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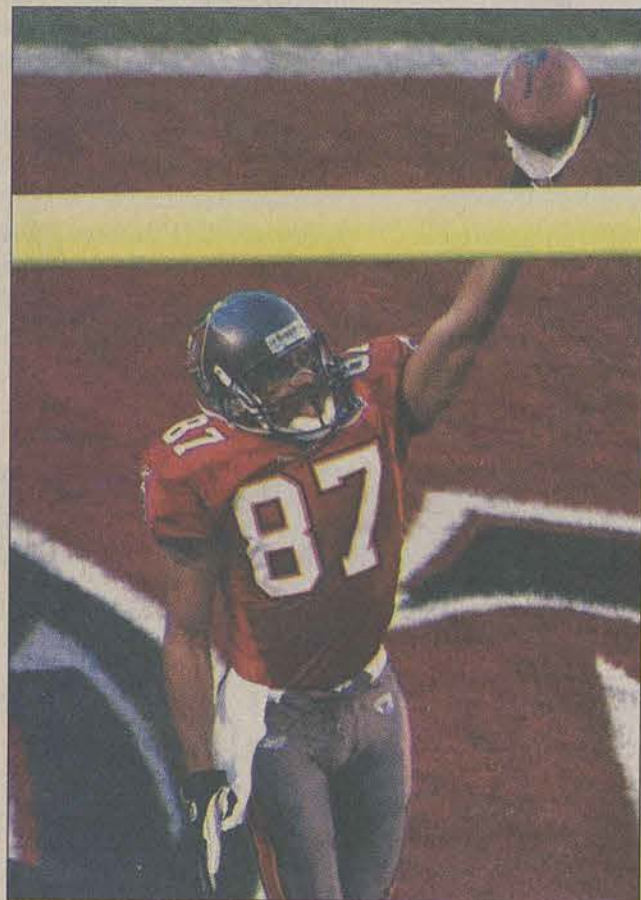
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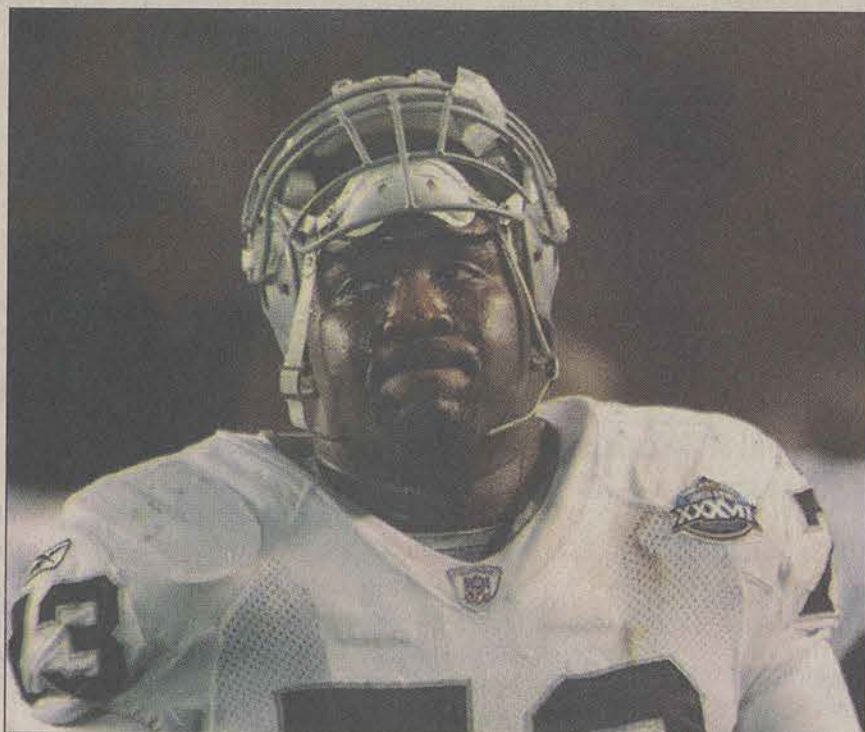
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## Tampa 'Bucs' Oakland, 48-21



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Jumps for joy and grimaces of frustration characterized Super Bowl XXXVII last night as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers toppled the Oakland Raiders. Following the trend found throughout sports history, the power of the team known for superior defense was able to contain the elusiveness of that known for its offense.

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SAN DIEGO - We can all retire now. Tampa Bay has won a Super Bowl. The Red Sea has parted, elephants can fly, insurance companies are cutting their rates in half and Michael Jackson will win Man of the Year. A franchise that once dressed like a Popsicle was draped Sunday night in an NFL championship, having gutted the Oakland Raiders the way a hungry bear gorges a fish.

They blitzed. They sacked. They intercepted. They went home with a trophy. Somebody check for tire marks. This wasn't a game, it was a run over. I'm still waiting for the Oakland Raiders and their No. 1 ranked offense to actually, you know, play some football. They were shut up, shut down, and, when it counted, shut out. And it only proves what nobody wants to hear: tough defense beats flashy offense almost every time.

And when it does, it's ugly. Oh yes, this was an ugly Super Bowl. The first half was like watching a nervous kid take his driving test. Stop. Start. Herk.

Jerk. If you listened carefully, you could hear fans saying, "What time does Shania Twain come on?"

The second half wasn't much better. The Bucs disrupted Oakland's rhythm like a dancer who knocks over the drum set. They sacked again. Intercepted again. Scored again. After a while it was embarrassing, watching these supposedly mighty Raiders as overwhelmed as a kid trying to rob a bank with a squirt gun.

Yes, the Raiders managed a small spark late. Their final memory will be Dwight Smith returning Tampa's fifth interception of the night for a coffin-nailing touchdown, making it 48-21.

That's what happens when a defense is faster than an offense. The Oakland offensive line couldn't hold the rushing tide of Bucs defenders, and the Raider point-scoring machine sputtered, spit and went up in smoke.

In truth, the most interesting thing to

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## A SPECIAL GUEST:

Former President Bush visits Claxton to support new Teacher Incentive Program

By Adam Brady  
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The Evans County Board of Education, in conjunction with Jack Guy, had a special guest on hand last Friday to introduce a new program to encourage and support local teachers.

George Bush, former President and friend of Jack Guy, spoke at Claxton Elementary on the importance of education and the hopeful success of the new program. TIP, or Teacher Incentive Program, was started through a donation from Guy to award selected teachers for their hard work and dedication to the craft. "Evans County may be on to something here," commented Bush during his address.

TIP plans to reward teachers each year with a generous monetary supplement up to \$10,000 based on the division between winners and the decision of the selection committee.

Applications for the program are sent out of the county for evaluation, and no names are given with the applications to avoid any

bias. This year, two Evans County educators, Theresa Eason and Erin Stone became the first to ever receive the award.

"If kids are going to grow in the classroom and learn, we've got to think about the teachers," said Guy in a press conference prior to the award ceremony. Guy, a Claxton native, began TIP with a \$40,000 initial donation to the program. He, as well as members of the Evans County Board of Education, hopes that other contributors will follow his lead to continue the program for years to come.

"He [Guy] has been a blessing," said Evans County Superintendent of schools, Paula Raley. "We're glad to have him back."

Former President Bush and Guy met during World War II, when both were Navy pilots aboard the same aircraft carrier in 1943. According to Guy, all it took was a phone call for the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States to speak at the ceremony.

"I came here to commend those who have dedicated their lives to teaching," said Bush. "Today, in Evans County, we can see the American dream is still alive."



Adam Bonner/STAFF

A new program set up by the Evans County Board of Education called TIP (Teacher Incentive Program) rewards selected educators for extraordinary teaching. George Bush, Sr. spoke at Claxton Elementary last Friday in support of the program.

## Study hopes to develop HPV vaccine

By Donna Thigpen  
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The Medical College of Georgia is currently conducting an HPV study on campus in an attempt to find a vaccine for the sexually transmitted disease.

HPV, which stands for human papilloma virus, has the potential to cause genital warts and cancer. However, 70 percent of cases clear up with a healthy immune system.

"The study has given me the opportunity to educate myself while receiving free gynecological care and extra money," said Jennifer Bishop, a Georgia Southern student, when asked why she decided to participate.

Volunteers for the study will be monetarily compensated over the course of four years in exchange for their participation.

There are a total of 11 clinical

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## Bacterial meningitis case reported at GSU



Adam Brady/STAFF

### Special to the G-A

A Georgia Southern University student is hospitalized in Savannah with a probable case of bacterial meningitis.

Esli Saint-Louis, an 18-year-old male freshman from Snellville, Ga., was rushed to Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah Thursday night and is currently in the neuro-intensive care unit. Full testing has not yet confirmed meningitis, however initial testing points strongly to that diagnosis.

The student is a resident of Winburn Hall, an on-campus residence hall. Thursday at approximately 10:30 p.m., Saint-Louis' roommate reported to residence hall officials

that the student was violently ill. University Police were contacted. They responded and Saint-Louis was transported by ambulance to East Georgia Regional Medical Center. He was later transferred by ambulance to MHUMC.

Earlier in the day, Saint-Louis had visited Student Health Services, complaining of gastrointestinal symptoms, but at that time did not present typical symptoms of meningitis, which include severe headache, stiff neck or lethargy. He was treated for the gastrointestinal symptoms.

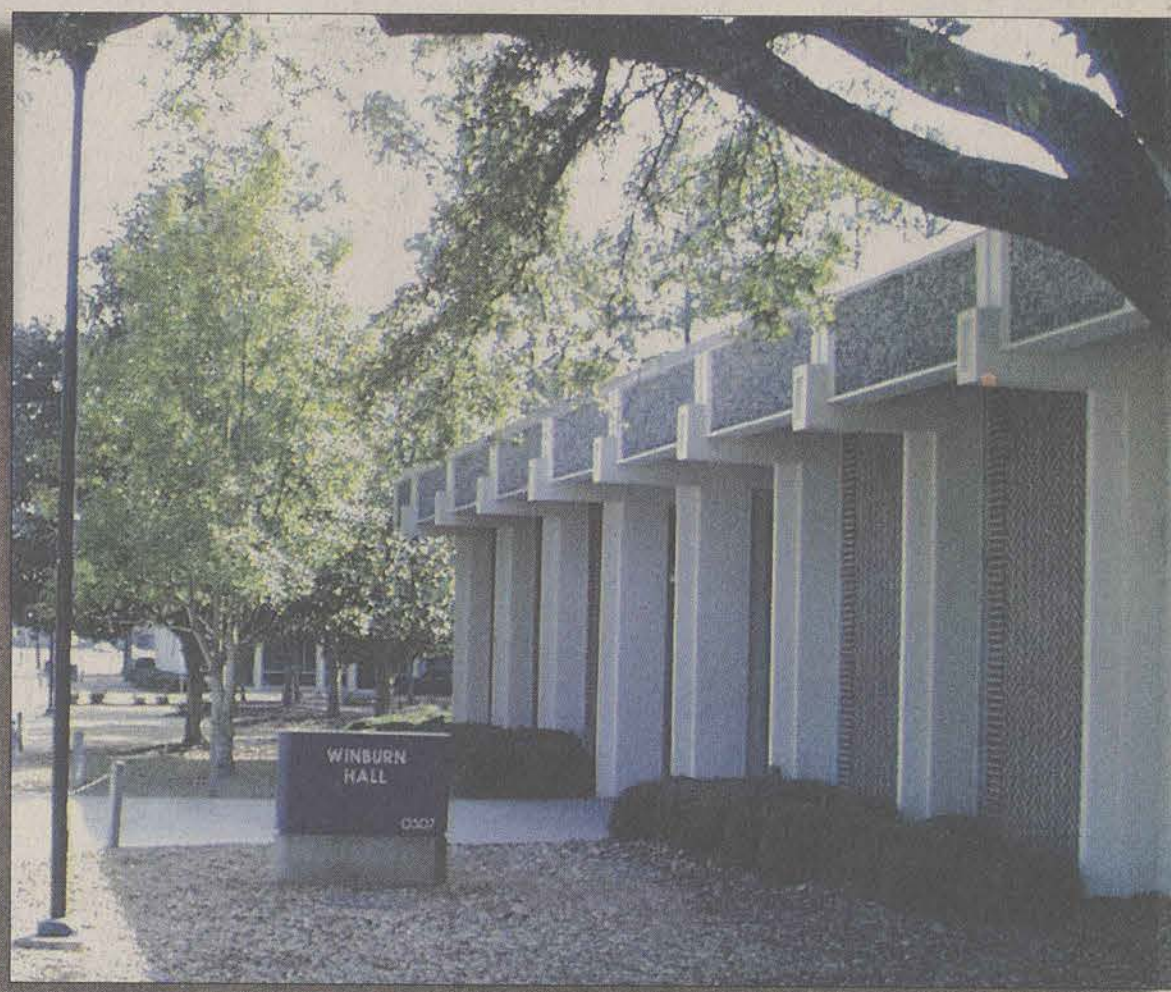
Meningitis is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord caused by bacteria or viruses. Common early symptoms also

The GSU student believed to have bacterial meningitis visited Health Services just prior to becoming ill, but complained of symptoms unrelated to meningitis.

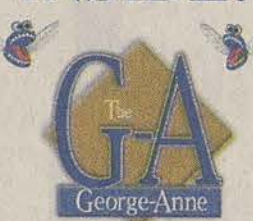
include fever, vomiting, and rash. The disease can progress rapidly, but with early diagnosis and treatment, the likelihood of full recovery is increased.

The bacteria that causes meningitis cannot usually live for more than a few minutes outside the body, according to health officials. As a

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### Sports

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• GSU Women's Basketball beats Wofford, 75-61 at Hanner.

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### Weather

Monday

Sunny with a high of 46°F and a low of 21°F.



## Southern Events

### CINEMA ARTS

• "Back and Forth," psychological and political thriller set in Poland during the Stalinist '50s. Polish film with English subtitles.  
January 28, 7:15 p.m.  
Russell Union Theatre, \$2.





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# Campus Calendar

## Irish Pub Nights return Jan. 27 & 28

Special to the G-A

Irish pub Nights, sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Studies, will return to Statesboro Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 27 and 28.

Popular entertainer Harry O'Donoghue will perform two shows each evening at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., at Archibald's Restaurant.

A familiar figure in Statesboro from his past performances at Irish Pub Nights and at the Center's annual Irish Music Festival's, O'Donoghue will once again bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals

to people of all ages. A masterful performance, O'Donoghue brings a charismatic stage presence to these unique evenings of Irish music.

Irish Pub Nights are sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies in cooperation with Archibald's Restaurant.

## The Crescent Trio to perform at GSU Jan. 29

Special to the G-A

The sounds of classical and modern chamber music will fill GSU's Foy Recital Hall at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, as Crescent Trio's tour of college campuses comes to Statesboro.

Formed in 2001, the Crescent Trio is dedicated to performing unique chamber music for soprano voice, clarinet and

piano. The group draws upon music ranging from the 17<sup>th</sup> century through contemporary avant-grade worked. Its Statesboro concert will include works by Thomas Arne, Michael Horvit, Louis Spohr, Giacomo Meyerbeer, Arnold Cooke and Phyllis Tate.

The Crescent Trio was formed while all three artists were colleagues at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Soprano Christine Isley-Farmer is currently a professor of music at MTSU. She has sung professionally in opera houses in the United States and Europe. She has also conducted workshops throughout the Southeast.

Clarinetist Todd Waldecker serves as an assistant professor of music MTSU. He is a member of the Stones River Chamber Players, and performs fre-

quently with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and the Nashville Chamber Orchestra.

Pianist Valerie Trujillo is an assistant professor of vocal coaching and accompanying at Florida State University. Her experience includes regional opera companies and summer music festivals, most notably the Tanglewood Music Center.

The concert is open to the public and admission is free. For more information contact Tamara Watson at (912) 486-7902

## Miss GSU Pageant Feb. 1

Special to the G-A

The 2003 Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship

Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Tickets are \$8 per person for GS faculty, staff and students with a valid University ID and \$10 per person for the general public. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, Jan. 27, at the Student Activities Center located in Russell Union Room 1056. Tickets may be purchased at the door after 5:30 p.m. on the day of the pageant.

The Miss GSU Scholarship Pageant is sponsored by the Student Activities Center and the Eagle Entertainment Student Programming Council. For more information, call (912) 486-7270.

# Police Beat

01-24-03

• A case of disruptive behavior was reported at the Henderson Library.

• Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, and assisted five motorists and one sick person.

# News Briefs

## Record cold snap makes Federal Emergency Assistance timely

Special to the G-A

Rising energy prices and plummeting temperatures in Georgia have combined to lengthen waiting lists for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Action today by Governor Sonny Perdue in the form of a special request to President George Bush and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson for emergency funds (in Georgia, approximately \$1.4 million), and their release of those funds, will ease the strain on the program.

"I am deeply appreciative of the decisive action by Governor Perdue on behalf of low-income Georgians and the response he was able to get from President Bush and Secretary Thompson," said Georgia Department of Human Resources Commissioner Jim Martin. "This will provide much needed heating assistance for approximately 6,400 Georgia households."

Energy assistance is available to

households who meet the following requirements:

• Applicant must be the person named on all energy bills and accounts.

• Households with income equal to or less than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. For a one-person household, that would be \$13,290; for two people = \$17,910; for three people = \$22,530; for four people = \$27,150; for five people = \$31,770; for six people = \$36,390; for seven people = \$41,010; and for eight or more people = \$45,630.

Qualifying applicants will receive payments of either \$158 or \$200. Payments are made

directly to the home energy supplier for gas, electricity, wood, coal or kerosene.

Applicants must bring their most recent fuel bill or statement of service from their heating provider. They also must have proof of income for all household members for the last 30 days. This may be a paycheck the Social Security numbers of all household members.

Kelp is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The program closes

March 14, 2003, or when funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

For more information, qualified applicants should call the Division of Family and Children Services at 1-800-869-1150.

## Quilters Sewing River Awareness

Special to the G-A

Quilters from across Georgia are sewing to express their feelings and observations about Georgia's rivers for a contest and traveling exhibit sponsored by Georgia River Network and Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center. Quilts will be exhibited in various locations across the state. The contest deadline is March 1, 2003. For more information, visit [www.garivers.org](http://www.garivers.org) or call 706-549-4508.

Georgia River Network is a statewide nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to the conservation and preservation of Georgia's waters. Through citizen education and outreach, Georgia River Network strives to protect Georgia's watersheds and surrounding ecosystems by establishing watershed

groups devoted to maintaining the health of our rivers.

## Does Bush stand alone in war with Iraq?

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - President Bush will start what his aides say is the countdown to war with Iraq.

The rapid-fire developments are to begin on Monday, when U.N. weapons inspectors report on their efforts to find and destroy Iraq's hidden weapons.

Bush will make his case for aggressive action the next day in the nationally televised State of the Union speech and could order many more troops into the Gulf to back up U.S. resolve.

The looming diplomatic showdown has unleashed pent-up resentments toward the United States, with potentially far-reaching consequences.

Relations between the United States and key European allies are in a downward spiral, and so far the administration has been unable to make Iraq's behavior, not America's, the issue.

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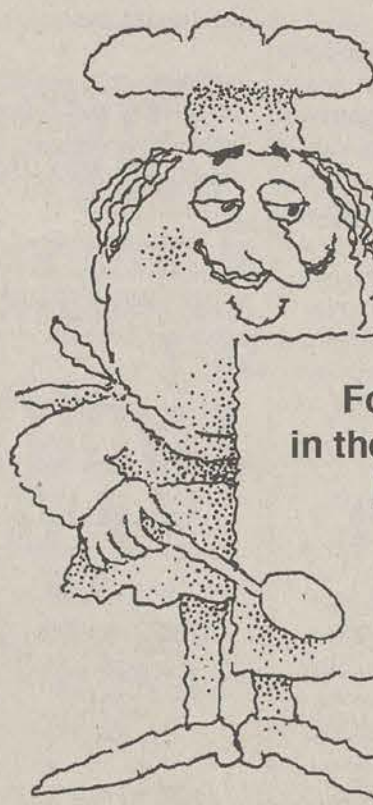
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## Southern Health Departments set to receive smallpox vaccine

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.—Southern states' health departments will soon receive thousands of doses of the smallpox vaccine, and public health workers are making final preparations and advising potential volunteers before beginning inoculation programs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began releasing the vaccine last week for more than 400,000 emergency workers across the country. It's the first phase of the federal government's vaccination program, which is meant to ensure the ability to respond to a bioterrorist attack of smallpox.

The last reported natural case of smallpox occurred in Somalia in 1977. The last case in the United States was more than 50 years ago. Routine vaccinations here stopped in 1972, but the vaccination program was reintroduced in December by the government.

Health department workers have been lining up hospitals and volunteers and holding training and information sessions on the vaccination process, which has already begun in other parts of the country.

They're also addressing fears. The vaccine itself can cause serious reactions and even death in a small percentage of its recipients, and some

health care workers and hospitals have refused to take part.

There is also the risk of exposing family members and patients who have weakened immune systems to the virus, health officials say.

If the vaccination site is properly dressed and bandaged, and the volunteer is a scrupulous hand-scrubber, then there should be no problem, health officials say. Workers who have been immunized need not even miss work.

But the risks are greater for family members and patients who are AIDS and HIV positive, recent transplant recipients, suffer leukemia, eczema or have any other number of conditions that would weaken the immune system.

"There is a lot of fear and concern," said Dr. Rachel "Skip" Nolan, associate professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Division of Infectious Diseases. "The possibility exists to pass on the disease to immuno-compromised patients."

Nolan said UMC had been allocated 300 vaccine doses but just 75 people had officially volunteered. One of them is Nolan.

"If we don't get adequate numbers of people, we'll just carry on as best as we can," he said. "It's hard to know

the right thing to do. Are preventive measures a waste of time? We just—in a lot of ways—feel like we don't know what the risks are."

That concern has been voiced to health departments, where officials say they are trying to provide the hospitals with as much accurate and unbiased information about the risks as they can.

The Georgia Division of Public Health is taking a cautious approach in the first phase. It will vaccinate just 200 people in and around Atlanta and evaluate the results before widening the program, according to spokesman Richard Quartarone.

Some hospitals in Georgia have refused to take part in the program, including Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, the home of the CDC.

"We're leaving a lot to the discretion of the hospitals because it's so sensitive," Quartarone said. "There's a risk and it's a very legitimate concern."

Mississippi's Department of Health expects to receive about 6,000 doses of the vaccine this week. Health department teams will be vaccinated the first week of February, followed by hospital teams, according to Dr. K. Mills McNeill, the department's medical director for bioterrorism preparedness.

About 90 Mississippi hospitals have been identified as potential participants.

"Frankly, we don't yet have a list of hospitals that will be participating," McNeill said. "It's a voluntary program on the part of the hospitals and we will accommodate them at the speed they make themselves available."

Alabama health officials are advising that if somebody has a family member at home with low immunity or eczema, "That person should not be evacuated," said Dr. Jim McVay, director of health promotion and chronic diseases at the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Alabama will receive 12,000 doses of the vaccine for the first phase, McVay said. About 9,000 volunteers have been identified to this point, he said.

Florida's Department of Health announced Friday that it would order 33,000 doses of the vaccine. It plans to begin vaccinations on Feb. 10.

"In the absence of a known threat, we're advising very aggressive screening," said spokesman Rob Hayes.

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sult, they are not easily transmitted by routine contact with an infected person in a classroom, dining room, bar, or restroom.

The disease is contracted by direct contact with the infected person and exposure to oral secretions—for example, through kissing, sharing eating utensils or drinking cups, or contact with droplets from the nose or throat.

The student's roommate and University employees who came in close contact with the student have already been given the antibiotic Cipro

to protect them from contracting the disease. Anyone else who has been in close contact with Saint-Louis is advised to contact Student Health Services for consultation.

Student Health Services also provides meningitis vaccinations to any student who requests one. There is a \$75 charge for meningitis vaccinations.

Adverse reactions to the meningococcal vaccine are mild and infrequent, consisting primarily of localized redness and pain at the injection site lasting 1 to 2 days.

Student Health Services and the University Housing Department regularly conduct extensive information campaigns, aimed at both students and parents, advocating meningitis vaccinations for Georgia Southern students.

For additional information, contact Student Health Services at (912) 681-5641. Additional information on meningitis can also be obtained through the American College Health Association website at [www.acha.org/projects\\_programs/men.cfm](http://www.acha.org/projects_programs/men.cfm).

## HPV, FROM PAGE 1

visits during the study, which will be held at the Health Center on campus, and three injections.

"The nurses are very personable. The first visit was more of a 'get-to-know-you' meeting which included paperwork, a pap smear and a pregnancy test. If the pregnancy test comes back negative, they draw blood and give the first shot," said Bishop.

The study was designed after one that was carried out in New Jersey. The team monitored college freshmen who tested negative for HPV when they entered college. Four years later, over half tested positive.

Approximately 50 percent of the population has HPV, and 50 to 80 percent of college students have HPV. However, many students never know they are infected because it clears up before any symptoms appear.

While some volunteers will receive the vaccine, others will receive a placebo (a solution that has no active ingredients and should not affect the patient in any way). At the end of the study the patient injected

with the placebo has the option of receiving the vaccine.

The study is sponsored by Merck & Co., Inc. to test the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine. It has not been approved by the FDA.

"[Although there are possible side effects], I have had no effects at all. The study has a large and reputable sponsor, and it looks like it will be approved," said Bishop. "I would

and have recommended the study to friends."

For further questions, students may contact the Health Center or the Principal Investigator, Daron Ferris, M.D., toll free at the Medical College of Georgia at 877-643-1414. Lynn Allmond and Alysia Poon, sub-investigators, may be reached at the same number for any other inquiries.

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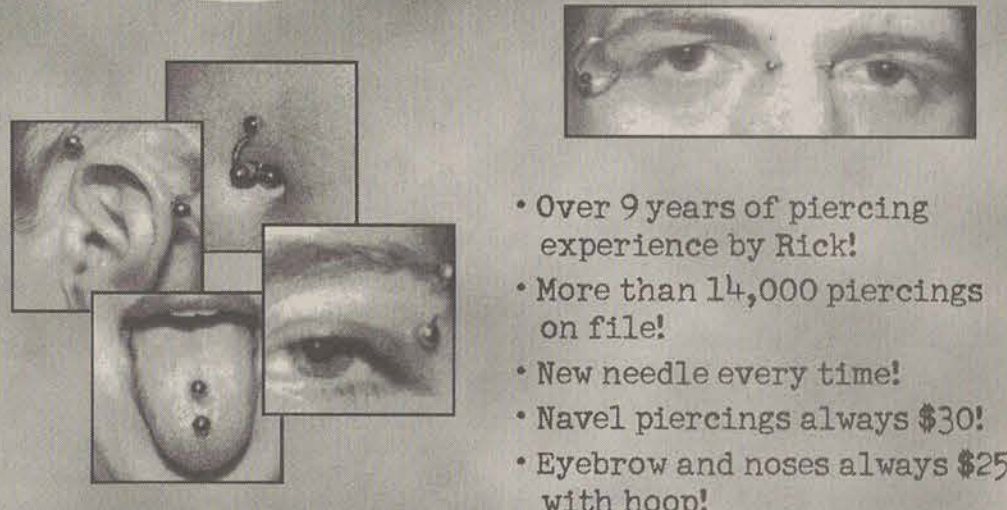
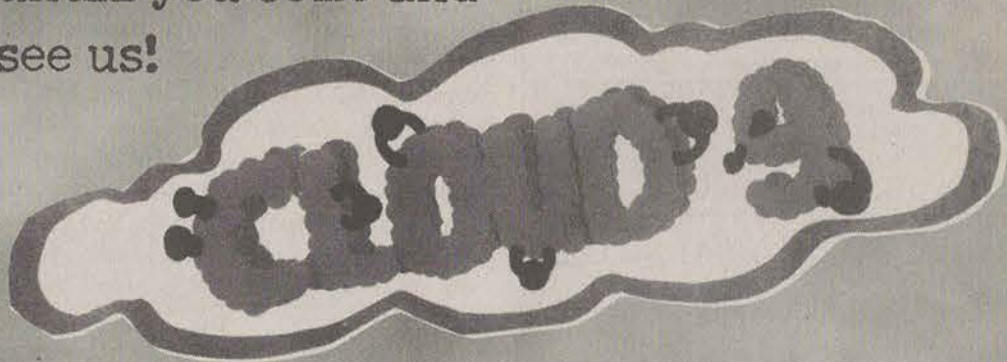
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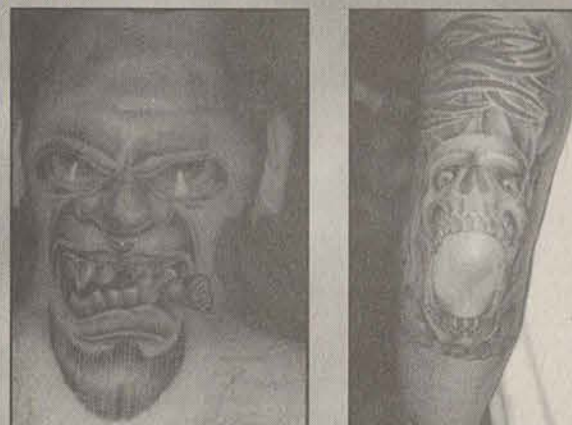
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# OPINIONS

## OUR OPINION To immunize or not to immunize

Because of recent stories in the news, images of syringes filled with carefully formulated vaccines suddenly seem less scary; a relatively pleasant experience compared to the alternative of actually acquiring the diseases in question.

Since scientists first developed immunizations as a way to curb deadly smallpox 200 years ago, the lives spared because of the technology are innumerable. Today, the medical world is able to prevent such dangerous ailments as polio, Hib disease, Hepatitis B, whooping cough, measles, meningitis, mumps, chickenpox, rubella, and tuberculosis.

However, the jury is still out on a few aspects of immunizations. Even in their impressive 200-year-long history, vaccinations and immunizations have their downfalls. No immunization is 100 percent effective. In rare cases, as preventative medicine, they are most helpful in containing and preventing disease epidemics and protecting the public from highly contagious outbreaks.

Some people are uncomfortable with the idea of having traces of a disease injected into them in order to build up an immunity to it. However, there is little truth to the common legend that people have acquired certain disease by receiving vaccinations for them, especially considering contemporary methods of manufacturing the injections.

The GSU Health Clinic offers immunizations against meningitis, and some students may be willing to brave the needle and the \$75 because of the recent case of meningitis that recently hit so close to home. The majority of students are likely to continue with life as usual, as officials assure us that measures have been taken to isolate the case.

Ultimately, the decision to be vaccinated is a personal one, and education is the best aid of all. Before making the choice, check out what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have to say about the history of immunization, as well as other methods of disease prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/op/immunization.htm>.

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# The Lore of the College Folk

I don't want to be the token guy. You know, the annoying little dweeb that has followed you throughout grade school and beyond — the guy whose sole purpose seems to be ruining the fun for everyone else.

He (or she) is the one who invariably asks his seventh grade teacher the second the bell rings for dismissal, "Did you want us to turn in our homework," knowing full well that the teacher had forgotten and that everyone in the class except him had not done the assignment.

He's also the one who has trouble pulling a harmless prank with his buddies, feeling obliged to uncover the joke before it is sufficiently carried out by the group. He's the first to assure you that well, you're wrong frankly, when you tell a story that is widely believed to be fact but which contains elements of illogic, creations purely of the human imagination.

But even my desire to resist becoming this little brat cannot dissuade me from addressing certain issues here.

If anyone needs proof that college truly is the time when young brains become mature minds — when our ability to think creatively flourishes to a level of sophistication and wit from which most individuals have regressed by the time they reach the age of say, 27 — one need look no further than our folklore.

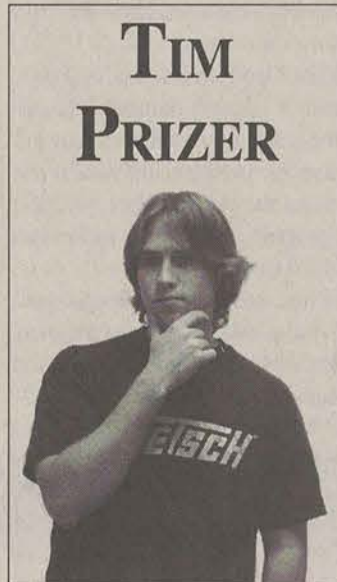
To begin, I must explain this idea more fully. Just what is meant by the word *folklore*? According to a 1938 (though completely up-to-date) definition by the prominent folklorist Benjamin A. Botkin, *folklore* is "a body of traditional belief, custom, and expression, handed down largely by word of mouth and circulating chiefly outside of commercial and academic means of communication and instruction. Every group bound together by common interests and purposes, whether educated or uneducated, rural or urban, possesses a body of traditions which may be called its folklore."

Though it has been said that there are more definitions of folklore than there are folklorists, Botkin's seems to encompass all of the essential elements and reveals that indeed, college students have a plethora (to borrow a word that has itself entered into college folklore as one of students' most favorite words to use in research papers — a desperate attempt to impress one's professor) of folkloric material circulating among them.

I would like to point out to everyone that there is no mention of untruth, falsehood or fallacy in Botkin's definition, and nor are these necessary components of folklore. Indeed, much of folklore is true — tangible evidence of the human creative imagination, the "juice of the human spirit" as one Ms. Zora Neale Hurston once referred to the human phenomenon.

But it has become clear to me in my readings on the subject that much of what I, and I would venture to say *most*, college students assume to be true in their daily lives is actually found to be widespread products of the "collegiate imagination." I have since become fascinated by the idea that much of our communal beliefs as college students are really pure myth. But how much is true and how much exists solely in our collective mind? (On a side note, I think it important to clarify that even the pure legends are not irrelevant, for they reveal much about our common hopes, desires, fears and anxieties, all of which I will attempt to briefly mention below.)

1) Nearly all of us are under the understanding that



survey of American institutions of higher learning, there exists nowhere any written policy to affirm this belief. Interestingly, however, its assumption is so strong and so widespread that even most faculty members believe it. Whether written or unwritten, if students and faculty abide by it through oral tradition, it exists as phantom edict.

2) Another very prevalent idea, made even more popular by the teen flicks "Dead Man on Campus" and "Dead Man's Curve," is that the student whose roommate commits suicide or (in some variations) dies by any other means automatically receives a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

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True? False. No such compromise exists in any college or university rulebook. This legend, like much of contemporary folklore, is given fuel by major forms of media. Episodes of both "The Simpsons" and "Law & Order" have employed this common belief as a central theme.

3) Interestingly, the vast majority of college campuses in this country believe that one of their buildings is sinking into the Earth. Hmmm. Sound familiar? Though our story of the new Education Building slowly disappearing into the mud is not exactly typical (it's usually the library that is supposedly foundering), it does come from the same line of tales, all of which are explicable. In GSU's case, it may be that we have a subconscious anxiety about the continuous and drastic growth of campus, or perhaps we are simply perturbed at the building's entirely inconvenient location and find the idea funny that it will ultimately "fall through." When I first related the idea to a friend that this was merely an urban legend, he insisted that, "It's not here. There is documented evidence of it." Perhaps this is true, but

in the same vein that legends are told in a "friend of a friend" manner so that they are many times untraceable, a common reaction to the unearthing of a belief's legendary status is at first anger, followed by an attempt to prove that they have not been duped — that it is factual information.

There are also many legends which are found in colleges across the world (perhaps even our own on a smaller level), but which are less commonly heard than others. For example:

4) A student, tormented by the stress of final exams, decides while sitting at his desk that he will shove his two No. 2 pencils up his nose and repeatedly slam his head down on the desk, committing suicide as the pencils puncture his brain. This, which purportedly occurred in England, is what the online urban legend resource center *snopes.com* calls a legend of "indeterminate origin." The website makes no reference to its veracity or inaccuracy.

5) The salad bar in university cafeterias are sprayed down with odorless, tasteless carbohydrates in order to prevent freshman girls from becoming excessively thin. True? Not according to folklorists Gary Fine and Patricia Turner, co-authors of the book "Whispers on the Color Line." This particular legend, as Fine and Turner point out, is especially easy to understand. There is a lot of anxiety about anorexia and bulimia among college females. Having just left home and being in control of one's own eating habits for the first time, many college females may hope subconsciously that the large institution which they now call home is secretly safeguarding them much like they are used to their parents doing.

*For members of Greek Life:*

6) It may or may not be true that a drunken screaming match between a fraternity and a sorority one night at a party resulted in a cruel prank masked in benevolence. Supposedly, the morning after the fight, the fraternity brought a batch of donuts over to the sorority to apologize. The sorority accepted the apology and the donuts, which they would soon eat. Everything was pleasant between the two organizations until the next party, when members of the sorority saw tacked on the frat's bulletin board pictures of the donuts dangling from erect portions of the frat boys' anatomy. True? Perhaps...

*For the faculty:*

7) It may or may not be true that a professor who had been teaching a subject for 30 years was required to receive his PhD in the same field. When he enrolled in his classes, he soon discovered that the textbook to be used in the class had been written by none other than himself. This certainly preaches to the common topic among faculty members about the growing demands for a PhD as a prerequisite for teaching in a university — a topic of increasing discussion on our very own campus today.

Thousands of stories similar to all the ones listed above exist on college campuses. Unquestionably, the college campus is one of the most folklorically fertile landscapes in our culture and society today.

From its ghosts in the McCroan Auditorium to the girl in the biology class who, upon hearing that semen was 80 percent sugar, embarrassingly asked, "Why then does it taste so salty," GSU is no different from all institutions of higher learning in its being a great resource of the human creative imagination, of folklore.

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## POINT / COUNTERPOINT: Are America's protests of military intervention in Iraq justified or baseless?

### Anti-war demonstrations gain strength and numbers

KRT Campus

The following editorial appeared in the *San Jose Mercury News* on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The contrast of events last weekend hardly could have been more stark.

In demonstrations large (in such cities as San Francisco, Washington and Portland) and small (in places like San Jose, Indianapolis and Missoula), the peace movement emerged. It gave face to poll numbers showing that an increasing number of Americans have grave reservations about war with Iraq, particularly a war waged without strong support from the international community.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Bush administration appeared to change the criteria under which it thinks military action should be pursued. Sunday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the test for Iraq is not disarmament, but only whether Saddam is cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors.

The Bush perspective may well be that talking tough, deploying more munitions and personnel to the Mideast, and resisting a reluctant U.N. Security Council may convince Saddam to yield. The president no doubt is frustrated by the wily Saddam's staying just ahead of the U.N. weapons inspectors. Saddam did it again this week by promising to cooperate more fully with the mission of chief inspector Hans Blix.

But unilateral American action has risks, too, as was emphasized by the French, German and Chinese representatives on the Security Council on Monday.

"We are greatly concerned that a military strike against the regime in Baghdad would involve considerable and unpredictable risks for the global fight against terrorism," said the German foreign minister, Joschka Fischer. He also cited "disastrous consequences for long-term regional stability."

The events Monday took place just one week before Blix is to release a critical report on Iraqi compliance with the inspection process. That will happen a day before the Bush State of the Union Address.

Bush has been impatient from the start, as was shown by his "axis of evil" words of a year ago. His focus on Iraq

has distracted his administration from the Israel-Palestinian conflict and has complicated the American response to the North Korean nuclear threat.

A change in course is needed. Belatedly, the president decided to pursue diplomacy with North Korea. It's not too late to do so with Iraq as well.

How refreshing it would be, a week from this evening, to hear the president acknowledge that the Security Council view will be respected and that America will not rush to war.

### A peace movement that's going nowhere

By Zev Chafets  
KRT Campus

"A broad cross-section of America."

That's how National Public Radio's reporter described the anti-war demonstrators who converged Saturday on the Mall in Washington.

The New York Times agreed. Its editorial page called the gathering "impressive for the obvious mainstream roots of the marchers."

I watched the march on C-SPAN, and I saw a different event — a thin crowd of cold white people cheering on an assortment of America-hating radicals, second-rate demagogues and plain weirdos.

The rally was kicked off by a Native American activist, Moonanum James, who set the day's tone by accusing the United States of genocide and ended his oration with this exhortation: "In the spirit of Crazy Horse, no more war!" (I'm not making that up.)

James was one of 11 speakers from the rally's organizing group, ANSWER — Act Now to Stop War & End Racism. ANSWER is intimately connected with the Workers of the World Party, an outfit that is, according to David Corn of the hard-left *The Nation* magazine, a "small, revolutionary-Socialist sect." Is there anyone on Earth more maliciously stupid than a revolutionary Socialist?

Other featured speakers included the Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, former Georgia Rep. Cynthia McKinney, ex-U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Ron ("Born on the Fourth of July") Kovic, two silly actresses, a few folk

singers and a very distressed British member of Parliament, Jeremy Corbyn.

There were also a great many Arab and Islamic apologists for Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein among the orators: Elias Rashmawi of the Free Palestine Alliance; Mansoor Khan from "Peace TV"; Ashraf el-Bayoumi, an Egyptian "intellectual"; Esam Omeish of the Muslim-American Society; Imam Mousa (who made an appeal for convicted cop-killer H. Rap Brown and called for a "revolution" to bring down the "American system"); Ismael Kamal representing the Muslim-Student Association; and, at the end of the rally, a poet from the Council on American-Islamic Relations who delivered his indictment of Yankee aggression and repression in doggerel verse.

A White House spokeswoman, asked about the rally, called it an example of American free speech, which, of course, it was. And I have no doubt there were some well-meaning mainstream people in the crowd. But public rallies, like public lynchings, are normally judged not by the quality of the crowd, but by the character of the people staging the event.

That's why calling Saturday's demonstration mainstream misses the point. So much so, in fact, that a suspicious type might even detect a certain amount of ideological dissembling in the coverage.

Too bad, because there was a real story on the Mall in Washington over the weekend. The rally revealed that the anti-war movement, since its last meeting in October, has gone precisely nowhere. Saturday was, in fact, a carbon copy of the October effort — same speakers, same B-list celebrities, same small crowd. An hour into it, Rashmawi conceded this last point, announcing that half the buses were still on their way. Afterward, ANSWER claimed 500,000 — a hilarious exaggeration.

But exaggeration won't help the anti-war movement as it is currently constituted. Neither will disingenuous reporting. ANSWER and its fellow travelers clearly want to turn Iraq into another Vietnam, but they are being frustrated by a technological irony. A generation ago, network television showed the American public the truth about a bad war. Now C-SPAN, with its unmediated, unblinking cameras, is doing the same for a bad "peace" movement.

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## Liebesman's latest leaves audiences in the 'Dark'

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Something is just not right when the Tooth Fairy becomes the killer of the innocent, not a Freddy or a Jason. This is the premise of director Jonathan Liebesman's newest film "Darkness Falls."

Based in the "fictional" town of Darkness Falls, the movie brings to life the fable of the Tooth Fairy.

The story goes as follows: A woman once lived in the town of Darkness Falls, and she collected teeth. One night she was burned severely in a fire and henceforth had to wear a mask to hide her badly torched skin. After two boys became missing, they blamed the masked woman and hung her for witchcraft. Before she died, she put a curse on the town that any person who looked upon her when she came to collect the teeth would die.

Good premise... but executed terribly wrong.

The first problem that arises in the film is the time conflict. The film begins when Kyle (Chaney Kley) is twelve or thirteen; his age is really never said. He loses his last tooth, and the tooth fairy comes. When she comes Kyle looks upon her. This move leads the Tooth Fairy to go after Kyle and kill him. But he runs and his mother is subsequently killed. Twelve years pass and now Kyle is twenty-eight... how is that possible?

He must return to Darkness Falls to face the Tooth Fairy on behalf of his childhood sweetheart Caitlin's (Emma Caulfield) little brother Michael (Lee Cormie). Once Kyle is in town it seems that the Tooth Fairy is not the only one that wants to kill him. He must face old demons and towns folks that think he killed his mother.

This plot screams formulaic and predictable. And not only does the story sound familiar, the director uses common techniques in order

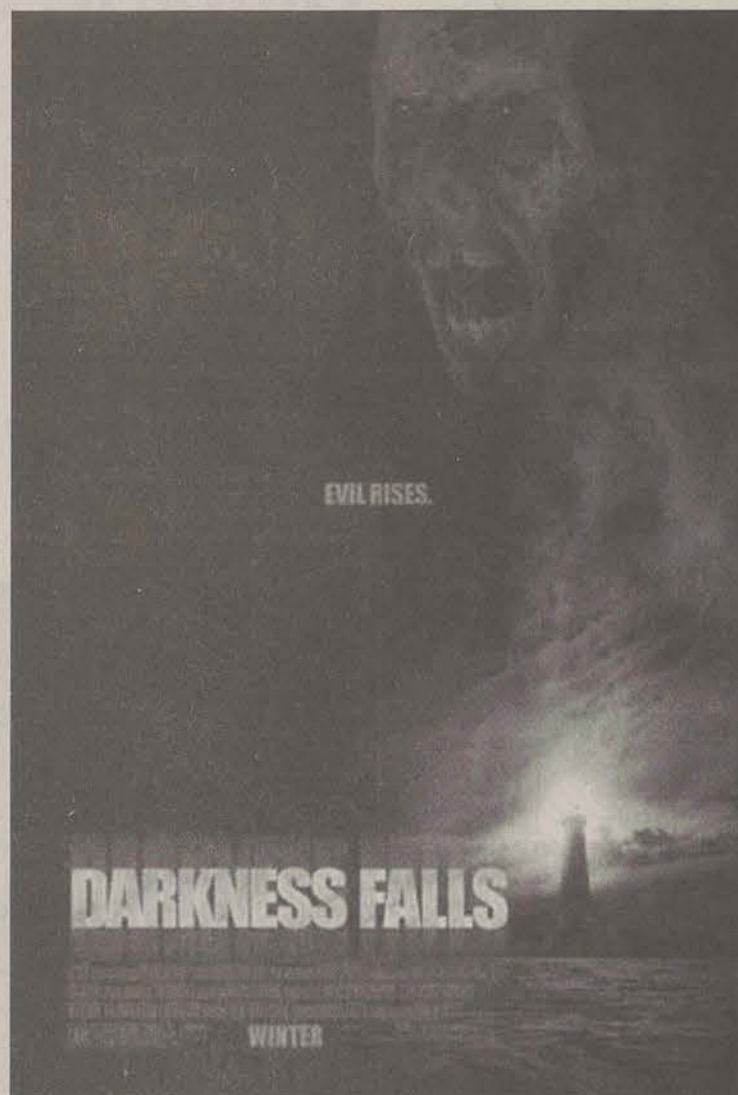
to get a rise out of the audience. It almost borders "Jeepers Creepers" as the worst horror film made to date. This movie induces the audience into complete boredom. It also throws things at them that will leave many audience members clamoring for even the smallest of explanations.

What is the point of the movie? There really isn't one. The story seems to border on the absurd when the creature/monster/killer/Tooth Fairy's weakness becomes just pure light, and being put in the darkness allows her to kill anyone that has looked at her. This alone allows for symbolism that just didn't need to be there.

The acting in the film was surprisingly good, considering the awful material that the actors were given. The dialogue seems flacid and without any life at all, and the situations that the actors were put in border on the ridiculous. When a grown man is freaking out because he has lost his flashlight, there is a problem. But amazingly, the actors were able to make this horrible material believable in certain parts. Newcomer Chaney Kley, who plays Kyle, should not be punished by Hollywood for this cruel injustice he has been served. He should be given more roles, despite this terrible start. He is a remarkable talent in the rough that could be better, given better material.

Also, ex "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" actress Emma Caulfield gives a moderate performance as Caitlin, Michael's weathered sister. She plays the emotional scenes very well, but they do seem scripted at times. But hey, that's expected when the character really has no motivation. It seems as though that is the case with many of the characters in this film.

The best actor in this film is the young Lee Cormie who plays Michael. He brings his character to life with many emotional scenes that are difficult for an actor of his age. He has such a great range that it is not impossible for him



Jonathan Liebesman's latest film, 'Darkness Falls' brings to life the fable of the Tooth Fairy.

to have a career in Hollywood for years to come. He gave a raw performance, which has not been seen on screen since Haley Joel Oment.

John Fasano, the writer of the film, had a good idea by doing something as creative and original as the fabled Tooth Fairy with a twist. But once it was applied, it seemed to become an imitation of horror films of old. He took the unnatural killer with limited weaknesses genre nowhere. It seems as weak as a rerun of "The X-Files."

But even at that extreme comparison, "The X-Files" seems to be a lot scarier. Fasano's "the Tooth Fairy is out to get you tale" is stale and didn't deserve the money put down to get it made. It leaves the audience wondering why they paid their hard-earned money to view something this substandard.

Please don't waste time or money on this. This is definitely one movie that should be watched on a premium movie channel... HBO, Showtime, or USA... or not at all.



Special Photo

## Return of 'American Idol' nets record ratings for Fox

KRT Campus

"American Idol" worshippers flocked to Fox in record numbers Tuesday night.

The return of the musical talent search show attracted 26.5 million viewers from 8 to 9:30 p.m. EST, according to Nielsen Media Research, giving Fox its largest audience ever for a night of entertainment programming.

"It's pretty staggering," said Gail Berman, president of Fox Television Entertainment. "It shows you the power of broadcast television when you have something people want to watch."

Indeed, the audience peaked in the 9 p.m. EST half-hour when 30 million were tuned in. For the night, Fox averaged 25.7 million, topping runner-up CBS which averaged 13.2 million.

Berman attributed some of the success to the Fox affiliate stations, which played a big role in promoting the second "American Idol."

For example, local news crews from Fox stations followed contestants who traveled to the eight cities where auditions for the show were held.

And those stations were beating the drum for "Idol" in the weeks leading up to the premiere.

Because the 16-year-old Fox has existed mostly in an era of expanded cable channel choices and smaller network audiences, it has never drawn as many viewers as it did Tuesday without a Super Bowl or World Series telecast.

The audience for the second "American Idol" opener was larger than for the September finale of the first version, when the show faced weaker summer competition.

Coupled with the potent ratings of Fox's reality hit "Joe Millionaire," the arrival of "American Idol" could mean a turnaround for the network.

"American Idol" attracted 30 percent of the advertiser-desired viewers between the ages of 18-49 watching television in the show's Tuesday time period.

If "Idol" even comes close to that level during the rest of its run, Fox has a shot at finishing No. 2 behind NBC for the season with the 18-49 audience.

Going into January, Fox was lagging behind CBS and ABC in the category.

"It puts Fox squarely in the game again," said Steve Sternberg, executive vice president for ad-buying firm Magna Global USA. "I would expect ABC to drift back a little bit because Football is not on, CBS will surge again when 'Survivor' comes back. I think it will be neck and neck between CBS and Fox."

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## Eagles top Catamounts 87-82

G-A News Service

Cullowhee, N.C. - Two of the top scoring guards in the Southern Conference put on an offensive show as Georgia Southern's Julius Jenkins and Western Carolina's Kevin Martin each scored 37 points Saturday night at the Ramsey Activity Center.

However, the Eagles had a key steal by Terry Williams and a basket by Frank Bennett inside the final minute to lift their team to an 87-82 victory.

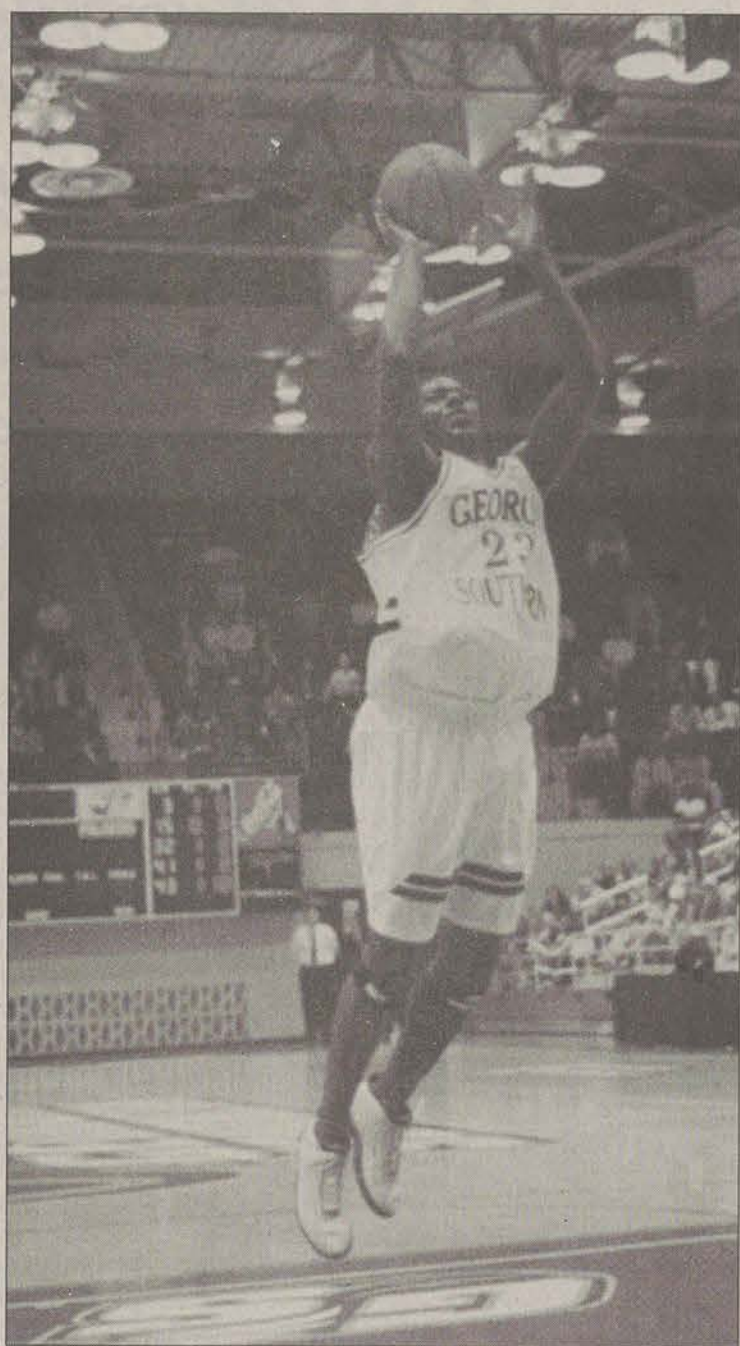
For Georgia Southern (11-6, 402 SoCon), the 37 points for Jenkins was a career high and the most by an Eagle since Mike Harding scored 37 against Georgia State on January 5, 1989, while Jean Francois added 19 off the bench. The Eagles, who held a 35-28 rebound advantage, also got 10 points from Kordel Gibson, while Bennett had nine points and nine rebounds.

The Catamounts (5-12, 2-4 SoCon) stayed in the game thanks to their success at the free throw line. Hitting 23-of-26, Western shot 88.5 percent from the line, while Georgia Southern was just 16-of-26 (.615). Martin was 13-of-13 at the line in scoring his 37 points, which is his third-best scoring performance of the season. Freshman Jared Outing tied a career high with 16 points.

The teams played to a 42-42 tie through the first half. There were six ties and five lead changes in the period. The Eagles looked to be control of the game late, holding a seven-point lead with 5:26 left before the break. However, Martin had a 3-pointer and Outing added a dunk to cut the lead to two. Outing would give WCU a 42-40 lead on a layup with 40 seconds left, but Bennett hit a short jumper with seven seconds left to knot the game.

Western jumped out to a quick nine-point lead three minutes into the second half. Martin scored seven and Emre Atsur hit a pair of free thrown in the 9-0 run. The Eagles finally got on the board on a Jenkins layup at the 17:21 mark. Down eight (56-48) with 15:41 left, the Eagles rallied behind five points from Francois, making the score 56-55 with 13:08 left.

The Catamounts regained the



Ryan Moore/STAFF

**The Eagles traveled** to Western Carolina for a conference matchup against the Catamounts and brought home an 87-82 victory. The Eagles play tonight in Spartanburg against Wofford.

momentum and led by six (62-56) on a Martin layup. However, that would be the largest lead any team would enjoy the remainder of the game. Georgia Southern tied the game at 64-64 with 9:22 left on a Jenkins 3-pointer.

From that point, the game would see three more ties and nine lead changes with no team leading by more than three until the final 10 seconds. Martin hit a 3-pointer to give WCU an 82-81 lead with 2:03 left. With 52 seconds left, Francois hit a jumper to put GSU up 83-82.

On the ensuing Catamount pos-

session, Georgia Southern's Williams came up with a steal, which led to Bennett dunk and an Eagle lead of 85-82 with 27 seconds left. Gibson then gathered a defensive rebound as WCU tried a 3-pointer to tie the game. He then sank two free throws with one second left to provide the final 87-82 margin.

Western Carolina will return to action on Monday (Jan. 27) at UNC Greensboro. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Fleming Gym. Georgia Southern will also play on Monday, facing Wofford in Spartanburg, S.C., at 7 p.m.

## GSU Swimming cruises past Howard, College of Charleston

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The Georgia Southern Eagles swimming and diving team (5-4 in head to head competition) defeated Southern States rival College of Charleston Cougars by a score of 55-49 and Howard Bison by a score of 92-6 in Hanner Natatorium Saturday afternoon in what would be the Eagle's final home meet of the season.

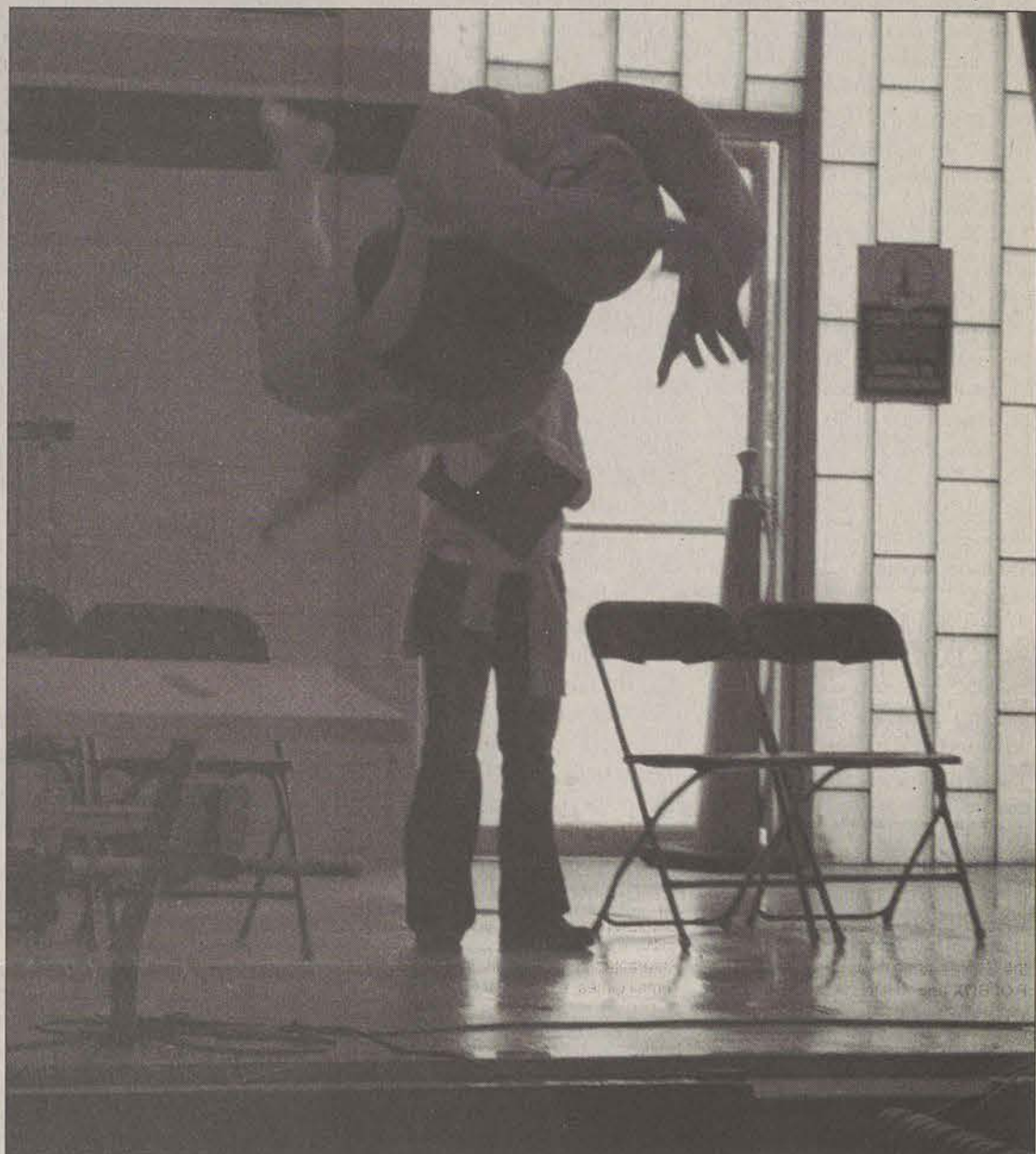
The Eagles dominated in nine of the 11 events with Freshman Alicia Light winning the 400 IM and setting a GSU record with a time of 4:26.06. Sophomore Leslie Williams

topped her personal-best score in the 3-meter dive with a score of 226.57 to win the event.

Sophomore Nikki Wood, Licht, junior Erin Downs and sophomore Florrie Cunningham started the meet by winning the 400 Medley Relay with a time of 4:08.06. Also winning for the Eagles were junior Rachel Card in the 1000 Free with a time of 11:00.07, Downs in the 200 Fly (2:13.24), Cunningham in the 100 Free (55.54), Licht in the 200 Breast (2:30.29) and Wood in the 200 Free (1:59.01) and the 500 Free (5:23.21).

Charleston's sophomore Gena Long, freshmen Jennie Pruehs, and freshmen Michelle Godfrey finished second in the 400 Medley Relay with a time of (4:08.07). Sophomore Natalie Vincent won the women's 50 Yard Freestyle with 25.60 points. Freshmen Crystal Browning won the Women's 1 mtr Diving with 249.75 points. Pruehs also finished first in the Women's 200 Yard Backstroke with a time of (2:11.31)

Georgia Southern travels to Radford, Va. for the Southern States Conference Meet February 13-15 hosted by Radford University.



Jessica Langely/STAFF

**The Lady Eagles' swimming and diving team** celebrated a victory Saturday afternoon, along with a Senior Day celebration. Ashley Burger and Nicole Darrow were honored Saturday afternoon for their years of commitment to the swimming and diving team.

## Lady Eagles picked to finish third in SoCon

G-A News Service

SPARTANBURG, SC -- The Southern Conference released its 2003 preseason softball poll today and the coaches selected Chattanooga to defend its title for the fourth straight year. The Lady Mocs edged Furman in the polling, receiving six of the eight first place votes, with Georgia Southern and UNC Greensboro each receiving one apiece.

Furman was tabbed to finish second followed closely by Georgia Southern in third and UNCG in fourth. Rounding out the field were College of Charleston selected in fifth, East Tennessee State in sixth, UNC Wilmington in seventh and Appalachian State in eighth.

The Lady Mocs won their sixth straight regular season title in 2002 with a 17-2 conference record. Chattanooga swept through the conference

tournament, defeating Appalachian State and East Tennessee State and edging out Furman to win its third straight tournament crown. In the NCAA Regional in Tallahassee, Chattanooga posted two wins over Florida Atlantic before falling to ACC rivals Georgia Tech and Florida State. The Lady Mocs finished the season ranked 27th nationally in the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association poll.

### 2003 SoCon Women's Preseason Softball Poll

1. Chattanooga (6) 62
2. Furman 50
3. Georgia Southern (1) 47
4. UNC Greensboro (1) 44
5. College of Charleston 34
6. East Tennessee State 24
7. UNC Wilmington 15
8. Appalachian State 12

## GSU glides past Wofford 75-61

The Lady Eagles are now 5-3 in the conference as they travel to take on UTC tonight

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After kicking the season off with a 10-3 record, their best start since 1992-93, the Lady Eagle basketball team has suffered through a drought lately, losing their last three.

On Saturday, however, the Georgia Southern ladies showed some of the early season prowess that served them so well, gliding to a 75-61 victory over the Wofford Terriers at Hanner Fieldhouse.

It was a back and forth affair throughout much of the first 15 minutes of action, as the two ball clubs exchanged the lead six times.

Georgia Southern (11-6, 5-3 SoCon) held a narrow 29-27 advantage at the 4:11 mark, before pulling away late in the first half.

A trio of Mimi Lindsey jumpers helped spark an 8-0 Eagle run that made the score 37-27, before a Terrier layup closed out the opening half scoring at 37-29.

The second half saw the Eagles open up their lead further, going off on a 16-5 spurt at one point.

Georgia Southern built their advantage up to 19 point on two occasions.

During one two-minute stretch, Lady Eagle reserve Nicole Newton came off the

bench and sank four consecutive jump shots as she out-scored Wofford (4-13, 1-7 SoCon) on her own 8-2.

It was a true team effort as head coach Rusty Cram let all 14 players get a chance to see some playing time.

Leading the way was Jessica Everett with 18 points on the night while Mimi Lindsey shined off the bench with 14 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

"We worked hard on this week on execution," said Tiffany Lanier, who added 13 points and a season-high eight rebounds.

"Both the starters and the bench did a great job tonight."

But it was two players who don't always get all the attention that were key to the Eagle win as Newton and Cameron Krellner both had strong nights in relief.

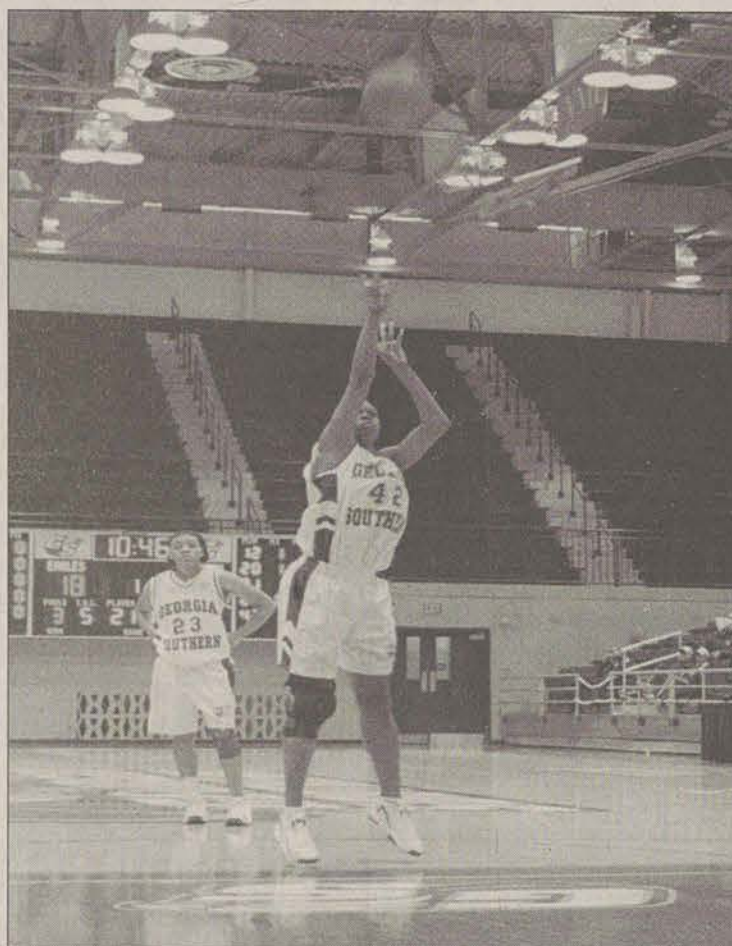
"We gave the game ball to Cameron and Nicole," said Cram. "They gave us a real lift tonight."

Newton finished with eight points while Krellner pitched in with six points off a pair of three-pointers.

Krellner also showed hustle on defense in her 10 minutes of action.

"I loved her intensity," Cram said about the freshman guard from West Palm Beach, Fla.

"She did a great job to-



Tim Deaver/STAFF

**The Lady Eagles ended** their three-game drought Saturday evening as they topped the Terriers, gaining a lead in the first half which they would hold through the game.

night."

Nakia Mister led the offense for Wofford with a career-high 16 points while Brie Bradshaw scored 13.

It's a tough road ahead for the Lady Eagles as they host the Southern Conference's top

team in UT Chattanooga tonight at 7 p.m.

Georgia Southern has lost five of the last six meetings with the Chattanooga Lady Mocs, who are currently 15-2 with a spotless 8-0 mark in league play.

## Men and Women's Tennis fall in season openers

G-A News Service

Jacksonville, Fla.- The Georgia Southern men's tennis team fell 3-4 to Jacksonville and the women's team fell to Florida State 7-0 Saturday afternoon.

For the men's team, the doubles pair of senior Uli Ebensperger and sophomore Noah Tyler defeated Jacksonville's Martin Hehensteiger and Andres Rojas 8-6 while sophomore Mark Finnegan and freshman Vincent Patry defeated Rich Davoli and Dale Alderman 8-2.

In singles play for the Eagles No. 2 seed Tyler defeated Christoph Mueller 6-1, 4-6 and 6-1. Playing the No. 5 seed was Ebensperger as he defeated Davoli 6-1, 6-3 and junior Stephen

Dubienski defeated Alderman 6-3, 3-6 and 6-2.

On the women's side sophomore Charlotte Bruneteaux took three games from Florida State's Daniela Georghie falling 6-2, 6-1. Taking one game for the Eagles were freshman Stephanie Tyrell falling to Anca Dumitrescu (6-0, 6-1), freshman Marion Leullier, who fell to Migaela Moldovan (6-1, 6-0) and freshman Karen Somm falling to Alina Mihaelescu (6-0, 6-1).

The women's team takes on Jacksonville Sunday at noon, the match was moved from Friday due to cold weather. The men's team travels to Florida A&M Saturday, February 1 for an 11:00 am start.



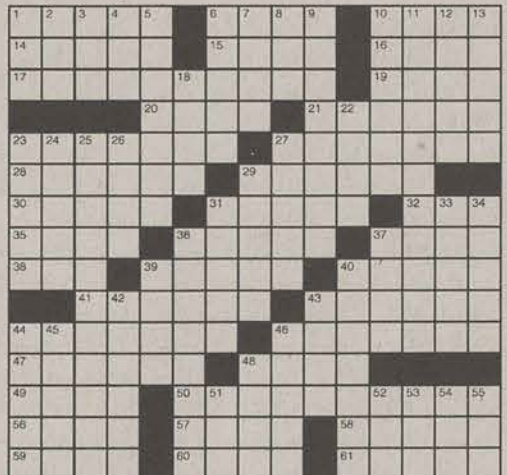
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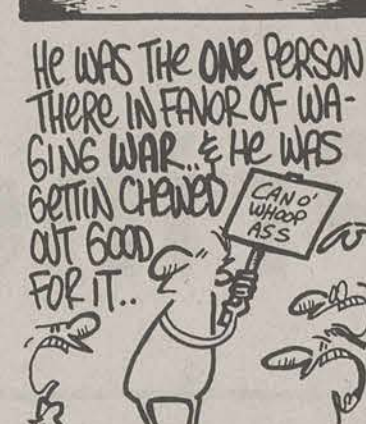
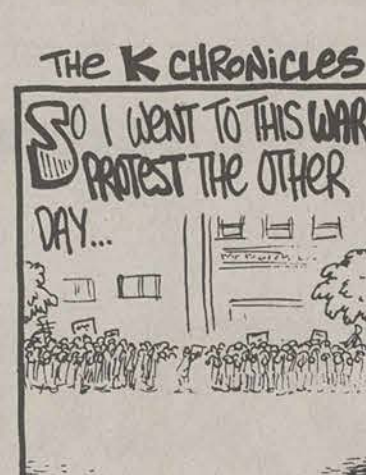
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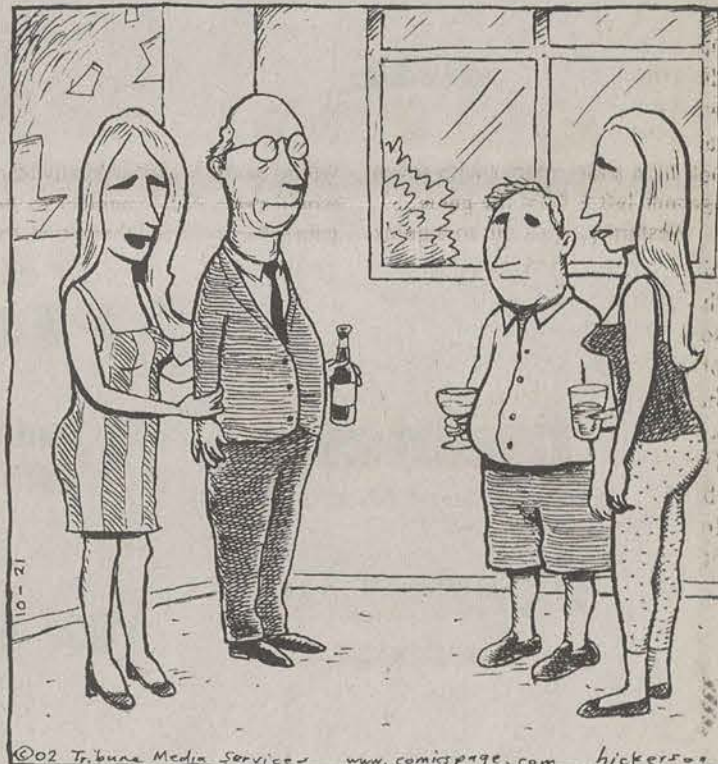
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## More cold weather on way for Georgia, but warmer days ahead

Associated Press

ATLANTA—Another blast of cold air is expected to pass through Georgia this weekend, but forecasters say temperatures won't be nearly as low as they have been the last few days.

"We've already started our warming trend," Matt Sena, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, said Friday.

Still, homeless shelters, public officials and farmers were prepared for the worst. In Savannah, police on Friday handed out long johns, blankets and shoes to homeless people, and in Dougherty County, school officials canceled classes.

"For Georgia, it's been a lot colder than normal," Sena said. "It's not something that happens regularly, especially that far south. But then again it's not that unheard of."

Low temperatures in the Atlanta area were expected to creep up into the 15- to 20-degree range on Saturday, from lows in the single digit range on Friday, Sena said.

A storm system that will pass through the state Sunday will bring more cold air — particularly on Monday — with a chance of snow in northern Georgia, but it will move through quickly and the weather should start to get warmer, Sena said.

"It will be nothing like what we just had," he said.

Homeless shelters have been feeling the impact of the cold spell in Georgia. The six city centers run by the Atlanta Union Mission are filled to capacity, and officials have been trying to squeeze extra people in with mats on the floor and makeshift beds in the kitchen.

"Not only are we having unusually brutal weather this year, but the economic downturn has been particularly hard in Atlanta," said Lou Graner, the mission's director of development. "It's kind of a confluence of events."

Others worried about the cold weather were farmers, such as Randy Scarbor, who said it will be a few days before he knows the full extent of the freeze damage to his vegetable crops.

"They turn brown and you can't market them," he said.

The temperature dropped this week

to 16 degrees in Omega, near Tifton in south Georgia, where Scarbor grows 120 acres of mustard, collards, kale and turnips.

"There's going to be some damage," he said. "It's pretty severe."

Vegetables, a south Georgia industry that has grown dramatically in the past 20 years, are about the only crops grown in Georgia during the winter. They include Vidalia onions, greens, peppers and carrots.

With an annual value of about \$650 million, vegetables have become Georgia's third leading agricultural enterprise, behind poultry and cotton.

Terry Kelley, a University of Georgia vegetable specialist in Tifton, said freeze damage will vary from crop to crop.

"Kale, collards or cabbage will all take a little bit lower temperatures than mustard and turnips," he said. "Carrots can grow a new top and onions are pretty resilient."

Kelley predicted the freeze will cause some crop damage, but said it probably won't be a major setback for the state's growers.

In Albany, the temperature dropped to 14 degrees, but only a few homeless people sought shelter at the Salvation Army shelter overnight into Friday.

Shelter manager Lurlene Batten said only four of the 10 overnight guests came in out of the cold. The rest were regulars.

"The ones who come in are the ones who are really out on the street, and they don't have any place to go," she said. "They are willing to follow the rules. The others say, 'I'm going to enjoy my alcohol and other indulgences.' They ride it out."

Dougherty County school officials canceled classes Friday so students wouldn't be exposed to a wind chill that made it feel like 4 degrees in the southwest Georgia county. The system has 16,500 students, including 13,000 who ride school buses.

"Those children would have been standing at bus stops this morning," said school spokeswoman Brenda Horton. "We have a lot of students who are not able to buy coats because there are not that many days that they would use them."

## SUPERBOWL, FROM PAGE 1

to happen to the Raiders happened before the coin was even tossed. Their starting center, a Pro Bowl player named Barret Robbins, was sent home after he didn't show for Saturday's practice. He couldn't be found until that evening. There were rumors of him being in Tijuana, Mexico, of being too inebriated to check in, of being in the hospital. Maybe in the old days, this would have been "Raider mystique." But when your veteran quarterback is as stiff as an accountant and your star receivers are aging gentlemen, all it does is mess things up.

And no matter what the Raiders roster tells you, when the man snapping the ball disappears on game day, things get rattled.

Not that the Raiders needed help in that department. From the start it was clear that all those AFC defenses they peppered with dinky passes were no match for the swift smash of Tampa Bay. Rich Gannon, for most of the game, couldn't do anything. I mean nothing. He was chased and erased. All season long, he tacked pinball-like numbers on the opposition.

On Sunday, he went "tilt."

How can you describe the total domination? Think of Oakland as a mosquito and Tampa as a big can of Raid. Press the sprayer.

That was the Super Bowl.

Consider this: Oakland's first five possessions ended with a sack, a sack, a deflected pass and two interceptions. By halftime, the No. 1 offense had three points and 62 total yards. If that's a job resume, it gets you the mail room.

What Tampa did was much like what the Baltimore Ravens did in winning the Super Bowl two years ago — its defense was so good, it seeped into the offense. Here was quarterback Brad Johnson, on the money, and receiver Joe Jurevicius catching big passes, and Michael Pitman, maybe the least known name on an unknown offense, gaining over 100 yards — the first running back in

the playoffs to do so — and looking more like Marcus Allen than any of the Raiders.

The Bucs marched through Oakland's exhausted defense like, well, like Oakland used to march through everyone else. And finally, when Oakland coughed up its final gasp, pulling to within 13 points, the Tampa offense converted a critical third down, and next thing you know, Brad Johnson is a Super Bowl winning quarterback, and Warren Sapp, the league's biggest talker without a title, has a ring to match his zing.

Heaven help us all.

How strange is this? Tampa Bay, Super Bowl champs? Remember, this was the expansion team to end all expansion teams. This was a franchise that lost its first 26 games, a franchise that saw Bo Jackson, its No. 1 pick, say "No thanks, I'd rather play baseball," a franchise that was known for years as "The Yuccateers."

Heck, as late as last February, Tampa Bay was still embarrassing itself with a vacant head coaching office, having fired Tony Dungy, only to see one candidate after another sink by circumstance. In the end, the Bucs owners had pay \$8 million and four draft picks just to GET a coach.

But they got the right one.

Jon Gruden, Oakland's-ex, did what Dungy couldn't — namely, get the team to score some points — and the combination of a fresh face and fresh fire lifted this club over the final hurdle.

And there they were, hoisting the cup. The Creamsicle was Dreamsicle. The world was on its axis.

So that's it. We can quit now. We've seen it all. Dogs can talk, it snows at the equator, ice cream has no calories, and for the next 12 months, we'll be saying "The World Champion Tampa Bay Bucs." Could anything in this world be stranger?

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