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- The Moscow Chamber Orchestra performs tonight @ 8 p.m. in the Ballroom

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- GSU vs. App. State pre-game event at Sagebrush Restaurant in Boone, NC Oct. 13, 12:30 p.m.

Hundreds at Berkeley protest U.S. bombings

KRT Campus

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One day after the United States began its counter-attack against the Taliban, Berkeley college students, true to form, rallied against the bombing.

And, as usual, there were opinions everywhere as faculty and students gathered at Sproul Plaza on the University of California-Berkeley campus where a noon rally organized by Berkeley Stop the

War Coalition encouraged students to walk-out of class.

Though organizers said they expected thousands of students, police put the crowd at about 500 people.

"We mourn the loss of innocent lives," said Ly-Hong Nguyen, with the Asian and Pacific Islanders Coalition Against War. Nguyen urged the crowd to stand in solidarity with the Arabs, Muslims and Middle Easterners. "We demand the U.S. stop bombing Afghanistan," Nguyen shouted.

One by one, speakers spoke out for peace and against war, while a smaller, albeit loud contingent of students in the crowd, drowned out some of the anti-war protesters with jeers and a competing chant: "Hey, hey, ho, ho, the Taliban has got to go."

His voice hoarse from debating anti-war protesters, Patrick Davidson made no secret where his sentiments lay as he held a sign high over his head with a banner that read "They are fighting for you."

"They're not bombing innocent people, they're bombing the Taliban military operations. The Taliban has chosen to be our enemies," Davidson, 19, told an anti-war protester.

His protestations did little to persuade the woman, who eventually

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KRT Campus

BATTLING AGAINST WAR: Students and professors at the University of California - Berkeley gathered to protest the American and British bombings in Afghanistan. Those in support of the war gathered to challenge the protestors.

U.S. bombs Kandahar, Kabul; U.N. workers among confirmed casualties

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON—Emboldened by swift success in eliminating Afghan anti-aircraft positions, U.S. warplanes launched daylight bombing runs Tuesday, then added another round of nighttime raids on what American officials called "targets of opportunity."

The third day of bombing—and the near certainty of escalation ahead—triggered incendiary new threats against Americans from a spokesman for Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

"America must know that the storm of (hijacked) airplanes will not stop, and there are thousands of young people who look forward to death like the Americans look forward to life," Sulaiman Abu Ghayth said in a videotape broadcast by al Jazeera, a satellite network in Qatar.

He repeated a call for holy war, or "jihad," praised the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks on America for



U.S. Department of Defense

PREPARING FOR ATTACK: Two American fighters load missiles onto a jet headed for Afghanistan.

their "good deed" and warned of more carnage to come this time in retaliation for the U.S. response to the catastrophic terrorist assault.

"The American interests are everywhere all over the world," he said.

"Every Muslim has to play his real and true role to uphold his religion and his nation in fighting, and jihad is a duty. . . . Americans have opened

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Questions answered about drop/add

By Teresa D. Southern
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Wednesday, Oct. 3 has passed. Workers in the Registrar's office are breathing a sigh of relief.

Hundreds of students on campus have one thing in common—they have dropped one or more of their classes. About 500 to 1000 students drop classes each semester.

Some students decided to drop before this date, thinking their fall schedule was too much to handle. Others waited until the final day to drop. With drop slips in

hand, students had several questions about how this decision would affect financial aid, HOPE and their GPA.

"Dropping doesn't hurt your GPA because only attempted hours are counted. If a student consistently drops classes, they could be out of HOPE eligibility before graduation," Runette Dickerson, section supervisor of registration, said.

Dropping a class can also affect financial aid status. "Students must take 66 percent of the hours that they have paid for the year. If not, they will lose eligibility for financial aid," Dickerson said.

One problem many students faced was with dropping classes on WINGS. The procedure could not be done after schedule adjustment.

"Dropping will hopefully be able to be done on WINGS spring semester but it has not been finalized," Dickerson said.

Dropping does benefit a student in one way. If a student knows they are going to fail they should drop because if they receive a failing grade it is not going to count. "It's helpful to drop but not habitually," Dickerson said.

The buck is back in halls campus-wide

By Erik Howard
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The Study Bucks program is back for another go-round this year.

The program, which is intended to encourage academic success among residents, is in its second year at GSU. When any resident advisor or action team officer sees a resident studying in either their room or a dormitory lobby the resi-

dent is awarded a study buck.

These bucks are then turned in to building directors and entered for prizes on both the hall and campus levels.

The Housing Department, Residence Hall Presidents' Council and Hall Action Teams all give out prizes, which range from electronic items to

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SGA designates October 13 as United Way Day; sets \$3500 goal

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Student Government Association members have designated Saturday, October 13 "United Way Day" in Statesboro. Jonathan Perkins, VP of Academic Affairs, announced, Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Members of SGA will be at the Bi-Lo grocery store at the Statesboro Mall from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. educating the public about the purpose of both the SGA and United Way while accepting donations to benefit the local chapter of United Way. Their goal is to raise \$3,500.

SGA held a similar event on campus Oct. 1, raising over \$200. A mock wishing well was created ask-

ing students, faculty and staff to "Make a Wish, Make a Way." A live remote was provided by WVGS and free drinks were available to donors. Donors were also given red, white and blue band-aids with "I cared" written on them.

United Way is a traditional benefactor from the SGA and GSU but Perkins said there are more personal reasons for his involvement. During Stepping into Statesboro, Perkins toured a member agency of the United Way, Second Chances.

"It really impressed me with what they did there for young women," Perkins said. "It is a very promising program."

Perkins stressed that the majority

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Special Photo

RAISING FUNDS: GSU's SGA is working to help the United Way by raising money through various on- and off-campus activities.



Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

October 5
 • Virginia Bennett reported an Apple laptop was missing from the Biology Building.

• Kami Wilder reported someone scratched both sides of her vehicle with a sharp object in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• Heather Bubac reported someone spray painted the tires and rims of her vehicle on Olympic Blvd.

October 6
 • Donna Paulette Norton, 28, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• A case of simple battery was reported at the Paulson Stadium parking lot.

October 7
 • Jonathan Jesse Yagerman, 19, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Kerry Lynn Chappell was charged with DUI, driving with suspended license and failure to maintain lane.

• A case of simple battery was reported in the Recreation Activity Center parking lot.

October 8
 • Tony Lee Marshall, 45, was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Disheia Latoya Gregg, 20, was charged with driving with suspended license and following too close.

• David Llewellyn Donnelly, 20, was charged with driving with suspended license, speeding and no proof of insurance.

• A case of harrasment was reported at Stratford Hall.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Cinepri, 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.

Georgia News

Security tightens in Georgia after military attacks on Afghanistan

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- Security measures were stepped up across Georgia, particularly in sensitive areas such as power plants and airports, after the United States began strikes against targets in Afghanistan.

Concerns of possible retaliation prompted Georgia officials to move quickly following President Bush's address over the weekend.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers issued a state of high alert at Buford Dam on Sunday. Police closed the road to the dam while a security boat patrolled Lake Lanier, the state's major source of drinking water.

National Guard troops were posted Monday in Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest hub. Extra guards were seen at the Greyhound Bus terminal in Atlanta and at Robins Air Force Base.

Georgia Power Co. officials have tightened security at all their facilities since the Sept. 11 attacks, spokesman Barry Inman said Monday.

"This is not in response to any specific threats," Inman said. "We haven't received any at our facilities but the security measures will be in place indefinitely."

As an extra precaution, police who normally monitor Atlanta public schools, were told to "make it a point to be around the areas and be alert," Atlanta Police spokeswoman Marion Lee said Monday.

Georgia Emergency Management Agency officials said the state is in "heightened alert."

Jeff DeMerville and his wife, Gail Colby, were at Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park on Sunday with their 18-

month-old son when they heard about airstrikes on targets in Afghanistan.

"I think the timing is appropriate," said DeMerville, 32, who's from Texas. "We gave it enough time and we've

because we don't want terrorism of any kind," he said.

"Still, this is going to increase tension between the Arab world and the West."

That worry was echoed by a University of Georgia political scientist who studies in the Middle East.

"To be honest and candid, I don't see an end game to this," professor Jeff Berejikian said. "It's kind of like throwing rocks at an ant hill."

In Columbus, 29-year-old Shane Parrish welcomed the action, showing off an American flag flying from his truck's antenna.

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—RAY BUCHANAN
 ATLANTA CORNERBACK

gone through the proper channels to know these are the people who did it."

Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves told his players about the military response shortly before their game with the Chicago Bears at the Georgia Dome.

"It scared the mess out of me," said Atlanta cornerback Ray Buchanan. "I was saying, 'Couldn't they wait until after the game? It shook me up a little bit.'"

The crowd of about 45,000 at the game was told of the attack a few minutes into the game, which the Bears won 31-3. The fans stood up, cheered loudly and began chanting "USA! USA! USA!"

Nobody, perhaps, wanted justice for the hijackings as badly as firefighters. In Athens, 20-year-old firefighter David Brooks, a former Marine Corps member, watched the news and talked of retribution.

International student Herbert Moyo, 25, raised some concerns Sunday afternoon. Moyo, who is studying computer science at Georgia Perimeter College, is from Zimbabwe.

"As long as they are bombing where there are no innocent people, if they are sure of their target, then that is fine

places like gun shops and pawn shops."

More than 3,000 people came to the Cobb County Civic Center's gun show over the weekend. Buyers browsed, compared and bought guns and ammunition from more than 100 licensed dealers at the show.

"Attendance has been better than it has been before," Eastman said. "There's been a constant line to get in the door today. It really hasn't stopped."

Jeff Swope, 22, told the Marietta Daily Journal he had recently been to several gun shows. On Saturday alone, he had visited three before coming to the show at Cobb County.

His friend, Christine Wilson, 23, told the newspaper she went to the show because she was nervous about the terrorist attacks.

At the Hodge Army/Navy store in Marietta, 18 cases of ammunition were sold in just a few days.

Sally Winters, 24, said she came to the gun show looking for something to calm her nerves after the attacks.

"It makes me feel safe knowing that I will have a gun and that I will be able to protect myself," she said.

Gun show attendance on the rise since terrorist attacks

Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga.-- Business is up for gun shop owner Karl Keller since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Keller, the owner of Sturdi-Box Inc. of Woodstock, said business has tripled in the weeks following the attacks, and he's not alone.

Gun shop owners have seen a sharp rise in business since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and

Washington.

Matt Eastman of Eastman's Gun Shows, Inc., who has been promoting gun shows in Georgia for more than 20 years, said attendance at gun shows is up more than 30 percent.

"My wholesale business has tripled in the past three weeks," said Keller, who sells military ammunition boxes. "People who don't even know what a gun looks like are trying to buy one at

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1 Oregon
Horse to get human-style pacemaker in rare operation

CORVALLIS — A 13-year-old horse with an irregular heartbeat goes under the knife Monday to receive a human pacemaker in one of the first operations of its kind.

Veterinarians at Oregon State University plan to thread the device an adapted version of the human model into the horse's chest through his jugular vein. The horse, a pasture pet named Toby, will stand for the entire procedure, and will not need general anesthesia, doctors said.

The pacemaker was donated by Medtronic, a leader in pacing technology. Veterinarians and human cardiologists will also donate their time and expertise to the procedure.

Pacemakers are commonly used to stimulate a slowed heartbeat in humans, and sometimes contain a defibrillator device that corrects irregular heartbeats. Vice President Dick Cheney had a cardioverter defibrillator implanted in June.

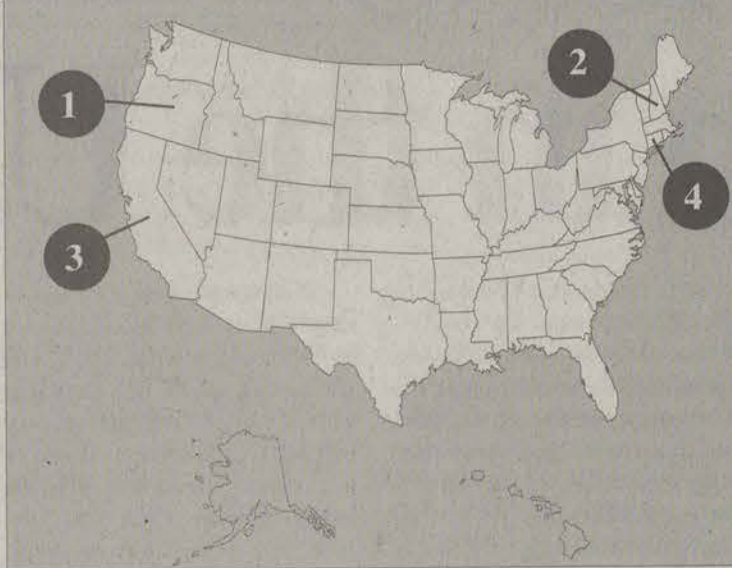
"We first noticed problems with our beloved Toby just a few days ago," said Rane Coker, the horse's owner. "Apparently because of his heart condition not enough blood is getting to his brain, and without this procedure the prognosis is very poor."

Dr. John Schlipf, a veterinary internist at OSU and specialist in large animal medicine, said the team would likely publish the results of the procedure.

"This is a very rare case. If I see another one like it in my career I'll be surprised," he said. "This is new ground we're breaking here."

2 Connecticut
Man dressed as clown arrested twice in one week

EAST HARTFORD — Angel Gonzalez was clowning around, but East Hartford police say it was no laughing matter.



Officers arrested the 25-year-old Hartford man twice in the past week on disorderly conduct charges after he dressed in full clown makeup and costume and took his act to the public. He told police his nickname was "Bo-Bo the Clown."

Gonzalez was arrested Thursday after he ran around a school bus full of middle school students on Silver Lane while reaching up to touch the children's hands, police said.

Gonzalez also was arrested on Monday after police said they found him rollerskating and juggling in the middle of Silver Lane in his clown regalia.

Police spokesman Hugo Benettieri said Gonzalez is a client of a community mental health agency. He described Gonzalez as "friendly" and "harmless." "He just used poor judgment," Benettieri told the Journal Inquirer of Manchester.

Gonzalez was released both time on promises to appear in Manchester Superior Court on Oct. 15.

3 California
Burmese python devours 30-pound pit bull

MERCED, Calif. — A man's pit bull met an untimely end after it encountered the household's other pet a hungry 200-pound Burmese python.

The 30-pound dog was evidently killed and eaten early Friday, police said. That morning, a Merced policeman responded to Jerry Brown's call that his two beloved animals had gone missing.

After a quick search of the area around Brown's home, the police

officer and the pet owner found the snake curled up under the house with a big bulge in its midsection.

They had discovered the dog as well. The python was captured by its owner and returned to his pen.

"The snake had the dog for dinner," said Merced Police Department's Sgt. Andre Matthews. "It's hard to believe the pit bull didn't rip the snake to pieces. But those snakes just get hold and keep squeezing until they stop kicking."

Merced animal control officials are now investigating whether the python should be considered a wild animal and in violation of city code.

4 New Hampshire
Man calls store to tell them he is going to rob it

MANCHESTER, N.H. — A 21-year-old man was arrested after calling a drug store to say he was on the way to rob it, police said.

Police said Joshua Amell was arrested early Thursday in the parking lot of an Osco Drug store.

The store called police to report a robbery, and officers who arrived were told the pharmacist was on the phone with a man he believed was responsible for stealing the drug OxyContin from the store. He said the man told him he had a gun and was on his way to the pharmacy to get more of the drug. Amell was arrested when he pulled into the parking lot.

OxyContin is a slow-release narcotic prescribed to victims of moderate to severe chronic pain. Abusers usually snort or inject it to produce a quick, heroin-like high.

Funeral home leaves man's body on front porch

Associated Press

Nancy King returned to her central Missouri home from picking up a gallon of milk to find a white body bag containing the corpse of her boyfriend on the front porch.

Hathaway Peterman Funeral Home returned the body of 74-year-old Robert L. Holder, who had died a week earlier of prostate cancer, to the home the two had shared in Cross Timbers after his daughter failed to come up with the \$1,200 for cremation, King said.

"I'm just devastated," King said Monday. "As soon as I pulled up to the house, I knew what they'd done. He was there, lying on my front porch. He was just like they took him. I could see his blue night gown through the bag."

The State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, which licenses funeral directors and funeral homes in Missouri, was looking into the matter. The funeral home could face punishment from a disciplinary letter to revocation of its operating license if the accusations are true, said Pat Handly, board executive director.

"It's outlined in the statutes and rules what's to be done if no relative assumes responsibility," Handly said. "They're not to take the body back and leave it on the porch."

Under state law, the funeral home is to contact the county coroner if the body is not claimed by a relative. The person is declared an "indigent," and the county then oversees disposition of the body.

Funeral director Gary Peterman declined Monday to discuss the incident. "I think out of respect to Mr. Holder, let's just let this issue drop," he said. "I don't have any other comment."

Meanwhile, Jim Miller of Reser Funeral Home in nearby Warsaw picked up the body on Friday. It will remain refrigerated until Miller can get permission to cremate Holder.

Officials have been trying to contact daughter Joyce Henley his closest surviving relative but she reportedly left Friday for a two-week vacation.

"I'm not worried about the money. We'll cover the expenses," Miller said. "I just want to make this thing right. This should have never happened like this."

Holder, had been released Sept. 26 from a veteran's hospital in Columbia, King said. He had fought the disease for five years, but surgery last summer confirmed he was terminal, King said.

Holder died about 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at their home, said King.

King said she told Henley that her father wanted to be cremated. Henley arranged for Hathaway Peterman Funeral Home in Wheatland to handle the

disposition of the body, King said.

King said she had a strained relationship with Henley, and it wasn't until last week that King learned that the funeral home had not been paid. She said she called Henley and was told she didn't have the \$1,200 to pay for the cremation.

King said she talked to a lawyer, who advised that she could not legally get involved because she and Holder were not married.

"The funeral home had told me that if they didn't get paid that they would bring the body back, but I never thought it would come to this," King said.

Miller said Coroner Connie Boller assured him that she would help carry out Holder's wish to be cremated. Boller did not return a call to the AP.

"I've been in this business 30 years, but I've never seen anything like this," Miller said. "It's something that should have never happened."

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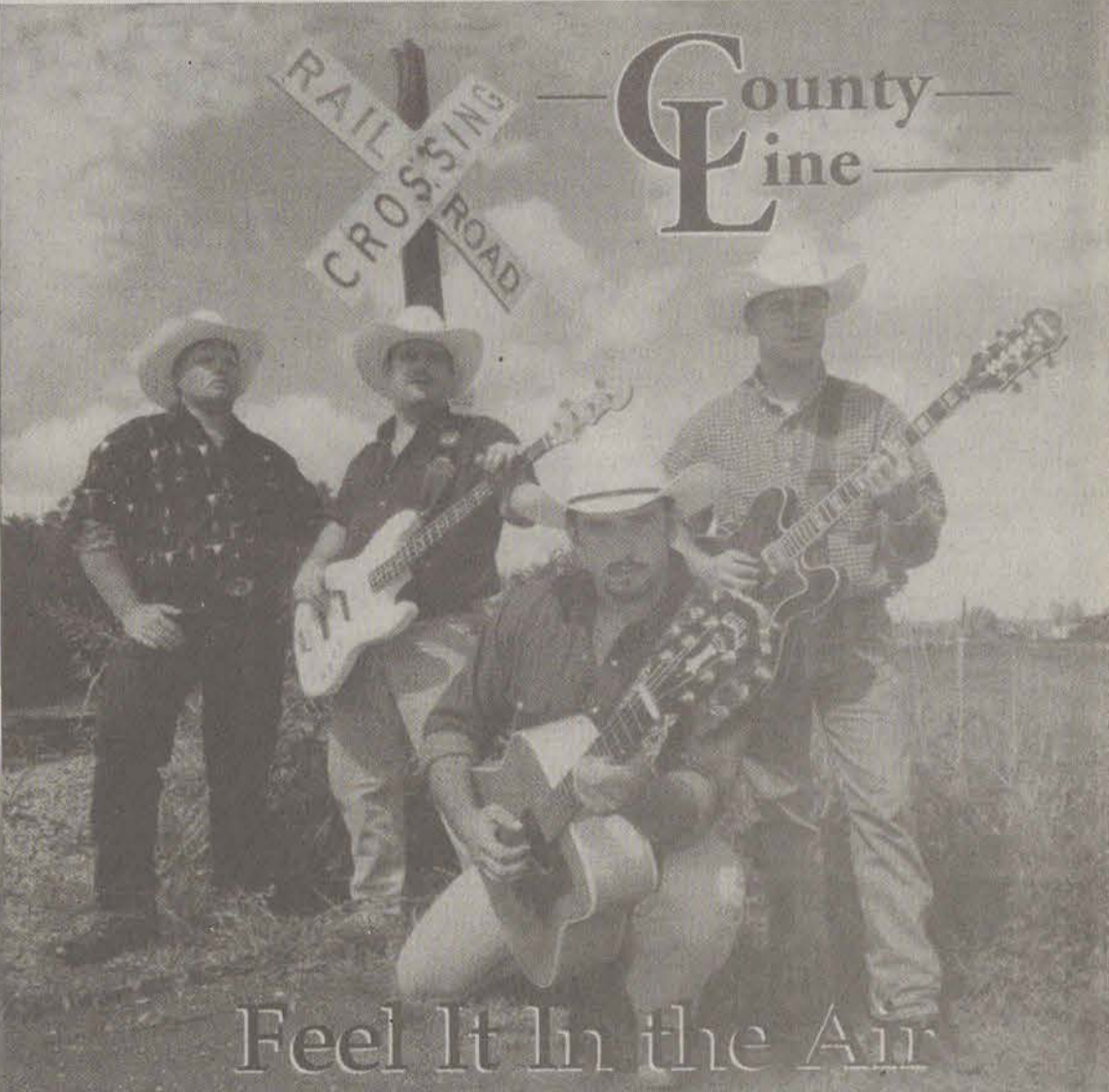
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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

Will saying 'hello' kill you?

Every week, we students stroll to and fro between classes and functions, and each of us most likely pass at least a hundred people every day. Occasionally our paths cross those of folks we know, so we smile and offer a friendly gesture of greeting, or toss a friendly word their way. But, what happens when it comes to those we don't know?

You know the dilemma. You're walking westbound on a narrower portion of sidewalk and a fellow student is headed east, about to pass right by you. On some unconscious level, your brain analyzes the situation. Do you make eye contact and smile? Do you stretch a glance toward the ground or the building on the opposite side of the way? Do you stare straight ahead and pretend you are the only pedestrian in existence along your route?

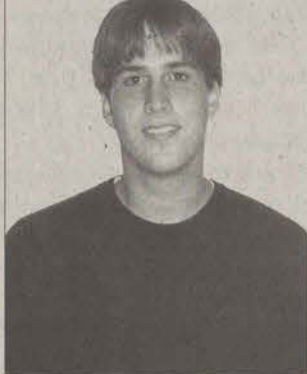
With the exception of a few campus socialites who smile at everyone they meet, chances are you pick one of the latter two options. Of course, you are at no drastic loss, and your day has not been deprived of anything you can notice. But, that's just it. You don't know what you might be missing.

In addition to the opportunity to brighten someone's day, smiling at passersby or offering a kind word to a stranger can improve your own mood. In fact, the best time to give it a try is when you don't particularly feel like it.

Even if you're not missing out on the love of your life, or one of the best friends you could ever hope to have, kindness is a memorable trait. If nothing else, remember the old adage: What goes around, comes around.

I was born in the U.S.A.

TIM PRIZER



When I was a little boy around the age of three, I can remember my sister and I falling in love with Bruce Springsteen's most recent tune, "Born In The USA." By telling me that I too was born in the USA, my dad had me convinced that the song was about me personally.

I would dance in my footed paja-

mas around our cozy Macon living room, screaming the chorus and the opening line, "Born down in a dead man's town..." at the top of my lungs.

My dad also pointed out to me, on numerous occasions, that I was born in Coliseum Park Hospital just off of I-16, where it flows in and out of downtown Macon. So one afternoon, as pops and I were cruising through town in his rusted green Honda, I put two and two together in my swarming "Bobby's World" of a mind. I innocently pointed out the window of the car and up at the big building that was my birth place, and asked, "Daddy, is that the USA?"

It took Dad a few seconds to realize why I would ask such a strange question, but as he tells it, he laughed for days after making the connection.

The irony in this anecdote lies in the fact that not much has changed since. Sure, I now know the difference between a hospital and a nation of over 280 million people, but my

world is still bottled up inside the USA, the place that I was born.

Just seven or eight years after Springsteen's song played itself like a broken record through my mind, America went to war in the mideast, a war that I thought to be "cool" in the social blindness that was my youth. I pictured images of Rambo and G.I. Joe tearing through jungles, and I played with my plastic three-inch army men, pretending that they were American soldiers.

In my youthful ignorance, I was in full support of such a war.

Once I grew up, however, the meaning behind Springsteen's thoughtful lyrics in "Born In The USA" became quite clear to me.

The Boss' anti-war sentiments in the song have been powerful messages to me over the last few weeks, as I continuously attempt to convince myself that war is the only answer for our country and that more killing is truly what we need right now.

To be honest, I do not claim to know the solution to the mess that we are in with Afghanistan. There is no real answer. Like WWII, the war in which we are now engaged is not one over oil, over global communism, or over religion (regardless what the Taliban may say - "war" and "religion," in my mind, are anonymous). This is a war to strike out terrorism and fanaticism, and also like WWII, it is a fight that's hard not to support.

In the past, I have not been much of a patriot. I think there may be more wrong with America than there is right, but given the war in which we are now immersed, it has become clear that I must stand beneath the stars and stripes for the cause of the only place that I have ever known.

I have never been outside the United States. My life has been spent sheltered between the seemingly broad, but relatively narrow expanse between Portland, Oregon and Statesboro, Georgia. Everything and everyone I have ever known can be

found within the same three and a half million square miles of American landscape.

All that is me is American. The things that I love are not unique to the United States, but they are perhaps most fully recognized here.

From the basic concept of freedom to the lush ballfields of Wrigley and Fenway, I love nearly all things American. I love thinking about fathers taking their little boys to ballgames, eating sloppy hotdogs and sticky cotton candy. I love American folk music, I love American theater, and most of all I love the American people, in all their diversity.

Sadly, thousands of these people were taken from us on September 11, and I am torn about the thought of losing more, as a result, in some war fought thousands of miles from home. But if it protects the things we love as Americans, I offer my support.

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The reporter is always listening

JAKE HALLMAN



They were standing right by me, trapped in their own little world, completely oblivious to the other Chik-fil-A patrons milling about.

I shouldn't say anything bad about these upper middle class guys. When I'm working at a newspaper somewhere, they'll probably be the highly-

paid advertising guys who have an inordinate amount of power of my fate. They'll see my name, and remember the column.

I'll have my fun whilst I can.

They had their cute little ties, their matching khaki pants, their almost-ironed white shirts, their obligatory sunglasses around their necks and the requisite semi-shaggy "I'm really a wild guy, not a conformist at all" haircuts.

Oh, and the younger ones were clutching their pretty blue pledge books, reminding me of three-year olds who don't understand "Mr. Teddy is for home, not for going out with Mommy."

I refuse to pay for friends or perceived social status, so I was below their radar. I *did* have my "nosy reporter" model grandpa hat on, though. They were talking, loudly, so I listened.

"I heard you guys got hazed real bad."

"Yeah."

Wait, isn't hazing supposed to be prohibited for Greek organizations? And the baseball team, but that's old news. To be specific, page 23 of the Student Conduct Code prohibits haz-

ing, with a laundry list of examples. Dirty reporter secret number one: We listen. Reporters don't always have notebooks, tape recorders, press

passes and lots of questions. Sometimes we just fade into the background and observe.

A colleague used to have breakfast every day at the traditional early-morning hangout of the Statesboro "wigs." He wouldn't talk, but just sit in a corner booth, observing the deals and listening to get confirmation of rumors, tips on stories to come and hear about the sometimes-seedy underbelly of "Boro politics."

Dirty reporter secret number two: People talk. A whole lot. People just don't like to keep secrets—I think there's something in the human brain that pro-

hibits any kind of confidential information. We are social creatures, after all.

That's why I put no faith whatsoever into wild Internet ramblings and con-

where they are...

But I digress. People knew about the stealth project in the 70s. In the 80s, it was in every other issue of *Popular Science*. Granted, nobody knew what it looked like, but we were damn sure it existed.

People like to blab their secrets, and even when they don't intend to, can be tricked into it. No, I'm not going to tell you how—that'd be more than even I'm willing to share.

Ironic, eh?

Besides, we're getting that one prepared for a big, end-of-the-semester joint column between my bitter, hated arch-rival and nemesis, Chris "The Evil Usurper of Chaos who is Getting Married to a Total Babe" Brenneman and myself.

What's the point? First, editors are evil. Second, just because it's not in the paper doesn't mean it's not happening, and just because "it's a secret" doesn't mean everyone doesn't know about it already. Finally, you frat boys better quit with the branding irons and homoerotic paddle rituals before someone puts an eye out.

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...YOU FRAT BOYS BETTER QUIT WITH THE BRANDING IRONS AND HOMOEROTIC PADDLE RITUALS BEFORE SOMEONE PUTS AN EYE OUT.

I've been having these dreams lately

BROOKE MINTER



I dream a lot. In fact, I dream almost every night, and rarely do I forget my dreams. Recently, I have been having these vivid dreams of my childhood. In these dreams I am the age of a child. I have been pondering the idea that maybe I am not really ready to grow up.

My first dream occurred in a roller-

skating rink. I can even remember how the skates felt on my feet. The skates were heavy, and they were tied too tight around my ankles. They were the kind you rent which were brown with fluorescent orange shoe strings. During my dream, I glided across the rink. I never wobbled or lost my balance. I was skating as I never imagined I could. I skated backwards with ease, and passed other people who were having difficulties. Then I noticed that some kids seemed to be following close behind me. But, they never caught me. I was faster and more skilled. When I awoke from the dream I felt like a child again.

The dream felt so real, but I felt kind of saddened. It took me a minute to realize where I was, and come to realize that indeed I was not a child.

My next dream occurred in my old neighborhood in North Carolina. I went back there to see an old friend. When I visited her, she seemed like she did not want to talk to me. She seemed fake and aloof. I left, and as I was passing a window it occurred to me that she had company. She was having a slumber party, and I wasn't invited.

I hung around outside of her window hoping that she would see me and invite me in, but she did not. All of a sudden I felt like I had grown into an adult from a child within seconds, and she was shutting me out of her life. I was too old to be her friend.

What could these dreams mean? No dream book could answer. Am I ready to grow up?

The day after my dreams, I began to think about my current situation. I am in a serious relationship that will be progressing into an engagement within the next year. I live with my boyfriend and we frequently talk about weddings, houses, and, dare I

say, children.

I feel torn at times, not about the choices I have made, but the transition my life is in. I have responsibilities, but not like the ones that I will have in the future. Within the next few years I will be married, possibly with children, and settled. My life will have started with another person, and I can no longer be a child.

I am not a child anymore. I am no longer naive, nor do I have an innocent mind. I can think back to a time where I had no stress. I had no worries about bills and money, except for the few quarters in my piggy bank that I received from the tooth fairy or my grandparents.

Don't get me wrong, I definitely think being an adult has its perks. I love going to college, because I have been out in the "real world," and trust

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a door that will never be closed." As the first civilian deaths were reported in Afghanistan—four U.N. employees died during a U.S. attack on the capital of Kabul—some U.S. and British officials suggested that ground forces soon could join the battle against terrorism.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the United States is "now able to carry out (air) strikes more or less around the clock, as we wish," and he refused to rule out the subsequent use of ground troops.

A few hours later, asked about the likelihood of such action, President Bush said: "I'm not going to tell you." A senior administration official who asked not to be identified said a ground campaign to secure bases and then search for bin Laden and his supporters could begin in a few days.

For now, though, bombing raids rocked Afghanistan as the U.S. air war evolved into a new phase: With nearly all planned targets destroyed, aircraft and missile-firing ships stood poised to seek and destroy fresh targets as they were spotted.

"Did you ever watch a hawk hunting?" one senior U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They cruise around up high, and when they see something, they swoop down on it. Only in our case, some birds have the eyes and others have the claws."

Soaring high Tuesday, striking by light of day and in the darkness of night, at least 10 bombers thundered over Kabul, the northwestern city of Herat and the southern city of Kandahar, which is the home of the hard-line Taliban regime.

By Tuesday night, the Pentagon said, allied bombs and missiles had knocked out virtually all airfields, aircraft, air defenses and previously identified terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.

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left in apparent disgust. But Davidson continued as anti-war protesters debated him one by one.

Meanwhile, John Behrs, 20, a fellow student who shared Davidson's sentiment waved a flag. "You usually just hear one voice out here, we wanted to show the other side," Behrs said.

By far a larger contingent of students denounced the war with the fervor typical of Berkeley students. "I think

About nine miles outside Kandahar, bombs reportedly struck a house belonging to Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Earlier Tuesday, a Taliban spokesman said that Omar and bin Laden, the prime suspect behind the terrorist assault on America, remained alive and in hiding.

Despite the military pounding and wide condemnation by the world, the Taliban spokesman said his regime was willing to tolerate a mighty sacrifice in the form of other people's lives to retain power.

"We are determined to offer 2 million more martyrs for independence and sovereignty if need be," said Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan.

No U.S. casualties were reported Tuesday or at any point thus far in the campaign, which has unfolded from the relative safety of ships at sea and planes flying above the range of anti-aircraft batteries.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, agreed. "The next phase is likely to be the insertion and extraction of ground troops," he told CNN.

After a White House meeting with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Bush was asked if he intends to send ground troops into Afghanistan.

"As to whether or not we will put troops on the ground, I'm not going to tell you," he said. "It would be entirely unhelpful to spread this kind of information. It would only help the enemy that we're trying to bring down."

Defense Department officials released surveillance photos that showed the complete destruction of an apparent terrorist training camp at Garmabak Ghar, a surface-to-air missile site near Kandahar

and the nation's largest air base, at Shindand.

The three days of bombing also leveled the airport, a radio transmission tower and Taliban command facilities near Kabul, an airfield and terrorist training camps near Kandahar, an airfield and other sites outside Jalalabad in the east and an airfield, missile site and other facilities near Mazar-i-Sharif in the north.

Though allied pilots still could be imperiled by shoulder-mounted anti-aircraft weapons, "essentially, we have air supremacy over Afghanistan now," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During a joint news conference with Myers, Rumsfeld spoke of now hitting "targets of opportunity" such as Taliban troops and vehicles as they "emerge." Such targets also could include buildings and other sites identified as Taliban command centers, bases or hideouts belonging to bin Laden.

As the U.S.-led war against terrorism continued from the air, the United Nations reported that four security guards for a U.N. mine-clearing program were killed during a bombing run on Kabul. The mine-clearing office stood close to the Taliban radio transmission tower that was destroyed Monday.

"People need to distinguish between combatants and those innocent civilians who do not bear arms," said U.N. spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker.

"It was assumed they were safe where they were," she said. "Otherwise, they would have been relocated for sure."

American officials said again Tuesday that they are not targeting civilians and seek only those who commit terrorist attacks or support them. Rumsfeld said he could not confirm the reported deaths of the U.N. workers.

the bombing by the U.S. government is going to create more of a humanitarian crisis in

Afghanistan," said Hoku Jeffrey, 24. "It's going to worsen an already bad situation and we're going to see more racial attacks on Arabs."

Many wore green arm bands that stood for solidarity with Arab, Muslim and Middle Easterners, and identified those that would come to the aid of any

of such person facing racist harassment or attacks.

Though the crowd dwindled after the noon hour, with small groups still singing, and debating one another, protesters promised more anti-war rallies to come with yet another planned for later that evening at a downtown Berkeley BART station.

No arrests were reported at Monday's noon rally.

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occur because of the cuts, although some vacant positions may be eliminated and hiring may be affected. Funds such as major capital outlay and maintenance for campus projects will not be directly affected

by the budget cuts.

Outside of those factors, the university will be allowed flexibility to manage the cuts. GSU's vice presidents will be handling plans within their own divisions to meet the re-

ductions. During this time, Grube plans to meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the President's Advisory Council. From these meetings, more information will be provided to those on campus.

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gift certificates. The central idea in the program is to get residents excited about studying.

Chris Caplinger, who is the academic enhancement coordinator for housing and helps administrate the program says, "Study Bucks is a program designed to promote the development of an academic cul-

ture in the residence halls."

Residents seem energized by the program. Carla Taylor, a sophomore education major, says "the program is an incentive to study."

The prizes are an immediate incentive that earning all 'A's doesn't have. Andrea Edmonds, a resident advisor in Cone Hall says, "It's a good way of recognizing efforts put forth outside of classroom."

The program is also another way that resident advisors try to get involved with their residents and

the academic lives of the residents.

In its first year the program won "program of the year" for the entire campus in 2000-2001, an honor considering the competition of programs put on by more than 150 student organizations.

"The program is one of the ways that residence halls are far more than 'dorms' at GSU," Caplinger says. He believes with the program residence halls are places where GSU's central function—student learning—is taking a front seat.

SGA, FROM PAGE 1

of the funds collected will remain in southeast Georgia but a portion will be allotted for the National Relief Effort set up for the victims and families of the World Trade Center tragedy.

"A lot of people are forgetting about home," he said. "For many of us, Statesboro is our second home."

"We were terrorized. We've cried and we have united," Perkins said. "We need to maintain that effort and put that same effort towards bettering our own community."

In addition to these fundraisers and in order to reach their goal of \$3,500, the SGA also:

- Placed mini "wishing wells" around Statesboro at most Eagle Express locations and various locations on campus, including the SGA office and the University Bookstore.

- Sold doughnuts to reach their goal. The number of doughnuts sold was not available at press time; however 50 percent of all sales will go towards their goal, Perkins said.

- Encouraged all campus organizations to donate at least \$100 towards the benefit.

- Charged all 41 senators to collect at least \$20 in free-will donations. Perkins stated that some have already surpassed that goal.

Donations will be accepted through Nov. 9. For more information, please visit the SGA office in Room 2007 in the Russell Union or call Jonathan Perkins at 681-0655.

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Five records that are safe...for now



By Bo Fulginiti
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Sometime this week between Barry Bonds' 73rd homerun clearing the wall at Pac-Bell Park, and Rickey Henderson touching home plate for a record 2,246th time, I began to ask myself: What individual records in the world of professional sports are still safe?

Well, in sorting through all the record books of the four major sports, I have come up with my own list of the top five records that won't be broken, why they are safe, and if they will be broken then who will be the one to do it.

5) **The record:** Defensive End Jim Marshall plays 282 consecutive NFL regular season games from 1960-1979 (every game of his NFL career).

Why it is safe: I know that Cal Ripken Jr.'s record is impressive and hard to match, but in a game like football were guys spend four quarters smashing into each other, staying healthy for 20 seasons is nothing short of a miracle. Besides, with new players challenging for starting roles year in and year out, you have to be talented enough to stay in the lineup well into your 40's.

Who could break it: I don't think that any Defensive End will be able to accomplish this feat because staying healthy in a role that active for that long is unheard of. If anyone is gonna do it, it's got to be a kicker with a powerful leg who is accurate and sticks with one or two teams his entire career.

4) **The record:** Outfielder Joe DiMaggio hits safely in 56 consecutive Major League Baseball regular season games.

Why it is safe: I think we learned with Barry Bonds recently that no pitcher wants to be the one who is responsible for contributing to a national record. So like Bonds, if anyone were to get to near 56, the chances of getting good pitches to put into play would be slim to none.

Who could break it: Ichiro Suzuki: Although he is a rookie in the bigs, he has won numerous batting titles in Japan, and he can just flat out hit. A lot of players like Jeromy Burnitz come out of their spikes trying to hit homeruns, but Ichiro just slaps base-hits down the lines and in the gaps. He also has the speed to beat out the close plays and that can mean all the difference in close games when he has to bunt to get on base.

3) **The record:** Center Wilt Chamberlain scores 100 points in a single NBA basketball game.

Why it is safe: Basketball is a team sport, and for any one player to score that much is not a good reflection of the team or it's coach. And with the NBA rule changes this season allowing defenses to set up zones and traps all over the floor, I don't think anyone will be able to take it to the hole that many times.

Who could break it: Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson: Shaq is the most dominate player in the game and can do all his scoring off dunks, and Allen Iverson is probably the only player who takes enough shots to even come close. But Shaq probably could never do it as long as Kobe is a Laker, and Ivy would have to be deadly from the three-point line because defenders aren't going to be playing him one-on-one anymore.

2) **The record:** Wayne Gretzky's NHL career total points of 2,857

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Eagles defeat Birmingham Southern, Moffat named SoCon Player of the Week

G-A News Service

Tony Moffat had two goals and an assist in the first half to lead Georgia Southern to a 4-2 win over Birmingham Southern in men's soccer Sunday afternoon at the BSC Soccer Park.

BSC answered a 4-0 Eagle advantage in the 44th minute with a strike from Jamie Holmes on a nifty pass up the middle by Kevin Kosek. The Panthers (2-6) added a second half goal from Greig Munro, but were unable to catch GSU (4-6).

Georgia Southern struck just two minutes into the game when Bates Harrison drove a pass from Moffat from 10 yards in front of starting goalkeeper Luke Eldridge.

Eldridge was injured eight minutes later and replaced by Ryan Simms. Moffat then scored two unanswered goals, one in the 24th and one in the 28th as the Eagles built a lead.

A Tommy Irwin header off a free kick in the 37th was the final GSU tally. BSC out-shot Georgia Southern, 16-15, but had six shots on goal to GSU's eight.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

EAGLES DEFEATS SOUTHERN: The Eagles defeated Birmingham Southern Sunday at BSC with a final score of 4-2. Sophomore Tony Moffat was named Southern Conference player of the week for his performance in the weekend's games.

Sophomore Tony Moffat has earned the SoCon Men's Soccer Player of the Week honors for October 9.

A forward from Stone Mountain, GA, Moffat led the squad to a 1-1 record last week. He scored the lone GSU goal in a 2-1 loss to SoCon opponent College of Charleston on October 3. Moffat then tallied two goals and an assist, including the game-winning goal, against Birmingham Southern on October 7.

"Tony has done an excellent job up top for us on and off the ball," said head coach Kevin Chambers. "He becomes a more complete player each and every day."

Moffat leads the Eagles with 14 points, is tied for the lead in goals with five and is second on the team in assists (4). His five goals ties a career season-high. Georgia Southern is 4-6 overall with a 1-2 Southern Conference record.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Wednesday as they travel to Southern Conference foe Furman. Kickoff is set for 5:00.

Midnight Mania to take place Friday night

By Colin Dube
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Midnight Mania is here. The University community has an opportunity to view the preseason's number one team in the Southern Conference's South Division.

The Eagles are picked to win the South Division of the Southern Conference by both the media and the coach's polls released Monday.

Midnight Mania scheduled for 10:45p.m. Friday in Hanner Fieldhouse will be the first look at what could be an NCAA tournament birth for the Eagle basketball program. "All top programs have one," coach Jeff Price said. "I wanted to bring winning back to GSU. I want to create more excitement about our basketball program."

The evening is set to have events including a three point shootout, slam dunk contest, free food, music by WVGS, games and prizes. The Eagles will end the event with an exhibition. There will be a twenty-minute scrimmage that will feature returning starters and preseason all-conference squad nominees Kashien Latham and Julius Jenkins.

Latham, who averaged 29.4 minutes and 13.4 points per game last season led the team in rebounds, averaging 9.7 a game, and blocks with 28 for the season. Jenkins averaged 35.5 minutes and led the team in free throw percentage at .814 as well as points, 16.7, per game. People across the league view

the Eagles as a powerhouse in the Southern Conference.

"It's been a long time," coach Price said. "It's good for the program. This certainly helps change the way Eagle basketball is perceived."

All five starters return for Coach Jeff Price as well as four more contributors.

Last year the Eagles finished 15&15 overall, 8&4 at home and 9&7 in the conference. The defense gave up, on average, 75.4 points per game, 37 rebounds, 14.9 assists, .442 field goal percentage and created 16.7 turnovers. On the other side, the offense scored an average of 76.5 points per game, 39.4 rebounds, 13.5 assists, .440 field goal percentage and gave away 15.4 turnovers.

"Last year we were young and we got better at the end going 8 for 12," Price said. "This year, were deep at all positions."

The Eagles do not carry a true center on the roster. The biggest man, Latham, is a 6-9, 230 pound forward. "We're quick and we're fast. We like to run and press."

Price and the Eagles finished second last season and say, "we're not interested in second place."

Being the team to beat in Statesboro is almost unheard of. Well at least outside of the local high schools or mention of Eagle Football, Lady Eagle Volleyball and Soccer.

"We can be that good," Price said, "if guys understand what it

takes to win. This is a very talented team. We have a tough schedule, but we have enough talent to have a chance. I'm not saying we will win every game, but it will be close."

"I would like for our guys to go out and give it 100 percent each second they're on the floor. Sometimes we play tough and then for about five minutes or so, we slack off."

Other players to watch for are Sean Peterson averaging 13.6 points per game last season and leading the team with 72 steals, Todd Shipley averaging 9.4 points per game and leading the team with 60 three point field goals, Frank Bennett averaging 8.6 points per game and 17 blocks for the season and Kenny Faulk averaging 6.2 points per game.

The Eagles open up with an exhibition on November 7 against Sport Tours in Hanner Field House. They will see the likes of teams such as Georgia in Savannah on November 21, UNLV, Illinois State, Savannah State, and Albany State.

Friday night the Eagles take flight in Hanner. Midnight Mania will be held 10:45p.m. until 12:20p.m. and is hosted by WVGS, the Sports Management Club and Georgia Southern Athletic Association.

WVGS is hosting Midnight Mania Tip Off this Thursday from 12:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. under the Rotunda. This is an opportunity for students to meet and greet a few players as well as coach Jeff Price.

Gwynn leaves Padres, heads to San Diego State

Associated Press

Tony Gwynn said goodbye to the major leagues, then invited everyone to come watch his new career at his namesake stadium just a few miles away.

The Padres had their third straight losing season since playing in the 1998 World Series, finishing 79-83 and fourth in the NL West. Still, they did much better than almost everyone thought they would.

"I love these guys," Gwynn said before taking off his Padres uniform for the last time in his 20-year career. "All of them have made great strides this year and you'd just like to see them keep on going. They play hard.

They play to win.

"Nobody thought we'd win 79 games. We're the 30th-best team in baseball," Gwynn said, referring to some magazines' preseason picks. "They just wouldn't hear of it."

"They're going to do just fine. The difference is, No. 19's not going to be here. I'm going to be up on the hill. It's time to do something else."

Gwynn, 41, will become baseball coach at his alma mater, San Diego State, at the end of the Aztecs' 2002 season. Until then, he'll serve as volunteer assistant to the man he'll succeed, Jim Dietz.

First, though, he'll have surgery Thursday morning to repair torn cartilage in his right knee, an injury that limited him to pinch-hitting duty the last half of the season.

Gwynn spent his entire career with San Diego, compiling a .338 lifetime average and winning eight NL batting titles. He finished with 3,141 hits, 17th on the all-time list and one hit behind Robin Yount.

"It actually feels pretty good," Gwynn said of his retirement. "It feels just about like I thought it would; I'd be tired at the end of the day, I'd be emotionally drained, but at peace with the decision I've made. It's time to close the page on that chapter and open up the next one."

Nevin, who hit .306, is due \$2.6 million in 2002 in the final year of his contract. He recently turned down a \$32 million, four-year extension,

and the sides are believed to be about \$1 million a year apart.

If the Padres and Nevin can't agree, he could be traded this winter. That wouldn't be new; the Padres had Nevin dealt to Milwaukee last winter, but it fell apart when San Diego wouldn't meet Jeromy Burnitz's asking price on an extension.

Nevin, who has 96 homers and 318 RBIs in his three years in San Diego, knows his value.

If Nevin stays, he'd likely go to first base and Ryan Klesko would go to the outfield, probably in right.

Besides his 3,000th hit, Henderson broke Ty Cobb's career runs record on Thursday and Babe Ruth's career walks record in April. It's doubtful he'll be back with San Diego.

Trevor Hoffman became the 14th reliever to get 300 saves, manager Bruce Bochy passed the 500-win mark, and Klesko and outfielder Bubba Trammell had big years.

But the Padres had their share of bad moments. They were no-hit twice, by Florida's A.J. Burnett and St. Louis rookie Bud Smith, and needed Ben Davis' eighth-inning bunt to break up a perfect game bid by Curt Schilling.

They led the majors in errors (145) for the second straight year, were shut out a big league-leading 16 times and shattered the club record with 1,273 strikeouts.

Previous Southern Conference Players Of The Week

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Sept. 10 Adrian Peterson, Georgia Southern
Sept. 24 Fred Boateng, Western Carolina
Oct. 1 Louis Ivory, Furman
Oct. 8 J.R. Revere, Georgia Southern

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Sept. 3 Justin Fryer, Western Carolina
Sept. 10 Josh Jeffries, Appalachian State
Sept. 24 Robert Mathis, Wofford
Oct. 1 Kevin Howard, The Citadel
Oct. 8 Will Bouton, Furman

Freshman

Sept. 3 Mazzie Drummond, The Citadel
Sept. 10 Victor Cabral, Georgia Southern
Sept. 24 Johnathan Woodham, Georgia Southern
Oct. 1 Titus Green, VMI
Oct. 8 Isaac West, Furman



Jill Burnham/STAFF

FOUR HONORED: J.R. Revere is one of four Georgia Southern football players to be honored so far as the SoCon Player of the week. Adrian Peterson, Victor Cabral, and Johnathan Woodham have also been honored.

Lady Eagles selected to finish second

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team was selected to finish second in the Southern Conference by both the SoCon coaches and by the Southern Conference media Monday at the annual Southern Conference Basketball Tipoff.

The Lady Eagles received one first place vote and 70 overall points in the coaches' poll, finishing 11 points behind 2001 Southern Conference Tournament champion Chattanooga. Meanwhile, Georgia Southern tallied 207 points in the media poll, finishing 32 behind Chattanooga.

Senior guard Danna Simpson was selected to the preseason

All-Conference team by the coaches, the lone Lady Eagle selected. Simpson was also named the league's top ball handler and top passer by the coaches. Junior guard Tiffany Lanier was named the Southern Conference's top defensive player while sophomore forward Shawnica Hill earned mention as one of the conference's top rebounders.

Georgia Southern, which will open practice this Saturday, returns three starters and eight letterwinners from a team that finished 22-7 in 2000-01. The Lady Eagles were Southern Conference co-champions with Chattanooga last season after compiling a 15-5 league record.

Biology seminar focuses on controlling delinquent elephants

By Shana Bridges
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The biology department received a visit from Dr. Robert Slotow on Tuesday. Slotow is an associate professor at the University of Natal in South Africa who is an expert on the Serengeti.

In his lecture, Slotow discussed the heightened aggression of elephants in wildlife reserves. He pinpointed two specific reserves, Pilansberg and Huhlwe-Umfolozi, where these attacks were occurring. Each reserve is only about 100,000 acres, but they are considered small by reserve standards since some can be as many as 40 million acres.

In Pilansberg, there have been about 50 white rhinos killed since 1992, and in HUP about 5 black rhinos and 58 white rhinos have been killed. White rhinos are an endangered species, and Pilansberg is one of the six key reserves where these animals are protected. Scientists in the area have researched these deaths and found that the elephants are the culprits.

Elephants are moved from Kruger National Park to one of these two parks in order to maintain a population. However, the elephants are moved in crates that cannot exceed two meters in height, increasing the amount of young elephants that are moved to these new parks to be reintroduced into another herd. The young that are transported are left to fend for themselves with no structure to their new society.

Scientists have discovered that the problem is musth. Musth is a period of heightened aggression in elephants associated with male reproduction and

elevated hormones. Swollen temporal glands and urination characterize it.

For the most part, the male and the female herds are separate, except during this period of musth. Male elephants experiencing musth will set out in search of a female herd so that he may find an ovulating female that will accept him.

Male elephants in musth are much more aggressive, due to higher levels of testosterone. In fact, another characteristic of musth is that these males have liquid, resembling tears, that stream down from their temporal glands on the side of their heads. It is thought that this streaming is also a way to release excess testosterone, which can, in high levels, be deadly. Other elephants will avoid a bull in musth, and any bull in musth is aggressive over the others, despite how small they are.

For most elephants, the normal age of the first musth is 28. However, the elephants in Pilansberg experience their first musth at the age of 18. These Pilansberg orphans also experienced an abnormally elongated period of musth that lasts about 3-5 weeks, whereas normal elephants only experience musth for a few days.

In a normal musth period, only male vs. male aggression is common. The reintroduced orphans showed misdirected aggression, most commonly towards the rhinos. Scientists believe that this elongated period of musth with misdirected aggression is due to the stress of coming into an unfamiliar, unstructured environment, and is aggravated by the tourism industry on these reserves.

Scientists in the area have devised a



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EXAMINING ELEPHANTS: A biology seminar by Dr. Robert Slotow, 'Controlling Delinquency in Young Elephants' on Tuesday addressed issues of hormonal imbalances in aggressive elephants.

solution to the problem. They decided that the orphan elephants that were being reintroduced at Pilansberg and HUP and left to fend for themselves needed a structured male hierarchy. Therefore, they introduced older male elephants to suppress the musth of the younger orphans.

They introduced six adult males into Pilansberg in February and March of 1998 and ten adult males into HUP in 2000. These older males were captured in Kruger National Park and moved in pairs, and were radio collared for tracking.

According to Slotow, the Pilansberg reserve has shown encouraging results after its introduction of older bulls into the population.

No young males have been in musth for an extended period, no recent rhino fatalities have occurred because of the elephants, the resident bulls have been receptive to the old males, and a male hierarchy has been achieved. However, HUP has not had much improvement. Scientists are still working to pinpoint delinquent elephants on this reserve.

Drive-in movie event proves successful

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In order to entertain the parents that came down for Parents Weekend, Eagle Entertainment put together a drive-in movie for the families of GSU students and faculty last Tuesday.

Eagle Entertainment put up a drive-in movie screen and transformed Paulson Stadium's parking lot into a drive-in theater. After sorting out a few technical problems, which included the last minute change of the movie to "Spy-Kids", the theater was ready.

Parking crews directed the vehicles so that they could line up with the movie screen, and still have room to move their vehicle if they decided they needed to leave during the movie. Eagle Entertainment provided free drinks and popcorn for the event at a table set up on the side of the theater. With lounge chairs, cars, and free food the families were ready to enjoy to show of the evening "Spy-Kids".

"Spy-Kids" is a family movie about a family of spies called out of retirement. Antonio Banderas and Carla Gigino (known for her work on the television show "Spin City") play Gregario and Ingrid Cortez, top-notch spies that retired to raise a family until several other spies go missing.

On their way to their mission, they too are kidnapped by an evil kid-show

host, Fegan Floop (Alan Cummings) and his assistant, Minion (Tony Shalhoub). The only two people in the world who can save them are their children.

Carmen and Juni (Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara) are typical children, the know-it-all older sister and the smart-mouth little brother.

The two miniature heroes of the movie go on an adventure to find their parents. The first stop in the wild ride is supposedly a "safe-house." Their hiding spot is easily discovered by the evil minds in charge, which include the always sexy Teri Hatcher. The kids then discover that there are robots that are made to be an exact replica of themselves who want a "third brian".

After giving up the "third brian", they find themselves in a shop for spies, and they soon discover the shop keeper is really their uncle. They manage to steal a few items from the shop and then go to a mixed-up castle to save their parents.

"Spy-Kids" is considerably more like "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" than "James Bond", but the movie entertain the audience. Some of the jokes were directed more to the adults in the audience, for instance, a play it backwards Beatles joke. The leaders of the event could not have made a better last minute choice than that of the benign, family-friendly film.



Special Photo

A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN: Eagle Entertainment enhanced Parent's Weekend with a drive-in-style showing of the movie 'Spy Kids' in the Paulson Stadium parking lot.

CBS still undecided about airing Emmy awards

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - If CBS decides against a third attempt at airing this year's Emmy Awards then plans will be made for another way to honor the winners, Emmy organizers said Monday.

"If they want to have a show, we'll go ahead with it," said Jim Chabin, president of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. "If

they don't, we'll proceed with distributing the Emmys at a dinner or press conference, an appropriate venue."

The 53rd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were to have aired Sunday on CBS but the network and academy called off the ceremony after U.S. and British attacks on Afghanistan.

The ceremony already had been postponed three weeks, from its

original Sept. 16 airdate, because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

"This has all happened so quickly," CBS Television President Leslie Moonves said Sunday. "It's really one day at a time, like it is for everything in America right now."

CBS programming executives and academy officials met Monday to discuss the show's fate. Moonves has

the final say, expected this week.

"It's a decision that not only impacts the TV academy and CBS but, the industry as well," CBS spokesman Chris Ender said.

Asked whether CBS would have to pay the multimillion-dollar license fee to the TV academy if the ceremony isn't shown, Ender said he could not discuss financial issues connected to the Emmys.

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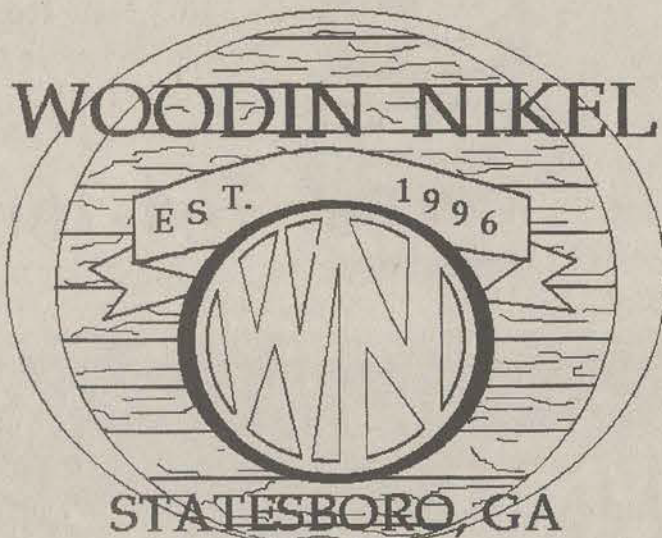
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'The Swamp Thing' combines comic book horror with cultural sub-text

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"Gray, brittle, tattooed by frost, quite dead...this was my first glimpse of the Swamp Thing," says Dr. Jason Woodrue in the opening story of Alan Moore's horror epic "Saga of the Swamp Thing."

Now imagine the only thing that keeps you motivated to live is a lie. What do you do when you find out? The Swamp Thing faces this dilemma in "The Anatomy Lesson" in which he is dissected by Dr. Woodrue who discovers he is not human and never was.

The first story opens with the narrator pondering the fate of the old man who made this revelation to the Swamp Thing.

"He'll be pounding on the glass right about now... and will there be blood? I like to imagine so. Yes, I rather think there will be blood. Lots of blood."

But Moore's horror is not about blood and gore. Monsters and demons fill the pages, but these stories are filled with character development, foreshadowing, and cultural sub-text.

In "Media Virus," Douglas Rushkoff's book about the effects and uses of the media and pop culture, he discusses the success and underlying themes of the Swamp Thing. He says Alan Moore's stories were "among the most controversial comics of the eighties...The environmental agenda is obvious...The psychedelic agenda is presented in equally bold strokes... In Alan Moore's hands 'Swamp Thing' became a media virus to promote this pro-psychedelic, pro-plant kingdom agenda."

The metaphors start with "The Anatomy Lesson" when the Swamp Thing, who represents the plant kingdom, is brought to a laboratory in Washington D.C. to be dissected and studied. However, the plant man is not dead and fights against the technological General Sunderland.

In later stories, the Swamp Thing explores the after life by going to hell to save the soul of the woman he loves. In the story "Pog" small cartoony aliens arrive on Earth seeking a new home planet. The story is a tribute to Walt Kelly's Okefenokee Swamp creation Pogo Possum. The aliens land in the swamp and believe the Earth is perfect until they see humans and realize they are doing the same thing to Earth that destroyed their home planet. In "The Rite of Spring" story, the psychedelic art work kicks into over drive during the "vegetable sex" sequences which start the "pro-psychedelic agenda" mentioned by Rushkoff.

The detailed artwork and strong dialogue is enhanced by Moore's detailed and sometimes poetic captions.

In a scene in which the female lead Abigail is out walking in the sun the caption creates an eerie poetic mood.

"Sunset over Houma. The rains have stopped. Clouds like plugs of bloodied cotton wool dab ineffectually at the slashed wrists of the sky."

In the story "Love and Death" Moore gives the story a smell, one of the senses most often neglected in books and movies. The smell is stuck on Abigail and, after scrubbing herself with all the soap, shampoo, bubble bath and perfume she owns to get rid of the smell, she resorts to using a wire brush to scrub her skin till she passes out.

"The smell was still there. Have you ever burned an insect with a magnifying glass? Just once, long ago, when you were a kid and didn't know any better? There. You know it. You know the smell."

Abigail and the Swamp Thing are the main characters who face all sorts of "crazy weirdness." Abigail has a few problems in her life. Her uncle was a sorcerer who was obsessed with cheating death. Her husband has developed a strange ability to make dreams come to life and her

best friend is a plant that thinks he's human.

The Swamp Thing may sound like a B-movie monster, and a B-movie based on the Swamp Thing exists, although it doesn't compare in scope to Alan Moore's stories. In his introduction to "Saga of the Swamp Thing," Moore talks about the advantages and disadvantages of comic books. One is that the Swamp Thing exists in the same world as Batman and Superman and numerous other characters in the DC Comics universe, but this can be used to the writer's advantage too.

"With the application of a sensitive and sympathetic eye, become a rich and fertile mythic background with fascinating archetypal characters hanging around, waiting to be picked like grapes on the vine," says Moore.

He uses established characters throughout his stories that DC fans may have heard of, but introduces them to those who may not have heard of him in such a way that they are new to everyone. And some of the characters he creates have gone on to become major characters on their own. Some of the established characters that appear are Etrigan the demon, the Stranger, Floronic Man and introduces John Constantine who stars in the horrific comic book "Hellblazer."

The first two volumes of Alan Moore's stories, "Saga of the Swamp Thing" and "Love and Death" are considered to be some of the best horror comics in print today. The artists for these volumes are Stephen Bissette, John Totleben and Shawn McManus. With popularity for the graphic novels growing, DC has recently printed the next two books in the series, "The Cursed," and "A Murder of Crows."

Look for reviews of "The Cursed" and "A Murder of Crows" in the coming weeks.



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'CRAZY WEIRDNESS': Combining an environmental agenda with thick-plotted stories and incredible artistry, 'The Swamp Thing' is a comic book with a history that leaves plenty of room for a new fan base. Writer Alan Moore catapults the oft-neglected character of Swamp Thing into a new direction with thickened-plots.

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Wal-Mart Distribution Center's Haunted House for Habitat scares for charity

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The Wal-Mart Distribution Center will be hosting its second annual Haunted House for Habitat. The spookfest promises to be even bigger and better than last year's event. The location has been moved from the William James Middle School to the old West building downtown next to the post office. The larger building will be more accommodating to the growing number of ghouls.

A special Greek Night will be held on Wednesday, October 10th from 7p.m. to 12 midnight. The sorority or fraternity who brings the most people through the house, whether it be friends, dates, brothers, or sisters, will be awarded half of the evening's proceeds to donate to their favorite Non-Profit Charitable Organization. So be sure to gather

up your buddies and come out for a howling good time. But beware: Do NOT show up alone!

Also, a children's afternoon will be held at the house on October 27, from 12 to 3 p.m. There will be plenty of fun and games for the tiny goblins!

All children under 12 will not be permitted to enter the house without adult accompaniment. Pregnant women and those who have heart problems should be cautious about entering the house. The house will be open October 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 29, 30, and of course on Halloween night, October 31. The hours of operation will be from 7pm to 12 midnight all nights. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. All proceeds go to the Bulloch County Habitat for Humanity Program.

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me, I would much rather be tucked away safely at GSU. There are moments where I miss being a child, like when the kids roll down the grassy hill at the GSU football games, or when Christmas time comes around, and I wish there really was a Santa Claus.

I am growing up. That is a fact and there is no way out of it. I don't know if I am truly ready or not, but I think I will always have a piece of my childhood hidden away somewhere. I think a good idea to remember is that no one can take away your imagination.

Imagination is where a child first forms its ideals, not from society or T.V. You can always reach back and still hold onto a piece of your childhood.

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FULGINITI, FROM PAGE 6

Why it is safe: There is a reason they call this guy "the great one." He was the most complete player to ever lace up the skates, because he led the league in goals and in assists for many years in his 20 year career. The best scorers in the game today still lack the unselfishness needed to rack up the assists, and if someone were that balanced they would have to maintain that level for two decades.

Who could break it: Jaromir Jagr: He is the best player in the game today and he just got traded to a weaker Washington Capitals team that will need his constant scoring and assists. But, if he has even a prayer at sniffing 2,857 total points, he better plan on playing until his jet black hair turns a little lighter.

1) **The record:** Major League pitcher Johnny Vandermeer tosses back to back no hitters

Why it is safe: In today's game of baseball, where offensive has been more explosive than ever before, pitching nine innings of no-hit ball is an accomplishment in itself. But to do it for 18 innings is almost inconceivable, and remember, to beat it someone would have to throw three straight no-hitters and that is as close to impossible as you can get in sports.

Who could break it: Pedro Martinez: He is the most complete pitcher in the majors because he combines a 95-plus MPH fastball with ungodly breaking balls. If any pitcher could fool hitters for 27 consecutive innings it would have to be someone with three premium pitches, and he is the only one that has that.

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