gold are reserved for boosters and all rows past that are for general admission fans.



Lady Eagles place third in SoCon preseason poll

•One Lady Eagle makes all-league team

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference women's soccer head coaches have cast their ballots and polls for the 2001 season.

The coaches named 14 players to the preseason all-league team. The team consists of five forwards, four midfielders, four defenders and a goalkeeper. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

The Southern Conference women's soccer coaches have selected Furman to win the 2001 regular season title, edging last year's tournament champion, UNC Greensboro, by one vote.

Two-time defending regular-season champion Furman placed six players on the team; three forwards, two midfielders and a

defender. Emily Turgeon, the 2000 Freshman and Player-of-the-Year, highlights the Paladins picks. She is joined by her frontcourt teammates Melissa Turner and Danielle Petro.

This trio is joined by midfielders Kaye Brownlee and Katie Carson and defender Lauren Killey on the honorary squad. Turgeon led the Southern Conference in eight of a possible nine offensive categories last season. She scored 23 goals and dished out 17 assists on her league leading 108 shots. Brownlee, Furman's first All-American, Turner, Carson, and Killey all return to the all-league team for a second-straight year.

The 2000 SoCon Tournament champion UNC

Greensboro placed four players on the all-league team, led by goalkeeper Kathryn Clewley. Clewley had a conference-high 10 shutouts in UNCG's 20 games. She also posted a goals against average below one (.84). She is joined by defenders Jennifer Kennedy and Lynsey McClean and forward Megan Bynum.

Davidson had three players selected for the preseason honors. Junior Tara Maloney was named to the team for a second-straight year and was joined by teammate, and twin sister, Heather Maloney and defender Amy Johnston. Heather set new Davidson single-season records in goals and points in the 2000 campaign, which included a conference-leading six game winning goals.

Georgia Southern forward Amanda Bernard was named by the coaches to join the multitude of teammates on the preseason all-league team. The Conyers, GA native is the only single team player to be named to the team. She finished third in the conference in goals and second in the conference in assists, both with 12 in the 2000 season.

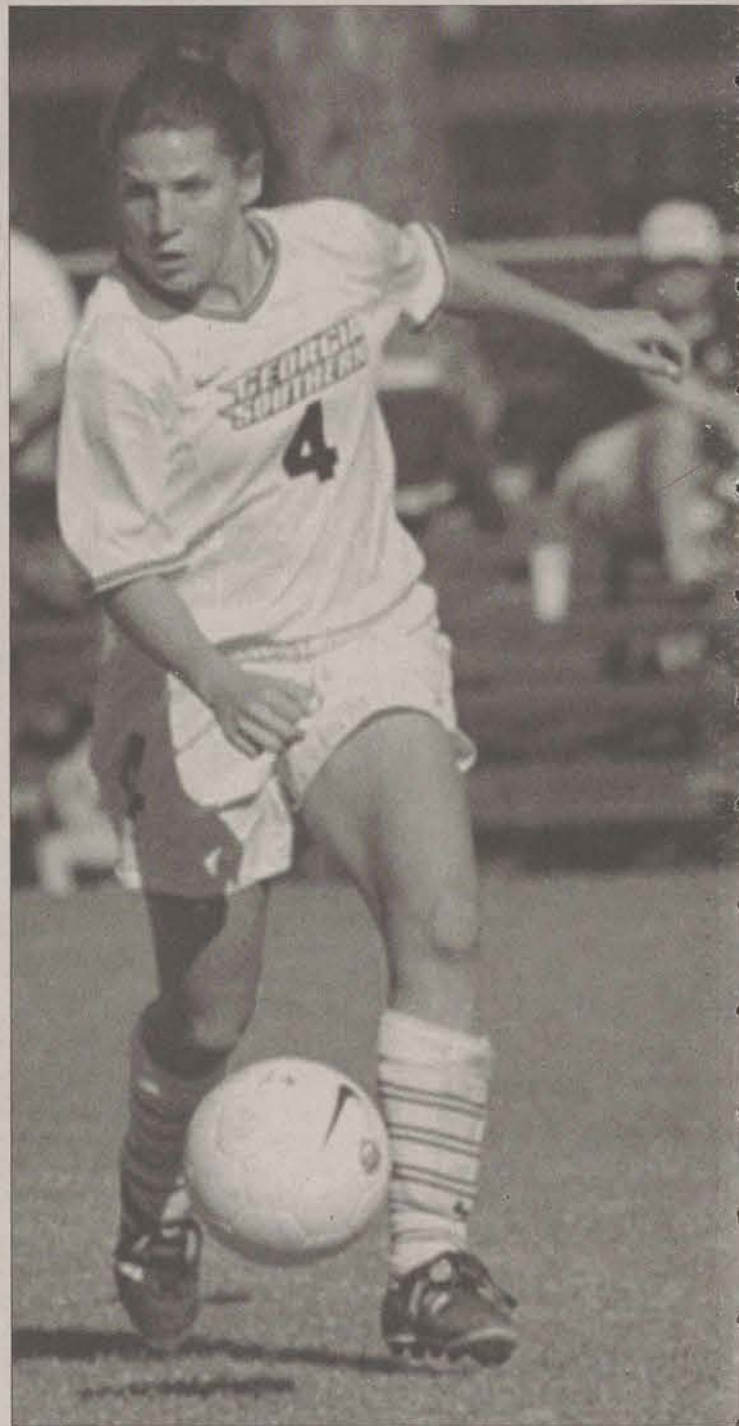
Furman has swept the last two regular seasons with perfect 9-0 league records. However, UNCG dethroned the Lady Paladins as the tournament champion in 2000. Furman lost to Duke 3-1 in its second-straight NCAA tournament appearance. UNCG defeated William and Mary 3-2 in double-overtime to advance to the second round, where it fell to Virginia.

The Lady Paladins received six of the 11 first place votes, with UNCG garnering the remaining five. Both schools accounted for all but one of the first and second place votes. Third place was highly contested with Georgia Southern edging out Davidson by two votes placing the Wildcats fourth.

Wofford, the College of Charleston, and Western Carolina were neck and neck for fifth through seventh, respectively. Rounding out the field were Appalachian State, Chattanooga, East Tennessee State and The Citadel, which has a first-year program.

The women's soccer season opens on August 29 with the inaugural game in The Citadel's women's soccer history as it travels to Columbia College at 4:00. Conference play begins September 15 with Davidson making the first SoCon trip to The Citadel.

•See 2001 SoCon preseason polls to the right for more information.



Jill Burnham/STAFF

THIRD IN PRESEASON: The Lady Eagles look to improve on their outstanding 14-5 season last year with their first two games against Florida Atlantic and Lehigh University.

2001 SoCon preseason polls

2001 Southern Conference Women's Soccer Coaches
Preseason All-League Team:

- F- Heather Maloney, Davidson
- MF- Katie Carson, Furman
- F- Danielle Petro, Furman
- MF- Megan Bynum, UNC Greensboro
- F- Emily Turgeon, Furman
- D- Amy Johnston, Davidson
- F- Melissa Turner, Furman
- D- Lauren Killey, Furman
- F- Amanda Bernard, Georgia Southern
- D- Jennifer Kennedy, UNC Greensboro
- MF- Tara Maloney, Davidson
- D- Lynsey McLean, UNC Greensboro
- MF- Kaye Brownlee, Furman
- GK- Kathryn Clewley, UNC Greensboro

2001 Southern Conference Coaches Preseason Women's
Soccer Poll:

1. Furman (6) 96
2. UNC Greensboro (5) 95
3. Georgia Southern 74
4. Davidson 72
5. Wofford 59
6. College of Charleston 58
7. Western Carolina 53
8. Appalachian State 38
9. Chattanooga 28
10. East Tennessee St. 22
11. The Citadel 10

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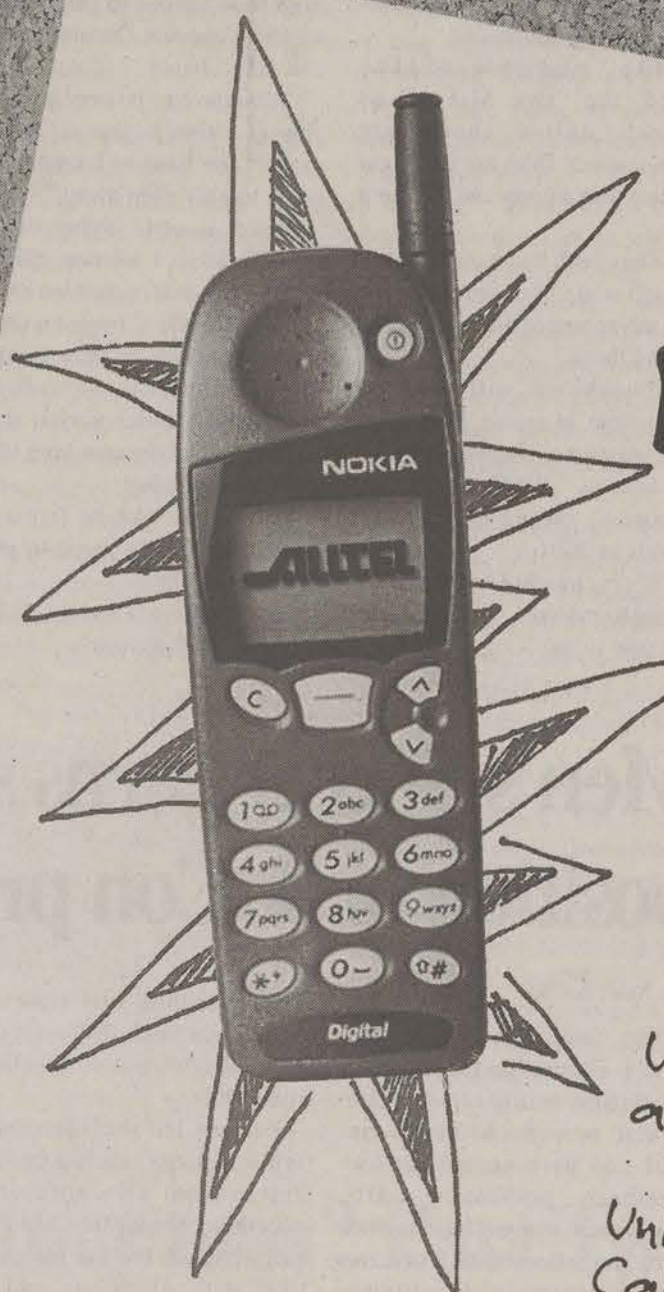
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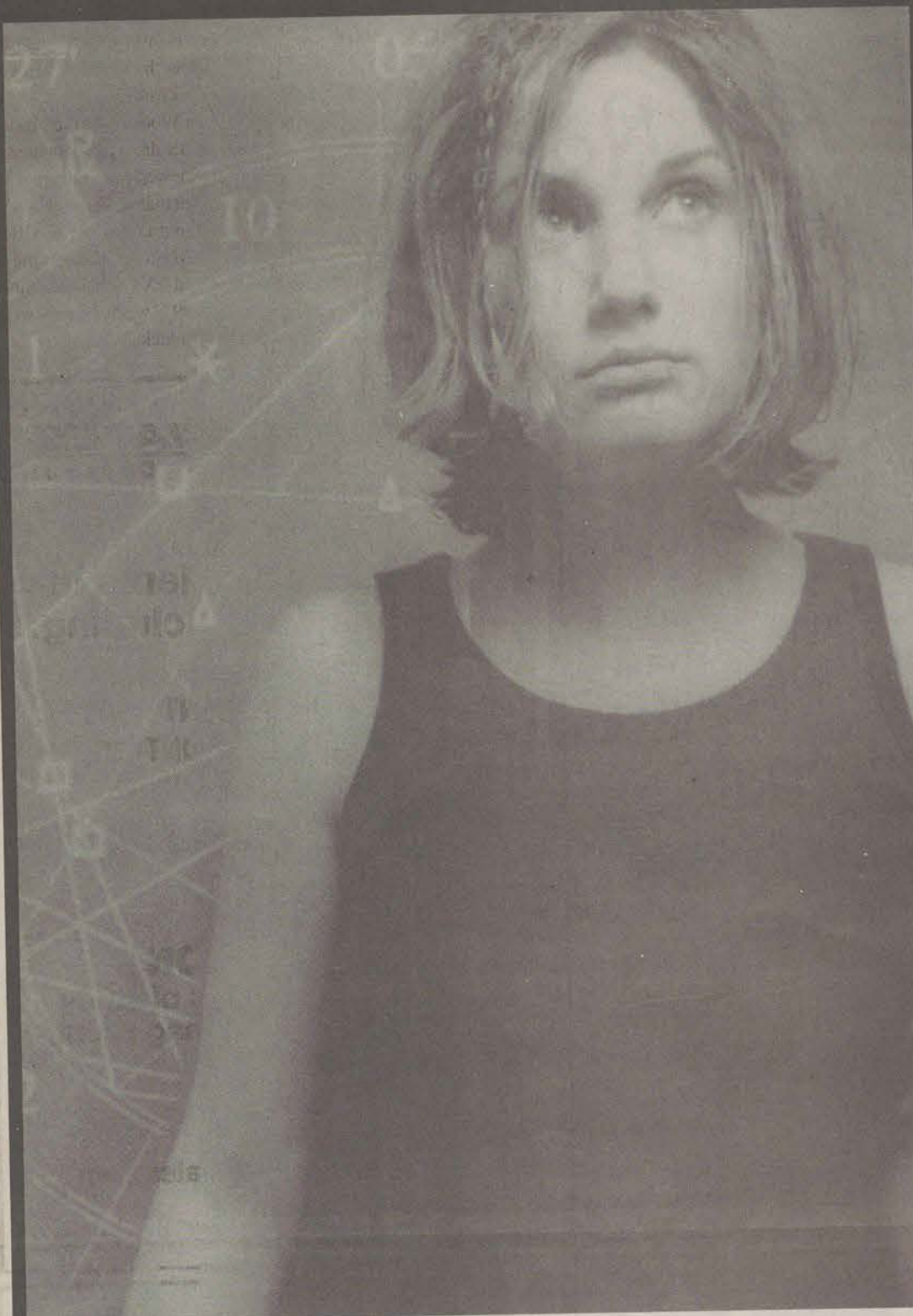
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time in 2000, posting 64 tackles. "I don't really feel any pressure; I just want to play hard and help the team," said Scott, who did start four games last season as a sophomore.

Mike Youngblood and Mike Ward, the "two Mikes," as Russell called them, are experienced. Both are two-year starters and among the SoCon's best.

"They both had a great year," Russell said. "But we needed to take advantage of their skill so we moved them."

Youngblood will now see some time at inside linebacker after playing exclusively outside last season. Ward will do the opposite, seeing more time outside in 2001.

"It's not much of a difference," Youngblood said. "None of it's that new to us."

With the lack of depth, new players will be given an opportunity for playing time. Last season Kevin Heard came straight from high school to play. This season it appears Derrick Butler will get a chance.

"You have to be very good to play as a true freshman," Scott said. "You have to be mentally ready to play right away."

Ward agreed, saying coach Russell doesn't tolerate mental errors. "He makes sure we know what to do. He's tough on us."

Butler seems to have what it takes. During Saturday's scrimmage, Butler played well and impressed the coaching staff and his teammates.

"He looks like he'll play," Ward said. "He's going to give us some depth."

And that's exactly what Russell wants to hear.



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BRINGING NEW DEPTH: Defensive Coordinator/linebacker coach Rusty Russell worked with the linebackers in the preseason with hopes of stronger depth with the new defense.

Men's Soccer earns sixth place position in SoCon preseason poll

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference men's soccer coaches have selected Furman to repeat as the regular season champions in 2001 and have named the 13-member preseason all-conference team. The coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams in the balloting process.

Furman received eight of the nine first place votes with UNC Greensboro receiving the ninth and tabbed to finish second. College of Charleston edged Davidson for third by one vote with Appalachian State taking fifth, only two votes ahead of Georgia Southern.

Wofford was selected to finish seventh with VMI and The Citadel rounding out the group.

The Paladins swept the regular season in 2000 and won the SoCon tournament. Furman then defeated Radford in the NCAA Play-In match before falling to Clemson 3-2 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The senior-laden preseason all-conference team consists

seven returning first team all-conference and three second team all-conference selections from 2000.

Furman led the squad with five selections, including four first team all-conference selections. Senior forward John Barry Nusum led the league in 2000 with 48 points and 18 goals while posting 12 assists. Senior goalkeeper Scott Blount led the league with eight shutouts and a 0.86 goals against average while making 77 saves.

Sophomore McNeil Cronin, the 2000 Freshman of the Year, led the league with 15 assists and ranked among the league's points leaders. Senior midfielder Matt Goldsmith and senior defender Jack Handy were also named to the team.

UNC Greensboro had three preseason selections. Senior Alejandro Moreno finished the season third among the conference leaders with 36 points and 15 goals. Junior midfielder Chris Goos ranked fourth among the goals leaders with 13 and tied for third with 10 assists. Senior defender Mike Hemphill also received the

2001 Southern Conference preseason poll

2001 Southern Conference
Men's Soccer Preseason
Coaches Poll

1. Furman (8) 64
2. UNC Greensboro (1) 56
3. College of Charleston 47
4. Davidson 46
5. Appalachian State 37
6. Georgia Southern 35
7. Wofford 20
8. VMI 15
9. The Citadel 10

preseason honor.

Two seniors represent the Davidson squad. Forward Jon Tetrick tallied 27 points last season, tied for fifth in the conference and knocked in 11 goals, good for sixth. Midfielder Erik Ozimek ranked among the conference leaders with six assists and 18 points.

Three teams placed one athlete a piece on the preseason squad. Appalachian State's Jordy Broder was the 2000 conference Player of the Year. The senior forward was second in the league with 41 points and 17 goals.

Georgia Southern midfielder Jeff Russell represents the Eagles. The junior midfielder ranked among the conference leaders with 15 points last season, including five goals and five assists. College of Charleston's Tyler Beckstead rounds out the squad. A junior defender, Beckstead started in 21 games for the Cougars and scored two goals last season.

The men's soccer season begins Friday, August 31 with non-conference action. The Citadel and College of Charleston open the conference season on Wednesday, September 19 in Charleston, SC.

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Two weeks until football begins

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Two weeks to go before Southern Conference football action kicks off and all teams are getting ready. The SoCon's nine schools are deep in preseason workouts with most going through controlled scrimmages in the next two weeks.

Here's a look at what's going on.

Appalachian State suffered the first major injury of 2001 when Karim Razzak went down. The senior running back tore two knee ligaments last week and is out for the season.

Razzak tore both the anterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments in his left knee.

"This has certainly put a damper on what we're trying to get done," said Mountaineer head coach Jerry Moore. "Karim is the perfect example of what we want this program to stand for."

Razzak suffered through injuries last season after earning second-team conference honors in 1999. ASU is exploring the possibility of applying for a medical hardship year for Razzak.

Western Carolina wrapped up a scrimmage Saturday and felt good about their quarterback situation. With all offensive starters returning but the signal caller, the Catamounts got good efforts from front-runner Brian

Gather and slated backup Pat Ciento.

Gather completed 10-of-20 passes for 121 yards while Ciento passed for 158 yards on seven completions.

GSU isn't the only SoCon squad looking for its heir apparent at quarterback. Wofford is looking for their future signal-caller when senior Travis Wilson graduates.

Freshmen Jonathan Carey, Trey Rodgers and Jeff Zolman are battling junior Nick Haughy for the understudy role. All have impressed this summer with Rodgers taking a slight edge because of his athleticism.

The Citadel is having a hard enough time finding a starting quarterback with Joe Call and Scooter Johnson again battling for the spot. Both split time last season.

Johnson has been battling back spasms that have prolonged the competition. Bulldog head coach Ellis Johnson said he wanted his starter determined last week.

"One goal was to try and get the quarterback picture cleared up and we have yet to get that done," he said.

Chattanooga has their own quarterback problems, but the Mocs' secondary has been on the mind of head coach Donnie Kirkpatrick.

"We are two deep everywhere on the team but the secondary," he said. "We're thin at safety. We are going to have to roll people around and see who can play."

Corey Goodin and Bryan Lamar are expected to start at safety but their backups haven't been determined.

East Tennessee State continued their quarterback saga as Matt Wilhelm and Jatavis Sanders swapped reps with the first team. During a scrimmage, Wilhelm connected twice with receiver Charvin Clark on long pass routes while Sanders hit Tim Turner on a fade for a touchdown.

VMI enters 2001 with the most excitement surrounding the program in years. Quarterback Joey Gibson has a lot to do with the anticipation. Gibson threw for three scores in a scrimmage and fullback Gene Cauthen ran for another.

Furman has spent much of the preseason looking for a replacement for fullback Derek Russell. Whoever it is, he will be young. Two redshirt freshmen and a true freshman are contending to be Louis Ivory's lead blocker.

In the latest scrimmage, Corey Tanran for 32 yards on six carries while Al Means and Eric Emerson ran for 18 and 14 yards respectively.

Where are they now? Part Two

By Dennis Hightower
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During the week of July 4, there was an Arena Football 2 game between the Birmingham Steeldogs and the Tennessee Valley Vipers in Huntsville, Alabama.

The game was significant because four former GSU players currently play for the Vipers, and all four players won the 1999 1-AA National Championship, together.

Arkee Thompson, Eugene Phillips, Mark Williams, and Dedric Parham have successful careers in this semi-professional league. Each of them felt that the transition from college to semi-pro was something they had to get used to.

"Covering the motion guy is a little harder in this league because they already have an edge in running their patterns," defensive specialist Thompson said.

Tight end/defensive end Phillips added, "Learning to play both sides of the ball is a big obstacle because you have to stay in great condition."

Despite the transitions, they love to play the game for many reasons. "I'm a ballplayer. I came here to compete and be the best in what I do," Thompson said.

Thompson hopes that this will be the next step to help him get to the NFL. However, Williams' objective is different.

"I went to many NFL training camps and was released," he said. "In 2000, it was fun to watch the games on television, but I am not ready to give up the game. I talked to Von (Allen) and he gave me the connection to have the

opportunity to play again."

Arkee Thompson played at GSU in 1998-99 at cornerback. He originally signed with the basketball program, but opted to play football at the end of his freshman year. Eugene Phillips played from 1996-99 at defensive end,

sive guard from 1996-99. He was a three-year consensus All-American at the Division 1-AA level, and a two-time winner of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy which is awarded annually to the best offensive lineman in the Southern Conference.

Dedric Parham played wide receiver from 1996-99 and finished his GSU career with 35 receptions for 607 yards and three touchdowns.

The Vipers went on to win the game 52-48 on a controversial play. Tennessee Valley would end up losing in the semi-finals to Arena Football 2 runner-up Richmond Speed.

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Tiger Woods brings the TV ratings

The Associated Press

Tiger Woods is in a bit of a slump, and so are the TV ratings for golf's major tournaments. It's no coincidence.

Just as Woods' unprecedented success drew new fans, sponsors and TV money to the sport, his recent drought in Grand Slam events has been accompanied by smaller audiences.

The latest example: After Woods scrambled to make the cut and tied for 29th in the PGA Championship, the overnight TV ratings for Sunday's final round on CBS slumped 36 percent from last year, when he won the tournament.

At the British Open on ABC last month, Woods tied for 25th, and the ratings were the lowest in five years, off 39 percent from 2000. At the U.S.

Open on NBC, where Woods was 12th, final-round ratings dropped 11 percent. He won both tournaments last year.

"You can probably draw a connection," CBS Sports president Sean McManus said Monday. "It's frustrating to keep comparing this year's numbers to the last two years

because those numbers were inflated. We may never see those numbers again."

In deals driven by Woods' popularity, the PGA Tour agreed last month to rights contracts with six networks that run from 2003-06 and are worth about \$850 million, roughly a 50 percent hike from the old packages. (The deals don't include the majors.)

And the PGA broadcasts Saturday and Sunday were the two high-

est-rated sports programs of the weekend, beating an NFL preseason game on CBS and a major league baseball game on Fox.

"If there was ever proof of the fact that there was a residual benefit of Tigers' presence on the tour, that would be it," McManus said. "If it weren't for a lot of the attention brought by Tiger to the tour, I don't think as many people would be as familiar with the Phil Mickelson story, for example."

When Woods won the Masters in April, CBS drew an estimated 40.1 million viewers and ratings 33 percent higher than last year, when Vijay Singh won. In the 46 years CBS has aired the Masters, the only time more people and TV households tuned in was in 1997, when Woods won his first green jacket.

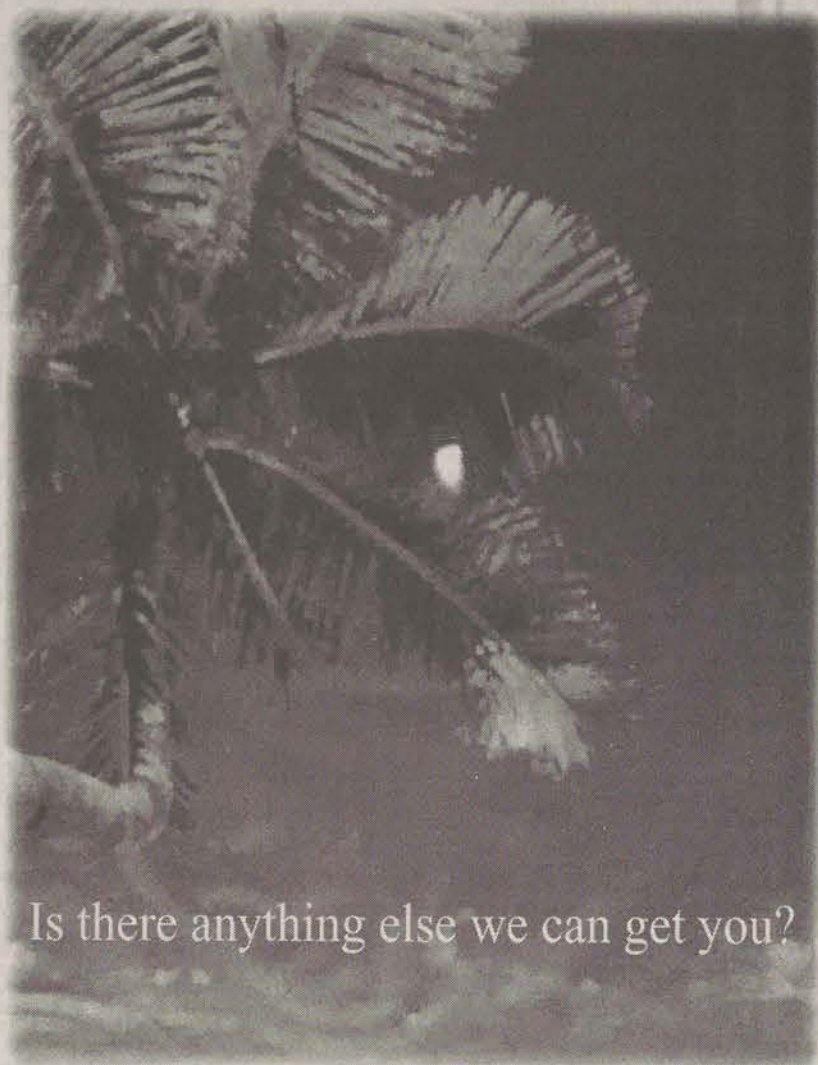
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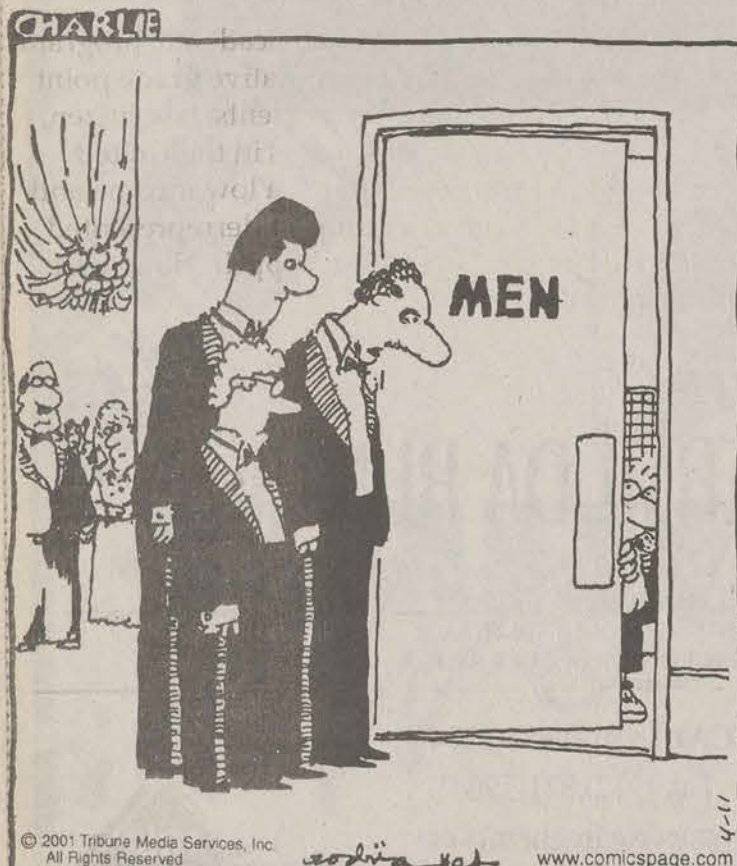
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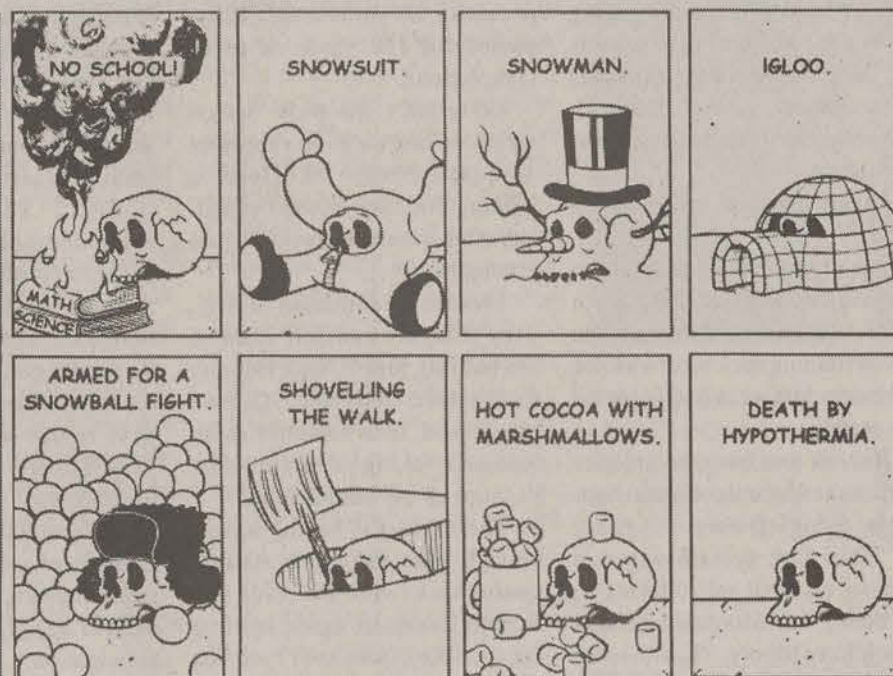
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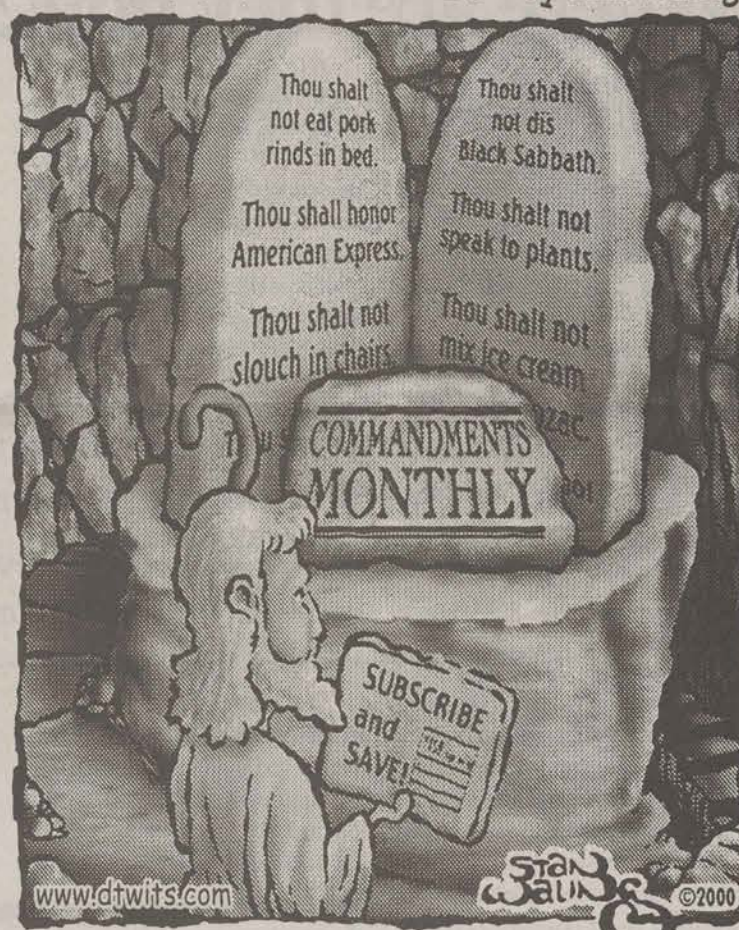
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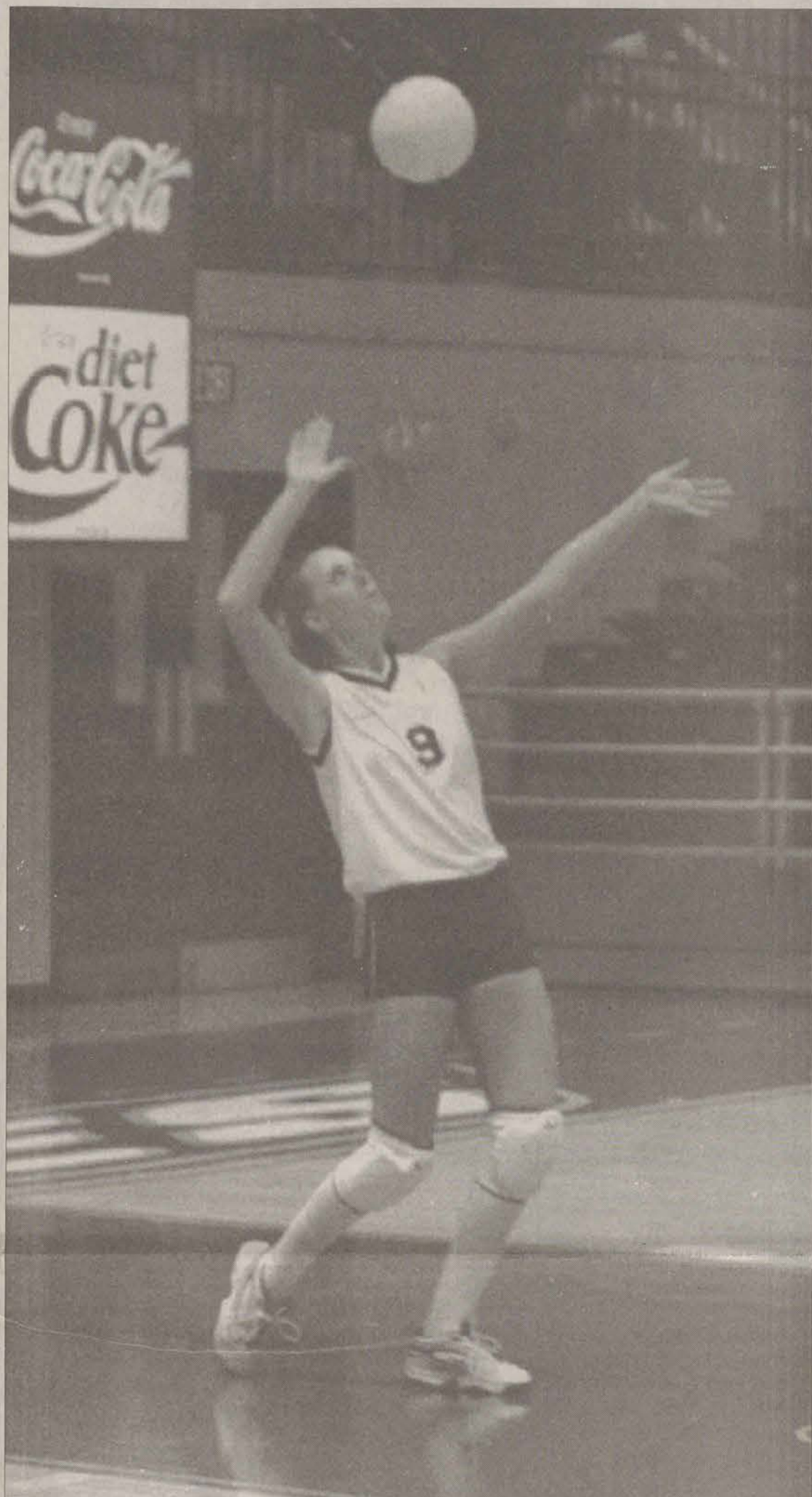
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Lady Eagles place eighth in preseason polls with new coach



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NEW COACH, NEW SEASON: The Lady Eagles work hard to improve on their 11-19 record from the 2000 season. They're hoping to be successful with the recruitment of new head coach Kerry Messersmith. The first match is at Winthrop for the Winthrop Invitational.

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The Southern Conference volleyball coaches have cast their votes and named the 2001 preseason all-league team and selected their preseason favorite.

The team consists of two sophomores, four juniors and six seniors. The two-time defending SoCon champion Davidson Wildcats placed three players on the honorary team. Jen Ortega, Roberta Quis, and two-time selection Erica Schwartz, were voted in by the conference's 11 coaches.

Quis was among the conference leaders in hitting percentage (.277) and blocks, finishing with a total of 136. Schwartz ranked third in assists dishing out an average of 11.91 per game last season.

The College of Charleston, which was favored in preseason the poll, matched Davidson's trio by placing a threesome of its own on the all-league team. Stephanie Ballard, an all-conference selection in 2000 and the 1999 Freshman-of-the-Year, leads the trio with Mary Sabatino and Alyson VanCleave joining their Cougar teammate.

Sabatino and VanCleave both ranked in the top 10 in the SoCon in hitting percentage and digs, with Sabatino also finishing second on the assists list averaging 12.0 a game. VanCleave ranked second in kills, finishing 2000 with 109 (4.66 per game).

The Furman duo of Laura Bush and Abby Simon, were also named to the preseason all-league team. Bush led the SoCon in hitting percentage in 2000, tallying a .319 mark with 321 kills and only 94 errors.

Western Carolina senior Christy Attebery, Appalachian State's Karen Nielson, Chattanooga's Kari Krouse, and East Tennessee State's Carey Cavanaugh break the teammate trend, each being the lone representative from their respective teams. Attebery led the Southern Conference in kills in 2000 recording 643 and averaging

over 5.06 per game.

She is also the leading returning player in digs with 479, followed by UTC's Krouse who had 410 (3.77 per gm.). Krouse was the 2000 SoCon Freshman of the Year and was named to the All-Conference team in her first year. Krouse also set a Chattanooga record with 66 service aces.

Appalachian State's Neilson helped the Mountaineers to a 14-6 conference mark in 2000. She ranked fourth in the league in kills, tallying 472 in 121 games (3.90 per game). Cavanaugh, a member of the 1999 all-conference team, averaged just under 10 assists per game in 2000 and ranked fourth in the Southern Conference in digs during the 2000 campaign.

The coaches selected the College of Charleston as the favorite to be the regular season champion in 2001. The Cougars received five out of a possible 11 first place votes to edge

out the two-time defending champion, Davidson Wildcats.

Only six points separated the top three teams, with Davidson being tabbed to finish second and Furman predicted to finish third. Davidson received four first place votes with the Paladins garnering a pair of first place tallies.

Western Carolina (71) had two votes for second and three votes for third but are predicted to finish fourth just ahead of Appalachian State in fifth with 67 points.

Chattanooga and ETSU finished neck and neck in sixth and seventh with Georgia Southern, UNC Greensboro, Wofford and The Citadel rounding out the group.

The volleyball season begins Friday, August 31 with most teams in tournament play. East Tennessee State travels to Western Carolina on Tuesday, September 4 to open the conference schedule in Cullowhee.

2001 SoCon preseason polls

2001 Southern Conference Volleyball Coaches Preseason All-League Team:

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Allison VanCleave, College of Charleston
Kari Krouse, Chattanooga
Jen Ortega, Davidson
Roberta Quis, Davidson
Erica Swartz, Davidson
Carey Cavanaugh, East Tennessee State
Laura Bush, Furman
Abby Simon, Furman
Christy Attebery, Western Carolina

2001 Southern Conference Coaches Preseason Volleyball Poll

1. College of Charleston (5) 88
2. Davidson (4) 85
3. Furman (2) 82
4. Western Carolina 71
5. Appalachian State 67
6. Chattanooga 59
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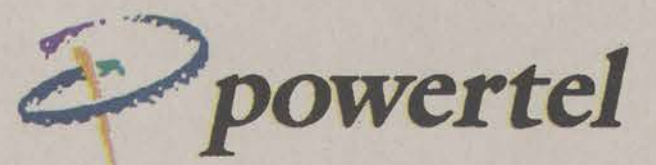
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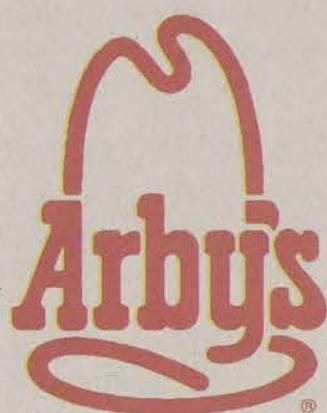
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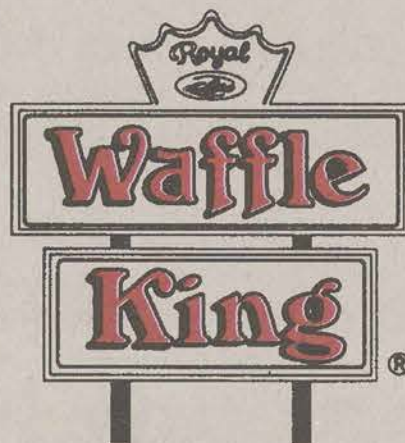


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