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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

Weather

Friday



Cloudy with a high of 73°F and a low of 59°F.

Saturday



Showers with a high of 77°F and a low of 57°F.

Sunday



Partly cloudy with a high of 78°F and a low of 57°F.

Only in America

- A husband dies of multiple bite wounds inflicted by wife after he refuses to have sex with her.
- New York fills with even more cabs as 'Water Taxis' gain popularity.
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Union Theater, \$2

# Snipers caught napping

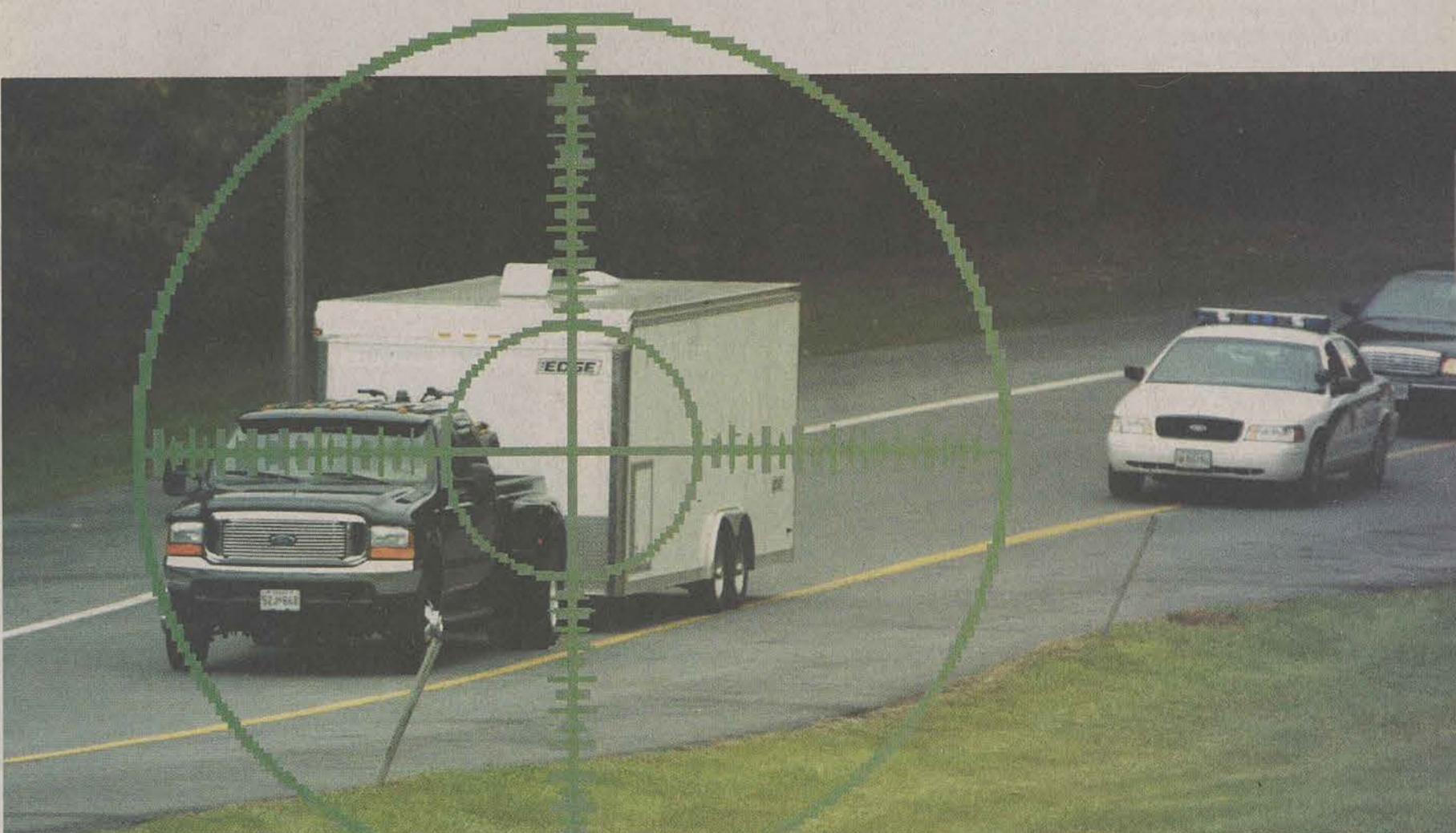


Photo Illustration

Police arrested two people wanted in alleged connection with the recent sniper shootings in the Washington, D.C. area Thursday at a rest stop in Frederick County, Maryland. Police had issued a federal warrant on gun violations and took into custody John Allen Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, suspected as the main perpetrators in the fatal wounding of 10 and critical injury of three people.

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## Cover charges vary at local clubs

Students dish out dollars according to the night, the event and their genders

By Michelle Flournoy  
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Drive by College Plaza on a weekend night and there will be long lines of Georgia Southern students waiting to get in Statesboro's bars.

At many of these bars students hand over dollar bills just to walk in the door.

College students are a hot commodity at local restaurants and bars since students are offered few alternatives for entertainment in Statesboro, but cover charges are putting a dent in the pocket books of Georgia Southern's students.

Even though Retrievers is both a restaurant and bar, they charge up to \$5 for customers to get in on some nights of the week, though prices may vary based on sex. Wednesday night cover charges at Retrievers were \$3 for guys and \$1 for girls. Girls received penny drinks.

Angie Morgan, manager of Retriever's, said the cover charges are used to pay bouncers, bands,

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Adam Bonner/STAFF

Popular student hot spots such as Mellow Mushroom and Retrievers charge a cover most nights of the week. Locos enforces a cover charge if there is a band playing, while Buffalo's Cafe claims not to charge cover under any circumstances.

## Campus computer thefts on the rise

By Christopher Johnson  
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Since October 8, nine computer thefts have been reported on the Georgia Southern campus, pushing the total number to 19 since the summer.

According to Public Safety's Head of Criminal Investigations Major Dess Edenfield, the campus buildings that have been targeted are Anderson Hall, the Biology Building, and the Math/Physics/Computer Sci-

ence Building.

The campus department that has suffered the most because of these thefts has been the Biology Department.

"Over the summer we had ten computers and one projector stolen," said Virginia Bennett, GSU's Biology Lab Coordinator. The missing merchandise has been valued at \$16,000, she said.

Also, approximately two weeks ago, a professor in the Biology Department saw her computer go

missing. No evidence of forced entry was found.

"All that was taken was the CPU; the monitor, scanner, and printer were all left," said Roxanne Billings, administrative secretary in the Biology Dept.

The majority of the missing computers are laptops. Edenfield said this is probably due to convenience and not a preference on the part of those responsible.

"Laptops are easily concealed," he said. "You can fit one into a small

bag, and no one would be ever know."

As of October 24, no connection between the thefts had been established, but no evidence of forced entry was found at any of the three buildings. This leads Edenfield to believe an employee could be responsible. This person or group of people could have a key or access to a key, he said.

However, he was quick to

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## Roundtable clears GLBT myths

By Alston Arras  
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A small crowd gathered at the Russell Union on Wednesday night to express misconceptions about gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered.

Assistant Professor Nathan Pino, sociology and anthropology, supervised the discussion. He commented right before the group got seated, "I hope that the lecture is frank and honest."

If the misconceptions are tossed about GLBT (Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgendered) then it will debate any hatred or misreading of this selected group. Although it was a trivial group, there was much to be said about societal myths of GLBT's.

One strong issue that was approached was of Homosexuality being a mental disorder. Pino and members of the group discussed that up until 1973 psychiatrists used methods like electric shock therapy and lobotomies to unsuccessfully try to cure homosexuality.

Psychiatrists still argue that homosexuality is a mental disorder because some people are lost in the search for his or her identity and may have a gay or lesbian experience. Then it may result as this person(s) becoming identified as a homosexual or this person may not know who he or she is and commit suicide or have serious depression.

These are reasons that doctors and psychiatrists may see homosexuality as a mental disorder.

Pino then brought up the myth that AIDS is a gay disease which most of the continent and the world believe, even when there is a far

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# Police make 2 arrests in D.C. sniper case

Pair are arrested at Maryland rest stop after truck driver spots them asleep in 1990 Chevrolet Caprice

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SEATTLE - A former Fort Lewis, Wash., soldier and a teenager were arrested early Thursday near Middletown in Frederick County, Md., in connection with the sniper shootings that have taken 10 lives in the Washington, D.C., area.

John Allen Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, were taken into custody at a rest stop on Interstate 70 about 50 miles northwest of the nation's capital, an FBI source said.

Truck driver Ron Lantz noticed the description of the vehicle and called 911.

"I'm no hero," he said. "I just want people to think what I did was what I should have done."

The arrests came after a day in which federal agents tore up the yard at the Tacoma, Wash., house where Muhammad had stayed earlier this year. Agents also searched a high school in Bellingham for Malvo's student records, and reportedly were looking for samples of his handwriting.

The two were last known to be living in Clinton, Md., a Washington, D.C. suburb, law-enforcement sources said.

Muhammad, a Muslim convert who changed his name from John Allen Williams last year, lived in Tacoma from 1994 until 2000 and had visited there since.

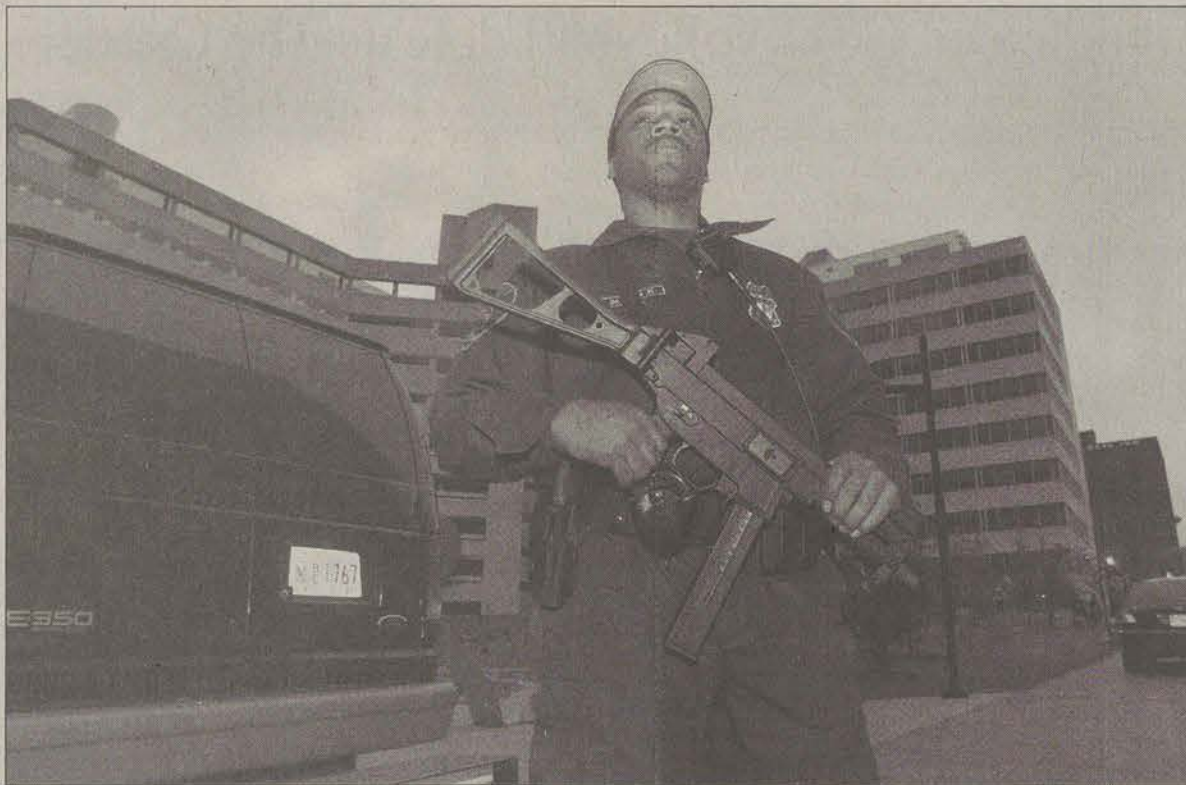
He was stationed at Fort Lewis in the 1980s, served in the Persian Gulf War and was later stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

Malvo, who authorities said is a citizen of Jamaica, attended Bellingham (Wash.) High last year.

Late Thursday night, Montgomery County, Md., Police Chief Charles Moose, who is leading the sniper investigation, said a federal arrest warrant on an unrelated firearms charge had been issued for Muhammad.

The warrant was issued Thursday night in U.S. District Court in Seattle, said John McKay, the U.S. attorney in Western Washington.

McKay said he couldn't discuss details because a criminal complaint attached to the warrant was sealed.



An officer guards an entrance to the U.S. Court House in Baltimore, Md., yesterday where two men arrested in connection to the recent sniper shootings are jailed. Below, John Allen Muhammad, right, and John Lee Malvo are pictured in an undated photo.

## No links to Al-Qaida

Several federal sources said Muhammad and Malvo may have been motivated by anti-American sentiments in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Both were known to speak sympathetically about the men who attacked the United States, the sources said.

But neither man was believed to be associated with the al-Qaida terrorist network, sources said.

## Alabama clues

Authorities had issued an alert for a blue or burgundy 1990 Chevrolet Caprice with New Jersey tags and a 1989 white Chevrolet Celebrity with Maryland plates. Earlier this month, police said they were looking for a burgundy Caprice seen near a fatal Oct. 3 shooting by the sniper.

The link to the two Washington men came in part from a call from the suspected sniper himself. In the call, the sniper told investigators to look into an incident in Montgomery, Ala., a federal law-enforcement official said.

After checking shootings in Montgomery,

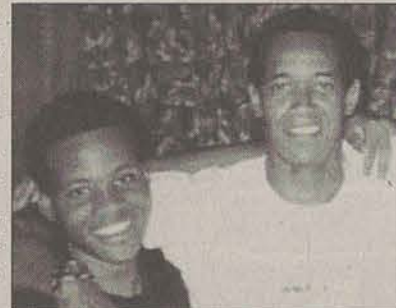
police discovered a shooting in which one woman was killed and another wounded near a liquor store Sept. 21. Ammunition from a .223-caliber weapon was used, the official said. That was the same type of weapon the sniper used.

A fingerprint lifted from a piece of paper found at the Alabama shooting scene was traced to Malvo, the official said. Police then traced Malvo to a Tacoma, Wash., house where he had been living with Muhammad.

## On to Tacoma

Earlier Wednesday, federal agents arrived at a fourplex in the 3300 block of South Proctor Street in Tacoma, carrying chain saws and calling in heavy construction equipment.

"We recovered evidence of potential value," said a federal official. "But the forensics people are going to have to look at it to see what it means."



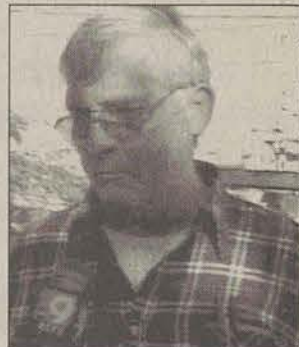
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Investigators remove items from the yard of a home in Tacoma, Wash., looking for evidence related to the sniper shootings.

"I'm no hero. I just want people to think what I did was what I should have done."

- Ron Lantz, truck driver who discovered two suspects



Dean Resop, who lives a block away, said he was there when agents arrived Wednesday morning.

They just moseyed up and started looking around like they owned the place," he said. There's been quite a few tenants been in and out of there," said Resop, who has lived in the area seven years.

The task force in Maryland had received a tip from a man in Tacoma, a friend of Muhammad's and Malvo's, who said he "had suspicions" about the pair, a source said.

Both Muhammad and Malvo were at the Tacoma house within the past three months, a federal source said.

The tipster described the pair as "transients" or "nomads," who sometimes took target practice at the property, according to the source, even though it is in the middle of a densely populated residential neighborhood

near Tacoma Mall.

While there, according to the tipster, the two fired a .223-caliber rifle similar to that used in the snipings.

Washington-area residents hope the arrests mean the end of what has been three weeks of terror that has seen 10 people killed and three wounded.

Authorities had posted a \$500,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the sniper suspects, but the reward had not turned up any specific leads to who the killer or killers might be. But daily news conferences detailing the case ended up helping matters.

Lantz, the truck driver who spotted Muhammad and Malvo's vehicle, said he heard the description of the Caprice on the radio just hours earlier.

Now Lantz, who is just five runs short of retiring as a truck driver, said if any of the reward money comes his way, "I'd probably take it back and give it to the people who were shot."

"At least half of it, anyway."

## Delta Chi becomes newest fraternity on campus with record-setting class

Jumping from six to sixty-five members in two weeks, group becomes fastest-growing fraternity in Delta Chi history

By Sara Miller  
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Young men became brothers, sealing their eternal commitment to the Delta Chi fraternity in a traditional pinning ceremony last Thursday night at the Phi Mu house.

The Georgia Southern Colony is already putting their mark on the map as having the largest expansion in the history of Delta Chi, growing from six members to sixty-five in only a matter of two weeks.

They are also the fourth largest fraternity at GSU.

After an extensive series of applications, interviews and heartfelt consideration, bids were extended and accepted.

This elite class from a variety of backgrounds, culture and cities will share the privilege of being known as the first and only "Founding Fathers" of the Georgia Southern colony.

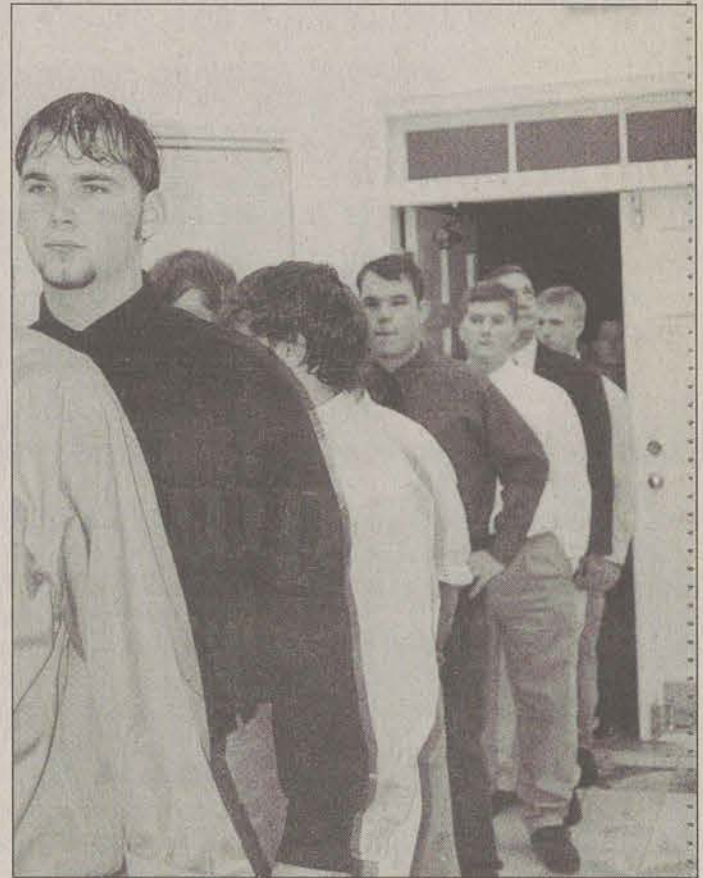
Originally formed as a Law Fraternity at Cornell University in 1890, Delta Chi officially went "general," thus opening its membership to men in all areas of study.

In 1929, they became the first fraternity to officially abolish the hazing practices associated with "hell week." Currently there are over 116 chapters and colonies operating throughout the United States and Canada, with over 83,000 initiates.

Distinguished Delta Chi's include actor Kevin Costner, Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, as well as several senators and NFL Hall of Fame members.

Earlier this week after all the ballots were in, the Executive Board was chosen. Congratulations to Wes Neal, who was recently elected President.

"We have a long road ahead of us but Delta Chi is a solid addition to Greek Row here at Georgia Southern," Neal said. "I am quite impressed with my fellow brothers; they are a great group of guys who have so much to



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Members of Delta Chi line up last week during their pinning ceremony at the Phi Mu house. The fraternity, which was started in 1890, has 116 chapters across North America.

offer.

"As long as we do our part and make the most of this experience, our possibilities are endless."

He will have the honor of serving with fellow members David Benson, who is Vice President and Thomas Miller, the fraternity's Secretary.

Miguel Medina will be the Treasurer, while David McCollum will serve as Sergeant at Arms.

John Pippin will handle Alumni Relations.

The addition of Delta Chi on campus pushes the total number of fraternities at Georgia Southern to 14.

If you are interested in joining this elite group of young men, stop by the Greek Life Office in the Russell Student Union until November 5, and ask for either Todd Levy or Matt Killingsworth.

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## 1 Utah Provo nursing students practice on expensive surrogate

PROVO - BYU nursing students love Sam, a 5-foot-11-inch, 180-pound, brown-eyed, \$175,000 patient simulator.

"He's handsome. And much more fun than the mannequins," said Kari Urban, 22, a senior from Eldorado Hills, Calif.

While the mannequins, costing \$3,000 just lay there, Sam reacts in a lifelike manner to medical procedures, allowing the students as much of a real-life experience as they can get in their labs.

Sam blinks, breathes and speaks, has a heartbeat and a pulse, and accurately mirrors human responses to common medical procedures.

"This adds a new level of realism," said Patty Ravert, director of the BYU Nursing Learning Center. She said BYU is the first nursing school in Utah to have such technology.

A range of medical backgrounds can be programmed into the computer that operates Sam (or Samantha, as it can simulate a woman as well).

Nursing students are put through different medical scenarios to learn quick and confident thinking when dealing with patients. In some scenarios, if the students don't use the correct medication or techniques, Sam could even "die."

This is great practice for nursing students who may be a bit hesitant to put their classwork to use, Ravert said.

"He's like a real person, but you get all the practice without hurting someone," said Kristen Harmon, 24, a senior from Lake Forest, Calif.

The students shine a light in Sam's eyes, which automatically constrict. They listen to his heart and lungs by moving a stethoscope across his chest.

They take his pulse.

When the students administer medicine, Sam's computer registers a barcode from the syringe, which then makes him respond accordingly.

"The beauty of this is the students can go through the scenario many times. We just throw in another unexpected problem for them to solve," Ravert said.

## 2 California Woman accused of biting husband after he refused sex

MODESTO - A Modesto man has died after his wife held him down and bit him repeatedly when he refused to have sex with her, police said.

Kelli Pratt, 45, was booked on suspicion of elder abuse, domestic violence and assault on a police officer. Homicide charges were pending the outcome of toxicology results, said Sgt. Al Carter. Those tests are not expected for several weeks, but they could show whether the bites created an infection that killed 65-year-old Arthur Pratt.

Authorities say he died Sunday at Doctors Memorial Center in Modesto, six days after the attack. His skin was riddled with more than 20 deep tooth marks, which may have contributed to the ailing man's death, Carter said.

"He was able to dial 911 that night," Carter said. "We have a tape recording of him screaming while she was biting him. When officers arrived, he was screaming that he'd been assaulted. She fought with the officers and tried to bite them, too."

Carter said Arthur Pratt had been released from the hospital several days before the incident.

He suffered from diabetes, heart and circulation problems, along with other health issues.

Kelli Pratt is being held on \$50,000 bail.

"I've seen cases where dogs have bitten kids, and blood loss or infection led to death," Carter said. "I've never heard of anyone being bitten to death before."

## 3 Louisiana Fan runs onto field, joins 49ers' huddle

NEW ORLEANS - The fan who ran onto the field and offered his autograph to players during a game between New Orleans and San Francisco acted on a dare, police said.

Otis Henry, 50, was booked for trespassing on Sunday after running into the 49ers' huddle carrying a pen and trying to sign the jersey of center Jeremy Newberry, police spokesman Capt. Marlon Defillo said.

"I think it was a dare for money," Defillo said Monday. "I think there was a wager."

"Whether it's true, I don't know. That's what he told the officer."

Henry slipped through security because officers thought he had something to do with the San Francisco team, said Bill Curl, spokesman for the Superdome. "There were assumptions he was a manager or trainer or somebody in a water boy-type capacity."

"What he did was obviously very foolish and very dangerous," Curl said. "And we will see that he is prosecuted to the fullest."

Henry was released without bond, said Maj. William Hunter of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office.

Henry was on the field for several minutes before anyone realized that he didn't belong there. He dodged a New Orleans police officer but was tackled by a San Francisco security officer as he ran to the sideline. Police then subdued him and led him off the field.

"He could have stabbed me or something," Newberry said. "How did he get out there untouched?"

Saints coach Jim Haslett joked about the fan Monday afternoon, saying he first thought a fight had broken out on the field. "Then I saw a guy running away and I thought he was pretty fast and maybe we ought to work him out."

Haslett said he was not worried about dome security.

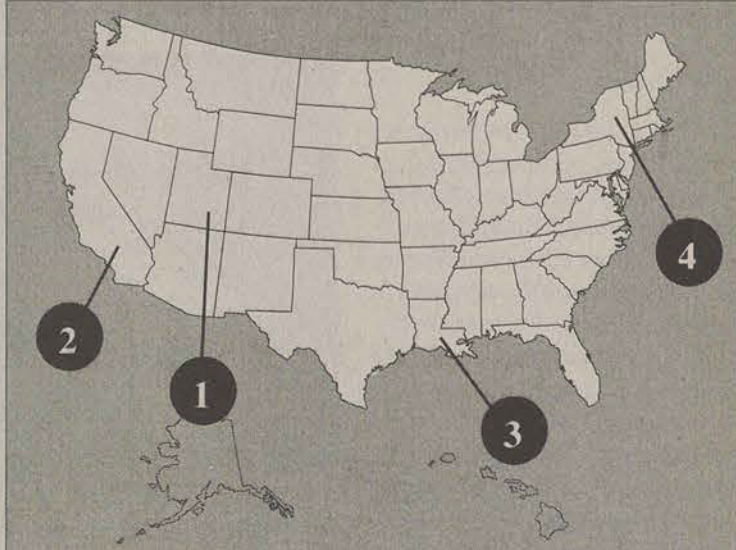
## 4 New York As commuters take to water, a new 'taxi' is launched in Manhattan

NEW YORK - Tom Fox's taxi cruised toward Wall Street at 28 mph, cutting through waves rather than traffic.

"It's a lively ride," said Fox, president of New York Water Taxi, which ferries passengers along the Hudson River, and around lower Manhattan to Brooklyn. The water taxi service was launched on Sept. 25, two weeks after the anniversary of the terrorist attack.

All around Manhattan, ferry ridership has grown since the attack. The region's largest ferry, New York Waterway, has seen many thousands more daily riders in the past year.

So far, New York Water Taxi's three yellow, checker-painted



vessels carry about 300 people on an average day. Each can accommodate up to 54 passengers on padded indoor seats, plus 20 seated on the upper deck.

Water Taxi was launched with a \$4.5 million investment from real estate mogul Douglas Durst.

The most efficient ride is from the stop just under the Brooklyn Bridge to Manhattan - a 21/2-minute scoot across the East River that cuts the alternative subway commute time by about half.

The current six-stop route traces Manhattan's shore from West 44th Street in midtown to the Fulton Ferry Landing in Brooklyn.

Fares vary depending on the time of day and the number of stops, with a one-way, one-stop trip costing \$3 during rush hours (and \$2 as part of a 10-trip booklet). A trip covering the entire route is \$8, and an off-hour, single-stop ride costs \$4.

"When you're out on the water, you really feel the might of New York City. You remember that this was once a bustling commercial harbor," said Katie Dixon, a 30-year-old Tennessee native who works as an architectural designer in the Wall Street neighborhood.

By next year, Fox and Durst

plan to add another handful of stops to the Water Taxi route, taking in Manhattan's Upper West Side as well as stops for Greenwich Village, Tribeca and Greenpoint in Brooklyn. Three more boats are under construction.

Business more than doubled since Sept. 11, when the terrorist attacks knocked out the PATH train service that linked Manhattan to New Jersey, said John Ruzich, Waterway's vice president of sales and marketing. A lingering sense that people "feel more comfortable above ground" also helped fuel the growth, he said.

New York Water Taxi aims to be practical and sensitive to the environment.

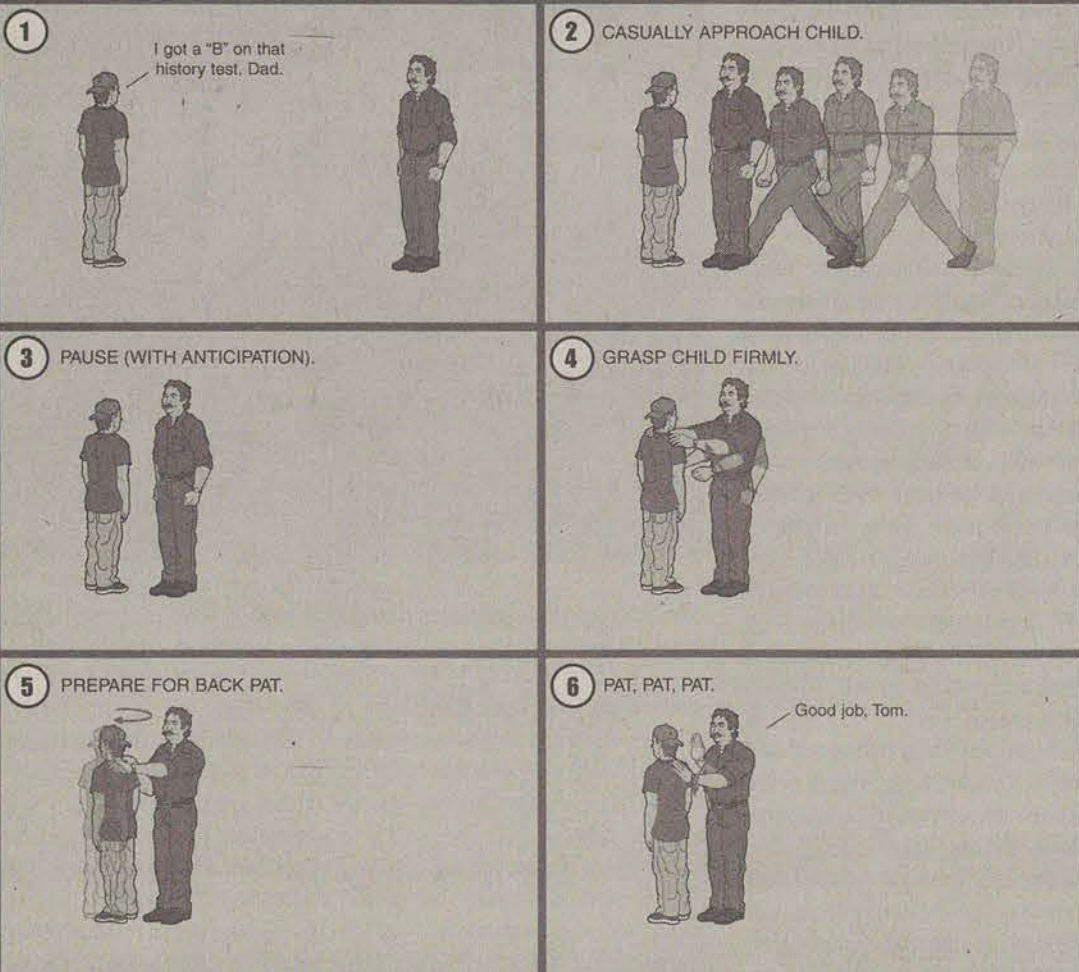
The piers at the six taxi stops are built on groups of moveable round piles that are resilient against waves and allow water and fish to pass through, like oil rigs in the North Sea. On board, each boat offers equipment that can hold a wheelchair safely in place.

Air-conditioned and heated, each main cabin will soon have a bar with wine, beer and an espresso machine - "but only white wine," said Fox, "because it doesn't stain the carpets."

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# Tori Amos tells stories culled from people met on the road

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Tori Amos would prefer that her latest release, "Scarlet's Walk," not be referred to as a "concept" album. But it's hard to get around such labels when a record comes with its own color-coded map and offers links to a Web site filled with American history and explanations of the album's fictional characters.

Amos has crafted "Scarlet's Walk" around a meandering journey through America, although the casual listener would be unlikely to glean the plot from a single spin of the album. Her title character travels from Anchorage to Sioux Falls, S.D., Chattanooga, Tenn., and New York City. Along the way, she runs into spiritual charlatans, wanna-be revolutionaries and, most significantly, an adult-film star named Amber Waves, who is a few years past her prime.

Amos, 39, nicked the name from Julianne Moore's character in "Boogie Nights." But where Paul Thomas Anderson's film has Amber embodying the spirit of the '70s, Amos thinks she's emblematic of America in an age of disarray.

Amos conceived the record's theme as she trekked across the U.S. during a concert tour last fall. The nation was still in the throes of post-9/11 anxiety, and Amos says she got a chance to talk to people on an unusually intimate level.

In covering everything from shattered romances to atrocities against Native Americans, "Scarlet" has Amos in a typically ambitious mode. Her last album, "Strange



Internet Photo  
Tori Amos' newest album, "Scarlet's Walk," gives listeners another taste of her trademark pianist and vocal talent along with a dose of her creative artistic ability.

Little Girls," was also built around an idea, as Amos sought to put a feminist twist on songs written by men. While much of the record seemed muddled, her breathy take on Eminem's "'97 Bonnie and Clyde" was a psychologically wrenching depiction of violence against women.

It recalled the song with which Amos broke into the pop world. In 1991, she released "Me and a Gun," an autobiographical, a cappella track in which she described being raped. That challenging stance instantly made her a polarizing figure, leading some critics to deride her as shrill even as she inspired rabid devotion in her fans.

"A lot of fans are drawn to her music because she dares to go into these taboo subjects in a real in-your-face style," says Dianne Spoto Shattuck, an associate editor at Women Who Rock magazine. "Her subject

matter deals so much with conflicts that have to do with sexuality and religion, feminist issues and her own experience with rape. There aren't too many artists who delve into those areas."

While Amos modeled much of her sound and sensibility on '80s art-rockers Kate Bush, she herself became a major influence on a generation of women singer-songwriters.

Piano-based anthems such as "God" and "Cornflake Girl" clearly resonated with artists such as Paula Cole, Fiona Apple and, most recently, Vanessa Carlton.

"She's like the godmother of the entire '90s singer-songwriter movement," says Jim Kaminski, rock buyer for Tower Records in Greenwich Village. "Her records selling was what made labels go out and sign other female singer-songwriters."

Epic and retailers expect "Scarlet" to be her best-selling album since 1998's platinum "From the Choirgirl Hotel." For Amos, however, the greatest success is weaving a tale with a unified theme, something she's wanted to do for years.

"To have a story work from top to tail with one character moving through is a challenge," she says. "But I didn't set out to write a road-trip sonic novel. The songs just started coming quickly because I was out in the land at a time when the masks were down, when people were talking about things they might not talk about today. Like, 'If tomorrow doesn't come, what would I change today?'"

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and DJ's. "I'm really not exactly sure why cover charges are cheaper on some nights for girls," Morgan said, noting that she assumed the lower prices and drink specials for females were an effort to lure in guys.

The majority of bars surrounding the Georgia Southern campus have policies similar to Retriever's. There is a cover charge on most nights, and women often are discounted to draw in male customers.

Buffalo's and Loco's both have

atmospheres similar to Retriever's since they have both a bar and a restaurant.

Loco's has cover charges only when bands are featured.

Josh Reed, manager of Buffalo's, said that Buffalo's does not have cover charges even when there is a band.

"We have bands every Friday and Saturday nights, but our bands and our bouncers are paid out of pocket," Reed said. "A cover charge for a restaurant setting just doesn't seem like something that would work."

Buffalo's prices have not suffered because of their refusal to enforce cover charges. Buffalo's still offers specials such as happy hour that features by one get one free drinks.

Casey Houser, a senior sports management major, said he spends a total of about \$80 per month on cover charges in Statesboro.

"What really makes me mad is that some of the restaurants and bars charge covers at 12 a.m.," Hoover said. "By then the bar is about to close."

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point out that no suspects were currently being investigated.

"This could simply be a case of opportunity theft," he said.

Though current investigations have yet to turn up a suspect, Edenfield did say that none of the missing computers

have been pawned at any of the area pawnshops. Also, he added, the computers have been entered into both the Georgia and National crime networks.

Edenfield also added that this string of thefts is a highly unusual occurrence at GSU.

"One missing computer is one

too many," he said. "That means that we have a faculty member or staff member or student without a much needed resource."

Bennett agrees. "We were able to replace the missing merchandise, but computer replacement can be time consuming," she said.

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range of other possibilities of catching the virus.

Pino and others came to a conclusion, which involved a theory of why people casually make this accusation about GBLT's, and AIDS.

"Usually what happens is there is a group that is socially and politically weak within a society, who is then treated as the scapegoat for something serious, such as AIDS. Unaffected and uneducated people like to believe whatever makes them feel safer and better about themselves," Pino said.

As the discussion progressed, Pino threw out some more myths about GBLT's. Pertaining that all homosexuals are pedophiles, they are the same around the world, and that all straight people possess "Gaydar."

"The majority of pedophiles are straight family members who like to prey on small children and they are not GBLT's as most people would like to believe," Pino said.

One of the last myths discussed was the idea that all GBLT's are the same around the world. Many people like to

hear what a majority thinks is right and appropriate like our government. Each and every person worldwide is different and it doesn't matter who what the person is or what you believe, so that misconception can be ruled out.

As the roundtable for Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgender Awareness came to an end, many essential issues had a clearer approach with an understanding of the many societal myths and misconceptions about gay, bisexual, lesbian, and transgendered people worldwide.

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# The Clean Water Act at 30: A premature midlife crisis

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Clean water is one of the American people's most basic expectations for a quality environment. And as of this month, we have lived for 30 years under the law that guarantees it: the Clean Water Act.

The White House on Oct. 18 even proclaimed this the Year of Clean Water - ignoring the Environmental Protection Agency's statement in a September report that unless a widening funding gap is closed, "by 2016 pollution levels could be similar to levels observed in the mid-1970s."

Far from congratulating ourselves on a job well done, we should be debating whether the nation's glass of

clean water is half full or half empty. The administration is charting a course that threatens to unravel three decades of progress.

It's true that industrial pollution has dropped sharply and many waters are cleaner than they were when Congress passed the Clean Water Act in October 1972. Many politicians and citizens have worked heroically to enforce the act ever since. Unfortunately, runoff (or "non-point") pollution continues to increase. The quality of the nation's water once again is getting worse.

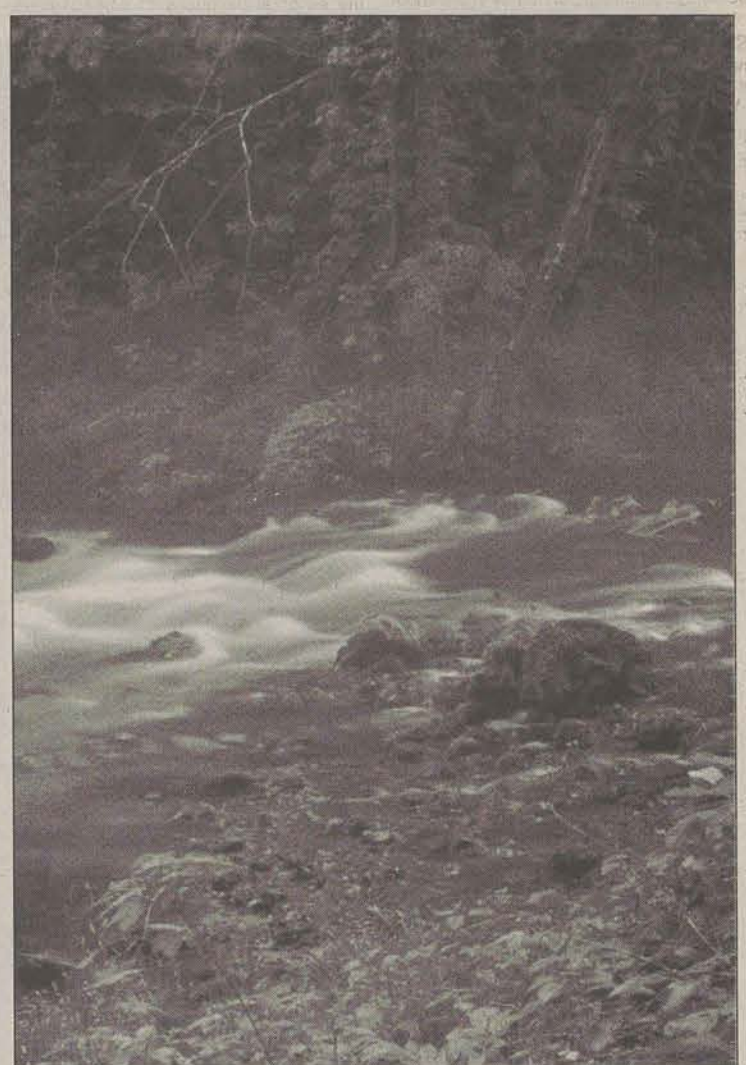
The number of streams and rivers that the government classifies as "impaired" by pollution grew from 35 percent to 39 percent between 1998 and 2000. The number of polluted estuaries - those seafood nurseries where rivers meet the sea - rose from 44 percent to 51 percent.

A clean environment takes everyone's help. So the administration's agenda for the Clean Water Act is troubling - seeking to drain its authority, dramatically reinterpret the law to allow dumping of garbage and industrial waste into streams, and remove protections from tributary streams to major rivers. In addition, the administration has reduced its policing of polluters, relaxed oversight of state programs that under-perform, and proposed cuts in spending on wastewater treatment and pollution prevention.

Most Americans still live within 10 miles of a water body that isn't clean enough to meet the water quality standards - and one of the leading reasons for this is raw sewage. About 40,000 times a year, rainfall overwhelms the capacity of aging city sanitary sewers. Combined storm and sanitary sewer systems also flush more than 1.2 trillion gallons of untreated sewage, urban runoff and industrial waste into our fresh waters each year.

In 2001, more than 1,880 beach closures and health advisories resulted. Polluted runoff and stormwater caused an additional 3,715 closures and advisories - overall, a 19 percent increase from the year before. Waterborne infections cause nearly a million illnesses and 900 deaths a year - arguably a far greater risk to public health than the headline-grabbing West Nile virus.

City residents can't avoid these health threats by staying out of the



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The U.S. is privileged when it comes to water resources, but the agenda for the Clean Water Act is projecting a troubled aquatic future.

water. Each year, some 400,000 homeowners must cope with untreated human waste in their basements, when heavy rains overwhelm inadequate sewage systems.

Solutions require money, resolve and innovative thinking. Unfortunately, the administration has yet to commit any of these. As city water and sewage treatment plants reach the end of their useful lives, the Environmental Protection Agency predicts at least a \$534 billion gap between current spending for equipment, operations and maintenance to treat wastewater, stormwater and drinking water, and how much will be needed over the next 20 years.

Yet the administration proposes to slash water infrastructure spending by more than \$100 million per year, and continues to ask Congress to fund old technologies. Streamside buffer zones and rain gardens cost less; they slow stormwaters that overflow sewers; and they help the environment in

other ways.

The administration has stalled important regulations that industry and citizen groups worked hard to craft during the previous administration. These would require water utilities to improve their operations to reduce sewage overflows - and to notify the public and public health officials when overflows do occur. Sewer utility trade associations previously endorsed the outline of the new rules. Now they have taken the administration's inaction as a chance to resume lobbying for laxer standards.

While most Americans are fortunate not to share the developing world's daily worry over safe drinking water, we can't take this for granted much longer. The 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act would be an excellent time for the White House to reverse its damaging policies, and renew the nation's vow to deliver one of its citizens' most basic needs: clean water.

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# The game after

Following last week's 36-20 upset win over Appalachian State, GSU heads to Charleston to face the Citadel Bulldogs



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Last year's homecoming meeting with the Citadel Bulldogs saw the Eagles narrowly victorious with a final score of 14-6. The Eagles play tomorrow without senior starters Freddy Pesqueira and Mike Ward.

By Bo Fulginiti

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It's been a long time since Georgia Southern saw the view from up here.

Ever since the opening day loss to the Delaware Blue Hens on Aug. 29 GSU has faced an uphill battle.

And most thought that the 14-7 defeat to Wofford on Sept. 21 had thrown them off track for good.

But after the Eagles convincing win last week over the rival Mountaineers of App. State, head coach Mike Sewak's boys are back on top in the Southern Conference.

"Our guys are starting to believe and you can really see the fight in them coming out right now," Sewak said. "Every week someone is coming up big for us."

Last week it was a collection of Eagles coming off big, as the offense turned in 364 rushing yards, and the defense held ASU to just 127 yards on the ground despite the losses of defensive tackle Freddy Pesqueira (knee) and linebacker Michael Ward (shoulder).

This week the Eagles are heading north to Charleston, SC to take the Citadel Bulldogs.

## Saturday's match up:

The Citadel Bulldogs (2-5, 1-3 in SoCon) led by second year head coach Ellis Johnson will try to rebound from their 37-10 loss in Greenville, SC to the Paladins of Furman.

And it's no secret to Johnson where they will need to step it up.

"[The offense] is where we've got to look for leadership, for production and for big plays," said Citadel head coach Ellis Johnson.

"That's really where we've gotten

it from earlier in the season."

The Bulldogs feature a multiple pro-style offensive attack led by senior quarterback Jeff Klein.

Klein, a transfer from Auburn University, has passed for 1492 yards and six touchdowns in seven games this season.

Defensively, the Bulldogs will lineup in a 3-5 alignment led by junior linebacker T.J. Rose who leads the team with 58 tackles.

For GSU, the Eagles will be featuring their usual spread offense that features the top two rushers in the Southern Conference in quarterback Chaz Williams (724 yds, 12 TD's) and fullback Jermaine Austin (690 yds, 5 TD's).

On the defensive side of the ball, the Eagles will line up in a 4-3 scheme that is the top ranked defense in the SoCon in scoring (13.9 ppg), rushing (133.7 ypg) and total defense (297.6 ypg).

However, GSU will have to once again overcome the losses of Pesqueira and Ward who will both be out another week with nagging injuries.

## A brutal schedule:

Despite obvious improvements on both sides of the ball in 2002, Ellis Johnson's Bulldogs have had little to show for it in the win column.

Citadel opened the season with a 35-10 loss to the 2001 SEC champion LSU Tigers and suffered a 34-30 defeat to another I-A program in the Wyoming Cowboys.

## From the hardwood to the gridiron:

The big story in Charleston this fall has been the emergence of first year player Cliff Washburn.

This 6'7 270lb. senior defensive end from Shelby, NC has had a standout basketball career for the Bulldogs, but in his final year of eligibility he has decided to take a crack at football after having only played at the junior high level.

So far Washburn has had no complaints from the Citadel faithful; going into this week's game he is currently second in the Southern Conference in sacks (7) behind only K.T. Stovall of ASU, and third in the SoCon in tackles for a loss with 13.

## His place among immortals:

Sophomore quarterback Chaz Williams has had quite a season so far.

Going into the opener he was still neck-and-neck with fellow sophomore Trey Hunter for the starting spot.

But not only has he convincingly won the starting spot, he is relishing it.

If he can rush for 100 or more yards against the Bulldogs he will become the first quarterback in GSU history to record five straight 100-yard performances in consecutive games.

Currently quarterbacks Tracy Ham and Greg Hill share the school record with four.

## The bottom line:

Coming off an emotional high against a hated conference rival in the televised game of the year, Georgia Southern could be facing a big let down if they take the Bulldogs for granted.

The Citadel has always given GSU a tough time (i.e. last year's 14-6 contest), but if the Eagles can compensate for their losses on defense and stop Jeff Klein's air attack, then the Eagles have a good shot at coming

## CARTER: The missing link to Dolphin's title?

Dennis Hightower



In the NFL, you win some and you lose some. The Miami Dolphins experienced both last Sunday.

Ray Lucas replaced Jay Fiedler at quarterback. Fiedler is out at least six weeks with a broken finger. Unfortunately, Lucas's four interceptions gave Miami a 23-10 loss to Buffalo. The loss is the Dolphin's second thus far.

However on Monday, there was a silver lining and a possible piece to the puzzle. They signed 36-year-old Cris Carter. The 15-year veteran who is second all-time in the National Football League in receptions (1,093) and touchdown catches (129).

Dolphins have been chanting, "Super Bowl!"

Is he really the final piece in the

puzzle?

Let's look at the following:

First, before Carter signed he was an analysis with "HBO's Inside the NFL" during the season. However, I'll give him the benefit of the doubt since it is hard for a player to leave the game. Moreover, he was probably training during the offseason.

Secondly, Chris Chamber's injury put a dent in a mediocre wide receiver corps. The addition to Carter might put them back to solid at best.

Third, Carter is 36. At that age most players talent is going downhill. Their speed is much slower, they are less durable, and get limited playing time. Yes, there is Jerry Rice (39) and Darrell Green (42) but how many ageless players do you often see?

Finally, there are the intangibles. If Fiedler turns to be out of action in six weeks, then their future may be shaky. The next six weeks are as follows: bye, at Green Bay, at New York Jets, Baltimore, San Diego, at Buffalo. True, Fiedler is no Brett Favre but the team responds better when he is at quarterback. The team could be 2-3 at best. That means Fiedler would be back in action on December 9 at home against the Chicago Bears.

Will Cris Carter get as many

passes thrown to him like he did in Minnesota? If Chambers is not back, you will see the ageless wonder play a bigger role. However, the negative to that is that every secondary in the NFL will be targeting him. If Chambers is back, Carter probably won't receive as many. It is understood that Chambers is the number one receiver on the team and Cris would be second at best. On the contrary, the Dolphins will have more weapons and with Fiedler back, Miami can make a push.

Oh! By the way, the last time the Dolphins did not choke in the playoffs was 1973. That year they won Super Bowl VIII against the Minnesota Vikings. Although they reached the Super Bowl after the 1982 and 1984 seasons, two Hall of Famers (John Riggins and Joe Montana) shredded the boys in aqua.

In my opinion, I still go by my preseason pick to represent the AFC. That's the Indianapolis Colts. However if the chemistry falls together, look for Miami to make a push. Unfortunately, the "Beach Boys" from southern Florida will choke for the 29th season in a row!

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## Eagle Volleyball slams Citadel, 3-0

By Eli Boorstein

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Sparked by their best offensive performance of the season, the Georgia Southern volleyball team swept The Citadel 3-0 Tuesday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Eagles (17-7, 11-1 SoCon) put up a season-best .536 hitting percentage in the match, committing just six errors against 51 kills. The Bulldogs (6-15, 0-11 SoCon) only managed a .031 mark.

Georgia Southern had no

problem beating The Citadel in the first game, jumping out to the initial 4-1 lead. After the Bulldogs brought the score to 20-12, the Eagles reeled off 10 straight points to take the 30-12 win. The Citadel was victimized by sloppy play in the game with 11 errors and a .121 hitting percentage.

Game two was a closer affair as the two teams were, at one point, tied at 14-14. The Bulldogs were unable to take advantage though, as they fell behind 19-14 on a 5-0 Eagle

run. Georgia Southern then scored seven of the last eight points on their way to a 30-19 triumph.

The final game saw the Eagles post a match-high .643 hitting percentage as they clinched the match with a 30-11 final score. The Citadel had the score within five points at 13-8, but Georgia Southern dominated the remainder of the way, closing the game out on a 17-3 run.

It was a milestone night for senior Lauren McClain, as she passed 1,000 kills for her career during game one. McClain is the fourth Eagle player, and second this season, to reach the 1,000-kill mark, as teammate Martina Veiglova accomplished the feat on Oct. 17 at the College of Charleston.

"Lauren came in [during 1999] and the team struggled her first two years," said Eagle head coach Kerry Messersmith. "But now she's having a well-deserved senior year."

McClain topped off her momentous night with 13 kills and a career-high .706 hitting percentage. Veiglova led the team with 14 kills and 10 digs, while posting a season-high .619 percentage. Senior Tyra Ciuni and junior Erin Martin also had good nights on the offensive end with season-high percentages of .545 and .474, respectively. Freshman setter Susan Winkelman added a career-high 39 assists.

Nicole Mantu led The Citadel with seven kills and seven digs. Desiree Browning added 20 assists for the Bulldogs.

Georgia Southern will try to maintain their hold on first place in the SoCon when they travel to face Appalachian State on Saturday and East Tennessee State on Sunday. The Eagles next home match will take place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse against Savannah State. The Citadel, who has yet to win a conference match since starting their program in 1998, will next face Wofford on Friday.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

The Lady Eagles, with only one conference loss this season, breezed by the Lady Bulldogs with a final score of 3-0. The team travels to Appalachian State on Saturday as the number one team in the conference.

## GSU Equestrian hosts first show

By Kerry McGarvey

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Georgia Southern University Equestrian Team hosted their first intercollegiate horse show October 12th and 13th in Brooklet, Georgia.

College of Charleston, Emory University, Florida State University, Georgia Tech, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Florida, University of Miami and Wesleyan College all attended the two-day horse show.

Twelve of GSU's riders competed in various events at the show according to different ability levels. The equestrian team riders are all coached by Eleanor Ellis at Evermore Farm.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) was founded in 1967 and represents a unique format in horse showing.

Riders do not bring their own horses, instead, riding those provided by the host school. No warm-up is allowed and horses are assigned by random draw. More than 250 colleges and universities around the country compete in IHSA and the NCAA has recognized this as an emerging sport. As such many of the equestrian teams have varsity status.

One huntseat show was held on Saturday October 12th and

two western horsemanship shows were held on Sunday October 13th. The results for GSU riders are as follows:

## Huntseat:

**Open Equitation Over fences:** Hillary Roebuck 5th and Brittany Jones 2nd

**Intermediate Equitation Over Fences:** Shannon Edwards 7th and Emily Chisena 2nd

**Open Equitation on the Flat:** Brittany Jones 3rd and Hillary Roebuck competed

**Intermediate Equitation on the Flat:** Shannon Edwards 1st, Jonathan Worthington 3rd,

Emily Chisena 5th and Sharon Jones competed

**Novice Over Fences:** Jonathan Worthington 1st and Sharon Jones competed

**Novice Equitation on the Flat:** Kat Kowalski competed

**Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation:** Caryn Hood 6th, Tracy Connelly 4th and Jenny Sandberg and Colby Cope both competed

**Walk/Trot Equitation:** Heather Scarboro 4th

**Reserve High Point Rider for the day:** Jonathan Worthington

**Western Horsemanship Show I Results:**

**Open Western Horsemanship:** Hillary Roebuck 2nd

**II:** Emily Chisena 4th, Caryn Hood 6th

**Open Reining:** Hillary Roebuck 3rd

**Intermediate Western Horsemanship:** Jenny Sandberg 5th

**Beginner Western Horsemanship:** Heather Scarboro 4th

**Reserve High Point Rider for show I:** Hillary Roebuck

**Western Horsemanship Show II Results:**

**Open Western Horsemanship:** Hillary Roebuck Competed

**Adv. Western Horsemanship II:** Emily Chisena 2nd, Caryn Hood 5th

**Open Reining:** Hillary Roebuck 1st

**Intermediate Western Horsemanship:** Jenny Sandberg 2nd

**Beginner Western Horsemanship:** Heather Scarboro 3rd

**Reserve High Point rider for show II:** Hillary Roebuck

**Reserve High Point College for show II:** Georgia Southern University

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**Adv. Western Horsemanship II:** Emily Chisena 4th, Caryn Hood 6th

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**Reserve High Point rider for show II:** Hillary Roebuck

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For more information about the equestrian team please contact Coach Eleanor Ellis at (912)823-9062. There is no prior experience required to join the team and all ability levels are welcome.

## Eagles tie Wofford in SoCon match

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Georgia Southern's Wes Meadows and Wofford's J.D. Caldwell each came up with two goals as the Terriers and Eagles battled to a 3-3 tie in Southern Conference men's soccer action Wednesday night on Snyder Field.

The Eagles and Terriers alternated scores throughout the second half.

Georgia Southern opened the scoring in the 49th minute with a Meadows goal, assisted by Tony Moffat and Jeff Russell. Wofford

came back in the 61st minute when Sam Moore scored on a short cross from Tim Mittmann.

The Eagles answered quickly, gaining the 2-1 advantage in the 64th minute when Jason Schultz notched his first career goal past Terrier keeper Zach Vogt. Caldwell scored his first goal and evened it up in the 74th minute when George Burdette made a pass to Chris O'Neill, who redirected it to Caldwell for a long shot into the goal.

The Eagles again answered quickly, as Meadows scored in

the 78th minute. Caldwell forced overtime in the 88th minute, when he emerged from a congested area in front of the goal and scored off a Mittmann corner kick.

Vogt came up with eight saves on the evening and faced 30 shots from Georgia Southern. Eagle keeper Garret Lazenby had one save, seeing 14 total shots from the Terriers.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Saturday, as the Eagles step out of conference to face Campbell at 3:00 p.m. at the Eakes Athletic Complex in Buies Creek, N.C.