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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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Mostly cloudy with a high of 79° F and a low of 61° F.

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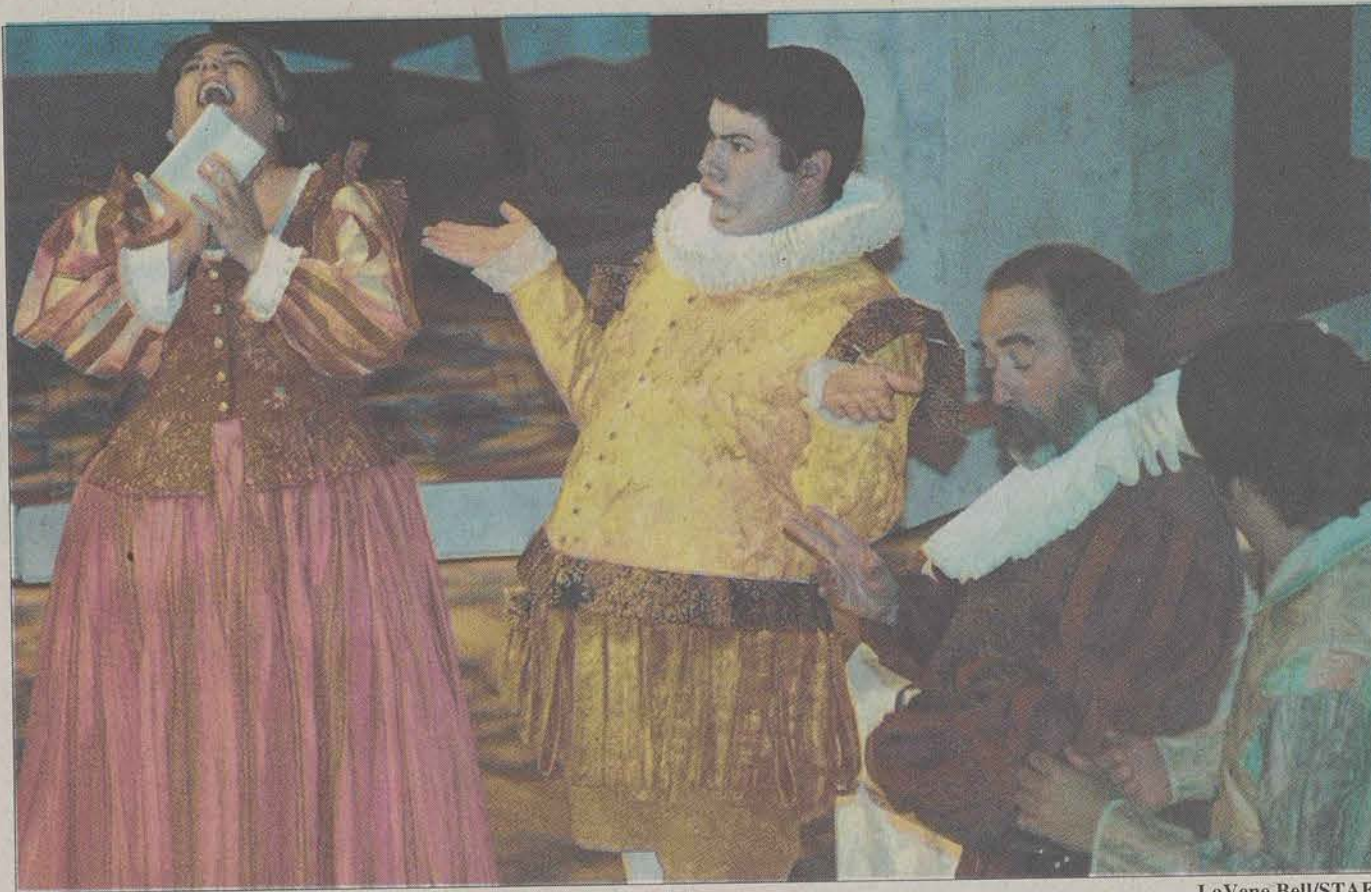
CINEMA ARTS

- Cinema Arts will present 'Five Senses' on April 15 at 7:15 p.m. in the Union.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- The Eagles will host Davidson on April 13 at 1 p.m.

'Twelfth Night' opens



LaVene Bell/STAFF

ACTING THE PART: From left to right - Jennifer Bolt, Robert Meguiar, James Harbour and Richard Flynn act out one of many humorous scenes in 'Twelfth Night,' Theater and Performance's biggest production of the 2001-2002 academic year.

By V.A. Patrick Slade
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When washed ashore in a strange land, a woman assumes the guise of a man because she fears for her life.

She gets a job from a local Duke. Disguised as a male, the woman becomes the target of affection from the Duke's girlfriend.

When her presumed dead brother comes to town, he is mistaken for his cross-dressing sister. On top of that the woman falls in love with her boss-- the Duke-- but can't show it.

When a drunk, a clown, and a puritan are

thrown into the mix, all chaos ensues.

Is this a premise for a new television show? No, it's a plot for Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night", being preformed tonight and Saturday in the Nessmith-Lane Performing Arts Building. Show time is 8:00 p.m.

Brandy Spencer stars as Viola, the woman washed ashore the strange land of Illyria. Statesboro audiences will remember from her roles in "Tartuffe: Born Again," and "Arcadia."

Justin Evans stars as her twin brother, Sebastian. Evans has previously held roles in

"The Kentucky Cycle" and "The Actor's Nightmare."

As the lovesick Duke, Jeff Kozee, along with Olivia, played by Tiffany Domingos, help bring this timeless Shakespearean love quadrangle to life.

The case is quite impeccable and is filled with familiar faces that have graced the stages of GSU in past. Nick Middlekauf, Ryan Arrona, Ryan Haywood, Michael Abbott, Mat Lott, Amber Grigsby and Lauren Rentz are

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Campus celebrates 75 years of Student Media

By Angela Jones
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Georgia Southern threw a party yesterday that would even make Tinsel town sit up and take notice.

More than 350 people turned out to attend the all-day birthday bash for GSU's three student publications. The George-Anne, the Reflector and the Miscelany are celebrating their 75th anniversary.

WVGS provided a live remote broadcast and guest appearances from disc jockeys.

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., nearly 200 students showed up to consume more than 400 slices of Little Caesar's pizza, 575 Krystal burgers, two whole sheet cakes and countless cups of Coke.

In fact, the food seemed to be the biggest attraction present.

"I heard there were going to be Krystal burgers, so I came to eat a few of them," said Drew Bain. "I can't afford to turn down free food,

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Adam Drew/STAFF

MONEY SHOT: For a dollar, students and administrators were invited to fling pies at the faces of *The George-Anne's* most infamous columnists, Chris Brennaman and Jake Hallman. Above, President Grube receives long awaited satisfaction.

GSU's Morris is Miss Hawaiian Tropic Key West

• Senior uses Southern charm to wow Florida Spring Break crowd

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Spring Break is all about having fun and taking a breather from studies. Friends save money, pile in their largest car and leave town for a week of fun in the sun.

And for one student, at least, it paid off-literally.

Brandy Morris and a group of about 15 friends left Statesboro and headed down the Interstate bound for Key West, a popular Spring Break destination and the southern-most point in the continental U.S.

Morris left as an average student and returned Miss Hawaiian Tropic Key West.

"I couldn't believe it," Morris said. "All these girls had come from all over to win. I was excited."

Traveling the hot spots of the islands, Morris and her friends heard of a bikini competition that would take place in a couple of hours. The pageant was classy and tasteful, not your average wet tee-shirt contest, so not just any swimsuit would suffice, she said.

So Morris and a girl friend immediately hit the streets to find the perfect swimsuit.

Morris arrived five minutes before the contest began and just after the deadline for contestants. She pleaded to a judge to be allowed to compete. The judge, with his back turned, initially said "No."

She was forced to open up a can of that southern belle charm. "Are you sure you can't take one more sweet Georgia peach," Morris asked.

Obviously they could, and it was so. Morris was now an official contestant with 14 other bathing beauties, who came from as far away as North Dakota to compete in the "physical competition" bikini contest.

Each contestant modeled a swimsuit of their own and one supplied by Hawaiian Tropic, as well as answered an on-stage question.

Morris was asked, "What is the one song you will remember from Spring Break when you go home?" Her response: "Sippin' on Gin & Juice."

Morris elaborated that in Georgia, the song held true.

However, in Florida, the group had to convert to Gin & "Squirt". It is an inside joke, she said, but the audience loved it and gave her a rousing applause.

In fact, it was much like a fall football game at Paulson, she said. Friends estimate that more than 50—possibly 100—students from GSU were in attendance.

Familiar chants such as "Whose House" and "Georgia" "Southern" were yelled while

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GSU students arrested for guntrafficking

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Two GSU students were arrested earlier this week on alleged charges of "knowingly making or causing to be made false statements" on records required to purchase guns.

Yannick McKie, 23, was arrested on Monday and Richard Rasheen Waldburg, 24, was arrested on Tuesday.

The pair is accused of purchasing guns from a federally licensed dealer in Atlanta and then trafficking them to New York for resale. None of the guns were purchased in Statesboro.

McKie and Waldburg were charged on a two count indictment for purchasing 25 pistols for resale. Sonny Fields, group supervisor of firearms trafficking for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said that they are aware of at least 20 more pistols involved in the "gun-running" scheme.

"It seems like it's not a very serious scheme, but the consequences are very serious," Fields said to the *Statesboro Herald*.

Both posted \$25,000 bail and were released pending a criminal trial. The date was not available at press time.

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Statesboro woman jailed for falsely reported abduction

G-A Staff Reports

A woman who alleged she was abducted from the Lowes of Statesboro was arrested Wednesday by the Statesboro police on one count of False Report of a Crime.

Patricia Ann Bramblett, 42, of Bloomingdale, told officers and family members she was taken by an unknown male on April 7 and not released until three days later.

Statesboro Police Corp. Larry Kirkland and Det. Craig Coleman and Terry Briley responded to East Georgia Regional Medical Center in reference to Bramblett, who was being treated by emergency room personnel.

Through evidence and interviews conducted with the alleged victim, hospital personnel and family members, it was determined that no abduction took place.

Evidence showed that Bramblett had left her residence on April 7 with a large sum of money given to her by family members to pay utility bills, but she used the money to allegedly purchase illegal drugs, authorities said.

The case has been turned over to Det. Craig Coleman for further investigation.



Special to the G-A

SOUTHERN VICTORY: GSU Nursing major Brandy Morris celebrates a Spring Break surprise.



Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

April 9

• Philip Cason reported \$60 was taken from his wallet at the RAC.

• Christopher Smith reported someone scratched his vehicle with a sharp object in the Olliff Hall parking lot.

April 10

• John R. Skinner, 19, of Hendricks Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• Candace Westberry reported her book bag was taken from the Forest Drive Building.

April 11

• Christopher F. Carlton, 20, of

102 Hawthorne II, was charged with DUI, driving with suspended license, driving on the wrong of the road expired tag and no proof of insurance.

• Harold James Grizzard Jr., 19, of 400 Knight Drive, was charged with possession of marijuana and making an improper turn.

Statesboro Police Department

April 9

• Tiffany Nichele Berry, 21, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and headlights required.

• Anna Allgood, 19, was arrested for DUI and defective equipment.

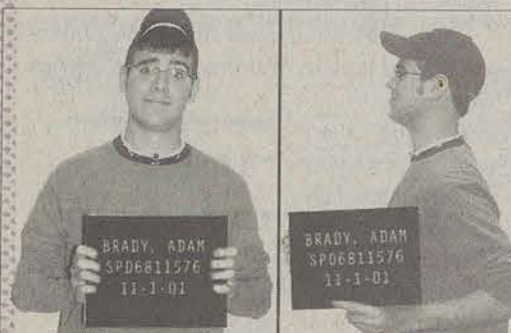
April 11

• Dave Demetrius White, 19, was arrested for suspended license.

• Morgan Blake Nesmith, 19, was arrested for failure to maintain lane, DUI, and possession of fictitious license.

--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.



BRADY'S CRIMES OF THE WEEK

Watch Your Mouth

There's a little saying that goes something like "When in Rome..." I always liked to end it with "...don't make fun of the Romans."

When you're waiting for your car to be repaired at a local auto mechanic's shop in the middle of Southeast Georgia, the last thing you want to do is make a wisecrack about the surrounding community, as one woman found out.

After commenting to her friend on how she "could not wait to get out of this country-ass town," the mechanic servicing her car let her know that the rate of repair had just doubled from \$100 to \$200.

But which was more criminal, the

audacity of the remark or the sudden change in fees? You be the judge.

Power Locks, Windows, and Flame Throwers?

It really is ridiculous what they're loading up automobiles with these days.

One local area woman arrived at her home this past week just in time to see her car burst into flames. The Statesboro Fire Department later attributed the mysterious fire being started by a wiring shortage somewhere in the car.

This wouldn't be all too strange if a second incident of a car going aflame wasn't reported in the same week.

A diligent Statesboro Police Officer stopped one woman for having a defective taillight, and after the woman stepped out of the car to speak to the officer the car caught fire from under the hood.

The cars' spontaneously combus-

ting are not what interests me any longer, but how the Statesboro Police Officer pulled that woman over just in time for her car to burn is what is a true mystery.

It is this reporter's belief that several of the local police officers have somewhat of a sixth sense. I'm just glad they're on our side.

One Hell of a Party

I've read about several parties this year ending in tragedy. Individuals arrested for possession of various illicit substances, driving under the influence of the substances or even fighting with one another while operating with those substances in their systems.

Nothing I've seen so far, however, quite measures up to this shindig.

The apartment owner reported that after a party her tenants had thrown, two heat pumps were found to be severely damaged, the dumpster had been completely overturned, and many of the bushes around the building had been pulled out of the ground and thrown into the pool nearby.

I have a single response to this event, and it may be completely stated in one word: Wow.

On-Campus News Brief

OUT WEEK

"Same Sex Unions: A Journey from Early Christianity to Sarah and Suzie's Wedding at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro" will be presented on today at 7 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2048. This program will feature a study that explores the church's varying stances on same-sex unions as well as homosexuality in general, from early Christian roots to present-day practices.

All Out Week events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at (912) 681-5409.

PRINT MANAGEMENT

The Georgia Southern University Print Management Program will host an expo of printing industry technology and career opportunities on Friday, April 12. The expo, entitled "Print Is Everywhere," will be

held in the Neesmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on the Georgia Southern campus.

"The purpose of this expo is to promote the industry and to make the industry and our program more visible," said Jim Holmes, the coordinator of Georgia Southern's Print Management Program.

The "Print is Everywhere" event will begin at 10 a.m. with a career awareness expo featuring a number of leading printing companies and manufacturers of print-related equipment. Among the companies represented will be Heidelberg USA, which has the largest international sales and service network in the industry, and Quad Graphics, the largest privately owned printer in the western hemisphere. Other companies scheduled to participate are Apple Computer, MacPapers, CTS Industries, Stevens Graphics, Paris Packaging and Miller Zell.

The expo will conclude with a

reception and dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Nallen from Newsweek magazine. Nallen is responsible for all of Newsweek's printing operations, including quality control, advertising makeup (weekly) and plant transmissions. He also works closely with the paper department.

The expo is free; the cost for the reception and dinner is \$15 per person. Both are open to the public. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Tuesday, April 9.

Additional information, including registration information, can be found on the expo's website at www2.gasou.edu/printmgmt/everywhere or by contacting Georgia Southern's Division of Continuing Education and Public Service at 912-681-5555.

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

Georgia News

Bill requires sex offenders to notify colleges

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Convicted violent sex offenders would be required to register with a college or university before enrolling or working there under a bill that passed the House Tuesday.

Certain sex offenders already must register with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation after serving their sentences.

Primary and secondary schools are

then notified when a convicted sex offender moves to their area, but there is no similar provision for colleges.

The bill, which passed 141-0, also stiffens the penalty for not registering with the GBI. It would become a felony not to report, instead of a misdemeanor. The penalty would be one to three years in prison.

House sponsor Mike Boggs, D-Waycross, said the changes are needed to comply with federal law.

The bill does not require registration for statutory rape offenders who were under 18 when convicted. Adults convicted of statutory rape would have to register.

An amendment to require the GBI to notify child care centers of registered sex offenders nearby was adopted without objection.

The bill now heads back to the Senate, where it passed in a different version last month.

Lawmakers OK driver's license renewals by mail, Internet

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Georgia drivers will be able to renew their licenses by mail or on the Internet under a bill that won final approval in the Legislature.

Gov. Roy Barnes pushed for the bill as a solution to long lines at license

offices. The House voted Tuesday to agree with a Senate version of the plan, sending it to Barnes to sign.

The bill gives the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety authority to issue renewals electronically or by mail. Every other time a driver renews, or

every eight years, a personal appearance would be required.

Licenses for new or out-of-state drivers still would be done in person.

Mail-in renewals are tentatively slated to begin July 1, with the Internet option to begin Sept. 1.

Delta, alliance partners announce deal to serve Coca-Cola

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Delta Air Lines and its five SkyTeam Alliance partners will serve Coca-Cola products

on all flights under an expanded agreement announced Wednesday. Delta, the nation's third-largest

carrier, recently announced a new deal with Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co. to continue serving Coke soft drinks on its flights.

The beverage deal covers SkyTeam members Aeromexico, Air France, Alitalia, CSA Czech Airlines and Korean Air. Air France previously served Pepsi products.

Coke and PepsiCo Inc. have increased the visibility of their battle over high-profile beverage accounts in recent months. United Airlines and the National Football League recently switched from Coke to Pepsi, while Coke has signed a deal with Regal Cinemas.

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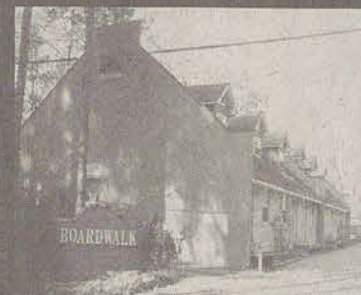


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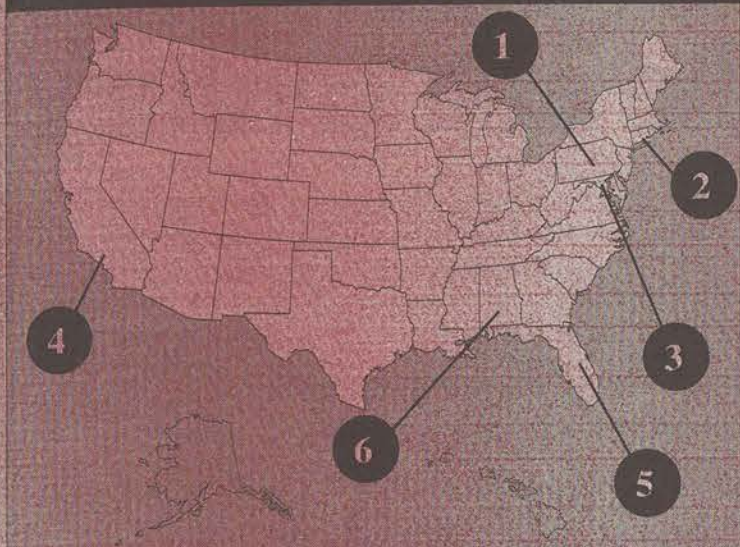
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ONLY IN AMERICA...



1 Pennsylvania

Dog eats, then returns \$200

HATFIELD- Never was stolen money in more need of laundering.

It all started when Sue Gadaleta cashed a check and got two \$100 bills, which she put in her coat pocket along with some other money. Little did she know that Mia, her Doberman pinscher, was watching.

"The next morning I went to get the money and it wasn't there," Gadaleta said. "The five and a few singles were there, but not the one-hundreds."

Gadaleta searched the house, but found nothing - until she went to clean up a mess her usually well-behaved dog had left in the basement.

"I saw this little piece of paper, with a one-zero-zero on it," she said.

Then Gadaleta was faced with a decision- how much did she really value a couple of Ben Franklins?

Gadaleta called her veterinarian, who said everything would be out in 24 hours. So she spent the next day watching Mia like a hawk, and then inspecting, collecting, washing and re-washing, and assembling the pieces.

Then she called the bank.

"We all thought it was hysterical," said Helena Baron, branch manager of the Univest (formerly Union National) in Line Lexington. "It was the first time we ever had anything like this happen."

Gadaleta said she had half of one of the bills, but Baron told her she had to have at least three-quarters and all the serial numbers. "Anyone can cut a bill in half and go to two different banks," Baron said.

Gadaleta was finally able to piece together at least three-quarters of both bills and took them in a plastic bag to the bank. She got two "fresh" bills and the old ones went to the U.S. Treasury, where they were destroyed, Baron said.

2 Connecticut

Governor silences mother by buying her cigarettes

SOUTHINGTON- Gov. John G. Rowland has found a way to silence the loudest critic of his new cigarette tax. He pays for her smokes.

The governor's mother, Cerie Rowland, told The Associated Press last month she was mobilizing her bridge club to oppose the 61-cent increase her son had proposed to help close the state's budget gap.

According to the Record-Journal of Meriden, Rowland good-humoredly told state agencies at a luncheon on Friday that the secret to keeping his 70-year-old mother quiet is as simple as paying her off with cigarettes.

"I have bought her silence. It cost me \$60 a month more. I buy all her cigarettes," Rowland said. "Believe me, it was worth buying her silence on this."

3 Maryland

Calf rustling suspect also wanted for Eastern Shore tire theft

FREDERICK- A Pennsylvania man accused of carrying off calves is now wanted for stealing tires from a

farm machinery dealer on the Eastern Shore.

Robert S. Painter Jr., of Needmore, Pa., remained at large Tuesday, said Maryland State Police Trooper Marty Speak.

Painter, 39, who stands about 6-foot-6, allegedly stole tires and wheels from Jones Implement, a John Deere equipment dealer in Cambridge. Painter is believed to have gotten a ride to the Ocean City area on Saturday, a day after Jones Implement was burglarized, state police said.

Painter disappeared last month after posting \$50,000 bail in Fulton County, Pa., where he is accused of trying to sell calves stolen from farms in Frederick and Montgomery counties in Maryland. He failed to appear for a court date in Frederick County nine days later on burglary charges.

Painter was arrested in January at a livestock market near State College, Pa. Police said Painter had stolen two dozen calves from Maryland, apparently by lifting the 120-pound animals out of their pens at night.

Painter, who formerly lived in Martinsburg, W. Va., is known in West Virginia as "the lumberjack" for allegedly stealing nearly \$200,000 worth of lumber and building supplies from Wickes Lumber in Frederick in 2000. The items were recovered last year in Charles Town, W. Va.

4 California

Investigation ordered after rats chew on a dozen bodies in LA coroner's storage unit

LOS ANGELES- A county supervisor has ordered the coroner's office to investigate how rats were able to infest a converted garage where corpses were kept and gnaw on a dozen bodies.

Officials said Monday that 61 bodies were kept in the refrigerated garage for long-term storage because the coroner's office was full.

The infestation was discovered in February, but the coroner's office announced it Monday only after KMEX-TV reported last week that rats had disfigured several bodies and that hundreds of other bodies were improperly handled.

Coroner's spokesman David Campbell denied any handling problems besides the rodents.

County Supervisor Mike Antonovich directed the coroner's office Monday to investigate problems with vermin, ventilation and refrigeration systems.

Campbell would not provide details on the trauma to the bodies, but said in some cases the rats gnawed only on the material in which corpses were wrapped.

Campbell could not say when the infestation began, but said rats may have invaded after the demolition of an earthquake-damaged medical center nearby.

Exterminators have since been called in and workers have sealed a gap between a wall and the floor.

The garage is used for bodies that cannot be immediately identified, or whose relatives have been unable to afford burial or cremation. Relatives have been notified about the damaged corpses, Campbell said.

5 Florida

Miramar teen, unfit to stand trial, enters governor's race

MIAMI- An 18-year-old who at 16 was charged with felony

grand theft in connection with a fraudulent greeting card business has filed to enter the Florida governor's race.

Despite being 12 years short of the minimum age to serve as governor, Ryan Lipner of Miramar managed to open a candidate account with the state Division of Elections. He's listed on the agency's Web site and claims to have raised \$41 million in campaign contributions.

"I'm the first kid to pull this off, it's a big trophy for me," said Lipner, a high school sophomore. "I thought they were going to catch me right away."

State officials said there is nothing they can do.

"People file papers with us, and we accept them," said Clay Roberts, director of the state Division of Elections. "We don't have the authority to look beyond that."

According to court records, Lipner has bipolar mood disorder and has been declared mentally incompetent to stand trial on felony charges brought against him for allegedly stealing more than \$106,000 in merchandise through a bogus greeting card business.

Prosecutors say he started his own business card corporation, opened three card stores and then bought excess inventory from other local card shop operators by pretending to be the owner of three Hallmark stores in Broward County.

Police recovered most of the items but eight vendors pressed charges.

At the time, Lipner laughed about what he did, and bragged to police and the media about how he'd get off as a juvenile with nothing more than probation or a slap on the wrist.

The Miami law firm of Hughes, Hubbard and Reed, which Lipner claimed had donated the \$41 million to his gubernatorial campaign, denied giving the teen any money.

"I might not win, but this is a blast," Lipner said. "I want to see how far I can get."

6 Alabama

Richard M. Nixon on the ballot in Alabama; it's no joke

BIRMINGHAM- Political leaders thought it was a joke when Richard M. Nixon walked in, plopped down \$1,400 and said he wanted to run for state agriculture commissioner.

"Funny name," a worker said with a smirk, thinking the man was using the name of the late president in an expensive prank.

It wasn't a joke.

Richard Milton Nixon says he really is in the race - and he was steaming Monday over his treatment by Republican party officials who thought he was a bogus candidate using the name of President Richard Milhous Nixon, also a Republican.

"I've been getting this all my life," said Nixon, 41.

Nixon is well known in his hometown of Pell City, about 30 minutes east of Birmingham. His father, A.E. Nixon, served on the City Council and was mayor, and Richard Nixon once ran for council but lost.

Nixon runs a restaurant and used to be a golf pro. Phil Seay, chairman of the county Republican party, said most locals refer to Nixon by his nickname: Doughnut.

But Nixon felt he was getting the brush-off when he telephoned Alabama Republican headquarters - on April 1 - gave his name and asked a worker to send him qualifying papers.

"I called them on April Fool's Day - I didn't even think about it," he said.

Party officials, who had initially thought he was a prankster when he gave them a check for \$1,400 to register as candidate, later verified his

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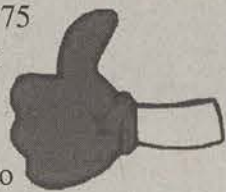
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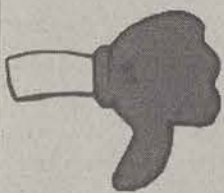
• **THUMBS UP** to 75 years of GSU student media.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to student "gunrunnings". Don't we have better things to do?

• **THUMBS UP** to the fact that there are only 21 days of school left. (Today doesn't count.)

• **THUMBS DOWN** to part of the Comm. Arts ceiling caving in. Hell, thumbs down to the whole building.



• **THUMBS UP** to breaking ground on the new College of Information Technology.

Thoughts of the day

• Cherish forever what makes you unique, 'cuz you're really a yawn if it goes. — Bette Midler

• A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. — Bob Hope

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A new addiction for the 21st century

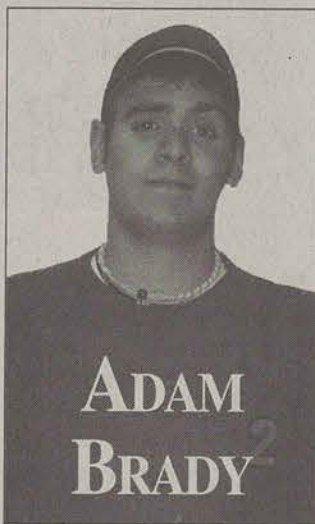
There is a problem facing the youth of today far more dangerous than past generations have ever seen.

The allure of social acceptance associated with illicit drug use pales in comparison to the inherent appeal of this new trend. Money, power, respect: those involved in this frightening new habit desire for them all. And with this emerging addiction, the user finds the ability to attain them all.

I'm speaking of gunrunning.

Behind closed doors and in dark hallways the gun trade has routed itself deeply in the fabric of our community. Before anything could be done to stop the activity head on, it has already begun to lure our residents into its evil grasp. The glamorous allure of respect bought with money and lies has tempted several individuals in the area, and if not stopped soon, will no doubt spread throughout the rest of the student body.

College-aged youths have been tempted by many evils in the past, but none so terrible as this. Guns and their inclusive act of "running" tempt students much like other illegal activities such as underage drinking, using so-called "recreational" drugs, and premarital sex. But after the discovery that such an activity as the



ADAM BRADY

fire arms trade was taking place here in our college town, all efforts have been focused on stopping the new fascination.

Two GSU students were arrested this week on allegations of operating an alleged scheme incorporating the gunrunning activity. After purchasing firearms here in Georgia, the alleged heads of this organization sold the weapons to New York. The two were charged only with the sale of handguns, but had this plot not been uncovered, how far could it have gone? Rifles? M-16's?

Rocket-propelled grenade launchers? The discovery of this plot comes after several GSU regulars were found to be in possession of firearms, one student toting an assault rifle in his vehicle. Though the University began a campaign weeks ago informing students "Don't Bring it Here," the crusade to stop individuals from bringing weapons on campus has so far been as effective as the Christian Crusades to the Middle East during the Dark Ages.

It seems that if we as a society are not more careful and observant of our youth as a whole, we may have another situation just as grand as the Napster incident on our hands. Just imagine the proportions of having to fight another war on something so elusive as drugs, theft or worse: terror.

We must stop this new evil by fighting it head on. Task forces to seek out firearm rings and underground organizations involved in the trade of weapons should be formed. Regular sweeps of residence halls on campus should become just as common as resident advisors looking for students drinking or smoking in their rooms.

Random searches of individuals during their classes should happen hourly along with the immediate employment of several canine units to sniff out guns and

their components. Metal detectors should be installed throughout the campus, and anyone refusing to a search should be immediately taken into custody and carefully investigated for linkage to an underground gunrunning organization.

We must act now before it is too late. We along with the rest of America's youth represent the future of our nation. Without the strict guidance that past generations see as the solution to our problem, we may be forced into dealing with the same experiences they all possess. And experience is something that only they should have had to suffer of.

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Enjoy some of GSU's beauty and culture

For the past three days, I've felt a continuous sense of nostalgia.

Much of the time we commit things to memory in one of two ways. The act of remembrance can be entirely obligatory, as with the course material in a required but disliked class. Or, it happens rather unwittingly and with repetition, as with most daily events. Both of those methods seem particularly ineffective for achieving successful long-term recollection.

Every now and again we enter a moment, the smallest details of which we want to make a conscious effort to remember. That's where I've been this week.

This occasional desire of mine to mentally record everything within view usually doesn't last long. In fact, I'm expecting it to end any moment, but I continue to find myself in notable circumstances. Therefore, I can't help but ponder the origin of this pre-reminiscent attitude.

I don't know if it's part of getting older or the change of the season. Maybe it's an influx of new and interesting experiences, which happens to everyone in college. Perhaps it's just the right mixture of spontaneity and scheduling. In any case, I'm doing my best to

savor it. I suppose one could venture to say I've been high on life; not necessarily that of myself, but more accurately the interactions I enjoy as a result of being alive.

This is, in part, a sequel to arch-nemesis Brady's recent call for student involvement. It is additionally a suggestion that could ameliorate your quality of life. It can be so rejuvenating to seek out some random activity on the spur of the moment.

Wednesday it rained the whole day through. As the afternoon slipped away it was pouring harder than ever. Despite the weather, or maybe even because of it, a friend and I went out walking to get some dinner. We set out for a meal at the legendary "Southern Sh*ttydishes" and to the new Performing Arts Center to check out "Twelfth Night."

With or without my umbrella in hand, I didn't mind walking in the rain. I wasn't in the mood to care about getting my hair wet. I was glad about friendly company and conversation. My watered-down cup of Cherry Coke tasted better by the time we reached the Arts Center simply because drinking it still refreshed all the energy I'd expended by chit-chatting and keeping a lively pace around the mud puddles on the way there.

It had been so long since I'd been out to do something extraordinary that merely approaching the ticket window excited me.

Until attending the performance last night, I'd never seen the auditorium of the new building. I'm not a big theater buff, but I can respect damned good craftsmanship when I see it. The design of the entire place could only be described as beautiful. I don't believe anyone could enter the room without being compelled to take the nearest seat, just for a moment,

and take a good look around.

The more people filed in, the more friends I noticed in the seats and rows around me. I even knew two of the actors in the play. What on earth is better than being surrounded by wonderful people and admirable art?

The play was well done, and a fantastic break from reality. Perhaps I found even more of an escape in taking the initiative to go out and see it than in watching the performance itself. What a way to treat oneself to a classy experience, and for the high price of two dollars!

We're smack-dab in the middle of a very stressful time in the semester, and coincidentally there is a lot going on around campus. In fact, it's been a rough academic year altogether as far as world events are concerned. It's easy to toughen our skins against the pressure of school and the explicit realities assailing us from every angle. It's entirely possible that soaking up a bit of company and culture (other than the brand provided at the local clubs) is exactly what we students need to un-desensitize ourselves some and enjoy life to a higher degree.

We have recently been graced with an extremely fine Performing Arts facility and have always had a campus full of active departments. If you're finding yourself burned out and the typical parties just aren't refueling your tank, try checking out something you've never bothered to acknowledge as a plausible filler of your agenda. You might be surprised at how fulfilling it can be.

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Mideast fighting continues on eve of Powell's visit

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JERUSALEM - A heavy barrage of rockets pounded Israel's northern border with Lebanon Wednesday and suicide bombing resumed, one day before Secretary of State Colin Powell arrives in Israel on a difficult peace mission.

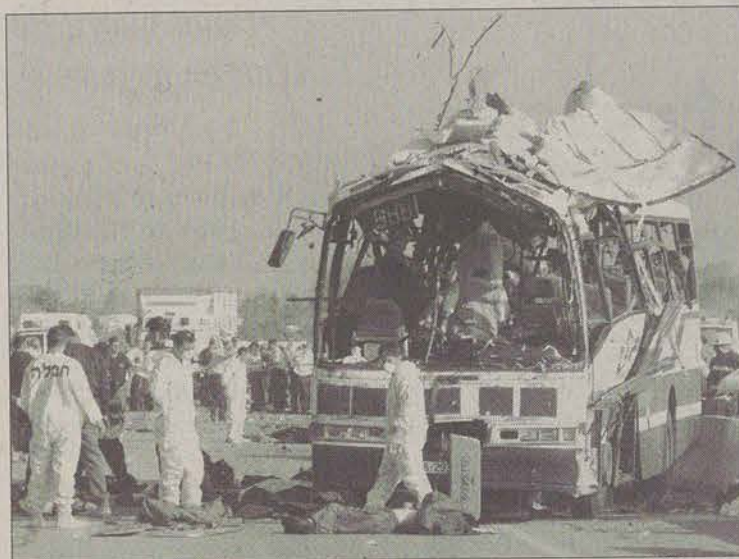
Further complicating Powell's mission, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon stiffened his resolve and said the military offensive on the West Bank would continue, despite mounting U.S. and other international pressure for a swift withdrawal.

"We have to accomplish our mission," Sharon told cheering soldiers at an Israeli base near the embattled West Bank city of Jenin.

Even before his arrival, Powell urged both sides to stand down. The secretary of state is expected to offer to send U.S. observers to the West Bank after Israel withdraws its troops, as part of a cease-fire plan.

"Violence of whatever form, whether one could call it an act of terrorism or an act of resistance, at this point is counterproductive," Powell said in Spain.

He plans to arrive in Israel Thursday night and to meet with Israeli officials Friday. Palestinian officials said they expected Powell to visit Yasser Arafat in his besieged headquarters in Ramallah on Saturday,



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PERSISTENT VIOLENCE: Israeli crime scene investigators look at the scene of an exploded bus on a main road near the port city of Haifa, Israel Wednesday April 10. A suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body blew up the crowded morning rush-hour bus killing at least eight people and wounding 14.

and Powell seemed determined to do so.

"I believe it is important for me to meet with Mr. Arafat," Powell said. "He is the leader of the Palestinian people."

Along the increasingly active northern border between Israel and Lebanon, guerrillas from the radical Hezbollah movement fired more than two dozen rockets at Israeli positions

on the disputed Golan Heights and elsewhere.

At least one Israeli soldier at a border post was wounded, Israel said.

In response, Israeli warplanes repeatedly blasted suspected guerrilla positions.

The guerrilla attack was the most vigorous along the border since Is

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TWELFTH NIGHT, FROM PAGE 1

just some of the many people who have worked tirelessly to bring this classic tale to life for GSU audiences.

Fellow alumni join other familiar faces on the GSU stage. Robert Meguire, who has had memorable roles in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "A Fitting Confusion" and "Measure for Measure," plays the silly Sir Andrew Aguecheek.

Jennifer Bolt, another alumna, whose theater experiences in "Anton in Show Business" and "Oedipus the King," lends her talent to the role of Maria, Olivia's chambermaid.

Alongside the GSU students and

alumni, many faculty members are participating in the performance.

Richard Flynn, professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, plays Fest, the clown. Mical Whitaker, of the Department of Communication Arts, plays Malvolio. James Harbour, also of the Department of Communication Arts, plays Sir Toby Belch.

The acting is not the only thing that makes this production stand out. Its scenery and costumes add a touch of class to GSU Theater.

Taking on two hats for this production, Gary Dartt designed the scen-

ery and directs the piece. His wife Brenda Dartt designed and made the elaborate costumes.

This duo has been lending their talents to GSU for many years and each time the show's are a testament to their hard work and true gifts as each set and costumes are finely crafted and impeccably superior.

Light design is by Joe Ben Deal, and Technical direction is by Patrick Battles.

Student tickets can be purchased for \$2 at the Athletic Ticket Office, at the Box office of the Performing Arts Center or by calling 912-681-0123.

ANNIVERSARY, FROM PAGE 1

I'm broke, and underfed as it is now."

Exhibits celebrating seven decades of student media at GSU decorated the Rotunda outside Russell Union, and several dozen water bottles, key chains and pens were given away as party presents.

The Swing Cat Society, dressed in their party finery, was on hand to dance the morning away. The group gave away a few free lessons, too.

"We're a group of students that get together once a month to swing dance and have fun," said society member Danielle Sorenson.

Jenn Webb, the Swing Cat Society's Shorthand, thinks there's more than enough fun to go around.

"We love to entertain, and would love to have many new swingers join us every week," she said. "We'll be glad to train and teach you too."

GSU president Bruce Grube even made an appearance at the festivities, showing off his hula hooping

infamous columnists: Chris Brenneman and Jake Hallman.

Even Grube got into the act, bashing Hallman with a pie, and buying pies for 20 others to hurl as well.

"Hitting Jake Hallman in the face with that vanilla pudding pie mess was the highlight of the event for me," Grube said.

Less messy, but equally fun, events included a program that honored alumni editors held in Union Commons at noon and a career forum that discussed careers and what to do with life after graduation.

A reception was held for alumni guests in the George-Anne office from 4 to 5 p.m.

From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., WVGS personalities threw a listener appreciation jam at the Rotunda, which featured t-shirt and CD giveaways, and coupons for free Krystals and Papa John pizza.

"WE LOVE TO ENTERTAIN, AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MANY NEW SWINGERS JOIN US EVERY WEEK. WE'LL BE GLAD TO TRAIN AND TEACH YOU TOO."

—JENN WEBB, THE SWING CAT SOCIETY

MORRIS, FROM PAGE 1

she was on stage and after she was crowned.

Moderators of the pageant also coined the title of "Miss Georgia Peach" for Morris, she said.

Her Zeta Tau Alpha sorority sister was also in Key West, but had no clue Morris had entered the pageant. After speakers on Duval Square announced her sister's name, she came running to congratulate her.

Morris is no stranger to pageants, though. She recently competed in the Miss Georgia pageant as "Miss Elliottia", representing Bulloch and Candler Counties. The title is named

after a flower that only grows in the immediate area of Georgia. Morris has held other titles as well.

A 23-year-old native of Statesboro, Morris is a Senior Nursing Major.

Morris won \$650 with the title, a sunset cruise for two in July and a snorkeling adventure for two, both in Key West.

She will also receive an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii to compete in the National Miss Hawaiian Tropic in April 2003 on which she said she plans to take her mom.

Morris will return to Key West

in August to compete in another Miss Hawaiian Tropic Key West preliminary pageant. The winner will receive a prize of \$6,000 as well as a trip for two to Jamaica.

Should she win the National competition next April, Morris will automatically receive a \$250,000 sign-on bonus and modeling contract with Hawaiian Tropic. Her duties will require her to speak at various engagements and pageants nationwide.

Besides Hawaiian Tropic, sponsors of the pageant were Southern Comfort and Jack Daniels.

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GSU Baseball defeats Mercer, ends losing streak

By Eli Boorstein
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The Georgia Southern baseball team snapped a six-game losing streak Tuesday night, triumphing over intrastate rival Mercer 7-3 at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles had not won a game since beating the College of Charleston on March 30.

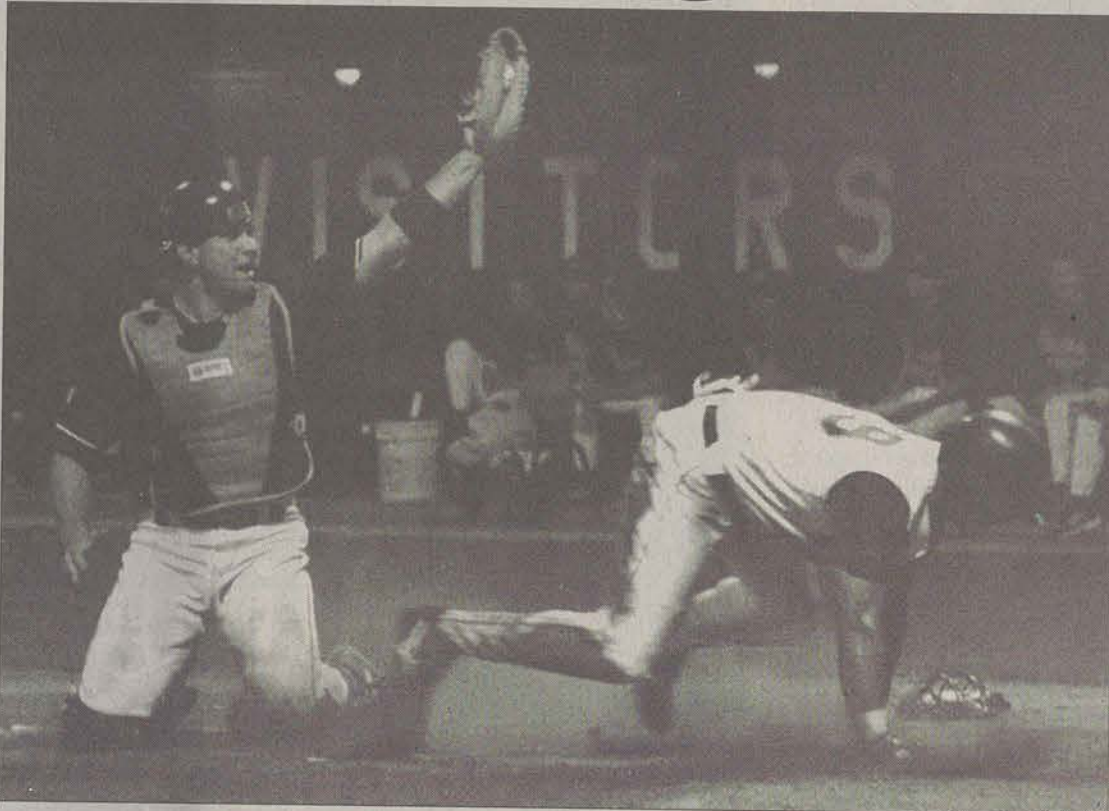
Georgia Southern (22-15) took the early lead, posting a run in the bottom of the first to take the 1-0 lead. After Chris Walker reached base on a leadoff walk, he moved to second on a Jemel Spearman ground out. Matt Herring was then able to drive in Walker with a single.

In the third inning, Mercer (15-19) was able to jump on Eagle starter Kevin Culpepper, plating three runs for the 3-1 edge. Jason Gaines led off with a single and then stole second. In the next at-bat, he came around to score on a David Harwell double. After two Bear outs, Daniel Hurst added a double of his own to drive in Harwell. Drew Starke then added the third Mercer double of the inning to score Hurst.

The Eagles then took the lead back in the bottom of the fifth inning, sending nine batters to the plate as they scored four runs for the 5-3 lead. After Grant Burruss led the frame off with a single, he came home on a J.R. Revere double. Three batters later, Spearman doubled to left to plate Revere. Herring then pounded the ball out to straight centerfield for a two-run home run, his eighth of the season.

"He threw a curveball with the first pitch, and I took it," remarked Herring, a junior rightfielder from Valdosta.

Walker produced too, adding a pair of runs batted in for himself to



LaVene Bell/STAFF

HOME VICTORY: The Eagles snapped a six game losing streak with a victory at Clements Stadium against the Mercer Bears. The Eagles are now 22-15 overall.

give Georgia Southern two more insurance runs and the 7-3 advantage. The senior from Alpharetta drove in Revere on a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning while driving in Chad Hall with a single in the eighth.

Herring, Burruss, and Revere were the offensive sparks for the Eagles, each coming up with two hits. Revere added two runs on the night while Herring paced Georgia Southern with three runs batted in.

Hurst, the Bears' third baseman, and Starke the designated hitter led the Mercer bats with 2-for-4 performances from the plate while they each drove in one run.

Culpepper, in his second start of the season, left the game with the Eagles behind and ended up with a

no-decision. He allowed all three Mercer runs off four hits.

Sophomore hurler Jared Comstock grabbed the victory in relief for the Eagles, improving his record to 6-2 this season. The right-hander from Gainesville, Florida came on in the fifth and tossed three shutout innings while fanning three Bear batters.

"I was struggling with my control," said Comstock, who also walked four. "But fortunately, it didn't hurt me."

Mike Thompson and Jason Cadenhead closed out the win for the Eagles, each throwing one shut-out inning.

Chris Bishop took the loss for Mercer, giving up five runs off

seven hits in four and two-thirds inning, dropping his record to 2-2. Mike Paolantonio, Brian Jones, and James Morrison came out of the bullpen to pitch the remainder of the game for the Bears.

Georgia Southern now goes back out on the road, where they have not fared well so far, compiling a 7-11 record away from the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles will travel up to Boone for a three-game set against Appalachian State this weekend before traveling up Interstate 16 to Macon for a rematch against Mercer on Tuesday. Georgia Southern will come back to Statesboro when they host The Citadel in a key Southern Conference battle April 19-21.

Pair of Eagles taken in USBL draft

•Point guard Peterson, power forward Latham to pursue pro basketball careers

G-A News Service

Sean Peterson and Kashien Latham, a pair of Georgia Southern basketball players who recently completed their collegiate careers as two of the top Eagle standouts in recent years, were selected in Tuesday's USBL (United States Basketball League) Draft.

Peterson (Mount Dora, Fla.), who recently returned from competing in the prestigious Portsmouth Invitational Tournament in Portsmouth, Va., was taken in the fourth round as the 33rd overall selection by the Brevard Blue Ducks based out of Melbourne, Fla.

Latham (Hinesville, Ga.), who finished his career as the top shot blocker in GSU history, was a fifth-round selection and the 45th overall pick of the Kansas Cagerz based out of Salina, Kan.

Providence guard John Linehan, the first overall selection of the draft, was picked by the St. Joseph Express, followed by Missouri guard Clarence Gilbert

(St. Louis SkyHawks) and Corsley Edwards of Central Connecticut State Adirondack Wildcats.

The USBL is a 10-team professional basketball league based out of Milford, Conn. A total of 80 players were taken in the draft. Thirty-one of the 64 players who competed at Portsmouth were selected by USBL teams. The USBL tips off its 17th season on April 19, 2002.

The USBL's season runs from April 19-June 24. The league consists of the Adirondack Wildcats, Brevard Blue Ducks, Brooklyn Kings, Dodge City Legend, Florida Sea Dragons, Kansas Cagerz, Oklahoma Storm, Pennsylvania ValleyDawgs, St. Joseph Express and St. Louis SkyHawks.

Latham and Peterson will report to their respective teams following spring semester exams. Georgia Southern's final day of classes is Monday, April 29.

For more information, log on to www.usbl.com.

Amy Bartlett named SoCon co-player of the week

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference has announced that Georgia Southern's Amy Bartlett and College of Charleston's Rachel Magory have been named the Women's Tennis Co-Players of the Week for April 9.

Bartlett, a junior from Powder Springs, Georgia, recorded three conference wins at No. 1 singles for the Eagles last week. She topped Appalachian's State's Tammy Beaulieu 6-2,

6-3 on April 6 before taking a 7-6, 6-3 win from East Tennessee State's Gemma Halim on April 7. Bartlett also picked up a win over College of Charleston's Gabriela Moreria when Moreria retired with the score tied at 6-6 (5-5) on April 3.

Bartlett's record stands at 12-4 in dual match play and 6-1 in the conference. This week was the second week this season she has gone 3-0.

No. 18 isn't what it used to be, adds some excitement to Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga.--The Masters isn't really supposed to begin until the back nine on Sunday. By the time players reached the 18th hole in recent years, though, it was usually over.

A back nine that seemingly had everything was lacking one thing — a tough finishing hole, one that meant something.

Other holes had glamour and intrigue, but 18 was merely where the Masters usually ended.

Indeed, when Tiger Woods flipped a half sand wedge for his shot to the final green last year, the stewards of Augusta National could barely stand it.

"We just hated that time after time pulling out a sand wedge or pitching wedge to par 4s," Masters chairman Hootie Johnson said.

That won't happen this week when Augusta National unveils a new beefed-up 18th hole, with the hope that disasters of days past will lurk again.

To win on Sunday, the new Masters champion will have to deal with a finishing hole that might look much the same but has changed completely. It's longer and tighter, the fairway bunkers are bigger, and the green has a new ledge perfect for a back right pin.

"I think you'll find 18 now will

get itself up there in the top 10, 12 finishing holes in the world," Greg Norman said.

That's what Johnson and others had in mind when they commissioned architect Tom Fazio to make the most sweeping changes ever to Augusta National during the offseason.

The result was added length and expanded bunkers on nine holes, beginning at the par-4 first and continuing through the back nine.

All will affect shots during the Masters. None of the changes will have as big an effect as moving the tee back 60 yards and to the right on the 18th.

Birdies won't be so routine. Par will become a good score.

"When you get to 18, if you're one shot behind or tied or one shot ahead, obviously it's not going to be as automatic as it was when it was a 405-yard hole," Fazio said.

At 465 yards, with an imposing chute of trees in front and newly expanded bunkers ready to catch even well hit balls, the 18th is now a monster of a finishing hole.

Players found that out quickly this week, even before an overnight rain softened the fairway and made it play even longer.

Nick Faldo hit driver, 4-iron to the green, the same clubs he hit in 1989, the first year he won the Mas-

ters. Mark Calcavecchia put his drive down the right side of the fairway and had to sharply slice a 5-wood to get near the putting surface.

Even John Daly was forced to hit 3-wood, 6-iron to a narrow green where ball placement is crucial.

"It's a very difficult hole now," Daly said. "It's just not as easy as it used to be."

While the changes are a step forward, they bring 18 back to its past. Instead of hitting a short iron to the green, players have a mid- to long iron much like players had before advances in conditioning and equipment allowed the hole to be overpowered.

The two fairway bunkers are now an improbable 335-yard carry, and moving the tee slightly to the right also brings the right trees into play more.

Daly and other long hitters might play a 3-wood to stay short of the bunkers, while other players will blast away with driver and hope for the best.

"For a guy like me, the bunkers don't exist off the tee," Jim Furyk said. "I'm trying to hit a draw when I used to hit a fade there. If I hit it on the right side of the fairway I have to slice it around the trees to get to the green."

The 18th had gotten so short that players were able to hit wedges to

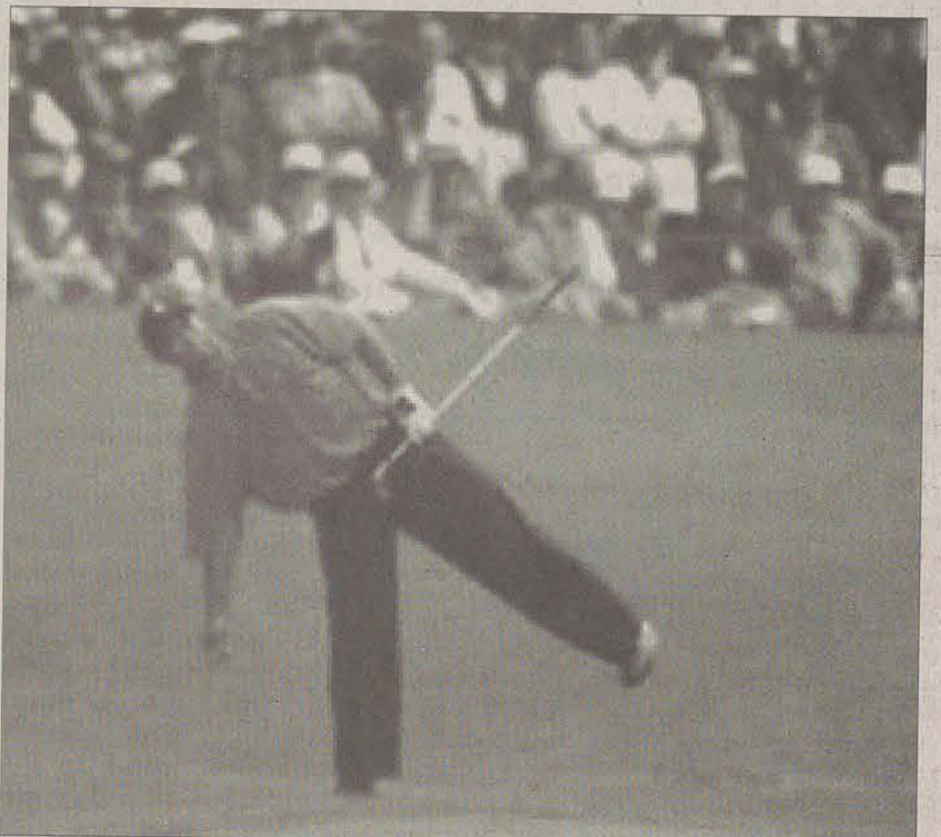
specific spots on the tiered green and get close easily. Three of the last four winners birdied the hole on Sunday, and last year it yielded 55 birdies overall.

That's in contrast to 20 years ago when it was the third toughest hole on the course and only 17 birdies were made.

Indeed, 18 used to matter for different reasons in the Masters. Arnold Palmer made a double bogey on the final hole in 1961 to lose the tournament, while Gary Player had to get up and down from a bunker to win.

Recently, however, the hole has been no more than a pitch-and-putt that offered little potential for disaster.

"When you see a guy hitting a 71-yard pitching wedge or sand wedge or whatever into the 18th



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FALLING OVER: Tiger Woods tries to coax a shot during his 2-under par opening round at the Masters Thursday, April 11, 2002.

hole in a major championship it doesn't do anything for you and it doesn't do anything for the game," Norman said. "You want the championship to come down where the guy has to execute and hit four per-

fect shots."

Johnson put it another way. "Some folks coming in there, if they are leading by one, they are going to be damn glad to get a par," Johnson said.

Bo's BOTTOM LINE: THE 'ALL-CENTURY BUDWEISER SOFTBALL TEAM'



Do you remember the "All Century Team" that Major League Baseball created two years ago, to commemorate the game's greatest players at each position during the 1900's?

Well, after a case of cold beer and a few episodes of "Baseball Tonight," me and a few of my college buddies decided to take that concept a step further and create our own "All Century Budweiser Softball Team."

While making our selections for this illustrious squad, we decided that these players had to be former or current major leaguers, and also had to

exemplify at least one quality that we felt made a superior softball player.

Some of these qualities included ability to consume large quantities of beer, massive amounts of body and facial hair, the classic mullet haircut, the authentic upper-cut tavern swing, an overabundant use of Redman chew, the desire to get the dirty jersey as soon as possible, and lets not forget the most important...raw homerun power.

So if could get a drum roll please, here is the starting lineup for your All Century Softball squad. Keep in mind that it makes no difference what posi-

tion they play in the field, because these guys will play anywhere we tell them to as long as we keep a full keg of cold Bud waiting for them in the dugout.

Batting order:

1) **Lenny Dykstra** (Classic leadoff man, and a dirty tobacco-spitting fool).

2) **Rob Deer** (Goes for the fences on every swing...just what we like).

3) **Kevin Mitchell** (A hefty slugger who can make the barehanded grab in rightfield).

4) **Cecil Fielder** (Classic cleanup man...clears the bases and the buffet line).

5) **Pete Incaviglia** (A well rounded stud...fat, hairy, and can hit the bomb).

6) **Matt Stairs** (The perfect softball swing...and the curly mullet to match).

7) **John Kruk** (The total package...Looks like Incaviglia, and drinks like a fish).

8) **Mark McGwire** (It has to be early 90's Big Mac with the red "Stairs-like" mullet).

9) **Jose Conseco** (Can't have one "Bash Brother" without the other).

Starter: **David Wells** (The fattest starting pitcher of all time).

Long reliever: **Rod Beck** (We admire his total lack of personal hygiene).

Set up Man: **Goose Gossage** (Nobody can grow a mustache like this guy).

Closer: **Mitch Williams** (The perfect closer...falls off the mound even when he is sober).

Manager: **Don Zimmer** (This fat baldy is the straw that stirs the whole drink together).

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Averitt Lecture series featured Shakespearean scholar Russ McDonald

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Russ McDonald, Professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, recently led "Player Queens: Three Shakespearean Actresses," this year's installment in the Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series.

The series was held April 9-10 in the Russell Union Ballroom. McDonald is a specialist in the works of Shakespeare and was educated at Duke University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to his time in Greensboro, he taught at Mississippi State, the University of Hawaii, and the University of Rochester.

He has written many books and articles on Shakespeare. Tuesday's opening lecture, held at 7:30 p.m., began with Katherine Conway-Turner, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, welcoming the approximately 100 in attendance. The introduction was provided by David L. Dudley.

Associate Professor of Literature and Philosophy, Dr. Dudley first introduced McDonald's mother, Joyce McDonald, and wife, Gail McDonald, who were both in attendance.

He introduced McDonald not only as the night's special lecturer but as his best friend. After thanking those who allowed him to present the series, McDonald began the night's lecture on the first of three Shakespearean actresses, Sarah Siddons. McDonald said that Siddons was considered the greatest English actress of her time.

She largely benefited from being the first actress of the print generation, as she was often mentioned in newspapers and letters. Siddons was part of a theatrical dynasty of sorts.

Born in 1755, her parents Mary and Roger Campbell were established on stage. Her six siblings also had experience. Siddons first

appeared in a play at age 11. She continued to appear in play after play as she grew up, easily becoming a star. McDonald noted that actresses are often considered to be interpreters of plays, and she was no exception.

After a successful run at Drury Lane in London, where she was a member, Siddons chose to leave. After announcing at her last performance that she had three reasons to leave, she brought out her three children at the time.

She would have three more as well as a seventh that died in its infancy. The decision to leave Drury Lane for a different company was money-based. In fact, McDonald said that Siddons was obsessed with money. As a child, she received ten pounds a year for her performances.

In her second run at London, she received 10 pounds a week. Her contract was then upped to 12 pounds within the season.

The next season, she negotiated a deal for 20 pounds a week. Finally, when performing in

Dublin, she earned 50 pounds a night for 20 performances. Between her acting and her requests for money, she was always the talk of people and the press. While performing as Lady MacBeth in "MacBeth," she was always the star. She actually had a stalker at the age of 49.

The lecture series continued at 10 a.m. on Wednesday with a discussion of Ellen Terry. Bruce J. Krajewski, Chair of the Department of Literature and Philosophy, pro-



Chris Walker/STAFF

RUSS MCDONALD: The Professor of English from University of North Carolina at Greensboro led a lecture on "Player Queens: Three Shakespearean Actresses."

vided the introduction. Later in the afternoon, a 3 p.m. lecture focused on Judi Dench and was introduced by Shawn Smith, Assistant Professor of Literature and

Philosophy. This was the eleventh annual edition of the Averitt Lecture Series.

It was established in 1990 as a gift to the Department of History, Department of Literature and Philosophy, and Department of Writing and Linguistics at GSU. Dr. Jack Averitt joined the faculty at GSU and became Chairman of the Social Sciences Division.

In 1968, he became Dean of the Graduate School and held the position until his retirement in 1979.

Mrs. Averitt was assistant librarian at GSU and was the first woman to receive Rotary International's distinguished service award.

The week's lectures honored her memory. Ushers for the lectures included members of Sigma Tau Delta and The International English Honor Society.

Johnny Knoxville may not be a 'Jackass' but he's in 'Big Trouble'

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LOS ANGELES - Johnny Knoxville isn't a jackass - he just plays one on TV. And this summer he'll be taking his act to the big screen for "Jackass: The Movie."

The actor looks cleaned up and unhurt and he slouches in his chair during an interview for his newest film, "Big Trouble." In the film, Knoxville plays Eddie, a moronic criminal and Gators fan who gives the word "stupid" a bad name.

If in the process he ends up making University of Florida Gators fans look bad, the Tennessee native doesn't mind. "The Florida Gators are Tennessee's arch, arch rivals," he smiles crookedly. While Eddie and partner Snake (Tom Sizemore) may be criminals, Knoxville says his character isn't bad - just misled.

"He's a dim-witted vagrant. I'm kind of Tom Sizemore's flunky in the film - but I'm not a mean person, I'm just a little misled. I have a good heart (and great legs too)," he smiles again. The role, which required 45 minutes of getting "really dirty" each day, is Knoxville's first in a "big picture" (he's appeared in a couple of independents, including "The Tree," "The Ringer" and the small studio film, "Life Without Dick").

"I was a nervous wreck," he says of his time shooting "Big Trouble." "First of all I thought I was going to get fired, and I thought that Tom (Sizemore) was going to hate me, but we actually got along very good (sic). He was very nice to me and took me under his wing - it helped."

Knoxville was an actor before starring in the MTV back-yard stunts/pranks series "Jackass," which features Knoxville along with friends practicing extreme stunts - including shooting themselves with a Taser gun and swimming in raw sewage. Aside from appearing in a number of commercials, he also attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, Calif., for a short time. He

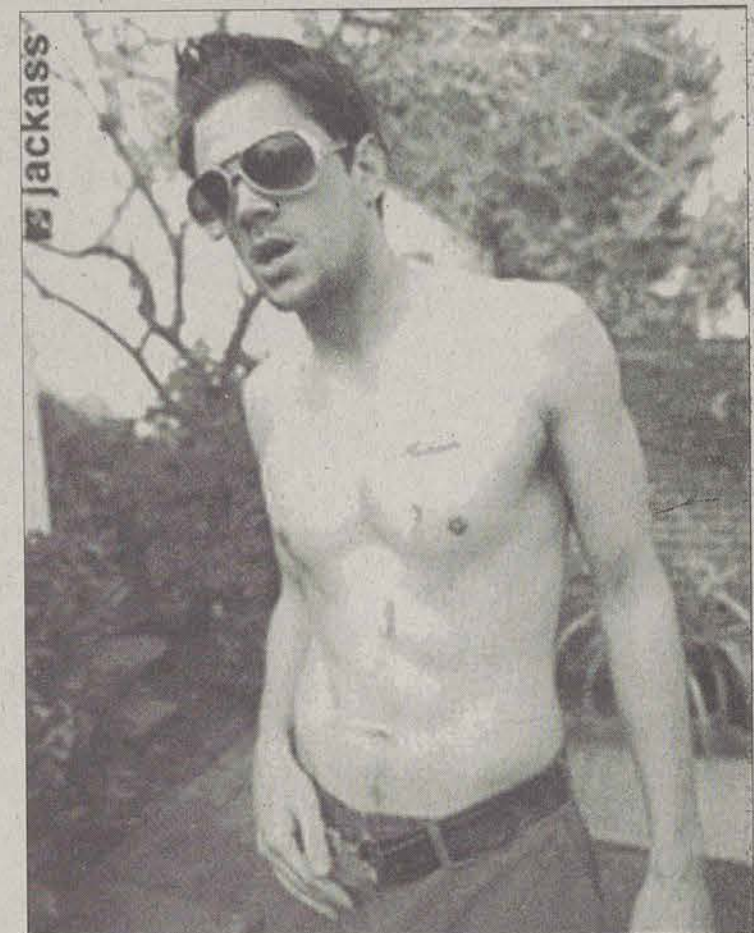
says he got the acting bug from his family.

"Growing up, that's how we ate dinner and bonded as a family, is watching television or watching movies really most of the time," he says. "Obviously I was watching the wrong shows," he laughs, referring to "Jackass."

Knoxville, whose real name is Philip John Clapp (he took on his alter ego while working as a writer for underground magazines), says he got the inspiration for "Jackass" from his father. "My father was always pulling pranks and stunts when I was growing up, like taking everyone milk shakes filled with Ex-Lax or staging gun fights with real guns filled with blanks," Knoxville laughs. "He still writes me naughty poems or does

mock interviews with himself and he'll sign them 'The Unknown Poet' - he's really eccentric." While the series was extremely popular during its run on MTV, it also drew fire from Washington. Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman tried to get the show taken off the air after a couple of teens were hurt imitating some stunts from the series. For the meantime, he's keeping a clean bill of health for shoots of his next feature, "Men in Black 2," also directed by "Big Trouble's" Barry Sonnenfeld.

In the sequel, Knoxville plays a two-headed alien - not surprisingly, a first for the actor. "I play both heads (of the alien) so I filmed a scene with one character, then a couple weeks later we had to go back and do blue screen of the other head."



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JOHNNY KNOXVILLE: The star of MTV's extreme stunts show Jackass will be starring in a new movie, "Big Trouble."

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New local artist Taylor Mullins performs around the 'Boro

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You may have seen him with his Takamine and harmonica performing at the local bars in Statesboro. Taylor Mullins, a junior at GSU is no stranger to a late night crowd. Mullins is reaching new horizons by becoming a solo artist with his unique style of folk/rock music.

From Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mullins started playing guitar in his freshman year of high school. Inspired by artists such as Neil Young and Dave Matthews, Mullins started picking his brothers guitar after it was left home one Christmas.

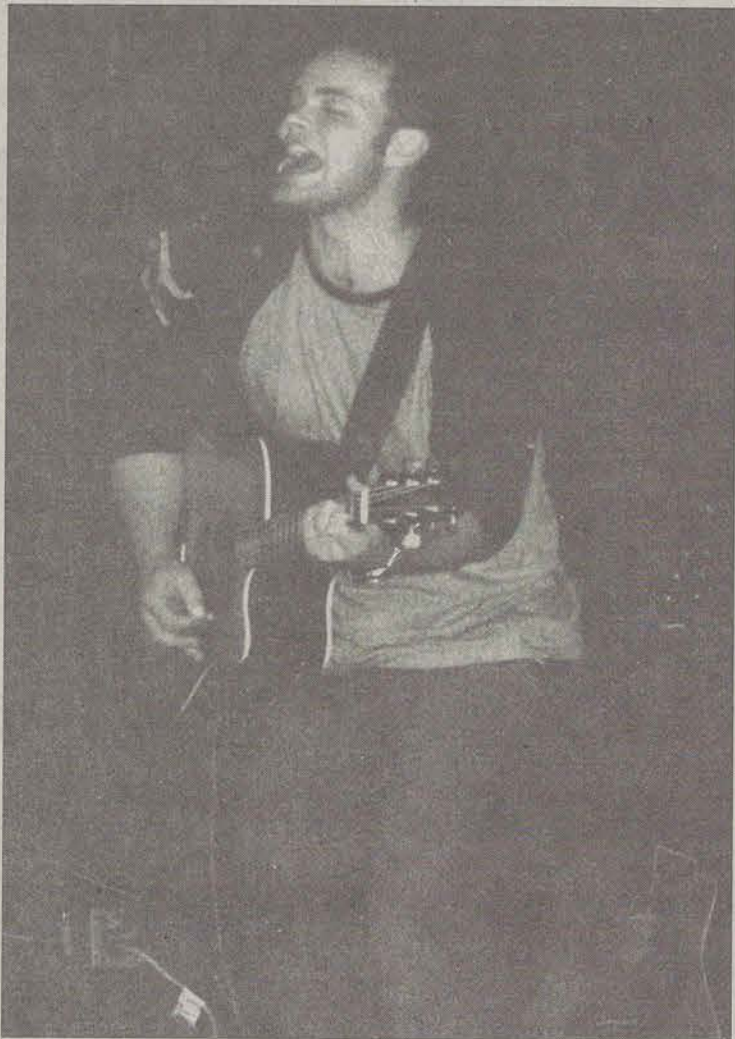
It wasn't too long until he started sneaking into bars in Atlanta to see some of his favorite bands. At the tender age of 15, Mullins was sipping on beer while enjoying bands such as Acoustic Workshop, Nathan Shepard, and Jackopierce hoping one day he would be doing the same thing.

He knew he wanted to start performing while visiting his brother at GSU his senior year of high school. He played in front of a crowd at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house and had a feeling he would be strumming a few chords when he arrived at college.

Getting his feet wet would be an understatement. More like free diving. He started performing as a freshman in college.

A little nervous, his first gig was at Dingus Magees with his roommate Kyle Haley. Together they were known as Taylor and Kyle, and played at various bars around the campus. Building a confidence and becoming more comfortable in front of a crowd, they developed the band Gin's Request adding a lead guitarist, pianist, and drummer. The band played in and out of Statesboro at locations and college fraternity parties. Gin's Request played together for over two years, and has made opening appearances for Lani Strickland and County Line.

After the bands drummer gradu-



Marco Rossi/STAFF

TAYLOR MULLINS: With his unique style of music, Mullins can be heard all around Statesboro in various night spots.

ated and members were going their separate ways, Mullins' passion for music began to turn a different direction. More focused with writing his own songs, he decided to take the solo route along with introducing music that most local listening rooms have not heard of yet. With a folk/rock feel, the music that Mullins writes is diverse in sound. Writing songs may be influenced by personal experiences, or a specific style of music he is listening to at the time. Alternative country artists, such as Ryan Adams, and Matthew Ryan have inspired Mullins to play songs that

are new to most people. Opening Retrievers Bar was a good idea and a catalyst in developing a better local music scene according to Mullins. "Local music has gotten better since I've been here and Retrievers has pulled in some great band," said Mullins.

Starting from scratch and unsure where performing would take him, Mullins has found a niche here in Statesboro that has been extremely rewarding. A crescendo no musician can argue with. Taylor will be performing at Buffalo's on April 19 at 10 p.m.

'Attack of the Clones' to debut at De Niro's new film festival

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It's on May 12, the closing day of De Niro's inaugural Tribeca Film Festival, which begins on May 8.

The eagerly awaited premiere of George Lucas' "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones" will comprise two private afternoon showings for children and families affected by Sept. 11. An evening screening - open to the public, with tickets going for \$500 to \$1,000 - will be a fund-raiser for the Children's Aid Society, it was announced Wednesday.

"As a father and filmmaker, it's my pleasure to offer the film in support of the children of New York City," Lucas said Wednesday. Added Mayor Michael Bloomberg: "This promises to be a truly great movie experience for the hundreds of children and families who attend."

Organizers were still working out details, including where to screen the movie for the 9/11 children. Tickets for the afternoon showings were being handled by the Children's Aid Society and city agencies.

De Niro and director Martin Scorsese established the festival as a way to revitalize downtown following the attacks. The curious can already get a glimpse on the Internet of what's in "Episode II."

While Amidala, played (as in "The Phantom Menace") by Portman, looks the same, Anakin is an entirely different person - a foot taller, an octave lower and more than a mite cockier. It is 10 years since the events portrayed in the 1999 "Episode I: The Phantom Menace," and Jake Lloyd, who played Anakin as a 10-year-old, has been re-

placed by 21-year-old Hayden Christensen ("Life as a House") as the future Darth Vader.

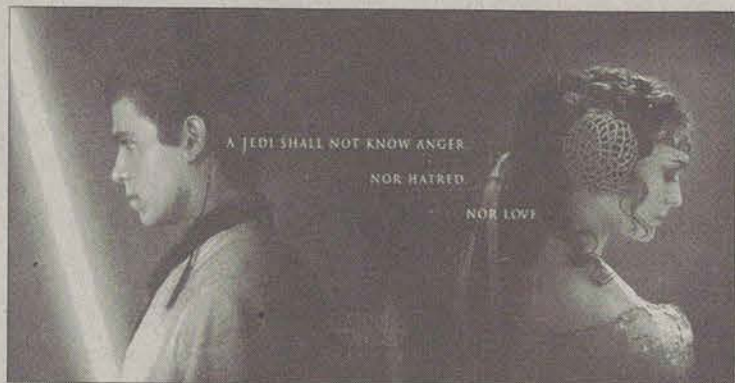
The trailers, titled "Breathing," "Mystery," "Forbidden Love" and "Clone Wars," were carefully designed to whet audience taste for what appears to be a much faster-paced, more character-driven and darker installment than "Phantom Menace." That film, actually the first chapter in George Lucas' planned nine-part series, was panned by many critics and some "Star Wars" fans for its obsession with digital effects and its giddy theme-park action.

and Amidala - and the distance it puts between him and his fellow Jedis. Complaining that Obi-Wan is holding him back, Anakin declares, "Someday, I will be the most powerful Jedi ever."

"Clone Wars," which can also be seen in theaters playing Fox's animated hit "Ice Age," sets up the climactic war between the forces of the Republic and the separatists. It introduces the villain Count Dooku (screen baddie nonpareil Christopher Lee) and bounty hunter Jango Fett (Temuera Morrison).

For Lucas to give up so much of the story in the trailers suggests that he's either enjoying all-time confidence in the franchise' s innate drawing power, or has simply surrendered to the prying nature of the Internet and decided not to fight it.

Besides the trailers, the Web offers up reviews of the script for "Attack of the



Internet Photo

'ATTACK OF THE CLONES': The eagerly awaited premiere of the new Star Wars will play at DeNiro's Tribeca Film Festival with tickets running from \$500 to \$1000.

Nonetheless, "Phantom Menace" went on to gross \$431 million in the U.S. and Canada, and did \$925 million worldwide. From everything you can see and read online, "Attack of the Clones" begins to shift the emphasis from Ewan McGregor's Obi-Wan Kenobi to Anakin Skywalker, whose psychological demons - indicated in "The Phantom Menace" - begin steering the headstrong Jedi phenom toward the Dark Side. "Breathing," so named because of the humid respiration of Darth Vader on the soundtrack, is a slick montage showing the main characters and an assortment of views from new landscapes and action sequences. In "Forbidden Love," we see youthful attraction and playfulness grow into romance between Anakin

Clones" and at least one detailed review of the film itself, by an Internet movie geek whose site, www.aint-it-cool-news.com, has become a kind of pawn of savvy film marketers. Its guru, Harry Knowles, claims to have been lured, cloak-and-dagger style, to a hotel room and shown a full-length video of "Attack of the Clones."

In any case, the first review of "Clones" is an unabashed rave. After noting a couple of reservations (one acknowledging the brief, obnoxious presence of "Phantom's" comic relief, Jar Jar Binks), Knowles blurts out, "Lucas succeeds with the film beyond my wildest dreams" and goes on to call it the most entertaining "Star Wars" film yet. We shall see. In the meantime, may the Hype be with you.

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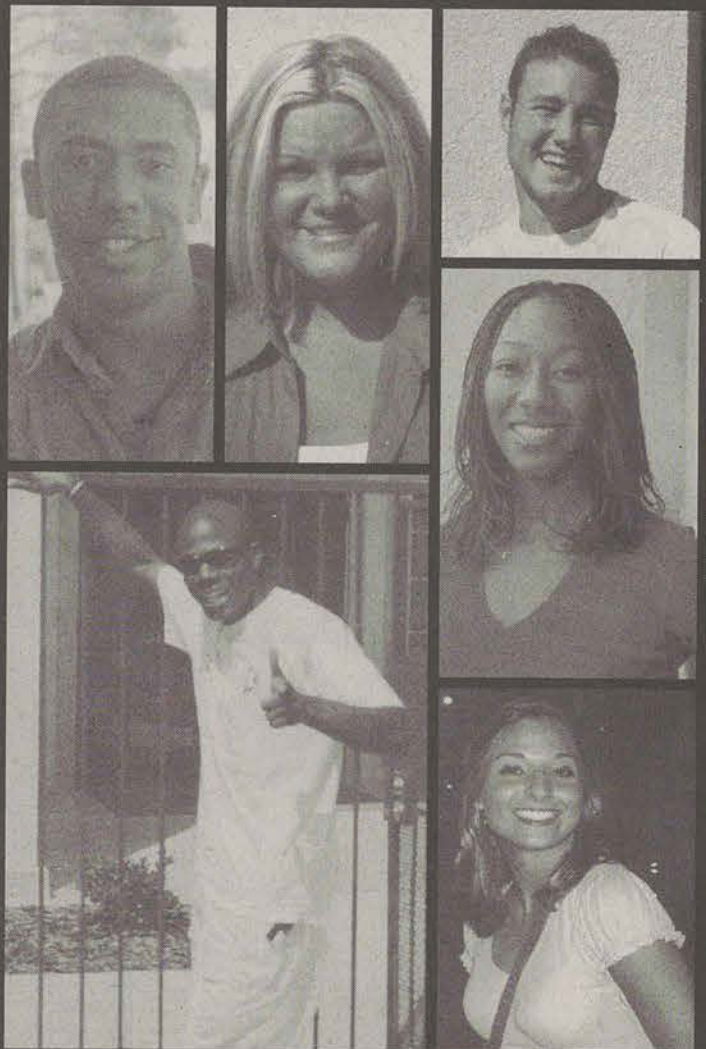
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rael withdrew from Lebanon nearly two years ago, and it ignited new concerns that an Israeli response could reach into Syria, which Israeli leaders hold responsible for the barrages.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the leaders of Syria and Lebanon have assured him that they would try to stop the attacks. "They will do everything they can," Annan said in Spain, where he met with Powell.

In the West Bank, Israeli troops declared partial victory in their costly battle for Jenin after the surrender of 300 Palestinians. Some were women, some were children and some were fighters out of ammunition and flushed by bulldozers from hiding places in a refugee camp.

But small-arms fire still sounded from the camp and the battle was not over yet.

Day 13 of Israel's Operation Defensive Shield, which came in response to a wave of terror attacks on Israeli civilians, also saw renewed fighting near Nablus, where Israeli tanks and helicopters shelled a refugee camp, and the continued standoff at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Late Wednesday, the Israeli military announced that its troops would leave the West Bank villages of Yatta, Qabatyia and Samua, where the army had a relatively minor presence.

It also said that its soldiers killed alleged terrorist leader Akram al Atrash during a gun battle in the town of Dura, near

Hebron. They said al Atrash was a local leader of the Hamas terror network, responsible for the shooting deaths of two Israelis.

For the first time in nine days, the nation was jolted by the reappearance of the Palestinians' most awful and deadly weapon - the suicide bomber.

Eight Israelis and the bomber died and 20 people were injured during the morning rush hour near the town of Neshar when a Palestinian wearing an explosive belt detonated the bomb aboard a crowded bus traveling from Haifa to Jerusalem.

The blast propelled the bus several feet into the air, witnesses said, and transformed it into a twisted, crumpled ruin. Dead and injured passengers were strewn across the asphalt.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai, deputy di-

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**- SAMIR RANTISI, SPOKESMAN FOR THE
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY**

rector of the Rambam Medical Center, which treated five of the victims, called the weapon a "hardware store in a bomb." He said it was packed with nails, screws and bolts - designed to inflict as many casualties as possible.

Israeli officials said the fatalities included two female border officers, both 18, and Noa Shlomo, the teenage niece of Yehuda Lancry, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. Four border officers were wounded.



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MISSILE ATTACKS: Palestinians walk over the debris of houses that were destroyed by Israeli missile attacks in the city of Nablus in the West Bank, Wednesday, April 10.

Hamas claimed responsibility and identified the bomber as Ayman Abu al Haija, 22, of Jenin. It was not known when he left

that city, which has been surrounded by Israeli troops for days.

Israeli officials said they believed the attack was planned in Tulkarem, a city that sits close to Israel and was occupied by Israeli forces until they with-

drew Tuesday in the first stage of their pullback from the West Bank.

Israeli officials have warned that, as their troops leave Palestinian cities, the danger of suicide bombings and other attacks on Israeli civilians will increase.

For the first time in nearly a week, Israeli police and intelligence officials said Wednesday that they received large numbers of warnings of new terrorist attacks. Extra officers were deployed along the long border be-

tween the West Bank and Israel.

Samir Rantisi, a spokesman for the Palestinian Authority, expressed conditional regret over the latest suicide bombing.

"We have repeatedly condemned any attack on civilians," he said. "From what we understand, there were a lot of military personnel on the bus, but that doesn't condone any attack on civilians."

In Israel, Powell was expected to meet first with Sharon and ask him to announce a freeze on the construction of new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and move more swiftly to withdraw Israeli troops.

Later, Powell is likely to ask Arafat to declare, publicly and in Arabic, that it is time for a cease-fire.

Neither party is likely to acquiesce easily.

A day before Powell's arrival, Israeli newspapers were filled with reports that Sharon had called Powell's willingness to meet Arafat "a tragic mistake."

"Any meeting like this would only encourage him and has never brought him to stop the terror," Sharon told American Jewish leaders who were visiting Israel.

Rantisi, the Palestinian spokesman, indicated that Arafat also would be taking a hard stand.

"What is needed from Mr. Powell is to recognize that military campaigns cannot resolve the Palestinian-Israeli military conflict," Rantisi said. "I can assure you that if (Sharon) continues, innocent Israelis will pay with blood for this campaign."

On the West Bank, Israeli soldiers finally gained a measure of control over the maze-like refugee camp in Jenin, but at a high cost. Twenty-three Israeli soldiers died in the city, 13 during a single battle Tuesday.

After that debacle, huge armored bulldozers rolled into the camp and demolished buildings allegedly used as refuges by Palestinian fighters. Israeli officials said they initially considered aerial bombardments, but rejected that option because it would endanger too many civilians.

At least 100 - and possibly many more - Palestinians are believed to have died in Jenin alone, and Israeli officials prepared for a new wave of condemnation when their soldiers leave that city.

Palestinians are expected to display the bodies as evidence of an Israeli massacre of civilians. Israel says that virtually every Palestinian who died in Jenin was a militant gunman.

In the biblical town of Bethlehem, the standoff between 200 armed Palestinians and Israeli soldiers at one of Christianity's holiest sites - the Church of the Nativity - continued without any sign of resolution.

An Armenian monk in the compound was seriously wounded. Each side blamed the other for the incident.

In a letter to Pope John Paul II, Israeli President Moshe Katsav said the week-long siege of the church would end only when the Palestinians surrendered.

"Since giving safe conduct to the extremely dangerous terrorists presently in the church would constitute a grave danger to public safety, we have no choice but to maintain our presence in the immediate area," Katsav said.

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