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New open container law places burden on drinkers, not bars

By Holly Bates

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A new law is now in effect and it impacts all of the alcohol clientele in Statesboro.

Statesboro Police Chief Stan York has been meeting with bar owners around Statesboro to introduce and familiarize them with the new law regarding open containers and how it affects their business and customers.

As of February 1, 2004, a new law concerning open containers has become official. The law states that any customer who walks out of a bar or restaurant with an open container of alcohol will be penalized in the form of a fine.

The consequences are as follows: First offense \$150, second offense \$250, and third offense \$500. The viola-

tion will be treated similar to a speeding ticket and will be handled in the same way at the Statesboro municipal courthouse.

However, the law doesn't only pertain to the square of bars at University Plaza that make up Statesboro's vibrant nightlife; it also pertains to the parking lots of apartment buildings, the stairways, and the roads in front of yards.

For example, if a student were to go to University Place for more than one keg party, they could be fined for walking to and from separate parties in that area. Alcohol will, however, still be permitted on porches, front yards, patios and other private property.

The sight of someone trying to hold their drinks low by their side or trying to sneak them out of a restaurant in their purse while they exit and leave to go to another

bar is all too familiar. Not to mention the signs posted in almost every bar stating, "You cannot leave with an open drink - \$250 fine."

Preceding February first of this year, there was no law in affect prohibiting a customer from walking from one bar to another with a drink. Georgia State law however, prohibits crossing a street with an open container.

Many students many not think of this new law as much of a change. So the question is: What exactly has changed?

Prior to the legalization of liquor in the city of Statesboro, this "new" law or one similar to it was in effect concerning open containers. However, when the papers were written to allow liquor to be served in Statesboro, an oversight was made and an open container law was never

established, making there no open container laws specific to Statesboro. The only law concerning open containers stated: If a customer was found to be in possession of an open container while attempting to cross the street or take it to their vehicle, then the establishment that the drink came from would be charged a fine for allowing the customer to leave with the drink. But the customer themselves wouldn't be charged unless they had attempted to cross the road.

Drinking in the front of the establishment (i.e. Woodin Nickel benches, or the main area right in front Dingus Magee's) while waiting for your ride is the officer's discretion. If an officer allows a person to keep their drink and they attempt to get into a vehicle with their drink, they will be fined; it must be thrown away.

GROWING PAINS

Proposed stadium closer to becoming concrete

By Scott Corwin

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Excitement is building as plans to build a new soccer and track-and-field stadium draw closer to being realized.

"There are a few hoops left to jump through," said Sam Baker, GSU Athletics Director.

The likely construction site is set in the Paulson Stadium parking lot, south of the water tower. In a best-case scenario, groundbreaking would begin in the summer and end by this time next year.

According to Baker, there should be ample parking space, and the stadium's aluminum benches should provide seating room for anywhere from 600 to 1,000 fans. The complex will also provide evening floodlights,

restrooms, and other conveniences

The soccer field will be an inset to the 400-meter, eight-lane, synthesized rubber running track.

"Its facilities will accommodate both athletics and academics," said Baker, adding that it will also provide an excellent spot for student recreation.

Although the project is not set in stone, Baker is determined to take the extra step. "It's our first shot to do it, and I want to do it right," he said.

In recent years both the soccer and track programs have catapulted to new levels, which fuels the fire behind arguments for the stadium.

One major assurance comes from the collaborative efforts of the Southern Boosters. Their fundraising has provided a backbone to the concept in the form of countless dollars raised. Over the years, they have

supplied the GSU athletic program with millions of dollars.

Todd Lane, the track and field head coach, is keeping the momentum behind the budding and hugely successful women's team. "This is obviously needed. We've been using the high school's track for years," he said.

Men's soccer coach, Kevin Chambers, has been anticipating this moment for years. "It will be a huge facelift for the campus," he said.

If constructed, the stadium would serve as the grounds for all matches, and the old field, located near the baseball field off Fair Road, would be used for practice.

It isn't easy to describe what a new stomping grounds means for the coaches and players. "We play for what we have. You have your team, and we play for each other," said Chambers.

A soccer field and track would be one the newest additions to campus, and could seat 600 to 1,000 spectators for both soccer matches and track and field events.



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Beheruz Sethna speaks at Indian cultural exhibit

By Shelly Clayton

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The South Asian Student Association (SASA) is helping sponsor a cultural exhibit of India this week.

A week of events about India began Monday and will last through Friday, the 27th. The weeklong events include exhibits, presentations, and performances by several GSU professors. The SASA aims to create awareness and promote the South Asian culture at Georgia Southern through these events.

On Monday, the State University of West Georgia's president, Dr. Beheruz Sethna, spoke about India in America. He viewed a comical approach towards the Indian stereotypes by referring to the Jeff Foxworthy theme of, "You know you're an Indian if..."

Immediately following the lecture was the opening of the Indian exhibit. Attending the event were several students of all ethnicities.

Amy Hoff, a nursing major, said, "I really enjoyed the use of comedy the speaker used to keep the audience entertained while informing us of the serious issues of the Indian culture at hand."

As for the rest of the week, on Tuesday in the Russell Union theatre at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. there will be an audiovisual presentation by Dr. Aniruddha Mitra on Indian Tourism, On Wednesday in the Russell Union theatre at 6pm the movie 'Ghandi' will be shown.

On Thursday in Russell Union Room 2047 from 2 - 2:40 p.m. there will be a series of lectures. Lecture I is entitled, "India: Unity in Diversity-Ghandi's Vision,"



Hillary Jones/STAFF

State University of West Georgia President Dr. Beheruz Sethna opened India Week with a speech at the GSU Museum.

presented by Dr. Merigala Gabriel, assistant professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy. Lecture II is from 2:50-3:30pm and will be on "India: A Composite

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Landrum glitch dishes out free food

\$3,000 in meal plans lost at Southern Traditions in a little over a week

By Scott Corwin

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All-you-can-eat-for-free.

A rare and unintentional deal earned some lucky Landrum-frequenters with food on the house's tab. Meal plans, which range from five to nineteen meals over a calendar week, normally deduct a serving on each I.D. card use.

According to Food Services Director Tom Palfy, a point-of-sale terminal at the university cafeteria suffered a mysterious glitch that refunded students immediately after using their meal plans.

"Students who track their plans would notice the error, and may return for more," Palfy said.

Discovered and resolved last Tuesday, the bonanza is estimated to have run up \$3,000 in losses to the food services program over nearly a week. At this time, Palfy does not expect any restitution from students for the glitch.

"They got a freebie," he said.

The problem was isolated to one



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Students eating at Southern Traditions were treated to a free lunch or dinner earlier this month when a computer malfunction failed to deduct meal plans from diners.

register in the cafeteria, so other university food outlets were unaffected.

Although this is the first such incident of scale Palfy can recall, there is little that can be done to predict future system lapses. "Surprises still come up," he said - only moments before he had resolved an unusual error that kept a

student's plan from synchronizing and accepting charges for the new week.

Diebold, the manufacturer of the transaction device, is also prominent in the ATM market where extraordinary circumstances have sometimes led to customers receiving millions in errant dollars.

Weekday Weather

Wednesday



HIGH

53°

LOW

40°

Few Showers

Thursday



HIGH

49°

LOW

38°

Rain

Only in America

Judge in Tennessee gives convict 10 days in jail for every curse word said

Kent State diplomas recalled

Thief leaves feces, takes gun from Michigan home



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Opinions

Sam Osborne endorses John Edwards as the right choice for the democratic nomination

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Sports

Swimming and Diving ties for third in NEC Championship

Eagle first baseman Greg Dowling named SoCon Player of the Week



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Police Beat

02-20-2004

- A bicycle was taken from the Russell Union bike rack.
- A window was broken at Winburn Hall.
- Officers issued two traffic citations and five traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted four motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

02-21-2004

- Officers issued six traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two fire alarms.

02-22-2004

- Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

Campus Calendar

February 25

'Voice Your Opinion'
7 p.m.

Come and voice your honest opinion about gay marriage. Participants are asked to be respectful and mature when attending and speaking their mind at this program. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Gregory Brock, associate professor of Economics. At the Southern Pines Clubhouse.

February 26

Eagle Expo Career Fair
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Career Services will host the Eagle Expo Career Fair, an all-campus event that provides the campus community with information regarding the world of work. Employers from a wide variety of fields have registered to attend. At the Recreational Activity Center (RAC).

Blood Drive
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Golden Key International Honour Society is sponsoring a blood drive. At the Russell Union and the RAC.

Award-winning writer to Read Work
7 p.m.

Diana Abu-Jaber will read from her award winning fiction. She is the author of "Arabian Jazz," and "Crescent." She is the recipient of the Oregon Book Award and a finalist for the National Pen/Hemingway Award. The departments of Writing and Linguistics, Literature and Philosophy and CLEC are sponsoring her visit. This reading is free and open to the public. At the College of Education Lecture Hall.

February 27

Indian Dresses and Cuisine
4 p.m.

This event is a part of "Unity in Diversity," the theme of an exhibit at the GSU museum. Come and experience the culture and diversity of India. At Russell Union Room 2080.

Public Evening at the Planetarium
7 p.m.

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will host a public evening, with Clayton Heller, assistant professor of Physics. He will present "A King's Ransom in Gold: The Great Longitude Prize of the 18 Century" which will cover the history of the quest and great prize for determining longitude. At the Georgia Southern Planetarium.

News Briefs

Disney CEO visits park amid Comcast takeover bid



Special Photo

Chairman and CEO of the Walt Disney Company Michael Eisner.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Michael Eisner, the embattled CEO of the Walt Disney Co., made a surprise visit to Disneyland to promote its latest attraction and deflect criticism that the company's parks have declined in recent years.

"The theme parks are in great management hands," Eisner said Saturday while attending the premiere of the new musical "Snow White."

Eisner declined to answer questions about his company's future or efforts by former board members Stanley Gold and Roy E. Disney to oust him.

The company also faces a hostile takeover bid from Philadelphia-based Comcast. On Feb. 11, the cable operator made the unsolicited bid, but Disney's board rejected the proposal, saying it would consider other bids while expressing strong support for current management.

Gay marriage amendment stalls

ATLANTA — A constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage won't come to a vote this week

in the Georgia House, party leaders decided Monday amid growing protests from gay rights activists.

About two dozen pastors and rabbis visited lawmakers Monday to plead for a delay on the measure, which would allow voters this fall to change the constitution to ban gay marriage. The GOP-led Senate has already approved the amendment, but not the Democrat-controlled House.

The clergymen cheered after the House Rules Committee decided not to vote on the amendment.

Rules Chairman Calvin Smyre, D-Columbus, said he wanted to focus instead on reapportionment and a midyear budget.

But Smyre said his committee would eventually take up the gay marriage amendment.

University System used \$2 million in taxpayer money for mansion



Special Photo

University System of Georgia Chancellor Dr. Thomas C. Meredith.

ATLANTA — The Georgia Board of Regents used more than \$2 million from taxpayers to renovate the house where the chief executive of the state University System lives, according to a report by The Atlanta Journal-

Constitution.

In Sunday's editions, the paper said the 6,000-square-foot, five-bedroom home of Thomas Meredith in the trendy Buckhead area of Atlanta requires \$100,000 a year for routine maintenance.

Other charges included \$14,000 for an interior decorator and \$32,000 for four vintage Oriental rugs.

The news comes during a budget crisis among Georgia's 34 public colleges and universities, with cuts of \$316 million for this fiscal year.

Meredith defends the spending for the house, which is used to host 15 official events.

The regents "made a wise decision in purchasing this home when they did," he told the newspaper. "In terms of the costs spent on the house since they've had it, I don't believe there have been any unnecessary expenditures."

U.S. Marines arrive in Haiti

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti — Fifty U.S. Marines were headed to Haiti on Monday to protect the American Embassy and diplomats after rebels overran Haiti's second-largest city and began detaining supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Marines were called for after rebels threatened to attack the capital, Port-au-Prince soon.

There were two attacks Sunday on police stations outside Port-au-Prince, independent Radio Kiskeya reported from the capital, and supporters of Haiti's president began building barricades to protect the city from the rebels.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.



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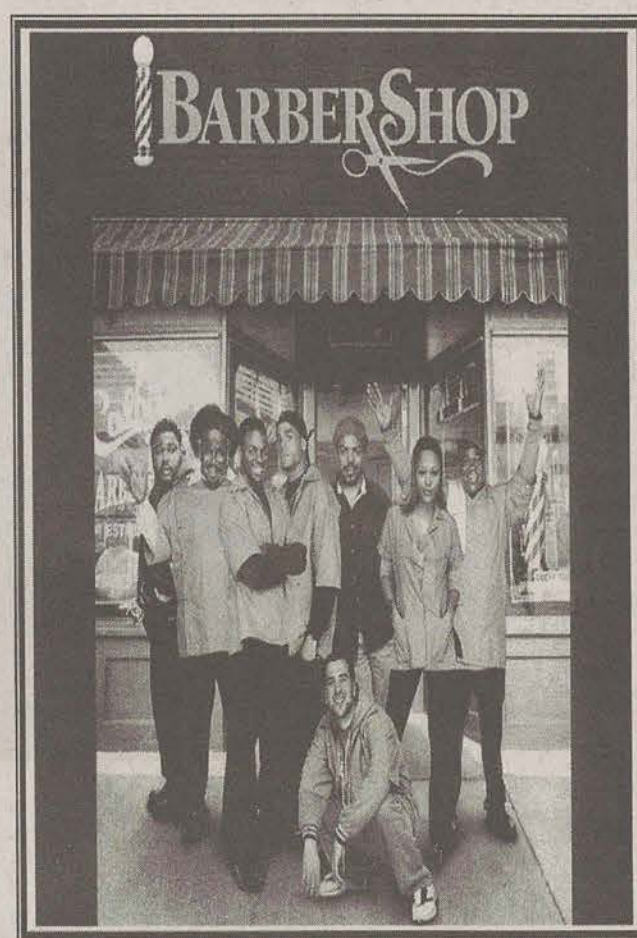
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Thursday

February 26

Russell Union Theatre

7:00pm & 9:30pm

Calvin (Ice Cube), who inherited a struggling barber shop on the south side of Chicago from his father, views the shop as nothing but a burden and a waste of his time. After selling the shop to a local loan shark, Calvin slowly begins to see his father's vision and legacy and struggles with the notion that he just sold it out. The shop is filled with an eclectic cast of characters that share their stories, jokes, trials and tribulations. Eddie (Cedric the Entertainer) is an old barber with strong opinions and no customers. Jimmy (Sean Patrick Thomas) is a highly educated barber with a superiority complex who can't stand Isaac (Troy Garity), the new white barber who just wants a shot at cutting some hair. Ricky is an ex-con with two strikes against him and is desperately trying to stay straight. Terri (Eve) is a hard-edged woman who can't seem to leave her two-timing boyfriend.



1 Tennessee

Foul language equals jail time

MEMPHIS – After a few weeks into his latest jail sentence, Romelus Caraway may start wishing the judge had simply ordered his mouth washed out with soap.

Caraway, who is awaiting trial on a kidnapping charge, got a 100-day jail sentence when he refused a judge's order to clean up his language.

The 28-year-old insisted on using a four-letter expletive at a hearing before Judge Chris Craft.

Craft warned Caraway not to use the word or face a 10-day jail sentence every time he did.

Caraway repeated the word 10 more times, with the last coming as he was being led from the courtroom by sheriff's deputies.

Caraway, who has been in jail for about a year, was before Craft to have a new public defender appointed.

2 Ohio

Misspelling leads to a diploma recall

KENT – Kent State University has asked more than 1,000 graduates to return their d-i-p-l-o-m-a if the word "privileges" is misspelled.

Roberta Sikula said some diplomas were mailed to graduates with "privileges" appearing as "privileges" in the phrase "all the rights, and privileges and honors pertaining thereto."

Sikula didn't know how many diplomas had the typo or what caused it. She sent letters to students who graduated in December offering to exchange diplomas with misspellings for edited versions.

Kent State began using new software in August to produce diplomas.

Sikula said an employee might have inserted the misspelling while changing the wording on diplomas for the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, of which Kent State is a part.

3 Michigan

Thief leaves a 'gift' after robbing house

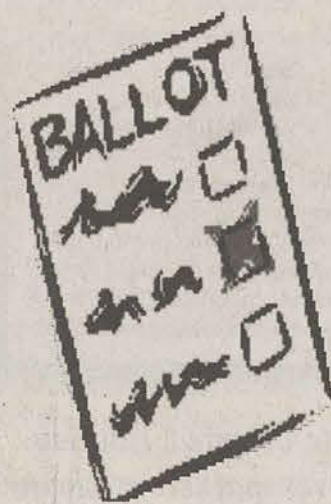
SAGINAW – A judge made sure the punishment fit the crime when he sentenced a man to clean 100 toilets at the Saginaw County Jail.

Jonathan F. Naessens, 23, pleaded guilty to stealing a firearm from a Richland Township home, but investigators also found human feces in the basement near the window where the burglar entered the house. Authorities say Naessens soiled the floor.

In addition to the toilet scrubbing, Circuit Judge Fred L. Borchard on Wednesday sentenced Naessens to two years' probation and to pay \$389 in restitution to clean the property.

"The sentence is excellent," Sheriff Charles L. Brown said. "What's more disgusting than someone coming into your home and doing this?"

Student Government Elections



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Our Opinion

GSU web mail still a bit squirrely

Four years ago, Georgia Southern's electronic mail system was archaic. Few students used their GSU web mail accounts back then, and even faculty members had their mail popped to Eudora or some similar mail program on the computers in their offices. It was for good reason. The accounts had three functions: Read, send and delete. The only way to save an email was to store it in the inbox of the account, and there was no such thing as an address book.

Much has improved since then. The web mail system we now use is SquirrelMail version 1.4.2, a much more obliging email client. This system allows us to create folders and an address book, view the weather in several cities from our sidebar, customize page colors, designate message filters, change the alias with which we sign in, and have a signature appended to all emails. The user can even set the account to send out automatic replies if planning to be out of town or away from a computer for a while.

Yes, this cool client will allow us to do just about anything we could possibly need. Unfortunately, the only thing it *won't* do is the thing we need it for most: Allowing us to type an email for more than 15 minutes.

Those who devotedly attempt to use their web mail accounts know the system automatically logs a user out after 15 minutes of "idle" time. Of course, to be idle merely means not to "click," and typing does not register as clicking. So, one can click away at the keyboard, ardently pouring out one's thoughts. But, at the end of a quarter hour, the session will time out and the email will be lost.

Well, perhaps not, the information services folks might say. After all, the student accounts sometimes catch the message and keep it in the drafts folder so the author can return to it upon signing back in. And, *sometimes*, in the case of faculty and staff accounts on Eagle 4, the system's cache catches the email and restores it, advising the user to be more careful in the future.

This feature of the account is obviously intended for our protection, but it's far more unnecessary and troublesome than it is helpful. Sure, we could open up a Word file and type our messages there. But, how inconvenient! Due to this very inconvenience, most of us use Hotmail, Yahoo!, or AOL accounts, and we have no problem signing ourselves out. For the most part, we are all adults, and we all understand the possible consequences of leaving our email accounts vulnerable to the perusal of strangers.

Perhaps far more members of the Georgia Southern community would use their web mail accounts if not for this one particular annoyance. The *georgiasouthern.edu* suffix on our email addresses could serve as a sign of school spirit, or even an advertisement leading people who don't know about the school to visit the website and consider attending the institution. Wasn't that the point of switching the domain name from *gasou.edu* in the first place?

Let's find a way to can this irritating feature in the system so we can all enjoy the many unique features GSU web mail has to offer.

Confessions of a former poppy grower

Part two in a
two-part series

By **Marwand Roghaniwal**
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Today there are more poppies than ever. Indeed it is spreading to other regions, with farmers from Nangahar taking their expertise to the surrounding areas where there is more water. In exchange for teaching others how to grow poppies, they often take a share of the profits.

This year looks set to be a bumper crop, although there is always anxious talk of disease and government eradication programs.

There is certainly no useful assistance coming from the government or foreigners, to help people find other livelihoods.

While I have not experienced it personally, there are widespread complaints that officials in charge of anti-drug efforts stuff their own

pockets and little of the assistance ends up with farmers. One farmer told me that he had been promised \$200 to stop growing poppies on one patch of land – but received none of it.

If authorities and foreign agencies are serious about stemming poppy cultivation, and not just interested in safeguarding their own large salaries, they need to ensure that the money goes directly to the villagers.

Factories and other industries are needed to create jobs in the regions so that there is no need for anybody to take part in this inhuman trade.

Given their current state of poverty, people feel that growing poppies for drugs is justified. It even has the support of some local mullahs.

The Imam of Masab Bin Omer Mosque in Nangarhar, Qari Abdullah Sahar, is one who argues that there is a practical need. "Muslims are allowed to eat even forbidden meat at times of great need," he told me, while criticizing the hypocrisy of richer nations.

"If the international community is really seeking to help humanity, then why doesn't it ban alcohol and cigarettes," he asked. "Poppies are the only means of earning a living for our helpless nation," he said.

A few mullahs go even further, arguing that it is Jihad to send such addictive drugs to Western nations.

I do not agree with this attitude and worry about addicts such drugs create. We are all human, after all.

However, like most people in the region, this is not a moral dilemma I spend much time worrying about. For the vast majority, it is simply a matter of necessity in the face of poverty.

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Letters to the Editor

Iowa resident encourages Georgia to go for Edwards

On Super Tuesday, March 2, the eyes of the nation will be on the State of Georgia when you citizens make known whom you believe should be the Democratic nominee to face George W. Bush in the upcoming presidential election.

I hope you are giving serious consideration to John Edwards. My wife and I went to our Iowa caucus for him.

We both thought that this was one of the best Democratic fields of candidates to ever come through Iowa. All worthy people, but we thought Senator Edwards stood out as the best – a good man who has vision that our nation needs in these pressing times. In addition we believe he can beat Bush.

I would not suggest that my judgment is any better than yours. However, I would say that John Edwards is as impressive as any candidate I have ever met in my lifetime, and that goes back many years. In fact, when I was young I thought the president had to be named FDR and the pope Pius.

My wife and I met, heard and shook hands with all the candidates that we could – even with Wes Clark before he dropped out of the

Iowa caucus. Edwards seemed so good that we went back to hear him over and over – to make sure he was for real. We concluded he was the real thing for sure.

There are all sorts of reasons that make me think that John Edwards can and should beat Bush, but just let me say that I hope he does. Our nation needs a man like him at this time. So please go and meet Senator Edwards when he is in your area. I think that you too will find him to be the person who can carry the next election and put our nation back on course to the kind of future that we, and our children, and children's children want for this great land of ours.

My wife has – as the candidates say on TV – authorized this message. Now if you would like to talk about a person who really ought to be leader of the free world ... she.... Well, maybe next time.

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Abercrombie debate finale

Abercrombie makes clothes for white people who can afford them

Your response to the article "The fair skinned Abercrombie image is just plain racist" is in itself the most racist garbage I have read all year. How can you justify FUBU advertisement as a sociocultural cause and then go on to say it is wrong for Abercrombie to advertise nearly exclusively with good looking white people.

Abercrombie makes clothes for white people, white people who can afford them and it is as simple as that, just as FUBU does for the blacks, so explain to me how this is ok for blacks and not white. You are in yourself racist for including this piece. There is definitely still a racism problem in America but it has nothing to do with

Abercrombie or FUBU; it has more to do when people distort and stretch anything that celebrates the white culture into something racist. This causes more racial tension, which in turn causes more racism, so by including this ridiculous article in your paper not once, but twice in some confused attempt to fight racism you have done nothing but escalate racial tensions among anyone who reads that garbage.

Why don't you and your staff spend more time finding articles that educate the young, fertile minds of this campus with issues that are beneficial in some way at least. This kind of crap should not stand in a paper that is supposed to be representa-

tive of the student population of Georgia Southern. Blacks make up 13 percent of the population so if one clothing company chooses not to market their clothes (who are obviously designed to appeal to white suburban types anyways) that is ok, who cares. There are countless other brands advertised exclusively to blacks and most of them are just as pricey as Abercrombie.

If you are the editor of the paper and this is how you think, maybe we need a new editor.

Chad, Abercrombie-wearing white GSU student
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Staff writer response to column author Mary Andom: Why pull the 'race card'?

I am responding to the article you wrote which was printed in my school newspaper, *The George-Anne*, at Georgia Southern University.

I usually do not respond to the articles that I read outwardly but your article struck me as slightly "racist" in your own way. Abercrombie and Fitch sell to a target market, just like FUBU and ROCAWEAR or other such urban clothing designers. There is no reason why an African-American should feel like they cannot shop at Abercrombie and Fitch.

YOU just "feel" that way because in your article you generalized a consensus among minorities and I, as a minority, do not agree with you. The store is not racist or promoting racism in any way; you are analyzing the "image" of such a store too deeply. You commented on the American culture of beauty as white but yet African-Americans are the ones who sympathize and patronize celebrities such as Halle Berry and Beyonce. They (Halle Berry, Beyonce, etc.) can not be known without people like us so what are you doing to change that way of thinking?

I hope the way you want to get a message out to the public is not by using the "race card" because in all honesty, when it comes down to it, the image of Abercrombie and Fitch does not influence you to buy or not buy their clothes, the actual clothes do. You are so full in your "blackness" that in your experience you failed to even notice the merchandise.

Do urban companies have an obligation to portray White Americans in their clothing ads? Do YOU have an obligation to fall in to the stereotype of African-Americans wearing "flashy tennis shoes, puffy coats, baggy jeans and jerseys"?

They do not and you do not so you should invest your time into creating a positive mindset that will create positive changes.

Christina Calloway
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Did you know?

Race is not the first touchy charge that has recently been leveled against Abercrombie & Fitch. In December, the company pulled a catalog featuring nude models after accusations that the advertisement play pushed the limits of exploitation and pornography.

For more information about this incident, check out the CNN.com article at <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/12/10/abercrombie.catalog/index.html>.

Whether black or white-oriented, clothing ads only add up to clever marketing scheme

Personally, I feel you both made valid points on the issue. But, from what I got from the first writers article, it seemed you missed a point. If Abercrombie is considered biased for using whites predominantly, by that logic wouldn't FUBU be as well for using predominantly blacks?

I understand where you are coming from with the "empowerment" idea, but I disagree with it. To me FUBU is nothing more than a marketing ploy just as Abercrombie. Somewhere in a big office an executive went "Johnson, we need to corner the urban market - find something that appeals to them" and FUBU was born.

It's only human to want to feel as if you belong to a group. Add the stigma to a label of clothing of "This is ONLY for our people," and you have a formula for success.

I'm starting to go on a tangent here and loose my focus, so I'll cut it short.

I don't view the two companies as racist, more of just clever marketing. You see the thugged-out white boys in their FUBU and the dressed up black boys in their Abercrombie polos pretty equally around here.

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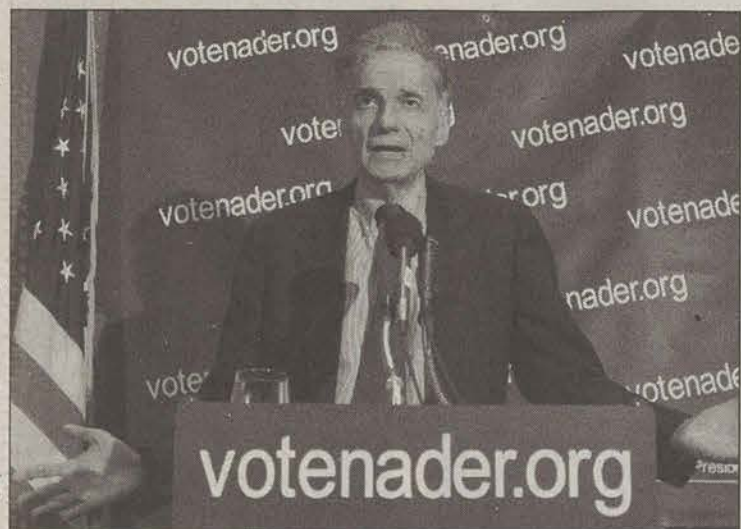
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Nader announces run for president as an independent



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Presidential hopeful Ralph Nader addresses a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Monday, February 23, 2004. Nader said he won't back off from his latest campaign for the White House even if the major candidates are tied in polls going in to Election Day, a scenario that led many friends and former supporters to urge him not to run again.

By Maria Recio
KRT Campus

Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential nominee, brushed aside the "spoiler" label given him by Democrats after the 2000 election and announced Sunday he is running for president as an independent.

In an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," Nader confirmed the decision that many Democrats had been expecting and fearing for weeks. "There's just too much power and wealth in too few hands," said Nader. "Washington is now a corporate-occupied territory."

"There's a 'For Sale' sign on almost every door of agencies and departments where these corporations dominate and they put their appointments in high office," said Nader. "The Congress is what Will Rogers once called 'the best money can buy.'"

Nader's candidacy, first reported by Knight Ridder on Feb. 14, was harshly criticized by leading Democrats, including Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who fear that this time Nader would hand President Bush a re-election victory.

"There are people all over the country wishing he hadn't done it (before)," said a disappointed McAuliffe on CBS' "Face the Nation." "They remember the 2000 election, they remember New Hampshire, they remember Florida, and the margins of victories there."

Nader, who was on the ballot in 43 states and the District of Columbia, got 2.7 percent of the vote nationwide but was a deciding factor in those two states. Nader received 97,488 votes in Florida, which Bush won by 537 votes. In New Hampshire Nader earned 22,198 votes, which Bush won by 7,211 votes.

In an interview Sunday with Knight Ridder, Nader said if he were spoiling anyone's chances it would be the Republicans.

"This will enhance the Democrats," argued Nader, who said that his 2000 voters broke down 38 percent Democratic voters and 25 percent Republicans with Greens and independents making up the rest.

"Right now, I am persuaded I will draw far more independents and Republicans who would otherwise have voted for Bush than I would get from the Democratic Party candidate," he said. "Conservatives are furious with Bush over deficits, the Patriot Act, corporate subsidies, corporate support of pornography, NAFTA, GATT and sovereignty."

Nader, who detests the "spoiler" tag, calling it "contemptuous," also has promised to focus his attacks on Bush, but warned the Democratic nominee to avoid criticizing his independent candidacy.

The two leading Democratic presidential contenders, front-runner Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina,

tried to put a positive spin on a Nader candidacy.

"I think I'm going to have a campaign that will speak to those people who ... supported him last time," said Kerry when asked about a Nader candidacy on Saturday. "This is going to be a different campaign this time, I assure you."

Edwards said Sunday: "It's important for the Democrats to have somebody at the top of the ticket who will be appealing to some of the voters that Ralph Nader might attract." Nader's candidacy, he added, "will not impact my campaign."

Nader's announcement came after an unprecedented campaign to dissuade him from many of his core supporters, including the editors of the liberal magazine, *The Nation*. McAuliffe was so concerned about Nader's possible entry into the race that he met with him personally to convince him not to run.

Republicans were not buying Nader's argument that he would hurt Bush.

Republican National Committee chairman Ed Gillespie, also appearing on the CBS program, said, "From my perspective, regardless of what Ralph Nader does, President Bush is going to be re-elected come November."

Richardson, who spoke on Fox News, accused Nader of running out of "personal vanity because he has no movement, nobody is backing him, the Greens aren't backing him, his friends urge him not to do it ... It's all about himself."

But Nader said he could attract like-minded citizens, especially young people from the former campaign of liberal Democrat Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who withdrew from the presidential campaign last week. Dean said he would support the Democratic nominee.

Nader decided not to run as a Green in December because the long nomination process would have hampered his campaign.

As for raising money and gaining ballot access in 50 states, Nader said he had devised a strategy of fund raising through dinners, autographed sales of his books and renewed emphasis on the Web. "We're going to learn from the Dean fund-raising campaign team," he said, immediately adding the name of the Web site, votenader.org.

Nader will begin traveling the country to energize volunteers to get the signatures needed for a line on the election ballots, focusing on Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, Indiana and California. He said he will be in Texas twice in March because the Lone Star State's window to get on the ballot is open only for 60 days after the March 9 primary.

Asked about his age he turns 70 on Feb. 27 Nader playfully replied, "Shh-hhh." Ronald Reagan was 69 when he ran in 1980 and became the nation's oldest president when he won. But said Nader, "I don't dye my hair."

Pressed if he had the energy for another campaign, Nader said, "I find it invigorating."

Cuban youths turn tattoos into show of defiance

By Tracey Eaton
KRT Campus

HAVANA - Anisley Molina shrieked when the needle pierced her skin.

"Hold still!" Junior Perez told her as he drew a tattoo on her tummy. "But it hurts!" she wailed.

No matter, tattoos are the latest rage in Cuba, and even the faint-hearted are putting up with the pain.

Body art is especially popular among the island's Generation Y crowd, those younger than 25. And many are having their skin emblazoned with symbols of defiance: from marijuana leaves and the face of reggae legend Bob Marley to guitarist Jimi Hendrix and Harley-Davidson's screaming eagle.

The craze is yet another sign of change in Cuba, led by Fidel Castro since 1959.

Some people believe it underscores Cubans' deep yearning for broader individual rights and greater basic freedoms.

"The new Cuban youth own the streets and ... they're staking claim through an explosion of body art,"

Ben Corbett writes in his 2002 book, "This is Cuba - An Outlaw Culture Survives." "It's a new revolution ... a new rhythm of the flesh, throbbing to a tempo the bureaucracy will never grasp."

Government officials deny any new surge of social defiance and say most young people back the socialist regime. Tattoo artists say many Cubans - not just rebellious youth - get inked.

"All kinds of people come here," said Perez, one of only seven professional tattoo artists in the nation of 11 million people. "I'm swamped."

A similar fad swept the United States in the 1990s as Hollywood celebrities, sports stars and others got tattoos. Among them were actors Robert de Niro, Roseanne Barr, Cher, Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton.

So pervasive was the trend that even some Barbie dolls were sold with tattoos. And by last year, Americans were getting etched in ink at a record rate.

In Cuba, the frenzy is different, yet just as intriguing.

Tattoo artists operate on the

fringe of the black market. They're not allowed to advertise, and their work is still too extreme for Cuba's humdrum television stations, some of which show fish swimming in an aquarium to fill air time.

Making things more difficult, no tattoo-drawing equipment is sold in Cuba. So when Perez, 28, started out nine years ago, he had to improvise.

He made his own tattoo machines, gun-like contraptions used to inject ink just below the skin.

"I took the motors from small tape recorders and made my own tattoo machines," he said. "Motors from Walkmans and electric razors also work."

When tattoo artists can't persuade a tourist to bring them American-made tattoo needles, they sometimes use acupuncture needles, which can be found in Cuba. Some have also used watercolors when they couldn't get tattoo ink.

Buying all the equipment can easily cost \$400 or more, said Leovaldo Canosa, a tattoo artist in Alamar, a

town east of Havana.

Yet tattoo artists charge just \$2 to \$20 for most tattoos, a fraction of U.S. prices.

"We barely survive," Canosa said.

'It's a new revolution ... a new rhythm of the flesh, throbbing to a tempo the bureaucracy will never grasp.'

-Ben Corbett, author

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The University Judicial Board (UJB) needs your help to fill student positions on the Board for the 2004-2005 academic year. You are asked to nominate students you feel would be responsible and conscientious UJB members. All regularly enrolled students who have completed at least 15 hours of academic credit at Georgia Southern are eligible for appointment provided they meet the following criteria:

- (1) they must not have a disciplinary record for the last two semesters of university attendance;
- (2) they must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher;
- (3) they must not hold the top executive office in any campus organization;
- (4) they must be a full-time student; and
- (5) they must be planning to attend Georgia Southern the entire 2004-2005 academic year.

If you know students who would be excellent UJB members, please submit their nomination by Friday February 27, 2004. All nominations should include the nominee's full name, social security number, current phone number, current GSU P.O. Box number, and a paragraph stating why you think the nominee would be an effective UJB member. Feel free to nominate as many students as you like. All nominations must be signed by the person making the nomination and must be submitted by Friday, February 27, 2004 to:

Janet O'Brien
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Thank you for your help in selecting student UJB members. A complete description of the procedures for appointing UJB members may be found in the Student Guide, Appendix C.

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Why do you feel the nominee would make an effective UJB member?

Junior Williams leads Eagles in Senior Night win

By Kenny Cofer
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After being upset by UNC Greensboro Saturday night, Georgia Southern looked to rebound against another sub-.500 team, the Elon Phoenix.

However, the Eagles once again had troubles with a lower opponent on Monday at Hanner Fieldhouse. Down 17 points at halftime, Georgia Southern got a deep three-pointer from Terry Williams just with just over a second left in regulation, as the Eagles managed to hold off Elon in overtime, 83-80.

The Eagles needed the win to secure themselves a first-round bye and at least a second seed in the Southern Conference tournament.

The Phoenix would not be cooperative, however, as they out hustled the Eagles in the first half, going on a 34-17 run to close the half. Elon was led by Montell Wilson who scored 11 points in the first half to give the Phoenix a 44-27 lead at halftime. Williams was the lone star for the Eagles in the first half, scoring 15 first-half points.

Coming out of the locker room, the Eagles looked rejuvenated. Elton Nesbitt opened the half with a quick three-pointer at the 19:06 mark. Williams quickly joined the party with two threes of his own, closing the gap to nine, 45-36.

With momentum on their side, Georgia Southern picked up their intensity. The Eagles clawed their way back into the game and eventually knotted the game up at 57-57 with 8:21 remaining in the second half. After a media timeout, Williams came out and knocked down a three-pointer to give Georgia Southern their first lead since the 13:37 mark of the first half, going on top 60-57.

Both teams battled back and forth for the remaining minutes with Elon reclaiming the lead, 72-68, with 15 seconds remaining in regulation. The Eagles quickly responded

"Almost every shot I took went in. It was just one of those nights."

— Junior guard Terry Williams

with a three pointer from Nesbitt, bringing the game to within one, 72-71.

After two free throws from Elon's Matt Nowling, things looked bleak for the Eagles, as they trailed by three, 74-71, with eight seconds remaining.

Georgia Southern never gave up though, and Williams dribbled up the floor and knocked down a three pointer from just inside the halfcourt to send the game into overtime.

Once everyone had finally recovered from the heart-stopping shot, it was time for overtime. The Eagles had complete control of overtime and never let the Phoenix see the lead again. With the Eagles up 83-80 and time running out, Williams came up huge again. Williams blocked the shot of Elon's Nowling as time expired, and the Eagles escaped with the win.

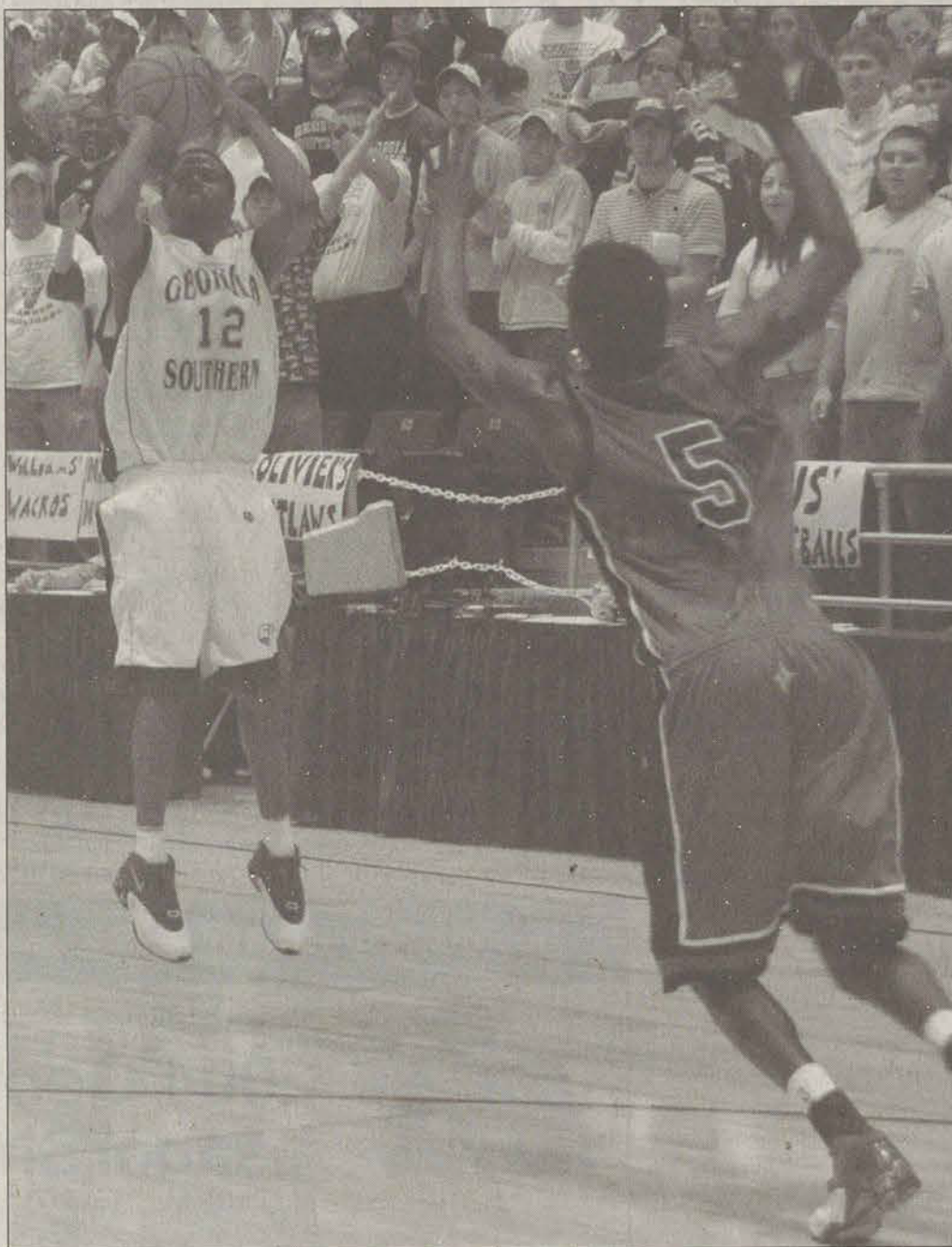
Williams was the leading scorer for Georgia Southern with a career high of 27 points to go along with seven assists. He was 7-for-10 from three-point land.

"Almost every shot I took went in," said Williams about his remarkable shooting night. "It was just one of those nights."

The night was also Senior Night for Georgia Southern, as Marcus Byams, Kordel Gibson, Prentice Mobley and Frank Bennett were honored before the game.

The win gave Georgia Southern their 20th of the season, as they improved to 20-6 overall and 11-4 in the Southern Conference.

With the win, the Eagles clinched a first-round bye in the conference tournament. They can wrap up the number one seed in the South Division with a win at The Citadel this Saturday at 2 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

It may have been Senior Night, but junior Terry Williams stole the show Monday, scoring a career-high 27 points off a 10-for-15 shooting night, including 7-for-10 from three-point territory. Williams' shot from well beyond the three-point line at the end of regulation sent the game into overtime.



David Casselli/STAFF

The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team finished tied for third in the Northeast Conference Women's Championship. The Lady Eagles had the impressive finish in their first year as members of the NEC.

Swimming and Diving ties for third in NEC Championship

GSU Athletic Media Relations

LANDOVER, Md. - In their inaugural season in the NEC, the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs claimed their first-ever Northeast Conference Women's Swimming & Diving Championship, scoring 611 points, to outdistance its nearest competitor, Georgetown, by over 75 points.

Central Connecticut State University and Georgia Southern tied for third place with 474 points each, while Wagner rounded out the top five team finishers with 416 points.

Gardner-Webb's Terra Wilson was named the Women's Outstanding Swimmer & Rookie of the Meet after earning five gold medals over the weekend, including three individual awards and two in the relays. The rookie standout won the 50 yard freestyle (23.36) on Friday, 200 yard freestyle (1:49.92) on Saturday and closed out the championship with a win in the 100 yard freestyle (50.77) on Sunday night to help lead her team to victory. All three times established new NEC meet records and were also NCAA B qualifiers. She was a member of GWU's winning 800 yard freestyle relay and 400 medley relay, while also earning a

silver with the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Central Connecticut State's Juliana DiPlacido earned NEC Outstanding Diver honors after winning the one meter dive (258.30 pts.) and placing second in the three meter dive (421.60). Gardner-Webb head coach Mike Simpson rounded out the major award winners, taking home 2004 NEC Coach of the Year honors.

Along with Wilson, the Bulldogs' Kourtney Hamilton came through with a gold on Sunday night, taking top honors in the 200 yard breaststroke (2:26.94) after having earned a bronze in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:07.53) on Saturday.

Other event winners on day three of the NEC Women's Swimming & Diving Championship included Katie Amaro of Georgetown in the 1,650 yard freestyle (17:27.50), Marina Shport of St. Francis (N.Y.) in the 200 yard backstroke (2:04.98) and Amanda Kralovic of Central Connecticut State in the 200 yard butterfly (2:05.77). The Blue Devils' 400 yard relay squad of Lauren Klitzner, Kralovic, Jaime Crowley and Joanna Bocer earned the gold in the last event of the evening to help propel CCSU into a tie for third place.



GSU Athletic Media Relations

Sophomore first baseman Greg Dowling was named SoCon Player of the Week after batting .447 with a league-high four doubles, 17 hits and 14 runs batted in thus far this season. Dowling has also managed a hit in each of the nine games he has played in thus far.

Eagles' Dowling named SoCon Player of the Week

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - The Southern Conference today named Greg Dowling of Georgia Southern as its baseball Player of the Week and Brian Akin of Davidson as the Pitcher of the Week.

Dowling, a 6-3, 220-pound sophomore from Marietta, Ga. (Pope HS) is on a nine-game hitting streak and leads the SoCon with 17 hits, 14 runs batted in and four doubles. He is hitting .447 for the year, going 17 for 38 through the first nine games of the season. Dowling has had seven multi-hit games thus far this season.

Akin, a 6-3, 200-pound senior right-hander from Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS) shutout Georgetown 4-0 on Feb. 22 while allowing just four hits and one walk and striking out 11. Primarily a reliever his first three seasons, Akin dominated the Hoyas for eight innings and his 11 strikeouts were more than double his previous career best. He allowed just six base runners to reach base and only one to reach second base.

Also receiving consideration for Player of the Week were Ryan Gordon of UNC Greensboro who posted a .462 batting average while leading the Spartans to a three-game sweep of Fordham; Brian Sigmon of Western Carolina who has hit .357 through the first six games of the season; Drew Davis of Elon who has a seven-game hitting streak and a .593 batting average; Wofford's Steve Casey who hit .429 in the Terriers' season-opening sweep of North Carolina A&T; Josh Stackley of The Citadel who hit .412 in four games for the Bulldogs; and Caleb Moore of East Tennessee State who hit .364 and helped the Bucs to a four-game sweep of Xavier over the weekend.

Others considered for the Pitcher of the Week award were Wofford freshman Charles Vartanian who recorded a pair of saves against North Carolina A&T; Shannon Sprouse of The Citadel who has not allowed a run in seven innings of relief work; and Daniel Lindner of Western Carolina who pitched six scoreless innings in a win over Wright State on Feb. 21.

GOING FOR THE TOP SEED



Georgia Southern at The Citadel

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Georgia Southern (20-6, 11-4 SoCon)
The Citadel (5-21, 1-14 SoCon)

LAST MEETING

With a win in their regular season finale, Georgia Southern will clinch the South Division's top seed entering the Southern Conference Tournament. The Citadel, on the other hand, only won their first conference game of the season on Monday night against Wofford.

MEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

ELON (80)

Kirby 0-0 0-0 0, Atoyebi 5-11 8-9 18, Rice 3-6 1-2 10, Nowlin 0-8 4-4 4, Harvin 3-11 1-2 7, Watson 7-13 6-8 23, Gamble 6-7 4-4 16, Chalko 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 25-59 26-31 80.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (83)

Olivier 0-2 0-0 0, Bennett 5-11 4-5 14, Nesbitt 5-12 0-0 13, Williams 10-15 0-0 27, Fleming 2-3 0-0 4, Gennie 0-0 0-0 0, Mobley 0-2 4-4 4, Gibson 5-6 2-15, Francois 2-9 2-2 6, Byams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-60 12-13 83.

Halftime—Elon 44, GSU 27. End of Regulation—Elon 74, GSU 74 Three-point goals—Elon 4-13 (Rice 1-2, Nowlin 0-4, Harvin 0-1, Watson 3-5, Chalko 0-1), GSU 13-24 (Bennett 0-1, Nesbitt 3-6, Williams 7-10, Fleming 0-1, Mobley 0-1, Gibson 3-4, Francois 0-1). Rebounds—Elon 37 (Atoyebi 11), GSU 31 (Francois 9). Assists—Elon 10 (Nowlin, Rice 3), GSU 21 (Williams 7). Total Fouls—Elon 16, GSU 21. Fouled Out—Rice, Bennett. Technicals—GSU Bench. A-2,561

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS (records as of Feb. 24)

NORTH DIVISION

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
ETSU	14	0	1.00	23	4	.852
Chattanooga	9	5	.643	16	9	.640
UNCG	7	8	.467	10	15	.400
Elon	6	9	.400	10	17	.370
W. Carolina	5	10	.333	12	14	.462
App State	4	10	.286	9	18	.333

SOUTH DIVISION

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Ga. Southern	11	4	.733	20	6	.769
Charleston	10	4	.714	18	7	.720
Davidson	9	5	.643	14	11	.560
Furman	7	7	.500	15	10	.600
Wofford	4	11	.267	8	18	.308
The Citadel	1	14	.067	5	21	.192

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS (records as of Feb. 24)

CONFERENCE OVERALL

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Chattanooga	19	0	1.00	24	2	.923
Furman	13	5	.722	16	9	.640
ETSU	13	6	.684	13	12	.520
Elon	12	7	.632	16	10	.615
Davidson	12	7	.632	15	11	.577
W. Carolina	10	9	.526	11	15	.423
UNCG	8	11	.421	8	18	.308
Ga. Southern	7	11	.389	12	13	.480
App State	5	13	.278	6	19	.240
Charleston	4	15	.211	6	20	.231
Wofford	0	19	.000	0	26	.000

UPCOMING SOUTHERN CONFERENCE GAMES

MEN

Wednesday
College of Charleston at Furman, 7 p.m.
Liberty at UNC Greensboro, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Georgia Southern at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
East Tennessee State at College of Charleston, 2 p.m.
Furman at Davidson, 7 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Elon, 7 p.m.
Wofford at Chattanooga, 7 p.m.

WOMEN

Wednesday
Georgia Southern at Appalachian State, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Davidson at Furman, 7 p.m.

Friday

UNC Greensboro at Wofford, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Appalachian State at Western Carolina, 4 p.m.
College of Charleston at Chattanooga, 4 p.m.
East Tennessee State at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Elon at Furman, 3 p.m.

UPCOMING EAGLE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

Softball vs. Georgia State
3 p.m., Eagle Field

Women's Basketball at Appalachian State, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Men's Tennis at Jacksonville, Noon
Baseball at East Carolina, 1 p.m.

Track and Field at SoCon Indoor Championships (through Saturday)

SATURDAY

Men's Tennis vs. Appalachian State, 11 a.m., Hanner Courts

Baseball vs. Clemson, 1 p.m. (in Greenville, N.C.)

Softball vs. South Carolina State, 1 p.m., Eagle Field

Women's Tennis at Charlotte, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball at The Citadel, 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. East Tennessee State, 7 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

SUNDAY

Men's Tennis vs. East Tennessee State, Noon, Hanner Courts

Baseball vs. Clemson, 12:30 p.m. (in Greenville, N.C.)

Women's Tennis at Elon, 1 p.m.

Baseball at East Carolina, 4 p.m.

Braves enter the spring with new pair of aces on the mound

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – The trademark of the Atlanta Braves for more than a decade has been a reliable one-two punch at the top of their pitching staff, and that is not expected to change this season.

Even without Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine.

Russ Ortiz and Mike Hampton will assume the roles that Maddux and Glavine held for 10 seasons, and the Braves do not expect any falloff.

"To me, there shouldn't be a whole lot of difference," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "Ortiz and Hampton are a pretty formidable group. I expect nothing but good things from them."

"I have every intention of carrying on the legacy of the Braves pitching staff and I'm sure Russ feels the same way," Hampton said. "We're not going to win 300 games like those guys did, but we're pretty confident we can do the job and keep this a winning organization."

Glavine left Atlanta for New York after the 2002 season. Mad-



dux signed with Chicago during this past offseason. During their 10 seasons together in Atlanta, they combined for a 347-162 record, a .681 winning percentage.

Ortiz and Hampton joined the Braves last season and went a combined 35-15.

"There is a high standard for the Braves pitching staff and we're proud of that," Ortiz said. "This organization is really good about turning over the talent and still staying on top. I don't doubt that we can accomplish that again this year."

CAMP NOTES

The Braves full team was due to report Monday with the first day of full-squad workouts scheduled for Wednesday. Most of the players have been in town since the

weekend. The only roster players not to show up at camp so far have been Julio Franco and Rafael Furcal. Both are expected to report on time.

J.D. Drew, the replacement for Gary Sheffield in right field, took batting practice during Monday's workout. Drew is still rehabilitating his knee, and Cox said he will meet with Drew and the team doctor's Monday to discuss his workout schedule during spring training.

"He's got to get ready for Opening Day, that's all," Cox said.

The Braves also announced they signed catcher/outfielder Eli Marrero to a one-year extension. Marrero would have been eligible for free agency following the 2004 season.

Pistons fined for playing new players without league approval

Associated Press

NEW YORK – The Detroit Pistons were fined \$200,000 by the NBA on Monday for using Rasheed Wallace and Mike James before the league finalized the deal that brought them to the team.

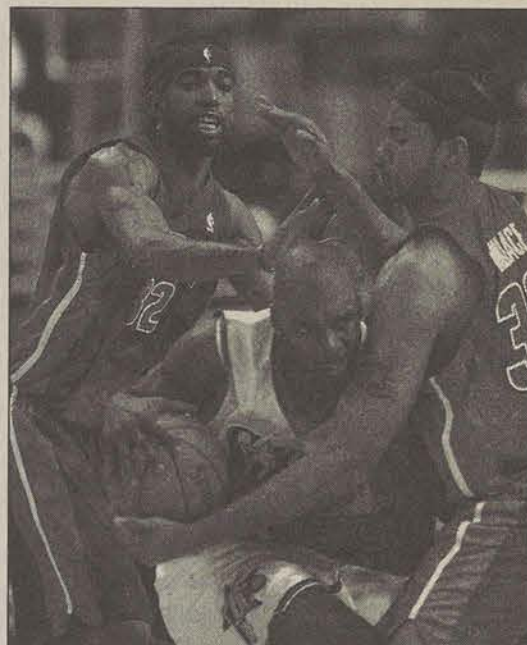
The league said it was the first time a player acquired in a trade played for his new team before the NBA officially approved the move.

Wallace and James came to Detroit in a three-team trade with Atlanta and Boston on Thursday, and both played in the first half of the Pistons' 88-87 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

They were pulled at halftime when it was discovered that paperwork for two other players in the deal – Lindsey Hunter and Chris Mills – had yet to be completed. Wallace and James also missed a practice Saturday before the NBA said the trade was "final and complete."

"In accordance with league rules, each team was informed that none of the traded players could play with their new teams until all conditions of the trade had been met, including the signing of certifications by teams, players and agents involved in the deal," the NBA said in a statement. "The Pistons violated this rule by playing Wallace and James in the first half of the game against the Timberwolves even though the required certifications were not yet signed."

Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said the team wouldn't have used Wallace



KRT Campus

The Detroit Pistons were fined \$200,000 by the NBA for playing Rasheed Wallace (right) and Mike James too soon after obtaining the two in a trade.

and James if it knew the other teams hadn't submitted the required paperwork.

"We are happy that this unfortunate situation is over and that we can get back to focusing on basketball," Dumars said before Detroit played at Philadelphia on Monday night.

New I-AA football conference in the works

By Dave Kolpack
Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. – Officials at North Dakota State University and six other colleges are set to announce the creation of a new NCAA Division I-AA football league known as the Great West Football Conference.

An official at one of the schools said the new conference will include NDSU, South Dakota State, Southern Utah, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, California Davis, St. Mary's College (Calif.) and Northern Colorado.

Bison athletic director Gene Taylor on Monday declined to release specific details, saying some of those details still needed to be worked out.

"It would be a great thing," Taylor said. "This would give us a schedule and a league with a conference championship and individual honors."

Northern Colorado athletic director Jim Fallis and South Dakota State athletic director Fred Oien refused comment on the new league. Those schools, along with NDSU, have scheduled press conferences for Wednesday afternoon.

Next year will be NDSU's first season in Division I-AA. NCAA rules dictate that the Bison will not be eligible for the playoffs for five years. The Bison would play all six teams in the new league for the upcoming season, Taylor said.

The Bison currently have only two home games on the schedule, against Cal Poly and Northwestern State (La.) Southern Utah also has shown interest in coming to Fargo. Taylor said he wants a five-game home slate next fall that would include other Division I-AA opponents outside of the new league.

"If we can get some of the teams we're talking to, it will add some interest for our fans," Taylor said. "It seems like every time I mention a team by name, they back out, so I'm going to stop mentioning them."

The Bison still are interested in joining a conference with all sports, Taylor said. School officials have been lobbying the Big Sky Conference for at least the last two years.

"This new football league would be a step," Taylor said. "If the Big Sky were to come along or some other all-sports conference, that would be an option."

Member schools in the new league met in December in Las Vegas to discuss bylaws and scheduling. They met again last month at the NCAA convention in Nashville, Tenn., and had a conference call last week, Taylor said.

NDSU, Northern Colorado, South Dakota State and UC Davis are in the early stages of moving to Division I-AA. Cal Poly, St. Mary's and Southern Utah are independents.

GREAT WEST MEMBERS

Cal-Davis Aggies
Cal Poly Mustangs
North Dakota State Bison
Northern Colorado Bears
South Dakota State Jackrabbits
Southern Utah Thunderbirds
St. Mary's Gaels

NOTE

South Dakota State is currently scheduled to play Georgia Southern next fall in Statesboro.

Former Brave Nixon arrested after charges of fondling woman in his home

Associated Press

ATLANTA – Former Atlanta Braves center fielder Otis Nixon has been charged for allegedly fondling a woman at his home.

Nixon, 45, was arrested Friday evening and charged with misdemeanor sexual battery, said DeKalb County Police Lt. Myron Logan. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

The alleged incident happened Friday around 3:30 p.m. during a gathering at Nixon's home, Logan said.

The woman left and alerted police around 5:45 p.m., saying she had been inappropriately touched by Nixon, Logan said Sunday.

Nixon also was arrested Jan. 8 for allegedly threatening his bodyguard, Kevin Brown, with a knife at a Norcross hotel.

Nixon holds the Braves' single-season record for stolen bases with 72 in 1991. He stole 620 bases, 17th on the all-time list, in a 17-year major league career with nine teams from 1983 through 1999. He played for the Braves from 1991 through 1993 and again in 1999.

Iraqi Olympic officials look to get suspension lifted

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece – Iraq Olympic officials hope to have their organization's suspension lifted and rejoin the IOC before the Athens Games.

Iraq's Olympic committee was suspended in May after the International Olympic Committee's ethics commission confirmed allegations that athletes were tortured and jailed when Saddam Hussein's son Qadafi led the country's organization.

An announcement could come during an IOC executive board meeting Saturday or Sunday, said Ahmed al-Samarrai, the head of Iraq's Olympic committee.

If the IOC lifts the suspension, the team will compete under the Iraqi flag

at the games. If the suspension is not lifted, the team will use the Olympic flag.

The IOC declined comment.

"Everything has been done. We fulfilled all the obligations we had and I don't think there is any missed or dark point on our procedure," al-Samarrai said at the meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees which began in Athens this week.

As many as 25 Iraqi athletes are expected to participate in the Athens Olympics, even if the nation's committee is not officially recognized.

The United States, Britain, Bulgaria, Romania and some Arab countries have offered to train Iraqi athletes, Al-Samarrai said.

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

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Dying to be thinner: The truth behind eating disorders

By Adam Crisp

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It is normal to want to be attractive. It is *not* normal to let your appearance and eating behaviors control your life.

For millions of Americans, rarely a second goes by where they do not think about losing weight. These people are at risk for developing one of the three most common types of eating disorders: Anorexia nervosa, Bulimia nervosa, or Binge Eating Disorder.

Dr. Wendy Wolfe, a psychologist at Georgia Southern University's (GSU) Counseling and Career Development Center, said, "While some students develop these eating disorders at a younger age and may bring them to school, many students we see develop disordered eating habits after they come to college."

Statistics indicate that there may be hundreds of GSU students who struggle with an eating disorder; many of whom aren't aware that their behavior is harmful, or aren't willing to seek help. To address these concerns, Dr. Wolfe says the counseling center will hold a week-long campaign from February 23-27 to educate students about the risks of eating disorders. "Increasing awareness is the goal," says Wolfe. "We're going to place fliers and brochures in key places around campus and offer educational programs and confidential screenings."

Wolfe encourages students who think they may have an eating disorder, or know someone who does, to visit the Russell Union building on February 25, where several doctoral-level psychologists will offer confidential screening sessions in two private rooms from 12-4 p.m. Information will be available from 12-4 p.m. under the rotunda, just outside the union.

There will also be an educational presentation, "Eating Disorders: Weighing in with the Facts", in the Union, room 2043 at 6:00 on the 25th and on-line screening for eating disorders will be available on the counseling center website <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/counseling> all semester.

The counseling center's Eating Disorders Screening Day follows a successful Depression Screening Day, held during the fall. "We had a tremendous response to that particular initiative," says Wolfe. "We like to think that if just one student comes over and asks for help, then the day has been successful."

What is an eating disorder?

Wolfe explains that eating disorders, in a very basic way, amount to extreme eating behaviors that often arise out of a desire to lose weight.

"People with eating disorders find that, over time, food and a preoccupation with weight loss become all-consuming," says Wolfe. Anorexia is characterized by extreme food restriction and other weight loss efforts that lead to a person weighing less than 85 percent of what is recommended for their height and developmental stage. Those who suffer from bulimia usually exhibit a recurrent cycle of binge eating followed by purging (getting rid of the food), either with laxatives, diuretics, self-induced vomiting, or excessive exercise. Binge-eaters consume large amounts of typically high calorie, high fat foods. Eating is emotionally-based and often done in secret.

While everyone has, at one time or another, eaten too much at one sitting,

and some have even felt the need to work out harder after overeating, Wolfe says people with eating disorders take these behaviors to extremes.

"It's incorrect to assume that one symptom is indicative of an eating disorder," says Wolfe. "You have to look at the whole picture: body weight, eating habits, and the person's overall self-perception."

Wolfe and other mental health professionals worry that eating disorders aren't always taken seriously. "It's a serious medical condition," says Wolfe. "If left untreated, eating disorders can lead to serious health problems and even death."

What causes it?

People who develop eating disorders often do so in response to cultural pressures to have the 'perfect' body. But Wolfe says some students also reduce food intake, in part as a way to gain control of their lives or to cope with stress related to the developmental challenges of adjusting to college.

"Our culture can be too focused on external appearance, at the cost of happiness and self-acceptance," Wolfe says. "Students come to school worried about the 'Freshman 15', decide that they need to lose weight to fit in."

Wolfe believes family life may also play a role in determining who will develop an eating disorder. "Some people grew up in a family where dieting, being 'perfect', or having a 'perfect appearance' is a real focus," she says. "Sometimes that can be excessive, and the person may learn to feel negatively about themselves as a result."

Often, where there is an eating disorder, there are also co-occurring symptoms of depression and anxiety, says Wolfe.

"When someone comes in with an eating disorder, we find that they are trying to lose weight because they are unhappy with something in their lives. That may be the result of something in their past, or maybe it's an unhealthy coping skill used to deal

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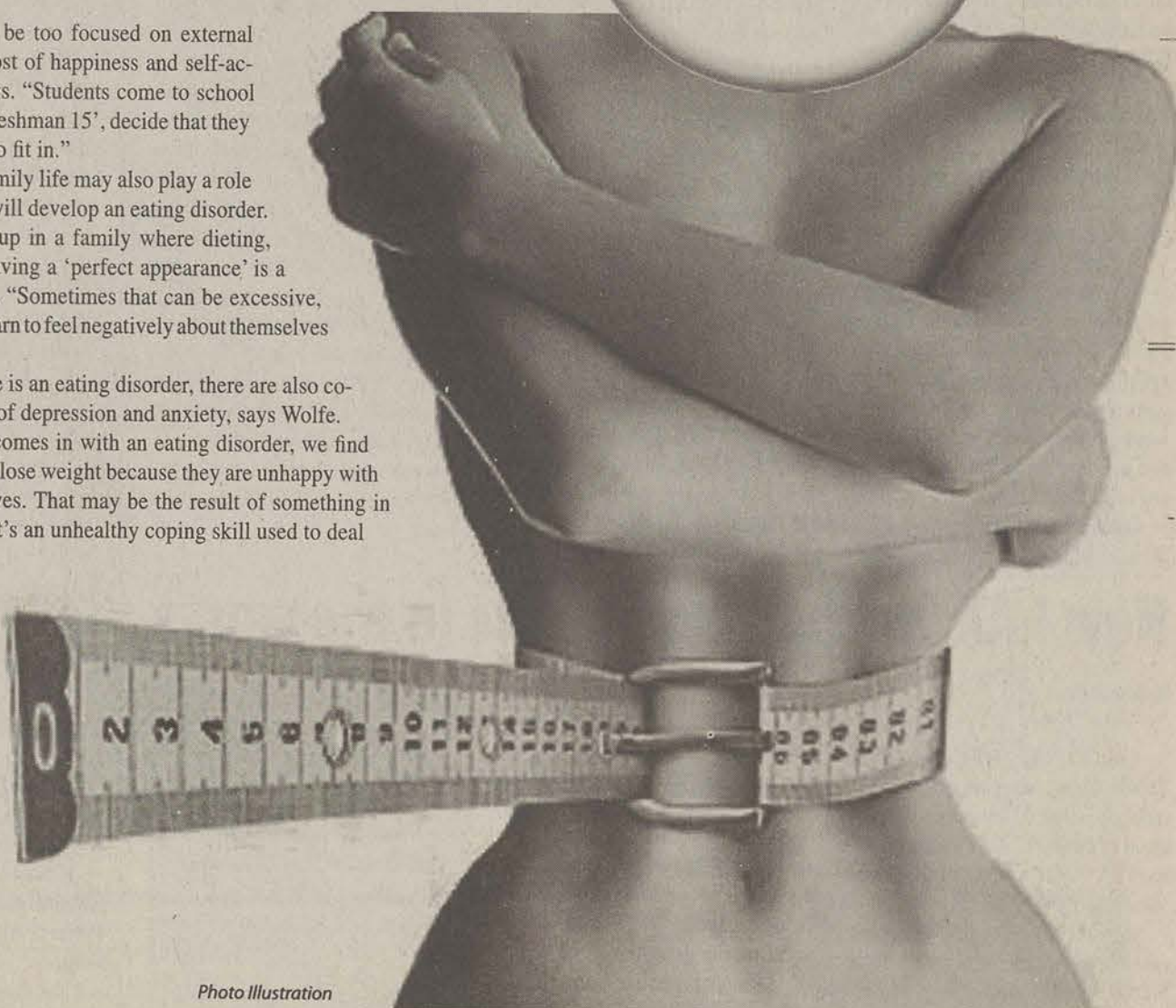
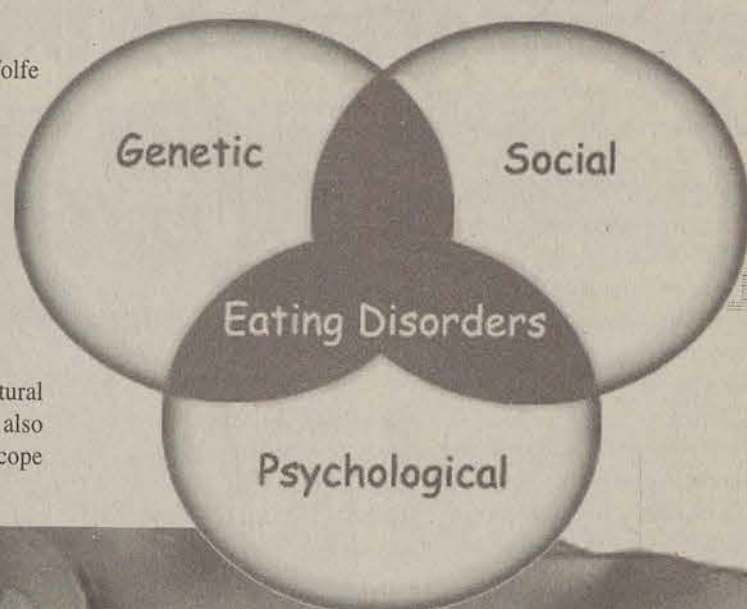


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Dr. Gautam Kundu, assistant professor of the Department of Literature and Philosophy.

Wrapping up the week of events, on Friday there will be a lecture in Russell Union room 2080 from 4 - 10 p.m. on "Indian Dresses and Cuisine-A Cultural Event."

According to the SASA faculty advisor, Aniruddha Mitra, "The SASA is about promoting the culture and diversity of the South Asian Countries (India included) within our Georgia Southern Campus and we want to help the new students from those countries understand the culture of the United States, especially in the academic environment."

"We have been planning these events since August and September of 2003 and it has been our primary aim to make it big so as to bring the SASA to the Georgia Southern community's notice," said Giri Andukuri, SASA president.

Despite the organization's problems with venue sites and lack of funds, the events seem to be moving along smoothly. All of these events are open to the public and are free.

To be a part of the SASA contact Giri Andukuri at 681-1004 or 678-1439 or by e-mail at GSUSASA@yahoo.com. Their website can be viewed at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gsusasa/>.

Fetuses to receive legal rights due to bill

By Sumana Chatterjee
KRT Campus

Congress is ripping the sensational Laci Peterson murder case from the tabloid headlines to take up a proposed law on Wednesday that mashes the hot-button issue of abortion politics.

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives will begin debating legislation that would make it a federal crime to injure or kill a fetus at any stage of development. The bill is likely to pass the House on Thursday, but not before Republican sponsors hold news conferences, Laci Peterson's mother calls lawmakers, and anti-abortion and pro-choice groups sound off about fetal homicide.

Twice before, fetal-rights advocates have won approval from the House, only to have the legislation stall in the Senate. But supporters think public attention to the murder of Peterson, who was eight months pregnant, should help this time. They have named the bill the "Laci and Conner Law" after Peterson and the name she planned to give her son.

"When a criminal attacks a woman who carries a child, he claims two victims. I lost a daughter, but I also lost a grandson," said Laci's mother, Sharon Rocha, in a letter to lawmakers urging them to pass the bill.

"It would be a moral poverty for our nation not to acknowledge the victimhood of the Conner Petersons of the world," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

The bill would allow prosecutors to press for federal charges for the injury or murder of "an unborn child" committed on federal lands, in maritime and military jurisdictions, or in conjunction with terrorism, kidnapping or stalking across state lines or 68 other federal offenses.

The measure would give the fetus the same legal status as the pregnant woman. Some state laws start at conception, others at embryonic development and some at viability. The House bill would start at implantation of an embryo into the womb, which for naturally occurring pregnancies is about a week after conception.

Although the bill explicitly would exempt abortion-related activities, opponents fear the measure would eventually erode Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion, because it would give legal status to a fetus at all stages of prenatal development.

"This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., and the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee. It's "an assault on women's autonomy and their right to decide," he said during a hearing.

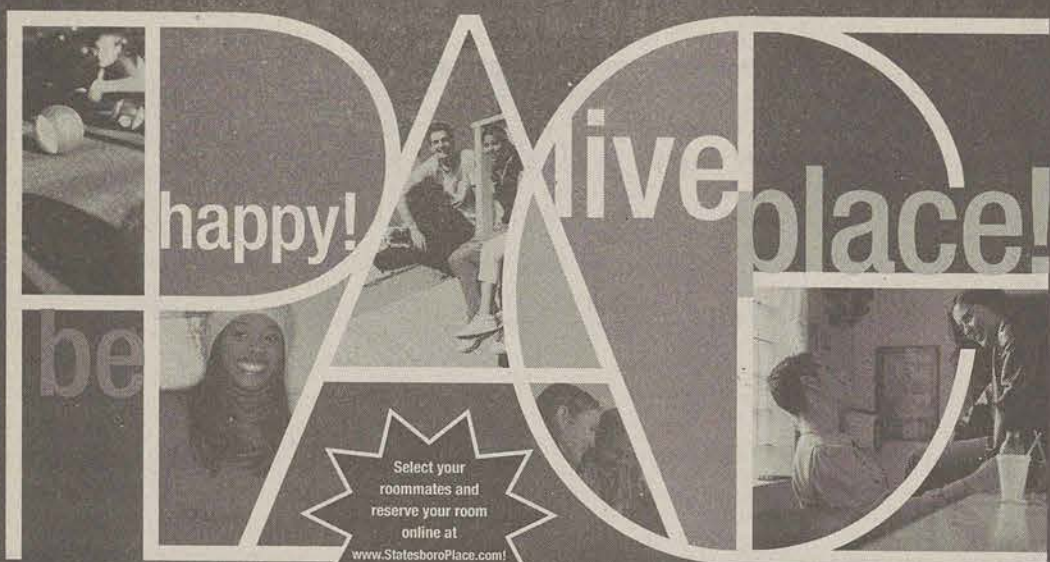
DeLay disagreed: "This bill is not about abortion. It's about justice. We're codifying common sense."

The House passed similar measures in 1999 and 2000, but the Senate never took them up. This year, however, senators may be forced to take a stand because Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he plans to bring up the bill.

Opponents say Republicans are taking advantage of the Peterson case. Her body and that of her fetus, with the umbilical cord still attached, washed ashore in San Francisco Bay following the Dec. 24, 2002, murder. Her husband, Scott Peterson, has been charged with two counts of homicide. The case has received extraordinary national publicity.



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Islamic terrorists will continue to pose threat, CIA chief says

By Jonathan S. Landay
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - Eliminating Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network will not end the danger to Americans from a growing Islamic extremist movement, CIA Director George Tenet warned Tuesday.

Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee that new groups inspired by bin Laden, his followers and their methods "have become the next wave of the terrorist threat. Dozens of such groups exist."

"We must overcome a movement, a global movement infected by al-Qaida's radical agenda" of attacking the United States with weapons capable of causing mass casualties, he said.

Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, bolstered Tenet's warning, saying that support in the Muslim world for the U.S.-led war on terrorism and for the United States itself has plunged even in countries considered friendly, fueling radical Islam and opposition to pro-U.S. regimes.

The appraisals cast in a far more sober light the progress that President Bush is claiming in the U.S.-led fight against terrorism and initiatives to promote democracy in the Middle East.

Tenet, Jacoby and FBI Director Robert Mueller delivered public versions of assessments that their agencies compile annually for Congress on worldwide threats facing the United States.

The three cited significant progress in eradicating al-Qaida cells overseas

and at home.

Three-quarters of the network's known leaders have been killed or caught; its ability to plan, fund, train for and stage attacks has been crippled; it has lost havens; and operatives of al-Qaida, as well as other radical Islamic groups, have been prosecuted in the United States, they said.

They also testified that Pakistani forces - coordinating with U.S. troops in Afghanistan - were pressing a major operation to capture al-Qaida members on Pakistan's side of the rugged Afghan-Pakistan border, where bin Laden is suspected of hiding.

Even if bin Laden and his network are eradicated, other Islamic extremist groups will continue attacking targets overseas and in the United States for years to come, Tenet warned.

Al-Qaida has "infected others with its ideology, which depicts the United States as Islam's greatest foe," he said. "The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-U.S. sentiment through the wider Sunni extremist movement and the broad dissemination of al-Qaida's destructive expertise ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future - with or without al-Qaida in the picture."

Those inspired by bin Laden include the al-Zarqawi network, active in Iraq; Ansar al-Islam, an Iraqi Kurdish organization; and groups in Libya, Uzbekistan, Morocco, Indonesia, the Philippines, Kenya, Somalia and other Asian and African countries.

"These far-flung groups increasingly set the agenda and are redefining the threat we face," he said. "They

are not creatures of bin Laden, and so their fate is not tied to his. They have autonomous leadership. They picked their own targets. They plan their own attacks."

The threat, Tenet said, goes beyond these groups to individual "jihadists," or holy warriors, who see the presence of 120,000 U.S. troops in Iraq as a "golden opportunity."

Jacoby warned that a failure of U.S. policy in Iraq could turn the country into "a training ground for the next generation of terrorists."

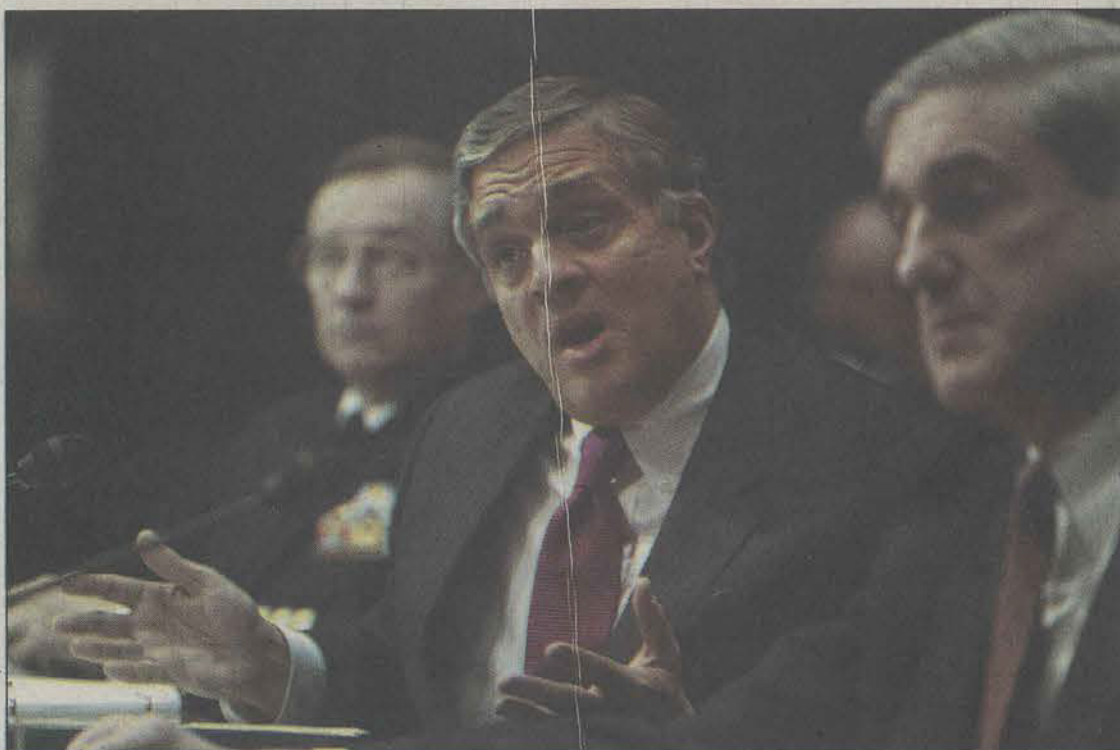
He said he was concerned about trends in the Muslim world that bode badly for the United States and Arab governments that are close to Washington.

Poverty, corruption, joblessness among large numbers of young people and poor education are combining with opposition to U.S. policies to threaten the stability of pro-U.S. regimes and create "a terrorist threat to the United States for years to come," he said.

"Favorable ratings (for the United States) in Morocco declined from 77 percent in 2000 to 27 percent in spring of last year, and in Jordan from 25 percent in 2002 to only 1 percent in May 2003," Jacoby said in a statement submitted to the committee.

The Bush administration's perceived bias toward Israel was cited in recent polls as a leading reason for anti-U.S. fervor, he said.

Tenet, Jacoby and Mueller agreed that al-Qaida could still stage an operation on the scale of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that claimed some 3,000 lives



CIA Director George Tenet, center, testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington, D.C., February 24, as FBI Director Robert Mueller, right, and Lowell Jacoby, left, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency look on.

in New York, suburban Washington and Pennsylvania.

The network is intent on obtaining weapons capable of creating mass casualties, such as anthrax, poisons and a "dirty" bomb of conventional explosives and radioactive materials, said Tenet.

"Extremists have widely disseminated assembly instructions for an improvised chemical weapon using common materials that could cause a large number of casualties in a crowded, enclosed area."

A U.S. intelligence official, who requested anonymity, recently said al-Qaida had circulated a formula using rat poison and a cleaning agent to produce two lethal gases.

"Al-Qaida continues to enjoy considerable support and is able to recruit terrorists," Jacoby said. "Capable but less experienced individuals are replacing those captured."

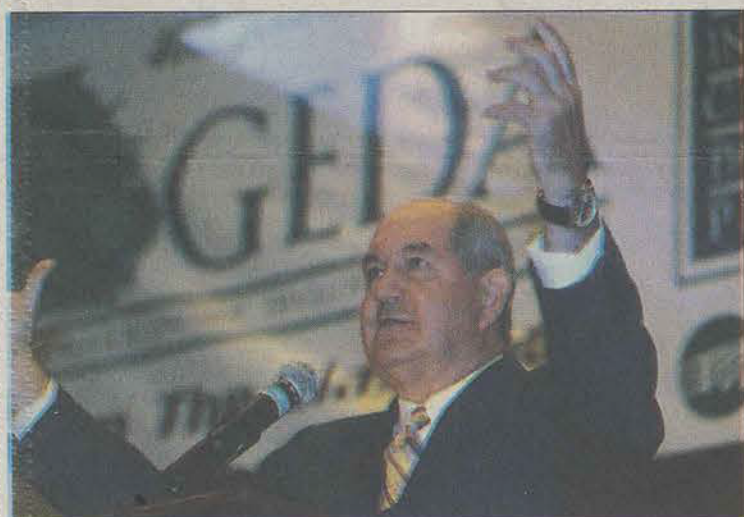
Al-Qaida "appears to recognize the operational advantage it can derive from recruiting U.S. citizens," said Mueller, who added that there have

been cases in which Americans who aren't of Arab descent were apparently involved in "operational planning."

Some committee members ignored a plea by Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., not to use Tenet's appearance to question him about prewar intelligence reports that former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was stockpiling biological and chemical weapons.

Tenet insisted that judgments should wait until CIA-led weapons inspectors in Iraq complete their work.

Governor Perdue says Georgia will be ready for G-8 summit



Special Photo

Gov. Sonny Perdue says that Georgia will be ready for the G-8 Summit, which is coming to the state this summer.

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

With the help of an expected 20,000 security forces and \$25 million in federal money, Georgia will be prepared to protect President Bush and other world leaders when they meet this summer at the state's Sea Island resort, Gov. Sonny Perdue said Monday.

Perdue said he doesn't know whether this year's Group of Eight summit of the world's leading industrial countries and Russia would attract a few thousand protesters or hundreds of thousands of demonstrators.

"Whatever the figure, he said, authorities will be prepared."

"There are people who should have a forum to dissent and speak their minds," he said. "We will insist that they have that forum, but that they utilize that forum in a lawful way."

Perdue said 16 different organizations ranging from the Georgia State Patrol to National Guard troops would help provide security under direction of the federal Secret Service.

He said training sessions had been under way since last November.

In addition to the \$25 million in federal money expected to be

spent on security, Perdue said it was estimated that another \$42 million would be needed to hold the meetings. He said organizers hoped to raise \$16 million of that amount from private donations.

The protesters will be confined to official demonstration areas in Savannah, some 90 miles down the Georgia coast from Sea Island, where Bush and the other leaders will hold their summit.

The five-mile barrier island is accessible by car from a causeway that will be closed to all but official vehicles and residents of the island during the June 8-10 summit.

Selection of G-8 sites that can be easily closed off to demonstrators has become the norm since the Genoa, Italy, summit in the summer of 2001.

That meeting was marred by violent clashes between police in which a demonstrator was killed.

The 2002 summit, in the ultra strict security that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, was staged at a remote resort in the Canadian Rockies accessible only by one two-lane road.

Last year's summit was at an exclusive hotel in Evian, France, where French authorities also were able to establish an extensive security area.

Perdue, in Washington to

attend the National Governors Association conference, said he assured Bush during a brief conversation at the White House that the preparations were on schedule for the summer meeting.

Perdue, a Republican, said he told Bush that "we were making great progress and great plans for the G-8."

He said Bush repeated his belief that the location offered a great place for relaxed conversation.

Bush's parents had their honeymoon at Sea Island in 1945 and also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the island.

In addition to the leaders of the G-8 countries the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and Russia the United States will invite leaders of some 40 developing countries for discussions on the sidelines of the G-8 sessions, Perdue said.

He said those nations will include some of the 34 countries involved in negotiating a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. Perdue said he would take the opportunity to inform those countries of Atlanta's bid to become the home of the headquarters of the FTAA, which is scheduled to be completed in 2005.

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with depression or anxiety."

But Wolfe cautions that the cause, symptoms, and the treatment for eating disorders varies widely.

"As with any mental health issue, there are no hard-and-fast rules," she says. "Everything varies from case to case. If someone thinks they are in trouble, they should talk to someone and get the facts."

How are eating disorders treated?

Just as there is no one identifiable cause of eating disorders, there is usually more than one treatment option. Some people benefit from counseling, while others require a stay in a specialized treatment facility. Regardless, treatment often involves addressing both the emotional and physical aspects of

the disorder. Medication can often be helpful, if it is combined with counseling.

At GSU, students can obtain free counseling at the Counseling and Career Development Center. If medical treatment is necessary, counselors will work with the staff at GSU's Health Center or a student's family physician.

"We want students to know there is help available," says Wolfe. "If that means they just need to talk about their eating and exercise habits, we can do that. If they need medical attention, we can find someone to help. We are in a great position here because we have psychologists, nutritionists, and physicians, all within walking distance. We can help, and students shouldn't hesitate to call on us if they are concerned about themselves or a friend."