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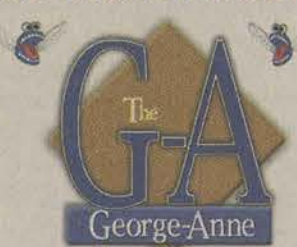
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Partly cloudy with a high of 86°F and a low of 61°F.

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Explore the world of Gray's Reef, a unique habitat and haven for sealife including endangered turtles and whales. The reef is one of only 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and is located just 17 miles off Georgia's coast.

TUITION ON THE RI\$E

Georgia universities see the largest increases in 17 years

By Brandon Sparks
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Last Tuesday the Georgia Board of Regents decided to increase the tuition 10 percent for students attending classes this fall. This is the first double-digit increase since 1986.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution (AJC), the Regents made the increase to make up for the budget cuts that the Georgia General Assembly has been making since November 2001, which has cut the University System of Georgia's budget by almost \$211 million. The new tuition rates will give the University system an estimated \$65.9 million a year, with \$22.4 million of that coming from the HOPE scholarship program.

Here at Georgia Southern University the increase will cost each student \$101 dollars a semester in tuition, for which the student will now have to pay \$1106. Student fees will also go up to \$350, an \$8 increase.

The level of students enrolling into the University System is increasing, which according to Connie Murphey, the Director of Financial Aide, is expected since the economy is down. The AJC is reporting that state officials fear that the enrollment increase and the higher tuition cost may cause the HOPE program to be insufficient in the future if the profits from the lottery are not equal. They may also have to go into the reserve lottery profits, to finance the HOPE program.

Murphey, said to reassure the students of GSU, "students have no need to worry right now, because the federal aide has not been decreased, and the HOPE program is still in place and covering the cost of those eligible for it." She also pointed out that 75 percent of all students at Georgia Southern receive financial aide.

"We are pretty low when it comes the tuition prices, which is a big help to the students that attend Georgia Southern," she added. When asked about the effects that the tuition increase will have on HOPE, she responded that the program "has been looked at in a number of ways since it was first established in 1993. There is a committee of the Board of Regents, that is supposed to look at the current program to see if there is anything that may need to be changed a couple of years in the future, and most of the problems will be looked at then. That committee meets this summer."

The Registrar, Mike Deal, said that he did not expect this increase to affect the students that will be attending school here in the fall. "Some students may find it financially impossible to attend school, because of the increase, but added once again when you look at other school in the state, whose tuition was also raised, and those around the nation, the tuition rates in Georgia Southern and the state of Georgia in general are still very low."

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Lavene Bell/STAFF

Many African American students come to GSU due to a vested interest in a diverse learning environment.

African-American students attracted to GSU's diversity

By Crystal Clark
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Some of Georgia Southern's African American population chose to attend GSU instead of historically black colleges due to Georgia Southern's racial mixture.

When choosing a college, African American students are faced with the choice of attending a historically black college or university (HBCU) or a racially mixed university. This year, 3463 of these students chose to attend Georgia Southern. Why? Their parents forced some of them. Some of them received scholarships. Others felt that there were positive advantages and differences that would come along with the racial mixture found here at GSU. But exactly how diverse is Georgia Southern University?

Of students interviewed, most agreed that diversity was among the main reason they chose to attend Georgia Southern. Recent graduate student Leonard White said that he would continue attending GSU for gradu-

ate school based on his undergraduate experience. He said that Georgia Southern gives him the advantage of "meeting a diverse group of people and understanding other cultures and people in general," that an HBCU does not give.

Most historically black colleges provide an environment that emphasizes African American culture as the main norm. Ironically, some of Georgia Southern's black student population chose to attend GSU because oppositely, it does not. Sophomore Selina Copeland said she "came to the realization that HBCUs don't provide a 'real' environment because the world is not majority black."

Junior Journalism major, Tiffany Shaw, graduated from a predominately black high school in Newport News, Virginia. She now works on campus and thinks attending Georgia Southern is an enjoyable experience. Tiffany says, "It's far away from my home and it gives me a new

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Hawks-Foster works with Board of Regents on AAMI

By Brandon Sparks
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The Board of Regents, the governing body in charge of higher education in the state of Georgia met last Thursday in Atlanta. One of the changes they discussed was what they called the African American Male Initiative.

This initiative is designed to increase enrollment of African American males in schools of Georgia public college and universities. African American males make up an estimated 16 percent of the population in the state of Georgia, yet they make up only 7.2 percent of the students enrolled into Georgia's public colleges.

The Regents set up a task force last year to look at the

reason's why African American male enrollment is at an all time low. The task force created six committees that looked at what was going on in elementary and secondary schools, recruitment into colleges, retention, and programs that are in place already that can help make a difference preparing African American males for higher educational opportunities. Sitting on the Committee for Programs of Excellence was Ms. Sue Hawks-Foster, who is the director of Educational Opportunities here at Georgia Southern.

According to Ms. Hawks-Foster the task force found that most of the work in this task force was faults in the K-12 programs. She said that many students are classified as special education because of behavioral problems in which they are never tested out

of. Dr. Michael Moore of the Department of Early Childhood said "many test that determine a child's mental capacity at a early age are highly unreliable. If a child is in a situation at home where the parents may not be highly educated then that child can be tested into the classification of special education. Once that child is in that classification then it is very hard for them to be tested out of it."

Hawks-Foster also went on to add that others are not properly guided in what courses to take to be eligible to apply for a school of higher education. She blames this on the fact that there are not enough councilors in secondary schools to help in the preparation of a college or university.

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REBUILDING IRAQ

3 U.S. soldiers killed, 6 injured Shiites protest U.S. occupation

KRT Campus

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Three American soldiers were killed and six injured in a spate of attacks and two accidents in Iraq Monday, one of the most violent days since American troops rolled into its capital last month.

The attacks, including an ambush, occurred on the same day that L. Paul Bremer III, the top

U.S. official in Iraq, declared a "new era" for the nation and spoke of selecting leaders for a new government. Yet many Iraqis warned they will resist any U.S.-imposed government, demanding that a national congress be held this summer to select their new leaders.

Bremer and other American reconstruction leaders are distancing themselves from calls for a national congress, and say they will choose the country's interim leaders.

But Monday's violence shows that American troops continue are continuing to face both armed and political resistance to their efforts to establish order in Iraq.

U.S. military officials were withholding the names of the dead and injured pending notification of relatives. One soldier was killed and three were injured when a Humvee struck a landmine or some other explosive in the outskirts of Baghdad. A statement by the U.S. Central Command said the incident "appears to be a result of hostile action."

Another soldier was killed and two injured when a tractor trailer collided with a Humvee in what

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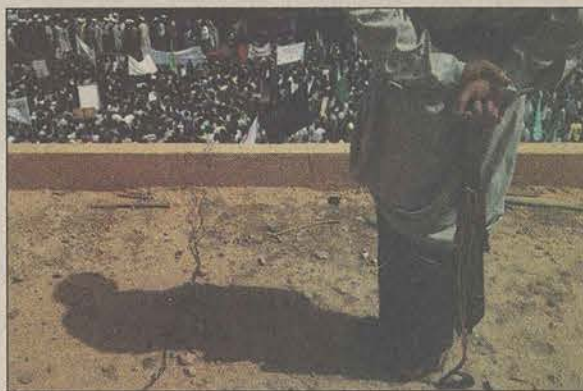
BAGHDAD, Iraq - More than 1,000 Shiites marched Monday in Baghdad to protest the U.S. occupation of Iraq and call for a unified Islamic government, in the latest sign of frustration with American-style nation-building.

"No, no for America," the protesters chanted. "Yes, yes for al Hawza," an influential council of Islamic clerics in the city of Najaf.

Other religious and ethnic groups in Iraq also are frustrated with the slow pace of establishing a new government. Iraqi political hopefuls have started to question America's commitment to rebuilding a free Iraq.

U.S. officials say they must first halt rampant crime and restore basic services in Baghdad. But the danger is that if the process drags on too long, competing ethnic and political groups might take advantage of the power vacuum and try to carve up the nation. Once that happens, American troops would be hard-pressed to dislodge these locally accepted chiefs from their power bases.

In the Shiite protest, one of the largest in Baghdad since the war ended, protesters car-



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BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Security is tight as an Iraqi keeps a close eye on the crowd with his AK-47 behind his back. Protestors gathered in front of the library of martyred cleric Mohamed Mohamed al-Sadr, killed by Saddam Hussein in 1998, before walking to the shrine of Musa al-Khadim in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, May 19.

ried banners that read "Iraq built by the Iraqis" and "We want the Iraqis who are honest, not the thieves." A large green sign hanging across a street said, "Al Hawza will choose the government, not the hotels of the rich people," a reference to the Iraqi political parties taking over private clubs and hotels.

Several women in black abayas, the Muslim head-to-foot covering for women, approached reporters and declared, "I want electricity. I

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Police Beat

05-20-2003

- A case of harassment was reported on Sweetheart Circle.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted one motorist.

05-21-2003

- A cellular phone was taken from a vehicle at the M.C. Anderson Complex.
- A cellular phone was taken from the Recreation Activity Center.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and five traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and one sick person, and responded to one fire alarm.

05-22-2003

- Wilmer Martin, 21, of 3 West Forest Estates, Statesboro, was charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer.
- Officers assisted five motorists and one injured person.

05-23-2003

- Daniel Christopher Hyden, 23, of 212 Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with failure to yield and driving with a suspended license.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

05-24-2003

• Officers assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

05-25-2003

- Several windows at the Southern Courtyard apartments were reported broken.
- Officers issued four traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

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 J. Wright, News Editor.

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appeared to be an accident on a main supply route northwest of the Talil, about 170 miles south of Baghdad.

The third death occurred when a soldier drowned after diving into an aqueduct south of Kirkuk in northern Iraq. A Central Command statement said fellow soldiers retrieved the victim when he failed to surface. He died in a field medical facility.

The other injury occurred when American troops encountered fire in an ambush near the town of Ha-

dithah, about 120 miles northwest of Baghdad.

In a statement issued Monday, the U.S. military said that gunmen fired assault rifles, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades at a convoy of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

"The eight-vehicle convoy was conducting a resupply mission from Al Asad Air Base to Al Qaim (on the Syrian border) when it was attacked at about 6:15 a.m. (0215 GMT)," the statement said.

In another attack, a military police position in Baqoba north of Baghdad that had been used by Shiite militiamen came under grenade attack, but no one was injured. While searching for the attackers, U.S. troops with the Fifth Corps killed a woman who continued to walk toward them after being told to stop.

In the last incident, someone fired a rocket-propelled grenade at 101st Airborne Division soldiers who were on patrol in Baiji but the round did not explode, the military said.

FROM PROTEST, PAGE 1

Security guards stood on the rooftops with AK-47 rifles as the crowd walked peacefully to a mosque for prayers.

The dispute between Iraqi leaders and U.S. officials is over the fundamental questions of who should run an interim government, when they should take over and what they should be allowed to control. There also is a running battle within the Bush administration between Pentagon civilians who sup-

port former Iraqi exile leader Ahmed Chalabi and CIA, State Department and uniformed military officials who argue that it's now clear that Chalabi has little support from his countrymen.

Hoshyr Zebari, a spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party, warned that America's talk of freeing Iraq from repression would ring hollow unless the United States turned over authority to local leaders.

"The danger is that people will see

this as not a liberation campaign, but an occupation," said Zebari, whose group has been closely allied with the United States.

U.S. officials at first were eager to turn over limited power and authority to Iraqi leaders, but they delayed the plan until they can restore a sense of normalcy to Baghdad.

Water and electricity are still in short supply. Carjacking, looting and robbery are rampant.

GSU News Briefs

University students will participate in McNair program

Special to the G-A

Fifteen Georgia Southern University students will participate in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Summer Research Institute.

The McNair program is a national initiative that seeks to increase the number of students from under-represented segments of society who earn graduate degrees.

The Summer Research Institute at Georgia Southern will begin on Monday, May 19.

Students who are selected to participate in the McNair program receive mentoring from faculty, attend seminars, participate in summer internships, and receive academic counseling and assistance in securing financial aid for enrolling in graduate programs.

The McNair program's Summer Research Institute scholars at Georgia Southern are: Quail Arnold, Shakira Branch, Christina Clark, Lisa Debeer, Shawna Grant, Amy Gray, Jason Gilbert, Dianne Hill Hagans, Shanta Harper, Brian Hutchins, Krystle Moore, Natifa Mustafa, Molleshia Robinson, Alisha Spencer, and Mary Ukuku.

The Summer Research Institute will run through Saturday, July 14. At the end of the program, the students will present their research at the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel McNair Scholars Conference at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is one of the Educational Opportunity Programs at Georgia Southern. For more information, contact Mary Woods at (912) 681-5458 or mwoods@gasou.edu.

Georgia Southern offers swimming lessons

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern University will present summer swimming lessons for anyone at the Hanner Fieldhouse Pool for anyone from age 6 months to adults. The lessons are available to the public.

The classes will be conducted Monday through Thursday, in morning and afternoon sessions, and run for two weeks. June 2 – 12, June 16 – 26 and July 7 – 17. There will also be a Saturday-only session of classes, running from June 7 to July 19.

Parents can join their infant or toddler (6 months to 3 years) in the Parent-N-Tot class. There will also be a class specifically for preschool children (3-5 years old). Both the Parent-N-Tot and Preschool classes will be held twice daily at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the weekday sessions and at 9 a.m. during the Saturday sessions.

Older children will be tested to determine their swimming ability and then placed in one of four classes. They include Level 1 – Water Experience; Level 2 – Floating and Kicking; Level 3 – Stroke Readiness; Level 4 – Stroke Development; and more advanced Levels 5 and 6. All six levels will also be presented twice daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the weekday sessions and at 10 a.m. during the Saturday sessions.

The program will also offer a springboard diving class for children, age 6 and older, at 9 a.m. during all the weekday and Saturday sessions.

There will be a special adults-only swimming class offered June 16-26 at 11 a.m.

The registration fee for the lessons is \$45 per session. Registration will be held May 20 at the Hanner Pool from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents may also mail in forms or register on-line at www2.gasou.edu/facstaff/aceswim. For additional information, call (912) 871-1973 or email aceswim@eagle4.gasou.edu.

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In a published statement by the Board of Regents Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs William Bowes cited states in which tuition increased nationally. States like Oklahoma, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Nebraska, increased tuition anywhere from 8 to 25 percent, while Arizona's increase is almost 40 percent.

Student fees that are going to be increased in that fall are the activity fee, athletic fee, and the health fee. The activity fee will be raised from \$77.00 a semester to \$80.00 a semester. The Athletic fee will be increased by \$4.00 to \$125.00 a semester. The health fee only gets a \$1.00 increase to 77.00 a semester.

The Board of Regents also approved \$20.5 million dollars in bonds to be used in the remodeling efforts on the library according to Debbie Powell, the Director of Revenue Accounting.

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Only in America

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1 Virginia Attempt to break into ATM with backhoe fails

HAMPTON, Va. - Someone tried a novel technique for robbing an automatic teller machine - digging it up with a 2-ton backhoe stolen from a construction site.

The would-be bandit drove the machine a short distance to the Langley Federal Credit Union early Tuesday. Working the backhoe controls, he uprooted the ATM beside the bank but was scared away by an alarm that sounded at 4:17 a.m.

Police found the backhoe with its engine running and the mangled ATM yanked from where it had been bolted to the concrete. No suspects have been found.

Damage to the ATM was extensive, but the machine's interior vault was intact and no money was taken, said Jean Yokum, president of Langley Federal Credit Union.

A security guard inside the building went to the ATM after the alarm sounded but found no one there. The ATM's built-in surveillance camera filmed part of the illicit excavation, police said.

The backhoe was returned to W.M. Jordan Co. Inc., a contractor for the Hampton Convention Center.

2 Michigan Students suspended after doughnut prank

KENTWOOD, Mich. - Three East Kentwood High School students have been suspended for passing out doughnuts spiked with a laxative.

Two sophomores and a junior

brought the pastries to school on Friday morning and offered them randomly in a hallway, Superintendent Mary Leiker said.

One student took a bite of a doughnut, didn't like the taste and threw it away. But three other students and physical education teacher Tom Topolski ate the jelly doughnuts, Leiker said.

The students felt nauseous within 15 minutes but decided to stay at school. Topolski went to a hospital in an ambulance but later returned to the building.

"The boys thought it was a prank," Leiker told The Grand Rapids Press for a Saturday story. "They kept the box. They thought it was a funny thing to do."

In a letter sent home with students on Friday, Principal Joseph Beel called the prank a "foolish incident." He asked parents to remind their children that the school will not tolerate such incidents.

Teachers union president Jane McDaniels said Topolski participated in Friday night's graduation ceremony. "It's kind of scary when something like this happens," she said. "It was a big relief when he walked into the library before the ceremony and everybody could see he was OK."

3 Utah Three million pages of Microsoft documents to become toilet paper

SALT LAKE CITY - Three million pages of Microsoft documents, once part of a lawsuit against the software maker, are being shredded and are destined to become toilet paper.

The 937 boxes of documents had been safeguarded by Redman Records of Salt Lake City since the mid-1990s after being submitted in an

unfair-competition lawsuit by Caldera International against Microsoft.

Dale Rice of San Francisco, a Microsoft lawyer, said she believed all the documents should be shredded within a matter of days.

When the work is complete, Recall Secure Destruction will have converted 37,480 pounds of records into 1,400-pound bales of shreds, Salt Lake City plant manager Cathy Keetch said.

"We broke the bales out to the highest bidder, and they are shipped to a pulp mill. There, they dump them into vats that remove the ink and break it down into a mix material," she said. "Ninety-nine percent of our shreds are made into toilet paper."

4 Florida Police, dressed as homeless, catch drivers running red lights

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Homeless advocates are outraged by an operation where undercover police officers dressed as vagrants, observed drivers running red lights or committing other traffic violations, then radioed ahead to other officers who stopped those cars and wrote tickets.

"Operation Vagrant," a sting operation involving the Florida Highway Patrol, Kissimmee police and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, nabbed 171 drivers - most of whom ran red lights, a violation that carries an \$83 fine.

Undercover deputies stood along streets and gave the indication they were vagrants by pushing shopping carts and wearing fake teeth and tattered clothing. They also carried small cardboard signs, which read,

"Sheriff's traffic sting in progress. Buckle up."

"It's kind of appalling," said Marilyn Gordon, executive director of the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida. "I wonder if it will be a consciousness-raising exercise for the law-enforcement officers."

Robert H. Brown, president and chief executive officer of the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, said the officers were being silly.

"It's ironic that they would use a disguise of someone that people think of as visually offensive," Brown said. "I just think it shows that the community's aware of the homeless problem. I wish they would solve it, rather than masquerading."

State Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, an advocate of stronger seat-belt and other traffic-safety laws, applauded the sting operation. His daughter, Dori, 14, was killed in a 1996 traffic accident in which she did not wear a seat belt.

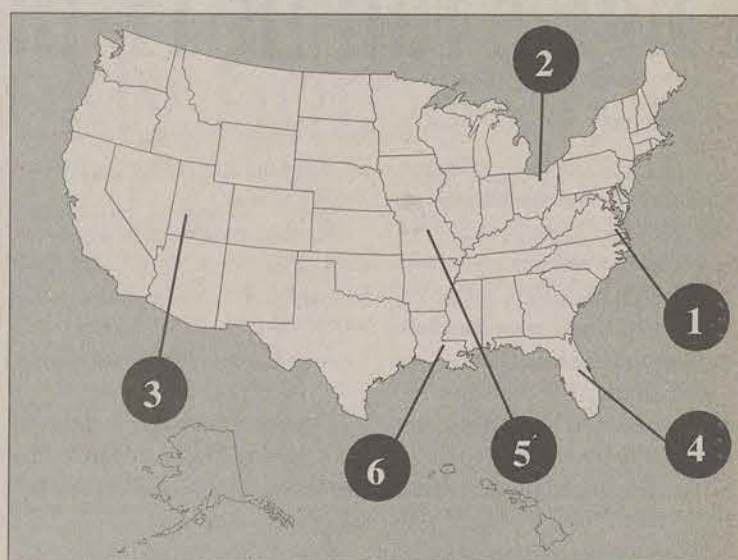
"I admire them for being creative," Slosberg said.

5 Arkansas Elephant boot camp trains pachyderm keepers worldwide

GUY, Ark. - When Betty Boop gets a pedicure, it's a huge day at the spa.

After hosing down the elephant's feet, revealing wrinkled gray skin beneath a caked-on layer of clay, trainers clean and smooth her yellowed nails with a foot-long file, rounding the edges with care.

From the bottom of her feet, they scrape mud and grime, then gently slice off a layer of calloused skin to give her better traction in the grassy fields of Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary.



Seven elephant keepers from zoos around the world watch, asking Riddle for the finer points of pampering a pachyderm. They're attending the 10th year of the International School for Elephant Management, an educational summit of sorts for elephant keepers who must care for very large and very individualistic animals.

All of the students call Riddle's the best place in the world to work side-by-side with the largest land animals on earth, in a setting with plenty of room and expert advice from Riddle and his wife, Heidi.

The 367-acre sanctuary in the foothills of the Ozarks was established in 1990 by Riddle and his wife as a safe haven for all elephants. Some come from smaller zoos that couldn't afford to care for them; others came after years of poor treatment with circuses or private owners.

6 Louisiana Phone book misprint leads callers astray

MONROE, La. - A misprint in the 2004 BellSouth Yellow Pages for northeastern Louisiana means callers

who dial an 800 number expecting the Office of Motor Vehicles are instead being connected to a phone sex line.

What should have been an 877 number connecting callers to the OMV in Baton Rouge was printed as an 800 number that gives callers over 18 the opportunity to "talk only to the girls who turn you on" for \$1.99 per minute by pushing 1 on a touch tone phone.

The phone number was correct in last year's phone book, Dennis Colvin, Monroe's regional OMV manager, said Tuesday.

Michelle Rayburn, public information officer for the OMV in Baton Rouge, said she didn't know how the error occurred.

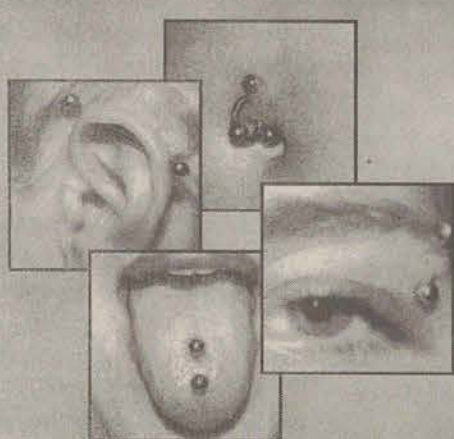
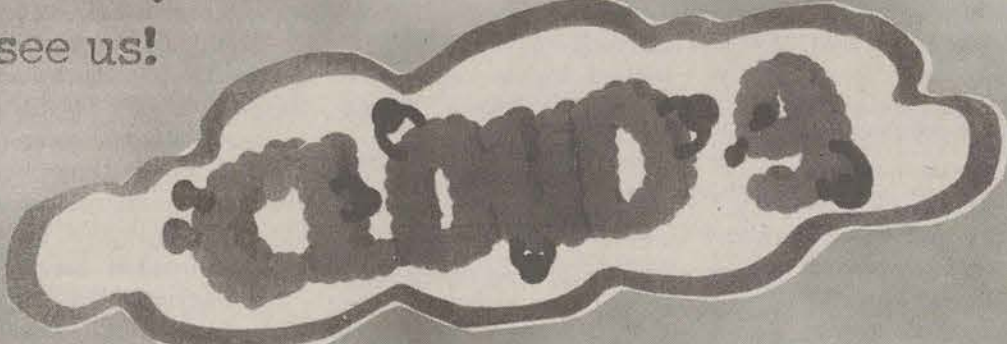
"Everything we submitted to BellSouth was correct. That's really all I can tell you right now," she said.

The OMV uses the toll-free 877 number statewide, but apparently, because of the way the phone books are printed in shifts, only the northeastern Louisiana directory has the typo, Lawrence said.

BellSouth was working with the OMV on Tuesday to come up with a solution to the problem, Lawrence said, but nothing had been worked out Tuesday.

"As far as I can tell, it is not a statewide problem," Rayburn said.

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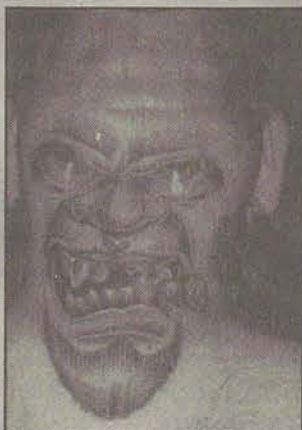
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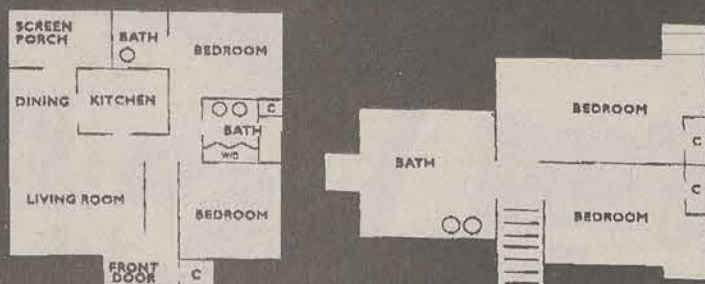


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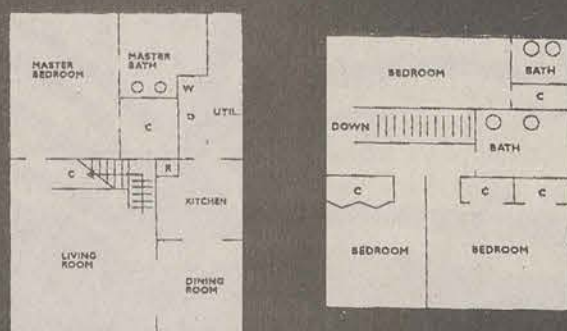
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Eagles fall in 11-inning heartbreaker

G-A News Service

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Denver Edick hit a two-out single to center to propel Western Carolina to a 6-5 11-inning victory over Georgia Southern 6-5 in the championship game of the Southern Conference Baseball Championships at Riley Park.

With the win, the Catamounts receive the automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Championships.

After the first two batters were retired in the inning, Rod Goldston singled and advanced to second on a throwing error by Eagle third baseman Carlos Love. Edick followed with a line drive to straight-away center field on a 0-1 count from GSU reliever Brandon Woods (1-1) to score Goldston.

Western Carolina (41-19) opened the scoring in the first inning as Todd Roper led off with a single to advancing to third on a Wayne Kilmer single. Eagle centerfielder

James Payne misplayed Kilmer's hit, allowing Roper to score for the 1-0 WCU lead.

The Eagles (39-21) tied it in the third inning, on a Brendan Gilligan RBI double before going ahead in the fourth when Grant Burruss scored on a Rocky Baker fielder's choice for a 2-1 GSU advantage.

Western answered with a run in the bottom of the sixth before the two teams played scoreless ball for the next three innings.

Georgia Southern led off the 10th inning with a pair of singles from Brandon Long and Burruss. Carlos Love moved the runners with a sacrifice bunt and then pinch hitter Matt Hammond singled to score Long for the lead.

Baker singled to center field before Brandon Burnsed was hit by a pitch to give Georgia Southern the 5-2 lead.

The Catamounts countered with

three runs in the bottom of the inning on RBI singles from Matt Nelson and Brian Sigmon and a double by Roper to set up Edick's heroics in the 11th.

The Catamounts got on the board first in the first game. After Roper reached on a walk, Kilmer dropped a bunt down the third base line that rolled to a stop in fair territory.

As the infield converged on the bunt and with second base open, Roper advanced to third and Kilmer to second. Goldston cleared the bases with a single to center field for the 2-0 lead.

Georgia Southern got on the board in the third when Burruss hit sacrifice fly to bring in Payne who reached on a single.

Western Carolina added one in the fourth on a Sigmon sacrifice fly to take a 3-1 lead, before the Eagles exploded for five runs on five hits in the bottom of the frame to claim

a 6-3 advantage.

A.J. Zickgraf, who set a tournament record for batting average at .714, opened the scoring with a double to right to plate Greg Dowling before Burnsed followed with an RBI single that load the bases.

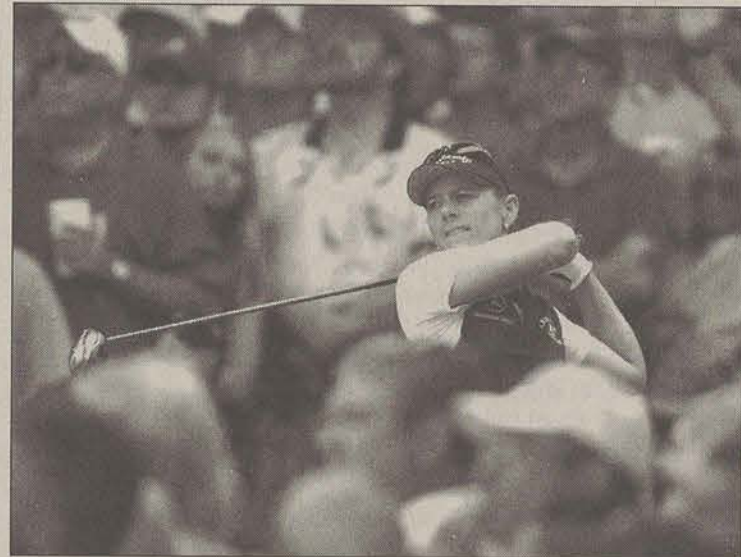
Long collected the big hit in the inning as he proceeded to hit bases clearing triple to give Georgia Southern its lead.

Western Carolina cut the lead to two in the sixth off Sigmon's second sacrifice fly of the game but Georgia Southern answered in the bottom of the inning with an RBI double from Love to right field, scoring Burruss.

Kevin Culpepper (4-0) picked up the win for the Eagles while Seth Foster fell to 3-6 for the Catamounts.

The Eagles found out on Monday that they did not receive an at-large bid to play in the NCAA Regionals.

Perry wins Colonial that will be remembered for Annika



Annika Sorenstam drives from the tee in front of a swarm of fans at the Colonial PGA tournament in Fort Worth, Texas on May 22.

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas – Kenny Perry got the red plaid jacket and the \$900,000 winner's check, but he knows what everybody else will remember about his record-setting Colonial victory.

"I'll probably be remembered as the guy who won Annika's event, but that's OK with me," Perry said. "That doesn't bother me. At least I'll be remembered for something."

Perry had a closing 68 Sunday for a record 19-under total that gave him a six-stroke victory over Justin Leonard.

It was an anticlimactic ending for the tournament that began on a historic note Thursday when Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour. She missed the cut with rounds of 71 and 74.

Leonard shot a near-perfect round of 9-under 61, which ended with a bogey and matched Perry's course record, but didn't challenge for the win.

The 42-year-old Perry played steady. He had three birdies and was bogey-free until missing a 5-foot putt at 16, but still led by six strokes.

It was the fifth win for Perry in 17 years on the tour, the first since the 2001 Buick Open. The check was his largest ever and pushed his career earnings over \$11 million.

All of the attention the first two days was on Sorenstam, who missed the cut by four strokes at 5 over after rounds of 71 and 74.

Crowds had gathered 10 to 12 deep along the ropes to watch her play. The media room was also packed with over 300 people for Sorenstam's post-round news conferences. But the crowds spread throughout the course and the media presence diminished significantly once Sorenstam was done for the tournament.

Perry took a share of the lead with a second-round 64, but went virtually overlooked because of Sorenstam. He followed Saturday with a career-low round that made him unbeatable.

"I can't say enough how I felt this week. I was very calm, very relaxed. It was easy," Perry said. "Normally, I'm pretty stressed out and under a lot of pressure, but for some reason I was able to defeat those demons and feel relaxed and play some great golf."

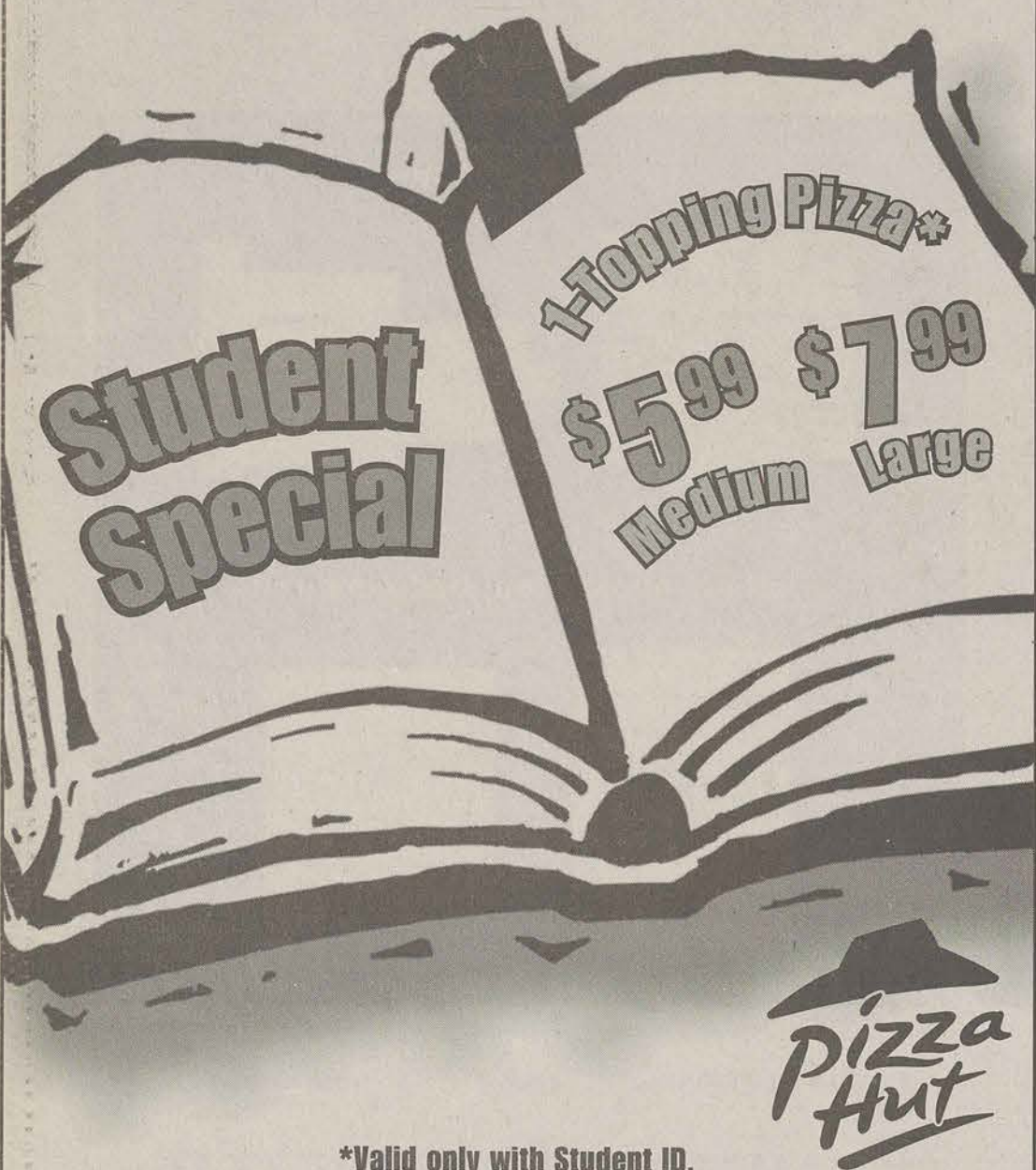


The only team against which GSU's boys of summer have not been victorious during the month of May is the Western Carolina Catamounts. SoCon baseball coaches named four Eagles (Grant Burruss, Carlos Love, Dennis Dove, Brendan Gilligan) to the all-conference team last Wednesday.



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FROM DIVERSITY, PAGE 1

me a new perspective. I am in a totally opposite environment from what I grew up in."

It is evident that many African American students at Georgia Southern feel strongly about diversity, but what exactly does diversity mean? Many have the idea that diversity is just color. However, not all of Georgia Southern's 24.3 percent black population agrees that the school exhibits diversity. "Diversity is more than just race," Brian Gibson said. After attending an HBCU for two years and then transferring to Georgia Southern, Gibson had plenty to say about the differences in diversity of the two. "The cultures of an HBCU are really diverse and the personalities you find are across the board."

Like some of Georgia Southern students, Sheena Glover, director of in the Student Activities Center (SAC), tried to make sure her experience was "reflective of the real world" by attending a racially mixed university. She agreed with Gibson saying, "Diversity is a buzz word that gets a lot of word play here. Honestly, Georgia Southern doesn't have much diversity. People still look around to see how many blacks are here and how many whites there."

Despite its racially mixed student population, this year Georgia Southern crowned its first African American Miss GSU, Erika Brayboy. Erika feels that since she is part of the African American minority here at Georgia Southern, she works hard to do her absolute best to represent herself and other African Americans. She

says, "The number of traditions at HBCUs are wonderful. But being in this atmosphere makes me appreciate black people even more."

Georgia Southern does encourage its African American students

"The cultures of an HBCU [Historically Black College or University] are really diverse and the personalities you find are across the board."

— Brian Gibson, GSU student

to embrace their culture. The Multi-Cultural Student Center is geared to help minority students through such programs as the Minority Advisement Program (MAP) in which African American freshmen are assigned a mentor and encouraged to attend functions planned especially for them. During February, black history month, Georgia Southern also supports programs geared towards teaching students about African American history.

In the SAC, Sheena Glover works closely with student body leaders. She said that upon working there, she was surprised at the amount of involvement of the black students on campus, stating, "At most schools, it's a challenge to get black students involved. It's the opposite here."

Costs are another reason African American students choose to attend GSU instead of an HBCU. Tiffany Shaw said, "I'm an out of state student. HBCUs are majority private schools and the tuition is higher at an HBCU than it is for me at GSU." Brian Gibson could identify with her, explaining that the teachers at the HBCU he attended

were underpaid, forcing them to seek jobs elsewhere, causing the program to lose its accreditation.

Although they are not surrounded by thousands of other black students, Georgia Southern's 3463 African American students certainly do not feel they are lacking the opportunity to receive a quality education. Many interviewed felt that attending Georgia Southern was better than an HBCU because an accredited diploma is guaranteed upon graduation.

In comparison to those attending a historically black university, are African American students at Georgia Southern missing out on something? Junior Biology major, Sharonia Rowe thinks attending an HBCU would be different, but doesn't think she's missing out on any opportunities here at Georgia Southern. She feels that "going to an HBCU puts you in a black utopia. But once in the real world you have to interact with so many more different people."

Georgia Southern may not offer some of the same ethnic qualities as an HBCU. However, most of the African American students at GSU seem to be content with their college experience, whether it is due to diversity or its lack thereof. Junior Sports Management major and current SOAR leader, Candace Langston sums up her feelings on diversity here at Georgia Southern, "True enough, according to the statistics there are mostly black and white students here at Georgia Southern, but there are different characteristics within each group that make them different. Different characteristics are what make diversity."

FROM AAMI, PAGE 1

A study released in prepared statement by the Regents shows that of the enrolled Ninth graders of 1997, which graduated in 2001, 58 percent of the African American males graduated from high school. The overall high school completion rate that year was at 71 percent. The African American males also accounted for 28 percent of the special education enrollment population. The study also showed that 56 percent of the African Ameri-

can populations live in high-poverty, high-minority school districts that are usually over-crowded and without the proper resources.

The Board of Regents also endorsed a plan of the University System to use \$4.5 million grant that is being given by the U.S. Department of Education to help recruit African American men into teaching roles in middle and high schools throughout the state. This is to help create role

models for the young African American males that are in these schools.

Dr. Randy Gunter, the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students said that the "initiative should be praised, if I had followed the script that was written for me as a child, I would not have succeeded because I did not have many role models to look up to, but my parents had high expectations of me, which made me lucky."



'The Matrix' sequel not quite as 'plugged in' as original

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The first one left the viewers amazed by the new-aged stunts, camera angles, and storyline.

It left many viewers still wondering what the "Matrix" really was. But overall it was considered to be a "kick ass" movie.

Years later the sequel comes rolling into theaters. For those three people left that have not seen this summer's biggest movie thus far, "Matrix: Reloaded," then don't. Save yourself the money and time for this nearly two and half hour movie.

The movie's full throttle publicity machine has left the incoming audience with a false sense of security as the movie is concerned. They have hyped it up to be the sequel to end all sequels. And in reality, this movie is more confusing than the first one. The plot is a series of loops that never seem to be knotted. With all the visuals there is no room for story at all in this image driven voyage through cinema.

The addition of new characters

with practically no back-story leaves viewer fishing for more. For example, the audience is introduced to Niombi, played by the beautiful Jada Pickett-Smith. This character is introduced as Morpheus', played by Laurence Fishburn, ex lover. This little fact is supposed to launch the audience into a love triangle, because she is now involved with Morpheus' foe. This does not happen.

Other plot devices are quite strange. The writers tend to oversimplify certain situations, and seem to complicate things that aren't worth mentioning really. For example, the constant tongue wrestling between Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, and Trinity played by Carrie-Anne Moss, doesn't leave the viewer wondering if they could be lovers. There could have been another device to allude to this fact.

The overall story follows Neo, Trinity, and Morpheus as they try to defeat the evil Agent Smith, played by Hugo Weaving, and save the last remaining human city of Zion. Through a series of great actions scenes, the

trio goes through the Matrix to talk to the Oracle, and eventually the creator of the Matrix.

The overall pace of the film is okay in certain parts. Who ever had the idea of giving Keanu Reeves a series of monologues back to back in this film should be brought up on charges. His scenes, that weren't filled with action, slowed the film down tremendously. The monologues, overall, for every character slow what could have been a fast moving film.

"The Matrix: Reloaded" is one of those films where the visual effects make up for the lack of plot and acting. The Wachowski brothers have outdone themselves this time. The action scenes are immensely better than the original. It out performs any other action film out there today. If not for plot and character, the visual element is a great reason to view this film. And if you stay to the end of the credits, you get to see a trailer for the third installment: "The Matrix: Revolution." The third one should explain what has happened in the second one. At least that is the hope.



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Despite a handful of mixed reviews, 'The Matrix Reloaded', is full of great special effects and fight scenes, but the plot seems to have more holes than a human who has escaped from the prison of the machines. This summer blockbuster has already broken a number of records and continues to worldwide. Much the same can be expected for the third and final installment.

Baja Burrito is 'Muy Caliente' Jim Carrey bounces back to comedy in 'Bruce Almighty'

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Live Music and an enthusiastic crowd highlighted the long-anticipated grand opening of Baja Burrito last Wednesday, as Statesboro welcomed its newest, and possibly most enjoyable, restaurant-bar into town.

Despite the decrease in student population due to summer vacation, Baja's didn't suffer any losses. "We were hoping to be well received by the customers and feel like we have been," stated Baja Burrito's owner, Aaron Popkin.

"We haven't suffered because of the summer; in fact the summer has been a blessing since we are able to train our staff to be more prepared for business in the fall."

Students who attended the grand opening were able to sit and relax as they listened to live entertainment provided by The Francisco Vidal Band, who recently opened for Angie Aparo

in Atlanta.

Inside, Baja Burrito is split into two sections - one of which is a spacious bar area and the other a mellow dining lounge. The bar area offers a vast amount of seating, four pool tables, arcade games, a dance floor, and a large stage to allow students to be comfortable and have fun in a relaxing atmosphere. Baja Burrito offers a classier atmosphere for those wanting a more laid back night out in the 'Boro.

The fully stacked service bar is located in the back and makes the extra space beneficial to roam around. If a customer is unable to get to the bar, an order can be placed with one of the cocktail waitresses.

"It's really convenient for people to place orders with us rather than having to wait in line at the bar," said server Kristy Sampson.

The main concern of Baja Burrito is to offer customers with an affordable and unique

menu unlike any other found in town. Students can choose from an array of burritos, salads, and quesadillas, as well as a "Vegetarian Desires" portion of the menu for the non-meant lovers on campus.

The Cliffhanger, a burrito filled with a mouthwatering amount of rice, beans, cheese and a choice of meat, seems to be one of the most popular items so far.

Wanting the food to be the main focus, Popkin stated that "It's not expensive, the food is great, and the atmosphere is relaxing. It's just right for the starving college student."

In its first week of business, Baja Burrito has seemingly taken charge of the bar scene and it looks as if things will only get better from here.

For more information about prices and specials or for carry-out orders you can call Baja Burrito @ 681-2464 or they are located at 8 University Plaza.



Jessica Langley/STAFF

After months of anticipation one of Statesboro's newest eating establishment, Baja Burrito, finally opened last Wednesday, hoping to in next few weeks take charge of the Summer bar scene.

KRT Campus

Jim Carrey starred as Andy Kaufman in "Man in the Moon," and when the drama flopped, he returned to comedy with "Me, Myself & Irene" and "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Director Frank Darabont's Capraesque "The Majestic," which starred Carrey doing his best Jimmy Stewart impersonation, was less than majestic, grossing a meager \$28 million in December 2001.

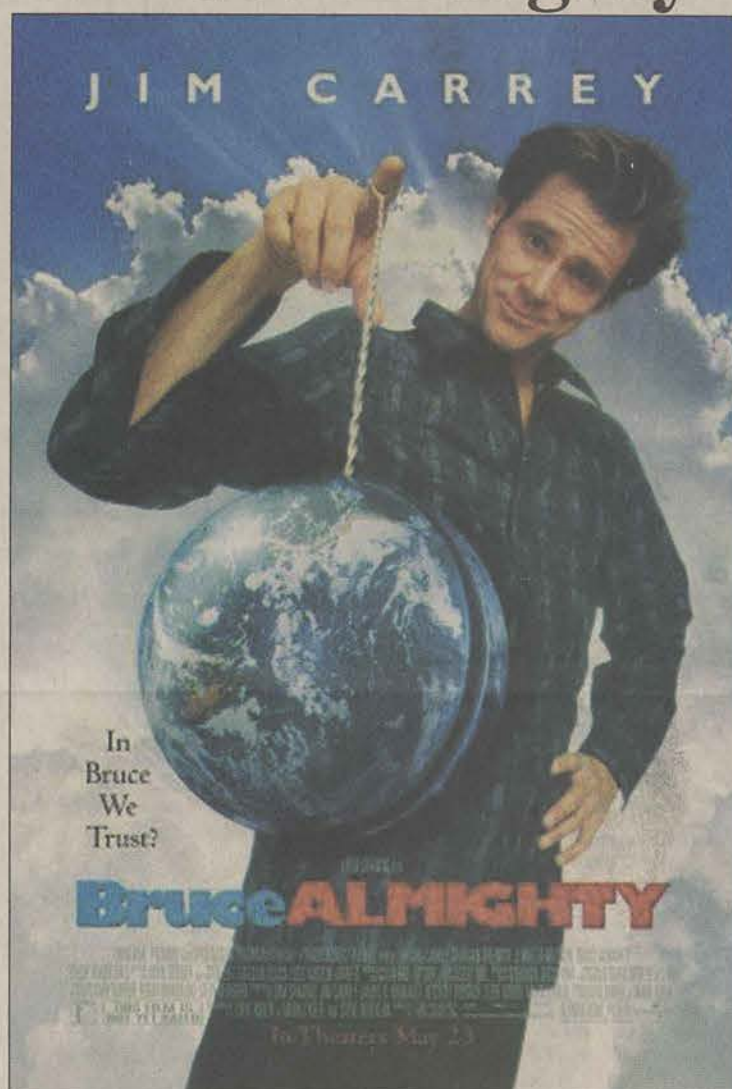
Now Carrey is back with "Bruce Almighty," a comedy where he receives God's powers after denouncing the Almighty over a job promotion that he didn't get. Anyone sensing a pattern?

Despite the less-than-stellar performance of his dramatic movies, he manages to maintain a philosophical attitude, especially when it comes to critics who question his ability to deliver in those roles.

"Bruce Almighty" brings back all of the gags Carrey is known for— the physical pratfalls, the goofy faces and strange sound effects. Many believe those talents come easily to the actor, that he can just produce them on a whim, but he'll be the first to tell you that comedy isn't pretty, nor is it easy.

"You have to know what you're doing going in and then, hopefully, you think of 50 other ideas as you're doing it, and so it's always been a combination of everything (preparation and improvisation). For instance, right now, my hand is on my groin and you might not know that, but it keeps me up and ready to answer questions."

In "Bruce Almighty," when his news reporter character, Bruce Nolan, receives God's unlimited powers, he launches into comedic mayhem. Nolan does what any one of us would at first—he abuses the privilege, for example altering his live-in girlfriend's (Jennifer Aniston) anatomy for his own pleasure. Carrey realizes that dealing with God could stir up controversy.



Special Photo

Jim Carrey's 'Bruce Almighty' broke all the records last weekend for the best non-sequel comedy opening of any movie ever. Earning about \$70.8 million.

"The wonderful thing about this movie in particular is that it had a very serious notion underneath it. I was comedic in every way and it allowed me to go incredibly crazy; it allowed me to go off the deep end," he said.

Still another touchy issue is how God would be portrayed. Until now, the best-known performance of the Big Guy came courtesy of George Burns. In "Bruce Almighty" it's Morgan Freeman playing God as an everyday, normal guy. That's Carrey's concept of God.

"I love that Morgan was so totally able to come out of that thing that he does so well, and mess with my character and be silly, reduce

himself."

"I've been surprised by how open (Hollywood) has been about the idea of me doing different types of material in the business," he said.

"I get a lot of chances to do a lot of different things. It depends on how you do it; how you produce it, how much money you put into it and how much I get paid. But it's not a matter of people not believing that I can do it."

"They just consider the marketplace. Will this draw an audience? And it may not, it may. 'Truman Show' did. 'The Majestic' didn't. And so it depends on the material, it really does."

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