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# Students find fewer places to 'chill'

By Christopher Johnson  
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This year, departments across the Georgia Southern campus saw their building's air conditioning systems, or "chillers," fail during some of the hottest parts of the year.

"Most large groupings of buildings have a central unit that connects all the buildings," said Dick Mellett, director of the Physical Plant. "Each building here has its own system, though."

This set-up can prove to be a problem, and in fact, it has. At different points this year Henderson library, the Carruth building, the Forrest Drive building and the Math/Physics building were all without air conditioning.

"Rooms 1222, 1223, 1224, and 1217 are all without air, and nobody has a good explanation as to why," said Dr. Donnie Richards, chair of the Foreign Language Dept., which is housed in the Forrest Drive building.

"It's not maintenance's fault," he added. "I think it's the system we're dealing with."

The Physical Plant seems to agree with this conclusion.

"I was finally told by the Physical Plant that the entire system [in the Forrest Drive building] would have to be replaced," said Vicki Meade, administrative secretary for the Foreign Language Dept.

The need for new air condi-

tioning units was not an uncommon occurrence this year.

"The Math/Physics chiller failed, and we ended up buying a new one," Mellett said.

The same was true for the unit in the Carruth building.

"Our [air conditioning] system was down this summer because a new system was being installed," said Dr. Gerald Jones, whose office is in the Carruth building.

The Physical Plant does not seek to simply replace air conditioning units each time a problem occurs, though. First they diagnose the problem, and then call in the manufacturers' technician, Mellett said.

"That takes time, because the entire state is under pressure during the summer," he said. "Our air conditioners are our top priority. We get the repairs done first, then we determine how it will be paid for."

Many of the current heating and cooling problems would be solved if a central unit connected campus buildings.

"People wouldn't have to suffer if their building's unit went down, because the central unit would provide support for the downed unit," Mellett said.

At no point in the future will GSU have a central heating and cooling system, though.

"I can't justify to the Board of Regents spending \$25-30 million on a central unit when we have departments that need new buildings, not just new a/c units," Mellett said.



Adam bonner/STAFF

Senior Jason Dixon tries to escape the sweltering heat near a free-standing fan on the basement floor of Henderson Library. Continuous repairs have been made to the library's air conditioning unit since this summer, when a new system was installed. The Forest Drive Building, Carruth, and the Math/Physics building are all also experiencing problems with a/c.

## Travel enhances learning

Study Abroad Fair answers students' questions about dozens of fascinating program options

By Eli Boorstein  
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Six different continents. Over 50 different countries. With so many options available, there are an endless amount of possibilities for a student who would like to study abroad.

Questions were both asked and answered at the Study Abroad Fair, held Tuesday afternoon outside the Russell Union ballroom.

Organized by the Center for International Studies, the fair included tables manned by officials from Georgia Southern, as well as other state institutions such as Georgia College and State University, the State University of West Georgia, and Valdosta State University. These experts answered any questions the students

had, ranging from the kinds of classes offered to the costs involved.

Not only were there instructors available to answer questions, but there were also international

*"After September 11, we were afraid we'd lose a lot of students and a lot of programs, but we actually had more students go abroad last summer than we ever had go abroad before."*

—Dr. Nancy Shumaker, director of the Center for International Studies

students there to relay their experiences of studying abroad in the United States. Mads Demeinikoe, a physics major from Denmark, was one of them.

"I talked to my classmates who studied here and talked to my school and they had an agreement with Geor-

gia Southern," said Demeinikoe, who is studying here for a year.

Want to take biology in the Bahamas? How about anthropology in Belize? Students are not only limited to programs sponsored by their home school. Many of the study abroad programs offered are open to any student attending one of the 34 institutions that make up the University System of Georgia.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, a key question that has been on students' minds is safety. Following the attacks, there were worries that interest in studying abroad would drop due to a worry

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Chris Walker/STAFF

Two students inquire about a trip to Italy at Tuesday's Study Abroad Fair. The University System of Georgia provides study abroad programs to suit the academic requirements of virtually any student.

### ON THE INSIDE:



Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

## Southern Events

### GLBT AWARENESS MONTH

• National Coming Out Day  
Russell Union Rotunda  
October 11, 2002 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

• GSU at Western Carolina  
October 12, 2002 2 p.m.

### Weather



Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 83°F and a low of 66°F.

### Only in America

• A Florida man legally changes his name to 'I Am Who I Am' after judge refuses to let him change it to 'God.'

• Pregnant, teenage smoker accidentally gets shot by neighborhood man.

• A couple weds Halloween style, dressed as Dracula and Bride of Frankenstein.

### A&E

• The latest album from Ben Folds, 'Ben Folds Live,' released October 8, is sure to please the artist's loyal fan base as well as new listeners.

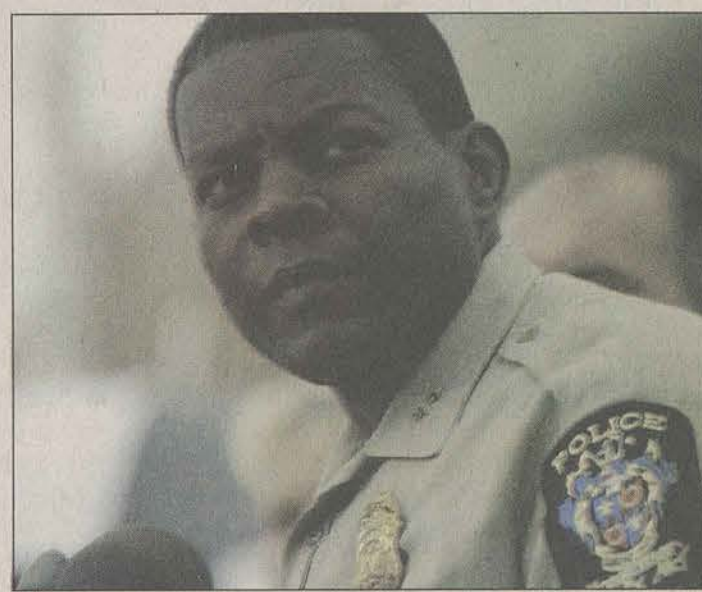


## Tarot card note could be key clue in Maryland-area sniper shootings

### KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - The message written on a fortune-telling Tarot card found near the site where a 13-year-old Maryland schoolboy was shot Monday suggests the sniper is someone who relishes control, longs to play cat-and-mouse with police and is enjoying a much-craved level of attention, criminologists said Wednesday.

Police found the card, bearing the terse message "Dear policeman, I am God," close to a spent shell casing about 150 yards from a middle school in Bowie, Md., a suburb east of Washington. Experts doubt that the serial sniper, who has eluded authorities while killing six people and wounding two others in the last week, left fingerprints on the Tarot deck's "Death card" but they said it



KRT Campus

Montgomery County, Maryland Police Chief Charles Moose speaks at a news conference Thursday, Oct. 10, at police headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the investigation into a string of sniper shootings in Washington's suburbs.

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# Georgia Southern and other Southern colleges becoming 'iron pipeline' for illegal gun-running

Arrest of two GSU students last April is just part of nationwide trend of illegal guntrafficking

Staff and Wire Reports

NEW YORK – Richard Rasheen Waldburg left Jamaica, Queens, to study business at Georgia Southern University and quickly learned a lucrative, illegal lesson in marketing: The ready supply of cheap guns down South filled the demand for weapons on his hometown New York streets.

He was part of a group of three students at the Statesboro, Ga.-based university who brought at least 45 guns to New York, authorities say, and a member of a growing fraternity of college gunrunners.

Men and women who escaped the city's bullet-ridden neighborhoods to attend college in the Deep South have brought hundreds of cheap firearms back to New York for sale to thugs who have used them in burglaries, an attempted home invasion robbery and other crimes.

## 'Alarming trend'

In less than two years, authorities say, some 800 guns were transported to the city by students with no prior criminal records who bought the weapons in Georgia, Alabama, Texas and other states.

The alarming trend was uncovered in the last six months.

One student from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., took orders for 9-mm. and .380 semiautomatics for Bronx gun peddlers. Another Oakwood student drove a car with a trunkload of guns around East Flatbush, Brooklyn, looking for customers.

Another case involves 39 guns trafficked by a student from Brooklyn who attends Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. Agents tailed the man from



Internet photos

Although not exactly military build-up-caliber, above, the number of cheap guns heading north from Southern states is worrying police.



a pawnshop where he bought 16 guns, to the campus, where he left the weapons in his car while he rushed to take an exam before heading north. Agents seized the guns.

"These types of cases may have been going on in the past, but not to the extent that we have uncovered recently," said Edgar Domenech, special agent in charge of the New York office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"The patterns we've seen developing, where New York City residents enrolled in colleges and universities across America are buying guns and bringing them back to New York, must be addressed and stopped right now."

## Lots of guns

So far, 40 of the weapons have

turned up in crimes here. Most had their serial numbers scratched off, but new technology retrieved the digits, and the guns could be traced.

Retired NYPD ballistics detective Antonio Colon now works for the bureau, restoring scratched-off digits on guns used in crimes. Of the 621 defaced guns recovered in the city so far this year, Colon has been able to raise 416 complete numbers and 171 partial numbers.

Authorities believe they will link scores more of the defaced guns recovered from the city's crime scenes to students on leafy Southern campuses.

## Easy money?

The transplanted New Yorkers quickly saw how profitable it could be, spending \$100 on a gun that could

fetch \$600 here.

"I think the real rub is guys from the hood, the first couple of times they buy one, two or three guns, then realize how easy it is, and they get a business going," said supervisory agent Billy Fredericks of the Joint Firearms Task Force run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the NYPD.

The students told investigators they bought guns with money from tuition or student loans.

## Serial numbers

There was a second set of gunrunners at Oakwood. A Bronx man known as "John Doe" in court papers because he has not been charged yet, allegedly bought 79 guns and removed the serial numbers with an engraving tool. His alleged accomplice, Kenneth Benson, 23, an Alabama man, purchased 55 guns. Of the 134 that ended up here, 17 have been recovered so far.

"John Doe" allegedly bought guns for two New York men, Brian Williams and Dwayne Fryfield, who were arrested on Sept. 9 and charged with firearms dealing.

One of the guns was used by a gangplotting a home invasion robbery in Coney Island in May, another in a suicide in Long Island City in June, and one was used by a burglar on the upper East side in October.

The Oakwood groups "knew each other but worked separately," said bureau Special Agent Cameron Conklin.

## Not a 'street thug'

He said "John Doe" is still in school, but Benson graduated in the spring with an accounting degree. When Conklin went to arrest Benson in May, there were balloons with messages of congratulations, and graduation gifts in his apartment.

"They're not hardened street thugs doing this," said Conklin. "Most are young, clean-cut, decent kids. They're taking student loans, gambling that if they buy guns cheap they can flip them

quickly to get a lot of money."

## Alabama problem

The Oakwood defendants bought all the guns from licensed federal firearms dealer James Longshore, who sold them out of a 5-by-5-foot shed in the rear of his home in Hazel Green, Ala.

He advertised his business in the Oakwood school paper, Shanhai said.

"It's really problematic," said Fredericks. "I think we'll get more cases out of Huntsville."

Meanwhile, other defaced guns were turning up here, and when the serial numbers were traced, they pointed to more college students.

Hubert Edwards, 25, of Brownsville, Brooklyn, a student at Texas Southern University in Houston, allegedly enlisted three fellow students who lived in the area to act as straw purchasers. The three, Tyrone Osby, Kylan Savage and Reginald Joiner, bought at least 53 guns, which Edwards drove to his old neighborhood.

Eight of the guns have been recovered so far in Brooklyn.

Special Agent Howard Stern said one, a Bryco 9-mm., made a remarkably quick time-to-crime trip. It was bought in Houston on July 1, and wound up in the hands of a 15-year-old youth in Canarsie, Brooklyn, on July 7.

The youth told cops he had bought it from another teen, who had purchased it July 4, allegedly from Edwards in an apartment where 20 shiny new guns – with serial numbers removed – were displayed in factory boxes.

Edwards and the other three Texas Southern University students were indicted Sept. 19 by a Brooklyn federal grand jury.

## In the future...

"Students must be made aware of the consequences of buying guns for someone else," Domenech said.

"They don't think they'll get caught, but restoring defaced serial numbers has been a crucial step in our investigations."

The ATF plans a campaign in conjunction with the federal Department of Education, using the slogan "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" to discourage collegiate gunrunning.

But the trend shows no signs of abating as long as some states have lax gun laws.

## Easy to purchase

Georgia, which does not restrict the number of firearms in a single purchase, has been dubbed "the iron pipeline" because so many guns flow from there.

Atlanta bureau Supervisory Agent David Fields said it's been a perennial problem: Students in Georgia fueling the black market of weapons in their hometowns.

"But if you're from a market area like New York, the temptation is greater," Fields said. "We're seeing more of them more frequently now."

Georgia Southern student Waldburg, 24, had lived in the Peach State for more than 90 days, had no criminal record and a Georgia identification card.

He quickly passed background checks at the local pawnshop. He bought one gun in January, then went back and bought nine more in February, according to Fields. Two of his co-students who live in Georgia allegedly bought 35 firearms.

Waldburg's January purchase, a HiPoint 9-mm. pistol, was recovered June 15 in Brooklyn, agents said.

Waldburg didn't foresee that a defaced gun could be traced right back to him. He pleaded guilty in June in Atlanta to firearms trafficking. He was expelled and is awaiting sentencing, Fields said.

"In their minds these students are just doing it for the money, they don't think about the consequences," said Shanhai.

## GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 1ST-31ST, 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Awareness Month Information Table  
Friday, October 11th Russell Union Rotunda

11:00 am-3:00 pm

Sponsored by TRIANGLE, ReVISION, STAND and the Multicultural Student Center

### RAINBOW CELEBRATION SOCIAL HOUR

Join us during this informal social hour for FREE lunch and rap session. Open to all students, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students/faculty, allies and friends.

Wednesday, October 16th Russell Union Room 2080

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Sponsored by Triangle, ReVISION and the Multicultural Student Center

### GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILIES: PARENTS AND CHILDREN SPEAK "OUT" WITH PRIDE!

Presented by Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network - Southeast GA

Host: Dr. Jane Page, Professor, College of Education

Many folks think that being gay or lesbian means being childless. But more and more gay and lesbian couples are raising children together. How do they deal with the discrimination that occurs in our society? In this presentation issues of perception in current literature and research on gay and lesbian families will be discussed. Gay and Lesbian parents in our community will be on hand to discuss their experiences and answer questions.

Thursday, October 17th Russell Union, Room 2052

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### JODI: THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD

Author Richard Brodsky is a successful New York City architect, marathon runner, devoted husband and father of three daughters. However, starting at age 40, he gave into his realization of bisexuality and the result was AIDS. He then had to tell his wife... Come and hear this amazing story followed by a Q & A session and book signing.

Tuesday, October 22nd Russell Union, Room 2084

7:00 pm

### SOCIETAL MISCONCEPTIONS OF GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED PERSONS

#### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Facilitator: Dr. Nathan Pino, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Dept.

Join us for a frank and open discussion of GLBT issues. Topics to include societal myths, historical perspectives of "gay" societies and what defines a person as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

Wednesday, October 23rd Russell Union, Room 2041

7:00 pm

### HALLOWEEN NIGHT FILM: THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW is an outrageous assemblage of stereotyped science fiction movies, Marvel comics, and rock n' roll. Running through the story is the sexual confusion of two middle American kids confronted by the decadent morality of the 70's. Join us for this cult classic. You won't want to miss the antics of the zany and mad Dr. Frank N. Furter.

Thursday, October 31st

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## 1 Pennsylvania

### Cash, coupon giveaway turn violent at Sharon department store

SHARON- At least three people were injured Saturday when an estimated crowd of 2,000 people scrambled to catch \$2 bills and coupons flung from the roof of a department store during a sales gimmick gone awry.

A 16-year-old girl broke her foot when she fell from the roof of a nearby diner, where some of the cash and coupons had collected. A 73-year-old woman who recently had hip surgery was knocked to the ground and treated at a hospital. And a reporter from The Herald in Sharon was treated for head injuries after being assaulted by people in the crowd.

The cash and coupon drop, sponsored by businessman James E. Winner Jr., was held in front of The Winner, a four-story department store, at about 10 a.m. Saturday. Five hundred \$2 bills and 2,000 coupons worth \$2 off every \$20 spent at a Winner store were thrown off the top of the building in an effort to promote Winner properties and downtown Sharon, about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Sharon Police Chief Thomas Burke said no charges were filed because the crowd dispersed about 20 minutes after the money and coupons dropped. Officers, who were made aware of the event in advance, had blocked off several streets before the drop.

People began gathering peacefully as early as 5:30 a.m. Some people brought fishing nets, others talked about which way the wind would carry the money and coupons.

Once the money was thrown, the crowd became frantic and surged in whatever direction the money was going. A man and a

young boy were pushed into a tree by a group of rushing people. Children were shoved aside. A mother with a toddler in a stroller was let into the department store after begging to get out of the crowd.

About 20 people climbed onto the roof of Donna's Diner while several others dived into the nearby Shenango River.

"I decided to go in the water, because that's where the money was," said Dan Nale, 21, of Sharon.

Winner, who had planned to hold the promotion every Saturday in October, said he won't be throwing money off the roof again.

"We had no idea on how it was going to evolve," Winner told The Vindicator of Youngstown for Sunday's edition. He estimated 2,000 people gathered for the event.

## 2 Florida

### Lake City man legally changes name to 'I Am who I Am'

LAKE CITY- Charles Haffey had wanted to legally change his name to "God." When a judge refused, he picked a compromise that was able to pass legal muster: "I Am who I Am."

"Well, Hallelujah," he told Judge Vernon Douglas at a hearing last week.

The former Haffey said after his first choice was rejected in April, he went back to the Bible to find a backup, drawing on a passage where Moses asks God who he is and hears: "I am who I am or I will be who I will be."

"That's kind of wordy, so I'm just going for 'I Am who I Am' as my full legal name," he said. "My first name, of course, would be 'I Am.'"

The 55-year-old said he sought the name change as a way to gain release from feelings of "panic, anxiety, fear, rage, murder, suicide," that have plagued him since

he served in Vietnam.

"I was fatally wounded in the mind and the spirit," he said. "I didn't suffer any bodily injury. It's just what I saw, what I did. I killed myself."

Who I Am said he became a Christian and was baptized in April. It was shortly after that when he decided to change everything, beginning with his name.

Last week, Who I Am bought a tombstone to be inscribed with his former name. He plans to plant it in the tall grass on his property.

He said it will read, "Charles Walter Haffey, born Sept. 23, 1948, and died Oct. 21, 1968, Republic of Vietnam."

## 3 Michigan

### Witches and vampires abound at wedding

MARINE CITY- Chris and Mark Benjamin celebrated 12 years of marriage together in a particularly ghoulish fashion.

The couple, dressed as Frankenstein's monster and his bride, renewed their vows Saturday as part of Marine City's Scarecrow Festival.

The outdoors ceremony was the ninth performed by Mayor George Bukowski since he took office about a year ago. Though he's grown accustomed to reading the vows, the fangs of his Dracula costume were a new challenge.

"S's are really hard to say," he told the Times Herald (Port Huron) for a Sunday story.

Chris Benjamin said their first wedding on July 20, 1990, was before a justice of the peace with no reception because they didn't have a lot of money.

"This is the wedding we didn't have," she said.

In their vows, Mark Benjamin promised to be true no matter how bad the rotting smell becomes and keep her hair standing on end. His wife swore to put him outside dur-

ing lightning storms and bathe once a century.

There were a few problems with the unusual wedding.

"I didn't know how to dress," said the bride's mother, Bonnie Wienand of White Lake.

And Ringbearer Branson Vanderwill, 6, of St. Clair -the couple's nephew -had to use the ghost-shaped pillow to blow away the fog creeping over the floor of the gazebo during the ceremony.

City Manager Michael Nagy, dressed as a Green Bay Packers Cheesehead, said the wedding was a creative point of the weekend festival.

"It's great to see the community turn out," he said.

Marine City Chamber of Commerce officials said the festival likely will return next year.

"We've had nothing but excellent response from all of this," President Cheryl Zech said.

## 4 Maine

### Woman sues for couch-related injuries

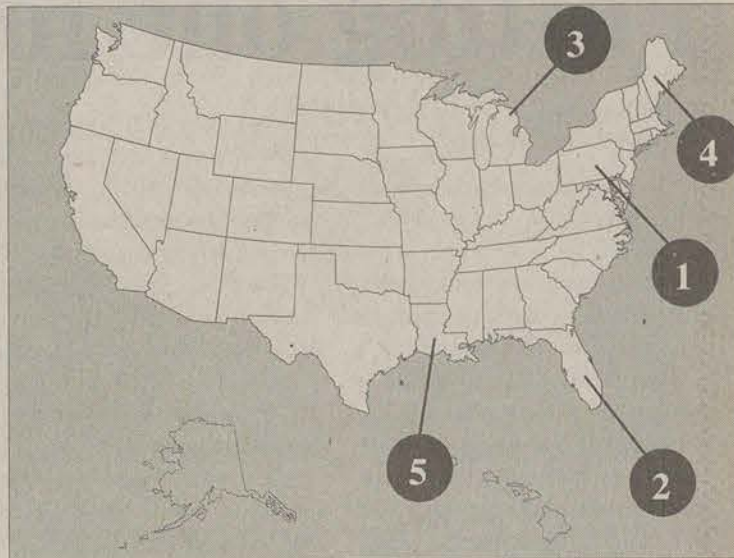
AUGUSTA- Who says sitting on the couch can't be dangerous?

A woman is seeking more than \$7,500 in damages for injuries she allegedly sustained when a car hit her apartment building, knocking her off the sofa and onto the floor.

Marian McElmurry, of Augusta, says in a lawsuit filed in Kennebec County Superior Court that she suffered neck and back pain and was taken to the emergency room after the November 1999 accident.

The driver, Darci Babin, of Bangor, did not know how to operate the standard transmission on the Ford pickup truck she was driving, according to a police report.

Babin turned right onto Swan



Street and never straightened the truck's steering wheel, plowing into the side of McElmurry's apartment building, the report said. Babin and a passenger in the truck were both uninjured.

McElmurry was sitting on the arm of a sofa resting against the ground-floor wall that was hit, said Tracie Adamson, her lawyer.

The lawsuit alleges that Babin was negligent and careless, and seeks compensation for medical bills in excess of \$7,500, in addition to disability, pain, suffering and loss of income.

Attempts to settle the matter with Babin's insurance company were unsuccessful, Adamson said.

Babin's lawyer, James Hunt, could not be reached for comment.

## 5 Louisiana

### Man yells at pregnant teenage smoker, accidentally shoots her

NEW ORLEANS - A neighborhood character yelled at a pregnant 18-year-old because she was smoking, then accidentally shot her.

The woman knew the man, but only as a strange neighborhood figure, New Orleans police spokesman Juan Barnes said.

He said the woman came out of a convenience store about 12:40 a.m. Friday, a bag in one hand and a lit cigarette in the other. The man started railing at her, and she yelled back, Barnes said.

He said the man pulled out a handgun, aimed it toward the sky and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed. He said the gun went off while the man was trying to figure out why it had jammed.

When the gun went off, it struck the woman in the left shoulder.

The woman was rushed to Charity Hospital, treated for the gunshot wound, then rushed to University Hospital to check on the fetus, due Oct. 28.

Everything checked out OK, Barnes said, but the excitement apparently sparked early labor. The woman's water broke while she was still at the hospital Friday night.

"Talk about a child being introduced to crime, even before he was born," Barnes said. "We're just glad to hear there was a happy ending."

Hospital spokesman Jerry Romig said mother and baby - a six-pound, five-ounce boy - were doing fine Saturday.

## STUDY ABROAD, FROM PAGE 1

ther incidents overseas. According to Dr. Nancy Shumaker, director of the Center for International Studies, quite the contrary has happened.

"After September 11, we were afraid we'd lose a lot of students and a lot of programs," Dr. Shumaker remarked. "But we actually had more students go abroad last summer than we ever had go abroad before."

Dr. Shumaker later went on to say that the center takes steps by "not recommending or approving programs that are held in areas that are not safe," and mentioning that before studying abroad, directors and students attend orientation sessions on what to expect overseas.

Another factor that has scared away some students in the past is money, as study abroad programs range from \$1,000 to over \$5,000. However, there are many different ways to ease the financial burden placed on a student's wallet. Dr. Shumaker commented that if a student considers what he or she pays



Chris Walker/STAFF

Students look at displays during the Study Abroad fair on Tuesday. The fair answered a lot of questions throughout its four-hour duration.

for a semester of school, the costs are similar to studying abroad, save for airfare and personal expenses. Furthermore, various types of financial aid, including HOPE, can be used towards the fees.

Many Georgia Southern students took advantage of the Study Abroad Fair during its four-hour duration to

get questions answered and learn useful information.

"My preference is to study abroad for a semester, because it's long enough to immerse yourself in the country," remarked Lauren Spanjer, a junior biology major. "It's enough time to pick up on the language and feel like I'm part of the culture."

## SHOOTINGS, FROM PAGE 1

offered important clues to the killer's state of mind.

"It makes us understand what he's thinking," said James Alan Fox, a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston.

The 78 cards in a Tarot deck each carry different meanings, Tarot enthusiasts explained.

But the use of the Death card - assuming it was left by the sniper and not a prankster - suggests that the killer doesn't understand Tarot fortune-telling very well.

While sounding sinister and traditionally depicting a skeleton, the card carries a more hopeful message than its name suggests.

It signifies change, renewal and regeneration, said David Roell, owner of the Astrology Center of America in New York, which sells Tarot cards and books of explanation.

A knowing Tarot enthusiast probably would have picked the Ten of Swords instead. It depicts a person lying face down - with 10 swords

sticking in his back - and connotes ruin and pain, Roell noted.

"This is someone who doesn't really know Tarot," Roell said. He ventured that the killer is "a master sniper who randomly saw a deck of cards and picked out one that would set off bells and whistles."

If the sniper misread the Tarot card, it wouldn't be the first time a serial killer made such a mistake, experts said.

New Yorker Heriberto Seda, the so-called "Zodiac Killer" of the 1990s, left clues that showed "he didn't understand astrology. They made absolutely no sense," said Jack Levin, a Northeastern University professor and expert on serial killers.

The five handwritten words on the card may be more valuable to Washington-area investigators than the card's symbolism.

The formal greeting ("Dear policeman") suggests to criminologist Fox that respect is important to the killer - giving it and getting it

in return.

"He didn't use slang or profanity," Fox said. "I wouldn't be surprised if this is an individual who doesn't feel he's gotten that kind of respect and feels he deserves it."

A quest for respect "may be at the core of his killing spree," Fox added.

"This is a narcissistic individual who in my opinion in his ordinary life is pretty ordinary. He hasn't really distinguished himself in any way," Fox continued.

"He hasn't gotten the respect he thinks he deserves, and so he's grabbing it violently."

### Correction

In the Monday, October 7 edition of *The George-Anne* we incorrectly listed the name of a member of the 2002 Homecoming court.

Leigh Anne Fergusson was accidentally omitted. We apologize for the mistake.

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## Putting one foot in front of the other

By Bo Fulginiti

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Georgia Southern has been down this road before.

Looking to make a bold statement to everyone else in the Southern Conference, the Eagles made an example of the VMI Keydets.

Historically, GSU has looked at their annual game against VMI as nothing more than a tune-up, but in a season of uncertainty head coach Mike Sewak sees this 52-7 win as a building block for his young program.

"I think our senior leadership is finally starting to take over the team," said Sewak.

"Plus, our young guns, the sophomores on offense are figuring out what it takes to win."

Following another solid performance (127 yards rushing) sophomore quarterback Chaz Williams has emerged as the clear-cut leader of the team, and he and the rest of the recharged offense are looking to build on their solid homecoming performance.

This week, Williams and the Eagles are heading to Cullowhee, North Carolina to take on the conference rival Western Carolina Catamounts.

**This weekend's match up:** The Catamounts (3-3, 1-2 in SoCon) are led by first year head coach Kent Briggs, and they feature a multiple pro-style offense, as well as a 4-3 defense.

The Eagles (3-2, 2-1 in SoCon), led by first year head coach Mike Sewak will be utilizing their usual spread offensive attack, and multiple 4-3 defensive scheme.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> time that Georgia Southern is facing Western Carolina in the history of the two schools.

GSU is leading the series 10-2, which includes a current seven-game winning streak.

Last time these two teams squared off was Oct. 6, 2001, with the Eagles defeating the Cats 50-14 at Paulson Stadium.

**Tough to figure out:** Georgia Southern and Western Carolina are having identical 2002 campaigns so far, and are leaving curious fans to wonder what might happen next.

Both teams are led by first-year head coaches, and are coming off winning seasons.

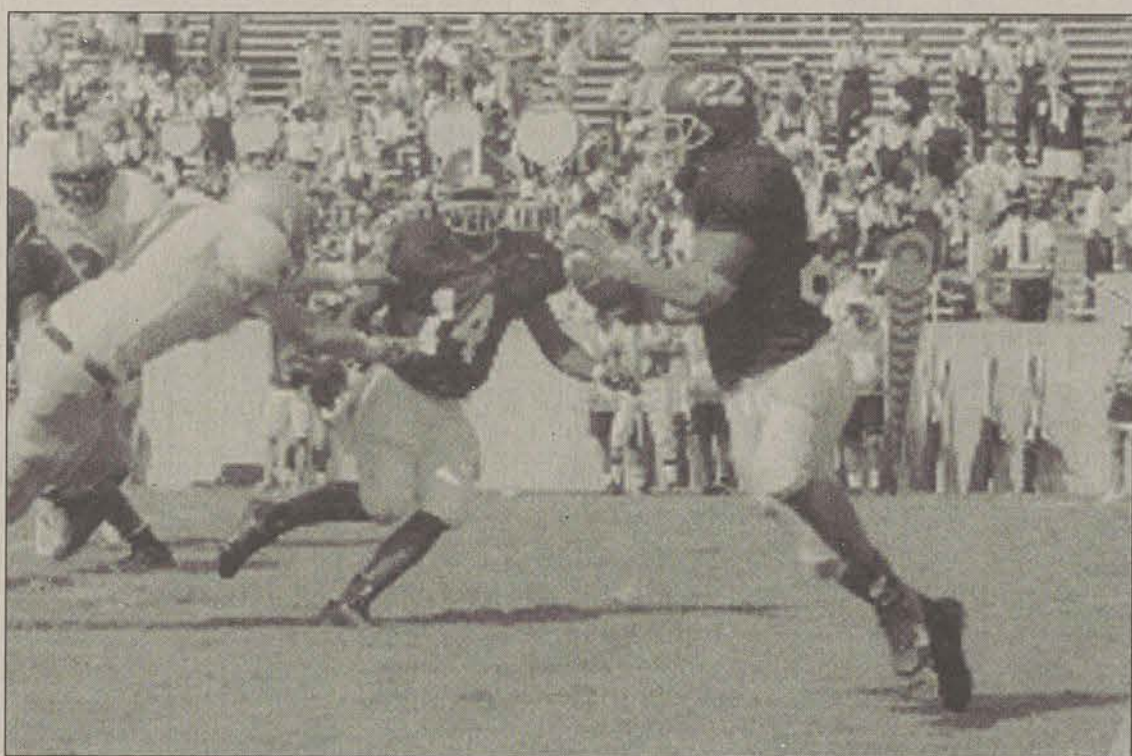
Yet both schools are also trying to rebound from disappointing conference losses.

The Cats fell short of a valiant fourth quarter comeback last week, losing to the Furman Paladins 24-23.

The Eagles are still trying to recover from the stunning 14-7 upset they suffered against Mike Ayers and the Wofford Terriers at Paulson Stadium on Sept. 21.

**Players to keep an eye on:** The x-factor in this game is going to be junior WCU running back Fred Boateng.

Following two outstanding sea-



Chris Horne/STAFF

Making a bold statement last weekend against VMI, the Eagles look to charge over the Catamounts of Western Carolina this Saturday.

sons when he finished third in the conference in rushing behind stars Adrian Peterson of GSU and Louis Ivory of Furman. Boateng is finally healthy and ready to play.

He sat out the first two games of 2002 healing from surgery, but had his official coming out party last week, rushing for 117 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries against Furman.

Another Catamount player to

watch is senior wide receiver Michael Banks.

Banks is a player thriving under Briggs' new offensive scheme, and he is currently 37 receptions short of breaking Gerald Harp's school record of 197.

For GSU, the slotbacks are looking to build on their breakthrough performance last week. Zstream Walden ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns, and Kevin Davis, T.J.

Anderson, and Mark Myers all contributed to 495 total rushing yards.

**The bottom line:** The Eagles enter this game against Western Carolina as the odds-on favorites to win the contest.

But with the game of the year next week against Appalachian State just around the corner, if the Eagles take the Cats for granted they could be leaving Cullowhee with a loss.

## Dennis Hightower



## The race for No. 1 continues

This Saturday there will be three crucial games that will determine the national title. No, the Georgia Southern-Western Carolina game is not one of them.

The first game is in the Orange Bowl in Miami. The Hurricanes have blown away the competition and they seem unstoppable.

However, they will take on the warriors from Tallahassee. Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles still have the opportunity to play for the national title at 5-1. The 'Noles continue to improve in certain areas.

The running game proved to be the true strength as they rushed for 272 yards against Clemson. If they ran the ball more often the 'Noles would be 6-0.

The Hurricanes have had a less-challenging schedule. They beat I-AA Florida A&M, a Temple team that should be in I-AA, an up and down Florida Gator team, mediocre Boston College, and a team with no football identity in Connecticut.

In rivalry games, throw away the records, stats, and past history. This will be about who is "man enough" to beat the other.

Although they have lost the past two meetings, Bobby and the 'Noles have something up their sleeve. The 27 game winning is going to end sooner or later.

What people would consider an upset, I consider a big time win by a big time team. Seminoles 27-24.

The final destination is located in Overrated, Georgia. The Georgia Bulldogs won last week not because of Billy Bennett's 32-yard field goal with 38 seconds remaining. The Dogs won because a Georgia grad and former head coach at Auburn told Paul Finebaum on a sports radio show in Birmingham that Georgia was not "man enough" to beat a team that are physically capable of putting them on the meat wagon.

How inspiring is that? The only time I've heard somebody saying something like that is when a woman gets upset with her husband or boyfriend during intimacy.

Too bad, Pat Dye is not a Tennessee grad.

The Volunteers might be without quarterback Casey Clausen. Rumors from ESPN.com said that Clausen suffered a hairline fracture to his collarbone.

Like Britney Spears, head coach Phil Fulmer is denying it. Come on coach! You are putting your quarterback at risk.

The good news for the Vols is that the running game is potent. Jabari Davis rushed for 25 carries and 135 yards against the Hogs from Arkansas.

Mark Richt is proving that the name of city should be changed to "We're for Real", Georgia.

Give the Bulldogs their props for beating the tough Alabama Crimson Tide. They won for the first time ever in Tuscaloosa. That's something Vince Dooley, Ray Goff, and Jim Donnan have not accomplished. Quarterback David Greene has always stayed poised under pressure.

Once the clock reaches 0:00 after the fourth quarter (I guarantee you there will be no overtime), Mark Richt and the Bulldogs will be one step closer to fulfilling their feat: the SEC Title Game. Bulldogs, 30-27.

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## Underdogs take pride in autumn tradition

By Eli Boorstein

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The Minnesota Twins didn't know if they would even play this season. The Anaheim Angels were picked to finish last place in their division. The St. Louis Cardinals had to suffer through two staggering tragedies in a short time. The San Francisco Giants had to play in the same division as the defending World Series champs and best one-two pitching duo in baseball.

Okay, raise your hand if you thought any of these four teams would even make the playoffs, let alone be the final four teams remaining.

This has definitely become the "Year of the Underdog" in the Major League Baseball playoffs. Of the four divisional series, the team with the lower winning percentage won each one. Nobody pictured that these four clubs would be the only ones left.

Since winning the World Series in 1991, the Minnesota Twins lived through ten years of futility, not reaching the playoffs once since. Their star

### Eli Boorstein



Kirby Puckett contracted glaucoma and was forced into premature retirement. It wasn't only until the 2001 season when, led by a group of fresh, young faces like Torii Hunter and Doug Mientkiewicz, the Twins were able to stage a resurgence. Then stepped in two of the most hated men in the state of Minnesota to

lend their miserly touch: Bud Selig and Carl Pohlad.

Bud Selig, commissioner of baseball, was hell-bent on contracting two teams before the 2002 season—widely thought to be the Twins and Montreal Expos. The Minnesota fans had a public outcry when learning about their team's possible fate. You would think that Twins' owner Carl Pohlad would be among them.

Think again.

Pohlad stood to make a cool \$200 million from the other baseball owners if the Twins were contracted and could've cared less about the fans' cries. Now, after an American League Central Division title and within grasp of the World Series, we see on TV the two "Minnesota heroes" sitting together in a plush luxury suite, far away from the grasp of the 50,000-plus Metrodome crowd.

At the beginning of the season, the Anaheim Angels were picked by many to finish last in the four-team AL West Division. The last time they sniffed the playoffs, the then-California Angels blew a double-digit game lead late in the season to the Seattle Mariners

in 1995. Since then, they too have had to deal with a lackadaisical ownership—in this case the Disney conglomerate—only to bounce back lately.

With holdovers like Tim Salmon and Garrett Anderson mixed with the newcomers David Eckstein and Troy Glaus, the Angels were able to rebound from a slow start to clinch the AL wild card spot. Then, much to the surprise of practically every living human being, they shocked the much-heralded New York Yankees, winning the division series 3 games to 1.

The last time the Angels made the ALCS in 1986, they were on the cusp of the World Series but collapsed as the Boston Red Sox went on to advance. This time, Anaheim is hoping for a different outcome.

In St. Louis, all the prospects were shining for the Cardinals—great fans, great ownership, team chemistry. That is, until the day their beloved broadcaster Jack Buck died after a long illness. After a public memorial, it was time for the Cardinals to move on. Sadly, St. Louis had one more obstacle to face just weeks later. The team was waiting in Chicago's Wrigley Field to play, but pitcher Darryl Kile hadn't shown yet. After contacting the authorities, they learned that Kile was found dead in his hotel room, a victim of heart disease.

Even with the unimaginable suffering, the Cards kept the memories of Jack Buck and Darryl Kile on their mind on their way to the NL Central title and an upset of the Arizona Diamondbacks, defending world champs, in the Divisional Series.

The San Francisco Giants had perhaps the best lineup of all the aforementioned teams. After all, they had the homerun king Barry Bonds in the middle of their lineup. Two problems: (1) They were in the same division as Arizona and their pitching pair of Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson, and (2) no pitcher in their right mind would give Bonds a pitch he could handle. That's why Bonds was walked nearly 200 times this season, shattering his own Major League record that he set in 2001. Even with their best hitter silenced, the Giants had other weapons in their offensive repertoire. Without the bats of Jeff Kent, Rich Aurilia, and J.T. Snow, San Francisco wouldn't have had the might to clinch the NL wild card and beat the Atlanta Braves in the Division Series.

With teams like the Yankees and Braves treating trips to the postseason like they're a foregone conclusion, it's refreshing to see these four teams take such pride in an autumn tradition like the baseball playoffs.

## Eagle Men's basketball No. 1 in SoCon preseason poll

G-A News Service

CHARLESTON, SC – The 12 Southern Conference men's basketball coaches have selected East Tennessee State to win the North Division this winter while splitting the South favorite's role between Georgia Southern and Furman.

The poll was released on Oct. 7 as part of the SoCon's annual Basketball Tip-Off event taking place in North Charleston.

East Tennessee State will be vying for its third straight share of the North Division title. The Bucs finished 18-11 last year and tied for first with Davidson and UNC Greensboro with identical 11-5 records. ETSU will be relying on four returning starters including 6-6 junior forward Zakee Wadood (14.5 ppg, 9.2 rpg) and 6-7 junior forward Jerald Fields (13.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg).

ETSU earned 11 first place votes and a total of 66 points. ETSU is considered a unanimous choice to win the North since coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team in the poll.

UNC Greensboro was picked to finish second with 55 points. David-

son was picked third followed by VMI in fourth. Appalachian State and Western Carolina were picked to tie for fifth.

In the South, the coaches deadlocked on Georgia Southern and Furman as co-favorites. Each received five first place votes and a total of 56 points. Georgia Southern was 16-12, 9-7 last year and tied for first in the South with College of Charleston and Chattanooga. The Eagles return sharpshooting guard Julius Jenkins (14.8 ppg).

Furman finished fifth last year at 17-14, 7-9 but made a courageous run to the championship game of the Mountain Dew Southern Conference Tournament by winning three games in three days. The Paladins fell to Davidson in the title game.

The Paladins return the SoCon's assist leader from last season in Guilherme Da Luz who handed out 206 assists last season. Also returning is 6-6 forward Karim Souchu who led the Paladins with a 14.8 scoring average. Da Luz was a first team All-SoCon pick last season by the coaches while Souchu was a third team selection by the media.

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By Donna Thigpen  
donna\_thigpen@hotmail.com

Reese Witherspoon has saved "Sweet Home Alabama" from being a shallow flop by turning it into a Southern success.

Opening September 27, and now playing in Statesboro, "Sweet Home Alabama" re-unites Witherspoon with Ethan Embry (A Far off Place, Vegas Vacation) and introduces many to a new blonde-haired, blue-eyed bombshell, Josh Lucas (American Psycho, A Beautiful Mind). Director, Andrew Tennant (Grease, Grease 2), continues his tradition of chick flicks, while also providing gentlemen several worthy views of Mrs. Ryan Phillippe.

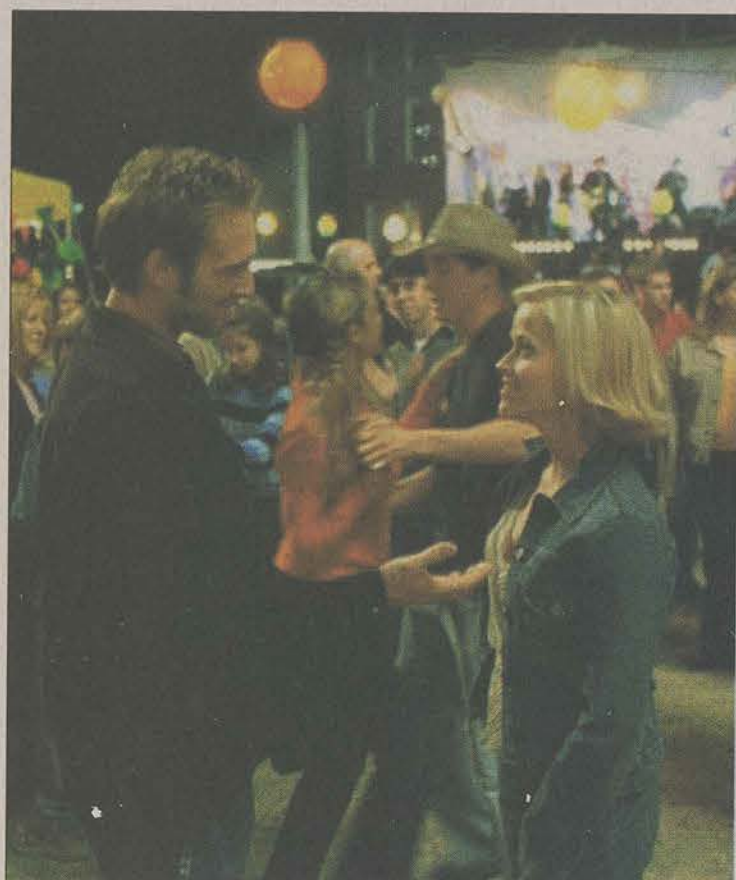
The movie opens in New York, where the up-and-coming fashion designer Melanie Carmichael becomes engaged to one of the city's most eligible bachelors, Andrew Hemmings - the JFK-esque New York Mayor's son.

However, before she can get married, she must first contend with her husband Jake, back home in Alabama.

Living a lie, Melanie comes home for the first time in seven years to see her family and tries to get an unwilling husband to sign their divorce papers. Throughout a drunken night at her mother-in-law's bar and a fun time at the Catfish Festival, she realizes, "I'm really happy in New York. But then I come here, and this fits too."

In an unoriginal but enticing script, Mel is torn between her two beaus, the Yankee and the Redneck.

Witherspoon truly fulfills her obligation to bring originality to the movie with her Southern charm as calls her husband "a stubborn asshole" upon her arrival in Alabama and expresses that she never understood what the term "Are you shi— me?" really meant.



Reese Witherspoon and Ethan Embry star side-by-side in the new Southern romantic comedy, 'Sweet Home Alabama.'

In one particular scene, her accent changes from what she calls "the Yankee bitch" to a sweet Southern girl with the help of a little alcohol, proving her husband's statement: "You can take the girl out of the South, but you can't take the South out of the girl."

A native of Nashville, Witherspoon has accused Hollywood of stereotyping Southerners as stupid people whose accent makes this image even worse.

But she commends this film for showing true Southern values - family, non-materialistic items, and fun at local events with "Sweet Home Alabama" blaring to the audience - much like Georgia Southern.

There are a few stereotypical parts scattered through the film, such as a gay man afraid of coming out in his country town, a woman breastfeeding in a bar, and Mel's father stating, "The South will rise again!" at the ending.

However, they may not be that stereotypical: the audience at the local theater began clapping at the exclamation.

All in all, Witherspoon has shown potential to be the new Meg Ryan of romantic comedies, and she has made the film a contender. While the actors overshadow the plot (which really is a good thing), Witherspoon and Lucas make this movie more fun than riding dirt roads on a Saturday night.

## GSU celebrates National GLBT Awareness Month

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When a person thinks of the month of October, holidays like Halloween and Columbus Day come to mind.

However, October is so much more. Not only is it National Breast Cancer Awareness month, but Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Awareness month.

This month on the GSU campus, there are going to be many different events that circle around GLBT Awareness month. From a lunch social to roundtable discussions of common misconceptions about the homosexual community, this month is full of informative and interesting events.

The month kicks off with National Coming Out Day, on October 11<sup>th</sup>. De-Marc Campbell, co-president of the Georgia Southern Triangle Club, is hoping for a good turn out. "National Coming Out Day is giving those individuals who are thinking of coming out the chance to meet other people who are out and see that they have support in their decision," says Campbell of Friday's events.

According to Campbell there will be a table up in the Russell Union Rotunda from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with information flyers, stickers and buttons. These goodies are not only for homosexuals, but for Allies, heterosexual people in the community that support homosexuals.

### GLBT Awareness Month

#### National Coming Out Day

Friday, October 11, 2002  
Russell Union Rotunda  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Rainbow Celebration Social Hour

Wednesday, October 16, 2002  
Russell Union Room 2080  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Gay and Lesbian Families: Parents and Children Speak Out With Pride

Thursday, October 16, 2002  
Russell Union Room 2052  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Jodi: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

Thursday, October 22, 2002  
Russell Union Room 2084  
7:00 p.m.

#### Societal Misconceptions of GLBT Persons Roundtable Discussions

Wednesday, October 23, 2002  
Russell Union Room 2041  
7:00 p.m.

#### Halloween Night Film: The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Thursday, October 30, 2002  
Russell Union Rotunda or RAC- TBA  
10:00 p.m.

## 'Porn 'n Chicken,' premiering Sunday on Comedy Central

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For its first telemovie, Comedy Central has settled on an outrageous title and topic: "Porn 'n Chicken," a fact-based comedy about students at Yale University who band together for a weekly serving of fried chicken and porn films, then announce plans to make an amateur porno movie of their own.

The outrageousness is intentional. The tackiness is not. "Porn 'n Chicken," airing Sunday night at 10 EDT, isn't a bad idea for a movie - especially since the minor media frenzy surrounding this secret society of Ivy Leaguers led to rampant rumors and amusing disinformation. Did members of the group really get together and film a movie, "The StaXXX," in the Sterling Library stacks? Or was that just another story?

Even a good idea can result in a bad movie, however, and this is one

of those.

Ebon Moss-Bachrach stars as Josh Hutchison, a student who is dumped by his girlfriend and comforted by his roommate. To do so, they sit him down on the couch with a bucket of fried chicken and a VHS of "Debbie Does

only likable, and remotely modulated, performance. Kurt Kuller plays the college dean and his single-minded pursuit of this rowdy group of kids is a pathetically transparent - and distant - echo of the similar conflict in "National Lampoon's Animal House."

There's one thing more to ponder for a moment, while otherwise tossing this unfunny movie aside.

Harvard gave us the Lampoon; Yale inspires this. What else is there to say?

That real-life porn stars Ron Jeremy and Jenna Jameson show up for a few fully clothed seconds of semi-racy dialogue?

That the porn film recreated in "Porn 'n Chicken" is just as dull as the rest of the movie?

That this first Comedy Central effort, like the kids in its spotlight, isn't nearly as clever as it thinks it is?

"Porn 'n Chicken" isn't offensive. It'll just make you bored.



Dallas." Porn viewing, with chicken and beer and post-screening discussions, become a weekly event. Attendance swells, and even ladies attend, including an outgoing young woman who calls herself Polly Morphous.

Angela Goethals plays Polly (a.k.a. Pamela Stone), and gives the movie's

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