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Study abroad offers new horizons

By Angela Jones
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Want to spend part of your summer in Rome? No, not Rome, Ga., rather Rome, Italy.

Students who sign up for the study abroad program in Montepulciano, Italy can visit Rome, Pompeii, Florence and other points of interest in Europe, all while getting course credits at the same time.

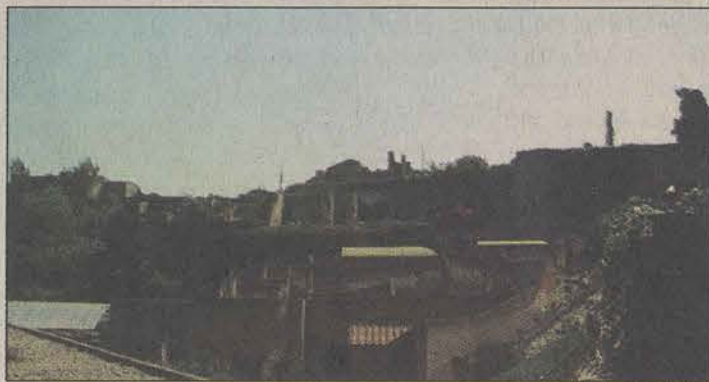
The cost for the program is \$3,584, and includes round trip airfare, accommodations, breakfasts and dinners, a 12-day Italian rail flexipass and an international Student ID card.

Both financial aid and HOPE can be applied to the cost of the program.

Senior Kristen Denney participated in the program during the summer of 2001.

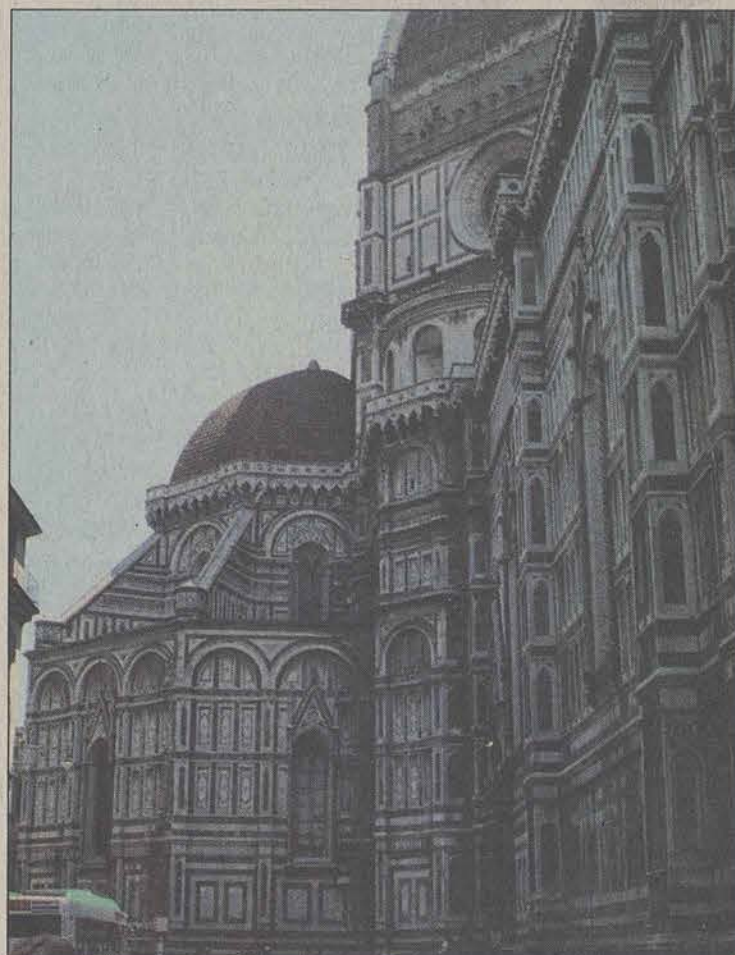
"It was the best thing I've ever done in my whole life," she said. "I'm in college, so of course I'm broke, but financial aid covered two-thirds of my trip. They make

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Special Photos

GSU's study abroad programs offer thrilling learning experiences in a myriad of European places.



Shelter Incorporated assists local homeless population

By Michelle Flournoy
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Bulloch County's homeless population may be invisible to many residents, but a small committee is working to establish a permanent shelter.

Shelter Incorporated was set up to provide one-to-three night hotel stays for the estimated 200 homeless individuals in Statesboro. A federal grant has been provided for Shelter Incorporated to pay for the hotel stay, but the group has had to use local funds.

"We've also been trying to collect money for food," said Bert Raulerson, president of the Bulloch County Shelter Incorporated. "We would like the people who come to us to be able to have at least one or two meals per

day while they are staying at the hotel."

The road to a permanent shelter is going to be a long one for Shelters Incorporated, which was set up last November. A lack of personnel caused the group to slack off a couple of months later. The group started back in April and has already served 100 people.

"We were very surprised at the numbers of people we had," Raulerson said. "When we first started everyone told us there that there were no homeless people in Bulloch County."

According to Raulerson, the Shelter Board has mainly served women with children. Many times these women depend on child support from fathers to pay their rent. When the father loses his job, the mother ends up on the street.

Often the children are not in school. The mothers do not want to apply for federal aid because they do not want their children taken away.

"The minimum wage is such that if they miss one week of work, they are down and out," said Raulerson.

Dianna Lanterman, Bulloch County supervisor of Concerted Services, said that many people are unaware of what being homeless actually involves.

"They may have no residence," she said. "They may move around and stay with people until they wear out their welcome. A lot of times they are not eligible for services because they don't have

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Causes of Rural Homelessness

- Rural homelessness is the result of poverty and lack of affordable housing.
- In 1997, the nonmetropolitan poverty rate was 15.9 percent, 2.3 percent higher than the rate inside metropolitan areas and 1.6 percent higher than the national rate.
- The rate of poor homeowners in rural areas is 23 percent, compared with 17 percent in urban areas.

Vigil to be held in memory of student

By Angela Jones
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A candlelight vigil will be held for Danielle Lovelace, 17, on the front lawn of Hendricks Hall tonight at 8 p.m.

Lovelace, a resident of Hendricks Hall, was killed in an automobile accident on September 26 in Swainsboro. Her funeral will be held today in Marietta at 11 a.m.

"We were proud to have her as a member of the Hendricks Hall community," said Ziena Clarkson, Hendrick's Head Resident. "We are deeply saddened by her loss."

Lovelace wanted to become a special education teacher.

Anyone who knew Danielle, or would like to attend the vigil, is welcome to participate, and candles will be provided by the staff of Hendricks Hall.

Career Services sponsors Fall Eagle Expo this week

By Michelle Flournoy
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Upcoming graduates can find assistance in their job search at the Eagle Expo Career Fair Week that is sponsored by Career Services from Oct. 1 thru Oct. 4.

A career day workshop and panel discussion will be held today, and will include tips on resume writing, guidelines for interviewing, and job search strategies. Tomorrow more than 50 companies will set at the RAC from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and give out information to prospective employees.

"The panel discussions are all running in different rooms within the different colleges," said Pearl Middleton, acting recruitment coordinator for Career Services.

Middleton said there will be professionals at each panel discussion who will talk about the importance of internships and the current job

market.

"They are basically going to talk about anything and everything that they wish someone had told them," said Middleton.

Doug Lambert from Southeastern Hospitality will be participating in the panel discussions. This is the second year Lambert has spoken at the Career Expo about the job market in the hospitality industry.

"I thought last year's program was beneficial for the students," he said. "The students asked a number of questions, and I thought that the program was well organized."

"One of the good things about the hospitality industry is anyone can start in a low position and work their way up."

A program on Dining Etiquette will take place at 6:30 p.m. This is

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WVGS undergoes a 'New Beginning'

The voice of GSU hauls in new equipment and new shows

By Brittany Shiver
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Tucked away on the second floor of the Williams Center is the student-run radio station WVGS, a seemingly unobtrusive place where work and play intermingle and the persistent sound of bass and lilting melodies invade the air.

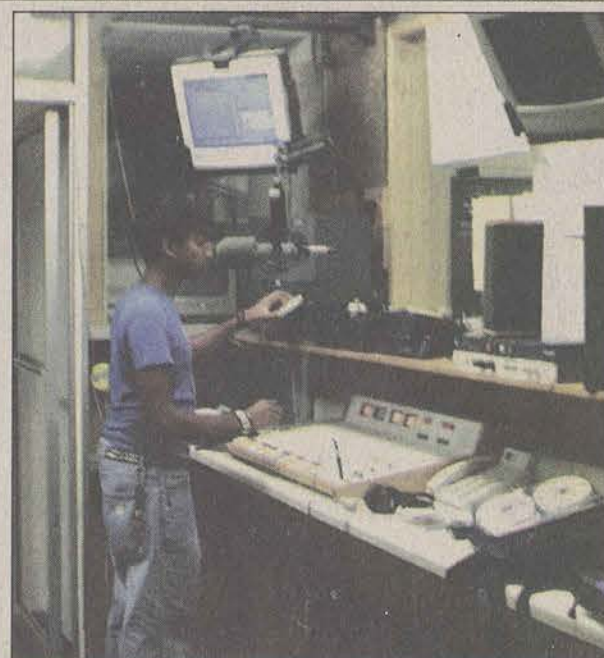
The station has started the school year with some refreshing new innovations and interesting ideas that are sure to change how GSU thinks about student radio.

While WVGS is an on-campus, non-profit station, it extends itself to the community of Statesboro and carries as far away as Vidalia and Glennville, hoping to eventually stretch as far as Savannah.

The station's blend of punk, pop, reggae, jazz, rap, hip-hop, gospel, Spanish, Irish, and local music lure a multiplicity of listeners to tune in on a regular basis. Add this to the fact that WVGS has a variety of diverse shows with a well-rounded staff of disc jockeys, and you have a station that has an extremely bright future.

"The goal for the year is to make (WVGS) the party station for GSU students and the community," Dennis Hightower, the new station manager of WVGS, said. "This is the first year that when you think of 'VGS,' you'll think of a true family; everybody has come together as one," Hightower said.

Among the stations missions are: helping promote commu-



Adam Bonner/STAFF

Nuwan Piyasena loads a CD to be played on the air.

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Police Beat

GSU Police Dept.

9-30-2002

A Garden District resident reported someone damaged the right door of her vehicle in the Plant East parking lot.

Officers issued one traffic citation and four traffic warnings, worked three traffic accidents, and assisted six motorists.

9-29-2002

James Bleakley, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Officers issued four traffic warnings, worked one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.

9-28-2002

A Johnson Hall resident reported someone took some medication from his room.

Officers issued one traffic citation and eight traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, and responded to one false fire alarm.

9-27-2002

A Food Services employee reported they received a counterfeit \$5 bill at the Landrum Center.

A Pembroke resident reported someone took her purse from her vehicle in the Plant East parking lot.

A Johnson Hall resident reported someone took a CD player and approximately 80 CDs from his vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

A Vidalia resident reported a case of harassment in the Forest Drive parking lot.

Officers issued one traffic citation, worked three traffic accidents, assisted six motorists, assisted one sick person and responded to one false fire alarm.

John Robert Sewell, 21, of Hazelhurst, Ga., was charged with public drunk and obstruction of officer.

Matthew W. Kivett, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla., was charged with loitering. James M. Gauntt, 22, of Jacksonville, Fla., was charged with loitering.

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.

'Protecting our oil interests'?

GSU professors debate the prospects of war and the United States' intentions on deposing Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein

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The Bush Administration wants Saddam Hussein dead, or so says assistant professor of Political Science Dr. Barry Balleck.

"Iraq has agreed to let the weapons inspectors return, which is what Bush wanted, but now his administration says that's not enough," Balleck said. "It's pretty clear. They want him out."

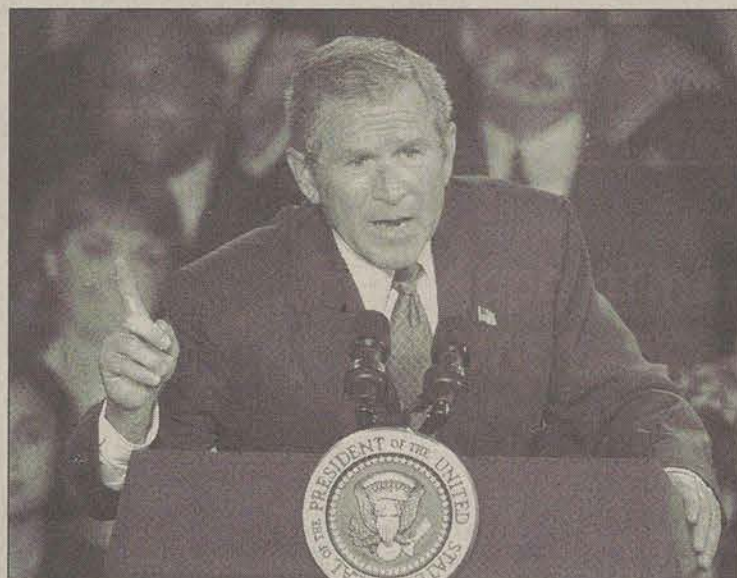
During the Persian Gulf War 11 years ago, the U.S. had its chance to eliminate the Iraqi dictator, but public opinion seemed to say that we had done enough.

"I don't think we fully understood the threat that Hussein posed," said Dr. Thomas McMullen, associate professor of History. "TV brought home an unclear picture, and even today, we don't fully understand what happened over there."

The Iraqi threat is not just a threat to Middle Eastern and world security, the professors said.

"Let's be frank," Balleck said. "This is about protecting our oil interests. Yes. We want to watch out for our allies like Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, but oil is a major concern here."

"We're protecting consumerism and the American way of life," McMullen agreed. "If you want to



Special to the G-A

Changing his unilateralist tone in the past few weeks, President George W. Bush has made gains in getting other countries on board through speeches to the U.N.

drive your SUV, then Iraq is a threat to your lifestyle," he said.

The Bush administration fears that Hussein is stockpiling nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, the so-called "weapons of mass destruction," despite U.S. and British sanctions aimed at preventing this.

"He's gained support the world over, and we don't know just who his allies are," Balleck said.

"The precedence is there. [Hussein] showed in the Iraqi/Iraqi war that he would use these weapons,"

McMullen added. "All he has to do is get his hands on them."

Therein lies the problem. The Bush administration does not want to give Hussein the chance to stockpile weapons, and their solution is to strike now.

"It's funny," Balleck says. "We're trying to stop them from stockpiling weapons that we have already stockpiled. So the question now becomes 'Who's more responsible?'"

Despite what the president says, however, support for an American



Saddam Hussein has been a target for the U.S. for years.

invasion of Iraq has been far from overwhelming, both at home and abroad.

"I have not seen enough evidence to convince me that we need to attack right now," Balleck said. "The issue needs to be debated and discussed more, and the opinion of the United Nations needs to be considered."

It is the U.N. that is working toward a peaceful resolution of this debate. According to a recent edition of the New York Times, Iraq has agreed to the U.N.'s inspection terms, which grant unrestricted access to weapons inspectors.

"On the question of access," U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix says, "all sites are subject to immediate, unconditional . . . access."

As President Bush pushes Congress to move the war effort forward, the rest of the world is left asking, "What does the America really want?"

"Who knows?" Balleck said. "All this talk of war may simply be for propaganda purposes."

Bush tells Congress to not 'tie his hands' on proposed Iraq resolution

Associated Press

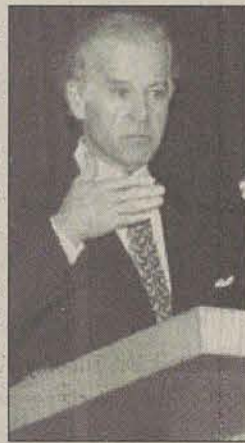
WASHINGTON -- President Bush warned Congress Tuesday not to limit his options on Iraq as the Senate prepared to debate whether to endorse military action to disarm Saddam Hussein.

"We'll continue to work with the members of Congress, but I don't want to get a resolution that ties my hands," Bush said.

Earlier, Bush was asked about a proposal by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Delaware, and a top Republican on the committee, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana.

The proposed resolution would tie U.S. action to the adoption of a U.N. resolution authorizing force to disarm Saddam or require Bush to state that efforts to obtain U.N. backing have failed.

Sen. Joe Biden's bill would require the United States to show U.N. inspection efforts have failed before taking action against Hussein.



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Around Town

Beer remains most popular in the 'Boro despite push for 'malternative' beverages

Despite initial market gains, products like Smirnoff Ice and Mike's Hard Lemonade have lost their appeal, not only locally, but across the nation

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Beer is still king in Statesboro when compared to the performance of upstart "malternative" beverages.

On the whole, local beer vendors say that beverages containing malt-flavored alcohol, such as Smirnoff Ice, Skyy Blue and Bacardi Silver, have been on the decline since the market's debut nearly two years ago.

An August Wall Street Journal article said national sales for these drinks have dropped in recent months. This has proved a disappointing display for the beverages producer, Diageo PLC.

The world's largest spirit company, Diageo thought it had struck liquid gold when Smirnoff Ice, the most popular of the genre, captured 1 percent of the beer market upon its arrival in late 2000.

While 1 percent may not sound impressive, local Dingus Magee's general manager Stephanie Owens puts it in perspective.

"We order 85 cases of Bud Light a week," she said, noting that the initial order for Smirnoff Ice was for 5 cases, and that took six months to move. At 24 bottles a case, that's just 120 bottles.

Malternative beverages just do not sell in her business.



Mariana Vieira/STAFF

While sales of malt-flavored beverages have done all right, bars around town report that sales have been weak.

"My crowd is more concerned with cost and effect," Owens said. "They would rather pay three dollars for something they know they like than something that they may drink half of and pour out."

Owens has even resorted to reducing prices for two new beverages, Diablo and Citrona for \$1.50, half of the regular price. But she's still having a hard time moving them.

Owens' neighbors across the street—The Woodin Nikkel, Mellow Mushroom and Retrievers—say that while malternatives are not necessarily big business, they are generally satisfied with the drinks' performances in their bar.

Retriever's bar manager, Jim Perry said malts make up to two three percent of the bar's alcohol sales. When describing the drinks main patrons he said, "Some girls don't like beer or hard liquor."

He added that while he thinks the drinks are advertised to both male and female customers, from what he has seen, this effort has failed.

Kentucky Gallahue, a bartender for both the Woodin Nikkel and Legend's agreed with Perry. He said malts account for under one percent of the bars' alcohol sales, and are popular with females.

"It doesn't have the same acquired taste of beer," he said, pointing out that

guys usually think the drinks aren't manly enough.

Tracy Mallary, owner of the Mellow Mushroom said that most of these beverage's customers in her establishment are female.

She described the drinks as having a fruity taste and accounting for around five percent of her alcohol sales.

Retrievers, Mellow Mushroom and Woodin Nikkel all agreed that Smirnoff Ice is the most popular when compared to rivals, Skyy Blue and Bacardi Silver.

At grocery stores, it's sort of a different story.

Food Lion supervisor Erica Baldwin said the malternative beverage market is experiencing success in the store on Fair Road.

"We sell a lot daily," she said.

She also said that most of the customers are male, and that though beer is the top seller, malts are not far behind.

Baldwin said that she thinks the market will have a long lifespan and remain profitable. Perry and Mallary said they think the initial sales took off because the drinks were new.

Smirnoff Ice was the biggest seller among the bars and grocery stores, but none of the bars said they expected the malt market would ever compete with beer.

Perry said that he had the most faith in Smirnoff Ice's longevity and predicted that other brands would fold.

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it really easy for students to go abroad and study."

The first session of classes runs from May 25 through July 3, and the second session runs from July 4 till August 10.

"Studying in this program can fill major, minor, core and elective course requirements," said professor Timothy Teeter, who will teach both World Civilization I and History of Rome in Montepulciano over the summer.

But, Teter cautions, this is not a

tourist program. Students should be ready to study, just like they would for any other class. And yes, there will be a test at the end.

"Why would students be surprised that they would be tested over material from the field trips? A lot of work goes into preparing and leading these field trips, this is not just a scenic tour" Teeter said. "I'm not just showing them the Coliseum, or a picture of a statue in the Vatican Museum. I take them there, and lecture at the

same time."

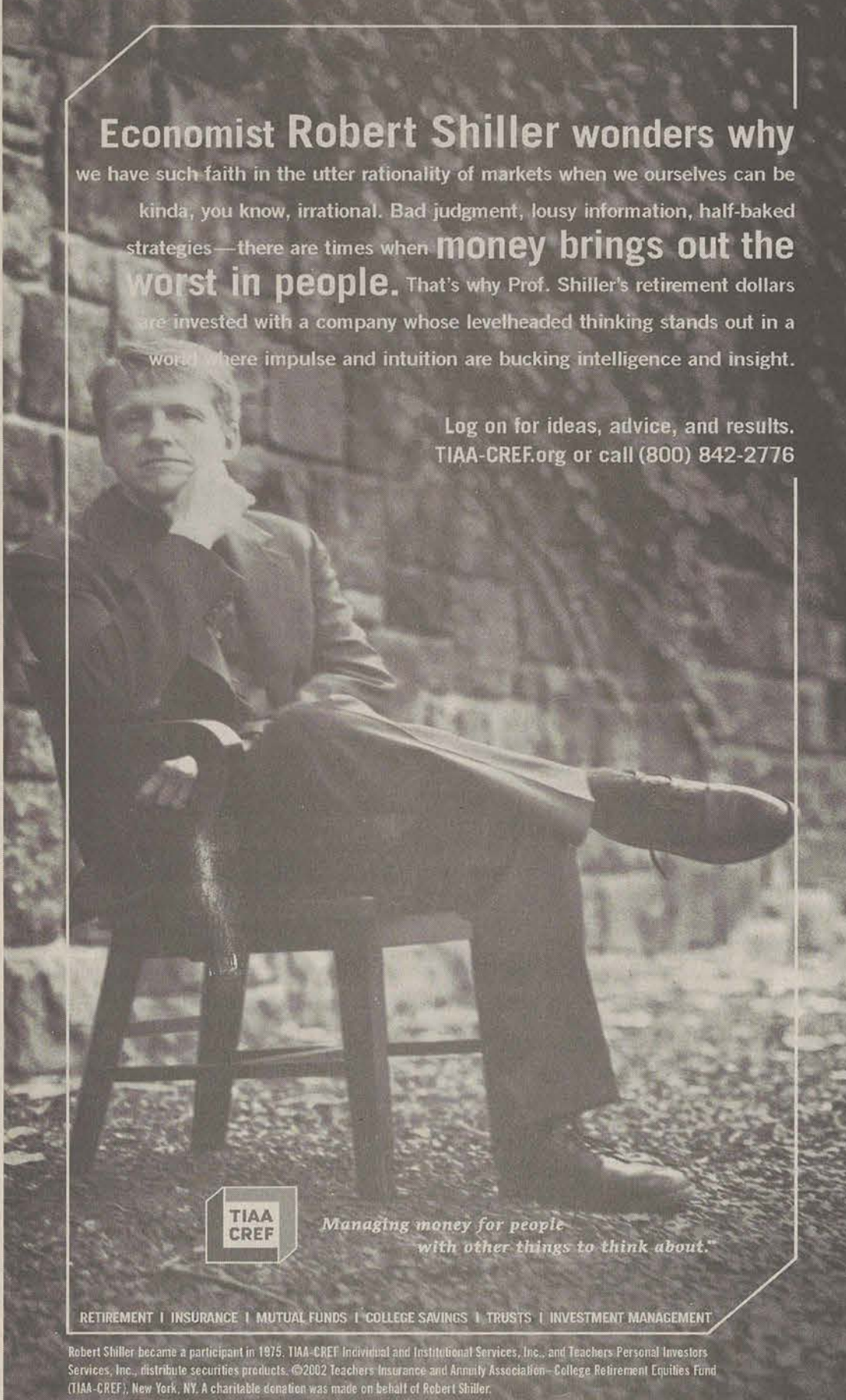
Field trip destinations may include Florence, known as the Queen City of the Renaissance, Pompeii, the ancient Rome town buried by Mt. Vesuvius's eruption in 79 A.D., Ostia, the ancient port city of the Roman Empire, and Rome, where classes can visit the roman forum, the Coliseum and the Vatican Museum.

"It's like interactive learning," Denney said. "You can walk the same roads Julius Caesar walked and learn

about the history of the places right where it happened."

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For more information about the study abroad program in Italy, contact Dr. Timothy Teeter at 681-0239 or tteeter@gasou.edu



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• **THUMBS DOWN** to the lack of fan support for the Atlanta Braves as they enter the postseason.

• **THUMBS UP** to rumors that we're getting an Olive Garden restaurant.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the little playing time AP is receiving thus far with the Chicago Bears.

• **THUMBS UP** to October... Smells like great playoff baseball.

Thoughts of the day

• I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me.

— Hunter S. Thompson

• To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

— Benjamin Disraeli

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OPINIONS

LET'S ROLL: Fighting the War on Stupidity

Though the content has been updated, the following column originally ran on February 6, 2002. The subject matter, the War on Terrorism, was prevalent then, and unfortunately, is still prevalent today. And as we stand on the brink of war in the Middle East, perhaps we should all take a moment to reexamine the actions that brought us here in the first place.

As Americans, we have gone far too long letting something as malicious and cruel as Stupidity run rampant throughout the world.

This terribly evil force that attacks us unexpectedly must be controlled. We must act to stop this horrid aspect of human existence, and we must act now.

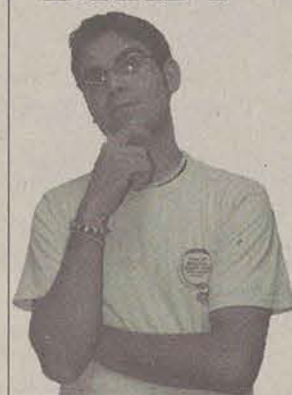
Throughout history, Stupidity has been an unstoppable force for disrupting human life. It never fails to strike just when we're least expecting it. During long stretches of economic stability Stupidity sits at negotiating tables or on market trading floors around the world. At times of peace it waits quietly to light the powder keg, fire the first shot, or drop the initial bomb.

When driving late at night, Stupidity is there, behind the wheel of ignorance, it's breath stinking of cheap liquor. Behind the puff of every cigarette, standing boldly on the floor of Congress to filibuster a Civil Liberties bill, yelling obscenities from the stands at various sporting events, raving about biblical passages amidst a crowd of people on a city sidewalk: this is where you will find him.

Stupidity is indeed a serious problem we should never have to fear in this enlightened day and age. We must engage our enemy head on. We must declare war on Stupidity!

I am totally confident that by diverting all of our efforts away from the other less important issues of today to fight this War on Stupidity, we will be assured our victory. Why waste time with spending money on such unnecessary tasks as roadway improvement, job training, wildlife conservation, and educating our youth? Concerning ourselves with such

ADAM BRADY



meaningless programs as Social Security and Medicare is useless. Let us instead increase our military spending here and now. More money is needed to support our armed forces and a supplement in funding would solidify homeland security against the major acts of Stupidity that could take place at anywhere on our soil at any time.

To go even further, we must stop Stupidity's cash flow, rendering it incapable of acting upon our populace. Massive tax

cuts and an increase in the national deficit would assure Stupidity's funding will never come from our country's deep pockets. The nation will already be so far into debt, that no money could be made available to spend on anything, especially Stupidity's foul plots.

Despite the funding setbacks, the War on Stupidity has already made a great amount of progress.

Several chief leaders in the Stupidity network were apprehended earlier this year and placed in our custody months ago. Bahd Joeches (pronounced "Bad Jokes"), for example, has been taken captive by our tireless troops stationed in the Middle East. And though there are many members of the I-diaht (pronounced "Idiot") network, as Stupidity's organization is called, that have been recognized, many are still free to wreak havoc. Nhin-cuhm Phoop and Fwhohlish Moreohn (pronounced "Nincompoop" and "Foolish Moron," respectively), for example, lead several divisions of the

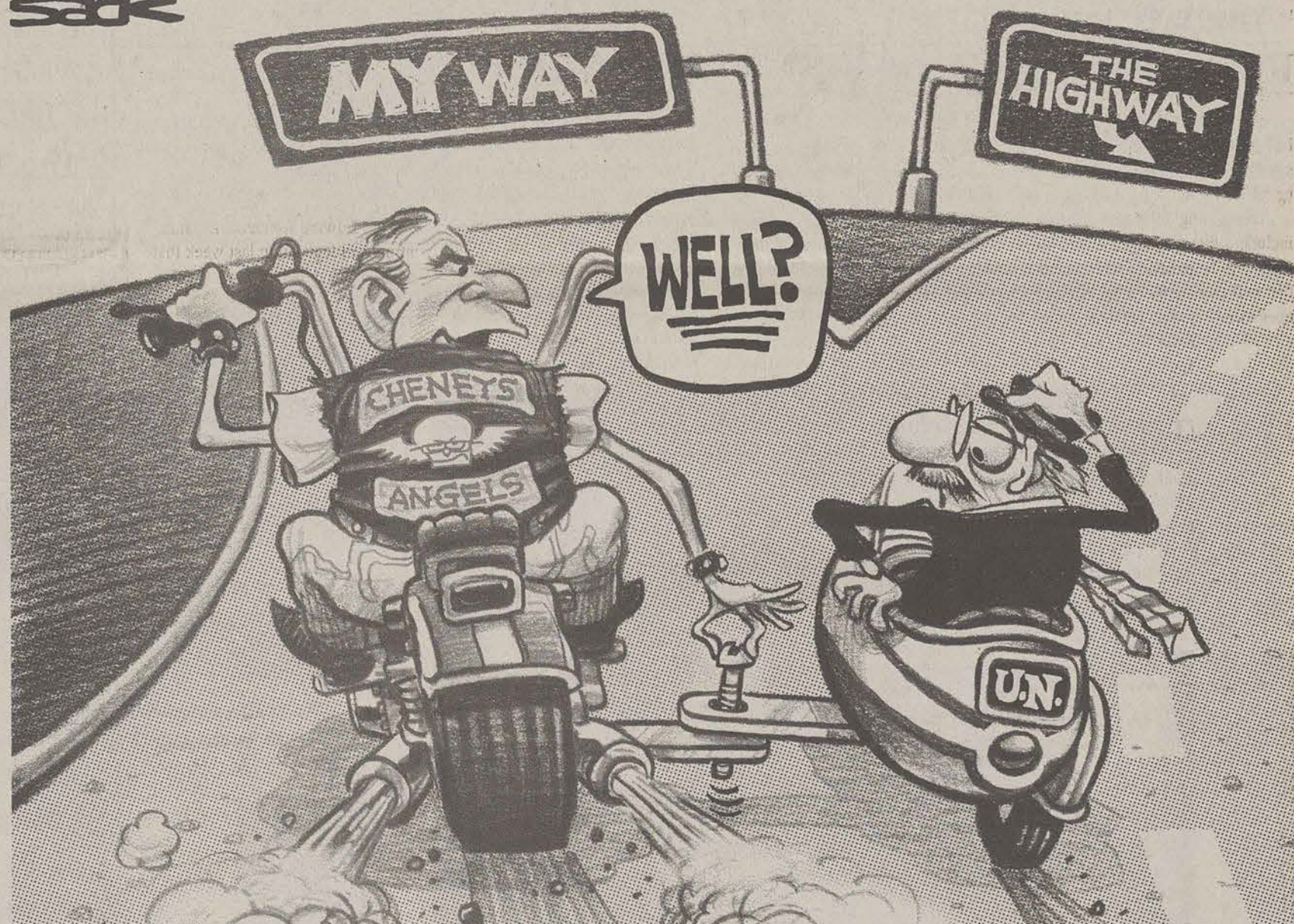
I-diaht network and still remain at large. Those who have been found were arrested and taken to a small kennel outside Brookings, South Dakota to be boarded until further notice. Prisoners are walked and fed twice a day. They were also informed on arrival that if they decided to defecate in their pens, the kennel staff would not clean it up. Spilled water, however, would be refilled upon request.

I believe that by dropping several hundred more bombs and dispatching thousands more troops to locations throughout the world we can be almost certain that we will emerge as the victor of this battle, this crusade. As Americans we will not take this sitting down. We will fight through hail, sleet and snow, and we will not be tread upon.

I am totally confident that if we all work together we can win this war: the War on Stupidity.

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STAR TRIBUNE
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Painfully thin, in fashion and life

By Jane Eisner
KRT Campus

The spring fashion collections that strutted down the runways in New York last week are, according to some of the snootier critics, an unimaginative throwback to the 1950s, evoking an era of pastel domesticity, illusory safety, even a kind of Eisenhower dullness.

The fashionistas will cluck and chatter and have their say; this is their moment, after all. When the rest of us bother to look at photographs of models in impossibly short shorts and scandalously see-through blouses, we are likely to see something else:

Thin.

Very thin.

So thin that bones protrude and backsides disappear and every bodily shape seems airbrushed away. Even hair is as slender as spaghetti.

When I think of the 1950s, I think of women who filled out their Peter Pan-collared blouses and bouncy, pleated skirts, seeking to equal Marilyn Monroe's generous curves. In today's revisionist fashion scene, the "retro" clothes look as if they could be worn only by women who've subsisted on naked lettuce and bancha twig tea for a month.

The waif look is, unfortunately, not new in contemporary fashion and no stranger in a popular culture dominated by images of 90-pound actresses. But in perusing the latest runway photos, I realized that they looked chillingly similar to the pictures posted on pro-anorexia Web sites that have caused such concern in the mental-health community.

These online societies of the starving are extolling a perverted vision of beauty and perfection that is only a few pounds shy of what paraded down last week's runways. You can see why eating disorders are so prevalent among a certain sliver of America. The glorification of thinness is reinforced at every turn.

In a nation of affluence and abundance, there are now mini-societies of those who will not eat — or will not eat very much, or will only eat Atkins, or Zone, or on odd days of the week. Where once such behavior was a personal secret, now it is a stylish form of group identity.

"Diets have always been woven into the life of the image-conscious," wrote Kate Betts in last Sunday's New York Times, "but it used to be something you didn't admit — like the model 'sent away' to drop five pounds before she could work again. Now, diets are discussed openly, unashamedly, cheerfully. Having a diet is almost ... de rigueur."

There are important differences between the faddishness of the fashion set and the serious mental illness afflicting the 12 million to 13 million people — mostly women — who suffer from anorexia and bulimia. Staring at the pages of Vogue won't automatically turn someone anorexic. Nor will online sites infect a user the way that the bombardment of violent images on television may affect a child's behavior.

But those who treat patients with eating disorders worry that the explosion of "pro-ana" (pro-anorexia) and "pro-mia" (pro-bulimia) sites can trigger dangerous feelings and behaviors among the vulnerable.

"I wouldn't want the women I treat looking at these

Web sites," said Ellen Davis, clinical director of the Renfrew Center in Philadelphia. "They push people to think, 'If I can look like that, I will be what they are.' These sites are very destructive."

The photographs of skeletal girls and women are not the only disturbing features of these sites. Even worse is the way that anorexia — which has the highest mortality rate of any psychiatric disease — is viewed not as an illness but as a lifestyle, a religion, a source of comfort and even pride among those who believe they are strong enough to defy nature by suppressing hunger.

Anorexia and bulimia were once isolating diseases. With the Internet, they take on the attributes of a cult. Eating-disorder organizations and other advocates have tried to disband this virtual cult by pushing the sites off mainstream venues such as Yahoo and AOL. But the Internet is a wiry adversary: Squash activity in one place, and it will pop up somewhere else.

At a time when obesity is reaching epidemic proportions in America, it seems the ultimate irony that even younger victims of eating disorders are showing up in doctors' offices. Ironic, but understandable.

The nation may consider itself an outsized political, military and economic power, but its vision of beauty is an extra-small. Sometimes I think the entire nation suffers from an eating disorder of one kind or another. We eat either too much, or not at all.

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Study: Internet is an integral aspect of college student life

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Susan Bush and Jessica Armstrong were in pain. No Internet. No life.

When the 20-year-old students lived on campus at St. Paul's Macalester College, the school's high-speed computer network connections gave them autobahn-speedy access to cyberspace.

But when they moved off campus this fall, they electronically screeched to a halt.

"We don't have the Internet at the house yet, and I'm going through such withdrawal," Bush moaned one recent afternoon.

A recent national survey of how college students use the Internet suggests Bush and Armstrong are hardly unusual.

The Internet has become such a part of college students' lives that they can't fathom living without it any more than Americans can do without running water, says the Pew Internet and American Life Project's "The Internet Goes to College" study.

Students' online habits could have a profound impact on future online usage and may help kick the Internet economy out of its doldrums, the researchers believe.

College students have long been in the vanguard of U.S. Internet users, and they've become its most pampered users. Colleges and universities nationwide have spent millions rewiring ivy-covered halls into 21st century information-tech-



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Ashley Johnson of Jackson, Missouri (left), and Trisha Smith of Eldorado, Illinois (center, grey shirt), examine their new laptop computers Monday August 26, 2002, during freshman orientation at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The college is issuing all new students with the computers as part of their change to a wireless computer network.

nology nerve centers.

The University of Minnesota has just completed a \$63 million renovation of venerable Walter Library, part of which involved stuffing fiber-optic lines under floors and between walls to allow Internet access within 18 inches in any direction.

At Winona State University, in Winona, Minn., a policy of "an Ethernet port per pillow" in the dorms is contributing to a housing crunch — many students don't want to leave their high-speed access, says school spokesman Tom Grier.

And at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict near St. Cloud, Minn., even computerless

students can find Internet-connected machines in nearly every classroom, meeting room and residence hall.

The Internet has long been a college phenomenon, says Steve Jones, the Pew study's principal author and head of the Communications Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Professors developed the technology for the early Net more than 30 years ago. In the 1990s, students dreamed up its most popular tools — the browser, the search engine, music-file swapping.

Jones believes the online behavior of students now is a harbinger of things to come.

EXPO, FROM PAGE 1

the fourth year that Career Services has promoted the Dining Etiquette seminar. This year the program will be hosted in both the spring and fall.

The Dining Etiquette programs include a five-course meal, and students will be paired with a company that will sponsor the table. If a table does not have a company sponsoring it, either the particular college or Career Services will sponsor it.

Students will be asked to pay an \$18.00 deposit that is refundable as long as the student shows up for the event.

"One of the honor fraternities will be there to usher participants to their tables. The event will be just like going to a restaurant," said Middleton.

Lydia Ramsey from Business Etiquette Resources will speak. A Dressing for Success fashion show

will follow dinner.

The Eagle Expo will be held on Thursday. The Expo allows businesses to display the value of working for their company to prospective employees. Students will benefit from making connections with leaders in their field.

"Right now, we have 94 business participating. We may have more. We are continuing to have more sign up," said Middleton.

HOMELESS, FROM PAGE 1

permanent address.

"We do also have people in Statesboro who are sleeping on the streets, in parking lots, or in dumpsters."

Victoria DuRee, administrative coordinator of volunteer programs at GSU, works with Shelter Incorporated and has

worked with federal food distribution in Bulloch County. The program gives sacks of food to needy families every 2 or 3 months.

"The last time we handed out food there were so many cars that people could not even find places to park," said DuRee.

Du' Ree said that GSU students can help with the homeless problem in Statesboro by donating to the food bank and assisting with tutoring and mentor programs.

For more information on GSU volunteer services call 681-1435.



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Economists predict slow recovery

Forecasters predict the economy will not grow fast enough to create new jobs for those now unemployed

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy appears headed for at least six more months of slow growth, offering little hope for those who are out of work.

A survey released Monday found that forecasters expect the economy to grow at a 3 percent annual rate through next March, below the 3.5 percent to 4 percent level needed to create enough new jobs to reduce unemployment.

Merrill Lynch chief economist Bruce Steinberg is even more pessimistic, projecting growth at a 2.5 percent annual rate over the same period.

The economy is recovering from the 2001 recession, but much more slowly than many economists expected. The unemployment rate, which stood at 5.7 percent, is projected to remain around 6 percent well into next year.

"Employment growth is expected to remain slow for the rest of the year and only really start picking up next year," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist for the Bank of Montreal and incoming president of the National Association for Business Economics, the professional group that conducted the survey.

The slow recovery means that more laid-off workers are running out of unemployment benefits, despite a 13-week extension that was approved in March for the usual 26-week limit on benefits.

From May through August, 1.1 million unemployed workers exhausted their benefits, according to a tabulation of Labor Department data by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal research center in Washington.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., introduced legislation last week that would extend benefits another 13

Indicator	Value
Inflation	1.43
GDP Growth	1.10
Unemployment	5.70
Gold	322.60
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weeks, but the bill faces an uphill battle in Congress.

The slow growth has ripple effects through society, said Robert McTeer, president of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank.

It puts more people on welfare, increases crime, decreases charitable giving and has a disproportionate impact on some minority groups, he said, speaking to a Washington conference of the National Association for Business Economics.

The gap between the unemployment rate for whites and blacks, for

example, narrowed significantly during the 1990s. But in the past year, the gap has started to grow again. The unemployment rate for blacks rose 1.5 percentage points from 8.1 percent in July 2001 to 9.6 percent last month. The rate for whites went up 1 percentage point, from 4.1 to 5.1 percent.

McTeer was one of two Fed members who voted at a Fed meeting last week for an interest-rate cut to try to boost economic growth. The other 10 members voted against a cut, and rates were left unchanged.

Many forecasters expect growth to reach a healthy 3.5 percent to 4.0 percent annual rate in the second half of next year.

The main reason such robust growth has not materialized is the continued weakness of business spending on new equipment and facilities. Companies are reluctant to invest amid lower-than-expected corporate profits and uncertainty about a possible war with Iraq and how that would affect the economy.

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Race is on for the SoCon crown

By Eli Boorstein
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With the season approaching the halfway point, the race for supremacy of the Southern Conference is starting to heat up.

Four teams have yet to lose in conference play while three clubs have just lost once. There are five games on this weekend's slate—all but one pitting league foes against each other.

In last weekend's action, East Tennessee State was able to improve to 2-0 in SoCon play, going on the road to beat Western Carolina 27-7 in Cullowhee, N.C.

Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore tied the conference record with 110 career wins as his Mountaineers overcame a pesky Citadel squad 37-28 in Boone, N.C.

Furman racked up 640 yards of total offense on their way to a 55-28 drubbing of VMI in Lexington, Va.

In front of a sparse home crowd, Chattanooga saw its disappointing season continue as they were outmatched by Georgia Southern 38-10.

After their upset win over Georgia Southern on September 21, Wofford was unable to continue their momentum, losing 37-8 to I-A foe Maryland.

Saturday's action will kickoff when VMI tries to spoil the Georgia Southern homecoming when the two

teams battle at 1 p.m. in Statesboro. The Keydets, 2-3 overall, have yet to win a conference matchup this year, losing their first two SoCon games.

The 18th-ranked Eagles, 2-2 overall with a 1-1 SoCon mark, have had little trouble with VMI over the years, winning all eight of their matchups.

The Citadel has also lost their first two league games, but both were close battles, as the two losses came by just 12 points combined. The 1-3 Bulldogs next have to go on the road to face a Division I-A team in Wyoming at 2 p.m., but all the prospects are there for an upset.

The Cowboys, losers in their first four games this season, and 12 of their last 15, are no strangers to the SoCon, narrowly escaping with a 20-14 win over Furman last year.

Furman, ranked fifth in the latest polls, hope to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in league play when they welcome Western Carolina to Greenville for a 2 p.m. tilt.

The Paladins, led by the SoCon's top passer in Billy Napier, have had little trouble lately, outscoring their opponents 129-42 since suffering an opening week loss to Vanderbilt.

The Catamounts, victimized by six turnovers in their loss to East Tennessee State last Saturday, sit at 3-2 with a 1-1 SoCon record.

Chattanooga will try to avoid a 0-6 start when they face 20th-ranked

Wofford on the road in Spartanburg, S.C. at 3 p.m.

Nothing has gone right for the Mocs this year, led by an injury to starting quarterback Ryan McCann. The heralded transfer from UCLA has missed the last three contests as he has battled tendonitis in his throwing shoulder.

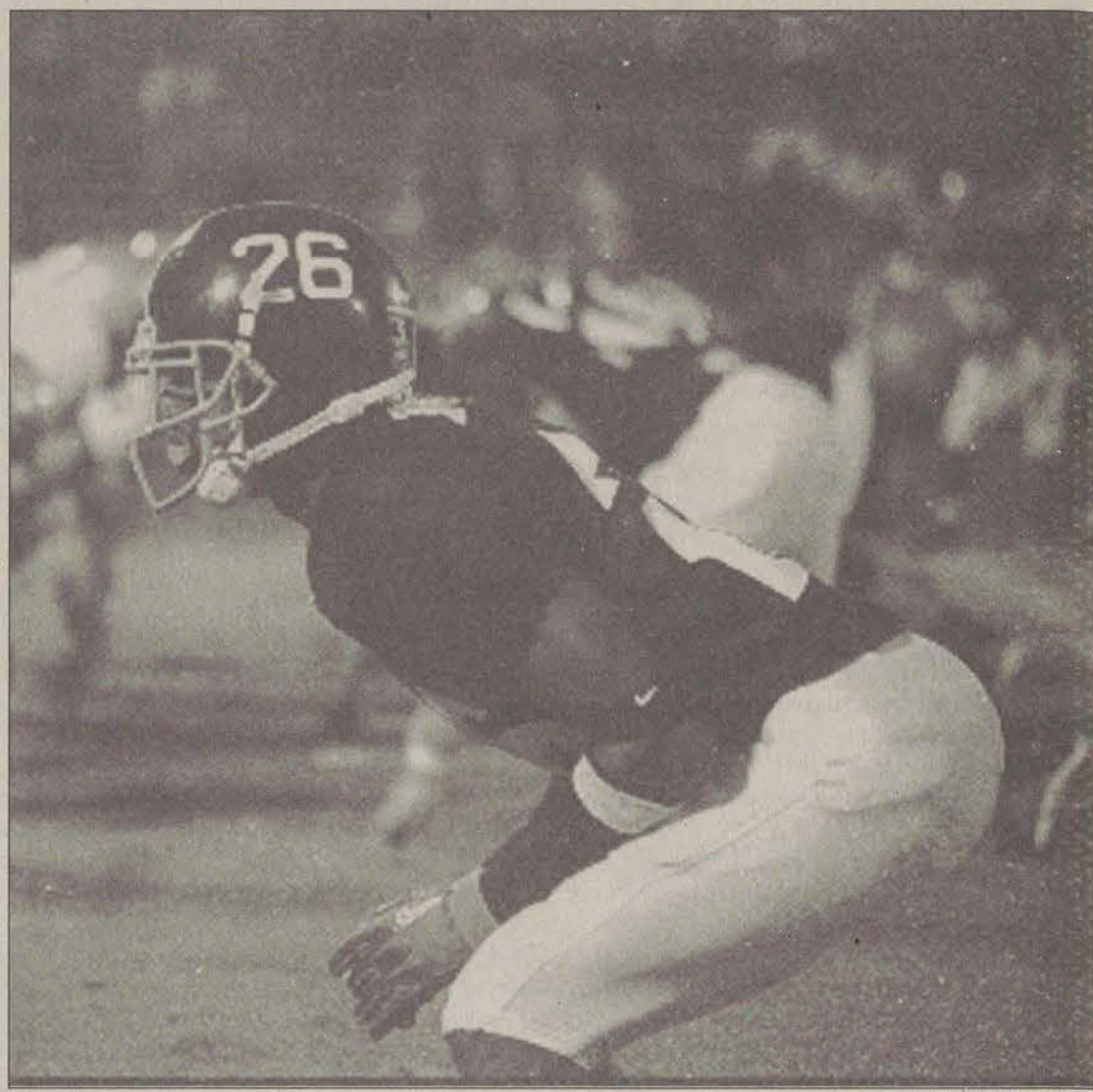
Except for a speed bump at the hands of Maryland last weekend, the Terriers have been impressive thus far, opening the season 3-1 with a 1-0 record in conference.

Saturday's contests culminate with what could be the best game of the weekend when fourth-ranked Appalachian State travels to Johnson City to battle East Tennessee State at 6 p.m.

The 3-1 Mountaineers will try to reward head coach Jerry Moore with his 111th career conference win, which would set a new record, topping the 110 wins amassed by Duke's Wallace Wade in the 1930s and 1940s.

Appalachian State also boasts the current SoCon Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week in quarterback Joe Burchette and defensive end Josh Jeffries.

The 3-2 Bucs will try to hold off any celebration as they try for their third consecutive conference win. It will be a tough road, though, as the Mountaineers have taken their last four meetings with ETSU.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Nearing the halfway point of the season, the Eagles have some work to do to claim another Southern Conference title. The team is 1-1 in the conference.

Volleyball remains perfect in SoCon

G-A News Service

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Junior Martina Veiglova swatted a team-high 21 kills to lead the Georgia Southern Eagles to a three-game sweep at Davidson, 30-23, 30-27, 30-28, in women's volleyball on Sunday afternoon.

The victory preserved the Eagles' perfect record in Southern Conference play at 6-0 and improved their overall mark to 11-6 on the season. The host Wildcats fell to 9-7 and 3-2 in league action.

In the first game, the Eagles had a slight 6-5 advantage before Veiglova began her serve. She helped GSU rattle off six straight points as the Eagles never trailed in the initial stanza. Georgia Southern led by as many as eight (16-8) and hit a solid .275 as a team, compared to just .083 for the Wildcats.

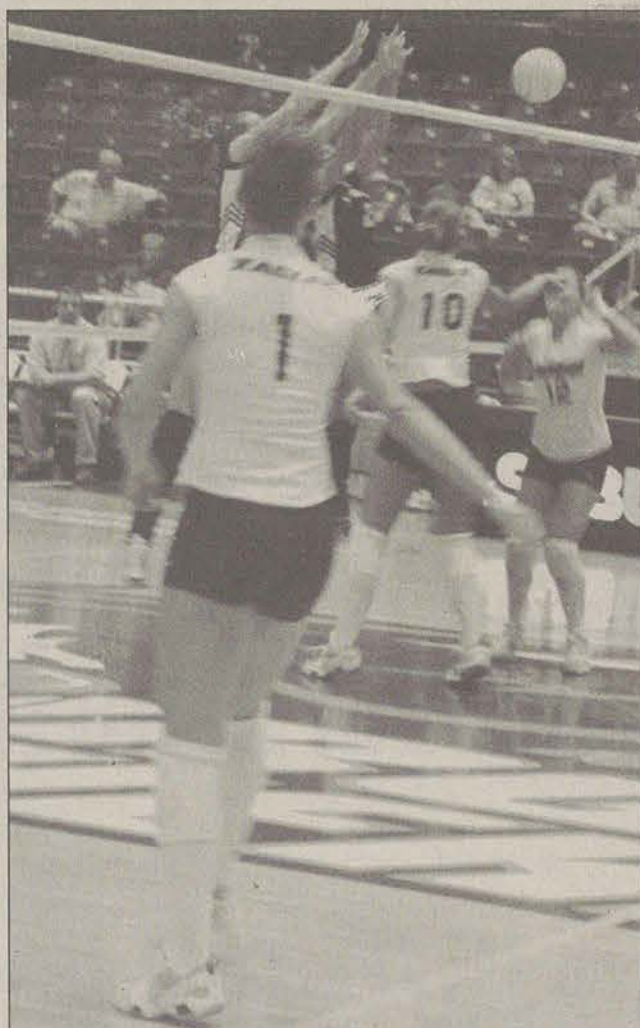
Davidson came to life in the second game, out-hitting the Eagles, 171 to 159. At one point, the Wildcats held a 17-14 lead, the only three-point lead of the game for either squad until GSU scored the game point. The score was still tied at 26 when Lauren McClain came up with a big solo block to put the Eagles ahead for good.

It looked as if the Wildcats would force a fourth game as they held the lead for a majority of the third frame. The Davidson offense was clicking, putting away 18 kills with just four errors for a .359 attack percentage. With the 'Cats sporting a 28-26 lead, however, the Eagles took advantage of a couple Davidson errors, then got kills from Veiglova and sophomore Kim Foytich to end the contest.

Joining Veiglova were McClain and junior Erin Martin, each adding 11 kills. Defensively, Foytich led all players with 13 digs while teammate Megan Lippi chipped in 12.

Davidson will be back in action

next Saturday for another Southern Conference match, this time against The Citadel at 3 p.m. Georgia Southern, meanwhile, stays on the road to play the Lady Mocs of Chattanooga next Saturday as well at 2 p.m.



Christina Ritch/STAFF

The Lady Eagles remained undefeated in the Southern Conference as they swept Davidson 3-0. The Eagles take on another SoCon team Saturday afternoon in Chattanooga.

Austin earns Player of the Week honors

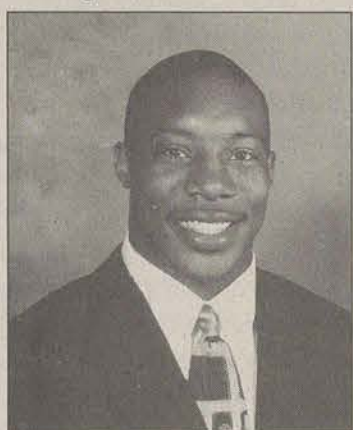
G-A News Service

The Southern Conference today named its football players of the week for games played on Saturday, September 28.

Appalachian State quarterback Joe Burchette was named the Offensive Player of the Week, defensive end Josh Jeffries of Appalachian was named the Defensive Player of the Week and Georgia Southern running back Jermaine Austin was the Freshman of the Week.

Burchette, a 6-3, 235-pound senior from Clemmons, NC, had one of his finest outings as a collegian, completing 29 of 45 passes for 357 yards in a 37-28 win over The Citadel. He threw a pair of touchdown passes and equaled the school record with his fourth career 300-yard passing game. Burchette is now fourth on the Mountaineers' all-time passing list.

Jeffries, a 6-2, 265-pound senior from Rougemont, NC, made seven tackles in the win over The Citadel.



Jermaine Austin

He had three sacks and a total of four tackles for loss. His three sacks for a loss of 23 yards tied his career high and he added a pair of quarterback hurries as well. Perhaps his most important play was recovering a fumble while holding ASU was holding on the Mountaineers' all-time passing list. Jeffries holds ASU's record for career sacks with 29.5.

Austin, a 5-7, 200-pound redshirt

freshman from Darien, GA, turned in his second 100-yard rushing effort with 114 yards in a 38-10 win at Chattanooga. Austin carried the ball 23 times and averaged 5.0 yards per carry. He also made his first career reception, taking a screen pass and converting it into a 69-yard touchdown that gave the Eagles a 21-0 lead in the second quarter.

Also receiving consideration on offense was Georgia Southern quarterback Chaz Williams who rushed for 120 yards and threw for 116 yards. Defensively, East Tennessee State safety Gerald Sensabaugh had four tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception return for a touchdown in a win over Western Carolina. Wofford freshman linebacker Jim Thurman received consideration for Freshman of the Week after making 13 tackles against Maryland, as did Appalachian State offensive lineman Grant Oliver who played all 85 snaps at right tackle.

Weighing all his options

Sophomore quarterback Chaz Williams is shining under an offensive scheme that has become the trademark of Georgia Southern football

By Bo Fulginiti
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Chaz Williams is the epitome of a triple-option quarterback.

At 5-10, 210 pounds, the standout sophomore runs a 4.37 40-yard dash, can bench-press 350 pounds, and has a 35.5" vertical leap.

In other words, he can put points up on the scoreboard with game-breaking speed, a powerful right arm, and superior athletic ability.

But there is much more to being a Georgia Southern quarterback than just putting points up on the scoreboard.

Williams is following in the footsteps of men who have become I-AA football legends.

Men like Tracy Ham, whose 5,757 career passing yards earned a spot for his #5 jersey to hang from the rafters of Paulson Stadium.

Men like Raymond Gross, whose 1,534 yards passing in 1990 helped guide the Eagles to their fourth of an eventual six national titles.

And men like Greg Hill, who threw for 3,309 yards and scored 49 touchdowns during a career when he sported the same #10 jersey that Williams now wears on Saturday afternoons.

So maybe what is most important following Williams' performance against UTC last Saturday is not his impressive stats (120 yards rushing, 3 touchdowns), but the fact that he is learning how to execute the system that made his predecessors national champions.

"I'm very comfortable running the option now," said Williams. "I feel

like I am running the ball well, and now I need to get better throwing the football."

Williams was not only the team's leading rusher against the Mocs, but he also made strides in improving what has been an anemic Eagle passing attack.

He threw for 116 yards, including a 69-yard touchdown pass to fullback Jermaine Austin.

And despite the early growing pains with the offense, head coach

In the first half Williams ran wide to the outside to avoid the UTC rush, and he had several poor pitches to slotbacks Mark Myers and Zream Walden.

In the second half Williams stayed with his reads, waited for the holes to open up, and was able to get slotback Kevin Davis into the endzone on Davis' first game back from injury.

At 2-2 on the young season, coach Sewak knows that Williams is the key to getting the GSU offense back on track.

In his absence, the Eagles struggled to move the chains in a subpar seven-point output against Wofford.

When Williams has played at least three quarters, the Eagles are 2-0 and have scored 94 points.

Going into this weekend's homecoming match up against the Keydets of VMI, Williams has emerged as the clear-cut starter.

But with sophomore Trey Hunter still nipping at his heels for playing time, Sewak knows that this is just the beginning for Williams.

"Chaz has to keep working hard," said Sewak. "I don't know if he has truly found the comfort zone in this offense yet, but he will if he keeps fighting."

As for Williams, things are finally starting to fall into place.

"I'm very confident in our offense right now," said Williams. "We just need to take it day-by-day and move on from here. I'm going to continue to work at running the option, but it's finally starting to become second nature."

"PEOPLE FORGET THAT HE IS ONLY A SOPHOMORE. J.R. [REVERE] WAS A JUNIOR WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE OFFENSE, SO CHAZ IS A STEP AHEAD AT THIS POINT."

—HEAD COACH MIKE SEWAK

Mike Sewak feels that Williams is right where he needs to be for a first-year starter.

"Chaz has unlimited potential," said Sewak. "People forget that he is only a sophomore. J.R. [Revere] was a junior when he took over the offense, so Chaz is a step ahead at this point."

The biggest change that Williams has made since the Eagles' opening day loss to the Blue Hens of Delaware is that he is learning patience.

Several times against the Mocs Williams was pressured by the likes of All-American linebacker Josh Cain, and he had to make early decisions.

Veiglova named SoCon volleyball Player of the Week

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern outside hitter Martina Veiglova has been named Southern Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for September 30.

Veiglova recorded 40 kills in two matches, averaging 6.67 kills with a .317 hitting percentage. She also had

13 digs and three service aces in two matches in which Georgia Southern shut out two tough Southern Conference opponents, in Davidson and UNC Greensboro, without surrendering a game to either opponent.

Veiglova, a 6'1 junior outside hitter from Bratislava, Slovakia,

currently leads the team in hitting percentage (.318) and kills per game (5.23). She entered the 30-kill club last week with 32 against College of Charleston. Georgia Southern faces Chattanooga at home on Saturday, October 5, in a Southern Conference matchup.

Eagles sixth after first day at Windon Memorial Classic

G-A News Service

GOLF, ILL. — Georgia Southern carded a two-round total of 587 (+11) to claim sixth place after the first day of action at the Windon Memorial Classic being held at the Glen View Club Golf Course Monday.

The Eagles were led by sophomore Aron Price and senior Travis Mobley,

both of whom carded one-under-par 143 for the two rounds. Jon David Kennedy finished the day at +4 (148) and tied for 24th place while David Elmore was in tied for 52nd at 155 (+11) and Chase Jones tied for 55th at +12 (156).

Northwestern, who is hosting the event, leads the field at 573 (-3), five

strokes better than Duke, who compiled a 578 (+2). Stanford (582/+6), North Florida (583/+7) and Oregon (584/+8) round out the top five.

Northwestern's Tom Johnson leads on the medalist side after tallying a two-round total of 140 (-4).

The event concludes with 18 holes of action Tuesday beginning at 8 a.m.

Graduation rates for Division I athletes at all-time high

KRT Campus

FORT WORTH, Texas — Report cards are in, and the graduation rates for NCAA Division I student-athletes continue to improve slowly and steadily.

For the first time since the NCAA started tracking graduation rates in 1984, the graduation rate of Division I student-

athletes reached 60 percent. By comparison, 58 percent of all students graduated.

The study of Division I schools, which is federally mandated, is based on the class of incoming freshman student-athletes for the 1995-96 school year. The graduation rates are based on a six-year cycle for

completing undergraduate degrees. A student-athlete who transfers from his or her original school is counted as a non-graduate even if he or she graduates from another school.

"This is very encouraging," said Dr. Francis Lawrence, Rutgers president and chairman of the Division I Board of

Directors Task Force on Academic Reform. "This is the first graduating class of student-athletes who were required to have 13 high-school core courses (up from 11) in order to participate in athletics as freshmen. The results show that we are on the right track."

Nationally, graduation rates

for men's basketball continued to be troubling. The graduation rate for male basketball players in Division I increased to 43 percent, compared with 40 percent last year. And African-American male basketball student-athletes had a 35 percent graduation rate, up from 31 percent last year.

The graduation rates for indi-

vidual schools can be misleading, particularly for a sport such as men's basketball, in which there are instances of players transferring. Also, a school's recruiting class is usually fewer than five players, so the percentages are skewed when one or two players transfer or leave school early for the NBA Draft.

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The 41st Kiwanis-Ogeechee Fair comes to Statesboro

By Rachel Sugrue
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Statesboro and Bulloch county residents lined the streets Monday to watch the 41st Annual Kiwanis-Ogeechee Fair Parade.

The parade was lead by Grand Marshal, Jay Folds, a retired educator and member of the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro.

Over one hundred groups and organizations and thirty floats strolled down North Main Street to an ending point at the crossing of Zetterower Avenue and Fair Road waving flags and throwing candy.

Many community charities, churches, companies, campaigners, and queens participated for a grand prize of \$400 in the float decoration competition judged by the fair committee. Statesboro High School Pre-School took home first place and Believers Church was awarded \$250.00 for second place.

Some participants from Georgia Southern included; Southern Pride Marching Band, ROTC, Georgia Southern Cheerleaders and WVG 91.9 FM. Jeremy Alexander, senior broadcasting major said, "This is the first time WVG has participated in the parade, and we are really excited to be given the opportunity to let the community know about us."

The parade was a chance for scouts, dance studios, cheerleaders and local schools to show their spirit and members.

Brenda Motes, a lifetime resident of Statesboro and her son Joey, an 8th grader at Langston Chapel Middle School come out to watch the parade every year. "It's a great place to see old friends, and it's great how the whole community gets involved," she said. Motes had

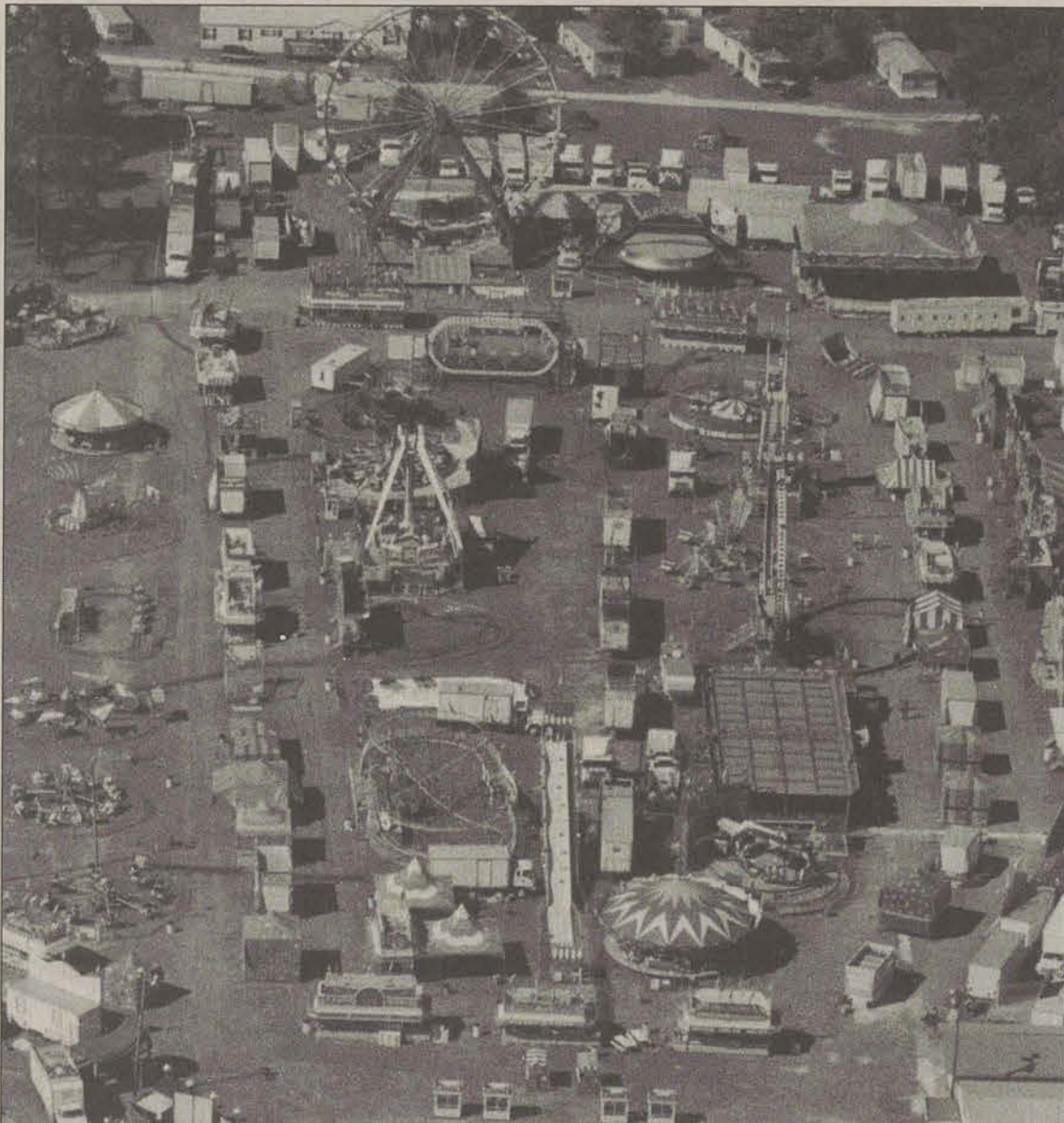


Photo by Cliff Holt

Last year's fair brought a wide variety of attractions to the Ogeechee Fairgrounds.

a grandchild riding on the Nancy Paige Dance Studio float.

"The date of the parade and fair are a week earlier than usual this year," said Leland Riggs, a twenty-five year member of the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro. "The earlier

date is due to scheduling with the Amusements of America company so they could bring all of the rides and entertainment to us," said Riggs.

The Kiwanis-Ogeechee Fair is the first of two fundraising events the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro has

each year. The second is the Harvest Moon Arts and Crafts festival held in November. Money raised through the fundraisers is donated by the Kiwanis Club to over forty charitable organizations, local and nationwide.



Mariana Vieira/STAFF

Ogeechee Fair Schedule

Wednesday, October 2

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens - Wrist Stamp Day \$15.00
- Free Admission Students with Photo I.D.
- Reduced Ride Prices for all students
- Exhibits, Booths and Shows open for viewing
- Free Petting Zoo for Kids
- 7 p.m. Breeding Ewe Show and Market Lamb Show
- 7 - 8 p.m. and 9 - 10 p.m. Live Entertainment: "Tommy Rae Gurley"

Thursday, October 3

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens - Wristband Day \$15.00
- 7 p.m. Market Hog Show
- 7 - 9 p.m. Live Entertainment: "The Variations"

Friday, October 4

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens - All Exhibits, Booths and Shows
- 7 p.m. Youth Breeder Swine Show
- 7 - 8 p.m. and 9 - 10 p.m. Live Entertainment: "The Hushpuppies"
- 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Midnight Madness \$13.00 Wrist Stamp

Saturday, October 5

- 1 p.m. Fair Opens - Wrist Stamp Day \$15.00 until 6 p.m.
- Free Petting Zoo and Clown for Kids
- Exhibits, Booths and Shows open for viewing
- 7 - 8 p.m. and 9 - 10 p.m. Live Entertainment: "Lightweight Gospel Singers"
- 11 p.m. Fair Closes

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Could SNL popularity translate to musical success for Jimmy Fallon?

By Stephen Cunningham
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What do funny lyrics, a loveable guy, and references to sex on my momma's couch have to do with one another? They're all part of Jimmy Fallon's newest release, "The Bathroom Wall." It seems perfect, but that's not entirely true.

With only the first five tracks being of songs and the rest of the album clips from Fallon's stand-up, this album is a bit different.

The first song, also his first single, "Idiot Boyfriend" is a funk mix going through a list of characteristics that would make anyone smile and be glad Fallon isn't their boyfriend. Some guys however may hear this song and duck lower in their chair knowing the song describes them. "(I Can't Play) Basketball" is all about a man who can't play basketball, and how it seems he almost is proud of it. Of course he'd like to rid that image by actually making a shot, but can he do it? Listen and find out.

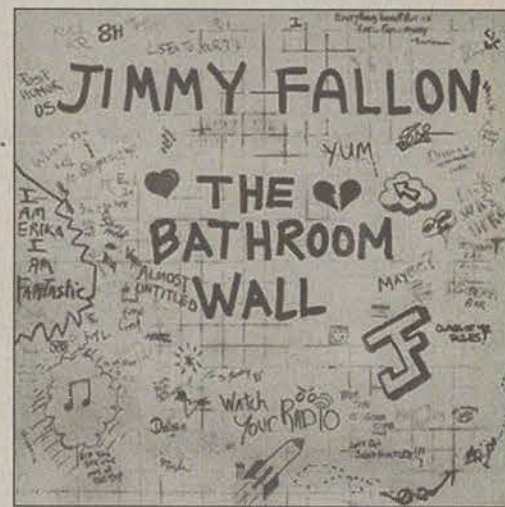
The third song, "Drinking in the Woods" pokes fun at country music with a little story about a poor guy

who gets drunk in the woods and finds himself involved in fighting and poison ivy. "Road Rage" is a rock tune to soon become an anthem to all of those Big City Driving fans. Even those trying to pull out of Landrum and getting blinded to traffic by that big truck will appreciate this one.

"Snowball" is a rock-alternative-punk song that pits kids against kids in an all out, knock 'em down snowball fight.

The rest of this CD is filled with clips of Fallon's stand-up routine, consisting mostly of College humor. A mix of actor/singer impersonations shown in tracks seven and thirteen "Troll Doll Celebrities" and "Troll Doll Jingles" show the impeccable impersonation talent Fallon is famous for. Tracks eight through twelve go through college life, concentrating mostly on life in the dorms. Things like shower baskets, roommates, four digit numbers, little refrigerators, RA's, and fake ID's all make great fodder for Fallon's routine. In the final track, "Hammertime," Fallon makes his argument that all popular songs from the 80's can be applied to the beat.

This CD is humorous, though it does have its faults. The album is



Internet Photo

SNL star Jimmy Fallon is following in the musical footsteps of several of his predecessors with his first album, "The Bathroom Wall."

short with a run-time of about 36 minutes. "The Bathroom Wall" leaves something to be desired if you're more interested in his music: you only get five tracks. Unlike most of Adam Sandler's CD's where the situational comedy drives the experience, "Bathroom Wall" is only stand-up.

Fallon is excellent at his art, and his stand-up roots seem like they'll translate to CD success if MTV has anything to say about it.

Stayed tuned to TRL in the next few weeks, and I'm sure you'll catch the "Idiot Boyfriend" video sometime soon. If you're a fan of Jimmy Fallon, buy it. If you like witty, humorous songs, this album is for you.

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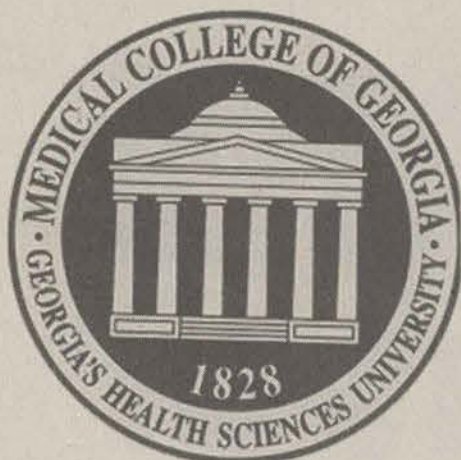
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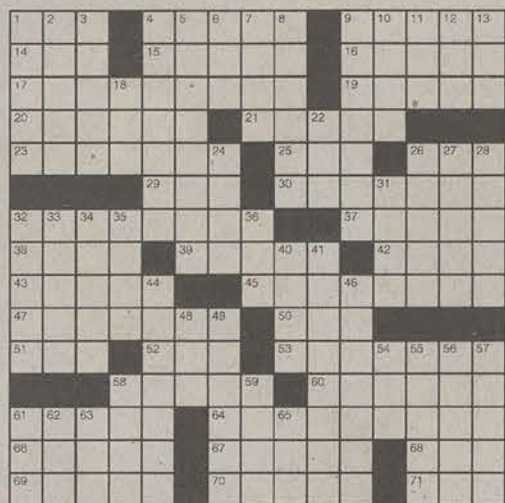
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- Meese and Wynn
 - Anabaptist sect
 - True blue
 - PGA member
 - Sullenly aloof
 - Extreme discomfort
 - Proof of purchase
 - Duck past
 - Brunch fare
 - Capture
 - 1987 Swedish film, "Elvira"
 - Tenth mo.
 - Shed tears
 - "We the World"
 - Amount of ooze
 - Holly-toity
 - Turns, as milk
 - On the briny
 - State of enchantment
 - Leg joint
 - Bible reading
 - Turkey, Syria et al.
 - Receptacle for preventing waste
 - Mrs. Gardner
 - Look at
 - Assam, e.g.
 - Following of crazes
 - Not here
 - Self-defense system
 - Boredom
 - Sleepless one
 - Mrs. Bush
 - Sky blue
 - Make a mistake
 - Redgrave and Swann
 - Curtis and Danza
 - Grande



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6. ALSO
7. CAUSTIC STUFF
8. ACTOR WALLACH
9. BEST PITCHER
10. TIDE TYPE
11. DRY-HEAT BATH
12. HIDEOUS CHARACTERS
13. PLAGUE (WITH)
14. ABRUPT BLOW
15. INATTENTIVE PERIOD
16. ORE ANALYSIS
17. LIFT AND TOSS
18. MRS. GARDNER
19. LOOK AT
20. ASSAM, E.G.
21. FOLLOWING OF CRAZES
22. NOT HERE
23. SELF-DEFENSE SYSTEM
24. BOREDOM
25. SLEEPLESS ONE
26. MRS. BUSH
27. SKY BLUE
28. MAKE A MISTAKE
29. REDGRAVE AND SWANN
30. CURTIS AND DANZA
31. GRANDE

- DOWN
- Seals
 - Serious play
 - Did some
 - Cobbler's work
 - African javelin
 - Dion and others
 - Fly Away

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48. JAMIE CURTIS
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Life-changing event prompts a mild-mannered man to become a superhero

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AUBURN, Wash. — Mark Wyzenbeek and his stepson glide through the shopping-mall doors, a trio of villainous teen-age girls hot on their trail and ogling the man with the big "S" on his chest. The tight bright-blue bodysuit. The red shorts and boots. The flowing cape.

Wyzenbeek turns and confronts the girls, who giggle and whisper to themselves until one of them crows, "Are you doing a dare?"

"Naw, he likes it," says stepson Rick Stewart.

Wyzenbeek smiles. "People would have to dare me not to do it."

The girls consider this. "I dare you not to do it," one finally says.

Kapow! A zinger for the Man of Steel! Go on: Take your best shot. Plenty have already. "Yo, Spandex-Man!" they shout. Or: "Halloween's next month, dude." Such comments are mere marshmallows rained on the Metropolis Marvel.

Not that Superman doesn't feel pain. He's felt it in a big way. But he's also a guy who grew up believing in heroes, because, to paraphrase a popular saying, bad stuff happens, and someone's got to come to the rescue.

Four years ago, Wyzenbeek's estranged wife died in a car accident. The longtime pop-culture collector decided then that it was time to stop putting off his life's fantasy: Now, when the urge strikes, he hits the town as his favorite superhero. So bring on the bad stuff. He can take it.

As he parades through places near his Auburn home, such as the appropriately named Supermall, it's for the other reactions that he lives — the wide-eyed encounters with preschool kids, the bou-

quets of "Superman, you made my day!" tossed by adoring sales clerks.

"His presence just radiates," observes Stewart, 22.

See that? That's why a 46-year-old man dares subject himself to ridicule. "It's fun for me, but it's all about them," Wyzenbeek says. "She was really excited. It meant a lot to her. She'll have something to tell her friends about for weeks now."

Heroes are something the country has needed more than ever lately. Don't look at Wyzenbeek, though. He's not looking to save the world. But he just might be saving himself.

He remembers meeting Fess Parker as a boy on the set of the "Daniel Boone" show he watched every week. Even got his autograph and saw him film a scene. "He was as tall as the Empire State Building with his coonskin cap," says Wyzenbeek, a local boy who grew up the son of a Continental Airlines executive. "That's something you never forget. That's what I want to give these kids."

He strives to promote the ideals of truth, justice and the American way — along with good manners. "I try to motivate them to be good in life," he says.

An easygoing man with thin brown hair and a boyish grin, Wyzenbeek stays mostly close to home, donning the cape on days off from his managerial job at a local ice rink. He has addressed kindergartners at Seattle's Westside School and cruised the power-lunch scene in downtown Kirkland. On occasion, though he does not drink himself, he crashes local taverns. Some cheer; others wonder whether they've had one too many. Once, he graced Children's Hospital, where, he says, "I think the



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Mark Wyzenbeek, mild-mannered American, was transformed into a superhero do-gooder after the death of his estranged wife.

doctors and nurses got a bigger kick out of it than the kids did."

Most women would have told him to grow up. Not Melanie. She saw beyond that, he says, saw the greater good that he could do. He met her while helping a friend on an industrial renovation project after six years on the road trying to make it as a singer-songwriter.

The two married and had daughter

Meagan a few years later; a decade after their marriage they'd separate, good friends despite the issues they could not conquer. He still looks at her picture every day. Thinks about what she'd be doing. All the things she didn't get to see.

At 34, on a late May afternoon, she was on Highway 9 when she crossed the center line into the path of a dump

truck.

Her death, at such a young age, rocked Wyzenbeek's world. That's when it hit home: "Life is about dealing with loss," he says. "You only have stuff for a little while. You have to enjoy it while you can."

He parks his Pontiac, the one he ultimately hopes to convert into a Batmobile, in the lower lot of the ice

rink. He's in full costume, running an errand before a stint at the mall. He eyes the 3-foot-high retaining wall of easily ascended rock and soil and opts instead for the nearby stairs en route to the main entrance. "I've got \$500 boots on," he explains.

Inside, skating instructor Nancy Sullivan comes off the ice to see him, fascinated. "Wow, you look good," she tells Wyzenbeek. "Let me see the back." He turns and she rubs the cape between her fingers, pulls at it, testing it.

"Don't tug on it," Wyzenbeek says. "You don't tug on Superman's cape."

This is what Wyzenbeek lives for — and he's confident that Melanie would have supported him, that her influence continues. Yes, they'd separated, but his are the sentiments of a widower, not a divorcee.

"She was the only one I thought I was ever gonna be married to," he says.

One week you see someone, the next you get a phone call that they're gone. There are some things even Superman can't stop. "It really opened my eyes," he says. "You never really know how many more tomorrows you have."

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like blood drives and parades, forming a country radio show, and building a new production room with state of the art equipment.

WVGS already has a list of events under its belt that they have actively been involved with, including SOAR, several student organization fairs, the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair parade, and the upcoming GSU Homecoming parade.

"The station has changed a whole lot in the past two years, especially over this past summer," said Nuwan Piyasena, the events coordinator and a DJ for WVGS. "It actually feels like a real college station now — before it was like a little crap station," Piyasena conceded.

The new production room in the making has begun on the cusp of the station acquiring the status of CNN News affiliate. "I think we're about one of three college stations in the U.S. to be a CNN affiliate, and that's pretty neat," Piyasena said.

He also said that from where he stands, GSU's radio station has a lot going for it compared to other schools — Piyasena explained that while visiting UNC in Chapel Hill, he discovered the campus radio station is programmed from a janitor's closet.

That's a far shot from a studio with amenities like a disc jockey's lounge complete with strobe lights, a production room with brand new equipment, and a twelve-person executive staff.

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