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Financial aid working out the kinks

Students plod through new policy confusion, scramble for books

By Michelle Flournoy
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Long lines stretched in front of the Financial aid desk at the University Store as students sought information about the semester's new financial aid policy and the store's debit system.

This year financial aid checks were not cut on the first day of classes, but will be held until Sept. 4 as a new Department of Education policy was put into place.

"It's good and bad," said Tyisha Lovett, a senior broadcasting major. "It's good that it verifies that students are going to class. It helps, too, because some people do get the money and then drop."

"It's bad that you have to wait since many people depend on their financial aid checks to pay rent and bills."

Kristi Phillips, a senior tourism and commercial recreation major, feels the same way.

"I think it causes a problem for some people," she said. "The debit system will be good. I don't think it will be that big of a deal. A lot of the time financial aid checks were late anyway. At first I was irritated because I was wondering how I was going to get my books, but since there's a debit system I think it will be okay."

Connie Murphey, director of financial aid, said last week that the financial aid delay is not a GSU policy.

"It's a new federal regulation that requires that we verify students are eligible for financial aid," she said. "By eligible, we mean that the student is attending classes."

Attendance verification will be done Aug. 20 thru Aug. 23. Instructors will call roll on these days to assure that students are attending classes. Undergraduates must attend a minimum of six credit hours to meet eligibility requirements.

A student only has to attend one class session throughout the week to be verified as attending.

Diana Blair, a University Store representative, said that while the books-on-debit system was running smoothly overall, there were a few kinks.

"The only big problem I've seen is that some of the student's information is not in the system yet, so they are having to wait to get their books."

Peter Blane, a freshmen business major, experienced some problems with the new system.

"My HOPE funds were not in the system and they told me I would have to check back again tomorrow," Blane said.

Blane said that overall he believes the system is okay, but it was inconvenient to have to wait to purchase his textbooks.



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STATE AID DEADLINES	
AR	April 1, 2002 (date received)
AZ	June 30, 2003 (date received)
CA	For initial awards - March 2, 2002 For community college awards - September 2, 2002 (date postmarked)
DC	June 28, 2002 (date received by state)
DE	April 15, 2002 (date received)
FL	May 15, 2002 (date processed)
IA	July 1, 2002 (date received)
IL	For priority consideration, first-time applicants - September 30, 2002 For priority consideration, continuing applicants - August 15, 2002 (date received)
IN	March 1, 2002 (date postmarked)
KS	For priority consideration - April 1, 2002 (date received)
KY	For priority consideration - March 15, 2002 (date received)
LA	For priority consideration - May 1, 2002 (date received)
MA	For priority consideration - July 1, 2002 (date received)
MD	March 1, 2002 (date postmarked)
ME	May 1, 2002 (date received)
MI	High school seniors - February 21, 2002 (date received) College students - March 21, 2002 (date received)
MN	June 30, 2003 (date received)
MO	April 1, 2002 (date received)
MT	For priority consideration - March 1, 2002 (date postmarked)
NC	March 15, 2002 (date received)
ND	April 15, 2002 (date processed)
NH	May 1, 2002 (date processed)
NJ	June 1, 2002 if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2001-2002 All other applicants - October 1, 2002, for fall and spring terms - March 1, 2003, for spring term only (date received)
NY	May 1, 2003 (date postmarked)
OH	October 1, 2002 (date received)
OK	For priority consideration - April 30, 2002 (date received)
OR	For priority consideration - March 1, 2002 (date received)
PA	All 2001-2002 State Grant recipients and all non-2001-2002 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2002 (date received) All other applicants - August 1, 2002 (date received)
PR	May 2, 2003 (date application signed)
RI	March 1, 2002 (date received)
SC	June 30, 2002 (date received)
TN	May 1, 2002 (date processed)
WV	March 1, 2002 (date received)

STATE AID DEADLINES

Special Photo

Students can buy books on a debit system from the university store until financial aid checks are dispersed on September 4.

Building construction causes parking shortages for commuting students

By Michelle Flournoy
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GSU students wanting to take advantage of commuter parking may run into some problems this semester with construction underway for the Information and Technology Building.

According to Parking and Transportation, 350 parking spaces will be eliminated this semester due to the construction.

Joanie Greenless, field supervisor for Parking and Transportation, said there is a possibility that another 150 spaces will be eliminated by other construction projects beginning later in the fall.

"The construction for the Performance Annex is scheduled for this fall," Greenless said. "Right now we are not sure about whether or not we will be losing parking there. Nothing is definite yet."

Greenless said 47 commuter parking spaces have been added to the faculty and staff lot across from the Raptor Center to compensate for spaces lost. Another 50 spaces have been added to the lot across from the Health Center.

"At the busiest time of the day last

year the lot across from the Ceramic Studio was only about 25 percent occupied. There is plenty of parking there, as well as the lot next to the Scene Shop," said Greenless.

Students looking for an alternative may want to look into parking space rentals that will be available at the corner of Chandler Road and Harvey Drive. The lot is scheduled to open this fall.

"It will probably open in about a month," said David Hole, owner of the Campus Park & Walk lot. "We decided that instead of leasing spaces we would charge a daily fee."

According to Hole, the rate for the new lot will be \$3 per day. The lot will contain 284 parking spots.

"For the first month or so we will have an attendant out there," he said. "Students can charge parking to their credit card. The attendant will hand out forms so that the students can open an account."

Hole said he will be eventually open a website so students can open an account on-line.

Students interested in more information on leasing parking spaces may call 764-PARK.



Allison Bennett/STAFF

Commuter parking is expected to be a commodity during construction of the new College of Information Technology Building.

Burns leads late in GOP primary

From Staff and Wire Reports

As of midnight, GSU professor Max Burns was in the lead of the Republican primary by 10 percentage points against Barbara Dooley, with 166 of 234 precincts reporting.

The 53 year-old Information Systems professor had gained 7,328 votes compared to Dooley's 5,980 in their 12th Congressional District race. Burns total percentage of the vote was 55 percent, compared to Dooley's 45 percent.

The 12th District, which comprises the metro areas of Savannah, Augusta and Athens and farmland in between, is an open district created by the Georgia state legislature last year.

In the other primary, Charles "Champ" Walker led five other challengers in the Democratic field with 34 percent of the total vote. Savannah attorney Tony Center (16 percent) and Robert Finch (14 percent) were running second and third, respectively as of press time.

Burns, who hopped in the race in mid-May, did well in Bulloch County, pulling in 60 percent of the

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GSU student population increases by more than 500

By Christopher Johnson
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Classes for the 2002-03 school year began yesterday, and it's already a record-setting year for Georgia Southern.

Preliminary figures show that a record 14,897 students are enrolled for the Fall semester, 421 more than the previous high of 14,476 set in the Fall of 1999 and 526 more than last year's total of 14,371. This year's freshman class also brings with them the highest average SAT score that Georgia Southern has ever seen.

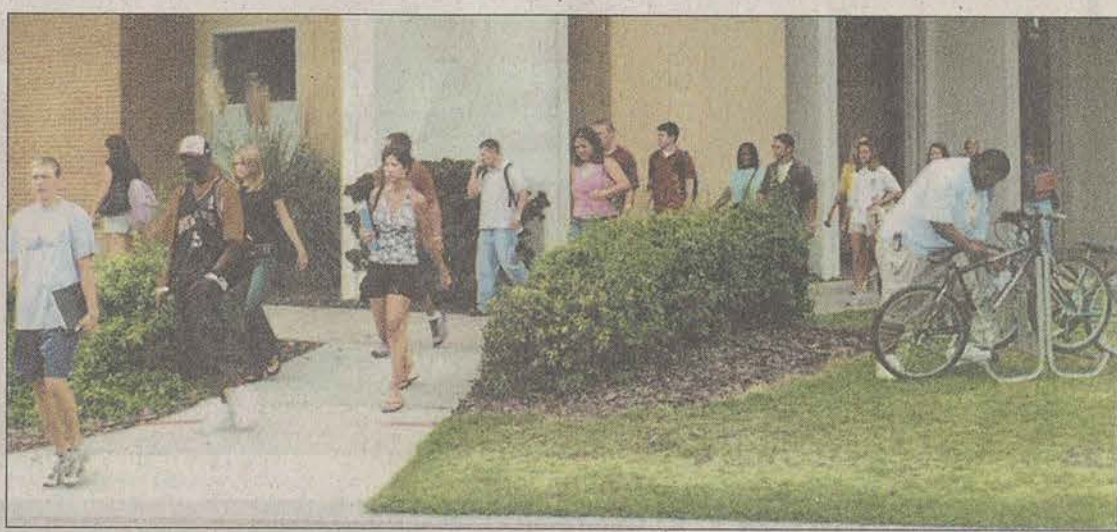
Their mark of 1,048 shows a 20 point increase over the previous high of 1,028, which was set by

last year's freshman class.

According to Susan Davies, Assistant Director of Admissions at GSU, the increase in SAT scores can be attributed to the university's intense recruitment of "high-ability students."

"We've changed our focus from broadly sweeping across the state to focusing on the top schools that produce the top students," she said.

Scholarships also play a major role in bringing better students to Statesboro. In the past, freshman scholarships were handled through the Financial Aid office, but now they are handled through the Office



Adam Bonner/STAFF

A tally by the office of the registrar of students attending GSU tops out at 14,897 this fall, setting a new record high for enrollment by more than 400.

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Police Beat

GSU Police Dept.

8-19-2002

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted nine motorists, worked one accident report, responded to one false fire alarm, investigated a report of a suspicious person at Johnson Hall and assisted a student who had been involved in an off-campus altercation on 8-18-2002.

8-16-2002

A Lakeside Café employee reported that a vehicle struck the wall of the building and left. An investigation revealed that a trash truck had struck the building.

A case of harassment was reported at Lakeside Café and the Newton Building.

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and worked one traffic accident.

8-17-2002

Ralph Foshee reported that someone turned over a trash can and sprayed the front porch of the Sigma Nu House with a fire extinguisher.

Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists, assisted an injured person at Johnson Hall, and responded to two false fire alarms and one fire alarm caused by excessive water.

8-18-2002

Albert Batraum Sutton, 19, of 110 Harvey Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and improper stopping.

Toccare Deberry reported that her purse was missing from Kennedy Hall.

Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, and responded to

two false fire alarms and one fire alarm where someone had tampered with a pull station.

8-15-2002

Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists, worked one traffic accident and responded to one false fire alarm.

8-14-2002

Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning, assisted four motorists and responded to three fire alarms (false reports).

8-13-2002

Lamarvin Love, 32, of Highway 301 South, Statesboro, was charged with having a weapon on school property.

Abigail Adams, 30, of Highway 301 South, Statesboro, was charged with having a weapon on school property.

Officers assisted six motorists, worked two accidents and responded to three fire alarms that were caused by dust.

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

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Doug Kidd, News Editor.



Special to the G-A

Republican Governor's candidate **Linda Schrenko**, right, talks with supporters during her campaign. Schrenko was running in second place behind **Sonny Perdue** as the paper went to press.

Perdue leads Schrenko, Byrne early in GOP Governor's race

G-A News Service

ATLANTA-- Former state Sen. Sonny Perdue had 51 percent of the vote in early returns of the Republican primary for Governor, compared to 29 percent for state schools superintendent Linda Schrenko. Former Cobb County commissioner Bill Byrne had 20 percent of the vote.

A runoff is expected in the three-way GOP race to challenge first-term Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes, a Democrat.

If no one gets more than half the vote, the top two finishers will face off Sept. 10.

In other races:

Rep. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia opened a strong lead in the GOP race to take on freshman Democratic Sen. Max Cleland, who was unopposed. Chambliss ran with the backing of the White House.

Republican Rep. John Linder opened a strong lead over Rep. Bob Barr in a fierce battle Tuesday between two veteran conservatives trying to avoid becoming the seventh House

incumbent ousted in a primary this year.

With 60 percent of precincts reporting, Linder had 34,370 votes, or 71 percent, and Barr had 13,925 votes, or 29 percent.

Many votes remained to be tallied from Barr's former district, in Cherokee and Forsyth counties.

Another Georgia firebrand, Democratic Rep. Cynthia McKinney, was also locked in a primary fight against Denise Majette, a Yale-educated former judge.

With 2 percent of precincts reporting, Majette had 1,967 votes, or 91 percent, and McKinney had 201 votes, or 9 percent.

On a busy primary day, it was the races involving Barr and McKinney that grabbed the most attention. Both winners are expected to be re-elected this fall.

The 7th District race between Barr and Linder presented a stark contrast: Both men backed tax cuts, gun rights and a ban on abortion, but could not be more different in style.

Non-traditional program receives 200k state grant

G-A News Service

GSU is expanding its programs in Dublin and Hinesville as part of a University System-wide effort to attract more non-traditional students.

A \$200,000 access grant has been awarded as part of the University System of Georgia's (USG) \$1.9 million



Barnes

"Enhancing Access" special funding initiative, recommended by Gov. Roy E. Barnes and approved by the Georgia

General Assembly. The state-wide effort is aimed at bringing high-demand, four-year degree programs to two-year college campuses statewide. The primary goal is to increase the number of Georgians earning bachelor's degrees.

Board of Regent's Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Fiscal Affairs Daniel S. Papp, said nine different four-year USG institutions will collaborate with 10 two-year colleges and three satellite centers in the statewide initiative.

GSU course trains HR professionals

Managers and human resource practitioners can gain a wealth of human resource knowledge and a career-developing certificate by enrolling in GSU's non-credit course in professional human resource management.

The 33-hour, \$725 program will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 11 Monday evenings (Sept. 16 through Nov. 25) at the Coastal Georgia Center

in Savannah. Offered in partnership with the national Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), "Certificate in Professional Human Resource Management" links six study topics with specific human resource responsibilities and related knowledge.

Be a Nurse

The Coastal Georgia Nursing Consortium is a group composed of nurses, members of the academia, businesses, and industry representatives.

The group is actively engaged in recruitment activities to target individuals who are seeking a second career.

In order to reach out to the non-traditional students, CGNC is sponsoring a recruitment activity called "Nursing as a Second Career" on September 9, 2002, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at the Hyatt Regency, 2 East Bay Street, Savannah.

Representatives from area hospitals, universities, and technical colleges will be available to answer questions about admission, financial aid, and scholarships. Sponsored by Coastal Georgia Nursing Consortium.

For more information, call 912-927-5302 (Savannah) or 912-681-5242 (Statesboro).

Education Talent Search funding renewed

GSU will continue its program to seek out middle and high school students with college potential and assist them in pursuing a college education. The University's Education Talent Search program (ETS) recently received a grant award notification from the U.S. Department of Education awarding it \$351,831.

The ETS is a federally funded program designed to assist students in completing high school and pursuing post-secondary education. Georgia has one of the lowest rates in the nation of high school students going on to college.

Free Concerts at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

The Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium and Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary are sponsoring an open house on their campus at the North end of Skidaway Island, Saturday, Sept. 14 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Two free concerts will take place, the first performed by the Fort Stewart Army band and the second by the Savannah Symphony.

In between the concerts, visitors are encouraged to take tours of the laboratories and the research vessel, Savannah.

Dried flower workshop at GSU Botanical Garden's

Create an arrangement of beautiful dried flowers to take home and enjoy all year at the GSU Botanical Garden off of Bland Ave.

Guests will be guided through the basics of dried floral design by Carolyn Sexton, manager of Nanette's Florist and Gifts in Statesboro, and owner of the Flower Junction in Newington.

All materials are provided. Participants can bring a small container for their arrangement if they like.

Cost of the workshop is \$16 for members of Friends of the Garden and \$18 for non-members.

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Only in America

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1 Pennsylvania Man riding child's toy busted after very slow chase

BETHLEHEM- It wasn't your usual joyriding teenager or your typical stolen vehicle -and it definitely wasn't a textbook police pursuit.

A police investigator on his way to work at 6:30 a.m. Monday was startled to see a man cruising down the shoulder of the street on a child's toy vehicle.

The 30-year-old rider was approximately 10 times the recommended age for the tiny car, a battery-operated Fisher Price Power Wheels that actually held up under the weight of a 5-foot 8-inch, 180-pound man.

The car was plugging along at a less-than-breakneck 3 mph, police said.

Police eventually stopped the man -after perhaps the slowest chase on record.

The officer called for an on-duty patrolman, sounded his car horn and showed his badge to the driver, who ignored him.

So the officer got out on foot and walked up to the crawling culprit.

Police said the driver smelled of alcohol and stumbled as he tried to get up off the tiny seat, almost tumbling to the ground. He told police he was going to his uncle's home, but didn't say why he was using a toy to get there.

The officer took the man to police headquarters, where he was released at 11:30 a.m. after sobering up, police said. Before that, a woman had called police to report that her son's toy car had been stolen.

She opted not to press charges, but police charged the man with public drunkenness.

2 Nebraska

Kearney celebrities to kiss donkey in fund- raiser

KEARNEY- Area celebrities will pucker up and kiss a donkey next month to help raise money to replace a retiring police dog.

An auctioneer will sell the kisses to the highest bidder Sept. 7. A kiss on the face of Buddy, a 91/2-year-old donkey donated to the event, is worth \$10. It's \$25 for a smooch on the neck, \$50 on the shoulder and \$100 on his rear-end.

Fur will be cut in the shape of a heart on Buddy's rear-end and outlined in paint.

The highest bid will determine the area on the donkey celebrities will kiss.

In October, 11-year-old police dog Kado will retire after being with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department for nine years. The sheriff's department is trying to raise money to purchase another K-9 dog that will work with the sheriff's department and the Kearney Police Department.

Kearney veterinarians Barry and Deb Littell, who came up with the idea, are recruiting celebrities to kiss the donkey.

The goal of the Friends of Law Enforcement fund-raiser is \$10,000. Friday afternoon, the fund was at \$6,955.

3 Indiana

Bird eats up hundreds of butterflies in Indianapolis Zoo exhibit

INDIANAPOLIS- A mockingbird gobbled hundreds of rare butterflies in a zoo exhibit over two weeks while evading attempts to catch it.

The bird apparently entered the Indianapolis Zoo's conservatory through a vent or window. The exhibit had about 1,500 butterflies and was due to close Labor Day.

The lost butterflies were worth about \$1,000. Brilliant neon butterflies called blue morphos were especially hard hit.

The bird hid in the 65-foot-tall conservatory until late July, when zoo staff members soaked it with a hose and finally caught it in a net.

"You can't blame the bird. He was doing what came naturally," zoo gardener Susan Micks said.

The bird was released "far, far away," zoo spokeswoman Judy Gagen said.

4 Iowa

Sculpture of butter cow hints of retirement

DES MOINES- Norma "Duffy" Lyon may have sculpted her last cow out of butter.

After 43 years as the Iowa State Fair's butter-cow sculptor, Lyon said she may not be back next year due to her health.

"I sort of slowed down more drastically than I thought this year," said Lyon, who is 73. "I have no idea how my health will be next year."

Lyon said she wants Sarah Pratt, a special-education teacher who

lives in Norwalk, to take over if she retires. Pratt has helped Lyon with the sculptures about 10 times already, Lyon said, and Pratt supervised the creation of this year's butter "Peanuts" characters.

"She has artistic abilities. I just need to work with her on cows," Lyon said of Pratt. "Anything else I wanted, she could do it."

Lyon has created a 600-pound butter cow and one other butter creation for the fair every year since 1959. She also worked for up to four other states a year at the height of her career, and appeared at dairy congresses and livestock shows.

Lyon suffered a stroke in 1997. While there were no discernible effects on her motor skills, she said her thoughts take a little longer to form.

Lyon, who owns a Jersey cow dairy farm in Toledo with her husband, said she has always strived to make the cow anatomically accurate, a quality she finds lacking in other states' butter cows.

"The cows, I think, are mine," she said. "There's things about cows that you just don't get from not being around them."

5 Idaho

Thief tries to return stolen stereos

LEWISTON- A man who admitted stealing car stereos but later tried to return them may end up in jail anyway.

Niles Behler, 24, allegedly stole five stereos, some compact discs and a checkbook from parked cars on the

night of June 22.

The next day, an apparent guilty conscience prompted him to return two of the stereos to the cars. Police said he included a note saying, "I'm sorry. I'm trying to get help."

Police reports say Behler returned another stereo and a checkbook by delivering them through a third party, who later gave police Behler's name.

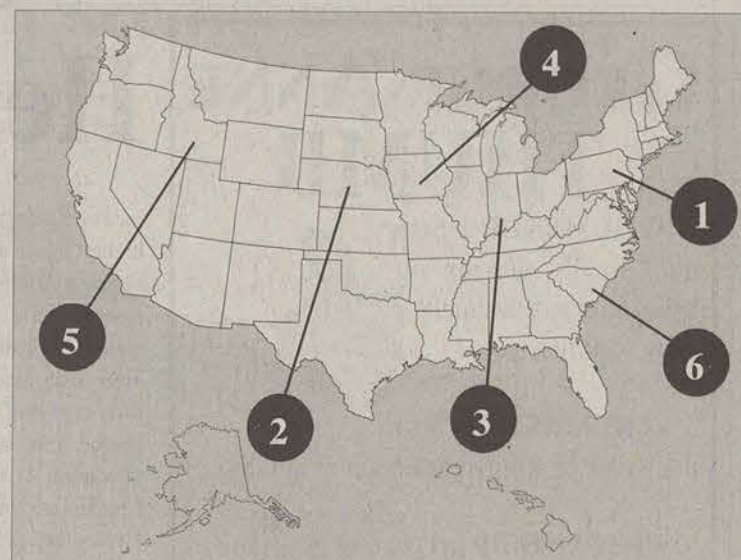
Behler later came to the police station with the remaining stereos, police said.

6 South Carolina

Fans can now dial for food at baseball games

CHARLESTON- You've heard of dialing for dollars. Well, fans of the minor league Charleston RiverDogs can now dial for dogs. And fries. And beer.

Under a new system the team is try-



ing for the rest of the season, spectators can stay in their seats and order food and drink on their cell phones.

Developed by a Canadian company, CellBucks allows fans to have concessions delivered right to their seats. Minor league teams in Buffalo, N.Y., and Bowie, Md., are also trying out the system.

About 30 fans gave the system a try when it was first used Wednesday night. But some struck out because they hadn't registered a credit card number and electronic-mail address first, Sharrer said.

Representatives of CellBucks were on hand Thursday to smooth out any problems.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

FALL FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS ISSUED SEPT. 4TH!

- ✓ For Fall semester 2002, financial aid refund checks will NOT be issued on the first day of class as they have in the past.
- ✓ Federal regulations now require the University to confirm your class attendance before financial aid can be released to your GSU Office of Student Fees account.
- ✓ HOPE Scholars who are eligible for the HOPE book allowance will not receive checks on the first day of Fall classes if they owe the University any outstanding fee. The HOPE book allowance will be applied to outstanding fees.
- ✓ Once the financial aid is applied to your account, if you are due a refund, a check will be cut and released by the Office of Student Fees on Sept. 4TH.
- ✓ Many students have relied on their refund check to purchase textbooks and other supplies. If you are due a refund, you will be able to purchase books in the University Bookstore the first week of class using your GSU ID, and the amount will be debited from your anticipated refund.

FINANCIAL AID AND EAGLEGRAM

- ✓ Check your Georgia Southern email account regularly for EAGLEGRAM notices and check our WINGS website www2.gasou.edu/sta/
- ✓ EAGLEGRAM is the way that the Financial Aid Department will notify you of important information regarding your financial aid.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to forward your Georgia Southern email account to your preferred email address to ensure delivery of important EAGLEGRAM messages.
- ✓ If you have questions about your Georgia Southern account, visit our EAGLEGRAM website at www2.gasou.edu/sta/GSUemail or contact the helpdesk at (912) 681-5429.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ By **September 4, 2002**, refund checks will be processed by the Office of Student Fees, (912)681-0999, for students whose class attendance has been verified by their class instructor.
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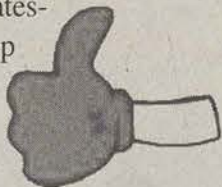
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— Mark Twain

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— Jacquelyn Mitchard

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OPINIONS

He or she should read this column

For the first time ever, I choose to execute one of the highest privileges ascertained to me as an editorial writer.

Last October the newspaper staff attended a national student media conference where I went to an editorial writing lecture hosted by Times-Picayune editorial page editor Terri Troncale. Full of helpful hints for amateur editors such as myself, Mr. Troncale emphasized and outlined the unique rights and corresponding responsibilities inherent in opinion writing. Everything he said fascinated me, but I remember one thing he mentioned intriguing me more vividly than the rest.

I have the power to create words.

As a student/lover of language in general, I have recognized one ineluctable fact about English. It is not the immaculate grammatical pagoda with which our elementary school teachers tried to program us. It is a natural, ever-evolving concoction of arbitrary sounds. Words don't magically appear in dictionaries. You and I create them instinctively as we need them.

To a certain extent, synthetic systems of standard grammar keep the speakers of a language on the same page. However, grammar rules can also choke the roots of language instinct because our brains are actually wired with a natural grammar! Therefore, terms we would naturally create out of an inborn reflex for effective communication often get stifled.

There has been much debate in the world of feminism and linguistic studies about the use of "he" as an all-encompassing pronoun. Anyone who speaks to audiences has by now been taught to stretch "his or her" breath across "he or she" so no one gets subjugated. This is all because it reeks of grammatical incongruence to say: "Everyone should try their best."

The term "he or she" (which all speakers understand must be heartily alternated with "she or he") is enforced as though that and "their" are the only two options in the situation.

Do you know how many combinations of letters can be drawn from the English alphabet? That is, do you realize how many words we could have if we wanted to? Just to iterate a fun and relevant preliminary point, we can find out by getting factorial with the number twenty-six, the number of letters in the alphabet. Math gurus write it as "26!" and to ordinary folks it means:

26 times 25 times 24 times 23 times 22 times 21 times 20 times 19 times 18 times 17 times 16 times 15 times 14 times 13 times 12 times 11 times 10 times 9 times 8 times 7 times

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so incomprehensible that few people seem to have enough imagination to let their natural desire for efficient communication take over long enough to invent a better word. I promise, not all of the 26! opportunities have been seized.

I say few people because alternative English words that mean "he or she" and "his or her" have in fact been proposed. Also, the French have such a word: "on." But, you aren't using any of those, are you? That is for three reasons. For one thing, we're not French. Secondly, the English ideas were proposed in books, in lengthy theses that no one read, and silently in the minds of people who never took a chance on trying to get something to catch on. Most importantly, those proposed words were contrived.

Close your eyes and think of a sentence with "he or she" somewhere in it. Now, make a sound with your mouth that could replace that phrase. The sound you just made is instinctive, and could very well be the word we all need.

The reason we need a whole new word (which, with an added apostrophe, could also mean "his or her") is not because of sexism. It doesn't offend my femininity a bit when someone uses "he" generically. On the contrary, it annoys the hell out of me every time people waste my time and their breath by awkwardly uttering "he or she" or "his or her."

No, this is not about offense; it is about logic and efficiency. Language belongs to its speakers. Why shouldn't we have a better-suited word?

6 times 5 times 4 times 3 times 2 times 1.

The resulting number is nearly unfathomable, which is why really smart people just write the two-digit original and stick an exclamation point behind it. Actually, the estimate can top out at more than that because some words in the English language have more than one meaning.

Maybe it is because that number is

You can argue that it wouldn't spread, but it would be a lame argument. It would spread faster than wildfire if left up to the common people. That's why slang, lingo and profanity cross far more state lines than fugitives do. It is unregulated; left entirely up to the human instinct for language.

Unfortunately, that's against the rules. Therefore, we end up with people like the National Council of Teachers of English, who have been using the same guidelines against sexist language since 1985. Concerning the use of "Generic he" the guidelines list seven likely situations in which one might use "he" generically, then provides grammatically sound alternatives by changing the subject in the sentence, pluralizing objects, using the more personal word "we." It even sanctions this nauseating sentence: "One might well wonder what one's response should be."

The council's explanation for the guidelines states: "Because there is no one pronoun in English that can be effectively substituted for he or his, we offer several alternatives." On the contrary, the NCTE happily turns grammar into tap shoes with which to dance around the most logical solution of all.

Well, I am going to do more than propose a word. I am going to use it. It is a word I have been using in my private journals for nearly a year now. If someone doesn't know what I mean when I say it, din will figure it out. The human brain is wired to do that.

Yes, the word is "din." You might not like it because you aren't used to hearing it in that context. Perhaps you've never said it either. But, given time, it would grow on you. Why? Because it's efficient.

"Din" is a word that literally fell out of my mouth one day when I was stuck in the middle of a sentence and couldn't think of how to express what I was saying without using "their" or the generic "he" forms. Din is linguistically organic.

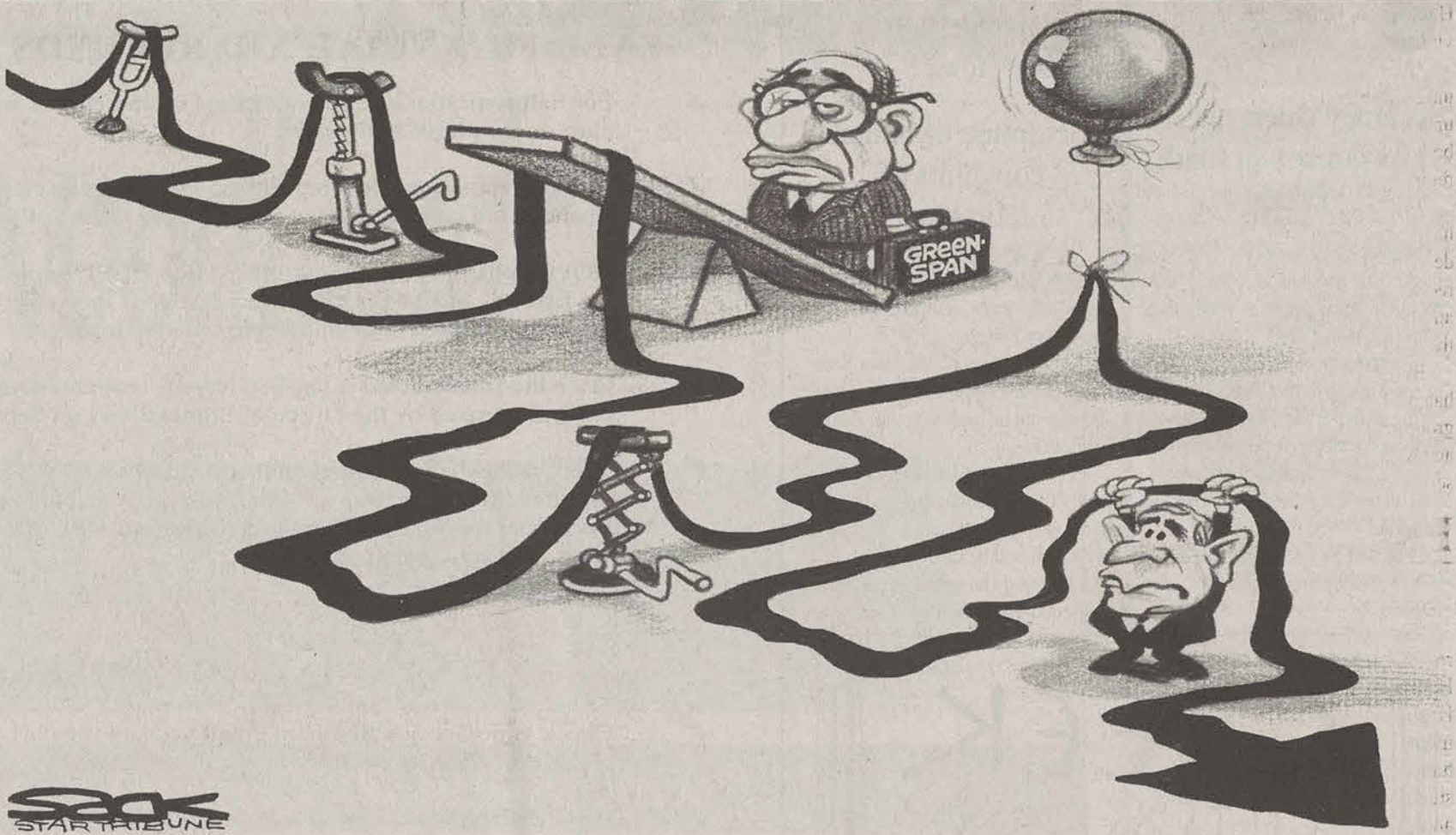
Coincidentally, din is already a word in English. It means "a jumble of loud, usually discordant sounds."

Indeed, "din" is exactly what I hear when listening to people huff and puff over three separate words in the name of political correctness.

Thusly, be warned. Wherever "he or she" is called for in my forthcoming columns, the word din will be used instead. I soon plan to incorporate it into my conversational speaking.

If you like it, you can use it too.

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We don't care if you care; we demand it

Just write a damn letter.

I know, I know, Tim touched on the subject last week, but you're getting the same message again. It's that important.

For too long The George-Anne has talked down to students, despite what the editors might have been saying. Sure, columns were written, telling us to chime in with our opinion no matter how extreme—that sharing our voice with the rest campus was important.

But the message was hollow and we all saw through it.

Not many letters came, at least not enough to put a pile on desks and make a mess for G-A staffers to sort through. Students didn't call to complain or stop by to share their thoughts. The few who responded were the same dorks who wrote in every week.

And not a damn one of the past editors cared. The columns asking for feedback were written because it seemed like the right thing to do, especially at the beginning of a school year.

So what makes this G-A staff any different?

It's too early to tell, but I think it's because we care. Not in that liberal, everyone-let's-hold-hands type of way. Instead, we care about the product we're putting out.

Going to conferences and checking out college papers from around the country will have that effect on a staff. Even better motivation is the feeling that we can do as good a job as three-quarters of the papers

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have been plenty of opportunities just in the past year for folks to jump in and have the bully pulpit for themselves.

Too many drag queens, too few stories that matter, not enough variety of opinion, I've overheard students say while sitting in class or restaurants around town.

Yet, they never wrote in; as far as I know their rant went no further than the room they said it in. It's a shame too. Some people on campus are actually smart, with ideas that would challenge the brightest

out there.

That's where you guys come in. I'm not going to tell you to write in and let us know what you're thinking; that would be too much like G-A staffs of the past. Instead, I'll be out front with you: we need a letters-to-the-editor page for credibility.

Sure it would be great if we could get some good dialogue fired up in the process. There

minds on campus.

But they don't write in; instead they're too content to sit back and let themselves rot under a routine of intellectual impotence. Very rarely showing up for class, too hung over after a night of being plastered to a seat at a bar, these kids wade through their time here in a fog.

That's cool, too. It's their life—the rest of us shouldn't pass judgment on their decision to choose hedonistic pleasures over intellectual challenges.

Still, their views might have made a difference. If they had taken two minutes out of their day to fire off an email about what they wanted to see out of the paper, or what they took offense at, changes could have happened. Enough people getting whatever they wanted off their chests would have made even the most apathetic of editors take heed.

We would have gotten a paper to be proud of.

Instead we're forced to hear critiques of not serving our audience better, forced to take other routes to get the outcomes we desire. That's why we shouldn't beg and plead for GSU students to care—we should demand it.

Of course that wouldn't do any good. Most folks would yawn and toss the paper to the floor to let their cat crap on it. And next year's editorial board would be in the same position as every staff that preceded it.

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Berlin Takeover Thwarted

Iraqi opposition members arrested after hostage standoff at embassy in Germany

Associated Press

BERLIN-- A German police commando force, with faces masked, stormed the Iraqi Embassy here Tuesday night and, without firing a shot, arrested five members of an armed Iraqi opposition group who had occupied the diplomatic mission and held its staff hostage for five hours.

The lightning-quick raid came after Saddam Hussein's regime in Baghdad gave the German Foreign Ministry the green light to enter the embassy compound to dislodge what Baghdad called "mercenaries of Israel and the U.S."

A police spokesman said two of the 10 embassy staff members held hostage were hurt during the raid. One suffered an eye injury from tear gas, the other a wound to his hand. One of the injured hostages was allowed to leave the building and seek medical attention.

Opposition Group

The five invaders said they belonged to the Democratic Iraqi Opposition of Germany, a group they said has about 20 members. In a call to Mustafa Issaid, a reporter for the German news agency Deutsche Welle TV, the captors called the embassy occupation a "liberation of a part of Iraq from the country's dictatorship."

According to Issaid, the gunmen talked about a "symbolic act in the name of those 20 million Iraqis, who are tortured and killed by the government day by day."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, briefing reporters near President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, said the president "unequivocally" opposed the taking of the Iraqi Embassy.

Seizing an embassy violates international rule of law, something Bush cannot abide, Fleischer said, adding that the administration believes Hussein can be overthrown without violating international law.

"Actions like this takeover are unacceptable," Fleischer said. "They undermine legitimate efforts by Iraqis both inside and outside Iraq to bring regime change to Iraq."

Top Bush administration officials have been meeting with Iraqi dissidents in Washington and London in recent weeks to enlist their support and test their capacity for aiding in the ouster of Hussein.

But Fleischer said the U.S. has had no contact with the little-known group involved in Tuesday's takeover and had no knowledge of its plans to seize the embassy.



"We have an unequivocal position that this action is unacceptable, even against a regime that is as evil as Iraq's."

-- Ari Fleischer
White House spokesman



"I wouldn't want to begin to guess the motives of anybody who would do something like this," Fleischer said. "We have an unequivocal position that this action is unacceptable, even against a regime that is as evil as Iraq's."

Pressure at Home

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder has been the most vocal European leader against proposals to invade Iraq and overthrow Hussein.

Schröder, who faces a difficult parliamentary election next month, has said several times that he would not supply military or financial aid for any U.S.-led action against Iraq, a decision analysts in Berlin say reflects German public opinion against an invasion.

The chancellor, whose political star had been on the decline in recent months, said war against Iraq would wreck the international anti-terror coalition and create chaos in the Middle East.

The drama on Riemerstrasse in the lush residential suburb of Zehlendorf, on the southwest side of the German capital, began around 2:30 in the afternoon when an excited neighbor called police and said she could hear shots being fired and a child yelling "Mommy! Mommy!" inside the embassy.

Inside the Embassy

The five men forced their way into the embassy, barricaded some of the interior doors and threatened the people inside with weapons that included a Czech-made pistol, a hatchet, an electric shock wand and two tear-gas guns, police said.

Police said the hostage-takers fired two shots inside the building during the standoff, corroborating a description by a neighbor, Manfred Charnow, who lives near the embassy and said he heard two volleys.

Within minutes, Reuters news agency in Berlin received a fax dispatched from Hamburg from the Democratic Iraqi Opposition in Germany.

The message said the takeover was "the first step toward the liberation of our beloved fatherland."

But the message also added: "Our action is peaceful and limited

in time. Our path is the liberation of Baghdad."

Police said the message indicated the group intended to surrender after capturing the international limelight for their cause.

Night-time Raid

By Tuesday night, a huge contingent of German police, including seven armored vehicles and the elite commando unit SED, Sonder Einsatz Kommando, had surrounded the embassy.

Some tension was diffused after an embassy staff member, speaking on a mobile phone, reported that the hostages and the invaders were amiably debating the situation in Iraq.

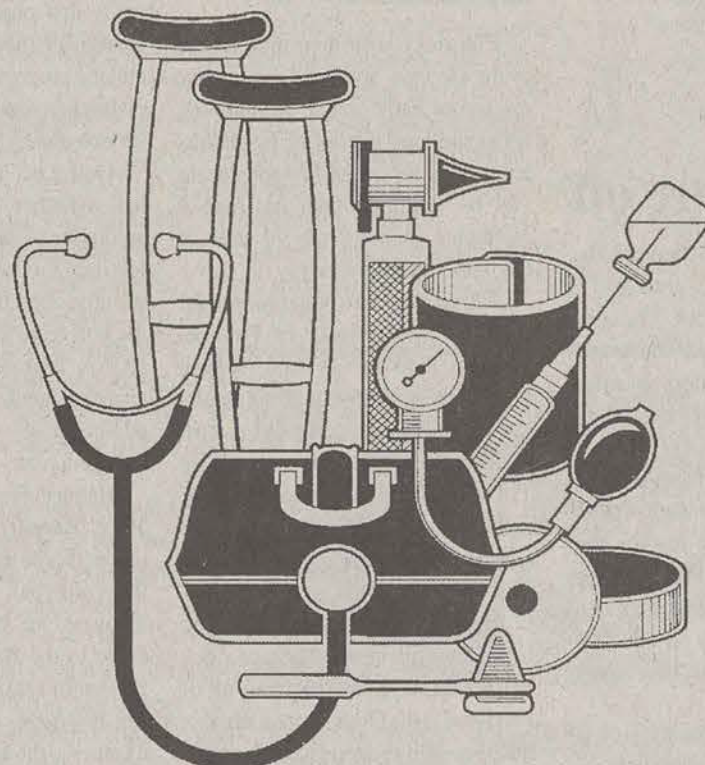
At dusk, more than 30 commandos wearing black masks and carrying rifles clambered over the embassy's iron fence, after police tried 20 times to reach the invaders by telephone, police operations commander Martin Textor said. In the operation, which lasted less than two minutes, officers fired no shots and the five hostage takers did not resist arrest, officials said.

By midnight Tuesday, German police still were unable to identify the five, but said they were all about 30 years old.

Meanwhile, spokesmen for Iraqi opposition groups in Germany and England said they had never heard of a Democratic Iraqi Opposition in Germany and pointed out the Iraqi opposition, although sworn to overthrow Saddam Hussein, had never before resorted to violent actions abroad in order to publicize their cause.

In London, a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella group that has been attempting to coordinate various opposition movements said it had no involvement with the embassy incident.

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of Admissions. "Scholarships are a great recruiting tool," said Mindy Hatchell, GSU's coordinator of High-Ability Student Recruitment. "In the past, they were handed out in May, after most students had made their decision about what school to attend."

"Now we hand them out in March, when most students are just making their decision, which is a big attraction for many students."

The ability to bring in better students has a direct effect on enrollment and, more specifically, the university's retention efforts, which begin with the Office of Admissions, administrators say.

"Better students are more likely to succeed, and successful students are more likely to stay in school," says Dr. Judith Schomber, the university's Director of Academic Advisement and Retention.

In addition to bringing in better students, the admissions office is working to find students that are, according to Director of Admissions Dr. Teresa Thompson, a "good fit for Georgia Southern." This means bringing more students to the campus for tours. Office of Admission statistics show that 70% of all students that visit the campus end up enrolling.

Retention though, is a campus-wide effort.

Programs like Open House and Southern Exposure (which is open to students that score an 1,100 or higher on the SAT) bring together everyone, students, faculty, and staff, in a concentrated effort to bring good students in and keep them here.

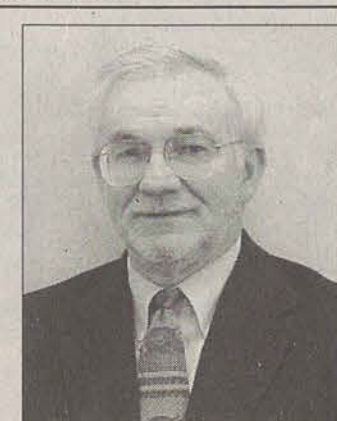
Thompson said that "when every one does their part, and we can bring all of that together, we have the recipe for a healthy institution."

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vote. Walker took Bulloch County as well, netting nearly 37 percent of the voters, while Chuck Pardue garnered 19 percent and Tony Center finished a close third, with 17 percent of the vote.

Dooley, an Athens talk show host and wife of former University of Georgia football coach Vince, did well in Chatham County, taking 3,857 votes compared to 2,219 for Burns.

Walker also took Chatham County, receiving more than 4,000 votes than second-place finisher Tony Center.



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All bets are off

How good is our Georgia Southern football team this year?

It's a question that has continued to be answered a thousand different ways in Statesboro since the players had their first day of spring practice.

Many southern gentlemen are leaning back in their chairs at Henry's Haircuts, reading the local sports pages and pointing to the pictures of former stars like Tracy Ham hanging on the wall while they talk about how times have changed.

The regulars at Hackers Golf Park are coming through the back door, ready to order a bucket of balls and drop in their two cents on how the defense could be the strength of the team this season for a change.

And, the students are running around the University Bookstore in a frenzy, looking for a book that hasn't been ordered for a class that has their first quiz in two days, but still take the time while they wait in long lines to talk about their plans to take down the goalposts in December once again.

Yes, the 2002 Georgia Southern football team is a hard one to figure out.

But despite the loss of one of the greatest backs in the history of the league in Adrian Peterson, not to mention a change at quarterback and a restructured coaching staff, the general consensus is the Eagles will still be pretty good.

The one burning question that still remains is...how good?

If you listen to the experts and follow all the preseason polls you might just confuse yourself.

The TSN, ESPN, and USA Today polls have Georgia Southern ranked #5 in the country in I-AA. But if you flip through the pages of Athlon Sports you will see that they rank the Eagles at #15 in the same Top 25 format.

Some of the local media are whispering to each other that Georgia Southern has a chance to finish as high as 9-2 and make it back on board the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, while others feel that making the playoffs in itself would be a tremendous accomplishment.

The bottom line is this season might quite possibly become the most unpredictable eleven games that the school has ever played.

The few things that we know for sure are that All-American defenders strong safety David Young and defensive tackle Freddy Pesqueira will be dominating on defense, and center Charles Clark will be anchoring a more experienced offensive line.

After that the question marks are endless.

Will it be Trey Hunter or Chaz Williams taking the snaps at quarterback?

Will the coaches keep Zzream Walden at slotback for a full season or try him at another position yet again?

And what will the receivers do differently to improve on last season's poor passing efficiency?

These are all questions that have been mullied over since the first day of spring practice, and they won't begin to be answered for another eight days until the Eagles take the field in Newark, Delaware.

After all, as ESPN anchorman Chris Berman always says "That's why they play the game."

But no matter what your prediction is for GSU in 2002, trust me, I wouldn't bet on it.

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Those of you out there that are new to the Georgia Southern community might not know much, if anything, about the long history of Eagle athletics. Let me be the first to educate you by running down the A-to-Z highlights spanning over 70 years of Georgia Southern sports.

Adrian Peterson: Nobody brought more to the gridiron of Paulson Stadium than the A-Train, Adrian Peterson. In four years as an Eagle, Peterson toppled record after record, rushing for 9,461 yards and scoring 114 touchdowns. His record mark of rushing for at least 100 yards in 36 consecutive games is one that will likely never fall.

Beautiful Eagle Creek: It might look like a plain old drainage ditch to the naked eye, but this creek off of Fair Road in the Eagle Sports Complex has been used as a good luck charm for the Eagle football team. Many times, water from the creek has been bottled up and brought on road trips as a good luck charm.

Championships: Something the Eagle athletic program has become accustomed to over the years is winning championships. The football team won it all in 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1999, and 2000 while the baseball team won the NAIA title back in 1962. In addition, the Eagles have claimed 38 conference crowns in the Southern and Trans-America Conferences.

Diamond Girls: The Diamond Girls have been an integral part of the gameday environment at Eagle baseball games for the past 30 years. Made up of students at GSU, the Diamond Girls serve as bat girls while also assisting with tickets and promotions. The group also heavily involved with community service around the Statesboro area.

Erk Russell: Forty years after disbanding the program, football was brought back to Georgia Southern in 1982. At the helm of the team was a former UGA assistant by the name of Erskine Russell, better known to everybody as just Erk. In eight years, Russell guided the Eagles to an 83-22 record and two national titles, including a perfect 15-0 season during his last season in 1989.

Football: Definitely the prime attraction at Georgia Southern, the football team has kept up a run among the Division I-AA's elite, winning six national titles since the program was

restarted in 1982. Football was actually first played here in 1924, but was discontinued (with the rest of the athletic program) in 1941 when many of the players were called into military service during World War II.

Golf: Lost in the shadows of football and other sports, golf has built a reputation as one of the top teams in not only the conference but also the country. Led by coach Larry Mays, the golf team has made the past two NCAA Tournaments and hosts the annual Schenkel Invitational, which attracts many of the nation's elite college teams.

Hanner Fieldhouse: Opened in 1969, Hanner Fieldhouse is home to the Eagle basketball teams and the volleyball team. Extensively renovated in 1995, Hanner is also home to the Hanner Hooligans, our version of Duke's Cameron Crazies. The Hooligans show no mercy when it comes to the opposing teams as well as the officials.

Intrastate Rivals: Georgia Southern is one of five colleges in Georgia that play sports on the Division I level. Georgia, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, and Mercer are the others while Savannah State and Morris Brown are "provisional" schools, meaning they are considering the move up to Division I.

J.I. Clements Stadium: Home of the Eagle baseball team, the ballpark is named after longtime coach J.I. Clements, who led the squad from 1949 to 1966 and again in 1968. Built into a natural bowl, J.I. Clements Stadium seats a cozy 2,000, but can be a raucous place, especially when teams like Georgia and Georgia Tech come to town.

Kickoff: The opening kickoffs of Georgia Southern football are always a wild time (no matter the blazing heat) at Paulson Stadium as they usually lead to the inevitable Eagle win.

Losing Seasons: A rarity for the football team, the Eagles have only had one losing season since the program was restarted in 1982. They finished 4-7 in 1996 under Frank Ellwood. The next year, they hired Paul Johnson as coach. The rest, they say, is history.

Marching Band: Football games at Paulson Stadium just wouldn't be the same without the GSU marching band, more commonly referred to as Southern Pride. From the pre-game scramble to the halftime show, Southern Pride always gives a good show to the Eagle fans. The Hoop Troop,

a smaller version of Southern Pride, performs at basketball games.

New Faces: With the loss of coach Paul Johnson to the Naval Academy and offensive catalysts J.R. Revere and Adrian Peterson to graduation, there will be plenty of new faces on this year's football team. Mike Sewak takes over the reigns as coach while Hakim Ford moves up in the depth chart at fullback. The quarterback race is tighter as Chaz Williams and Trey Hunter battle for the top spot.

Oregon State: The Georgia Southern football team has never beaten a I-AA opponent in ten chances, but came close to upsetting Oregon State in a September 1999 road game. The Eagles put a scare into the Beavers, narrowly losing 48-41.

Paulson Stadium: Home to the Eagle football team since 1984, Allen E. Paulson Stadium has been widely recognized as one of the better stadiums in Division I-AA football. Opponents would rather think otherwise, as GSU holds a 119-12 record on their home turf, including two 38-game home winning streaks.

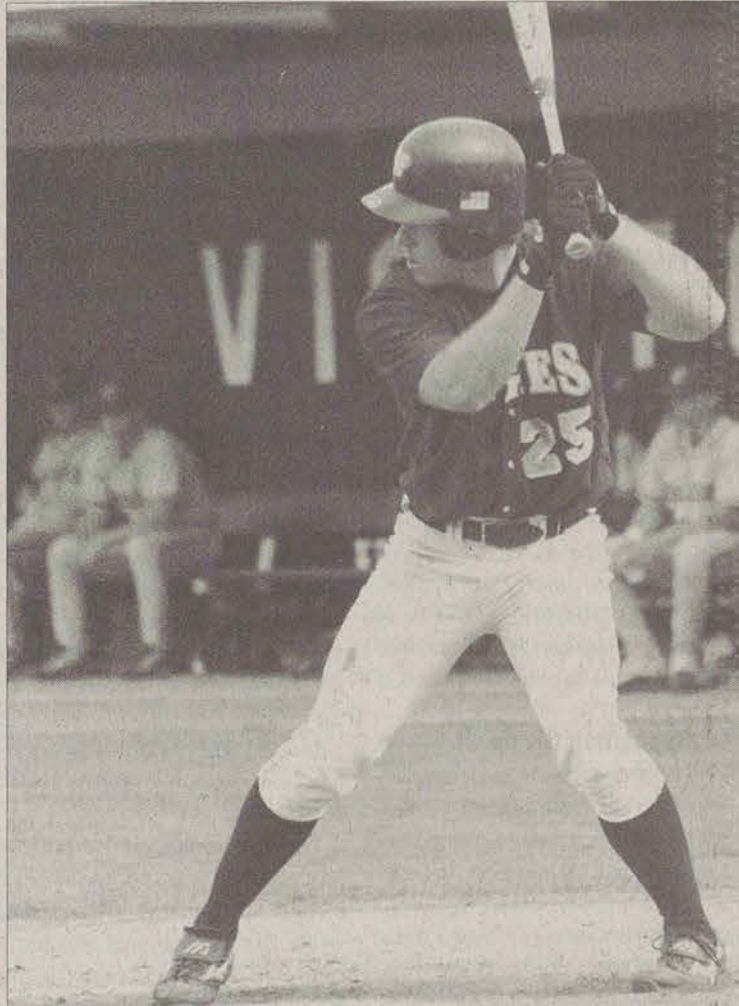
Quit: "Quit" is definitely not a word not in the vocabulary of any of the Georgia Southern sports teams (Okay, I know that's a tired old sports cliché, but I couldn't find anything else that worked with "Q").

Records: For Adrian Peterson, records were made to be broken as he set or tied over 110 school, conference, or national records during his four-year tenure at Georgia Southern. His 6,559 career rushing yards sets him as the all-time leader in Division I-AA football.

Sam Baker: The architect of Georgia Southern athletics as we know it today has been athletic director Sam Baker. Since Baker took the job in 1995, five of his coaching hires have gone on to win Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors. Off the field, the athletic program has also reached new highs in academic standards under Baker's direction.

Tracy Ham: Georgia Southern's first star football player, Tracy Ham was a quarterback on the team from 1983-1986. Ham, who owns nearly all the Eagle passing records, helped lead the team to national titles in 1985 and 1986. Another great "play" of his occurred off the field, as he helped recruit Adrian Peterson from Santa Fe High School in Alachua, Florida, where Ham once starred.

University: While this school



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Former baseball standout **Matt Herring** left GSU to pursue a career with the Cubs in the Windy City.

has been open since 1906, it didn't become a university until 1990. In the past GSU has been known as the Georgia Normal School, South Georgia Teachers College, Georgia Teachers College, and the Georgia Southern College. The sports teams haven't always been referred to as "Eagles." From 1924 to 1941, they were the "Blue Tide" and from 1945 to 1958 as the "Professors."

Volleyball: Led by new coach Kerry Messersmith, the ladies of Eagle volleyball experienced a season they will never forget in 2001, making it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in team history. After only three winning seasons in 16 years, the team far surpassed everybody's expectations, beating Chattanooga for the SoCon crown and losing a hard-fought match with Pepperdine in the NCAA first round.

Winning Seasons: The football team isn't the only program at Georgia Southern used to winning seasons year after year. Only five times in 59 seasons has the baseball team finished a season with a losing record. Much of the success has come under the

long tenures of coaches J.I. Clements (1949-66 and 1968) and Jack Stallings (1976-99).

X-Eagles in the Pros: This past summer saw four former Eagle baseball players start their professional careers, ironically all four drafted by the two Chicago ball clubs. Chris Walker, Jemel Spearman, and Brett Lewis all were chosen by the Cubs while Matt Herring went to the White Sox. In addition, Adrian Peterson is also heading to the "Windy City" to play for the NFL's Bears.

Youngstown State: In 1999's football championship, Youngstown State was the unlucky victim of Georgia Southern's famed running game on the way to a 59-24 Eagle blowout. The game also saw "The Run" where Adrian Peterson broke six tackles on the way to a 58-yard touchdown run. Peterson, with 247 rushing yards, was one of three Eagles with over 100 rushing yards.

Zero: The Eagle football team hasn't been held to a score that low since they were shutout 45-0 by Montana during a December 2, 1995 playoff game, a span of 84 games.

Scrimmage showcases 'the good, the bad and the ugly'

G-A News Service

Sophomore quarterbacks Trey Hunter and Chaz Williams accounted for both touchdowns and combined for nearly half of the Eagles' offensive production with 237 total yards to highlight Georgia Southern's first full intra-squad scrimmage of the 2002 season Saturday morning at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

Hunter rushed for a game-high 103 yards on 20 carries and scored on a five-yard run while Williams completed three-of-nine passes for a team-best 78 yards, which included a 58-yard scoring toss to junior wide receiver Carl Kearney. Both starting candidates rotated turns guiding the first and second units throughout the contest.

On the other hand, the Eagle defense also enjoyed a solid showing despite playing without three projected starters by limiting the offense to just two touchdowns and forcing three Scott Shelton field goals. Although it allowed 481 total yards on 105 plays, an average of 4.6 yards per attempt, Georgia Southern's defensive squad forced five fumbles and recovered two, posted four tackles for loss and one sack during the two-hour contest which was officiated by a Southern Conference crew.

Offensively, Williams rushed for 33 yards on 12 carries while fullbacks Jermaine Austin, Hakim Ford and Brandon Andrews combined for 106 more ground yards.

Sophomore Kevin Davis topped all slotbacks with 24 yards on just two carries while senior returning starters Zzream Walden (10 yards) and Mark Myers (three) netted a combined 13 yards on three carries each.

Georgia Southern rushed 89 times for 380 yards (4.3 ypc) and completed six-of-16 passes for 101 yards. The Eagle offense was also stymied by five penalties and two lost fumbles during the scrimmage which featured competition between the Georgia Southern's first, second and third units.

Austin and Ford added 61 and 30 rushing yards on 14 and 10 attempts, respectively, while Andrews picked up 15 ground yards on seven carries. Hunter completed three-of-five passes for 23 yards while junior Melvin Cox and freshman Wes Turner recorded the unit's only other two pass attempts.

In addition to Kearney's pair of catches for a game-high 72 yards, Lewis Barr (12 yards), Mark Myers (eight), Derrick Owens (seven) and Anthony Williams (two) all registered one pass reception each.

Defensively, sophomore tackle Matt Rio led the unit with seven stops while freshman walk-on T.J. Rutledge posted six tackles subbing for an injured Joe Scott at the middle linebacker's position. Nose tackle Eric Hadley, safety Tariq Muhammad and end DeShawn Jude added five stops

each.

"It was kind of like a Clint Eastwood movie out there - there was the good, the bad and the ugly," said first-year head coach Mike Sewak. "I was pleased with the enthusiasm because it looked like

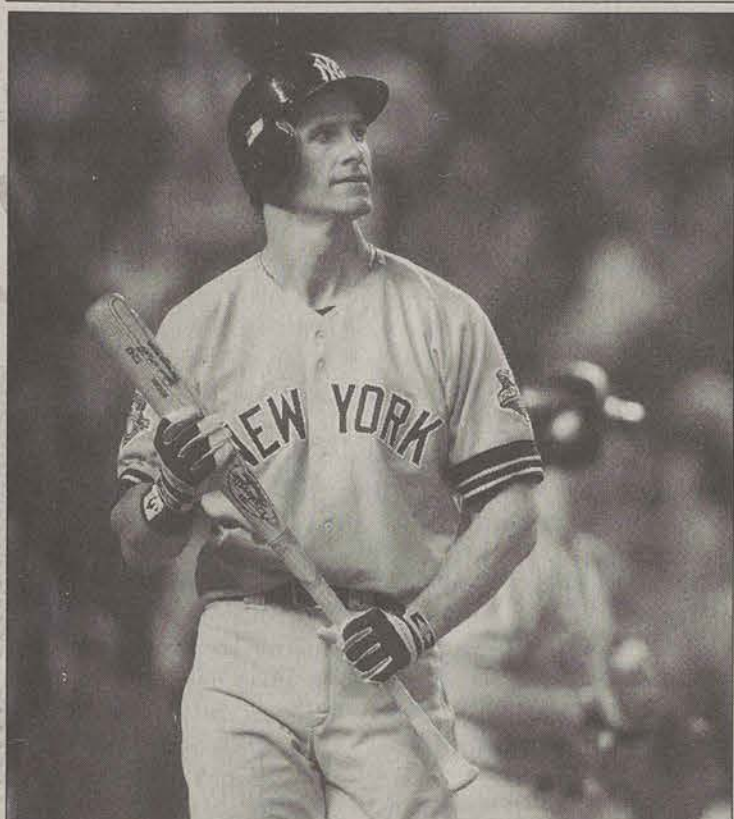
guys were having fun, not wanting to come out. Unfortunately, I was disappointed with our perimeter blocking, which is something we need to address immediately in order to effectively execute our offense. It was nice to see our

defense throwing a lot of stunts and blitzes at the offense which is something that will really help get our quarterbacks ready. I saw people maturing and getting better, which really is the bottom line. It's what you want to see."



Allison Bennett

The Eagles have one more team scrimmage Thursday evening before their **first 2002 season-opener at Delaware** on August 29.



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Paul O'Neill and the Yankees may not have an opportunity to make it to the World Series this season due to the pending strike.

Strike pessimism might be misplaced, or perhaps not

KRT Campus

Just as there was unbridled and unfounded optimism last Monday when the baseball players postponed a strike date, there is unbridled and perhaps unfounded pessimism now that they have set one.

Aug. 30 is the date for the players to walk if they don't have an agreement with the owners. In many other unions, the setting of strike dates causes no such uproar as this one has created. But, as Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "There isn't any other union out there that has every detail of their negotiations under scrutiny."

La Russa doesn't think there will be a strike, almost to the point of saying, "No way." But he couches his words, saying, "What you have is so many reasons why both sides are going to feel the pressure. But this issue is a very tough one. I have no basis for saying (no strike). I was flipping a coin and that's the way it came up."

I don't think there will be a strike, either. However, I've always bet the under before and the record is that eight potential work stoppages have become eight real work stoppages since 1972.

The overriding reason why there won't be a strike this year is that progress, albeit halting, is being made, and the negotiators for the players and owners are actually talking to each other. Acrimony was fairly dripping in 1994. Now there is just the usual distrust.

Additionally, the issues are not as clear-cut for the players as in past negotiations when the matters of salary cap, arbitration, free agency and minimum salary were more easily understood and fired them up.

Chuck Finley, the Cardinals' 39-year-old lefthander, has been through three work stoppages and admits he doesn't really understand the specifics of the players' discontent this time. New player rep Steve Kline said he was not very knowledgeable either when he was tossed into the fray but is trying to play catch-up.

An agreement is the most important thing for a sport that has been fortunate to rebound as many times as it has. But a solid agreement is even more important.

If there is some watered-down proposal that doesn't work for either side because the two sides don't want to risk any more adverse opinion, then the players should stay out as long as necessary. Even more than the 232 days they were out last time. Let's get it right.

And no one should be lulled into the position that low-budget teams in Oakland and Minnesota can continue for much longer. Those teams have built their clubs largely through their farm systems but, as those players reach arbitration status after three years in the organization, the teams won't be able to keep them.

The players want a luxury tax threshold so high that it would affect only the New York Yankees this season. And the Yankees haven't shown much reluctance over the years to go after what they want anyway, cost be damned. Jeff Weaver is their sixth starter.

Addressing the fact that players have given a little, Kline said, "We don't want the owners to think that's a sign of weakness. Now, it's time for the steel foot to come down. We've done enough moving." At least for now.

Finley said a strike isn't that bad an idea if the sides aren't close. He amends that by saying that concept is not one he'd expect the public to look upon favorably. "That should be the last resort," he said. "If it stops this time, I don't think it's going to be good."

Finley said one item bothering him is "that I've never understood why they leave it up to the players to police themselves. The players kind of think everything's going to be all right and somebody's going to take care of it. Then, somebody walks up and taps you on your shoulder and says, 'Take a hike for a while.'"

"There's a lot of teams 25 or 30 games out that would welcome a strike for a while and say, 'Do us a favor.' But I think they'll get something worked out."

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Here's our ranking of the top 10 coaches aged 55 and over.

Coach, school, Age The buzz

1. Lou Holtz, South Carolina, 65 Shitck gets old, but he knows how to coach.

2. Bill Snyder, Kansas St. 62 K-State's turnaround nothing short of a miracle.

3. Joe Tiller, Purdue, 59 Helped transform Big Ten's stodgy offenses.

4. Mike Price, Washington St. 56 That he is near .500 at Wazzu is astounding.

5. Joe Paterno, Penn St. 75 Winningest coach in Division I-A history.

6. Bobby Bowden, FSU, 72 Hot on Paterno's heels as winningest coach

7. Sonny Lubick, Colorado St. 65 Defense-first philosophy has transformed Rams.

8. Fisher DeBerry, Air Force, 64 .657 winning percentage at a service academy.

9. Dennis Erickson, Oregon St. 55 Did well at Miami, has rebuilt Beavers program.

10. Ken Hatfield, Rice, 59 Coaches at school with toughest academics in I-A.

Eagles perform well during Summer League baseball

Five players star in NECBL Championship, Rogers All-Star starter

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern baseball was represented well across the eastern seaboard during the summer as 10 Eagles posted exceptional numbers in four separate college summer wooden-bat leagues.

Brian Rogers enjoyed a great summer in the nation's premier summer circuit, the Cape Cod League. Rogers, pitching for the Orleans Cardinals, earned a perfect 4-0 mark and allowed just two earned runs over 45 innings of work.

For his efforts, Rogers was named as the starting pitcher for the East All-Stars in the CCL All-Star Game in July.

Five Eagles appeared in the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) Championship series, which ended with A. J. Zickraf and Mike Thompson's Newport Gulls defeating the Keene Swamp Bats squad featuring Rocky Baker, Brian Harrison and Brendan Gilligan for the league title.

Zickraf hit .306 with eight runs batted in during the season and threw out 31 percent of would-be base stealers

from behind the plate. Zickraf raised his average to .318 during the Gulls' run through the playoffs and was named first-team All-NECBL.

Thompson finished the season 2-1 with a 5.88 ERA during the season, and tossed a complete game shutout, striking out 11 in a semifinal start at Danbury.

Baker finished the summer with a .310 average and three home runs, and was named NECBL All-Star Game MVP after driving in the winning run in the game.

Baker was 16-of-19 in the stolen base department and was also named to the All-NECBL first-team. Gilligan completed the season with a .275 average and six home runs, and hit .273 during the playoffs.

Harrison recorded a 3-1 record and a 2.72 ERA over the summer, striking out 58 hitters while walking just 22 and posted a 1.20 ERA in two playoff starts.

Kevin Culpepper pitched mainly in relief for the Sanford Mainers, recording a 0-2 mark with a 6.52 ERA. Culpepper registered 20 strikeouts to just 10 walks.

FINAL STATISTICS

	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	AVG
Rocky Baker (Keene-NECBL)	37	155	28	48	16	11	1	3	12	24	.310
Grant Burruss (Edenton-CPL)	47	177	16	46	25	5	0	4	12	32	.260
Brendon Gilligan (Keene-NECBL)	41	153	28	42	24	5	0	6	18	26	.275
A. J. Zickraf (Newport-NECBL)	27	85	10	26	8	8	0	0	12	23	.306

	G	GS	W-L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
Kevin Culpepper (Sanford-NECBL)	8	2	0-2	0	19.1	26	15	14	10	20	6.52
Brian Harrison (Keene-NECBL)	10	7	3-1	0	56.1	42	18	17	22	58	2.72
Brian Rogers (Orleans-Cape Cod)	8	8	4-0	0	45.0	22	3	2	7	53	0.40
Mike Thompson (Newport-NECBL)	15	1	2-1	2	26.0	25	19	17	20	36	5.88

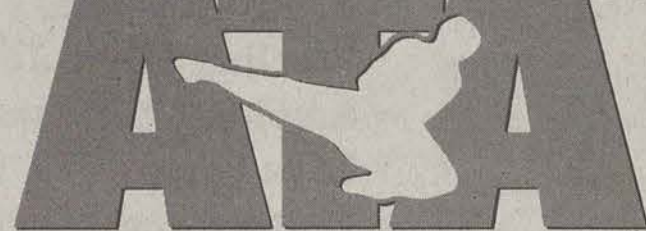
Grant Burruss was GSU's lone representative in the Coastal Plain League, and tallied a .260 batting average with four home runs and 25 RBI's for the Edenton Steamers. The Steamers finished third in the CPL after being eliminated by eventual champion Outer Banks.

James Payne and Brandon Williams spent the summer in the New

York Collegiate Baseball League with the Geneva Lakers, but statistics were not available from the league office.

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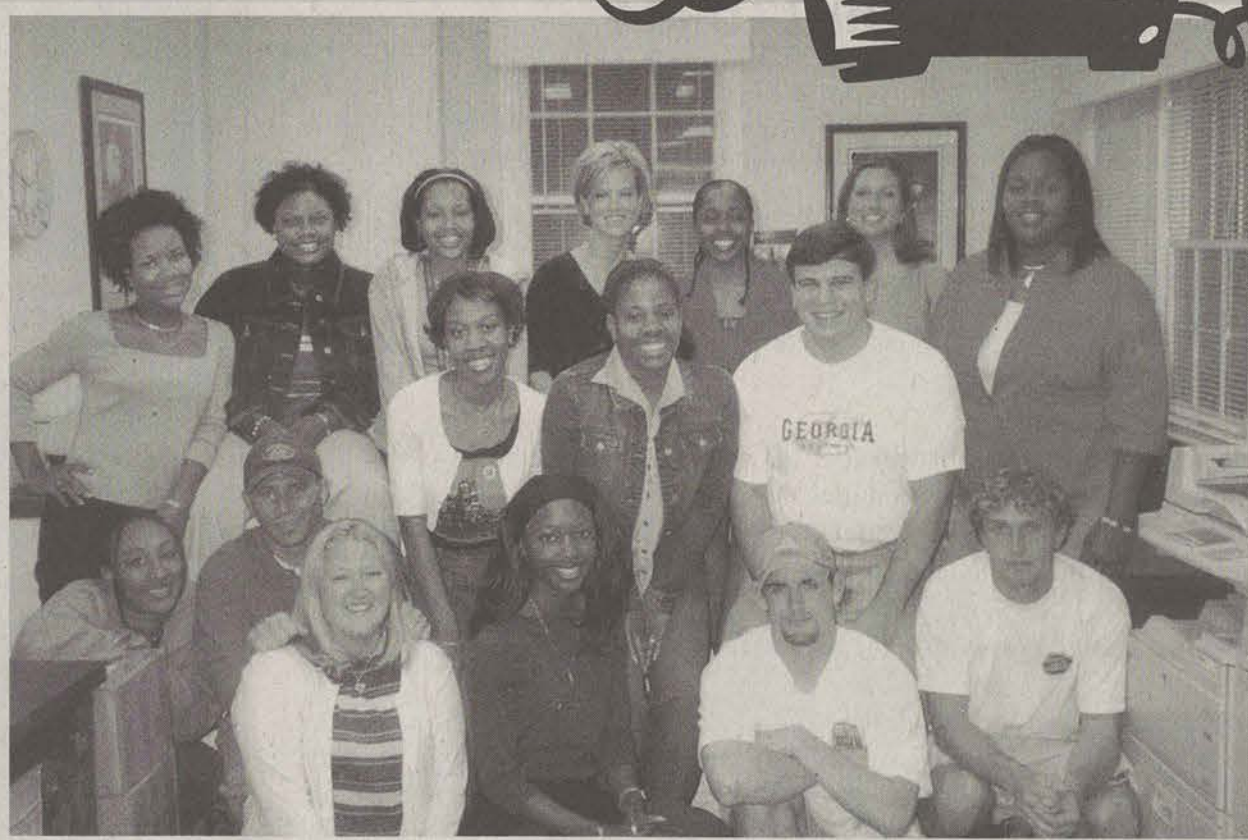
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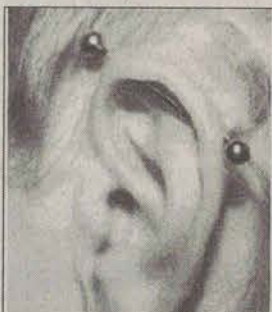
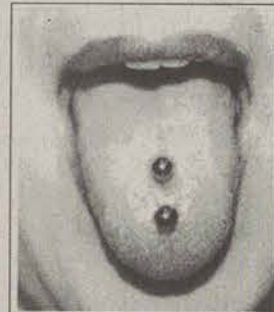
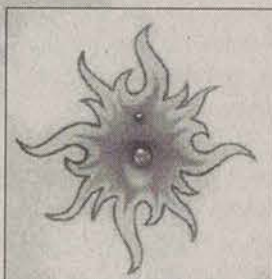
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Southern Conference announces football television schedule

The Associated Press

The Southern Conference has announced its fall 2002 slate of Conference football games to be televised. The schedule includes four games on Fox Sports Net South and two games on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast. In addition, the Conference will produce a documentary for broadcast on CSS that features the annual Military Classic of the South match-up between The Citadel and VMI.

The four games scheduled for Fox Sports Net South all involve SoCon teams ranked in the top 10 in the nation in the preseason polls. The Fox schedule includes three games between ranked opponents, including seventh-ranked Furman at number-two Appalachian State on Oct. 12; Appalachian at fifth-ranked Georgia Southern on Oct. 19; and Georgia Southern at Furman on Nov. 9. In addition, the Battle for the Old Mountain Jug featuring Appala-

chian State at Western Carolina will air live on Nov. 16.

All four Fox SoCon games will kickoff at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

The SoCon will also produce two telecasts on CSS. Those games include Chattanooga at Wofford on Oct. 5 and East Tennessee State at Georgia Southern on Nov. 2. Street & Smith's has ETSU ranked eighth in its preseason poll while Wofford is also receiving votes in The Sports Network national poll.

The annual Citadel-VMI clash will take place at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte on Nov. 16. The SoCon will produce a one hour documentary on the contest that will not only feature game highlights but also a behind-the-scenes look at the Military Classic of the South. The documentary will focus on the history of the series that dates back to 1920 as well as the pageantry of the contest that will

feature each institution's Corps of Cadets.

In addition to the SoCon's seven-game package, an additional six games involving league teams will be available throughout the region. Furman will produce three games on CSS including its September 7 opener at Vanderbilt, an Oct. 19 home date with The Citadel and the Oct. 26 contest at ETSU. Fox Sports Net will televise the Sept. 14 game that features Eastern Kentucky at Appalachian State. The Liberty Network, the official network of Liberty University, will produce a pair of non-league games that will feature SoCon teams and will be broadcast on CSS. Western Carolina will play at Liberty on Aug. 31 and Appalachian State will visit the Flames on Sept. 21.

A complete listing of Southern Conference football games available on television this fall follows:

2002 Southern Conference Football On Television

Date	Teams	Time	Network	(Producer)
Aug. 31	Western Carolina at Liberty	3:30	CSS	(Liberty)
Sept. 7	Furman at Vanderbilt	7:00	CSS	(Furman)
Sept. 14	Eastern Kentucky at App. State	3:30	Fox Sports Net South	(SoCon)
Sept. 21	Appalachian State at Liberty	3:30	CSS	(Liberty)
Oct. 5	Chattanooga at Wofford	3:00	CSS	(SoCon)
Oct. 12	Furman at Appalachian State	3:30	Fox Sports Net South	(SoCon)
Oct. 19	App. State at Georgia Southern	3:30	Fox Sports Net South	(SoCon)
Oct. 19	The Citadel at Furman	3:30	CSS	(Furman)
Oct. 26	Furman at East Tennessee State	3:30	CSS	(Furman)
Nov. 2	ETSU at Georgia Southern	3:00	CSS	(SoCon)
Nov. 9	Georgia Southern at Furman	3:30	Fox Sports Net South	(SoCon)
Nov. 16	App. State at Western Carolina	3:30	Fox Sports Net South	(SoCon)

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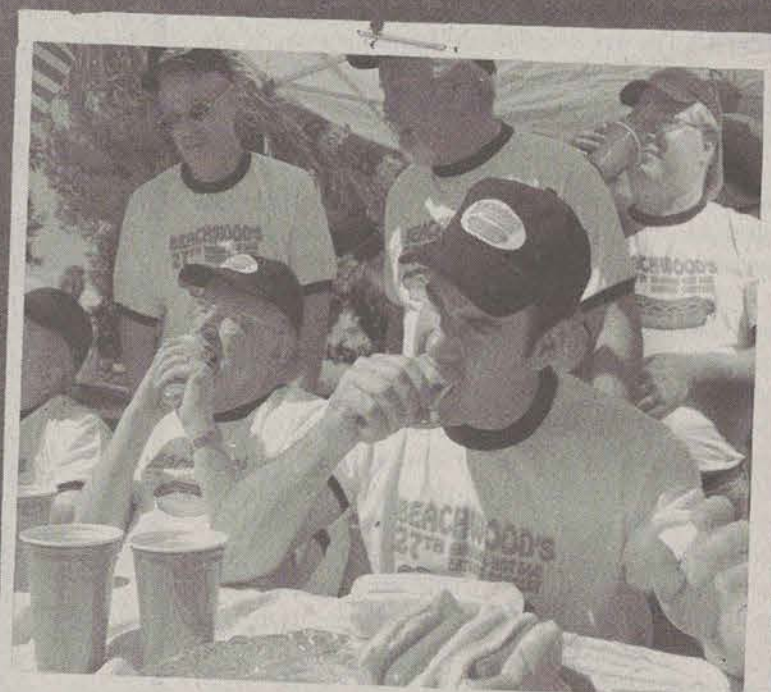
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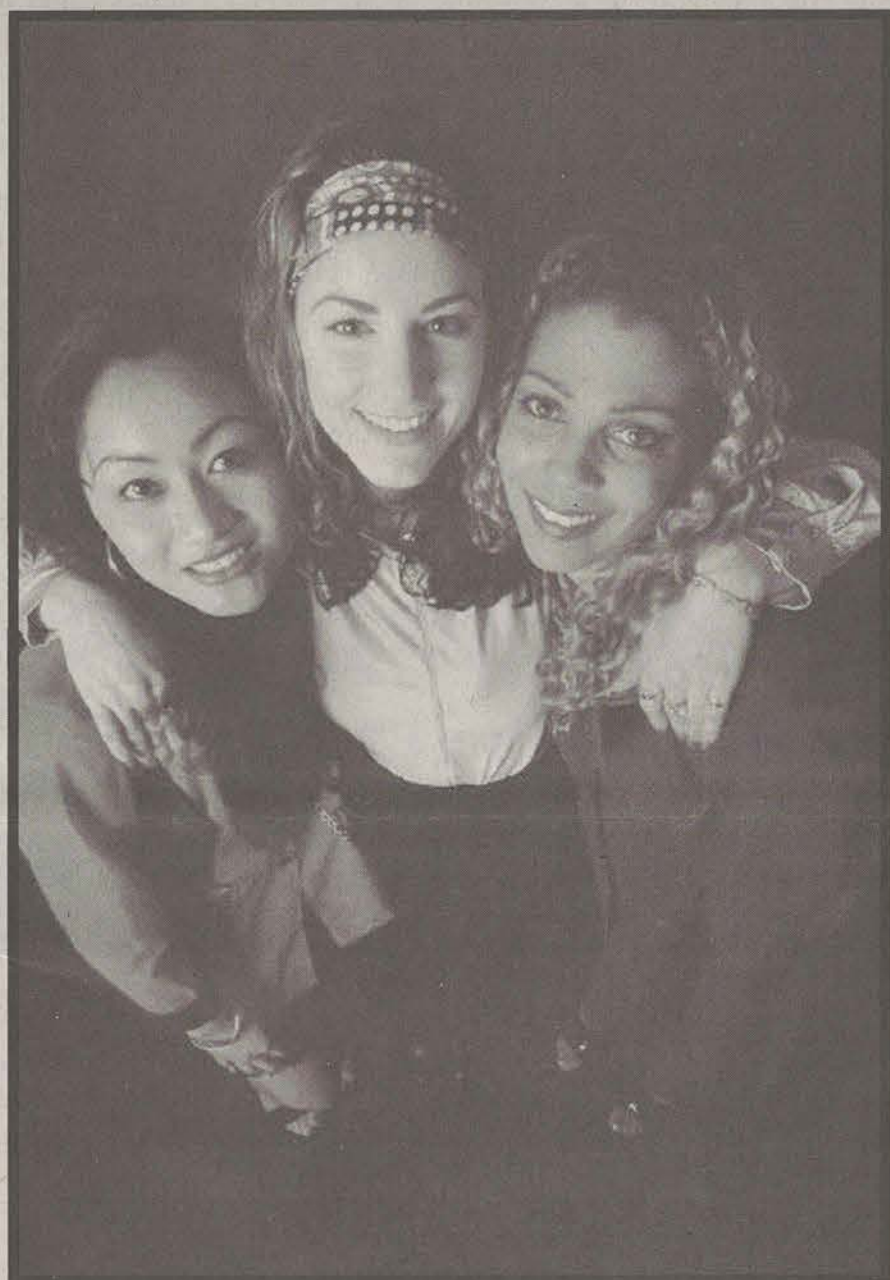
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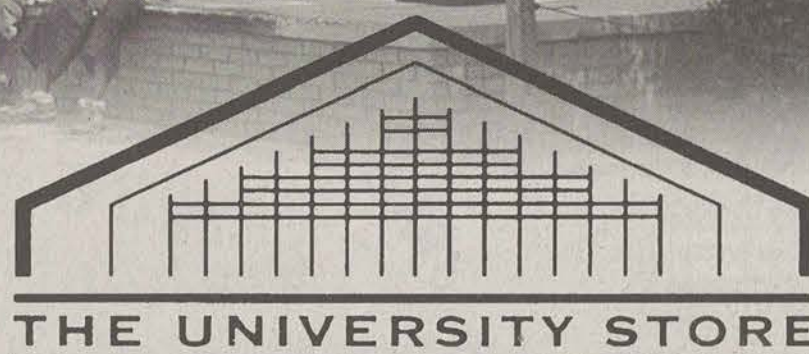
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Republican leaders caution Bush on military action against Iraq

Sens. Lugar, Hagel, other conservatives, cautious with U.S. unilateral action

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WASHINGTON--President Bush heard more cautionary words from within his own Republican Party about possible military action against Iraq earlier this week, even as a presidential spokesman predicted that Americans and U.S. allies would support any U.S.-led drive to topple Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

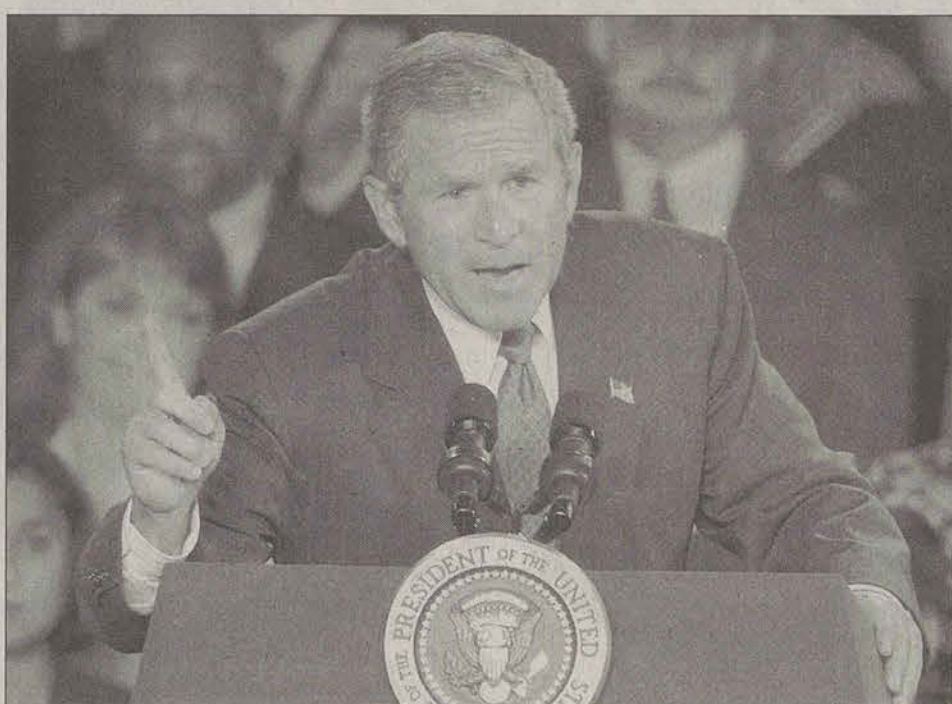
Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., an important voice on international affairs, counseled the White House to clearly explain its case to key U.S. allies for Saddam's removal and seek their support.

"Some robust diplomacy is required. These coalitions don't happen by chance or by press release," Lugar said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "This is going to require heavy lifting."

Echoing Lugar's concerns, Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, who along with Lugar is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned that pre-emptive U.S. action to remove Iraq's leader "could set in motion a destabilization of the Middle East and South Asia."

President Bush has cast Iraq as part of an "axis of evil" aligned against the United States. His national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, laid out the case last week for Saddam's removal, saying the Iraqi leader has tried to obtain nuclear weapons and poses a growing menace to the civilized world.

While the Bush administration methodically prepares plans to oust Saddam, who was defeated in the 1991 Persian Gulf War but hung on to power, it has not said when a war might be launched.



Special to the G-A

President Bush, shown here in a speech earlier this year, has been criticized by some for not fully laying out his case against Iraq. Republican leaders joined the debate last week.

The White House drumbeat against Iraq has opened public fissures within the Republican Party. As some hawks call for military action, other Republicans suggest that might divert -- or even derail -- the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

President Bush has not made a decision on military action, and once he does he will explain it to the American people and to U.S. allies, White House spokesman Dan Bartlett said.

"President Bush also understands if we go forward, if he decides that we need to take action to minimize the threat that (Saddam) now poses, that he will do so in a way that will clearly be articulated to the American people, clearly articulated to our friends and allies," Bartlett said on ABC's "This Week."

Bartlett said Saddam's "abysmal record" as-

ures the Bush administration "that we will have support."

"The president hasn't asked for support because he hasn't made up his mind. But I think you'll find many people rallying to such a noble cause," Bartlett said.

Some Republicans suggested the White House should act quickly against Iraq -- with or without international support.

Richard Perle, a Republican who chairs the Defense Policy Board, an advisory committee to the Pentagon, dismissed the need to rally foreign support.

"Our European allies are just not relevant to this. And the one of some importance, the United Kingdom, is I believe going to be with us," Perle said on ABC's "This Week."

Moscow, Baghdad close to signing \$40 billion package; clouds U.S. military policy

KRT Campus

MOSCOW-- Iraq and Russia are close to signing a \$40 billion economic cooperation plan, Iraq's ambassador said Saturday, a deal that could put Moscow at odds with the United States as it considers a military attack against Baghdad.

The statement by Ambassador Abbas Khalaf came amid indications that Russia, despite its strong support for the post-Sept. 11 antiterrorism coalition, is maintaining or improving ties with Iran and North Korea, which together with Iraq are the countries President Bush has labeled the "axis of evil."

But under President Vladimir Putin, Russian foreign policy has sought to create a network of alliances to counterbalance alleged U.S. domination of international affairs.

Although Putin has moved Russia closer to West -- including increasing contacts with NATO and not raising objections to U.S. forces in Georgia and in former Soviet Central Asia -- he also has pursued relations with countries that are anathema to the United States.

Washington is trying to rally support for a possible invasion of Iraq, which the United States accuses of supporting terrorism and of rebuilding its banned weapons of mass destruction program, but many U.S. allies are resisting the push.

Moscow has supported lifting the U.N. sanctions, hoping that would allow Baghdad to start paying off its \$7 billion Soviet-era debt and help expand trade.

Many opponents argue that an invasion cannot be justified without firm proof that the regime of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is developing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

The chief United Nations weapons inspector, Hans Blix, told The Associated Press that he can't say with certainty whether Iraq has such weapons. "If we knew -- if we had real evidence that they have weapons of mass destruction -- we would bring it to the Security Council," he said.

The pending Russia-Iraq economic deal is likely to be seen by Washington as another blow to its efforts to marshal backing for an attack.

Sanctions imposed by the Security Council after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted until U.N. inspectors certify that its biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons have been destroyed along with the long-range missiles to deliver them.

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The agreement, which envisions new cooperation in the fields of oil, irrigation, agriculture, transportation, railroads and electrical energy, will most likely be signed in Baghdad in the beginning of September, Khalaf told The Associated Press.

Khalaf said he saw no contradiction between Russia's friendship with Iraq and its ties with Washington, which have strengthened since the Sept. 11 attacks.

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The concession stand outside the Russell Union theater sits silent yesterday. Cuts in the activity budget mean the end of "second run" movies.

Budget shortfalls force cut to Eagle Cinemas' dollar movies

Part one of a two-part series

By Erik Howard
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With all the growth on the GSU campus and the rising cost of attendance, it would seem there wouldn't be a reduction in activities for students.

That won't be the case this new school year as the Activity Budget Committee decided to cut the budget for Eagle Cinemas, a popular place for students to catch movies in the Russell Union.

The Activity Budget committee, made up of faculty and students, serve on a yearly basis.

In the past, Eagle Cinemas provided "second run" movies for a dollar. Second run movies are those that have previously been released in to major movie theaters but have yet to make it to the shelves of video stores.

The program was run by Eagle entertainment, and staffed by the Russell Union with student workers running the projection and concession stands.

With many students feeling that there is already nothing to do in Statesboro on the weekends and outside of classes, why close one of the more popular programs that eagle entertainment provides?

According to Ms. Sheena Glover, assistant director of the Union for student programs, said that students were attending movies. Last spring alone

there were more than 5,000 students who went to the movies. This number is keeping in conjunction with the numbers of past years.

Even though there will be no second run movies, there still will be the foreign language films which comes from the academic side of the university, but this program wasn't run by Eagle cinemas.

There also is still a chance for the sneak previews to be shown. But this will not be a guarantee; the sneak preview program depends on if the studios have the previews available and if eagle entertainment is able to show the previews.

"Eagle entertainment still has a commitment to bring free movies to the campus," Glover said.

The Eagle entertainment staff and team leaders are very disappointed in the decision, Glover said.

"We're trying to provide more programming on the weekend and at night to off set the lost of Eagle Cinemas," she said.

But they will be doing this programming with less money than they had last year when Eagle Cinemas was in their budget.

In Part 2, the G-A will look at where student activity fees go and how decisions are made in what programs continue and how programs operate.

Assistant professor awarded \$210,000, two-year grant to produce bilingual dictionary

G-A News Service

An assistant professor in Georgia Southern University's Department of Writing and Linguistics has been awarded a \$210,000 grant to produce an online bilingual dictionary.

Frank Arasanyin is the director of the Edeyede Project, an international initiative designed to help American college students learn an important West African language.

Funded by a two-year grant from the United States Department of Education, the Edeyede Project is a computer-based language consortium that will enable English-speaking students to improve their understanding of Yoruba, which is spoken by more than 35 million people around the world.

"This will be a bilingual dictionary that is Internet-driven so that anyone anywhere in the world can have access to the language," said Arasanyin.

Yoruba describes a West African people who are loosely linked by geography, language, history and religion. The Yoruba language is spoken primarily in Nigeria, Benin and Togo.

Along with Swahili and Hausa, Yoruba has been identified by the U.S. State Department as one of three "strategic" African languages.

"Nigeria is the largest African country in terms of population, and it's the fourth-largest exporter of oil to the United States, so interest in Yoruba is growing around the world due to its importance as a language of commerce in West Africa," said Arasanyin, a native of Nigeria who earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

"Given all of that, the Department of Education awarded us this grant because you cannot learn one language too many."

Yoruba language and culture are not limited to Africa. As a result of the slave trade of the 18th and 19th centuries, people of Yoruba descent

settled across the globe, perhaps most notably in Brazil and Cuba, as well as parts of the United States.

"Yoruba is the language of the largest single ethnic group in Africa, and some aspects of the language survive all over the world - even in Georgia," Arasanyin said.

The growing interest in Yoruba can be illustrated by the fact that eight courses on its language and culture are listed in the 2002-2003 edition of the GSU catalog.

"Believe it or not, Georgia Southern is considered one of the national centers for the language," Arasanyin said. "In fact, there are more Yoruba classes offered here than at Yale University. That was part of the attraction for me to come here."

"Compared to languages such as Spanish, Yoruba still has a relatively small enrollment, but in terms of the less commonly taught languages, it is becoming one of the most popular."

Named for a Yoruba word that refers to cross-lingual communication, the Edeyede Project actually began when Arasanyin was a senior lecturer at Yale.

After accepting an offer to develop the linguistics program at GSU, he brought with him to Statesboro the belief that the bilingual dictionary project should continue.

According to Arasanyin, the Edeyede Project provides a unique avenue to marry language and cutting edge technology, which is a major part of the mission of the Department of Writing and Linguistics at GSU.

"A survey that asked the question 'why do students take this language' was conducted, and it gave us a good idea of the concerns and interests of the students," Arasanyin said. "We learned that students are interested in Yoruba for a number of reasons: because they intend to work in Africa, or because it's part of their heritage, or because they want to travel to Africa."

Latino program receives \$14k grant from Blank

By Michelle Flournoy
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The Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services recently received \$14,000 in grants from the Arthur M. Blank Foundation.

The funds will be used to support programs sponsored by the Outreach Center.

Virginia Steinhaer is a GSU outreach specialist, who helps run the program.

"We have after school programs two days a week from 2:30 until 4:30 at Langston Chapel Elementary, but our biggest program is the Youth Mentor Program in which we pair a GSU student with a Latino child," she said.

Approximately 70 GSU students participate in the mentor program each semester. There are usually about 60 Latino children who participate.

"The GSU student makes a semester long commitment to work with the child," Steinhaer said.

"The student agrees to help the child with their English and to interpret American culture."

The mentors are matched with children and then meet the children at the assigned schools. The mentor must be willing to work with the child at least two hours a week while school is in session.

According to Arthur Blank's family website, the foundation is "committed to supporting programs



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and organizations that create opportunity, enhance self esteem and increase awareness about cultural and community issues among young people."

During the past year the foundation has approved over \$35 million in grants.

Arthur M. Blank, a co-founder of Home Depot, has given back to society. Blank was with Home Depot for 23 years. During this time the company donated over \$113 million

to worthy causes, and associates volunteered thousands of hours to serving communities.

The Blank Foundation emphasizes the fact that last year's terrorist attacks displayed the need to promote understanding among individuals with contrasting backgrounds.

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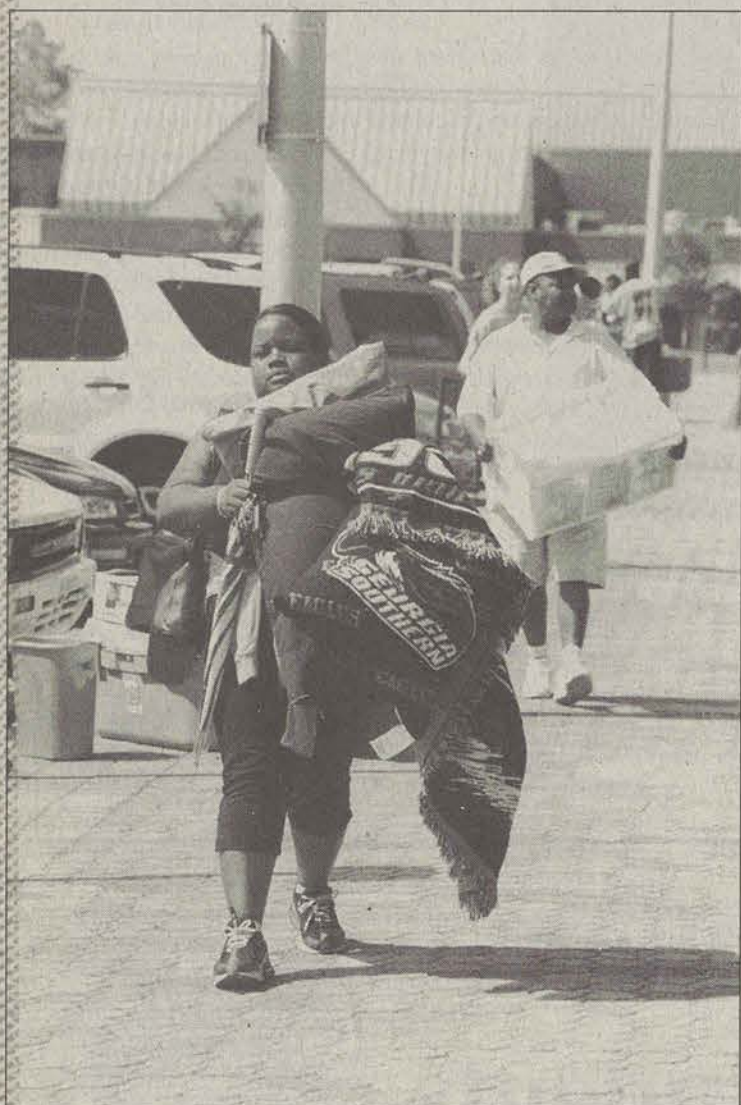
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Lifestyles

Operation Move In

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New arrivals walk towards **Watson Hall** weighted down with boxes and clothing.

Each year, students moving into Georgia Southern's residence halls are greeted by smiling faces and helping hands



By the numbers...

2700

Approximately, students living in residence halls

12

Residence halls on campus

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Faculty, Staff, and community members that assisted in Operation Move In

By Adam Brady
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University Housing opened the doors to all 12 residence halls last Saturday and began the long process of moving students living in on-campus housing into their new homes.

The effort has been dubbed "Operation Move In," and involves not only those who will be living in the halls, but the faculty and staff of university as well many others from the Georgia Southern community. Approximately 70 faculty and staff members including RA's, building directors, housing office staff, multiple professors, and even University President Dr. Bruce Grube were on there to help in the process.

Some 90 members of various organizations and community groups like the BSU, Georgia Southern's marching band, Southern Pride, and several fraternities and sororities were on hand to provide new residents with assistance.

The project was deemed as being a great success.

"It's designed to show that Georgia Southern is trying to help in the transition into college life," said Academic Enhancement Coordinator for University Housing Chris Caplinger. "It can be a stressful time for students and parents as well. We want parents to feel there are people here that will treat the students as people."

Housing even provided students and parents with water to assist in braving the warm temperatures.

"A lot of people came out to help," said Melissa Verduzco. "The trumpet section [from Southern Pride] gave me a hand."

With over 2700 students living in residence halls on campus, the task is not an easy one.

Though many of the athletes and members of various early-arriving student organizations had already moved in before last weekend, the majority of students living in residence halls participated in Operation Move In.

And with this year seeing an overwhelming response from students to live on-campus, some students have been on waiting lists since last Spring. Though many students are still waiting for a room and still others are living in temporary housing in Watson Hall, the Housing staff has been working diligently to find a place in the halls for these individuals.

Many of the halls have had thorough renovations over the past few years, with Oliff Hall being the latest. Over the summer the building was hardwired for high-speed internet as well as cable. Georgia Southern will continue updating the halls in the years to come, and plans have been made to build even more housing within the next few years.

Each residence hall houses at least 125 students, with Kennedy Hall being the largest housing nearly 450.

Residence halls at Georgia Southern offer students a sense of community, which can prove especially valuable during their first year in college. Many students choose to return to the residence halls even after their first year because of the positive environment they provide.

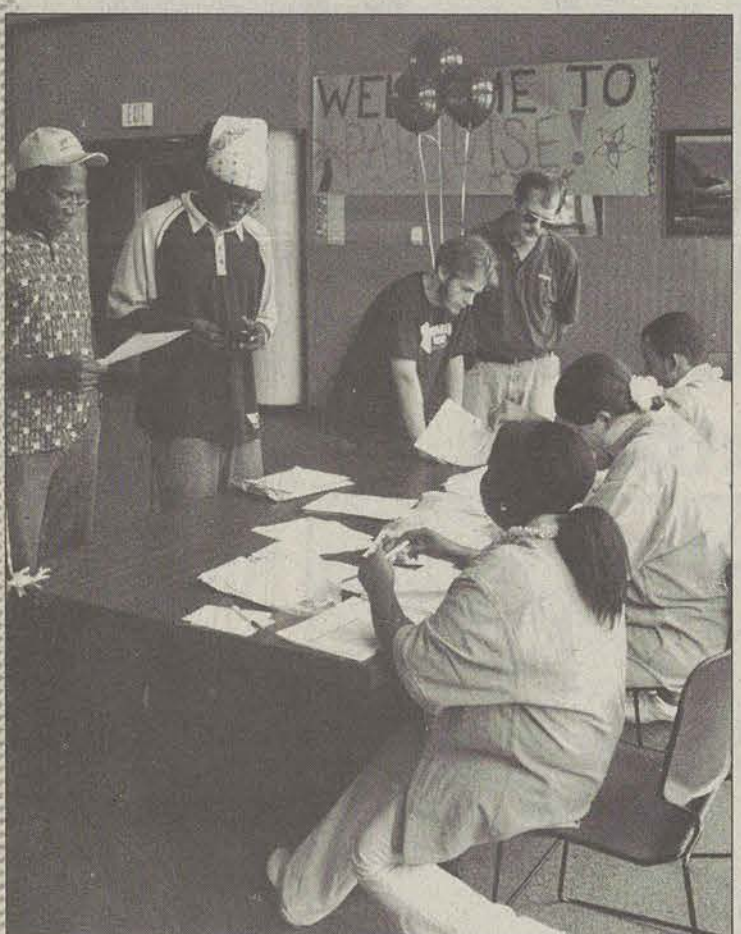
Resident Advisors provide students with a wide variety of programs to get them involved in the Georgia Southern community while groups like the Residence Hall Presidents' Council give students opportunities to gain valuable leadership experience.

Though moving into a new home at college may be a difficult task for many students and their parents, The faculty and staff of Georgia Southern is there to assist in anything that is within their control.



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Paul Brown and Pete Ketterman tote their couch into their new home in **Oliff Hall**.



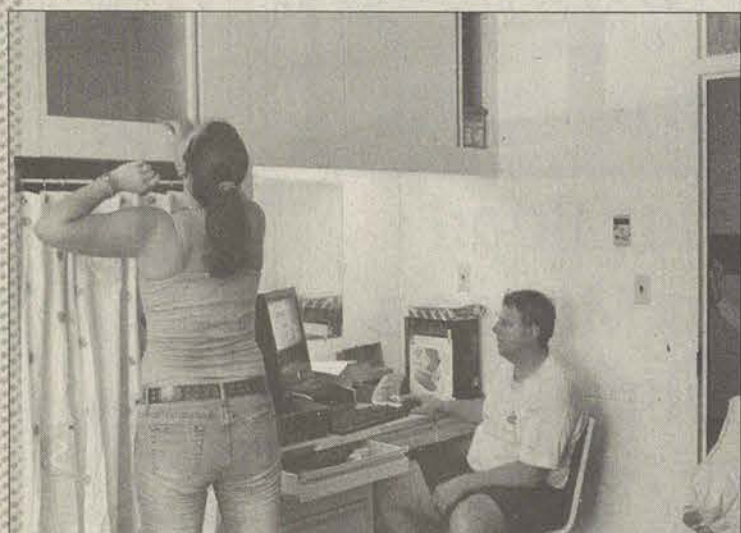
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Housing staff **Shakira Branch**, **Carla Bland** and **Anthony Ferrell** assist residents with check-in.



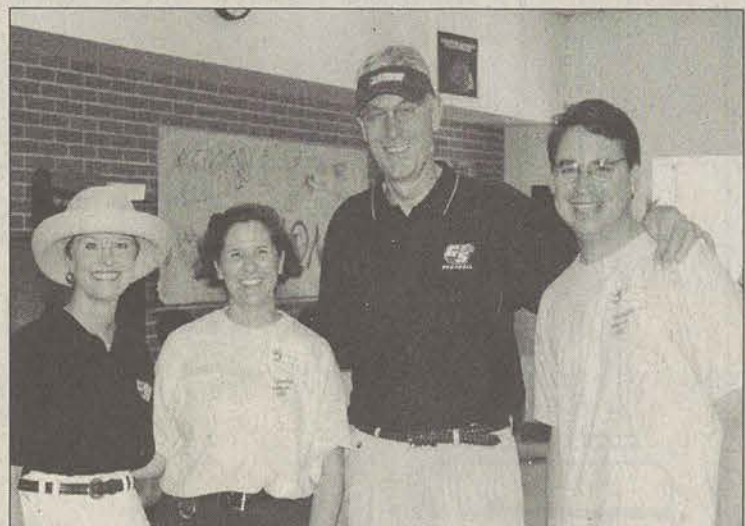
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Staff members **Tom Palfy** and **Vince Romanini** hand out water to new arrivals and workers. Water proved invaluable in the Statesboro heat.



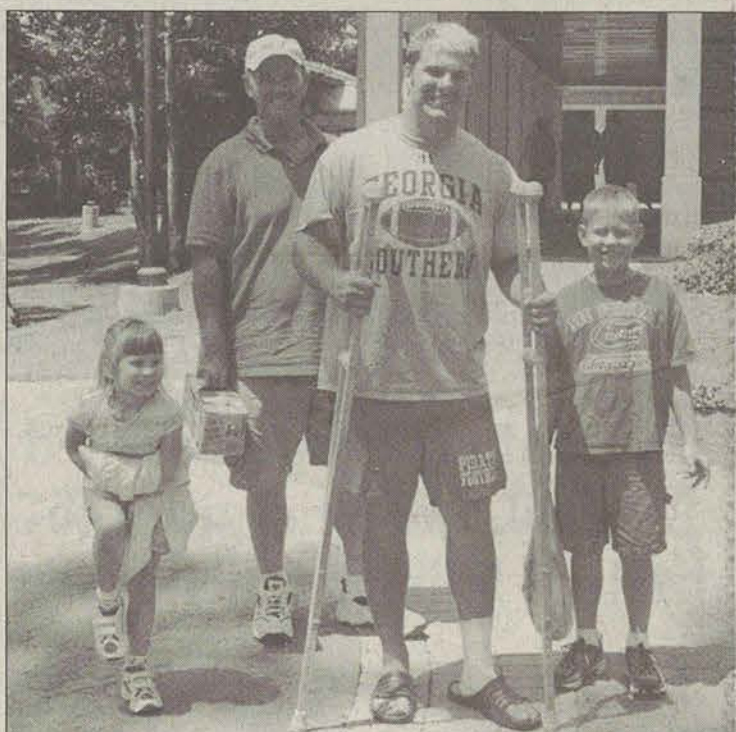
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Freshman **Mary Borneman** puts the final touches on her room in **Veazy Hall**.



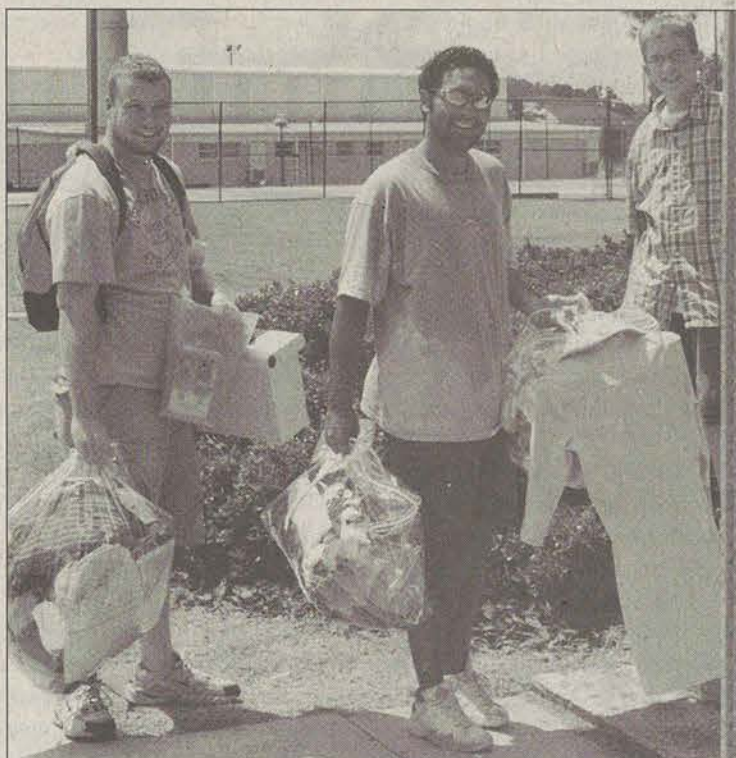
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Kathleen Grube, **Theresa Beebe**, University President **Bruce Grube** and **Patrick Novotny** lend a hand in **Johnson Hall**.



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Georgia Southern linebacker **David Willingham** carefully walks with his family into **Kennedy Hall**.



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Fern Matute and **Matthew Rainey** give each other a hand moving into **Veazy Hall**.



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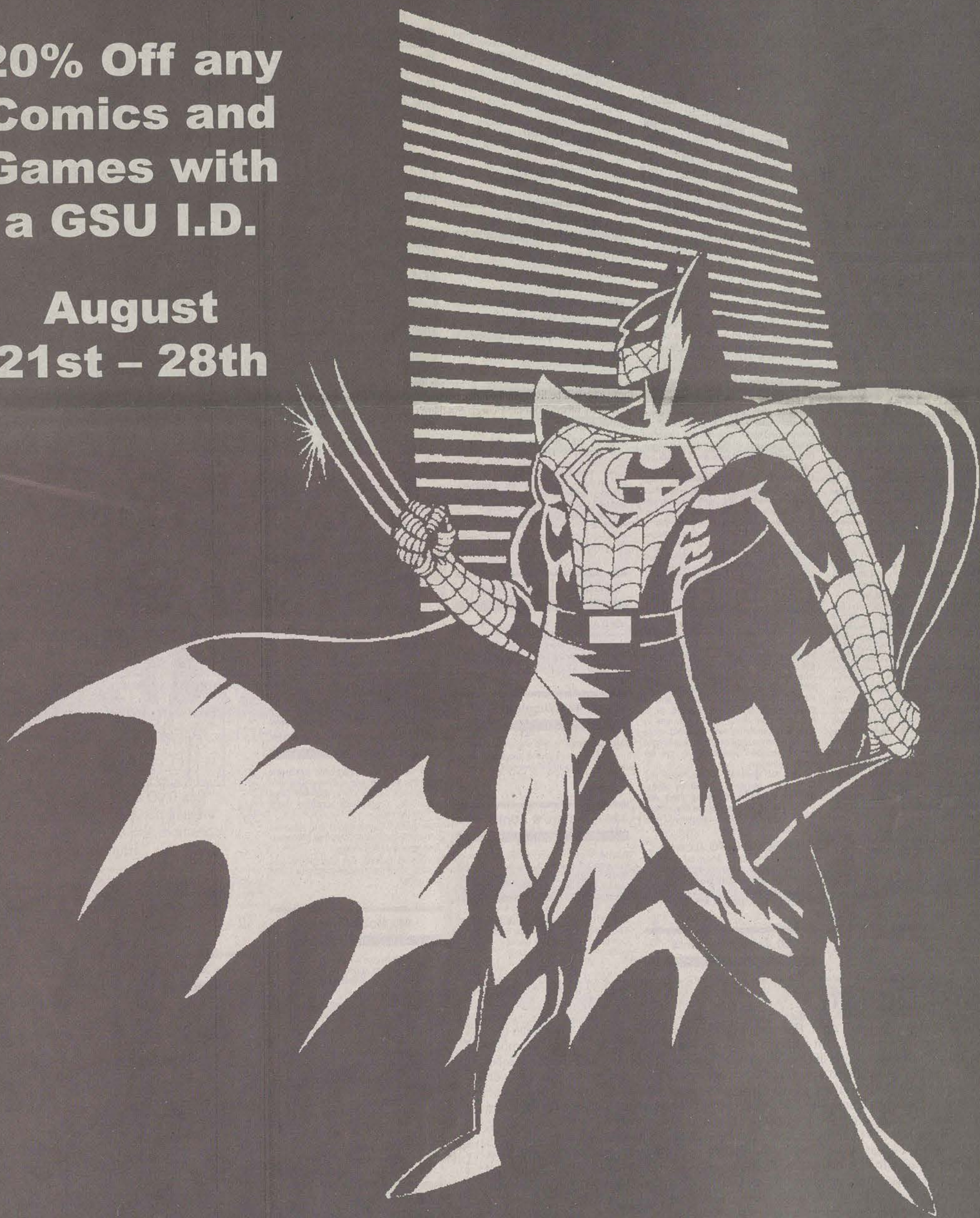
Emily, **Jessica** and **Cheryl Pirtte** check freshman **Emily** into **Veazy Hall**.

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Rock 'n' rollers rev up raw attitude

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Talk about lo-fi: "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground" starts with a feedback squeal, then the sound of an old guitar buzzing through descending chords. Drums crash in before a man starts singing in a hoarse, tremulous voice, comparing a lover to the items in the song's title when she's absent, to "shiny tops and soda pops" when she's present.

"Dead Leaves" auteurs, the White Stripes, an independent Detroit band, consists of only two members: singer/guitarist Jack White and drummer Meg White, who may or may not be brother and sister, who may or may not have at one time been married. This is for sure: They have become the unlikely success story of 2002, the most creative exponents of an aesthetic movement that favors puerility over sterility, distortion pedal over samplers.

Something weird is taking over the airwaves.

Garage rock — the raw, minimalist sound of rock 'n' roll at its most basic is back with a vengeance. The Strokes, the Hives, the Vines, Black Rebel Motor-cycle Club, the White Stripes and others have already turned trend-hungry Britannia on its ears. They are now making rapid in-roads in America.

The Strokes' debut, "Is This It," has gone gold. The White Stripes shared the bill with Eminem as the only musical acts on this summer's MTV Movie Awards. And the Vines saw their debut, "Highly Evolved," launch at No. 11 on Billboard's albums charts this month.

The Vines are already big enough rock stars to have developed churlish, resentful attitudes, blow off magazine cover shoots — and disdain the garage label.

"I just think it's wrong. We wanted to make a hi-fi record. There's not much garage influence. We don't own 'Nuggets,'" says Vines bassist Patrick Matthews, referring to the seminal compilation of '60s garage acts. Matthews prefers to be considered part of "the new rock revival."

Whatever they call it, would-be pop stars are well advised to put away their turntables, Marshall amps and synchronized dance moves and invest in a vintage Silvertone guitar. "The reverberating buzz of garage rock ... is threatening to make rock-and-roll cool and edgy again," declared a June 17 Newsweek article.

Most historians trace the history of garage rock to the early '60s. Inspired by acts like Buddy Holly and the Crickets and Gene Vincent and the Blue Caps, and eventually by The Beatles, the Kinks and other British invasion bands, amateur musicians pursued their own dreams of radio stardom in suburban basements and garages.

What their songs lacked in technical sophistication, bands like the Seeds, the Sonics and the Barbarians made up for in feel. The Kingsmen's mumbled three-chord masterpiece "Louie Louie" is the ultimate garage classic. So are Cannibal and the Headhunters' "Land of 1000 Dances," Count Five's "Psychotic Reaction" and the Leaves' "Hey Joe." Rock critic Lester Bangs called garage bands "the ultimate proof that rock-and-roll is the most democratic and all-American of art forms."

Psychedelia inspired bands' imaginations even further, as they experimented with special effects and weird names: the Chocolate Watchband, ? and the Mysticians, the Electric Prunes.

"There's nothing like 'I Had Too Much To Dream (Last Night)' by the Electric Prunes," says Steven Van Zandt, a.k.a. Little Steven, guitarist for Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band and host of the syndicated radio show "Little Steven's Underground Garage." "A lot of these bands and songs that were their own category ended up being categorized as garage. The one thing they had in common was they didn't have anything in common with anything else. So what couldn't be categorized ended up as 'garage.' It was freaky then, it's freaky now, and people are ready for something freaky: something a little interesting, something with a little more depth to it, and at the same time more fun."

Garage never died. There have been and always will be bands inspired by its promise of three-minute heroism, as "Underground Garage," which plays songs from the past four decades, shows.

The Ramones turned garage into punk rock. Nirvana turned punk into grunge. And the Vines are reconnecting Nirvana with its joyous melodic side, not the angst-drenched hard rock that so-called "modern rock" bands have promulgated ad nauseam.

"My big three favorite bands are Nirvana, The Beatles and the Kinks," Matthews says. "The main influence of Nirvana on Craig (Nicholls, the Vines' guitarist/singer/songwriter) is Kurt (Cobain)'s songwriting. He had concise ideas for rhythm and melody and words all going in one solid unit."

The Vines have a direct connection to '60s garage: Nicholls' dad played in a Mersey-beat-style band called the Vynes. Matthews may slough off the

garage label, but Nicholls sings, "It's 1969 in my head" on "Highly Evolved."

With such nostalgic lyrics and bands' Luddite rejection of electronics, new garage is in many ways a regressive movement, not a progressive one. The Strokes recycle the Velvet Underground; the Hives, the Stooges.

"Bands like the Strokes and White Stripes are virulently retro, instead of actively being trailblazers," says Nirvana biographer Michael Azerrad. "That's what I find troubling. Cool stuff is supposed to be cutting-edge. The past comes to haunt us."

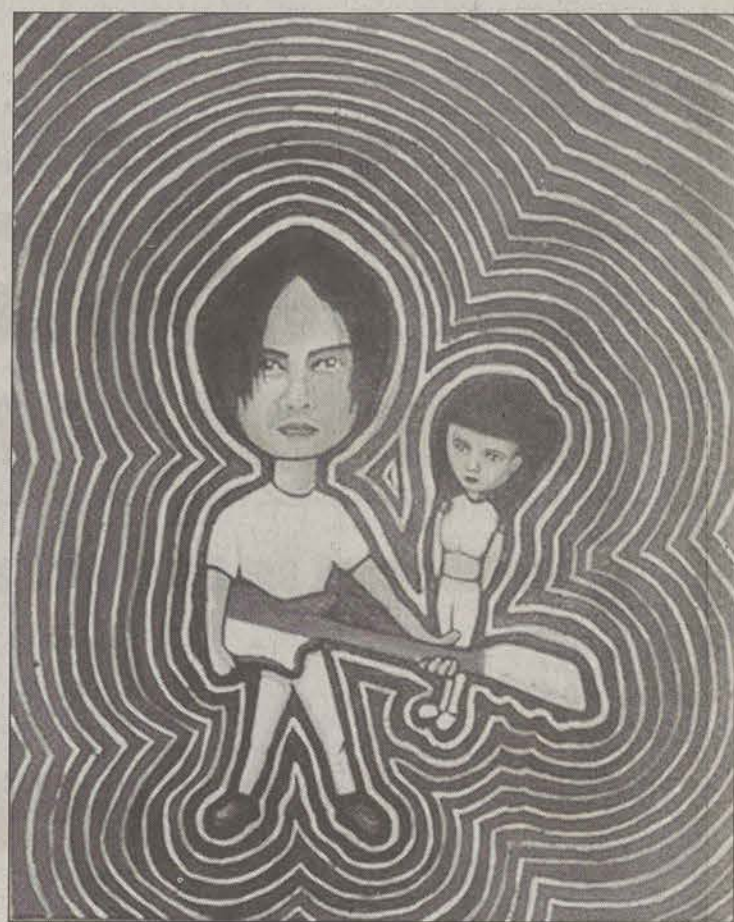
Van Zandt admits that the bands on his show are all rooted in the past. "The single most important characteristic is an absolute connection to the '60s," he says. "If you want to be great, go back to greatness."

He insists, however, that "Underground Garage" is not driven by nostalgia.

"When you're 16 and have sex and 30 years later when you have sex, is it nostalgia?" he asks rhetorically. "It was good then, it's good now, it's going to be good tomorrow. That's how it is with these records for me. I get the same motivation, inspiration — my blood starts moving — now just like then."

The new rock 'n' rollers may come from around the world (the Hives are Swedish, the Vines from Australia, the Hate Bombs from Orlando), but they are generally alike in one way: They're almost all young white men. The Donnas, an all-female California quartet, have been playing their Ramones-ish punk for a few years now, but they get left out of all the garage articles (even though they have an album coming out in October on Atlantic). So do co-ed, outpunk act Imperial Teen, one of Kurt Cobain's favorite bands, who released an excellent new album earlier this year.

In today's garage hype, Meg White has the lonely job of carrying the banner for



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Jack and Meg White of Detroit's The White Stripes are one of the rawest rock bands in America today. The two-piece band is distinctly American, blasting out supercharged authentic blues numbers full of the electricity so evident in even the music's roots.

women, just like Velvets drummer Moe Tucker did in the '60s. The White Stripes' two-person lineup owes a huge debt to feminist free thinkers in the Pacific Northwest. Such acts as Mecca Normal and Sleater-Kinney (for whom the White Stripes were the opening act a mere two years ago) have long eschewed bass players.

The Stripes are the only artists of the current crop to live up to Bangs' belief in the democracy represented by garage bands, and Van Zandt's declaration of freakiness. Having already released three albums, and finished recording their fourth, they've also outlived most one-hit garage wonders.

None of which is to criticize the individual talents of today's garage acts, or deny the way their songs feel like a jolt of fresh air blasting out of the radio, the way Nirvana once did.

"This is better than Nirvana," Courtney Love said last spring. "This isn't one clever boy — it's a bunch of bands."

Nicholls certainly seems to channel Cobain when he growl-chants, "I'm gonna get free," on the Vines' first single, "Get Free." Freedom's a primal rock 'n' roll desire, and today's new rock 'n' rollers deliver it straight up, no chaser.

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Eagle Entertainment presents 'Outcast'

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Students were seen in the Russell Union ballroom on Sunday evening rubbing themselves with Spam, gyrating to the sounds of Madonna, and dressing up in polka dot bikini tops in an effort to win a week long cruise to the Bahamas.

Eagle Entertainment put on an interesting show last Sunday night with Outcast, a spin-off

of the hit T.V. show Survivor. Georgia Southern students volunteered to enter the contest that required participants to sing and dance, dress up in tacky clothes, answer mind-numbing questions, and eat unidentified foods all the while vying for the final prize: a Caribbean cruise.

As the game progressed, audience members and the contestants themselves had the opportunity to

vote off certain contestants, until only two remained. The final two endured the task of laying flat on the ground with their feet extended six inches in the air without touching the ground for as long as possible as the audience clapped and screamed for their favorite to win.

Candace Langston, a Resident Advisor in Johnson Hall, graciously won the contest as audience members cheered. "I got in [the contest] at

the last minute—I wasn't even going to do it, but then I decided to bring my residents," Langston said. "I'm going to give the trip to my parents. They deserve it," she said.

"I had a great time participating," Langston said. It seemed that everyone involved had a blast.

The next Eagle Entertainment event, The drive-in movie "Scorpion King," takes place at Paulson Stadium on Thursday at 9 p.m.



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Students competed for a trip to the Bahamas at Eagle Entertainment's latest event, 'Outcast.'

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Vin Diesel defines a new breed of secret agent in 'XXX.'

By V.A. Patrick Slade
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The grandparents had Sherlock Holmes. Their children had James Bond. Now this generation has its super-spy. And his name is XXX. This new X-treme version of spy has all the finesse of Bond with the explosiveness of The Terminator. On top of his bulging pectorals, plentiful tattoos, sex appeal, and husky voice, XXX is not only the answer for the Playstation generation's need for action star, he's also a role model and a humanitarian. He refuses to smoke, and alcoholic drinks dare not touch his lips. He believes the best high is achieved by jumping out of a plane or even better, snow boarding down an avalanching mountain. And if that's not enough good qualities, he's also quite hilarious.

"XXX" follows the story of X-Game Internet site owner Xander Cage, played by Vin Diesel. He's unwillingly recruited by a top-secret government spy agency headed by Samuel L. Jackson's character Agent Gibbons. Recruited to find the Russian vigilante Yorgi (played by Marton Csokas) that holds the fate of the world in his hands, Diesel's Xander Cage is thrust into a world of super-sleuthing and covert missions. Armed with an unlimited amount of amazing gadgets, beautiful women, and an expense account that would make the Enron executives jealous, XXX has the ability to be a multi-million dollar franchise.

Though the parallels to Bond are there, "XXX" easily holds its own against the worldwide appeal the Bond series has garnered over the years. "XXX" becomes a roller coaster ride the viewer doesn't want to end. From the opening shots of Xander Cage parachuting from a car careening off a bridge, to

the final scene on a beach, the audience is thrust into this world of action-adventure they will not soon forget. This movie is not just a jock flick full of explosions, and naked women; this movie also has mass appeal for both genders.

Like with all movies of this genre, the men get to see the sexy object of the spy's affections. In this case it's Italian actress Asia Argento's Yelena. Instead of the tailored Bond suite, this movie gives women a t-shirt-and-leather-pants-clad super hero that hardly wears the shirt. But unlike Bond, XXX doesn't get the girl right away. But that isn't by choice. But towards the end of this parallel, one must realize there is no comparing the two. They are both great in their own respects. But XXX brings something to the table that Bond couldn't dare to bring: incredible tattoos from head to toe and a rebel that doesn't want to aid the world.

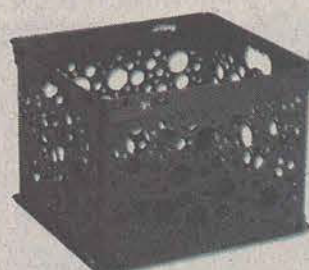
If you are one of the few who haven't seen this movie, please go check it out. It's funny, full of adventure, and the stunts are amazing. There are no two stunts alike. And every scene takes it one step higher, and the ending result will leave you awestruck. And for that doubting girl that still doesn't want to sit through another action movie, there is for you a strong female character that doesn't give in to the wily charm of Diesel's Cage—right away that is.

This is a must-see. But if you are looking for a movie full of great acting, this film may not be for you. Diesel isn't the best actor in the world, but when the plot, characters, and stunts are this amazing, is there really a need for dialogue? "XXX" deserves the proverbial two thumbs up. Check it out.



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