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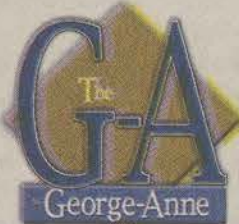
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Foy Fine Arts' Gallery 303 welcomes Peven's 'Photography Installation'

By Shana Bridges
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Foy Fine Arts' Gallery 303 opened yet another interesting and enlightening exhibit on Jan. 17, entitled "Photography Installation" by Michael Peven of Fayetteville, AR.

This is by no means Peven's first exhibit. He has had one-person exhibitions since 1977 and has won numerous awards for his achievements.

Peven's exhibition has three main sections entitled "Dog," "Slugs and Roses," and "The trip so far." In "Dog," Peven uses tiled laser prints that are enlarged from 35 mm black and white negatives. The different depictions of the dogs in the snow fill the entire wall, which really adds to the effect of the photographs.

In "Slugs and Roses" he uses a scroll technique, which he recently finished in the spring of 2001. The scroll of photographs is made up of ink jet prints of slugs and roses, with different facts about each printed on the pictures. However, some people may not find slugs even remotely appealing and they will choose to focus more on the roses in the scroll.

In "The trip so far" Peven takes a simple idea and brings it to life. It seems as if this piece is something that would save time and space for preserving memories, but not everyone has the equipment to make it possible. In "The trip so far" Peven uses a road map with images placed near the locations on the map where they took place. The pictures are rather small, but serve as an excellent reminder of events that happened on his trip all over the United States and include the people and places he has seen along the way. The exhibit also includes large ink jet prints of more pictures from his trip.

Peven lives in Fayetteville with his wife and two sons, and has traveled all over to show his work and speak at different artist events. He has been published in several art journals and books and is also featured in such works as "Who's Who in American Art" and "The Encyclopedia of Photography."

Students who are interested in photography, or who would like to get a different outlook on things are encouraged to attend this exhibit. Peven's photographs will be available for viewing in Gallery 303 until Feb. 15.



Allison Bennett/STAFF

FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND: Michael Peven's exhibition, 'Photography Installation,' is comprised of three sections entitled 'Dog,' 'Slugs and Roses,' and 'The trip so far.' The photograph above, from 'Dog,' is one of seven tiled laser prints that are enlarged from 35 mm black and white negatives. Peven now resides in Fayetteville, Arkansas with his wife and two sons. He has been published in several art journals and books and is also featured in such works as 'Who's Who in American Art' and 'The Encyclopedia of Photography.'

Emory University to supply electric Ford 'Th!nk' cars to faculty commuters

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Emory University thinks one way to deal with all the traffic coming onto campus every day is, well, to buy more cars.

Emory and Georgia Power officials on Wednesday were showing off one of their new Ford Th!nk city cars, electric vehicles the school plans to provide employees who commute to campus via mass transit, car pool, van pool, bicycle or foot.

"When you take alternative transportation in, you're kind of trapped," Emory spokeswoman Deb Hammacher said. "This will allow people to go to doctor's appointments and things like that within a certain proximity."

A proximity of 50 miles round-trip, that is. That's how far the Th!nk city car can go on one charge, which takes four to six hours.

Emory employees will be able to reserve the vehicles online and then access them with smart cards and personal identification numbers. The cars, which will arrive on campus within six weeks, will be recharged upon their return to the check-out kiosk.

The 50-mile driving limit and a global positioning system will help prevent theft, said Georgia Power representative Ben Echols.

The school will lease the vehicles from Georgia Power for about \$500 a month, said Brian Shaw, Emory's direc-

tor of alternative transportation. That cost could decrease due to state and federal tax credits for zero-emissions vehicles.

The Th!nk city car is designed to be a second or third vehicle, for quick drives to the store or the daily commute to work but not a vacation, Echols said.

"Probably you wouldn't want to take it on highways, but it's really a



new class of car, a city car, for an urban environment," Echols said.

He said the Th!nk city car is different from its "science project" predecessors in that it was built to be an electric car, rather than simply a hollowed-out combustion-engine vehicle with an electric motor.

If the egg-shaped vehicle looks like something that would seem more at home in Europe, that's understandable. The first eight electric cars at Emory will be European models, which tend to be smaller than American ones.

The European Th!nk takes seven

seconds to get from zero to 30 mph, and tops out at 56 mph. The American model — due out in September — will have mostly cosmetic changes and will reach about 62 mph, Echols said.

Aside from zero emissions, the vehicle also cuts down on noise pollution. The car was so quiet that the first test driver couldn't even tell that he'd turned it on. And its aluminum frame and plastic body parts are 100 percent recyclable, Echols said.

Passersby slowed down to give the curious-looking car a quick once-over. Though American models will be outfitted with passenger-side air bags to meet U.S. safety standards, one observer said the foreign car he saw didn't appear to be safe.

"I'd have to check the safety standards before I'd buy it," said Travis Williams, 22, of Anderson, S.C.

Regina Pickens, 23, also of Anderson, said, "I hope that's not the wave of the future."

The head of an Atlanta bicycle group, though, said people seeking alternative transportation would welcome the new option.

"All these alternatives they're providing are great," said Dennis Hoffarth, executive director of Atlanta Bicycle Campaign. "People can make a choice as opposed to being forced to use a car."

Hashmi explains 'The Rise and Fall of the Taliban' to GSU students and faculty

• Part two in a two-part series

By Jake Hallman
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• This is a continuation of "Hashmi, a devoted Muslim, explains 'The Rise and Fall of the Taliban,'" which appeared in the Wednesday, Jan. 23 issue of The George-Anne.

The Soviet invasion also came while Islamic fundamentalism was gaining power in the Middle East. Many of the 56 Islamic nations sent fighters to Afghanistan citing "religious duty."

"Osama bin Laden grabbed this opportunity," Hashmi said. Ironically, the U.S. approved of these "holy warriors," or Mujahadeen.

"The U.S. told them 'God is on your side,'" Hashmi said. "Osama bin Laden gave the same message. In this way the war in Afghanistan became a religious war."

At that time bin Laden founded Al-Qaeda, or "the base," a core group of hard-line Islamic holy warriors.

The invasion was costly for the



Allison Bennett/STAFF

DR. HASHMI: Dr. Zia Hashmi speaks about the Taliban's demise in Afghanistan.

people of Afghanistan. The Soviets killed 1.2 million Afghan civilians,

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A donation from the heart...



VOLUNTEERING STUDENTS: The Red Cross held a blood drive in the Williams Center Thursday. Students and faculty volunteered their arms throughout the day for those with medical emergencies.



Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

January 23

• Jack Stallings reported approximately \$12 was missing from Hollis Building Room 2117B.

• Stephen Vices reported a camera missing from Biology Building Room 1107.

January 24

• Thurman C. Clemons Jr., 23, of 192 Bell Road, was charged with DUI, fleeing and attempting to elude, speeding, failure to dim headlights, failure to maintain lane, passing in a

no-passing zone, driving on the wrong side of the road, failure to obey a traffic device, failure to signal while turning, stop sign violation, and littering.

Statesboro Police Department

January 23

• Terry McFarlin, 19, was arrested for purchase of alcohol and fake ID.

January 24

• Dean Dennis, 20, was arrested for DUI, improper use of center lane and fake ID.

• Ronda McKie, 22, was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to yield.

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.

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

Affidavit: Woman attacked after consensual sex with UGA player

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga.-- One of the University of Georgia athletes suspended in a rape investigation had consensual sex with the alleged victim earlier that night, according to an affidavit.

The information came from a Jan. 15 affidavit for a search warrant of the dorm room where woman says the attack occurred.

UGA Police Detective Eric Dellinger wrote that the woman reported she had consensual sex with junior basketball guard Tony Cole on Jan. 14. Later that night, she said, two other men accosted her in Cole's dorm room.

The woman told police that after

she and Cole had sex, Cole went to a bathroom and a man she didn't know emerged from a closet and sexually molested her. The woman told the man to stop, and, after several unsuccessful attempts to rape her, he left.

The woman told police sophomore basketball player Steven Thomas then entered the room, got on top of her and the two had sex. It is unclear from the affidavit whether the sex was consensual.

Last week, Cole, Thomas and junior football cornerback Brandon Williams were suspended by athletic officials. UGA police said a basketball player was accused of rape and a football player of attempted rape. Another basketball player, was identified as being an accessory. No charges have been filed.

University police said they would forward findings from the investigation to Clarke County District Attorney Ken Mauldin's office.

"The timetable is determined by each individual case," university Director of Public Safety Asa Boynton said. "I can't tell you whether it's going to be a day, four days, three weeks or a month."

"I think it's best for the university to get this thing closed as quickly as possible that's my opinion," UGA men's basketball coach Jim Harrick said.

The court documents indicate that Dellinger took a set of bed sheets and a condom wrapper from Cole's room.

College student found dead in home legally drunk

Associated Press

A 21-year-old University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student had a blood-alcohol level more than four times the legal limit when he died, authorities said Wednesday.

Friends found Elvio Misoni, of Mosinee, dead early Sunday morning at a Stevens Point home.

Portage County Coroner Scott Rifleman ruled Misoni choked on his own vomit in an alcohol overdose and the death was accidental.

Misoni's blood-alcohol level was 0.425 percent, the coroner said. The legal limit to drive in Wisconsin is 0.10 percent.

Misoni, a junior health promotions

major, was the sixth UW-Stevens Point student to die since classes resumed in September, said Bob Tomlinson, assistant chancellor for student affairs.

Three students died in traffic crashes, one died of a rare "fungus-type" illness contracted while hunting and one committed suicide, Tomlinson said.

Local News Brief

Club fight continues at Varsity Lodge Apartments

Staff reports

Officers to the Statesboro Police Department responded to varsity Lodge Apartments in reference to a fight. Upon officers' arrival, they met with Monique Marie McCain who stated that a female named Shenon allegedly threw bleach in her face and then hit her in the head with a tire iron causing a laceration to her forehead. Shenon was later identified as Shenon Shequenda Lewis. McCain explained that an altercation occurred at Legends between her friend, Ronda McKee and Shenon. McCain stated that Shenon followed them to The Varsity Lodge Apartments where Shenon reinitiated the earlier altercation. Several other unidentified subjects were involved in the altercation.

One of these subjects sprayed Kizzy Jackson with pepper spray. These unidentified subjects and Shenon were gone upon officers' arrival. Shenon was later identified

as Shenon Shequenda Lewis. McCain was treated and released from east Georgia Regional Hospital. Shenon was arrested for a short time later by officers of the Statesboro Police Department.

Shenon S. Lewis was charged with aggravated assault. Shenon is being held in the Bulloch County Jail pending further court action.

The case was turned over to Detective Coleman for further investigation.

Campus News Brief

The Department of Sociology & Anthropology invites you to attend a lecture by GSU Alumni Dr. Lee Roger Berger, Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m., COBA 1124.

The title of Dr. Berger's presentation will be "Recent Early Man Discoveries in Africa."

Dr. Berger is the 2000 winner of the National Geographic Exploration Award. He is currently the chair of the Department of Paleontology, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

If you have questions call Dr. Sue Moore, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology -- ext. 5443.

The Faculty Board of Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Studies is putting its money where its mouth is.

The faculty members have dipped into their own pockets to establish a scholarship in Irish Studies honoring Statesboro physician Dr. Gary B. Sullivan.

In announcing the scholarship Fred Sanders, director of the center, noted that Dr. Sullivan is a charter member of the center's advisory board and has served as chair of the board since the founding of the Center for Irish Studies in 1995.

"Gary Sullivan, through his continuing support of the center's programs, has played a crucial role in making Irish Studies an important part of the life of the university and the community," Sanders said.

The Dr. Gary B. Sullivan Scholarship in Irish Studies is funded by contributions from the members of the center's faculty board.

It will be awarded annually, in the amount of \$500, to a student who chooses to complete a minor in Irish Studies.

The Study Abroad program emphasizes the study of Irish-Gaelic, but also includes a course in Contemporary Irish Culture which explores Irish dance, song, poetry, and painting. Other activities include hill-walking and visits to important archeological sites of the region.

Students interested in applying may call Sanders at (912) 681-5899 or email him at fsanders@gasou.edu.

The 2002 Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7:00 PM Georgia Southern University Russell Union Ballroom.

Tickets will be three dollars for GSU Students/Faculty Staff and five dollars for the general public.

For more information, please

contact Janelle Lunsford or Iman Freeman (912) 486-7270.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Athletic Ticket Office thru Friday, Feb. 1 or at the door Saturday, Feb. 2.

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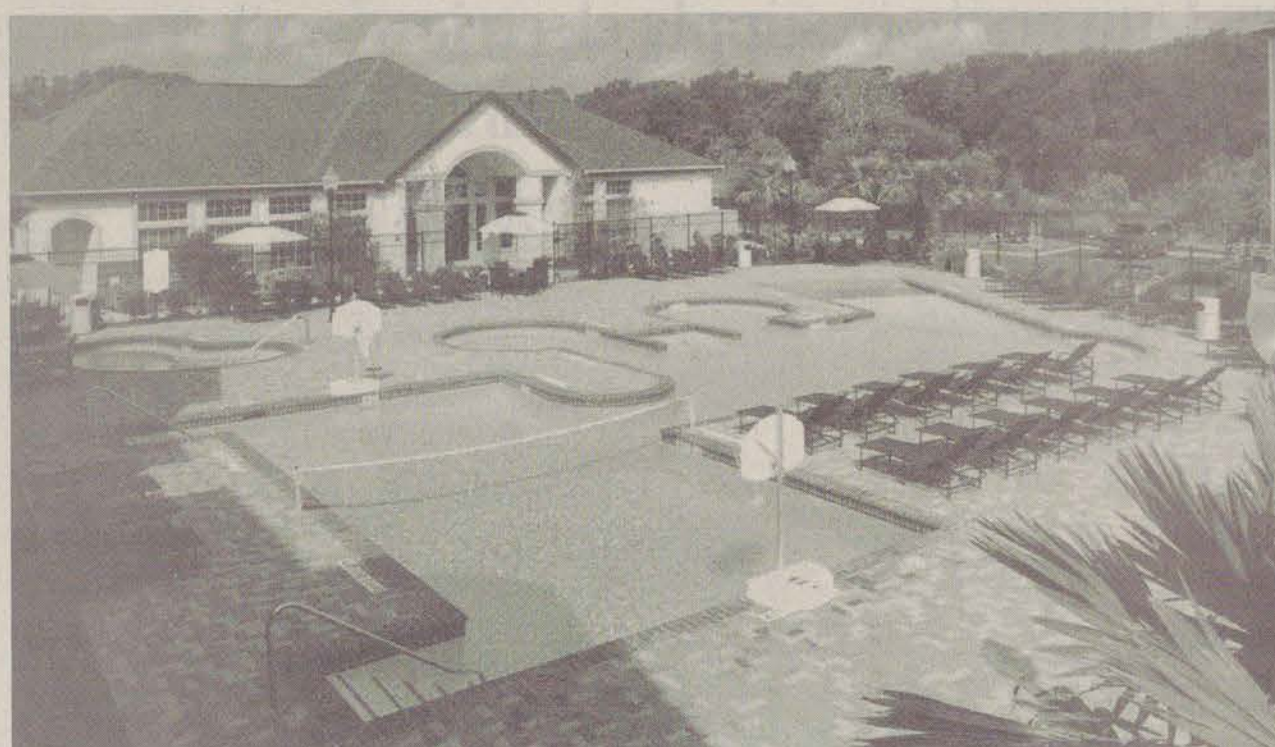
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1 Delaware

Man found dead in apartment with several lizards feasting on body

DOVER — Several flesh-eating pet lizards were found feasting on the corpse of their owner in his apartment, police said.

Police were called to Ronald Huff's apartment in Newark, Del., on Wednesday after a relative became worried because Huff failed to show up for work, investigators said.

Officers found Huff's body on the floor, with his pet Nile monitor lizards feeding on his flesh. The state medical examiner is investigating the cause of death.

Huff, 42, had last been seen Sunday, New Castle County police said.

Workers with the Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recovered seven lizards, the largest measuring 6 feet long and weighing 25 pounds.

"They're alive and well," said SPCA director John Caldwell. He added that one of the reptiles recovered was acting aggressively, "actually going toward you, mouth open."

Caldwell said the lizards have small but very sharp teeth and muscular, whip-like tails that can seriously injure a person. In the wild, they eat eggs, birds and other animals, he said.

"In captivity, we feed them raw chicken and liver. You can also feed them hard-boiled eggs," he said.

The SPCA will try to place the lizards with zoos or educational groups, Caldwell said. Barring that, they will be euthanized.

The lizards are considered exotic pets in Delaware and cannot be acquired without a permit from the state Department of Agriculture.

State veterinarian Dr. H.W. Towers said the department stopped issuing such permits for New Castle County residents in 1997 after the county passed an ordinance to stop the proliferation of exotic pets.

Caldwell said he was told that Huff was granted an exotic pet permit several years ago. Towers said he didn't know, however, if Huff had permits for all the lizards.

"If somebody had come for seven monitor lizards, somebody would have said something to me," Towers said.

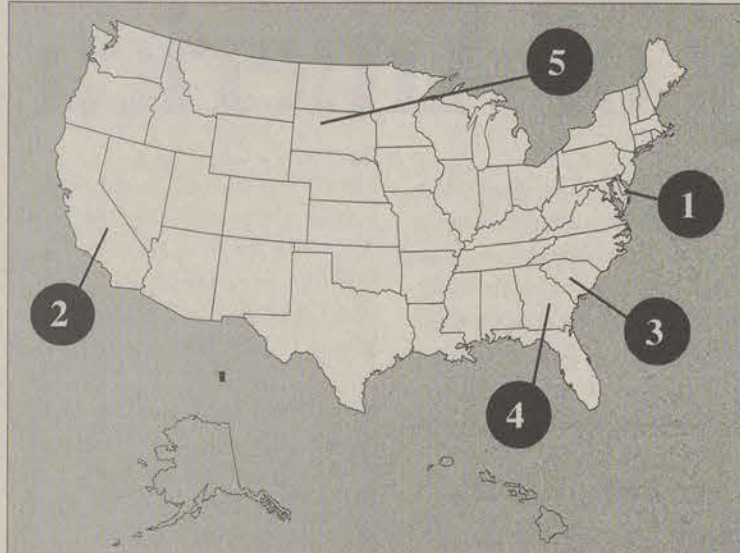
2 California

Owner of world's largest U.S. flag dies at 72

LONG BEACH — Thomas Demski, who owned the world's largest American flag, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, has died. He was 72.

He died Saturday at his Long Beach home, the Los Angeles Times reported. Demski, a disabled coal miner and construction worker, suffered from heart disease and diabetes.

Demski's "Super Flag," as he called it, weighed 3,000 pounds, measured 255 feet by 505 feet and cost \$80,000. The flag has been displayed at the Washington Monument



and Hoover Dam.

Demski recently put the flag up for sale for \$100,000. It was not immediately known if it had been purchased.

He also made other flags, smaller than the Super Flag, but much larger than the standard versions of Old Glory. An American flag that measured 47 feet by 82 feet was carried down Pennsylvania Avenue last year in the inaugural parade for President Bush.

His giant flags gained renewed popularity across the country after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. His flags were used to cover the fields at Dodger Stadium and the Rose Bowl for UCLA's first home game after the terrorist attacks. In October, Demski went to New York to fly one of his flags from a construction crane at the World Trade Center site.

Born in Nanticoke, Pa., he began working in the coal mines before moving to Southern California in the 1970s. After a back injury disabled him from his construction job, he found time to start a new business devoted to patriotism: a flag company.

3 South Carolina

Man sues unknown owner of stray bull that hit car

ENOREE, S.C. — The father of a woman killed when her car hit a bull on a dark country road has filed a lawsuit against the unknown owner of the animal.

York resident Michael Deese's faults the unknown owner for allowing the bull to run loose, blaming his daughter's death directly on that person's "negligence."

Sheila Deese, 23, was killed two years ago as she and her boyfriend Joseph Clippard, 29, drove down Highway 146 near Spartanburg about 10 p.m.

According to a South Carolina Highway Patrol report, Sheila Deese and Clippard were driving in her two-door convertible when she struck the bull, which was in the middle of the road. The bull, which witnesses said weighed about 2,500 pounds, was catapulted over the hood of the car, through the windshield and into the driver's seat.

Sheila Deese suffered massive head trauma, according to a Spartanburg County Coroner's report. Clippard was injured and treated.

Deese thinks people in the rural community where the accident occurred are keeping a secret about his daughter's death. His attorney, James Fletcher Thompson of Spartanburg, says the lawsuit should finally force the truth to emerge.

"It allows us to issue subpoenas and put key witnesses under oath," Thompson said. "There's certain people in that community who we feel have yet to be forthcoming."

A bitter custody battle is complicating the investigation. Deese got custody of his daughter's two children with Clippard against Clippard's wishes. His mother, Joann Surgeon, says she knows who owned the bull, but will never identify the man because she is angry about the custody dispute.

4 Georgia

Man burned, hospitalized after fight over beer

MARIETTA — A 58-year-old Marietta man was burned while arguing with his live-in girlfriend over beer.

Police said Charles James Edwards was in the burn unit at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta with second- to third-degree burns.

Employees at an office complex found him in a parking lot, according to police.

Authorities have arrested Edwards' girlfriend, Pamela Patreasa Morgan. Police said Edwards told them the woman poured rubbing alcohol on him and set him on fire.

Morgan, 38, was being held at the Cobb County Adult Detention Center. She has been charged with felony aggravated assault.

Marietta police spokesman Brian Marshall said Edwards was barely able to speak when he was found.

The case remains under investigation.

5 South Dakota

Student expelled for threats

WEBSTER — A seventh-grade boy who admitted partial responsibility for threats of violence at Webster School was expelled for a year by the school board.

The 12-year-old cannot attend school until Jan. 3, 2003. He's to appear in juvenile court this month.

Written threats were discovered in school bathrooms last Aug. 27, 30 and 31. No violence occurred.

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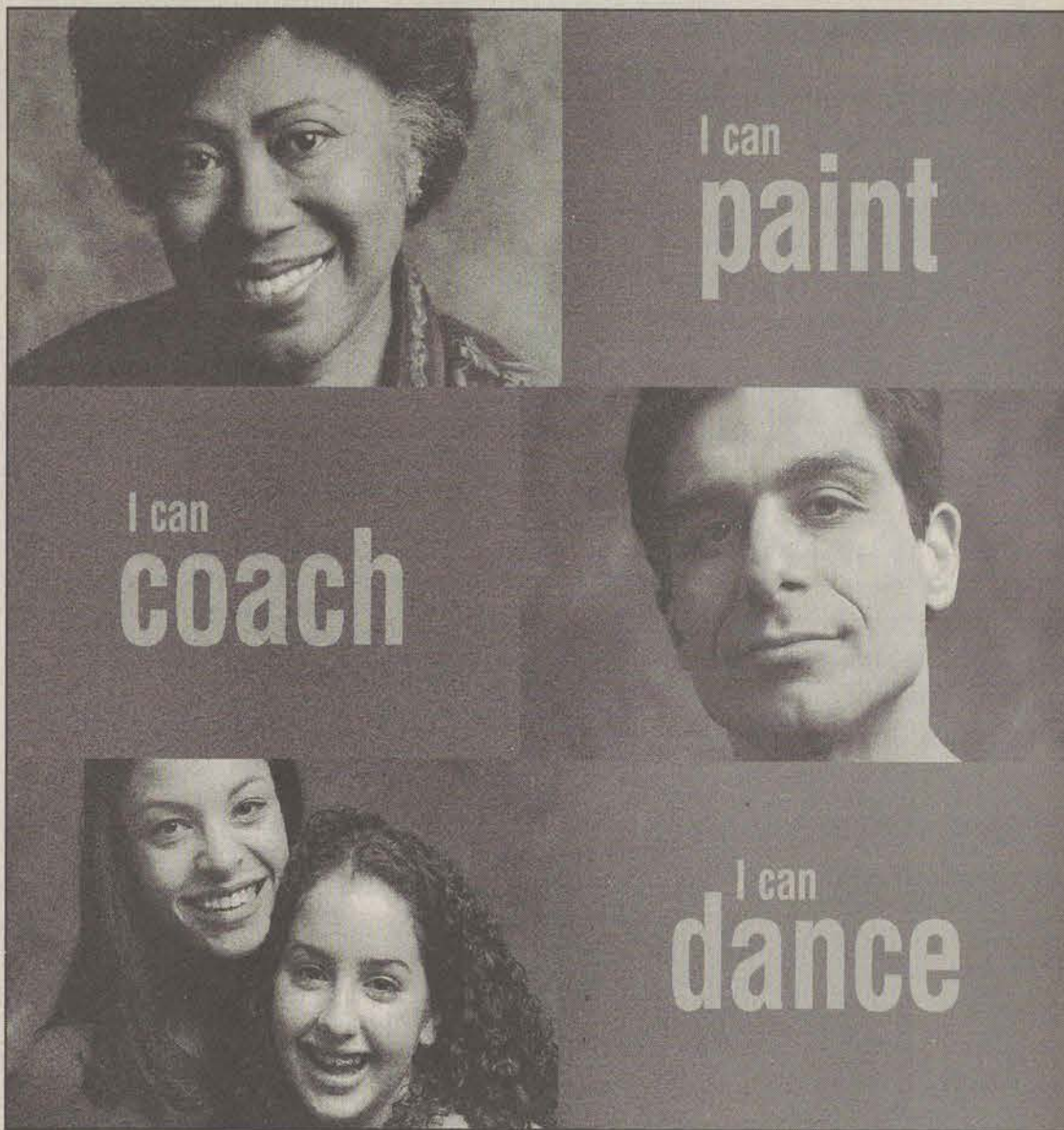
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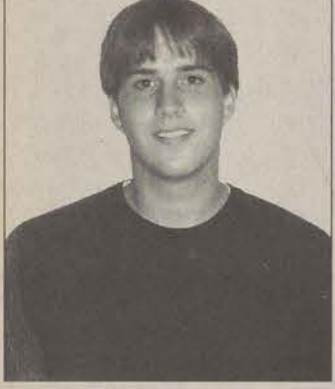


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OPINIONS

Respecting the elderly of America

TIM PRIZER



"Send your mother to Shady Acres/Send your father to Shady Acres/We'll take good care of them/You won't be aware of them/Send them to Shady Acres."

When Janis Ian wrote the bitter lyrics to her ditty "Shady Acres," a song that would later be banned from television and radio, her sarcasm sunk its teeth into the millions of American mothers and fathers who fail to recognize their own hypocrisy in spanking their children and telling them, "Respect your elders."

"Shady Acres" succeeded in uncovering a growing concern of Ian's and of many other thoughtful Americans regarding the treatment of a significant fraction of the American population.

You see, relative to most other cultures in the world, industrialized or not (I have to read books and

books on the subject as an anthropology major), America seems to rank near the bottom of the bunch when it comes to treating their old folks the way they deserve to be treated.

Many of the hunter-gatherer bands in Africa view their elderly as the most significant members of the community. The elderly live in huts just an arrow's shot of their children and grandchildren, and the community wouldn't have it any other way. Some of these groups see the elders as the ones to turn to for advice regarding hunting, child birth, navigating the forest and healing the ill. Most of all, the elderly are seen as the last link in local traditions threatened by outside contact.

You don't have to cross any oceans to find a group of people who spend more time caring for their elderly citizens than they do honking at them and running them off the road, either. If one looks to areas of South America, they will see that old people gain importance and respect with each passing year. Hell, even modern Canada has political and social programs to insure the health of their older citizens that Americans would never consider adopting. "That means higher taxes," we complain.

As Janis Ian pointed out years ago, our so-called "respect" for our elders can be seen most clearly in the increasing population now residing in American nursing homes. The truth is that the real problem with these "homes" lies not in reported cases of scolding

hot water and bed sores, but in the nonchalance with which we can dump our citizens at the doors of their future dying place. The only way to find out for certain how the residents feel about their living

to three hours there per week. Little did I realize, as well, that some of my most valued friendships in the world would come out of the oddly-shaped one story building on South College Street.

THEY FIND THEMSELVES CONFINED TO BEDS, TO WHEELCHAIRS, OR IF THEY ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND, CONFINED TO THE WALLS AND DOORS OF THE "HOME" THEY KNOW IS FAR FROM THE PLACE THAT DESERVES THAT TITLE.

conditions is by asking the people who are forced to live there. And the best place to start is in the nursing homes of southeast Georgia.

It all started last semester when I was required, for a grade in a sociology class, to work 15 hours of community service somewhere in the local area. After being turned down by Goodwill (they won't allow you to help out there unless you're paying the price for a crime, believe it or not), I decided to check with the Statesboro Nursing Home. The nice workers at the nursing home told me that sure, I was more than welcome, so the nursing home it would be.

Little did I know that nearly three months after completing my required community service that I would still spend an average of two

The feeble men and women who reside at the home are treated wonderfully by most of the nurses there, who do all they can to make the life a little more tolerable. But when speaking to the residents, they uncover the real horror of life there: loneliness.

The words of sadness and seclusion that the residents express require the visitor to take a step back and acknowledge the beauty in the freedom of cranking up the automobile and hitting the open road. One is also reminded that these faces with their empty eyes once had dreams of romance, of wealth, of retirement on the yachts of the Atlantic, and most importantly, of dying in the peace and tranquillity associated with family and home.

Reality for these people has turned out to be the approaching end to life

without the love of an old flame, without any possessions other than the clothes on their backs and the greeting cards on their night stands, and without the freedom of an ocean breeze. They find themselves, instead, confined to beds, to wheelchairs, or if they are lucky enough to be able to move around, confined to the walls and doors of the "home" they know is far from the place that deserves that title.

To hear them reminisce about childhood experiences, about being "as wild as a stallion in a wide open prairie," as one man told me about his days as a youth in Statesboro, is utterly heartbreaking.

But nothing do these folks love more than a little company now and then. A young face from "the college," as they call it, brightens their day in way none of us could imagine. If you find the time, volunteer it as I have, and the rewards will be more valuable than any \$6 hourly wage will ever be.

To end with another song lyric appropriate to the topic, I will borrow from one of my favorite elders in the world, John Prine. "So if you're walking down the street sometime/And spot some hollow ancient eyes/Please don't just pass 'em by and stare/As if you didn't care/Say, 'Hello in there, hello./You know old trees just grow stronger/And old rivers grow wilder everyday/Old people just grow lonesome/Waiting for someone to say, 'Hello in there, hello.'"

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THE GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

• **THUMBS UP** to Habitat for Humanity, which continues to build houses for families in our area.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the roads on campus which seriously need to be repaved in places.

• **THUMBS UP** to rumored reports that Statesboro is getting an Outback Steakhouse. Oh yea baby!

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the continued fighting in Jerusalem.

• **THUMBS UP** to the new restaurant, Locos, which is currently being built on the 301 Bypass.

• **THUMBS UP** the biggest pay raise for our military in 20 years.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the rainy weekend in our forecast.

The Internet has created a new form of laziness

AMANDA PERMENTER



I despise laziness.

When reserved for an occasional luxury, it isn't so bad. As a stifled

personality trait, it's tolerable. But laziness as a way of life is absolutely disheartening.

As a keen observer of the world around me, I have taken it upon myself to dig out some possible causes of rampant dawdling. Unfortunately, the main one that jumps out at me is something I partake of often. The Internet is a breeding pool for societal idleness.

I guess people like myself have long been foreshadowing the possibilities of epidemic laziness, at least since 1969 when Zager and Evans wrote a song called "In The Year 2525." The lyrics seem particularly insightful for the era in which they were written. One verse predicts that we'll eventually all choose our children from test tubes. Another suggests we'll be programmed for what

we do and say by a daily pill, if that isn't Matrix enough for you. However, there is a part which applies in even greater tandem to my point that says, "In the year 5555/Your arms hangin' limp at your sides/Your legs got nothin' to do/Some machine's doin' that for you."

Maybe the artists themselves were a bit slack with their speech and grammar, but beyond that it serves to support a very valid point. Technology makes us evermore lazy.

I'm not a person who fears technology, or even dislikes it. As with anything, there are downfalls and benefits. In my book, the internet is awesome. For purposes of communication and information access, it is an incredible resource. But, not only does it keep us inside and immobile when we could be doing something healthier, it has even limited the ability to speak in sentences without abbreviations.

I honestly believe that major contributors to physical inertness are our patterns of speech. What we think and say are means of self-assertion.

And with every new program, access method, and computer game comes a new list of abbreviated jargon.

We don't have Internet service providers. We have ISPs, popularly available with "DSL." There aren't instant messengers, those are IMs. Personal computers are just PCs. Music files are MP3s and electronic mail is just E-mail. Such technical terms are only the tip of the iceberg.

The worlds of chat and instant messaging in themselves have brought about a system of abbreviated conversation that could arguably be considered a dialect. Most internet enthusiasts have made a habit of flinging such lingo, including me. Do you laugh out loud, or "LOL" at online amusements? If something is funny enough, perhaps you catch yourself typing "ROFL" to express that you are rolling on the floor laughing, or "LMAO" to indicate that you're laughing your ass off. When it becomes absolutely necessary to take a bathroom break from stimulating web banter, the standard promise to return is "BRB."

When connecting an irrelevant point, it is preceded with "BTW." Confusion is indicated by the adopted military expression "WTF." Use your imagination on that one. Some of these shortenings have been around for a long time. That's not the point. The point is the frequency of their use now that the internet is such an integral part of our lives.

If there are individuals out there with views that oppose mine on this issue (as I'm sure there are), I offer them this simple test. Try to go through one day engaged in normal conversation and Internet activity without resorting to lackadaisical

communication.

It would be hypocritical of me to claim that everyone should shut down their mechanical processors and revert to using the mental ones with which we were naturally equipped at birth. Advancements in the way people are able to do things should be respected as causes for increased education and efficiency. But, it's all too apparent that regardless of what technology has done in the medical field, life is still relatively short. Somewhere, there has to be a balance.

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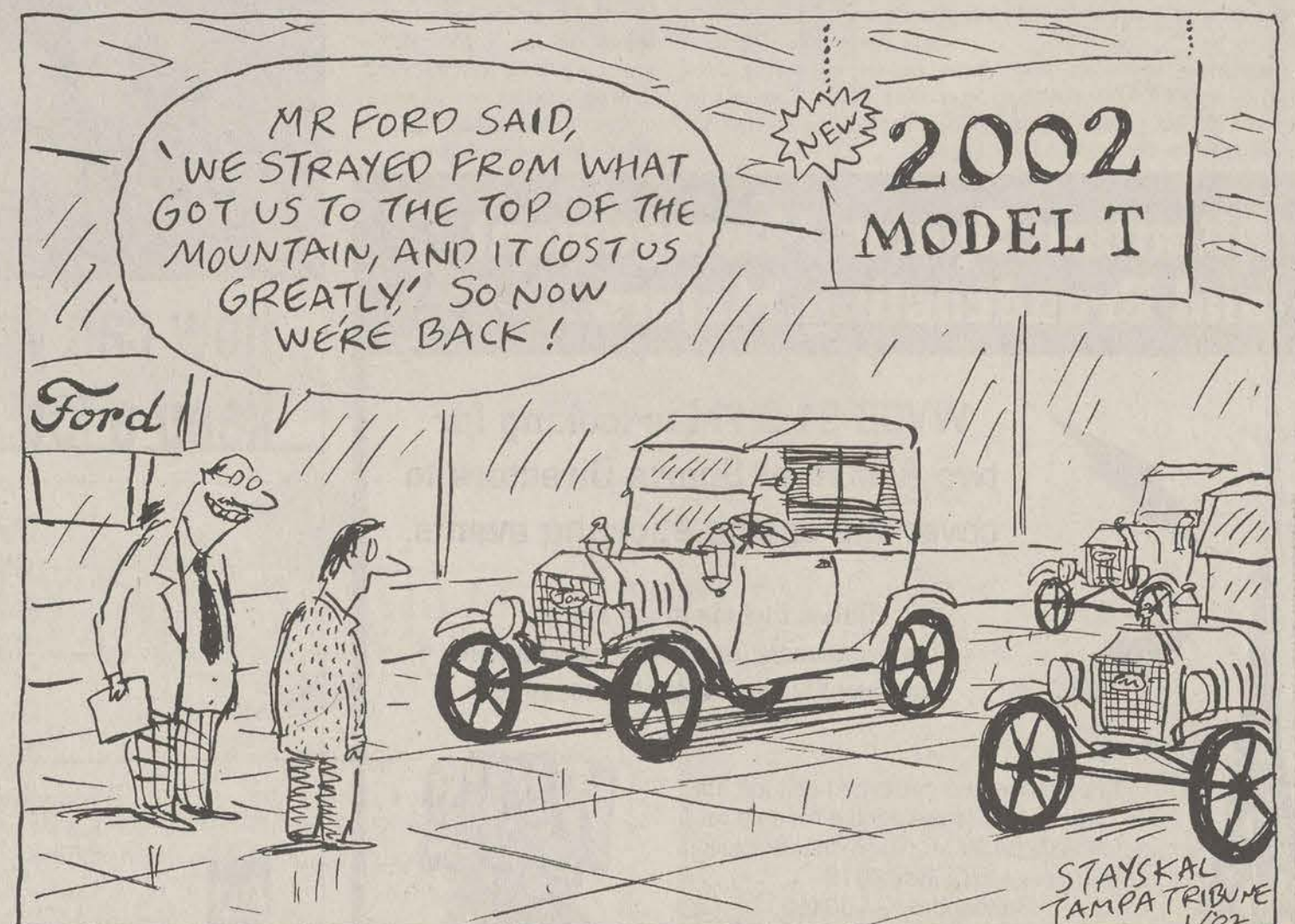
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coast that attached observational gear to Navy tow-ers.

Using the devices, they documented unexpected bursts of extremely destructive winds, some as high as 100 mph. They measured how winds and rain carry surprising levels of particles to the water. And they showed how runoff from nearby rivers remained trapped near the coast for months until the system flushed itself out.

Others tapped into the system, too. A regional office of the National Weather Service, which had little offshore monitoring, used the data in forecasting, Seim said. So did recreational boaters who

wanted real-time reports on wave activity collected from pressure sensors, which would tell them whether it was safe to head off shore.

Seim's main concern for his latest project is funding.

Speaking last week to a meeting of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Seim talked about the scientific promise of improved coastal observation and the need to get better information about coastal waters to people outside science. But his big message was about dollars.

"Regional systems," he told commission members, "will not survive in the long term without stable, sustained financial support."

HASHMI, FROM PAGE 1

and injured two million more. In a country of 17 million people, five million became refugees in the face of the Soviet onslaught, Hashmi said.

Arms from the U.S., specifically shoulder-launched Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, turned the tide.

"Russia was losing airplanes rapidly," Hashmi explained.

In 1985, Gorbachev became head of the Soviet Union, and sought to end the "bleeding wound" of Afghanistan. By February of 1989, the Soviets had left the country. At this time, the U.S. pulled out, too, elated over the Russian loss.

According to Hashmi, from 1989 until 1992 the Afghan Communist government survived by manipulating various tribal rivalries. Finally, the Mujahadeen deposed the Communists and installed a new government headed by Tajiks.

"The Peshtuns were unhappy," Hashmi said. "The artificial nation-state of Afghanistan simply unraveled."

The country fell into a civil war of Muslim-versus-Muslim conflict, with both sides waving the banner of "Jihad," holy war in the name of Islam.

Hashmi equated the post-invasion chaos of Afghanistan to the anarchy that reigned in Germany after World War I. Similar conditions that led to Hitler's rise brought the Taliban to power.

The Taliban was aided by three separate powers, Hashmi said. Pakistan, Afghanistan's southern neighbor, wanted the Taliban in power.

"They realized that this is the party that might bring peace, stability and affluence to Afghanistan," he said.

Saudi Arabia also played a role. "Saudi Arabia did not want to see Iran expand its power," Hashmi explained.

Finally, Osama bin Laden brought military might. "He brought with him a large number of Islamic militant forces," he said.

In 1994, the former students of the Taliban began occupying Afghan cities. Two years later, they took Kabul and founded their government, with Mullah Omar, calling himself "the leader of the faithful," at its head.

Seeking legitimacy, Omar took a robe said to have belonged to the prophet

Mohammed and wore it. According to Hashmi, the Afghan people believed that God was on Omar's side due to his quick success.

The Taliban wasted no time in enforcing their strict interpretation of the Koran with their Department for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice. Some of the restrictive rules they held prevented women from working or even appearing in public without being covered head-to-toe in the traditional Burka.

Soldiers roamed Kabul, Hashmi said, arresting men with no beards or whose beards were deemed too short. Even the beloved traditional Afghan pastime of kite-flying was banned.

In addition, the Taliban harbored Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda, which now held violent anti-American sentiment because of U.S. foreign policy decisions, including support of Israel against Palestine, the basing of U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia and civilian deaths in Iraq as the result of U.N. sanctions against Saddam Hussein.

Only three countries officially recognized the Taliban: Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates. After Sept. 11, and the Taliban's insistence on protecting bin Laden, the Muslim world disowned the regime.

According to Hashmi, all the Taliban had left was Al-Qaeda and its non-Afghan Muslim fighters for support.

In the aftermath of the U.S. rout of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, Hashmi had faith in the new Afghan government.

"In less than 30 years, Afghanistan has had three different governments created under three different ideologies," he said. "As a result of these experiences, even today Afghanistan's people are in search of a government. Now there is a balance."

Under the fourth Afghan government, no one ethnic group holds sway over the others. The new government is headed by 30 men who proportionately represent the various Afghan ethnicities.

Hashmi was quick to note that problems still exist however, with Afghan warlords still in firm control of some areas of the country, no government-backed army and guns still in the hands of local militia.

Greenspan says the economy is showing signs of recovery

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - Striking a more upbeat note than he did two weeks ago, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that the economy was showing signs of improvement and declared himself "conflicted" on the need for any economic stimulus legislation from Congress.

After Greenspan testified, independent analysts predicted that the Federal Reserve, which cut interest rates 11 times last year, would refrain from further cuts when it meets Tuesday and Wednesday. Indeed, the next Fed move on interest rates

may be to raise them later this year.

"The first tightening move is unlikely to occur before late summer at the soonest," said Merrill Lynch chief economist Bruce Steinberg.

While expressing confidence in the economy's ability to bounce back, Greenspan warned that several risks were still ahead, including rising unemployment.

"Job losses could put something of a damper on consumer spending," he said.

In his overall appraisal of the economy, he said: "Some of the forces that have been restraining the

economy over the past year have started to diminish" and business conditions are starting to improve.

Two weeks ago in a speech in San Francisco, Greenspan stressed the risks rather than the recovery, and his caution caused stock prices to fall sharply. On Thursday, Greenspan conceded that his "phraseology" may have confused analysts, and his now-clearer views cheered Wall Street. By the close of business, the Dow Jones Industrial was up 65 points, or 0.7 percent, to 9796.

Greenspan, whose role as something of an economic seer carries

significant weight in Congress, as in the financial world, testified before the Senate Banking Committee. Even as he spoke, the Senate embarked on yet another attempt to pass a bill to spur economic recovery through a combination of business tax breaks and aid to the unemployed. The Fed chairman was equivocal in his view of the measure.

"Whether we do it or we don't, there are pluses and minuses" to stimulus legislation, Greenspan said. "I do not think it is a critically important issue; I think the economy will recover in any event."

GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAREER SERVICES SPRING SEMESTER 2002 RECRUITMENT CALENDER

Listed below are the companies who will be conducting on-campus interviews this semester. To be eligible for interviews students must: (1) graduate by December 2002, and (2) be registered with the Georgia Southern University Career Services Office. Some schedules will be pre-selected by employers. You must sign up for these interviews. If you sign up for pre-select schedules make sure your schedule is clear so you can interview that day if you are selected. We will contact you a few days in advance for pre-selects. Students must meet major requirements specified by employers. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the company presentation as well, even if you do not sign up for interviews.

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COMPANY/FIRM	INTERVIEW DATE(S)	PRESENTATION DATE/TIME/PLACE	MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED	PRESELECT & RESUME DUE DATES	POSITION/LOCATION	MAJORS
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Federated Logistics	2/26 - 3/1/02	2/25/02 7:00 pm Russell Union 2047		2/11/02	Nationwide	Logistics, Management Operations, Marketing Retail
UPS Logistics	2/27/02		2.8	2/13/02		Logistics
Georgia Department of Transportation	2/28/02		2.0	Open sign up. You can also sign up for interviews with	Civil Engineering Technologist Transportation Engineer Associate Statewide	CET CE
Walt Disney	3/1/02	2/28/02 6:00 pm Russell Union 2048	2.0	Open Sign Up at the Information session.	Walt Disney World College Program Internships	All Majors
Aroundcampus	3/1/02			Sign up for interviews At the Eagle Expo on 2/28/02.	Advertising Sales Internships	Advertising, Marketing, Management, Or Business
WalMart Stores	3/1/02	2/28/02 5:00 pm Russell Union 2041	2.5	Open Sign Up at Eagle Expo on 2/28/02.	Assistant Manager Trainee	All Majors
Wallace	3/1/02			2/12/02	Plant Management Trainee	Print Management Industrial Management Operations Management Management
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	3/1/02			2/15/02	Management Trainees	All Majors
Financial Resource Alliance	3/1/02		3.0	2/15/02	Financial Consultant	Business
Carolina Holdings	3/1/02			Sign up for interviews during the Eagle Expo on 2/28/02.	Management Trainee	Business Related Building Construction
Georgia Pacific	3/5/02		2.8	2/19/02	Logistics Intern	Logistics
SCP Pool	3/6/02			2/20/02	Branch Manager Trainee Branch Manager Intern	Logistics
Western Summit Constructors	3/6/02	3/5/02 5:00 pm Carruth Building 1024	2.5	Open sign up in Carruth Building.	Field Engineer Project Engineer	Building Construction
E&J Gallo	3/6/02			2/20	Sales Management Trainee	All Majors
Walgreen's	3/7/02			2/21	Retail Management Trainee Retail Management Intern	Business Related
Target Corporation	3/7/02	3/6/02 6:30 pm Russell Union 2042		2/21	Executive Team Leader Team Leader Intern	All Majors
Governor's Intern Program	3/21/02		2.75	Open Sign Up	Internships	All Majors
Andersen	3/27/02		3.3	3/13	Various Positions	Accounting
Maxim Healthcare	4/4/02			3/21	Sales Recruiter / Entry Level Management	All Majors
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Simpson and Jenkins named SoCon Players-of-the-Week

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference announced today that Georgia Southern senior Danna Simpson has earned the Women's Basketball Player of the Week honors for January 22.

A senior from Nashville, TN, Simpson led Georgia Southern to two conference wins last week, breaking a three-game losing skid.

She started the week tallying 19 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals in an 87-81 win over Davidson on January 18. Simpson shot 70 percent (7-of-10) from the floor against the Wildcats and was 5-of-7 (74 percent) from the free throw line. Simpson followed that performance with 15 points and

three assists to lead the Lady Eagles to an 80-63 win over Wofford on January 21. Simpson's three assists against Wofford gave her 376 career assists, setting a school record.

For the week, Simpson shot 63.2 percent (12-of-19) from the floor and was 10-of-13, 76.9 percent, from the free throw line. She also recorded four steals and averaged 17 points.

The Southern Conference also named Georgia Southern's Julius Jenkins as its men's basketball Player of the Week.

A 6-2, 175-pound junior guard from Deerfield Beach, Fla., Jenkins scored a career-high 34 points in the Eagles' 96-67 win over Western Carolina on Monday, Jan. 21.

Jenkins made 14-of-21 field goal attempts against the Catamounts including 6-of-11 from three-point range. He added seven rebounds, two assists, two blocks and a steal in 32 minutes vs. the Catamounts. In GSU's 86-73 victory over Wofford on Saturday, Jan. 19, Jenkins scored 17 points and added six assists and four steals. For the week, he averaged 22.0 ppg., 4.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 2.5 steals and 1.0 blocks and shot 58.3 percent (21-of-36) from the field and 40.0 percent (8-of-20) from three. He did not commit a turnover in either game. The honor is the third for Jenkins, who is in his third year in the Eagle program.

Lady Eagles ranked third in SID preseason poll

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference softball coaches and sports information directors have cast their vote and selected Chattanooga to defend its title in for the third straight year. Chattanooga edged Furman in the coaches' polling, receiving four of the eight first-place votes with Furman receiving three and Georgia Southern one. Chattanooga received six first place votes in the SID poll, while Furman received the remaining two.

The Lady Mocs won their fifth straight regular season title in 2001 with an 18-2 conference record. Chattanooga swept through the conference tournament, defeating

Appalachian State and UNC Greensboro and edging Furman twice to win its fifth tournament crown. Furman edged UNC Wilmington and Georgia Southern before falling to Chattanooga. The Lady Paladins topped Georgia Southern to advance to the finals of the tournament.

Furman was selected to finish second in both polls. UNC Greensboro was selected third in the coaches' poll, followed closely by Georgia Southern. East Tennessee State was selected fifth, followed by UNC Wilmington, College of Charleston and Appalachian State. In the SID's poll, Georgia Southern edged UNC

Greensboro for third while East Tennessee State finished fifth. The SID's selected College of Charleston sixth, followed by UNC Wilmington and Appalachian State.

The softball season begins February 2 when Georgia Southern travels to Tallahassee, FL, to take on Florida A&M on Saturday and 15th ranked Florida State on Sunday, February 3. The conference schedule opens on March 16 with a full slate of games: Chattanooga at Appalachian State, East Tennessee State at UNC Greensboro, Furman at College of Charleston and UNC Wilmington at Georgia Southern.

Peterson preparing for Saturday's senior bowl and the NFL draft

By Doug Kidd
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Adrian Peterson wasn't asked to run many pass routes or catch a lot of balls in his four years at Georgia Southern.

After all, when you run for 9,161 yards and score 114 touchdowns it's much easier to get the job done taking a handoff.

But the NFL wants well-rounded players, so Peterson's been catching.

Peterson's pass-receiving ability has been on display this past week as the former Eagle prepares for Saturday's Senior Bowl. Peterson and 100 of college football's best have spent the week trying to boost their stock to pro scouts.

And so far, he's done a good job of it.

Peterson's progress has been tracked by espn.com the entire week and the former fullback has held his own against the likes of Tennessee's Travis Stephens and UCLA's DeShaun Foster.

Tony Pauline, an NFL draft guru, has tracked the Senior Bowl for espn.com. Pauline wrote that Peterson was a "player who turned heads," partly because of his ability to catch the football.

"Peterson's pass-catching could push him into the draft's first day if he continues to show competency," Pauline wrote.

Another espn.com contributor, Vinny Cerrato, has also been impressed with Peterson's receiving ability. But Cerrato questions the former fullback's capacity to make the transition to tailback.

"Peterson ran more like a fullback than a halfback, but he isn't big enough to play fullback," Cerrato wrote. "He's really being forced to learn a new position."

Still Cerrato said Peterson has all but erased the question mark of pass

catching.

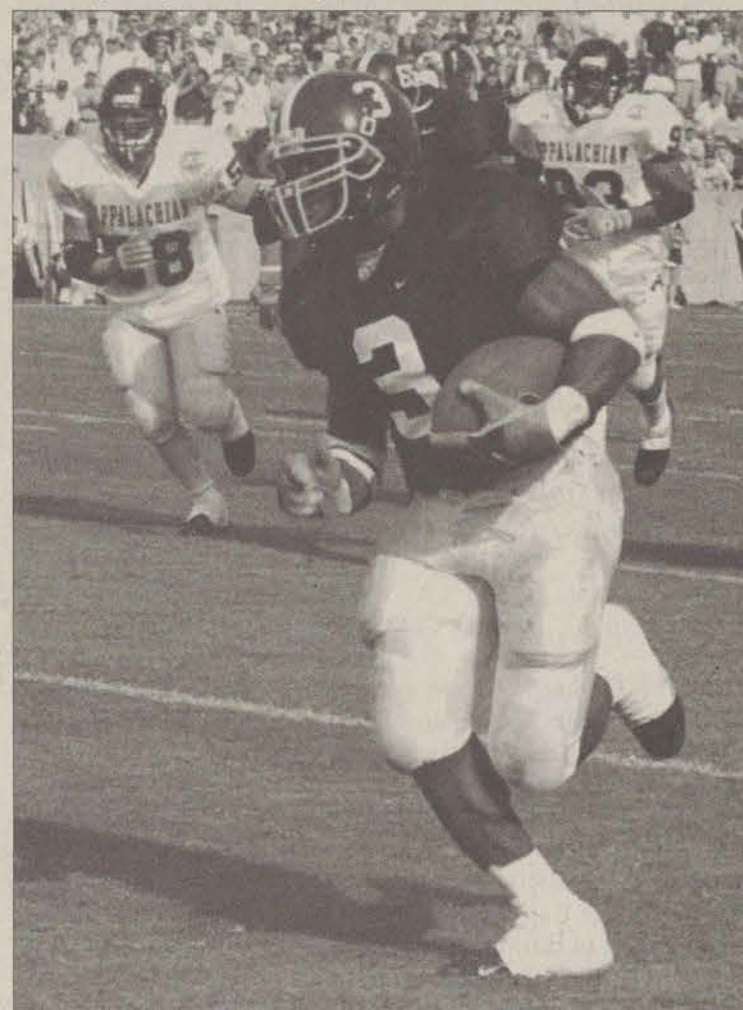
"If he continues to catch the ball well, his versatility could serve him well," he wrote. "This should help him."

Lamar Gordon, a Division II running back from North Dakota State, has also had a good week of practice. Gordon and Peterson have dispelled any doubts about their ability to play up to major competition.

The Sporting News currently list

Peterson and Gordon as the fifth and sixth best running backs in the draft. William Greene (Boston College), T.J. Duckett (Michigan State), Clinton Portis (Miami) and DeShaun Foster (UCLA) are ranked higher.

Peterson is just one of seven players in the bowl game who played below I-A. Also playing Saturday are Villanova's Brian Westbrook, the 2001 recipient of the Walter Payton Award, and Sam Houston's Josh McCown.



File Photo

ON HIS WAY: Adrian Peterson, who graduated in December, has been training for the NFL Draft and will play in the Senior Bowl this Saturday. Peterson is one of only seven players competing in the Senior Bowl that played under the I-A level.

GSU Ultimate Frisbee team begins season

By Tracy-Scott Hilton
Staff Writer

The Ultimate Frisbee Club at GSU will be competing against the College of Charleston, SC in Savannah this Saturday at 11 a.m.

This year's team is composed of 16 members, including team captain DaTubo Benson Ja-Ja.

"Ultimate Frisbee has been around for the past 4 years here at GSU," said Benson. Benson also said that he and his fellow players enjoy the fun and competitive nature of the game. Benson also said that it is a physically demanding sport to be involved in.

Last year, the GSU Ultimate Frisbee team placed 4th out of 16

teams in its section and also placed 12th out of 60 to 70 other teams in the region.

Edward Pulkinen was hired to coach the team this season.

Pulkinen is from Savannah and has competed in the World Ultimate Frisbee competition, and has coached many other teams.

Benson said that GSU Ultimate Frisbee has come a long way during the past 4 years. The team is contending for the number one spot and also is setting its sights on nationals.

"Three years ago, the GSU Ultimate Frisbee team was dead last, but I'm thankful that it's

improved so greatly," said Benson. Benson also said that he wants both himself and his teammates to reach for high spots this season. Along with Benson and Pulkinen leading this year's team, Cass Brannan, junior, and Josh Wills, junior, are heading up both the offensive and defensive strategies.

This year, the team is composed of 16 players, which are Brannan, Bill Alderman, Wills, Ben Turner, Mark Shepard, Sriravong Siratankoul, A.D. Benson Ja-Ja Eric Sweats, Alan McDonald, Stephen Salley, Kevin Windham, Scott McKellan, Brian Presley, Robert Creal and Justin Honacker.

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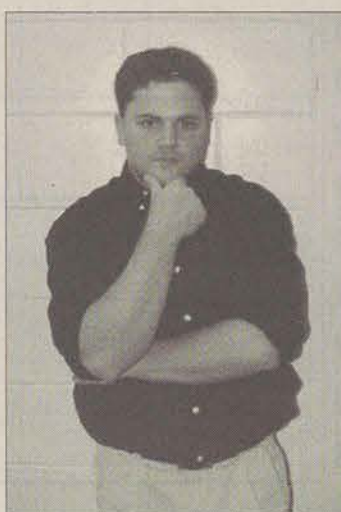
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Bo's BOTTOM LINE: WATCHING FOOTBALL ON SUNDAYS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME



Pat Summerall changed NFL football forever on Tuesday with one brief statement: He is leaving John Madden.

For 21 years these two men formed a broadcasting marriage that brought professional football into the living rooms of millions, and their words have become as spellbinding to some of us as that of a Sunday preacher.

Since 1981 they have survived everything from NFL strikes, to the relocation of countless franchises, several changes of the NFL rulebook, the on-again off-again controversy of instant replay, and even a multimillion dollar deal that sent them packing for Fox

Sports after 13 years in the booth for CBS.

Over the years, these two characters have become the "Abbott and Costello" of the NFL; Pat Summerall, the skinny and always serious Abbott who tries to stay focused on the flow of the game, and John Madden, the overweight and always unpredictable Costello who right in the middle of a crucial situation will go to pre-game tailgating footage and circle on the screen the meatiest ribs that he can find in the spread.

Truth be told however, it wasn't just comedy that these men brought to the game...it was class.

After the Superbowl, Summerall announced that he will be leaving his longtime partner, and look to stay in the business broadcasting other events such as golf, the way he did before he left CBS in 1994.

Fox is already discussing a new partner to join Madden in the booth, and the top candidate right now seems to be current baseball commentator Joe Buck.

The Bottom Line:

It might not seem like groundbreaking news right now, but it is going to hit home for everyone on opening day next

fall, when the NFC game of the week features John Madden...and somebody else.

At age 71 I can understand why Summerall would want to "sign off," but to say that he has no plans to retire anytime soon makes me scratch my head.

As far as Joe Buck is concerned, he does a great job with baseball, and his Hall of Fame father Broadcaster Jack Buck should be proud to stick with our national pastime Joe.

What it boils down to is that Pat Summerall and John Madden are two men who have made a successful living for decades in professional football, one as a player and as the other as a coach, and when they came into broadcasting they did it together with the expert knowledge and respect for the game...and that is where the chemistry started.

If they walked in together and made it work for 21 years, then they should walk out together, and that way the legend of these two men will stay etched in our minds forever.

Bo Fulginiti is a sportswriter for the George-Anne and can be reached at Bodawg38@hotmail.com

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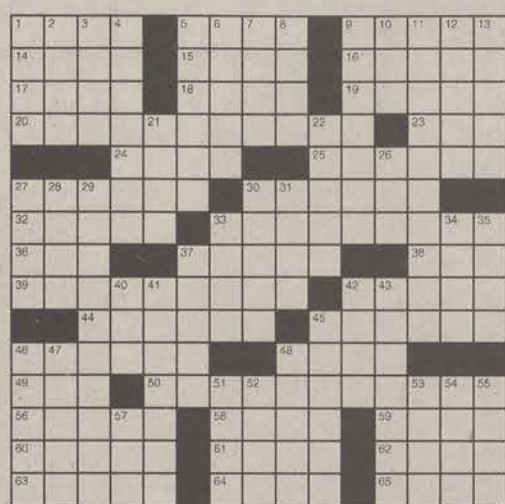
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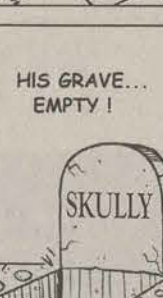
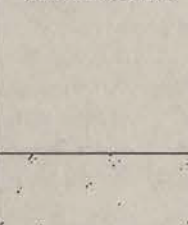
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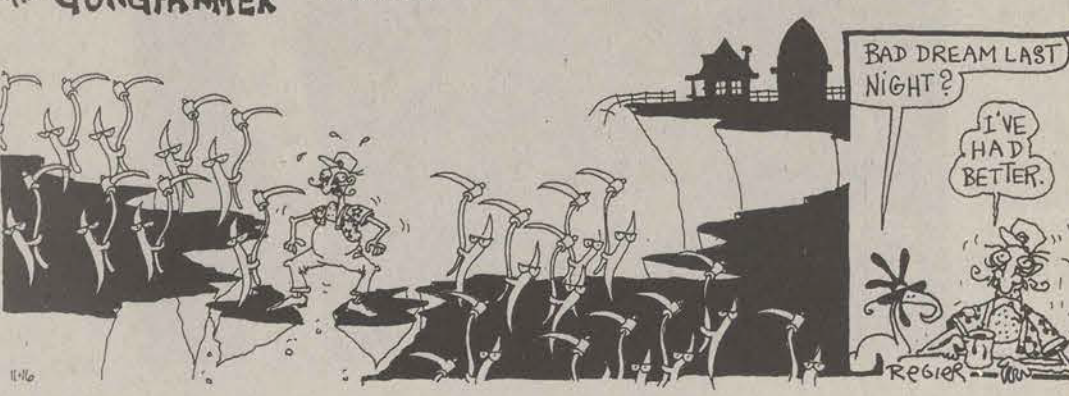
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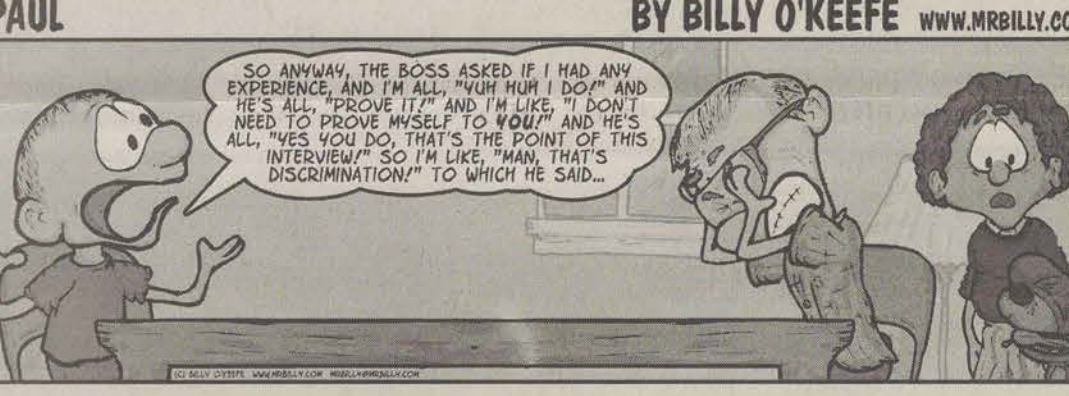


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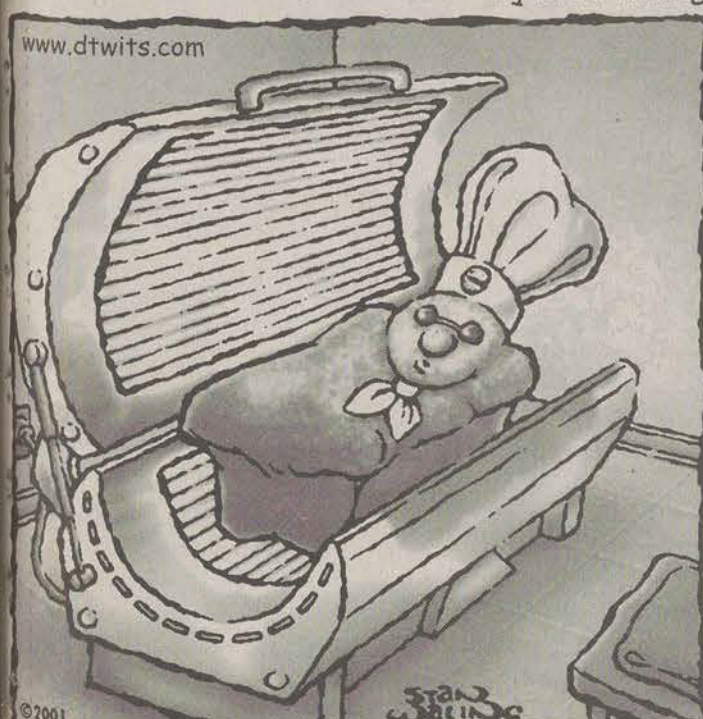
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'Wherever You Will Go' climbs the charts after the attack on the nation

KRT Campus

Death normally isn't a big selling point on the pop charts.

But a rock track whose lyrics capture yearnings for a departed lover has become the first breakout record of 2002.

"Wherever You Will Go" by the Calling came out Sept. 25 and slowly began building radio play. The rush of superstar product throughout the fall initially held the Calling's album, "Camino Palmero," to the chart's lower rungs, but it finally exploded in the new year.

Last week, the album bolted to No. 44 with a bullet on the Billboard Top 200, fired by enough momentum to send it into the top 20 in the coming month.

Like Five for Fighting's salute to heroes ("Superman"), the Calling's song of mourning benefited from the national mood. "People started to listen to lyrics more after 9/11," explains Alex Band, the group's 20-year-old singer. "They related to the loss."

Band and Calling co-leader Aaron Kamin wrote the song several years ago, inspired by a

cousin of Kamin who had lost her husband of 50 years.

The group's co-leaders met when guitarist Kamin began dating Band's sister. Soon after, Aaron took more interest in Alex and his music. The two young writers were so anxious to work with a band that they hired a drummer who was 60 and a

said, "My grandkids hate me anyway."

Working as a duo, Band and Kamin cut demos that never went anywhere.

Two years ago, a crude demo for "Wherever You Will Go" wound up in the hands of movie producer Jerry Bruckheimer, who wanted to put it "Coyote Ugly."

But the two didn't want to release such a crummy version of a song they felt could be shaped into a hit.

They agreed to perform it in the movie, but held it off the soundtrack. The song went on to sell 2



Special Photo

'THE CALLING': Song about death becomes a theme for the Sept. 11 attacks.

bassist who was 40. They called the act the Generation Gap.

By coincidence, a vice president at RCA moved next-door to Band's dad in the Hollywood Hills. (Alex's father, Tom, is a director of B horror flicks, including "The Toxic Avenger.") The RCA guy signed the two hopefuls, but demanded they ax the oldsters.

"I told the drummer that he wouldn't want to be with us anyway. We'd travel the world and he'd never see his grandkids," Band explains. "He

million copies.

The duo finally recorded "Camino Palmero" that summer, filling out the band with studio hacks, but it took a year for the label to release it.

While Band feels vindicated that his song has become a hit, he acknowledges it's hardly the most original sound, recalling every alterna-rock act from Creed to Lifehouse.

"It's great to fit in somewhere," Band says. "After what we've been through, it beats swimming around on your own."

Tear-jerker 'I Am Sam' opens in theaters

KRT Campus

We go to the movies. We sit in the dark. And darned if we don't let some manipulating hack make us cry.

"I Am Sam" is shameless in a couple of ways. In playing a mentally disabled and autistic man, Sean Penn is shamelessly begging for an Oscar nomination. And writer-director Jessie Nelson is even more brazen, greedily wringing out every hanky in her hack's toolkit in an effort to push our buttons while we watch it.

Penn stars as Sam Dawson, a Beatles fanatic and Starbucks waiter with the mind of a 7-year-old. He has fathered a child, and we see him, with the homeless woman he impregnated, in the delivery room.

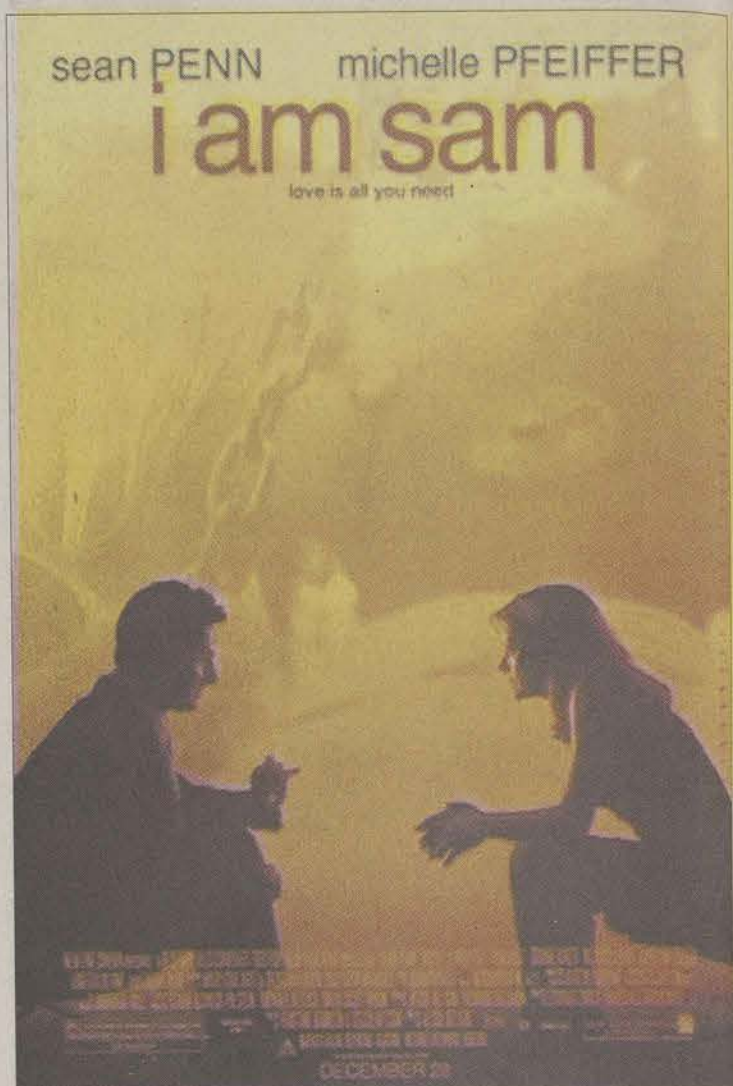
Isn't that cute? Would it happen, allowing someone of diminished capacity who has trouble dealing with any break in his routine and who gets exasperated, loud and twitchy when he's excited? Only in the movies.

The mom flees, so Sam is left to raise Lucy by himself. That's something he manages to do, with the aid of a kindly neighbor (Dianne Weist) and a little screenplay magic. In other words, aside from reading Dr. Seuss and taking her to the park, we don't get much of an idea how Sam pulls this off.

Besides, Lucy is a child of otherworldly beauty (Dakota Fanning). Every time the camera settles on her, we forget all the nagging real-world questions and either snifle or swoon.

But when Lucy turns 7, it all falls apart. Sam is challenged for custody by child welfare workers. And only a "fast-talking, four-name lawyer" can save him. Enter the gorgeous, frazzled, rich and successful Rita (Michelle Pfeiffer). By the time she commits to Sam's case, we've realized just how screwed up her home life (her son hates her) is and just what Sam's virtues are.

Penn does a straight "Rain Man"



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'I AM SAM': A man with the mind of a seven year old is trying to raise his own child.

turn as Sam. But as obvious as the character is, he's still endearing. He cannot tell a lie, hugs people when he sees them cry and knows the Beatles inside and out. And he loves his little girl.

Fanning joins a great movie tradition of angel-faced children who make us weep the moment we see them. It's a line that started with Jackie Coogan in "The Kid" and continued through every version of "The Champ" (Jackie Cooper, Ricky Schroeder), Justin Henry of "Kramer vs. Kramer," Jonathan Lipnicki of "Jerry Maguire" and Victoire

Thivisol of "Ponette."

Speaking of "Kramer," Nelson—who wrote the sloppy weepers "The Story of Us" and "Corrina Corrina"—is so artless in her manipulation that she keeps bringing up the movies she stole this from.

"I Am Sam" is a movie that shows you its cards and dares you not to fold, to give in and get out that hanky.

So if you snifle a little, seeing Sam and Lucy in the park as you hear a nice cover of "Two of Us" or "You've Got to Hide Your Love Away," I won't tell.

So long as you don't tell on me.

Molly Ringwald reveals her talents in 'Cabaret'

KRT Campus

NEW YORK - Molly Ringwald has made "Cabaret" audiences forget Brooke Shields.

And Gina Gershon.

And Natasha Richardson and all the other Sally Bowles in the long-running Broadway musical revival.

Ringwald assumed the role of the not-so-talented nightclub singer Dec. 18. The following week, the production, which opened in 1998 and won a Tony for Best Revival of a musical, recorded a weekly take of \$455,365 - its highest gross ever.

While a show spokesman said that, in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, the grosses have been consistent regardless of who filled Sally Bowles' teddy (Shields and Gershon played the part last fall), Ringwald is credited with bringing a younger crowd to the tables at Studio 54.

Most of them are loyal fans from her days as the personification of adolescent angst in such John Hughes films as "Sixteen Candles" (1984), "The Breakfast Club" (1985) and "Pretty in Pink" (1986).

Though she welcomes being remembered for her sweet, vulnerable film characters, Ringwald says that image makes it harder to pull off the role of a troubled woman just a goose-step away from having to live on the seedy streets of pre-World War II Berlin.

"I know that people know me from those films, but this character is obviously very different. I just try not to think about that too much," says Ringwald.

Yet it's that familiar vulnerability and underdog quality that makes her Sally so different from the way her predecessors approached the role, says castmate Raul Esparza.

He says he lobbied the "Cabaret" producers to hire Ringwald after co-starring with her last fall in the Off-Broadway show "Tick, Tick, Boom."

"She brings a girliness and hope to the part, which I hadn't seen anybody do before - but she also exhibits desperation. She plays it very real and very vulnerable, and it's brave of her to put herself in this position where she could be seen as one more celebrity playing this part" says Esparza, who

plays the Emcee (that's the Joel Grey/Alan Cumming role).

"A lot of people have played her harder and more brittle and more cynical. But she's the complete optimist, who thinks everything is going to work out until it finally doesn't, and that's the heartbreak of it. It's like watching somebody grow up, in a way."

Audience members who have watched Ringwald grow up are coming away surprised by what she reveals at every performance - and it's not just the full figure she shows off beneath Sally's lingerie. Ringwald can sing.

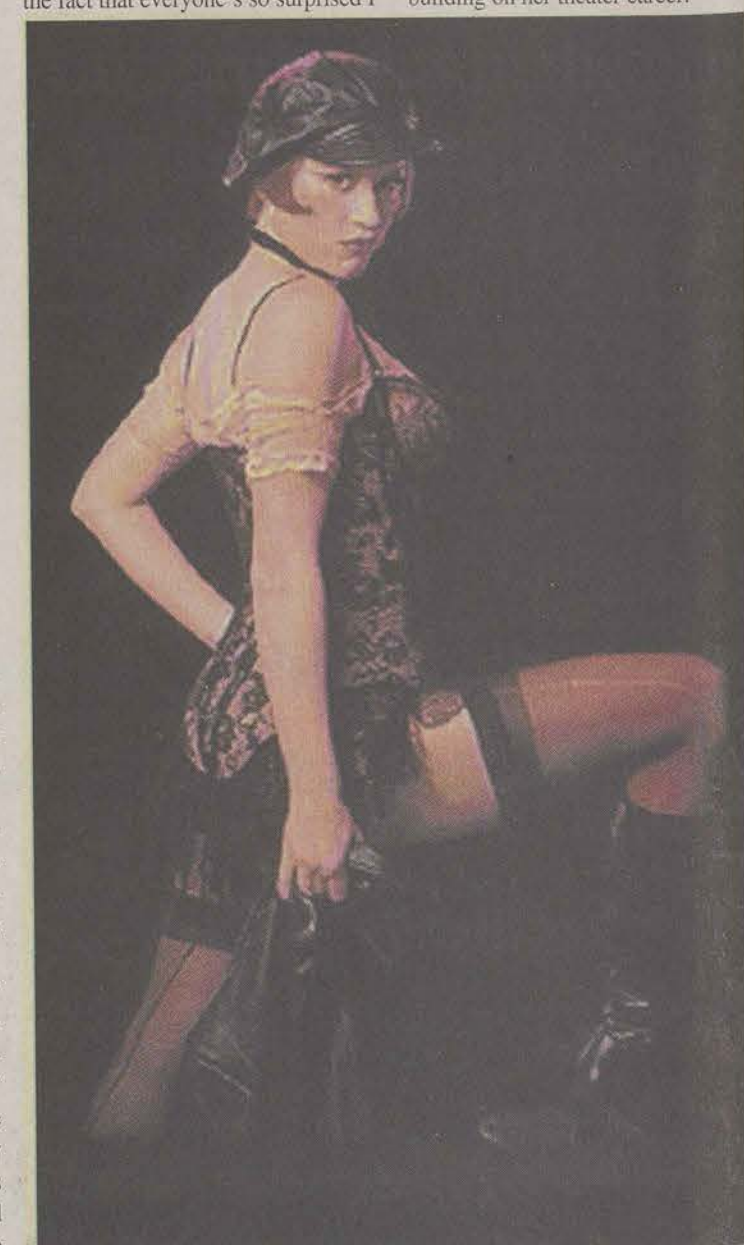
"The thing that's been most fun is the fact that everyone's so surprised I

can sing," she says. "That's always the first thing - 'Omigod, I had no idea!' It always seems they're more shocked by that than they are by the teddy."

Ringwald is a natural singer who first performed with her father, jazz pianist Bob Ringwald, and his band when she was 4 years old.

Throughout the '90s, Ringwald occasionally returned to the U.S. and worked, mostly on TV, including a role in the 1994 miniseries "The Stand." She also worked in French films.

She has settled in Manhattan with her husband, French novelist Valéry Lameignere, and is looking forward to building on her theater career.



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MOLLY RINGWALD: Former 'Brat Pack' 80's star, Molly Ringwald stars in the musical, 'Cabaret.'

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