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Wednesday
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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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Wednesday



Partly cloudy
with a high of
65°F and a low
of 43°F.

Thursday



Partly cloudy
with a high of
68°F and a low
of 47°F.

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• Amanda Permenter explains why you should vote in the 2004 primaries.

• AKRT columnist writes that the media's catering to Bush is diverting American attention from global anti-war sentiment.

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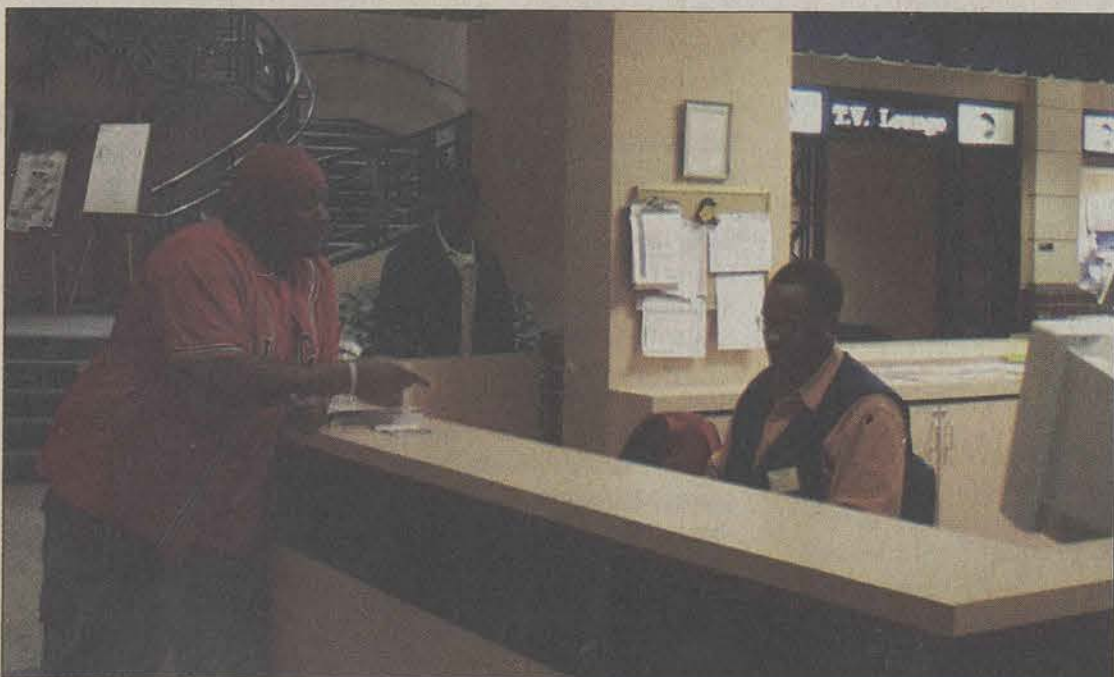
• Johnny Cash appears on MTV at age 70 to perform his cover of the Nine Inch Nails song 'Hurt.'

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A GEORGE-ANNE CORRECTION

In the February 17, 2003 edition of *The George-Anne*, we printed a headline claiming that GSU Men's Tennis had lost to the Mercer Bears, 5-2. In fact, the Eagles defeated Mercer by the same score.

WILL WORK FOR SCHOOL



Jessica Langley/STAFF

At the Russell Union information desk (above), employee Ernest A. McCoy III assists Steven Chatman, a GSU junior. Junior Matt Dugan (top, right) enjoys work as a lab technician at the Foy Art Lab. Freshman Erik Wilder (bottom, right) rings up dining patron Dickson Adams at The Educated Palate on campus.

By Angela Jones
tastecake00@yahoo.com

Got bills?

Unless you are one of the fortunate few who have no financial concerns, you've probably been out on every student's favorite mission recently: the search for a job.

Unfortunately, with the economy limping along like a car with four flat tires, the possibility of a war, and the bumper crop of cash-strapped college students in Statesboro, it seems like it would be easier to find a dragon than a job in the 'Boro.

"Everyone in town is hiring, or so they say, but no one is actually calling me back," said Sara Williams, a freshman biology major from Atlanta. "I wish I could get paid for putting in applications. I'd be rich by now."

Some students are looking into some rather unique jobs to make a living while they're in school.

Kenmond Sanders, a junior marketing major, has found a job selling long distance phone service with Excel, a communications company based in Dallas Texas, that sells service for cell phones, two-way pagers, the Internet, and local and long-distance home phone service.

"We offer our friends and relatives a service they already use, we just offer it at a discounted rate," he explained. "AT&T, MCI and the rest get their customers through expensive T.V. advertising, we get ours through network marketing, word of mouth promotion."

For a one-time investment of \$299, Excel representatives

receive a start up kit with all the necessary forms and licenses they need to sell the services in all 50 states.

After bringing in just 10 new customers, the full investment cost is refunded, plus an additional \$100 is earned. The more new customers a representative recruits, the more he or she can earn.

Sanders worked as a lifeguard and telemarketer, before becoming an Excel representative. In the past two years, he has worked his way up to Regional Director, a position that makes more than \$27,000 a year.

"I'm making more at 22 than my mother, and she's 52 years

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Signs of Vandalism



Trent Anthony/STAFF

Many building identification signs have been found removed from their bases and lying nearby on the ground.

By Angela Jones
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Campus police are investigating several building identification signs that were found knocked or pushed over around campus on Monday.

"Those signs are bolted and welded down pretty good, so it would have taken a considerable amount of time and determination to get one of them over," said one campus security officer.

The officer said that the signs seemed to be knocked over randomly.

According to physical plant personnel, the signs were not scheduled to be replaced.

"This is a college campus, and some pretty weird things just seem to happen for no earthly reason," the officer said. "You can't really explain it, that's just how it goes some times."

Fundraising at GSU just became more entertaining

By Angela Jones
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More than 25 GSU history professors are lining up for the kiss of a lifetime: with a real pig.

The four legged kind.

GSU's History Club is sponsoring the first ever Kiss-A-Pig contest in an effort to raise money for their trip to Charleston, South Carolina, on February 28.

"The idea came up in a meeting, and despite my best efforts to deter them, the students thought it was a great idea and ran with it," said Dr. Michelle Haberland, the History Club's faculty advisor. "I must admit, it is a very clever way to raise money, and in a way it harkens back to Georgia Southern's roots as an agricultural college," she said. Students, faculty and staff donate any amount of money they like to their "favorite" professor's jar, located in the History department in the Forrest drive building. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, and have ranged from a few pennies to \$10, so far.

The professor who raises the most money will get to plant a big wet smooch on a live oinker on Friday at 2 p.m. in front of the For-

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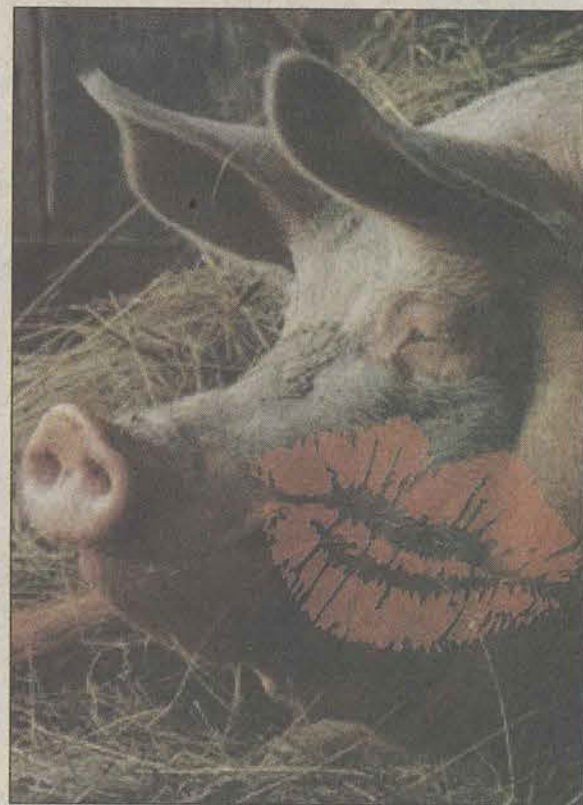


Photo Illustration

The chance to kiss a pig may seem like an unlikely fund-raising motivation, but not when students donate money so their professors might win the responsibility of applying the smooch.

Northeast buried by snow storm, thousands without power

Associated Press

NEW YORK - The worst blizzard in seven years shut down much of the northeastern United States with blinding, windblown snow that piled up as much as four feet (1.2 meters) deep and left more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses without power.

At least 21 deaths were blamed on the storm system since it charged out of the Great Plains during the weekend, piling snow, producing mudslides and floods, and making layers of ice that snapped trees and power lines.

The storm was headed for New England, where Massachusetts expected up to two feet (60 centimeters) of snow and minor coastal flooding.

Airports in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York largely shut down, stranding thousands of passengers

trying to leave and get into the region. Rail services were halted between Washington and Richmond, Virginia, and regional bus service stopped in many areas.

There were few commuters as it was a holiday in the United States, but police from Kentucky to Massachusetts pleaded with motorists to stay home and some counties banned nonessential travel so they could clear the roads.

"This is going to be days worth of cleanup," said Maryland Highway Administration spokesman David Buck.

The western tip of Maryland was buried, with 49 inches (1.25 meters) of snow in Garrett County on top of 30-foot (nine-meter) drifts left by earlier storms. Area roads, some surrounded by 12-foot (3.6-meter) high walls of snow, "look like canals," said Garrett County state highway supervisor Paul McIntyre.

"It's no man's land out there," said McIntyre. "It looks more like Siberia than Maryland."

Elsewhere, 27 inches (68 centimeters) fell in West Virginia's Berkeley County, the National Weather Service said. The Seven Springs ski resort area on western Pennsylvania had 40 inches (one meter).

It was one of the worst snowstorms in a century in Washington, where 16 inches (40 centimeters) fell. For the region as a whole, it was the worst snowstorm since the blizzard of 1996, when at least 80 deaths were blamed on the weather.

Among the many travelers stranded by the storm, few were as far from home as Lynn Anderson of Belfast, Ireland.

"It's turned into a complete nightmare," said Anderson, who arrived in Philadelphia



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Cussed By Some ...
Read By Them All.*

Campus Calendar

Feb. 19

Baseball

Georgia State at Georgia Southern
4 p.m.

Feb. 19 - 22

'The Matchmaker'

Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.

For tickets, call ext. 7999.

Feb. 20

Evening of Clean Comedy

Russell Union Ballroom
7 p.m.

Feb. 21

B.L.A.C.K. Experience

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5 - on - 5 B-Ball Tournament
8 p.m. in the RAC

Arbor Day Observance

Special to the G-A

The Botanical Garden is hosting an Arbor Day Observance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arbor Day is a time to encourage tree planting and care and to remind everyone of the im-

portance of trees in our lives as well as the environment. The Garden will be giving away bare-root dogwood and crepe myrtle trees (while supplies last) and providing information on tree care. For more information, contact the Botanical Garden at ext. 1149.

Feb. 22

Softball

Troy State at Georgia Southern
Noon

Feb. 23

Guest Alumna Recital

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
4 p.m.

Feb. 24

General Student Recital

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Davidson at Georgia Southern
5 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Chattanooga at Georgia Southern
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 25-27

Career Awareness and Student Involvement Week

Career Awareness and Student Involvement Week will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, through Thursday, Feb. 27. Special workshops are scheduled to create an awareness of career-related issues and student involvement. Highlighting the week is the Franklin-Covey "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" seminars. Stephen R. Covey, founder and chairman of Franklin-Covey, Co., brings the principles taught in "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" to life in this powerful workshop. It is sponsored by Inspire and the Center for Student Leadership Development. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Russell Union, Room 2048.

Feb. 26

Dining For Success

Students will learn appropriate dining etiquette by gaining practical experience with a five-course meal. It will be held at 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Feb. 27

Career Fair

Special to the G-A

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RAC. Employers from a wide variety of fields have registered to attend the event. For the participant list contact Career Services at ext. 5197 or visit its web page at www2.gasou.edu/sta/career.

Police Beat

02-14-2003

• A resident of Old Towne reported a case of transaction card fraud.
• Officers investigated two traffic accidents and assisted one motorist.

02-15-2003

• Officers issued four traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

02-16-2003

• Robert Clint Griffin, 19, of Camp LeJune, N.C., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer.

• Allen Wallace III, 22, of 1807 Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and passing in a no-passing zone.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings.

02-17-2003

• A Human Resources employee reported someone knocked down the "Blue Building" sign.

• A Lakeside Café employee reported someone threw a table and chair in the lake and damaged several other tables and chairs.

• A Sanford Hall resident reported a purse was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.

• A Watson Hall resident reported some money and clothing items were taken from her room.

• Officers investigated two traffic accidents, assisted five motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

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

- All Police Beat information is compiled by Lucrecia Johnson, assistant news editor.

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T: 2 - 5:30 p.m.

W: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

R: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 6 - 10 p.m.

SOCIOLOGY/

PSYCHOLOGY

M, W: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

R: 1 - 3 p.m.

COLLEGE READ/STUDY

SKILLS

M, W: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

R: 1 - 3 p.m.

ALGEBRA - CAL 2

M-R: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

F: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

STATISTICS

M: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

T: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

W: 3:30 - 7 p.m.

R: 12:30 - 4 p.m.

JAVA

M: 3 - 6 p.m.

T: 8 - 10 p.m.

W: 12 - 2 p.m.

R: 7 - 10 p.m.

PHYSICS

M: 12 - 3 p.m., 7 - 10 p.m.

T: 12 - 2 p.m., 3 - 9 p.m.

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R: 12 - 2 p.m., 5 - 7 p.m.

CHEMISTRY/BIOLOGY

M, T, R: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

W: 2 - 6 p.m.

HISTORY/POLI SCI

T, R: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

W: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

F: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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M: 5 - 7 p.m.

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W: 3 - 5 p.m.

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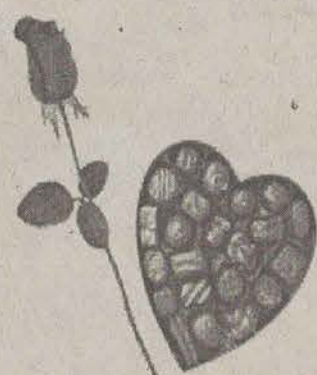
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The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 7th.



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News Briefs

U.N. warns U.S. not to attack Iraq Alone

Associated Press

LONDON — If U.S. forces attack Iraq on their own without U.N. approval, it will be widely seen as an act of aggression, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said in an interview televised Monday night.

Speaking on British Broadcasting Corp., Prince Saud al-Faisal said if Iraq fails to meet the United Nations demands regarding its weapons, Washington should seek U.N. approval for a U.S.-led war in Baghdad.

"If the attack comes through the U.N. Security Council, obviously it is not aggression," Prince Saud said. But "if the United States did it on its own, it would appear to be an act of aggression."

He also said Saudi Arabia believes that such a war could destabilize the entire Middle East.

"If a change of regime comes with the destruction of Iraq, then you are solving one problem and creating five more problems," the minister said.

"That is the consideration that we have to live with because we live in the region. We will suffer the consequences of any military action."

Coast Guard finds three dead while looking for missing plane

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Coast Guard found three bodies among wreckage in waters off southern Florida on Monday while searching for a private twin-engine plane reported overdue by authorities in Nassau, Bahamas.

Coast Guard officials could not confirm whether the bodies of two men and a woman found about eight miles east of Miami were among

those aboard the six-seater, Piper PA-23 aircraft reported overdue.

Four people were aboard the plane, said Lt. Tony Russell, a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami.

The plane left Monday morning from Tamiami Airport in southwest Miami-Dade County, bound for the island of Bimini in the Bahamas, said Christopher White, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

Iraq reports first flight by American U-2 plane over Iraqi

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq reported the first flight by an American U-2 surveillance plane Monday in support of the U.N. inspection mission, marking another concession by the Baghdad government in hopes of staving off a U.S.-led attack.

"At 11:55 a.m., a U-2 surveillance plane entered Iraqi airspace and reconnoitered several areas of Iraq and left Iraqi airspace at 4:15 p.m.," the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "The reconnaissance operation lasted four hours and 20 minutes."

Last week, the Iraqis agreed to allow U-2 flights, fulfilling a major demand by U.N. inspectors seeking to determine if Iraq still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqi officials had objected to the U-2 flights, contending they couldn't guarantee the safety of the plane if it was flying over Iraq at the same time as U.S.-British air patrols in the "no-fly zones" of northern and southern Iraq. Unless those warplanes were kept at base during the U-2 flight, the reconnaissance craft might be targeted by anti-aircraft fire, they said.

The no-fly zones were declared by Washington, without U.N. authorization, to protect what were considered anti-government areas from Iraqi aircraft. The Iraqis consider the zones to be hostile, illegal operations.

Battle of the Bands Participants Needed

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American commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan meets president over alleged civilian deaths

Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The American commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan held talks with President Hamid Karzai over the weekend to discuss a coalition assault last week that allegedly left several civilians dead, the U.S. military said Monday.

Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill also met village elders from the southern province of Helmand, where the allied attack on suspected Taliban fighters took place.

"Gen. McNeill reaffirmed coalition forces' right of self-defense and pointed out that those forces had entered the valley with the consent of the governor of Helmand," said Col. Roger King, a spokesman for the military at Bagram Air Base.

Afghan authorities sent a delegation on Thursday headed by the deputy governor of Helmand province, Haji Pir Mohammad, to visit three villages — Lejay, Robatak and Shina — that elders said had been hit in the assault. They were expected to report back to Karzai this week.

College to study if Georgia onion-eaters need help preventing prostate cancer

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Researchers are looking into whether eaters of Georgia's world-famous sweet Vidalia onions need to be supplemented with an element called selenium to prevent prostate cancer.

The problem is that Vidalia onions and Georgia's water supply contain feeble levels of selenium, a trace mineral that's being tested nationwide to see if it can help deter

prostate cancer.

Selenium is an element needed by the body to utilize an enzyme called glutathione S transferase, which helps protect cells from developing precancerous changes. Early studies on the element found that men taking selenium reduced their prostate cancer risk by two-thirds, and those taking vitamin E had 40 percent fewer cases of the cancer.

Most selenium comes from food,

which gains its nutrients from the soil. But adding selenium to the onion-growing process interfered with the flavor of the onion, so if supplements ultimately are needed, it will likely have to be in pill form.

"In Georgia, the selenium in the soil is quite low, so people that are eating foods that are grown here locally may not be getting enough selenium in their diets," said Dr. Martha Terris of the Medical College of Georgia.

Work, from Page 1

old," he said. "I learned from watching her work hard every day, I decided I didn't want to do that."

Rogers Williams, a senior broadcasting major, also works for Excel. His motivation: simple economics.

After working as a stock guy at K-Mart, a painter with University Housing, and the ever important burger flipper at McDonald's, Rogers decided it was time to move on up, to a better job.

"For me, this was a simple choice of either making \$5.15 an hour working for someone else, or making an unlimited amount of money working for myself," he said. "I know that I'm worth more than \$5.15 an hour, and Excel allows ordinary people to produce extraordinary results with their income."

Both Kenmond and Rogers hope to retire within three to five years, when they will use their wealth to help the less fortunate, build churches and better the world.

"Excel is not a get rich quick scheme," Rogers explained. "This is a get rich slowly over time plan, and it's not for everyone. It takes hard work to make thousands of dollars."

If you're not quite disciplined enough to start your own business like Rogers and Kenmond, it's ok. You can still make a living in college. The means might be right under your nose. . . literally.

College students spend an estimated \$2.6 million a year on cosmetics and skin care products, and senior April Fordham has found a way to cash in on it. She sells Mary

Kay cosmetics.

"Mary Kay presented itself to me in an empowering way," April explained. "I was surrounded by attractive women who were successful."

Hosting skin care classes and product parties, and handing out samples and booklets might seem a strange way to make money, but April is making it work. Added to her other jobs: a work study position at the Performing Arts Center and Editorial Assistant at Miscellany, the student literary magazine and photography. April seems to have money making down to an art, even with the poky economy.

"Even if there were more jobs out there, I'd still consider selling Mary Kay an option," she said. "It's always good to have money coming in from as many outlets as possible."

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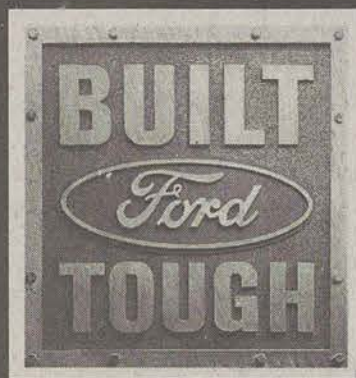
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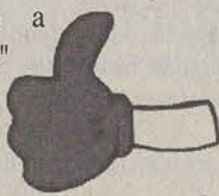
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OPINIONS

The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

• **THUMBS UP** to a global "show of hands" for those opposed to war.

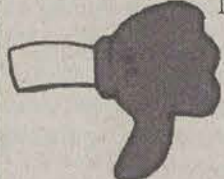


• **THUMBS DOWN** to teasing weather fluctuations.

• **THUMBS UP** to the fast-approaching Spring Break.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to classes on President's Day.

• **THUMBS UP** to Black Awareness Month events.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to campus vandalism.

Thoughts of the day

• The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.
— John F. Kennedy

• Drop that zero and go for the hero.
— Vanilla Ice

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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The Stars and Stripes might lie, but the numbers never do

Last week our state turned 270 years old, and all that was on the narrow minds of some Georgians was a 45-year-old flag.

Apparently, our brand-new governor Sonny Perdue wants to follow through with one of his platform promises, and has proposed an opportunity for us all to lock in a vote on which state flag we prefer in the March 2004 primaries.

That's all well and good. The "Let Us Vote" signs that have lined so many of Georgia's driveways and highways have not been a waste of plastic after all, and Georgians may vote on a flag for the first time in the history of the state. Hooray for logical breaks in tradition and politicians who actually deliver.

Now, let's see if we're smart enough to use this privilege in order to elect to keep the more appropriate flag.

Before you start in on me, take a careful note. My main basis for belief on this issue is not that the Confederate battle emblem is a sign of slavery. If that is the grounds on which the symbol should be removed from our flag, there are many people whose very brains should be removed on the exact same principle. Of course, let us not forget that rebellious, white Georgia lawmakers did create it in the midst of civil rights upheaval and fights against segregation in the late 1950's.

When I suggest that we chose the "appropriate" flag, I'm not talking racial appeasement. I'm talking about doing justice to history. I mean fair and accurate representation of everyone's heritage.

The incessant argument from mourners of the former flag rests on that one word—Heritage. However, that flag—the loss of which some folks so lavishly lament—was only the state flag between 1956 and 2001. Sure, the Confederate battle emblem alone is much older than any of the state flags, as it turns a whopping 142 this year.

As impressive as that sounds, it's still less than half as old as the Georgia colony itself.

The fact abides that the official state flag of Georgia has portrayed the Confederate emblem in some form for exactly 47 years, including the new one. Also, three Confederate flags bearing the emblem represented Georgia while it was part of the Confederacy, from 1860–1865.

So, what of the remaining 220 years? I guess the heritage embodied in those 2.2 centuries simply isn't as important as the five years of national dissent many would prefer to commemorate more prominently on our state flag.

I've heard every polemic possible from those in support of re-implementing the former flag, and I've had the pleasure of using an array of facts to debunk them all to some extent.

The flag was changed because it was time for a change. People were uncomfortable with it; it was not representing our state accurately. Now that we've been given the right to choose, let us accept the compromise.

AMANDA PERMENTER



Not because I think we should, or because Black Southerners think we should, but because it makes sense.

The new flag fairly depicts all of the state's most historic flags, including the Confederate emblem. If you're a fan of Civil War heritage and/or the Old South, by all means, fly the Confederate flag separately in your yard. Peddle the Confederate flag (for all it's worth) to your Southern neighbors. Paint it on your living room wall. Set up an altar to it and worship it, for all I care. It is very important to cherish history. But, please do not impose on the entire political and social entity—on honest people who live and work and breathe in this state—by insisting that the emblem remain a large icon on

our official state flag.

I read Atlanta resident Elaine Causey's claim that she would vote to stick with the old banner because she's a "true Southerner." And, I read Sons of Confederate Veterans member Dan Coleman's insistence that "it's the soldier's flag." I'm literally dumbstruck by such comments, I have great respect for the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization, and I'm sure Ms. Causey is a nice lady, but where is the relevance in either of those statements? Should a "true Southerner" deny the influence of 220 years? Are Civil War soldiers the only one's whose lives matter? Scores of Georgian men have died in American wars, but do we see a motion to allow an American flag to take up a third of the space on the Georgia flag?

The answers are no, no, no... and, no.

I encourage everyone to vote, no matter what your position. And, not just on the flag in the primary election. The state flag issue lives and kicks today because

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enough people went out and voted for a governor who swore he'd resuscitate it. Yes, the election is more than a year away, which should give you plenty of time to educate yourself and make an informed choice.

I especially encourage those of you in opposition to the old flag to

make plans to get out there and vote against it. Your voice does matter, and this is one situation in which rational thoughts are being drowned out by inactivity. People who share my position are talking all over the streets, but not on paper. As for the rest who sit on the sidelines in quiet apathy: It shames me to know that some people, especially those who call themselves students, are so stagnant and uncaring.

If you are not registered to vote, or need information on voting procedures, please visit the web site of Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/>. What is going on in the world and in our nation no longer just affects our parents. We are The People you've been hearing about all your lives; we are the ones running this country now. Change things.

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Preparing for a terror attack

KRT Campus

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday, Feb. 13:

There's something almost surreal about the security precautions that top federal officials are suggesting Americans take against a potential terrorist attack.

Some are familiar: stockpiling of a three-day supply of water and food, a radio with extra batteries, a manual can opener, a first aid kit. But there's also this added precaution: government officials now recommend that families consider designating a room where they will gather in event of emergency. That "safe" room should hold a supply of duct tape and plastic sheeting, which people could use to seal off the room from a chemical or biological attack.

"They're not trying to scare people, but to educate people," said one security expert.

It's hard to say how scared — or prepared — many Americans are. Some stores in Chicago and Washington D.C. report that plastic sheeting, duct tape and bottled water are selling briskly. It's safe to say that the elevation of the nation's terrorism threat level to code orange — or "high" risk for an attack — has some Americans pondering their canned food supply, something they probably hadn't considered since the Y2K scare.

It's also safe to say that the government is responding to criticism from the last time it raised the terror alert to orange, around the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Federal officials had trouble answering the obvious question: What should we do? This time, officials are promoting an updated Federal Emergency Management Agency manual — "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness" — and offering plenty of instructions.

Certainly there's no harm in this. But there's also no need to panic. Families should talk about what they will do in event of a terror attack, the same way they plan escape routes in case of fire. The difference, of course, is that a terror attack could bring wide-scale disruption of many of the comforts we have come to depend on — power, transportation and communications, but also police and fire protection.

The vast spectrum of possible attacks — biological, chemical, radiological — renders all but the most rudimentary planning of questionable value. Still, some basic precautions make sense. For instance, schools have plans in case of emergency, often keeping children inside until it is safe for them to be picked up. What is your school's plan?

Such questions evoke memories of the 1950s and '60s, when some Americans built bomb shelters in case of a Soviet nuclear attack. The Cold War shaped Americans' thinking then; now it's the threat of terror.

That threat demands Americans think far differently about homeland security, often in ways that may seem alien to us but are common in other parts of the world. After Israel was attacked by Iraqi Scud missiles in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, for example, the government required new homes and apartment buildings be outfitted with sealable rooms, where a family could retreat in event of attack.

It's impossible to know what kind of attack — if any — may come from terrorists. But in another sense, this isn't about an attack. This is about piercing the cocoon of comfort and complacency that most Americans take as their birthright. Who thinks about running water, electricity, transportation, police and fire protection — until they are disrupted? There's no need to dwell on that, of course, but there's good reason at least to contemplate how you and your family would confront a situation in which you're on your own for a few days.

Look on the bright side. Even if nothing happens, you can always use some extra duct tape.

Media's catering to Bush ignores global anti-war stance

By Mark Weisbrot
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "I'm a uniter, not a divider," said George W. Bush during his presidential campaign.

He got that one right.

He has managed to unite the whole world against him and the war he proposes to wage against Iraq.

From New York to Johannesburg, millions of people hit the streets last weekend in the largest collection of anti-war demonstrations since the Vietnam War. The biggest, record-breaking protests were in the countries whose governments have allied themselves with Bush: Rome, where one to three million peace lovers turned out, and London, where an estimated 750,000 to one million showed up.

So much for the "coalition of the willing" that Bush has promised to lead to war if the U.N. Security Council won't back him. The people who live under the NATO governments that are backing Bush, according to European polls, are overwhelmingly against a war without U.N. approval: Britain (90 percent), Italy (73 percent), Spain (90 percent), and Turkey (94 percent).

Even in the "new Europe" of the East, whose cash-poor governments have wasted billions on weaponry so they could join NATO and curry favor with Washington, large majorities are against the war. The truth is that if the world were made up of real democracies, Bush wouldn't have one single country on his side.

But he still doesn't get it. Alternating between the roles of the spoiled rich kid who buys his friends and

the belligerence of the neighborhood bully, he has been slow to learn that neither Washington's money nor all of the Pentagon's advanced weaponry can win friendship or respect among the people of the world.

Bush is doing somewhat better on the home front, where polls have found majorities favoring "military action." This is the result of a media that repeats his arguments endlessly and only occasionally provides rebuttal, as well as utter spinelessness among the leadership of the opposition party. That leaves most Americans in the position of a jury that has heard only one side of the case.

In the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, 42 percent of those polled believed that Saddam Hussein was involved in the September 11 attacks. Not even the Administration has floated this allegation. This indicates the profound level of ignorance on which Bush's support is based. The headline for that story should have read: "Many Americans misinformed about Iraq war — the rest are opposed."

Yet even in the United States, 59 percent think the U.S. should "wait and give the U.N. and weapons inspectors more time." And 54 percent would oppose a war if "thousands of Iraqi civilians" were killed," which is extremely likely.

When the U.N. Security Council stood up to Secretary of State Colin Powell last week, the US stock market soared in response. Why? Because Wall Street knows that this war is very likely to hurt the economy. Unlike previous wars such as World War II, Korea, Vietnam that boosted economic growth, this one will almost

certainly have the opposite effect. It will provide little stimulus to domestic production, while the uncertainty it brings will cause businesses to hold back on investment. And of course any further oil price increases will deliver another blow to the economy.

But the war will provide a distraction, and Bush seems to have concluded that he needs this more than anything. We've had a jobless recovery from the last recession and the next one is already on the horizon. The federal budget — with help from Bush's tax cuts for the rich — is headed for a decade or more of growing deficits. What would these people have to show for themselves without a war?

The White House claims it is defying the world on our behalf, to save Americans from the threat of another September 11 or worse. But nothing could be further from the truth. A "pre-emptive" war will drastically increase the chances of international terrorist actions directed at the attackers — that is one of the reasons why Europe is so opposed.

Americans are increasingly coming to realize this too, and President Bush's approval ratings — including those relating to his handling of foreign policy — have been steadily dropping.

As the saying goes, regime change begins at home.

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"There isn't anything harmful," said History Club vice presi-

dent Philip Boldt. "It's a fun way for students to get a little payback on teacher's they didn't do well with, and it's raising money for a good cause."

The students had to get special permission from Pres. Grube to temporarily suspend the "no animals allowed on campus" rule for the kissing on Friday. "If the contest should prove to be wildly successful, we will continue it for years to come," Dr. Haberland said. "I would very much love to see this become a GSU tradition."

The pig is being provided by either the Future Farmers of

America or the 4-H club, but whether the pig will be a small pot belly or a full sized hog is being kept under wraps by the club members. Even the gender of the pig is being kept top secret. "Given that the majority of professors in this department are male, I think the odds are pretty high that the kiss just might be same sex, if not same species," Dr. Haberland said.

Dr. Robert Batchelor, who teaches Modern British History, would prefer a girl pig. "If I had my choice, I'd like a pot-bellied girl pig, I'm just not ready to go whole hog just yet," he joked. "I'm

very impressed with the response that we've gotten, but I'm not really worried about being selected to do the kissing honors. I'm relatively new, so I haven't built up the infamous reputation some of my colleagues enjoy."

Latin American History professor Dr. Ronald Young said he wouldn't mind if he had to kiss the pig, as long as it was for a good cause. "This raises money and awareness for the History Club, which is a relatively new group on campus, and it increases students' awareness of the History department itself," he said. "I'd kiss a pig to do that."

SNOW, FROM PAGE 1

on Sunday hoping to go to Williamsburg, Virginia, but had to stay overnight in a Philadelphia hotel.

Staff members at Baltimore-Washington International Airport distributed blankets and pillows to the some 150 travelers who spent the night there. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, supplied cots and blankets.

Thousands of travelers trying to get home from vacations were stuck at Florida airports.

"We got in here Sunday afternoon and were told we weren't going anywhere until Wednesday morning," said Thomas Gibbons of Philadelphia, who had spent a vacation with his wife in the Dominican Republic. "It could be worse — it's gorgeous here in Miami, and the hotel has a nice pool."

The heavy snow was blamed for several roof collapses in New Jersey, including one that killed a man at a job-training school in Edison. In Maryland, a roof fell in at the a railroad museum in Baltimore.

Ohio Gov. Bob Taft declared three southern counties disaster areas because of the snow and ice. Disaster and emergency

declarations were also issued by governors in New York, Kentucky, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

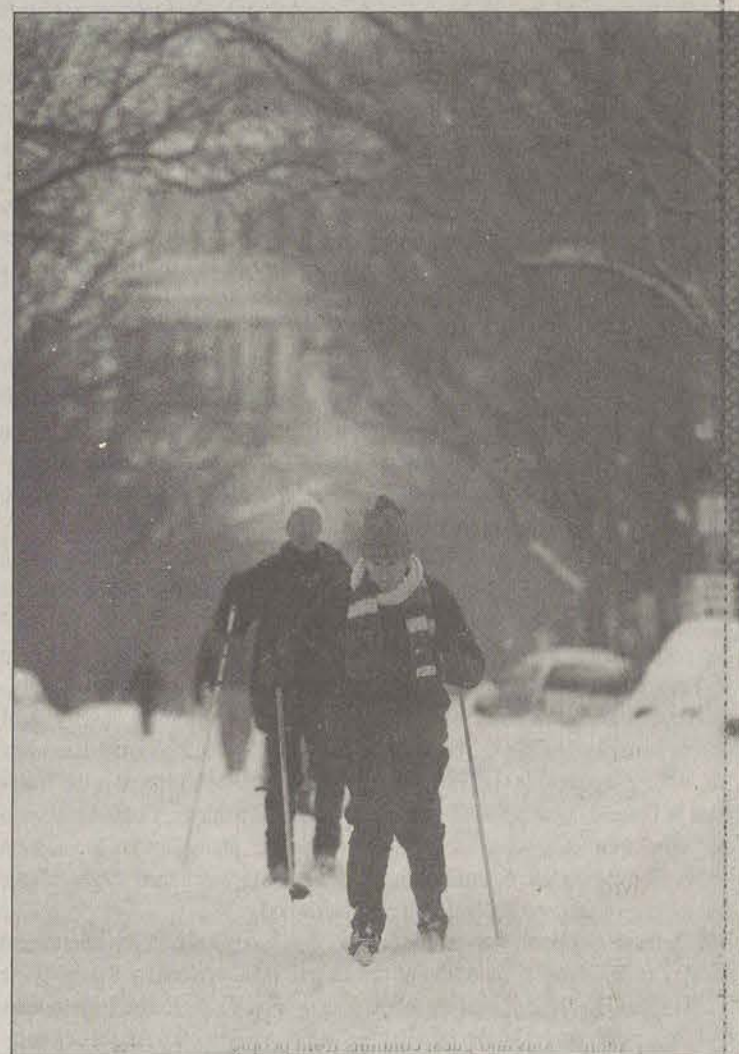
States had thousands of crews plowing and spreading salt. Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich said the storm had cost between \$20 million and \$30 million.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the storm, measured in Central Park at 19.5 inches (49.5 centimeters) by early evening, already had cost his city around \$20 million. By early evening, the snow had ended in the city.

Plows built piles of snow two stories high along some streets, including Fifth Avenue near the Saks department store in Manhattan, where tourists took pictures of each other standing on the gigantic mounds.

Weather-related deaths included two in Illinois, one in Nebraska, six in West Virginia, six in Missouri, one in Ohio, one in New Jersey and four in Iowa.

In Tennessee, two children were missing after the car they were in was swept off a bridge by high water late Sunday. The car had not been found Monday. Their aunt, who was driving, was rescued.



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I've begged and pleaded.
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Time and time again I've stomped my feet over just how unacceptable the school spirit has become at this university.

Now it's gotten downright embarrassing.

Let's just tell it like it is folks: the lack of fan support for the athletic programs on this campus in the past two semesters has ranged from ridiculous, to inexcusable, to nonexistent.

But since most of you ungrateful undergrads have no idea just how pitiful our national reputation as sports fans has become, or how badly most of you have tarnished decades of tradition here in Statesboro, I have a few others who don't mind setting the record straight.

Let's start with Augusta Chronicle sportswriter Larry Williams.

For those of you who were unaware, Mr. Williams poked fun at GSU fans back in December by headlining us in the "Who's Not" category of his weekly "Who's Hot-Who's Not" column, noting that the crowd that watched the Eagles beat Bethune-Cookman was the sixth smallest in the history of the stadium.

That's not just for the playoffs people; he is talking about the history of "The House that Erk Built."

Oh, but stayed tuned—it gets better.

Sportsnetwork.com online columnist

Tony Moss listed Georgia Southern as the school with the "most disappointing crowd in 2002."

That's the most disappointing crowd in the country people.

He pointed out that the Eagles averaged just 6,892 fans for three playoff games and just 6,573 for the semi-final match up against Western Kentucky.

And he challenged us by asking if it was too much to expect "I-AA's all-time top program to approach five figures at the turnstiles."

So you still think I'm overacting?

You might not jump to that conclusion if you knew how special things used to be on this campus.

Dr. Darin Van Tassell, a current GSU professor and arguably the most dedicated lifetime fan of Eagle sports, followed the athletic programs as a child, a teenager, an undergrad, an alumni, an assistant coach. Now as a full-time faculty member, he remembers when things were a little different around here.

"Prior to football on this campus, Eagle basketball and baseball games were far better attended," Van Tassell said. "Since homecoming was during the basketball season, the campus involvement of student groups was far more noticeable at basketball games. Even so, students' presence at GSU sporting events continued to thrive during the mid 1980's and early 1990's."

But what kind of student presence was really at the games in those days?

Most of you probably haven't heard the stories about the good old days when the basketball team played in the Trans-American Athletic Conference, and almost the entire student population came out to watch their Eagles hit the hardwood.

Jim Long, a GSU graduate and current radio personality for "104-The Score" Fox Sports Radio in Hinesville, Georgia vividly recalls when a significantly smaller student body than we have today made much more noise than any of our ears have ever heard.

"People don't realize how loud the

Hanner Fieldhouse can be," Long said. "In '86 against Arkansas-Little Rock it sounded like 5,000 people inside a 50-gallon drum."

Long also said that in those days there were no seats in the arena, just wooden benches where the students were on their feet the whole game, throwing toilet paper, taunting the opposition, and yelling so loud that referees had to wave their hands after each whistle because the players on the court couldn't hear them.

Yet having said all that, it was still during this past football season when the behavior of the students was the most surprising.

"The lack of attendance for the crown jewel of all I-AA football programs is really hard to understand," Long said. "Being a student at GSU and not caring about Eagle football is like standing in front of a homeless person and throwing prime rib in the trash can."

So having heard all the prosecutions, there are still two main questions that arise:

- 1) What's to blame for the lack of interest?
- 2) Who is most responsible for the lack of support?

I've mulled over the answer to both questions for quite some time and here is what it all boils down to.

Students can complain about the lack of talent in the SoCon, they can bitch about their busy lives and how they have to go back home to see Mom and Dad on the weekends.

But the main cause of this sudden lack of interest stems from the very same thing that has led to countless empty seats at Turner Field summer after summer: you people are spoiled rotten.

The football team has won an unprecedented six national titles, the basketball

team is coming off of a SoCon South Division title, and the baseball team is also building on last year's SoCon Tournament title as well.

But who specifically is to blame for not showing up at the gates?

It's a problem that concerns the entire school, yet the one organization on this campus that has blatantly abused their responsibility as the school's largest and most organized student group on campus is the Greeks.

That's right brothers and sisters; I'm talking to you.

As late as 1998 the Greeks were all there, row after row at the football games cheering for the Eagles as Paul Johnson's boys punched their ticket for Chattanooga.

Every year since the numbers of fraternity and sorority attendance has decreased. And the ones who do show

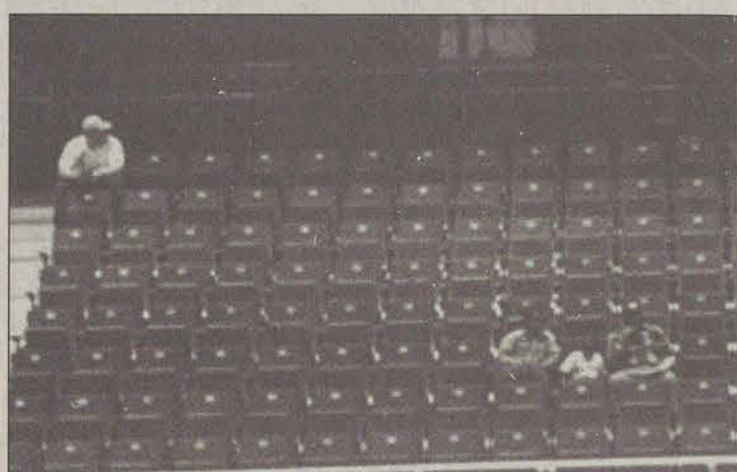
up come late, leave early, and treat it like happy hour.

I really don't think that the Greeks on this campus realize just what a difference they make.

Bill Bates, a former student and current Southern Booster knows exactly what I'm talking about.

"If you look at Greek support at schools like Ole Miss, it's legendary... it's a part of their culture," Bates said. "That's what we want at Southern. I mean we had several incidents this past football season where several Greeks joined in the pre-game festivities from both the parking lot of the stadium and outside their houses, but they never entered Paulson. That just blows me away."

And Bates, as a co-coordinator of the Hanner Hooligan Tailgate, shelled out hundreds of his own dollars to buy and cook free food in an effort to try and change the attitude of everyone on and



Christina Ritch/STAFF

The sea of blue that was once a fieldhouse packed with screaming fans is now just an arena drowning in empty rows of blue seats. Fan support at Eagle sporting events has continued to drop considerably over the past few years, and many are wondering why.

around Greek Row.

In doing so, he hoped to revitalize the interest in the basketball program, but not one sorority or fraternity showed up.

Nope, you all had something better to do.

Look, I understand that each Greek house represents and supports an important philanthropy that is far more important than any sporting event, but there is one important cause that most of you are oblivious to—school spirit.

I drive around campus and I see banners hanging from pine trees that promote school support of games and events.

I walk past the Rotunda and I hear hundreds of girls trying to show who can yell and scream the loudest.

Well, get your rear-ends in Hanner Fieldhouse and "Yell like Hell."

The point is that if you aren't a part of the solution you are part of the problem.

I understand that there are people that go to GSU that simply cannot stand sports and that's fine with me.

But we have over 15,000 students that roam the campus every day and we can't even get 3,000 people to watch a basketball game anymore.

The bottom line is that I challenge

every one of you sports fans out there who haven't been to a game all year to take the time and go.

I challenge you to make the effort to support the players and coaches and cheerleaders that work their tails off in practice so they can represent this school to the best of their ability, only to have to perform in front of hundreds of empty seats week after week.

So take off those disgusting Bulldog sweatshirts, put on something that is Blue and Gold, and go to the game.

If you aren't gonna crap than get off the can—and move to Athens.

Being a student at Georgia Southern University is a special privilege and you need to start treating it like one, or you should fill out a transfer slip and go to a school where there aren't six national championship flags hanging from a stadium pole.

So what's your bottom line?

Tune into Bo's Bottom Line Sports Talk on 91.9fm every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. and tell your side of the story.

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Furman tramples Lady Eagles

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After winning six of their last seven Southern Conference games, the Lady Eagle basketball team had set themselves within distance of first place in the league.

After Monday night in Hanner Fieldhouse, any chance of grabbing the top spot have disappeared as Georgia Southern fell to Furman 80-59, matching the Eagles' most lopsided defeat of the season.

With the loss, Georgia Southern now sits in third place, four games behind first-place Chattanooga with just three conference games remaining.

It was a stifling defense that guided the Paladins (13-11, 9-6 SoCon) as they held the Eagles (16-8, 10-5 SoCon) to a season-low shooting percentage of just 23.8 percent. Georgia Southern shot 15-of-63 from the field, including a 1-of-12 night from three-point territory.

After Furman built up an eight-point lead early in the ballgame, the Eagles fought back to take a 22-20 lead on a Kristy McCorkle layup with 6:59 remaining. But the lead lasted just 16 seconds as Paladin reserve Laney Harris sank a three-pointer to put her team ahead 23-22.

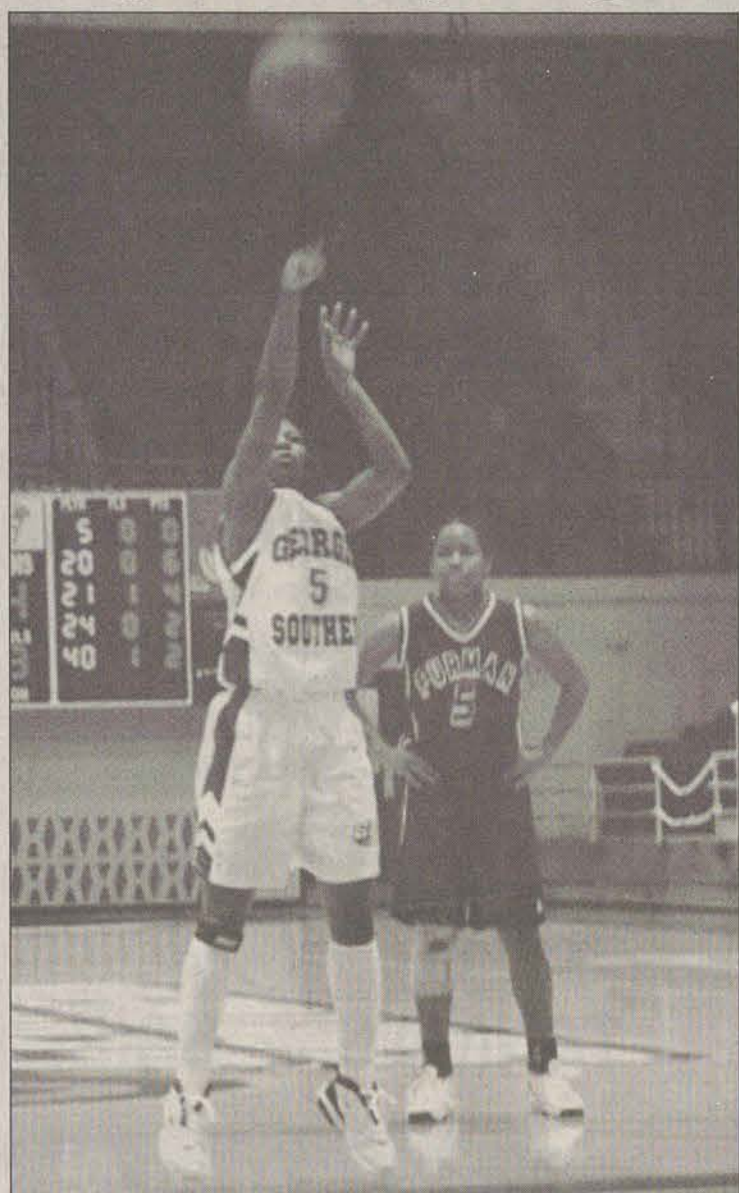
Harris' long distance shot helped launch her team on a run where the Paladins scored 18 unanswered points to jump ahead 38-22. The Eagle ball handling was sloppy throughout as they committed seven turnovers in the nearly four-minute long drought, including five in just 54 seconds.

Georgia Southern staged a small run at the end of the half to bring the score to 40-28 after the opening frame.

As the second half started, Furman was able to prevent the Eagles from making any serious run with runs of their own. When Georgia Southern cut their deficit to nine with 13:26 left, the Paladins responded by scoring eight of the next nine points.

After building their lead back up to 16, Furman once again saw the Eagles gnaw away as a Shawnica Hill layup brought the score to 58-51 at the 5:13 mark.

But just as she had broke the hearts of GSU in the first half, Harris did the



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After suffering a 21-point loss to Furman, the Lady Eagles hope to gain a victory against Wofford before their final home game Monday.

same in the second half sinking her fourth three-pointer of the contest to start a 22-8 Paladin run that put the game away.

Hill led the Eagles in the defeat with 12 points and eight rebounds. The junior shot just 3-for-10 from the field, which epitomized the shooting troubles Georgia Southern suffered through all night long.

The Eagles did get plenty of work from the free throw line as the Paladins committed 28 fouls on the night, sending Georgia Southern to the charity stripe 41 times, from where made 28 of the attempts.

However, any edge the Eagles held

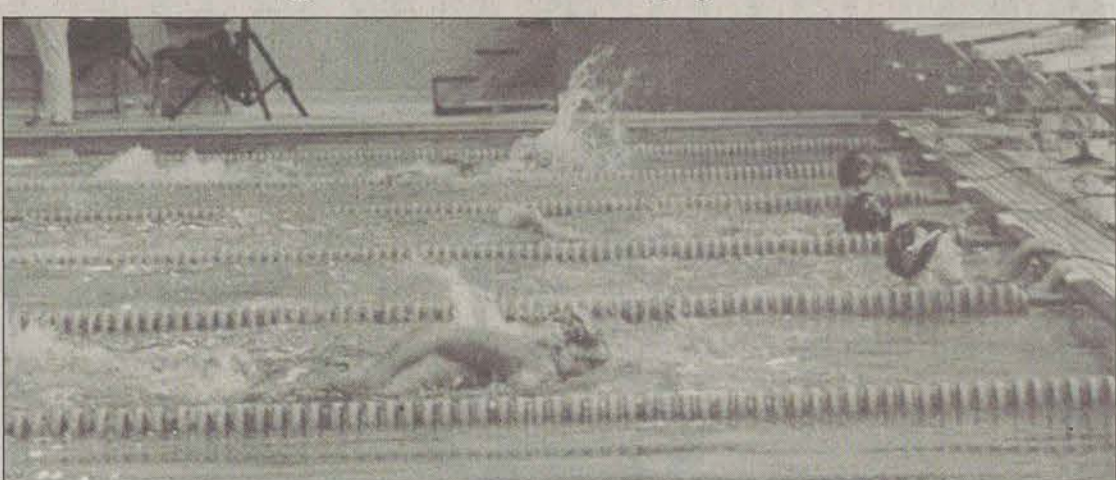
on the free throw line were quickly erased thanks to 23 turnovers, which led to 33 points for the Paladins.

"We weren't focused mentally to play with the intensity needed to win a ball game," said head coach Rusty Cram. "We just have to play for position in the [conference] tournament and turn things around."

Jen Nadalin paced the Furman offense with 18 points, while Harris was spurred by a 4-for-6 night from long distance as she scored a career-high 14.

Georgia Southern will try to bounce back when they travel to face last-place Wofford on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Swimming and Diving finishes third



File Photo

The GSU Swimming and Diving team competed in the Southern States Championship and finished third overall. Three Eagles were named to the All-Southern States team.

G-A News Service

Radford, Va. - Three Eagles were named to the All-Southern States team to lead the Eagles to a third place finish at the Southern States Swimming and Diving Championship, Saturday at Radford University's Dedmon Center Natatorium.

Junior Lauren Bird won the 200 IM .93 seconds ahead of North Florida's Luciana Genova with a time of 2:09.03, while freshman Alicia Licht was third (2:10.14). Both were named to the All-Southern States. Bird also placed second

in the 100 Fly with a time of 57.83 to break the school record. Licht also placed second in the 400 IM (4:35.98). Sophomore Florrie Cunningham was also named to the All-Southern States team as she placed fourth in the 50 Free with a time of 24.74.

The Eagles 200 Free Relay team of junior Emily Geiger, freshman Jacinda Mireault, Cunningham and Bird placed second with a time of 1:40.43, while the 400 Medley team of sophomore Nikki Wood, Licht, Bird and Cunningham also finished

second with a time of 4:03.32. The 800 Free Relay team placed second as well with a time of 7:53.91. The 800 was swam by Cunningham, senior Ashley Burger, Wood and Bird. Wood placed second in the 200 Free just shy of the GSU record with a time of 1:57.66.

In the diving events sophomore Leslie Williams finished second in the three-meter diving with a score of 417.75 to set a new school record. Williams also set the school record in the one-meter diving with a score of 375.25, good for third place.

Softball falls to 19th ranked Georgia Tech

G-A News Service

Atlanta, Ga. - Led by three runs batted in from senior catcher Lindsay Wood and the strong pitching of junior Erin Voeltz, the No. 19 Georgia Tech softball team (4-3) opened its 2003 home schedule with a 7-2 win over Georgia Southern (5-4) Sunday at Glenn Field.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called due to rain.

Having struggled at the plate since a season-opening win over Boston College on February 8, Tech equaled season bests with seven runs and seven hits.

Wood got the Jackets on the board in the bottom of the first with a single to right center that scored

first baseman Katie Donovan from second and gave the Jackets a 1-0 lead after one inning.

Tech increased its lead to 2-0 in the third on a double down the left field line by second baseman Felicia Coursey to score right fielder Kirin Kumar, who reached via a bunt single, from first. After a walk to Donovan and an infield single to short by shortstop Tara Knudsen, Wood struck again, this time with a double right that scored two and increased the Jackets' lead to 4-0.

Sophomore designated player Liz Bartle pushed the margin to 6-0 with her own double to right in the fifth. The hit drove in Donovan, who scored for the third time on the day, and Wood, who walked.

Pinch runner Tara Neff, who entered for Bartle, then scored on a throwing error by Eagle third baseman Karen Smillie, giving Tech a 7-0 advantage.

With heavy rains now coming down, Georgia Southern scratched for two runs in the top of the sixth on a double by pitcher Tiffany Urena. The game was then called in the bottom of the inning due to the weather.

Tech starter Erin Voeltz earned the win to improve to 3-0 on the season. She allowed five hits and two runs in six innings pitched. Voeltz also fanned six batters. Georgia Southern starter Janice Savage took the loss, allowing four runs and five hits in 2.1 innings.

Yankees' payroll expected to top \$150 million

Associated Press

The New York Yankees' new international stars already are helping them set new standards: for spending.

New York set a record with a \$138 million payroll last year, according to the final tabulation by the commissioner's office, and is on the verge of becoming the first team to top \$150 million.

The Yankees' 2003 payroll stands at \$149.2 million for 22 signed players expected to be on the opening-day roster plus injured pitcher Jon Lieber, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press.

The Yankees currently are just one of two teams projected by the commissioner's office to be paying the new luxury tax this year. The other is the New York Mets.

How do the little guys compete?

"It would be like you driving a Yugo, and me racing in a Ferrari," said Adam Piatt, an outfielder for Oakland, which has made the playoffs three straight years despite a small budget.

The Yankees' payroll is expected to top \$150 million by March 11, the deadline to sign players on rosters. Still unsigned are second baseman Alfonso Soriano, who made \$630,000 last year and hit 39 homers, and designated hitter Nick Johnson.

New York's final 2002 payroll was \$138.4 million, according to the commissioner's office, up from \$114.5 million in 2001, when the Yankees finished between Los Angeles (\$115.5 million) and Boston (\$114.3 million).

Boston was second in 2002 at \$116.6 million, according to baseball's final figures, followed by Arizona (\$109.5 million),

Texas (\$108.9 million), Los Angeles (\$103.1 million) and the Mets (\$102.9 million).

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino, jealous of the Yankees' wealth, referred to them as the "evil empire" during the offseason, saying they can outspend all others.

"Things like that are out of our control," Boston manager Grady Little said. "What we try to control out on the field is to make ourselves the best we can

million). In addition to Anaheim, other relatively modest spenders in the postseason included St. Louis (12th at \$73.8 million), Minnesota (26th at \$41.8 million) and Oakland (27th at \$41 million).

Final payroll figures include salaries, prorated shares of signing bonuses, earned performance and award bonuses and termination pay for released players and unexercised 2002 options.

From 1995 to 2001, all but five of 224 postseason games were won by teams in the top half of the payroll standings. Last year, teams in the bottom half won 17 of 34.

Commissioner Bud Selig hasn't decided whether the new labor agreement has caused a change in the correlation between spending and winning. The deal, which averted a strike last August, imposes a luxury tax on the biggest spenders and increases the amount of shared locally generated revenue.

"It's too early to make any judgments," Selig said Sunday.

After winning three straight Series titles in 1998, 1999 and 2000, the Yankees lost a seven-game World Series to Arizona in 2001 and were eliminated by Anaheim 3-1 in the best-of-five first round last year.

New York owner George Steinbrenner told his staff to cut payroll, but instead signed Japanese outfielder Hideki Matsui to a \$21 million, three-year contract and Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras to a \$32 million, four-year deal.

"You reward your fans," Steinbrenner said last month. "You don't put the money in your pockets like 90 percent of the rest of the owners may do."

The Yankees are projected to pay an \$11.4 million luxury

tax this year based on a current luxury tax-payroll of \$182 million, according to the commissioner's office. Luxury-tax payrolls include the average annual values of contracts for all players on 40-man rosters plus \$7.5 million for benefits, such as the pension plan, Social Security payments, workman's compensation and meal money.

"It's a team full of superstars at every position," Piatt said. "It's definitely lopsided. But how do you fix that, though? How do you tell an owner how to spend his money?"

The only other team projected over the \$117 million threshold is the Mets (\$122 million), who would pay \$875,000 based on a tax rate of 17.5 percent. Texas is third at \$113 million, followed by Los Angeles (\$109 million) and Boston (\$105 million).

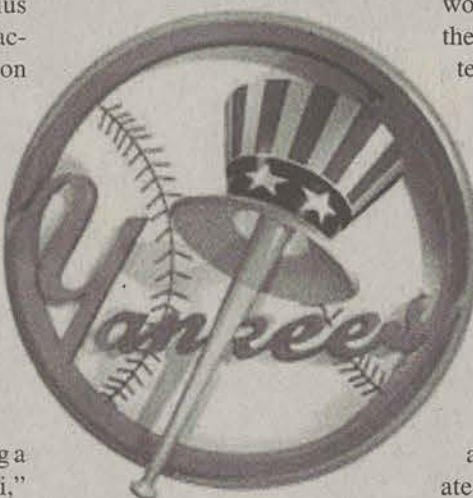
Many of last year's playoff teams have far lower luxury-tax payrolls, with San Francisco at \$100 million, Anaheim at \$86 million, Minnesota at \$65 million and Oakland at \$59 million.

The Walt Disney Co., the Angels' owner, hiked the payroll by about \$20 million this year

to keep the championship roster together.

Dusty Baker, who left the Giants to manage the Cubs, said the only way for some teams to get higher payrolls is to succeed.

"I'm here to win and winning fills the stands," he said. "In the long run if you end up winning, winning means more licensing, memorabilia, apparel, attitude of the town, hotels and restaurants. The better we start and the longer we play well, I think the Tribune Co. will spend some more money if we need to get a couple of players."



be." World Series champion Anaheim finished 16th in payroll last year at \$62.4 million; the first World Series champion not in the top half since the 1991 Minnesota Twins won with a payroll of \$23.7 million.

NL champion San Francisco was ninth at \$82.6 million.

"What a club with a mid to smaller payroll has to do is to get very good performances out of its less-experienced players," Angels general manager Bill Stoneman said. "Clubs like the Yankees can and will outspend their mistakes."

In contrast to recent years, only four of the 10-biggest spenders made the playoffs, with the Yankees, Diamondbacks and Giants joined by Atlanta (\$94.7

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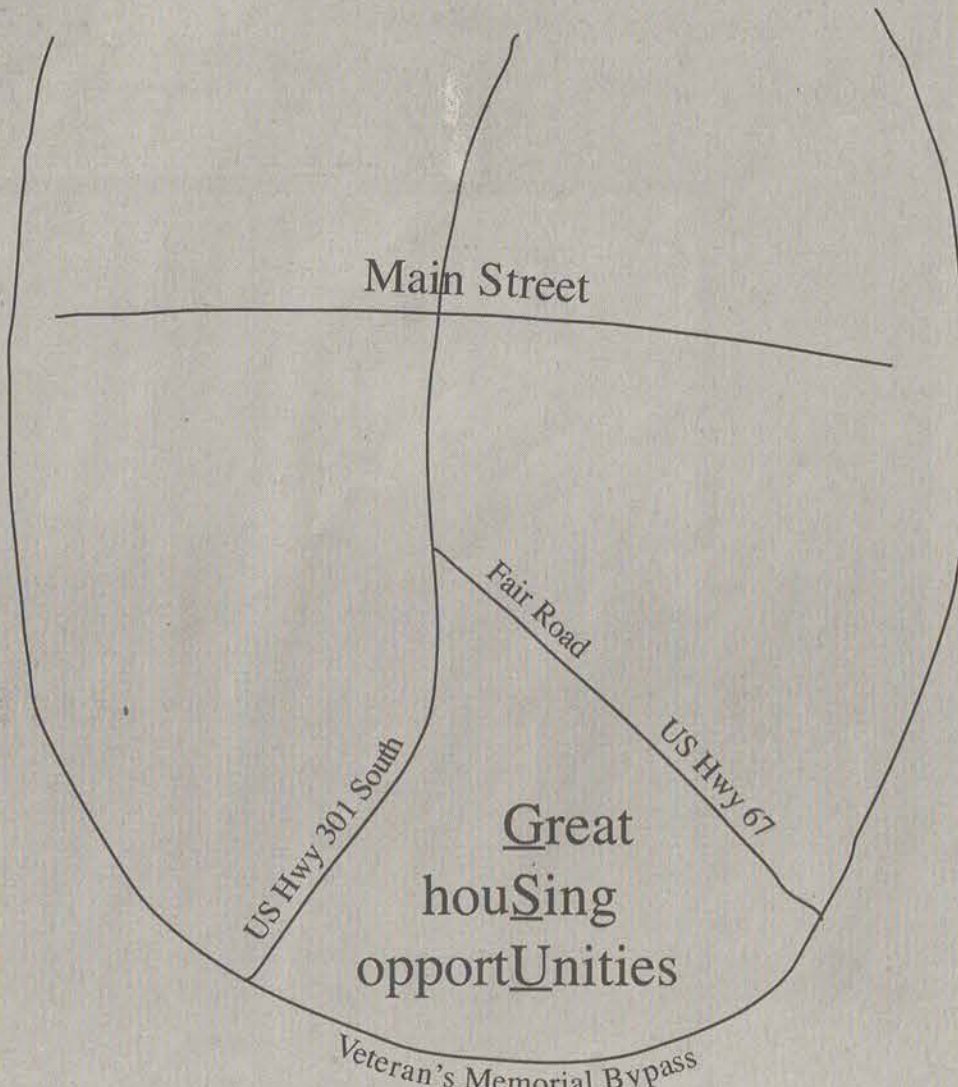
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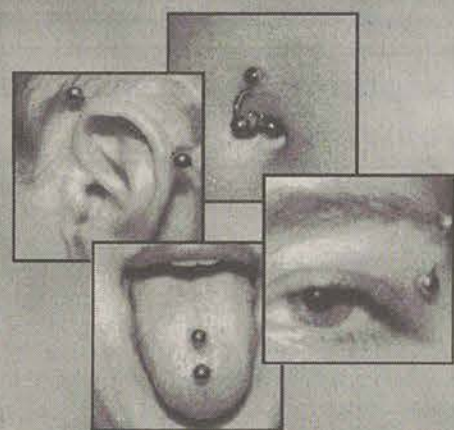
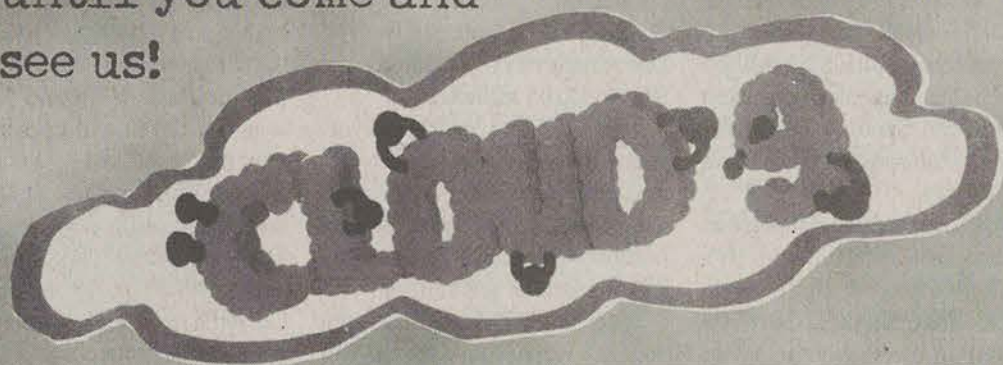
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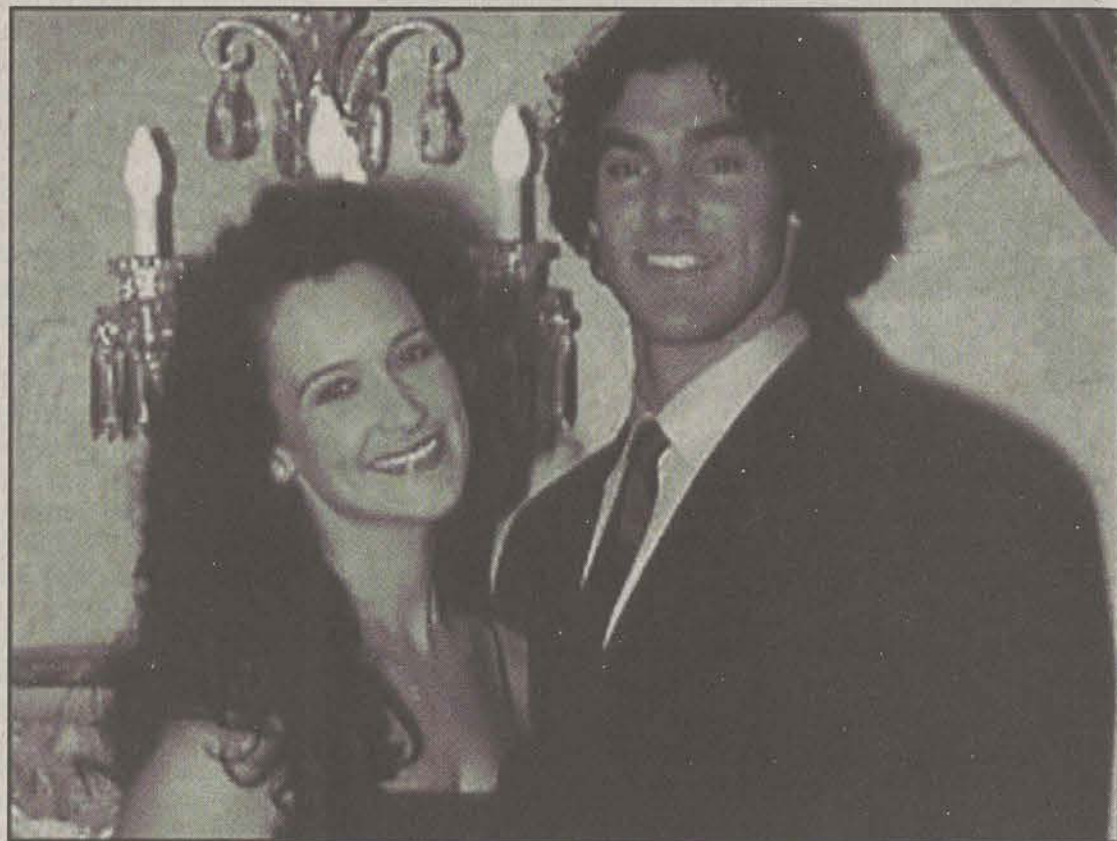
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'JOE MILLIONAIRE'

A long wait, but well worth it



Special Photo

Fox's, 'Joe Millionaire', Evan Marriott, confessed his lie on Monday. Zora, a substitute teacher, was chosen by the construction worker and made the decision to stay with him.

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Hour one of the two-hour 'Joe Millionaire' finale on Fox TV was a complete waste. Hour two, because it finally delivered a conclusion to the story and the series, was worth the wait, but, boy, what a ridiculously drawn-out wait it was.

When did we discover his choice? At 9:20 p.m. EST, 80 minutes after the show began, when he told Zora, "I've chosen you." When did he tell her about his true financial status? Two minutes later: "I don't have \$50 million. I don't have \$50,000."

Then we, like he, had to wait for her reply, and to watch Sarah get the bad news, and for the promised climactic twist. Like an Agatha Christie novel in which the entire story builds to those last few pages in the drawing room, "Joe Millionaire," by design, saved everything

for the end.

But it delivered. Like the majority of the viewers polled by Fox, I had expected Evan to pick Sarah. The final hour delivered that surprise, and (at 9:32 p.m.) Sarah's clumsily handled rejection, and Sarah and a hastily retrieved Melissa dishing, often in whispers, about why they didn't win. Zora's response, whether to accept or reject the faux millionaire, arrived at 9:50 p.m., when she accepted him, disturbed by his deception but relieved he didn't have a fortune after all.

As for the promised climactic twist? Butler Paul returned (at 9:54 p.m.) with a covered silver dish, announcing "all good fairy tales must have a bit of magic." Then, like Michael Anthony delivering a seven-figure check from John Beresford Tipton on "The Millionaire," the

butler did it, and gave Evan and Zora a check for \$1 million.

It was a very satisfying ending, even if Godot seemed to arrive before it did.

The first hour, though, was total bait-and-switch: Not a single secret was revealed, despite a constant string of promises about revelations just around the corner. Even the topic of Sarah's fetish-video participation was treated dishonestly, with 'simulated images' presented that had no connection to Sarah.

The only thing learned from watching the first "Joe Millionaire" hour was that Alison cemented her reputation as the one who got away. In last night's outtake clips and follow-up interview, as on the original series, she demonstrated not only too much class to end up with Evan, but way too much to have appeared on Fox.

Ga Health Lab confirms flu

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Six more flu samples tested positive for the flu, the Georgia Division of Public Health said Monday.

Five of the samples were type-A strains of the flu from the Atlanta area. Another type-A sample was from Athens.

"We know that influenza is here and it's still active," said Alison Han, influenza surveillance coordinator for the division. "It's still important to get a flu shot."

As of Monday, 32 samples have been confirmed for flu by the state public health lab. A sample indicates the flu is likely active in a particular town or area. School and health officials have reported hundreds of children who have been hit by the flu this year.

"It still remains in the younger population," Han said. "We

haven't heard of outbreaks in nursing homes or among adult areas."

Most of the activity confirmed by the division has been in the metro Atlanta area. For flu-A, Atlanta has 11 positive samples, followed by three in Decatur and one in Forsyth. Atlanta also has confirmed a flu-B positive sample.

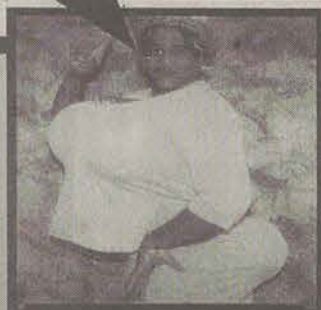
The Augusta area, has experienced an explosion of flu cases this year. The state lab has confirmed 10 positive flu-B samples there: five from Martinez, two from Appling and Evans and one from Augusta.

In northwest Georgia, two type-B samples have tested positive for flu-B and a flu-A sample was positive in Douglasville.

Savannah has had two type-A flu samples confirmed. Athens has a single flu-A sample.

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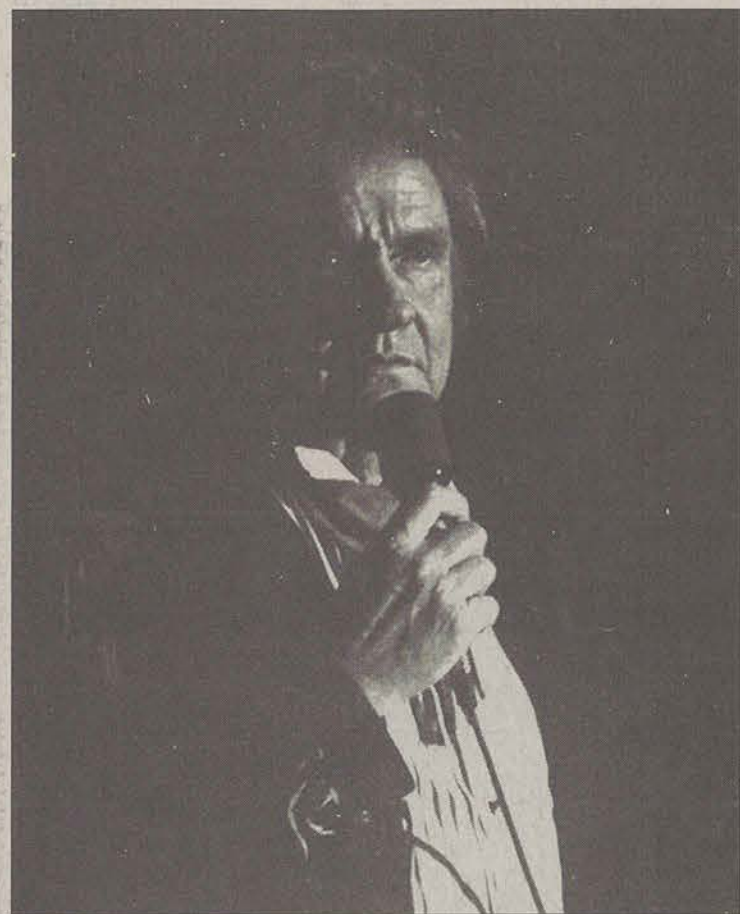
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At 70, Johnny Cash is new MTV star with video of Nine Inch Nails cover



Special Photo

'The Man in Black.' Johnny Cash has been pleasing audiences for ages, and is now pleasing the MTV generation. His new video for his cover of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt" is getting some airtime on the youth-oriented popular music television channel.

Associated Press

At 70, Johnny Cash is a music video star.

His video for his cover of the searing Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt" is getting play on MTV2 and VH1, and the song is in regular rotation on rock station KROQ-FM.

Directed by Mark Romanek, the video combines images of the young Cash from concerts and movies with new footage of the elderly singer crooning "You can have it all, my empire of dirt. I will let you down ..."

"Most videos are about creating eye candy, a pretty image that can be a marketing tool," Romanek said. "We just tried to show the simple truth of what's going on in his life. It's kind of a sucker punch when you see it the first time because we're not used to that emotional depth in music videos."

"I cried the first time I saw it," said Rick Rubin, who produced Cash's last four albums. "I spoke to (U2 singer) Bono and he compared what Johnny is doing now to what Elvis Presley did in the 1950s."

"Now we live in a youth culture and Johnny Cash is showing the experience of a much older generation. It's just as radical."

FEB 19: This Day in History

Highlights in history on this date:

1499 – Florence joins French alliance for partition of Milan in Italy.

1578 – Duke of Anjou, with French army, invades southern Netherlands.

1618 – Peace of Madrid is ratified, ending war between Venice and Austria.

1674 – Treaty of Westminster is signed, whereby Britain withdraws support for French in war against Dutch.

1807 – British fleet forces way through Dardanelles to support Russia in war against Turkey.

1878 – American inventor Thomas Edison receives a patent for his phonograph.

1881 – Kansas becomes the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

1942 – First Japanese attack on Australian mainland in World War II when aircraft attack Darwin and nearby military bases killing 243, sinking eight ships sunk, and destroying 23 aircraft.

1945 – During World War II,

30,000 U.S. Marines land on Iwo Jima, where they encounter ferocious resistance from Japanese forces before taking control of the island.

1963 – U.S. President John F. Kennedy says Soviet Union has agreed to withdraw several thousands of its 17,000 troops from Cuba.

1986 – The U.S. Senate approves a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

1988 – Bomb shatters crowded bank office in Windhoek, Namibia, killing 14 people and injuring 31.

1990 – About 500 protesters break into government headquarters in Bucharest, Romania, calling for resignation of President Ion Iliescu.

1991 – Boris Yeltsin calls for the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev, saying Gorbachev is sacrificing reform for increased personal power.

1992 – Thousands flee artillery exchanges between Israeli troops and Muslim fighters in Southern Lebanon that kill at least four.

1994 – Gunmen kill 18 young ANC supporters in Natal province, South Africa, the first major act of violence

in a Zulu anti-election campaign.

1996 – The World Health Organization confirms that Ebola virus killed 13 villagers in Gabon.

1997 – Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who guided the country from political chaos and economic ruin toward prosperity in the post-Mao era, dies in Beijing at age 92.

1998 – Four U.N. observers are kidnapped in Georgia. The kidnappers are surrounded by heavily armed troops and surrender after a week.

2000 – The U.S. State Department orders the expulsion of a Cuban diplomat linked to a Cuban-born U.S. immigration official arrested in Miami on spy charges.

2001 – Clashes between ethnic Albanian rebels and Serbian security forces flare in Lucane, Yugoslavia – a tense southern region bordering Kosovo – a day after an explosion rips through a police van killing three Serb officers.

2002 – Dr. James Graves is found guilty of four counts of manslaughter in connection with overdoses of the painkiller OxyContin in Florida. He is sentenced to 63 years in prison.

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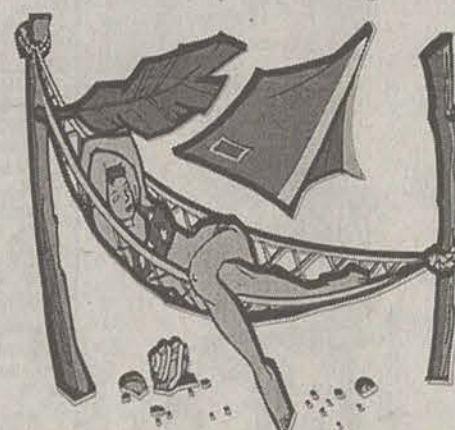
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Bush calls protests irrelevant; U.S. sends 20,000 more troops to Gulf

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON — President Bush dismissed last weekend's mass antiwar protests as well-intentioned but irrelevant — the equivalent of a marketing "focus group" — as the Defense Department ordered another 20,000 U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf region Tuesday.

About 150,000 troops already are in place for a possible attack on Iraq, but the United States and Britain decided Tuesday to confront skeptics and propose one last United Nations resolution demanding that Iraq disarm, officials of both nations said.

At the White House, Bush said "democracy is a beautiful thing" and he supported the dissenters' right to express their views. But he also said the protests wouldn't influence his decisions or those of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his closest ally.

"You know, the size of protests is like deciding, well, I'm going to decide policy based upon a focus group," Bush said. "The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security — in this case, the security of the people."

At the same time, the United States and Britain continued to pursue diplomacy at the United Nations, despite Tuesday's resumption there of speeches generally critical of the U.S. position. But the diplomatic effort isn't likely to delay U.S. military plans more than a few days, "if at all," one senior administration official said on condition of anonymity.

"The administration is committed to going forward," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

He said a new resolution — "simple and rather straightforward" — would be proposed to the U.N. Security Council as early as Wednesday or as late as next week. Other U.S. officials, citing British pressures, predicted it would be offered Friday or Monday.

Bush summed up the delicate balance between diplomacy and war this way:

"War is my last choice. But the risk of doing nothing is even a worse

option, as far as I'm concerned. I owe it to the American people to secure this country. I will do so."

He said a new resolution "would be useful," but he left the door open to act without one in case the effort falls short.

"We don't need a second resolution," he said. "It's clear this guy (Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein) could even care less about the first resolution."

White House officials declined to discuss the resolution's proposed wording, but Fleischer said Bush would insist on language that followed through on U.N. Resolution

1441, which the U.N. approved in November. That resolution gave Saddam a "final opportunity" to disarm and warned of "serious consequences" if he didn't comply.

"The key thing that the president wants to have in there is that it enforces Resolution 1441, making clear that 'final' meant 'final' and 'serious consequences' meant 'serious consequences,'" Fleischer said.

A U.S. official at the United Nations said a draft of the resolution currently didn't contain an ultimatum or firm deadline for Iraqi compliance.

"The time frame is implicit, not

explicit," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A senior administration official in Washington, who also asked not to be named, said the White House and Blair were seeking ways to "shift the burden" back onto Saddam by setting out "benchmarks" for what Iraq must do to avoid military action.

Rather than do that in a new resolution, one official said, the administration might encourage U.N. weapons inspectors to make their expectations

"clear and specific."

In London, Blair signaled that the decision on a new resolution had been made.

"I want a second resolution if we go to military action, and I still think there is a lot of debate to go on before we get to the point of decision there in the United Nations," Blair said.

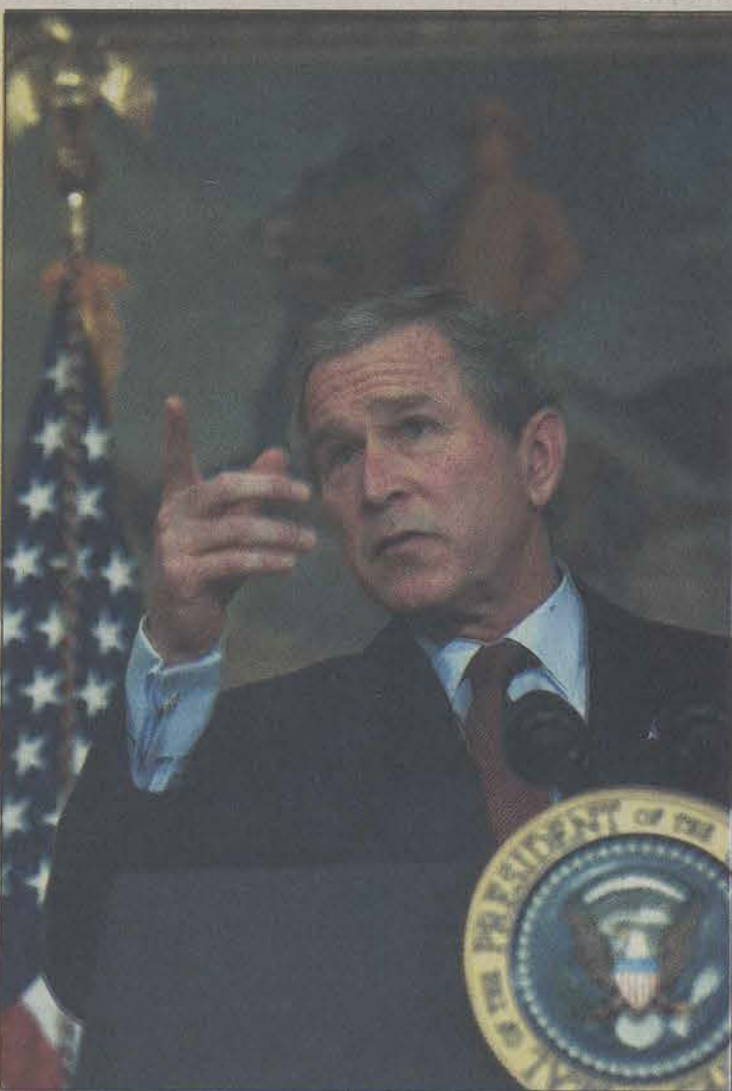
Both nations suffered a setback Friday at the U.N. Security Council, when U.N. weapons inspectors reported modest but continuing progress in

Iraq, and opponents of a military attack mustered considerable support.

In addition, millions of people demonstrated around the world last weekend against a war to disarm and oust Saddam.

Asked if Saddam should be confronted with a last-chance ultimatum, Bush said:

"You mean, another, another, another last chance? He knows my feelings, and that is he needs to disarm — completely, totally disarm."



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President George W. Bush responds to media questions about Iraq and the United Nations after swearing in a new Securities and Exchange Commissioner on Tuesday, Feb. 18.



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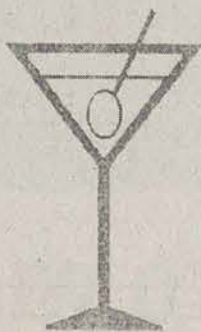
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University of Michigan looks at applicants' background, culture, grades

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What do children of longtime donors, scholarship athletes, white students at predominantly black high schools, northern Michigan residents, men who want to be nurses and children of alumni have in common?

Just like blacks, Hispanics and American Indians, they get an edge on the competition when they apply for admission to the University of Michigan.

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide by summer whether U-M's 150-point admissions policy violates the U.S. Constitution because of the 20-point advantage — the equivalent of boosting a 3.0 to a 4.0 grade point average — awarded to underrepresented minorities.

A close examination of the policy shows it is a complicated maze of academic, geographic, demographic, political and cultural factors that U-M uses to try to assemble a bright and diverse student population.

Consider:

White students who attend high schools that have predominantly minority students get 20 points.

About 50 students in the freshman class of 5,187 were given an extra 20 points under a provision called "provost's discretion." The

points are reserved for children of longtime donors, active alumni, or those with a recommendation from someone like a governor or university president, said U-M admissions director Ted Spencer.

About 100 scholarship athletes were each given 20 points last year.

Students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged or who have overcome extraordinary obstacles can get 20 points.

Students from at least 114 highly regarded Michigan high schools get up to an extra eight points because of the strong curriculum and high numbers of students who attend college.

If a prospective student's mother or father attended U-M, that's good for 4 points, the equivalent of turning a 3.5 GPA into a 3.7.

Grades are far more important than test scores. A 4.0 grade point average gets 80 points; a perfect score on the ACT or SAT gets 12 points.

Michigan residents get a 10-point boost. And applicants from 41 underrepresented counties in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula get an extra 6 points.

Critics of U-M's point system say considering other factors obscures academic achievement.

"The whole system is riddled with arbitrariness and unfairness," said Terry Pell, president of the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington D.C. law firm representing three white students who sued U-M in 1997. "But the only legal issue here is the points awarded based on race."

Spencer said the policy conforms with a 1978 Supreme Court ruling permitting the use of race in admissions and is consistent with the university's overall goals of achieving a smart and diverse student body.

Competition for a spot in this year's freshman class was fierce. The class of 5,187 was chosen from the largest and most qualified group of high school applicants in U-M's history, officials say. More than 25,000 students applied and slightly fewer than half were admitted. About 7,000 of those went somewhere else.

Of those who enrolled, about 90 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class, 46 percent had academic grade point averages of 3.9 or higher and 58 percent had advanced placement credit.

The focus of the case before the Supreme Court is the 20 points awarded to underrepresented minorities. The court will hear oral arguments April 1 and is expected to decide the case by summer.

The lawsuit was filed in 1997 by two white students, Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher, who claim they were denied admission as undergraduates in favor of less-qualified minority students.

In a similar suit against the U-M law school, Barbara Grutter, 48, of Plymouth Township, claims she was denied admission in favor of less-qualified minorities. The case also will be heard April 1.

Kyle Schafer, who is legally blind, was recently denied admission to U-M's College of Engineering. He is a senior at Southgate Anderson High School, the school Gratz graduated from in 1995.

Schafer, who has a 3.6 GPA and a 29 ACT score, said he believes race



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Jared Miller, a University of Michigan junior business major from New Jersey, points out spots on campus as he leads a group of perspective students and some of their parents on a walking tour on the historic block "M."

He says his disability should have helped his application.

"People who say African Americans and Native Americans need 20 points to get in seem to be saying that they are less intelligent," said Schafer, 17.

Hasani Tyus, a senior at Detroit's Cass Technical High School, was recently admitted to U-M with a full scholarship. Tyus, who is black, has a 4.0 and a 23 ACT score.

Tyus supports the use of race in admissions.

"It's only fair because most inner-city youth are minorities and most minority students don't have the same resources as suburban schools," Tyus said.

One reason U-M and highly selective schools like it have come under scrutiny is because more students are applying for the same number of openings.

Michigan accepts about half of its applicants, compared with

about a 7-in-10 ratio at universities nationwide.

At U-M, freshman applications have grown from about 19,115 in 1997 to more than 25,000 last year and are expected to grow another 5 percent for fall 2003, U-M spokeswoman Julie Peterson said.

Sixty-four percent of the applicants are from out of state, but 64 percent of those who enrolled last fall were Michigan residents. Many out-of-state applicants who are admitted decide to go elsewhere.

According to data compiled by U-M, in the state of Michigan in 2001, there were only 238 black students and 94 Hispanic students with SAT test scores of at least 1,000 and A-grade point averages, said Spencer.

"Using proxies for race, such as economics, high schools or percentage solutions are back-door ways of getting at race," Peterson said. "The only way to get diversity is to consider diversity."

Peterson said U-M's effort to

achieve a diversity of viewpoints explains why affluent black students as well as white students attending a predominantly minority high school get the 20 points.

Curt Levey, spokesman for the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C., criticized the policy of awarding of 20 points for factors other than race.

"It's our belief that the 20 points awarded for socioeconomic disadvantage and other factors are just window dressing," Levey said.

U-M applicants can take steps to improve their chances, officials say.


Spencer acknowledged that U-M doesn't heavily weight ACT and SAT tests in its process.

"If you have a strong curriculum and test scores in the middle range, you have a pretty good chance at a competitive place," Spencer said. "We give more credit for what you do in four years than what you do in four hours of testing."




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Hasani Tyus, 17, a senior at Cass Technical High School who was admitted to University of Michigan, paints during a class in the Advanced Gifted And Talented Program.



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