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THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2005

Two men injured in Tuesday stabbing

Dos Primos brawl started small, ended in violence, said one witness

By Luke Hearn
Executive Editor

An investigation into a fight that resulted in two men being stabbed at Statesboro restaurant Dos Primos late Tuesday night is ongoing.

According to Georgia Southern Police Chief Kenneth Brown, a fight erupted in the restaurant, and when a

manager went to break it up, he realized one of those involved had been stabbed four times in the back.

"It was just a big fight," Brown said. "One guy was stabbed in the back, and there was another that was stabbed in the right arm and left leg."

As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, Brown said the person suspected of both stabbings had not yet been taken into

custody, but said one subject was arrested for fighting. He also said there was no official word on the condition of either of those injured.

Brown also said as far as anyone knows, no one involved in the incident were GSU students.

GSU graduate student Jeff Kelly was an eyewitness to the brawl, and helped administer first aid to the

person stabbed in the back.

Kelly saw two groups involved in a verbal dispute, and two of them engaged in a shoving match that escalated to throwing punches.

"The two that were throwing punches got into bear hug, and I saw one of them reach around and stab the other in the back," he said. "The bouncers and I ran over there, and

after people started to realize what was going on, they started to run out the door."

Once they realized the magnitude of the situation, Kelly and the bouncers started to perform first aid on the injured man until paramedics arrived.

"We got him off the floor and into see **STABBING**, page 8A

Katrina eyes Florida, has hurricane potential

By John Pain
Associated Press

MIAMI - Tropical Storm Katrina threatened to dump more than a foot of rain on parts of water-logged Florida as it approached the state Wednesday, with forecasters expecting it to strengthen to a weak hurricane before hitting the coast.

Katrina was expected to strike Florida's east coast early Friday.

Many in the area — hit by two hurricanes last year — didn't seem too worried about the slow-moving storm whose worst threat appeared to be flooding.

Only a handful of people were buying hurricane supplies at a Home Depot in Davie. When asked if he was scared about Katrina, Joel Litman said: "Not this one. I think the next one is going to be the big one."

A 150-mile stretch of Florida's coast including Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Vero Beach was under a hurricane watch, meaning sustained winds of at least 74 mph were possible by Friday.

Katrina formed Wednesday over the Bahamas and was expected to cross Florida before heading into the Gulf of Mexico. It could dump 6-12 inches of rain in the state, with some spots getting up to 20 inches.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the season's 11th named storm had top sustained winds of 45 mph.

In an average year, only a few tropical storms develop by this time in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. The Atlantic hurricane season began June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

A GSU Starbucks?

School officials close union game room with hopes of luring a big-time coffee brewer

By Adam Crisp • Managing editor

Starbucks is among a short list of possible occupants for the now-closed game room in the Fielding D. Russell Student Union.

School officials are hoping to woo the trendy coffee vendor as a way to bring more students to the 16-year-old union complex.

"We had a big survey a while back and students said they thought the union should be the number one destination for food on campus," said Jeff Herrington, the union's associate director of student affairs. "We want the union to be a place where everyone wants to come."

Before the school can allow Starbucks on campus, it will seek student opinions on what sort of coffee shop the school should contract with. Tom Palfy, director of food services, said officials are confident students will choose Starbucks, given the company's popularity.

"First we have to do a student survey and present different brands," said Palfy. "We're guessing students will choose Starbucks, but we will have wait until the results of the survey get back."

Herrington foresees a vendor like Starbucks drawing 500 or more students to the union per day. The game room, he said, garnered far less during the last year of its operation.

"We had a core group of about

30 people a day who were playing pool," said Herrington. "When we added the Xbox systems, we added about 20 students a day."

The usage figures were compiled over this past school year. When students checked out a stick, their names were compiled in a log or their IDs were scanned.

Herrington said removing the tables makes sense because so few students are being served by the facilities.

"The numbers don't lie," he said. "If students were playing, they would have signed in."

The current pool tables are at least 20 years old and when recovered, repairmen found it hard to bring the tables back to working order, said Herrington.

While the union has offered the tables to dorms as well as the RAC, students say the game room's departure is still sad.

"It sucks," said junior Courtney Brown, who shot pool in the game room twice a week. "It was the place to be, where you could shoot pool and be yourself. It was free. There is nowhere else you could play for free."

Other students though, see the addition of a Starbucks as a windfall.

"Oh my gosh, I would really like it — everybody loves coffee," said freshman Rachel Green. "It would be a good investment. I would definitely go there...and I would probably spend too much money."



Special photo

Four Ga bases to be closed

Naval installation near Kings Bay loses out on gains

By Jeffrey McMurray
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An independent panel Wednesday voted in support of closing all four Georgia military bases targeted by the Pentagon and reversed the proposed closure of a Connecticut submarine base — a blow to the state's Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, which stood to inherit its vessels.

The Georgia bases approved for closure are Atlanta's Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem, the Naval Air Station-Atlanta in Marietta, and the small Navy supply school in Athens. With the panel's votes, all four bases almost certainly will be shuttered.

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted 6-1, with one abstention, to keep the New London, Conn., submarine base open, meaning Kings Bay missed out on 3,367 new jobs and six relocated submarines. The submarine base near St. Marys, Ga., had stood to grow per capita more than any other base in the nation.

The state did get some good news. The commission voted to re-locate the Army's Armor School and Center from Fort Knox, Ky., and its about 4,000 military and civilian jobs, to Fort Benning near Columbus. It also decided to keep some of Gillem's functions in place, including the 81st Regional Readiness Command and see **CLOSURE**, page 8A



Kori Williams, a GSU senior pumps gas. Rising prices at the pump are hurting students' pock-
etbooks.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Rising gas prices put a pinch on students

By Casey Altman
Assistant News Editor

Rising gas prices are a major concern for students at Georgia Southern. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline prices will continue to rise. EIA projects that gas prices will increase about 35 cents for the 2005 driving season (April-September). Last week the average price went up 10 cents and the current national average is \$2.61.

Local Fast and Easy owner, Kamal Dreid said, "People always complain about gas prices when they go up." He said, "They always want to know when they are going to stop going

up and when they are going to start going down. But in the last three to four weeks it really jumped up quick." He said that since the price usually increases a little at a time, people were surprised by the larger increase last week and people seemed to be a little more disgruntled.

Many drivers are startled by the rising prices. Senior Ginnie Brown, a Civil Engineering major, recalled her experience, "It was such a shock to me, because when I was 16, gas was 64 cents per gallon. When it hit a dollar I was freaking out, but now I'd give anything for it to be \$1.50 or \$1.80."

According to EIP, the jump in

retail prices followed recent increases in the spot price (the price at which refiners and importers sell into the wholesale market) for gasoline. The spot gasoline price increase is credited to the reduced supply of gasoline available because of recent refinery outages which reduced the amount of gasoline that can be produced. The demand increased during the last few weeks because many people are on summer vacation. With the shortages occurring at the same time gasoline demand is at its seasonal peak, gasoline has become that much more expensive.

Many students are trying to budget

their money more carefully since these recent price increases. Brown said she has Georgia Tech classes three days a week in Savannah and spends \$68 on gas each week. "It's hard because I don't get paid a whole lot," she said. "I don't go to the movies or go out to eat because I have to save money to pay for gas."

The government website fueleconomy.gov offers tips for economically conscious individuals. They urge drivers to slow down, reduce vehicle weight by removing excess items such as gold clubs, and to use a mass transportation system or alternative transportation like walking and riding

ROTC updates equipment, awards top students

Cadets awarded for excellent performance

By Darren Jones
Staff Writer

The Fall ROTC Awards Ceremony was held Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall to recognize ROTC cadets that completed and/or excelled at the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC), also called operation Warrior Forge.

Twenty juniors were sent to the six-week program in Fort Lewis, Washington to learn the skills needed to properly lead a troop.

Cadets from Savannah State and Savannah College of Art and Design also participated in the LDAC. All 20 cadets successfully completed the course and six received excellent status for placing in the top 15 percent of 4,155 students. The number of cadets who received this honor doubled from last year.

The LDAC evaluates a cadet's physical and mental abilities as well as their leadership and communication skills, common sense and stamina.

"You really have to prove your abilities as a leader," said Cadet Bridget Lockhart. Practical skills, such as land navigation, were also tested. At the LDAC, cadets got the chance to get some rare experiences like firing a rifle and throwing a live grenade.

The ceremony began with a Rank Presentation where all the cadets lined the stage to receive their rank, worn on the right collar of the uniform. Awards were then given out for excellence and special recognition for the completion of other programs such as the Leadership Training Course (LTC), the Cadet Troop Leader Trainer program (CTLT), and the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT).

The Recondo award is earned by getting at least a 90 in each event in the APFT. It was awarded to two cadets. The BN Commander's Athletic award was awarded to Cadet Adam Erickson for scoring 300 on his LDAC APFT. The APFT is made up of three events: push-ups, sit-ups and two mile run. A 300 score means that a cadet earned 100 percent in every event.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF
Senior Commander Sergeant Major, Ryan Demarco stands in front of the old ROTC rappelling tower located next to the Ceramics and Sculpture building. The tower was used to train students to exit helicopters safely by jumping from the helicopter skid on the back side of the tower.

By Angela Byrd
Staff Writer

The ROTC program's 40-foot rappelling tower and rifle range are being relocated in closer proximity so ROTC students will have their own area of campus.

The ROTC program has built a new rappelling tower on Old Register Road and is clearing land for a new rifle range. "This new tower will provide a lot more stability than the old one did," said project supervisor Wayne Kennedy.

The old tower, located behind the Ceramics and Sculptures building, is still intact and continues to hold a significant value to many of the ROTC students.

Cadet Adrian Tomlinson, 20, of Hinesville, Georgia has been affiliated with the program since his freshman year. "I am glad to see that GSU has made a commitment to improving our programs," he said. "Although the old tower is being replaced, it will still hold a special memory me."

Cadet Tomlinson used the tower to train himself to jump out of airplanes.

The rifle range will allow the students the chance to improve their skills in a more isolated venue. "I would have to say that proximity would be a major benefit of these two structures being relocated," said Kennedy. "This allows the students to learn in a more vacant, centrally located area that they can call their own, and with the structures less than a block from each other, it will provide an easier transition between classes."

The new tower is located on Old Register Road behind the physical plant building and the rifle range is located behind the RAC.

The building budgets for these projects are \$142,000 for construction of the rifle range and \$93,913 for the tower.

Construction on the rifle range will start this month and will last through mid-December. The rappelling tower is expected to be completed by mid-September.

POLICE BEAT

Bottled bombs at College Park spark investigation

Statesboro police are investigating two homemade bombs found by an apartment manager at College Park University Pines. The bombs were one-liter plastic bottles with chemicals that react when shaken. The incident is still under investigation. Police Chief Stan York warns, "It is a felony to construct any type of explosive device."

08-17-2005

- Justin Lawrence Isreal, 18, of Hendricks Hall, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.
- Jeffrey Harmon Koeltz, 18, of Hendricks Hall, was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.
- Henry Alexander McClain, 18, of 5474 Holly Springs Drive, Douglasville, Ga., was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
- Timothy Harrison Parker, 23, was charged with pedestrian under the influence of alcohol.
- Jason Kent Slaughter, 26, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
- Brian Joseph Smith, 19, was charged with criminal trespass.

08-18-2005

- Benjamin Robert Dukes, 20, of North Main Street, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking and public indecency.
- Taurean Denzel Kirkland, 20, was charged with underage drinking.
- Marcus Mills, 20, of Sylvania, was charged with underage drinking.
- William Joseph Perez, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with underage drinking, public intoxication, pedestrian under the influence, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.
- A case of harassment was reported at the Henderson Library.

08-20-2005

- Kyle Brandon Murray, 18, of Brunswick, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Magnum Steed Owens, 20, of Molena, Ga., was charged with underage drinking and obstruction of an officer.
- A door was damaged at Southern Courtyard.

08-21-2005

- Travis Martin Dockins, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.
- Joseph Edward Muchmore, 19, of Cumming, Ga., was charged with underage drinking.
- Andrew John Pruss, 18, of Lilburn, Ga., was charged with underage drinking.
- Jeremy Tyler Wingfield, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with underage drinking.
- A radar detector and a cell phone were taken from a vehicle in the Eagle Village parking lot.
- A window was broken at Deal Hall.

08-22-2005

- Regina Yvette Marshall, 30, of Statesboro, was charged with DUI, driving on the wrong side of the road and open container violation.
- A bicycle was taken from the Landrum Center.

08-23-2005

- Adam Lee Bithell, 19, of Jesup, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Kelcey Maurice McLaughlin, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license.
- Dalton Reese Taylor, 23, of Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication and public drunk.
- Eric R. Vanderbilt, 21, of Daytona Beach, Fla., was charged with DUI and making an improper U-turn.
- Erin M. Winalsh, 20, of Southern Pines, was charged with possession of marijuana.

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Georgia Southern received the second installment of a federal grant that helps make it more convenient for registered nurses to obtain a graduate degree.

Housed in the College of Health and Human Sciences, the MSN program was awarded a three-year grant for \$753,302 in 2004 from the Bureau of Health Professions, a division of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

The grant is designed to help meet the health care needs of Southeast Georgia by increasing the number of advanced practice nurses in the region. To achieve this goal, the graduate nursing curriculum at GSU has been expanded to allow much of the course work to be completed via the Internet.

With money that funded the first year of the grant, the initial online courses in the MSN program were offered in spring 2005. The second installment of the grant arrived in July in the amount of \$239,817.

The money is being used to purchase technology equipment, teaching aids, faculty support, and laptop computers for students to use in community educational presentations. The grant also supports activities to increase high school students' awareness of nursing as a viable career.

"The grant has enhanced our ability to use current technology to extend graduate nursing education to nurses

who are unable to come to campus weekly due to their work and family obligations," said Donna Hodnicki, a professor in School of Nursing and the director of the MSN program.

Most Family Nurse Practitioner courses and all Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist courses are available online. Because the majority of course work is done via the Internet, students have to make no more than six trips to campus for class each semester. Students who are pursuing the Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist major can take all of their courses on Saturdays. Weekday evening and Saturday options are available for many other courses as well.

In addition, the School of Nursing offers a program that allows registered nurses to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) by taking nothing but online courses.

"With this variety of course scheduling and the use of the Internet, we are able to meet the needs of the majority of the registered nurses in our region," Hodnicki said.

GSU's Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program has been ranked as one of the best graduate school health programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. The program was number 11 on the magazine's list of the top FNP programs for the last four years. The university's MSN program also offers an RN-to-MSN option in which registered nurses can obtain both a BSN and an MSN.

Researchers: young fetuses don't feel pain

The Associated Press

A review of medical evidence has found that fetuses likely don't feel pain until the final months of pregnancy, a powerful challenge to abortion opponents who hope that discussions about fetal pain will make women think twice about ending pregnancies.

"They have literally stuck their hands into a hornet's nest," said Dr. Kanwaljeet Anand, a fetal pain researcher at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, who believes fetuses as young as 20 weeks old feel pain. "This is going to inflame

a lot of scientists who are very, very concerned and are far more knowledgeable in this area than the authors appear to be. This is not the last word — definitely not."

The review by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, comes as advocates are pushing for fetal pain laws aimed at curtailing abortion. Proposed federal legislation would require doctors to provide fetal pain information to women seeking abortions when fetuses are at least 20 weeks old, and to offer women fetal anesthesia at that stage of the pregnancy. A handful of states have enacted similar measures.

The report, appearing in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, says that offering fetal pain relief during abortions in the fifth or sixth months of pregnancy is misguided and might result in unacceptable health risks to women.

Dr. Nancy Chescheir, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Vanderbilt University and a board director at the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, said the article "will help to develop some consensus" on when fetuses feel pain. "To date, there hasn't been any."

The researchers reviewed dozens of studies and medical reports and

said the data indicate that fetuses likely are incapable of feeling pain until around the seventh month of pregnancy, when they are about 28 weeks old.

While brain structures involved in feeling pain begin forming much earlier, research indicates they likely do not function until the pregnancy's final stages, said the report's senior author, UCSF obstetric anesthesiologist Dr. Mark Rosen.

Based on the evidence, discussions of fetal pain for abortions performed before the end of the second trimester should not be mandatory, the researchers said.

Quick, what's new

IN GEORGIA

Researcher finds way to turn dark chicken meat into white

ATLANTA — A poultry science professor at the University of Georgia has found a way to transform dark meat from chicken into white meat. Scientists add excess water to ground-up dark meat to create a meat soup, then spin the mixture around in a tub at high speed. The centrifugal force makes the mixture settle into layers of fat, water, and extracted meat, which can be molded into breast-like patties of all-white meat. Just add water, and it's amazing what physics can do.

Rudolph apologizes for Olympics blast, but not others

ATLANTA — Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph's victims described him as a small man with a big bomb who cowardly fled his crimes as a judge ordered him to serve a life of isolation behind bars as a prisoner of the government he professed to hate. Just before his life sentence was handed down, Rudolph apologized to the victims of the 1996 Olympics blast, saying "I would do anything to take that night back."

THE REGION

South leads climb in obesity rates

WASHINGTON — The percentage of Americans with bulging waistlines is growing in just about every state, with residents of Alabama joining the obesity ranks the fastest. Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana and Tennessee are also at the top of the list of states with the highest percentage of obese adults.

Big beer company wants cocktails

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Want a bit of ginger in that beer? Or how about a strawberry Budweiser daiquiri? If it makes your stomach lurch, this Bud might not be for you. Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc., better known for its manly man beer advertising, wants in on the growing cocktail and wine business.

THE NATION

Bush: Cindy Sheehan doesn't represent most military families

DONNELLY, Idaho — President Bush took on the California mother who has been defiantly protesting outside his Texas home, saying Tuesday that Cindy Sheehan doesn't represent the views of most military families and that fulfilling demands like hers for withdrawal from Iraq would weaken the United States.

THE WORLD

Venezuela condemns Pat Robertson's call for assassination of its president

CARACAS, Venezuela — Pat Robertson's call for American agents to assassinate President Hugo Chavez is a "terrorist" statement that needs to be investigated by U.S. authorities, Venezuela said Tuesday. The Bush administration quickly distanced itself from the religious broadcaster.


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- President George W. Bush
Speaking in Greece, N.Y., May 24, 2005

OUR VIEW

Robertson's comments out of line

AT ISSUE: TV preacher goes beyond his normal hatred of the 'immoral'

Earlier this week, fanatic Christian broadcaster — and one-time presidential candidate — Pat Robertson called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, calling him "a terrific danger," and one who plans to make his country "a launching pad for Communist infiltration and Muslim extremism all over the continent."

Hugo and others in the Venezuelan government said Robertson's statement were of a terroristic nature, but Bush officials said the statements were from a private citizen, and do not reflect the views of U.S. policy.

You know, the Bush Administration is right. Those comments were from a private citizen, but so are comments from people such as Osama Bin Laden. But when he goes on television and makes comments about the United States, people freak out, and alert the nation that we're in danger.

So who can blame Hugo and his people for being alarmed at Robertson's statements? Who can blame him for wiggling out? If he's seen even five minutes of the 700 Club — the Christian "news" and talk show that Robertson hosts — he surely knows what kind of man he is dealing with.

Of course Robertson is entitled to freedom of speech. He can essentially say whatever he wants, within reason, about whomever he wants, but as is the case in most situations, he should probably consider the consequences before doing so.

Calling those who have had abortions baby killers and homosexuals unethical, Hell-bound idiots may not cause much of a problem for Robertson in the long run.

But openly calling for the assassination of a world leader who has ties with Cuba and provides the U.S. with nearly ten percent of its oil is not a smart move.

Robertson has since taken back his comments, and like the good Republican he is, he said he didn't say what he really did, despite the fact that it's on tape.

It doesn't matter, though. The damage has been done. Maybe the next time the United States is challenged or threatened on a foreign TV station, or someone says President Bush should be assassinated, the terror alert will not go up.

After all, if Robertson is a "private citizen," then surely to God a man who walks around the desert barefooted and hasn't shaved in 30 years is a private citizen, too.

Trevor Long
I SAID IT, SO IT
MUST BE TRUE

Be a good sport (or at least try)

Sportsmanship: Conduct and attitude considered as befitting participants in sports, especially fair play, courtesy and grace in losing (Webster's Dictionary).

Georgia Southern held its annual Sportsmanship meeting bright and early yesterday morning, and they didn't even serve coffee.



Trevor Long is a senior Sport Management major from Brunswick, Ga. He is the sports editor of The George-Anne.

To give a little background, the Sportsmanship meeting is a requirement set forth in the Southern Conference by-laws that requires the CEO of the university to meet with all departments that have a presence in athletics, from the football team to the cheerleaders, and all the way down the line to student media.

President Bruce Grube spoke of how GSU players and fans alike should all be good sports, and that we as fans and athletes "are not just representing ourselves, we are representing Georgia Southern (and its brand)."

Good sports. I figured that we were good sports. Eagle fans have never been ones to taunt the opposing players with heckles or obscene hand gestures or anything else. We haven't had a repeat of the battery-throwing incident of the late 90's (because the NCAA reprimanded GSU for the incident), so we must be doing something right.

Heck, the GSU crowd is always courteous. We welcome

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any opposing team with open arms when they come to Paulson to lose.

I assume the goal of the Sportsmanship clause in the SoCon by-laws is to get the players, staff and fans to be all sportsmanly and smile, sit quietly in our seats and give a little golf clap when there's a touchdown.

Next thing you know, we'll all be hugging Furman fans at the games and joking with the Wofford crowd. Then there's cats and dogs living together...mass hysteria!

Also, the teams play fair all the time.

Not only do we let visitors come to Statesboro to lose, we go to their stadiums and beat them there, too. For example, the Eagles are going to visit South Dakota State University Oct. 29, after beating them at Paulson last season 63-7.

From what I hear, the good guys may even spot them seven this time around. The way I see it, it's equal opportunity defeat. It's definitely win-win for us.

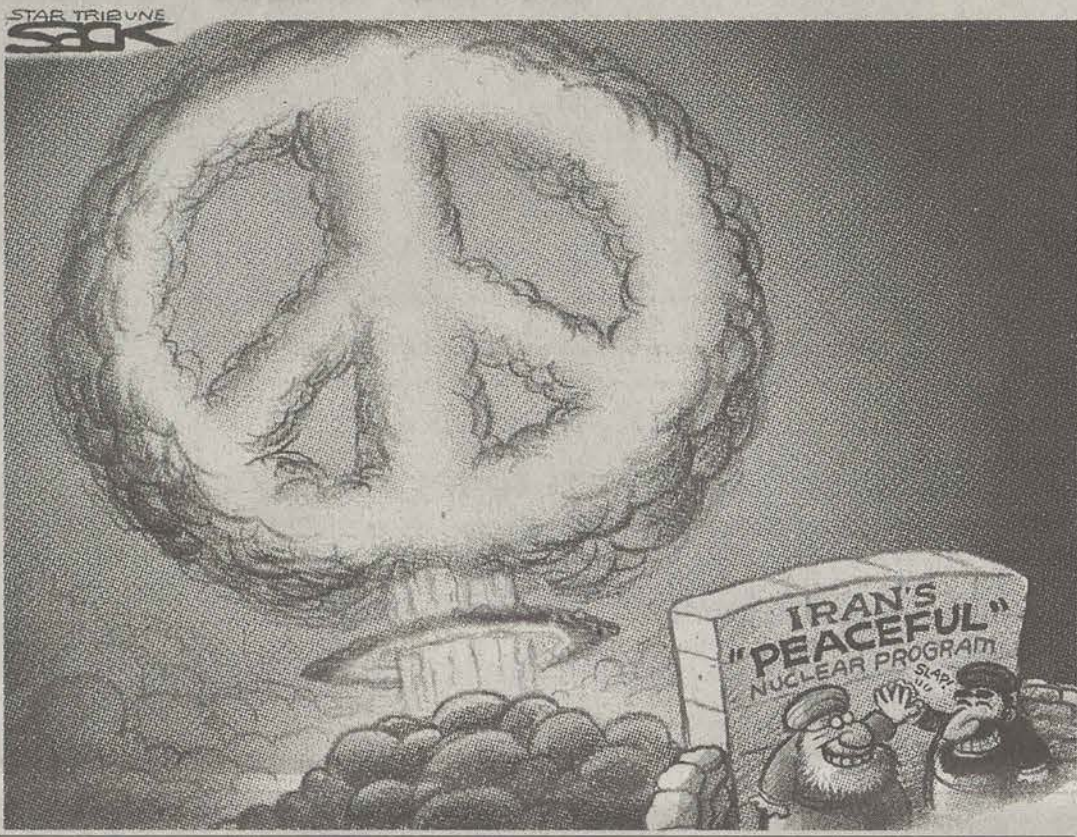
As far as grace in losing goes, we don't know what that is. It's not like GSU has had a lot of practice at losing, seeing as we have only lost 16 times at home in the past 20 years. Most fans that will be at the GSU home games this year wouldn't know what to do if we lost.

Many have never seen the football team lose.

But seriously, the point of the matter is, in order to help keep our reputation as a powerhouse, and to have more visiting teams want to come to Statesboro, we as representatives of GSU have to show them all some good ol' Southern hospitality while they're here, and demonstrate to everyone that true sportsmanship can be witnessed at our house.

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Dave Barry: COLUMNIST

From here on, let women kill their own spiders

This classic Dave Barry column was originally published on Feb. 14, 1999.

From time to time, I receive letters from a certain group of individuals that I will describe, for want of a better term, as "women." I have such a letter here, from a Susie Walker, of North Augusta, S.C., who asks the following question:

"Why do men open a drawer and say, 'Where is the spatula?' Instead of, you know, looking for it?"



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This question expresses a commonly held (by women) negative stereotype about guys of the male gender, which is that they cannot find things around the house, especially things in the kitchen. Many women believe that if you want to hide something from a man, all you have to do is put it in plain sight in the refrigerator, and he will never, ever find it, as evidenced by the fact that a man can open a refrigerator containing 463 pounds of assorted meats, poultry, cold cuts, condiments, vegetables, frozen dinners, snack foods, desserts, etc., and ask, with no irony whatsoever, "Do we have anything to eat?"

Now, I COULD respond to this stereotype in a snide manner by making generalizations about women.

I could point out that, if there were no women, there would be no such thing as Leonardo DiCaprio. I could ask why a woman would walk up to a perfectly innocent man who is minding his own business watching basketball and demand to know if a certain pair of pants makes her butt look too big, and then, no matter what he answers, get mad at him.

I could point out that, to judge from the covers of countless women's magazines, the two topics most interesting to women are (1) Why men are all disgusting pigs, and (2) How to attract men.

Yes, I could raise these issues in response to the question asked by Susie Walker, of North Augusta, S.C., regarding the man who was asking where the spatula was. I could even ask WHY this particular man might be looking for the spatula. Could it be that he needs a spatula to kill a spider, because, while he was innocently watching basketball and minding his own business, a member of another major gender — a gender that refuses to personally kill spiders

but wants them all dead — DEMANDED that he kill the spider, which nine times out of 10 turns out to be a male spider that was minding its own business? Do you realize how many men arrive in hospital emergency rooms every year, sometimes still gripping their spatulas, suffering from painful spider-inflicted injuries? I don't have the exact statistics right here, but I bet they are chilling.

As I say, I could raise these issues and resort to the kind of negativity indulged in by Susie Walker, of North Augusta, S.C. But I choose not to. I choose, instead, to address her question seriously, in hopes that, by improving the communication between the genders, all human beings — both men and women, together — will come to a better understanding of how dense women can be sometimes.

I say this because there is an excellent reason why a man would open the spatula drawer and, without looking for the spatula, ask where the spatula is: The man does not have TIME to look for the spatula. Why? Because HE IS BUSY THINKING. Men are ALMOST ALWAYS thinking. When you look at a man who appears to be merely scratching himself, rest assured that inside his head, his brain is humming like a high-powered computer, processing millions of pieces of information and producing important insights such as, "This feels good!"

We should be grateful that men think so much, because over the years they have thought up countless inventions that have made life better for all people, everywhere. The shot clock in basketball is one example. Another one is underwear-eating bacteria. I found out about this thanks to the many alert readers who sent me an article from "New Scientist" magazine stating that Russian scientists — and you KNOW these are guy scientists — are trying to solve the problem of waste disposal aboard spacecraft, by "designing a cocktail of bacteria to digest astronauts' cotton and paper underpants." Is that great, or what?

I am picturing a utopian future wherein, when a man's briefs get dirty, they will simply dissolve from his body, thereby freeing him from the chore of dealing with his soiled underwear via the labor-intensive, time-consuming method he now uses, namely, dropping them on the floor.

I'm not saying that guys have solved all the world's problems. I'm just saying that there ARE solutions out there, and if, instead of harping endlessly about spatulas, we allow guys to use their mental talents to look for these solutions, in time, they will find them. Unless they are in the refrigerator.

Adam Fogle
THE NEW VALHALLA

The Sierra Club is not your friend

There is a disturbing trend developing on the Georgia Southern campus and likely others as well. Members of the Sierra Club — a collection of callous eco-liberal agitators — have launched a ploy to spin the club's image.

Members are quietly working to convince students that the club offers a voice of environmental reason; that they have acquired an undue reputation as a liberal environmentalist organization.



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It is not unprecedented that a group would attempt to present a new image. What they are selling is not in any way original either. What is unique, however, is who is buying it.

In the movie "The Usual Suspects," Kevin Spacey's character says, "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist."

With a hoax rivaling that of Lucifer's, the Sierra Club has penetrated grassroots Republican organizations at their weakest point: a small number of uninformed individuals within the ranks that are naïve enough to believe the ruse.

Winning over unaware conservatives has proven very successful. By targeting the ignorant few, the club has gained a foothold in conservative organizations.

To comprehend how menacing this could become for Republicans, one needs only to look at the Sierra Club's background and their involvement in political activity.

Founded in 1892, the Sierra Club was established to raise awareness for environmental concerns. Over the last few years however, the club has undergone a major overhaul of its upper-echelon. The upheaval has seen moderate, environmentally concerned individuals replaced by liberal, politically-motivated activists.

According to the Sierra Club's official website, during the 2004 Election they backed 19 Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate while not supporting any Republicans. They endorsed 188 Democrats and two liberal Independents for the U.S. House of Representatives, only supporting 11 Republicans — moderates at that.

Almost as bad as the millions of dollars they pump into the war chests of liberal politicians is their opposition to free trade. In an official fact sheet distributed by the club, they made a radical turn from environmental concerns to railing against the Bush Administration's trade policies.

Not only is this far outside their sphere of knowledge, but apparently they wish to protect the environment at the expense of the developing world and at a major cost to millions of Americans.

Instead of integrating the developing world into the global economy, they would choose to let them suffer a cycle of poverty.

The fundamental problem with the Sierra Club and many politically-active environmentalist groups is that they place the concerns of the environment over the needs of the people. Journalist Clifford Simak once remarked, "It is not until a creature begins to manage its environment that nature is thrown into disorder."

When people become involved with the schemes of far-out environmentalist groups, the result is a vicious cycle in which ignorance gives way to confusion and inevitably leads to utter chaos.

Staying out of that cycle is vital. Preventing opportunities for these groups to capitalize on a communal lack of knowledge is crucial. Until people awake from their dormant state of ignorance, they will not be able to decipher good from evil.

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Judge rules New York can't ban graffiti party

1 NEW YORK — A U.S. judge on Monday overturned a ban imposed by city officials and ruled in favor of a fashion company's right to hold a street party featuring graffiti artists painting mock subway cars.

The party, scheduled for Wednesday by designer Mark Ecko, had raised the indignation of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who said the plan for 20 artists to put graffiti on mock subway cars would incite vandalism.

But in Monday's ruling, U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff said the mayor's view went against the First Amendment.

"By the same token, presumably, a street performance of 'Hamlet' would be tantamount to encouraging revenge murder," he said in federal court in Manhattan. "As for a street performance of 'Oedipus Rex,' don't even think about it."

The judge said he was not suggesting the "actual painting of graffiti on subway cars is to be condoned" but that any heavy-handed censorship would fall hard on artists, "who frequently revel in breaking conventions."

Felon's 'Cures' tops book charts

2 NEW YORK — He went to prison for fraud and was ordered by the U.S. government to stop touting health products on infomercials, but Kevin Trudeau's book "Natural Cures They Don't Want You to Know About" is a bestseller.

Trudeau, who for years sold snoring remedies and memory enhancers through long-format commercials dressed up as talk shows, says he is a consumer advocate battling the "unholy alliance" of drug companies and government regulators.

"It's all about money. The drug

industry does not want people to get healthy," he says in a commercial for his book. Trudeau says he has sold about 4 million copies of the book in less than a year, a huge amount for a self-published book marketed initially only through the Internet and television infomercials.

The New York Consumer Protection Board has issued a warning this month that Trudeau promised cures he did not deliver.

Fugitive alligator becomes folk hero

3 LOS ANGELES - More than a week after a man-sized alligator stunned authorities by surfacing in a murky Los Angeles lake, the fugitive reptile has already become a folk hero in the gritty neighborhood where he continues to outwit wranglers and elude capture.

Dozens of residents gathered on the shore of Lake Machado on Thursday, sitting in lawn chairs or scanning the water with binoculars as park rangers with nets waited for the 7-foot (2 meter) alligator to rise out of the muck.

"We're pretty confident we'll be able to catch him," park ranger Albert Jedinak said as he stared at the calm surface of the lake. "He was actually in the net once but unfortunately, we didn't have the boat ready."

Meanwhile one woman deployed her two young sons to work the crowd, hawking \$10 t-shirts bearing an alligator drawing and the words: "Harbor City You Will Never Catch Me."

The alligator -- who was chased around the 53-acre (21-hectare) lake for much of the week by a professional "gator wrangler" from Colorado -- did not make an appearance, having last been spotted on Wednesday night.

The wrangler and his crew returned to Colorado on Thursday morning to secure larger nets but vowed to return next week and bag his prey.

Cadaver exhibit opens despite ban

4 TAMPA — A controversial exhibition of skinned human cadavers opened on Thursday at a Florida museum in defiance of a state agency's vote to ban the display.

The exhibition at Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry, known as MOSI, features 20 human bodies and 260 human organs. It had originally been scheduled to open on Saturday.

On Wednesday, the Florida Anatomical Board, which regulates the distribution of cadavers for research and education, voted 4-2 in Gainesville to deny approval for the exhibit.

Board members were concerned it would not show the proper respect for the bodies, which are preserved and displayed in poses with titles like "Running Man" and "Soccer Player."

But MOSI officials said they did not believe the board had the authority to block the exhibition.

About 500 people had paid to see the exhibit in its first two hours. Adults are charged \$19.95 and children \$15.95.

Drug dealer must forfeit lotto money

5 HOUSTON — A Mexican citizen must forfeit about \$2.75 million in Texas lottery winnings because of his drug-trafficking conviction, a federal appeals court said on Wednesday.

Jose Luis Betancourt, 52, was arrested after making a cocaine delivery shortly after accepting \$5.5 million for having the winning ticket in the December 11, 2002, lottery drawing, according to court documents. He will serve 24 years in jail for the drunk conviction.

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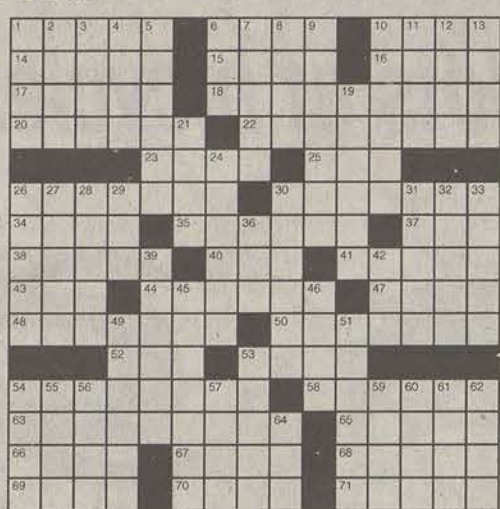


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—Han Suyin

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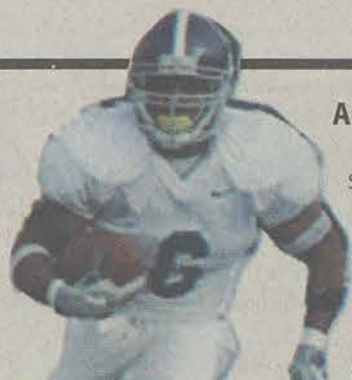
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SPORTS



Austin named to Payton Award watch list

Jermaine Austin, a senior on the Georgia Southern football team, was named to The Sports Network Walter Payton Award watch list. Austin is one of 16 players nationwide named to the initial list.

The Sports Network presents the Payton Award to the top player in NCAA Division I-AA football. The official Payton Award list will undergo

three revisions prior to the final distribution of ballots in late November. Media members and Sports Information Directors at I-AA schools vote on the Walter Payton Award and Buck Buchanan Award (top defensive player).

Austin was a finalist for the Payton Award after his sophomore year in 2003 when he rushed for 1,461 yards. He is one of three representatives from

the Southern Conference on this year's initial watch list (Ingle Martin of Furman, Richie Williams of Appalachian State).

Austin, three times named First Team All-Southern Conference, needs 12 yards to move into second place on the Georgia Southern career-rushing list. He already stands fifth all-time in rushing attempts and third in yards per carry.

Volleyball set to start season

By Chad Bishop
Staff Writer

Friday marks the beginning of volleyball season for the Georgia Southern Eagles; the team and the fans are ready. As the Eagles prepare for another run at the NCAA tournament, expectations are high as a monster schedule awaits GSU.

That monster schedule begins Friday at 2 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse, when the Eagles will take the floor against the SEC's own Louisiana State University.

The Tigers are picked to finish first in the SEC West. The contest is the first game of the GSU/ La Quinta Inn Invitational. It is one of three pre-season tournaments GSU will be participating in this season.

Also coming to Statesboro this weekend will be the Fighting Camels of Campbell University, and the Dolphins of Jacksonville University; both Out of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

From there, the Eagles travel to Athens to face UGA, Alabama to face Auburn and Grambling in Auburn, and then to Birmingham to face UAB, Southeast Louisiana and UL-Monroe in more tournament action.

The Eagles won't play again at home until October and have squeezed one more tournament into the mix, facing off against Long Island, Bowling Green and Weber State in Long Island, New York.

Fifth year Head Coach Kerry Messersmith will try to improve on the Eagles' last year second place finish and elimination from the SoCon tournament.

Romanian Iulia Porumbescu, and Seniors Natalia Galantini and Cristie Mitchell will look to have big seasons. While conference games against the likes of the College of Charleston will make things even tougher on GSU, the Blue and White have a final edge with the Southern Conference Volleyball Championships being held in Hanner this fall.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Georgia Southern football players practice during the pre-season. The Eagles' final scrimmage game is this Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Football goes through second scrimmage

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During Georgia Southern football's second scrimmage, the defense set the tone over the last half of the Saturday morning session at Paulson Stadium. Of the six fumbles during the scrimmage, five were recovered by the defense.

Senior strong safety Tariq Muhammad recovered one of those fumbles near the goal line and ran it in from three yards out for a touchdown. Fullback Drew Glenn broke through on a run but lost the ball near the goal line and freshman linebacker Fred Bussey recovered. Dedrick Bynam, Dusty Reddick and Larry Long also picked up a fumble recovery.

Muhammad had a sack and five tackles to go with his touchdown. Junior linebacker John Mohring also registered a sack and led the defense making nine tackles. Matt Wise (one sack), Larry Long and Jeremy

Russell (one sack) finished with six stops each.

According to head coach Mike Sewak, "I know we are a better team than we displayed today, I've seen it. We did have some spurts that were exciting... I would like to see more people around the football."

The coaching staff also cranked up the music at Paulson Stadium to simulate crowd noise. "We wanted our guys to concentrate in the huddle, concentrate on the game and work on our communication," said Sewak.

The offense, led by quarterback Jayson Foster, started strong by opening with a six-play, 65-yard scoring drive. Jermaine Austin capped the drive with a 10-yard TD run up the middle. Foster had runs of 19 and 22 yards during the drive as well. However, his most impressive run came a little later. The play was whistled dead just before he got into the endzone, but

the sophomore quarterback eluded half the defense during a 29-yard run that brought a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Freshman quarterback Chris Griffin accounted for two scores - one on a 3-yard run and another when he connected with Richard Murphey on a 21-yard touchdown pass. Griffin nearly had another TD pass, however Chris Dickerson landed just out of the back endzone after making a great leaping catch.

Foster finished with 112 rushing yards on 16 carries, including five carries that went for at least 10 yards. Austin had 71 yards on 11 carries while Darius Smiley also had 11 carries totaling 43 yards. Lance Turner recorded 38 yards on seven carries, and also broke through on a 27 yard run that was called back after a penalty flag.

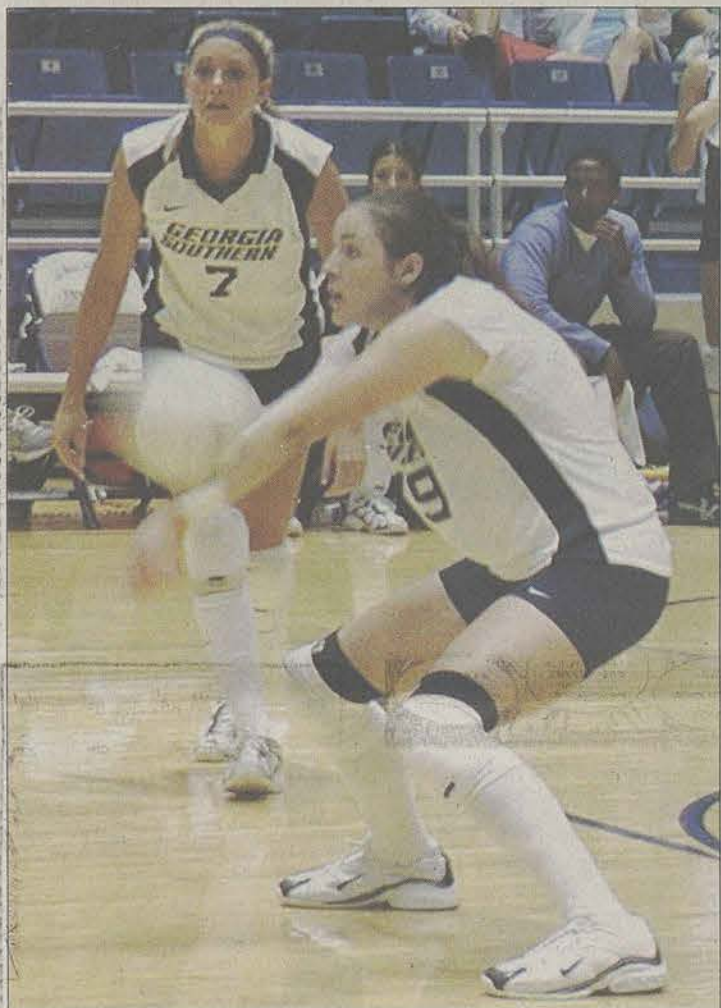
Griffin tallied 47 yards on 11 carries. Freshman slotback Lionel Mc-

Griff broke through on another long run for the second straight scrimmage, this time going for 34 yards to set up Griffin's rushing touchdown.

Sewak, getting ready to start his fourth season as head coach, also noted the play of defensive lineman Charrod Taylor.

"Charrod had a super summer and has been great in camp. He has gotten great penetration through the line and been disrupting the offensive scheme. If Charrod played like he is now at the start of last year he would have been in the starting line-up," said Sewak.

The Eagles will hold their final scrimmage next Friday (Aug. 26) at 3:30 p.m. at Paulson Stadium. The third-annual Eagles Ladies Locker Room will be held in conjunction with the scrimmage. For more information on the Ladies Locker Room contact the Southern Boosters at (912) 681-5520.



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

Former GSU volleyball player Kristen Kasprak sets the ball during a match last season.

OPINION

Is Lance Armstrong the next big name in substance abuse?

By Renaldo Stover
Staff Writer



With all the talk circulating around professional sports and illegal drug use, it should come as no surprise to anyone that Lance Armstrong, cancer survivor, and American hero, is back in the news amidst reports of doping. I find myself in the group that says there is a chance he possibly cheated at some point during his cycling career. I also feel as if Armstrong is one of the untouchables. You know, the golden boys of sports that can do no wrong because they do so much good. That's another column for another day though.

According to the French newspaper, L'Equipe, signs of erythropoietin also known as EPO use showed up in Armstrong's urine half a dozen times during the 1999 Tour de France, his first of seven consecutive titles. EPO is commonly used to build endurance by increasing the number of red blood cells carrying oxygen. Now although there was no actual testing for EPO until 2001, Armstrong has denied for years and again this week that he has taken any performance enhancing drugs. Let's all just assume that his nine-year association with Dr. Michele Ferrari, who is known in the cycling world as one of the best doping doctors around and was found guilty in 2004 for unlawful distribution of medicines and sporting fraud, was

just as a golfing buddy.

If it is somehow proven true that Armstrong lied about using performance-enhancing drugs, you can pretty much guarantee that the authorities will find a way to label it as accidental or unintentional.

In 1999, Armstrong tested positive for triamcinolone, which was an ingredient in a legal skin cream he was using for "saddle sores and road rash." I am certain that other cyclists were also using different types of skin creams for these problems, which are common among cyclists. My thing is, couldn't Armstrong find a cream that did not have a banned substance in it?

Armstrong was able to explain the situation away and get this; he received a medical certificate authorizing his use of the prohibited substance. Imagine Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his gold medal at the 1988 Olympics after testing positive, walking up to IOC officials and telling them that the steroids were an ingredient in a cream that he was using for blisters and he needed a medical certificate. A complete joke! It might help the condition, but would not it help in other ways as well?

As of 2005, Armstrong has at least ten lawyers in his employ, in various lawsuits in three different countries. Most of these lawsuits are of the "he said, she said" variety.

Let's just hope that Armstrong can continue to move forward and doesn't have to backpedal anytime soon.

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PARIS - Sounding convinced that Lance Armstrong is guilty of doping, the director of the Tour de France said "we were all fooled" and the seven-time champion owes an explanation for "proven scientific facts" from a newspaper report alleging he cheated to win cycling's most prestigious event.

Jean-Marie Leblanc's comments appeared in the French sports daily L'Equipe on Wednesday, a day after the newspaper reported that six urine samples provided by Armstrong during the '99 Tour tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO.

"For the first time - and these are no longer rumors, or insinuations, these are proven scientific facts - someone has shown me that in 1999, Armstrong had a banned substance called EPO in his body," Leblanc said.

"The ball is now in his court. Why, how, by whom? He owes explanations to us and to everyone who follows the tour. Today, what L'Equipe revealed shows me that I was fooled. We were all fooled."

In a statement on his Web site on Tuesday, Armstrong denied ever taking performance enhancing drugs and dismissed the article as "tabloid journalism." A representative for Armstrong said Wednesday that the cyclist was at the Discovery Channel headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., and would not have further comment on Leblanc's statements.

It was the first time since doping whispers began to swirl around Armstrong that Leblanc spoke critically of him. Leblanc has expressed admiration for Armstrong while acknowledging that the Texan's methodical training regimen took some of the European-style romance out of the Tour.

L'Equipe is owned by the Amaury Group whose subsidiary, Amaury Sport Organization, organizes the Tour de France and other sporting events. The paper has often raised questions about whether Armstrong has ever used performance enhancing drugs. On Tuesday, the banner headline of its four-page report was "The Armstrong Lie."

EPO, formally known as erythropoietin, was on the list of banned substances at the time Armstrong won the first of his seven Tours, but there was no effective test then to detect it.

The allegations took six years to surface because EPO tests on the 1999 samples were carried out only last year - when scientists at the national



Paul Morse/AP Photo/The White House

In this photo released by the White House, President Bush and Lance Armstrong, right, take a ride together through a field of sunflowers on the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 20.

doping test lab outside Paris opened them up again for research to perfect EPO screening, with the blessing of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Another five-time Tour champion, Miguel Indurain, said he couldn't understand why scientists would use samples from the '99 Tour for their tests.

Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, said the urine samples from 1999 still could produce legitimate EPO test results.

L'Equipe's investigation was based on the second set of two samples used in doping tests. The first set were used up in 1999 for analysis at the time. Without that first set of samples, any disciplinary action against Armstrong would be impossible, French Sports Minister Jean-Francois Lamour said.

Lamour said he had doubts about L'Equipe's report because he had not seen the originals of some of the documents that appeared in the paper.

"I do not confirm it," he told RTL radio. But he added: "If what L'Equipe says is true, I can tell you that it's a serious blow for cycling."

The International Cycling Union did not begin using a urine test for EPO until 2001. For years, it had been impossible to detect the drug, which

builds endurance by boosting the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells.

Jacques de Ceaurriz, the head of France's anti-doping laboratory, which developed the EPO urine test, told Europe-1 radio that at least 15 urine samples from the 1999 Tour had tested positive for EPO. The year before, there were more than 40 positive samples, he said - reflecting how widespread the drug was when riders thought they could not be caught.

The lab said it could not confirm that the positive results cited in L'Equipe were Armstrong's. It noted that the samples were anonymous, bearing only a six-digit number to identify the rider, and could not be matched with any one cyclist.

However, L'Equipe said it was able to confirm the samples were Armstrong's by matching the cyclist's medical certificates with the results of positive doping tests bearing the same sample numbers.

Armstrong has insisted throughout his career that he has never taken drugs to enhance his performance. In his autobiography, "It's Not About the Bike," he said he was administered EPO during his chemotherapy treatment to battle cancer.

"It was the only thing that kept me alive," he wrote.

Cross Country team gears up for season

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The 2005 Georgia Southern Cross Country team held its first practice of the season early last Thursday morning. Lasting approximately an hour, the lightly-paced run began at Hanner Fieldhouse and had the team progress though town to the vicinity of the downtown area on Northside Dr. before making the turn to head back to campus.

While the final roster and schedule have not yet been released, head coach

Shaun Meinecke is high on the talent and experience included this year. Of the four returning athletes, Meinecke highlighted senior Brittney (Swick) Jett as being the team's top runner the three previous years. Junior Jessica Kerzie, sophomore Abby Bloom and freshman Danielle Shauette were also praised for the abilities they have displayed thus far.

"Our x-factor is going to be our fifth runner," said Meinecke. "We're likely looking at a team of about 10

members, which is a school record, so there's going to be lots of competition for that last spot."

After serving as the interim coach last year, Meinecke is entering his first official year as the Eagles head coach. "I try to give the team my best every day. Hopefully they'll see that and give me their best in return."

The Eagles tentatively will open the 2005 season September 2 at the University of South Carolina's campus in Columbia, SC.

Women's soccer set to open season friday

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It's not uncommon for a coach to describe their team as "young." But for Georgia Southern head women's soccer coach Ashley Hart, that's no exaggeration. Ninety-six percent, or 22 of 23 players, are first or second-year players leaving one upperclassman on the roster. Hart has brought in 13 freshmen to help resurrect a program that from 1994 to 2002 posted at least 10 wins and a top-four finish in the Southern Conference each season. The 2005 campaign begins Aug. 26 at Georgia.

"I am very excited about the team we are bringing in this year," says Hart. "We are going to be very young this year but our sophomores got some key experience last year that will be essential for our success this year. Our returnees worked extremely hard over the spring to prepare for this season. They know what it takes to succeed in this conference and will be able to impart that knowledge to our large freshmen class."

The entirety of the Eagles' experience rests squarely on the shoulders of senior forward Jessica Rice, the only player on the team with more than one year of NCAA play under her belt. Rice has made 30 starts in her career, 13 more than anyone else on the squad. She is looking to regain the form she had her freshman campaign where she scored five goals including two match-winners.

Joining Rice up front is sophomore Jenni Boykin, the top-returning scorer on the team, and sophomore Megan Macdonald, who is moving to forward full time after splitting time a year ago in the field and between the pipes. Boykin started the first 15 matches of the 2004 season and scored the match-winning goal in overtime against East Tennessee State. Macdonald, in addition to her goal and assist, spent over 483 minutes in goal and made 48 saves.

Pushing the returnees will be

freshman Ashley Toussaint. Toussaint starred at Houston County High School and Stratford Academy, and was named the Middle Georgia Player of the Year by the Macon Telegraph.

The midfield crew will be the most inexperienced group with seven of the eight players listed at that position being true freshmen. Sophomore Shea Hickey, and freshmen Audrey Brown, Susanne Rogers and Hollie Finneren are expected to make an impact. Hickey tied for third on the team in scoring last season in just 11 starts.

"I am very excited about the team we are bringing this year. They know what it takes to succeed in this conference."

—Women's soccer coach, Ashley Hart

Brown adds some much-needed speed on the outside and has big-game experience, playing in four straight Texas State finals matches. Rogers is a two-time All-Area selection and Finneren was a member of the Michigan Olympic Development Program for four years.

Also competing for starting spots are freshmen Jamie Carraway, Kate Boardman, Megan Pickett and Karla Gilmore.

"Several freshmen will be competing for playing time throughout the midfield. The addition of more speed on our flanks will make us much more dangerous. We have several players competing for our central midfield spots with skill and ability in the air. This competition will help our performance by challenging each player to

perform at a high level consistently. I'm excited to see who will step up to claim a starting spot."

The Eagle defense will revolve around sophomores Colleen Deignan and Katie Gosnell. Deignan and Gosnell started all 17 matches as freshmen and will anchor a group that includes three rookies. They will be asked to improve a unit that finished 11th in the conference in goals against average.

Freshmen Abby Wheeler, who won four State club championships, and Michelle Carlson, who missed her entire senior season with an ACL injury, will be expected to step in immediately and compete. Lizzie Hubbard, another newcomer, and Hickey are also going to see playing time at the defender position.

Hart was forced to break in two true freshmen in goal last year with sophomore Laura-Ashley Harris edging her way to the top of the depth chart. Harris started 12 times and made 97 saves, second best in a single season in GSU history, with two shutouts. Since her backup last season has moved into the field, freshman Lauren Santos will be the top reserve. Redshirt freshman Katie Petroski is making the move to goalkeeper due to a knee injury.

The schedule opens with nine straight non-conference matchups in the first month before SoCon play begins on Sept. 30 versus Wofford. The 11 who take the field in the season opener may be vastly different from the group that starts against the Terriers.

"With so many new players joining our team this year, our starting line-up is far from set. It should be an exciting season."

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bikes whenever possible.

Junior, Ronnie Pittman, Physical Education major said he spends about \$22 each week on gas and rides a bike to class to save money. He said, "Being a college student I don't have

a lot of money anyway, I mean where are we (college students) supposed to get the money (for gas)."

Even though gas prices are over \$2.50, they are not the highest gas prices America has seen. Once inflation is figured into the equation, the highest gas prices in America were in March of 1981. The cost of regular gasoline was \$1.48. Ac-

cording to EIP, the national average could go up another 68 cents over the next year.

There are no plans to increase the minimum wage yet, even though many people need the extra money to compensate for gas costs. In the meantime check out fueleconomy.gov and aaa.com for tips on saving money on gas.

Closure

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the Army's Criminal Investigation Divisions Forensics Laboratory. It was not immediately clear how those functions would continue operating

with the rest of the base closed and how many jobs would be spared.

Georgia still stood to be a slight job gainer as a result of the base closure process. However, it had stood to be second nationally behind only Maryland.

Of the state's bases approved for

closure, Fort McPherson is the largest with 4,141 jobs, making it Atlanta's seventh-largest employer.

Fort Gillem, a satellite base of Fort McPherson, is neighboring Clayton County's third largest employer. Together McPherson and Gillem have military personnel numbering 2,771 and a civilian work force of 2,451 — for a total annual payroll of \$512 million.

Those bases weren't the only blows for the Atlanta area. Also approved for closure was the Naval Air Station-Atlanta in Marietta, which has an annual payroll of \$48 million with 1,274 military personnel and a civilian work force of 224.

The fourth base on the state's hit list was the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, which is Georgia's smallest military installation. Open since 1954, it's a training school and a support center for active duty personnel stationed at ROTC units and recruiting stations in northeast Georgia. It has a military population of 389, a civilian work force of 124 and an annual payroll of \$8.7 million.

U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said he was disappointed with the panel's decisions to close the bases.

"Through numerous meetings, visits, phone calls and letters, members of Georgia's congressional delegation and Governor Sonny Perdue made a strong and forceful case to the commission to keep Fort Gillem. Unfortunately, despite the data being on our side they maintained the decision to close the base," Chambliss said in a statement released soon after the commission's vote.

The governor echoed the sentiment.

"We made every effort to demonstrate the critical role that Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson play in the defense of our nation and the economic reasons that they should remain open," Perdue said. "The Pentagon and the BRAC Commissioners have decided differently and we are deeply disappointed by their decision."

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ON THE SHELVES THIS WEEK

DVD/Video Releases

'Good Times' - 5th season

This spin-off of the series 'Maude', which was itself spun off from 'All in the Family', was a popular show from the 1970s that featured a family struggling to get by in the ghetto of South Chicago. Originally focused upon Florida Evans (Esther Rolle) as the matriarch of the family, the fifth season saw her departure due to creative differences. The story now centers around J.J. (Jimmie Walker) and Willona (Ja'net DuBois), and sees the arrival of a young, abused girl, Penny (Janet Jackson), whom Willona adopts. Willona's boyfriend Frank launches a campaign to convince her to marry him, while J.J. "dy-no-MITE" Evans engages in a few dalliances with the ladies.



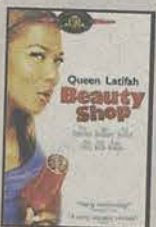
'The Ring Two'

In this horror sequel from Japanese master Hideo Nakata, the curse of the videotape returns. Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and her son Aiden (David Dorfman) move from Seattle after their first terrible run-in with the tortured evil spirit Samara, relocating to Oregon. Attempting to make a fresh start, Rachel takes a job as a crime reporter at the local newspaper, instantly establishing a plucky competitive friendship with colleague Max Rourke (Simon Baker). But when it turns out Samara (Kelly Stables) has followed their trail, taking out innocent teens along the way with her old videotape tricks, Rachel dives right back into the mystery. But Samara gets to her son Aiden first. And as a budding photographer in his own right, with a nifty digital camera that he takes everywhere, Aiden quickly finds his own way to harness the relentless ghost.



'Beauty Shop'

Queen Latifah reprises her role as Gina, from the sequel to 'Barbershop'. This time she's the owner of her own beauty shop. A widow and single mom, Gina has moved from Chicago to Atlanta so that her daughter Vanessa (Paige Hurd), can attend a performing arts school. Mother-in-law Paulette (Laura Hayes) and sister-in-law Darnelle (Keisha K. Pulliam) live with them. The bills are paid by Gina's job at Jorge's (Kevin Bacon) high-end salon, but his obnoxious personality ultimately proves insufferable. Gina quits her job and decides to get a place of her own, securing a loan with some resourceful tactics. Situated squarely in the ghetto and featuring a revolving cast of eccentric characters, the shop's quirky employees provide a constant stream of witty banter. -Associated Press



Banana Smoothie

Made with yogurt, this drink is both refreshing and nourishing. To tell when a banana is ripe, look for tiny brown spots, called sugar spots, on the peel.

Ingredients

1 ripe banana
1/2 c. nonfat yogurt
1 tbsp. sugar (or to taste)
1 tbsp. banana liqueur (optional)
1 c. crushed ice
1 tsp. fresh lime juice

lime wedge or banana slice, for garnish
Combine the first 6 ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour the smoothie into a large glass and garnish with a lime wedge or banana slice. Serves 1.

Get cool and wet with this easy lemonade Recipe

1 tray ice cubes
1/4 cup dried lavender
2 cups boiling water
3/4 cup white sugar
8 lemons
5 cups cold water, or as needed

DIRECTIONS:

Place ice cubes into a 2 quart pitcher. Place the lavender into a bowl, and pour boiling water over it. Allow to steep for about 10 minutes, then strain out the lavender and discard. Mix the sugar into the hot lavender water, then pour into the pitcher with the ice.

Squeeze the juice from the lemons into the pitcher, getting as much juice as you can. Top off the pitcher with cold water, and stir. Taste, and adjust lemon juice or sugar if desired. Pour into tall glasses, pull up a lawn chair and a good book, and relax!

COOL IT!

With these ideas on how to beat the heat

By Miguel Fuller • Variety Editor

It's hot. It's sticky. It's wet. Georgia, and especially Statesboro, have gone through extreme heat this summer. For the month of August, temperatures hit up to 99 degrees. There's no end in sight for this heat attack.

With Georgia Southern students walk-

ing and running between classes, there has to be some relief to the heat – other than sitting beneath one of the trees on campus. What can you do?

Here's a list of three cooling activities students can partake in to gain some relief from the heat.

Get splashed before it's too late

Splash in the 'Boro

Admission: \$5-7.50
Statesboro, Mill Creek Park

Statesboro's premiere water park, Splash in the 'Boro, has several pools and attractions to help beat the heat. GSU students with their Eagle IDs can gain access to the park for a mere \$7.50 on Saturdays and Sundays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays now until Sept. 1, Splash hosts a Twilight Swim starting at 5p.m. until 8p.m. The cost is a tiny \$5 – makes a great cheap date. Later in the fall, the park will install a winter dome for the lap pool.



Enjoy a free dip in your back yard

Hanner Pool

Admission: free to students
Off Fair Road inside Hanner Field House

A convenient cool way to get away on campus is taking a stroll over to the Hanner pool. It's free, convenient and right on campus. The pool is open for free swim Monday through Wednesday, 7:30p.m. until 9:30p.m. and also on Sunday, 2:00p.m. until 6:00p.m. Not only can you cool off at the pool, you can get a great workout – the Hanner pool staff offers Aqua Aerobics on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15p.m. until 7:15p.m.

Don't forget the area beaches

Tybee Island

Admission: just a tank of gas
45 minutes east of Statesboro on I-16

For those willing to drive a short 45 minutes, there's Tybee Island. During the day, visitors can visit Tybee Island Marine Science Center and soak in all the marine animals on exhibit. Love history? There are several attractions any history buff would love to visit – The Cockspur Beacon (built in 1848), Fort Pulaski (only \$3), and the Tybee Island

Tour of Homes (912-844-4741). Dolphin lovers have plenty of opportunities to swim with these friendly mammals – not only will you get to bond with dolphins, you'll beat the heat. There are several companies that give dolphin tours; their websites and phone numbers can be found at www.tybeeisland.com/dolphin-tours.shtml.



Cinema Arts schedule makes me want to yell, 'Viva la Cinema!'

By Heidi King
Staff Writer

Once again, school is in session and autumn will grace this campus quicker than we expect. For many students, this semester is a first at either Georgia Southern or in their college career. As for the others, it is a fresh page of faces, classes and activities. One particular activity has completely enlightened me during the years – the Cinema Arts.

The Cinema Arts program premieres diversified films from many

cultures around the world, once known as the Film Classic Series.

Not subsidized by the university, this program depends on the profits from its interested and loyal viewers. As a cultural component, many professors intertwine Cinema Arts into their curriculum to spark and entertain discussion.

This fall, seven movies are debuting that range from 1934 Clark Gable-style to French, German and Italian dramas. Whether your tastes are subtitles, languages or foreign cul-

ture, you will find satisfaction in our Cinema Arts program. Or if you just prefer alternative or nostalgic films that regular run-of-the-mill theaters cannot provide, give Cinema Arts a visit. All movies are convenient to find in the Russell Union Theater and are delightfully cheap at \$2.00 a ticket; a culturally independent experience that everyone should sample!

Did you miss the program debut of *Bread and Tulips*? Do not worry – on September 12, you can experience the second film this season, *The Barbar-*

ian Invasions. It is a morbidly funny depiction of a caring family (and others of the sort) uniting for the final moments of a terminally ill gentleman. This movie does not intend to leave the viewer with the guttural pain of seriousness, but a more lofty respite. This French film by Denys Arcand is sure to entertain.

Other listings on schedule:
September 26- *Winter Sleepers*
October 10- *The Closet*
October 24- *It Happened One Night*

November 7- *Chaos*

November 21- *Kitchen Stories*

The official calendar of films can be found at the department of literature and philosophy located on the third floor of the Newton Building. For further information, please call program directors John Humma at 681-5779 or Tomasz Warchol at 681-5823. Remember, all Cinema Arts films will be premiering at 7:15 pm on show nights in the Russell Union Theater and tickets are \$2.00. See you there!

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31 6 - 9 p.m. Student
Government
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Meeting, Russell Union
Room 2047.



Special Photo

Brick campaign to benefit scholarships

By Jenny Miller
Staff Writer

In correlation with GSU's centennial celebration, the College of Education is offering a chance to recognize someone special as a permanent addition to the campus. The "2,006 for 2006" brick campaign is an ongoing fundraising effort to benefit scholarship programs at GSU.

The campaign was started by the Board of Advisors College Alumni Group as a way to get the alumni of the university more involved. The idea of a bricking a wall came about and the committee discussed it with GSU's landscape architect, Chuck Taylor. Taylor told them Dr. Grube was looking for a place to have a centennial plaza and it was decided the brick campaign could be a part of the centennial celebration.

Construction began in September 2004 and was completed in November 2004. The plaza includes benches, trees, and eventually the memorial bricks.

Lucinda Chance, Dean of the College of Education, is excited about the campaign. "Our intent is to sell 2,006 bricks by the end of centennial year which begins in December 2006 and runs through 2007," said Chance.

The bricks will fill the wedges in the center of the plaza and put in place in time for the Centennial Celebration on campus. Bricks will cost \$100 and include an engraving by choice of the donor and a mini replica of the brick to have as a keepsake.

The brick campaign is not limited

to only education majors or people related to the school of education. The entire GSU community is invited to be a part of "2,006 for 2006." It gives a chance to recognize or memorialize anyone who is connected to GSU or whose family is connected to GSU.

All of the money raised by the campaign will be used to fund scholarships. The scholarship could be awarded to a person of any major, as long as the scholarship results in the student being an educator.

In addition to the brick sell, ten benches that sit in the plaza are available to recognize an individual or group connected with the campus. A donation of \$1,000 or more is required for the naming of a bench. Two benches have already been named to honor Victoria Zwald and Betty Ware Wray, both whom worked in the College of Education. Trees located in the plaza can also be memorialized and the funds for those will go to the general university.

"The brick campaign is important because the College of Education is a cornerstone of the university and has been for awhile, the scholarships will help recruit excellent students to go into teaching," said Chance.

The College of Education has recently hired LaDawn Moore to head up the brick campaign and work with external relations for the community of Statesboro.

For more information about the "2006 for 2006" brick campaign, go to: <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/brickcampaign.html>.

'Sex Signals' returns to Georgia Southern for fourth year in row

Naomi Bryant
Staff Writer

Lets face it: dating is harder than any test ever given in college.

First off, there's no study guide and every answer to every question is different in every relationship. Secondly, decisions about sex can't be communicated through scantrons. People can't fill in little bubbles for "no means no," "baby, I'm yours," or the infinite answers in between. They have to rely on words to communicate, but men and women often seem to speak completely different languages.

Sex Signals, a part-improvisation production that manages to be comical and light-hearted despite its serious message, is returning to Georgia Southern for the fourth year in a row. As Dr. Jodie Caldwell of the Sexual Assault Response Team quoted from the production's website, "The play explores how social customs, mixed messages, unrealistic fantasies and false preconceptions of the opposite sex all contribute to the misunderstanding and miscommunication often found in dating." She went on to say that students should attend Sex

Signals "because it addresses the most important issues that students deal with on campus: communication, romantic relationships, and alcohol in social situations."

Sex Signals has been performed at over 300 universities and was nominated for the Speaker of the Year Award by Campus Activities Magazine.

The show combines audience participation, improvisation, and humor to give students a new perspective on the sexual aspect of college and spark discussion about issues such as sexual assault and date rape.

Sex Signals will be performed on Tuesday, August 30th at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and again on Wednesday, August 31 at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. It's absolutely free, usually crowded, and definitely worthwhile. All 1210 classes as well as several Liberal Arts classes are offering course credit to students who attend.

Although you may never speak with perfect accent, Sex Signals promises to make the language of the opposite sex a whole lot easier to understand.



Jared Siri/STAFF

Georgia Southern students roll out their rides at Show Stopperz

An orange and black Eclipse with Lamborghini-styled doors showed its hotrod attitude at Georgia Southern's Show Stopperz Auto Show at the RAC last weekend. The show gave students an opportunity to show off their rides and win prizes. The event was a part of Welcome Week and free food, drinks, photos and prizes were given away. Music was provided by Apple Computers and iTunes.

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The Children's Vegetable Garden, which has been a part of the Botanical Gardens since the late nineties, returned to Georgia Southern Wednesday.

Children's Vegetable Garden program returns to GSU Botanical Gardens

Marcy Thornton
Staff Writer

Wednesday, August 17, marked the first session of the Georgia Southern Botanical Gardens' Children's Vegetable Garden program for the new school year.

Program Director and Education Coordinator for the Botanical Gardens, Brooke Brandenburg, met participants in Bland Cottage. Brandenburg described the series as a "free program that teaches them to garden for themselves."

Twelve excited youngsters ranging from 4 to 8 years old showed up for the first meeting.

Many of the participants were veterans of the program, returning to perform their favorite tasks for another planting season.

During orientation, Brandenburg asked one four-year-old what his favorite gardening activity was, and the little boy replied, "Spreading compost!"

Three volunteers from the Statesboro community came to help

at the first session. Local Jessica Hermann said, "I'm just looking forward to doing some volunteering in this community; to giving back."

Brandenburg said the children will "learn how to plant seeds, water plants, fertilize and harvest. All the food harvested goes to the Statesboro Food Bank."

The Children's Vegetable Garden has been a part of the Botanical Gardens since the late nineties and now boasts two gardening areas, filled with okra, peppers, corn and sunflowers.

The program meets Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Bland Cottage at the Botanical Gardens and lasts for six-week increments throughout the year.

Parents may drop off their children but are encouraged to stay and work in the gardens alongside them.

The program is looking for GSU student volunteers. "We'd love to have a volunteer for every child!" said Brandenburg. For more information, please contact the GSU Botanical Gardens at (912) 871-1149.

GSU's first Halo 2 tournament a success

Raycheal Proctor
Staff Writer

Chi Alpha leaders Stacy and Brad Lacy were the master organizers for this year's first enormous Halo 2 tournament.

The gathering of gamers was held in the Russell Union ballroom and boasted several big screen televisions and a couple dozen Xbox consoles. Many gamers brought their own trademark controllers.

The tournament, which had a \$5 entry fee, included several rounds of intense competition and lasted for nearly six hours.

Former GSU student "Trosky" received \$500 for first place.

Some competitors parted with lovely yellow bags, proof that they accomplished a feat called a "Killing Spree," meaning a player has slaughtered a substantial number of foes in a row.

Gamer Brandon Smith said, "The tournament was very well organized and had a great turnout." He, as well as many other students, are hoping there will be many more Halo 2 tournaments in the future. Smith added, "Props to the winner, but I plan on bringing home the \$500 next time."

If Halo 2 wasn't your game of choice, there was also a special 'free gaming' area set up to resurrecting old school classics, such as Sega's 'Sonic the Hedgehog' and Nintendo's 'Duck Hunt'.

The ballroom was open to gamers all day, from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m., and offered free Domino's pizza and drinks toward the end of the Halo 2 tournament.

Freshman Shermond Smith had this to say about the overall gaming experience, "I thought that this was a really cool idea and I hope that in the future there are more tournaments like this."

For more information contact "The Gamers Alliance" on campus.

Chi Alpha holds OC marathon

Raycheal Proctor
Staff Writer

On August 19, 2005, Chi Alpha, leaders Stacy and Brad Lacy held an OC marathon on the upper level of the Russell Union.

This monumental marathon lasted from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. and included episodes from the first season of the OC.

The OC is a FOX television show that chronicles the lives of several teen-

agers who reside in Orange County, a popular area in California.

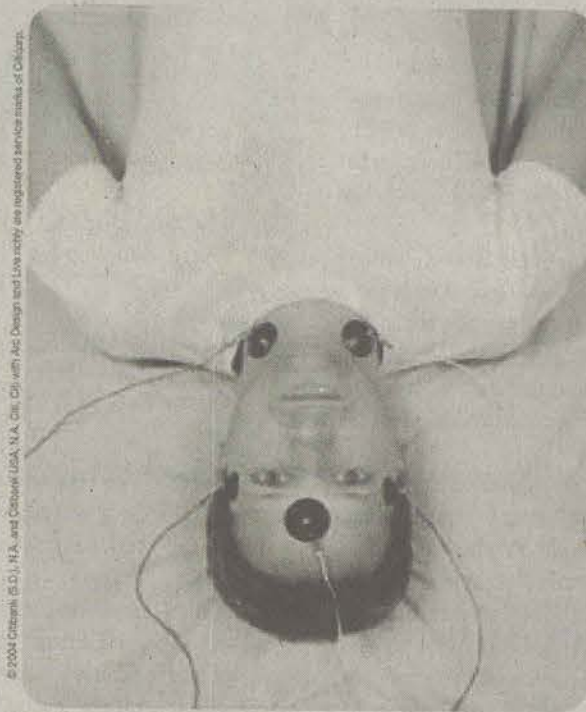
The setting was very relaxed and the audience included several first timers to the series as well as a couple of veteran viewers.

First timer Michelle Fleming, a pre-interior design major said, "The reason I came to the event was to catch up on what was happening and to meet other OC fans."

Cheryl Hodges, an avid OC watcher

and construction management major said that her favorite OC moments were when Marissa was hanging out with Ryan's brother Trey at the beach, and he tried to sexually assault her, but she got away. The event was extremely successful.

Chi Pi leader Brad Lacy says, "I really hope that we can do this again. We had a great turnout and next time, I anticipate the event to be bigger and better."



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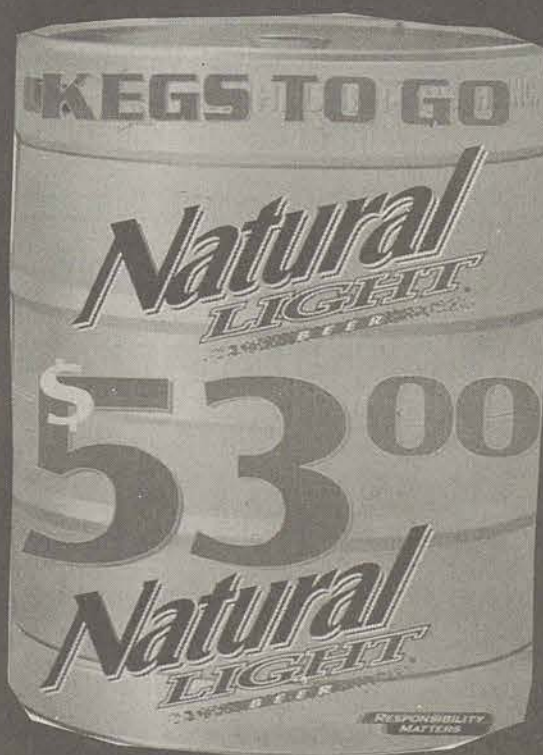
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Special photo
GSU will hold a planetarium exhibit on black holes this Friday.

See black holes up close Friday

Special to The G-A

The mystery of black holes will become clearer Friday, at 8 p.m. in the Georgia Southern Planetarium. Becky Lowder, assistant planetarium director, invites students and the public to attend a presentation called, "The Point of No Return: Quasars and Supermassive Black Holes." Lowder says guests can test black holes with hands on demos and pick up star maps showing where black holes are located in distant galaxies of the sky.

Over 6,000 stars can be projected onto the 30-foot dome in the planetarium using a Spitz A4 star projector. The planetarium seats 75 visitors.

"We will include a star show of the current night sky in the planetarium," said Lowder. "We'll have telescopes set up on roof and if it's clear enough we can catch images of Jupiter, Venus and other beautiful celestial objects."

Lowder said that an early show at 7 p.m. will be mainly for astronomy students, but they can catch the 8 p.m. show if they miss the early one.

Gaza settlement era draws to a close with final evacuation

Withdrawal sparks controversy, leaders hope long-term effect will be peaceful

By Joel Greenberg
Chicago Tribune

NETZARIM, Gaza Strip — Nearly three decades of Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip ended Monday with the evacuation of this isolated Jewish enclave, the last to be emptied by Israel in a lightning operation that has cleared all 21 Gaza settlements in less than a week.

In an emotional farewell, settlers at Netzarim took Torah scrolls and a giant menorah from the settlement synagogue and marched around their community before boarding armored buses for the ride out of the Gaza Strip.

About 800 people were evacuated from the settlement by Israeli soldiers and police officers who knocked on doors and asked residents to leave. Only a handful of settlers resisted and had to be carried from their homes.

The evacuation of Netzarim completed the removal of the nearly 9,000 settlers in the Gaza Strip and several hundred supporters who infiltrated the area. The operation, which went quicker than planned, involved more than 50,000 soldiers and police officers.

On Tuesday the focus will shift to the northern West Bank, where Israel is evacuating four settlements.

Two of the settlements, Ganim and Kadim, have been vacated, but hundreds of protesters have camped out at the settlements of Sanur and Homesh, vowing to resist and barricading some buildings. Police and soldiers are expected to evict the holdouts Tuesday morning.

Israel has begun demolishing settlers' homes in the Gaza Strip

GAZA PULLOUT BY THE NUMBER

• **21 settlements** were evacuated in less than a week

• **9,000 settlers** were removed

• **50,000 soldiers** were used to move the settlers

• **1.3 million** Palestinians live in the Gaza Strip

in preparation for a withdrawal of its troops and army bases from the territory.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Monday and welcomed the settlers' evacuation, expressing hope that the Gaza pullout would open a new chapter between Israelis and Palestinians, a statement from Sharon's office said.

The evacuation of Netzarim, founded in 1984, brought to a close the era of Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip. The settlements, heavily guarded suburban-style communities of red-roofed homes planted among 1.3 million Palestinians, had become flash points of violence during nearly five years of fighting between Israelis and Palestinians.

"It may look like it's all over, but we are continuing to live and build in the Land of Israel," said one Israeli youth, Danny Brilliant, 19.

West Bank at a glance

The West Bank, one of two Israeli-occupied territories, is home to more than 2 million Palestinians and the site of many of Israeli government-sponsored Jewish settlements.

History

■ 1948: Part of U.N.-sponsored Palestinian state devised when modern Israel created

■ 1949: Became part of Jordan after unsuccessful Arab war to defeat Israel

■ 1967: Israel captures West Bank in Six Day War; begins building disputed Jewish settlements

■ 1990s: Israel gives Palestinians full or partial control of 40% of territory

Economy

■ In decline since 2000
Palestinian uprising began and Israel closed borders

Water resources

■ Mountain Aquifer produces 600 million cubic meters of water per year, about a third of Israel's water consumption

Security barrier

■ In 2002, Israel began building controversial 440 mi. (708 km) wall to protect Jewish settlements

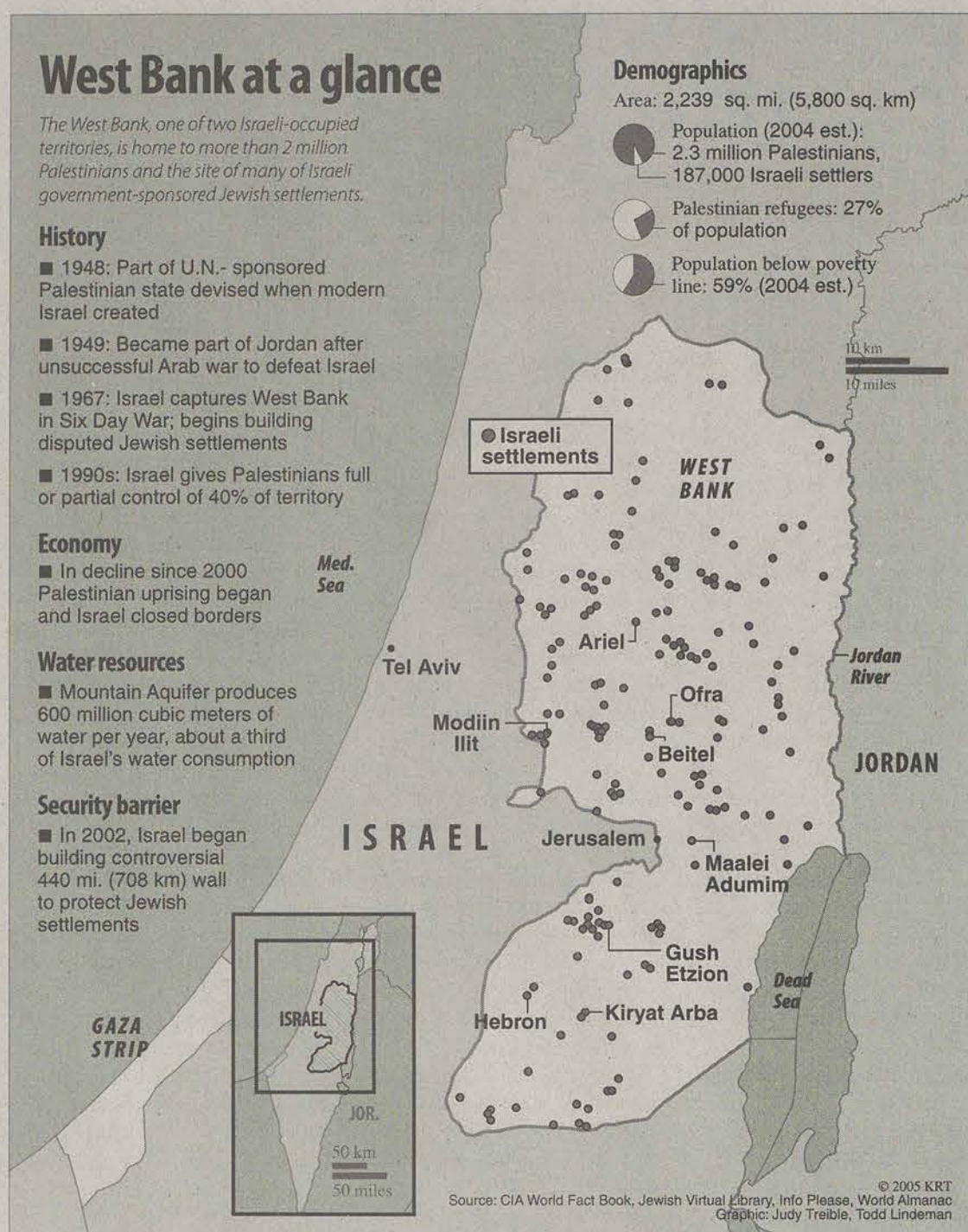
Demographics

Area: 2,239 sq. mi. (5,800 sq. km)

Population (2004 est.):
2.3 million Palestinians,
187,000 Israeli settlers

Palestinian refugees: 27% of population

Population below poverty line: 59% (2004 est.)



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Delta Chi finds new home in Kappa Kappa Gamma house

By Angela Byrd
Staff Writer

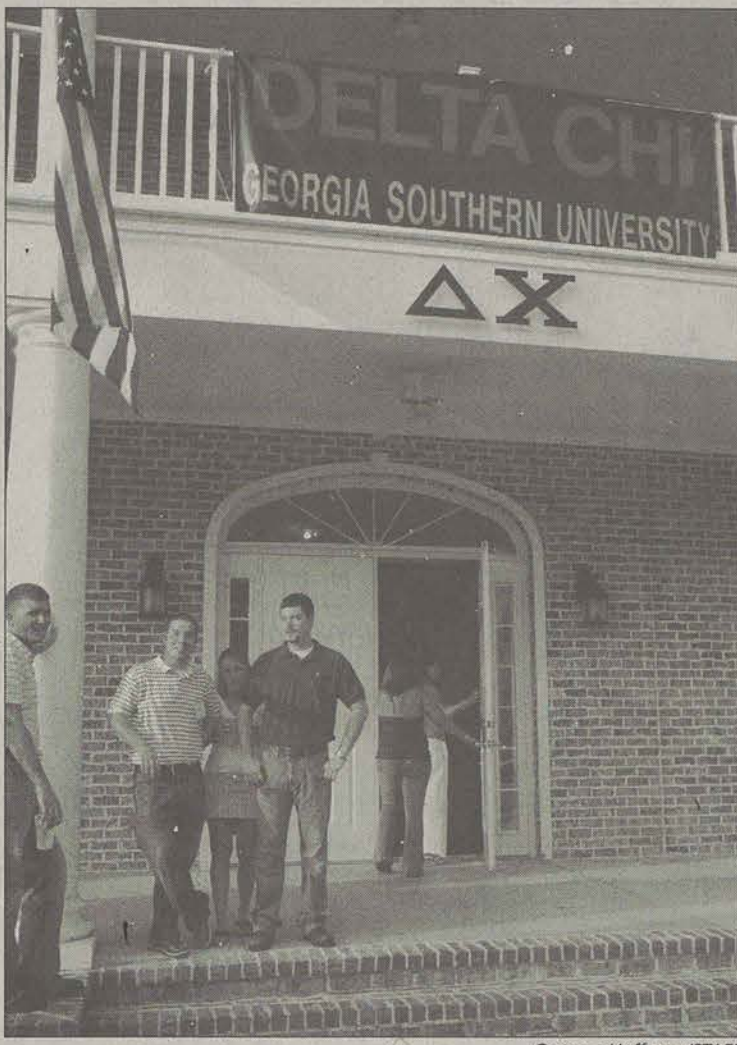
If you have driven by Greek Row lately, you may have noticed a slight change. The fraternity, Delta Chi, has moved into the former home of the sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Although the relocation seemed to have taken place overnight, Delta Chi makes it known that this opportunity was a once in a lifetime event.

"We are so fortunate to have the chance to move into a home that is less than four years old on Greek Row," stated Vice President Peter Lane. "It is unfortunate that Kappa Kappa Gamma had to leave, but until they return, the house will remain in the same condition as when they left."

Dean Georj Lewis provided some insight as to why the sorority withdrew from the campus. "The information given to me was that Kappa Kappa Gamma decided to withdraw because their membership was getting low, but they are expecting to return within a few years."

Until then, Delta Chi hopes to make the most of this opportunity given to them. "We hope to utilize the house as a recruitment tool to possibly double our membership this fall. We also have plans to build or buy a home of our own within the next four years," says President Chris Jacobs.

Dean Lewis feels that the relocation benefits both parties involved. "I think that this is a good situation for both Delta Chi and Kappa Kappa Gamma...while one is taking time off to reorganize their chapter, the



Students congregate on the porch of the Delta Chi house on Olympic Blvd.
Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

other is using this time to build a larger one." Both Jacobs and Lane are founding fathers of the fraternity. The Georgia Southern chapter of Delta Chi was established in the fall of 2002 and started with 47 original members. They received their charter

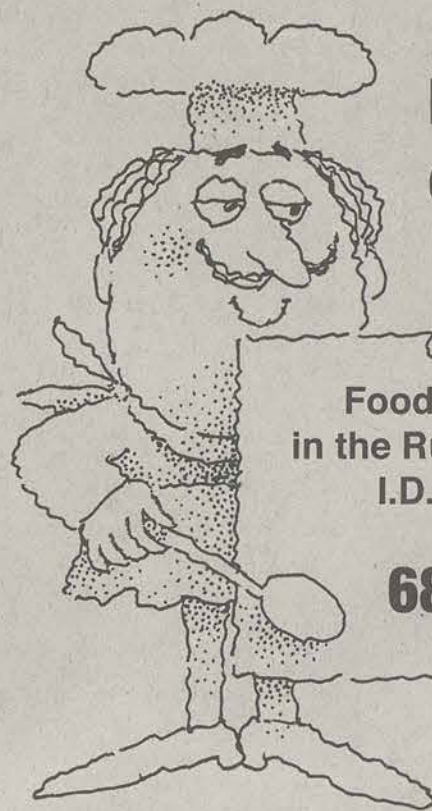
in the spring of 2005 and were named "Fraternity of the Year" in 2003.

Lane remains optimistic about the future of the chapter.

"Good things have happened to us and we look forward to what is in store."

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Conference makeovers

The conference shake-up that started last season continues in 2005 and many have a new look:

ACC

Boston College's arrival makes 12 teams in the ACC with two divisions:

- Atlantic**
Boston College
Clemson
Florida State
Maryland
North Carolina St.
Wake Forest
- Coastal**
Duke
Georgia Tech
Miami
North Carolina
Virginia
Virginia Tech

Big East

B.C. and Temple are out and three Conference USA teams make it:

- Cincinnati
Connecticut
Louisville
Pittsburgh
Rutgers
South Florida
Syracuse
West Virginia

Mid-American

Marshall and Central Florida exited, leaving the MAC with 12 teams. The new divisions look like this:

- East**
Akron
Bowling Green
Buffalo
Ken State
Miami (Ohio)
Ohio
- West**
Ball State
Central Michigan
Eastern Michigan
Northern Illinois
Toledo
Western Michigan

Conference USA

Picks up some from the MAC:

East
UAB
Central Florida
East Carolina
Marshall
Memphis
Southern Miss

West
Houston
Rice
SMU
UTEP
Tulane
Tulsa

Mountain West

TCU bolts C-USA and joins

Air Force
BYU
Colorado State
New Mexico
San Diego State
UNLV
Utah
Wyoming

Western Athletic

Reached into the Sun Belt and is now:

Idaho
New Mexico State
Utah State
Boise State
Fresno State
Hawaii
Louisiana Tech
Nevada
San Jose State

Sun Belt

Adds Division I-A neophytes Florida Atlantic and Florida International joining:

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Eight conferences will use instant replay for the first time, six leagues will welcome first-year members and a new poll will help determine which teams play in the Bowl Championship Series.

Amid all that change, Southern California remains a constant — the Trojans are still the class of college football.

With back-to-back national titles, 22 straight wins and a 36-3 record over the last three seasons, USC already has established itself as college football's first dynasty of the new millennium.

More Matt

If Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart and the rest of coach Pete Carroll's Trojans add an unprecedented third straight national title, a case can be made that theirs is the greatest run in the sport's history.

"It would be a tremendous accomplishment just from the standpoint of parity in football now," said Miami coach Larry Coker, who was part of a Hurricanes program that won 34 straight from 2000-2003, but only one championship.

"Getting there is very, very difficult, but to win those games would be a tremendous accomplishment. It's never been done. That says a lot right there."

Eleven teams have won at least 30 straight games, but only Miami's streak came within the last three decades.

"Our focus isn't about any kind of numbers you can put up, or any championships or any of that stuff," Carroll said. "It's about practicing really well, and battling everyday. We do that kind of stuff and we'll be a good football team and we'll see how far we can take it."

Leinart, the big left-hander with SoCal roots, shocked many — and no doubt deflated quite a few competitors — when he decided to return for his senior season.

After tossing five touchdown passes in a 55-19 Orange Bowl rout of Oklahoma, it was assumed that Leinart would take his cool demeanor and pinpoint accuracy to the NFL, where he was almost assured of being the No. 1 pick in the draft.

But who needs a job when you're having this much fun? Now Leinart has a chance to join college football's most exclusive club.

"There's a lot of preseason hype about Archie Griffin being the only two-time winner of the Heisman, but everybody on our team knows that's not what I'm about," said Leinart, one of nine returning starters to USC's offense and one of two

New coaches, new conferences, old rivals.

A Season OF Change

By Ralph D. Russo
AP Sports Writer

TOP 25

Trojans lead pack

Preseason poll (first-place votes)

RANK	W/L	PTS.	PVS.
1. Southern Cal (60)	13-0	1,619	1
2. Texas (4)	11-1	1,500	5
3. Tennessee	10-3	1,376	13
4. Michigan	9-3	1,329	14
5. LSU	9-3	1,291	16
6. Ohio St.	8-4	1,205	20
7. Oklahoma	12-11	1,204	3
8. Virginia Tech	10-3	1,184	10
9. Miami	9-3	1,142	11
10. Florida	7-5	1,080	-
11. Iowa	10-2	1,011	8
12. Louisville (1)	11-1	892	6
13. Georgia	10-2	869	7
14. Florida St.	9-3	764	15
15. Purdue	7-5	711	-
16. Auburn	13-0	650	2
17. Texas A&M	7-5	576	-
18. Boise St.	11-1	375	12
19. California	10-2	358	9
20. Arizona St.	9-3	313	19
21. Texas Tech	8-4	256	18
22. Boston College	9-3	232	21
23. Pittsburgh	8-4	211	25
24. Fresno St.	9-3	196	22
25. Virginia	8-4	153	23

Others receiving votes: Alabama 121, Oregon 97, Utah 77, Georgia Tech 62, Bowling Green 57, N.C. State 57, Colorado 38, UCLA 19, Iowa St. 18, Minnesota 18, Miami (Ohio) 15, Penn St. 11, UTEP 10, Oregon St. 8, Wisconsin 5, Clemson 3, Memphis 3, Nebraska 3, Colorado St. 1, Notre Dame 1, Southern Miss. 1, Toledo 1, West Virginia 1, Wyoming 1.

Heisman Trophy finalists in the Trojans' backfield. Do-it-all tailback Reggie Bush is the other.

Contenders

In the Big 12, No. 2 Texas could have its best team in the Mack Brown era, led by elusive quarterback Vince Young, who began his Heisman campaign with an eye-popping performance in the Rose Bowl. No. 7 Oklahoma has to replace 11 players drafted by the NFL, plus 2003 Heisman winner Jason White. Having tailback Adrian Peterson, the Heisman runner-up as a freshman in 2004, is a nice way to

college football and the SEC with South Carolina.

"It was a lot more fun hanging around the SEC than it was the other league I was in a couple of years," Spurrier said of his two losing seasons as Washington Redskins coach.

The Gamecocks probably aren't ready to contend, but Spurrier makes them a whole lot more interesting, especially when the Gators come to town Nov. 12.

Weis' winning ways

Notre Dame has been more interesting than good in recent years. Charlie Weis was hired to change that. The former New England Patriots offensive coordinator brings three Super Bowl rings but no head coaching experience to Notre Dame, which hasn't won a national title since 1988. The Fighting Irish haven't even won a bowl game since 1994.

Patience has grown thin at Notre Dame, as Tyrone Willingham can attest. He was ousted by the Irish just three years into a five-year contract. Willingham quickly was scooped up by Washington, where he's charged with rebuilding a

program that once was the jewel of the Pac-10.

Under review

This season, replay goes national with all but two conferences — the Sun Belt and the Western Athletic Conference — planning to use some type of review system. "We're walking on uncharted waters," SEC coordinator of officials Bobby Gaston said, "so subsequently we don't know totally what to expect, although we did practice this equipment at the Kentucky spring game and we found, amazingly so, that we will be able to review far more players and plays than we thought we could."

New Bowl formula

As for the BCS, it had to be tweaked again when The Associated Press asked BCS officials after last season to stop using its media poll in their standings formula.

Looking for a replacement, the BCS hired a marketing firm to create a panel of former players, coaches and administrators, along with some media members, to vote for a new top 25.

The first Harris poll won't be released until Sept. 25, four weeks into the regular season and three games into USC's quest for a threepeat.

"I'm hoping," Carroll said, "we feel comfortable with the spotlight."

AP sports writer Ken Peters in Los Angeles and Associated Press Writer Brent Kallestad in Hot Springs, Va., contributed to this report.

Fewer fans in the stands

Attendance at NCAA Div. 1A games was down for the second year in a row following the recent high in 2002.

Total attendance at Div. 1 games (in millions):	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
	30.3	32.9	34.4	30.3	28.8	29.0	27.7

School spirit

Michigan led all schools in season attendance last year. Rank, number of games and average attendance for the top 10.

1 Michigan	6	111,025
2 Tennessee	7	106,644
3 Ohio St.	6	104,876
4 Penn St.	6	103,111
5 Georgia	6	92,746
6 LSU	7	91,209
7 Florida	6	88,409
8 USC	6	85,229
9 Oklahoma	6	84,532
10 Texas	6	83,094

SOURCE: NCAA

Must-see matchups

Clear your calendar, stock the refrigerator and turn off your phone on these three Saturdays made for couch potatoes and satellite dishes:

Sept 24

Some early conference tests for top teams. Also, Washington coach Tyrone Willingham goes up against his former team.

- Tennessee at LSU
- Iowa at Ohio State
- Michigan at Wisconsin
- Notre Dame at Washington
- Georgia at Mississippi St.
- Southern Cal at Oregon
- Arizona State at Oregon St.
- Purdue at Minnesota
- Arkansas at Alabama
- Colorado at Miami

Get in the mood early with a scintillating Wednesday night game: Bowling Green at Boise State on the Smurf Turf could be the weekday game of the week.

Oct. 1

Arizona State gets a chance at revenge after last year's 45-7 embarrassment against Southern Cal.

- Southern Cal at Arizona St.
- Mississippi at Tennessee
- Kansas State at Oklahoma
- Florida at Alabama
- Texas at Missouri
- Michigan at Michigan St.
- South Carolina at Auburn
- LSU at Mississippi St.
- Notre Dame at Purdue
- Virginia Tech at W. Virginia

An excellent lead-in to the traditional rivalry weekends.

- Southern Cal at California
- Auburn at Georgia
- Iowa at Wisconsin
- Florida at South Carolina
- Texas A&M at Oklahoma
- LSU at Alabama
- Florida State at Clemson
- Navy at Notre Dame
- Arizona State at UCLA
- Kansas at Texas
- Georgia Tech at Virginia

Warm up with the Thursday night game between Boise State and Fresno State.

— Rick Freeman • AP

OF NOTE

Just reward — North Carolina coach John Bunting saved his job with six wins and a bowl appearance last year. His reward — one of the toughest schedules in the country for '05. The Tar Heels host Wisconsin and Utah, play at Louisville and face conference road games at Georgia Tech, North Carolina State and Virginia Tech.

Aloha, Jerry! — Hawaii, which allowed 63 touchdowns last season, has a new defensive coordinator. Former NFL coach Jerry Glanville's first assignment, figure out a way to stop Southern California in the Warriors' Sept. 3 opener at home.

Hard Work Dept. Little known, big players

Coaches always tell their players that the individual honors will come if the team wins. They're right. All-America teams are usually stocked with players from Top 25 programs and rarely does an award winner come from a losing team. But there are plenty of good players who probably won't get to play in bowl games this season.



Jay Cutler, QB, Vanderbilt
NFL scouts know about this four-year starter. His passer rating has gone up each year and last year he became just the third Vandy quarterback in 50 years to complete 60 percent of his attempts.



Darrell Brooks, S, Arizona
Shoulder surgery kept him out of spring practice, but he should be the defensive leader of coach Mike Stoops' improving team. Brooks led the Wildcats with 73 tackles last season.



Manase Hopoi, DT, Washington
The 290-pound senior was a second-team All-Pac-10 selection in 2004, when he made 54 tackles and led the conference with 22 tackles for loss, one shy of the school record.



Brian Leonard, RB, Rutgers
Versatile full-back led the Big East in all-purpose yards per game last season (125.0) and caught 61 passes for 518 yards, more than any running back in the country.



Jerious Norwood, RB, Mississippi St.
As the rest of the Bulldogs were slowly adapting to the West Coast offense in their first year under Sylvester Croom, Norwood ran for 1,050 yards and seven touchdowns.

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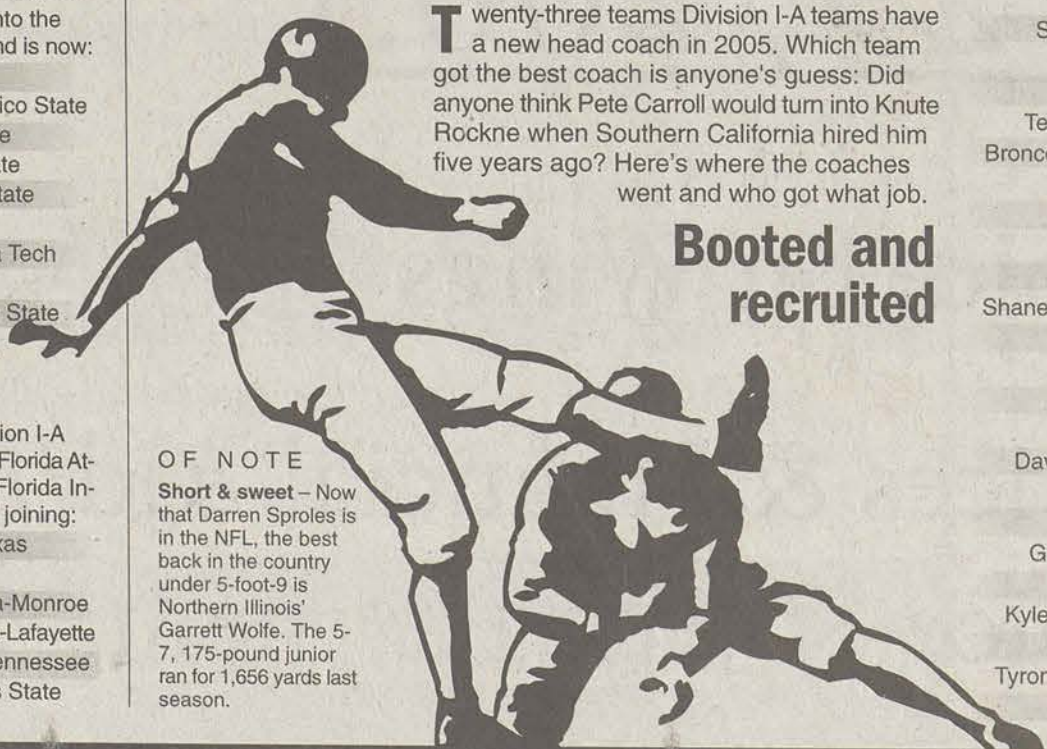
Twenty-three teams Division I-A teams have a new head coach in 2005. Which team got the best coach is anyone's guess: Did anyone think Pete Carroll would turn into Knute Rockne when Southern California hired him five years ago? Here's where the coaches went and who got what job.

Booted and recruited

COACH	NEW JOB	LAST JOB
Steve Spurrier	South Carolina	Washington (NFL) HC
Urban Meyer	Florida	Utah HC
Ed Oregerson	Mississippi	USC def. coor.
Terry Hoepner	Indiana	Miami (Ohio) HC
Bronco Mendenhall	BYU	BYU def. coor.
Skip Holtz	East Carolina	South Carolina QB coach
Ron Zook	Illinois	Florida HC
Les Miles	LSU	Oklahoma St. HC
Mark Snyder	Marshall	Ohio State def. coor.
Shane Montgomery	Miami (Ohio)	Miami (Ohio) off. coor.
Hal Mumme	New Mexico State	SE Louisiana HC
Charlie Weis	Notre Dame	New England (NFL) off. coor.
Frank Solich	Ohio	Nebraska HC (2003)
Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma St. off. coor.
Dave Wannstedt	Pittsburgh	Miami (NFL) HC
Dick Tomey	San Jose State	Texas DE coach
Walt Harris	Stanford	Pittsburgh HC
Greg Robinson	Syracuse	Texas def. coor.
Mike Sanford	UNLV	Utah off. coor.
Kyle Whittingham	Utah	Utah def. coor.
Brent Guy	Utah State	Arizona def. coor.
Tyrone Willingham	Washington	Notre Dame HC
Bill Cubit	Western Michigan	Stanford off. coor.

OF NOTE

Short & sweet — Now that Darren Sproles is in the NFL, the best back in the country under 5-foot-9 is Northern Illinois' Garrett Wolfe. The 5-7, 175-pound junior ran for 1,656 yards last season.



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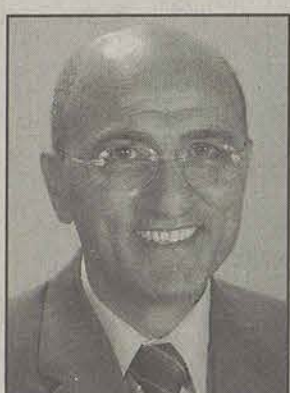
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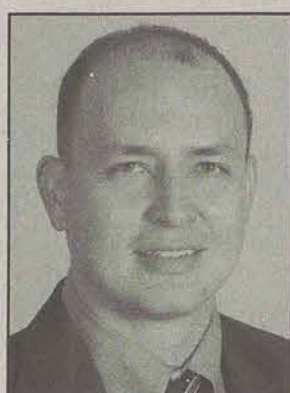
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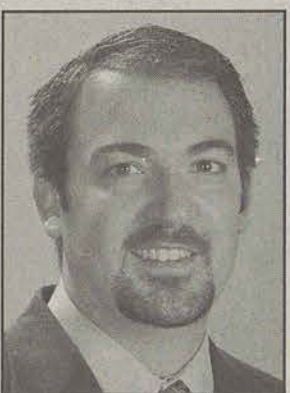
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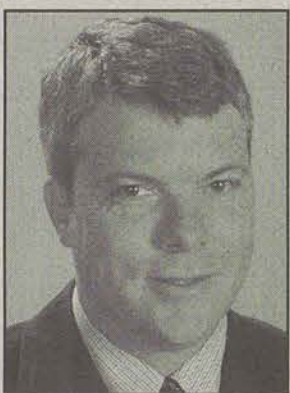
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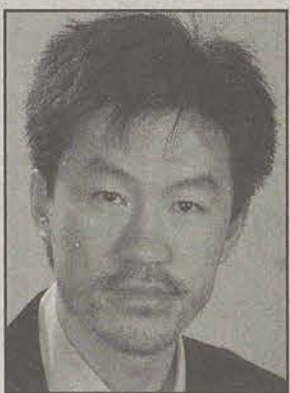
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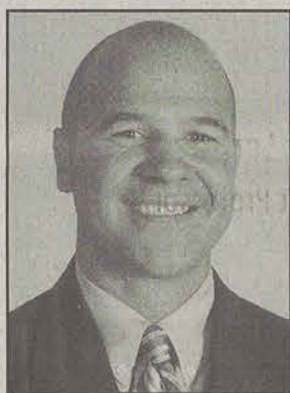
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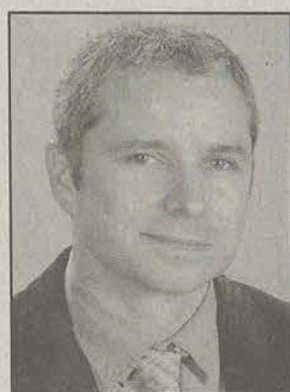
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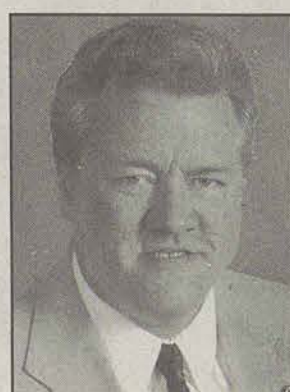
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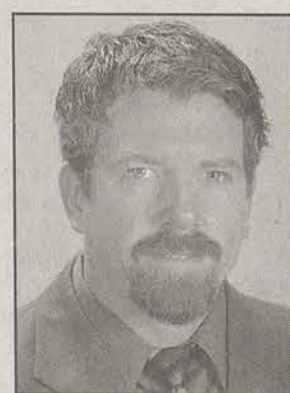
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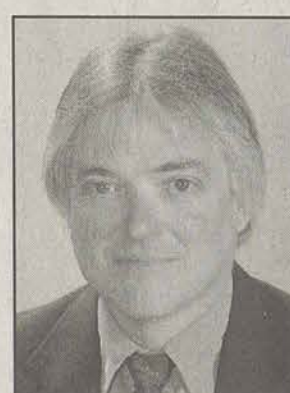
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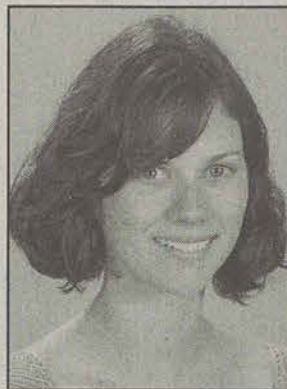
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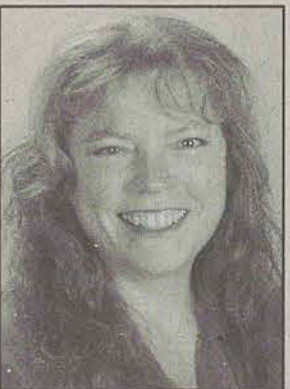
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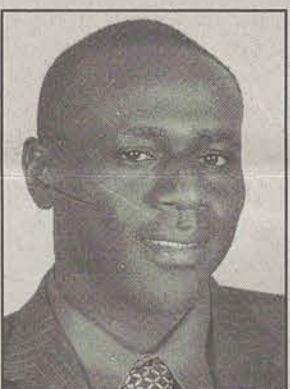
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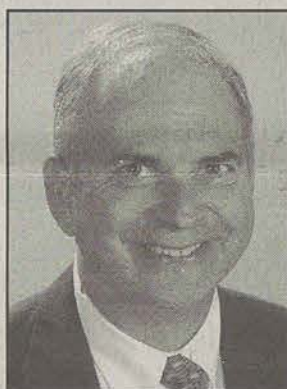
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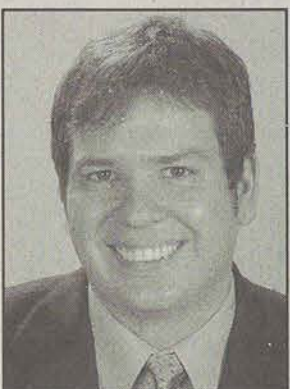
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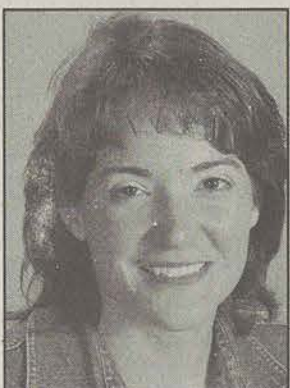
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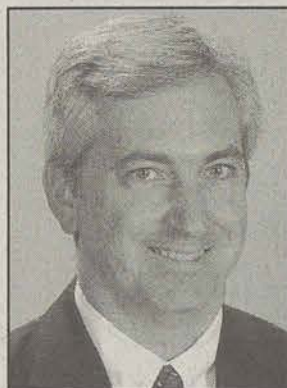
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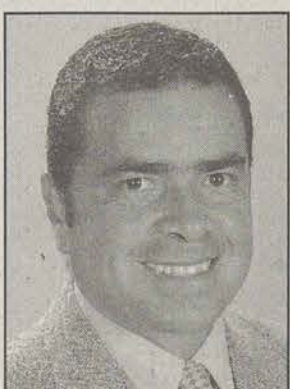
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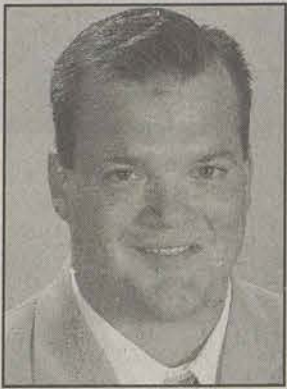
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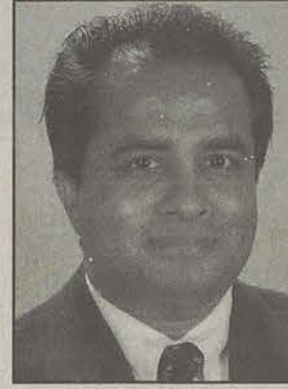
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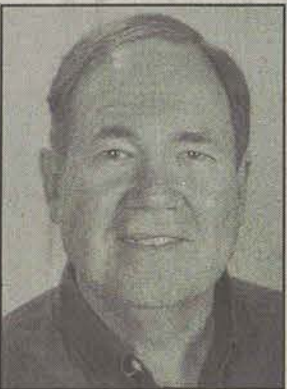
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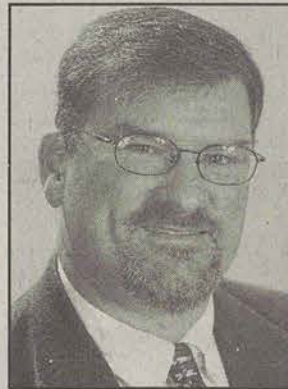
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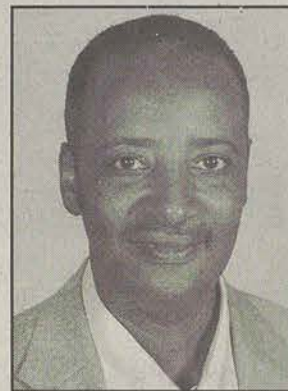
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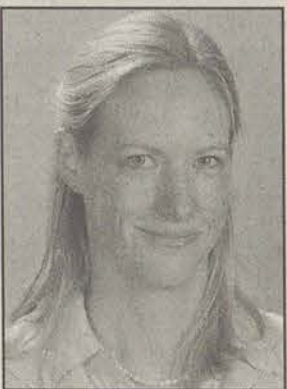
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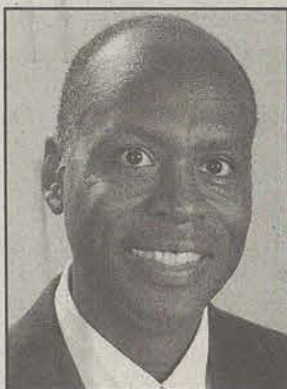
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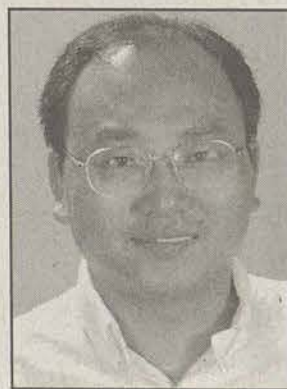
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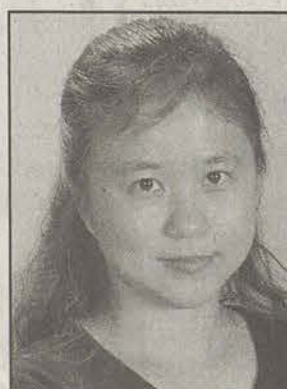
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