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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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Partly cloudy with a high of 49° F and a low of 25° F.

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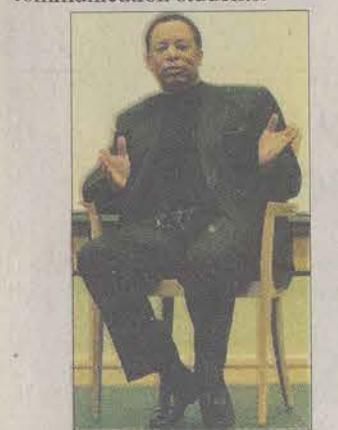
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Southern Events

- CARTER RECITAL HALL**
• A presentation entitled 'The Creative Process: Poetry to Music' to be held at 1 p.m. today.
- IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL**
• An Irish Music Festival to be held in the Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. on March 6.

Over 100 organizations recruit students at Eagle Expo job fair

By Erik Howard
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This year's edition of Eagle Expo showcased a variety of employment opportunities for GSU students.

Eagle Expo is a job fair that allows students and businesses to get face to face. This year's expo brought over 100 organizations to campus.

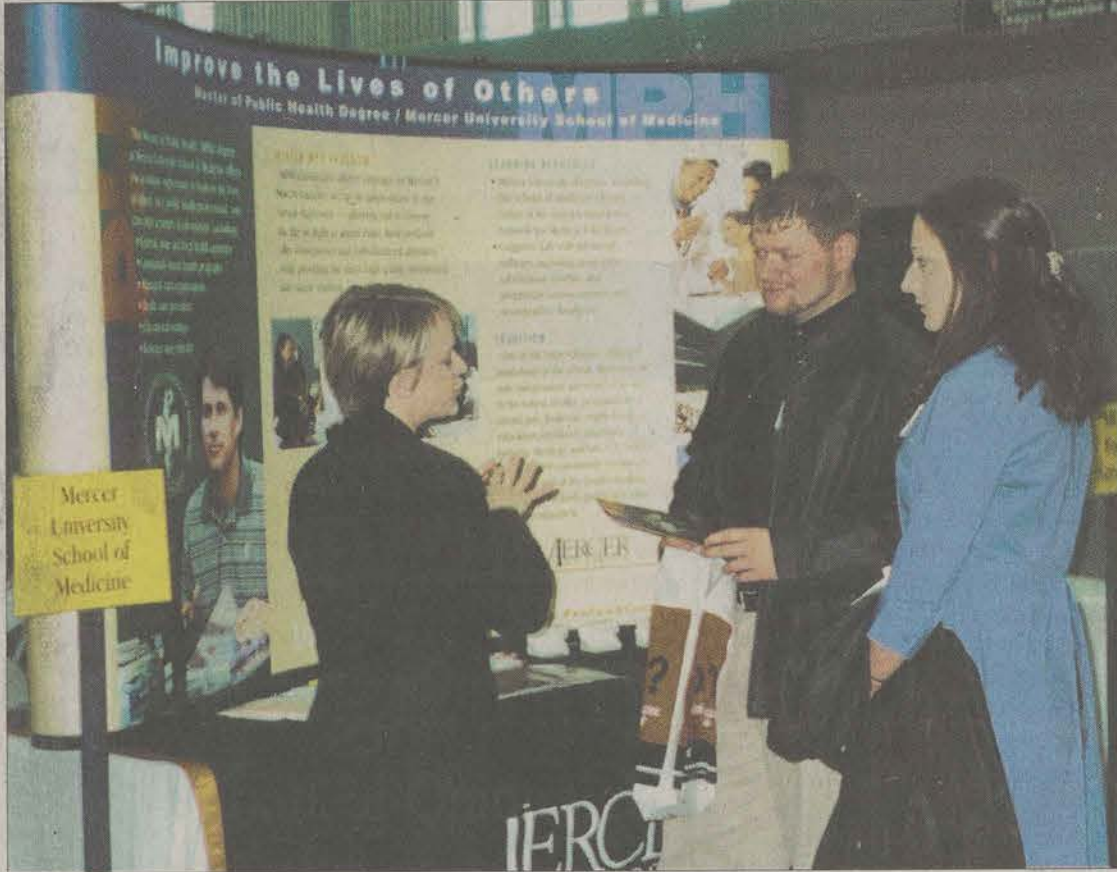
The spring semester edition of the Eagle Expo took place on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the R.A.C.

From science and technology companies Chemtall and Wallace Computer Services to Communication Company ComCast all came to campus looking for the future of their perspective company.

From local organizations such as East Georgia Regional Hospital who came to Eagle Expo to see the interest level of students to get into the health care industry which at the current time is in dire need of nurses and health care professionals.

Rena Hollingsworth of Gambro Health Care who is the regional recruitment manager came to Eagle Expo looking for registered nurses and dieticians who would come and work for her company. Ms. Hollingsworth felt that the Eagle Expo allows her company "to get its name out to students so in the future they would know exactly what Gambro is."

Everett Davis of Comcast which is the nation's third largest cable provider said that his company came to Eagle Expo ready to fill positions in



Melanie Toler/STAFF

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Businesses and organizations came out in full force to educate GSU students on possible job opportunities available after graduation.

their sales and marketing divisions for the Savannah and regional areas. Davis said he got quite a few good inquiries from students in the marketing field but also from students who were not in the marketing field. A fact which many of the days companies also found.

Chris Anderson a manager of

Hops Restaurants and GSU alumni said he got inquiries from those in the hotel and restaurant management field and even students in the science and technology field. Anderson said he came back to GSU to recruit students who had a willingness to work hard for "one of the fastest growing restaurant chains in the country."

Dana Murrell of JEA Camps in Savannah came to Eagle Expo looking for early childhood education and recreation majors to fill their camps summer employment positions. Ms. Murrell said that the bulk of their employees in the summer are

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Alpha Phi Alpha and NAACP present 'A Tribute to African American Women'



Chris Walker/STAFF

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST: African American women were honored with a tribute on Feb. 28, providing a special ending to Black History Month.

By Mickauna Love
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Bringing Black History Month to a dignified close Alpha Phi Alpha and the GSU chapter of the NAACP produced a program to honor African American women.

"A Tribute to African American Women" took place on Feb. 28 at 6pm in the Russell Union Ballroom. The program sought to reflect and

celebrate the African American woman's contributions to society.

Aquelah Traylor of the NAACP and Jeremy Mills of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity hosted the program. Jeremy opened the ceremony with this, "The man is the foundation of the family and the woman is the foundation of the man." After which Ladell Fortune of Voices of Ministry sang a lovely rendition of "You Are So

Beautiful."

To acknowledge distinguished African American women of the past, Edgar Ray read a segment of history trivia bringing to light those who blazed trails before us. Isheman Williams spoke her own wonderful words of poetry, which both praised and admonished African American

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U.S., allies try to rout Taliban, al-Qaida fighters

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - American soldiers fought in heavy combat alongside Afghans and other allies Sunday in the second day of a U.S.-led offensive to rout well-entrenched Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the snow-capped mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

Strike aircraft, bombers and AC-

130 gunships pounded the resistance fighters south of the city of Gardez. The targets were troops, caves, mortars, vehicles and anti-aircraft artillery sites, according to U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

The battle was the largest in the war in Afghanistan since the assault on the Tora Bora cave complex in December, the Pentagon said. Af-

ghan fighters made up most of the attack force.

U.S. Special Forces and assault troops from the 101st Airborne who were supporting the Afghans were joined by soldiers from Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Denmark

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Americans' discarded computers poison Asian waterways

KRT Campus

SAN JOSE - Old computer parts hauled into American recycling centers are more likely to wind up as toxic trash in Asia's waterways than as reused high-tech materials on store shelves, according to a report to be released Monday.

While many consumers are led to

believe their outdated equipment will be given a new life after turning it in for recycling, most often it winds up on a boat bound for China, India or Pakistan where it is burned in rice fields or dumped into irrigation canals.

The electronic trash, known as e-waste, is left to leach poisonous ma-

terials such as lead, mercury and cadmium into water supplies and the atmosphere. Investigators researching the report found waterways and rural fields littered with broken glass, circuit boards and plastic parts.

"It's kind of the underbelly of the

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61 killed in deadliest week since intifada started

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BETHLEHEM, West Bank - A sniper killed seven Israeli soldiers and three civilians Sunday at a checkpoint near an Israeli settlement, the second attack in 12 hours by militants tied to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

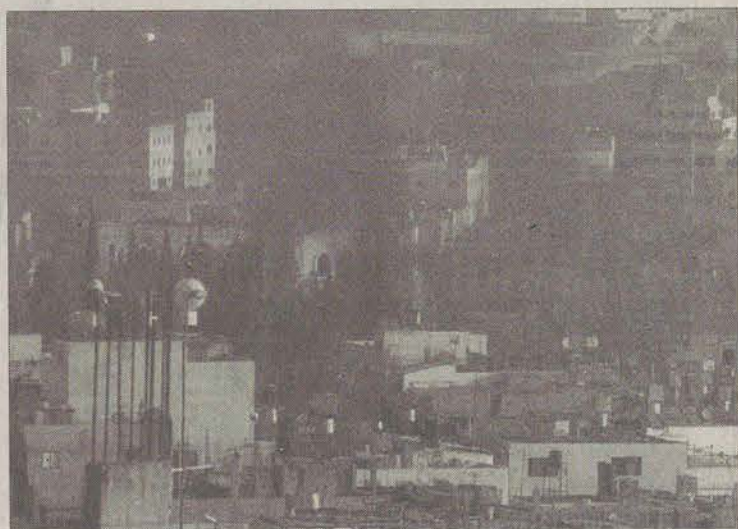
Israel retaliated by hitting targets in Ramallah, the West Bank city where Arafat has his headquarters,

and the Gaza Strip. Four Palestinian policemen were killed.

Twenty-one Israelis have died in four incidents of violence, including Saturday night's suicide bombing that killed nine - five of them children - and injured 56 in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem.

In all, 28 Israelis and 33 Palestin

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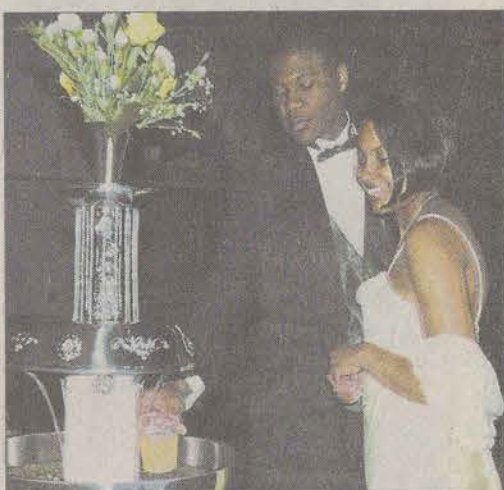
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BLOODY DAY: A startling 61 people were killed in Bethlehem, the highest number to die since the intifada began.

Alpha Phi Alpha hosts community social in Russell Union Ballroom

By Angela Jones
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"This is a social event where we can get together with GSU students and alumni in a different setting, so they see that there's more than just a club aspect to the group," explained Brian Gibson, President of the National Society of Black Engineers, and a Member of Alpha Phi Alpha,



Laura Cox/STAFF

BLACK AND GOLDBALL: Last Friday, Alpha Phi Alpha held the 19th annual Black and Gold Ball social in the Union Ballroom.

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

February 27

• Theodore Robert Lee Allen, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

• Herschel Phillips Jr., 19, was arrested for card fraud.

February 28

• Erin Lea McDonald, 22, was arrested for DUI and weaving.

March 1

• Charles Sekula IV, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of zanax.

March 2

• Hershel Carithers, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and littering.

• John Edward Oswald Jr., 23, was arrested for open container, DUI and weaving.

• James Faircloth II, 18, was arrested for DUI and weaving.

• Ayomitande A. Soqunro, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• James Robert Curry, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Ginocchio Giancarlo, 20, was arrested for public drunkenness and underage possession of alcohol.

March 3

• John Tom Brinson Jr., 23, was arrested for DUI, weaving and open container.

• James Lee Copeland, 22, was

arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to dispense.

• Celeste B. Brandenburg, 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Robert Luke Copeland, 24, was arrested for failure to dispense and disorderly conduct.

• Robert Earl Lee, 22, was arrested for failure to dispense.

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 Megan Mulcahy, staff writer.

National News

Howard University cheerleader crowned Miss USA

Associated Press

GARY, Ind. — Shauntay Hinton told host Deion Sanders during the Miss USA pageant that active citizenship is the freedom she values most.

Now that she's won the crown, she plans on exercising that freedom.

"That's not just being a speaker, but also committing your time, committing your body and getting out there and rolling up your sleeves," said Hinton, the Miss District of Columbia.

The 5-foot-7 Hinton was crowned Miss USA during the live telecast Friday night on CBS. Afterward, she said she hopes to use her position as Miss USA to promote volunteerism, fight homelessness and to be a spokeswoman for breast cancer awareness.

Hinton, 23, a Howard University cheerleader, said she thinks being in great shape helped her, but it isn't what won it for her.

"I've been told I have a contagious

smile. I made sure I looked at each judge and smiled as big as I could. After a while my lips started trembling, but I think I have a contagious smile."

Hinton's knees buckled when Sanders announced that Miss Kansas, Lindsay Douglas, was the first runner-up. Hinton and Douglas had been facing each other, holding each others arms, when the announcement was made.

"It took all of my strength to lift myself back up," she said. "It's just surreal. I've been dreaming of this ever since I was a little girl."

Last year's winner, former Miss Texas Kandace Krueger, placed the winner's sash and crown on Hinton, who was handed a bouquet of roses as she walked down the catwalk, then returned to center stage and was swarmed by other contestants.

Hinton, a broadcast communications senior, is only the second Miss District of Columbia to win the Miss USA pageant

in its 51-year history. Bobbi Johnson won the title in 1964.

A native of Starkville, Miss., Hinton said she hopes to become a network television anchorwoman in the next 10 years with the long-term goal of becoming an entrepreneur.

Hinton opened the show wearing a red top, black pants with red high heels. For the swimsuit competition, she, like everyone but Miss California, donned a two-piece red suit. Miss California, Tarah Marie Peters, wore a red, one-piece. Hinton's gown was white with sequins.

As the winner, she will compete in the Miss Universe competition in May in Puerto Rico. If she wins that, Douglas, 23, who is pursuing master's degree at the University of Kansas, will take over as Miss USA.

Miss Indiana, Kelly Lloyd, 25, the crowd favorite, was second-runner up. She is a Ball State University journalism major.

Campus News Brief

STAR GAZING

Saturday night's Star Gazing at the Garden will be moved to next Saturday, March 9, in the event of heavy cloud cover or rain. Same time: 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 1149 for more information.

CONCERT

This year, Ragús, the acclaimed 16-member music ensemble from the Aran Isles, will present a concert featuring vocalists, instrumentalists, and step dancers performing traditional Irish music as part of the Performing Arts Series of the Campus Life Enrichment Committee, so come and enjoy the fun!

It will be held, Wednesday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Center.

Admission is a dollar for GSU students, three dollars for faculty and staff and seven for general public.

Tickets are available at the Athletic Office in the Cowart Building on Lanier Drive, or by calling 681-0123. They are going fast, but if the concert is not sold out, tickets will be available at the door.

This event is sponsored by CLEC and the Center for Irish Studies in cooperation with the Center for International Studies at Georgia Southern University.

WAR OF WINGS

Kappa Delta is having their 19th Annual Shamrock Event "War of the Wings" to benefit local child abuse prevention. It takes place Wed. March 6 from 12-4 p.m. at the Kappa Delta house on Greek Row.

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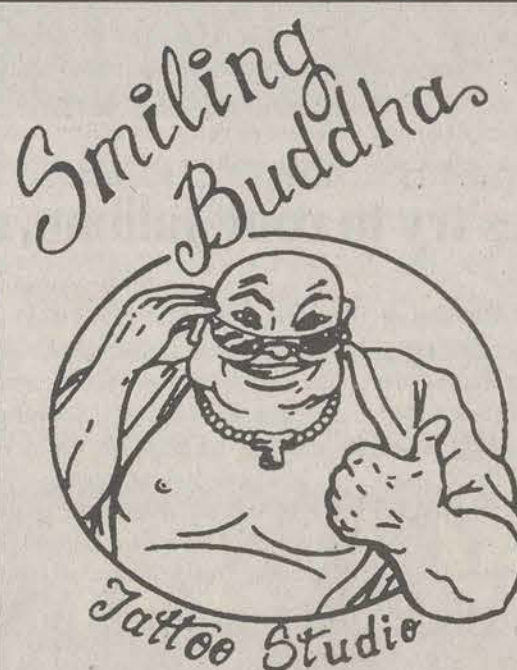
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EXPO, FROM PAGE 1

college students who enjoy working with kids. And at Eagle Expo she found many students interested in summer employment. The Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department was in attendance looking for volunteers and seasonal employees for their youth sports and after-school programs.

From a student's perspective this year's Eagle Expo received rave reviews. Jerel Gadberry a senior business major said he was attracted to Eagle Expo because it brought many businesses together at one time. And provided students with a way to present themselves to businesses and showcase what they have. Eagle Expo also brought former students who have found obtaining a job in their field rather tough

in this economy. Jamel Upchurch who graduated from GSU with a degree in computer information systems last semester said not

EAGLE EXPO IS JUST ONE IN A LIST OF EVENTS THAT CAREER SERVICES HAS PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

many companies were hiring so he felt coming back to Georgia Southern and attending Eagle Expo might help in his search for a job.

Lisa Early who is junior finance major said she found Eagle Expo to be very beneficial in her search for internships for the summer but would have liked to see more businesses in the science and technology field. Ms. Early

did however say she received what she came to Eagle Expo for which information on internships and jobs for the summer. Lakeisha Gibbs a senior psychology major said she was disappointed that not all businesses listed attended but overall found Eagle Expo a good experience and even walked away with good lead for internships and job opportunities after graduation.

This year's Eagle Expo was well attended by students according to Wallace Brown of Career Services who said students took the day spacing out the times they attended Eagle Expo.

Eagle Expo is just one in a list of events that Career Services has planned for the rest of the school year.

SOAR, FROM PAGE 1

me, being a SOAR leader is about as high as I can get."

"Our team is so awesome," Ginger Fauscett said. "I think it is going to be the best ever."

SOAR sessions are held during the summer as part of the orientation and registration process. Prospective students and their parents attend the two-day, overnight sessions. It is during this time when most students have their first experience on a college campus and spend their first night in a residence hall.

Students are given the opportunity to meet with their advisor as well as tour campus and get a feel for where their classes will be come Fall.

SOAR leaders perform informative skits to introduce students and parents to college life, often in a humorous way. Leaders are responsible for smaller group sessions too that allow students to form their first bonds with each other and ask more direct questions about GSU.

"Without SOAR leaders, you would have a lot of these students who don't have a connection with

students at Georgia Southern," DuVall said. "SOAR leaders are really the first connection that students have with Georgia Southern."

"They may come (prior) for a campus tour or information session but they don't necessarily remember who their tour guide was or who gave them that information session," he said. "They'll always remember who their SOAR leader was. They are so important to helping students with that transition."

TRIBUTE, FROM PAGE 1

women of the present on how they treat their sisters. Williams' poetry rang of truth and self-examination that earned her a roar of applause.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of awards to deserving women of color here at GSU. These women were recognized based on their personal achievements and continued positive progress in all that they do.

Among the honorees were the

reigning Miss Homecoming, Joy Cane, Julia Minefield, Shamika Milton, Crystal Jackson, and Dr. Marriam Tappey. Through their effort these women have strived to accurately reflect the nature of the strong African American female. Greek organization Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta were also given recognition for their continued efforts to uplift African American women through sophisticated sisterhood.

A note of admiration all the women honored that evening ended the program. Ladell again lent his stunning voice by singing "I Worship Thee". Overall "A Tribute to African American Women" was a very elegant affair and certainly more people should have come out to participate in acknowledging some successes of the African American women within the GSU community.

Special thanks to my personal assistant Tiffany Woodie.

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Illinois

Number 13 plays recurring part in trail of mother charged with killing son

FAIRFIELD- The number 13 is playing a recurring part in testimony in the trial of a mother charged with stabbing to death her 10-year-old son.

A forensic pathologist told the jury hearing Julie Rea's murder trial on Monday that Joel Kirkpatrick had suffered 13 stab wounds when he was found dead in his mother's home on Oct. 13, 1997.

Rea, 33, is being tried on murder charges in Wayne County Circuit Court, where the trial was moved due to extensive news coverage. Rea blames the boy's death on a masked intruder who she says attacked the two in the middle of the night at her Lawrenceville home.

Rea's former husband, Len Kirkpatrick, had earlier told jurors that his ex-wife was obsessed with the number 13. The couple had been married on the 13th day of the month, and witnesses testified that Rea took pains to increase the chances she would give birth to her son on the 13th day of the month.

Rea, who was charged in 2000 while attending Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., had lost custody of her son to Kirkpatrick months before the boy's death. She had requested the boy visit her on the week-end he died, Kirkpatrick said.

2 Wisconsin

Stolen wallet found after years in cold storage

MADISON - The money was long gone, but the credit cards and family photographs were still there.

Not that sociology professor Bert Adams ever thought he'd get



3 Kansas

Cege student tacks mascots on a dare

his stolen wallet back. But that's what happened last week.

Adams' wallet was stolen in 1996 from his office at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But the wallet was found in a broken refrigerator last week by a prison inmate.

Adams happily went through his still wet wallet Friday after it showed up in the mail from the Fox Lake Correctional Institution.

Fox Lake officials said the inmate found the wallet when he was moving some refrigerators that UW-Madison had donated to the prison's vocational school program.

"He turned it in and the instructor looked through it and came up with the name," said Larry Jenkins, an associate warden. "We contacted (Adams) and he seemed quite stunned."

And happy.

Adams said the wallet was stolen in the fall of 1996 from the pocket of his sport coat while hanging in his office.

He left the office for a minute to get his mail and when he returned, the wallet was gone. The cash, wrapped in paper and stuffed in the wallet refrigerator.

Adams said everything was wet but in fine shape, including the photographs of his grandchildren, a British Airways executive club card and canceled credit cards.

CHINSON- A dare from a friend apparently led a community college student to chase after and tag two costumed mascots after a football game.

Nathaniel Winston, 18, is charged with two counts of misdemeanor battery and is free on \$1,000 bond pending an appearance Friday in Municipal Court.

The alleged attacks happened Saturday, after a game between Hutchinson Community College and Colby Community College.

The mascots - a bear played by Gerald Devine, 39, and an orange-headed boy played by Devine's son, Jeremy, 14 - were walking in a hallway at the Hutchinson Sports Arena when Winston attempted to tackle the elder Devine, Police Sgt. Lee Fesler said.

When Devine was able to fight him off, Fesler said, Winston rushed Jeremy Devine - pushing several children aside in the process - and slammed the teen-ager to the floor, police said.

The younger Devine refused treatment for chest and leg injuries, Fesler said.

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OPINIONS

GSU boys just want to get some

OUR OPINION Spring Break is next week

Next week is Spring Break, but don't forget about this week.

Granted, we'd like to just revel in the fact that next week is Spring Break. The sheer enjoyment in knowing that we are about to get five days off of school plus more days if we include the weekend is more than enough excitement. Hell, it's the equivalent of 25 cent pitchers at your favorite bar on a weekday.

However, you must all be aware of the fact that this is prime time for those very smart professors of yours to throw things like tests, critical papers and planned pop quizzes out of the bag. Hey, I guess you can't blame them; they have to keep our attention somehow.

To college students, the week before Spring Break is like the last day of school for elementary school kids: You can't keep still, you will say most anything above all you'll probably skip, because this is the point of being there.

The G-A's advice is to try to keep your heads on straight this week. We know it's hard, but you've got to also realize that in order to have a Spring Break from school, you sort of need to be in school. (Hint, hint)

Have a great time next week when you will be; just remember that this week you're still in school. Also, we're not trying to sound like your parents, we just like seeing your smiling, G-A reading faces on campus.

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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Has anyone else noticed the display in the third window from the right side of the University Bookstore?

Those who know me can attest to the fact that I'm not a feminist. So, if I've managed to run across something that offends my squalid femininity, it must be way out of line.

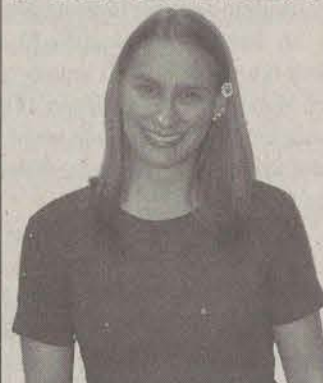
One of the bookstore's front display cases shouts at passersby with large white letters from a blue backdrop, "GSU girls just want to look good."

You can imagine my surprise when I had to do a double take as I passed the display on my way to Landrum. I even tried to convince myself that it wasn't as derogatory as it seemed the first time I read it.

The longer I looked at it, the more insulted I felt.

Maybe it wouldn't be quite as bad without the word "just." That implies that the ladies attending school here are concerned with nothing but appearance, and included

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on our list of subjected priorities are such unimportant nuisances as academics and character development. Then again, even without that word to make it exclusive, the rest of the objects behind the glass finish the job.

Propped gently against the backdrop is a full-length mirror, presumably placed so the ladies of GSU can make sure they're living up to the declaration as they walk by. Just sit for a minute and think about the preposterous concept here. If the placement of the mirror was meant to be a compliment, it would say "GSU girls look good" in the background. But, it doesn't say that.

There are clothes in the window — sizes miniscule and below — on mannequins whose proportions even I can't match. And, that's saying something.

There is one large size shirt hanging in the display out of at least fifteen smalls, and even the large one is a short, baby doll style tee. A few pairs of exercise shorts hang there, with the letter-adorned backside facing us, of course. One of them looks like it might fit on my left leg. By the way people, I weigh in at a solid 115 lbs.

Amongst the racks of tiny attire there is a replica of the average dorm room message board, to which a number of cutesy mementos have been tacked. Apparently, the life of the young woman to whom this board belongs revolves around little more than various men. There is one note posted on the cork (on pink paper, no less) that pertains to school. It says, "Anatomy Exam," and is punctuated with a heart-shaped exclamation point. There are three

(yes, I said three) phone numbers pinned up around the board. "Brandon," "Brian" and "Mehmet," each have their very own Post-Its, and their digits are surrounded by drawings of hearts. Another colorful little note says "Concert @ Legends" and is adorned with a little doodle of a flower. Perhaps the funniest one is "Sean's Baseball Game Saturday ~ 4:00!" Are they insinuating that the average GSU lady doesn't want to miss a single chance to parade around and "look good" for various members of the opposite sex?

I have a suggestion for next week's display. In the foreground there should be a bench press table, and on the bar there should be about fifty pounds more weight than the average guy can lift. Find some mannequins with exaggerated plaster-cast muscle tone and stretch cotton tank tops over them. Instead of shorts, hang a rack of large sized jockstrap cups for sale so the "GSU boys" can experience some feelings of inadequacy. Where the mirror is, there could be a nice glass jar full of fresh condoms. On the message board, there can be various unsuccessful pick-up lines, such as "Hey there, Babycakes," that have been marked through. And, behind it all, the big white words "GSU boys just want to get girls."

Now, that's effective marketing.

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Are they evil murderers or human beings gone wrong?

Her face came on the news at 11:03 p.m. that rainy night in mid February.

This crazy girl started the worst fire Greensboro, NC has seen in 40 years. The apartment complex went up like a trailer park — a place that this white trash, sorry excuse for a woman obviously knows well. The news showed a corner-to-corner shot of her mug shot, her squinting eyes cast in a devilish gray shadow. I bet she enjoyed every second of the fire, laughing to herself as she fled the scene to her parents' house in Union County, NC, where she would later be arrested.

She killed four innocent college students — a sweet, 22-year-old girl named Donna, Donna's sister Ra, Donna's boyfriend Ryan and their roommate Bell. All four were sleeping and were supposedly woken by the sounds of other residents fleeing the building. All other than the four, but sadly, these four were left to either suffocate in the black cotton-like smoke or burn alive.

The sick and twisted girl that started the fire has been a witch since she was a child, maybe she practiced witchcraft, dressing in black trench coats and painting her face white with black rings around her eyes.

Fortunately, her hidden past and her spiraling future have come to rest. She is being held without bond in the Greensboro, and the prosecutors are contemplating whether or not to seek the death penalty. I hope she gets

it, but even if she just gets life, I rest assured that she will burn in hell for eternity, a much longer time than the four were forced to suffer at the hand of pure evil.

Janet Danahey moved into the upper middle-class neighborhood across the main road from my neighborhood in Kernersville, NC when I was just in middle school. My sister, Katie, became friends with her in high school, and for the next few years, Janet and Katie could be seen together everywhere — at the swimming pool, at the shopping mall, at the movie theater, or just hanging out at one or the other's house, gossiping about their high school dream boys. They were both honor students, and Janet was an active member in the drama club.

Janet was, I'll admit, a bit eccentric, but the drumbeat to which she marched sounded nothing like that of Marilyn Manson's "Beautiful People." It rang more like that of R.E.M.'s "Shiny Happy People," with a seemingly constant smile on her face, rose-tinted cheeks and a twinkle in her eye, Janet was one of the sweetest people my family had ever met.

She was immediately welcomed into our home and into our lives. Never once did she do anything strange. Janet seemed authentically interested in our lives, and would ask us questions about things most people couldn't care less to know. Then, she would listen, completely focused on our answer. A beautiful girl, she was popular among the guys, and she would often flirt jokingly, with

the McDonalds drive-thru worker, the garbage man or the old man who voluntarily sat in front of the gas station to welcome customers. She liked to see people smile.

One summer, my family invited her to come to Myrtle Beach with us for a week's vacation. There, Janet and my sister spent most of their time on the beach, reading or plunging themselves into the breakers of the whispering Atlantic Ocean. They were like children without a worry

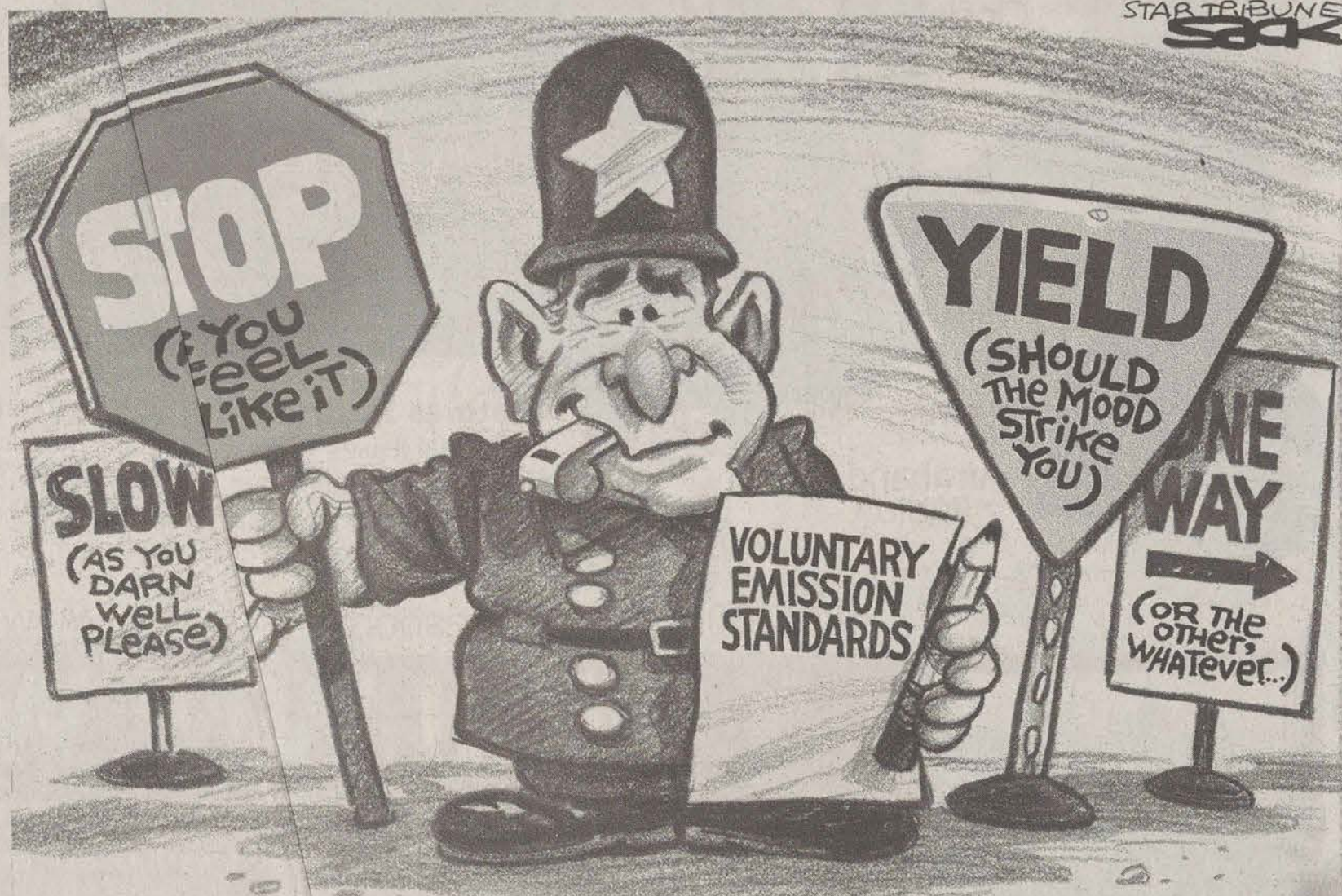
in the world, and Janet was like my mother's second daughter. Later that same summer, Janet was recognized in our community, and asked to carry the Olympic torch through Kernersville.

As the years went by, Katie and Janet gradually went their separate ways, deciding to go to different universities. I remember seeing Janet the night my sister graduated from college, and the smile nor the charm had escaped her. She was glowing with the familiar childlike spark

about her that I remembered so well. So what in the world caused Janet Louise Danahey to set the fire that would kill four innocent young adults in the Campus Walk apartment complex not far from the UNC-Greensboro campus?

Who knows? But what I do know is that by only hearing the media's souped up human-interest account of the story, Janet is seen not as a human being, but as a theft of human life, and deserving of the worst that can befall

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ians have been killed in seven days of escalating warfare - the deadliest week since the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, began 18 months ago. The fresh violence, which comes as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's popularity continues to plummet, prompted a heated exchange from officials on both sides of the conflict. "I don't think we have seen the worst yet," Palestinian cabinet minister

Saeb Erekat said. "We need to resume a meaningful negotiation."

Israeli cabinet minister Efraim Sneh said Arafat had "delegated power to the gangs and the gangs have undermined his authority."

Israelis and Palestinians face international pressure to find a way out of the deadly cycle.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah has proposed a land-for-peace initiative and said he plans to seek the Arab world's endorsement at an Arab League summit later this month. U.N. Middle East envoy Terje Larsen condemned the synagogue blast and reiterated U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's distress over Israeli army operations.

He called on both sides "to stop this bloodshed, this killing that achieves nothing."

The sniper, who used a single-shot rifle to pick off soldiers as they moved toward him, escaped into Palestinian-controlled territory northwest of Ramallah, the Israeli army said.

Palestinian sources said he fired 24 bullets in a spree that also wounded at least six near the Jewish settlement of Ofra.

Plumes of black smoke rose over Ramallah after Israeli rockets struck a police installation on the edge of the city, killing a policeman. Israeli troops aimed machine-gun fire at a Palestinian security checkpoint near Arafat's headquarters, wounding 18, according to Palestinian hospital officials.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia linked to Fatah, claimed responsibility for both the suicide bombing and the sniper attack, saying they were in response to Israeli raids on two West Bank refugee camps.

Sharon ordered the raids to show

Palestinian militants that they had nowhere to hide. But some Israelis have said that he unnecessarily stirred a hornets' nest.

In Jerusalem on Sunday, families held funerals for many who died in the suicide bombing. Near Bethlehem, at a refugee camp, Palestinian men sat outside the bomber's house on brown plastic stools and drank coffee. Inside, women mourned.

They were cheered by news of the sniper attack.

"This operation creates some balance," said Amer Ahmed Daragmeh, whose teen-aged brother, Mohammed, blew himself up Saturday in Jerusalem as worshippers left a synagogue at the end of the Jewish Sabbath.

Elsewhere Sunday, Palestinian gunmen fired on Israeli soldiers along the Israeli side of the fence between the Gaza Strip and southern Israel. One soldier was killed and three were wounded. The military wing of the radical group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for that attack.

Israeli army tanks then knocked down two Palestinian checkpoints on the Gaza side of the fence.

Even after a week of exhausting confrontation and unprecedented violence, neither side appeared ready to stand down.

"The Palestinian leadership warns of the danger of the Israeli occupation and escalation of attacks... on our cities, camps and facilities," said a statement from the Palestinian Authority carried by the official Wafa news agency.

"This Israeli aggression, which aims to push the entire region closer to an all-out escalation... must be confronted and stopped."

Israelis, meanwhile, have expressed their dissatisfaction with Sharon, who has been criticized for lacking a plan to end the violence.

A newspaper poll published Friday showed that 53 percent of Israelis were dissatisfied with the prime minister, his lowest rating since he took office a year ago.

Sharon was meeting Sunday night with his security cabinet to consider further action.

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her. Yes, she did strip four innocent people of their lives, and what she did can not be justified by any stretch of the imagination. What she certainly is not, however, is evil or "sick and twisted." I knew from the initial report that Janet would harm no one intentionally. No one I know that has never met Janet believed me when I explained this to them. They all said, "Well, you obviously didn't know her as well as you thought."

Then, in yesterday's edition of the *Greensboro News & Record*, the truth finally came out. The fire Janet started was merely a prank against an ex-boyfriend who lived in the apartment complex. She came to the apartment late at night to vandalize his car, but it was not in the parking lot. Perhaps she did not consider the possible consequences of then starting what began as a small flame on the futon that rested outside his unit in the breezeway.

The rest is history. It has been reported (in not so many words) across the country that Janet Danahey, the girl with the dark mug shot, ignited an apartment complex out of pure evil and disrespect for human life. The millions of Americans that watch the eleven o'clock news night after night saw a killer, one who looked no different than any other killer painted on the television screens every night. They thought not about her family, her friends, her loved ones, or her. They thought only of the families of the victims, and the hopefully brutal punishment to come to Janet. Then they forgot about the thing altogether.

The strange thing is that when I first saw Janet's picture on the news, I thought nothing of it. I would have never known it was her had the news anchor not said her name. I too saw a killer, a young woman in no way resembling Janet Danahey. She was cast in a shady, suggestive light - both literally and figuratively - by the news channels. That smile was gone, and her face was stained with tears.

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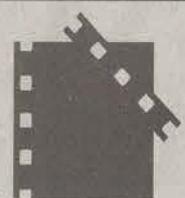
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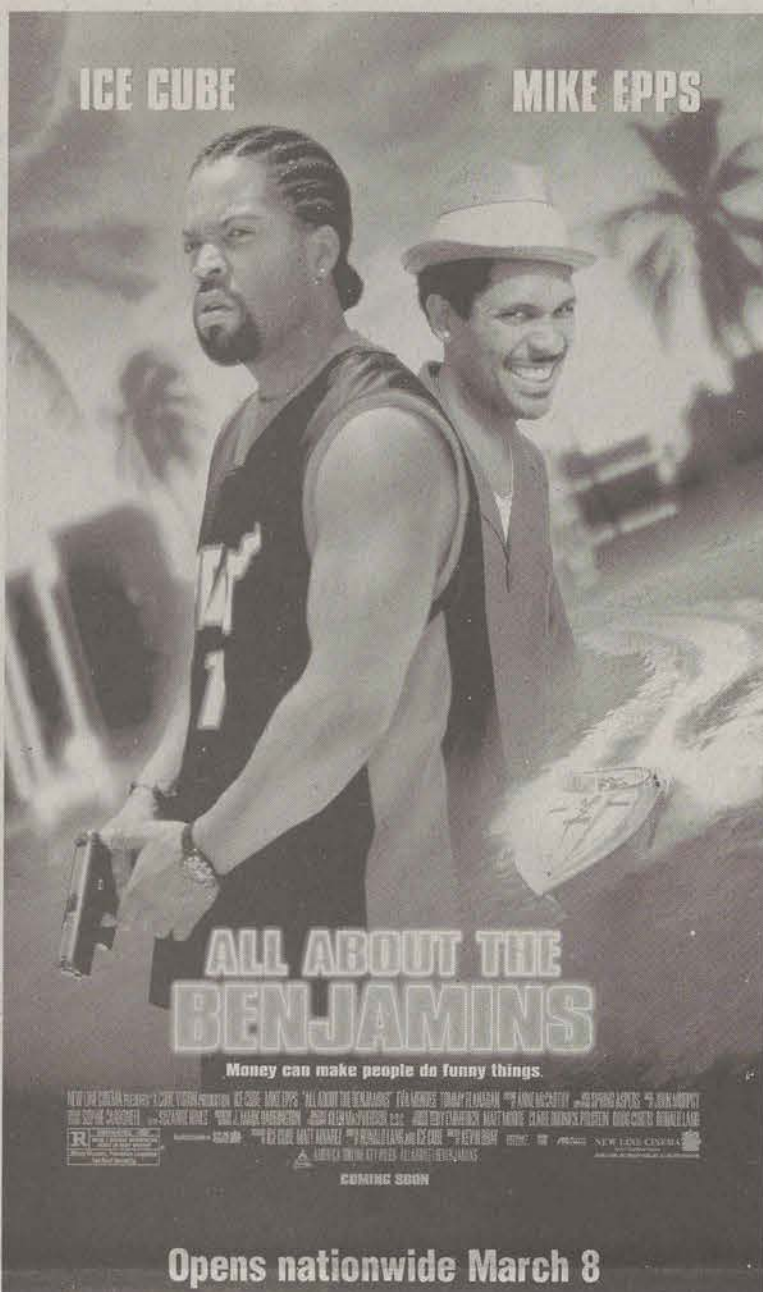


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Eagles trample Canisius in tripleheader

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In a rain-soaked weekend of action at Clements Stadium, the Georgia Southern baseball team triumphed over Canisius, winning 11-3 on Friday, while sweeping a Saturday doubleheader 20-2 and 7-3. The first game of the twinbill was shortened to seven innings while the nightcap went a full nine innings. With the trio of wins, the Eagles' winning streak grew to nine games.

On Friday night, Canisius (0-3), playing their first game of the season, took the early lead, posting two runs in the top of the first inning. After John Cicero and Jerry Burke reached base, Griffins designated hitter Paul Fede drove a ball just over Eagle centerfielder Chris Walker for a two-run double.

The Eagles (9-5) bounced back to take the 4-2 lead after plating four in the bottom half of the first. Following a leadoff bunt single and subsequent steal from Walker, he was driven in by a Matt Herring double. Three batters later, Herring was able to reach home on a Rocky Baker single. Catcher Brendan Gilligan then scored Grant Burruss, who had reached on a walk, and Baker when he doubled to right center.

In the bottom of the second, Walker led the frame off with a double. After Jemel Spearman was hit by a pitch, Walker then scored on Herring's second run batted in of the night. Georgia Southern extended the lead to 6-2 in the third when Gilligan scored on a Tyler Hosick wild pitch and to 7-2 in the fifth off a Chad Hall sacrifice fly that plated Baker.

The Eagles then jumped out to the 11-2 advantage after seeing four more come around to score in the sixth. After Spearman and Herring were both hit by pitches, a Brandon Burned sacrifice bunt moved the runners up 90 feet. With Spearman at third, a Chris Cole wild pitch proved costly, as it let Spearman advance home. Following walks to Baker and pinch-hitter A.J. Zickgraf loaded the bases, J.R. Revere made the Griffins pay, clearing the bases with a three-run triple.

Canisius was able to add a run in the ninth, but it was moot as Georgia Southern already had the win well in hand.

Baker, a junior third baseman, hit 2-for-3 on the night for the Eagles to stretch his hitting streak to eleven games. Herring added also was 2-for-3 while Walker was 2-for-4 with two stolen bases.

Senior Brett Lewis took the win for Georgia Southern, improving his record to 2-2 on the season. Lewis threw six innings allowing two runs and four hits while tying a career-high by tossing twelve strikeouts. Scott Tolbert got his second save of the year as he had another great night out of the bullpen, working the final three innings, striking out six.

The Canisius pitching was wild most of the night as they threw three wild pitches while plunking six Eagle batters, with Spearman, Herring, and Revere all getting hit twice. Hosick was credited with the loss for the Griffins allowing seven runs in five innings of work. Cole allowed four runs in three innings of relief.

Saturday's rain storms played havoc with the games, as the doubleheader, originally set for 1:30 p.m. and then for 11:00 in the morning, did not officially start until the first pitch at 4:15 p.m. The weather cooperated for the rest of the day, although Canisius probably hoped that the clouds would open back up as they were pounded for 21 hits on their way to an 18-run thrashing.

The Griffins opened up the contest with one run in the top half of the first. Georgia Southern responded with ten runs when they came to bat in the bottom half. Fourteen Eagle batters came to the plate, led by a lead-off bunt single from Chris Walker. After

Jemel Spearman and Matt Herring then reached base, Matt Hammond drove a bases-loaded double off the leftfield wall to score two. Following a Grant Burruss walk to reload the bases, Rocky Baker cleared them by hitting a grand slam out to centerfield. Two batters later, J.R. Revere tripled and was then driven in on the next at-bat on a Chad Hall double. Hall then scored soon after on a Spearman single. Herring then hit a towering shot onto the roof of the Nursing Building in right for a two-run homer.

The Eagles did not ease up in the second inning, plating another three runs to take the 13-1 lead. Baker, after not hitting a home run all season, hit his second in as many innings when he hit a leadoff homer. Herring then closed out the inning with a two-run single.

After a John Cicero home run narrowed the lead to 13-2, Georgia Southern added another six runs in the third for the 19-2 edge. Following two singles, Baker narrowly missed his third consecutive home run when he doubled off the wall in left to score Hammond

and Burruss. Two batters later, Revere added a double to plate Baker and Brendan Gilligan. Walker, Spearman, and Herring each drove in runs for the final three runs of the frame.

Baker was on a roll throughout the game as he hit 3-for-3, scoring three runs and driving in six.

"I got up there in some good situations with the wind blowing out so hard," remarked Baker, who extended his hitting streak to 11 games. "I could afford to get the ball up."

Herring added a 2-for-2 performance with five RBI while Spearman was 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Sophomore Brian Rogers got the win for the Eagles as he threw his first complete game. Rogers, who is now 2-1 on the season, struck out ten Griffin batters while walking just one. In his last two starts, he has fanned 23 batters.

Canisius starter Omar Goldson got rocked in his first start of the year, allowing ten runs off seven hits while retiring just two batters. Matt Hochevar did not fare any better, allowing nine runs and ten hits in just over two innings of action before Tim Smith pitched the final three innings.

Saturday's second game was much closer but had the same result as the Griffins fell by four runs in a full nine-inning battle.

Canisius once again scored first as Jerry Burke hit a solo home run in the top of the first. The Eagles then countered by scoring one in the first off a Matt Herring ground out.

In the next inning, Georgia Southern was

able to take the lead, scoring three runs for the 4-1 lead. Carlos Love scored the first run when Brandon Burned drove him in from third on a sacrifice fly. In the next at-bat Chris Walker drove in A.J. Zickgraf and J.R. Revere on a double. Love added a run batted in for himself in the third inning when his double scored Rocky Baker.

The Griffins cut the deficit to 5-2 when an Ishmael Cox double scored Paul Fede. However, as dictated in a new NCAA rule, Fede was ejected for knocking over Eagle catcher Zickgraf when he did not have hold of the ball. According to the rule, the base runner cannot tackle the catcher if he does not have possession of the baseball.

The tackle did not phase Zickgraf, though, as he came up in the fifth inning and whacked a two-run homer to score himself and Love.

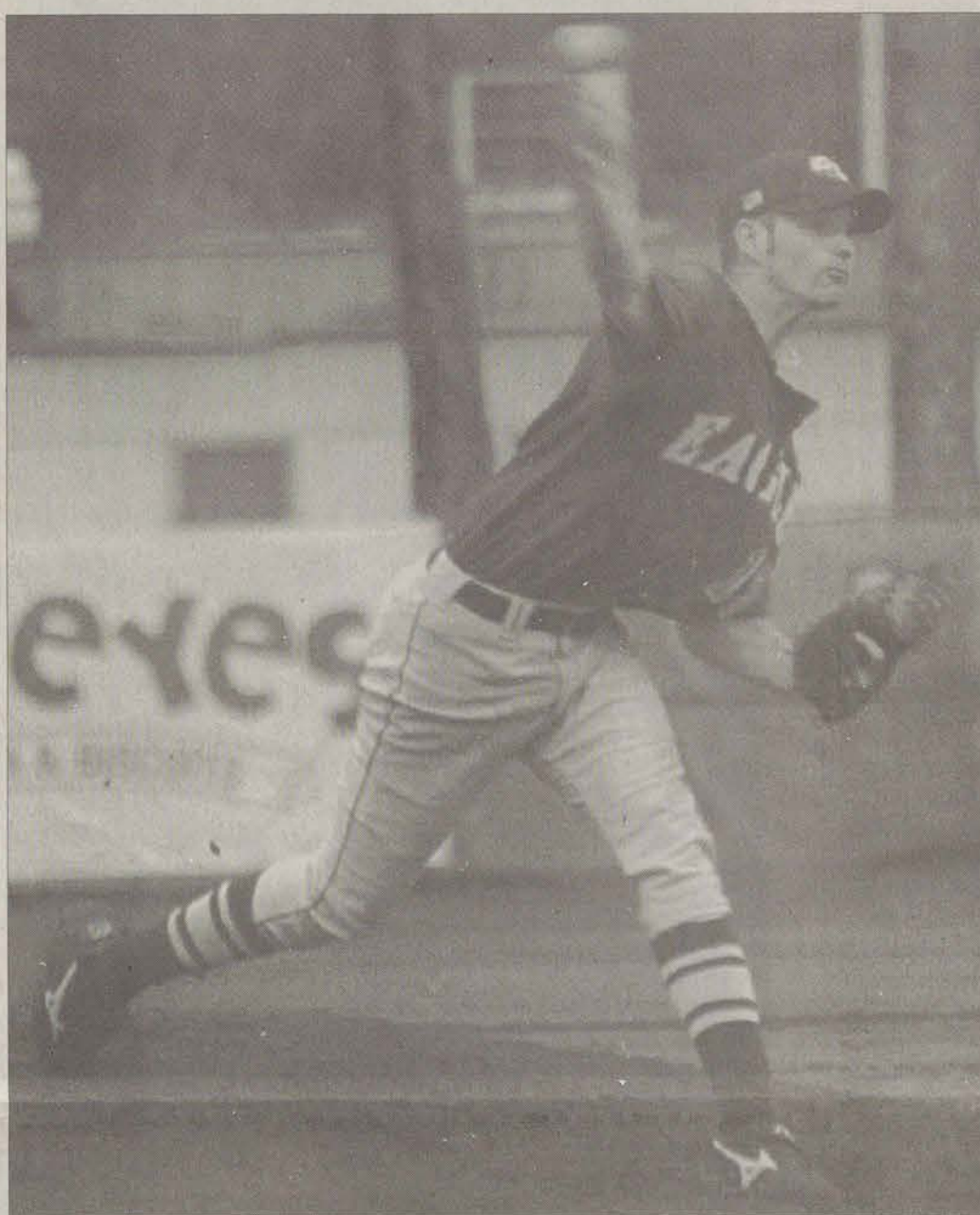
Canisius was able to threaten in the ninth inning, as they led the inning off with three consecutive hits that resulted in one run. The Griffins were not able to rally, though, as they struck out three straight times to end the game.

Walker and Love were the offensive sparks for Georgia Southern as they each had three hits. It was especially redeeming for Love, who has been fighting a slump this year. Baker, after having a huge game one, was hitless in four at-bats and saw his hitting streak end at 11 games.

Jared Comstock grabbed the win for the Eagles, improving his record to 3-0. However, it was bittersweet for Comstock as he allowed both an earned run and walk for the first time since the Georgia Tech series at the beginning of the season. Mike Thompson, Kevin Culpepper, Jeff deRijke, and Jason Cadenhead came out of the bullpen to close the game.

Jeremy Dracup was the losing pitcher as he allowed seven runs in five innings of work. Ryan Topping threw well in relief, tossing three shutout innings.

Georgia Southern has a couple days to rest now as they will not be playing until welcoming VMI to town for a three-game set this weekend — 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Canisius has a two-week break before they travel to face St. Peter's College



La Vene Bell/STAFF

LONG TRIP FOR NOTHING: The Canisius Golden Griffins travelled south to GSU from Buffalo, NY only to be defeated in all three games by the Eagles.

Eagles fall in tournament to Furman

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Charleston, S.C.—Up 13 points at halftime, Larry Davis trotted off the court to the locker room behind his Furman players.

When the head coach walked in, he turned to his squad. "Do I need to say anything?" he asked.

No one said a word; they just looked at Davis and shook their head "No."

There was no need to bring it up. Every Paladin player remembered last month's blown game in Statesboro when Furman lost a 20-point first half lead in a game Georgia Southern won, 86-78.

This time the Eagles made a similar second half run with improved defense, but it wasn't enough as Furman knocked GSU out of the Southern Conference Tournament, 73-70.

"We've been a second half team all year and we did that tonight," said GSU head coach Jeff Price. "Unfortunately we just came out flat."

After surrendering 30 points and Furman's highest point production for a half, GSU clamped down on the Paladins, giving up 23 points in the last 20 minutes.

Down 69-61 with 3:06 left, Julius Jenkins stole the ball and threw down a dunk. A Kashien Latham free throw and a Terry Williams three-pointer closed the Furman lead to two.

After a GSU timeout, Williams launched an errant three, but Jenkins came down with the rebound. Furman's Kenny Zeigler fouled Jenkins and sent the senior to the line with :29 left.

Jenkins, a 68 percent free throw shooter, missed the first before making the second free throw. Down 69-68, the Eagles were forced to foul Furman on the next possession, sending Anthony Thomas to the line. Tho-

mas then hit both shots.

A layup by Kordel Gibson brought GSU within a point, but two free throws by Paul Foster pushed the Paladins' lead back to three. A turnover by Frank Bennett led to a foul on Thomas, but the senior missed the front end of a one-and-one.

Latham pulled down the rebound with :06 left and threw an outlet pass to Jenkins, who launched a desperation three that fell short.

"I got a very good look," Jenkins said. "But I didn't get very good elevation on it and it got tipped."

GSU finishes the season at 16-12, the third straight season with at least 15 wins.

After the game Price was disappointed with the Eagles' free throw shooting with GSU hitting 14-of-27 shots from the line.

"We've been the worst free throw team all year, and we couldn't do that now," he said.

Price said free throws had only cost the Eagles one game this year, an earlier matchup at Furman, when GSU lost 65-59.

"Now we've lost two to Furman on free throws," Price said.

Thomas, whose two foul shots gave the Paladins their three-point advantage, gave Furman all the offense they would need in the first half. The guard hit all seven of his shots, including five three's, and posted 19 points as Furman shot 62 percent.

"Anthony Thomas was outstanding," Davis said.

Price agreed, as GSU had no answer to the hot-shooting senior or his teammates.

"Thomas shot exceptionally well, but they all did a good job of getting good looks," he said.

Jenkins led four GSU players in double figures with 17. Sean Peterson and Terry Williams added 14 each, while Kordel Gibson scored 13.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

FINAL SECONDS SLIPUP: After receiving a first round bypass in the SoCon tournament, the Eagles played a strong match against Furman but lost in the final seconds of the game. The men's basketball team finishes their season 16-12 overall, and 9-7 SoCon.

Globetrotters making a stop in the 'Boro

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Better cue up "Sweet Georgia Brown" now, because the Harlem Globetrotters, basketball's ambassadors of goodwill are coming to the 'Boro when they grace the Hanner Fieldhouse court Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Since their inception 76 years ago in Hinckley, Illinois, the Globetrotters have played over 20,000 games in 115 countries, entertaining 120 million fans of all ages and cultures. Wars have been stopped just to see the team play. In 1951, over 75,000 fans packed Berlin's Olympic Stadium for a chance to see the "clown princes" of basketball. The Globetrotters have played in front of presidents, kings, queens, and popes in their illustrious existence. From Goose Tatum to Meadowlark Lemon, Marques Haynes to Curly Neal, "Sweet Lou" Dunbar to Paul "Showtime" Gaffney many have worn the red, white, and blue uniforms of the Globetrotters over the years.

Those of you who are avid viewers of Cartoon Network might remember the Globetrotters' animated alter egos appearing on episodes of *Scooby-Doo*. The team even got stranded on a deserted island for the 1981 movie *The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island*. Despite their success and exposure, the team was falling on hard times in the early 1990s. That's when former player Mannie Jackson stepped in and bought the team in 1993. Since then, there has been nothing but positives for the team.

One change that Jackson instituted was a desire to play more competitive games. While the Globetrotters still use their comedic

sthtick on their tours, they have compiled teams of former pros and collegiate stars to face off against some of the NCAA's top teams. Earlier this fall, the Globetrotters were 8-1 on a college tour, beating teams such as Iowa, Minnesota, and St. John's. In 2000, they nearly upset defending champ Michigan State. With former NBA players Donnie Boyce, Ed Gray, and Chris Morris on their touring roster, they hope to mix in a competitive style with their entertaining antics. Also, in order to play in front of more crowds, the Globetrotters have two traveling rosters. For instance, when one team is playing in Statesboro on Tuesday, the other squad will be playing in Erie, Pennsylvania. The game in Statesboro is one of the six stops in Georgia and 200 overall in the United States and Canada.

Be it either 8 or 80 years old, everybody feels like they're living their childhood at Globetrotters games. After three Globetrotter games myself, it is still not getting old. Sure, they use same old tricks in each game, but it is still a place where I can leave my worries at the door and just have fun. I still like seeing the unsuspecting referee (and fans) get splashed by the bucket of water. I still like seeing the over-the-shoulder half court shot. I still like seeing current clown princes Paul "Showtime" Gaffney and Savannah native Matt "Showbiz" Jackson joke with the crowd. When I have children, I hope to take them to Globetrotters games so they can see for themselves what it is like to go to a game.

For those who have not already bought their tickets, they are available at all Statesboro banks and will be available for \$15 at the door.

GSU Eagle Classic ends in a washout

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For the second straight year, the Georgia Southern Eagle Softball Classic ends because of heavy rain. The rain cancelled Saturday games from 11am-5pm and all of the Sunday games.

However, the rain did not damper Friday's games. The Lady Eagles (5-13) split two games as they defeated Coastal Carolina 2-0 but fell to Jacksonville State 3-1.

In the CCU game, it was the Crystal Crews (2-4) show. The freshmen from Safety Harbor, Florida pitched seven shutout innings allowing only four hits and recorded seven strikeouts. She showed her versatility by also going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

The Chanticleers (1-3) were led by Holly Lee who went 2-for-3.

The JSU game was another story. The only run by GSU occurred when Stacie Cooper beat the throw to home plate after Aimee Littlejohn grounded out to third.

The Lady Gamecocks (9-3) were led by Andrea Tomey as she



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY: The endless drops of rain caused the Softball Classic to end early for the second straight year.

went 2-for-3 with a RBI double. Christine Hochdorfer also earned a RBI by a sacrifice fly scoring Renee Hasan.

Veronica Davis (5-1) pitched seven innings allowing one run and four hits. She recorded nine strikeouts.

Littlejohn (2-6) pitched six innings allowing three runs on four hits. She recorded six strikeouts.

The final standings of the tournament were as follows:

- Jacksonville State 2-0
- Georgia Southern 1-1
- Winthrop 1-0
- St. Francis (New York) 0-1
- Coastal Carolina 0-2

The Lady Eagles next game will be this Thursday against Penn State and Western Michigan in the South Florida Speedline Invitational.

Lady Eagles lose to Wofford 73- 63

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It was SoCon Player of the Year, Jenny Nett of Wofford who led all scorers with 27 points en route to a 73-63 Wofford win over Georgia Southern in game three of the Southern Conference Women's Basketball Championships Friday afternoon at McAlister Field House.

Sophomore guard Natalie Walsh added 17 points and eight rebounds for the Terriers, while sophomore forward Shawnica Hill registered her third career double-double for Georgia Southern with a career-high 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Wofford came out hot in the first half sparked by Nett's 19 points and seven rebounds. The Terriers led the score the entire half, and by as many

as 16 points twice, both times coming on a Nett free throw. She would go 5-5 from the line in the half.

The Eagles pulled the score to within four points on a jumper by senior guard Alie Rousseau to make it a 10-14 ballgame at 13:06. But the Terriers went on a 14-6 run in the next 10 minutes to give Wofford a 28-16 lead with 2:59 left in the half. After alternating free throws by Nett, and Georgia Southern's Tiffany Lanier, Wofford took a 36-22 lead at halftime. The Terriers shot 44.8 percent from the field, and a perfect 7-of-7 from the line, while Georgia Southern shot 22.2 percent from the field and 75 percent from the charity stripe.

The Lady Eagles came out strong in the second half, cutting Wofford's lead to 10 after a made lay-up by Sarah

McCary.

The lead was cut even further when Sarah Davis sank the jumper to put Georgia Southern within three, 46-49, at 7:24.

It was a close battle until the Eagles had to start fouling in the last 1:07. Wofford went 9-of-10 from the free throw line in that time to give the Terriers the 73-63 victory.

The Lady Terriers shot 41.1 percent from the field in the game, scoring 23 of 56 attempts, and 81.5 percent from the free throw line.

Georgia Southern shot 28.9 percent, going 22-of-76 from the field, and 66.7 percent from the free throw line. Wofford outrebounded the Lady Eagles, 49-46, but gave up 15 turnovers to Georgia Southern's eight.

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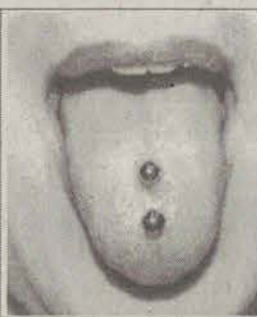
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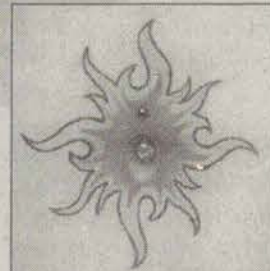


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Producer of 'J.A.G.' visits GSU

By V.A. Patrick Slade
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Charles Floyd Johnson, producer of "J.A.G.," was an honored guest on the GSU campus and spoke about his rise to the top of the entertainment business.

Johnson is the co-executive producer for television shows "J.A.G." and "First Monday," both of which are on CBS.

GSU Assistant Theater Professor Mical Whitaker initiated his visit to the campus. They have been friends since their freshman year in college at Howard University.

Assistant Professor of Broadcasting Roxanna Walker-Canton moderated the open forum, which was held Thursday, Feb. 28 at the new Nessmith-Lane Performing Arts Center.

During the forum Mr. Johnson discussed his 30 years of experience in the entertainment field.

Like something that reads like a true Hollywood story, Mr. Charles Floyd Johnson was born an only child in segregated Middletown, Delaware.

Growing up aware of his skin color as a burden in most cases, Mr. Johnson went on to earn a bachelor and law degrees from Howard University.

After law school he found himself working in copyright law for a few years.

He became very successful in it. He worked as an international researcher in Stockholm, and that earned him an appointment to the 1970 UNESCO International Copyright Conference in Paris.

But later he grew tired of the business. Describing the experience as "boring as all get out," he quit to pursue a dream he had had in college of being an actor.

Much the chagrin of his parents, he left for LA and started to take acting classes. A year later he decided that he needed a job to survive.

That need eventually led him to a mailroom clerk position and a Business Affairs coordinator position on the Universal Studios lot.

A few years later, through networking, he became an associate producer and eventually became



John Hardy/STAFF

CHARLES FLOYD JOHNSON: The producer of "J.A.G." and "First Monday" spoke about the tough road to the top of the entertainment business.

a co-executive producer.

He was a privileged to have worked on such shows as "Magnum P.I.," "Quantum Leap," "Simon & Simon," "Rockford Files" (in which he won an Emmy), The Emmy winning "Voices of Our People...In Celebration of Black Poetry," and now "J.A.G." and "First Monday."

Mr. Johnson's career has

went on to say that his career was "opportunity meeting preparation, meeting timing."

Johnson's hard work was even recognized by one of the biggest producers and directors in Hollywood, George Lucas, of Star Wars fame, asked Mr. Johnson to help develop a movie about the Tuskegee Airmen.

The project eventually fell to the wayside but not without Johnson gaining tremendous experience.

After the forum on Thursday night he spoke to both the African-American Theater and Television Production classes in the Communication Arts Building the next day.

He inspired even more students and answered many questions about breaking into the industry.

Johnson was an inspirational speaker. He proved that where there is a will there is a way for almost anything that one could want to do in life.

His career is one of great achievement and a lot of hard work.

Describing his first Emmy as the crowning experience of his career, Charles Floyd Johnson is not only a formative, successful producer but also a humble and pleasant person.

"YOU MUST BE WILLING TO START AT AN ENTRY LEVEL JUST TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR."

**CHARLES FLOYD JOHNSON,
PRODUCER OF "J.A.G."**

spanned 30 years and he has become very successful. But it was not without sacrifice and a lot of hard work.

He described many nights that were spent on the set and in the editing room in order to get a show ready for air.

He went on to describe the process by which an individual could be successful in the entertainment field.

"You must be willing to start at an entry level just to get your foot in the door. Always have a plan for where you will be in a few weeks, months, and even years," Johnson said. He also

'Super Troopers': These cops are just looking for a good time

By Kim Waters
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On a remote stretch of highway in Vermont "somewhere near the border" the members of the state trooper barracks are over-enthusiastic and under-stimulated.

To pass the time, they play head games with the road denizens that transit their turf and generally have a good time.

But the threat of state budget cuts by Governor Jessiman (Lynda Carter) may put the staties' jobs in jeopardy in comedy troupe Broken Lizard's film debut, "Super Troopers."

With the proposed promise, from the press material, of a "joke every six seconds" the stage is set to challenge the likes of "Airplane!"

and "Animal House." "Super Troopers" starts off with a bang as a trio of stoners head toward the Canadian border for some "French fries and gravy" while doing drugs on the ride.

Suddenly, cruising along beside them is a state trooper cruiser with a pair of very serious looking cops.

The boys panic and force one of their numbers to eat their entire stash, including some magic mushrooms.

The fast paced head trip is a wry, funny sequence that harkens back to the drug-addled antics of Cheech and Chong and promises much more than the film delivers in the end.

When the action moves away from the highway hijinks of Lieutenant Thorny (Jay Chandrasekhar) and troopers Mac (Steve Lemme),

Foster (Paul Soter), rookie Rabbit (Erik Stolhanske) and misfit Farva (Kevin Heffernan) it slows down to more conventional levels.

The plot involves state fiscal problems that threaten to shut down the troopers' station in favor of the hated locals, the Spurbury police department.

The rivalry for control of

away from the visual gags of the troopers playing head games with civilians and each other.

The plot devices of saving the barracks from fiscal cuts, solving the murder and busting the dope dealers overshadow the earlier, rapid-fire joke machine that started the movie.

The Lizards even throw in a romance between one of their numbers and a pretty local policewoman - the rivalry between the two forces doesn't include the opposite sex and Ursula (Marisa Coughlan) takes sides with the troopers.

The filmmakers should have taken a page from the "Airplane!" school of comedy and

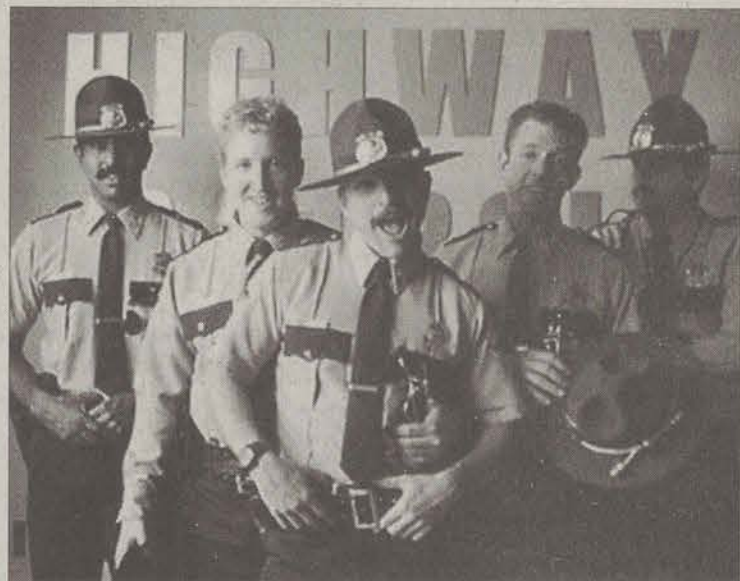
pushed the plot farther back and concentrated on keeping the joke flow going full blast. Instead, the stream becomes a trickle as the plot takes hold.

Visually, the film maintains a high quality and looks good from a tech viewpoint.

Broken Lizard has a good deal of comedy talent and all of the members, especially Jay Chandrasekhar, have a good comfort level in front of the camera.

The troop has a ready made audience in the college community and "Super Troopers," while not a great film, does establish the group's big screen credentials.

If you're in a mind set for goofy comedy, the troopers will entertain with their gross outs, bawdy comedy and head games. It should open some doors for The Lizards, too.



Internet Photo

SUPER COMEDY: Broken Lizard films introduced their first major motion picture release, 'Super Troopers,' this past Friday.

the coveted 50-mile stretch of state road has caused a rift between the two law enforcement organizations led by trooper commander Captain O'Hagan (Brian Cox) and Spurbury Police Chief Grady (Daniel Van Barger).

Then, the day-to-day routine of busting speeders is altered when the local cops find the body of a dead woman in a Winnebago (along with an angry pig) and the staties bust a truck loaded with bales of pot with a strange monkey logo.

The state troopers think that the bust will ensure that their station will remain on the active books, but that is not the case. Fortunately, circumstance plays in their favor and the requisite happy, goofy ending ensues.

The joke quotient doesn't hit the promised "every six seconds" as the story pulls

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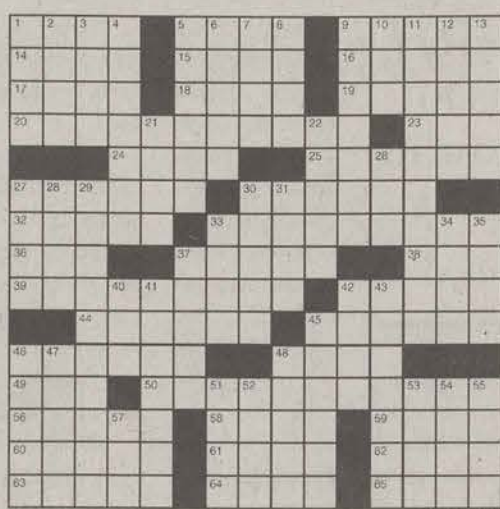
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- Con game
 - Wife of Zeus
 - Basmati and brown
 - Cock-and-bull story
 - Unwrap
 - Conspicuous success
 - Composer Stravinsky
 - Delicate color
 - Crownlet
 - Ex post facto
 - MC minus VL
 - Nile wader
 - Pass
 - Fine speaker
 - Training routines
 - Way to go
 - Cromwell's nickname
 - Cul-de-
 - Prepares copy
 - Klondike find
 - Advancing
 - Namely
 - Put into effect
 - Hip
 - Skool
 - Bombard
 - Charleson of "Charlies of Fire"
 - Card order?
 - Sharply defined
 - Boss
 - Monty Python's Eric
 - "Aida" or "Thais"
 - Sunoco rival
 - Blockhead
 - Drum with fingers
 - New driver, usually
 - Times of note



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- Freeze front?
- Passes gossip
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- Gets tough
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- Barrel slat
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- MacGraw of "Love Story"
- Approximately
- Colorful horse
- Sotheby's employee
- Tee shot
- Memorizing process
- Wedding vows
- Redheaded Viking
- Adam's youngest
- Ham it up
- "Pinafore"
- Quip
- Statuesque
- Where it's cold, baby
- Didn't let go
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high-tech revolution, and it really isn't very pretty," said Ted Smith, executive director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, one of five environmental groups that worked together on the report.

Indeed, an estimated 50 to 80 percent of all electronics parts "recycled" in the Western United States are ultimately transported to Asia, according to the report. There, they are not recycled but dumped into open fields, riverbanks, ponds, wetlands and irrigation ditches, according to "Exporting Harm: The Techno-Trashing of Asia."

"What we found was really a cyber-age nightmare," said Jim Puckett, coordinator of the Seattle-based Basel Action Network, one of the environmental groups that worked on the report and toured China in December. "It's toxic waste and in massive amounts. This is stuff from me or you."

The graveyards where many old personal computers have gone to die can be found in villages like Guiyu, China. Villagers there make barely enough money to survive by burning electronics wires to recover the scant traces of copper found inside. Workers, many of them children, fish toner out of printer cartridges or swish circuit boards in acid baths in an attempt to remove any precious metals or materials from the otherwise worthless cargo.

Smoke from the crude recycling methods dusts the local huts and water holes with a thick layer of toxic ash, the investigators found. Chards of glass from broken computer monitors litter irrigation canals. And blackened circuit boards line entire riverbanks.

"It is off the scale, the pollution that they found," said Smith. "There's no thought and no pretense of any environmental or occupational health standards."

Computer waste is filtered to such areas from not only the United States but from other industrialized nations such as England, Japan, Australia and Singapore.

The villagers are not given gloves or other protective gear to wear, nor are they aware some of the parts they handle may be carcinogenic, report authors state.

The flow of e-waste from North America to poor Asian countries has been a dirty little secret for years, one that most consumers and even many computer makers don't know about, said Renee St. Denis, product recycling solutions manager for Hewlett-Packard. The industry giant launched its own recycling program seven years ago after learning that even the most reputable recycling businesses ultimately end up selling computer parts to other firms, which do ship waste to Asia.

"It's a complicated, convoluted path the stuff follows to get to China," St. Denis said. "It isn't necessarily the first person who handles it who ships it there."

Firms that handle most U.S. computer recycling could not be reached for comment Sunday. But one key problem appears to be that it costs more to transform old electronics parts into new products than recycling firms can make off them.

Proper disposal of a standard computer in the United States costs between \$5 and \$10, said Steve Skurnac, president of Micro Metalics Corp. in San Jose. Skurnac's company is one of the few to break down electronics parts itself under federal environmental regulations rather than shipping them to Asia, where such laws are lax or nonexistent.

"It's clearly not a universal standard for handling this kind of waste stream," Skurnac said. "That's what's discouraging. There is a lot of material people or companies think is being recycled but obviously isn't."

SOCIAL, FROM PAGE 1

Inc. On Friday, March 1, Gibson and his fellow Alphas held the 19th Black and Gold Ball in the Russell Union Ballroom. More than 50 members, alumni and guests attended the semi-formal event, which lasted from 8:06 p.m. till 11 p.m. 8:06 p.m. Why not 8:00 or 8:30?

"The organization was founded on December 4 in 1906," said Ball coordinator Robert Bryant. "We start all our events at six minutes after the hour to mark the significance of our foundation."

The food was provided by Frances McCray and Deborah Allen from Frances Catering and Cooking. They provided enough meatballs, mini quiches, sandwich rolls, cheese and crackers and punch for 100 people.

"Hopefully, everyone will leave full and have enjoyed it," McCray said. "If the food is really good and is done well, people will eat more of it."

Music for the event was provided by Lester Best, also known as "DJ Spider," a friend of president Jason Gillbert.

"Alphas are a positive organization," he said. "There are so many negative things in this world, that it's good to have something that's really positive to deal with."

Alumni and guests came from Atlanta, Savannah, South Carolina and Alabama to attend the ball. The Georgia Southern chapter, Xi Tau, was founded on July 12, 1980. The group currently has 10 members.

"We have 10 brothers, but we work like we have 1,000 brothers," said Alpha President Jason Gillbert.

"The organization runs as a business as well as a brotherhood."

In addition to being a social brotherhood, Alpha Phi Alpha is active on campus and in the community. They are active in MAP, the minority advisement

program, student government, and Phi Sigma Phi, a leadership honors fraternity.

The Black and Gold Ball, named for the fraternity's colors, is the climax of

pha. "This is the finale of Alpha Week, and it's a time when some of the old brothers and younger brothers can get together, reminisce and uplift Alpha Phi Alpha."

"The Miss Black and Gold Pageant is run sort of like the Miss Georgia Pageant, but we have it here at Georgia Southern," Gillbert explained. Contestants were judged on talent as well as their GPA. The winner received a

\$500 scholarship.

As part of their community service, Alpha members held a Men's Health Education Info in the Russell Union Rotunda informing them about a variety of health risks such as testicular cancer, prostate cancer and high cholesterol.

"We had a pretty good response from the males at Georgia Southern," Gibson

said. "Around 20 guys turned out, that's more than I expected to show up for something that wasn't a party."

Alphas also participated in the Real Men Read program, where members went to local elementary schools and read to the children.

"I enjoy the brotherhood, and I also enjoy putting together programs that uplift the campus and community," Gillbert said.

To become an Alpha, one needs to have a 2.5 GPA and a tolerance for community service.

"You should have some experience with doing community service, cause when you get in, you'll have to do it, so you might as well get used to it," Bryant said. "Most of all, you have to believe in the spirit of brotherhood."

Gillbert says that the organization is trying to get more people to attend the event, not just Alphas and their guests.

"We're trying to figure out how to get the word out that the event is open to the whole campus. We want everyone to come, its not just for Alphas."

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and Norway. The latest offensive was part of efforts to crush pockets of resistance throughout Afghanistan, said Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, a spokesman for Central Command, which is running the war.

"There is work yet to be done in Afghanistan and we're hard at it," Quigley said. "We'll keep at it until it's done."

Defense Department officials have not identified a U.S. soldier killed in the opening hours of the attack. The death was the second combat fatality of the war.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., warned that more American troops would be in "harm's way" as the U.S.-led coalition pursues resistance fighters loyal to fugitive terrorist Osama bin

Laden.

"It's going to require troops on the ground and, tragically, American casualties," McCain, a POW during the Vietnam War, said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "This is a long struggle."

Three Afghan fighters were also killed. Central Command said American and Afghan fighters were wounded, but did not say how many. The injuries suffered by American soldiers were not life-threatening, Central Command said in a statement.

Quigley said the latest operation was planned for several weeks after U.S. officials learned that fighters from the Taliban, Afghanistan's former rulers, and al-Qaida, bin Laden's terrorist network, were regrouping in the mountains near Gardez, less than 50 miles from the

border with Pakistan.

"We've been watching this particular part of the country for some time now and putting a pretty careful plan in place," Quigley said.

B-52 bombers, AC-130 gunships and attack planes have pounded the mountainous region as ground troops struggled to advance on rugged mountains rising to 11,500 feet. Helicopters ferried troops into the combat area.

The mountains are laced with caves that Afghan fighters have used as fortresses going back to their country's war with the Soviets in the 1980s.

No U.S. aircraft were shot down, but enemy fire damaged some AH-64 Apache helicopters, Central Command said.

"It's certainly tough fighting,"

Quigley said.

Defense officials acknowledged that American bombers used newly developed "thermobaric" bombs, which send suffocating blasts into the cave complexes. The bombs were first tested in December.

The military spokesman disputed initial reports that the coalition forces were outnumbered. Although he declined to specify the coalition troop strength, more than 1,000 were believed to be involved in the campaign.

The U.S. military estimated the enemy's strength at "several hundred" men. That was far fewer than unofficial estimates from Afghans of up to 5,000 enemy fighters.

"We have a numerical advantage and certainly a firepower advantage,"

Quigley said.

"The outcome of this is not in question. It's just a matter of time."

Quigley said there is no evidence that bin Laden is hiding in the region.

"We don't know where he is," he said. "We continue to look, but we don't have any current information as to his whereabouts."

David Isby, a Washington-based defense analyst, said Taliban and al-Qaida forces have sought refuge in the extremely rugged area after defeats in earlier battles.

"You can say a lot about the Taliban and al-Qaida, but their tenacity is quite remarkable," McCain said. "I'm afraid there will be other enclaves and areas where al-Qaida and the Taliban will try to gather."

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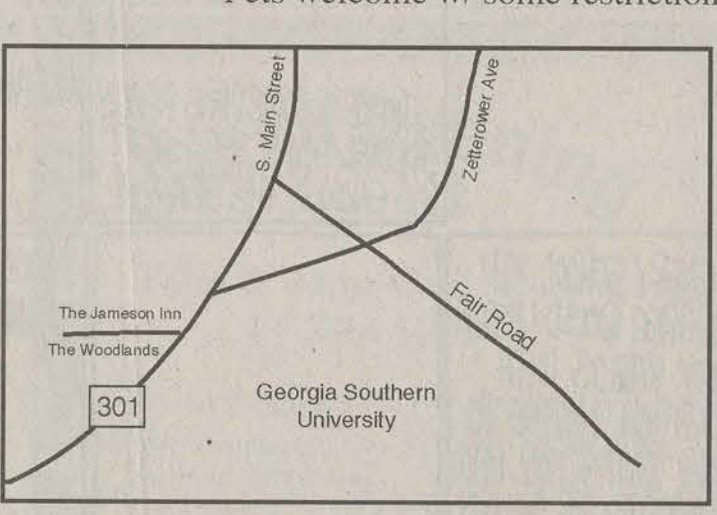


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