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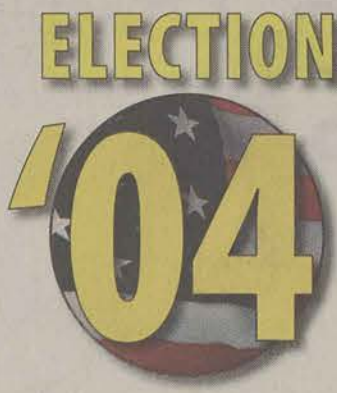
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# Rebellion ousts Haitian president



Fires rage near the Presidential Palace (left), white building on left, on Sunday, February 29 after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the country overnight. A pro-Aristide supporter (right) hides behind a bandana in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Thursday, February 26. He was part of a group demonstrating in front of the National Palace. Photos from KRT Campus.

## Aristide resigns, flees Haiti; U.S. Marines head to chaotic capital

By Nancy San Martin, Trenton Daniel and Martin Merzer  
KRT Campus

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - U.S. Marines headed to Haiti's chaotic, bullet-pocked capital Sunday night, the vanguard of a multinational security force still being assembled in the wake of a rebellion that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in less than a month.

A transitional government assumed power, without much initial success.

As word spread of Aristide's resignation and flight to asylum, hundreds of residents ignited a new orgy of revenge and opportunism, killing several people, looting countless businesses and torching the homes of Aristide loyalists.

The Marines, perhaps as few as 100, were expected to land late Sunday at the Port-au-Prince's airport. Fifty members of a Marine anti-terrorist

security team moved into the capital last week to help secure the U.S. Embassy.

"I have ordered the deployment of Marines, as the leading element of an interim international force, to help bring order and stability to Haiti," President Bush said.

Abandoned by the United States and other foreign governments and under pressure from advancing insurgents, Aristide signed a letter of resignation early Sunday and flew into exile at 6:15 a.m. on an unmarked white airplane with his wife, Mildred, accompanied by a black-uniformed security detail.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States "facilitated" Aristide's departure but didn't say how. It was the second such humiliation for Aristide, who was ousted by a military coup in 1991 and restored to power in 1994 by 20,000 U.S. troops.

Prime Minister Yvon Neptune said Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president in 200 years of independence, signed the letter of resignation and left Haiti to "prevent bloodshed."

Reading from what he described as the resignation letter, Neptune quoted Aristide as saying: "The constitution must not be written with the blood of the Haitian people."

"If my resignation prevents the shedding of blood, I agree to leave," Aristide wrote Sunday.

It didn't work. A new blast of violence rampaged through a capital already fractured and impoverished by turmoil.

Angry crowds of Aristide supporters gathered at the presidential National Palace and roamed through Port-au-Prince. Bursts of gunfire

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## ROCKFEST 2004



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Brian Hancock (left) and Dave (right) of Qualifier play for a packed house at Rockfest 2004 hosted by Champ's last Friday night. A total of six bands played six hours of live music at the showcase of local acts.

## Formerly suspended fraternity to return to Georgia Southern

By Sarah Frey  
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The Omega Psi Phi fraternity is returning to Georgia Southern after a five-year absence.

GSU Director of Greek Life Cara Byford explained, "The fraternity was suspended from the campus because of hazing activities. It is being allowed to return now that it has met the terms of the suspension and all old members have graduated."

Omega Psi Phi first came to GSU in 1986. It is an African-American social fraternity, one of the "Divine

Nine," five fraternities and four sororities that were founded when African-Americans were first allowed to attend state universities.

The fraternity is well known for its volunteer work, especially within the African-American community.

According to the fraternity's website, Omega Psi Phi is currently working with the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Unity Campaign 2004 to "increase voter registration, education, and mobilization for the 2004 National Election." Their goal is first to regis-

ter all fraternity members to vote, before directing their effort toward the rest of the African-American community.

More information on the fraternity and its push for civic involvement can be found online at [www.omegaphipifaternity.org](http://www.omegaphipifaternity.org).

For anyone interested in joining Omega Psi Phi, there will be an information session Tuesday, March 2. This meeting will be held in Russell Union meeting room 2080 at 6:30 p.m. Attendance of this session, although not required, is strongly recommended.

## High ability high school students visit GSU for Scholar's Day

By Luke Hearn  
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The level of academic achievement rose Friday and Saturday as 300 high school students with SAT scores above 1200 participated in GSU's Scholar's Day activities.

The weekend event started Friday afternoon with a Student Organization Fair held at the Nes-smith-Lane building.

Representatives from all of the colleges of GSU and other organizations, such as SOAR, The Student Government Association, and Student Media, had tables set up with information to give interested parents and students.

Allison Nunziant of Wheeler High School in Marietta, Georgia said that she was really pleased with what she had seen so far of GSU. "Everyone is really nice here," she said. Her father, Ed, felt the

same. "I feel confident that she would receive a good education if she chooses to come here," he said. Nunziant said that she is 98 percent sure that GSU will be her new home in the fall.

This is the second year that GSU has hosted Scholar's Day events. According to Interim Coordinator of High Ability Student Recruitment Sarah Smith, 300 students, who submitted applications, were invited to this event based on their GPA and SAT scores, with the average SAT score averaging close to 1260.

"Things are going smoothly," Smith said. "We got through registration with no problems, and that is usually a good sign," she said.

After the Student Organization Fair, the students and their parents had dinner with

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Teresa Southern/STAFF

Three-hundred high school students visited GSU this past weekend for Scholar's Day, a program dedicated to offering high ability students the opportunity to learn more about Georgia Southern.

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## Police Beat

02-25-2004

- A fire was reported at Southern Courtyard.
- Three laptop computers were taken from the Hollis Building.
- Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated four traffic accidents, assisted seven motorists and one sick person, and responded to one fire alarm.

02-26-2004

- A cell phone was taken from the Recreation Activities Center.
- A license plate was taken from a vehicle in the Recreation Activities Center parking lot.
- A message board was damaged at Winburn Hall.
- Officers issued three traffic citations and four traffic warn-

ings, investigated three traffic accidents and assisted seven motorists.

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

## Campus Calendar

March 1

### Last Day to Withdraw without Academic Penalty

All Day  
Students can withdraw from classes via WINGS provided they have their RAN number, or at the Rosenwald Building 2nd floor.

### The ABC's of Successful Interviewing

3 p.m.  
This event is sponsored by Career Services to help students assess their skills, find their path and build their future. At Career Services in Williams Center, 912-681-5197

### '9 Years' Photography Exhibit

1 p.m.  
The work of Ansley Simmons will be on display during this exhibit. At Gallery 303, Foy Fine Arts Bldg.

March 2

### Irish Music Festival

8 p.m.  
The eighth annual music festival is the largest celebration of St Patrick's Day in Statesboro and Bulloch County. Performers include Gabriel Donahue, Eamonn O'Rourke, Liz McNicholl and Harry O'Donahue. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for GSU faculty, staff and senior citizens; \$4 for students. At the Performing Arts Center.

March 3

### Planning Ahead for Graduate School

3 p.m.  
This is one of many events sponsored by Career Services. At Career Service Center, 912-681-5197 or <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>

March 5

### Cultural Historian Robert Darnton

11 a.m.  
Renowned cultural historian Robert Darnton from Princeton University is noted for his studies of how what people read influences their political attitudes and activities. He is also the author of several books. This event is sponsored by CLEC, the Henderson Library, and the History Department. At the College of Education Auditorium.

### First Annual U.I.C. Spades Classic

6 p.m.  
This event is sponsored by United in Christ. There is a \$10 entrance fee per team. At Russell Union Room 2047, 912-871-6174.

## News Briefs

### Lawmakers working on compromise to immigration plan



Special Photo  
U.S. Senator Zell Miller.

WASHINGTON - President Bush is having a tough time selling his immigrant worker proposal to congressional conservatives, and one compromise floated by three Southern lawmakers could attract votes but hamper his effort to woo Hispanics.

It's a dicey political predicament for the president, one that seems likely to push a final vote on key elements of his plan into next year, after the presidential election.

Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., and Sens. Zell Miller, D-Ga., and Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., haven't ruled out supporting Bush's temporary worker program.

That support, however, comes with the condition that Congress first approve their plan to broaden the power state and local police have to arrest suspected illegal residents.

The sponsors of the measure contend they speak for many conservatives who believe stronger enforcement of immigration laws must accompany any new plan allowing illegal residents in the country to remain as long as they are working, even for three-year stints as Bush is seeking.

Federal immigration agents are stretched too far, they say, so they want to give 650,000 local police officers the authority and resources to be the first line of defense against workers still undocumented after Bush's plan takes effect.

Many immigrant advocates say that would create an atmosphere of distrust between Hispanics and police, erasing any political advantage Bush might hope to gain.

### Surgeon sues MCG for not renewing contract while on reserve duty

AUGUSTA, Ga. - A heart and lung surgeon at the Medical College of Georgia has filed a federal civil suit against the school for not continuing his contract while he was on Army Reserve duty.

Dr. Mark Anstadt, who also serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve's 4005th U.S. Army Hospital, went on active duty before the Iraq war. He spent three months at Fort

Sam Houston in San Antonio filling in for Army surgeons who were deployed overseas.

During that time, he said he was informed his medical college contract would not be renewed in 2004. Anstadt's current contract ends in June, school officials said.

The lawsuit filed Friday seeks to have his contract renewed, plus an unspecified sum for punitive damages, mental anguish and attorney's fees.

Clay Steadman, the vice president of legal affairs for the medical college, said Friday he hadn't seen the suit and could not comment on it.

Steadman said he is familiar with Anstadt's allegations and that the medical college has been told by both the Department of Defense and the Department of Labor that it broke no laws.

### Despondent man rescued from top of Space Needle



Special Photo

SEATTLE - A reportedly despondent man who crawled out on the Space Needle observation deck Friday was rescued by negotiators and fire crews.

The man alternately walked and sat on the outer ring of the Needle's observation deck - 520 feet above the ground - for about three hours while police negotiators sat on the inner ring, talking to him.

He finally agreed to put on a safety harness and the Seattle Fire Department high-angle rescue team helped him crawl back along a support beam to safety, police said.

The man, reportedly from Seattle and about 30 years old, was taken to Harborview Medical Center for evaluation, police Officer Deanna Nollette said.

The first call to the Fire Department came at 1:34 p.m., reporting that a man was threatening to jump from the observation deck, she said. He was rescued at about 4:30 p.m.

The man apparently managed to squeeze through approximately 5-inch gaps in horizontal wire safety fencing that rings the deck, Nollette said.

The landmark, on the Seattle Center grounds, was built for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

### California police investigate possible sniper shootings

HAYWARD, Calif. - The California Highway Patrol is investigating a series of possible sniper shootings on a freeway east of San Francisco over the past week.

On Friday, a motorist was injured when the rear left window of her car exploded around 4:30 p.m. as she was driving westbound on Interstate 580 near the Strobbridge Avenue exit in Castro Valley.

The driver, Barbara Price, 47, of Alameda, who was able to maintain control of her PT Cruiser, pulled off the freeway and called for help from a McDonald's restaurant nearby. She suffered minor cuts and scratches from the flying glass.

Authorities are investigating five other similar incidents that occurred within 90 minutes Monday evening on the section of the freeway that connects San Leandro and Dublin, CHP spokesman Wayne Ziese said Saturday. Bullet holes were found in the passenger sides of several vehicles.

Earlier in the week, police only knew of three such incidents, but three more drivers, including Price, have since come forward with similar stories. No serious injuries have been reported.

Authorities will inspect all the vehicles and interview the drivers this weekend, Ziese said. They are asking the public for any information related to the incidents.

### Person in custody; search warrants issued in missing family case

TAYLORSVILLE, Miss. - Investigators searching for a family of three who disappeared on Valentine's Day questioned one of their relatives Saturday and searched his property in southern Mississippi.

Earnest Lee Hargon, an adopted cousin of the missing family, was in custody and was being questioned, said Warren Strain, a state Highway Patrol spokesman.

Authorities also closed off a county road on both sides of Leaf River Veterinary Services as part of the investigation. The clinic was given a residence address by Hargon, whose wife is a veterinarian, Strain said.

There has been no trace of Michael and Rebecca Hargon and their 4-year-old son, James Patrick, since Feb. 14. Lawmen reported finding blood and spent bullet casings at the family's home, but no signs of forced entry.

Authorities declined to say whether they were looking for bodies or for other evidence.

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

### Corrections:

It was reported in Thursday's edition of *The Hiatus* that the band Kismick was to perform before the band Life on Earth. However, Life on Earth played first, followed by Kismick. Also, the pictures on Page 8B of *The Hiatus* were not taken by DJ Fox, but were Special Photos. On that same page, the names of both of The Gathering's CDs were misspelled. The correct names of the CDs are "Souvenir" and "Sleeping Buildings." We apologize for any misunderstanding.

## Congratulations to the following WINNERS during Black Awareness Month!

### Black Awareness Month Table Contest

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners-Gamma Sigma Sigma for their display on the evolution of Black hair

### Black History Quiz Bowl

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners- MAP, represented by Alvie Coes III, Christian Jones, Bryan Dawson, Clinton Stubbs and Jeremy Middlebrooks

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., represented by Rashad Sharpe, Eddie Williams, Latavius Powell, Anthony Ferrell, and LaMarcus Hall

Thank you to the following Organizations and Individuals for your participation in Black Awareness Month 2004!

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## Inspiring Hope and Possibility Women's Awareness Month 2004

Events from March 1<sup>st</sup>- March 11<sup>th</sup>

### March 1, 2004

Women: Inspiring Hope and Possibility Panel Discussion  
12 pm-1 pm  
Russell Union Room 2044  
Refreshments to be provided  
Sponsored by: National Organization of Women

### March 4, 2004

Sister to Sister  
6 pm  
Russell Union Room 2084  
Dinner will be served  
Sponsored by: the Multicultural Student Center

### March 8, 2004

"Our Bodies, Our Rights" Panel Discussion  
12 pm-1 pm  
Russell Union Room 2044  
Refreshments to be provided  
Sponsored by the National Organization of Women

### March 9, 2004

Self Defense for Women  
9 pm  
RAC  
Taught by Drew McKenzie

### March 10, 2004

Breast Cancer Awareness  
Time: TBA  
Location: TBA  
Sponsored by: Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority

### March 11, 2004

Investment Education for Women  
6 pm-7 pm  
Dr. Sandy Gallimore  
Russell Union Rm. 2084

Sexual Assault Prevention Talks  
7 pm  
Russell Union Rm. 2084  
Presented by: Sorden Davis of SAPA

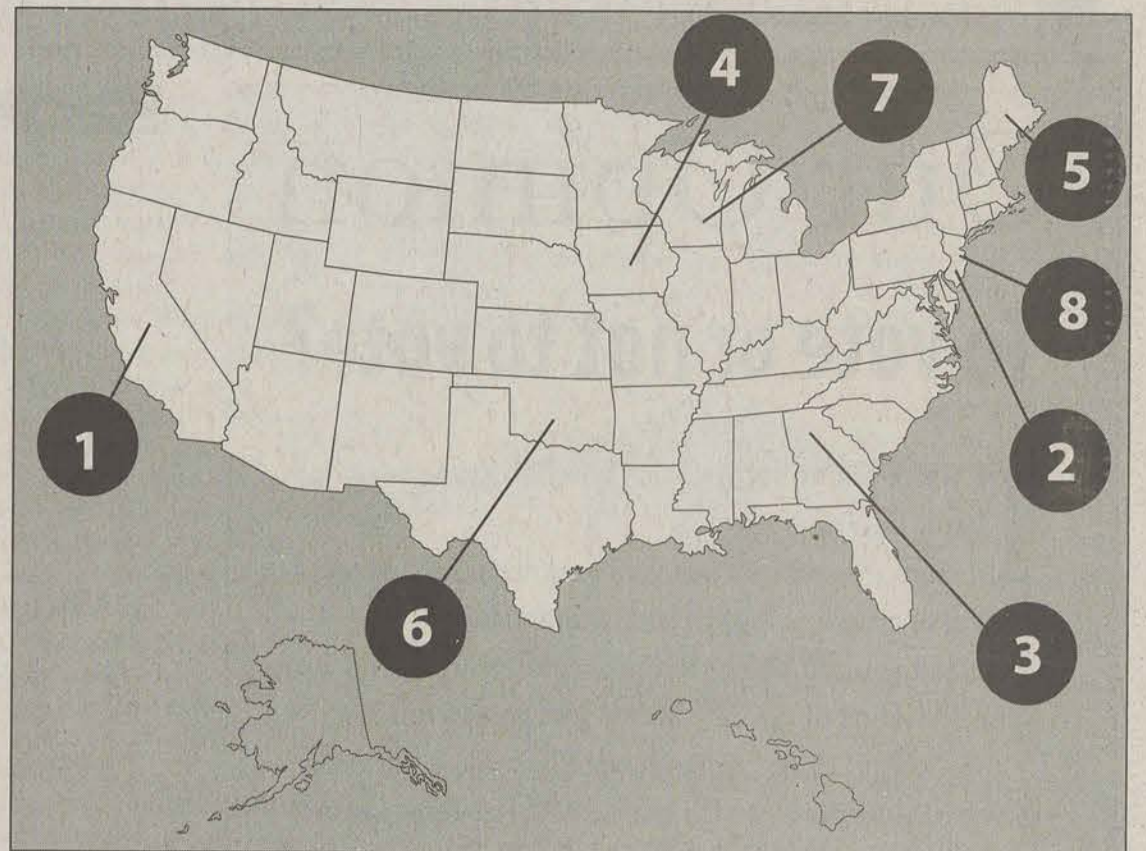
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## 1 California

### Cross-dresser may serve jail time for prank gone awry

OROVILLE - A man who allegedly broke into a home and put on the female resident's wig, clothing and makeup was ordered by a Butte County judge to stand trial on a burglary charge.

But the 22-year-old suspect, Anthony Robert McClane, said he entered the wrong person's house and the incident was all part of a prank gone wrong.

McClane remains in custody on \$30,000 bail.

The residents said they returned home Feb. 5 to find the suspect, his "face covered with makeup" and clad in the woman's wig, blouse, bra and skirt, asleep on the living-room couch, said Butte County Sheriff's Deputy David Bottom Tuesday.

McClane's defense attorney sought a dismissal of the burglary charge. He argued there was no intent to enter the victim's home to steal anything.

If convicted, McClane could be sentenced to up to six years in prison.

## 2 New Jersey

### Cape May toll collector fired over road-rage incident

CAPE MAY - A toll collector who allegedly shot a paintball gun at another vehicle in a Garden State Parkway road rage incident has been fired from his \$44,452-a-year job.

Jason Glassey, 31, is already facing criminal charges from the Nov. 21 incident, in which police said he fired on a van that cut him off in traffic as Glassey drove home after his shift at the Parkway's Cape May toll plaza.

Glassey, who was wearing his toll taker uniform, fired several times at the van, splattering its side with blue paint pellets, police said.

The driver of the van continued north on the Parkway before alerting state police. Glassey was pulled over minutes later and charged with possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

During an ensuing investigation, the New Jersey Highway Authority discovered that Glassey had been giving motorists Garden State Parkway promotional pamphlets that had been altered, with defaced photos of Gov. James E. McGreevey and Parkway chief Timothy McDonough, officials said.

Glassey, the son of South Jersey Transportation Authority Vice Chairman Stanley R. Glassey, was fired Tuesday by the Highway Authority's board of commissioners, spokesman Joe Orlando said.

It was the paintball incident that prompted the decision, Orlando said.

"The bottom line is, he's a toll collector - he represents this authority - and the behavior was just beyond acceptable terms," said Orlando.

The elder Glassey, reached Tuesday night by The Press of Atlantic City, said that neither he nor his son would have any comment.

## 3 Georgia

### Georgia bill would require more toilets in women's restrooms

ATLANTA - Put this one in the "there-oughta-be-a-law" category. A bill introduced in the Georgia House on Wednesday would require twice as many toilets in women's restrooms as in men's rooms.

The measure would apply only to government buildings built after July of this year. But the sponsor hopes it would send a message - women shouldn't have to wait so darn long to use the bathroom.

"Anytime you have toilets or - what are them things called? - urinals, you know, for the men, you should have twice as many for the ladies," said Democratic Rep. Tommy Smith of Nicholls.

"It's not good for the females that they can't go to the bathroom," he added. "And it's not good for the men because we have to wait on 'em to get out."

Naturally, Smith has three female co-sponsors for his toilet bill. The south Georgia legislator pointed out that women representatives didn't even have a restroom in the House anteroom until the 1980s.

"This is a serious, serious problem," he said. "If you talk to any woman, she'll tell you it's a serious problem."

The bill now heads to a House committee for consideration.

## 5 Maine

### Much-traveled lobster found dead in crate

PORTLAND - Two cross-country trips were apparently just too much for a 30-year-old giant lobster named Hercules.

The 14-pound crustacean was found dead in his crate Friday at The Lobster Conservancy in Friendship, where he was undergoing rehabilitation in preparation for his release into the wild.

Schoolchildren in Port Angeles, Wash., rescued Hercules from a supermarket lobster tank, where he had a \$200 price tag, and shipped him home to Maine.

But things didn't work out as planned.

Diane Cowan, a scientist at The Lobster Conservancy, said it's likely that Hercules succumbed to the trauma of long-distance travel, which is often fatal to lobsters.

He also had a tail injury that may have contributed to his death.

Cowan had planned to let the crack heal, then attach a sonar tag to the lobster and set him free within the next week or two so she could track his movements.

Cowan told friends in an e-mail Friday "don't be too sad" because the lobster did not die in vain. Hercules called attention to legislation that would protect large, brood stock lobsters like himself, she said, and he educated people about their important role rejuvenating the lobster population.

A bill being considered by the Maine Legislature's Marine Resources Committee would make it illegal to transport oversized lobsters like Hercules through Maine. Under Maine law, fishermen who catch such lobsters must toss them back.

Cowan views the legislation as a way to help protect hefty lobsters so they can live to breed.

Cowan also said Hercules probably would be her last attempt at crustacean salvation.

It's not unusual for emancipated supermarket lobsters to be released in Maine by well-meaning Good Samaritans, but Cowan has always been skeptical of how the lobsters actually fare in their newfound freedom.

"It just came out of a cooler, it's going to be in shock," she said. "I said 'This is a feel-good thing, but the thing's going to die.'"

## 6 Oklahoma

### 'Eye' catching jewelry turns some heads

DUNCAN - Al Nix has designed a lot of jewelry in the last 25 years, but nothing compares to the project Michael Burton handed him - a glass eye to be refitted into a ring.

Burton has had a glass eye for 35 years because of an industrial accident. He had to have the artificial eye refitted recently, and he didn't want to part with the old one.

So he called on Nix.

"To throw it away would be like buying a new car and just taking my old car to the dump. I guess it's like they say - one man's trash is another

man's treasure," Burton said.

Nix had designed some unusual pieces, but "I couldn't believe he wanted to make a ring out of a glass eye. I thought to myself, 'We can make a good-looking ring out of this,' even though it is the oddest piece we've ever done."

So Nix put together a design team which included his wife, Diana, and master jeweler Grover Snider.

Together they designed a ring which incorporated the unusual shape of the artificial eye. Nix said if the eye were measured as a gem stone, it would be considered a 45-carat stone.

The result delighted Burton.

"Almost everyone wants to see it and hold it," Burton said. "Oh, there are some prudes who don't want to touch it. They think it's too weird. But I love it. I wouldn't trade it for a real eye."

## 7 Wisconsin

### Judge won't keep testimony secret in Madison case

MADISON - A federal judge preparing for a trial next week has refused to keep secret any testimony on techniques possibly used to jam Madison police radio signals and replace them with the sounds of sex acts.

Motorola Inc., which makes the radio communications equipment for the Madison Police Department,

asked that U.S. Magistrate Judge John C. Shabaz close the courtroom and seal the transcripts for any testimony from Motorola witnesses and from Rajib K. Mitra, a former University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate student charged with two counts of transmitting communications to a protected police computer.

Mitra, 25, faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine if convicted. His trial is scheduled to begin Monday.

Mitra was charged in incidents that happened in Madison the nights of Oct. 31 and Nov. 11.

At 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31, police reported an incessant tone overriding their radio frequencies, rendering hand-held radios useless and leaving police unable to communicate with each other.

Three hours after the tone appeared, police radio technicians switched the department's frequency to a different channel. After 20 minutes, the tone followed, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim O'Shea said. The channel was switched again, but the tone did not follow until hours later. At 3:15 a.m., technicians switched the channel again, but the tone did not follow.

Police later traced the signals to the residence where Mitra lived at the time.

On Nov. 11, police experienced another disruption. Audio clips of a woman moaning sounded on their frequencies 13 times during a nearly three-hour span, according to police records. After the signals were again traced to the same residence, police

obtained a search warrant for Mitra's apartment.

On his computer, officials found a Motorola wiring harness that, O'Shea said, is capable of transmitting radio frequencies. They also found several computers and papers listing all Madison police radio frequencies.

## 8 New Jersey

### Diaper-wearing man charged with child endangerment

PEQUANNOCK - A Paterson man faces child endangerment charges after allegedly showing up at a Roman Catholic school clad in a diaper and pink stretch pants.

William Rhode III, 53, was wearing an orange jumpsuit and handcuffs when he appeared Tuesday in Superior Court in Morristown. Judge Salem Vincent Ahto wanted to make sure Rhode understood the charge lodged against him.

Rhode nodded his head when the judge asked if he understood the charge. Ahto then ordered him returned to Morris County jail in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

Rhode is scheduled to undergo a psychiatric evaluation on March 12.

Police said he showed up at Holy Spirit School at dismissal on Feb. 13 seeking a job application. When his request was denied, he defecated in the diaper and fled on foot, police said.



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# Our Opinion

## To vote or not to vote?

If you're asking yourself this question, don't think too hard. Sure, it's been said that your vote doesn't count, and a handful of people can't truly make a difference.

Well for yourself, and all of the people who have told you some derivation of the statement above, here's a fun fact:

The Georgia House of Representatives voted on a controversial amendment to the constitution last Thursday that would ban gay marriage. The motion fell only three votes short of approval.

The point here has nothing to do with whether or not you approve of same sex marriages, but that only three votes decided the final outcome of the proposal.

It could be your vote, or the votes of you and two of your friends that turn the tide in this year's presidential primaries and eventually elections.

Find your voting location, get your absentee ballot and encourage your friends to do the same. This country is built on the great pillars our forefathers wrote all those years ago, and should not be forgotten. Just like the freedom of speech and expression we all hold so dearly, we should embrace the freedom to vote in the same way.

Many people across the world do not have the opportunity to choose a leader like the Constitution of this country grants us all.

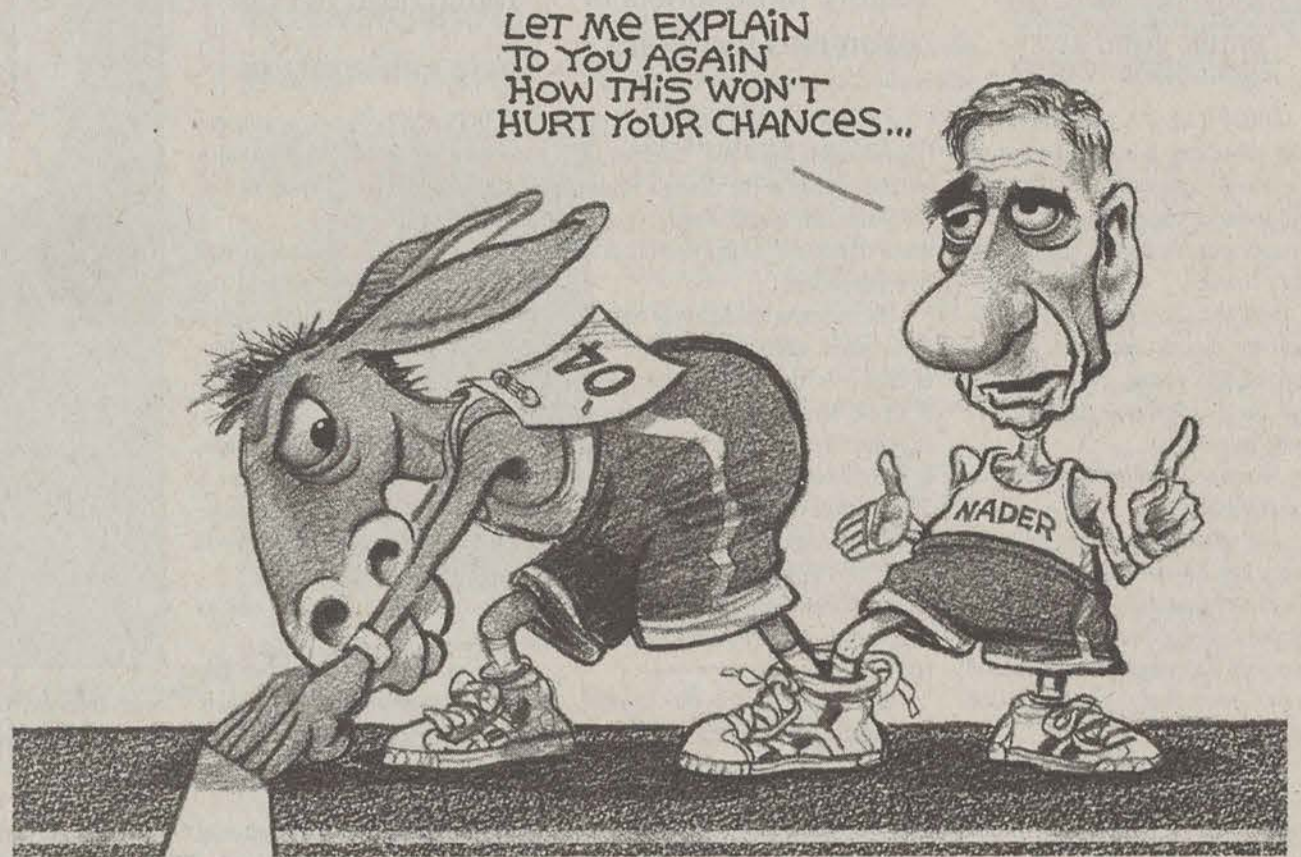
We fight for such ideals now in Iraq and Afghanistan. The first democratically elected president of Haiti just fled after rebels took control of the country.

Sitting back and simply ignoring this privilege like so many of our age group have in the past years should no longer be acceptable.

It doesn't matter if you're a Republican, Democrat or an Independent. You have the ability to cast your vote for who you wish to represent the nation you live in, approve the laws you live under, and fight for the causes you believe in.

If you don't vote, you have no right to complain about any of the differences you may have with your government.

You could have been part of the three - or the one - that changed the course of history.



## 'They have been at a great feast of languages, and stolen the scraps'

Raise your hand if you've ever tried to start an official organization at Georgia Southern.

Good. So, the half-dozen or so of you who raised your hands have a special understanding of this column's undercurrent. For the rest of you, what you're about to read might sound like shameless self-promotion or an abuse of my privilege as a columnist. I assure you neither accusation would be particularly applicable. For me, the privilege of column writing simply grants me opportunities to share the views I'm passionate about with others.

I know it sounds nerdy, but there's nothing I'm more passionate about than language.

And it isn't for the reasons you might think. Perhaps I should state why I'm so passionate about it before I talk about how much I wish more people shared my passion.

First of all, language doesn't discriminate. The societies who use it might. But, inherently, language belongs to everyone. Literally. It's a universal human phenomenon we all need. In fact, we don't have a choice about whether we need it or not, it's so ingrained in us.

And I'm not just talking about the language they teach you in school. No, I'm talking about every day language. I'm talking about the natural rhythms and instincts of language. I'm talking about the way *you* speak, no matter who you are, when you're not thinking about the way you're speaking. I'm talking varieties, dialects, lingo, slang, and all the other supposed "flaws" in our utterances.

I'm talking about every bit of it as equal: Equally fascinating and equally important in the quest to understand the human mind.

This is what people known as linguists study. Sure, linguists are just as interested in standard language, since the need for a standard is an interesting social force. But, for the most part, we want to see language in its natural habitat. There are plenty of people around to enforce the rules where they're appropriate. Don't mistake us for the grammar police.

We linguists get our kicks a different way: By describing the way language is, not prescribing how it should be.

The study of language is finally being recognized properly; not just as an art - which it is - but also as a science. It deals with neurology and cognition. Certain branches of linguistics even deal with other, seemingly unrelated fields. Forensic linguistics uses language science to track down or identify criminals. (If you don't believe me, watch CSI a few times. They use that stuff more than you might think.) Computational linguistics focuses on computers - more specifically, on improving the interface between humans and computers by making artificial language, well... less artificial.

Traditionally, linguists do fieldwork. Fieldwork involves traveling all over the world and recording language, then analyzing it. It's the kind of job I only dreamed of growing up. Imagine getting paid to explore the world! Imagine my surprise and joy when I found out such a job really exists!

For the love of these aspects of language, I've spent the past two years living as something of a trailblazer. I declared a major that didn't yet exist. I helped create an organization to coincide with the theretofore imaginary major. I poured my heart into my course work because I'd finally found my niche. But I couldn't seem to get anyone else to share the dream.

This semester a course was slated called "Gullah and Geechee Language and Culture." The object of this course was to study the Gullah and Geechee people off the coast of Georgia and South Carolina - just down the road. It would have involved fun field trips to Sapelo Island, giving students a chance to immerse themselves in this intriguing culture during the most beautiful time of year in south Georgia.

The class was cancelled because not enough people signed up for it.

I'm convinced that if more people only knew about the excitement going on in the field of linguistics, more people would at least make a hobby out of it.

Everyone can benefit from a better understanding of language. Interested in business? In this increasingly global economy, it's imperative that we strive to understand communication and other cultures. Those in marketing, advertising, public relations, education or law need to know how to use semantics, or meaning, to influence audiences. The mechanics of language apply to all people in endless ways.

Now, here's the shameless self-promotion part: The Linguistics Circle, aforementioned organization, meets tonight at 7 p.m. Right now the club is working on getting a website up, but we have big plans for the future. As it is, folks with doctorate's degrees write all the introductory linguistics textbooks out there. These authors might not necessarily remember what it was like to be an undergraduate first exploring the subject. With the guidance of our adviser, we want to work on creating an introductory linguistics textbook written from the perspective of young undergraduates. Undoubtedly, this text would eventually bring in funds the organization can use for propagation of its studies.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, stop by 2222E in the Newton Building tonight. You never know. It just might change your life.

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## Court's moderate streak muddies outlook on gay marriage vote

By Howard Mintz  
KRT Campus

For the past two weeks, as thousands of gay couples converged on San Francisco City Hall to get marriage licenses, California's Supreme Court justices could glance out their office windows across the street and see the origins of their most politically charged case in years unfold.

While the state's high court may have assumed it would inherit the legal challenge to these same-sex unions, the case has reached its doorstep as fast as one of those jubilant couples could say, "I do."

The court has a history of caution and conservatism on social matters. But a close look at its record reveals a pronounced moderate streak in some relevant cases, including a gay rights case last year that muddies the outlook on how the justices might resolve the legal issues surrounding same-sex marriage.

Opponents of gay marriage earlier this week asked the Supreme Court to put an immediate stop to San Francisco's gay nuptials, and Attorney General Bill Lockyer plans to urge the justices to tackle the volatile issue right away instead of waiting for the lower courts to have their say.

Now, the justices must decide whether to take the unusual step of jumping into the legal fray over gay marriage at such an early stage. And even if they choose to let legal skirmishing in the lower courts proceed first, the Supreme Court will, sooner or later, be forced to rule on whether California's current ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional, as Massachusetts' high court recently ruled.

Many legal experts say they doubt the court will be inclined to tackle gay marriage without some input from the lower courts. But the sentiment isn't universal, even among former Supreme Court justices. Though the Supreme Court usually waits for lower court review, over the years it has acted quickly, particularly in challenges to ballot propositions or pressing questions like last year's recall election.

Lockyer intends to argue that gay marriage poses a strictly legal and constitutional question for the court, the reason Edward Panelli, a former justice, expects them to accept the case now.

"Whether the political will to step into something like this is there, I don't know," Panelli said. "But if I were a betting man, I'd say that they will probably take it. This isn't a situation where they are going to be able to avoid it."

But former Justice Joseph Grodin believes the court will wait.

"It's certainly an important issue and one of statewide importance, but that doesn't necessarily mean the state Supreme Court jumps into it before any lower court has had a chance," said Grodin, now a Hastings College of the Law professor.

Predictions about what the Republican-dominated Supreme Court will do whenever it chooses to hear the case are likewise divided.

Proponents of gay marriage are quick to point out that the court has its own powerful precedent as the first top court in the nation to outlaw bans on interracial marriage in 1948. However, many experts say the current court is very different, and reluctant to buck the state's voters, who in 2000 passed Proposition 22, which defines marriage in the state as being between a man and a woman.

The only thing experts agree upon is that the case is what state Supreme Court observers long ago dubbed a "Crocodile in the bathtub" the type of

case that poses a legal and political minefield for justices who must be retained by voters every 12 years.

"It certainly has tremendous political implications," said Santa Clara University law Professor Gerald Uelmen, one of the state's leading Supreme Court experts. "I have trouble envisioning this court doing what the Massachusetts Supreme Court did."

In recent years, the seven-member court has confronted its share of inflammatory legal issues, including two major cases that touched directly on gay rights. And in some of those cases, which have run the gamut from abortion rights to legal protections in the workplace, the court has demonstrated a moderate streak that makes forecasting a gay marriage decision unpredictable.

On paper, the composition of the court leans moderate to conservative. Six of the seven justices are appointees of former Republican Govs. George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson, although George, appointed by Wilson, is often a crucial vote in the center of the court.

The court's recent precedent offers little guidance on how those justices might address the central issue in San Francisco's decision to provide marriage licenses to gay couples that the state's same-sex marriage ban violates equal protection guarantees. State Supreme Courts elsewhere that have addressed gay marriage and civil unions Massachusetts, Hawaii and Vermont have ruled in favor of gay rights advocates.

Opponents of gay marriage say San Francisco is flouting state law and the will of the state's Legislature and voters.

They argue there is no equal protection argument and that the Supreme Court ought to put a stop to the marriages.

Jon Davidson, senior counsel for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in Los Angeles, is convinced the law is on the side of allowing gay marriage and he believes the Supreme Court will be influenced by its proximity to the procession of gay weddings at City Hall.

Either way, California's highest court is now caught in the middle of the escalating gay marriage debate.

"It's a situation where whatever they do, they are going to get criticized," Panelli said. "But that comes with the territory."

## Researchers discover new species of dinosaur

By Robert S. Boyd  
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON — Scientists have discovered the fossils of two new species of dinosaurs that lived in Antarctica millions of years ago when it was a warm, green land similar to today's Pacific Northwest.

One creature from this lost world was a 70-million-year-old, two-legged meat-eater, a larger relative of the ferocious velociraptors in the movie "Jurassic Park."

The other bones came from a 190-million-year-old, four-legged vegetarian, an early version of the huge, plant-eating monsters such as Diplodocus that are familiar to museum-goers.

These relics from the Age of Dinosaurs were found at two locations, 2,000 miles apart, within six days in December. The National Science Foundation, which sponsored the research, reported

the discoveries Thursday.

William Hammer, a dinosaur expert at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. was the leader of a six-man team working on Antarctica's 13,000-foot-high Mount Kirkpatrick, about 400 miles from the South Pole.

Struggling against high winds and 40-degrees-below-zero cold, Hammer's team dug out the pelvis and leg bones of the still-unnamed plant-eater — a primitive member of the dinosaur family known as sauropods — from what had been an ancient riverbed. It lived relatively early in the dinosaur age, which lasted from 250 million to 65 million years ago.

The bones are encased in rock and are being shipped to the United States for study. Hammer estimated that the creature was 6 to 7 feet tall and 25 to 30 feet long.

Meanwhile, a separate group led by James Martin of the South Dakota

School of Mines in Rapid City and Judd Case of St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif., were searching for marine fossils on James Ross Island, off the Antarctic Peninsula.

On Dec. 12 the researchers came across the jaw, tooth, lower legs and foot of a large land creature. They


identified it as a theropod, a class of carnivorous dinosaurs that includes the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex as well as the little velociraptors, believed to be the ancestors of modern birds.

The fossils suggested that the new dinosaur was about 6 feet tall, 30 feet long and probably a swift runner.



Special Photo

Scientists discover new dinosaur from the same family as the apatosaurus, featured above.



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Rosie O'Donnell, right, married longtime girlfriend Kelli Carpenter, left, on Thursday, February 26, 2004 in San Francisco, California.

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# Lady Eagles gain steam entering tourney

By Eli Boorstein  
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After a roller coaster ride of a regular season, the Lady Eagle basketball team needed a momentum swing in their favor entering the Southern Conference Tournament.

They may have gotten just that, as Georgia Southern handled East Tennessee State with ease, winning 70-55 Saturday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse.

With Senior Night festivities taking place before the game, the game belonged to senior Jessica Everett, who bid a fond farewell to Hanner with 17 points. Everett's night pushed her career scoring total to 1,001 points, becoming the 16th Lady Eagle to top the 1,000-point plateau.

Fellow senior Kristy McCorkle scored seven in her final game, while just three weeks after suffering an ACL tear, Shawnica Hill came back to start the game. Though she missed her only field goal attempt in five minutes, and may have reinjured herself, Hill definitely won a great amount of respect from head coach Rusty Cram.

"To come back from an ACL tear in three weeks is incredible," said Cram.

Everett, Hill and McCorkle also earned the adulation of the crowd as each received ovations when they each exited the game in the second half.

"They're the epitome of student-athletes," said Cram about his three seniors. "If you look in the dictionary under 'student-athlete,' their pictures are in there."

East Tennessee State's only lead of the ballgame lasted just over the first five minutes of the contest before a

*"If you look in the dictionary under 'student-athlete,' their pictures are in there."*

## Head coach Rusty Cram on the three graduating seniors

Nicole Newton basket put Georgia Southern (14-13, 9-11 SoCon) ahead 6-5. After the Lady Bucs tied the score at 6-6, the Lady Eagles used a 12-4 run to build up their largest lead of the first half at eight. East Tennessee State (13-13, 13-7 SoCon) managed to bring their deficit to within one point on two different occasions. Georgia Southern was able to keep their opponents at bay, however, entering halftime with a three-point edge at 33-30.

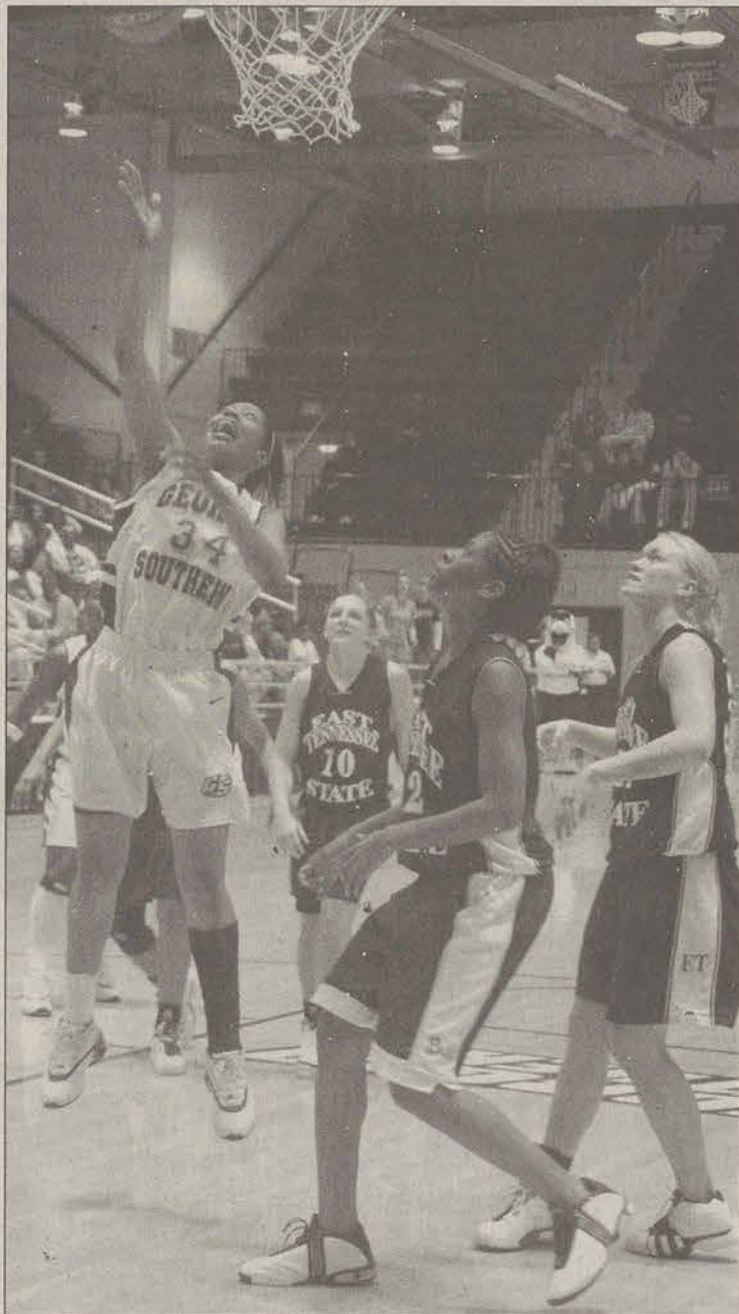
The second half saw the Lady Eagles' offensive surge overwhelm the Lady Bucs, as Georgia Southern escaped on a 15-2 tear in the half's opening seven minutes.

Georgia Southern's lead remained in double-digits for the remainder of the night as the Lady Eagles jumped ahead by as much as 18 points multiple times.

Nicole Newton and Kellie Tiller each contributed to the victory with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Dana Benemon grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds, as Georgia Southern finished the evening with 47 rebounds. On the season, the Lady Eagles finished atop the conference in rebounding.

Kiya Verdell scored 19 to lead East Tennessee State.

The Lady Eagles will now enter the SoCon Tournament as the eighth seed. They will play Appalachian State Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at McAlister Fieldhouse on the campus of The Citadel.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Jessica Everett (34) closed out her Hanner Fieldhouse career in fine fashion, as she scored 17 points and topped the 1,000-point plateau for her career. The Lady Eagles will now enter the Southern Conference Tournament as the eighth seed, facing Appalachian State on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

### MEN

#### WEDNESDAY

(45) Furman vs. (5N) W. Carolina, Noon  
(3N) Elon vs. (6S) The Citadel, 30 min. later  
(4N) UNC Greensboro vs. (5S) Wofford, 6 p.m.  
(3S) Charleston vs. (6N) App State, 30 min. later

#### THURSDAY

(1N) East Tennessee State vs. Furman/WCU, Noon  
(2S) Davidson vs. Elon/Citadel, 30 min. later  
(1S) Georgia Southern vs. UNCG/Wofford, 6 p.m.  
(2N) Chattanooga vs. Charleston/ASU, 30 min. later

#### FRIDAY

Semifinals - 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Championship - 1 p.m. (ESPN)

### WOMEN

#### WEDNESDAY (at McAlister Field House)

(8) Georgia Southern vs. (9) App State, 2:30 p.m.  
(7) UNC Greensboro vs. (10) Charleston, 30 min. later  
(6) W. Carolina vs. (11) Wofford, 30 min. later

#### THURSDAY (at McAlister Field House)

(4) East Tennessee State vs. (5) Elon, 11 a.m.  
(1) Chattanooga vs. GSU/App State, 30 min. later  
(2) Furman vs. UNCG/Charleston, 6 p.m.  
(3) Davidson vs. WCU/Wofford, 30 min. later

#### FRIDAY (at North Charleston Coliseum)

Semifinals - Noon and 2:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY (at North Charleston Coliseum)

Championship - 5 p.m. (ESPN)



## MEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (65)**  
Olivier 0-1 0-2 0, Bennett 3-10 9-11  
15, Nesbitt 4-13 0-0 11, Williams 1-10  
2-2 5, Fleming 2-7 1-2 5, Mobley 2-5 0-0  
4, Gibson 3-8 0-0 6, Francois 6-13 2-3 14,  
Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Byams 2-5 0-0 4. Totals  
23-72 14-20 65.

**THE CITADEL (68)**  
Everhart 4-6 8-9 16, Mombollet 3-7 3-4  
9, Xia 2-4 1-1 5, Terry 7-12 2-2 21, Hammack  
5-13 3-4 15, Young 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-2 0-0 0,  
Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 1-2 0-2 0. Totals  
22-46 17-20 68.

Halftime-Citadel 34, GSU 31. Three-point goals-GSU 5-24 (Nesbitt 3-10, Williams 1-8, Fleming 0-1, Mobley 0-1, Gibson 1-4), Citadel 7-14 (Mombollet 0-1, Terry 5-8, Hammack 2-4, Davis 0-1). Rebounds-GSU 38 (Bennett 7), Citadel 39 (Mombollet 10), Assists-GSU 12 (Williams 4), Citadel 6 (Hammack 5). Total Fouls-GSU 17, Citadel 20. Fouled Out-Xia, Davis. Technicals-None. A-963

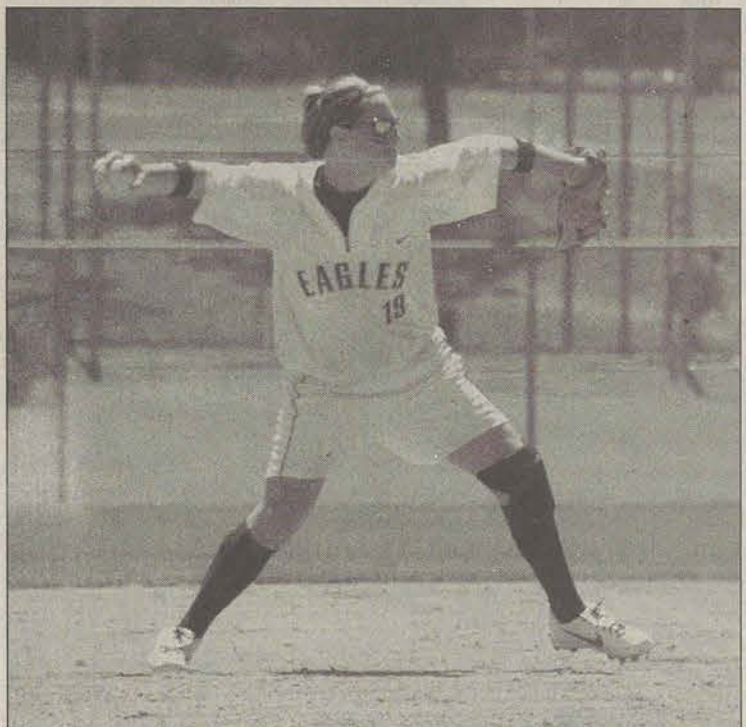
## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE (55)**  
Mayes 7-13 3-17, Trantham 1-6 0-1 2,  
Wilhoit 1-6 0-0 3, Banjo 0-2 2-4 2, Verdell  
7-16 3-19, Moring 0-0 1-2 1, West 0-0 0-0  
0, Akers 0-2 0-0 0, Ricciardi 1-2 0-2 0, Lonon  
2-5 1-2 5, Henderson 0-1 0-0 0, Gibson 2-5  
0-0 4. Totals 21-59 10-15 55.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (70)**  
Early 0-5 0-0 0, Everett 8-15 1-3 17,  
Hill 0-1 0-0 0, DuBose 2-6 0-0 6, McCorkle  
1-3 5-6 7, Pijaux 0-0 0-0 0, Wells 3-5 1-2 8,  
Edgerton 0-0 0-0 0, Spoon 0-2 2-2 2, Newton  
4-8 4-12, Krellner 0-2 0-0 0, Melvin 0-0 0-0  
0, Benemon 3-6 2-2 8, Tiller 4-10 0-0 10.  
Totals 25-61 15-19 70.

Halftime-GSU 33, ETSU 30. Three-point goals-ETSU 3-15 (Wilhoit 1-5, Banjo 0-1, Verdell 2-8, Akers 0-1), GSU 5-10 (DuBose 2-2, Wells 1-2, Krellner 0-2, Tiller 2-4). Rebounds-ETSU 31 (Mayes 6), GSU 47 (Benemon 11). Assists-ETSU 11 (Wilhoit 4), GSU 17 (Tiller 5). Total Fouls-ETSU 20, GSU 20. Fouled Out-None. Technicals-None. A-808

# Softball cruises in doubleheader sweep of S.C. State



GSU Athletic Media Relations

Senior Kim Griffin was the driving force behind the Lady Eagles' offensive output, as she batted 4-for-6 while driving in five in Georgia Southern's doubleheader sweep of South Carolina State on Saturday.

By Eli Boorstein  
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During the offseason, one of the questions asked of the Lady Eagle softball team was whether the team's young pitching staff would step up.

After Saturday's doubleheader, it looks like the staff will be in good shape for a long time to come.

Logan Free and Cary Moore combined to allow no runs and just five hits as Georgia Southern swept South Carolina State by a pair of 8-0 outcomes on Saturday at Eagle Field.

Both games were called early due to the eight-run mercy rule, as Georgia Southern improved to 7-3 on the season.

Free led the Lady Eagles in the opener, pitching six sparkling innings, striking out seven and two hits. The freshman from Sandpoint, Idaho, who improved to 2-0, also helped herself out with a two-run home run.

Moore was the spark for the second game of the twinbill, fanning

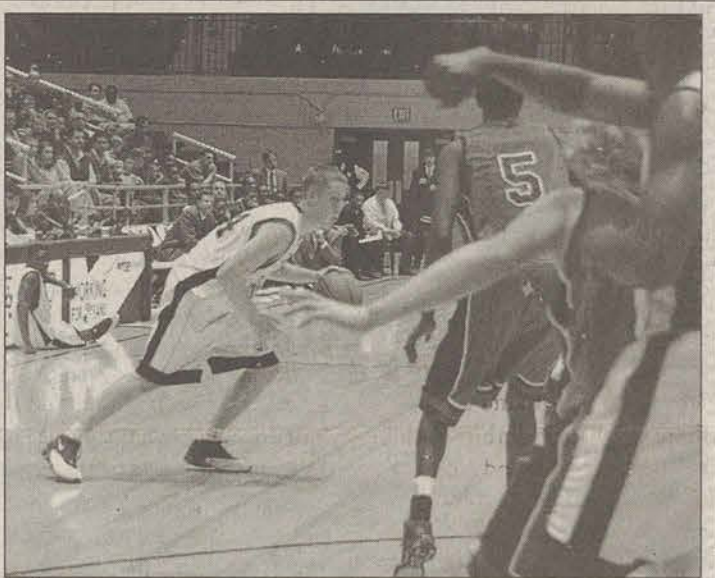
seven batters and giving up just three hits in five innings of action. The junior college transfer saw her record grow to 3-1.

"Our girls did a good job getting runs and taking the pressure off of the pitchers," said head coach Natalie Poole.

Game one saw Georgia Southern score early with a run in the first. After Shanita Black and Aurora Johnson led off with singles, each advanced 90 feet on an error from Bulldog catcher Latihma Warrell. Though Black was erased when she was picked off stealing home, Johnson came around to score off a Kim Griffin double.

The score remained 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth when the Free pitched in on offense. With Lindsay Jones on first, Free took the pitch from Jahksha Abraham out to right-center for a two-run homer, the first of her career.

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LaVene Bell/STAFF

Chad Fleming was held to just five points as Georgia Southern was upset by conference cellar-dweller The Citadel 68-65 on Saturday. The Eagles, who still hold a top seed in the Southern Conference Tournament, will face either UNC Greensboro or Wofford on Thursday.

# Eagles stumble in late loss to The Citadel

GSU Athletic Media Relations

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Sophomore guard Dante Terry connected on five-of-eight three pointers and scored 21 points to help The Citadel defeat Georgia Southern, 68-65, in Southern Conference basketball action Saturday afternoon in McAlister Field House.

"This is a great win for our guys and Max Mombollet in his last game in McAlister," The Citadel head coach Pat Dennis exclaimed. "Our guys have played extremely hard all year and they have definitely had their share of bumps and bruises. It is great to see us win a couple here late."

The Citadel (6-21, 2-14 SoCon) got out of the blocks in a hurry as it jumped out on a 10-2 run to start the game. Senior forward Max Mombollet started the run as he connected on two free throws at 18:23 and sophomore guard Kevin Hammack ended it as he connected on a three-pointer with 16:50 remaining in the first half.

Georgia Southern (20-7, 11-5 SoCon) responded with their own 10-2 run to tie the game at 12 as junior forward Jean Francois hit a jumper at the 11:27 mark. The Eagles pushed their advantage to 20-14 as sophomore guard Elton Nesbitt scored five unanswered points.

The Bulldogs rebounded and regained the lead at the half by a score of 34-31. The Citadel led a majority of the game as they held the lead for over 31 minutes. The lead was never larger than seven points in the second stanza and Georgia Southern cut the Bulldogs lead with 1:17 remaining to 64-63 as Nesbitt connected on

another three-pointer. Following a 30-second timeout by The Citadel, Francois intercepted the inbound pass and converted a lay-up to give the Eagles their first lead in over 24 minutes at 65-64.

The Bulldogs responded as freshman forward J'mel Everhart blocked a lay-up by GSU's Frank Bennett, while Hammack rebounded the block and pushed up court for the fast break. Hammack missed a lay-up, Everhart grabbed an offensive rebound and missed a lay-up, before Mombollet could grab the offensive carom and converted the lay-up to give The Citadel its final advantage at 66-65 with 18 seconds remaining. Terry was fouled and converted two more free throws with five seconds remaining to preserve the victory.

"Their zone forced us to take a bunch of threes and we just didn't hit our shots," GSU head coach Jeff Price stated. "They played a tough game and we can't take that away from them."

Joining Terry in double-figures scoring for the Bulldogs was Everhart with 16 and Hammack with 15. Mombollet grabbed 10 rebounds and ended with nine points, one tally away from the double-double.

Bennett, who scored 15 and grabbed seven rebounds and Francois who scored 14 led Georgia Southern offensively. Nesbitt was the only other Eagle in double-figures with 11 points.

Georgia Southern enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed in the South and will play the winner of the first round game between Wofford and UNC Greensboro. Game time is scheduled for 6 pm.

## Men's tennis swept in pair

By Matt Rapp  
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The GSU men's tennis squad got off to a rocky start for conference matches, losing back to back this past weekend at Hanner Courts.

Facing Appalachian State on Saturday, things looked fine as the men started off their doubles matches strong, winning two out of three.

Stephen Dubiensi and Tom Green battled to an even 5-5. Picking up their game and gaining the momentum at mid-set, they knew the importance of the team's first conference match. Already down a match, the guys seemed to kick it up a notch as GSU confidently overpowered their opponent.

With a late game comeback, Vincent Patry and Danie Van Den Heever brought the score up from a 4-7 hole to a 7-7 tie and on with the win.

The confidence lasted only through the doubles matches. Falling apart in singles, the Eagles got served to a final loss of 3-4.

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# Baseball drops four to Clemson, East Carolina at Keith LeClair Invitational

GSU Athletic Media Relations

## CLEMSON 4, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 0

Four Tiger pitchers allowed just three hits as No. 11 Clemson defeated Georgia Southern 4-0 Saturday afternoon in the first of four games of the Keith LeClair Invitational played at Harrington Field.

Jason Berken (1-0) pitched six strong innings in his first outing of the season, allowing just two hits, no runs, and no walks while striking out seven to earn the victory. Robert Rohrbaugh, Steven Jackson, and Adam Walker each pitched a scoreless inning to close out the game.

John Carroll (0-2) suffered the loss despite going the distance for the Eagles, allowing just seven hits, four runs (two earned), and no walks while striking out five.

The Tigers got on the board in the third inning when Garrick Evans laced a double to left-center, plating Herman Demmink who had reached on a fielding error. Clemson tacked on another run when Travis Storrer grounded out, plating Evans.

Clemson added two more runs in the sixth inning on a two-run single by Kris Harvey. Storrer led off the inning with a single up the middle,



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Eagle baseball team suffered mightily over the weekend, managing just one run on the first day of the weather-delayed Keith LeClair Invitational at East Carolina.

Brad McCann followed with another single, and Lou Santangelo sacrificed the runners over to set up Harvey.

McCann and Evans led the Tigers with two hits apiece, while leadoff batter James Payne had two of the Georgia Southern hits. The Eagles picked up a single in the first (Greg Dowling), a double in the sixth (Payne) and a single in the ninth (Payne).

## EAST CAROLINA 7, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1

Centerfielder Ryan Jones picked up three hits, including his fourth homerun of the season, and drove in four runs to lead East Carolina to a 7-1 non-conference win over Georgia Southern in first-day action

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## BASEBALL, FROM PAGE 6

of the Keith LeClair Invitational at Harrington Field Saturday.

Jones helped the Pirates break open a 1-0 contest with a two-run shot off Eagle starter Brian Harrison (1-2) in the seventh inning to push ECU's lead to 3-0. He also keyed a four-run ninth inning with a double to leftfield against GSU reliever Rhett Barber, which gave East Carolina a 5-0 edge.

Georgia Southern, after falling to Clemson in the opener of the tournament earlier Saturday, avoided its second consecutive shutout by scoring a run in the bottom of the ninth.

### CLEMSON 9, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 0

Brad McCann and John Ingram each hit three-run homers in No. 11 Clemson's 9-0 victory over Georgia Southern Sunday in the Keith LeClair Invitational at Harrington Field.

Kris Harvey (1-0) earned the win for the Tigers by pitching five scoreless innings, allowing just two hits and three walks while striking out five. P.J. Zocchi, Josh Cribb, and Harvey combined to allow just four hits while striking out 11.

Eagle starter Dustin Evans (1-3) suffered the loss after allowing seven hits and just two earned runs in seven innings of work. In fact, only two of the nine total runs allowed by the Georgia Southern pitching staff were earned.

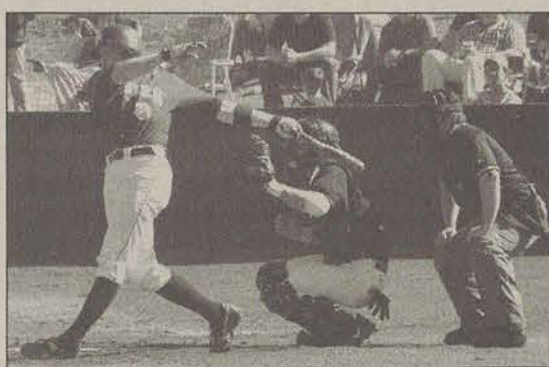
One day after his 22-game hitting streak ended, Brad McCann got the Tigers on the board in the third inning when he hit a wind-aided, three-run homer down the right-field line with two outs. Zane Green started the rally when he reached on a fielding error and Tony Sipp walked to set up McCann's second homer of the year.

After Brady Everett laced a single to right and went to second on another Eagle error, Ryan Hub blooped a single to center, scoring Everett. All four runs in the inning were inearned.

Clemson added two runs in the fifth inning on back-to-back sacrifice flies. Travis Storer led off with a walk and McCann followed with his third hit of the game, a double down the left-field line. Everett and Hub followed with sacrifice flies to right field, giving the Tigers a 6-0 lead.

The Tigers added three more runs in the eighth inning when Ingram, a red-shirt freshman, belted a three-run homer to centerfield. The homer came in Ingram's first career plate appearance and traveled over 400 feet.

James Payne, Brandon Burnsed, Grant Burruss and Jason Hurst all contributed singles for GSU.



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Freshman catcher Flint Wipke suffered through much of the same offensive troubles that victimized the rest of the Eagle baseball team.

### EAST CAROLINA 7, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 4

Third baseman Mark Minicozzi helped East Carolina overcome a 2-1 deficit with a three-run homer off Eagle starter Everett Teaford in the bottom of the sixth inning, sending the Pirates to a 7-4 non-conference win over Georgia Southern Sunday afternoon at Harrington Field in the final game of the Keith LeClair Invitational.

East Carolina also used a two-run double by Darryl Lawhorn to highlight a three-run seventh inning and keep its record perfect at 12-0.

After Trevor Lawhorn gave the Pirates a 1-0 lead with a solo shot in the fifth, Georgia Southern quickly jumped out in front 2-1 on a two-RBI double by shortstop Logan Phillips.

Georgia Southern (5-9) closed to within three after scoring a pair of runs in the eighth against ECU reliever Scott Andrews. After Phillips laced a RBI-double, Brandon Ponder drove in GSU's final run with a groundout.

Phillips and Brandon Long led the Eagles offensively, each picking up a pair of hits.

Teaford (3-1) suffered his first loss of the season after allowing five hits and four runs in six innings of work. East Carolina's Shane Mathews picked up the win in relief of starter P.J. Connelly, pitching a scoreless inning despite surrendering three hits.

GSU will look to regroup when it opens Southern Conference play this weekend with a three-game series against Appalachian State at J.I. Clements Stadium. First pitch is set for Saturday at 4 p.m.

## TENNIS, FROM PAGE 6

Freshman Germano Knorr from Brazil sat out both days with a strained leg, but will hopefully be back next week.

The only hope was for a Sunday win to even out their already losing SoCon schedule. Unfortunately, Sunday's battle was not much better than the first. East

Tennessee State University came to Statesboro to win and that's what they did. Injuries and frustration filled the day for the most part.

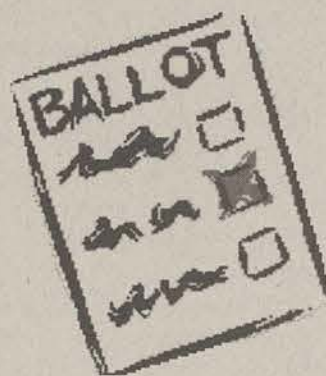
Vincent Patry could not finish out his battle and was forced to come out of the match. There was no sense in risking an

injury that would disrupt further matches down the road.

The 6-1 loss to ETSU brought the Eagles' overall record to 5-8 and the 0-2 in conference play.

GSU faces Wofford next Saturday at 11 a.m. and Chattanooga at 2:30 p.m.

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## SOFTBALL, FROM PAGE 6

Two more Lady Eagle runs came in the very next inning off a defensive gaffe by South Carolina State. With Black on first, Johnson hit a ball to center that looked catchable, but centerfielder Cindy Chester bobbled the catch, letting Black score and Johnson cruise around to third. In the next at-bat, Griffin brought Johnson home on a ground out.

Three more Lady Eagle runs came around to score in the sixth, and final, inning. Following a Heather Smith single, pinch-hitter Elizabeth Wallace tripled Smith in. Black then drove in Wallace with a single and moved to second on another Warrell error. Griffin then came through with her third run batted in of the game, as she doubled off the fence to score Black, ending the game.

Black and Johnson provided the offensive spark for Georgia Southern,

as each batted 3-for-4, with two RBI and a run apiece.

Defensive problems once again victimized the Bulldogs in game two, as they committed four costly errors alone in the first inning, totaling out at six errors for the game.

After Johnson and Griffin each singled, Sam Steiner singled to the outfield. The relay into Bulldog catcher LaDonna Jones was bobbled, letting Johnson come in from third. A harmless Katie Smith blooper to right turned ugly when second baseman Sade Wilson and rightfielder Felicia Hemphill collided going for the fly, as the ball dropped to the ground, letting Griffin and Steiner score, and Smith reach third. Two batters later, Smith scored when Katie Roberts' grounder was bobbled by Wilson.

The second inning saw the Lady Eagles increase their lead to 7-0.

With Black at third and Johnson at second, each came around to score on ground outs by Griffin and Steiner. Katie Smith, who reached third on yet another South Carolina State miscue, scored on a double by pitcher Moore.

The final run came in the third, when Johnson scored from second on an Ardonia Scott error.

Black, Johnson, Griffin and Katie Smith each managed a pair of hits to pace Georgia Southern.

The Lady Eagles will look to ride the momentum of Saturday's sweep onto Wednesday, when they will travel to Atlanta to take on a challenging Georgia Tech squad at 2 p.m.

"We need to work on things to quicken our hands, because Georgia Tech has excellent pitchers," said Poole.

## Lady Eagle tennis glides past Elon

### GSU Athletic Media Relations

ELON, N.C. - Georgia Southern swept all three doubles matches and claimed five of the six singles bouts on its way to a 6-1 Southern Conference women's tennis victory over Elon Sunday afternoon at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

The Eagles (2-3, 1-1 SoCon) logged doubles victories by Ciara Finucane/Amy Pazahanick at No. 1 (8-3 over Evin Prelec/Jennifer Fulmer), Krystal Sauvageau/Szylvia Zsakay at No. 2 (8-3 over Melissa Holland/Elizabeth Kernodle) and Charlotte Bruneteaux/Heather Reynolds (9-7 over Elizabeth Kristofek/Alli Benton).

In singles action, Bruneteaux (6-1, 6-2 over Kernodle at No. 2), Sauvageau (4-6, 6-4, 10-7 over Fulmer at No. 3), Zsakay (6-2, 6-2 over Kristofek at No. 4), Pazahanick (6-2, 6-2 over Holland at No. 5) and Reynolds (6-2, 6-4 over Aubrey Rhoads at No. 6) all registered wins for GSU.

The Phoenix (0-3, 0-2) earned a win at No. 1 when Prelec defeated Finucane 6-3, 6-4.

The Eagles head home to host Jacksonville in a non-conference match Thursday, beginning at 3 p.m.

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# Clear Channel and Howard Stern: The shot heard 'round the dial

By Tom Jicha  
KRT Campus

Clear Channel TV did the crime and radio is doing the time. More precisely, radio listeners are doing the time.

Justin Timberlake didn't bare Janet Jackson's breast on radio. However, radio is where the ramifications of the FCC's grandstanding crackdown are most being felt. The clearest and most outrageous manifestation is Clear Channel's decision to pull Howard Stern from six of its radio stations. Jackson flashes a breast on TV and Stern, who has been on radio for more than a quarter-century, suddenly becomes persona non grata. A university class in logic could spend a semester trying to analyze that.

Every Clear Channel executive and member of the Federal Communications Commission ought to be chained to a chair for a screening of "Lenny," so they will at least have a clue how narrow-minded and stupid they are going to look in retrospect. They certainly don't have a clue now.

Clear Channel's kowtowing can be traced to a much more significant issue, media consolidation. The San Antonio-based conglomerate owns more than 1,200 stations nationwide, a death rattle for localism, which is supposed to be the heart of broadcasting.

One executive in Texas has the power to dictate what will be heard in Florida, California, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. This is what happened with Stern.

Who allowed this unacceptable domination of the public airwaves? None other than the FCC.

More than a few legislators and activists are demanding a breakup of Clear Channel (a broadcast partner of the South Florida Sun-Sentinel). However, its friends at the commission have turned a deaf ear. This explains why Clear Channel is so ready to defer to the FCC's morality

posting. This also might explain why the lineup of issue-oriented talk hosts syndicated by Clear Channel.

Clear Channel is top-heavy with champions of the Bush administration. Commission Chairman Michael Powell owes his job to the president.

Not that Powell needs much encouragement to give away the farm. His commission also voted to raise the penetration cap, the percentage of the national audience reached by network-owned TV stations, from 35 percent to 45 percent, clearly en route to 100 percent. If that is ever allowed, localism will be dead in TV, too. One executive in New York or Los Angeles will be able to decide what will be seen in more than 200 markets nationwide.

Fortunately, so many members of Congress balked at the elevated limits that the FCC had to back down. Eventually, a compromise was reached and the bar was set at 39 percent, which still is being challenged in the courts.

The spanking the FCC took on this issue is not unrelated to the indecency crackdown. Stung at being perceived as sitting in the broadcast industry's pocket, Powell's FCC chose the Super Bowl controversy as an opportunity to flex its muscles without doing anything truly meaningful. To borrow a corollary to one of Murphy's Laws, when all is said and done, more will be said than done.

The FCC has summoned broadcast chieftains to the Washington woodshed for a public flogging. Some fines will be issued. Even at the inflated rates being discussed, they are merely a cost of doing business, a very lucrative business. Once the public moves on to the next cause celebre, radio will gradually return to the pre-Super Bowl norm. But Powell's FCC will have played to the Republican base in the run-up to a national election.

It would be a misnomer to describe the Super Bowl flash as the

catalyst for the crackdown. In reality, it is the excuse. Self-appointed moral guardians are forever waiting for any opportunity to attempt to enforce their personal rigid codes on everyone else. The actions of Jackson and Timberlake, which were inexcusable, were like manna from heaven for the moral mafia.

No one has ever been involuntarily subjected to more than a few seconds at most of Stern, Neil Rogers or any other personality now in the crosshairs of the FCC. Given the notoriety these "shock jocks" have achieved, anyone who claims to have been offended by tuning in unaware of the nature of their programs should look beyond the commandments dealing with sex and focus on those dealing with false witness.

Moreover, the FCC's actions here constitute a single-issue abandonment of the bedrock Republican principle of letting the marketplace decide.

The people who would like to deny others the opportunity to listen to Howard Stern or watch "NYPD Blue" have ample alternatives that fall within the parameters of their sensibilities.

There are scores of religious radio stations as well as a national Disney radio network throughout the United States. The combined audience for all of them doesn't add up to what Stern attracts every morning. Is Powell suggesting that the millions of Americans who enjoy Stern's adult humor are all perverts?

Bud Paxson created a TV network to cater to those turned off by the content excesses of the rest of TV. The ratings are so low, a sky-writing plane would be seen by more people.

The decision of the marketplace in this instance clearly does not matter to Powell's FCC and the lawmakers enabling its witch hunt. But they should be wary of another marketplace decision in November, which they will be unable to ignore.



KRT Campus

Howard Stern is feeling the brunt of the FCC's crackdown. The Super Bowl halftime show that shocked millions is affecting radio. The FCC has pulled Howard Stern's radio show from six of its radio stations. Media consolidation may actually be the cause. Clear Channel which is based in San Antonio owns more than 1,200 stations nationwide, and has a preference for localism, which is supposed to be the heart of broadcasting.

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## HAITI, FROM PAGE 1

reverberated through the streets, looters plundered banks and supermarkets, and smoke billowed over the capital.

Mobs reportedly burned down the homes of Aristide loyalists, including Prime Minister Neptune and spokesman Mario Dupuy.

Bullet-riddled bodies were seen on city streets. The latest death toll couldn't be determined, but at least 100 people have died so far in the rebellion.

Later Sunday, police moved into action and the violence subsided.

Aristide's destination was believed to be the Central African Republic, according to a senior official of the U.S. State Department.

Panama also was mentioned as a possible refuge, and Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso said she'd consider a bid for asylum.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre, a widely respected figure in Haiti, was sworn in as head of the transitional government. "I assume it because the constitution indicates it," Alexandre said.

At the United Nations, diplomats worked on a resolution to authorize an international peace-keeping force, either military or civilian. A decision was expected late Sunday.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, swiftly ordered the Marines into action.

"We have been informed that several other countries are prepared to move quickly to join this

mission," said Boucher, the State Department spokesman.

"President Aristide made a decision for the good of the Haitian people," U.S. Ambassador James Foley said during a news conference.

He denied reports that the Bush administration had pressured Aristide to leave.

The White House has been distancing itself from the Haitian president for some time, an effort that grew more intense in recent days.

First elected president in 1990, Aristide was ousted in 1991 by a military coup but was restored to power in 1994 after the United States sent 20,000 troops to Haiti.

A close associate became president in 1996, and Aristide won reelection in 2000.

But he soon came under heavy criticism, with opponents charging that he authorized violence against his political opponents, condoned rigged legislative elections and failed to improve living standards for residents of the hemisphere's poorest nation.

This time, Aristide was cornered by a rebellion that left him in control of little more than the capital of Port-au-Prince, which has been torn by violence and looting.

Hundreds of Haitians have taken to the sea, trying to reach Florida and other safe havens.

Most have been picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard and returned to Haiti.

## SCHOLARS, FROM PAGE 1

administrators, faculty, and staff.

On Saturday, the students had their scholarship interviews. They also were able to participate in a campus tour, and presentations from various departments on campus.

This year, 300 students were invited to campus, as opposed to 200 last year.

Smith said this was a good thing. "Having more students come this year increases the chances of more students coming to GSU in the fall," she said.



# Georgia primary do or die for Edwards? Nader launches presidential push

By Dick Pettys  
Associated Press

ATLANTA - New York and California have more delegates at stake in Tuesday's primaries, but Georgia may determine if the Democratic presidential contest ends abruptly or lurches on for a few weeks more.

John Edwards, the senator from neighboring North Carolina, is making a determined stand here to keep his campaign in play and slow front-runner John Kerry's sprint to the nomination. Kerry has won 18 of 20 state contests and leads the delegate chase.



Presidential Candidate Sen. John Edwards, a native of the South, is looking for a strong finish in Tuesday's primaries.

The Southern-accented Edwards argues he can best take on President Bush for Democrats in November because he can rally Southern voters.

However, of the three Southern states that have voted so far, he has won only in South Carolina, where he was born.

Georgia is the only Southern state that will have a say in the 10-state "Super Tuesday" primaries.

"If Edwards can't win Georgia on Super Tuesday, his candidacy will ring even more hollow than it does now," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Black voters are likely to account for well over 40 percent of the vote in Georgia on Tuesday.

In the 2000 presidential primary, black voters cast 48 percent of the Democratic ballots.

The Rev. Tim McDonald, president of Concerned Black Clergy, said black voters will be "fairly split" in the primary but may give Kerry the nod.

one conducted by Zogby International for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution suggested he was gaining ground in the closing days of the campaign, a pattern seen in earlier primaries.

The newspaper's poll of 395 voters, conducted Monday and Tuesday, showed Kerry leading Edwards 39 percent to 23 percent with 21 percent undecided.

But John Zogby, president of the polling firm, said Edwards gained strength over the two days the poll was conducted. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

"He needs to win Georgia, but he needs to win more than Georgia - a New York or an Ohio. And those states are going to be very difficult," said Emory University political science professor Merle Black.

Both campaigns rushed workers and resources to Georgia after the Feb. 17 Wisconsin primary, where Edwards' strong second-place finish appeared to give his campaign a fresh bounce.

Georgia's Democratic leaders are divided.

Joe Beasley, regional director of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/Push Coalition, backs Al Sharpton but thinks Kerry is likely to win the black vote in Georgia.

"I would be perfectly happy with either one of them, but my sense of it is Mr. Kerry is going to be the nominee," he said.

William Boone, a political science professor at historically black Clark Atlanta University, said those assessments agree with what he sees.

Edwards has devoted more personal time than Kerry to Georgia, working the state more like a gubernatorial campaign than a presidential race in which 10 states are in play.

With his Super Tuesday effort focused only on Georgia, Ohio and upstate New York, Edwards has spent part or all of four of the past 10 days in Georgia, participating in rallies, editorial board meetings and news conferences in Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus and Albany.

For some Edwards supporters, the appeal to back a Southern candidate is a strong one.

Former Sen. Max Cleland is an outspoken supporter of Kerry and former Gov. Roy Barnes is just as strongly in the Edwards camp.

Among black leaders, Kerry has the support of Rep. John Lewis, who co-led the 1965 Bloody Sunday march in Selma, Ala.

Edwards got everything but an official endorsement last week from the Rev. Joseph Lowery, former president of the

"I wouldn't like to lay odds, but I would think Kerry may have a heads up. I just think they (voters) are trying to weigh who can win," he said. "I think a good many black voters were turned off by what happened in 2000. So the idea here is to get the one they believe can win."

Two polls last week showed Edwards trailing in Georgia, but

Edwards could go either way, said Emory's Black. "I can see how either candidate can win. I think it's going to be close."

By Kristen Hays  
Associated Press

HOUSTON - Ralph Nader's long-shot push for the White House came Tuesday to President Bush's home state, where he needs nearly 65,000 signatures to get on the Texas presidential ballot in November as an independent candidate.

Nader, who ran as the Green Party presidential candidate four years ago, denied that his latest campaign could block one of the major party nominees from victory by siphoning a few critical votes.

"Because I think third parties and independent candidates should be on a level playing field and not be considered second-class citizens, the very description of costing one of the major party candidates the election needs to be pushed aside," Nader said at a news conference. "If we're on an equal playing field, we're supposed to be taking votes from each other. We're supposed to be competing."

The consumer advocate has acknowledged it will be tough to get his name on the ballot for all 50 states. In Texas, he needs signatures by May 10 from 64,076 registered voters - or 1 percent of votes cast for president in the state in 2000 - said Jonathan Black, spokesman for the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

By comparison, Nader needs more than 25,000 signatures in Maryland and fewer in smaller states - 2,500 in

Nebraska and 1,000 in Utah.

"They're starting from scratch right now," said Nader spokesman Bob Buzzanco, an associate professor of history at the University of Houston. "We have to get on the ballot - that's the first task."

In Texas, only registered voters who don't vote in Democratic or Republican primaries can give valid signatures, Black said.

Their signatures will be invalid if they sign and vote on either ticket in the March 9 primary.

Nader, who will turn 70 Friday, generated yawns or cheers from Republicans and criticism from Democrats, who blame him for costing Democrat Al Gore the election in 2000.

Texas. George Bush is going to carry Texas by a huge margin, and neither Ralph Nader nor John Kerry nor John Edwards are going to be able to stop that."

Edwards was scheduled to appear at a rally at a Houston high school at the same time Nader was to deliver a speech at the University of Houston on Tuesday evening.

"There's a great choice for Democrats right now," Texas Democratic Party spokesman Mike Lavigne said.

As the Green Party's nominee in 2000, Nader appeared on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering nearly 3 percent of the vote. Bush victories in Florida and New Hampshire were so narrow that had the bulk of Nader votes gone to Gore in either state, Gore would have won.

Nader said he decided not to seek Green Party affiliation this time because the party won't decide its nominee until June, too late for complying with ballot deadlines in some states.

"We're not concerned in the least bit," Texas Republican Party spokesman Ted Royer said of Nader. "He's not going to have any effect on the outcome of the presidential race in

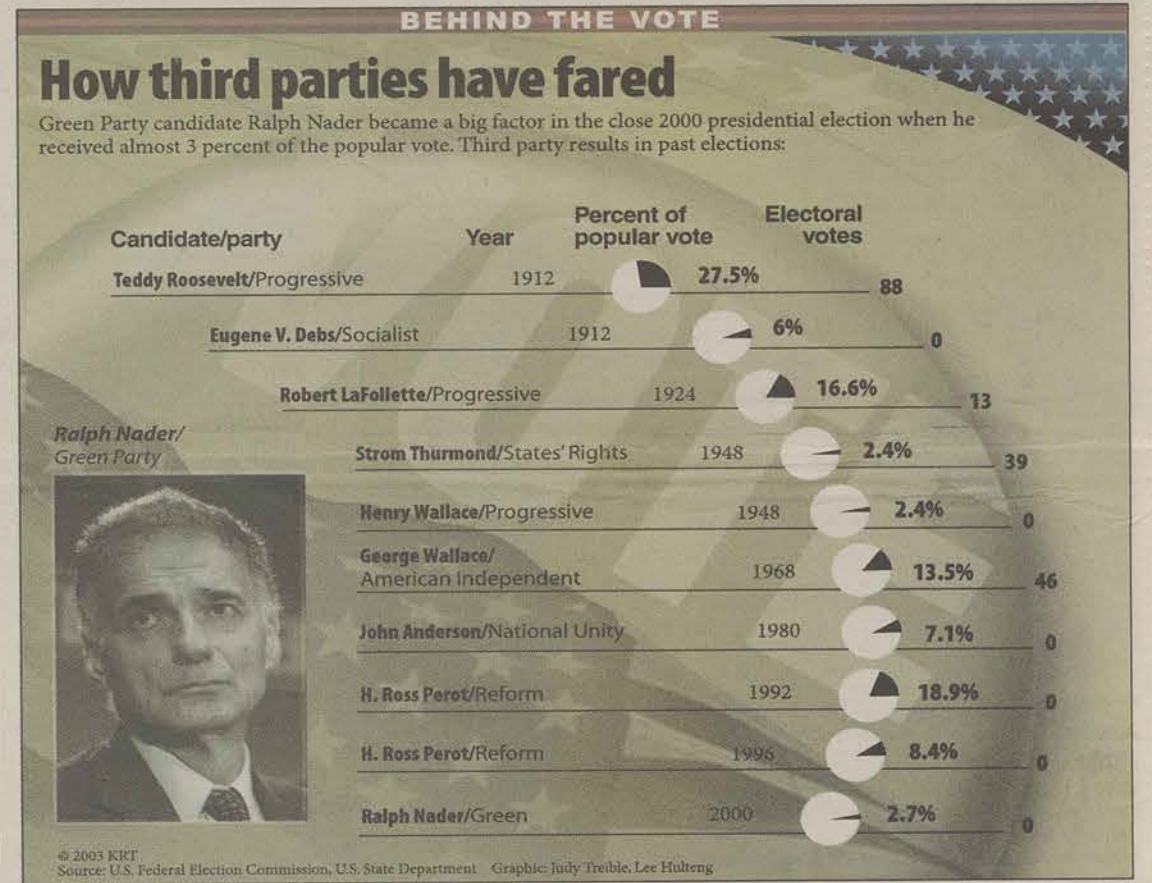
He said a Nader campaign would probably have little impact in the state.

"There's really not anything lacking within this field of candidates that would necessitate looking outside the field to beat George W. Bush in the election," he said.

The Green Party of the United States has welcomed Nader to the race but said the national party and 43 state affiliates are preparing to back a Green nominee.

Steve Agan, spokesman for the Green Party of Texas, dismissed fears that Nader's presence could cause "spoiler" problems for Democratic front-runner Kerry.

"It's not a given that Kerry's going to lose if Nader's in the race if he's the nominee," Agan said. "If people don't want Bush to win, then don't vote for Nader. Vote for Kerry. But don't tell Nader, 'You can't run. You can't speak; be silent.'"



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## Bush-Cheney focuses campaign efforts on expected close race in Colorado

Associated Press

DENVER - Forecasting a tight presidential contest in Colorado, Gov. Bill Owens and other state GOP leaders said Saturday they will focus on promoting their view that President Bush is the country's best leader during difficult times.

Owens will serve as the campaign's Colorado chairman, campaign officials said Saturday. Co-chairs include Sens. Wayne Allard and Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Lt. Gov. Jane Norton.

Bush defeated Democratic Vice President Al Gore in Colorado in the 2000 presidential election by 51 percent to 42 percent, continuing a GOP tradition. Only twice since 1952 has Colorado supported a Democrat for president, including Bill Clinton in 1992.

"This will be a close election and Colorado is closely divided," Owens

told a group of about 20 supporters. "I'm proud to make the case for George Bush in Colorado."

He said Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is the likely Democratic nominee, and said Kerry has enjoyed the media limelight in recent months because of his victories in 18 state primaries and caucuses.

"Now's the chance for us to start to come back to represent this great American president," Owens said.

He, Norton and Allard outlined their reasons for supporting Bush. They said Bush was the right man to lead the country after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and during the ensuing military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and praised his work to improve the economy, health care and education.

"In almost three years, President Bush has made historic progress, but more needs to be done," Norton said.



President George W. Bush plans to campaign heavily in Colorado for the upcoming elections in November.