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## Kelley Bradshaw crowned Miss GSU 2004

Erika Brayboy hands over title to standing ovation



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Ten contestants vied for the title of Miss Georgia Southern University, but only one can proudly assume the title of Miss GSU 2004 - Kelley Bradshaw.

The ten contestants for this year's pageant were Brooke Boatright, Kelly Bradshaw, Angela Byrd, Leslie Culbertson, Rebecca Johnson, Tiffany Kicklighter, Lindsay Sikes, Carmen McCart, Nina Salim, and Amanda Staples. The contestants were scored on the following criteria: Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimwear, Artistic Expression/Performing Arts, Presence and Poise in Evening Wear and the Overall Composite Score. They were also judged on Presentation and Community Achievement and Private Interview.

This year's Miss GSU, Kelley Bradshaw, is a junior Biology and Psychology major. Bradshaw's platform or the area she chooses to represent, as Miss GSU is Child Abuse and Prevention. First runner-up was Lindsay Sikes, second runner-up was Rebecca Johnson, third runner-up was Leslie Culbertson and fourth runner-up was Angela Byrd.

"I was very surprised and am honored to support such a great school. I want to incorporate the student body and community to continue working to fight the fight against Child Abuse," said Bradshaw.

There was a wide assortment of majors ranging from Finance to Middle Grades Education. All the contestants

First Runner-Up

Lindsay Sikes

Second Runner-Up

Rebecca Johnson

Third Runner-Up

Leslie Culbertson

Fourth Runner-Up

Angela Byrd

People's Choice Award

Tiffany Kicklighter

Ms. Congeniality

Carmen McCart

Top Ad Sales

Angela Byrd

Artistic Impression Award

Leslie Culbertson



## Congressman Mac Collins visits GSU, speaks about his career



Special Photo

Congressman Collins defeated a ten-year incumbent in 1991 to gain his seat in the US House of Representatives.

By Luke M. Hearn  
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Wearing a pair of cowboy boots and an appropriately colored blue and gold tie, Congressman Michael "Mac" Collins addressed a group of students and faculty Friday morning at the Russell Union.

Collins, who is currently in the race for US Senate, was not at GSU on campaign business, but was here to speak on his career in Washington and the responsibility that Americans have to vote. He also talked about the economy, and also a little about Iraq.

Now in his twelfth year in Congress, Collins worked hard to get there. After losing a couple of elections to the Butts County Commission and to the Georgia State Senate, he finally won a Senate

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## Eagles fly away with victory

Longest streak of Price era grows to ten

By Kenny Cofer  
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The Eagles increased their winning streak to ten in a row, as they defeated the College of Charleston, 85-80, in a thriller at Hanner Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon.

In front of a packed crowd of 3,769 screaming, jumping, and even a few shirtless fans, Georgia Southern welcomed their rival from the Southern Conference's South Division. The crowd was the largest home crowd in just under 12 years, and the tenth highest crowd overall.

From the opening tip-off, the Eagles used the excitement from their fans to get out to an early lead. GSU used great perimeter shooting from Elton Nesbitt and Terry Williams, who both knocked down three-pointers to give the Eagles an early 9-3 lead.

Georgia Southern did not stop the scoring there, however, as Frank Bennett came alive. Bennett scored 10 of his game-high 20 points in a span of only 2:36, giving the Eagles a lead of 22-6 at the 13:26 mark of the first half.

Things were too good to be true though, as Georgia Southern went cold for the rest of the first half. After building a 16-point lead, the Eagles saw their lead dwindle and eventually be overtaken by a strong Cougar squad.

Everything that could go wrong did for Georgia Southern in the final thirteen minutes of the first half. The Cougars, who made two of 13 shots in the first seven minutes, finished the first half strong, making ten of their final twenty field goals. College of Charleston's great shooting sparked them to a 32-16 run in the final thirteen minutes, to give them a 40-38 lead going into halftime.

The second half got started much like the first half ended. Georgia Southern came out very flat and let the Cougars pad their lead to 13,

## BY THE NUMBERS

3,769

Saturday's Attendance

11

Three-pointers made by the Eagles

.500

The Eagles' shooting percentage



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Jean Francois goes up for the shot as two Charleston defenders converge on him.

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## Mad Cow woes continue to affect Americans

By Scott Corwin  
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A recent announcement by the USDA concerning Mad Cow Disease had one Ronald McDonald shaking in his red clown boots.

Move over SARS - the first U.S. reported case of Mad Cow Disease, formally called bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is heralding in a new epidemic of fear both domestically and internationally.

In its wake, a massive cow hunt is under way to trace the roots of a dairy cow diagnosed with the disease. Suspicions link the wayward heifer to a Canadian herd of 81 cattle.

The concerns originate in the fact that BSE can ultimately cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD), which is both fatal and incurable, when it spreads to humans who consume tainted beef.

Is it safe to eat that Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger? Despite impulsive bans of U.S. imported beef in over 30 countries, most experts agree that the chance of finding BSE contaminated meat is slim. "You're more likely to be struck by lightning," said Dr. James Claiborne, Georgia Southern professor of Molecular Biology.

To date, only 153 cases of vCJD have been reported worldwide, the majority of which stem from Britain where the disease caught headlines over the span of a decade.

With minimal human impact, the most dangerous aspect of the U.S. case is the economic fallout with beef importing countries.

Although American beef-related industries were expected to take a dip in profits

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## Weekday Weather

Monday



HIGH

65°

LOW

41°

Scattered  
Thunderstorms

Tuesday



HIGH

58°

LOW

36°

Mostly  
Sunny

## Only in America

• Mississippi woman finds a pearl in her po-boy sandwich from Captain D's

• Texas judge uses creative sentencing to punish wife abuser

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## Police Beat

01-20-2004

- Haley Rebecca Newman, 19, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and four traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted four motorists and one sick person, and responded to four fire alarms.

01-21-2004

- A laptop computer was taken

- from the Forest Drive Building.
- A Winburn Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A window was broken at Hampton Hall.
- Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted one motorist and responded to three fire alarms.

01-22-2004

- A case of disorderly conduct was reported on Forest Drive.

- A wallet was taken from the Educated Palate.
- A Winburn Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- Officers assisted two motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

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

## Campus Calendar

January 26

- **PAC School Matinee Series, 'Freedom Train'**  
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
For tickets, call 681-7999

- **Poet Diane Thiel to read her work**  
8 p.m.  
Auditorium of the Arts Building

The reading is free and sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics and the Georgia Poetry Circuit. Form more information, contact Eric Nelson or Peter Christopher at 681-0739.

- **Irish Pub Nights**  
January 26 and 27  
7 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
Archibald's Restaurant  
Irish Pub Nights are sponsored by the Center of Irish Studies and feature

entertainer Harry O'Donoghue. Although there is no charge for admission, reservations are encouraged.

- **Linguistic Circle**  
7 p.m.

**Newton Building Room 2222**  
All students and faculty interested in language are welcome.

January 28

- **Society of Professional Journalists**  
5 p.m.  
Communication Arts Building Room 1004

Open to all majors. Future meetings will be discussed.

- **Gay-Straight Alliance**  
7 p.m.

**Russell Union Room 2075**  
Open to everyone. Future meetings and events will be discussed.

History Club

5 p.m.  
**Forrest Drive Building Room 1232**  
Planning trip to St. Augustine.

January 30

- **Planetarium to host public event**  
7 p.m.  
GSU Planetarium

The GSU Planetarium will host a public evening entitled "Live from the Red Planet." If clear, outdoor telescope viewing of the night sky will follow the presentation.

January 31

- **Cornell Gunter's Coasters and The Platters**  
8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
For tickets, call 681-7999

## News Briefs

### Democrats debate in New Hampshire

GOFFSTOWN, N.H. — The Democrats played nice Thursday.

The seven remaining presidential candidates largely avoided attacks during a low-key debate, preferring to stress their own messages five days before the pivotal New Hampshire primary.

Iowa caucus winner John Kerry, rather than face the kind of heat former front-runner Howard Dean endured in previous debates, got to spend time critiquing President Bush.

"As we mount this campaign, Americans will join up and vote for change," Kerry said during the two-hour get-together at St. Anselm College near Manchester.

Dean, trailing Kerry in New Hampshire polls, joked about his now-infamous Iowa concession speech, an arm-waving, bellowing recitation of upcoming primary states that ended in a guttural "Yeaahhhhhhhhh!"

The candidates tried to stay positive because voters in Iowa and New Hampshire expressed displeasure with the negative tone the campaign took this month, aides said.

Dean took a more subdued approach when he criticized rivals for supporting the initial invasion of Iraq, though he cited the 500 soldiers who died there.

### Former terrorism suspect deported to Syria

DETROIT — An immigrant once listed on the FBI's terrorism watch list has been deported, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said.

Nabil al-Marabh, who was the object of a manhunt after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was deported Wednesday to Syria, the Detroit Free Press reported. Al-Marabh denied that he was involved in terrorism.

In October, an immigration judge rejected al-Marabh's request to remain in the United States because he feared torture if he is returned to Syria. Last month, al-Marabh's lawyer said his client wouldn't file more appeals.

Since his arrest on Sept. 19, 2001, al-Marabh had been bounced between federal and county detention centers in Michigan, Illinois and New York.

He pleaded guilty in June 2002 to a charge of entering the country illegally, and a judge sentenced him to eight months in prison. Al-Marabh served the sentence at a federal detention center in Chicago, where he was first arrested.

Federal agents who went to al-Marabh's former Detroit flat in the days following the Sept. 11 attacks found evidence the government said linked four other men to terrorism. Two were convicted in June of conspiring to support terrorism.

### Chancellor warns of deadly combination

ATLANTA — University System Chancellor Tom Meredith warned legislative budget writers Tuesday the spending cuts imposed on Georgia's public colleges and universities, together with a growing enrollment, constitute a "deadly combination."

"There's no question the budget pressures are real," Meredith conceded. But he added: "What has taken decades to build can be taken down in a very short period of time, and it can't be fixed overnight."

Meredith commented as members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee opened four days of hearings into the governor's proposed \$16.1 billion spending plan for the year beginning July 1.

The budget includes \$800 million in cuts to existing spending in order to shift more money to meet the state's soaring health care costs and to wedge in a modest 2 percent pay raise for teachers, university system employees and state workers.

The university system would come out a net winner under the proposal, with a modest \$27 million more money in next year's budget after absorbing \$105 million in cuts.

In addition, Perdue also is proposing \$230 million in campus construction through new debt.

The state Department of Education, responsible for K-12 education, will lose a net \$256 million under the governor's budget plan. The Department of Technical and Education, responsible for vocational schools, will lose a net \$15 million.

Meredith defended the university system's tuition policy, saying tuition increases since 1980 have averaged 6.5 percent, among the lowest in the nation, despite the 15 percent hike

approved last May by the governing board.

He said university system leaders have tried to "keep the maximum dollars flowing into our classrooms" despite cumulative budget cuts of \$316 million since November, 2001.

But the impact is beginning to be felt, he said, citing the 1,000 vacant faculty positions the system has been unable to fill for lack of dollars. The state should easily make the 4.72 percent revenue increase upon which the budget is based, he said. Anything over that would refill the reserves.

Georgia, like many other states, has been struggling to regain its economic footing in the aftermath of the national recession. It drained its reserves June 30 when the last budget year ended in order to make up the shortfall.

### Clark hot on the trail

WASHINGTON — Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's lead grew in the latest American Research Group tracking poll for New Hampshire, while retired Gen. Wesley Clark leapfrogged former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. The Jan. 20-22 poll (margin of error: 4 percentage points) has Kerry at 31 percent, Clark at 20 percent, Dean at 18 percent, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards at 11 percent, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman at 7 percent, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich at 1 percent and the Rev. Al Sharpton at less than 1 percent, with 12 percent undecided. Four other tracking polls had Kerry leading but Dean slightly ahead of Clark.

With Dean faltering as the perceived front-runner, President Bush's campaign is thinking about how to run against the other Democratic contenders. If Dean rebounds, they'll cast him as an unstable liberal. If it's Edwards, they'll highlight his inexperience with national security issues. If it's Kerry, they'll paint him as a Massachusetts liberal. Said Grover Norquist, an anti-tax activist with close ties to the White House: "Kerry is a taller version of [former presidential candidate and Massachusetts Gov. Michael] Dukakis. He's a slimmer version of Ted Kennedy."

- Compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors, from wire reports.

## Local News

### Congressman Isakson visits local Boys and Girls club

By Brandon Sparks

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Congressman Johnny Isakson made a campaign stop at Statesboro's Boys and Girls Club last week.

Isakson is running for the U.S. Senate seat that is currently held by Senator Zell Miller.

The seat currently held by Miller is one of five Senate seats in the South according to Isakson that will determine which party will have control of the Senate, next year.

Isakson who sits on the Education committee, for the House of Representatives, wanted to tell the lucky the community was for having a Faith based program, such as the

Boys and Girls Club. "The Government can not do what these people do, here," Isakson praised.

Isakson, who had just had a meeting with Georgia Southern President Grube, said that he had never seen a community that has embraced a University as much as Statesboro has GSU.

The people of the Sixth District, and to replace Newt Gingrich elected Isakson.

Two years later President Bush asked Isakson to write the No Child Left Behind bill.

Isakson wants to "be a voice of reason for the American family."



Brandon Sparks/STAFF

Congressman Johnny Isakson speaks to a group of Statesboro citizens at local Boy's and Girl's Club on Friday.

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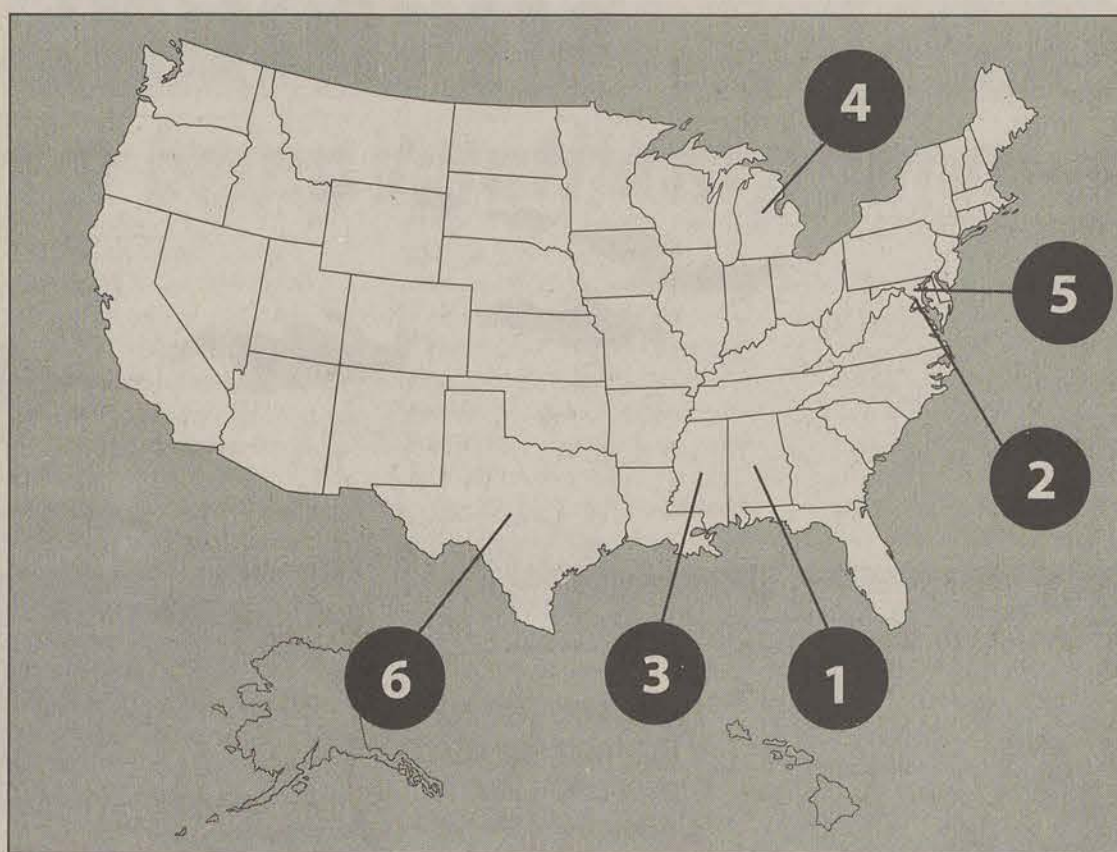
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## 1 Alabama

### Charitable group finds body in drop box

**MOBILE**—The body of a man was found in a charitable organization's drop box in west Mobile County, and authorities are trying to determine if foul play was involved in the death.

The unidentified man, described as in his 30s or 40s, was found sitting upright Thursday afternoon in a Mission of Hope drop box at a convenience store, witnesses and authorities said. A piece of cloth was wrapped around his neck.

Mark Barlow, Mobile County chief deputy, said it had not been determined how the fully clothed man died or whether his death resulted from homicide, suicide or natural causes.

Kevin Wade, manager of Mission of Hope's pickup service, said the box last had been emptied Monday. Two of the organization's workers discovered the body when they came to collect the contents of the box.

He said workers have found evidence of people sleeping in the boxes, but this was the first time he knew of that they had found a dead person.

"I would say the helper that opened the door is quite shaken. The driver was also shaken, but he's a little more seasoned," Wade said.

"At this time, we are considering it a suspicious death," Barlow said.

As for the material found around the man's neck, Barlow said, "I don't think it would be actually a noose.

There was something around the neck that we will investigate."

He said there were other injuries, but would not elaborate.

Cindy Smiley, 49, manager of the store where the body was found, said she went to the box and looked inside after the Mission of Hope workers told her what they found.

## 2 Washington, D.C.

### Head of Smithsonian admits to violating law protecting endangered birds

**WASHINGTON**—The head of the Smithsonian Institution will plead guilty to violating a federal law protecting endangered birds, the U.S. agency announced.

Lawrence M. Small was charged Tuesday under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for possessing South American headdresses that included feathers from protected birds.

The Smithsonian's governing board issued a statement saying Small planned to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge in U.S. District Court in Raleigh, North Carolina. Under terms of the plea, the U.S. attorney will not recommend any fine or jail time, the statement said.

The board said the investigation and guilty plea "has not impaired, is not impairing, and will not hereafter impair" Small's ability to run the Smithsonian, which consists of 16 museums and galleries, the National Zoo in Washington and research facilities in the United States and abroad.

The U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of North Carolina said Small would be arraigned on Friday.

Small's lawyer, Judah Best, declined to comment until the case was concluded.

Small bought the collection of headdresses before becoming secretary of the Smithsonian in January 2000. According to the statement, he got legal advice before purchasing the collection, which had been displayed at two museums.

## 3 Mississippi

### Meridian woman suprised with pearl in her oyster po-boy

**MERIDIAN**—Sacheen Morgan says there's no doubt the seafood sandwich she ordered was the real thing — it contained a pearl.

Morgan, 29, said she was craving seafood so she asked a co-worker to pick her up the oyster sandwich from a Captain D's restaurant.

Morgan was enjoying her po-boy on Wednesday while at her desk when she spotted a small object nestled in the bun.

"I never expected to find a pearl in my sandwich," Morgan said. "I thought it was kind of neat and unusual."

After showing it off to several co-workers, Morgan took her find to a nearby jeweler who confirmed it was the real thing.

Restaurant manager Bill Walker said that Morgan found pearl is rare.

"It's a bit unusual to say the least," Walker said. "But, it seems I do remember someone finding a pearl in their oyster in Atlanta about 10 years ago, but those oysters weren't frozen."

## 4 Michigan

### Greenville man takes love of Legos to the extreme

**GREENVILLE**—What do you want to be when you grow up?

Like many of his fourth-grade peers, Jeremiah VanderMark dreamed of turning his pastime into his profession.

"He wanted to be a Lego engineer," said VanderMark's stepmother, Val.

As most children often do, VanderMark's easily influenced classmates frequently changed potential career paths.

Vander Mark was the exception.

Twelve years and six 25-gallon tubs full of Legos later, the 21-year-old Greenville resident still dreams the same dream.

Unsure when his obsession over the three-dimensional children's blocks began — it's been there forever — Jeremiah VanderMark always has enjoyed art. He views Legos as another way to express his creativity.

VanderMark won several of the annual Lego building contests sponsored by the Friends of the Flat River Community Library during Greenville's Danish Festival. Since graduating from high school, he has been a judge at the contest.

VanderMark and his family flew to Pasadena, Calif., to attend the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and to give VanderMark the opportunity to compete against 100 other Lego maniacs vying for a full-time position on the Legoland Model Builder team. Legoland California is a family theme park located in Carlsbad, Calif.

Six Master Model Builders currently work at the park maintaining more than 5,000 models made up of more than 30 million Lego bricks.

"Going in I had no idea what to expect," VanderMark said. "I felt pretty confident." The ambitious builders were given a tub full of Legos and 45 minutes to build an "animal-themed object."

So VanderMark went to work. He constructed a bluebird, rounded redbreast and all, in the first 10 minutes of the contest. Wondering what he should do for the remaining 35 minutes, VanderMark added flowers and a worm to his masterpiece.

VanderMark's quickness and creativity paid off. He and two others were selected as winners who now will advance to the final build-off at the theme park this Friday.

## 5 Maryland

### Family learns of man's death from hospital bill, not police

**ADELPHI**—The family of a man killed in a hit-and-run accident in Prince George's County learned of his death only when they received a \$17,000 hospital bill two weeks later, after police were unable to locate his next of kin.

Joynal Abedin's family and friends want to know why police could not find them while the Washington hospital located a correct address to send the bill. They also wonder why police never realized the family had filed a missing persons report in Montgomery County.

Abedin, 50, was hit at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in Adelphi after he stepped off a bus. He was taken to Washington Hospital Center where he died shortly after midnight. Abedin's body was then sent to the Washington medical examiner's office.

Prince George's County police spokeswoman Diane Richardson said they used a driver's license found on Abedin to trace him to an old Hyattsville address, but could not locate his family there because they

had moved to Silver Spring.

Abedin's family filed a missing person's report with the Montgomery County police. His youngest child, Zakir, 13, called a Montgomery County detective every day to see if his father had been found.

On Jan. 5, Abedin's wife, Razia Begum, received the hospital bill. She rushed to the Washington Hospital Center but had to wait another day to find out what happened because of federal privacy laws.

A friend who accompanied her said they pleaded with hospital and police officials to tell them about the whereabouts of Abedin. On Jan. 6 they were told to go to the D.C. medical examiner's office, where it was confirmed that he was dead.

"I said, 'It can't be true. He's been missing almost two weeks. He died Dec. 19, and nobody contacted us,'" family friend Kazi Arif Hossain said. "If we hadn't got a hospital bill, we may not have found my friend."

Hospital spokesman LeRoy Tillman said it was not the role of hospital officials to notify the family.

## 6 Texas

### Judge sentences wife abuser to yoga classes

**HOUSTON**—A man convicted of slapping his wife has been sentenced to yoga classes.

Judge Larry Standley said yoga should help James Lee Cross with his anger management. Cross was ordered to take the class as part of his yearlong probation.

The judge said Cross' case is unique and prosecutors agreed.

Cross claimed he hit his wife during a New Year's Eve argument about her drinking problem. Cross said he hopes the yoga will also help him lose weight.

Standley, who is known for his creative sentencing, has in the past ordered dozens of people convicted of drunken driving to collect newspaper clippings about the crime.

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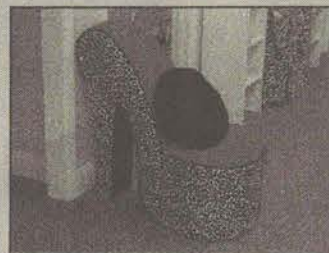
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## Our Opinion

Hooligans should holler  
for all Hanner teams

The attendance for Saturday's men's basketball game: 3,769.

The attendance for the women's basketball game, which started no more than an hour later: 1,124.

That's a 70 percent drop-off on a day when basketball was supposed to reign supreme in the minds of Georgia Southern's students, fans and alumni. The Hanner Hooligan tailgate that morning provided a great party atmosphere with free food, music and all-around fun. Then, those in attendance were treated to one of the most thrilling victories in the history of the Eagle men's basketball program.

But after the final horn rang at the end of the Eagles' victory over Charleston, the Lady Eagle basketball team was treated to a rather depressing scene of the Hanner Fieldhouse crowd retreating as if a fire drill had been called.

Sure, after such a thrilling men's contest, it's understandable that we all needed to get outside to let out some excitement and celebration. There's just one thing. Many of the fans that were scattered around the patio outside Hanner did not turn around. They got in their cars and left.

A decent chunk of the fans were dejected Charleston boosters ready to get back across the border. Yes, there was a gap of about an hour in between games, and yes, if you add on the tailgate and both games, eight hours in one place can get pretty long. Oh sure, the Lady Eagles are not doing as well as their male counterparts. But that does not validate why over 2,500 fans chose not to cheer on the women's basketball team.

Some fault should be aimed towards the Hanner Hooligans, who, after the men's game dispersed as quickly as they rushed to their seats before the game. As their moniker states, they are the *Hanner* Hooligans – not the men's basketball Hooligans. They should honor their name and support all the tenants of the Hanner hardwood.

When the men's basketball was wallowing in mediocrity they still brought a great selection of the vocal, ardent and enthusiastic students that comprised the Hooligans. When the women's basketball team soared on their way to a trip to last year's Southern Conference title game, they were lucky to attract much more than 1,000 fans for a home game.

For that matter, the Lady Eagle volleyball team, owners of two Southern Conference titles in three years, should be afforded at least a fraction of the respect and fan support given to the men's basketball team. Save for the 1,000-plus crowd that showed up for one October match, the volleyball team never played in front of more than 350 people this past season.

If they just want to support men's basketball, maybe the Hooligans should change their name to something more fitting of their leanings.

At Duke University, the Cameron Crazies not only populate the men's basketball games at Cameron Indoor Stadium, but the women's games as well.

If the Hanner Hooligans want to truly represent Hanner, they should follow suit.



## Stamp honoring Robeson is well-deserved

By Brian Gilmore  
KRT Campus

On Jan. 20, 2004, the U.S. Postal Service belatedly issued a stamp in honor of the late performer, athlete and political activist Paul Robeson. It is the 27th stamp in the Postal Service's black heritage series. While this symbolic tribute is certainly well deserved, the long overdue selection of Robeson is bittersweet.

Robeson was born April 9, 1898, in Princeton, N.J. His father escaped chattel slavery in North Carolina through the Underground Railroad and settled in New Jersey, where he married and raised his family.

An athlete and stellar student, Robeson won a full scholarship to attend Rutgers University when he was 17. There he earned an unprecedented 12 letters in sports, was named Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year and graduated as class valedictorian. He went on to receive a law degree from Columbia Law School in New York while playing professional football on weekends.

But Robeson ditched the law degree and the football cleats for a career in Hollywood – and political activism. He almost immediately rose to the top of the entertainment world through his captivating performances of many well-known black spirituals. He began acting in plays like "Othello" and "Showboat," starred in movies and became an international star with a huge following worldwide.

But Robeson was also a man with deeply ingrained moral principles. Instead of resting on his entertainment laurels, he began to use his appearances to speak out against fascism and racism worldwide.

Demanding equal rights for blacks in the United States, he led a campaign to implement an anti-lynching law. He also donated proceeds from his performances to Jewish refugees fleeing the wickedness of Adolph Hitler. And he regularly performed for American troops fighting fascism during World War II.

Sadly, because of his commitment to equal rights and justice, Robeson became the target of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI and Sen. Joe McCarthy's campaign against communism. The work to destroy him began in earnest.

Eighty of Robeson's concerts were canceled, and in 1949, racist mobs attacked two of his outdoor concerts in Peekskill, N.Y., while state police stood by and did nothing.

Robeson responded to these attacks by stating, "I'm going to sing wherever the people want me to sing... and I won't be frightened by crosses burning in Peekskill or anywhere else."

But efforts to silence Robeson continued. In 1950, the United States revoked Robeson's passport, leading to an eight-year battle to get it back so he could travel again.

He was hauled before the House Un-American Activities Committee to answer for his radicalism. When asked why didn't he go

live in the Soviet Union and leave the United States if he thought it was so unjust, Robeson was defiantly straightforward: "Because my father was a slave," Robeson famously stated, "and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay here and have a part of it just like you."

In the end, the government's attacks left Robeson a broken man. He could barely earn a living. By the time his passport was reinstated, illness had slowed him down. His status as an international celebrity had been diminished.

He died in Philadelphia in 1976, virtually penniless and almost forgotten.

The issuance of this commemorative stamp is an opportunity for Robeson to reclaim his rightful place in American history.

"To be free," Robeson wrote in his 1958 autobiography, is to "walk the good American earth as equal citizens, to live without fear, to enjoy the fruits of our toil, to give our children every opportunity in life – that dream which we have held so long in our hearts is today the destiny that we hold in our hands."

This vision is the true legacy of Paul Robeson.

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## Democratic representative says 'I don't' to Bush marriage proposal

By Rep. Lynn Woolsey  
KRT Campus

This week, President Bush used the State of the Union to comment on the state of our unions – our marital unions.

Tuesday night's address included a call for "our nation to defend the sanctity of marriage," and the administration is proposing a \$1.5 billion initiative that would help build the interpersonal skills required for successful marriages, especially among the poor.

Strong marriages are a worthy goal and a key ingredient to a healthy society. But at a time when our budget is spilling red ink to the tune of \$500 billion, when our schools are strapped for cash, our states are going broke, 43 million people have no health insurance, and we are committed to the multibillion dollar reconstruction of Iraqi society, is this the best way to spend federal dollars?

Surely we can rely on extended families, communities and clergy to help couples keep their relationships strong. Note the irony. Aren't Republicans small-government purists? Only, apparently, when it comes to protecting the wealthy and ignoring corporate excess. When the subject is our bedrooms and our most personal affairs, Republicans champion the most intrusive government imaginable.

In describing the marriage initiative, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Wade Horn told the New York Times last week: "We want to help couples... manage conflict in healthy ways. We know how to teach problem-solving, negotiation and listening skills."

Maybe Horn should be passing along those skills to his administration's foreign policy team, whose idea of healthy conflict management is the unprovoked invasion of a sovereign nation. An administration that can't even make nice with some of our most faithful allies is now telling us how to conduct our personal relationships.

At the heart of conservative doctrine is the belief that, if you are poor, there is something wrong with you. If you are down on your luck, it must be because your lifestyle does not meet their standard of what is traditional or mainstream. No amount of mentoring or conflict management could have saved my marriage to a man who left me alone and destitute at the age of 29, with three young children to raise.

What I needed at that desperate moment in my life was not right-wing moralizing, but the social safety net – the very social safety net conservatives seem determined to tear down. Although I was employed, I needed public assistance to make ends meet, so that I could provide my family with life's basics – food, health insurance and child care.

Only truly compassionate government policies helped me turn my life around. It is because of my personal experience that I am focusing my work in Congress on what I call the Balancing Act, to relieve some of the stress Americans face in managing the competing demands of work and family.

We don't need government marriage counseling; we need good jobs with good benefits. We need flexible workplaces, universal health

insurance, affordable child care, safe after-school programs and much more. We need a government that helps ease the pressures on hard-working parents who never seem to have enough time or money to meet their obligations to their families without compromising their jobs.

But instead of help with the Balancing Act, what American families get from this administration is an assault on overtime pay, a tax policy that stifles the middle-class, a crippling deficit, fewer jobs and lower wages, dwindling 401(k)'s, a health-care crisis, cuts in education and higher college tuition costs. Initiatives like this marriage proposal are nothing more than an attempt to layer a transparent veneer of compassion on a truly destructive domestic agenda.

Finally, we have to ask: wouldn't the institution of marriage be strongest if it embraced all committed relationships? Apparently not, according to President Bush. For heterosexuals, he believes marriage is so indispensable that we must spend \$1.5 billion to promote it. But for gays and lesbians, he finds marriage so abhorrent that we ought to consider writing discrimination into our Constitution to prevent it.

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## Today around the world

Dominican Republic: Duarte's Day/Dia de Duarte  
India: Republic Day (1950)

## Today in history

On this day in 1998, President Clinton uttered those famous words: "I want to say one thing to the American people, I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."  
On this day in 1939, Filming began on "Gone With the Wind."



## Granite State has reputation for being volatile in primaries

### KRT Campus

WASHINGTON-New Hampshire voters whose license plates read "Live Free or Die" do not like being told what to do, perhaps even less so than Iowans.

But as months of intense campaigning in the Granite State come to a close, Sen. John Kerry of neighboring Massachusetts has taken a commanding lead in the polls in part because of his surprise win in the Iowa caucuses, and in part because of the faltering campaign of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

Dogged by questions about his temper, Dean gave a loud, emotional speech after losing in Iowa that increased concerns about his temperament among many New Hampshire voters.

Yet polls can be tricky things in New Hampshire, where the electorate has a history of volatility in the waning days of a race. Former Vice President Walter Mondale found that out, watching a commanding lead of more than 20 percentage points evaporate less than 10 days before the 1984 election. Colorado Sen. Gary Hart won that contest.

"(Kerry's) bounce is a little bit superficial, and it won't last," said Daniel Palazzolo, a political science professor at the University of Richmond in Virginia. "But I think Dean's fall is permanent."

Palazzolo said Kerry's post-Iowa bounce is likely to lose at least some steam before Tuesday. The question is whether Dean, who has stumbled since finishing third in Iowa behind Kerry and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, will get voters back and make it a tight contest in the state.

If not, some of those voters

could energize the campaign of Edwards, retired Gen. Wesley Clark or Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman. A close second-place finish by any of those candidates could make the seven primaries on Feb. 3 even more important.

Part of what makes New Hampshire so quirky is the independent voters. Those registered as independent can change their registration at the precinct, vote in the Democratic primary Tuesday, and change back. And in New Hampshire, more voters are independents or undeclared almost 40 percent of the electorate than Republicans or Democrats.

The centrist Lieberman; the party outsider Dean; Clark, the general who only declared as a Democrat last year; and even Edwards, could benefit from independents who make up their minds late in the race. Many voters are mainly looking for a candidate who they think can win in November.

"I had been somewhat interested from the start," said Stephen Williamson, 33, an independent who saw Clark recently at a town hall meeting in Epping, N.H., a town of about 5,000. "He swayed my vote tonight."

Williamson, of New Durham, did not like President Bush's decision to invade Iraq, although he did support the president after Sept. 11, 2001. Clark can challenge the president on what has typically been a Republican issue the nation's defense, he said.

"(Clark's) a great choice for someone who wants to get away from the Republican grip on national security," Williamson said.

While Dean, Kerry and Edwards were fighting for votes in Iowa two weeks ago, Clark and Lieberman decided to avoid Iowa and focused

their energies in New Hampshire. The strategy seemed to work for a while for Clark, who was rising fast in the polls and had made it to second place behind Dean in some polls.

His events, like the one in Epping, were drawing hundreds of people despite record cold temperatures that some days barely rose above zero.

But Kerry's victory in Iowa gave the Massachusetts senator a big boost. And voters who have left Dean, as well as former supporters of Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who quit the race after a poor showing in Iowa, appear to be heading to Kerry and Edwards, leaving the former general stuck in the polls.

Kerry got a bump in contributions and some key endorsements after Iowa. The senator set a goal of raising \$1 million in the week between Iowa and New Hampshire and, by Friday, had raised more than \$800,000, according to his campaign Web site. And Thursday he got an endorsement from Sen. Fritz Hollings of South Carolina. Kerry also picked up endorsements from former Gephardt supporters in New Hampshire, including a food and commercial workers union with 700 members in the state.

Money will be key for the candidates who survive New Hampshire. There are seven primaries Feb. 3 in states across the country. To get their messages across, candidates will have to spend more money on television, making the post-New Hampshire campaign very expensive for those who stay in the race. Dean has raised more money and set up a more extensive organization than any other Democrat up to now, but his contributors may go elsewhere if they start to think he cannot win.

## Photos transmitted by Mars rover reveal diverse geological features

### KRT Campus

PASADENA, Calif.- NASA scientists raved Sunday over dramatically new views of Mars, transmitted by the rover Opportunity from within a small crater on the Red Planet's surface.

By coming to rest inside a crater, the golf-cart-size rover fulfilled mission scientists' dream of a close-up look at rock layers holding clues to the planet's geologic past.

"We have scored a 300 million-mile interplanetary hole-in-one," chief mission scientist Steve Squyres said at a Sunday afternoon news briefing. "We are actually inside a small impact crater."

Opportunity's flawless landing late Saturday night was followed only hours later by a batch of photos revealing geological features more diverse than those encountered by Opportunity's sister rover, Spirit, three weeks ago.

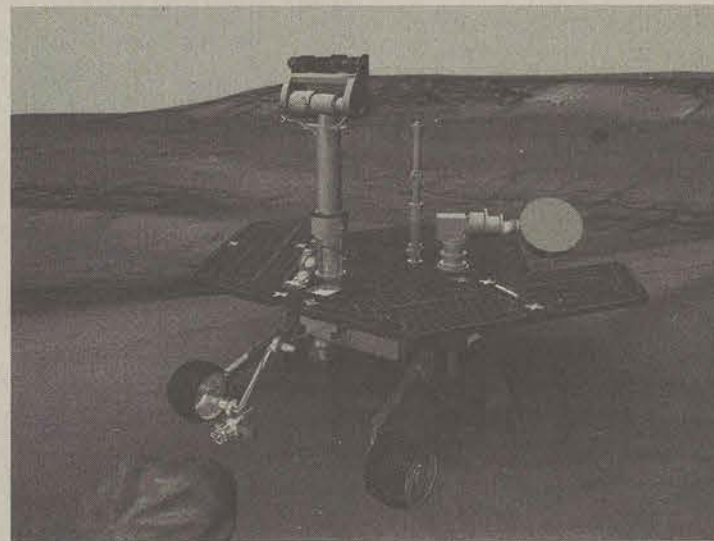
While images from Spirit and previous Mars landers have offered mundane scenery reminiscent of West Texas, Opportunity's seemed more like postcards from the Martian version of a national park.

Other sites have been littered with pebbles and boulders, but Opportunity encountered a landscape with jagged bedrock formations jutting through a smooth reddish-gray soil.

"It looks like nothing I've ever seen before in my life," Squyres said early Sunday as the first images appeared on screen at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "I'm just blown away by this."

Opportunity's successful landing made NASA two-for-two in delivering the twin spacecraft making up the \$820 million Mars exploration mission.

"The NASA team led by JPL really swept the doubleheader," said Ed



KRT Campus

Mars Rover 'Opportunity' sends back photos from an impact crater to an excited group of scientist. This is the second rover this year to land on the planet, days after the first rover lost contact with NASA.

Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science.

Spirit, launched June 10, arrived Jan. 3 and worked well until Wednesday, when normal communications with the craft were disrupted. NASA engineers said Sunday that the six-wheeled rover's condition, while still serious, was moving toward "guarded."

Problems with onboard computer memory have been identified as a likely source of Spirit's glitch, but experts are still pursuing various theories about the root cause of that memory failure, Theisinger said.

The leading theory is that the computer software's data-handling capability was overtaxed by the operations under way when the fault occurred.

As engineers continue to diagnose Spirit's ills, Opportunity's handlers plan to move slowly in preparing it to descend from its landing pad and rove on the surface.

It may be two weeks or more before

Opportunity begins exploring, said mission manager Arthur Amador.

Launched July 7, Opportunity is identical in all respects to Spirit, except for its destination, a vast range of grayish rust at Meridiani Planum, on the opposite side of Mars from Spirit's landing site.

Scientists are interested in the gray rust—technically an iron-containing mineral known as hematite, because it usually forms in the presence of water. The rovers' main objective is finding signs that water once existed on Mars to provide a possible habitat for primitive life.

Satellites orbiting the Red Planet had previously detected telltale signs of hematite, spread over a region the size of Oklahoma. Opportunity's instruments will try to analyze the hematite and other nearby minerals for clues to how the hematite formed.

It might have formed in an ancient Martian ocean, for instance, or possibly in the presence of water heated by volcanic activity.

## MAD COW, FROM PAGE 1

with the announcement, there is evidence that consumer preferences have remained stable.

McDonalds and several other fast-food restaurants have reported normal or better than average sales, beef products included, since December.

A local Popeye's, a chicken restaurant recently played off the fear by prominently displaying on their sign that they serve chicken instead of beef.

Statesboro-based Ellis Meat Plant has also escaped setbacks. "It's just the opposite, sales have gone up," said Kenny Ellis. "Most folks just keep asking when the prices will go down."

Still, many national meat-processing plants are cutting back on operations amid uncertainty in sensitive markets, Japan and Mexico primarily.

Mad Cow Disease joins the ranks of a mysterious family of illnesses that operate through prions.

These proteins are not naturally destructive, everyone has them, but they are the business end of the fatal BSE.

The method of transmission is tied to brain and spine fragments that are combined with food.

## COLLINS, FROM PAGE 1

seat in 1988. After serving two terms in the State Senate, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1991, defeating a ten-year incumbent.

In the House, he serves as Deputy Majority Whip, as well as on various committees, including the Ways and Means Committee and the House permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

With the Intelligence Committee, he has made trips to many foreign countries, including Iraq, where he visited over Thanksgiving.

"I feel comfortable that we will be able to turn it [Iraq] over to the people," he said, addressing the country's involvement there.

Collins' primary interest in Congress has been taxation. He believes that the high taxes imposed on corporations are one reason why there has been a mass exodus of American jobs to other countries.

He said that with the increased tax burden that is now on many businesses, they are having a hard time paying the taxes while also paying their workers a decent wage.

"Businesses are moving because of competition, and because labor is so much cheaper in other parts of the world," he said.

His obvious plan to fix this problem is to reduce the tax rates paid by corporations.

Collins also stressed the point "there is nothing more important than going to the polls and voting." He said voting is the best way for people

to be active in the political process and to make a difference. With so many issues flying as elections near, Collins encouraged the audience to "please pay attention."

After his talk, Collins entertained a few questions from the audience. When asked about Social Security and Medicare, he expressed his concerns about each of the programs.

He said that now there about 3.3 people funding each person on Medicare and Social Security, but that in 30 years, the number will be closer to two to one.

When asked about what he thinks of Bush being re-elected, he said that he believes "Bush has an excellent chance of being elected," but that it will depend on the job market, economy, Iraq, and also the security of the nation.

He said that when looking at for whom to vote, one should consider that candidate's spending plans, because they will have to get their money from somewhere, and that place is from small businesses and people's paychecks.

Collins, is from Jackson, Georgia, a small town just south of Atlanta. He is the owner Collins Trucking Company, a small business he started from the ground up at the age of 18.

He is married to his high-school sweetheart, the former Julie Watkins, also of Jackson. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.

For more information on, or to contact Rep. Collins, you can visit his Congressional Web-site at [www.house.gov/maccollins/](http://www.house.gov/maccollins/).

When a prion folds into an abnormal shape it begins to affect its healthy counterparts like an interstate pileup.

A chain reaction ensues, and the problem prions trigger brain degeneration by leaving countless dead cells.

Other brain-wasting diseases have surfaced in sheep, deer, and an earlier human version called kuru that was linked to cannibalism.

The issue hasn't pressed hard on locals, but some still have concerns about Mad Cow Disease. "I'm worried that my dog will get it," said Brian Jones, 21, of Savannah.

While no documented cases involving a dog have surfaced, the FDA says that cats can contract a variant of it.

Even with stringent guidelines already in place, plans are being made to further decrease the likelihood of another U.S. case of BSE.

This includes tracking cattle from birth to slaughterhouse using a retina scan tagging device.

In the meantime, the USDA and beef industry continue to insist that American beef is safe.

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# PERFECT TEN: Packed house sees Eagles rally back to top Cougars

"There was no better basketball contest in America than what we saw today."

— Southern Conference commissioner Danny Morrison

## BASKETBALL, FROM PAGE 1

with a score of 58-45 at the 13:28 mark. In dire need to get the momentum shifted, head coach Jeff Price decided to take a timeout.

Whatever was said in the huddle enabled the Eagles to turn the game around. Right out of the timeout, Kordel Gibson knocked down a three-pointer to bring the game back to within ten at 58-48. GSU also changed up their defensive scheme as they went into a full-court press.

"I felt when we switched to the press, we really got them out of their flow. They were in a real groove there for a while," remarked Coach Price.

The press did indeed shake the Cougars, as it enabled Georgia Southern to claw their way back into the game. Nesbitt again began to heat up as he knocked down two three pointers to go along with a three pointer from Prentice Mobley, to bring the Eagles to within four points, 67-63, with 7:59 remaining in the game.

The game became extremely intense from this point on, as both teams traded blows, evening the score to 76-76 with 3:15 remaining. After a timeout, Chad Fleming came up huge, as he was able to get a steal and give the dish to Nesbitt for an easy lay-up, giving the Eagles the lead for the first time since the 1:23 mark of the first half.

The steals kept coming, as this time, Williams was the beneficiary. Williams came up with steal and found an open Jean Francois for an easy jumper to put the Eagles up 80-76 with 2:12 remaining. Bewildered, the Cougars decided to take a timeout.

The timeout seemed to rejuvenate the Cougar squad. Center Mike Benton came up with a huge jumper to bring the game back to within two, 80-78. After a foul from Jean Francois, forward Thomas Mobley made both free throws to knot the game at 80-80 with 1:03 remaining.

Georgia Southern this time used a timeout to their advantage. With 41 seconds remaining, Williams



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Junior guard Terry Williams wraps the pass around Charleston's Tony Mitchell in Georgia Southern's 85-80 victory over their intra-division rivals. Sparked by a pre-game tailgate, a raucous crowd of 3,769 witnessed the thrilling Eagle victory, the largest crowd to pack Hanner Fieldhouse since 1992.

knocked down a huge three pointer with a defender in his face to give the Eagles an 83-80 lead. The crowd in Hanner Fieldhouse was deafening at that moment, with the hair on everyone's neck standing on end. Williams later added two free throws to ice the game and give Georgia Southern an 85-80 victory over the College of Charleston.

"I knew it was going to be a game of runs, because that is the way both of these clubs play. I am just glad that we made our runs at the right time," said Price.

Leading the way for the Eagles was Bennett with 20 points and 6 rebounds. Nesbitt also carried the load with 19 points and seven assists. Williams added 13 points and seven assists, while Francois had 14 points.

Georgia Southern improves their record to 14-3 overall and 5-1 in the SoCon. College of Charleston falls to 14-3 overall and 6-1 in the SoCon.

The Eagles will be in action again on Tuesday against Davidson at 7:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse, as they go for their eleventh victory in a row.

## GOING FOR ELEVEN...



Davidson Wildcats at Georgia Southern Eagles

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
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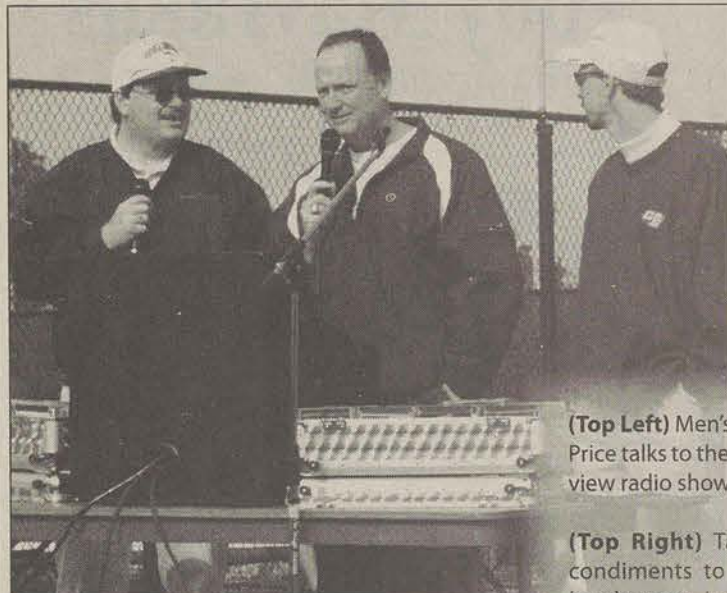
Davidson (8-10, 3-4 SoCon)  
Ga. Southern (14-3, 5-1 SoCon)

### LEADING SCORERS

DAV: Brendan Winters, 16.8 ppg  
GSU: Elton Nesbitt, 16.6 ppg

## BURGERS, BUNS AND BASKETBALL

Prior to Saturday's men's basketball game with the College of Charleston, the grassy field between Hanner Fieldhouse and the tennis courts was filled with the footsteps of fans taking part in the second annual Hanner Hooligan tailgate. The festivities, jointly arranged by the Hanner Hooligan student spirit group and Georgia Southern alumni, began around 10 a.m., included an assortment of free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, peanuts, candy and sodas. To keep the fans entertained, the Blues Review show, an online radio show with a pair of Eagle fans, broadcast live from the tailgate, giving away prizes for answering trivia and playing music throughout the event. A host of Eagle coaches and student-athletes also took part in the day, lending their two cents on Georgia Southern athletics. Also taking part in the tailgate were the Hoop Troop pep band, cheerleaders and Gus. Last year's tailgate event had a subdued tone to it after the tragedy surrounding the Columbia space shuttle, but this year's was a rousing success with the weather behaving for the most part.



(Top Left) Men's basketball coach Jeff Price talks to the hosts of the Blues Review radio show during the tailgate.



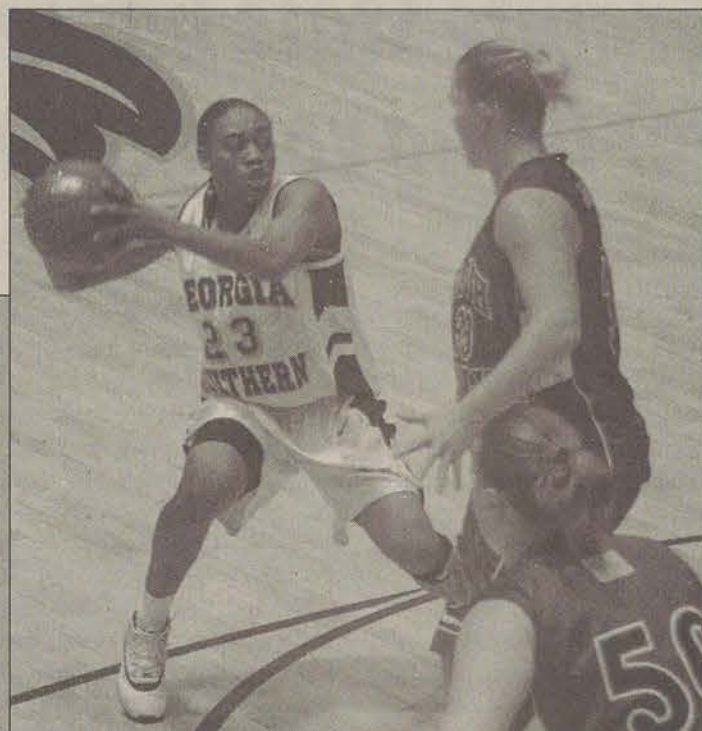
(Top Right) Tailgate visitors add condiments to their hot dogs and hamburgers, just part of the array of free refreshments.



(Bottom Right) As the morning moved into afternoon, lines grew as Eagle fans picked from an assortment of food of the grill, chips, candy and sodas.

(Bottom Left) A few Hanner Hooligans take part in the day's festivities before they moved inside the arena for the basketball game.

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Guard Kristy McCorkle has been missed since she went down with a knee injury on Jan. 12. Left without a true point guard, the Lady Eagles have been inconsistent as of late.

## Ladies fail to finish in loss to Catamounts

By Eli Boorstein

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Despite narrowing their deficit to just two points on multiple occasions, the Lady Eagle basketball team was unable to convert on their chances, falling to Western Carolina 65-57 Saturday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Georgia Southern held the original lead at 9-2, but saw the Catamounts break free to score 16 of the next 19 points to take a six-point lead.

From that point on, it seemed that any time the Lady Eagles sniffed the lead, the Catamounts would mount a rally of their own to squelch the Eagles' hopes.

In the game, Georgia Southern (9-8, 5-6 SoCon) committed 22 turnovers, while being called for 25 fouls. With a knee injury sidelining guard and defensive specialist Kristy McCorkle, the Lady Eagles have had trouble finding someone to step up in the backcourt.

"As guards, we didn't do our job," said senior Shawnica Hill, who led GSU with 12 points. "Other than Kristy, we have no true point guard."

Georgia Southern only converted 37.9 percent of their shots, as their shooting woes continue. Getting above 40 percent seems to be a high-water mark for the team as they are undefeated in the six times they have reached that plateau.

After losing their early lead, the Lady Eagles were able to narrow their deficit to two when a Kellie Tiller lay-up made the Catamounts

lead 18-16. But, from there, Western Carolina used six straight points to jump ahead by eight with just shy of two minutes remaining in the first half.

As the second half began, it was much of the same story as Georgia Southern as, after the Catamounts' Tiffany Hamm sank a three-pointer to put her team ahead by nine, the Lady Eagles scored seven unanswered points to bring the score within two at 31-29. However, a run of six straight Western Carolina points stopped that rally.

Just as that rally ended, the Lady Eagles broke on another run, going on a 10-4 tear, culminating with a Nicole Newton jumper to cut the Catamounts' edge 41-39 with 9:57 left to play.

But, that was it for Georgia Southern as Western Carolina went on an 11-2 run to ice the game for good, as the Lady Eagles could not bring the score closer than five points the rest of the way.

"We'll get back in it, but for some reason we just can't finish," said head coach Rusty Cram.

In addition to Hill, senior Jessica Everett was the only GSU player to score double digits with 10 points, while she also added a team-high eight rebounds.

Tiffany Hamm, the SoCon's fifth-leading scorer, posted 22 points to pace Western Carolina (5-12, 4-6 SoCon).

The Lady Eagles return to action tonight, as they will make the short trek to face the College of Charleston.

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(records as of Jan. 25)

MEN						WOMEN							
NORTH DIVISION						CONFERENCE						OVERALL	
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
ETSU	7	0	1.000	15	4	.789	Chattanooga	11	0	1.00	16	2	.889
Chattanooga	4	3	.571	11	7	.611	Davidson	8	3	.727	11	7	.611
App State	3	3	.500	8	11	.421	ETSU	8	3	.727	8	8	.500
W. Carolina	3	4	.429	9	8	.529	Elon	6	4	.600	10	7	.588
UNCG	3	4	.429	6	11	.353	Furman	6	4	.600	9	8	.529
Elon	1	5	.167	5	13	.278	UNCG	5	5	.500	5	12	.293
SOUTH DIVISION						CONFERENCE						OVERALL	
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Charleston	6	1	.857	14	3	.824	W. Carolina	4	6	.400	5	12	.293
Ga. Southern	5	1	.833	14	3	.824	Charleston	3	8	.273	5	12	.293
Davidson	3	4	.429	8	10	.444	App State	2	8	.200	3	14	.179
Furman	2	4	.333	10	7	.588	Wofford	0	11	.000	0	18	.000
Wofford	2	4	.333	6	11	.353							
The Citadel	0	6	.000	4	13	.235							

## Track & Field has record-setting performance at ETSU Invite

G-A News Service

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — The Georgia Southern track and field team broke three school records at the East Tennessee State Invite Saturday.

Senior Marlo Mincey led the Eagles as she broke the school record in the indoor 400 meter dash with a time of 56.23, which breaks the old time of 57.12 set by Mincey last season. Newcomer Laura Williams set a new GSU record in the triple jump with a second place finish of 39 feet, 7.75 inches. Finally, freshman Melissa Daugherty broke the GSU record in the 3000-meter run, with a time of 10:51.06.

Other top finishers for the Eagles were Kellie Mitchell, who placed second in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 9.75 inches. Giselle Cunningham finished second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.99 seconds, while Lindy Petteway finished fifth in the 60 meter hurdles (9.00).

The Eagles will return to action this Saturday, when they will compete in the Clemson Multis in Clemson, S.C.



## Eagle tennis teams fall in season openers

G-A News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. – Antonio Sierra saved seven match points and Simon Jaeger provided the game-winning point as the UCF men's tennis team defeated Georgia Southern, 4-3, in non-conference action Saturday afternoon at the UCF Tennis Complex.

The Eagles (0-1) led early as they took the doubles point, claiming victories at No. 1 and No. 3. Danie van den Heever and Vincent Patry earned an 8-5 tandem victory at the No. 1 slot while Tom Green and Germano Knorr also picked up an 8-5 decision at the No. 3 position.

In singles play, UCF (1-0) took four of six matches but the Eagles captured victories at the No. 3 (Doruk Baglan) and No. 6 (Lasha Janashia) positions, but were unable to receive the winning singles points as Sierra and Jaeger produced wins. Sierra outlasted Patry, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6) and Jaeger won the match that proved to be the winning point as he defeated Green, 6-7 (1), 6-2, 6-3.

The Eagles will return to action Friday at 12 noon, facing the Tennessee Vols in Knoxville.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State Seminoles recorded victories in all six singles matches and captured the doubles point with wins in two of three matches to on the way to a season-opening 7-0 non-conference win against Georgia Southern Saturday afternoon at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center.

The Eagles (0-1) posted their only victory of the afternoon in the No. 2 doubles match. Freshmen Ciara Finucane and Amay Pazahanick outlasted Amberly Tantee and Daniele Gheorghe for an 8-6 triumph. The Seminoles

(1-0) won three of the singles matches in 6-0, 6-0 fashion.

The Eagles will close their brief two-match Florida trip Sunday at noon, facing the Stetson Hatters in DeLand.

### MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

#### Singles

- Ener Gursoy (UCF) def. Danie van den Heever (GSU) 7-5, 6-3
- Antonio Sierra (UCF) def. Vincent Patry (GSU) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6)
- Doruk Baglan (GSU) def. Gabriel Strangberg (UCF) 6-2, 7-5
- Simon Jaeger (UCF) def. Tom Green (GSU) 6-7 (1), 6-2, 6-3
- Joel Allen (UCF) def. Stephen Dubinski (GSU) 6-1, 6-1
- Lasha Janashia (GSU) def. Paul Ramy (UCF) 6-2, 6-2

#### Doubles

- van den Heever/Patry (GSU) def. Allen/Sierra (UCF) 8-5
- Gursoy/Rosen (UCF) def. Baglan/Dubinski (GSU) 8-4
- Green/GermanoKnorr (GSU) def. Jaeger/Ramy (UCF) 8-5

### WOMEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

#### Singles

- Anca Dumitrescu (FSU) def. Charlotte Bruneteaux (GSU), 6-0, 6-0
- Mihaela Moldovan (FSU) def. Ciara Finucane (GSU), 6-4, 6-3
- Christina Denny (FSU) def. Krystel Sauvageau (GSU), 6-0, 6-0
- Lindsay Deason (FSU) def. Amy Pazahanick (GSU), 6-0, 6-0
- Alina Mihailescu (FSU) def. Szilvia Zsakay (GSU), 6-3, 6-4
- Amberly Tantee (FSU) def. Heather Reynolds (GSU), 7-5, 6-2

#### Doubles

- Dumitrescu/Deason (FSU) def. Bruneteaux/Sauvageau (GSU), 8-1
- Finucane/Pazahanick (GSU) def. Tantee/Daniele Gheorghe (FSU), 8-6
- Brooke Cordell/Denny (FSU) def. Kimberly Wollett/Zsakay (GSU), 8-4

## Super Bowl to be held in the outdoors

Associated Press

HOUSTON – Ten of the previous 37 Super Bowls have been indoors. The next one could be indoors, outdoors, or both.

Initial plans for the Feb. 1 game at Reliant Stadium were for the NFL's first retractable roof stadium to be closed, but an official said plans quietly changed over time as the league decided to take advantage of its most unique venue.

"It's a tremendous, tremendous building, and I think it's something we all want to show off," said NFL senior vice president Jim Steeg, the man in charge of Super Bowl planning.

Steeg told reporters Wednesday the roof will be closed for a pre-game performance by Aerosmith, at the band's request, then will remain open for the rest of the evening as long as it's not rainy or too cold.

The long-range forecast, subject to change, calls for Super Bowl Sunday to be sunny with a game-time temperature in the mid- to upper 50s.

Steeg added the roof rules for the Super Bowl will differ from Houston Texans home games. The Texans must decide 90 minutes before kickoff whether Reliant will be open or closed, and then the only permissible change during the game would be to close it if conditions deteriorate.

For the Super Bowl, because the stadium is a neutral site controlled by the league, Steeg said there are no restrictions on when or how often the roof may be opened or closed in response to the Texas coast's unpredictable weather.

## WHAT DID THEY SAY? Sports quotes you wouldn't use to inspire your team

"People think we make \$3 million or \$4 million a year. They don't realize that most of us only make about \$500,000." – Baseball player Pete Incaviglia

"I am the most loyal player money can buy." – Hall of famer Don Sutton

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock regardless of what time it is." – Boxing trainer Lou Duva

"My handicap is that I don't have a big enough beer cooler for the back of my cart." – Football player Rick D'Amico

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." – Football player and commentator Joe Theismann

"Play some Picasso." – NBA player Chris Morris to the piano player at a hotel bar

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## All-SoCon softball teams chosen by league's coaches

G-A News Service

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Southern Conference announced today its 2004 softball preseason all-conference teams, as voted on by the league's head coaches.

All eight softball-playing schools were represented by at least one player with 2003 tournament runner-up East Tennessee State leading the way with three players on the first team and eight overall. Tiffany McVay (P), Janine Sprague (OF), and Julia Chance (DP) were the Bucs' first team members.

### ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

- P Rachel Stern, Charleston
- P Tiffany McVay, East Tennessee St.
- C Sam Steiner, Georgia Southern
- 1B Jenny Gustin, Elon
- 2B Joni Gomez, UNC Greensboro
- SS Jennifer Hubbard, UNC Greensboro
- 3B Melissa Ramirez, Chattanooga
- OF Amanda Cone, Charleston
- OF Janine Sprague, East Tennessee St.
- OF LaKerah Barr, Furman
- DP Julia Chance, East Tennessee St.
- U Jamie Dupont, Elon

### ALL-CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM

- P Natalie Smith, Charleston
- P Jordan Arnold, Appalachian State
- C S. Gough, ASU & J. Losinger, ETSU (tie)
- 1B Miranda Byerly, East Tennessee St.
- 2B Brooke Flowers, Charleston
- SS Jacquie Rothey, Charleston
- 3B Lindsay Lane, East Tennessee St.
- OF Jessica Swearingin, Elon
- OF Danielle Spetar, East Tennessee St.
- OF Wendy Lewis, Appalachian State
- U Sheryl Clark, East Tennessee St.

Defending regular season champion College of Charleston placed two members on the first team in last season's Pitcher of the Year, Rachael Stern (26-5, 1.00 ERA), and outfielder Amanda Cone. The SoCon's 2003 Player of the Year, UNC Greensboro shortstop Jennifer Hubbard (.377, 10 HRs, 30 RBI), was selected to the squad as well, joined by teammate and fellow middle infielder Joni Gomez (2B).

Chattanooga, the 2003 SoCon tournament champion, earned one selection and league newcomer Elon placed two student-athletes on the first

team. The Lady Mocs were represented by junior Melissa Ramirez, who led the league in home runs and total bases last season while Jenny Gustin (1B) and Jamie Dupont (U) were selected from Elon. Rounding out the first team is Furman senior outfielder LaKerah Barr, who led the SoCon in hitting in 2003 with a .395 average, and Georgia Southern's Samantha Steiner (C).

Play starts on Friday, February 6 as both Appalachian State and Chattanooga take part in the Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla.

## Lance Armstrong slated to compete in Tour de Georgia

Associated Press

MACON – Lance Armstrong is all set for the 2004 Tour de Georgia.

Tour officials said Friday the five-time Tour de France champion confirmed he will compete in the Georgia road race from April 20-25, giving the two-year event a publicity boost.

"This is huge for the state of Georgia in terms of the national and international focus that will be in Georgia," Stan Holm, executive director of Tour de Georgia, told The Macon Telegraph. "Not only will cyclists be watching because it's Lance Armstrong, the best professional cyclist in the world, but also Lance is a personality to himself."

The Georgia race is being called the largest multi-day stage race for pro cyclists in North America.

"Obviously, we are really, really excited," said Dan Osipow, the general manager of Tailwind Sports, which manages and owns the United States Postal Service cycling team for which Armstrong races. "We know Lance's presence this year, when he will be attempting a sixth Tour de France, will generate a ton of excitement. It's a mini-Tour de France."

The course for the 2004 race has yet to be officially approved, Holm said.

Friday's announcement means

Armstrong won't compete in the Tour of the Gila in New Mexico from April 28-May 2, according to Osipow, who said previously Armstrong would compete in one of the two races.

The Postal Service team competed without Armstrong in the first running of the Georgia race.

"The team was impressed with the Tour of Georgia last year, and now we will be coming back with an even stronger group with Lance leading us," Osipow said at a news conference in Buellton, Calif., where the Postal Service team is holding an 11-day training camp.

The 32-year-old Armstrong plans to kick off his 2004 racing schedule at the Tour of Algarve in Portugal from Feb. 18-22. He said he hopes to compete in the Tour de France for at least two more years.

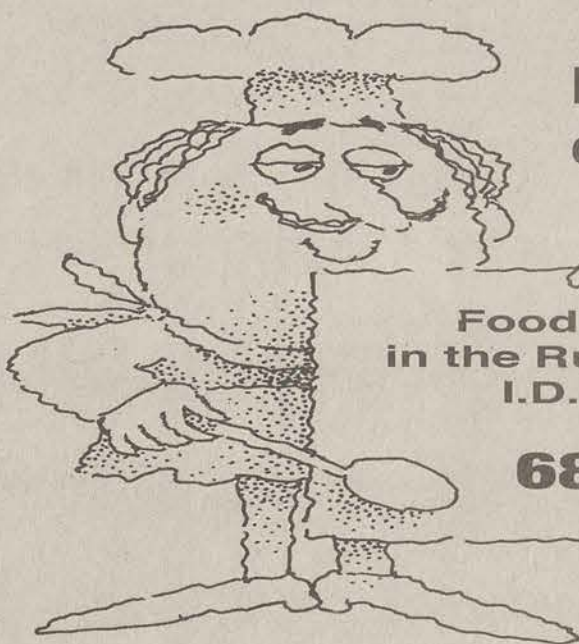
"I think so, a lot depends on the organization," he said. "I want to keep this organization going."

Armstrong was speaking of the Postal Service team, which has been together for nine years and is in the last year of a three-year sponsorship agreement.

Armstrong said he considers 2003 runner-up Jan Ullrich of Germany the favorite to win this year's Tour de France.

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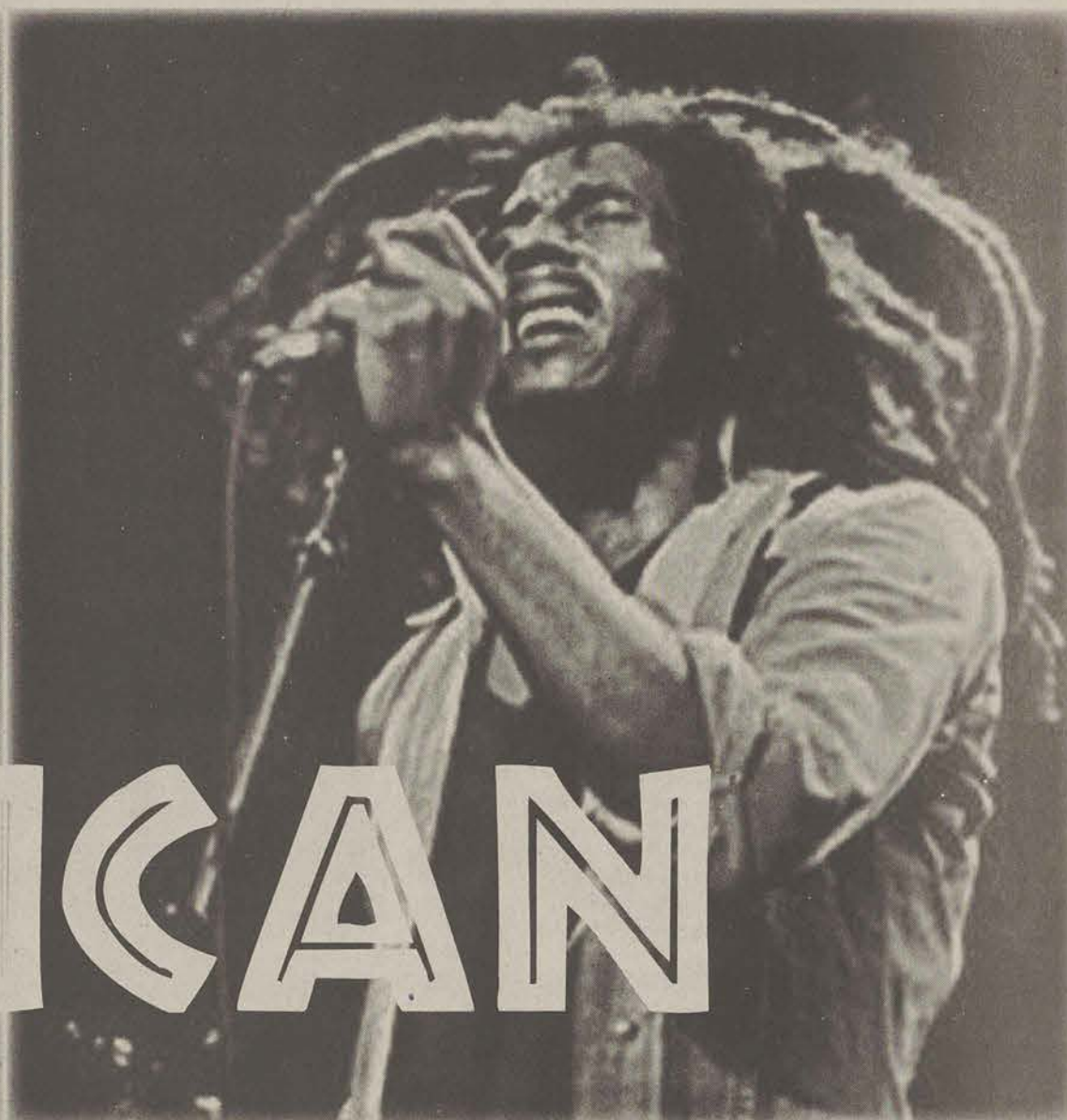
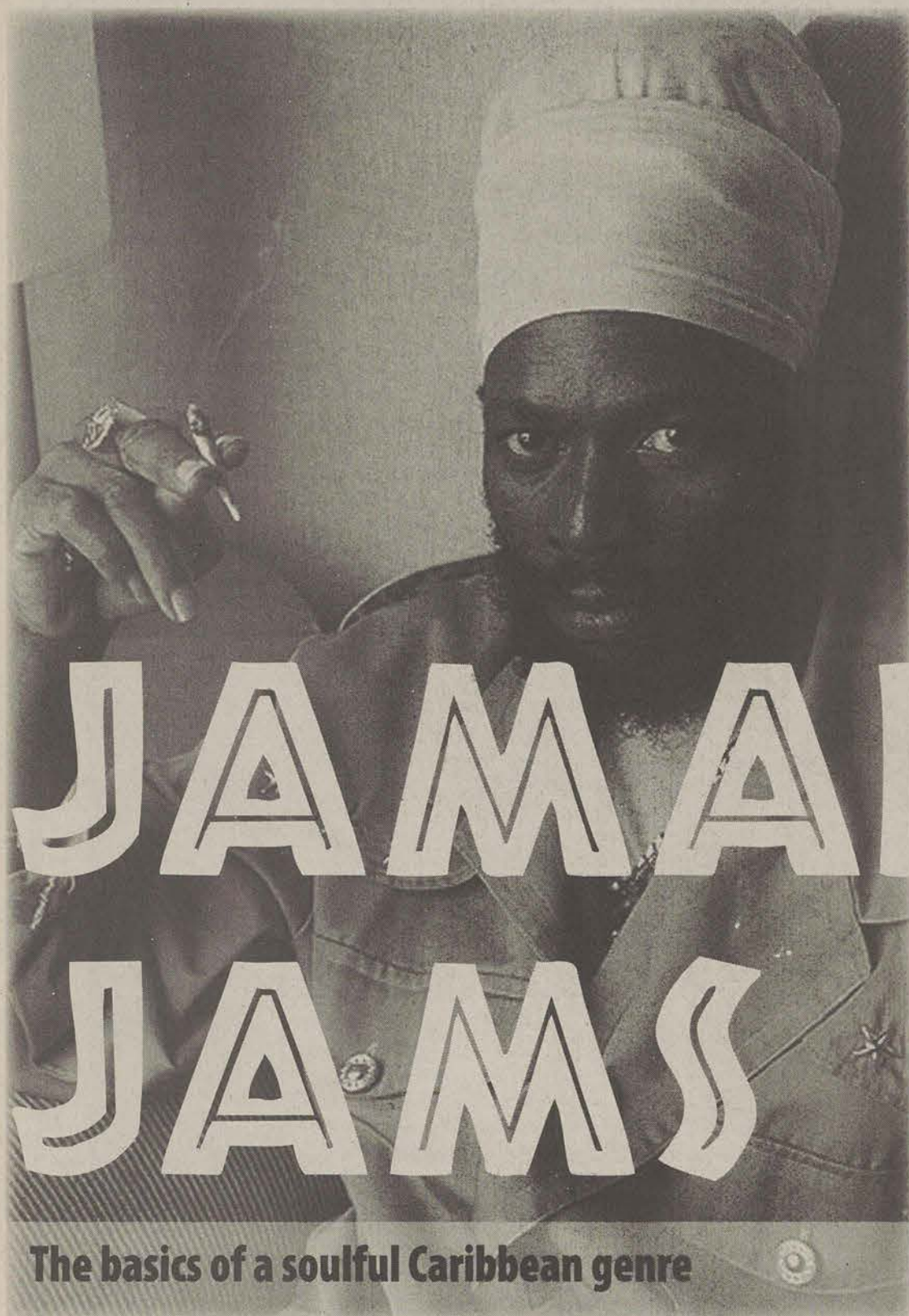
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# JAMAICAN JAMS

The basics of a soulful Caribbean genre

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**T**he Great Buj Banton, The "eva blazin" Capleton, the Energy God, Elephant Man and the Legendary Bob Marley, are the voices of Reggae music in all their different forms.

We watch the videos on BET, we listen to the music on the radio stations and we even buy some of the CDs. For most people the lyrics are a mystery. But that doesn't really matter. As long as it's hype and it has a good hook such as in "Gimmie di light" and the popular "Pun di Riva," we can dance to it.

Where did this music come from, who are these people, and how come the styles differ from singer to singer?

Reggae music is an African Caribbean type of music that was developed on the island of Jamaica and in some ways is closely linked to the Rastafarian religion, a movement that speaks out against political injustice, sexual defiance such as oral sex and homosexuality, and in a large way celebrates their roots to Africa. This can mostly be seen through the music promoted by such artists as Capleton, Sizzla and Bob Marley's son Damian "Junior Gong" Marley.

The predecessors of Reggae are some music styles that most young Americans don't know about, such as Ska, which began in the 1960s, and is a combination of elements of Mento and Calypso with an American rhythm and blues sound. Ska is also a predecessor of Rocksteady, which was made popular by Bob Marley.

Another ancestor of Reggae is Roots Reggae or Roots Rock Reggae, which was also made popular by Bob Marley. What Caribbean people call "conscious" artists are still using this art form. Some of these would be Black Uhuru, Burning Spear, Buj Banton and Peter Tosh. Other forms of reggae are Ragamuffin and Dub, which is a variation of rhythms, or "riddims," as we call them.

A riddim is basically a rhythm pattern that usually contains a baseline and a sequence of guitar and other instrument patterns. At other times a short medley is mixed in with the riddim to make it more unique but the most important thing is the baseline. Most riddims have originated from a hit song, and in most cases, the riddim is given the name of that song; after the riddim and the song comes the dance.

The dances are given the names of the riddims so everything is tied together. And most of the time, depending on the song, or the riddim, you know what dance to do. The most popular ones right now are the "pun di riva" (which was made popular by Elephant Man's hit song), and "row the boat" (from an earlier song of the same name by Bennie Man).

The most common type of Reggae heard in the United States is the commercialized version of Dancehall. This type of Reggae was patented in late 1979 when the Roots Radics made the tracks for Barrington Levy's first tunes. The style, however, was not made popular until the early 1990s by artists like Beenie Man, Bounti Killa, Patra, and the well known Shabba Ranks to name a few.

Dancehall is not just a type of music to the people of Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean - in some cases it is a way of life. The women who partake in the "Dancehall Queen" competitions provide one example of people for whom the music is a lifestyle. This competition, which also started in Jamaica, is not being done in other places such as Guyana. It is held every year to show the latest dance styles and the "bare as much as you dare" outfits worn by the contenders.

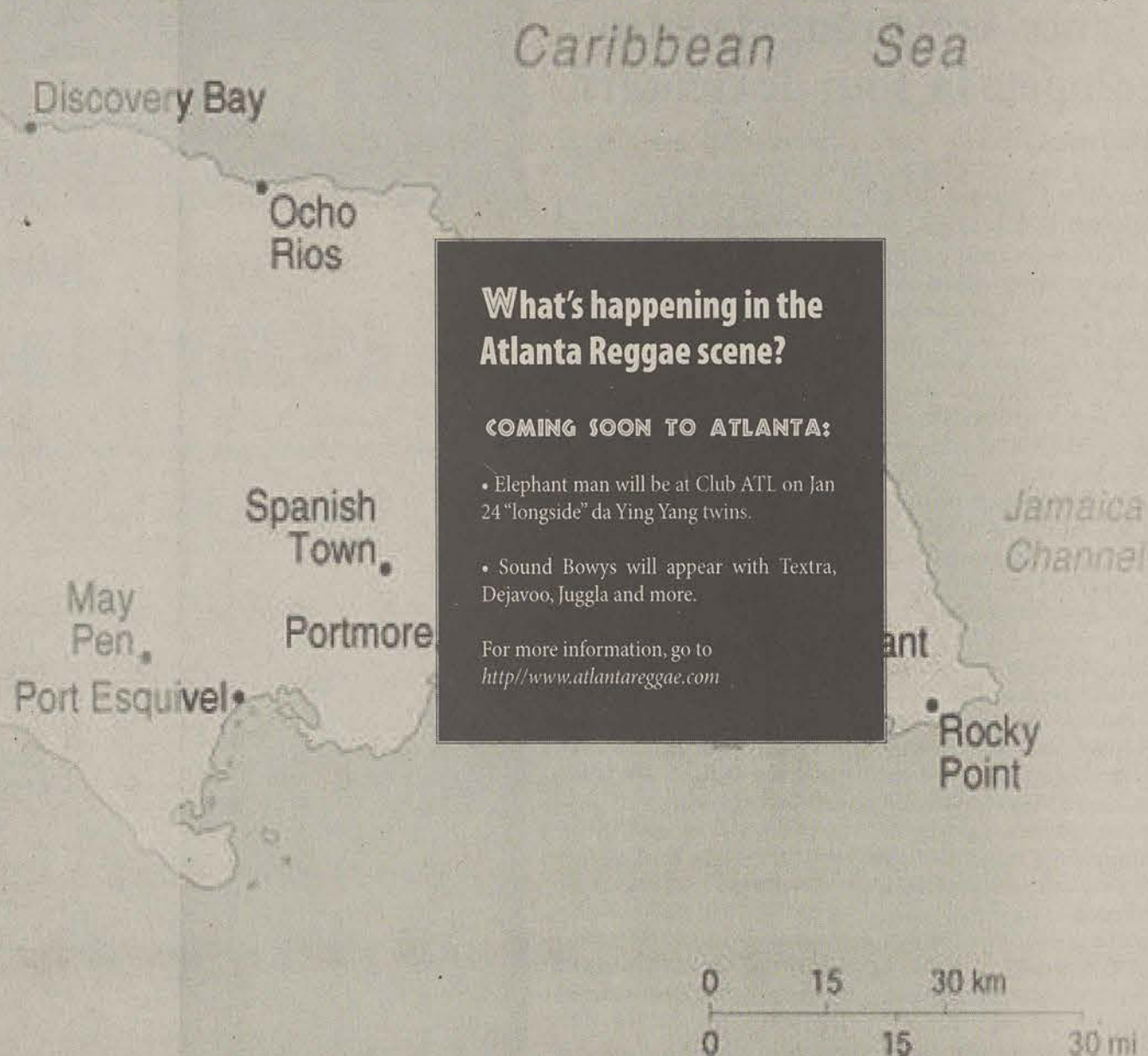
In these competitions the women dance to the best of their ability and agility to show the eager crowds just what they are capable of doing in the dance arena. The queen gets cash award as well as a trophy and the fame of being known as the best dancer in all of the country.

The contenders do not necessarily have to hail from the country the competition is being held in, as is the case this year. The reigning queen for 2003-2004 is a Japanese woman who says "there is nothing better than dancing to a reggae beat." The woman, called "Junko," although small in stature, surprised a crowd with her accomplishments, such as perfecting dancing on her "head top." She won the \$50,000 and also walked away with a trophy.

Reggae music, in whatever form you like it is something that penetrates the soul, and just makes you feel that everything in the world is good for the brief period of time that you are dancing or even listening to it. The music evokes the feeling of being in a different place and being completely free to do whatever you want to do, even if you don't know what you are doing.

Don't worry about what they are saying, just enjoy "di riddims." After a while, it will come to you.

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**DOCTOR'S OFFICE/FILING** Clerk. Do you know your ABC's? Local medical practice looking for reliable, part-time filing clerk. Flexible hours, ideally Monday-Friday 12-3. \$6/hr. Interested? Call 489-1629.

### 70 Child Care

**NEED A** babysitter? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** classified section, and we promise, one of the 16,000 students on this campus will respond.

### 75 Churches

**DOES YOUR** church have student services or meetings? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** and new members might join.

### 80 Computers & Software

**HEWLETT-PACKARD 694C** Deskjet Color Printer w/extra cartridge, excellent condition, \$50. Call 871-1300 for more info.

## LIFE IN HELL

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# HELL FOR BEGINNERS

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THIS CARTOON FOR NEOPHITES AND A REMEDIAL COURSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION

**WHAT IS "LIFE IN HELL"?**  
"LIFE IN HELL" IS A LITTLE LITTLE COMIC STRIP FULL OF FUN, MEMORABLE LAUGHS, AND FRIVOLITY.

**WHAT ARE THE MAJOR THEMES OF THIS CARTOON?**  
NOT TO MENTION ANGST, ALIENATION, SELF-LOATHING, AND THE MEANINGLESSNESS OF OUR IMPENDING DOOM.

**WILL "LIFE IN HELL" OFFEND ME?**  
WE... DO. OUR BEST.

**INTRODUCING**  
NAMES: BUNNY  
WOULD YOU MIND NOT STORING AT MY FEET?

**HIS ESTRANGED GRANDFATHER**  
SHEBA HERE.  
I'M PREMENSTRUALLY AT THE MOMENT.

**THOSE TWO LITTLE FLY GUYS**  
HE'S A BAZAR.  
LET'S LEAVE AND JEFF.

**WHOSE LITTLE MATE SON**  
I'M BOWSO.  
PLEASE GET STABBED AT MY EAR, PLEASE.

**WHO: STAR OF THIS CARTON**  
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: TWO GOTHIC-ROCK FARS, BULDOGS, CONSTANT TWO-TIMING  
EMOTIONAL STATE: BITTER, DEPRESESSED, NORMAL

**WHO: REARIT ON THE SC**  
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: BAKED-BROWN IN DRAPES  
EMOTIONAL STATE: GENERALLY MURDER, CLOACAL-CLASH STEAMED

**WHO: BROTHERS, OR, COPIES, OR BOTH**  
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: FEELING BOTH EYES ON SAME SIDE OF HEAD  
EMOTIONAL STATE: MURDER

**WHO: NO ONE REALLY CARES**  
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: "TAKE A GUESS"  
EMOTIONAL STATE: SOUL-CRUSHED

**WILL THE CHARACTERS IN "LIFE IN HELL" EVER ACHIEVE HAPPINESS?**  
WHAT A SILLY QUESTION. BUNNY AND THE GANG WILL BE AS HAPPY AS YOU ARE.

## CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Craptacular

**GET ME 2 DRAMA-MINES, AND A SHOT OF PEPTO!**

**IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD! IT'S ESPN!**

**AREN'T YOU OVER-REACTING JUST A LITTLE?**

**GLAD YOU DON'T HAVE HDTV!**

**...AND A BARE BAG, A STOMACH PUMP, BLINDFOLD AND EAR PLUGS. ...OH, AND SHOOT ME IF THEY PLAY LAST WEEK'S EPISODE FIRST.**

## 90 Education

**FUN & STUFF** Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun. On-line at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/>

**PHI ETA Sigma** members. Scholarship applications (grad and undergrad) are available. Deadline February 15. Call Dr. John Murray at 681-5447 if interested.

## 110 Freebies

**FREE WOODEN** entry steps for single/double wide trailer. You must come and pick them up. Ready to use immediately. Call 681-5579 to arrange time.

## 140 Help Wanted

**LOOKING FOR** 12 girls to star in Swimsuit Calendar. Have fun and make \$money\$. To try out, call 912-481-0503.

**AMERICA READS** needs your help! If you enjoy helping children and are work-study eligible, please call Mary Woods in the Educational Opportunities Program for details.

## 150 Lost & Found

**LOSE SOMETHING?** Find it by placing an ad in **The G-A** today.

## 160 Miscellaneous for Sale

**NEED TO** sell something...anything? Put it in **The George-Anne**'s classified section. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

**CUSTOM HAND-MADE** jewelry in sterling silver, glass and crystal. Call Alyson at 912-486-0183, or email designs\_by\_alysong@yahoo.com Perfect for girlfriends and sorority sisters!

## 190 Personal

**TIGER**, I love you so much! Will you marry me? Love, your little Kitten!

**LOSE 10 pounds** in 10 days! Healthy, easy diet. Try it today! For more information, call Stephanie 912-270-1394 or stefanny2510@yahoo.com.

## 200 Pets & Supplies

**WANTER GREEN** cheek conure or maroon bellied conure. Hand raised and well socialized. Contact merlin1828@hotmail.com.

**ADOPT A PET.** Furbabies Animal Rescue has many animals waiting for permanent homes. To adopt or volunteer, call 871-3890 or visit [www.furapets.com](http://www.furapets.com).

## 220 Rentals & Real Estate

**FOR RENT**, 1 BR studio apt. Utilities included. \$300, flexible lease available. Call Will at 687-1766.

**FOR RENT**, 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom condo across from GSU, located in Southern Villas for \$375.00. Contact Dustin at 404-452-6575.

**2 BR Apartment** for rent. \$490 per month, negotiable. Great location, off University Place, within walking distance of GSU! Call 912-481-3481.

**SUBLEASE NEEDED** Spring 2004. 1 br/1 ba. Trace Villas on 301. Owned by University Pointe. \$295/mo. plus utilities. Call Nicole 871-3290.

**ROOMMATE NEEDED** for sublease January to August in Towne Club. Rent is \$275/mo. free television, bed, computer. Contact Rodney at progress20@yahoo.com.

**ONE BEDROOM** apt, rent \$250 and utilities \$60+. Located off Lanier Dr. Commuter distance. December Rent in already paid. Call 871-0271.

**TIERED OF ROOMMATES?** Want your own apartment? \$265+ flexible leases - Quiet Environment. Also, 2 + 3 BR Houses recently renovated. Call Parker Realty at 764-5623.

**NEED SUBLEASE** for one bedroom, no roommate. Large apt. only \$270/month plus utilities. Please call 912-536-0506 ASAP.

**NEED TO** sublease your apartment? Advertise on Off-Campus Housing Office website. Sublease forms available in Russell Union 2022.

**BRAND NEW** home for rent. 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms. Close to GSU. Great for students or family. Washer/dryer/microwave included. DSL ready. Avail. le now. \$900/month. Call 682-4730.

**HOOD HAS HOUSES FOR LEASE** IN AUGUST NO PETS. 24 HOUR REPAIRS. 764-8076

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:** Please read Hood's Website: [DIRTYBANKING.COM](http://DIRTYBANKING.COM)

**FOR RENT**, 1 BR apartment. Utilities included. \$400, flexible lease available. Call Will at 687-1766.

**NEED SUBLEASE** for apartment at Southern Villa. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. \$450/mo. First month free, call Masa at 871-7591 for more info.

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** needed. 2 br/2 bath w/walk-in closets, laundry room, DSL, HBO, clubhouse. Only bedroom and bathroom furniture needed. \$348/mo. 1st month negotiable. Call Joi at 541-5489.

## 230 Roommates

**NEED A** roommate? Advertise on Off-Campus Housing Website. Roommate forms available in Russell Union 2022.

**STILL TRYING** to figure out a way to fill that empty bedroom? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** and find a roommate in no time.

**SUBLEASE NEEDED** starting in January 2004. 1 bedroom w/private bath and ceiling fan in 3 bedroom apartment in Garden District. \$350 a month includes rent and all utilities except for phone. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, cable w/HBO and DSL. Rent negotiable! Call Beth at 912-481-3073.

**SUBLEASE NEEDED.** 1 BR/private bath in 3 BR/study at Bermuda Run. No deposit, just first month rent \$290. Please contact 657-6217 or 429-2666 and leave a message.

**STATESBORO PLACE** apartment available for sublease, \$345/month for spring 2004. Utilities included. Comes with three great male roommates. Please call Chris Merriam at 770-377-2860.

**TRANSFERRING TO UGA:** Spring/summer lease available at Pineview Apts. 5 bedroom/4 bathroom duplex. \$300/mo. + 1/5 utilities, near campus. Call David 404-408-7245.

**LOOKING FOR** roommate to share large three bedroom house. \$230/month plus utilities. Call 764-7231.

**2 FEMALE** roommates needed Spring '04. \$290/mo. We'll give \$60.00 to whomever subleases 3 bedroom/1 study, private bathroom. Ask for Terrilyn, 770-324-1243.

**SUBLEASE NEEDED**, the Seasons, male. \$235/month and 1/2 utilities, all appliances included, through August. Call David 912-266-3442.

## 240 Services

**I WILL** cook for you. You buy ingredients or I buy ingredients. Pick-up only. Need a home-cooked meal ladies and guys. Call 912-687-3126 or 688-7219.

## "Reality" Spring Break 2004

As seen in "The Real Cancun" Movie!  
Lowest Prices, Free Meals & Parties  
Book before Oct 15th! & Free Trips For Groups!  
**1.800.426.7710**  
[www.sunspashtours.com](http://www.sunspashtours.com)

**ADOPT A** pet and save a life. Bulloch County Animal Shelter, visit 301 North Statesboro or [www.adoptionfairly.petfinder.com](http://www.adoptionfairly.petfinder.com).

## 260 Stereo & Sounds

**ROCKFORD FOSGATE** Punch 200 Amp and one Farad Capacitor. Extremely powerful, \$900.00 retail value; only \$250.00. Call Greg 912-690-0053.

## 290 Travel

**CANCUN, MEXICO.** 7 Day student summer trip! Includes: 7 day stay at the 6 star Oasis Hotel on the strip at Fat Tuesdays and many other hot clubs, airfare, and 14 free meals. \$700.00 for everything you see plus more. Call for details. Justin Hodges 912-604-9886.

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**FUN & STUFF** Visit our Web site for list of places to visit and things to do that are both educational and fun. On-line at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/>

**SPRING BREAK** Beach and Ski Trips on sale now! Call 1-800-SUNCHASE today! Or visit [www.Sunchase.com](http://www.Sunchase.com)

## 305 Volunteers

**FURBABIES ANIMAL** Rescue and Aid needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, call 912-871-3890.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Bulloch County Animal Shelter. [www.adoptionfairly.petfinder.com](http://www.adoptionfairly.petfinder.com)

**A CHILD** needs you! The Center for Latino Outreach is looking for volunteers. Spanish is not necessary. Please contact the Center at 486-7759.

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL**  
\*\*SPRING BREAK\*\*  
Book early and save \$\$\$! World's longest Keg Party - Free beer all week! Live band & DJ. Wet T-Shirt, Hard Body & Venus Swimwear contest. Suites up to 12 people, 3 pools, huge beachfront hot tub, river ride, water slide, jet skis, parasail.

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[www.sandpiperbeacon.com](http://www.sandpiperbeacon.com)

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FROM MISS GSU. PAGE 1



Photos by Ryan Moore/STAFF

Right: Kelley Bradshaw lights up the 2004 Ms. GSU competition. Top Center: Erika Brayboy transfers her title to Bradshaw. Bottom Center: Brayboy issues her final performance as Ms. GSU. Above: Ms. GSU contestants congratulate each other after the competition.

required to represent a platform, or area they choose to represent if they become Miss GSU. The contestant's platform ranged from AIDS Prevention and Awareness to Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention.

The Miss Georgia Southern University pageant is a preliminary pageant for the Miss Georgia Pageant, which leads to Miss America. Bradshaw will compete for Miss Georgia in June of this year.

As her last reigning night as Ms. GSU 2003 Erika Brayboy performed "All That Jazz," "God Bless the Child," and as a tribute to all those who have meant so much to her as Miss GSU, she sang "The Way You Look Tonight."

Brayboy presented a slideshow to the audience showcasing her year as Miss GSU. She gave her final walk across the stage as Miss GSU to a standing ovation.

"Giving up my title feels wonderful," said Brayboy. "I'm moving on to the next chapter of my life. I can only go up from here."

Brayboy said she thinks Bradshaw will do a wonderful job of representing Georgia Southern throughout the year.

Other awards presented during the pageant were the People's Choice Award, which was given to Tiffany Kicklighter, Ms. Congeniality to Carmen McCart, Top Ad Sales to Angela Byrd, and Artistic Impression to Leslie Culbertson.

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— Erika Brayboy, Miss GSU 2003

# February 2004

Eagle Entertainment--Russell Union

Student Activities Center--Russell Union 1056



EE Spring Break Trip  
S. Beach Miami/  
Cruise/FL Keys  
Info Sessions  
2/2-3/04---7/8:30 pm

**1** EE  
Superbowl Party  
RU Commons-8pm



**2**  
General Mtg.  
RU 2042-7pm  
Spring Break Info.  
Sessions-RU Theatre  
2/2/04-7pm  
2/3/04-8:30pm



**4** Theme:  
Harlem  
Renaissance  
Featured Artist  
Talent Showcase  
Open Mic  
Movie... Fighting  
Temptations  
Poetry Slam  
Casino-Ballroom  
Black Inventions  
Black Art Exhibit



College Unions  
**POETRY**  
SLAM  
Invitational



**8**  
E-Travel/Novelty  
Mtg.--7:30-RU 2043

**9** Everybody  
Needs to  
be Loved Activity  
10am-2pm-  
Union Commons  
Major Productions  
Mtg.--8pm-RU 2052

**10**  
E-Cinema Mtg.  
6:30--RU 2042

**11** Singled Out  
Dating Game  
8pm--RU Commons  
PR/Promo Mtg.  
5pm- RU 2042  
Global Awareness  
Mtg.--7pm--RU 2052

**12** Everybody  
Needs to  
be Loved Activity  
10-2pm-RU Commons  
Spring Break--Miami  
Deposit Due to SAC  
1056 by 4pm



**14**  
VALENTINE'S DAY

**15**  
E-Travel/Novelty  
Mtg.--7:30-RU 2043



South Beach, Miami  
EE Spring Break  
Deposit Deadlines

**17** 2004  
Homecoming  
Advisory Planning  
6:30--RU 2043  
E-Cinema Mtg.  
6:30--RU 2042

**18** 10-3pm  
Black  
Scientists Investors  
Tour --RU Rotunda  
Movie: Gothika (\$2)  
7/9:30 pm-Theatre

**19**  
Movie: Gothika (\$2)  
7/9:30 pm-Theatre



EE Spring Break Trip  
S. Beach Miami/  
Cruise /

**22**  
E-Travel/Novelty  
Mtg.--7:30-RU 2043

**23**  
Major Productions  
Mtg.--8pm-RU 2052

**24**  
E-Cinema Mtg.  
6:30--RU 2042

PR/Promo. Mtg.  
5pm- RU 2042  
Global Awareness  
Mtg.--7pm--RU 2052

**26** Movie:  
Barbershop  
7/9:30pm (\$2)  
RU-Theatre  
Spring Break Payment  
Due in Full--SAC 1056



**28**  
Black History Month  
Tribute  
5K Run/Walk  
9am--RU Rotunda