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Southern Events

WOMEN'S TENNIS

• The Eagles will host the College of Charleston at 2 p.m. today.

BRUGUIER LECTURE

• Leonard Bruguier will present 'Current Issues in Indian Country' at 2 p.m. on April 4 in Union Pk. 2047.

International Week brings lecture on Caribbean economic development

By George Runkle
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Dr. Ransford W. Palmer, the chair of the Department of Economics at Howard University and the president of the National Coalition of Caribbean Affairs, spoke Monday at the GSU Museum as a part of the university's International Week.

Dr. Palmer's address was entitled "The Role of Education in Caribbean Economic Development" and served also as the opening of the museum's Caribbean Trade Winds exhibit.

Dr. Palmer's presentation was focused upon the educational and economic differences between the Caribbean and Southeast Asia (specifically - South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia) during the 30-year period of 1965 to 1996.

According to Dr. Palmer, in 1965

the economy of the Caribbean region was ahead of that of Southeast Asia, but has since been stagnant while the "Asian Miracle" has occurred in Southeast Asia. The "Asian Miracle" is the term given by economists to the staggering growth in the latter half of the 20th Century in Southeast Asia, especially in the technology and industrial sectors.

The annual growth of exported goods and services from 1965 to 1996 was 16 percent in South Korea, compared to 1.7 percent in Jamaica.

Drawing on the fact that the Caribbean is rich in mineral resources whereas Southeast Asia possesses no mineral resources, Dr. Palmer hypothesized that the reason for the differences in growth is investment in human resources and education. He talked about the different status quos applied to levels of education in

both regions and their relative cost.

The higher a country's per capita gross national product is, the less expensive it is for a family to send a child to a university.

Dr. Palmer stated that he felt that the large number of educated Caribbean islanders who immigrate to the United States should not only send money back to their families in the Caribbean but also participate actively in increasing the quality of life and the education of Caribbean citizens still living on the islands.

Following the speech, listeners were entertained with Caribbean dance and fed upon traditional Caribbean foods during a reception.

When interviewed, Dr. Palmer said, "The Caribbean could be where the Asian tigers are today...growing



LaVene Bell/STAFF

A HEART IN THE CARIBBEAN: From Howard University, Dr. Ransford Palmer spoke GSU on the topic of education's role in the Caribbean economy.

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CELEBRATING WITH VIOLENCE

U of Maryland wins first national title; fans face police in campus riot

Staff and Wire Reports

Such has been the trend in recent years on college campuses after big-time athletic events like the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

And no one has demonstrated it better than fans at the University of Maryland, College Park, where thousands faced off with hundreds of police Monday after the Terrapins defeated Indiana 64-52 for the national championship.

Post-game bedlam like that has been erupting on campuses around the country, leaving police and college officials scrambling to implement new security measures to break the cycle, which they say has been growing more violent, and more commonplace.

"This is a trend, but not just at College Park. It's a national phenomenon," said Maj. Cathy Atwell, of the College Park campus police.

"It's been increasing over the last two years or so."

The raucous scenes Monday in College Park - bonfires, looting, drunken brawls, flying beer bottles and walls of troopers in riot gear - were still milder than damage Terp fans caused last year after losing to Duke in the NCAA Final Four.

In Arizona, Tucson Police Sgt. Marco Borboa said he had flashbacks when he saw pictures of the College Park mob scene in Tuesday's newspapers.

"Those photos could've been taken here," he said.

The chaos Borboa remembers followed the University of Arizona's NCAA championship loss to Duke last spring. That night, rowdy Wildcats fans smashed out storefronts, attacked police, set fire to trash cans and even burned a

mobile home.

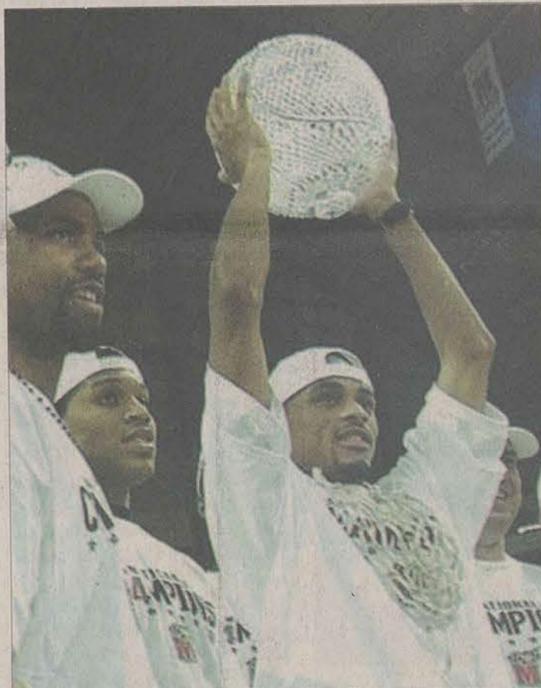
The episode, which resulted in at least 17 arrests, replayed many of the same problems the city suffered when Arizona beat Kentucky to win the championship in 1997.

"This year we had no incidents, but it looks like other campuses are being faced with it now," Borboa said. "The problem is that it becomes a tradition. Once you have one or two incidents, it becomes the tradition that this is the place to gather, and that becomes well-known. It's tough to break the cycle."

Atwell pointed to similar problems in recent years at universities like Michigan State and Ohio State. "Even Indiana had some unrest last night," she said Tuesday.

Bloomington, Ind., police reported that after the Hoosiers lost to

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Internet Photos



MEANWHILE BACK IN COLLEGE PARK: After the Maryland Terrapins defeated the Indiana Hoosiers for their first ever national championship, hundreds of cops met with thousands of rioting students on the U. of M campus.

Financial aid checks to be issued later in semester

By Chamica Armstrong
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The financial aid delay starts next fall semester.

According to a representative for the financial aid office, the delay is an attempt to prevent students from "taking the money and running." Students often register for many classes, which will increase the amount of aid they receive. The students then drop many of the classes and keep the extra money. As a preventive measure students will now get the financial aid refund checks 10 days after the start of classes.

Connie Murphey, director of financial aid, explained the new process. "Professors will take role to determine if the student has attended

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International Coffee Hour brings diverse students together

By Angela Jones
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Students from more than 80 countries came together to have coffee and get to know more about each other at the International Coffee Hour, which was held in Russell Union Student Center on March 29 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Korean Baptist church provided sandwiches, chips, cookies, fresh fruit, and veggies and dip for the event, which marked the beginning of the twelfth International Week.

In fact, the only thing missing from the International Coffee Hour was coffee.

"Next week is the official International Week, but we decided to kick things off today with the Coffee

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Education Career Day Fair held to recruit students to help fill 'serious shortage of teachers'

By Angela Jones
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Representatives from 94 school districts in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida and Virginia packed the RAC for the Education Career Day Fair, which was held on March 28 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"We do this every year," said Amy Williams, Assistant Director of Career Services. "There is such a serious shortage of teachers right now, that it's important to help our students locate teaching positions, and help the schools fill any positions they have."

Williams estimated that about 400 students, of all levels, attended the event.

"We try to encourage freshmen and sophomores to come, so they can learn more about the different teaching careers, and the juniors and seniors are here to network

and job search," she said.

"I think it was a great event," said senior Al Taylor. "It's always good to go to these kind of things, get your name out there, market yourself a little and see what kind of opportunities are out there after graduation."

Salaries for a newly certified teacher can range from \$28,000 to more than \$35,000, depending on the county or district one works in.

"The base salary for a new teacher is \$28,338," said Pauline DeLaar, Academic advisor in the college of education. "That's the amount of money the state gives a school system to pay a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience. That's for nine months of work, because, of course, you don't work

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Christina Ritch/STAFF

FILLING THE POSITIONS: As local educators are desperate for more teachers, GSU held an Education Career Day. Close to 400 students attended.



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

March 28

• Christopher Glenn Hays, 21, was arrested for DUI.

• Dale Lewis Byrd, 18, was arrested for speeding and no insurance.

March 29

• Matthew L. Lightsey, 20, was arrested for expired tag, DUI, weaving and driving without a valid license.

• Austin Monroe Minley, 20, was arrested for DUI and seatbelt violation.

• Christina Cherie Mikell, 23, was arrested for improper use of the center land and no insurance.

• Shakita Latoya Williams, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

March 30

• Travis Dewayne Moles, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

March 31

• John Eric Rowland, 19, was arrested for DUI, defective headlight and driving without a valid license.

April 1

• Brent Renard Gellineau, 19, was

arrested for shoplifting.

GSU Public Safety

March 28

• Markanthony White reported a camcorder was taken from a residence hall room in Johnson Hall.

• Nathan Artman reported that a book bag and its contents were taken from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the Russell Union commuter parking lot.

• James Lucas Green, 21, of Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

March 29

• Kira Neal reported someone scratched the left side of her vehicle with some sort of sharp object in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• David Matthew reported a voice synthesizer was missing from the Foy Fine Arts Building.

• Christopher Shock reported a watch was missing from the Recreation Activity Center.

• Rozzie Booker reported a Dell laptop computer was missing from Sanford Hall.

• Johnathan Woodham reported a CD player and a book bag were taken from his vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.

March 31

• Nanita Kwamina McCann, 19, of Macon, was charged with criminal trespass.

April 1

• Annette Williams reported someone scratched the left side of her vehicle with some type of sharp object in the Building 800 parking lot.

• Lawton Sallette reported someone broke a window at the Kappa Gamma House on Olympic Blvd.

• Jan Vanloo reported \$15 was taken from his room in Johnson Hall.

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

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

On-Campus News

SOUTHERN SAYS THANKS

The annual "Southern Says Thanks" and Youth Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The University will present a variety of activities designed to appeal to adults and children. Activities are free and open to the public.

"Southern Says Thanks" activities will take place in various campus locations including the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building, RAC, Center for Wildlife Education, Planetarium and the Museum.

The Youth Arts Festival will take place on Sweetheart Circle and will include more than 50 professional and community artists giving demonstrations of their crafts.

The day's activities include:

- Eight bands and dance troupes performing on Sweetheart Circle.
- Reptile demonstration at the Center for Wildlife Education, 2 p.m.
- Flighted eagle demonstration at the Center for Wildlife Education, 3 p.m.
- Moon rocks, solar viewing and star shows at the Planetarium.
- Premiere exhibition of a fin-back whale outside the Museum on Sweetheart Circle.
- Student art display by Jessica

Marshall in the Russell Union.

The RAC facilities will be open to the public.

STUDENT APPRECIATION

Student Appreciation Week is Monday, April 1, through Friday, April 5. Let your student workers know how much you appreciate them.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Georgia Entomological Society will meet Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

POET

Richard Murphy will give a poetry reading on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Education Auditorium.

One of the most important poets to emerge in Ireland after the second World War, Murphy has seen his Collected Poems 1952-2000 published by Wake Forest University Press. He has also recently completed the first volume of his memoirs to be published later this spring.

This is Murphy's second visit to Georgia Southern. In 1996, he presented a poetry reading which inaugurated the series of important po-

ets the Center for Irish Studies has brought to the University over the past seven years.

The reading is free and open to the public.

HONORS DAY

Georgia Southern University will host its annual Honors Day Convocation on Wednesday, April 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The University's top academic achievers will be recognized at the event. The list of awards to be presented includes Professor of the Year, the University System Academic Recognition Award and the Alumni Association Award.

The traditional Honors Day Address will be delivered by Georgia Southern senior Nancy Riis Kerves. Classes will be dismissed from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. so that the campus community may attend the event.

Members of the media are invited to cover the Honors Day Convocation.

--All Campus News information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor

Coke reportedly developing vanilla version of flagship soda

ATLANTA -- Coca-Cola is reportedly developing a vanilla-flavored version of its best-selling flagship cola, extending the company's palette of fla-

vorings from Cherry Coke and Diet Coke with lemon.

The largest U.S. soft drink company has prepared samples of packaging for the new drink, which will be

sold initially only in North America, according to Beverage Digest, which reported on the vanilla flavor's pending introduction in its current issue.

Coke officials declined to comment on the report.

"It is not yet an absolute certainty, but I think it's very likely that they'll launch a line extension of Coke Classic," Beverage Digest editor John Sicher said Monday. "It's become very clear in the last year or two that new products and innovation are an important component of marketing and drives growth."

The magazine first reported on the vanilla Coke research in November.

Coca-Cola Classic remained the top-selling U.S. soft drink last year, even though its sales dropped by 2 percent, according to recent market research.

Analysts said Coke likely hopes to emulate the success of rival Pepsi-Cola Co., which has seen sales soar for Code Red, a red version introduced in May 2001 of its highly caffeinated Mountain Dew.

"Growth has mitigated to a large extent, and the Coca-Cola's and Pepsi's of the world need to look at various innovative products," said Skip Carpenter with Thomas Weisel Partners LLC. "They're really trying to leverage trademarks."

Regardless of how it might taste, vanilla offers Coke Classic something its managers have been hunting fervently the past few years: buzz.

"I think they are excited about the prospect of adding some news to their flagship brand," said Marc Cohen, a beverage analyst with Goldman Sachs. "When you think about other beverage products ... the No. 1 flavor added to products is cherry. No. 2 is vanilla."

Georgia News

Secret deal cut to extend Ga. 400 tolls to pay for Northern Arc

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- Georgia's top transportation officials have discreetly crafted a plan to let the state extend toll collection on Ga. 400 and use the money to build the controversial Northern Arc highway.

Toll collection on Ga. 400 was supposed to end in 2011 when the bonds used to build road through north Fulton County were paid off.

But the new agreement lets tolls continue, with the revenue going to any road project that qualifies for federal highway funding, including the \$2.4 billion Northern Arc.

The Northern Arc proposal is designed to improve traffic in the suburban counties north of Atlanta.

The new agreement was signed Jan. 2 by Georgia Transportation Commissioner Tom Coleman, State Road and Tollway Authority Executive Director Jim Croy and Federal Highway Administration infrastructure program manager King Gee. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Monday.

Coleman, Croy and federal highway officials discussed the new agreement with neither Atlanta nor regional officials while devising it and have stayed quiet

since it was signed three months ago, the newspaper reported.

"I cannot believe it's legal," said Atlanta City Councilwoman Clair Muller, who also serves on the Atlanta Regional Commission. "We need to check with our lawyers and find out about that."

Croy said the change was not made with any project in mind, but rather to bring the agreement up to date with federal transportation laws, which have been revised to loosen requirements on how tolls may be used.

But under the new agreement, state officials could use "excess" funds from Atlanta's first toll road which has far exceeded toll and traffic projections almost from the day it opened to build its second.

An official with the Federal Highway Administration said the new agreement was specifically intended to allow Ga. 400 to continue to generate revenue even after it has paid for its own construction.

"This is meant to give the state the opportunity to continue (collecting tolls) into perpetuity," said William Thornton, finance manager for the Highway Administration.

Croy said if the State Road and Tollway Authority decides to use Ga. 400 revenues for another road, city leaders would be notified.

Jeff Anderson, co-chairman of the Northern Arc Task Force a group opposing the proposed 59-mile road, called the secretive

agreement "Enron-esque." "There needs to be a public outcry about this," Anderson said.

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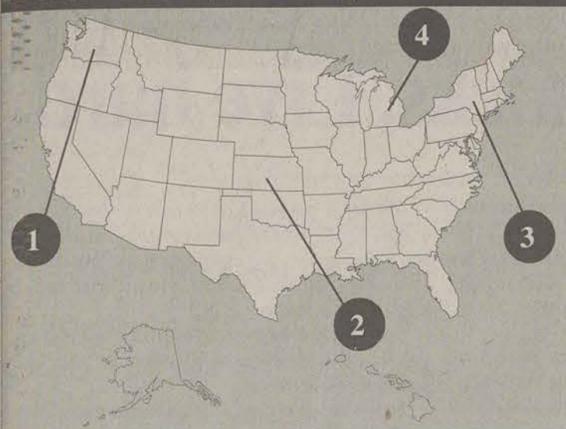
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1 Washington

Woman sent pals on Fools' errand

BELLEVUE - A woman who thought it would be funny to send fake jury summonses to some of her friends for April Fools' Day may find the joke is on her.

The woman mailed about 25 summonses - replicating the blue-and-red postcards sent to potential King County Superior Court jurors - telling recipients to appear for jury duty at 8 a.m. April 1, King County Sheriff's spokesman Greg Dymerski said.

The woman may face fraud or forgery charges.

Police began investigating the case when five people called to confirm the summons using the same identification number, which had expired.

"We didn't know what the potential was when it first happened," Dymerski said. "We just wanted to make sure that a thousand of these didn't go out."

Detectives traced the expired summons to the woman, who admitted forging the summonses and mailing them to friends as a hoax.

"She really didn't have any intent to hurt anybody or anything like that," Dymerski said.

Added Sharon Reig of the King County Sheriff's Office: "It remains

to be seen if the justice system finds it humorous."

2 Kansas

'Suspicious wire' that diverted flight came off toilet paper

WICHITA- An America West flight was grounded overnight Sunday because of a "suspicious wire" that came off a toilet paper holder, an airport spokeswoman said.

After passengers spent the night at a Wichita hotel, the flight was scheduled to take off from Wichita at 12:45 p.m. Central time Sunday, said airport spokeswoman Latricia Harper.

The plane, an Airbus A319, was heading from Washington D.C. to Phoenix on Saturday when an air marshal found the wire underneath a compartment that holds carbon dioxide, Harper said. The door to the compartment was open.

"The placement of it and the appearance of it was enough to give the air marshal some suspicion to check it out further," she said.

The flight was diverted to Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita and its 130 passengers were evacuated, Harper said.

The plane landed at 6:45 p.m. but was not brought to the terminal. Wichita Police bomb squad and the Explosive Ordinance Division from

McConnell Air Force Base inspected the plane but found nothing other than the original wire, she said.

3 New York

Cat found hanging from front door of frat house was road kill

ROCHESTER - A mangled cat found hanging in a plastic bag on the front door of a University of Rochester fraternity house was road kill, not a victim of cruelty, an investigation found.

The cat's appearance in December drew protests from student and animal-rights groups and led to an investigation by campus security. But while more than 50 students were interviewed, whoever carried out the prank was not caught.

Several students, however, were disciplined by the school for

allegedly failing to cooperate or for misrepresenting their connection to the case, campus security director Walter Mauldin said in Saturday's Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

While the cat was not killed by students, the carcass may have sustained additional damage or mutilation when it was handled by people on campus, Mauldin said.

4 Michigan

Proud son's eBay listing makes his mother's day

BUCHANAN- A 32-year-old man has put his mother's wisdom up for sale on Internet auction site eBay as a way of showing appreciation for her.

As of Saturday, the price on

item No. 1527369622 after 40 bids was up to \$165.

It's the second auction set up by Dan Baber, a businessman in this southwest Michigan community, in honor of his mom, Sue Hamilton. The first - in which he put his mom up for sale - was taken down Thursday.

"She will e-mail you for one full day. She will make you feel like you are the most special person on the Earth. She will love you no matter what you do," the first listing read.

Officials with eBay removed the listing, telling Baber in an e-mail that auctioning his mom may "leave open the possibility of misrepresentation and liability issues, as well as potential safety concerns for your mother," the Detroit Free Press reported.

But Baber immediately relisted the item under "Best Mother in the World - Her Thoughts," offering Hamilton's wisdom on things like

raising children.

"All I know is I have the best mother in the world. ... All proceeds will go to her so she can spoil her grandchildren and teach me how to be as good of a father as she was a mother," the new listing reads.

Hamilton, who also lives in Buchanan, teared up when she talked with the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune this week about seeing the posting for the first time.

"I thought, 'What is this?'" she said, pausing to gather her composure.

When she first brought up the auction on her computer, she thought it was just another item to bid on. Instead she found a tribute.

"The more I read, the more my heart just melted," Hamilton told the Free Press.

The tribute was especially touching, Hamilton said, because she was recently laid off from her plant job, and because Sunday was her 54th birthday.

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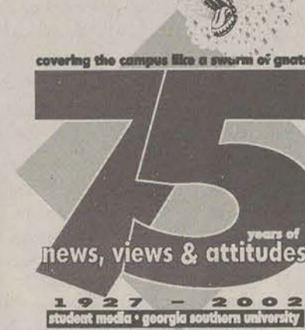
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Second, not feeling too clever, that's okay -- just enter the contest. We'll have a drawing from all entries to determine the winner of a second \$100 EAGLEXPRESS™ Card and other prizes to be announced during our Birthday Bash on April 11th at the Russell Union.

Okay Mr. Know-it-all Editor, here's how we really use your newspaper...
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WHERE TO SEND: Send Entries to The G-A, P.O. Box 8001, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA 30460. Or hand deliver to The G-A Room 2023 F.I. Williams Center during normal business hours. All Top 10 entries MUST BE RECEIVED by Monday, April 8th at 5 p.m. Entries received after that time until noon on Thursday, April 11th, will be eligible for the drawing for an EAGLEXPRESS™ Card, University Store Gift Certificate or other prizes.

WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED: Winners will be announced at noon on Thursday, April 11, at the Russell Union.

LIMITATIONS: Only one entry per student, please. Editorial board members of the George-Anne are not eligible. The decision of the judges is final. No special form required.

CONDITIONS: The winners agree to abide by rules and regulations governing issuance and usage of EAGLEXPRESS™ Cards.

Please deliver to The G-A, Room 2022 Williams or mail to P.O. Box 8001, Statesboro, GA 30460. Top 10 entries must be received by Monday, April 8 at 5 p.m. Entries received after that time or on the day of the Birthday Bash are still eligible for the drawing at noon, April 11th for more great prizes.

OPINIONS

OUR OPINION What will it take to get you to vote?

Georgia Southern University has a student population of about 14,500 students. However, only 1,534 students voted in the recent SGA election. Does anyone see a problem here?

Well, you should. When only about thirteen percent of the student population turns out to vote for their future leaders, anyone should notice a disturbing trend. And, it has been this way for some time now. Students have neglected to vote for their SGA representatives in the past, and their nonchalance continues even today.

What does that say about us as a student body? Well, it says that we fit the stereotype of our generation. We are not concerned with political issues, and we choose to remain dormant while these enthusiastic few do the choosing for us. We are seen as unaware, and these voter statistics reinforce the American bias against young adults. How can we expect to perpetuate a positive image in society if only a small percentage turns out to vote for those candidates that will take on our future concerns?

Is it that we do not care enough about this school to go to our nearest computer and cast our own ballots? The people who are elected to SGA will be the ones who will carry our load. But, perhaps they will not have much of a load to carry. Perhaps we will simply be "innocent bystanders" to the topics that arise and the decisions that will be made accordingly.

GSU students should "wake up and smell the coffee." We should all be more aware of the issues that affect us as students. They are out there, just waiting for us to reap any benefits provided. And if there are repercussions involved, we should be aware of those as well. GSU students should make use of their elected officials by making them work for the people. After all, that is what they have proposed in their campaigns. Let's get our money's worth out of these people and make them show us that they plan to live up to the promises they made. We should be reassured that those promises were not made in campaign haste.

Thirteen percent of us turned out to show we care about what goes on around here. What does that say about the rest of us?

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It all goes wrong. Life sucks. Live hard.

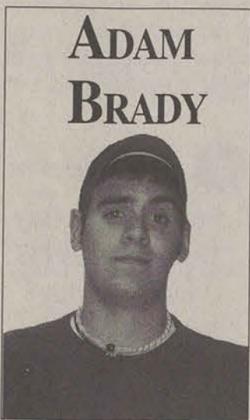
You read it right. I said "sucks" in a headline. You know what else? I don't feel the least bit remorseful about doing it.

I've come to grasp the fact that more often than not, life is going to plant its foot deeply in your rear-end, and all you'll have to do is take it like a man (sorry girls, but the cliché is just too good to miss) and keep walking. Robert Burns said it best in his poem, "To a Mouse":

The best-laid plans o' mice an' men
Gang aft a-gley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain
For promised joy.

For all of us who don't understand Scottish colloquial speak, Burn's idea is that "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry."

At some point we'll all need to accept the fact that no matter how hard we try, something will inevitably, always



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without fail, go simply and utterly wrong. In fact, according to Murphy's Law, "if anything can go wrong, it will." So what's the point in worrying, trying to cover all of the bases, constantly stressing our bodies and minds to limits conducive to heart attacks and spastic colons?

There isn't one.

It's time we all take a step back and reexamine our lives. You're going to be late to class because that guy in the bass-ridden Cadillac is far too concerned with his own goal of making it impossible for anyone else to hear their own music. No matter how long and hard you study, you'll never remember when William of Orange invaded England (November of 1688 by the way), and even though you think you're the only car on the road that late at night, that Statesboro Police Officer sitting in the shadows will see you roll through that stop sign.

Your girlfriend will break up with you on the same night you need to convince a room full of your peers that you are a capable and stable leader, your parents will forget how exactly to get from home to Statesboro no matter how many times they've been here and back, and the book you need for the class with the only professor that assigned work in the first week will be sold out at the book store.

Most of the time things are not going to go right. And if you struggle with your failures, you'll just sink deeper like some English-accented explorer in a vintage film into a pit of proverbial quicksand.

So what do you do instead?
Live Hard.

The first step is to realize that no matter how hard you try, you won't succeed in the way you planned. Now look very closely and see that I didn't say it was impossible to succeed. It's simply impossible to succeed in the way you planned it all to happen.

Deal with it and move on. There is far too much that goes unaccomplished because of fear than due to any other excuse, rhyme or reason.

So you're late to class. Walk in just as the professor begins his or her speech about class attendance and sit in the front row. Your girlfriend broke up with you. It might seem pretty harsh, but she was probably a psycho anyhow. Yeah you forgot when Gandhi was born, but you sure as hell know that Africa isn't a country, and dammit, that's something. (If you thought Africa was a country, please find a history or geography professor to talk to in the very near future.)

If there's one thing I've learned in the past few weeks, it's that no matter what happens, there's too much more that can and will happen. Dwelling on the past is about as worthless as trying to stop the gnats during summer in the 'Boro. No matter what, they're going to keep coming, so you may as well get used to it.

The character of "The Dude" in the "The Big Lebowski" says it all, simply and bluntly:

"F*ck it dude. Let's go bowling."

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Television: Like me, there are a lot of people who don't like it

Sufficiently tired of writing lame and topic-deprived columns, I turned to news on the Internet for some solid inspiration.

Yahoo news led me to a plethora of alphabetized topics, so I clicked on the one I liked least: Television.

Today I accidentally got a better perspective on approximately how many other people are out there willing to express as much disdain for the "idiot box" as I will. Under the "television" topic there was yet another list of sub-topics, one of which was "Anti-television."

Now we're talking. I was amused to see that some of the sites described as anti-television exist to refute the concept of on-screen network logos — the little icons in the corner of the screen on just about any channel. Apparently, there is a grassroots uprising against these logos, and the main complaints about them are that they have gotten larger, brighter and they stay on the screen longer.

For a few minutes I couldn't decipher whether or not it was some sort of widespread sarcasm. One site called "Kill the Bug" said (among other things), "There are those who claim that the sexual content of television shows and movies, and the images of women in music videos, have warped the psychosexual development of America's youth, but we are far more concerned with the effects of those loathsome bits

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of skill art always present in the corner of the screen."

It upset me that these sites were even in the anti-television category. But, as I moved on to other sites and realized that there are indeed considerable amounts of people who devote their spare time to the abolition of network logos. I read on to gather that the problem appears to be of particular annoyance in parts of Europe, where some networks have gone so far as to animate their logos and (gasp) display them elsewhere on the screen besides the lower right-hand corner.

As strange and interesting as that is, it's not anti-television. Real critics of the tube claim haterhood on more sociological grounds. One site whose one-line description echoed my beliefs well was called "Kill Your TV."

This site claimed dedication to exposing television as "an addictive device which keeps the lower classes subdued, a perpetrator of violence and materialism, and a silent destroyer of intellectualism."

I used to have a sticker that said "Kill Your TV."

I'm not going to run around like a maniac insisting that televisions are banned or use my backyard to hold giant bonfires fueled by cable boxes and TV Guides. Watching TV can be extremely leisurely and/or educational. My main beef is not with the programming, the ratings at the prelude of every show, nor even the large corporate power mongrels that merge like whores in order to run all related industries. Like any other technological innovation, television has the potential to be an effective source of education and a safe variety of entertainment.

The problem I have is with individuals who turn on the TV and turn off their brains.

For one thing, society can't continue to produce generations of children whose parents have been replaced by a luminescent nanny who lives in the den. Actually, TV isn't just for the den anymore. In 98 percent of American households there is a television, and the percentage is greater of households that have three TVs than it is of

households that have two. Perhaps more astonishingly, 56 percent of kids from the ages of eight to sixteen have a television in their bedrooms.

And that's wonderful. Kids don't need to be sheltered. They need to be informed. Don't take their electronic appliances away. They are perfectly capable of making decisions and then learning from the consequences thereof. But, that's only if those responsible for their well being take the time to empower them with a certain degree of education. I am willing to bet that the same 56 percent of parents aren't sitting down with their children and educating them about the realities of what they see on TV, or through any other form of media, for that matter.

There are effects for those of us in the adult world too. Haven't you ever sat down for a few minutes to watch something random and suddenly looked up to realize that over an hour has disappeared from your life? Just as is the case with the Internet, the destruction it can cause depends on the knowledge and maturity possessed by the viewer.

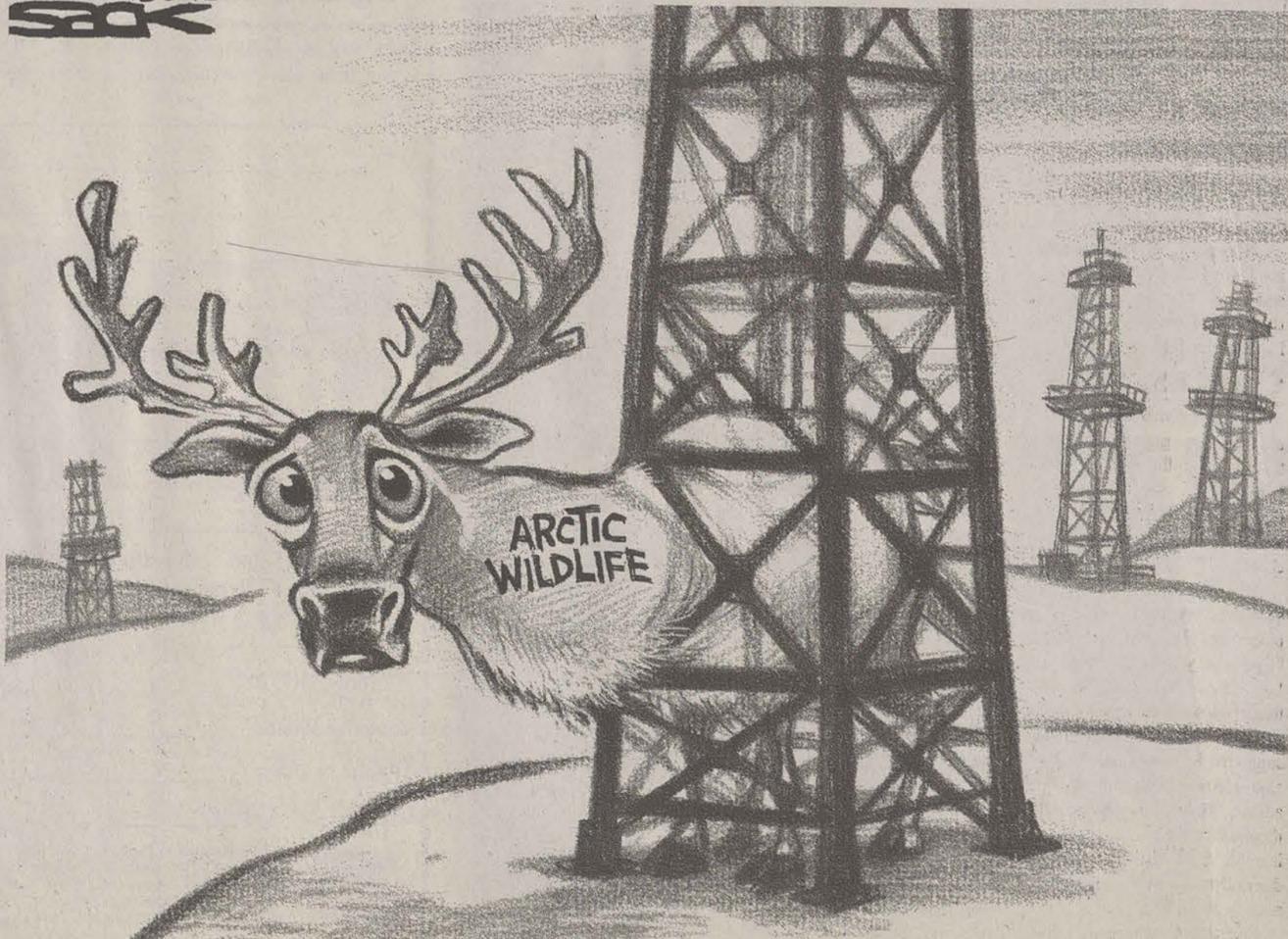
There are a few shows I don't mind checking out every now and then. But, as a college student, I've found I just don't have time to watch TV.

My favorite of the sites I found was <http://www.tvturnoff.org> because it's all about education and moderation. It is obviously a government-initiated project, headquartered in DC. The main page promotes TV Turnoff Week 2002, which is not just national but worldwide, and will take place April 22 through 28. There are also links to facts and figures, and even a message board.

Though I thought it a bit ironic that it's called "TV Turnoff Network," it is a very informative site. The only thing that repelled me was a link that asks for donations, but it doesn't seem to be "all about the Benjamin's." It's worth checking out, no matter what your stance on TV viewing.

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the Terps Monday, a crowd of thousands of Indiana fans grey unruly, throwing bottles, ripping plywood off buildings and lighting fires. About 1:30 a.m., the roughly 130 riot gear-clad city and state troopers in downtown Bloomington resorted to using tear gas and pepper spray to disperse the mob.

Lt. Jerry Minger, of the Indiana University campus police, said most of the rabble-raising occurred downtown, and that things had stayed comparatively peaceful on campus. Yet even campus cops wound up making about 20 arrests that night adding to the 10 or 15 reported by city police.

"Part of this is a copycat phenomenon," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education.

Steinbach, who has observed student riot behavior for several decades, said campus sports rioting traces back to high-profile episodes of violence following professional sports games like the World Series, Stanley Cup and the Super Bowl.

"It sets up a pattern for other

revelers to mimic," he said.

"Reactions in various towns for professional sports events have set the pattern. . . It's behavior fueled by excessive alcohol consumption,

and other university towns are starting to observe one another and trade tips about crowd control in preparation for the next unruly event.

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— GEORGE CATHCART, SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

and with that comes somewhat of a herd mentality."

Jeff Kretschmar, of the Miami University Sport Fan Research group in Ohio, agreed, noting that young people often learn the ins and outs of mob behavior from television.

"After the game, you get people outside in a group who've been drinking all day, feeling cohesion in the group," Kretschmar said. "What happens is, the person in the group feels anonymous, and their actions feel unidentifiable. So they feel more free to do these things."

For that reason, police are wise to start using video surveillance of crowds to "wake up" fans from their mob mentality, he said.

Borboa said police in Tucson

their responses as well. College Park recently expanded its code of conduct to allow students to be disciplined for misdemeanors committee off-campus. Previously, only off-campus felonies were covered.

Cathcart said he was optimistic that more and more students are rejecting the riot tradition. He admitted, however, it's still a liability that comes with increased success and attention in school sports. Having also sent its football team to the Orange Bowl this year, the College Park campus has had its share of problems with disorderly crowds lately.

"It happens at schools with really good sports teams," Cathcart said. "But it's certainly not a badge of honor any of us want to wear."

"We're all trying to learn what works - and what doesn't," he said.

George Cathcart, spokesman for the University of Maryland, College Park, said colleges are fine-tuning

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rapidly."

Dr. Palmer also stated that the United States should continue to give aid to all countries in the region, although not all countries needed the same type of or amount of aid.

Furthermore, Dr. Palmer expressed that while he felt the U.S. embargo on Cuba was actually helping Cuban dictator Fidel Castro stay

in power, and that he hoped to see Cuba again develop as a large tourist destination upon the end of the U.S. embargo.

In regards to the drug trade problem of the Caribbean, Dr. Palmer feels that while it is beneficial in providing food and money to some citizens, overall it is degrading to the region.

Dr. Palmer's trip to GSU yesterday was his first visit to Statesboro.

He was born and attended school in Jamaica before later coming to the United States.

International Week lasts through Sunday, and includes an International Food Tasting Fair in the Russell Union Ballroom at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The Caribbean Trade Winds exhibit runs through May 19 at the GSU Museum.

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summers. And of course there's lot of days off, vacation etc."

"Some school systems also supplement a teacher's pay with board funds for things like the cost of living, and the supply and demand for teachers in certain fields or areas," DeLaar said.

Many of the school systems attending the event conducted on-site interviews, or offered some type of supplemental signing incentive.

According to Worth County Elementary School principal Don Turner, the need for teachers is particularly serious in some of the more rural areas like southwest Georgia.

"Rural areas do not hold the attraction of larger areas, they don't pay as well, and young people just aren't as interested in relocating there," he said. "Areas like southwest Georgia and other rural places are always going to have a higher demand for teachers."

In addition to a general shortage of teachers, there is a need for teachers in the fields of math, science, special education and things like home economics and occupational therapy.

"Things like Home Economics, Latin, Occupational Therapy and such are very specialized fields," explained Bernard Platt, Recruitment Specialist for Vir-

ginia Beach public schools.

"There's not that many schools in the country that have programs that can still teach them.

With other things like Math, those people are mostly going into computers and fields like that, higher paying career type things."

In Paulding County, the 3 fastest growing county in the Metro Atlanta area, there is a real need High School teachers, according to Robert McLeod, assistant principal at Paulding County High School.

"Our biggest need right now is for math and science teachers in our high schools, and Special Ed in all grade levels," he said.

"There's not as many people going into those fields as there used to be, especially Special Ed," said Carol McLeod. "As for the math and science, a lot of those folks are going into computers, industry or research, rather than teaching, partly because they can make more money doing it."

But according to DeKalb County Human Resource Administrator Patti Reed, it's not the number of teachers in schools, but the quality of those teachers that matters.

"What we need are not just more teachers, but more quality teachers, in all areas, she said.

That's what's most important. We're more interested in getting a good teacher, not just having a

body in the classroom," Reed said.

The Education Career Day Fair has been taking place annually for over than five years.

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the classes listed on their schedules. On the eighth day of classes the financial aid office then tell the business office if the student is eligible to receive a financial aid check. The business office then prints the check."

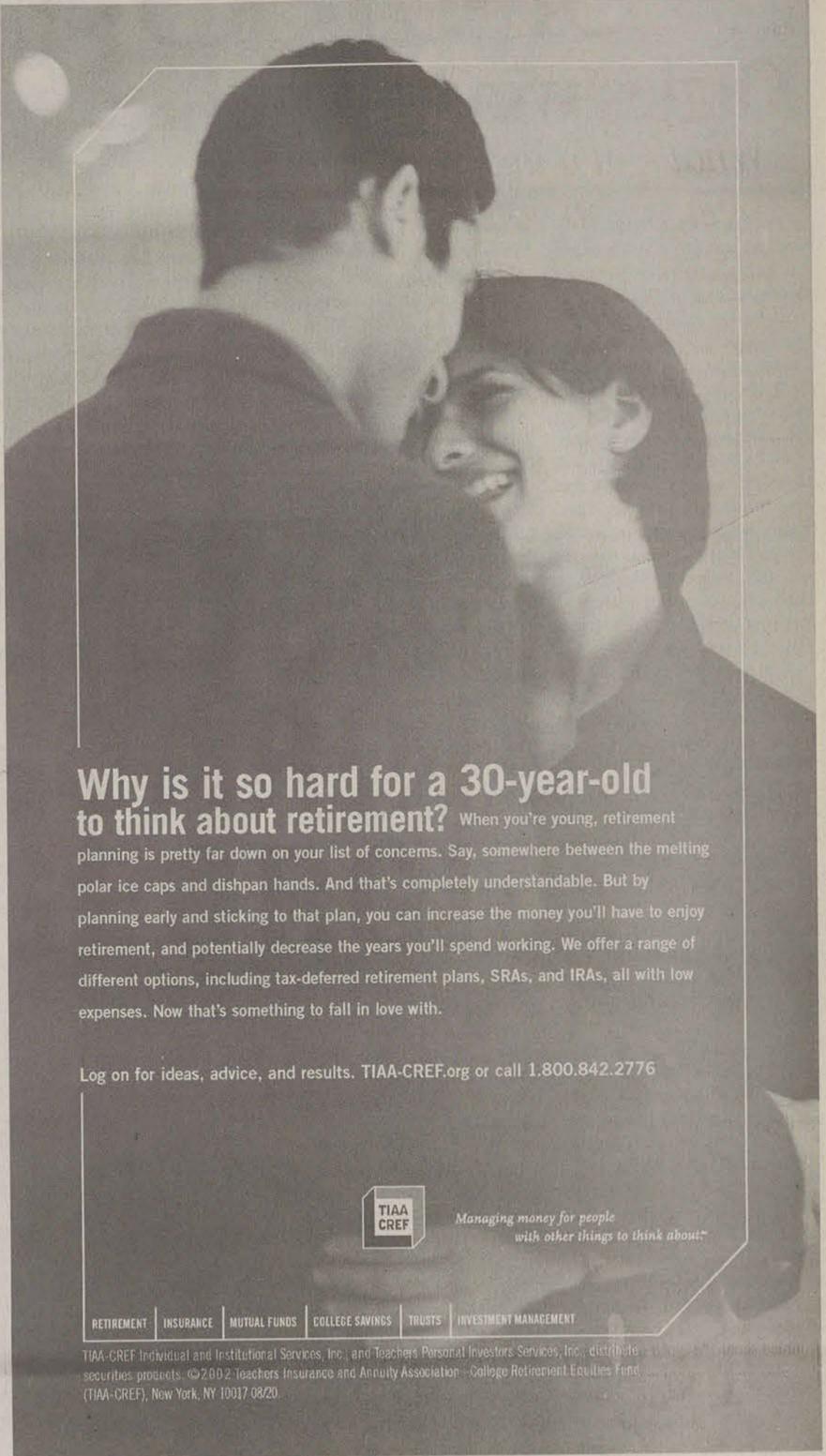
Students say that while there should be preventive measures in place, the delay is not a good idea. "I personally disagree with the delay because I use my aid for more than classes. Also the delay is really going to hurt those who are not supported by parents and family," said Monka Holt, junior. Holt added, "Many students use the money for other necessities of college life. Some of these necessities demand that money be allocated as soon as possible."

Shamka Quarterman, Junior said. "They could at least give us

some of the money, we depend on that money. If I can't buy books right away then I can't study and if I can't pay my rent on time then that will affect my relationship with my landlord. They should find another way."

Murphy comments about the new process, "The delay is not a Georgia Southern University policy. It originates from the instruction of the federal government. Other colleges have similar policies in place."

Murphy added, "Most students don't even realize that financial aid does not even have access to the checks, we determine eligibility and then the business office cuts checks. The business office and the financial aid office will have an open workshop in April, students can come and find out exactly what is going on."



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BROADBAND IS SOARING IN GEORGIA.

GEORGIA

Eagles win one of three against College of Charleston

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In a key conference matchup this weekend, the Georgia Southern baseball team won just one of three games against the College of Charleston at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Cougars won Friday's game 7-5 with the Eagles winning an incredible 11-inning battle 10-9 on Saturday. Charleston then was able to bounce back to win the rubber game of the series 13-5 on Sunday.

On Friday night, Georgia Southern opened the scoring by posting two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Chris Walker and Jemel Spearman led the inning off with a single and walk, respectively. Following a Matt Herring sacrifice fly, designated hitter Matt Hammond tripled to right to score Walker and Spearman.

Brett Spivey drove in the first run for the Cougars in the second inning when he doubled into the leftfield gap to score Matt Lauderdale. Georgia Southern got the run back soon after, extending the lead to 3-1 when a Walker sacrifice scored Brendan Gilligan from third.

Charleston tied the game at 3-3, plating two runs in the third inning. With one out and runners on first and second, a Lee Curtis fielder's choice scored Brett Gardner from third. Jack Arroyo then scored the second run when he came in off Gilligan throwing error.

In the fourth, the Cougars were able to take their first lead, adding four runs for the 7-3 edge. With two outs, Gardner doubled to score Lauderdale and Spivey. After Arroyo walked, he and Gardner were able to each move up 90 feet on a wild pitch from Eagle starter Brett Lewis. Jasha Balcom then scored Gardner on a single. In the next at bat, Lee Curtis struck out for what would have been the third out, but the ball got away from Gilligan, the Eagle catcher, and Arroyo was able to score from third.

Georgia Southern was able to add a run in the fourth and seventh innings, but the Cougar pitching kept the home team out of reach for the remainder of the game.

Hammond was the offensive spark for the Eagles, batting 3-for-5 with three runs batted in on the night. J.R. Revere was the only other Eagle batter with multiple hits, going 2-for-4.

Gardner led the Cougar bats, with a 2-for-4 performance with two runs scored and two RBI. Lauderdale, Spivey, and Mickey Torello each added two-hit nights of their own.

Lewis took the loss for Georgia Southern, lowering his record to 5-3. The junior tossed six innings, allowing seven runs, five of which were earned, off ten hits. Scott Tolbert pitched admirably out of the bullpen, throwing three shutout innings, not allowing a hit in relief.

Ryan Johnson improved his record to 6-1, allowing four runs off six hits before being taken out two outs into the sixth inning. Matthew Thompson pitched the remainder of the game, collecting his second save.

Charleston took the initial lead on Saturday, jumping out to a 5-0 lead. After a Stanley Nix single plated a run in the top of the first inning, the Cougars scored four times in the second. With runners on second and third, an error from Jemel Spearman let Brett Spivey and Brett Anderson come home. Arroyo then came around on a Jasha Balcom single. Balcom scored a run of his own in the next at-bat when he was plated by a Lee Curtis triple just of the reach of Eagle rightfielder Matt Herring.

Georgia Southern got on the board in the fifth, cutting their deficit to 5-2. With two on, Chad Hall hit an innocent grounder to the pitcher. However, Cougar hurler Matt Rackers threw the ball over the first basemen's head and let Brendan Gilligan score from third. In the next at-bat, Chris Walker drove in J.R. Revere on a fielder's choice.

After the two teams traded runs in the eighth, things started getting wild in the ninth. Down 6-3, the Eagles opened the inning with two walks. After J.R. Revere reached on a fielder's choice, he was caught off guard on a pickoff attempt. As Gilligan tried to sneak home from third, he was nearly caught, but he and Revere made it back safely. Two batters later, after pinch-hitter A.J. Zickgraf walked to load the bases, Jemel Spearman made the Cougars pay, driving a bases-clearing double to center to plate Revere, Gilligan, and Brandon Burnsed, who pinch-ran for Zickgraf. Matt Herring came to the plate to try to get the win, but struck out to send the game into extra innings.

Following a scoreless tenth, Charleston took the 9-6 lead with three runs in the eleventh off sloppy defensive play from the Eagle fielders. Jack Arroyo scored the first run, when a Jason Cadenhead balk let him come in from third. Georgia Southern head coach Rodney Hennon was furious with the call and was ejected from the game and forced to sit out Sunday's

score Revere. Herring then reprimed himself in a big way, driving a home run out to right-center to give Georgia Southern the hard-fought 10-9 win.

"I was real hard on myself," remarked Herring about his error in the eleventh. "But my teammates wouldn't let me get down."

Spearman, who has suffered mightily in the field lately with three errors

Revere was 3-for-5 while Matt Hammond was 2-for-4.

Balcom led Charleston with a 3-for-6 day with Anderson, Arroyo, and Torello each adding two hits.

Cadenhead collected his first win of the 2002 season despite a rocky outing. Brian Rogers started the day for Georgia Southern allowing five runs off nine hits before coming out two outs into the seventh. Mike Thompson then came in and pitched well, allowing three runs - two of which were unearned - off three hits before Cadenhead came in with one out in the final inning.

Holland took the defeat, his first decision of the year. The loss spoiled a sparkling performance from the starter Rackers who allowed just one earned run in eight innings.

On a rain-soaked Sunday afternoon, Georgia Southern was able to keep the game close, but collapsed late as Charleston ran away for an eight-run victory.

The Eagles took the early 3-0 lead with three runs in the third. Chad Hall led off with an infield single, while Chris Walker added a bunt single in the next at-bat. Jemel Spearman then drove in the first run when his single scored Hall. Two batters later, Rocky Baker drove in Walker, followed by a Matt Hammond sacrifice fly that scored Spearman.

The Cougars bounced back to tie the game at 3-3 with three runs of their own in the fourth. Following a Lee

Curtis single and Zach Strong double, Brett Spivey drove a ball deep to straight centerfield for a three-run home run, his first grand-tripper of the year.

A Matt Herring single in the fifth inning gave the lead back to Georgia Southern at 3-3, but Charleston quickly tied the game back up at 4-4 of a solo home run by Curtis in the sixth.

The Cougars sent ten batters to the plate in the seventh as they posted six runs to take a 11-4 lead. After a walk and two bunt singles to load the bases, an A.J. Zickgraf passed ball scored Mickey Torello from third. Jasha Balcom then poked a single into the outfield to score Brett Gardner and Jack Arroyo. After singles by Strong and Spivey plated two more runs, the Cougars used some base running trickery to score the sixth run of the inning. As Brett Anderson broke to steal second, Zickgraf threw to second base but did not get the out. At the same time, Strong was able to sneak home from third.

Charleston added three more insurance runs in the ninth to extend their lead to 13-4 of a RBI double by Stanley Nix and a two-run double from Torello.

The Eagles were able to score a run in the bottom of the ninth when Herring was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, but it was moot as Baker struck out to end the game.

Spearman and Hall were the only Georgia Southern batters to collect two hits with five others adding a single hit.

Seven Charleston batters collected more than one hit as they amassed 17 hits as a team. Nix and Torello were 3-for-5 and 3-for-4, respectively. Spivey was also a key component of the Cougar offense, going 2-for-5 with four runs batted in.

Jared Comstock allowed six runs and ten hits in six innings of work for his first loss of the season, lowering his record to 5-1. Mike Rhue improved his record to a perfect 7-0, tossing eight innings and fanning seven Eagle batters.

Georgia Southern next heads up to Atlanta to face fifth-ranked Georgia Tech in a pair of games on Tuesday and Wednesday, before a three-game set this weekend against East Tennessee State in Johnson City. The Cougars return to Charleston, but as the road team as they face cross-town rival Charleston Southern on Tuesday.

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--MATT HERRING, JUNIOR

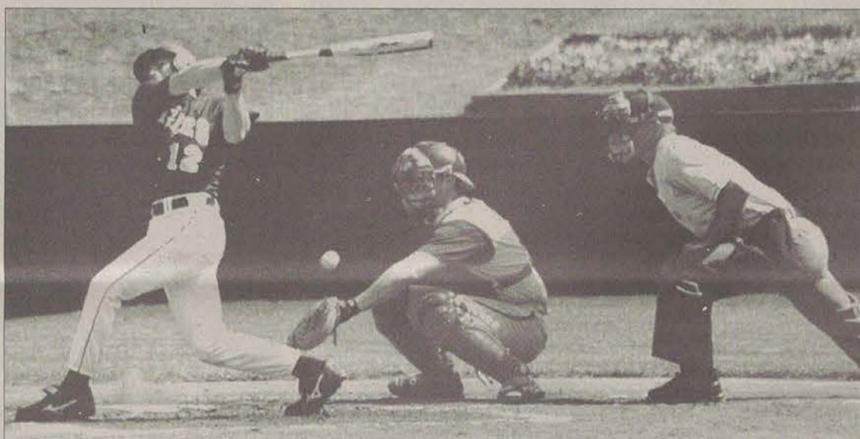
contest in accordance with conference rules. Balcom was then able to come home when Burnsed, who stayed in the game at second base, threw Nix's grounder over the head of Carlos Love at first. In the next at-bat, Nix was able to score from second, when Herring lost track of the Kevin Morris fly in right field.

Revere opened the bottom half of the eleventh with a single and then two batters later, moved over to third on a Walker single. Spearman then came up with another clutch hit, singling to

this weekend, also gave the fans an excuse to forgive and forget, with his performance from the plate.

"With two outs and runners on," said the junior shortstop from Lawrenceville about his game-tying double in the ninth. "I thought it was going to be an off-speed pitch, but [relief pitcher Shawn Holland] left it up for me."

Despite his two errors on Saturday, Spearman was the offensive star for the Eagles, batting 4-for-6 with two runs scored and four runs batted in.



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IMPORTANT MATCH: The Eagles lost two of three games this weekend in a key matchup against Southern Conference foe College of Charleston. The Eagles next take on Georgia Tech in a two game series in Atlanta.

GSU Softball sweeps UNCG in weekend series

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GREENSBORO, N.C. - Crystal Crews and Kim Griffin both finished with two home runs to help Georgia Southern sweep UNC Greensboro in a Southern Conference softball doubleheader, 2-1 and 9-3 in Greensboro Friday afternoon.

The Eagles move to 15-20 overall and take sole possession of first in the SoCon at 7-1, while UNCG falls to 22-17-1 and 2-5.

In the first game, Georgia Southern took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on Griffin's first home run of the day.

The Spartans tied the game in the bottom of the fifth, as Vanessa Massie led off with a single to left field, and came home on Penny Thompson's RBI double.

Crews led off the seventh with her third home run of the season, a shot over centerfield wall, to give Georgia Southern a 2-1 lead it would not relinquish.

Amy Poole pitched the last four innings for UNCG, and gave up one run on two hits to take the loss and fall to 8-7 on the year.

Crews entered in relief in the fifth, and scattered two hits over three innings.

Kristy Norton was 2-of-3 with a stolen base while Massie was 2-of-2 to pace UNCG at the plate. For Georgia Southern, five players tallied one hit each.

In the second game, Georgia Southern took advantage of a costly Spartan error in the second to ring up a 5-0 lead. With two outs and runners on first and third, Stacie Cooper hit a high fly ball to right field which was dropped by UNCG's Tabitha Lewis. One run scored on the error, and after a UNCG pitching change, two more runs scored on two straight passed balls. Griffin's two-run double to centerfield scored the last two runs of the inning.

UNCG got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third, as Thompson's RBI single plated Amanda Johnson for the first run. Jessica Vanderploeg followed with an RBI single to score Jennifer Aguilar, and Thompson scored on a wild pitch later in the inning to cut the lead to 5-3.

Crews homered to center field in the fifth to make the score 6-3, and Georgia Southern sealed the game with Griffin's three-run blast in the seventh.

Crews pitched the last 4.1 innings, and gave up no runs while allowing four hits to earn her second win of the day and move to 7-6 on the year.

Griffin was 2-of-3 with five RBI and a run to pace the Eagles.

The two teams will played the third game of the series at 12 Noon at Campus Field.

Third baseman Penny Thompson went 2-of-3 with three RBI, including the game-winning two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth to lead UNC Greensboro to a 3-2 victory over Georgia Southern in Southern Conference softball action Saturday afternoon in Greensboro, N.C.

The Spartans win the third game of the series after dropping two yesterday to move to 23-17-1 overall and 3-5 in the conference. Georgia Southern falls to 15-21 and 7-2 in the league.

UNCG started the scoring in the first, as Kristy Norton hit a two-out double to left field. Thompson followed with a RBI double to right to score Norton and give the Spartans a 1-0 lead.

The Eagles responded in the top of the second with two runs. Designated hitter Crystal Crews was walked to begin the inning, and Kelly Blazi homered to center field to give Georgia Southern a 2-1 advantage. Blazi's homer was the Eagles' fifth of the series.

The lead stayed in Georgia

Southern's favor until the bottom of the fifth. Jennifer Aguilar hit a one-out single to third, and Norton flied out to center field for the second out when the Eagles made a pitching change and brought in Crews. Thompson greeted Crews as she sent the third pitch over the left centerfield fence for a two-run home run, giving UNCG a 3-2 lead. It was the 10th home run of the year for Thompson, which moves her into a tie for fourth most in a season at UNCG.

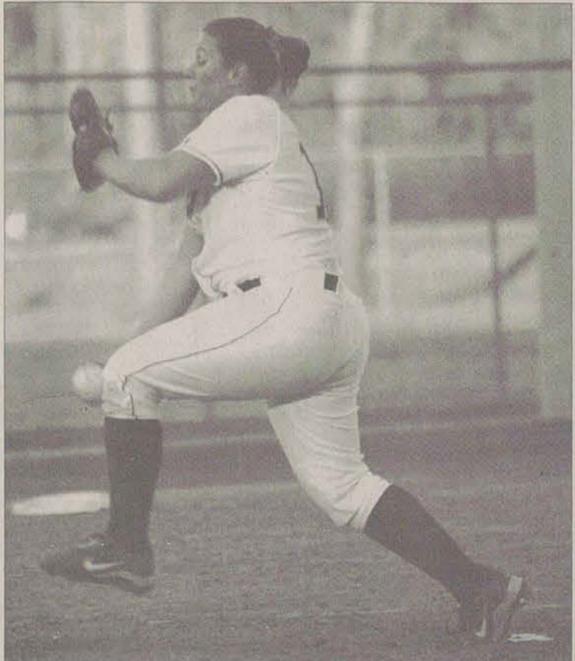
Georgia Southern had chances to tie the score in both the sixth and seventh innings. The Eagles placed runners on second and third with two outs in the sixth, helped by two UNCG errors. But Spartan pitcher Amber

Watson struck out Suzanne Pansulla to end the threat.

Again in the seventh inning, the Eagles placed two runners on base, at first and second with just one out on a third UNCG error. Once again, UNCG ended the scoring threat as it turned a double play off the next batter to earn the victory.

Aguilar joined Thompson in going 2-of-3 at the plate for UNCG. Blazi was 2-of-2 with two RBI for Georgia Southern, while Stacie Cooper was 2-of-2 and Julie Peel was 2-of-3.

Georgia Southern returns to action Wednesday, April 3 when it travel to Atlanta to face Georgia Tech in a doubleheader beginning at 3:00 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

SERIESSWEEP: The Lady Eagles travelled to Greensboro and stomped the Spartans in the three game series to move to 15-20 overall, and 7-1 in the Southern Conference.

GSU opens second week of spring practice

G-A News Service

After a productive initial week of spring practice, head coach Mike Sewak led Georgia Southern back to the Eagle Practice Complex to begin its second week of work with a two-hour session Monday afternoon.

"Generally, I was pleased with the effort which was made," Sewak said following the first week of workouts which was capped with game-like simulation drills featuring all levels of the Eagles' depth chart. "Although we lacked intensity and a little crispness at times last week, I thought we finished strong with a good practice Saturday."

Sewak announced that freshman linebacker Parker Webb, injured during Saturday's drills, will require arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and will be lost for the remainder of the spring.

The Eagles will conduct additional afternoon practices Wednesday and Friday at the complex before heading over to Allen E. Paulson Stadium Saturday for its first official full intra-squad scrimmage beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Of the seven returning starters on the defensive side of the ball, two will be present among Georgia Southern's interior front line, including All-America tackle and 2001 Buck Buchanan Award finalist Freddy Pesqueira. A Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year choice and a two-time unanimous first-team All-SoCon selection by league head coaches and media, Pesqueira topped the unit last season with 133 overall tackles and 15.5 tackles for loss.

In addition, sophomore nose tackle Eric McIntire will be back

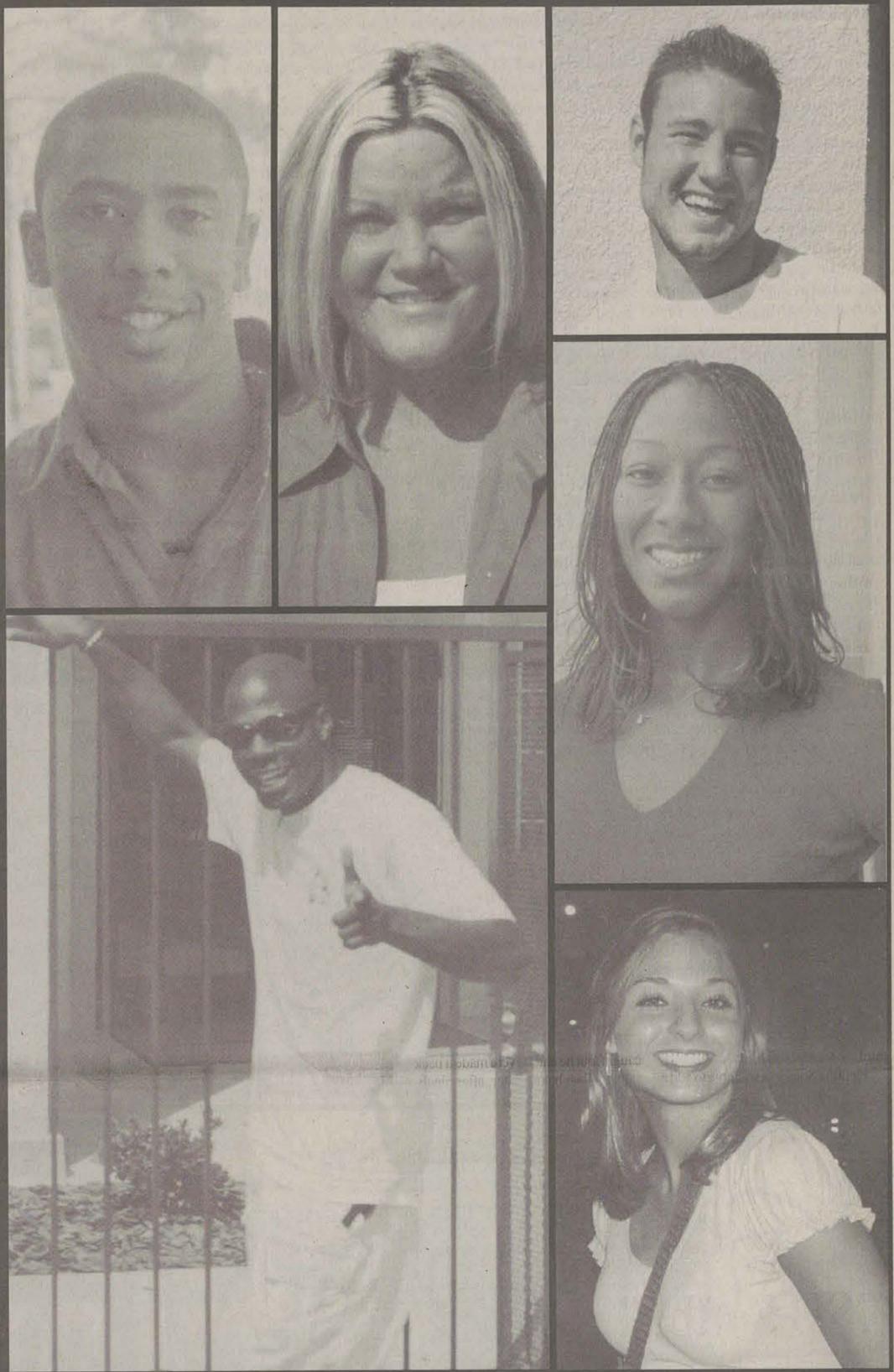
after making 65 tackles, three sacks and seven stops for lost yardage in 11 starts a year ago as a redshirt freshman. Another pair of sophomores- tackles Victor Cabral and Eric Hadley - enjoyed success during their initial season as active players in the Georgia Southern program. Cabral was credited with 32 tackles while starting two of 14 games last season while Hadley made 36 stops in 13 games (one start).

"After watching more film on Freddy Pesqueira during the winter, I'm convinced that he's a better football player than I ever thought he would be," Sewak said. "He will lead a group of kids who have played a bunch and who have played well. Along with McIntire, Cabral, Hadley and Shannon Williams, we've got an interior line which does a tremendous job. They're still awful young too, so they'll be around a while. I'd say that's a pretty good group right there."

The other component of the front line in the Eagles' 4-3 defensive scheme are the two exterior linemen. Despite the loss of starters Jamar Jones and Corey Middlebrooks, Sewak feels optimistic about the potential of juniors Carlton Oglesby and Robert Locke along with sophomores Matt Rio, Derek Adams and DeShawn Jude.

"I expect DeShawn Jude to make an impact," Sewak said. "I think he can play at a high level, or perhaps start, at the defensive end position or at linebacker. Winston Hardson (out for spring/shoulder injury) will also make a run at the end's job in the fall while Derek Adams gives us some good athleticism out there along with Robert Locke and Matt Rio."

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Agassi shares Key Biscayne record with wife Steffi Graf

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida -- American Andre Agassi won the Key Biscayne event for a record fifth time Sunday, beating Swiss Roger Federer 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Agassi, 31, was also the champion in 1990, 1995, 1996 and 2001. The only other player to win five titles was his wife, Steffi Graf.

"I have a shot at passing her, because she's not going to win another one," Agassi said with a grin. "I'm moving up in the household."

Agassi attributes his success on Key Biscayne to the medium-slow pace of the hardcourts and the breezy, hot weather. Because he's in the best shape of his career, the weather conditions didn't faze him.

Instead, he swept the last four games.

"I've just always loved coming here," said Agassi, who was seeded ninth. "I've had some disappointing weeks here, but there have been about five special ones I'll never forget."

Graf won the tournament in 1987-88 and 1994-96.

Is there a rivalry in the five-month marriage?

"I suppose in my own mind there is," Agassi said. "I think we take sepa-

rate approaches toward it. She certainly wants the best for me, and she doesn't really think much about any of her stats over the years. I kind of know more about them than she does.

"But I know mine pretty well. I'm relatively quick to remind her."

Among Agassi's stats: 700 career victories, a milestone achieved by only eight other men.

He reached it by cooling off one of the hottest players in tennis. The 12th-seeded Federer has won 23 matches this year, the most on the ATP Tour, and he beat No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the semifinals.

But Agassi dominated early and withstood a late charge by Federer, who was up a service break in the fourth set. Agassi broke back for 4-4, then broke again on the second championship point.

For two sets Federer looked as if he were playing in his first Tennis Masters Series final, which he was. He hadn't lost a set or his serve coming into the match, but those streaks didn't last long.

Agassi broke Federer three times in the opening set and once more in the second set, repeatedly ripping returns that had the Swiss youngster on his heels if he reached them at all.

"The second set was tough," Federer

said. "I was running around a lot. My pulse was high. I felt like I rushed the whole time, and Andre was playing well."

Federer settled down in the third set, losing only three points on his serve. When he took a 4-2 lead in the fourth set, it looked as though the match might become a test of stamina on the sweltering hardcourt.

"I had another gear that I knew I needed to shift to," Agassi said.

After rallying to 4-all, Agassi won eight of the final 10 points, then raised both arms with a triumphant grin.

He won dlr\$ 456,000 for his 51st career title.

"It gets sweeter every year," Agassi said. "One of the things I'm getting better at as I get older is enjoying it."

Agassi remains 10th in the new ATP Tour rankings this week, while Federer climbs from 14th to 11th. A victory in the final would have boosted him to 10th.

"I'm disappointed I didn't make the top 10 this week because I had a chance," Federer said. "But I feel progress in my game."

Agassi praised Federer's versatility.

"He's got a great game," Agassi said. "And he's still learning how to play. He's going to only get a lot better. I see him as definitely being a threat for one of the best."

Brand, O'Bannon head lineup at Indiana pep rally

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- Myles Brand couldn't hide his excitement as Indiana prepared to play for its first national championship in 15 years Monday night.

He was all smiles. Brand, the university president best known as the man who fired Bob Knight, always believed his choice, coach

Mike Davis, could get the Hoosiers to the brink of a sixth national title.

He just didn't expect it to happen in 18 months.

"We're pleasantly surprised how quickly we reached this goal," Brand said about four hours before tipoff against Maryland. "Of course, we knew we could do it."

Brand spoke during a pep rally of the Indiana Alumni Association in downtown Atlanta on Monday.

The rally was an indication of just how far the Hoosiers pro-

gram has come since Brand announced his decision to fire Knight in September 2000 and just how much healing has taken place.

Eighteen months earlier, Knight loyalists gathered outside Brand's university residence and chanted obscenities while burning him in effigy.

On Monday, those images were all but forgotten. Fans piled into a room, normally used as a conference room, at least 10 rows deep around a stage and six rows deep on the balcony. They carried signs, painted their faces and bodies, wore red wigs and red and white beads, sang and danced for more than an hour.

They listened to a radio replay of the final moments of the Hoosiers' victory over Duke.

The pep band played its usual tunes and the cheerleaders led chants of "Go Hoosiers" and "Turtle Soup."

"There is just so much goodwill and respect for the players and the coach and each other, it does my heart good," Brand said.

Brand was joined at the rally by Gov. Frank O'Bannon, an Indiana graduate who also wore a red sweater.

O'Bannon said he has been to several Final Fours, including 1987 when the Hoosiers won their last national championship in New Orleans. But he had never seen the fans as exuberant.

"I think this beats them all," O'Bannon said with a wide smile. "When I went to the others, I never went to a pep rally. I think people have a lot of pent-up emotion about being in the Final Four, and this is it, their way of letting out."

Brand said the rally was unifying.

"I've never seen excitement like this. It's wonderful," Brand said. "It's great for Indiana and the state of Indiana."

Texas wins third straight NCAA swimming title

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. -- Diving brothers Troy and Justin Dumais led Texas to its third straight NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving title Saturday night.

Stanford had more points in the pool than Texas, but the Longhorns outscored the Cardinal 113-0 in diving for a 512-501 edge and the school's ninth overall title.

It was the closest margin of victory since Florida edged

Texas by 101 1/2 points in 1984.

"We are definitely the Texas diving and swimming team, not the swimming and diving team," said Texas sophomore Brendan Hansen, who set a meet, American and U.S. open records in winning the 200-yard breaststroke.

Texas diving coach Matt Scoggin did not go that far.

"Getting four divers into the top 13 this morning was huge," he said. "It gave our swimmers a big lift. Every point was critical."

Auburn was third with 365 1/2 points, followed by Florida (277), Southern California (272), California (271), Arizona (242), Minnesota (216), Michigan (183) and Georgia (167).

Southern Cal's Erik Vendt, national swimmer of the year, earned a meet-best 57 points, two more than Stanford's Markus Rogan. Troy Dumais, the diver of the year, and Stanford's Peter Marshall each scored 54 points.

Beathard to serve as adviser for Falcons' new owner

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- Former NFL general manager Bobby Beathard joined the Atlanta Falcons on Monday as a senior adviser to new owner Arthur Blank.

"We are privileged to have Bobby working with us for the season," Blank said. "Bobby's deep football knowledge and experience, his personality and his courage of conviction will provide an added dimension and perspective for the club. Coach

(Dan) Reeves and me. I look forward to working with him."

Beathard served as general manager with Washington and San Diego and director of player personnel for Miami.

In his role as senior adviser, Beathard will advise and counsel on organizational structure, philosophy, systems and execution of football operations in the areas of college and pro player evaluation, athletic training and equipment, medical programs, information sys-

tems and salary cap management.

He also will work with football operations and coaching personnel on player assessment.

Blank said bringing Beathard on board does not change the team's plan to continue its search for a general manager.

"We still plan to reassess our general manager search activities after the draft is complete, and Bobby will be involved in this process," Blank said.



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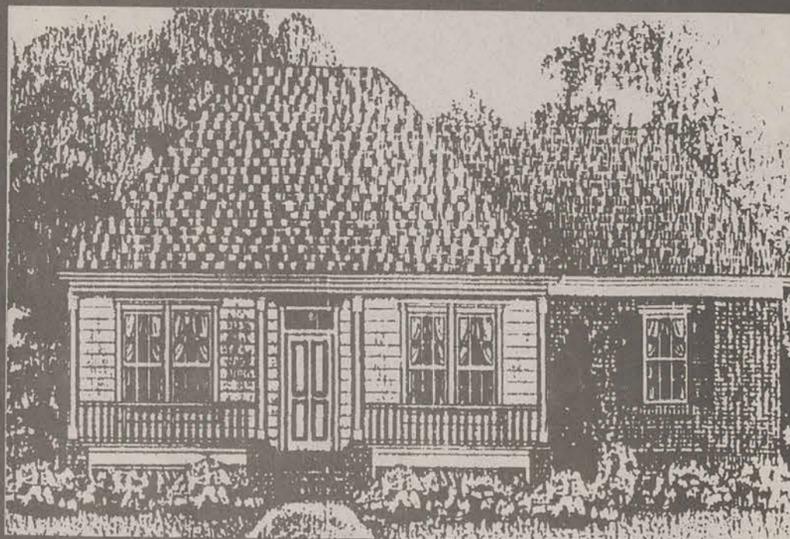
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Men's Tennis falls to UT-Chattanooga 4-3

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in a Southern Conference match at the Hanner Courts on Saturday.

The Eagles won the doubles point as Wojciech Nowak and Darren Clark won at No. 1 doubles and Rohan Williams and Danie Van Den Heever won at No. 2 doubles.

However, Chattanooga won four of six singles matches to take the victory. Darren Clark won at No. 2 singles and Mark Finnegan won at No. 3 singles to account for the Georgia Southern wins.

With the loss, Georgia Southern falls to 7-8 overall and 3-3 in the conference. The Eagles will be back in action Saturday traveling to Appalachian State. With the win, Chattanooga improves to 10-8 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

SINGLES

#1 Jason Ontog (UTC) def. Wojciech Nowak (GSU) 6-4, 6-3
#2 Darren Clark (GSU) def. John Hangstefer (UTC) 6-2, 7-5
#3 Mark Finnegan (GSU) def. Thomas Knizat (UTC) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
#4 Fabian Bechera (UTC) def. Uli Ebensperger (GSU) 7-5, 6-2

#5 Alex Mabred (UTC) def. Rohan Williams (GSU) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5

#6 Tim Kutschera (UTC) def. Danie Van Den Heever (GSU) 6-3, 6-4

Exhibition: James Dickerson (UTC) def. Stephen Dubiensi (GSU) 7-5, 7-5

DOUBLES

#1 Nowak-Clark (GSU) def. Ontog-Kutscheza (UTC) 8-6
#2 Van Den Heever-Williams (GSU) def. Bechera-Dickerson (UTC) 8-5
#3 Kyle True-Hangstefer (UTC) def. Finnegan-Ebensperger (GSU) 8-5

Terps graduate to higher level with NCAA title

KRT Campus

Once upon a time, this is what college basketball was about.

It was a time before the shady shoe-company execs and sports agents became commonplace, when college basketball was a proving ground instead of a steppingstone.

It was a time when being a senior meant something. When college players grew up together, lived and died, laughed and cried together.

The Maryland Terrapins took us back to those times Monday night when they won a school-first national title with three seniors, two juniors and no McDonald's All-Americans in their starting lineup.

It seemed the entire country embraced Indiana, the prototypical underdog-the team with the scrappy players, the buzz cuts and the skinned knees. It is in our makeup to be captivated by the unexpected. That's why Indiana became the darlings of the Final Four while Maryland became the heavies.

Go ahead and give Indiana your love, but make sure to give Maryland your respect. Fairytale stories are great, but there's something to be said for gritty reality stories as well. Maryland didn't

wear glass slippers to the Final Four; it wore work boots. The Terps were supposed to be here, they expected to be here - and they were here.

What Maryland accomplished with its 64-52 championship victory is perhaps even more impressive than what Indiana might have. Living up to expectations is sometimes more difficult than exceeding them. Ask Duke. Ask Kansas. Ask Cincinnati. Ask Oklahoma.

The Terps were the only No. 1 seed left standing. They were the team that didn't have the ups and downs and growing pains that some other teams have had to endure this season. And why is that? Seniors. It's all about seniors.

Guard Juan Dixon, center Lonny Baxter and small forward Byron Mouton never wavered from their goal of bringing Maryland its first national title.

"That's what we came here to do, and we weren't going to be satisfied until we did it," Dixon said.

Maryland could have cracked along the way, but its seniors simply wouldn't let them. In the semi-final, Kansas trailed the Terps by 20 in the second half but closed to five with two minutes left. Maryland's seniors then closed out the Jayhawks. In the champi-

onship, Maryland led for most of the game, but Indiana led 44-42 with 9:53 left. Maryland's three seniors accounted for 14 of the team's points down the stretch.

We hear so much about players leaving early for the NBA that we forget about those who stay late. And those who stay usually make a difference.

Three years ago, it was Michigan State's senior-laden team running Billy's Bambinos-University of Florida Coach Billy Donovan's young squad-out of the gym in the national title game. Last year, Duke won the national championship behind senior Shane Battier. And now comes Maryland, a team filled with players who stuck it out, learned, matured, grew physically and emotionally, improved their games and fulfilled their dreams.

Afterward, Dixon and Baxter rolled around the floor, laughing, crying, hugging. And Mouton embraced Coach Gary Williams with tears streaming down his face.

"We wanted to do something special, and we did," Mouton said.

Three friends. Three leaders. Three seniors.

Three young men who decided they wanted to be the cornerstones of a championship program instead of a footnote in history.

Women's Tennis stumbles to UT-Chattanooga 6-1

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team (3-10, 1-3) dropped a 6-1 decision to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (9-8, 6-0) in a Southern Conference match at the Hanner Courts Saturday.

In doubles play, Chattanooga won the point when at No. 2 doubles, Bethany Everett and Saskia Van Velze edged Charlotte Bruneteaux and Brooke McNamee 9-8. Earlier, the teams had split with Georgia Southern winning at No. 1 doubles and the Lady Mocs winning at No. 3.

Amy Bartlett was the lone winner in singles for the Eagles as she bested Charlotte Goude (6-0, 6-1) at No. 1 singles.

The Eagles will be back in action Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. hosting the College of Charleston in another Southern Conference match at the Hanner Courts.

SINGLES

#1 Amy Bartlett (GSU) def. Charlotte Goude (UTC) 6-0, 6-1
#2 Cynthia Oulevay (UTC) def. Sarah Iqbal (GSU) 6-1, 6-1
#3 Catherine Allen (UTC) def.

Brooke McNamee (GSU) 6-3, 6-0
#4 Saskia van Velze (UTC) def. Charlotte Bruneteaux (GSU) 6-0, 6-4

#5 Bethany Everett (UTC) def. Callie Ward (GSU) 6-2, 6-3
#6 Stephanie Miles (UTC) def. Sally Williams (GSU) 6-0, 6-0

DOUBLES

#1 Bartlett-Ward (GSU) def. Oulevay-Allen (UTC) 8-5
#2 Everett-van Velze (UTC) def. McNamee-Bruneteaux (GSU) 9-8
#3 Goude-Laura Henry (UTC) def. Iqbal-Williams (GSU) 8-5

Eichelberger wins rain-shortened Emerald Coast Classic

Associated Press

MILTON, Fla. -- Dave Eichelberger has tried to work out any kinks in his game by himself ever since getting totally opposite advice within moments from a couple of other pros 20 years ago.

Eichelberger, again working alone, started feeling a difference a couple of weeks ago and Sunday ended a three-year drought on the Senior PGA Tour by winning the rain-shortened Emerald Coast Clas-

sic. "Just through mostly tinkering with my stance, moving my feet around a little bit, I've gotten into a position that feels a lot more square," Eichelberger said. "I feel like I'm going to stand there and just knock it right down the middle."

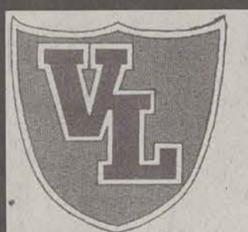
That's just what he did in the first round Friday when he hit his 12th career hole-in-one, using a 7-iron on the 185-yard eighth hole.

"That turned out to be the differ-

ence," Eichelbergersaid. "I never knew it at the time; first time I've ever had anything like that make a difference."

He shot consecutive 5-under 65s for a two-stroke victory over Doug Tewell, still two back after 10 holes when the final round was called off at The Moors Golf Club.

Lanny Wadkins was third, four strokes back at 134. Hubert Green finished at 135, and Tom Jenkins, Dale Douglass and Dana Quigley followed at 136.



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New music DVDs make the most of the format

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Music DVDs continue to multiply tenfold weekly. Granted, for every new title there are five reissues - sometimes beefed-up (see the Kinks' "One for the Road," which now sports

a commentary track from Dave Davies), sometimes designed to fool (as is the case with John Lennon's "Sweet Toronto," which does nothing to fully restore D.A. Pennebaker's film of the 1970 festival).



Internet Photo

BJORK: Just one of several artists producing their albums on the new music format for DVD's.

Yet most of the new titles continue to make the most of the format, adding notable bells and whistles to already engaging performances:

Bjork - If you love the Icelandic sprite, you have reason to rejoice (and part with about \$75) as she has issued the first three installments in "The Live DVD Series" (all from Elektra, \$24.99 each). Though one-third is a cheat: "Live at Shepherd's Bush Empire" has been available on VHS for some time and, because it was a gauzy shoot to begin with, is improved only marginally in its transfer to DVD. (Plus, no extras. And by the way, be

careful when purchasing, because all three covers are nearly identical.)

The other two, however, are great additions to the growing library of Bjork visuals.

One combines her 1994 "MTV Unplugged" appearance with "MTV Live" show from four years later. The former finds the singer at her most playful, less reserved and more conventionally sexy, while devising all sorts of unusual arrangements for her then-new material: "Human Behaviour" for (great big) voice and harpsichord, "One Day" for percussion ensemble, "Aeroplane" for saxophone trio. The latter, meanwhile, is beyond atmospheric, six songs (including the finest "Isobel" in the set) laced with trippy effects that makes it seem as if she's performing inside an icy funhouse.

But if you can afford only one, get "Live at Cambridge," her most dramatic concert film.

Accented by knob-tweaker Mark Bell and the divine Icelandic Octet, the music here shifts from merely gorgeous to rapturous, with captivatingly chilly entries like "Hunter" and "You've Been Flirting" complemented by livelier pieces like "Hyper-ballad."

Fewer crowd shots and it would have ranked among the best ever. In

any case, the series is a worthwhile venture. Presumably her tour of opera houses for "Vespertine" will arrive at some point. Perhaps then it will be a more rewarding experience.

Travis - I have my problems with these Scots, who have gone from intriguing rockers to nice-guy saps much too fast. Still, "More Than Us - Live in Glasgow" (Epic, \$24.95) can't help but elicit smiles, because it captures the lads relishing a headlining gig at a hometown festival that drew more than 50,000 fans. The set list is heavy on so-so cuts from "The Invisible Band," but it's redeemed by a lovely take on "Why Does It Always Rain on Me?" and mighty renditions of early gems like "U16 Girls" and "All I Want to Do Is Rock." Special features: multiple angles on three songs, subtitles so you can learn the lyrics, a detailed discography and a road diary of a documentary that proves they really are that sweet, even when Fran Healy's caught naked on the toilet.

Pete Townshend - For two nights in late February 2000, not long after his "Lifehouse Chronicles" had premiered on the BBC, Townshend presented its musical passages in stunning form at the small Sadler's Wells in London. A few months later he would appear bored and abysmal as

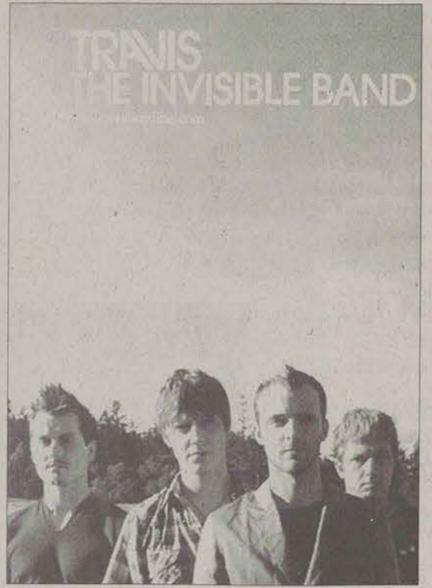
the Who schlepped across America. Thus the excellent "Music From Lifehouse" (Image, \$24.99) should remind him why it makes more sense to revisit his past in fresh ways.

Here, the new settings he brings to old standbys (no drums, for starters, just percussion) seems to invigorate him - he sings cleanly, even touchingly, and makes the most of placing his acoustic guitar flourishes against the beauty of the London Chamber Orchestra.

"Behind Blue Eyes" sounds like it did on "Scoop," the electronics of "Baba O'Riley" and "Won't Get Fooled Again" aren't overwhelmed by bombast for a change, and the meanings behind

"Relay" (a vision of high-speed communication that presages the Internet) and "Pure and Easy" (the hearth inside "Lifehouse") are greatly amplified.

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TRAVIS: Another band taking advantage of the new Music DVD format, Travis added video of a local festival to the DVD.

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Dennis Quaid displays his signature laidback charm in 'The Rookie'

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Look up "likable" in your home dictionary and you'll find the eternally boyish Dennis Quaid grinning back at you.

Quaid, who owns up to being 47, has this quality: People genuinely like the guy. Moviegoers are drawn to his easygoing, no-bull manner. Last year they've wanted to protect and mother him from tabloid stories about then-wife Meg Ryan's affair with Russell Crowe on the set of "Proof of Life."

Quaid has never pretended to be without blame in the breakup but was naturally cast as victim by the media. Once again people seemed to think, "How can he be the bad guy in this? He's so damned likable!"

"I have no idea where that image comes from," Quaid says in an interview to promote "The Rookie," a true-life Cinderella sports fable from the Disney people that opened Friday. "I guess I feel a little uneasy talking about my 'qualities.' It's not something I consciously cultivate."

Still, it's there, in spades, in "The Rookie." Quaid plays West Texas high school teacher/former minor league pitcher Jim Morris, who came back from a shoulder injury at age 35 to break into the major leagues. Quaid plays Morris as soft-spoken and a shade sad, a loving husband and father. The film rates a G for wholesomeness, but it could stand for Quaid's signature good-naturedness.

"I'm just trying to be myself," he insists, "to live my life and, you know, be a good person ... and remember where I came from, and that just because I do movies or happen to be famous, that doesn't make me more important or better than anyone else."

Currently, as the joint-custody father of 9-year-old son Jack, Quaid is concentrating on being the dad he never had after his parents' traumatic divorce. His daily regimen includes chauffeuring Jack to and from school, along with playing golf and picking scripts that resonate with him.

He liked "The Rookie" because, like "The Natural" and "Field of Dreams," it was a baseball movie about more than baseball.

"It's about second chances with your dreams and second chances with the relationships in your life," he says. "You see so many films where it gets sappy with the sentiment. Here, the sentiment is earned because

you've been on this journey with this guy, who is quite ordinary but who happens to do extraordinary things."

So far, "The Rookie" has collected high-fives from the critics as well as from Major League Baseball. Indeed, this leisurely biopic could become the year's first sleeper hit. And Quaid, who has appeared in a number of good but undersold movies, including "The Big Easy" and "Frequency," could use a career-rejuvenating hit that plays to the entire family.

"We didn't start out to make a G-rated movie," the actor recalls. "I

And there's nothing worse, he reckons, than a movie star on the mound who looks like a movie star.

"I've seen so many sports movies where the actors look like they don't have a clue what they're doing," he says. "It takes me out of the movie."

So when approached to do "The Rookie," he shook his head and protested, "Hey, I'm an old guy! What do you want with me?"

But the director and producer had seen him hurl a football in "Everybody's All-American" and, more recently, in "Any Given Sunday" and knew he moved like an athlete. They said, "No, no - you can do it!" And so Quaid went into training at what he calls "fantasy camp."

"I practiced throwing a lot with Dodger pitcher Jim Gott and from the mound at Dodger Stadium. I can't throw the ball 98 miles per hour like Morris could, but I thought it important to look like I could."

Quaid's next film, "Far From Heaven," is the antithesis of "The Rookie." He calls it his "anti-family film." Quaid plays the perfect husband in a perfect '50s neighborhood who is caught cheating on his perfect wife, played by Julianne Moore. "It's a twisted homage to director Douglas Sirk," he explains. "Everything seems perfect on the outside, but people are harboring these deep, dark secrets."

Quaid could be describing his own real-life melodrama, which combined adultery, deception and "exclusive" tabloid photos.

"Yeah, it was a hard time - like a soap opera for sale on the newsstand," he recalls with a pronounced shudder. "Having your private life spread out on the sheets like that - it's ugly. It makes you feel ugly, too, no matter how well you're trying to live your life."

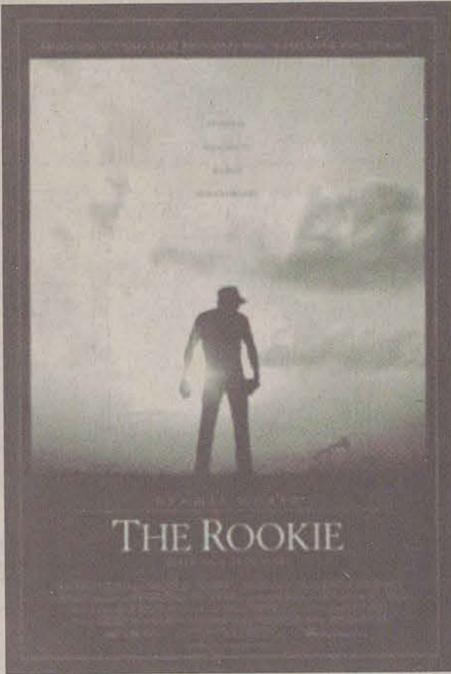
Has his animus for Crowe cooled? "I think he's a good actor, but as a human being I won't say what I think."

Crowe seems to be self-destructing very nicely on his own these days.

"That's not my problem. I didn't see 'A Beautiful Mind.' I don't go to his movies. Why would I do that?"

Any chance for a reconciliation with Ryan?

"Maybe a reconciliation as friends, but the relationship has changed now. We're on good terms. We talk almost daily because of Jack. We didn't battle over our son. That was the good part about it all: We didn't use him as a weapon."



Internet Photo
SECOND CHANCES: Dennis Quaid stars in a new film about a man joining the major leagues late in life.

could have gone back in and just looped a few choice words and made it a PG-13 real quick. I know what G has come to mean. I go to a lot of kids' movies with my son, and I wind up having a nice nap for an hour and a half because they don't really speak to me."

"The Rookie," by contrast, is "a film for adults that kids can relate to as well," he says.

It's also a long-shot sports fable that, at times, feels too amazing to be true. Quaid agrees. "When I first read the script, I kept saying, 'It's a good thing this is not a fictional character.' If it had been, I think I'd have turned down the movie because I wouldn't have believed it. So many things happen to this guy in quick succession that are just extraordinary."

Quaid almost did pass on "The Rookie," based on Morris' autobiography, "The Oldest Rookie," but for another reason: his age. Though in excellent shape - "I hang onto my vanity," he says with a laugh - he hadn't hurled a baseball since his days as a Houston Little Leaguer.

Acupuncture has some good points, report finds

KRT Campus

Whether the problem is high blood pressure, muscle pain or arthritis, people in China turn to needles the way most Westerners swallow pills for relief.

Acupuncture is such an ingrained part of Chinese life that many people seek out their acupuncturist twice a day for chronic conditions, said Dr. Kaifeng Qian, a Boca Raton, Fla., physician who grew up in Shanghai.

"In China they go in for treatment before work and pay 20 cents, and then go for treatment again on the way home and pay 20 cents," Qian said (pronounced "Chin").

Western physicians have long been uncomfortable with acupuncture's emphasis on seemingly unscientific concepts such as harmonizing a patient's yin and yang, and balancing their meridians.

Yet research summarized in the March 5 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine suggests that measurable changes take place in the brain and body's biochemistry during an acupuncture session.

Summarizing dozens of recent studies on acupuncture, the author, Ted Kaptchuk, finds proof that acupuncture helped several

conditions. Chemotherapy patients suffering from drug-induced nausea and vomiting reported relief. So, too, did pregnant women suffering through morning sickness. Other studies have found a benefit for people suffering from toothaches, jaw disorders, fibromyalgia, bronchial asthma, and possibly osteoarthritis of the knee, the medical journal reports.

"Thirty years ago, most physicians considered acupuncture a Chinese equivalent of voodoo," Kaptchuk writes. "... In a very short period, acupuncture has changed from a cultural curiosity to an alternative therapy that, at a minimum, deserves a respectful hearing."

In 1997, a National Institutes of Health panel found "clear evidence" that acupuncture was effective for treatment of nausea, and possibly dental pain.

Studies show that acupuncture causes the body to produce its own pain-relieving chemicals, such as endorphins. But Kaptchuk says other research suggests acupuncture offers no help for conditions like strokes, ringing in the ears, smoking or drug addiction.

Qian, a Florida physician who has studied both Western and traditional

Chinese medicine, uses acupuncture hand in hand with prescription drugs to treat patients with back and joint pain, irritable bowel syndrome and asthma.

"If it is well under control I try to withdraw pain medication gradually until I just use acupuncture alone," he said.

But the greatest obstacle to acupuncture's more widespread acceptance may be lack of insurance coverage. Unlike the 20-cent treatments in China, acupuncture here usually costs between \$70 and \$100 per session. Most conditions require multiple sessions over the course of several weeks to produce sustained benefits. The sessions can take 20 minutes to an hour.

"For pain control, I would like to do it every other day, but most patients cannot afford that," Qian said. "Some patients respond well and after seven or eight treatments you can discharge them."

Some out-of-state private health plans have started to cover acupuncture for some conditions. For several years, Medicare has suggested it might begin to cover acupuncture in the near future, too.

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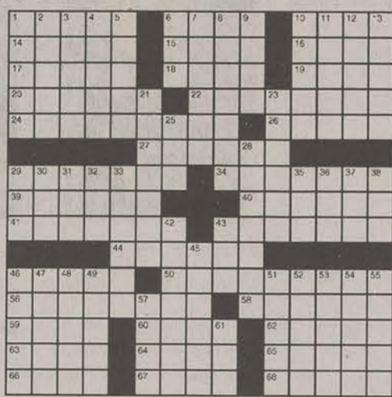
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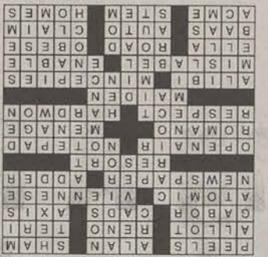
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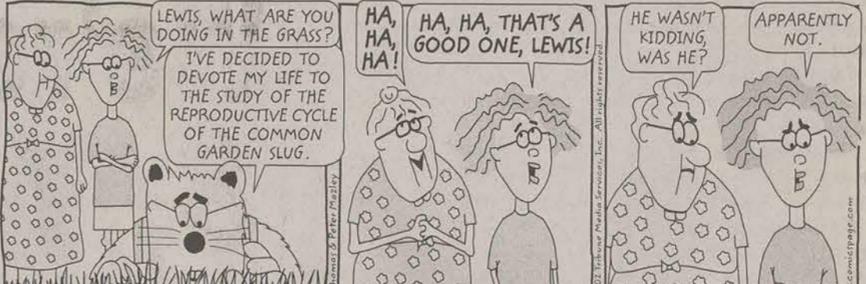
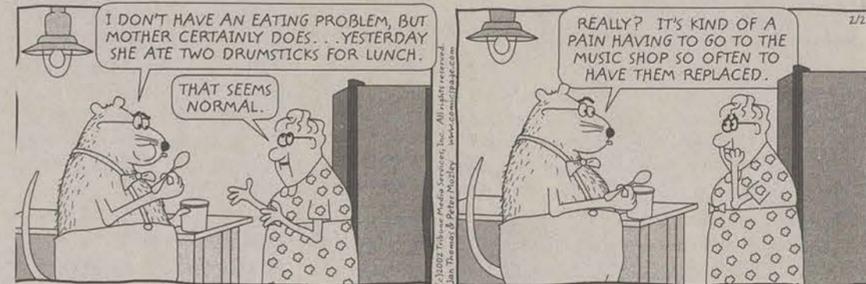
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You can conquer, but not divide: It must be math anxiety

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Many Americans suffer from a condition known as "math anxiety." We have developed a simple test to help detect it.

Our test uses a sample question from the College Board's SAT exam, designed to be doable by a typical high school senior. The question follows:

"Helpers are needed to prepare for the fete. Each helper can make either 2 large cakes or 35 small cakes per hour.

The kitchen is available for 3 hours, and 20 large cakes and 700 small cakes are needed. How many helpers are required?"

Try to solve this problem. (Note the SAT's tricky use of the hoity-toity French "fete" rather than the honest English "party.")

This is just one of many ways the SAT tries to trip you up. But we digress.)

The answer to the above math question is 10. Ten helpers would be needed to make the cakes.

If you could calculate the answer, or came close, you're good at math and therefore almost certainly free of "math anxiety." You may stop reading this story now and go do some calculus or whatever.

If you didn't know the answer, got a little angry and imagined smashing those 20 large cakes into the helpers' smug faces, you're not good at math and might very well suffer from math anxiety.

You should probably keep reading this story.

But if your stomach flipped over like a pancake on the breakfast griddle at Shoney's, your brain went blank as an Enron bank account, your vision swam in a blurry sea of numbers, and you couldn't even attempt to solve the problem - well, without question, you have math anxiety. And this story is for you.

No one knows for sure why some people are so good at math and others so bad. Those of us in the second category knew early on we had a problem with "problems."

We never understood that cherubic first-grade teacher who chirped about "the wonder of numbers."

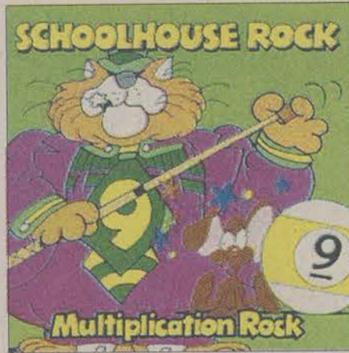
We got deer-in-the-headlights paralyzed when that steely sixth-grade teacher commanded, "Go to the board, do Problem 12 and show your work." (So even if you happen to guess the answer, you still lose.) Math hated us. We hated math. We came to believe that math was simply inhuman - it cared nothing for love, hate, courage, creativity, blood, sweat, tears, right and wrong. Math had no values but accuracy.

A wrong answer was a wrong answer. End of discussion. No recourse, no appeals. (Recalling his school days, civil-rights leader Malcolm X once said: "The subject I most disliked was mathematics. ... I think the reason was that mathematics leaves no room for argument.")

We got through school, though. We bought lots of calculators and went into careers that didn't require math - English, telemarketing, journalism, crime. We see math gurus occasionally - they tend to be kids or cartoons, or both, like Jason in Bill Amend's "Fox Trot" comic strip or Lisa on "The Simpsons." (Lisa is a genius, but it's her bratty brother, Bart, and dullard dad, Homer, who get on all the T-shirts. Ha.)

But there are real math mavens, too. One is Pakistan's leader, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who was kind enough to let the United States use his country as a staging area against Osama bin Laden, and who will get pretty Texas-themed Christmas cards from George and Laura Bush for the rest of his life. In a Newsweek profile published in January, Musharraf casually mentions that he's "very good in mathematics." (A challenge! A dare! The gunslinger brags!)

All righty, Newsweek's reporter slyly asks ... what's 67 times 73? (Show us your powers, Mathman!)



Internet Photo
MATH ANXIETY: Many people have a fear of math and now there is a test that can detect it.

After "think(ing) only a moment," Musharraf shoots back, "4,891."

Get the calculator, do the math: $67 + 73 =$ agh, CLEAR - try again - $67 \times 73 =$ CLEAR (this, it should be noted, is the same word the "E.R." paramedics shout when they slap the "paddles" on you) - once more - $67 \times 73 =$ Yep, 4,891.

He got it right. And he did this in his head. He's not a politician, he's Data from "Star Trek."

He can balance every check-book in Pakistan and unify his party at the same time. Thank heaven he's on our side.

The terrifying genius known as Musharraf has almost certainly never been to the Web site called mathanxiety.net. Not surprisingly, it's for people with math anxiety.

The Internet is a good place for this, since its foundations were built by a handful of geeky, brilliant scientists, but now it's surfed by billions of numbskulls. You could say that we numbskulls have domesticated the Internet, made it safe for everyone. (Call this the Homer Simpson Effect.)

Anyway, this Web site - <http://mathanxiety.net> - begins by asking: "Do you have a fear of mathematics?" (YES!)

The site continues: "I have interviewed hundreds of people who have a fear of mathematics. ... (Some) came to the conclusion that they would either be good with numbers or with words, but (not) both. ... Besides, math seemed dreary, never fun. ..."

Someone who understands! The "I" who's writing this is Sheila Tobias of Tucson, Ariz., author of two books on math anxiety, the first one of which was published in 1978. We called her and asked for help, or absolution, or something.

Tobias was firm but soothing, like the Wizard of Oz gently letting down the Tin Man.

No one on Earth was ever born bad at math, she said, but among the nations, the math-challenged tend to be American - more women than men, more blacks than whites.

"Males have math anxiety, too," Tobias said. "But it debilitates women more. Men grit their teeth and see it as a problem to conquer. Women just sort of collapse" and get "permission" from parents to avoid it.

Schools make math uniquely stressful, Tobias said. "Going to the blackboard, having to stay at the blackboard (until you solve the problem) - those things don't happen in English."

Occasionally, Tobias said, a school counselor will try to use "math anxiety" as a real, clinical illness, a reason to let a student out of math courses. "It's not a disability, it's an attitude," Tobias said. What does all this mean for us, though? The math-challenged since childhood? We came to you for help, Wizard!

Tobias sees it this way: Someone who has feared and loathed arithmetic since first grade probably will never be a mathematician. But he or she can attain what Tobias calls "math mental health" - the willingness to learn the math you need, when you need it."

The Wizard's time ran short. She could not say more. But in parting, she noted that her books on how to deal with math are available through Amazon.com. Calculators, as always, are available through Eckerd's. And the president of Pakistan, if you wish to cheat off his algebra tests, is available through the United Nations.

Boro' band Elohsa wants to rise to the top

By Ean Sonnier
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There is a new band emerging from the nightlife of Statesboro that seems to have it all. They're name: Elohsa.

They played at Dingus Magee's last Wednesday night. They played cover songs from bands that ranged from U2 to System Of A Down.

They also performed original songs that captured the audience with jagged riffs and awesome melodies reinforced with powerful lyrics.

The lead singer, Travis Royce, performs with great energy and keeps the crowd moving with his wide-ranged voice and his long, captivating screams.

Brandon Kunka is the guitarist whom plays with a great fury, skill, and attitude while also lending his voice to back-up.

Sam Jameson, the bassist, has a

natural sense of rhythm and keeps each song in a groove for the rest of the band and crowd. Robbie Tacheney controls the drum set with powerful beats that make each song they perform even more impressive.

Elohsa has been together for a year now and are steadily making a name for themselves with their great performances and ever expanding cover song list.

To explain how talented they are as individuals as well as a band, none of the members of Elohsa play their primary instruments.

In fact, the vocalist and the guitarist are actually percussionists for GSU.

Each member of the band has a great love for music and continues to practice in order to sharpen their skills.

So what makes Elohsa so attractive to listeners? "I have a passion for music. It's my life," responded gui-

tarist Brandon Kunka. Travis decided to be the vocalist for Elohsa. "There's a lot of things you can't express through percussion that I can express through words and melody being a vocalist," said Travis.

"They're a diverse, fun group of people that help express myself on stage," said bassist Sam Jameson. And Robbie, when asked what he wants in the future for the band said, "to get to a higher level, by playing bigger venues and also continue to grow as a band."

They're the next band from Statesboro that you don't want to



Lauren Good/STAFF
ELOHSA: This Statesboro band performed at Dingus Magee's Wednesday night.

miss. You can check out the Elohsa website at www.elohsa.com to see as well as listen to one of the hottest upcoming bands.

Elohsa will be playing in front of the RAC this Sunday sometime between 3-7pm as well as on April 13 at the WVGS Battle of the Bands.

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Israel tries to discredit Arafat; Sharon calls on him to go into exile

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JERUSALEM - Israeli officials sought to discredit Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Tuesday by releasing a document they say links him directly to terrorism, while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon offered him a "one-way ticket" to exile.

The Israeli military accelerated its efforts to dismantle Arafat's Palestinian Authority, rounding up hundreds of prisoners and targeting his key lieutenants.

Five days into a spreading military campaign to halt terrorist attacks on Israel, Sharon's government seemed increasingly bent on eliminating Arafat's power base as well.

The document released allegedly is an expense reimbursement request dated Sept. 16, 2001, from the al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which has conducted many of the bombings, to Fouad Shoubaki, the head of Arafat's financial administration and a close aide. The document was found at Arafat's Ramallah compound.

It requests reimbursement for several expenses, including 20,000 Israeli shekels (\$4,200) for "various electrical components and chemical supplies (for the production of charges and bombs)," according to the Israeli government's translation of the document's original Arabic. "This has been our largest expense," it says, citing a cost of 700 shekels (\$146) per bomb. "We need about 5-9 bombs a week for our cells in various areas."

The document is a "terror invoice," said Col. Miri Eizin, an Israeli military intelligence officer. She said she did not know whether

the reimbursement had been made.

While President Bush has called daily for Arafat to do more to halt the terrorist attacks, Sharon and his aides appear to have concluded that he never will. They are targeting the infrastructure and many of the personnel Arafat would call on if he wanted to institute a cease-fire.

Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships Tuesday shelled the headquarters of Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's preventive security chief, who has been a key player in cease-fire negotiations with U.S. Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni.

Israeli spokesmen said Rajoub was harboring militants who were high on Israel's most-wanted list. After a U.S.-mediated cease-fire at the complex in Baytuniya, outside Ramallah, half of the 400 people inside surrendered for questioning by Israeli forces.

While Rajoub, who fled the area, was not the target, Palestinians said the events would undercut, if not humiliate, him. There were reports of threats against him by the militant Islamic resistance group Hamas, apparently in response to the surrender.

Sharon's strategy leaves unclear whom Israel will negotiate with on the Palestinian side once the anti-terrorism campaign, called "Operation Defensive Shield," is complete.

"We clearly have a problem on our hands," said Dore Gold, a top Sharon adviser. "Where we go from here, we will see once our military operations are finished."

While "Israel has no interest in dismantling the Palestinian Authority," Gold said, "There's no question... that Yasser Arafat is part of

the problem."

Sharon, visiting Israeli troops at a base on the West Bank, suggested he would like to see Arafat sent into exile, an outcome the Bush administration opposes because of fears that it would only boost Arafat's status as an international celebrity.

"It's got to be a one-way ticket. He would not be able to return," the Israeli prime minister told the soldiers. In addition, he said, Arafat would not be able to take anyone with him if he left his confinement in Ramallah, because there are "murderers" in his retinue.

Any decision on exile would have to be approved by Sharon's Cabinet, where the Labor Party probably would oppose it.

Exile is "a highly academic issue" because Palestinians would never accept it, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, of the Labor Party, told CNN.

Indeed, Arafat aides immediately rejected Sharon's remarks.

"Arafat said there is not a single Palestinian who will accept going into exile under any circumstances," said a top aide, Saeb Erekat.

Israeli cities were free of suicide bombings Tuesday, although Israeli media reported that a would-be bomber was killed near the northern West Bank city of Tulkarm.

Along Israel's increasingly volatile northern border, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group in southern Lebanon fired mortar shells and anti-tank missiles at Israeli military posts in an area Lebanon claims. Israel, which says it has complied with U.N. resolutions and withdrawn from Lebanese ter-



WEST BANK: Israeli soldiers take up positions on top of their Armored Personal Carrier (APC) near the west Bank town of Nablus.

ritory, responded with artillery fire and fighter jets, the military said.

The action was part of "a gradual escalation on the part of Hezbollah," Gold said, adding that Israel had complained to the United Nations.

On the West Bank, Israel's military continued to fan out through Palestinian areas and was in action in Ramallah, Bethlehem, Tulkarm, Qalqilya and several towns near the city of Nablus.

The fiercest fighting was reported in Bethlehem, where Palestinian gunmen and Israeli armored personnel carriers fought street battles near some of Christianity's holiest sites. An Italian broadcast journalist told Reuters that about

200 Palestinians took refuge in the Church of the Nativity, traditionally revered as the birthplace of Jesus. He said Israeli tanks were outside, but the situation was calm early Wednesday morning. The journalist said he and five other journalists were trapped in the church complex.

Palestinian officials alleged that Israel's actions were causing increasing civilian casualties, and Israeli spokesmen acknowledged harm to noncombatants.

"Sadly, civilians are hurt. We're very aware of that," Col. Eizin said. "As a state, we apologize."

But Palestinian gunmen are using churches and other religious

structures as hiding places, firing from them on Israeli forces, she said.

Israel has said its campaign is not intended to reoccupy Palestinian areas of the West Bank that were ceded in the 1993 peace accords forged in Oslo, Norway. But in the meantime, it is being forced to assume more responsibility for Palestinian civilians.

The Israeli military lifted a curfew in Ramallah for four and a half hours Tuesday, and helped distribute gas, fuel and dairy products.

Supplies also were delivered to Arafat and his comrades, including 660 pita breads, 13 cans of hummus and 55 cans of sardines.

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Beathard serves as adviser to Falcons' new owner

Associated Press
 ATLANTA - Former NFL general manager Bobby Beathard joined the Atlanta Falcons on Monday as a senior adviser to new owner Arthur Blank.

"We are privileged to have Bobby working with us for the season," Blank said. "Bobby's deep football knowledge and experience, his personality and his courage of conviction will provide an added dimension and perspective for the club, Coach (Dan) Reeves and me. I look forward to working with him."

Beathard served as general manager with Washington and San Diego and director of player personnel for Miami.

In his role as senior adviser, Beathard will advise and counsel on organizational structure, philosophy, systems and execution of football operations in the areas of college and pro player evaluation, athletic training and equipment, medical programs, information systems and salary cap management.

COFFEE HOUR, FROM PAGE 1

Hour," said Vicki Bostwick, from the Center for International Studies.

"Every campus in the U.S. celebrates International Week in some way," explained Mark Tubbeh, Coordinator of the International Students Program. "Some places celebrate it as an International Day, and others do it for the whole week."

Nearly 200 students came out to get to know each other and learn a little about other cultures.

"I think it's really cool, because you get to meet people from all the countries, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and you get to see all the differences and similarities we all have," said Karina Cortes, who is from Costa Rica.

The International Coffee Hour takes place every Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Churches, banks, student organizations and civic clubs take turns sponsoring the weekly event.

"I think it's great that international students have a chance to get together and make others aware of the different cultures," said Geetha Ramasway, a former student from India.