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Barry Bonds' 500



Matching records in homeruns and stolen bases: where will he go from here?

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Supreme Court backs affirmative action

Use of race in college admissions legal, but race-neutral policies must come 'as soon as practicable'



KRT Campus

ANN ARBOR, MI – Students celebrate on the campus of the University of Michigan last Monday after a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the use of race in admission policy.

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON – In one of the most pivotal civil-rights decisions in a generation, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday issued a clear and decisive endorsement of the use of race in the college admissions process.

But the justices also issued a warning: Universities cannot use rigid systems that seem like quotas, and must adopt race-neutral admissions policies "as soon as practicable."

Led by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a narrow court majority said the University of Michigan Law School is not violating the Constitution's 14th Amendment by considering race as a plus factor for minority applicants.

O'Connor, echoing Justice Lewis F. Powell's language in the landmark Bakke affirmative action case 25 years ago, wrote that the goal of creating a diverse campus was a sufficiently compelling government interest to justify Michigan's consideration of race. She added, though, that race-conscious policies should not go on forever. Twenty-five years from now, she wrote, the court expected that racial preferences "will no longer be necessary."

Michigan's undergraduate admissions policy—a point system that quantified the importance of race—did not survive the high court's scrutiny in another case. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, writing for a majority, said the policy made race a decisive

factor in admissions decisions, and was therefore unconstitutional.

The decisions were the court's most anticipated opinions this term, and they highlight deep philosophical differences on matters of race. Eleven concurrences and dissents accompanied the opinions. And Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, issued a scorching derision of affirmative action as a well-meaning but patronizing attempt by whites to help blacks.

The country's division – and confusion – about the issue is reflected in two recent polls: One, by the Pew Research Center for People & the Press, found that 63 percent of Americans favor college affirmative-action policies in general, but that nearly half believed they were not administered fairly.

A Gallup poll showed that 69 percent of Americans oppose racial preferences altogether, even though blacks and Hispanics are under-represented at the nation's most prestigious colleges.

Public opinion aside, civil-rights advocates and lawyers for Michigan and other schools said Monday's decision was a major victory.

They said it not only strengthened affirmative action in a college setting, but also gave added impetus to the use of race in pursuit of diversity elsewhere.

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Java Cup hopes to brew up business at GSU

By Cory Cunningham
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Java Cup, the new coffee shop located at 1607 Chandler Road across from Olliff Hall, opened last Tuesday, June 17 and owner Brooke Courson hopes that the shop will become a place that students hang out, study, use the computers, and hopefully, buy coffee.

The shop serves several varieties of coffee, as well as breakfast, sub sandwiches, and desserts. It also features a wall of computers with internet access. However, Courson believes that the atmosphere of the shop will bring in as many people as the food.

"It's like the library without the quiet signs," Courson, a freshman here at GSU, explains. The shop features couches and TV's designed to create a relaxing atmosphere. She wants the Java Cup to become a GSU hangout, where students stop in to study or catch up on homework between classes.

Internet access on the computers is free for now, but Courson says she will begin charging a small fee after the store's grand opening in the fall. She also mentioned Java Cup will open a drive-thru window and a paved parking lot behind the shop.

The inspiration for the Java Cup began last fall when Courson and her roommate, co-owner Britney Griner, were cramming for finals and made frequent trips to the convenience store for coffee. They both agreed that there needed to be a coffee shop near campus.

Courson said it cost approximately \$45,000 to open the Java Cup – money that came from a sentimental place for her.

When she was in the ninth grade, her mother died of cancer, and she used some of the life insurance money that the family received to open the shop.

Several events have already been booked at Java Cup for the near future. According to Courson, the GSU radio station will hold poetry open mic nights once a week in the fall, and there is also an open invitation to anyone to play acoustic guitar. An art exhibit is also planned to take place once a month where GSU art students will put their work on display in the shop so that other students can see them, and maybe even buy them.

While many restaurants and shops that open around campus have a very

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Jessica Langley/STAFF

Specializing in coffee and sandwiches, The Java Cup is also outfitted with several computers for mid-snack surfing.

WAR IN IRAQ — Six British troops killed in Iraq

KRT Campus

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Six British soldiers died and eight were wounded in separate attacks in southern Iraq on Tuesday, in a region of the country that was regarded until now as a postwar success story.

The six soldiers, the first Britons killed since the end of the war, were ambushed while on patrol near al-Amarah, a town near the Iranian border about five hours south of Baghdad, according to a statement from the British government.

In the second incident, also near al-Amarah, an attack injured one soldier and destroyed two vehicles. A helicopter bringing a quick response combat team to the scene came under fire, and seven on board were injured.

A spokesman from British Prime Minister Tony Blair's office would not confirm that the two attacks were related, and gave no indication of who was behind them.

Before Tuesday's battles, violence against coalition soldiers was aimed at U.S. troops in Baghdad and cities to the west and north. The south was relatively peaceful, and British forces,

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IT Building promises latest technology

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Beginning in August, the new building to house the College of Information Technology will no longer exist simply in virtual reality.

As the opening day for this 33 million dollar building approaches, so does the potential for future technological and academic advances on GSU's campus and in the surrounding areas.

According to Dr. Barbara Price, founding director of the School of Information Technology, July 14 is the target date for occupation of the first and second floors of the IT Building. After only 16 months of construction, supervised by The Facility Group, the entire building is expected to be open to the public in August, just in time for the fall semester.

The School of Information Technology was originally part of the College of Business Administration, but was approved to become a separate college in August of 2002. Jim Bradford will be the founding dean. The new college includes information technology, computer science, and information systems.

"When the college comes this fall, there will be about 900 majors [students] in it. We have been very involved in the nationwide movement to gain accreditation for the IT degree, and have really become what's considered a benchmark program," Price said.

The forthcoming IT Building promises the latest technology as a supplement for furthering the new college's notoriety. "It is as pretty much state-of-the-art as we could have imagined it, and as the designers could have imagined it 18 to 24 months ago," Andrew Marcontell, technical director of the College of Information Technology, said.

The building will house 25 to 27 classrooms; 78 faculty offices; an atrium complete with a deli; a lecture hall; an auditorium; a Geographic Information Systems lab; and several other multi-purpose computer labs, including one with 128 seats.

Other technological features include the most recent desktop and digital

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Secretary of State Cathy Cox speaks at Boys and Girls State

By Brandon Sparks
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After a week of activities that taught them about the government of the state of Georgia, Secretary of State Cathy Cox treated the participants of the Boys and Girls State to a speech.

Cox visited Georgia Southern last Thursday and Friday to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Boys State governor elected at this year's annual meeting and also to give the commencement at the graduation of Girls State.

The participants of Boys and Girls State, which is sponsored by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, are called citizens. High school students from around Georgia spent the week learning the functions of city, county, and state government. They formed sixteen cities, in fourteen counties. The fourteen counties then formed the fifty-first state in the union, which they called Boys State of Georgia and Girls State of Georgia.

Participants elected officials to fill all of the offices in the state, including positions on the levels of town, county, and state. On the town level, a mayor, city council, policeman, judge and dogcatcher were elected. County level positions included county commissioners, sheriffs and county magistrates. On the state level, a governor, lieutenant governor, Supreme Court, appeals court, and other state offices were filled.

Trials were also held on all three levels of the system to deal with disciplinary actions taken place during the week. The local district attorneys tried the case in front of the elected judges, and the jury was made up of citizens from the city



Brandon Sparks/STAFF

Secretary of State Cathy Cox administers the oath of office to the elected Boys State Governor. Cox also spoke at the graduation of Girls State.

where the crime was committed. The Supreme Court and the Appeals Court were both given one case to try.

There was also a mock trial given so citizens could learn about the judicial system. The counselors planned a death to occur right before the citizens arrived. The trial for the murder included all four counties. The case was tried with two counties defending and two prosecuting.

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Police Beat

06-17-2003

• Officers issued two traffic citations and three traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

06-18-2003

• Officers issued one traffic citation and six traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

06-19-2003

• Krystle Alisha Moore, 20, of Brannen Hall, was charged with false report of a crime.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to one false fire alarm.

06-20-2003

• A purse was reported taken from the Recreation Activity Center.

• A wallet was reported taken from the Physical Plant.

• Officers responded to two fire alarms.

06-21-2003

• Officers issued three traffic citations and five traffic warnings and responded to two fire alarms.

06-22-2003

• Officers issued three traffic warnings and responded to two fire alarms.

06-23-2003

• A Cone Hall resident reported someone took \$10 from her wallet.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and assisted one injured person.

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.

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News Briefs

Student HR management group honored

Special to the G-A

The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) has honored a group of Georgia Southern University students. The University's student chapter of the SHRM received the Superior Merit Award from the SHRM Student Program.

All award winners will be recognized at the SHRM national student conference, which will be held in Orlando, Fla., from June 22 through June 25.

"Winning this award demonstrates that Georgia Southern's chapter has done an outstanding job of providing opportunities for growth and development to its members," said Chuck Salvetti, the manager of Student Programs for the SHRM.

Founded in 1948 as the American Society for Personnel Administration, the SHRM has over 500 affiliated chapters and 170,000 individual members in more than 120 countries, making it the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The organization's mission is to serve the needs of human resource management professionals by providing the most

essential and comprehensive set of resources available.

The SHRM Student Program was created in 1965 to promote mutually beneficial interaction between human resource management students and practitioners. The Student Program has nearly 400 affiliated student chapters and almost 10,000 members.

The Student Chapter Merit Award program recognizes chapters for outstanding activities and programs in four broad areas: support of the professional development of members; support of the SHRM; support of the human resource management profession; and professional operation of the chapter.

ACTION, FROM PAGE 1

"This country still continues to struggle with race, and it has been with us since before this country was created," said Ted Shaw, associate director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which had supported Michigan in the cases. "But even this conservative court would not turn the clock back. The court's decision reaffirms those waging the struggle for racial justice."

Terrence Pell, president of the Center for Individual Rights, the group that sponsored the lawsuits against Michigan, said the decisions were not slam-dunk wins for affirmative action.

"I think this ruling makes it harder

to use race-based admissions," he said. "They will be challenged if they do, and will have to prove that their system is not a mechanical, quota-based system."

Sheldon Steinbach, legal counsel for the American Council on Education, said he is giving his members simple advice: Stay the course.

"My take is that the admissions process at almost every university and college is as legal today as it was last Friday," Steinbach said.

The Michigan cases began in the late 1990s, when two rejected applicants sued, saying they were denied admission because they are white. The litigation quickly became

the focus of national movements to end and defend affirmative action, and the ranks of both sides swelled to epic proportions by the time the cases reached the high court. More than 50 briefs were filed, most in support of the university.

O'Connor's opinion, which largely follows Bakke's reasoning but goes further to describe the importance and value of diversity, was clearly influenced by some of those briefs.

In particular, she noted the briefs filed by retired military officers and one by the American Educational Research Association. Both described diversity as an indispensable goal.

JAVA, FROM PAGE 1

short life, Courson thinks that the Java Cup will be different.

"Everywhere around here is a bar-type place," she said. "This isn't a place like that, we have a different atmosphere. It's a laid back place close to campus where students can

get away from their dorms for a while. You don't have to buy anything to come in and hang out, but of course we hope that you will."

The shops hours are experimental at this point. There isn't a set closing time because the summer has so far

been a test run for the shop. By fall, Courson says everything will be more definite. She is sure of one thing, though. The Java Cup will definitely be open into the early hours of the morning during finals for all the late-night cramming.

IRAQ, FROM PAGE 1

headquartered in Basra, shunned the use of flak jackets as a sign that all was well. While Baghdad is visibly under occupation, British troops are a rare sight on the streets of Basra.

Capt. John Morgan, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's V Corps, said he was surprised that soldiers were killed so far south. "It's a little bit of a shock," he said. "It's not something that I ever would have expected."

American officials have contended that anti-coalition violence is being instigated by diehard remnants of Sad-

dam Hussein's regime in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," which starts at Baghdad and stretches north to Tikrit and west almost to the Syrian border. The British soldiers killed Tuesday were in a southern part of Iraq that's dominated by Shiite Muslims who were brutally repressed by Saddam.

Many in Iraq have said for weeks that violence against soldiers is not the doing of Baathist loyalists, but the result of discontent among residents about the lack of basic services and an Iraqi-led national government.

U.S. intelligence officials, however, told Knight Ridder on June 13 that parts of Iran's divided government have secretly been moving third-country Arab fighters into neighboring Iraq. Elements of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps are orchestrating the effort, charged the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the classified information involved.

Seventeen U.S. soldiers have been killed in attacks since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat operations over.

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support, wireless Internet access and the latest server technology. "You will be able to walk into the front atrium, and, whether you have a laptop with a wireless connection or you bring a cable with you, you will be able to sit down and have a cup of coffee and surf the Web," Marcontell said.

Design plans for the building started in January of 2001, but there have been many modifications along the way and more still to come.

"Even as you move into a building, you're actually still finishing up certain aspects of the design. That's usually the typical process," Marcontell said. "Basically, as they are building it, we are ironing out the design and smoothing along. It can be risky, but if it is well managed, it can actually be successful for the owner."

And success seems to be the goal that will be achieved with the building's inception, according to Price, who expects great changes and advancements for GSU. The highly advanced IT Building will provide the College of Information Technology with a foundation to build future academic advancements for GSU students and stronger partnerships between the university and surrounding industries.

Price said that students within the College of Information Technology are working with software companies in an effort to improve the current computer

software, and, in the process, the students are advancing their own education through hands-on experience.

Additionally, the College of Information Technology works in conjunction with Armstrong Atlantic University to provide a 36 hour curriculum of technology training for potential employees. "At least a minimum of 40 new employees will come into the economy of Southeast GA because of that training ground," Price said.

"So, I think for all those [previously mentioned] reasons, it [the College of Information Technology] will have an impact on the economy both here in Statesboro and southeast GA but also the Southeast and even beyond that," Price said.

"From my perspective, being an operational manager, using technology on a daily basis, if I'm out in industry, I want to be able to send or recruit from a school that is actually doing the work that we'll be doing," Marcontell said. "I think we are building this building with the concept and idea that we will be using the technology that is being used in business today."

And the new IT Building will be the headquarters of all this activity. This structure will certainly be hard to miss, Price assures.

"What this building is designed to be is the first major area of campus you see as you come down the new

entrance [Akins Blvd.] of GSU," Price said. "It's going to be a focal point and it's meant to be the showplace of the university."

Price and Marcontell aren't the only ones excited about the new building. "I can't wait until fall semester when the building opens," said Alan McDonald, a senior Information Technology major with an emphasis in telecommunications and network administration. "All of the technology in the building will be on the 'bleeding' edge," which, according to McDonald, is farther than "the cutting edge."

Price anticipates a prosperous future for the College of Information Technology. "I think that by the end of next year, you'll see close to 1200 majors [students] in that building, and I think you'll see the introduction of a professional master's program, in the IT field and IT management," she said.

There will also be a suite on the third floor available for professional training sessions. These sessions will bring large industries to the GSU campus and will provide the area with the facilities to gain much-needed job skills for the swiftly changing technological industry.

"I think it is going to give Statesboro the potential to be a learning, training community. So, the opportunity's there, it's just what GSU does with it," Price said.

COX, FROM PAGE 1

Cox, who administered the oath of office to the Governor-elect, Michael Duckworth, congratulated all of the citizens on the achievements that they made during the week.

"At one point in our lives, we all fail, but we need to pick ourselves up and try again. Look at how many elections Lincoln lost, and he is considered to be one of our greatest presidents, and he did not win an election until he ran for president," Cox reminded.

The Secretary of State also remarked that these are the people that will one day be running our country.

"I am trying to get them interested in running for an office, and office. We need more people to run for offices at all stages," said Cox. "Last year only 18% of college age voters votes, I hope that this will help to get the younger population involved more in what is happening in our state."

According to Cox, her involve-

ment in the General Assembly has been "a learning experience." "I love to be involved in the General Assembly and I have primarily been involved in the elections bills this term," said Cox.

She went on to say that she had no interest in entering the upcoming election for United States Senator, but added that "I hope one day that I will be given the chance to run for Governor."



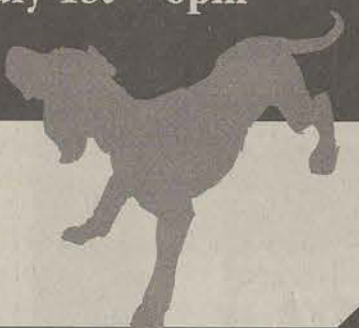
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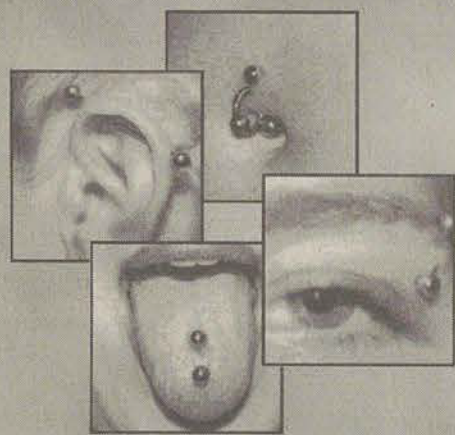
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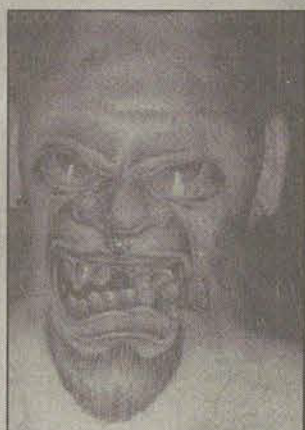
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Check out the newly remodeled Cloud 9!

Bonds slams and steals his way into baseball history

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SAN FRANCISCO - Late in the darkness of Monday night the Super Barry comic added yet another astonishing episode.

Whoosh! Barry Bonds stole his 500th base to become the charter member of the 500-500 club: 500 home runs and 500 stolen bases.

And he didn't just do it for a silly record. He did it to win the game. Which he did, 3-2 in the 11th inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 500-500 mark is a cartoonish numbers, like the amount of dynamite that Wile E. Coyote drops on Road Runner. Like something the Hulk is able to do at a theater near you.

How ridiculous is 500-500? Consider that Bonds was the charter member of the 400-400 club. And he's still the only member of that club, after five lonely years.

Bonds stole his 499th base on Sunday in Oakland. And there was mounting anticipation that Bonds would steal No. 500 on Monday night.

Bonds seems to enjoy getting his milestones against the Dodgers, fueling the bad blood of the rivalry. The Dodgers stood around in the April cold at Pac Bell Park in 2001 watching him celebrate his 500th home run. They stood around in the October chill in September watching after Bonds broke the single-season home run record.

Standing around and watching No. 25 make history isn't quite as provocative as Juan Marichal swinging a bat, but it's about as annoying as the modern rivalry gets. So it seemed only appropriate that it was the Dodgers who had to watch while No. 500 flashed on the scoreboard. Bonds pulled the base out of the ground, watched as

it was replaced and tipped his helmet to the crowd.

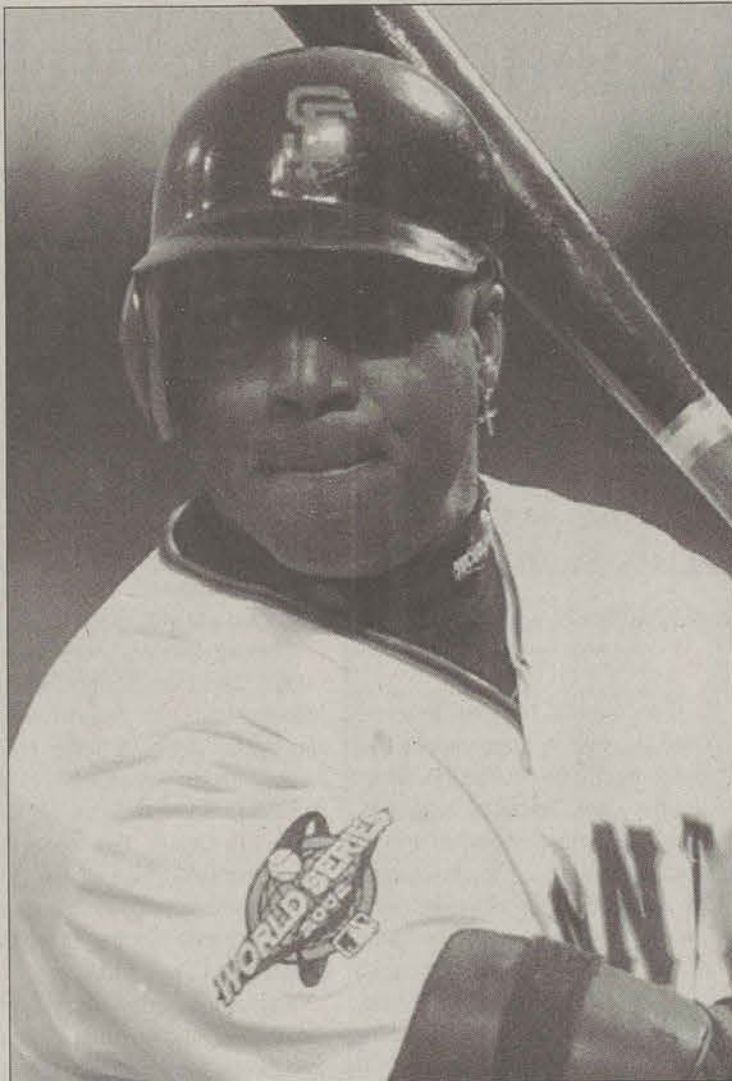
The milestone added a little extra fuel to throw onto the Dodgers-Giants bonfire, which is already burning pretty hot for only mid-June. The teams entered this series in a deadlock for first place in the N.L. West race which has the look of a tense teeter-totter to the September 28 close to the season.

The Giants won Monday, reclaiming sole possession of first place in the West. Until the 11th Bonds hadn't stolen a base. He hadn't even touched a base, going 0 for 4. But when the Giants needed him he came through, sliding home on Benito Santiago's single to left.

But it was Bobby Bonds who proved over and over that power and speed were compatible. And his son who is one of the few modern day ballplayers to carry on the tradition - with five 30-30 seasons, one of which was a 40-40 season, that helped push him to the 500-500 mark.

Bobby was at the game on Monday night, his first appearance at Pac Bell Park since late April. Bobby has been undergoing treatment for lung cancer. During the Giants' last homestand, Bobby was struggling, shuttling between home and the hospital. At the time Barry said his father was having trouble breathing.

So it was special to see Bobby walk into the Giants clubhouse, looking remarkably strong considering the ordeal he has been going through. He sat at his son's locker and then went out to watch him take batting practice. Dodgers coach Manny Mota came over to the Giants dugout and gave Bobby a big hug. Later, Bobby sat in clubhouse manager Mike Murphy's office, shooting the breeze with Mays and Willie



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In a Monday night game against the Dodgers, Barry Bonds became the first player in history to earn 500 stolen bases and 500 home runs over the course of his career.

McCovey while his son sat on the floor, laughing with them.

Bobby's presence was part of an emotional night at the ballpark. Over the weekend, the Giants lost two big parts of their family. Marge Wallace,

77, who was considered their biggest fan, passed away on Saturday. It's hard to remember a Giants-Dodgers game in San Francisco when Marge wasn't waiting at the clubhouse door to greet the players.

Braves likely to have large All-Star contingent

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Braves closer John Smoltz will likely be appearing in his second straight All-Star game as a closer. He has a 0.91 ERA and ranks second in the majors with 27 saves.

He could have plenty of teammates with him for the July 15 game at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field. As many as a half-dozen Braves have a legitimate shot at making the National League team, including outfielder Gary Sheffield, catcher Javy Lopez, shortstop Rafael Furcal, outfielder Andruw Jones and second baseman Marcus Giles.

If all six made the team - and don't forget pitcher Russ Ortiz, among the NL leaders with eight wins - the Braves would approach the team record for largest All-Star contingent. In 1997, seven Atlanta players took part in the game at Cleveland.

Smoltz made the NL All-Star team last year - his first full season as a closer - and went on to record a league-record 55 saves. He feels more deserving this year.

"I don't think I could pitch much better than I've pitched," said Smoltz, who also made the All-Star game four times as a starter. "I'd feel differently this year."

So would Furcal and Giles, who have never played in the midsummer classic.

"It's what everybody tries to do one time in your career," Furcal said. "It's the best thing that could happen in my life."

The NL rookie of the year in 2000, Furcal is putting up the best numbers since his debut season: .307 with 10 homers, 25 RBIs and 12 stolen bases. He had 363,734 votes in the most recent fan balloting, trailing shortstop leader Edgar Renteria of St. Louis by only 17,000.

Updated totals will be released Tuesday. Balloting ends July 2.

Giles also ranked second at his position, about 16,000 votes behind Houston's Jeff Kent. The Braves second baseman has hurt his chances with a 1-for-32 slump, knocking his average to .291, but he's not concerned with personal accomplishments.

"I don't think about it," Giles said. "We're trying to win a championship. We're not trying to make All-Star teams."

Next to the first-timers, no one would be more satisfied with making it to Chicago than Lopez, who has bounced back from the worst season of his career to hit .310 with 21 homers and 44 RBIs.

"I think he's a lock," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

Lopez, who batted .233 with only 11 homers a year ago, lost 30 pounds during the offseason and revitalized his career. He's a two-time All-Star, making the team in 1997 and '98.

"I wasn't used to having such a bad season," Lopez said. "Bouncing back the way I did this year is a good feeling. I'm just trying to make myself a better player. From now on, it's a new start for me. It's like being born again."

Sheffield is having an MVP-type season - .346, 21 homers, 61 RBIs - and was third in the fan totals released last week, which would be good enough to earn a starting spot in the outfield. He has played in six All-Star games, most recently in 2000.

He's looking forward to playing in this year's game.

"It's more special for me because my wife is from Chicago," Sheffield said. "They're preparing a big thing for me. To be elected and start, that's probably the biggest accomplishment I could achieve."

Jones ranks among the league leaders in homers (18) and RBIs (53). He was fifth in the fan balloting, about 65,000 votes behind Sheffield.

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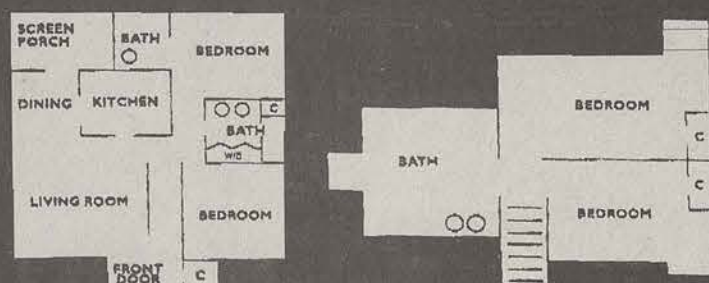
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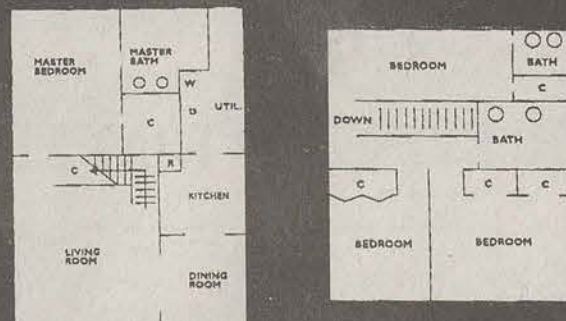
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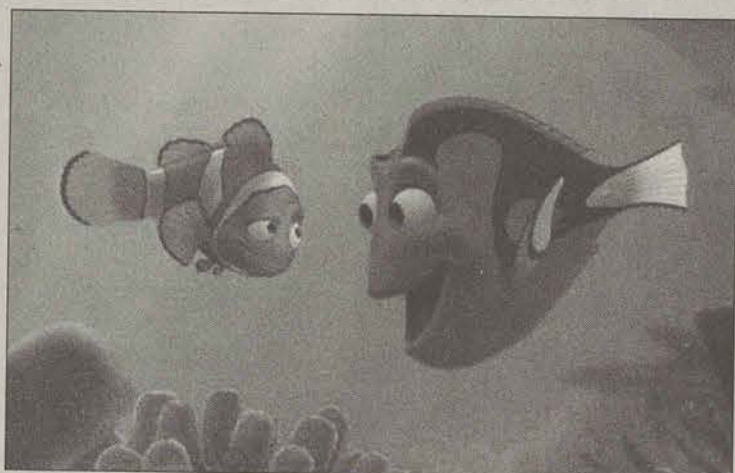
'Nemo' finds an audience

Disney and Pixar have outdone themselves this time with the new summer hit "Finding Nemo."

The delightful tale brings the viewer to the Great Barrier Reef on the ocean bottom where they meet a ton of interesting fish with unique personalities. Not since "The Little Mermaid" has a movie that takes place under the sea been so entertaining. Adults and children alike are singing the praises of this new CGI wonder.

From the creators of "Toy Story," "A Bug's Life" and "Monsters, Inc.," this newest film follows the journey of Marlin, a clown fish, and his journey to find his son Nemo, who is kidnapped by a dentist and put in his office's fish tank. Used as a coming of age film, the film explores the nature of bravery, child and parent relationships, and finding the power within oneself. This is all done without throwing it down the viewers' throats, and it leaves the audience in stitches.

Featuring the voices of noted stars like Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Geoffrey Rush, and Allison Janney, the characters of this film are very much individuals to themselves, and each fish, turtle,

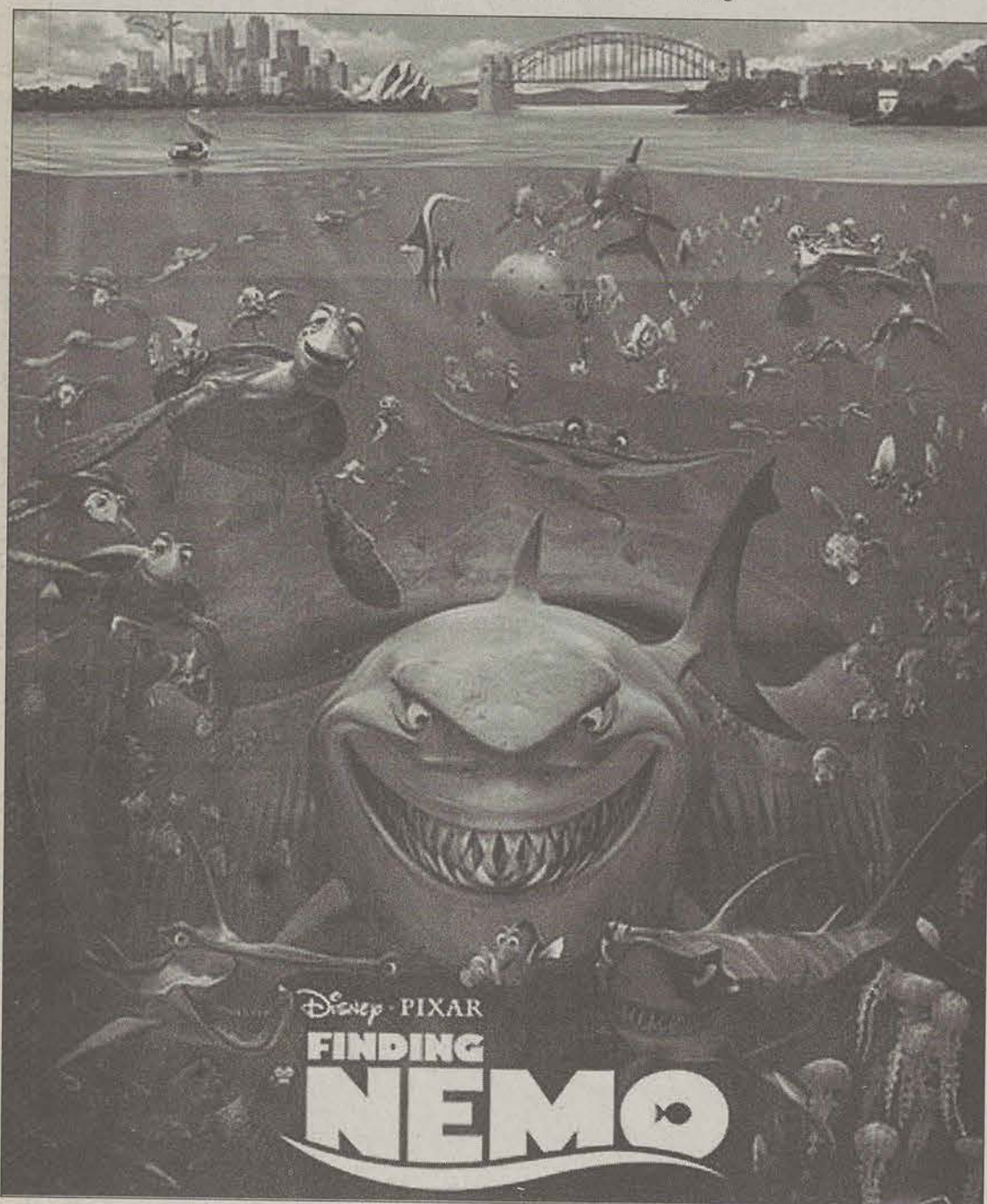


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Disney and Pixar have hooked another audience with their newest film "Finding Nemo."

bird, and etc. are quick glimpses into the microcosm known as the ocean bottom dwellers.

The film also has many interesting moments where many parents are caught laughing more than their children. With many moments of adult oriented humor being prevalent, this film is not just for the young, but also for the young at heart. Though not as perverse as "Shrek" was at times, this movie becomes a more family friendly piece of work that echoes old Disney values and fun.

The overall running time of the film was lagging towards the end, but with the animation being so crisp, and the funny moments intersected throughout, it was a welcomed wait. The characters are so real, and the struggles, just because they are fish, become almost human in their approach. This is a film for anyone who needs a little confident boost, or that much needed escape from real life. Anyone who sees "Finding Nemo" will be "Finding" a good thing.



Special Photo
"Finding Nemo" features the voices of an all-star cast, including, Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Geoffrey Rush, Allison Janney, and Willem Dafoe.

'Job' well done on heist remake

A gold heist that takes place in the Venice canals; a betrayal from within; and a plot for revenge with a twist of a love story sets the tone for F. Gary Gray's newest film "The Italian Job."

As a remake to the 1969 British film by screenwriter Troy Kennedy Martin, the film takes its premise from the heist films of old: A group of attractive, intellectual, and charismatic thieves must steal some item, and they must do it with as much class as possible. But this film seemed to take a different approach that was much welcomed and much needed.

Starring Donald Sutherland as veteran thief John Bridger, the film follows him, as he is about to embark on his last heist before retirement. With his crew Charlie (Mark Wahlberg), Steve (Edward Norton), Lyle (Seth Green), Handsome Rob (Jason Statham), and Left-Ear (Mos Def), they undertake the arduous job of lifting a safe that has 35 Million dollars of gold bars within.

Through a series of computer maps, new-age explosives, and speedboats, the heist is a success. Much to the chagrin of the crew, Steve, betrays the group, kills John, and leaves the rest of the crew for dead in the snow-capped Alpine Mountains. What ensues is a revenge plot to recapture the gold that Steve stole, and to avenge John's death. And John's daughter, Stella (Charlize Theron), a professional safe cracker, is also added to the mix.

The acting in this film is expected for the film of this genre. Everything is fast paced, and the dialogue is really quick. But what the audience does look for in these types of films is the fact that the actors can realistically portray a person with a certain skill. This task was done, and it was done extremely well. Lyle, played by Seth Green, is an expert at computers. Green conveyed this very well. Mos Def's Left-Ear was an explosives expert. This too was



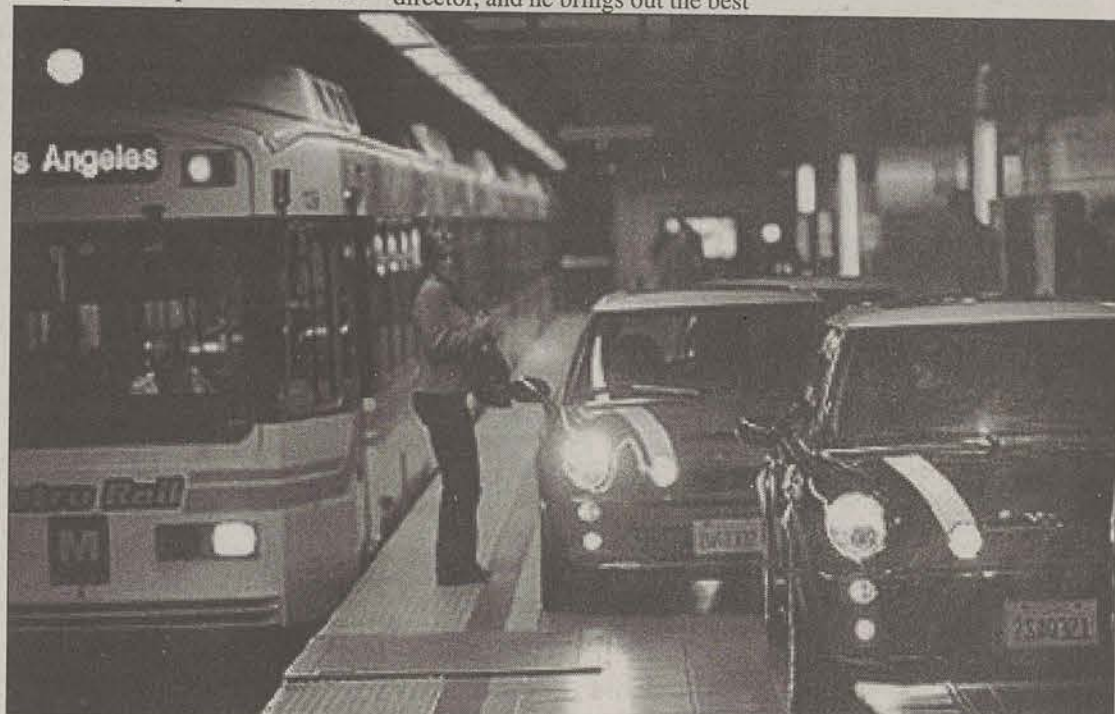
Special Photo
This remake features an ensemble cast including the likes of Donald Sutherland, Mark Walberg, Charlize Theron, and Edward Norton, among others

conveyed very well. And so on...

F. Gary Gray's latest attempt at an action film is a complete success. The director of such films as 1996's "Set it Off," 1995's "Friday," and 1998's "The Negotiator" brings this live-action romp through the canals of Venice and the streets of Los Angeles to life. His beautiful angels, and *misc-en-scene* bring a new glimpse at the future of action films. His fast cuts and beautiful montages are reminiscent to Steven Soderberg's great remake of "Ocean's 11." He is truly a talented director, and he brings out the best

in every location he shoots in.

This movie is great fun. It is one adventure after another. Edward Norton's portrayal of nasty Steve is so great and the covert plots that ensue are even better. This is a must-see. It brings you into the underground world of thieves and shows how sleek, sexy, and adventurous it really can be. With the use of the little Mini Coopers as the get away cars, this film adds a new chapter to the action genre that is needed. "The Italian Job" lives up to the hype and much more.



Special Photo
"The Italian Job" features many action-packed scenes with what seems to be the film's mascot, a Mini Cooper.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THAT TIME IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WANT TO BE A KID AGAIN?

After a long day of class and work, don't you sometimes just want to jump on a trampoline? Okay, so your thing might not be jumping on a trampoline, but I'm sure that something like this has happened to almost everyone.

Even though students are just years away from still being children, many of the perks of childhood are gone. I miss those times when you could get into a movie for \$4.00, find a penny and think it was a big deal, and get the prize with your hamburger.

Well, I'm not going to take this matter of growing up lightly. I plan on doing everything that I can possibly do to hold back these floodwaters.

I admit, I still jump on the shopping cart; and believe me, I can steer that thing just like Eppahrdt Jr. I am also that guy who still thinks that



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the lollipops they give away at the bank are a necessity, and should be considered when taking into account your new bank.

What makes a person to grown to play in the ball pit at McDonald's? I mean I can still fit down that super spinning tube slide. My theory is that if I can be responsible enough to pay the water bill on time, I should be able to play on that slide.

I remember growing up I couldn't wait to start shaving. That was the point when I'll be a man I thought. What a crock. I avoid it every chance I can get. Unfortunately for guys though, we can't just wear pants and cover it up.

Thank God for little cousins! I mean if it weren't for them, what excuse would we have to go see the latest installment of Harry Potter? Don't forget about the kid packs. With those things you can get popcorn, coke, candy, and a toy for less than it takes to even get in the dumb movie.

Saturdays were always the best. As soon as the covers were pulled off, the race was on to turn on the T.V. Over a bowl of Lucky Charms, the cartoons flowed out of the brightly lit box and into my living room. I miss my Smurf pajamas and favorite teddy bear.

I to have admit, the midnight dog on the drive from Atlanta to Statesboro has crossed my path more than just once. How many times have you

wished to be a kid and just let your parents drive as you sleep in the back with your pillow and blanket? No such luck anymore. After putting down a bag of skittles and a Mt. Dew I am still fighting back the eye lids.

I recently attended a little league game. I miss playing when the jerseys never fit and the glove was a hand-me-down. I played outfield. I still to this day can spot a dandelion from a mile away. I wish the most important thing about a game was not the winning or losing, but where the pizza party was going to be afterward.

Sure there are always going to be things that are going to come up preventing us from being kids again. But the responsibility comes, and as adults, we are forced to face the act of growing up.

The important thing though for people who still have their inner children bottled up is to let it out. Life is already too serious. The working world is coming soon and fast.

So when you find yourself forgetting all the fun you had when you were a kid, do something about it. Buy that pair of superman underwear, go fly a kite, or ride a roller coaster. But whatever you decide to do, have fun.

That's what a kid would do.

I miss my Smurf pajamas and favorite teddy bear.

Statesboro: Just off the beaten path

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Just beyond the crowds at Wal-Mart, in the nooks and crannies of Statesboro, lie stores and restaurants that exist virtually unknown to GSU students.

These businesses are "just off the beaten path," and they provide the Statesboro community with a variety of services performed with the hospitable flavor that so often characterizes small town vendor-customer relations.

The downtown area is a main attraction for Statesboro locals, yet GSU students rarely venture beyond the reaches of the campus, except to pay their water and cable bills at City Hall or Northland Cable. Students might be interested to know that Downtown Statesboro is a hotspot for stores and restaurants offering a unique alternative to the bar scene.

According to the most recent statistics from the U. S. Census Bureau,

there are seven "used merchandise stores" in Statesboro.

One such store is Archaia Books, located at 28 West Main Street.

Owners Dick and Suzy Farr opened this bookstore six years ago. Specializing in used, rare, and out-of-print books, the Fars have seen their side project business grow in popularity each year.

"Dick is within a few years of retirement from his regular day job and we knew he would need something to go to when he actually retired. So we started it now so that by then it should be doing pretty good," says Suzy Farr.

Archaia Books buys used books and offers a free search service for hard-to-find books. The store also has a website, www.archaia.com, where 60-70 percent of the transactions take place.

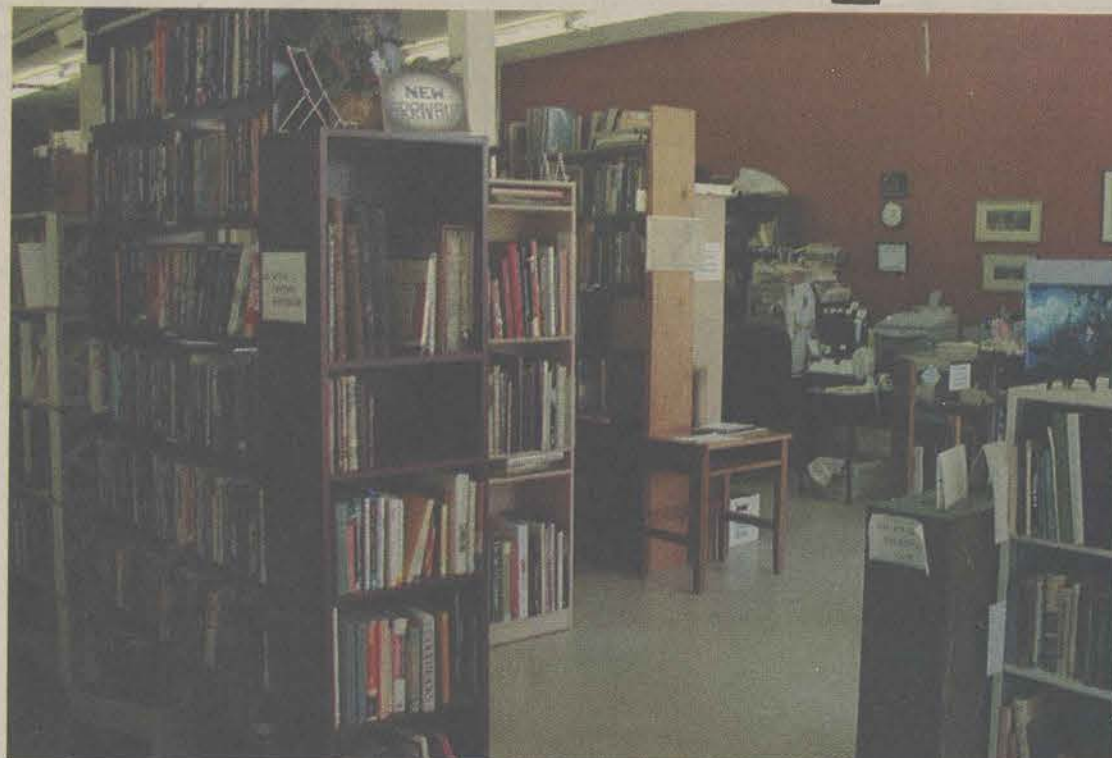
Although the Internet is a convenient form of commerce, it cannot provide the total first-hand experience of a visit to Archaia Books.

The rustic wooden door that separates the store from Main Street traffic is akin to the rare, weathered books that line the shelves within. The Farr's cat, Dustjacket, or Jack for short, can be found lounging on the worn furniture or scampering between bookcases.

Suzy Farr stresses the fact that customer service is the main ingredient for the success of the business. "We try to keep the attitude that we don't make sales, we make customers, and when you have customers, the sales follow," she says.

Just down the street, at 64 East Main Street, is another of Statesboro's best-kept secrets in the used merchandise industry — The Plunderosa.

Co-owners Linda Aycock and Martha Bacon are auction enthusiasts who say that they "fell into" the business. "We didn't go looking for it, it just sort of happened. We went to auctions and bought things, and we kept buying too many things so we needed to sell them," Aycock says.



Cory Cunningham/STAFF

Dick and Suzy Farr, owners of Archaia Books located downtown, stress that the main ingredient for success in business is great customer service. The Fars opened the bookstore six years ago.

"We started small, in a building with no electricity and no heat," says Bacon. "We started in Brooklet, and we grew."

The Plunderosa sells used and new items ranging from small collectables and antiques to furniture and mattresses. "This shop is a step back in time," Aycock states. "We sell the sort of things that you're used to seeing in your grandmother's house."

"Most people tell us one reason that they like to shop in here is because it's clean, neat, low-priced, and good music," Aycock says as "Moon River" begins to play on the radio.

According to its owners, The Plunderosa was opened in 1995, and is "geared toward customer demand" without all the "bells and whistles" of larger businesses.

In addition to these small stores, the downtown area also offers some dining alternatives for students. One

such restaurant is the Blue Moon Café, located at 40 East Main Street, formerly Craig's Deli.

Alicia Burnsed, who also owns and operates the two Alicia B's stores in town, owns this new establishment, which opened just under three months ago. The general manager is GSU student Thomas Brown.

The Blue Moon offers a trendy atmosphere that students might find appealing. Complete with bright colors and eccentric murals, this restaurant deviates from the more traditional setup found in most Statesboro eateries.

"We're actually bringing a totally different crowd, and the people downtown like it, Brown says.

The Blue Moon had a Grand Opening celebration on June 11.

Brown has great plans for the future. He plans to offer dinner within the next six to eight months, and there are still some unfinished

interior design projects.

The Blue Moon Café offers hot and cold sandwiches, pizzas, soups and salads, but its claim to fame is the pork chop sandwich.

"We started with our pork chop sandwich, which nobody else in town has. We started selling it, and the first week we sold more pork chop sandwiches than any of the sandwiches combined," Brown says, adding that the chili is another crowd pleaser.

"Now you've got Alicia B's and Doodlebugs and all those kinds of new businesses. We never had those kind of businesses down here before," Brown states. "I think it's the different kinds of businesses that are popping up that Statesboro hasn't had before and the growth of the college, both combined, are bringing the college this way, but it's also bringing more of the older Bulloch county crowd toward campus."



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The Blue Moon Café, formerly Craig's Deli, is now owned by Alicia Burnsed. The establishment hopes to bring a totally different crowd to the downtown area, with the trendy and eclectic atmosphere.



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