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Southern Events

SEA ISLAND SINGERS

The Sea Island Singers will perform tonight in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Eagles will battle the UNGC Spartans at 7 p.m. tonight in Hanner.

Caribbean Awareness Week a success

By Todd Jewell
dmblatent@hotmail.com

Last Thursday night marked the conclusion of the United Caribbean Association's Caribbean Awareness Week.

The week started off Monday night with presentations about Jamaica and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Members of the UCA presented the culture of the two countries.

A variety of information about the islands was given including currency exchange rates, average temperatures, their respective flag, and foods.

The national anthem of the U.S. Virgin Islands was also played. After the event, the UCA served a taste of the Caribbean with kiwi, mango, and curry chicken.

Thursday evening the United Caribbean Association hosted its First Annual Caribbean Variety Show. With whistles blaring, members of the UCA ran in with their flags to start the events. There were three different aspects to the variety show: skits, a talent showcase, and a fashion show.

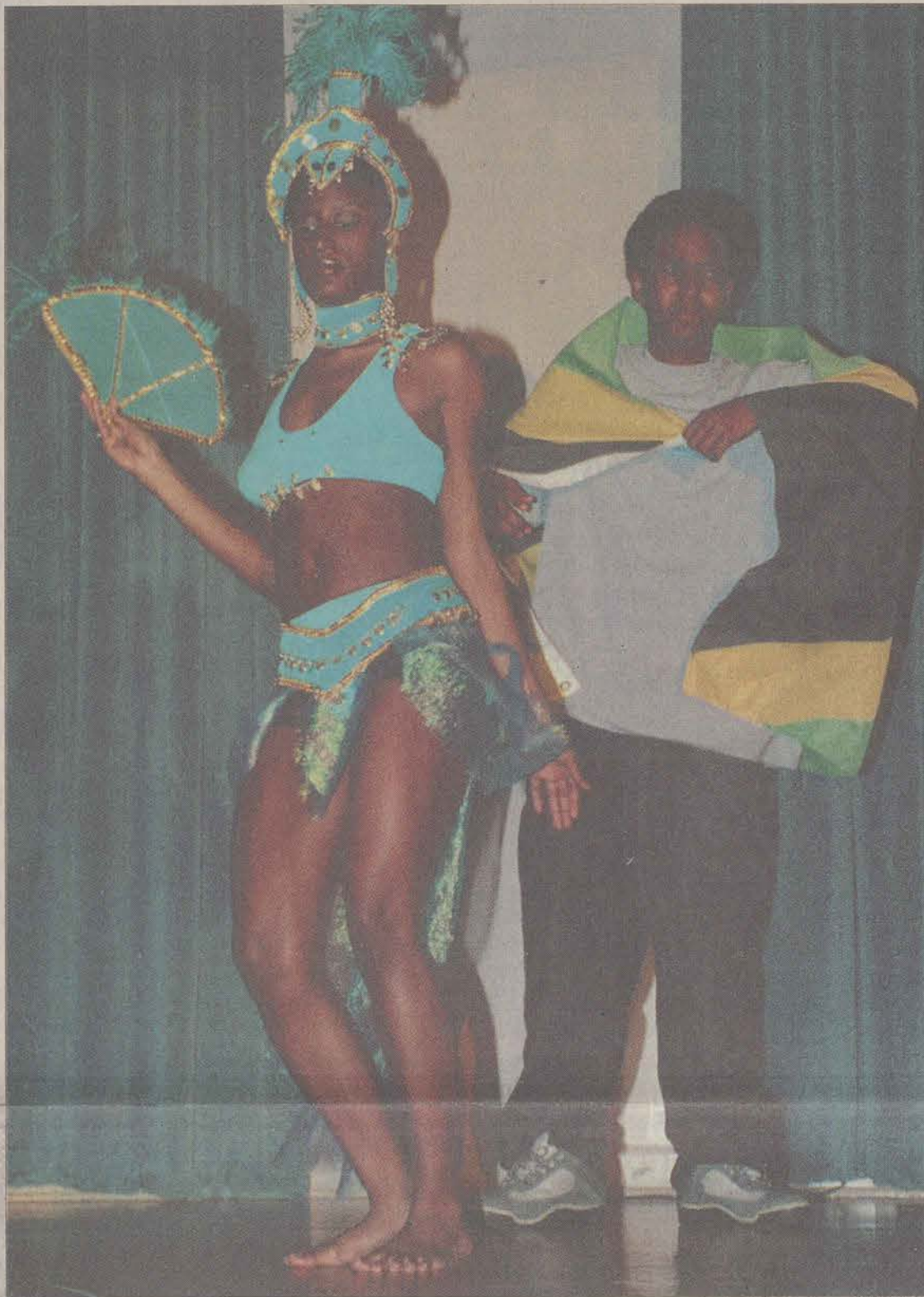
The UCA did four separate skits showcasing the stereotypes that are expressed by society. The first skit showed how people from the Caribbean exact revenge - voodoo style.

Marijuana in a variety show? A common stereotype of people from the Caribbean, the second skit involved a Jamaican male smoking a joint of some high grade herb.

The third skit was taken from the movie "Dance Hall Queen" about a Jamaican woman trying to get out of the ghetto.

Mother Cleo was the final skit and they saved the best for last. Picking a male member of the audience, Mother Cleo determined the name of his girlfriend and to his surprise, the name of his boyfriend as well. Cleo

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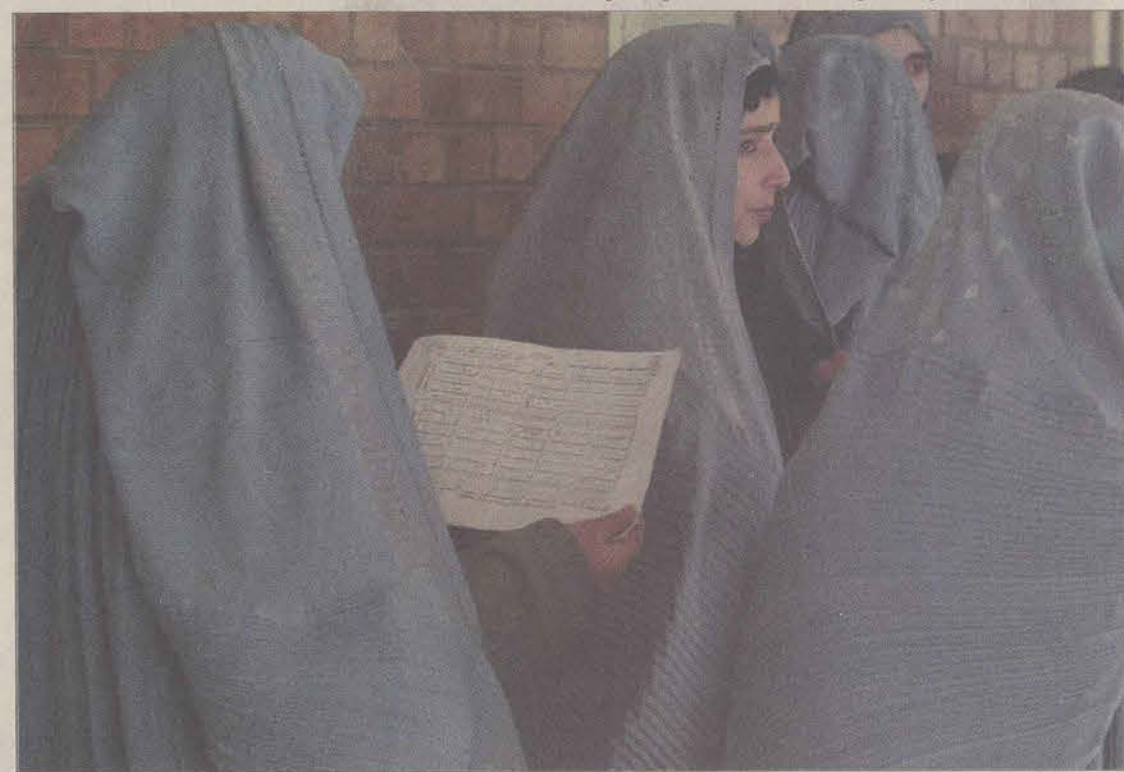


Allison Bennett/STAFF

CARIBBEAN TALENTS: Last week, the United Caribbean Association held Caribbean Awareness Week at GSU to open students' minds to issues concerning the people of the Virgin Islands and Jamaica. A talent show (above), capped off the celebration Thursday night.

Afghan women permitted into U. of Kabul

• Women take entrance exams for first time in five years



KRT Campus

THEIR TURN TO LEARN: Women in Afghanistan wait in line to take the entrance exam required for admission into the University of Kabul. Emotions ranged from ecstatic bliss to nervous excitement.

KRT Campus

KABUL, Afghanistan - Clusters of blue cloth dotted the University of Kabul Wednesday as female students were permitted on campus for the first time in five years to take entrance exams.

The sky-colored body covers known as burqas offered a stark contrast to the white snow that blanketed the ground, and the hallways were filled with nervous anticipation.

"I didn't even sleep last night because I was too excited," said Rahema Sakha, 28, who would like to pursue a career in medicine, law or literature. "After five years of not going to school, I am here taking the test and I'm quite ready for the questions."

Sakha was among about 500 women, out of 3,151 students, who are hoping to pass the exam that will get them into the largest university in the country to resume their education.

"WE CONTINUED TO STUDY BECAUSE EDUCATION IS THE PATH TO FREEDOM."

— RAHEMA SAKHA
AFGHAN WOMAN

The recently ousted Taliban, who took power in 1996, prohibited women from receiving an education.

But many defied the law and continued to study in an underground network, risking a savage beating if

caught. "We continued to study because education is the path to freedom," Sakha said.

The skills they learned behind secret doors have now been put to the test, and it will take several weeks before scores are tabulated. Those who pass will begin classes in April, making a male-only campus co-ed once again.

"I want to learn about everything," said 21-year-old Marghary, who declined to give her last name. "My mother and my father encouraged me to learn. They said that the Taliban regime would not be the last regime and that I should prepare myself for

See Afghan Women, Page 10

Today's U.S. soldiers enjoy heated tents and satellite TV

Associated Press

ALBANY—Just like their World War II counterparts, modern soldiers in the war on terrorism endure rain, mud and bitter cold. But when they return from the field, they enjoy better accommodations than leaky pup tents.

The Army has created deployable towns, known as Force Provider modules, each capable of housing 550 soldiers in comfort, with satellite televisions and heated tents.

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low zero or 120 above. The 10-acre base camps can be up and running in about 10 days.

Since Sept. 11, when the United States launched its war on terrorism, civilian workers at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base have been working relentlessly to pack the base camp components into hundreds of desert-tan shipping containers.

A complete module may consist of 100 or more shipping containers, said Marine Lt. Col. Charles T. Thompson, commander of the Albany

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Venomous lionfish species found off Georgia coast



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POISON OFF THE GEORGIA COAST: The striped lionfish was believed to be no closer to Statesboro than the Pacific Ocean.

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK—Lionfish, a venomous species normally found on coral reefs in the Indian and Pacific oceans, have been found off the Georgia coast, creating a puzzle for scientists.

The brightly colored predatory fish with zebra-like stripes and long poison-filled fin spines have been reported in deep waters from St.

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

February 7

• Cory Smith, 21, was arrested for contributing to a minor.

• Mathew Snachez, 18, was arrested for public indecency and possession of marijuana.

February 8

• Phoebe Oates, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Forrest Barbour, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Jason Carter, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Helen Yesuf, 19, was arrested for minor in possession.

• James Ryan MacDowel, 18, was arrested for the sale of marijuana.

• Jennifer Edge, 20, was arrested for DUI and weaving.

• Jimmy Alston, 18, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Leon Mincey, 23, was arrested for following to close and driving without valid license.

• Joshua Lee, 22, was arrested for DUI and weaving.

February 9

• Jillian Lane Whitlow, 20, was arrested for disobedience to traffic control, no proof of ID and DUI.

• Nicholas Coreen, 21, was arrested for DUI and headlights required.

• Maurice Young, 19, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and transferring license dates.

• Jason Reynolds, 20, was arrested for DUI, underage possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana and improper turn.

February 10

• Daren Thompson, 21, was arrested for DUI, failure to yield when entering roadway.

• Kevin McCrairie, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Bryan Watson, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

GSU Public Safety

February 7

• Earl White III, 20, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with felony obstruction.

• Star Lasha Glover, 21, of Willow

Bend, was charged with driving with suspended license.

• Robert Oren reported his book bag was missing from the Landrum Center.

• Jennifer Clough reported her purse was missing from the Henderson Library.

• Susan Brown reported a jacket was missing from the Henderson Library.

February 8

• Eric Quinten Anderson, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with DUI and improper starting.

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

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

Campus News

Gunpoint robberies continue as Player's Club gets hit

Special to the G-A

On Feb. 8 at approximately 6:30 a.m., officers of the Statesboro Police Department responded to Player's Club Apartments #133 in reference to an armed robbery.

Victims stated that at approximately 4:30 a.m. four black

males forcibly entered Players Club Apartment #23 and robbed them at gunpoint.

Items taken were credit cards, two cellular phones, two men's watches, two handguns and an undetermined amount of cash.

All suspects were wearing mask

and dark colored clothing.

Anyone having information about the identity or whereabouts of these suspects is encouraged to contact Detective Katrina Marson or the Statesboro Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 912-764-1542 or 912-764-9911.

Seven bags of marijuana found in Towne Club Apartments

Special to the G-A

On Feb. 8 at approximately 5 p.m., APO Raymond Miles and CPL. Charles Forney responded to #55 Towne Club Apartments in reference to a suspicious container.

While APO Miles and CPL. Forney were meeting with the management of

Towne Club Apartments in front of Apartment #55, APO Miles smelled the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the apartment, Deron Termaine Daniels.

Consent to search for the apartment was obtained from Daniels. The search revealed nine bags of marijuana.

Seven of the bags weight were approximately 1 ounce each. Daniels was arrested for charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

Daniels was transported to the Bulloch County Jail pending further court action.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Center for the Study of International Schooling, the Center for International Studies and the College of Education will host a roundtable discussion featuring Georgia Southern international students speaking about school experiences in their countries.

The event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the College of Education, Room 1120.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Gregory

Dmitriyev at ext. 5545.

BLACK AWARENESS MONTH

Georgia Southern's celebration of Black Awareness Month is continuing this week. The upcoming activities include:

• Monday, Feb. 11— Sea Island Singers, Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 12— Fashion Show, Russell Union ballroom, 7 p.m.; Classic movie: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," Russell Union

theater, 9:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 13— Black History Quiz Bowl, Russell Union Room 2084, 5 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 14— Enchanted Evening of Poetry, Russell Union Room 2070, 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

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Steel Magnolias Garden Club of Georgia as a political power

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Their name evokes images of blue-haired ladies serving tea and cucumber sandwiches. But lawmakers at the state Capitol have come to respect and fear the power of the Garden Club of Georgia.

With 15,000 members, including former first lady Rosalynn Carter and

several lawmakers' mothers and wives, the Garden Club has become known as much for grass-roots political muscle as flower shows and luncheons.

In the past few years, it has waged an aggressive fight against billboard clutter and won several lawsuits challenging roadside tree-cutting policies. Lawmakers still remember the day in 1996 when 500 angry Garden

Club ladies filled the Capitol halls, sending some legislators fleeing to the men's room.

"Under the dome, we are known as the little steel magnolias, until you cross us," said Joan Brown, a volunteer lobbyist for the Garden Club. "Then we're the pit bulls."

The Garden Club, founded in Athens in 1928, has been battling billboard proliferation for as long as it's been planting wildflowers in highway medians and picking up roadside trash. But the group wasn't always considered a serious political force.

Mary Helen Ray, an 85-year-old member from Savannah, remembers when the group petitioned local officials

to curtail the encroachment of billboards on the skyline of Georgia's oldest city. Their concerns were largely ignored.

"They were a little bit more ladylike," said Ray, the state president in 1971. "They were educated, but simply didn't have the force that they have today."

That all changed in the mid-1990s when the Garden Club began relying less on Southern charm and more on lawsuits.

It sued the powerful state Department of Transportation for allowing billboard companies to cut

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Six girls attack on counselor

Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, N.Y. -- A counselor at a center for troubled teens was in critical condition Saturday after six girls allegedly burned and beat her and poured bleach on her face, police said.

"She was just overwhelmed by the number of attackers," police Chief Louis Alagno said.

The 32-year-old victim, whose name was not released, was the only adult in a 16-girl cottage at Pleasantville Cottage School when she was attacked Thursday night, Alagno said.

The girls punched, kicked, stomped and scratched the counselor, then "doused her with rubbing alcohol and set it on fire," Alagno added. "They continued to beat her and then doused her face with chlorine bleach."

Six girls, ages 15 and 16, were arrested and arraigned Friday on second-degree attempted murder charges.

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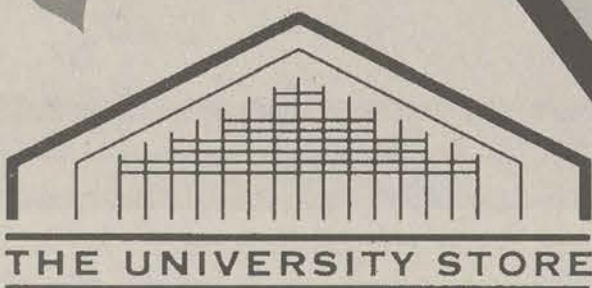
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trees in public rights of way that obscure their signs. At issue was the DOT charging only \$25 to companies for cutting public trees valued at hundreds of dollars by arborists.

The Georgia Supreme Court ruled in the Garden Club's favor in 1995, saying the tree-trimming rules were an illegal giveaway of public resources.

The next year, the DOT and billboard lobbyists pressed the Legislature to circumvent the court's ruling by rewriting the law. The Garden Club responded by busying 500 members from across the state to lobby their lawmakers in person.

"I remember at first people were kind of shocked to see them here, but then they realized these women are serious," said Rep. DuBose Porter, D-Dublin, a Garden Club ally. "They would call me out in the hallway and say, 'We knew your mother. We judged flower shows together.'"

Lawmakers attempted to compromise by forming a committee to regulate tree cutting, but it never convened. And the DOT resumed charging small fees for tree trimming.

The Garden Club sued again, and the Georgia Supreme Court again ruled in its favor in November. However, the court has since agreed to reconsider its ruling. A new decision is pending.

"Georgia is probably the only state that has sued. It's the only state that I know of," said Marion Hilliard of Orange Park, Fla., legislative coordinator for garden clubs in eight Southern states.

"They tried it the very nice, ladylike way of going about it, and it did not work," Hilliard said. "Sometimes you've got to take this approach ... if nobody wants to listen and they treat a bunch of ladies like they've got purple hair and all they're good for is pouring tea."

The Georgia Garden Club hasn't dropped its Capitol vigil. As the state House debated a proposal to reduce the legal minimum distance between billboards last month, Porter warned his colleagues: "It's a big deal with your garden clubs back home."

The proposal was quickly voted down. Why the clout? Several lawmakers have wives and mothers who are garden clubbers. Marie Barnes, wife of Gov. Roy Barnes, is a member. So is former first lady Rosalynn Carter (the Garden Club did the flower arrangements for Jimmy Carter's 1977 inauguration).

But the prominent names aren't nearly as important as the sheer number of Garden Club members, mostly women over 60, belonging to 550 clubs statewide.

"You're going to go home and you're going to be sitting behind them in church," Porter said. "They're going to be right behind you in the checkout line at the grocery store. They're going to be at your children's soccer game."

Not all legislators are fans. Sen. Joey Brush R-Appling, vented his irritation from the Senate floor recently when he said, "If they're concerned about their garden clubs, then I'd say go get a garden somewhere."

Brush said later that Garden Club members in the past have threatened to vote him out of office if he didn't side with them. Many lawmakers, while afraid to say so, feel bullied by them, he said.

"I don't know why a lot of them seem to be afraid of the Garden Club," Brush said. "The Garden Club does a lot of good things across the state, but this so-called leadership up here ... has taken the group and turned it into a shrill, anti-billboard group."

Anti-billboard activism is nothing new. The Georgia Garden Club had a billboard committee in the 1920s, said state president Joy Stuart.

Garden clubs in Florida also took up the cause, passing a law in the 1920s that prohibited railing signs to roadside trees, said Hilliard of the Florida Garden Club.

"Some of them even cut down billboards," Hilliard said. "And the history tells us they were in chauffeur-driven cars."

Garden Club members say focus remains projects outside the Capitol.

In Savannah, the club raised \$20,000 last year with its "hidden gardens" tour, in which owners of historic homes open their wrought-iron gates for visitors to view their roses and azaleas. The club also picks up trash along the highways and sends stockings stuffed with \$1 bills to patients at a state mental hospital every Christmas.

And, yes, tea and cucumber sandwiches are still a social tradition.

"We all like a lovely garden, and where better to learn about gardening than the Garden Club?" said Stuart, the Georgia president. "But we're not any shrinking violets sitting around sipping tea."

Ex-Enron executive may face perjury charges, former chairman Lay pleads the Fifth

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - Former Enron Corp. chairman Kenneth Lay will invoke his Constitutional right against self-incrimination and refuse to answer questions before Congress on Tuesday, a spokeswoman said Sunday.

"Under the instruction of counsel, Mr. Lay will exercise his Fifth

Amendment rights at the Tuesday hearing," spokeswoman Kelly Kimberly said in Houston. She declined to elaborate.

Lay's decision was not a surprise. He had canceled a voluntary appearance before Congress a week ago, saying hearings on the collapse of Enron had turned accusatory. He was subsequently subpoenaed to appear, starting

with a scheduled command appearance before the Senate Commerce Committee on Tuesday.

Four other Enron executives cited their Fifth Amendment rights last week, and the partner fired by Enron's accounting firm also has declined to testify.

Jeffrey Skilling, the company's former chief executive, lied when he denied under

oath that he was warned of problems with complex Enron partnerships that hid debt and contributed to the company's bankruptcy, the lawmakers said.

One said he could face perjury charges.

"That could happen ... he could have some real problems," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and

Commerce Committee. "We're hearing from others in his operation that he came to us and told us a lot of untruths. If he did that ... there's some consequences."

Hollings scoffed at Skilling's testimony that he did not know about numerous Enron business practices.

"Nobody does think he was telling the truth," Hollings said.

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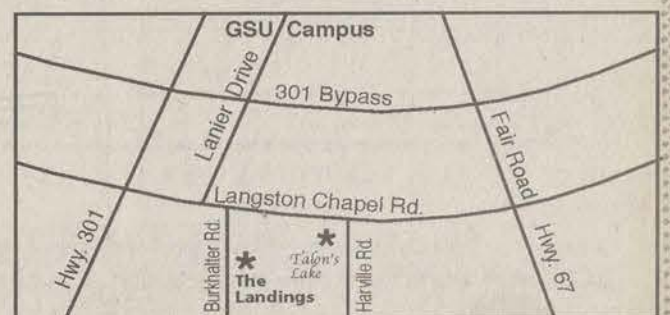


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OUR OPINION

Hang in there until Spring Break

We know you're tired, but keep that chin up. There are only 26 days and some odd hours left until Spring Break.

How do we stay focused for nearly another month? It seems like the semester will last an eternity as the weather's wide fluctuation gaps shorten a bit and we begin to see more warm than cold days. Your eyes are being systematically drawn from your textbook to the window. You can't help gazing at the sunlight glinting off your car (which is full of gas and ready to make the drive to the beach). There are a few ways to keep academics on track.

One very effective way to feel as though your slate is clean is to make sure your environment is in order. An afternoon spent engrossed in some rigorous spring cleaning provides a new sense of organization and accomplishment. Plus, it leaves you completely exhausted and induces at least one night of really refreshing sleep. What is that smell lingering in the bottom of your trash can, anyway?

If sloppy is simply your irreplaceable style, sometimes a short vacation can be a relief. First, spend an evening getting some reading or research out of the way. Then reward yourself by grabbing some good buddies, packing the car with edible goodies and heading out to a coastal island or one of 1-16's remote State Parks. Have some fun, relax and take some pictures.

If concentration still eludes you, maybe you have too much on your mind. It sounds dumb, but sometimes it helps just to talk to someone. Even when all your closest confidants have their noses stuck in their books or your parents are preoccupied, the Counseling Center is right beside the Voo Doo Hut, where it's always been. There's no need to feel crazy for going there. You'd be considered more insane for letting it all build up and ending up on academic probation as a result.

Above all, do what it takes to make learning something you can enjoy. Study in an inspiration place and find methods of taking notes that don't bore you to death.

If it comes down to being at your wits end, there's always one sure way to keep your sanity. Keep a calendar by the bed (right by the latest copy of *The George-Anne*) and mark off the days until that blessed break in March.

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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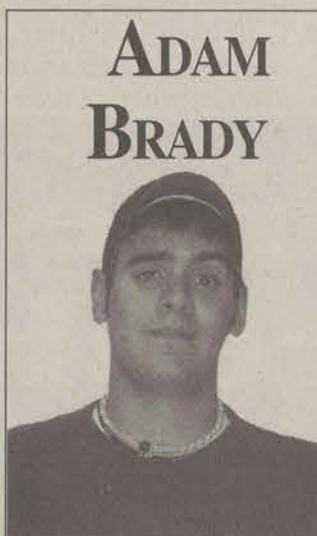
Things people do just to boost network ratings

Just this past Friday, the 2002 Winter Olympics began with one of the most elaborate opening ceremonies I've ever seen.

I'm by no standards an Olympic historian or even an avid fan. I like the whole concept of people of all different cultures from around the world coming together to compete in the games. "The triumph of the human spirit" as it's most often called. I'm just not into the whole dressing up like ridiculous characters and dancing (in this case skating) around the venue to "emotionally stirring" music.

However, this year's ceremonies were an exception to my usually apathetic Olympic attitude. At the start of the night, a huge presentation by a good number of the original inhabitants caught my attention. Scores of American Indians participated in an elaborate welcome to all those in attendance.

For the first time ever, according to the announcers, the five major tribes would perform together. How convenient it must have been that there were just enough Olympic rings for those five tribes. Especially when it came to the middle of the performance when five large circles loaded with members of the five



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different tribes were slid across the surface of the ice in the arena floor.

And then came the grand finale: each chief member from each tribe giving one of the Olympic participants the traditional blessing of their particular tribe. Everyone packed into the huge arena cheered.

I frowned in disgust.

The heritage and culture of a great race of people who had been all but forgotten as Americans was used to help the network boost ratings. My entire experience of this year's Winter Olympic Games was marred by something so contradictory to what I have always considered to be the true spirit of the Olympics.

Ever since our European forefathers landed on the shores of this continent, we have exploited the original inhabitants of this wonderful land we now call home. I'm sure many of you remember learning how the settlers in New York bought Long Island from the Indians for some trinkets and beads. Or how about how we forced the Cherokee Indians from their homes in Georgia along the Trail of Tears.

These people, the true Americans, have been brushed aside and out of our culture for so long. Yet, in the misguided thoughts of those charged with entertaining the world with the opening ceremonies, putting these people on parade would represent the ultimate Olympic ideals.

So when you're watching the Olympics, and you're considering how wonderful it is for so many people from so many different places to be together in the name of the triumph of the human spirit, don't worry about the American Indian.

That was just the opening ceremonies.

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When censorship goes too far

What is censorship?

"Censorship in any form is the enemy of creativity, since it cuts off the life blood of creativity: ideas." (Allan Jenkins)

I photographed the Blaze Battle Freestyle Competition this past Thursday night. Though the competition was a very good idea and ended up being a wonderful event, I think the freestylers having to censor themselves and not use curse words was downright unnecessary.

I am not a freestyler myself, nor have I ever claimed to be. However, I have done improvisation in theatre, and I know how difficult it is to censor yourself in that setting. I can only imagine how difficult it is to censor your words while making up rhymes to a beat for which you're unprepared.

I'm sure the people running the competition had no control over the censorship rule. It's probably a broad rule that covers all campus events, regardless of how relevant it is to the event. Broad rules such as censorship are usually created by a bureaucratic process, and not evaluated on a case by case basis, like they should be.

I would have understood the freestylers not being able to use graphic violence in their raps. Graphic violence is more offensive to a larger crowd than profan-



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ity is. Also, for most people, graphic violence is not something present in everyday language, while profanity of some sort often is.

Though there are people who can get by without using profanity, a diverse crowd, from Christians to feminists to fratboys, use profanity to express themselves. Expletives can help people show their emotions more strongly, making profanity useful to a vast majority of people. Profanity is a well-recognized and accepted part of rap music and culture. Will Smith claims to be able to make and sell his music without employing profanity. But most rappers use it not only in their rhymes, but also in everyday conversations, making it difficult to remove such words from their vocabulary on the spot.

The freestylers were docked points every time an expletive was heard by the judges. The freestylers were aware of the possibility of losing because of excessive use of profanity. This made them worry and become more stressed while they were performing, and in some cases lessening the quality of their performances. One freestyler got eliminated altogether due to excessive use of profanity.

I was also confused by the choices of which words the freestylers could use and which they could not. They were told they could use the word "ho," but could not use the word "bi***." In that context, I would find both words equally degrading and offensive. Most raps that contain combinations of those two words are negative and filled with hate. For example, a lyric from Dr. Dre, "Bi***es ain't sh** but ho'es and tricks." If you're going to censor one word, censor its synonyms, too.

I'm not trying to bash the judges; I understand they were just doing their jobs. And I did genuinely enjoy the competition. But the censorship needs to go. Ban censorship, it's un-American.

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Ski while you can, Salt Lake! Global warming could move the Olympics to Nome

By Jonathan Lash
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Abundant snow, bright sun, crystal air, but, for a skier, the best of these is snow. I learned to ski forty-five years ago, when everyone took snow in the winter mountains for granted. In those days we never imagined brown and barren Februarys in the Grand Tetons or the Rockies or the Green Mountains.

Now warming is forcing us to face the unimaginable. We must confront a future when the only choice for hosting the U.S. Winter Olympics might be the mountains of Alaska. The great skiing centers that have been my joy for so long may not qualify for lack of snowpack.

On the slopes where the 2002 Olympians will soon be slaloming, there's reason for hope. The Olympics' Salt Lake City Organizing Committee has pledged that these Winter Games will add no net output of greenhouse gases, which contribute to global warming. The pledge is a signal to a worldwide audience that we in U.S. take seriously the risks posed by the warming trend in the earth's climate. World Resources Institute has made a similar pledge to achieve zero net emissions of carbon dioxide by 2005, and so have universities, corporations, and municipalities across the country.

Unfortunately, Washington continues to make the opposite case. The U.S. government remains unwilling to cooperate with the rest of the world on the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty with a long-term plan for bringing global warming under control. While most other governments are negotiating to reduce the emission of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide, the U.S. government is standing idle at the sidelines.

No one who knows that the U.S. is the largest source of carbon emissions can seriously argue that we don't need to be part of the solution. And while we may still have much to learn about the world's climate, no one who follows the reputable science can doubt the validity of projections about warmer temperatures. Hundreds of scientists associated with the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change or the National Academy of Sciences or the U.S. Global Change Research Program have all affirmed that global warming is a reality that will shape our future.

The U.S. Global Change Research Program's comprehensive study of climate change impacts on the United States projects that the air we breathe is likely to become hotter by an average of 5 to 9 degrees Fahrenheit during the 21st century, unless mitigating actions are taken. The excess heat will cause a multitude of problems and weather abnormalities, not the least of which will be a significant shrinking of the Western snowpack. The study reports that ski areas at low elevations will be at risk from a shortening of the snow season and rising snowlines.

Just as winter recreation is vulnerable, so too are the other principal economies of the West. The snowpack is the main source for the rivers that bring water to a full range of livelihoods, from farming to high-tech chip processing. Nor can the thriving desert cities exist without the same water. Consider Phoenix or Albuquerque with perpetual draconian rationing.

While the U.S. government dithers over the Kyoto Protocol, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and many other pledging organizations are trying to show that we all need to take more responsibility for our impact on the climate. To reduce emissions from fossil fuels, they are all experimenting with a variety of approaches, from providing more public transport to using alternative energy sources. To balance the emissions they can't avoid, they have solicited and gained CO2 credits that companies such as DuPont have achieved by improving their own energy efficiency. Indeed, with these CO2 reductions offsets, the Olympics has been certified by the Climate Neutral Network as having no net greenhouse gas emissions at all.

In making this pledge the Salt Lake Organizing Committee is keeping to the true spirit of the Games. At the inauguration of the modern Games, founder Baron Pierre de Coubertin called on the participants to be exemplars of international goodwill and citizenship. Ever since, Olympians have strived to prove that the nations of the world can cooperate even as they compete.

It is now time for the Olympic spirit to rub off on the U.S. government.



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base's Defense Distribution Depot.

The Albany depot has a contract with the Army's Materiel Command to pack and ship the modules. They can go by truck, sea or air.

Some of the containers are more than shipping crates. They come equipped with toilets, sinks, showers and washing machines and become an integral part of the camp.

For security reasons, Thompson declined to say

how many Force Provider base camps his workers have shipped since the attacks in New York and Washington, but he said they have been unusually busy.

The modules were developed at the Army's Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., where much of the modern military gear is designed.

Soldiers sleep in heated or air conditioned tents. When their clothes are dirty, they can head for the laundry. When they're hungry, they can grab a table in the dining

hall.

Designers also considered soldiers' recreational and spiritual needs, providing satellite television to watch the news back home or

so far, with 12 stored on prepositioned ships that give the Army the ability to respond anywhere in the world. Another nine are planned.

Gallagher said eight modules have been sent to the "current area of operations." Military officials decline to be more specific.

"It gives them a little slice of home while they are away," Gallagher said.

The Army has set up one base camp at Fort Polk, La., for testing and for training.

The first module was used at Guantanamo Bay in July 1994, and in November 1995, six modules were sent to Bosnia for the peace-keeping force.

Gallagher said some Force Provider officials recently visited troops overseas living in the modules.

"They were getting handwritten notes from the troops, saying, 'I've never deployed in conditions as good as this,'" Gallagher said. "That's what it's all about."

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sporting events such as the Super Bowl. The towns also have weight rooms and a tent chapel for religious services.

"These kits benefit soldiers," said William Oliver, a supervisor at the Albany base. "It's a better way of life. It keeps them off the dirty ground. They've got just about everything you've got at home, except a wife."

Michael Gallagher, Force Provider's program manager, said 27 modules have been assembled

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cultural habit," stated Mortenson. In another portion of his discussion, Mortenson remarked that the idea of "correct English" can be seen as the language of power or a means of "code switching" in which whites do not necessarily need to do. "Credit to one's race can be viewed as being racist when this remark is made," said Mortenson.

In wrapping up his part of the discussion, Mortenson commented that all people, regardless of their racial background, should be treated properly.

Up next was Jallow, bringing a discussion on how race was originally conceived. "The idea of race was originally conceived as a division of power, from the greatest to the smallest," commented Jallow. Jallow remarked on the fact that looking at the historical timeline, one can easily see racial dichotomy. "People need to get

rid of 'social cobwebs' of racism," stated Jallow.

Jallow also made reference to the fact that 79 percent of African Americans had a high school diploma, 123,000 businesses in the United States were run by African Americans and only a certain percentage of African Americans were enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities.

"The top five items currently concerning African Americans are racism, education, unemployment, unity and the crime rate in the U.S.," said Jallow. One problem Jallow commented on was the fact that most African Americans lacked in establishing charter schools.

The last member to bring forth the panel discussion was Chee, who mainly gave her own definition of racism.

"Racism is a belief that one group is superior to another," said Chee. Chee then posed the question concerning "Why do people determine race solely by skin color?"

According to Chee, this is all

arbitrary, especially when looking at the latest U.S. Census form.

"There are 16 racial categories, but no one was able to select a category for being multi racial or even biracial," commented Chee.

Chee referred to Dr. Robert Merton's four types of racism, which included active racism, timid racism, fair-weather liberals and all-weather liberals.

"Fair-weather liberals are only prejudice at certain times, while all-weather liberals are prejudice at all times," said Chee. "There is also a great amount of prejudice on society's elderly," remarked Chee.

In closing, Chee commented on the fact that the American system has had a negative effect on the elderly, especially on the female elderly and more so on the elderly who have not earned enough to survive during their retirement years.

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told him that his girlfriend was cheating on him with his boyfriend.

Cleo also fielded a telephone call with answers that left the Russell Union Ballroom laughing.

There were a wide variety of talents showcased Thursday night. Everything from poetry, dancing, singing and rapping were displayed by members of the UCA.

Shekegra sang a very beautiful gospel song that captivated audience members and ended with a standing ovation.

The fashion show involved costumes custom from the different Caribbean islands shown off by the gorgeous female members of the United Caribbean Association.

The First Annual Caribbean Variety Show ended with a bang as Dre-Money rapped while members of the UCA danced behind him waving their respective flags in the air.

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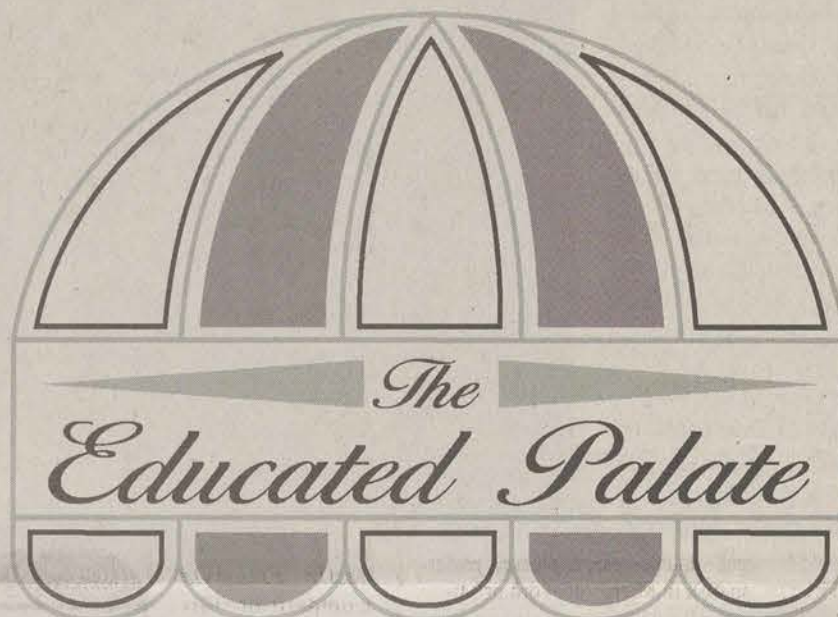


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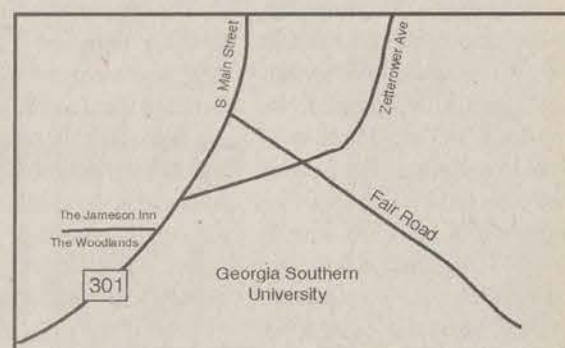
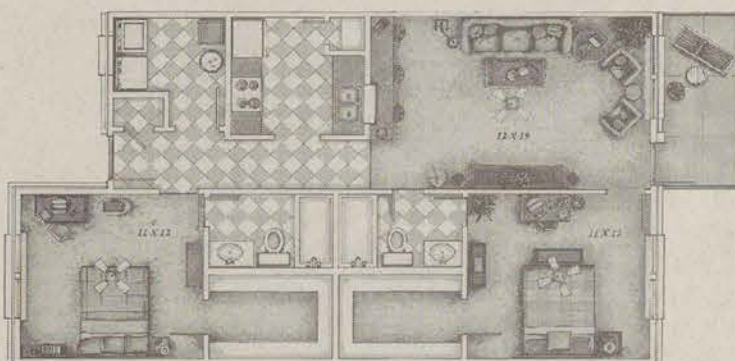


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Tech continues winning streak over Eagles with season opener sweep

By Eli Boorstein
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Georgia Tech, ranked 13th in the season-opening polls, continued their success over the GSU baseball team, winning a pair of games over the weekend at Clements Stadium.

The Yellow Jackets have dominated the Eagles in recent years, amassing a 15-game winning streak over their in-state rivals stretching back to March 25, 1998.

On Saturday, Georgia Southern (0-2) was able to keep things close for most of the contest, before Georgia Tech (2-0) blew the game open with six runs in the top of the ninth inning on their way to a 10-2 win.

After both teams went through a scoreless first inning, the Yellow Jackets got on the scoreboard when second baseman Eric Patterson drove in designated hitter Jeremy Slayden on a fielder's choice. Georgia Tech then extended their lead to 3-0 when first baseman Clifton Remole hit a two-run home run off Eagle pitcher Brett Lewis. In the seventh, Victor Menocal and Jason Perry pulled off a double steal, with Menocal scoring on a throwing error from Georgia Southern catcher A.J. Zickgraf.

In the ninth, the Yellow Jackets sent eleven batters to the plate as they scored six runs off the Eagle bullpen. Matthew Boggs opened up the inning with a single and subsequent steal, off pitcher Scott Tolbert. After a Menocal walk, Matt Murton drove in Boggs. Then, with the bases loaded, another runner scored on a balk – one of four balks the umpires called on the Eagles. Tyler Parker added a sacrifice fly RBI while the rest of the scoring came from a string of consecutive hits from Mike Nickeas, Brandon Boggs, and Wes Rynders.

Georgia Southern was able to prevent the shutout by scoring two in the bottom half of the ninth. After first baseman Carlos Love was hit by a pitch, Grant Burruss moved him to second on a ground out. J.R. Revere then drove Love

in off of a single. Two batters later, Revere was driven in by third baseman Rocky Baker.

Chris Walker, one of the few bright spots for the Eagle offense, was 4-for-5 from the plate, while stealing second in the sixth inning. Burruss, a sophomore designated hitter, also had a good day from the plate collecting two hits in four at-bats.

Menocal had a good bat for Georgia Tech batting 2-for-3 while swiping two bases. Brandon Boggs was also 2-for-3 while Slayden was 2-for-4.

The Georgia Southern pitching was shaky for most of the day. Lewis (0-1), a senior, allowed

three runs and struck out four in five innings on the mound, dropping to 0-5 in his performances against Georgia Tech. Sophomore Brian Rogers pitched admirably out of the bullpen, throwing three innings while only allowing one unearned run and striking out three. The Yellow Jacket batters then feasted off of Tolbert in the ninth, as the sophomore allowed four runs before he was replaced by freshman Mike Thompson after just one out. Thompson did not fare much better allowing two more runs before the scoring onslaught finally ended.

Sophomore hurler Kyle Bakker (1-0) had a masterful performance

for the Yellow Jackets throwing seven shutout innings. The 6-foot-9, 262-pound southpaw struck out seven batters while allowing just four hits. Brian Burks then tossed a shutout eighth inning with Chris Goodman allowing the two Eagle runs in the ninth.

Sunday's contest was closer, but again resulted in a loss, as the Eagles fell 7-4 in front of 1,305 fans.

Georgia Tech jumped on Eagle starter Dennis Love early as they put two runs on the board in the first inning. After Matthew Boggs was walked, he moved to second on a wild pitch and then to third on a passed ball. Two batters later,

he was driven in by Matt Murton. Murton then stole both second and third and scored on a wild pitch. Georgia Southern managed to score a run in the bottom half of the inning when Matt Herring drove in Brendan Gilligan from second.

The Yellow Jacket batters then feasted off of freshman pitcher Brian Harrison as they scored four runs off of him. After scoring one run in the fourth inning, Georgia Tech opened up the fifth with three consecutive home runs off the bats of Jason Perry, Tyler Parker, and Jeremy Sladen.

The Eagles narrowed the gap to 6-4 when they scored three

runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth. After consecutive singles from Herring and Grant Burruss, Carlos Love was able to score Herring on a ground out. Pinch hitter Matt Hammond then hit a two-run home run, the first round-tripper of his career.

The Yellow Jackets completed the scoring in the seventh when Eric Patterson drove in Brandon Boggs on a triple.

The Eagle offense was led by Herring, who hit 3-for-4 after going hitless on Saturday. He was the only Eagle to collect more than one hit in Sunday's action.

Brandon Boggs led the Yellow Jacket bats with a 3-for-5 performance. Matthew Boggs was 2-for-4. Georgia Tech also feasted on the basepaths, as they stole five bases, led by Murton's three steals, and Perry's two.

It was a tough day for Dove (0-1) as he not only took the loss for Georgia Southern, but injured himself covering first base in the first inning. He managed to complete the inning, but was replaced by Harrison in the second. Harrison, making his collegiate debut, did not fare too well, allowing four runs off of eight hits in four innings of work. Jared Comstock and Jason Cadenhead closed things off well, allowing just one run in the final four innings.

Georgia Tech was able to manage with just two pitchers, led by starter Jeff Watchko. Watchko (1-0) pitched the first five innings, while Brian Burks collected the save by pitching the remainder of the contest.

The road does not get any smoother for Georgia Southern as they now must battle an imposing Alabama squad when the travel to Tuscaloosa for a trio of games this weekend. The Eagles will then hope to take advantage of a twelve-game homestand at Clements Stadium starting on February 19 against Winthrop. Georgia Tech will return to Atlanta when they open up a rebuilt Chandler Stadium against Tennessee Tech.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

SEASON OPENER SLIPUP: The Eagles took on 13th ranked Georgia Tech in a weekend double header and lost 10-2 on Saturday, and 7-4 on Sunday. The Eagles head to Alabama for a triple header this weekend. A twelve-game home streak begins February 19 against Winthrop.

Eagles tied for sixth at Gator Invitational

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Georgia Southern shot rounds of 287 and 289 in its first event of the 2002 spring schedule Saturday in the Gator Invitational at the 6,701-yard, par 70 University of Florida Golf Club. The Eagles are in a tie for sixth at 576/+16 entering Sunday's third and final round.

GSU sophomore Tyler McKeever and Eagle freshman Aron Price led the way for Georgia Southern. McKeever (72-69) is tied for 11th place at 141 (+1), while Price (71-71) is a four-way tie for 13th at 141 (+2). Justin Kolumber carded rounds of 70-77=147 (+9), while Travis Mobley matched Kolumber at 147 (74-73).

When the first two rounds of the 2002 SunTrust Gator Invitational hosted at the newly renovated UF Golf Course completed Saturday afternoon, the hosting University of Florida found itself in an unfamiliar position—second place. It is the 25-year anniversary of the tournament that includes three top-25 teams in the 15-member field.

The lowest of the ranked teams, No. 19 Alabama-Birmingham, holds the lead of the tournament with the No. 3 ranked Gators following. The third-ranked team, No. 9 Ohio State, sits at the bottom of the field in last place. The Blazers shot a blistering 274 in round one and continue to hold first with 4-under 556. UAB also holds the top individual honors in Graeme McDowell, who shot a low 65 in round one and followed it with a 67 for a 132 total.

Leading UF is sophomore Camilo Villegas (Mendellin, Colombia). The 2001 SEC and

Softspikes national Freshman of the Year shot mirror-image 68's for a 136 total on the day. Despite visual signs of frustration with his performance, Villegas is tied for third. Scott Jamieson from Augusta State is in second with a total of 135.

Only one other UF player is in the top 20 for the tournament. Playing in his final tournament in Gainesville, senior Camilo Benedetti (Mendellin, Colombia) posted an even-par 140 to place him tied at ninth. After spending last season as a red-shirt Gator, sophomore Robert Litsey (Palatka, Fla.) is tied 21, after shooting 72-72=144 (+4).

Florida has only one round left to bridge the nine-stroke deficit that holds it from its 18th Gator Invitational. Last year, UF set a team record for its final round score of 265 to finish 810 (-30) and claim their win. Benedetti also scored individual medalist honors, also setting a record with his 14-under 196. In the 24-year history of the tournament, UAB has yet to claim team or individual medalist honors.

The third and final round of this year's tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with teams teeing off on the first and tenth tee in eight-minute intervals. Florida will have its first tee off with redshirt-junior Dalton Melnyk (Jacksonville, Fla.) at 9:30 a.m. while two Gator individuals, senior Ben Banks (Surrey, England) and junior Jordan Code (Tampa, Fla.) will tee off at 8:18 a.m. on tee 10. The UF Golf Course recently complete a 4-million dollar renovation leaving the par at 70 but increasing the overall yardage to 6,701 yards.

Eagle football signs 15 recruits for fall

By Doug Kidd
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Despite a late start in the recruiting process, Georgia Southern head coach Mike Sewak signed 15 student-athletes on Wednesday.

Sewak, who took over the head football job after Paul Johnson left for the Naval Academy last December, was pleased with his first group of recruits.

"This group might be the most physical and hardest-hitting group that has been brought into Georgia Southern in a long, long time," Sewak said in a press release. "Without a doubt, I'm excited about getting started."

GSU leaned heavily on out-of-

state talent, signing six players outside the state, including five from Florida. Of the fifteen players: 3 are defensive linemen, 2 are running backs, safeties, offensive linemen or running backs, and a wide receiver and a quarterback are represented in the 2002 class.

The best of the bunch may be Steve Baylark of Apopka, Fla. The 6'0", 200-pound running back led Apopka High School to the Class 6-A title while earning all-state honors himself after rushing for 1,445 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Bryce Carter, a running back from Jacksonville, chose GSU after receiving interest from West Virginia, Central Florida and Louisiana. Carter

earned all-state honors while rushing for 10 yards per carry last season for Mandarin High School.

Locally, Claxton's Jonathan Wilkerson decided to stay close to home. Wilkerson, who rushed for more than 1,500 yards last season, also received interest from in-state schools Georgia and Georgia Tech. Offensive linemen Robert Knowles and Travilis Sims are two of the biggest players in the class, weighing 275 and 260 pounds, respectively. But even at that size, Sewak said the athletic ability his staff was looking for wasn't compromised.

"I'm proud to say that our team speed continues to improve on a yearly basis – we're getting the big-

ger kids who run fast and the smaller kids who run faster," he said.

Also parts of the class are wide receiver Teddy Craft, quarterback Darius Smiley, linebackers Jason Earwood and David Willingham and safeties Marico Zackery and Devron Jefferson. Theven Harris, Brian Kranz and DeMarcus Rogers will all help out of the defensive front while Shannon Higdon can play either quarterback or defensive back.

"We felt like this group of kids really exhibited an enthusiastic sense of belonging," Sewak said. "I believe they sincerely want to be here and play a key role in keeping our success and tradition at an extremely high level."

Georgia Southern University Campus Recreation & Intramurals 2002 Intramural Sports Basketball The Big Ten Men's Division

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- 3.) U Can't Hold Me (4-0) Defeated Pi Kappa Phi on 2/7, Next up: 4 Real (4-0) on 2/13
- 4.) Cellular One (3-1) Defeated 98 (0-4) on 2/6, Next up: Chaos (3-1) on 2/13
- 5.) Chaos (3-1) Defeated Team Marietta (1-3) on 2/6, Next up: Cellular One (3-1) on 2/13
- 6.) Fayetteham (3-0) Defeated Black Ice (2-1) on 2/5, Next up: Walking Bricks (2-1) on 2/12
- 7.) Unconscious (3-0) Defeated Stillmatic (0-3) on 2/5, Next up: Det Serious (0-3) on 2/10
- 8.) Red Clay (3-0) Defeated Claycochiefs (0-2) on 1/29, Next up: Black Ice (2-1) on 2/12
- 9.) R.R.I. Entertainment (4-0) Defeated The Celtics (1-3) on 2/7, Next up: Greatest Show on Earth (3-0) on 2/11
- 10.) Greatest Show on Earth (3-0) Defeated Grown Men (0-3) on 2/6, Next up: R.R.I. Entertainment (4-0) on 2/11

Tenth annual Black Rose Tournament



Laura Cox/STAFF

The GSU men's and women's Rugby team held their tenth annual Black Rose Tournament February 9 and 10. Several schools from around the East Coast travelled to Statesboro and participated in the weekend matches. The Black Rose Tournament is considered one of the most competitive tournaments in the region.

Eagles slide to 13-10 overall

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Wofford's Mike Lenzly scored 27 points while freshman Justin Stephens added a career-high 26 as Wofford used a 55-point second-half rally to rally from a 16-2 deficit to open the game and post a 76-67 victory over Georgia Southern Saturday night at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Trailing 51-39 with 10:50 to play, Wofford (11-13, 5-7) went on a 23-5 run over the next 6:57. Lenzly had 12 points during the spurt, including three 3-pointers and a breakaway dunk that gave Wofford a 62-56 lead with 3:53 remaining.

A 3-pointer by freshman Adrien Borders, who scored 12 points off-the-bench, gave Wofford its first lead of the game and the lead for good at 55-54 with 6:36 remaining. Sandwiched around Borders' they were a pair of 3-pointers by Lenzly as

Wofford connected on three 3-pointers in a 1:03 stretch.

"I really thought we learned from our last game (Georgia Southern scored 61 points to rally from a 20-point first-half deficit for an 86-78 victory over Furman)." Eagle Head Coach Jeff Price said. "In the second half, we started missing shots and they made threes. We were careless with the ball and didn't force turnovers."

Stephens' 26 points surpasses his previous career-high of 22, set three weeks ago in the first meeting with Georgia Southern. He added five steals to go with four rebounds and four assists. Lenzly had five rebounds and four steals in addition to his 27 points.

The Terriers shot 53.3 percent (16-of-30), including 6-of-11 (54.5 percent) from 3-point range in the second half after a 5-of-31

(16.1 percent) effort in the first half when they trailed 34-21 at the intermission.

Sean Peterson had seven points as Georgia Southern (13-10, 6-6) took a 16-2 lead in the opening 7:24. Peterson finished with 13 points while Kashien Latham had 14 points, 15 rebounds, and four blocked shots. The double-double effort was Latham's seventh of the season and 31st of his career, a GSU record. Frank Bennett added 12 points. The Eagles' biggest lead of the night was 24-9 with 6:01 left in the first half.

Georgia Southern outrebounded Wofford 51-36, including 19-to-13 on the offensive end. However, the Terriers committed just nine turnovers to 18 for the Eagles.

Georgia Southern hits the road again, traveling to Davidson for a Wednesday night contest at 7:00 p.m. in Belk Arena.

Lady Eagles tripped by WCU, 83-75

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All five Catamount starters scored in double figures as Western Carolina defeated Georgia Southern, 83-75, Saturday afternoon at the Ramsey Activity Center. With the win, Western Carolina improves to 14-9 overall, 6-8 in the Southern Conference and assures itself of a winning season.

It was Western's three Georgia natives that did the most damage versus the Lady Eagles. Senior Laura Echols (Conyers, Ga.) led all scorers with 24 points on 10-of-17 shooting from the field. Jennifer Gardner (Norcross, Ga.) recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Since entering the starting lineup for WCU (eight games), Gardner has had four double-figure rebounding efforts and three double-doubles.

Fellow freshman Ki-Ki Glass (College Park, Ga.) also turned in a double-double, posting career highs in points (12) and assists (10). She was 2-of-2 from the field, including a 3-pointer, and 7-of-7 at the line. Glass additionally entered the WCU

single-season assist list, handing out 97 for the season.

Gardner converted an old-fashion 3-point play on WCU's first possession to get the Cats off to a good start. A 3-pointer by sophomore Yoneko Allen, a jumper sophomore Janetta Heggins and a layup by Gardner gave Western a six-point lead (10-4) at the 16:49 mark of the first half.

Alie Rousseau answered with a 3-pointer, but the Cats were able to once again build it advantage to six, which marked the largest lead in the period. Georgia Southern went on a 6-0 run to tie the game at 14 with 11 minutes to play. The lead changed several times over the next 10 minutes and the score was tied at 30 with 59 second before the break. Western's Melissa Ervin, who was shooting free throws for an injured Gardner, sank a pair at the line with 36 seconds left to give WCU a 32-30 advantage at the break.

Rousseau made a layup for the Eagles to start the second half to tie the contest. It would be one of four ties in the first six and a half minutes of the period. With

the game knotted at 47, Gardner hit a short jumper to give WCU a the lead, one the Cats would not relinquish the remainder of the game. Georgia Southern pulled to within one on two occasions - the last being 63-62 with six minutes to play.

The Catamounts hit 8-of-10 free throws inside the final two minutes to seal the victory. Western only got two points from its bench - a layup by Miranda Long. However, Allen scored 15 points, making 4-of-9 3-pointers, and Heggins contributed 12 points. Georgia Southern had four players score in double figures.

Rousseau led the way with 15 points, followed by Sarah Davis (11), Adrienne Early (11) and Jessica Everett. The 11 points by Early was a career high as she was 3-of-3 from the field and 5-of-6 at the line.

Western Carolina will play at East Tennessee State on Monday. Game time is set for 7:00 pm. Georgia Southern will also return to action at 7:00 pm on Monday, hosting SoCon leader UNC Greensboro.

Eagles fall to C of C, now 0-3

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team fell 6-1 to Charleston Southern on Saturday. The loss drops the Eagles to 0-3 on the season.

Mark Finnegan won at No. 4 singles for Georgia Southern posting a 6-3, 6-3 win over Rodrigo Villaroel.

Charleston Southern won the

other five singles matches as Tomas Miho beat Wojciech Nowak at No. 1 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 and Santiago Falla won over Darren Clark at No. 2 6-2, 6-1. At No. 3 Rohan Wadhwa beat Uli Ebensperger 6-4, 7-5 and at No. 5 Zalon Hiss defeated Noah Tyler 6-3, 6-3. At No. 6 Ariel Furfuro won over Danie Van Den Heever 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles, the Buccaneers swept the Eagles. At No. 1 Miho and Wadhwa beat Nowak and Clark 8-3 while at No. 2 Furfuro and Villaroel defeated Ebensperger and Van Den Heever 8-3. At No. 3 Falla and Rechas won over Tyler and Finnegan 8-4.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Feb. 20 hosting Jacksonville.

Lady Eagles slip in home opener

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team was defeated by Florida A&M 5-2 in the Eagles home opener on Saturday.

Georgia Southern won two singles matches as Amy Bartlett defeated Rochelle Goldthreath 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 while Charlotte Bruneteaux beat Sahirah Will-

iams at No. 4 6-0, 7-6. Florida A&M's winners in singles were Amber Pipkins at No. 2 over Brooke McNamee 6-3, 7-6, Dia Collins over Sarah Iqbal at No. 3 6-1, 6-1, Charlana Brown at No. 5 beating Callie Ward 6-1, 6-2 and Melissa Murray at No. 6 topping Leslie Bechtold 6-1, 6-3.

The Rattlerettes won the doubles point by taking two of three matches. Georgia Southern's team of

Bechtold and Iqbal won at No. 3 over Pipkins and Murray 8-3 while Florida A&M's Goldthreath and Collins beat Bartlett and McNamee at No. 1 8-5 and Charlene Kambarani and Williams won over Bruneteaux and Ward at No. 2 8-5.

With the loss the Eagles fall to 0-3 and will return to action on Wednesday traveling to Mercer for a 2:00 p.m. match.

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'Slackers' star has a thick skin for critics remarks

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On Feb. 1, the college comedy "Slackers" opened to withering reviews and weak box-office numbers.

It's not the first time the movie's star, Devon Sawa, has endured a critical hammering for one of his films. The affable 23-year-old has made some respected pictures, such as 1999's "SLC Punk!," and some enjoyable popcorn movies, such as the 2000 horror thriller "Final Destination." But many critics considered his 1999 film "Idle Hands" to be the devil's work, and many weren't wild about 1997's "Wild America," in which Sawa played one of three adventurous teenage naturalists.

But Sawa, who has been acting since sixth grade and making movies since he was 17 or so, shrugs off the negative comments. "A lot of the movies I pick are a little more edgy, they push the envelope a little more," Sawa says during a brief Dallas interview. "I do it 'cause I like the material." Some critics like it, some critics don't. That's the way the world turns, I suppose.

Whether "Slackers" is "edgy" depends on your point of view. Sawa plays Dave, one of three guys who makes it through college by cheating instead of studying. The college nerd, Cool Ethan ("Rushmore's" Jason Schwartzman), catches them in the act, and threatens to expose them unless they set him up with Angela (model James King), his big crush. But when he tries to get Angela to fall for Ethan, Dave winds up falling for Angela himself.

"They're not stupid," Sawa says of the slacker trio. "They're smart, and they find a way to beat the system. There is quite a bit of work in another sense; instead of

reading a book, they're breaking into computers."

Sounds safe enough, right? But then the movie throws in jokes about oral sex, masturbation and flatulence. In one scene, one of Dave's partners in crime does a duet with a sock puppet - which he wears on his privates. In another, Schwartzman gives former B-movie star Mamie Van Doren - who just turned 71 - a sponge bath, during which Van Doren goes topless. Cool

all great ... but this is 'out there.' It's pushing the envelope. It's edgier. We'll see how people respond." Sawa sounds like an old pro.

Born and reared in Vancouver, British Columbia, Sawa was doing commercials in the Canadian city when his agent told him about an open casting call for the movie "Casper," which was released in 1995. The filmmakers were looking for a young boy to play a physical manifestation of the friendly ghost.

"They must have had 2,000 kids send in tapes," Sawa says. "So I sent my tape in and got really lucky. The horror-comedy 'Idle Hands,' in which Sawa plays a slacker who does battle with his own demonically possessed hand, has a cult following. And "Final Destination," featuring Sawa as a plane-crash survivor who is stalked by death, continues to have a life on video.

All these teen movies kept the actor from having a traditional teen life, but again, he shrugs that off.

"School, prom - I missed all that stuff," Sawa says. "But I don't really miss it, and I don't really mind, because at the same time, I was traveling to places like Calgary and Savannah and California, and meeting all sorts of new people and seeing all sorts of exciting things. It's a great life."

And Sawa says he would like to move on to more dramatic material. For now, he understands the need for a thick skin, although most of the barbs aimed at his movies haven't been aimed directly at him.

"There's a lot of rejection," he says. "I try not to read many of the opening-weekend reviews. 'I haven't been picked on yet. Knock on wood.'"



Special Photo
"SLACKERS": A teen movie about three guys who cheat their way through college and then one day surprisingly get caught.

Ethan's crush is more like a stalker obsession. Throughout the movie, misogyny abounds - but then, the male characters aren't exactly treated well, either. But Sawa says he had his reasons for picking it.

"It wasn't as fluffy as some of the other scripts I was getting, which were more romantic comedies," he says. "That's

Day time soap operas can be an addiction for some

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Salem, Genoa City, Pine Valley, Oakdale, Springfield; do these towns ring any bells? If you're an avid soap watcher they probably will. Over 150 million people watch soaps on a weekly basis.

What makes these hour-long, over dramatic dramas so addictive? Is it the half-naked hunks, the assertive women, the provocative, yet over the top storylines, or is it the need for an escape from reality? It's all the above.

Over 70 years ago, Ima Phillips developed a fifteen-minute series that was broadcasted on the WGN radio station in Chicago. One of the earliest sponsors of the serial was Proctor and Gamble. These fifteen-minute serials thus became known as the "soap opera."

Housewives became engaged in these short, continuous tales of a core family surviving the trials of everyday life. Ratings boomed, and it spawned five other series of the same fashion.

By the 1940s there were seven series on the air heard by half of all women at home.

With the emergence of the television as a new entertainment medium, soaps made their way to this new format.

One of the earliest soaps was "The Guiding Light," which moved from radio to television.

Now in its 65th year on the air, "Guiding Light," as well as other soap operas, still intrigue viewers on a daily basis.

Hardy Lemay, the former head writer of the soap opera "Another World," spoke on the subject of why people watch soaps, specifically younger people watch.

"I think young people tune in, and always have, because they are generally optimistic about life, and looking forward to romance and happy endings, which is just what soaps dwell on," Lemay said.

The majority audience of the soap opera is women ranging in ages from 18 to 49 and also the key demographic many soap operas try to appeal to. This has been the case since the inception of this long-running genre.

A never-ending story about the same people in a small town, what makes these soap operas so appealing? "People are nosey by nature," said soap enthusiast Charmaine Pratt, of the reason why she watches soap operas.

These daily looks into fictionalized lives help many people with ordinary lives see how the rich and the beautiful live.

Many people out there love to see a Nikki Newman, a character from "The Young and the Restless," live her life struggling daily to keep her family together, keep a job and all the while stay fashion conscience, but many people don't want to actually live her life—or many do but can't afford to.

Louise Spense takes this notion a step further in her essay, "Watching Daytime Soap Operas: The Power of Pleasure." "It is important to recognize that people may be conflicted about many of their emotions; there's a tension between how we live and how we would like to live," said Spense.

Escapism is another reason why many tune in day after day to daytime dramas.



Internet Photo

"DAYS OF OUR LIVES": A scene from the popular soap opera "Days of Our Lives," which has millions of daily viewers.

"We all lead busy and boring lives. We need something to take our minds off the drudgery of life," said Shenika Bouie about the reasons why tunes in everyday. "They don't have any semblance of real life, most times. You can usually kick back and relax and watch other people screw up their lives."

Many also tune in because it is something they've been doing for years. There are plenty of stories about people getting attached to a soap opera because their mother, grandmother, aunts, baby sitter, or any other influential, older females watched them and in turn they got hooked. "These people become your family," said Mary Daigle of the reasons why she watches her soap religiously.

These characters can become an integral part of the viewer's life because they see them in their living room on a daily basis. The viewer gets to know their traits, likes, dislikes, emotional boundaries, and see the character's big life events—births, deaths, marriages, loves, relationships, happiness, and sadness. In essence, they become a part of the family.

According to Robert C. Allen's essay "As The World Turns In: An International Perspective" he explains one of the reasons why these characters become so real to the viewer.

"Our interest is secured by and diffused among this entire community rather than concentrated on the fate of any one particular character," Allen said.

The longer we watch, the more we become a part of the history of that community and the more intricate its fabric appears to us," said Allen. These dramas are not just for entertainment purposes in most cases. The soap opera medium has been the first, in many cases, to deal with controversial topics in society at a particular time.

"[The] soap opera structure and audience member's viewing practices enable this genre to incorporate controversial social issues that prime-time series often evade," says Allen.

According to Laura Mumford, in her essay, "Social themes in the Soaps," "From their earliest origins in radio, soap opera in the United States have taken the social world as their subject," Mumford said.

These hour-long dramas can handle

the subsequent effects of sickness, life decisions, lifestyle choices, and other things that affect many of the viewers on a daily basis.

The soap opera viewer can in turn gain knowledge of situations they wouldn't necessarily encounter except through these characters they see daily. It becomes a learning experience in many cases. With the soap audience being so huge, the male audience is still very slim.

The ones that do watch consider it a much-guarded secret. It has been considered a feminine audience and not masculine.

Many males don't find it too appealing to see women crying, or pregnancy debates. Some could care less about who's sleeping with whom. According to Mumford, males are creatures of simplicity and want as little drama as possible. Many men watch professional wrestling, which may be considered a soap opera.

They have over-the-top storylines, not to mention over the top character development, half naked people of both sexes; and sleeping around within the association help to drive the ratings of this sports entertainment show sky-high.

The male audience, in contrast, that is the most vocal about their viewing of this genre are many famous athletes. Many of the athletes have practices during late evenings and night games and end up watching day time television.

Many famous fans include Wayne Gresky, Jessie Ventura, and Deon Sanders to mention a few. The soap opera medium is as old as the television and will probably still be here for years to come. There are now eleven on the air at this present moment, and they draw millions of viewers on a daily basis.

Each show has been passed down from generation to generation. Avid fans and new fans alike agree that this genre is simply an irresistible guilty pleasure that can't be ignored.

Where else can a viewer witness a murder, an affair, or a baby switch all on the same day?

"The [daytime] serial is one of the most diverse and dynamic forms of television in the world today," according to Robert C. Allen, "and one of the most compelling way to tell a story ever devised."

LIONFISH, FROM PAGE 1

Simons Island to Savannah, according to state marine biologists.

A group of sport divers from Jesup were the first to document lionfish off the Georgia coast, said Spud Woodward of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

"Up until now, stories about lionfish being here have sort of been like an urban legend," Woodward said. "You'd keep hearing stories, but there'd never been any documentation until the gentleman speared one."

Bob Phillips of Jesup killed a 9-inch red lionfish with a speargun in June while diving in 120 feet of water at a natural ledge near the ocean floor - about 35 miles offshore from St. Simons.

"I was completely stunned to see it there. Lionfish aren't supposed to be anywhere close to Georgia," said Phillips, a long-time diver and tropical fish collector. "He was just sitting there, half on a sponge, making himself at home."

Phillips' diving partner, Bill Thurmon of Jesup, saw two more lionfish hovering at the end of a ledge about a mile north of where Phillips discovered the first one.

"Nobody knows how many are out there, but they are being seen with increasing frequency," Woodward said. "It's yet to be determined if they have established a reproducing population."

"Anytime a nonnative species shows up, it can have a negative impact on the native species," Woodward said. "We just don't know to what extent that impact will be."

Lionfish have also been discovered from the Carolinas to Florida, said Cathy Sakas, spokeswoman for Gray's Reef Natural Marine Sanctuary near Savannah.

No lionfish-related injuries have been reported in Georgia. But people need to be careful if they encounter lionfish, which have 18 fin spines capable of delivering venom, Woodward said.

Although lionfish are not aggres-

sive, they will act in self defense if they feel threatened.

"They have the potential to deliver quite a wallop with their spines," Woodward said. "It's like a bee sting in that people can have extreme reactions if they are allergic to it. But at the very least, a lionfish sting will cause a lot of pain and swelling."

It is unlikely that swimmers or other beachgoers will encounter lionfish because the species prefers deep offshore waters, Woodward said.

There are several theories on how the fish got to the South Atlantic. They might have been released by people who had them in aquariums and got tired of them.

Woodward said it's also possible the lionfish larvae were transported via the bilge holds of cargo ships, or washed out to sea when Hurricane Andrew destroyed homes containing salt-water aquariums in south Florida.

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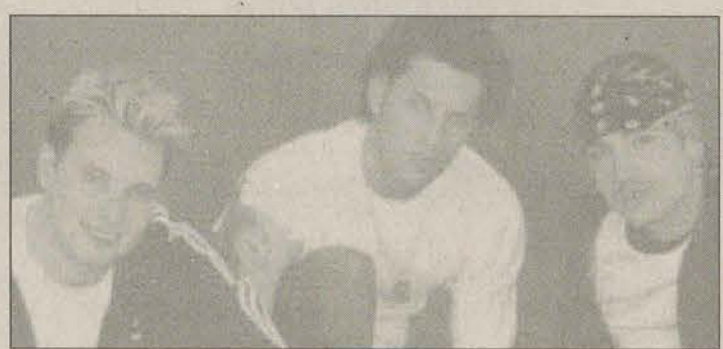
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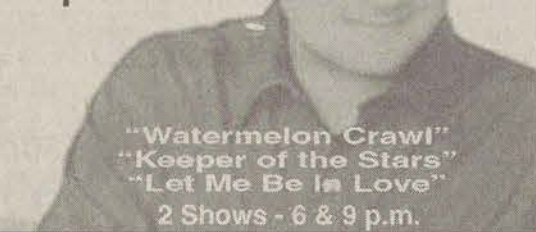


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Does technology affect education?

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Computers have been in our schools since the early 90's, but how have they affected our student's education?

Research shows positive correlations between technology in schools and improved grades received by students, but is the technology really helping the students educationally?

Dr. David Robinson, a literature and philosophy professor here at GSU, believes technology is a positive thing because it allows students to use fewer resources and helps them get their assignments done faster. "If [students] make a mistake, they don't have to rewrite the whole report. They can go into the computer program and edit the story," said Robinson.

CARET, Center for Applied Research in Educational Technology,

research evidence shows that technology is proven to develop higher order thinking and problem solving in students. They believe "Online tools and resources allow

findings."

CARET research also shows that technology does have an increase on student academic performance. They say

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students to gather and evaluate information efficiently, then communicate their thoughts and

"intelligent tutor" software that supports curriculum has been shown to improve learning and grades in students.

Jeff Kelly, a GSU student, is thankful

technology is part of his education. "Having technology makes it easier to type up papers and do research," he says. Kelly also stated that he could not imagine having no technology in his education.

Donna Rybicki, special education teacher and former GSU student, relies heavily on computers in her classroom. Special computer applications such as Teacher Instruction allow her students to see how a regular classroom is handled. "Instructional Use software helps students with special needs so they can handle real-life situations," said Rybicki.

Most of the time technology can help us with our studies, but there are some drawbacks.

Dr. Robinson believes that there is too much money spent on buying technology for the schools. He feels that some schools spend a large amount of money on overpriced software without having a clear plan on how it will be used.

Robinson thinks it would be better if we came up with a reason to use the software before we buy it. "Sometimes institutions buy large amounts of technology without addressing real needs," said Robinson.

According to Kelly, "students are becoming more reliant on word processing tools like spell check and auto-formatting and this keeps some students from actually thinking about what they are doing."

Rybicki believes that some teachers rely too much on computer programs. "They will just pop in the software instead of teaching the students," she says.

Another major problem with computers in the classroom is the Internet. "There are so many inappropriate articles on the Internet, and in our classes, some students get exposed to something they should not have seen."

All we can do to prevent this from happening is to make sure we are closely watching each individual child," she says. "And this is sometimes impossible."

It seems that technology has been, and will continue to be a pivotal part in education during our lifetimes. Whether we choose to use wisely or poorly is a decision we must make for ourselves.

GSU concert bands perform

By Adam Brady
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Carter Recital Hall echoed with the sounds Georgia Southern's concert bands this past Thurs night. GSUSWE, or Georgia Southern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, as well as GSU's Concert band played a variety of musical pieces to a nearly full house. Under the direction of Dr. Daniel Pittman, both the Concert band and GSUSWE put on an excellent show.

A few pieces included in GSUSWE's performance were "October" by Steven Bryant, "Chester Leaps In" and "Florentiner March." Concert band's concert repertoire consisted of Kirk Vogel's "John Muir Suite," "The Purple Carnival" and "Espirit de Corps."

GSU's concert ensembles are composed of students from all over the country, some from as away as Connecticut. So what exactly is it that attracts students to play in GSU's concert bands?

"It's good times," says Aaron Feldser, a

trumpet player in the Concert Band. Feldser has been playing the trumpet since sixth grade, and still loves performing at concerts. Kevin Sweatman, also a trumpet player, enjoys playing in the concert band as well, though he admits "Jazz band is my thing." Sweatman says he "likes learning from Dr. Pittman about music, while at the same time being able to take on a leadership role in helping to teach others that play in the band."

Many of the musicians that play in the concert bands here at GSU are also part of the marching band, Southern Pride. In the off-season, many Southern Pride members trade in their blue, gold and white for black to perform in the concert bands.

GSU band musicians didn't disappear after football season. They just won't be playing half-time shows in Paulson stadium until next fall. However, you will be able to catch both GSUSWE and Concert Band again later on this semester in a second concert performance.

AFGHAN WOMEN, FROM PAGE 1

the future. The future is very difficult to predict, but being at the university today is a good start."

According to estimates from the United Nations and other sources, 89 percent of Afghan women from 15 to 24 years old are illiterate, compared with about 54 percent of men in the same age group. For women 25 years and older, the illiteracy rate is as high as 97 percent.

University administrators and male classmates Wednesday welcomed the women.

"Every field has a need for females," said Mohammad Daud, 18, who wants to be a lawyer. "It does not feel strange to have girls studying with us, but it is something new. We are excited about that."

Scheriel Fayeze, minister of higher education, said that because women had limited training during the past five years, the university would loosen the requirements to ensure that as many as possible can get in.

"We will probably lower grading standards for the women because of the deprivation they have suffered, the isolation they have suffered. They were almost captive," Fayeze said. "We want them to be included. The face of the university is changing. We are preparing the future leaders of Afghanistan."

The university, founded in 1932, specializes in 14 fields, including medicine, natural sciences, economics, home economics, education, engineering, pharmacy, law and political science. At

its peak year in 1976, the university had 8,500 students enrolled and 800 professors.

In addition to the 3,151 students tested in Kabul, 4,290 university hopefuls were given entrance exams in various provinces across the country. About 15 percent were women.

Female professors also returned to the classroom Wednesday. Before the arrival of the Taliban, 22 percent of university teachers were women. A few helped distribute exams at Kabul University.

"It's quite pleasing for us to see women contributing," said Mohammad Akbar Salam, an arts professor who has been teaching for 20 years. "The censorship applied during the Taliban has been removed."

Though women are eager to achieve equality, self-imposed censorship remains prevalent.

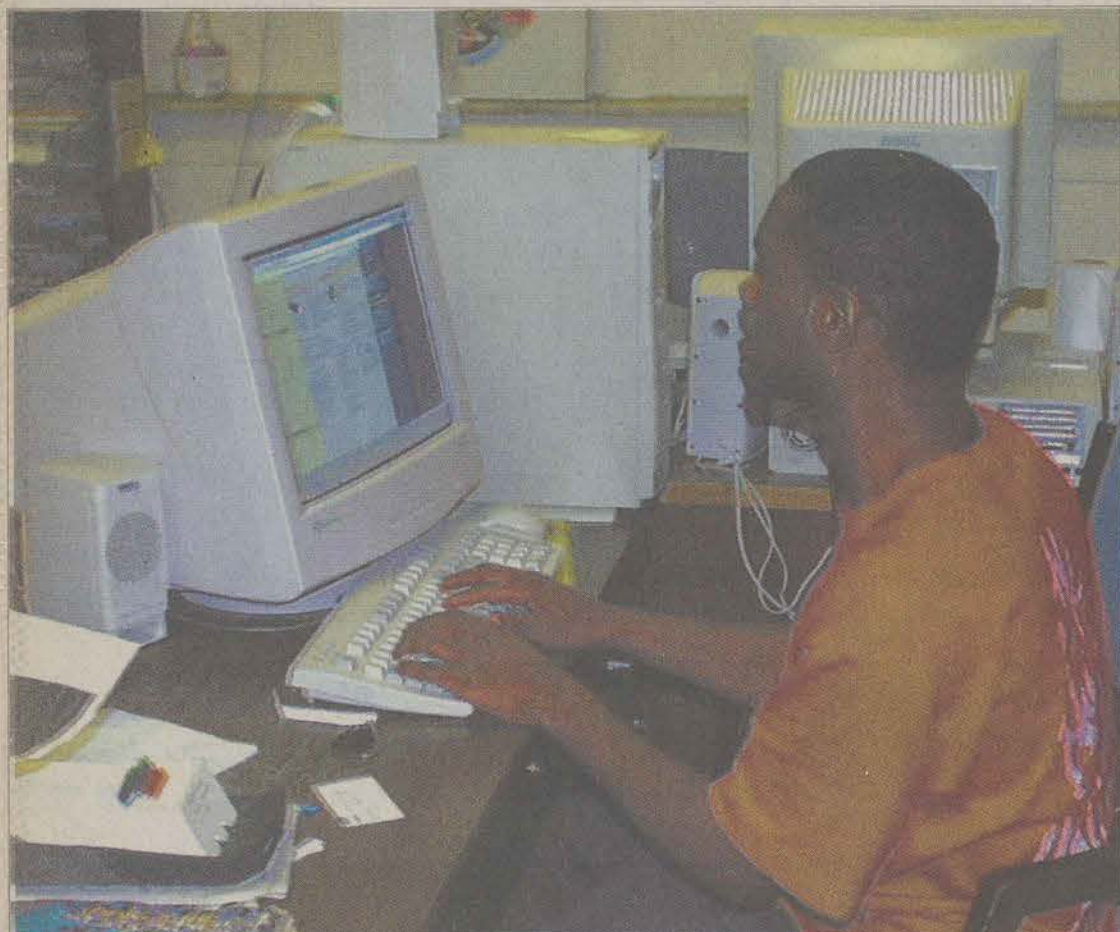
The majority of women still cover their faces with burqas when they are in public places and carefully monitor what they say.

But as the doors closed to classrooms designated for test-taking, a conversion took place.

The women sat alongside male classmates, pulled out extra pens from their handbags and attacked the thick pile of questions. No longer were their faces hidden behind the confining burqas they wore outdoors.

The blue pieces of cloth instead served as a layer of cushion to the hard wooden seats.

"My head is free," said 22-year-old Mahboba Sidiqi. "No more headaches."



Allison Bennett

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