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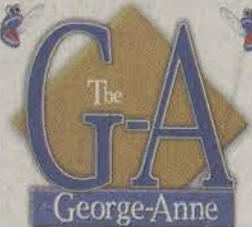
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Partly cloudy
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- Dr. Comerford, Dept. of History will hold a Humanities Forum at 4 p.m. on March 28 in Union Room 2070.

MEN'S TENNIS

- GSU will host UT-Chattanooga on March 30 at 2 p.m.

Arafat won't attend Arab summit

KRT Campus

JERUSALEM - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will not attend an Arab League meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, that was to have focused on a Saudi Arabian peace initiative toward Israel, Palestinian officials announced Tuesday night.

Arafat's decision, apparently made earlier in the day, was a blow to hopes that the meeting might offer Israel and the Palestinians a path out of the escalating violence between them and to the Bush administration's efforts to negotiate a cease-fire and revive Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

Continued Israeli-Palestinian violence, in turn, would make it harder for the administration to maintain Arab support for its campaign against international terrorism and to muster support for toppling Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. Arab leaders warned Vice President Dick Cheney recently that it would be difficult for them to support any U.S.-led move to oust another Arab leader while Israeli forces armed largely by the United States are attacking Palestinians.

The United States had put intense public pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to let Arafat attend the meeting, fearing the Arab leaders would not make much progress on the Saudi initiative without the Palestinian leader present. The initiative offers Israel peace and relations with Arab countries in return for withdrawing from land it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The Palestinian announcement came after Sharon imposed new conditions on freeing Arafat from his virtual house arrest in the West Bank city of Ramallah, saying the Palestinian leader had failed to call a halt to attacks on Israel.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abbed Rabbo, announcing Arafat's decision, called it a blow to a peace proposal by Saudi Arabia and blamed what he said were a se-

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KRT Campus

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: The Arab League meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, which will focus on a Saudi Arabian peace initiative toward Israel, will not be attended by Palestinian leader Yassar Arafat.

SAGE and GSEN work to increase environmental awareness on campus

By Jerome Powell
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There have been many activities and events on campus dealing with environmental issues recently.

Two environmental groups have been behind these activities, most notably the Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE), which is an environmental club for Georgia Southern's students. The Georgia Southern Environmental Network (GSEN) is a group of Georgia Southern University's faculty and staff working to promote environmental awareness. These two environmental groups have done a lot to raise concern for environmental issues on campus, and continue to do so.

SAGE is a relatively new organization, created in the Spring Semester of 2000, but already it has left an indelible mark on campus, receiving Student Organization of the Year for

the 2000-2001 school year. SAGE has done beach cleanups, river cleanups, and, most recently, the Great American Cleanup. SAGE was careful



STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR A GREEN EARTH

to keep the recyclable items separate from the trash during the cleanup, because they are continually trying to promote recycling on campus. According to co-President Jocelyn Coulter, there is "a Residence Hall recycling program under construc-

tion."

They have also contributed to The Nature Conservancy's Adopt-an-Acre and Rescue-the-Reef programs, are planning to participate in Georgia's Adopt-a-Highway program, and are trying to help develop better recycling programs at Georgia Southern and local community schools. GSEN has several items on their agenda, such as identifying and protecting the remaining wildlife habitats on campus, raising public awareness of campus environmental issues, and promoting environmentally sound campus development.

They are also creating an interdisciplinary minor with a concentration in environmental studies, a project which is nearly complete. Another project they are working on is the creation of environmental Public Service Announcements for WVGS, the campus radio station.

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Hardy appointed new dean of Graduate Studies

By Todd Jewell
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Dr. Charles Hardy was appointed acting dean of Georgia Southern's Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

GSU Provost Vaughn Vandegrift announced last week that Hardy will replace Lane Van Tassell, who is retiring July 1 of this year.

Hardy is the associate dean of

Georgia Southern's College of Health and Professional Studies, and a professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology.

Hardy served as chair of the Health and Kinesiology Department from 1994-2001. Before his arrival at GSU, Hardy was a tenured associate professor in the Department of Physical Education, Exercise and Sport Science at the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Hardy received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in Sport/Social Psychology and held a postdoctoral research fellowship at Chapel Hill.

In addition, Hardy's doctoral dissertation was selected as the Most Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation by Phi Delta Kappa, Louisiana State

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Over 2,000 dead in quake; Afghan leaders ask for aid

KRT Campus

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghanistan's fragile government appealed for new international support Tuesday after a powerful earthquake flattened the central sections of the provincial city of Nahrin, killing at least 2,000 people and leaving

tens of thousands homeless.

The quake, which struck at 7:30 p.m. Monday local time (10 a.m. EST), measured 5.9 on the Richter scale, according to the U.S. Geological Service in Golden, Colo., and

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Crew members of carrier battle group are coming home - at last



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WARMWELCOME: Navy sailors return from battle to long-awaited greetings.

KRT Campus

NORFOLK, Va. - They're coming home from war, a war not yet complete. But they're victorious just the same.

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off to war, given its all and sailed six months later to a hero's welcome.

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

March 24

• Kenneth Laughton Brown, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana and open container.

• Keisha Sharimma Rice, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Latonya Tenec Green, 19, was arrested for battery.

March 26

• Amber Christine Edgeington, 18, was arrested for possession of marijuana, no proof of insurance and

traffic light violation.

GSU Public Safety

March 22

• Gregory Nolan Lovell Jr., 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with driving with suspended license.

March 24

• William Roy Mann, 29, of Warm Springs, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane, was arrested for battery.

March 25

• Brooke Burns reported someone

scratched the side of her vehicle in the Russell Union parking lot.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Megan Mulcahy, staff writer.

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

Georgia News

Bush travels to South Carolina and Georgia for GOP candidates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Bush is big on loyalty in the White House, but bygones are bygones in his drive to help the GOP recapture the Senate.

Bush is raising money on Wednesday for Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. who backed John McCain in the last presidential race.

Graham crisscrossed South Carolina in McCain's "Straight Talk Express" campaign bus convoy that year, talking up the Arizona senator's bid in that state's bitterly contested primary.

On Wednesday, Bush was headlining an event that will cost

donors \$1,000 each.

Bush is crusading around the country to help Republicans regain the Senate, where several of his initiatives have stalled after passing the GOP-controlled House.

With Sen. Strom Thurmond retiring, the South Carolina seat is critical.

Bush heads to Georgia later Wednesday to raise money for Republican Rep. Saxby Chambliss, who is trying to oust Democratic Sen. Max Cleland.

The double-decker fundraising day comes as Bush prepares to sign a bill that will enact the most extensive changes in campaign-finance law in a

quarter-century.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush has not yet received the bill, which received final passage in the Senate on Wednesday after dying year after year in Congress.

McCain's presidential campaign and the Enron scandal fueled its success this year.

In both states, Bush will promote his proposal to spend \$3.5 billion to help firefighters, police and rescue squads respond to domestic terror attacks, Fleischer said Monday.

Bush then heads to Texas for a long Easter weekend at his ranch. He is looking forward to some down time.

Viewers won't see ads on student news program

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- CNN Student News will remain commercial-free, according to AOL Time Warner executives who considered selling paid sponsorships for the program.

Consumer activist Ralph Nader, a nonprofit group and others opposed to commercialization in schools launched a letter campaign earlier this month asking advertising agencies not to do business with "CNN Student News." The educational news program was

started in 1989 by Ted Turner.

"We understand that this is a hot-button issue, and to put Turner Learning at the center of the controversy would be a disservice to its mission," said Brad Turell, a spokesman for AOL's Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System.

The news program, originally called "CNN Newsroom," was created for students in public schools. It was free of advertising and not intended to make a profit.

The company considered including paid sponsorship in the

program, which would have included only the sponsor's name and possibly mention their educational product or initiative. Company officials had said the money would have defrayed some costs to improve the half-hour show.

The program is used in 18,000 U.S. schools. "CNN Student News" is broadcast at 4:30 a.m. weekly for teachers to tape and use later for classroom instruction.

It is aimed at middle and high school students.

On-Campus News

WOMEN'S AWARENESS

The University will celebrate Women's Awareness Week through Friday, March 29, with a variety of programs and presentations.

Women's Awareness Week is being held in conjunction with National Women's History Month 2002. The theme for this year's celebration is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit."

The schedule of events for the week include:

• Wednesday, March 27 - Dr. Marcia Jones presents a discussion on sexual harassment, 7 p.m., COBA Room 1124

• Thursday, March 28 - Dr. Gary Lemmons of the New School for Social Research in New York presents the keynote address "Mapping the Impact of Bell Hooks on the Classroom: Reflections of a Feminist, Anti-Racist, Male Teacher," 7 p.m., Russell Union Theater

• Friday, March 29 - Car Talk for

Women, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Russell Union Rotunda

For more information on Women's Awareness Week, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

ALUMNI WEEK

The University will host Alumni Weekend 2002 on Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6.

The weekend's activities will include the Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting and a self-guided tour of the Botanical Garden.

The festivities will culminate with the annual Alumni Awards Dinner in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building multi-purpose room.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the dinner,

contact Alumni Relations at ext. 5691.

EDUCATION CAREER DAY

Education Career Day is being held March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Activity Center.

School District Representatives will be on campus to share career information and school literature.

In addition, they will be seeking candidates for employment opportunities.

Students are encouraged to stop by to this event as well as anyone who is interested in teaching as a career to attend.

If you have any questions about this event please contact Courtney Gazlay at X5197 or by e-mail to egazlay@gasou.edu.

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International News

U.S. project begins to rebuild school targeted by American bombs in northern Afghanistan

Associated Press

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan -- Afghan workers on Monday began demolishing the remains of a girls' school that was used by the Taliban and destroyed by U.S. bombs in the final battle for control of this northern city.

The Sultan Rasia school is among 25 undergoing repairs or reconstruction. It was the most important in Mazar-e-Sharif, having once served 6,500 female students.

"Mazar-e-Sharif doesn't have any other school like this," said local Deputy Education Minister Zubaidallah, who uses only one name.

The school is known not only for the high number of female students enrolled there before the hard-line Taliban banned them from attending school. It was also the site of the last stand of the Taliban and al-Qaida in Mazar-e-Sharif.

"The school in Mazar-e-Sharif where the al-Qaeda forces fought such a fierce battle for so long has been reopened in tents in the schoolyard," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday. "The school itself is being repaired and rebuilt with USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) taxpayers' money."

Hundreds of foreigner fighters and Taliban forces holed up in the school

and died fighting in November after U.S.-backed northern alliance forces marched into Mazar-e-Sharif. It was the first crucial victory in a string of triumphs that led to the ouster of the Taliban regime.

More than 350 bodies have been removed from the rubble and identified by the International Committee of the Red Cross, but local news reports put the number of dead as high as 700.

U.S. Army Capt. Herb Joliat of the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion of Fort Bragg, N.C., said a hip bone had been found in the building in the past few days, and he expected more human remains to be discovered under the rubble.

Children use the site as a playground, and Joliat briefly joined them in a game of volleyball in a bombed-out classroom. In another room, a chalkboard the only recognizable hint of a school carried the name of a Taliban soldier and noted he had fought in Afghanistan for seven years.

Nearby, freshly written graffiti in black read "Long Live (Taliban leader) Mullah Omar" although vandals seemed to take both sides, with another wall scribbled with "Death to Osama bin Laden" and "Death to Pakistan."

A charred piece of paper amid the stones and dirt in the room, apparently

a propaganda leaflet dropped by U.S. planes, had an illustration of a U.S. fighter jet dropping bombs and proclaiming: "The Americans are like stone, no one can break them."

Education for girls was banned under the hard-line Taliban regime, who turned the school into barracks for soldiers. Locals say up to 1,000 foreign soldiers, Pakistanis, Arabs and others had just arrived in Mazar-e-Sharif. They were supposed to be sent south to help fight against advancing northern alliance forces but instead found themselves in the midst of their last battle.

Ghulam Hussain, who runs a car parts shop across from the school, said some local residents captured Pakistani fighters trying to flee over the back walls and turned them in to police.

"I asked an old man, 'Why did you come to fight against us?' He said he came to fight against the American people," Hussain said.

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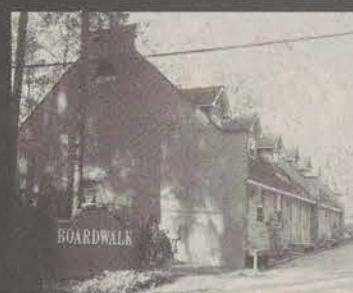
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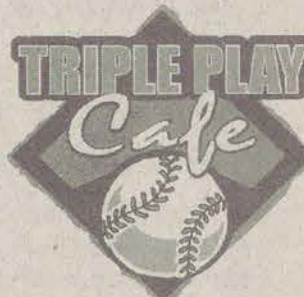
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1 North Dakota

Woman makes art out of eggs

HARWOOD-It isn't that Nikki Wallner is short of things to do.

She takes care of her 5-month-old baby and 7-year-old daughter, manages the grooming department at Petco in Fargo and raises a farmyard full of animals, including horses and emus.

Sometimes, though, the artist in her must express itself.

That's when she reaches for an emu egg.

She and her husband Lyle, purchased emus five years ago, shortly after moving to a farmstead near Harwood. She has been painting and drawing since she was a girl and has been known to use unconventional objects, including cattle skulls, as her canvases. When the emu hens began laying eggs, she saw more than an oval shape with a potential chick inside.

"I knew I wanted to do something artistic with them," she said.

Inspired by etched emu eggs she saw in a poultry magazine, she bought a used dentist's drill and fired it up. The tiny drill bit is the only tool small enough to etch the outer surface of the egg's

enamel without cracking the entire shell.

An animal lover, she likes to etch wildlife or animal scenes. Her favorite is a hummingbird. Sometimes she places the completed eggs in a basket lined with soft feathers.

She gives most of the etched eggs as gifts but sells some. For weddings, she etches the couple's name and wedding date along with the artwork.

Her most unusual sale was to an Argentine woman who somehow heard of Nikki's work and commissioned her to etch eight eggs with images of chinchillas. The woman was an officer in an Argentine chinchilla association and planned to give the eggs to judges in the association's annual competition.

Her husband travels as a representative for a tractor company, so the hobby helps her pass long quiet evenings.

2 South Carolina

Tour guides tussle in Charleston

CHARLESTON - Visitors on a tour bus saw that tempers can sometimes rise even in the

nation's most polite city.

Two competing tour guides got into a fistfight at the Charleston Visitors Center on Tuesday afternoon after one of them accused the other of stealing customers, police said.

Terrill Leff, a licensed guide with Charleston Tours, started to argue with Marvin Katzen, owner of Doin' the Charleston Tours, as Katzen was loading a batch of visitors onto a tour bus, police said.

"There was some kind of on-going feud between these two guys. This is the second or third time they've gotten into it, but it was the first time they exchanged blows," officer Hiram Joyner said.

Katzen, 53, told police Leff slapped him twice in the face, knocking off his glasses. Then fists started flying between the two men as several tourists looked on, police said.

Leff, 45, needed stitches for a wound on his forehead. Both men were charged with simple assault, police said.

3 Pennsylvania

Man rescues from highway wreck, then killed by truck

CLEARFIELD- A man was rescued from an overturned logging truck, only to be killed by a coal truck.

Robert Arnold Jr., 37, overturned his truck on a bridge Thursday, spilling logs onto the road. The drivers of a van, an ambulance and another truck helped him to safety.

But minutes later, a coal truck plowed into the vehicles stopped at the accident site, killing Arnold.

ARAFAT, FROM PAGE 1

ries of incendiary remarks by Sharon on Tuesday. Sharon told two Israeli newspapers that he regretted promising President Bush he would not harm Arafat.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, one of the leading Arab moderates, also announced he would not attend the meeting in Beirut. His government condemned Israel for imposing the conditions on Arafat's travel.

Sharon, in an evening interview on Israeli television, demanded that Arafat, before going to Beirut, agree to a cease-fire and announce it to his people in Arabic. Sharon also said he wanted assurances from the United States that it would not prevent him from blocking Arafat's return if anti-Israeli violence broke out while the Palestinian leader was in Beirut.

"Unfortunately, the conditions are not yet ripe for Chairman Arafat's departure for Beirut," Sharon had said in the interview.

In Beirut, Arab leaders said they backed the Palestinian

leader's decision.

"All the leaders here will be representing Arafat if he himself cannot come," said Najib Mikati, Lebanon's minister of public works and transportation, speak-

"ALL THE LEADERS HERE WILL BE REPRESENTING ARAFAT IF HE HIMSELF CANNOT COME."

— NAJIB MIKATI, LEBANON'S MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

ing before the final announcement. "He's staying in Ramallah with his people in solidarity. That's more effective than his being here."

Arafat already had made plans to address the meeting by teleconference from his headquarters in Ramallah, and Arab analysts said he could gain politically by staying home and defying Sharon's demands.

The Sharon government's attitude appeared to harden Tuesday

when two men blew themselves up in Jerusalem after Israeli troops stopped them. Israeli military officials said the two apparently were on their way to carry out what would have been a devastating suicide attack against one of the city's largest malls, packed with shoppers on the eve of the Passover holiday.

The men reportedly were members of the al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an armed wing of Arafat's Fatah political organization.

Palestinian negotiators have declined so far to sign a cease-fire plan put forward by U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, saying it lacks concrete steps toward their goal of an independent Palestinian state. Zinni met with the Palestinian team Tuesday and planned to meet with both sides Wednesday to try to finalize a cease-fire.

Israeli officials warn that they may strike hard at areas that Arafat's Palestinian Authority controls if Zinni's mission fails and attacks on Israel increase.

EARTHQUAKE, FROM PAGE 1

was centered about 100 miles north of Kabul.

"It is beyond the interim government to deal with this tragedy," said Interior Minister Yunus Qanuni. "We ask all international agencies and foreign countries to help us in this emergency situation."

The United Nations and humanitarian groups, along with the government, raced to provide tents, blankets, medicine and other relief to the devastated area, already impoverished by years of drought and decades of war. Fears of landslides kept relief workers and survivors on edge as aftershocks rumbled through the region.

Afghan defense officials said at least 600 victims had already been recovered from the earthquake zone, a harsh and mountainous region north of Kabul in the shadows of the snow-fringed

Hindu Kush mountain range. Incomplete reports indicated that two of the three main roads leading into the town had been blocked by falling debris triggered by the long aftershocks that followed the quake.

The old city of Nahrin is completely destroyed, and more than 200,000 are already homeless," an official close to Afghanistan's interim president Hamid Karzai said late Tuesday. "There is no power, no water and very little information."

The newer part of the city, built of concrete and brick rather than clay, was at least 60 percent destroyed, the official said.

Karzai canceled a scheduled trip to Turkey, staying to oversee the relief operation. Reports said he would visit the region Wednesday.

Responding to the emergency poses a major logistical challenge to Karzai's interim government, which is struggling to control and

rebuild a nation still wracked by ethnic tension. Officials are so new to their jobs, for instance, that a Foreign Ministry official asked a visiting reporter how his staff could best contact the U.S. military command at nearby Bagram Airbase to see if GIs could be deployed for the rescue and relief effort.

The U.S. Army was coordinating with the international peace-keeping force and aid agencies to get help to the region. Two civil engineers from the British-led International Security Assistance Force, which is maintaining security in Kabul, were dispatched to assess the water supply in the devastated region, as were officials to assess the security environment.

"We're in there. There are people already working in this region," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "And we're doing the assessment of what more is needed."

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

It's been a bad year for Afghanistan

Afghani civilians have had a really bad year. We may not hear much about it in the American news, but we all know that we can rest assured innocent Afghani men, women and children have been dying left and right as warfare has surrounded them since September. Because this editorial is the opinion of the entire *George-Anne* ed board, we can neither support or oppose the war in the East, but we *can* feel sorry for large amounts of citizens in Afghanistan who are in the middle of extreme confusion and devastation.

If warfare was not enough, a massive earthquake that occurred recently probably has them wondering when it's all going to end. Certainly many Americans couldn't care less about this, laughing it off as something that served to make desolate Afghanistan look nothing different than it looked before the natural disaster.

Now, Afghanistan's leaders are appealing to international sources for aid in recovering from this tragedy. Once again, many Americans will unfortunately laugh at this as well. We may ask ourselves, "Why should we help a country that ruined our most famous skyline, not to mention thousands of American lives?"

Well, here's why. It wasn't the innocent civilians living under an oppressive regime who took American lives. It was an elite group of anti-Westerners who deserve nothing less than the worst of fates. Also, even though Afghanistan may have no beautiful skylines as we do, they do have human beings. And at least 2,000 (the number is still climbing) of these human beings are dead after a terrible disaster occurred out of their control.

We should ask ourselves, "What is more valuable than human life?" Whether American, Afghani, African or European, human life is open to tragedy. It must also be open to offering a helping hand.

Projects, tests and on top of that, a column

Warning: I am really tired right now, so this column won't be my greatest. In fact, there's a good chance that it will suck. So if you don't want to read it, I totally understand.

Even though it's only Tuesday, this has been a terrible week. And especially a terrible day. I had two 3D photo projects due today.

I was in the darkroom from 4 or so till 11 p.m. last night printing. I got up this morning at 6 a.m. only to find that photographic prints don't stick very well to a papier-mache head.

Before I broke down crying, I started frantically looking around my apartment for something else 3D to use. I have a lot of weird stuff in my apartment. Various mannequins and mannequin parts, a guitar, a glass head...something had to work! I finally decided to use a Styrofoam head used for storing wigs (I don't wear wigs though, I just like Styrofoam heads).

I got out a huge butcher knife and proceeded to cut the head into two parts. I then gutted the two parts so that I could put pictures inside. My kitchen floor of my apartment is now covered in Styrofoam snow. I taped the pictures inside the back of the head, put some Christmas lights in the bottom of the head, and rubber-banded the two parts together. Maybe not the best 3D photo project in the world, but it worked. I also made a skirt out of a shower curtain and put photos on it for my other 3D project.

About this time it is 9 a.m. I have a journalism class at 11 a.m., and I have to turn in the rough draft of my news article about *Odyssey of the Mind*. I had written the article at home over the weekend. Lucky me, when I put

the disk in my computer, the disk was corrupted and I was unable to retrieve my story.

I got to my journalism class about 25 minutes early. I went to the computer lab and typed three pages in twenty minutes flat. It was supposed to be four pages, but I figured something was better than nothing.

At 10:55 I left the computer lab to go to class. We were having a quiz over the international news stories from last week from *The New York Times*. I had not read a single article for the quiz. I wrote that the paralyzed woman in England or wherever had won a landmark case because she was allowed to operate a vehicle. The right answer was that she had won the right to die. Good job Allison!

After class I turned in my three-page article with an explanation about my corrupted disk and promised to turn the whole article in the next morning. Professor Lamb is really nice and said that was fine. At 12:30 I had a history class, History of Religion in America. This class is actually very interesting; it's just that I am horrible at history. I have no short-term memory (not from drug use, I just never had one to begin with), and therefore can't remember names or dates from real life, much less from a textbook. I had not studied nearly enough for it. My best friend's father died on March 15, so I had to attend the funeral and deal with all of that last weekend, rather than study for my history exam. I explained this to my professor, and begged for a makeup exam. He was going out of town however, so I could not take it later in the week. He agreed to let me take it at 6 p.m. that night, so I rushed to my car to go home and study.

I had not yet left film out on my desk for my photographers at the newspaper though, so I had to come to the office. Chris was supposed to leave his film for me at 11 a.m., but had not done it. So I called him to ask where the hell his film was, and after using a few expletives and explaining that I did not have the time today to go traipsing around Statesboro looking for his film, he decided he would rather take it to Wal-Mart himself. (I don't talk to all of my photographers this way, just Chris.)

I grabbed some lunch, and went home to study for my

history exam at about 1:30 p.m. I got distracted by my photo projects though, and worked on them some more. I read about five documents and skimmed three or four chapters in my religion textbooks. My photography class started at 3:30 p.m. However, I had to get there early because I had to put my photography skirt project together. I got all my stuff ready, and it began to rain. Hard. I put my stuff in a big plastic bag, got in my car, and drove to campus.

I know you're not supposed to park in 30 minute parking for three hours. But in the rain, I figured it would be forgiven. And it was. Thanks parking services! I got up to the photo classroom in Foy and put my junk down. Then I had to maneuver myself into my vinyl skirt. It worked out though. It didn't look as great as I had expected, but for my first try, it didn't look that bad. Class started, and so did critique. My photo class lasts from 3:30 to 6 p.m. On critique days, however, we usually get out early. That's what I was hoping for, since my makeup exam started at 6 p.m. But class lasted the whole time today. Jessica let me leave early though, so I got to take my test on time.

I found out that I still had not studied nearly enough for this test. I am not a history major. Most people in that class are either history or religion majors. I'm simply a journalism major who happens to suck at history. So I took the test, and if I failed, then I failed. I can't do anything about it now. Right after I finished my history exam and left the Forest Drive Building, I had to come to work. I'm late, it's raining still, and I'm so tired my joints hurt.

And I have to write a column. Not that I mind. I mean, I haven't written one in at least two weeks, so I'm definitely due for a column. I just wish it wasn't tonight. I have to rewrite my journalism article tonight, and finish my paper on Mary Ellen Mark for my photojournalism class, which means another four hours or so of writing once I leave *The George-Anne*. And I guess I should clean the Styrofoam snow off my kitchen floor sometime tonight. So, dear reader, if you're wondering why my column sucks, now you know why.

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"I started out as more of a necessity," said Grits.

But over the years and generations, Grits became something

much more traditional, yet not necessarily old-fashioned. Moving along with the times, Grits paired himself with favorites like sugar and cinnamon.

"It took a while for many people to realize my economic price and my status as a virtual 'Renaissance Food.'"

Once Grits became a popular dish, keeping company with such breakfast forerunners as Eggs and Bacon, he decided it was time to move out of the countryside, and into the homes of everyone in the state.

"Eggs and Bacon used to always tell me they'd be nowhere without me. I always thought I'd be no where without them."

It wasn't long before Grits began appearing on the breakfast aisles of many major supermarkets including Winn Dixie, Bi-Lo, and Food Lion. But even after this rise to stardom, there was still something missing.

"I liked being available to all at such affordable prices, but I knew that restaurants would be a better way to make myself visible."

After intense negotiations, and unbelievable offers from breakfast giants such as Waffle House, Shoney's, and IHOP, Grits decided to share himself equally throughout all establishments: the sign of a true and fair mediator.

"Everyone had something different to offer me," Grits reflected.

"Waffle House wanted to have me work with Cheese on a pretty intense basis, while Shoney's felt I'd be better matched with Butter. It turned out that I was able to work extremely well with both."

His fairness and ability to work well with others however, was not

the only trait Grits had to offer in the race for the State's Official Processed Food.

"I think it was my warm, creamy flavor that won in the end," said Grits. "People just can't help but love me."

Grits still hasn't forgotten the humble beginnings from where he came. On a daily basis he still makes time to share a plate with old friends Bacon and Eggs. He also assists many fledgling foods into the breakfast scene.

"I still remember the day that Waffle called. He was nearly in tears over the failure of the home waffle iron."

Through Grits' help, Waffle became one of breakfast's prime members.

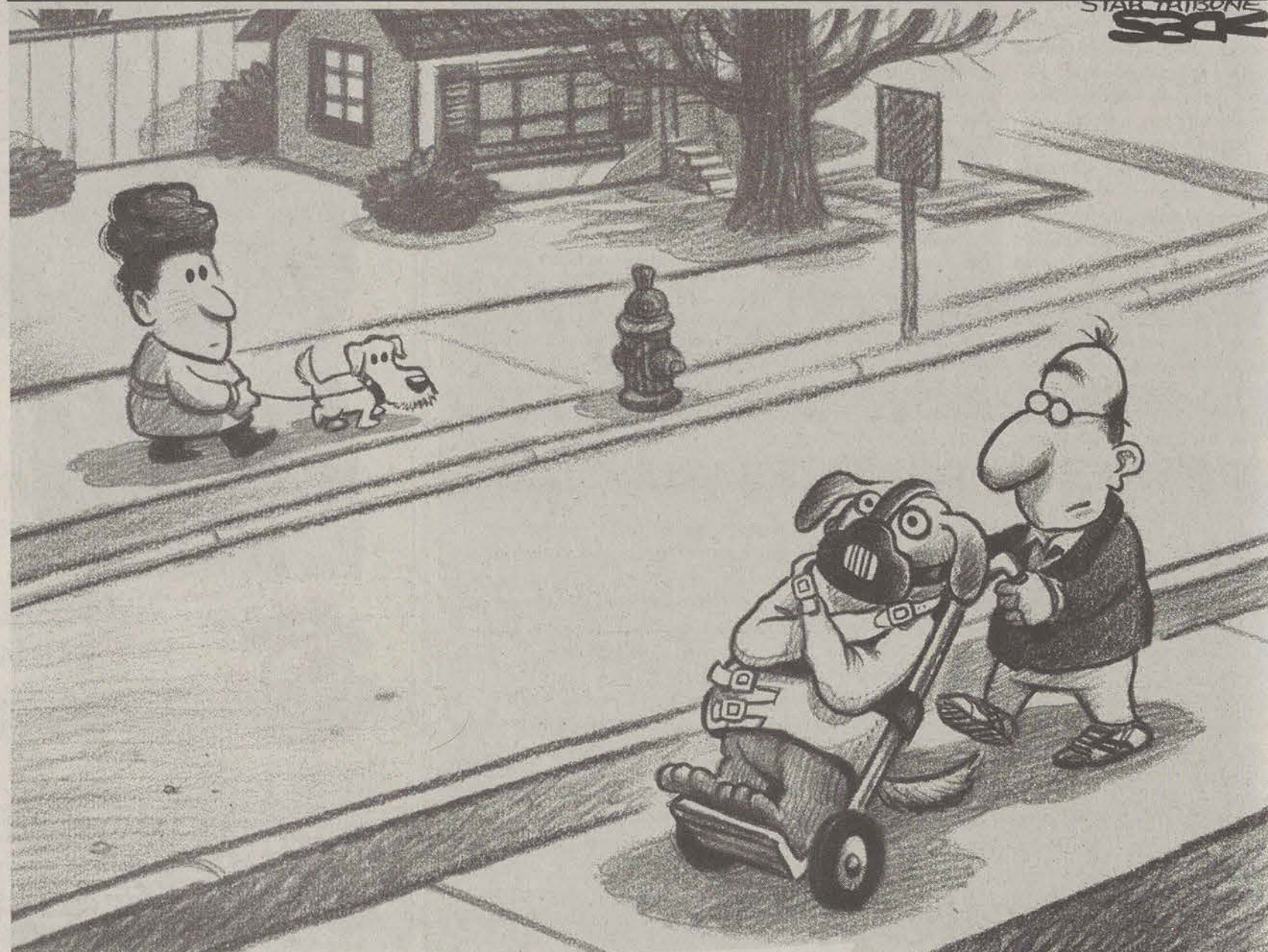
"I talked to [Waffle] about going out on his own, you know. Trying to make a name for himself. Now he's got I don't know how many restaurants all over the Southeast."

Grits has been a proponent of change, a fairly guided opportunist, and a light unto the path of greatness for many of his peers.

He provides for breakfasts all over Georgia with a wonderful collage of tastes and smells, as well as the proper nutrition needed to survive in today's world.

I congratulate you, Grits, and I look forward to an honest and prosperous term for Georgia's new Official Processed Food.

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Health officials descend on Atlanta, warned of terrorist threat far worse than anthrax

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hundreds of health officials descended on Atlanta this week for an annual conference on emerging infectious diseases and were warned that terrorists might try to spread deadly germs through the food supply.

Terrorists could try to make the biological attack even more dangerous by taking down critical communications systems, according to experts from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention.

"The national system was overwhelmed" by the anthrax scare last fall, said Dr. James Hughes, chief of infectious diseases at the Atlanta-based CDC. "Clearly we learned that we were not adequately prepared. This was a small attack."

Some of the millions of dollars also must be used for improving communication, Hughes said, as the CDC has been criticized for

not clearly informing the public about the myths and facts of the diseases.

The conference also included a refresher course on smallpox, a highly contagious and deadly disease not seen in humans in a generation.

The CDC and a Moscow laboratory hold stocks of the virus, and experts worry that samples could fall into the wrong hands and be converted into a terrorist weapon.

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single combat casualty. "We're tired, but on the morale side I think most of the crew wishes we were able to do more while we were over there," Petty Officer 1st Class Troy Wheeler, a Tomahawk cruise missile technician aboard the cruiser Vella Gulf, said by satellite telephone.

While his ship never fired its Tomahawks in combat, it served as the air defense command for the task force of three U.S. Navy carriers and 40 coalition warships.

"It was hard work and long hours," Wheeler said. "I think it is more evident now that our military services have to be ready to go at a moment's notice."

The Theodore Roosevelt, preceded to shore Tuesday morning by its 75-plane air wing, will dock at the Norfolk Naval Station with three of its escort ships Wednesday. The guided-missile cruisers Leyte Gulf and Vella Gulf and the destroyer Peterson will follow the carrier into port.

Exact arrival times and pier locations remain confidential as an added security measure against possible terrorist attacks, the Navy said.

After Sept. 11, the carrier Enterprise was already at sea when it rushed its air wing into combat against al-Qaida and Taliban targets in Afghanistan. For the next month, the Enterprise waged war before returning to Norfolk on Nov. 10.

Unlike the Enterprise, the Theodore Roosevelt left for war.

Rarely was there an easy day. The Theodore Roosevelt's air wing dropped 1.7 million pounds of ordnance, completed 10,000 arrested landings, spent a record 160

consecutive days at sea and flew more than 30,000 flight hours while on station.

Air Wing One, commanded by Capt. Stephen S. Voestch, includes the "Diamondbacks" of Fighter Squadron 102, a 14-plane F-14 Tomcat squadron returning to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, and the "Screwtops" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron 123, a four-plane squadron of E-2C Hawkeye radar planes flying into Chambers Field at the Norfolk Naval Station. A two-plane detachment of the "Rawhides" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40, flying C-2A Greyhound transports, also will be returning to Chambers Field.

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— PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS TROY WHEELER

As the Theodore Roosevelt makes its way home, senior gov-

ernment leaders and the media are geared for bestowing some special attention.

Several VIPs met the Theodore Roosevelt on Tuesday when it neared Bermuda, 600 miles east of Norfolk. They include congressional representatives, defense officials and New York City Fire Department members on board to retrieve a special memento.

The firefighters had raised an American flag at the World Trade Center site after the Sept. 11 attack. The flag was signed by then-New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and New York Gov. George Pataki.

Then, in a Sept. 30 ceremony, each of the 70 Navy firefighters assigned to the carrier passed the flag along a line that snaked up six stories from the ship's fight deck to the signal bridge.

As they passed the flag along the route, each firefighter made a simple, solemn hand salute.

When it reached the signal bridge, it was unfurled in front of the ship's crew assembled on the flight deck below.

Ever since, that memorialized flag has been flown from the ship as it waged war.

The Theodore Roosevelt returned the flag Tuesday morning to the three firefighters who initially raised it. They were aboard the ship Tuesday. Also present was a New York City Port Authority officer and a New York City Police Department officer.

SAFETY, FROM PAGE 1

nation and unpleasant odor. "A lot of these STDs have symptoms that are very similar," Guzman said. "There might be pain during intercourse, or bumps, or a rash or what have you."

"You'd have to go see a doctor, and be diagnosed. There's really no way for you to do it yourself."

Lee and Guzman handed out condoms, along with advice on how to protect yourself from getting an STD.

"Of course, the best way to protect yourself is abstinence," Lee advised.

For those who don't want to abstain, she advised communication and honesty between partners, and responsibility on both sides.

"You need to be open and honest and responsible, tell your partner how many people you've been with, if you've ever been diag-

nosed with an STD, etc. But, please remember that people do lie."

They also demonstrated the correct way to use condoms, and offered tips on safety when performing oral sex for both males and females.

A demonstration was performed to show that condoms will stretch to fit any male.

"Condoms are made to pretty much stretch to fit," Guzman explained, as Lee placed one over Guzman's fist and rolled it up to her elbow. "So there's really no one who's too big to fit a condom. That shouldn't be an excuse."

For safe oral sex, Lee and Guzman recommended using a dental dam, a thin piece of flavored latex that is placed over a woman's genitals.

"If you don't have a dental dam, you can use a cut up condom, or even Saran Wrap, but not the

microwavable type," Lee said.

They also demonstrated how the female condom works. These are available at stores like Wal-Mart, and cost between \$12 to \$16.

"The thing with the female condom is that you have to make sure it's in securely, or 'Little Pete' will just go around it, and you won't be protected," Lee explained. "You shouldn't use a female condom with a male condom either, unless you like pain, because it'll hurt pretty bad."

The event was sponsored by Veazy Hall Resident Advisor Teresa Walker.

"I just wanted a program that appealed to my residents," she explained. "This is just one aspect we're trying to educate the girls about, since this is the all female experience and it's Women's Month."

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University, and the Sport Psychology Academy of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Hardy has long been involved in

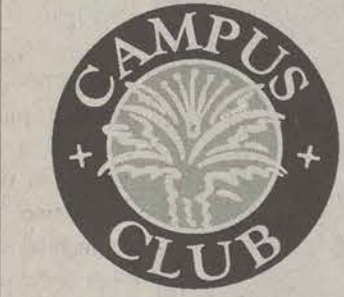
graduate education. Hardy mentored students at Chapel Hill and Georgia Southern. Hardy's research focuses on social influence processes and effect in exercise and

sport. He has over 45 articles, proceedings, and book chapters in print. Hardy has also made presentations at numerous professional conferences.

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The College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Health and Professional Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and College of Science and Technology are all represented by faculty members involved in GSEN.

SAGE sponsored Earth Day celebrations on campus in 2000 and 2001 and is sponsoring yet another for Earth Day 2002. It will be held at the Russel Union Rotunda on Tuesday, April 23, and will include a speaker from the Campus Ecology Program of the National Wildlife Federation, booths for local businesses and organizations, activities, and live entertainment. The celebration will start at 10:00 and continue until 2:00, and SAGE encourages everyone to come check it out. Look for further information about the Earth Day celebration in *The George Anne* as the day approaches. For more information on SAGE visit their web site—<http://www.bio.gasou.edu/bio-home/SAGE>. The web site for GSEN is <http://www.bio.gasou.edu/GSEN/GSEN.html>.



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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. ONLY within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, ONLY at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, reversible contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Injections (non-sterile)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		
Continued	0.1	0.3
Discontinued only	0.5	0.5
IUD		
Paragard	0.0	0.3
Copper T 380A	2.0	0.8
Condom (with spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	2	16
Cervical cap	6	16
Withdrawal	4	18
Female sterilization	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussard et al., *Obstet. Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

*Some Paragard users may experience a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing osteoporosis. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- If you think you might be pregnant.
- If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

- If you have had cancer of the breast.
- If you have had a stroke (infarct) in your legs.
- If you have problems with your liver or liver disease.
- If you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients.

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- A family history of breast cancer
- An abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- Kidney disease
- Irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- High blood pressure
- Migraine headaches
- Asthma
- Epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- Diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- A history of depression
- If you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for it to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Usually heavy or continuing bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if it happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 88% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes. Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer. Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovaries, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unplanned Pregnancy. Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions. Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties and a drop in blood pressure.

- Other Risks. Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

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GSU equestrian team competes in ISHA

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Equestrian teams from all over the southeast attended an Intercollegiate Horse Show on Saturday hosted by the College of Charleston.

The huntseat show was attended by Wesleyan College, Georgia Tech, University of Florida, Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia Southern and College of Charleston.

All the GSU riders, whether huntseat or western horsemanship, are coached by Eleanor Ellis. GSU riders are required to ride at least twice a week in order to compete at the upcoming shows, but are allowed to ride more if possible. Each rider is put into a certain division according to their ability level for each show. Each rider tried to accumulate points throughout the year in order to qualify for the regional show at the end of the year which is hosted by GSU at Evermore Farm in Brooklet, Ga.

At ISHA horse shows across the county, all riders are judged in the same. These judges only look at the rider, not the horse. Each rider draws the horse to be ridden literally out of a hat, has no warm up on the horse and all the rider can do is just walk into the arena. This way of showing makes the competition equal since, in fact, it is not judged on the horse.

Georgia Southern riders, their divisions they competed in and the places they received are as follows: In open huntseat undersaddle Kerry McGarvey 2nd and Sharon Jones 7th and intermediate over fences McGarvey 5th. In the division of Novice huntseat undersaddle Trish Elliot 4th and in novice huntseat over fences Elliot 6th and in the beginner walk/trot huntseat Heather Scarborough received 4th place.

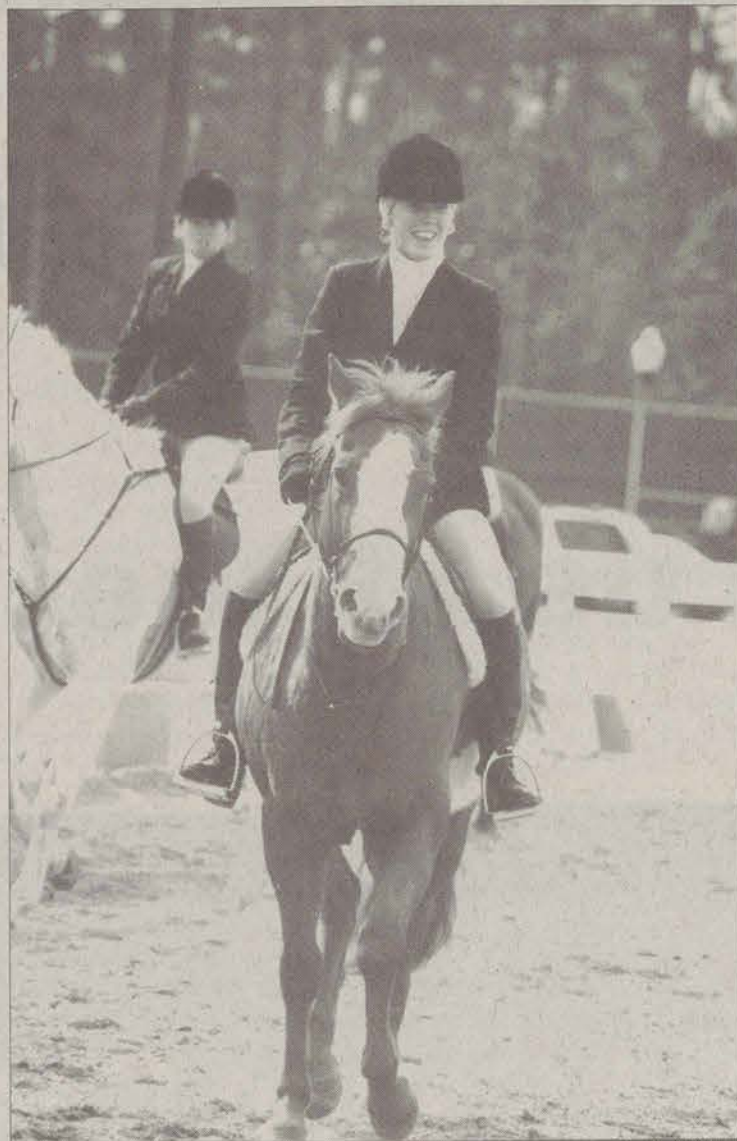
The following riders qualified for regionals this year after ob-

taining the certain amount of points: Ashley Herrmann in open western horsemanship; and in advanced western horsemanship Hillary Roebuck and Emilee Chisena qualified. Caryn Hood and Stephanie Zell in intermediate western horsemanship; and Bridget Chastain in beginner western horsemanship. Kerry McGarvey also qualified for regionals in the novice over fences division. GSU's team placed first for western horse-

manship for the year and took fourth place in the huntseat division.

GSU's Equestrian Team's next horse show will be in western horsemanship this Friday, March 29 beginning at 6 p.m. Regionals consisting of both western and huntseat will be Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. at Evermore Farm in Brooklet.

For more information about the team or directions call Eleanor Ellis at 912-823-9062.



INTRAMURAL EQUESTRIANS: The GSU Equestrian team competed last Saturday in the Intercollegiate Horse Show, hosted by College of Charleston, and placed as high as second place in several events. Four girls placed in several of the events.

GSU Ultimate Frisbee fairs well in College Southernns

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This past weekend, the GSU Ultimate Frisbee team hosted the College Southernns ultimate frisbee tournament, in which teams from across the United States competed. Not only did the GSU men's team fair well, but the GSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee team represented the university in top fashion.

In men's action, the GSU guys competed against a strong team in Florida State. Before half time, it looked as though the Florida team was going to dominate the GSU men with their excellent ultimate frisbee techniques.

At half time, the score was 7 to 6 in favor of Florida State. In usual fashion, the GSU team got their act together and began playing a much better. With points after points being scored by the GSU team, GSU came up from behind to win their first game 13 to 12.

Next up was GSU against Williams of Massachusetts. During the first half, Williams was clearly the dominant team in which their players seemed to anticipate every move the GSU men were about to make. Of course, the score at half time was 7 to 4 in favor of Williams. The second half proved to be better for the GSU guys, in which another eight points were scored to edge them closer to another victory. Unfortunately, Williams did not have in mind to leave this match with a loss to GSU. The Williams team seemed to be even more determined to win, and it played off with a victory over GSU 14 to 12.

More determined than ever to win the third match of the day, GSU went on to face Macalaster. The Macalaster team came in strong with great playing skills against GSU, but this team did not outscore the GSU guys at half time with a score of 7 to 6. During the second half, GSU came

back with an even stronger desire to win this game against Macalaster. The GSU men seemed to dominate every maneuver the Macalaster team attempted to make. In the end, it was all she wrote for the Macalaster team, thus giving GSU another victory 13 to 9.

Up next later that Saturday afternoon was GSU against the College of Charleston. With prior victories against this school, GSU seemed to have thought it had this one in the bag. The College of Charleston had other ideas concerning that day's event. During the first half, the Charleston team was dominant in its frisbee skills against the GSU men. The half time score was 7 to 2 in favor of the College of Charleston. The second half had the GSU team coming back full steam ahead, but it was a close game between these two teams. The scores went back and forth between GSU and the College of Charleston, thus making this a long and drawn-out game. Finally, went the smoke cleared, GSU came out on top by a score of 13 to 11.

The last event of the first day was GSU against Wisconsin. This match did not last as long with men from both teams fatigued from playing the entire day. The Wisconsin team dominated the majority of the match, with GSU only picking up a handful of points. The final score of this game was 13 to 7 Wisconsin.

Also, during the course of events on Saturday, the GSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee team competed for the first time ever. The GSU ladies competed against Williams A, with a loss of 14 to 0 in their first game. The second match up was with Macalaster, with a loss of 12 to 4. The next team these ladies went up against was Columbia. The GSU women suffered another loss by a score of 9 to 2. The next event was with Middlebury. Of

course, the GSU ladies did not have the experience as their opposing team, thus giving the win to Middlebury 14 to 0. The last event was the GSU Women against Williams B. The Williams B female team proved to be dominant over the GSU women, with a final score of 14 to 2 in favor of Williams B. Even with the losses of that day, the GSU ladies were later voted the Most Spirited Team in the women's division.

On Sunday, with the singles elimination starting, the GSU men went up against New College. Throughout the match, it was clear to see that the GSU team was the dominant of the two. The GSU team just seemed to outclass the New College team, thus marking up another victory for GSU by a score of 13 to 3.

The next to the last team to go against the dominating GSU men was Southern Polytechnic University. The GSU guys clearly were mismatched with a not-so-great team in Southern Polytechnic University. GSU came up with a massive scoring pattern, thus giving the GSU team a win of 13 to 8.

Alas, the final game did not go according to plan for the GSU team.

Florida State came back for the final match with revenge in mind against GSU. The scores went back and forth between these two great teams. In the end, Florida State came out on top with a final score of 15 to 12.

Before the team left, DaTuba Benson Ja-Ja, the team captain, elected that Carlo DePena was the tournament's most valuable player in regards to his awesome playing abilities and team spirit. Benson Ja-Ja also mentioned that the next event will be Sectionals, and will also be hosted by the GSU Ultimate Frisbee team at both the RAC fields and club fields. This event will take place on 6th.

Eagle Football holds first spring practice

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern officially opened defense of its five consecutive Southern Conference Championships with its initial workout of the spring practice period Monday afternoon at the Eagle Practice Complex.

First-year head coach Mike Sewak, who was named to the position last Dec. 16, led his 113-member squad through a 105-minute practice session in shorts and helmets which stressed special teams, fundamentals and basic concepts of Georgia Southern's offensive and defensive base packages. Monday's workout was the first of a 15-day practice season which will culminate with the playing of the Blue-White Spring Game April 20 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

"There was a lot of excitement,

enthusiasm and energy out there today," said Sewak. "I know I thoroughly enjoyed the first one and I thought it was a good start. However, it's just the first day and we still obviously have a long way to go."

The Eagles, who posted a 12-2 record and advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs last season, will return eight offensive and seven defensive starters. Perhaps two of Sewak's primary goals during spring workouts will be to fill voids in the offensive backfield, most notably at the quarterback and fullback positions vacated by All-America performers J.R. Revere and Adrian Peterson, respectively.

"There's no doubt that (sophomore quarterbacks) Chaz Williams and Trey Hunter can move the football team," said

Sewak. "It's the guy who can move them more consistently who will be the starter. There's certainly no favorite heading into the spring and, to be honest, we probably won't know 100 percent until August gets here."

In addition to the return of skill performers Mark Myers (SB), Zzream Walden (SB), Derrick Owens (WR) and Carl Kearney (WR), Georgia Southern also welcomes back four of five starters on the offensive line who helped lead the Eagles to a No. 1 national rank in rushing offense with a 323.6 yards per game average.

Defensively, senior All-America defensive tackle and top Buck Buchanan Award candidate Freddy Pesqueira is expected to key an Eagle unit which ranked in the top 10 nationally in three of the four ma-

ior categories last year - pass defense (2nd), scoring defense (4th) and total defense (6th). In addition to Pesqueira, Georgia Southern also welcomes back a pair of All-SoCon performers in safeties David Young and James Young, linebackers Mike Ward and Joe Scott, cornerback Dion Stokes and nose tackle Eric McIntire.

In addition to Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon workouts at the Eagle Practice Complex, Sewak also has scrimmages scheduled for Saturday, April 6 and April 13 at Paulson Stadium prior to the playing of the annual spring game. After planning on spending its first two days in shorts and shells, Sewak indicated that Georgia Southern would conduct its first full-pad workout Friday, March 29.

The dangers of taking pills to lose weight

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The want to be considered thin and beautiful has caused girls to take dietary supplements to increase their chances of losing weight.

According to Rebecca Donatelle's book, *Health the Basics*, "over 55 million people in the United States weigh at least 20 percent more than their ideal body weights, making them, in the unforgiving terminology of dietary science, obese."

"Because of this, people will purchase questionable products and services that claim to help people 'shed unsightly pounds fast and effortlessly.' Right now there is a \$200 million market for these diet aids in the United States," said Donatelle.

"I took Metabolife, because at the time it was popular and a guaranteed way to loose weight," said Susan Forster, a junior business management major. Metabolife is an herbal dietary supplement that in the past year has become popular in the United States. The Metabolife website states, "By raising a user's metabolism, this herbal formula not only causes a more energetic feeling, but reduces the appetite and helps the body more rapidly burn the calories that it does take in."

Forster said, "because of this product, I didn't eat all day. It took away all of my cravings, and I lost weight." Some people who take this product claim there to be side effects. "I took this product because people recommended it to me," said Missa Finklea, a sophomore psychology ma-

ior. "At first it made my heart race and made me feel jumpy; however, after about three months I didn't notice the effects anymore due to the fact that I was losing weight."

Other people don't agree with Finklea's attitude on the side effects. "It made me feel jumpy, made my heart race and I felt like I was going to jump out of my skin," said Ansley Drake, a sophomore business major. "I will never take this product again no matter how much weight I gain."

The problem with this product isn't the results; it is the side effects. Cheryl Bambrick, ATC/L, said, "taking diet pills can be very dangerous. As a certified athletic trainer, I would not advise anyone to participate in any overly exerting activity while taking diet pills because of the risk of dehydration or a possible stroke."

Rachel Sugrue, a senior public relations major, saw first hand how dangerous taking pills can be. Her roommate had been successfully taking pills to lose weight until the one night when she blacked-out and couldn't stop throwing up. They rushed her to the hospital to find out that she was inflamed around the heart due to the pills. The doctor told her to stop taking the pills or she would die.

Kathryn Cox, a senior child and family development major, also took Metabolife to lose weight. She quit taking the pills because they made her feel too jittery. "I don't think you should chemically alter your body to loose weight, working out is enough."

Nebraska's new quarterback takes Crouch's place

Associated Press

Nebraska quarterback Jammal Lord says he hasn't always excelled in practice.

With Eric Crouch firmly in control of the Cornhuskers offense in recent seasons, Lord didn't really need to stand out every time he touched the ball.

That's changed now that Lord will be Nebraska's quarterback when spring workouts open Wednesday.

"In practice I knew it wasn't my show to run. It was Eric's show," Lord said. "In that regard I probably took it easy a little bit and that hurt me in the long run. But now there is no Eric."

Lord, who knew he wouldn't play much until his junior season, understands the focus will be on him every time he touches the ball.

Coach Frank Solich said Lord

still has to earn the starting job. "That's how it should be, to tell you the truth. Every snap should count," Lord said.

In two seasons, Lord has played mostly at the end of games long since decided. In 12 games, Lord has 50 carries for 213 yards and six touchdowns. He has completed 14-of-24 passes for 181 yards with two interceptions and no touchdowns.

"Every time that he has stepped on the football field he has gotten it done," Solich said. "He is a playmaker."

The 6-foot-4 Lord, from Bayonne, N.J., has dropped about five pounds and entered the spring weighing 210. He was timed in the 40-yard dash at 4.59 seconds.

Solich's only knock against Lord is his lack of consistency. He was the No. 1 quarterback

the past two springs as Crouch recovered from surgeries, but Lord was never quite solid enough to earn Solich's confidence.

"It's not that he hasn't worked hard while at practice," Solich said. "It's just that at times, as he goes through practice, you'd like to see a higher percentage of passes completed and you'd like to see maybe the ball being taken care of a little bit better."

Nebraska, which lost to Miami 37-14 in the BCS' national title game at the Rose Bowl, hasn't had this much quarterback inexperience since 1998 when sophomore Bobby Newcombe and Crouch, a freshman, shared the job because of injuries.

Behind Lord, Nebraska has almost no experience. Joe

Chrisman has been the No. 3 quarterback the past two seasons and had minimal playing time. Mike Stuntz earned a letter last fall as a freshman, but as a receiver. He's back at quarterback this spring.

Redshirt freshman Mike McLaughlin and Curt Dukes, who graduated high school early so he could enroll at Nebraska for spring drills, are the other quarterback candidates.

"We have a number of guys that we have lined up at that position that we have got to give looks to, to see exactly who is the guy that should be one, two, three, four," Solich said. "We're hoping we can come out of it with three really strong candidates at that spot to be able to step in next fall and be able to play football for us."



Why should the "Madness" stop in March?

Bo Fulginiti



To all the tycoons of the corporate-sponsored college football bowls: I hope you have been losing a lot of sleep these past two weeks.

Now that the four remaining NCAA Division I College Basketball teams are packing up their gym bags and heading for Atlanta, we the sports fans have been given the opportunity over the next few days to reflect on what has been another exciting dose of what we call "March Madness."

For four years now, I have watched these games from the cigarette-burned college couches, crowded sit-down restaurants and smoky sports bars of Statesboro, Ga.

This year I saw dozens of college drunks put down their "big-beers" while waiters put down their food trays at El Sombrero to catch the waning moments of an Indiana Hoosiers upset over the reigning champion Dukies in Lexington, Kentucky.

The following night I saw several other college students put down their putters and pile into the clubhouse at Hackers Golf Park to watch Oregon squeak past Texas after the Ducks sunk a back-breaking bucket with just seconds to go.

The irony of all this excitement over college hoops is that Statesboro is the quintessential "football town."

Trust me when I say that this town is filled to the rim with pigskin pride, because we not only have a superior team of our own to root for on Saturdays, but I myself have gotten a second degree in the history of SEC football from my neighbors and classmates.

But come March we are all glued to the TV screens from start to finish, because we know that when it's all said and done there will be a true champion cutting down the nets, because they survived 64 other teams in a single-elimination tournament.

After the SEC Championship game in college football, most of the fans just channel-surf through the countless bowl games, waiting for the one match up that is designated the Championship bowl.

And then during that game everyone drops in their two cents as to why teams like Nebraska (who had just weeks before gotten smoked like a Jimmy Dean sausage link by Colorado) should not still be fighting for the ultimate crown against Miami.

The resulting blowout victory by the Hurricanes was obvious proof of a mismatch in a flawed system, and the low ratings from all the bowls that were played in the days and weeks before should have been like a hammer over the head to the Bowl Championship Series Committee that we are sick of their crap.

ESPN ran a Sportscenter special in December of what a proper single-elimination college football tournament could look like, but the BCS is still no closer to changing their format than Georgia Southern is to going from the triple-option to the west coast offense.

As long as sponsors like Gallery Furniture.Com keep shelling out the money to have their own precious bowls, then there will always be coaches, players, fans, and ultimately schools that are cheated out of an opportunity to compete for the national title because of one bad game during the season, or a conference that doesn't give them enough completion to warrant their successful records.

So to all the money-hungry sharks of the BCS, I have no pity on the misery that these action-packed games must cause you, because you are the only ones who keep the magic of March from being spread throughout the year.

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Track and field sets two school records

G-A News Service

Kellie Mitchell and Amber Tiggs each set new school records for the Georgia Southern track and field team as they competed at the Weems-Baskins Relays hosted by South Carolina this weekend.

Mitchell set the new school high jump mark at five feet, five inches to place second in the event.

Mitchell also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 10 1/2 inches and was followed by Jacqueline Allen, who finished fourth at 18 feet, 1/4 inch.

Tiggs secured the new hammer throw mark with a throw of 165 feet, 8 inches, good enough for third place in the event. Tiggs also placed fourth in the shot put with a mark of 42 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Lindy Petteway finished third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 14.43. Allen completed a top-five finish in the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Georgia Southern will split its squad next weekend to attend two meets. The Eagles will compete in the Florida Relays in Gainesville and the Emory Relays in Atlanta.

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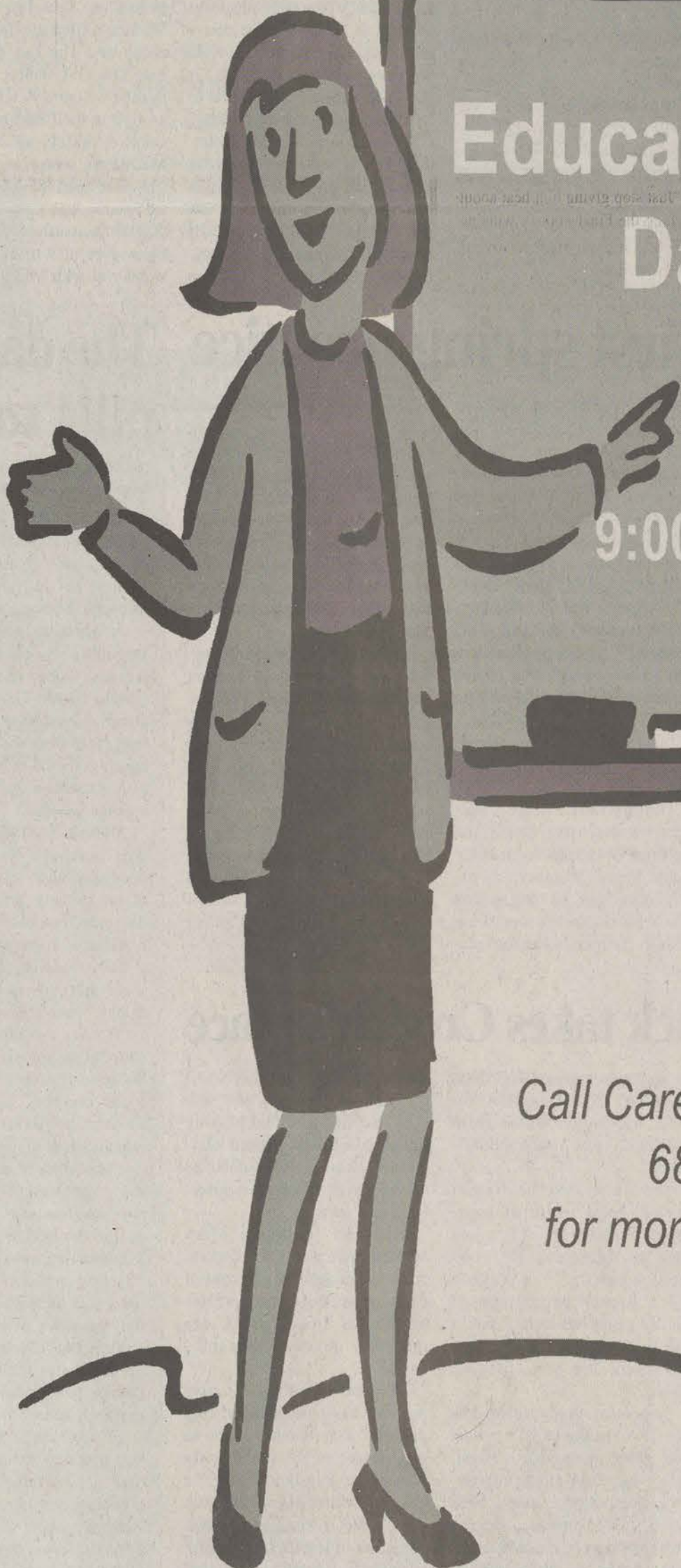
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Sampras upset by Chilean qualifier at Key Biscayne in third round

Associated Press

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. -- Pete Sampras' two-year slide reached another low Monday, when he lost to Chilean qualifier Fernando Gonzalez 7-6 (1), 6-1 in the third round of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The upset made it 24 tournaments in a row without a title for Sampras since he won a record seventh Wimbledon championship in July 2000.

Gonzalez, perhaps the hardest hitter on the men's tour, dominated after falling behind 4-1 in the first set. Sampras, often late reaching volleys, won only

22 of 48 points at the net and struggled with his service returns.

"It wasn't a good day. I got outplayed," Sampras said. "I just have to get back to work and not panic, and look at the big picture and the rest of the year. It's not the way I wanted it to go this week. But we've got a few more big events coming up."

The No. 11-seeded Sampras, a three-time champion at Key Biscayne, fell to 10-5 this year.

Marat Safin barely avoided an upset against another South American qualifier, Luis Horna of Peru. Safin broke a racket in anger, drew a point penalty for another outburst, twice blew a third-set lead and still managed to win, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

"I played bad," the No. 6-seeded Russian said. "Just wasn't my day.

But I was there. I fight. I'm not satisfied with my game, but I'm satisfied with my win, the way I fought."

The ragged victory advanced Safin to the fourth round, where he'll face Gonzalez.

American James Blake, whose ranking has risen to 49th from 187th in the past year, beat No. 15 Guillermo Canas 6-4, 6-3. No. 4 Tommy Haas lost to Andrei Pavel 7-6 (6), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6).

In women's play, second-seeded Venus Williams needed just 44 minutes to beat No. 14 Amanda Coetzer 6-2, 6-0. Williams hit 26 winners to two for Coetzer.

No. 3 Martina Hingis reached the quarterfinals by beating Alexandra Stevenson 6-2, 6-0. Hingis has lost four games in three matches.

No. 12 Elena Dementieva erased six match points in a third-set tiebreaker to beat Anne Kremer 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (14). No. 4 Kim Clijsters swept Cara Black 6-4, 6-2.

The 21-year-old Gonzalez, whose ranking has climbed to 62nd from 135th since the start of the year, smacked a 130-mph ace to reach 6-6 in the opening set. In the tiebreaker he dug a forehand out of the corner to save the first point and took control from there, belting two service winners and two baseline winners to close out the set.

As the second set progressed, Sampras looked increasingly overmatched, and Gonzalez lost just seven points in the first five games.

"He hit the ball very heavy and served very well," Sampras said. "You can't play conservative out there, and I think that happened a little bit today. I just

tried to get the ball back in play and he controlled the match with his spin and his pace."

Safin had his hands full against Horna, a 5-foot-11 scrapper ranked 136th.

The balding 21-year-old Peruvian slid around the court several steps behind the baseline as though playing on clay.

Safin, who busted his racket near the end of the first set, twice lost his serve when he was up a break in the third set.

After Horna pulled even at 4-4 in the final set, the hot-tempered Russian slammed a ball against the far backstop and drew a point penalty for a code violation.

That helped cost Safin the next game.

But he regained his composure in the tiebreaker, winning seven of the final eight points and closing out the victory with a slam volley.

"Anything didn't work today," Safin said. "Didn't work the serve, didn't work the baseline. The volley wasn't great. But still, you know, I was there, 7-6 in the third."

As always, plenty of story lines in Final Four

Associated Press

NEW YORK-One thing is certain: There will be a No. 1 seed in the national championship game.

It could be an all-Big 12 matchup for the title. Maryland and Oklahoma will be looking for their first title, while Indiana and Kansas are trying to add to what's in their trophy cases.

This weekend's Final Four in Atlanta will be like the previous 63, the culmination to the NCAA tournament and another college basketball season. And like all the others, it will be three games that capture the attention of the country.

Saturday's semifinals will have Indiana (24-11) facing Oklahoma (31-4) and, in a matchup of top-seeded teams, Maryland (30-4) against Kansas (33-3).

Indiana, a No. 5 seed that beat top-seeded Duke in the South Regional semifinals in the tournament's biggest upset, is looking for its sixth national championship, the last three won with Bob Knight as coach.

It's Mike Davis' team now, and the former assistant to Knight, who was let go by Indiana after 27 years in September 2000 after not adhering to a zero-tolerance policy, was the man the players fought for to get the job.

"There was a tradition here that was kind of exiled when coach Knight was fired," sophomore forward Jared Jeffries said. "Now coach Davis is building something new."

The Hoosiers' chances at winning will depend a lot on the left ankle of Tom Coverdale, who was selected Most Outstanding Player in the regional. He turned his ankle late in the 81-69 victory over Kent State that sent the Hoosiers to their first

Final Four since 1992.

"The swelling has gone down a lot. It feels better, but I cannot push off on it yet," Coverdale said Sunday through the sports information department. "If it improves each day like it did from yesterday to today, I think with some treatment, rehab and maybe a shot (for the pain), I may be able to play. But it is too early to tell right now."

Oklahoma hasn't been to the Final Four since 1988, when the Sooners lost to fellow Big Eight member Kansas in the title game. The Sooners had to beat a fellow conference member in the regional final, downing 12th-seeded Missouri 81-75 in the West Regional final to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 12 games.

"Winning ugly? That's beautiful to us," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Maybe it was meant to be for our team to win that way. It's just one way we can win a game. We have tough kids. We're battle-tested. We never panic. There's never a sense of misdirection or unorganization."

Maryland is in the Final Four for the second time and the second year in a row. The Terrapins beat second-seeded Connecticut 90-82 to win the East Regional. With a senior-laden team and the Final Four experience, many think Maryland will be considered the favorites in Atlanta.

"I think we have a very good chance to win a national championship," Maryland guard Drew Nicholas said. "I wouldn't consider us favorites, but we are content. We are one of four teams left and we have as good a shot as anybody."

Kansas also beat a No. 2 seed to advance, knocking off Oregon 104-

85 to win the Midwest Regional. The Jayhawks were last in the Final Four in 1993, and the Jayhawks are looking for their third national championship with Roy Williams, the man with the unenviable title of best coach to never win it all.

"Just stop giving him heat about reaching the Final Four or winning championships," Jayhawks All-American forward Drew Gooden said. "Because no matter what he does, he's always going to be a great coach."

And no matter what happens this weekend, the Final Four will always be a great event.

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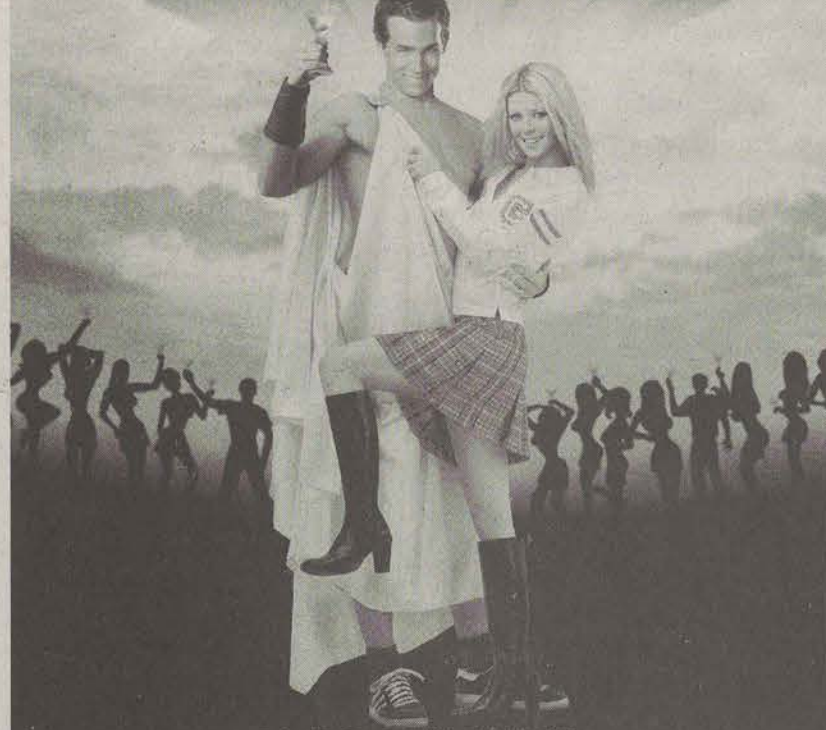
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DEADLINE: The deadline for the receipt of all applications for any of these positions is Friday, March 29, at 5 p.m. Applications should be sent to Bill Neville, chairperson, Media Committee, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022, Williams Center.

INTERVIEW DATE: The Committee has established two interview sessions for candidates. All candidates for board positions on The George-Anne and Reflector Magazine **MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY** for an interview with the committee on Friday, April 12, and for Miscellany and WVGS/FM on Friday, April 19. Each interview session will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 2039 of F1, Williams Center (Upper Floor).

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Pirates Rios shaken up during collision

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. -- Pittsburgh outfielder Armando Rios, still recovering from reconstructive left knee surgery, bruised his right knee during a hard collision with Minnesota first baseman Mike Cuddyer on Monday.

Rios was running hard on a high pop up during the seventh inning when he slammed into Cuddyer about halfway down the first-base line. Both players lay on the field briefly, the wind knocked out of them, before getting up.

"He was looking up at the ball and there was a bad sound," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "That was a bad collision. The base runner was in no man's land."

"When I looked up, he was on top of me," Rios said. "I hit it straight up and it looked like it might be coming back in (to fair territory), and I started sprinting. He was sprinting, too, and it shook me up a little bit."

The 185-pound Rios, expected to be the Pirates' opening day right fielder, clearly got the worst of the collision with the 6-foot-2, 250-pound Cuddyer, one of the Twins' top prospects.

"He hit me and he's a big guy who was going at full speed,"

Rios said. "I was just trying to get the air back in me. I just wanted to get up and make sure I could walk."

Afterward, Cuddyer reported no problem other than briefly being shaken up and said, "I feel fine."

"They hit pretty hard," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He (Rios) has a little soreness in his right knee, but it looks like everything is stable. From all indications, he'll be OK."

Rios felt soreness in his right knee and his left thigh, but said, "It feels pretty good. I'll know a lot more tomorrow when I get up and see how it feels."

The collision admittedly gave Rios a scare. He is recovering from reconstructive surgery after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament Aug. 1, during his second game with Pittsburgh after being traded by the Giants.

"I didn't even want to think about it," Rios said, admitting he initially feared his right knee was as badly hurt as his left knee was last season. "I didn't want to think about anything else, except getting up."

Rios was 0-for-4 Monday in the Pirates' 4-2 victory, dropping his spring average to .200 with two homers and four RBIs.

Earnhardt Jr. and Gordon fined for bumping

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Robby Gordon were fined by NASCAR on Monday for intentionally running into each other's car in the cool-down lap of the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee.

Gordon was fined \$10,000 and placed on probation until August 28. Earnhardt Jr. was assessed a \$5,000 fine.

Both were penalized for "actions deemed detrimental to

stock car racing."

Earnhardt finished fourth Sunday, while Gordon was 20th.

Kevin Harvick was also penalized for his actions in the pits following the Busch series Channellock 250 on Saturday, also at Bristol.

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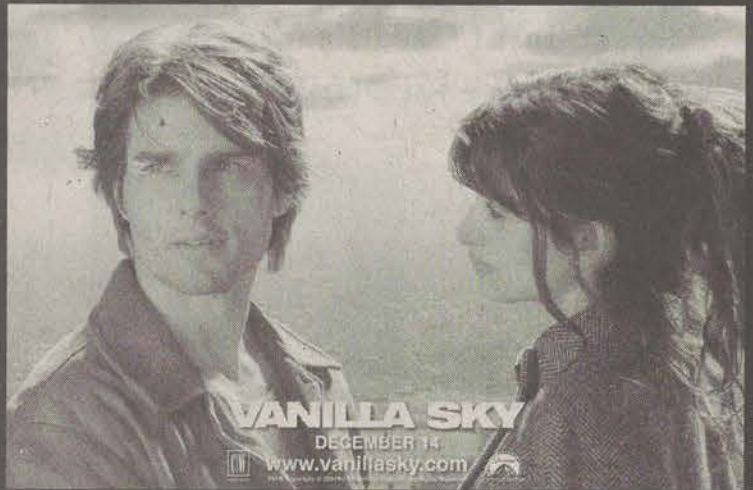
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Making 'Panic Room' was a battle for 'Fight Club' director

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David Fincher figured that after the grueling shoot of his Brad Pitt-Edward Norton psychodrama "Fight Club" - with its punchy surrealism and apocalyptic special effects - "Panic Room," set almost start-to-finish in a Manhattan townhouse, would be a breeze.

"That's what I thought," says the director, letting go a rueful chuckle a week before the pic's March 29 release. "It turned out to be deceptively complex. It's one of those movies, you just don't think ... how exponentially complicated things (can) become. ... It was a real test of wills and patience."

And it didn't help that the original lead actress, Nicole Kidman, was forced to bow out with an injury, and that Fincher and his "Seven" cinematographer, Darius Khondji, never saw eye-to-eye.

More-than-able replacements were found for both: Jodie Foster took the role of a just-divorced mom who moves into a big house on the Upper West Side with her daughter (a terrific Kristen Stewart) and finds herself fending off a trio of ominous burglars, and Conrad W. Hall (son of "American Beauty" Oscar-winning shooter Conrad L. Hall) stepped in at the camera.

But even with Foster on board, it was, in Fincher's words, a brutal shoot.

It was also down-to-the-wire, with a pregnant leading lady: "We were running out of time," Fincher says, on the phone from Burbank, Calif. "We knew we had to go back and reshoot some stuff after Jodie had the baby. So while we were haggling over what that was going to cost, we were recutting.... Then we went back and reshot the Jodie stuff, and that was just a mad dash to make the release date."

Fincher was working as an ef-

fects guy at George Lucas' Industrial Light & Magic when he was 18. He's on the cusp of 40 now. In between, he has helmed TV commercials and music videos (Madonna, Aerosmith), and made a name for himself in moviedom. His other pics: "Alien 3" and "The Game."

The filmmaker says he now plans to sleep "for a couple of months" and doesn't know what he'll do next. He's forming a creative partnership with fellow director dudes Steven Soderbergh

("Traffic"), Spike Jonze ("Being John Malkovich"), and Alexander Payne ("Election") that will allow each to develop projects without the usual studio obstacles.

In the meantime, he's working on the "Panic Room" DVD and anxiously awaiting the film's sortie into theaters.

"You're always anxious about whether or not the last two years of your life will amount to anything," he says. "It's a popcorn movie, but I hope it will inspire conversation."



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PANIC FIGHT: David Fincher works his cinematic magic again in 'Panic Room.'

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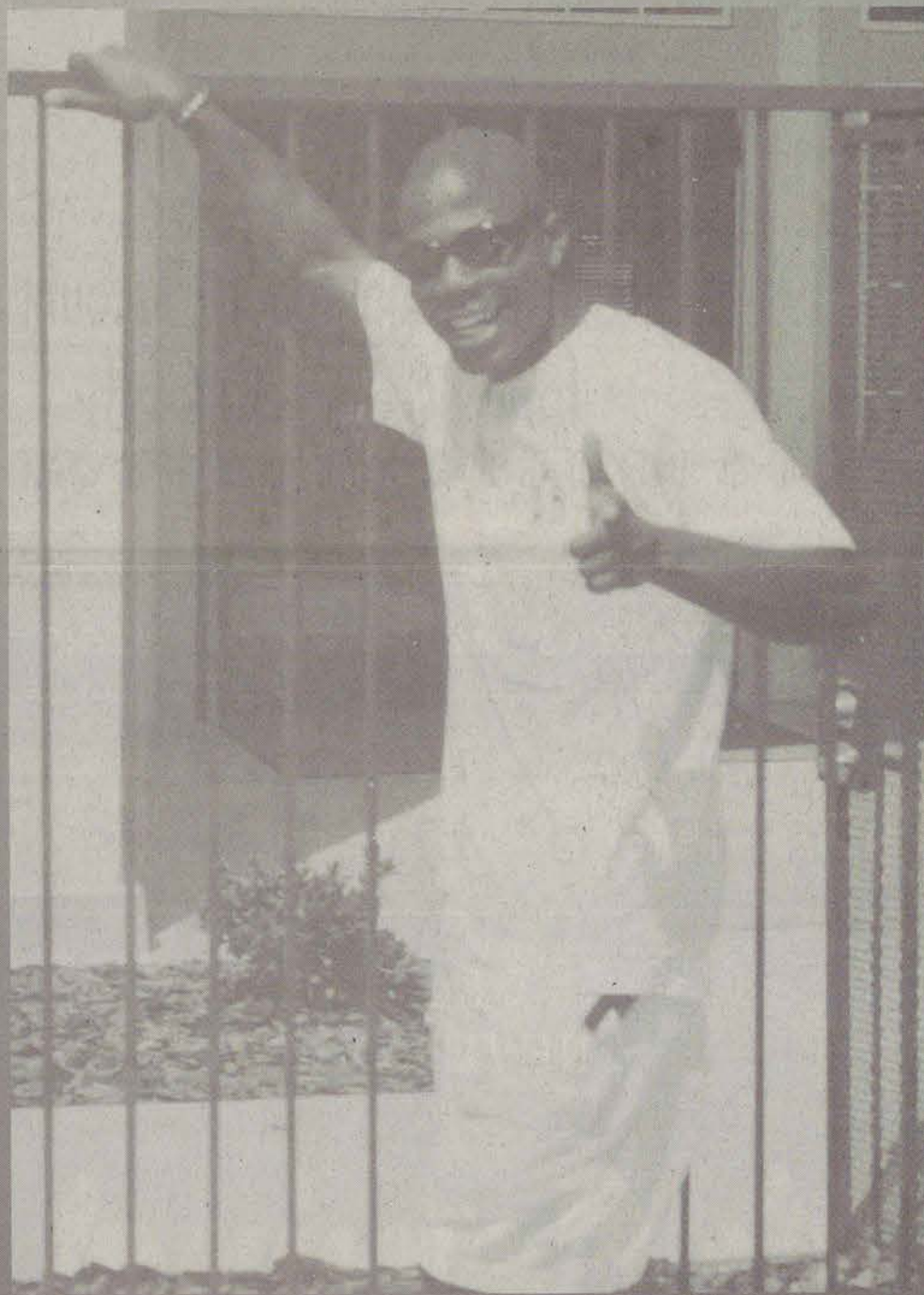
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Ratings drop again as Oscars grow to miniseries length

KRT Campus

In many ways, Sunday night's Oscar telecast was the most entertaining Academy Awards show in memory. It was also the longest and the lowest rated.

Clocking in at nearly 4-7 hours, the Oscars exceeded the length of the other major awards shows - the Emmys and the Grammys - by almost 90 minutes. And unlike the Grammys, it didn't have to accommodate 17 live performances.

Ironically, the seeds for a shorter telecast were planted right there in front of us. And so were the elements that would make up its core: surprises and spontaneity.

Because the awards show was better-organized and more professionally produced than past Oscars, producers left room for riveting moments - Woody Allen's first appearance ever, Errol Morris' 'why we love movies' reel, Halle Berry's near breakdown - as they should.

Trying to make the show shorter by cutting off acceptance speeches or cutting back the length of the honorary awards - a strategy of past years - would miss the point.

Those are largely the reasons people watch, other than finding out which movies and performers win.

Now, whether we need to have three honorary Oscars given out on the same night is another question. Dropping one of them, say Arthur Hiller's humanitarian award, would have saved five minutes this year.

What certainly aren't needed are the things the academy seems unable to let go of, namely performances of the nominated songs plus some kind of production number - this year a segment by Cirque du Soleil that amounted to a non sequitur.

The Cirque mini-spectacle used up almost six minutes, the nominated songs more than 11.

Nonetheless, because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the show was classier than usual. It was as if for once the stars

were able to put their importance in perspective, notwithstanding Tom Cruise's self-congratulatory opening gambit about us needing the movies 'more than ever.'

Without Cruise and other Sept. 11-related touches - Kevin Spacey's moment of silence, for instance - next year's show would be automatically shorter.

Of course, the question remains whether the academy can exercise good judgment in a year when it isn't forced to by events outside its control.

The length may not be the only reason the show has been losing steam with audiences lately - last year's hour-shorter telecast had record-low ratings before this year's beat it - but it can't help viewership to run close to 1 a.m. (on the East Coast) on a school night.

The numbers hit a new low, dropping from 42.9 million viewers to 41.8 million. A little over a quarter of the country's TV households were tuned in, compared to 26.2 percent last year.

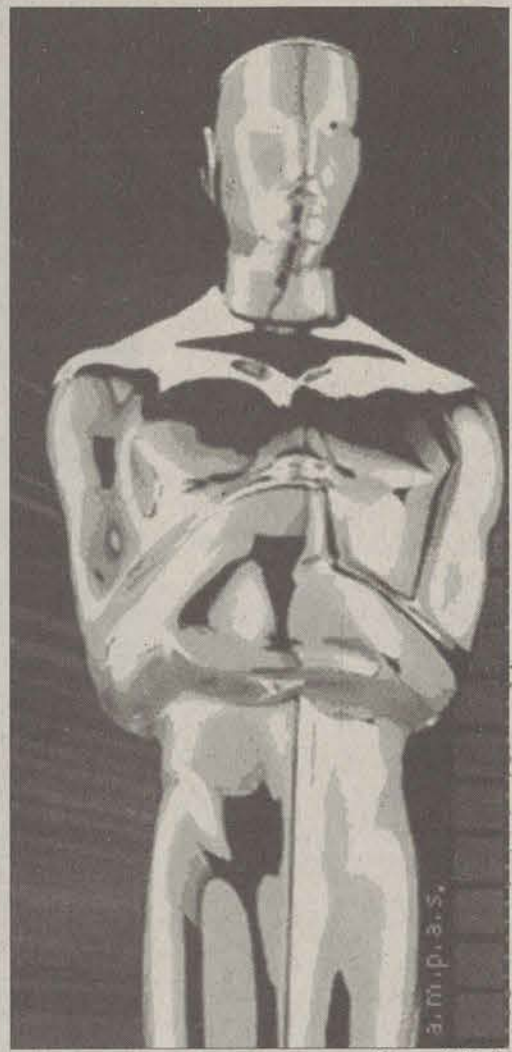
New producer Laura Ziskin at least had the right idea. Even some of the bits that failed - including placing the nominated songs in one segment and shortening them to a couple of minutes each - pointed the way toward a more manageable length.

Still, there's work to be done. Subtracting Cruise, all the academy would've needed to get

the show down to four hours was to lose the production number and Hiller's honorary award, plus cut the songs down to a two-minute medley.

And if the Oscars want to get really radical, some of craft awards - visual-effects editing, makeup, etc. - could be truncated or given out at the pre-telecast technical-awards show.

What shouldn't get lost in all the talk of the awards' perverse length is how well this year's telecast generally came off. The laid-back atmosphere was the perfect backdrop for the real drama you can't plan for.



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OSCAR: After over four hours of presentations, the Oscar "miniseries" came to a close just before 1 a.m.



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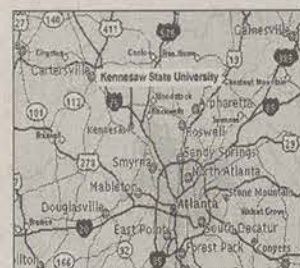
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'The Curse of the Jade Scorpion,' a hypnotizing comedy

By Brooke Minter
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Once again, writer and Director Woody Allen proves himself with his most recent comedy "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion."

The film stars Helen Hunt, as Betty Anne Fitzgerald and Woody Allen as C.W. Briggs, who work together in a Manhattan insurance agency during the 1940's.

Briggs is known as the slimy detective who solves cases by paying off ex-cons and supposed blind men from the streets.

C.W. also can't seem to keep his hands off the ladies, especially the office secretary, played by Elizabeth Berkley, even though he is obviously twice her age.

Betty Ann is a new employee to the office but doesn't hide her hate for Briggs and doesn't put up with his sarcastic and degrading comments. (Her character is very identical to the character she played in "What Women Want.")

The two pair up as partners in crime, after being hypnotized by a magician during a birthday celebration of one of their fellow employees.

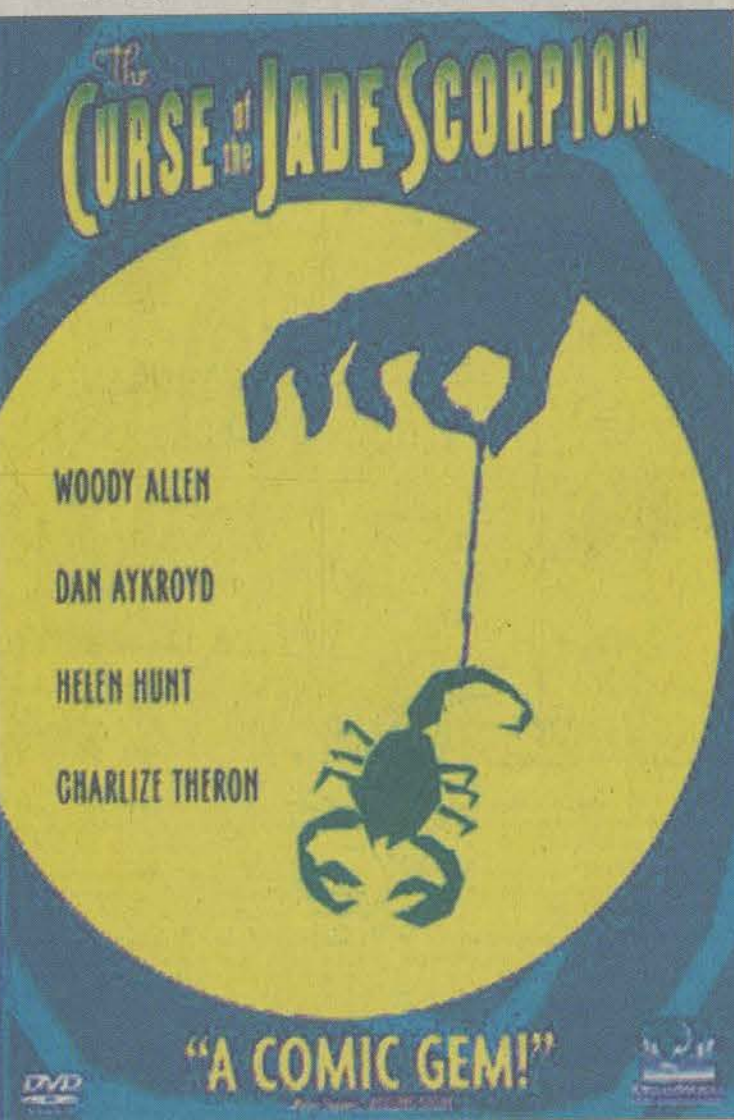
The magician uses his power to get both Briggs and Fitzgerald to do his dirty work of stealing jewels, since they both know how to get in and out of the security systems.

Not only did the magician have the two stealing jewels but he puts yet another curse upon them.

Every time one of them hears the magic word, "Madagascar" or "Constantinople," they fall into a trance, which makes them believe that they carry a deep love for the other.

It makes for interesting scenes where the tension increases along with the story line.

As the mismatched couple is in and out of the curse, Briggs becomes the main suspect of the



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'CURSE OF THE JADE SCORPION': Woody Allen's most recent comedy is set in 1940's Manhattan, starring Helen Hunt and Woody Allen.

crimes, although he remembers nothing.

Both Hunt and Allen have rather good chemistry together, and as accomplished actors they seem natural in every scene.

There is so much going on in this film from the hidden feelings between C.W. and Betty Ann, to the on and off again relationship with her own married boss, played by Dan Aykroyd.

Even though Betty Ann supposedly despises C.W., he is pursued by another glamorous woman, played by Charlize Theron, whom he unknowingly turns down during one of his spells put on by the magician.

"The Curse of the Jade Scorpion" is a refreshing comedy,

considering all of the forgettable comedies in the past year, most of which aren't worth mentioning.

The story keeps you on your toes, throughout the film and is constantly building up the tension between Betty Ann and C.W.

Will C.W. and Betty Ann end up together and live happily ever after?

One of the best things about Allen's films is the ability to create a period piece so close to reality, which he does in "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion," with excellent costumes and background music.

From Allen's all star cast of characters to his ability to create a catchy storyline, Allen produces another hit film to add to his repertoire.

Oscar double win by African-American actors is a social landmark

KRT Campus

Oscar made history Sunday night and for many it was a sweet victory, long past due.

The double victory for Denzel Washington and Halle Berry - who became the first African-Americans to win Best Actor and Best Actress trophies in a single year - was one of those symbolic triumphs that signal social watersheds. Seeing the two winners on stage with the evening's African-American emcee (the often acid-tongued Whoopi Goldberg) on a night when Sidney Poitier was one of the honorary awards winners, made a unique impact - but it was for the kinds of roles they played as well as the facts of their race and joint high achievement.

In 1939, Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American actor to win an Oscar for "Gone With the Wind." It was a bittersweet victory; McDaniel's role was blasted by progressive African-American groups, and she was straitjacketed for much of the rest of her career in similar, stereotyped roles.

Now Washington has won for his part as Alonzo Harris in the violent police thriller "Training Day," playing a charismatic but corrupt narcotics detective who bullies his narcotics squad trainee (Ethan Hawke) while ruling the roost in an L.A. battle zone. Berry beat the field for her steamy part in "Monster's Ball" as Leticia Musgrove, a Southern mother double bereaved by the execution of her husband and the car-accident death of her son.

Both movies are frank, verbally profane and violent. They show things unshowable in the time of "Gone With the Wind" or even 20 or 30 years later.

But mostly, they showed that African-Americans could be portrayed onscreen as complex human beings - part good, part bad - rather than the bigot-fodder of decades ago: the cardboard villains, comic butts or long-suffering saints and mummies of Hollywood's Golden Age. That battle, at least onscreen, was settled long ago. But this year's double Oscar seals the contract.

Berry gave a tearful, highly emotional acceptance speech, perhaps the longest since Greer Garson's for "Mrs. Miniver." Washington was



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HALLE BERRY: Berry is the first African-American woman to win an Oscar for Best Actress.

smiley, upbeat in his brief speech.

The ultimate Best Picture victory for the intimate docudrama "A Beautiful Mind" (and the Best Director award for Ron Howard) showed that Academy Awards voters still like to reward those films that - in their view - display the most favorable image of Hollywood to the world outside.

They like the "Oscar darlings": films that are seemingly noble exceptions to the mundane commercial rules, that suggest the "entertainment industry" as a place where "entertainment" - and even occasionally art - is as important as "industry."

"A Beautiful Mind" may not be a completely truthful or scrupulous record of Nobel Prize winner John Forbes Nash's complex life and emotional troubles. But, in the end, the voters chose, as they have so many times in the past, to salute the kind of film they make rarely over the kind of movie they usually make better, a picture with a built-in audience and dazzling effects, such as "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." It would be nice if you could deduce from this that more dramas like "A Beautiful Mind" will be made, and more lives like Nash's explored in-depth (if not in total accuracy). But you can't. All you can reasonably deduce is that when they are made, they will also have a good shot at an Oscar - as long as their grosses are decent. The Oscar for Danis Tanovic's Bosnian war film "No Man's Land" over the great

audience favorite "Amelie" was only a mild surprise; after Sept. 11, it was the time for "No Man's Land" and its message of war's madness and the need for tolerance.

Some of the evening's most powerful memories tended to be its retrospective moments: the heartfelt tribute to Robert Redford by Barbra Streisand, and Redford's finely calibrated response, the self-deprecating stand-up from Woody Allen that reminded us all of the Oscar shows he'd passed by for his New York jazz dates, the musical tribute to great movie themes of the past from Max Steiner to Bernard Herrmann to John Williams (conducted by Williams himself) to director Arthur Hiller's Jean Hersholt humanitarian award presented by his "Love Story" co-stars Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal.

Then there was the deeply moving tribute and honorary Oscar to Poitier. Poitier's appearance was heightened by the drama of the Best Actor and Actress contest, but it quickly became something transcendent. Beginning with Kasi Lemmons' rousing group testimony from an all-star gallery of African-American talent (from Spike Lee to Washington and Berry), it crescendoed into a moving mass "thank-you." Then came Poitier's acceptance speech - one of the most eloquent in recent Academy history. It was a speech rich in exactly what many Oscar speeches lack: dignity, purpose, a sense of perspective and real gratitude.

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