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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

New SGA announced noon today

Results to be posted on G-A's web site

Staff reports

The votes have all been cast and Georgia Southern has a new Student Government Association.

All that remains is the official announcement. According to George Lewis, dean of students and advisor to SGA, the SGA's constitution calls for the announcement to be made at noon the day after the election ends. Voting ended Wednesday night at midnight.

All the SGA's senate seats, as well as the executive board, were on the ballot this week. Students had from March 27-29 to make their choice known. Voting was held on WINGS.

Sean Bethune and Chris Ford were running for president. The contest between the two seniors was heated, with both promising more communication and a return to a more student-centered SGA.

Bethune ran with a slate of like-minded candidates on The All-American Team ticket and Ford was aligned with the Ford Ticket.

Last year's SGA was elected to office with an uncontested presidential ticket and drew a little more than 400 votes. SGA officials hoped this race would attract more students to the polls.

If nothing else, it appeared the contest brought out more campaigners, who blanketed GSU's campus.

For the results, check The George-Anne's web site, www.stp.georgiasouthern.edu, after noon for the official results.



Sean Bethune



Chris Ford

Green-space for cyberspace

Professor to lead effort to digitize GSU's collection of Southern plants

GSU News Service

One of the most ecologically diverse regions in the United States, the Coastal Plains is home to hundreds of species of plants.

Many of these plants are represented in the Georgia Southern Herbarium, which houses the largest collection of Coastal Plains flora in the world.

Thanks to a significant grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the contents of GSU's herbarium will soon be accessible to more people than ever before.

The NSF Research Coordination Network grant for \$498,887 was issued to a group of scientists in 15 states who will help the region's herbaria develop a digital system for sharing information with each other.

Michelle Zjhra, a professor in the university's Department of Biology, is representing the state of Georgia in the

project, which is called the Southeast Regional Network of Expertise and Collections.

"The aim of the project is for all of the herbaria to work together so that we can make our incredible but underappreciated resources available to a wider audience, including federal and state agencies, researchers and teachers," Zjhra said.

Located in the Bilogy Building, the GSU's Herbarium consists of dried plant specimens that are kept in cabinets.

"The herbarium is enormously valuable because it contains a record of what plants have lived in this region over time, where they were and what they looked like," Zjhra said. "From this information we can reconstruct the past, see how our environment has transformed, and track extinctions as well as the movement of foreign and invasive species."

"We can also track plants and examine how variable they are over time and space."

"The aim of the project is for all of the herbaria to work together so that we can make our incredible but underappreciated resources available to a wider audience..."

Dr. Michelle Zjhra
GSU biology professor

Adam Ciap/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Clean-up to sweep Statesboro

'Keep Bulloch Beautiful' is looking for volunteers for day-long clean-up

By Lucius Cole
Staff Writer

Local organization "Keep Bulloch Beautiful" will host the Great American Cleanup on Saturday April 8 at 8 a.m., and invites all of Georgia Southern to volunteer and participate in the beautification of areas in Statesboro. The meeting site for the project will be the Honey Bowen building, which is located on Fair Road next to El Sombrero.

Volunteers will be assigned to large teams, most of which will go to selected sites near campus and remove roadside litter. Other pre-registered teams have been assigned to specialized beautification tasks such as landscaping and building refurbishment.

The Cleanup will also promote the recycling of old household items by providing a Goodwill collection site in the parking area of the Honey Bowen building on the day of the Cleanup for donation of clothing and other second-hand items. Electronics will also be accepted at the donation site.

Keep Bulloch Beautiful encourages student organizations, groups of friends and individual participants to register ahead of time, but participants are welcome to show up without notice.

Brooke Brandenburg, executive director of Keep Bulloch Beautiful, said that 1,500 people from Bulloch County are expected to attend the cleanup this year, and she hopes to exceed that number.

The areas around Georgia Southern's campus, including Lanier Drive and Georgia Avenue, were found to be "among the dirtiest, most littered areas in the county during the 2005 Litter Index Survey," said Brandenburg.

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Special photo

The Trinity Irish Dancers will perform at GSU April 1. The group will wrap the PAC's 2005-06 performance calendar. The group is known all over the world for its Riverdance-like performances.

Trinity Irish Dance Company at Georgia Southern on April 1

Show to wrap PAC's '05-06 performances

By Joshua Nellums
Staff writer

On April 1, the Performing Arts Center will play host to a unique display for its final show of the 2005-2006 season: the Trinity Irish Dance Company. The Trinity Company is widely regarded as the creator of the progressive Irish dance that has led to productions such as "Riverdance."

According to the Company's website, www.trinitydancers.com, the Irish Dance Company was founded in 1990 by Mark Howard to "Provide professional career opportunities to students who formerly had no outlet

for their dance training beyond the competitive circuit."

Based in Chicago, the dance company offers "both a highly skilled presentation of traditional Irish step dance and a brilliantly engaging interpretation of contemporary world vision."

Most of the Trinity dancers have been performing together since childhood, and have built an instinctual bond that allows them to take risks that no other company would dare attempt. Their years of rigorous training are evident in every perfectly paced spin, leap and click, making them a lethal powerhouse of speed and sound that has electrified audiences around the world.

Many of the dancers come from the prestigious Irish Dance Academy of

the same name, which has won many championships for the United States at the World Championships of Irish Dance. The Trinity Dance Company has sold out tours in Asia and Europe as well as performing in notable theaters in the United States.

According to the Performing Arts Center, Trinity will be performing in Statesboro for the first time on Saturday, after stopping in Atlanta. Tickets are \$29, with a ten percent discount for faculty, staff and students. Many seats have already been sold, but some are still available. Any remaining tickets may be purchased with a valid university I.D. ten minutes before show time for \$10.

The PAC box office opens at 7 p.m., the theatre opens at 7:30, and the show starts at 8.

TODAY

High: 81 | Low: 55
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 85 | Low: 60
Partly cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 84 | Low: 58
Isolated T'storms

SUNDAY

High: 84 | Low: 58
Sunny

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Kappa Deltas host annual War of the Wings



Kappa Delta girls serve wings at the 2004 War of the Wings

File Photo

By Laurie Lipton
Staff writer

Kappa Delta is hosting its annual War of the Wings at the Kappa Delta house on March 30, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be games like the Tabasco chug, and plenty of fresh, hot wings.

The Kappa Delta house is located on Greek row. Tickets are five dollars, and you can buy them from any sister or on the day of the event at the Kappa Delta house.

There will be raffles and contests during the event. Raffle tickets will be \$1. According to event coordinator Mandy Livingston, stores around Statesboro donated items and gifts, like free rentals, gift certificates and tanning packages, as raffle prizes.

All of the money raised will be do-

nated to Prevent Child Abuse America. Eighty percent of the funds will be donated to national Prevent Child Abuse America Headquarters, and 20 percent will be donated to local Prevent Child Abuse shelters.

"We raised \$5,000 last year for Prevent Child Abuse America Headquarters," said Julia Alligood. "It's always a good turnout every year and it's good to see that so many people come out to help with charity projects."

Local restaurants around Statesboro are donating their wings for the event.

Some of the events that will be going on are a Tabasco chugging contest, and a soda chugging contest.

"Local organizations can pay an entry fee and can sponsor someone to enter the chug contest and win a gift certificate from Gnat's landing or another restau-

rant," said Livingston. "This year we're starting to allow girls to compete against the guys in a pie-eating contest."

The sponsors this year include 180 Fitness, Hair Studio 101, Flex Fitness, R.J.'s Steakhouse, Prissy Purse, El Sombrero, Christian Books, Heavenly Ham, Bath and Body Works, Snooky's, Bella Bikini, Taylor's Sunset Tanning, Bright Ideas, Lady Bugs, Goodyear, Fiddler's Crab House, Boar's Head, Savannah Candy Kitchens, Lady and Sons, Statesboro Massage, Cali Nails, Tropical Tan and Total Image, Zaxby's, Drecken Wolf Frazier's, Video Warehouse, R.J. Pope, Blockbuster, Movie Gallery, Press Express, Hendley Properties, Pawn City, Josephines, Herb Shop, Toyota Dealership, Reflections, Exotic Tan, Wright and Edwards, First Southern Bank, and Gailey's Trophy.

April 2 concert to benefit ACTS

GSU News Service

A benefit concert to support ACTS (Area Christians Together in Service) will take place Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, intersection of 301 bypass and Golf Club Road in Statesboro.

The concert will feature performances by several Georgia Southern faculty including Linda Cionitti on clarinet, Carolyn Bryan on saxophone, Anna Thibault on flute, Jason Onks on oboe, Natalia da Roza on piano and Karla Qualls on piano.

The concert is free and open to the public, but donations for ACTS are requested. For more information call the church at (912) 489-4208.

'Cause and Effect' art exhibition

Heather Brancato presents her Senior Exhibition, which illustrates the consequences of over-indulgence, in Gallery 303 on Monday

GSU News Service

A Gallery 303 exhibit will show the destructive results of everyday decisions for some students as Georgia Southern BFA candidate, Heather Brancato opens her Senior Exhibition on Monday, April 3.

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will continue through Friday, April 7.

Brancato graduated from Liberty County High School in 2001 and

continued her education at GSU. She plans to graduate in May 2006 with a BFA degree with an emphasis in painting. Brancato's work illustrates her frustration with what smoking has done to her body.

The exhibition is titled "Cause and Effect" because it illustrates how people do things in excess and do not realize the long term consequences that go along with their activities.

"I used to smoke a pack a day until I got asthma five years later. To illustrate how nasty a habit smoking

is, I used an array of sickly colors, my own lung x-rays and texture to emphasize my frustration with my scarred lungs," said Brancato. "Many of my pieces are painted on Plexiglass and are encased by a shadow box to reference an x-ray machine."

Brancato said that through smoking, she caused herself to acquire a breathing problem and she hopes people will learn from her show that there can be serious consequences to everything a person does, including something that

seems as small as smoking.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery 303 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and by appointment. Gallery 303 events are supported by Student Activity Fees.

There will be a reception from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the small gallery of Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts building Monday.

For more information, contact the artist at hbrancat@georgiasouthern.edu.

The Evening Muse hosts poetry reading

GSU News Service

"The guru speaks evening steals upon us with wide-open eyes."

The Evening Muse, sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics, will present its annual celebration of National Poetry Month with an open-mike reading on Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m., at the Averitt Center for the Arts, in downtown Statesboro.

Readers are asked to limit their selections to five minutes, and original work is encouraged. The event is free and open to GSU students and faculty. For more information, call David Starnes at 912-486-7328.

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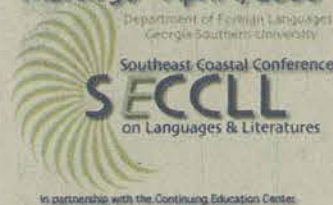
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SECCLL CALENDAR

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Thursday, March 30

Panel 1 - 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Dolores Rangel, of Georgia Southern, presenting in Panel 18

Panel 2 - 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Peninsular Literature I: Nineteenth-Century and Twentieth-Century Spanish and French Novels, organized by GSU's Leticia and Michael McGrath, and Louis Bourne of Georgia College and State University

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

The War Within: National and Imperial Identities in Pérez Galdós's "Aita Tettauén," presented by Álvaro A. Ayo of the University of Tennessee

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Autobiography and Erotic Performance in "La Vie sexuelle de Catherine M." by Adrienne Angelo, Emory University

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

History, Memory and Testimony in El cuarto de atrás by Carmen Martín Gaité and María-Leonilde Araújo-Gröchenig of GSU

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Federic Vidal, el espíritu ecuaníme en "Los vencidos" de Antonio Ferrer, by Louis Bourne of Georgia College and State University

Panel 5 - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Latin American Literature: Perspectivas de la narrativa contemporánea, organized by Doralina Martínez-Condey Dolores Rangel of GSU

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

El papel del lector en "Cristobal Nonato" de Carlos Fuentes by Rossana Patroni, Georgia College & State University

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Guillermo Cabrera Infante como precursor de la novela bolero, by Xiomara Campilongo, Durham Technical Community College

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Orphans, Adoption, and Literary Paternity in the Narrative of Antonio Skarmeta, presented by Jason Jolley of Missouri State University

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Símbolos inadvertidos en "El almohadón de plumas" de Horacio Quiroga, presented by Patricia G. Montenegro of Cheyney University

Panel 6 - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Language I: Spanish Language and Culture, organized by Leticia and Michael McGrath of GSU and chaired by Dana Nichols, Gainesville State College

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Untangling the Terms Hispanic and Latino: Research Results from a U.S. Latino Writers Course, presented by J. Fernando Palacios, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

El gallego como lengua minoritaria: es una lengua en peligro de extinción?, by Maritza Bell-Corrales, Georgia Southern University

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Ustedes Means Y'all: Redefining Southern Literature, by Dana Nichols, Gainesville State College and Jessica Stacey, North Georgia College & State University

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Making It Up As You Go Along, by Karen Guffey, Gordon College

POLICE BEAT

03-28-2006

• Tony Lee Martin, 23, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with speeding and driving with a suspended license.

How to keep the college budget balanced

By Juliet Macdonald
Staff writer

The Balancing in High Heels seminar took place Tuesday night, and it touched on many different topics in finance, several of which college students struggle with constantly.

The seminar emphasized it is important for everyone to have knowledge, understanding and planning when it comes to their finances.

The main speaker was Chris Paul, who has a PhD from Texas A&M University. He said, "For everything you do in a consumer credit field, you need a basic understanding of the contract."

The lecture started off with an introduction from Rose Carter who said "I am the poster child for tonight's seminar," and explained that, "at 25 years of age I probably had 25,000 dollars in debt."

Paul said it is okay to use credit

sometimes and the best way to decide whether or not you should use credit is to ask yourself, "Is this an appropriate use of credit?"

Paul also gave some examples of when not to use credit. These examples included regular expenses, impulse purchases, and on nondurable goods.

He said that nondurable goods are usually a bad idea. "You shouldn't buy something that won't last as long as you are paying it off," he said. "Unless you are doing this for convenience and you are going to pay it off right away."

For impulse purchases, Paul suggests that you just wait for a cooling-off period. He said it's not that you shouldn't buy that thing you want it is just that you should wait and really analyze the cost to you. "If you are using credit to live on, you are going deeper into debt," Paul said.

Michael M. Barth, PhD, an associate professor of finance and the depart-

ment chair at Georgia Southern, said a huge problem for students is when they forget to budget for unexpected expenses.

"Later costs more," Paul said throughout his speech. He said that everytime you buy something on credit, it is going to cost you more later. Making minimum payments on credit card will leave you paying things off for years.

Meghan Maher, an early childhood education major who attended the lecture said, "It was educational and made me realize that I spend a lot of money." She also said, "It made me more aware of how everything is long term."

If you desire a better understanding of financial contracts or if you want to know how to be the most materially well-off you can be, there is a class offered in the fall dealing with the issues the seminar touched on, called BUSA 3231 financial survival skills.



Special Photo

Some students spend a large part of their budgets on alcohol, GSU offers a class on financial survivor skills.

Nick Nelson mixes media for his Landscapes exhibit

By Tori Ivey
Staff writer

Landscapes, a solo exhibition by Nick Nelson, will continue to be shown at the Averitt Center through April 4, 2006.

Nelson, a 2000 BFA graduate from Georgia Southwestern State University, earned a MFA from Georgia Southern. Remaining in

Statesboro, Nelson teaches drawing and two-dimensional design for the university.

Not only has Nelson had his artwork shown regionally and nationally, he is also a member of an artists' group that "exhibits site-specific installation in non-traditional spaces," according to the Office of Marketing and Communications.

The main purpose of Nelson's

mixed media, Landscapes, is to combine media and photography in various ways, and to "explore tensions between humanity and nature, illusion and reality, order and chaos, and understanding with the in comprehensible," says the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Landscapes is the sixth in a series of faculty exhibitions called The Legends Series. The Legends Series will be held

at the Averitt Center for Arts in the Legends Gallery.

"The tension between opposites is of central importance to my work and informs its every aspect, from making to viewing," said Nelson. "Formally and conceptually, my work explores these polarities by juxtaposing the order of mathematical drawings against chaotic splatters of paint, the illusion of two-dimensional forms with real

found objects, logic with intuition, science with mythology."

All of the exhibits are free and open to the public. Stop by and experience Nelson's goal of, "leading the viewer to engage in an internal dialogue and embark upon a journey within his or her own imagination."

For more information call 912-871-1712 or visit our Web site at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art/>.

Conference promotes language and culture

GSU News Service

The Department of Foreign Languages at Georgia Southern will hold its Third Annual Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literature (SECCLL) Thursday, March 30, through Saturday, April 1.

SECCLL promotes language, literature, culture, pedagogy and film in French, German, Spanish, Classics and East Asian. The audience is composed of foreign language educators from colleges and technical schools, as well as graduate students.

The keynote speaker will be Marie Léticée from the University of Central Florida. Her presentation will be Friday, March 31, and it is titled "We're In This Thing Together: Language and Culture for Global Understanding."

Léticée teaches French Language and Literature as well as Francophone and French Caribbean Literature at the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Léticée, originally from the island of Guadeloupe in the French Caribbean, writes in Creole, French, and English. She has published a

translation of poetry written by Haitian poets. Dr. Léticée is currently working on her book proposal, Education and Identity in French Caribbean Literature.

The lecture will be held during the luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Southern Ballroom of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

For a listing of the conference activities and locations, visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/~fseccll/>, or for more information, contact director Jorge W. Suazo at 912-681-0773.



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Celebrate April Fools Day with a few unsuspecting friends

1. With the kitchen-sink sprayer facing forward and the water off, wrap a rubber band tightly around the trigger so it is locked in the "on" or "fire" position. When the victim turns on the faucet, they'll get soaked! Ha! (Just remember not to forget that you've done this or you'll blast yourself!)



2. Glue a couple of realistic-looking fake quarters to your driveway or other non-public property. It works better with real quarters, but we hear that's illegal.

Your call. Then sit back and watch your kids drive themselves batty trying to pick them up. You'll fall off your porch laughing.

3. Stuff tissues or toilet paper into the toes of your family's favorite shoes, then watch them struggle to get them on in the morning. "Dang, Mom. Have your feet swollen that much?"

4. After everyone's asleep, set all the clocks ahead one hour. Then wake everyone up (at the usual time) screaming about how they overslept, missed the bus, are going to be late for school or work, etc. As they're all scurrying about, frantic and worried, just lie back and laugh. You stinker.



5. Glue a pen cap on, then ask someone if they can get it off for you.

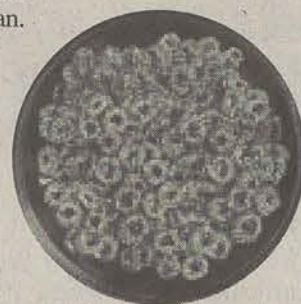
6. Two days before April Fools' Day, start telling someone how badly you're going to get them on the big day. Then tell them again. And again. Tease them. Laugh at them. Tell them there's nothing they can do about it. When April Fools' Day finally arrives, just sit back and relax as their paranoia grows with each passing minute. Yep. You got 'em all right, and there wasn't anything they could do about it.

7. If your kids eat apples for lunch, carefully core a thin deep hole in the fruit and retain the plug. Stuff several Gummi Worms deep inside, then replace the end of the plug to conceal your handiwork. If done right, the first-bite reaction is priceless!



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8. If your family eats cereal for breakfast, remove the plastic bags from the boxes and switch them up. When they go to pour Raisin Flakes, they'll get Cocoa Booms! And if you really want to be mean, replace the milk with a mixture of flour and ... Wait, that is too mean. If you use milk in a cardboard container, just drop some food coloring in it. Pink milk anyone?



9. If you work in an office, leave a note on a manly co-worker's desk saying he has flowers to pick up at the front desk. Have someone who has a voice the target won't recognize leave a similar phone message. Then watch and laugh as he tries to convince the front desk to give him flowers that just aren't there.

10. Buy a fake video security camera (available in joke shops and online for around \$10). The camera looks real and even moves and turns on a red light when it detects motion. Install it in your bathroom, then have a party. The first time a person uses the restroom, have the rest of the guests gather round your TV and laugh loudly enough for the person in the restroom to overhear. When the person returns to the room, they'll see everyone watching a pre-recorded video tape of the empty bathroom, thinking they were just being watched in there. Caution: Make sure your friends have a good sense of humor. Until the joke is revealed, this one can be embarrassing!

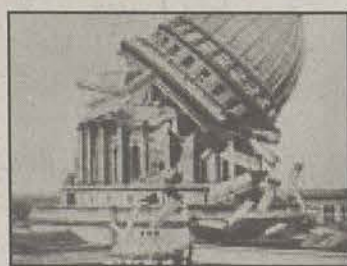
Thanks for reading.

—James Fussell, Knight Ridder Newspapers

Great pranks throughout history

At the Web site www.museumofhoaxes.com, the greatest April Fools jokes have been catalogued. It really is amazing what people are gullible enough to believe. Let us help you prepare to be suspicious by recounting a few of the great pranks of all time.

● In 1933, the Madison Capital-Times reported that the Wisconsin Capitol had been destroyed by a number of mysterious explosions, attributed to "large quantities of gas, generated through many weeks of verbiage debate in the Senate and Assembly chambers." Along



A doctored Madison Capital-Times picture shows the Capitol's collapse.

with the story was a doctored picture showing the Capitol as it collapsed. The readers were fooled and shocked.

● In 1949, a New Zealand deejay for radio station 1ZB announced on the air that a mile-wide swarm of wasps was headed toward Auckland. He warned listeners to protect themselves by suggesting they wear their socks over their trousers when they went to work, and that they leave honey-smeared traps outside their doors. Hundreds of people took his advice.

● In 1957, the BBC news show "Panorama" announced that thanks to a mild winter and the demise of the harmful spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. The report included footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Large numbers of viewers were fooled, with many of them calling in to find out how they could grow their own spaghetti trees.

● In 1962, Sweden had only



The BBC show "Panorama" fooled viewers with a story on spaghetti crops.

one TV channel, which broadcast in black and white. The station's technical expert appeared on the news to announce a recently developed technology that would allow viewers to easily convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over the screen, and they would begin to see their favorite shows in color. Reportedly, hundreds of thousands of people tried the conversion process.

● In 1976, a British astronomer announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47 a.m. an

unusual astronomical event would take place that listeners could experience in their own homes. He said the planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, which would lessen the Earth's gravity and allow listeners to float in the air if they jumped at that exact moment. When the time arrived, BBC2 received hundreds of phone calls from people claiming to have felt the floating sensation.

● In 1982, the Connecticut Gazette and Connecticut Compass, a pair of weekly newspapers, announced they were being purchased by Tass, the official news agency of the Soviet Union. Their front pages stated this was "the first expansion of the Soviet media giant outside of the Iron Curtain." Readers were fooled, with one caller informing them that he had always suspected them of harboring communist tendencies.

● In 1993, a deejay at KGB-FM in San Diego announced that the space shuttle Discovery

had been diverted from Edwards Air Force Base and soon would land at Montgomery Field, a small airport in a residential area. Thousands of commuters immediately headed to the landing site, which caused huge traffic jams that lasted for almost an hour. Police had to be called in to clear the traffic and tell people with cameras, camcorders and folding chairs to go home.

● Corporate types like to have a little fun, too. In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell from the federal government so it could be renamed the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia to express their anger. And in 1998, Burger King published a full-page ad in USA Today announcing the introduction of a menu item — a Left-Handed Whopper, uniquely designed with all the condiments rotated 180 degrees. Thousands of customers went to BK to request the new sandwich.

—Neil White, Knight Ridder Newspapers

Hooters air loses its perk



AP Photo/Chad Murray



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Hooters Airlines in Myrtle Beach says it's stopping regularly scheduled air service. The airline said it will stop its public charter flights April 17, and will run only private charters out of Winston-Salem, N.C.

"The flying industry is in a terrible mess. ...I don't have enough (money) to fix this animal," said Hooters chairman Bob Brooks. "Now I think the best thing we can do is basically put it to bed, at least for right now, until the industry changes."

Above: A Hooters Airjet sits on the runway apron across from Myrtle Beach International terminal in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Left: Jessica Goldammer, left, and Erica Dirks greet passengers on Hooters Airlines' first flight to Pittsburgh from Myrtle Beach International Airport in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Six-toed 'crazy cat' terrorizes neighborhood

1 FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Residents of the neighborhood of Sunset Circle say they have been terrorized by a crazy cat named Lewis. Lewis for his part has been uniquely cited, personally issued a restraining order by the town's animal control officer.

"He looks like Felix the Cat and has six toes on each foot, each with a long claw," Janet Kettman, a neighbor said Monday. "They are formidable weapons."

The neighbors said those weapons, along with catlike stealth, have allowed Lewis to attack at least a half dozen people and ambush the Avon lady as she was getting out of her car.

Some of those who were bitten and scratched ended up seeking treatment at area hospitals.

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Animal Control Officer Rachel Solveira placed a restraining order on him. It was the first time such an action was taken against a cat in Fairfield.

In effect, Lewis is under house arrest, forbidden to leave his home.

Solveira also arrested the cat's owner, Ruth Cisero, charging her with failing to comply with the restraining order and reckless endangerment.

Husband goes on strike, moves tent to the roof

2 Redford, Mich. — He has put out a sign and set up a tent proclaiming that he is now on strike.

That's right, James Wilson is on strike from all things marriage related. Wilson says he's tired of his wife allowing the kids to sleep in the bed with them and just wants some more attention. So



until things change, he is taking up post on the roof.

But by listening to his wife it doesn't sound like its going to work.

"I couldn't believe it. I was flabbergasted and then he showed me the internet site and I'm like, why are you telling all these people this?" said James Wilson's wife Valentina, "But I think everyone would be on my side, I really do."

James has also set up a website. If you check out his blog you can sign a petition against his wife to remove the kids from the bed room immediately.

Apple sets new volume controls for iPods

By May Wong

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apparently, Apple Computer Inc. is listening.

In a world where hearing problems are real, concerns are mounting and lawyers are looking to make gadget providers liable, the maker of the predominant iPod music player has created new volume controls.

Apple issued a software update Wednesday for its recent iPod models — the Nano and the video-capable iPod — allowing users to set how loud their digital music players can go.

Parents also can use the feature to impose a maximum volume on their child's iPod and lock it with a code.

Sandy Liao, a Fremont mother of two, welcomed the development, although she wants to see Apple eventually add the feature to the model she

has, the Shuffle.

She had specifically avoided buying her children any kind of portable music or CD player out of concern they would damage their ears, but a friend gave a Shuffle to each of her children, ages 9 and 10, as gifts last year.

"It would be great if I could get the volume controls for them, too," she said.

Apple representatives said little about why they made the change, issuing only a statement.

"As the leading provider of digital music players, Apple continuously brings iPod customers innovative and easy-to-use solutions," said Greg Joswiak, Apple's vice president for iPod marketing. "With the increased attention in this area, we want to offer customers an easy-to-use option to set their own personal volume limit."

Whether or not Apple is re-



AP Photo/Paul Sakuma

Brian Tong uses an Apple Nano iPod at an Apple store in a Palo Alto, Calif.

sponding to legal challenges or specific consumer requests, tech industry analyst Michael Gartenberg of JupiterResearch said the issue clearly is a concern, and "Apple is acting in a responsible way to address it."

Quick, what's new

IN GEORGIA

Gov. Sonny Perdue declines to say whether he will sign immigration bill

ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue isn't saying yet whether he will sign a sweeping immigration bill, which received final passage in the Georgia Legislature this week. But the Republican governor said Wednesday he did not think the bill was "anti-immigrant." Perdue said Wednesday that Georgia needs to strike a balance between being a welcoming state for newcomers "whether they come from Alabama or Michigan or Mexico" while also ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used for people in the state legally.

THE REGION

Abramoff gets nearly six years in prison

MIAMI — Disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff and a business partner were sentenced Wednesday to five years and 10 months in federal prison, the minimum they faced for fraud related to their 2000 purchase of the SunCruz Casinos gambling fleet. Abramoff and Adam Kidan both pleaded guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud, but they won't have to report to prison immediately.

THE NATION

Moussaoui death-penalty case heads to jury

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The death-penalty case against al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui went to the jury Wednesday after the prosecution asserted his lies were responsible for deaths Sept. 11, 2001, and the defense argued he had no part in the plot. The nine men and three women on the jury will decide whether Moussaoui bears blame for at least one death that day. If so, a second phase of the trial will open that will determine whether he deserves to be executed.

Bush blames Saddam for Iraq instability

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday that Saddam Hussein, not continued U.S. involvement in Iraq, is responsible for ongoing sectarian violence that is threatening the formation of a democratic government. In his third speech this month to bolster public support for the war, Bush worked to counter critics who say the U.S. presence in the war-torn nation is fueling the insurgency. Bush said that Saddam was a tyrant and used violence to exacerbate sectarian divisions to keep himself in power, and that as a result, deep tensions persist to this day.

THE WORLD

Palestinian PM vows cooperation with Abbas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas formally took power Wednesday, with the Palestinian president swearing in its 24-member Cabinet, including 14 ministers who served time in Israeli prisons. The ceremony, which came just a day after Israel's national election, ended a two-month transition period of ambiguity since Hamas' election victory in January.

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38. Neckwear items
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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (03-30-06). Your natural inclination this year is to race, full speed ahead. You can make a lot of money, but don't make enemies in the process. This is a test of your patience, and of your values. Make sure love wins over money.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Start settling into a new routine, making necessary adjustments. Don't talk much about what you're doing yet. It's a work in progress.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The sense of urgency eases, as more of the task is accomplished. Your anxiety was worse before you faced your fear. Now, it's fading.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Your team is hot, but soon your task will be keeping what you've gained. Postpone travel, advertising and mailings until the first of next week.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - More exciting challenges are coming your way soon. Don't be afraid, the money's

steady, and you'll put it to good use.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Be thinking about your career, and what you want to achieve. You'll get a chance to make some very important decisions, soon.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Push to get the shopping done and all the arrangements made. The sooner this is done, the sooner you'll get on to other things.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Learn from a master by watching, listening and taking notes. Don't ask questions yet. Make a list.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You've got to make hay while the sun's shining. Your situation is different, but it's still imperative for you to move quickly now, to get rich.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're undergoing a metamorphosis, again. There's been a lot of this going on for you in the past few years.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

- Today is a 6 - Continue with your search until everybody's satisfied. You'll know when that happens... when they quit complaining.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Today is a 7 - Follow your passion. Not only will you enjoy the time, you'll also be honing your skills. Proceed to mastery.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Gather up the goodies and invest in your own education. Don't be stopped by old failures.

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Cadets embark on Operation Thaw field training today

By Bryan Metcalf
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Army ROTC unit will be leaving today at noon for their annual field training exercise (FTX) that will take place at Fort Gordon in Augusta. The FTX has been given the official codename Georgia Thaw.

GSU's Eagle Battalion is comprised of students from Georgia Southern as well as Armstrong Atlantic, Savannah State, Savannah College of Art and Design and St. Leo's Universities.

They will be working alongside cadets from UGA, Georgia Tech, Mercer, Georgia Military College and all of their affiliated schools in an intense training program designed to test the students' abilities to effectively

lead men and women in combat.

For the juniors, FTX is the culminating event of their careers. According to Eagle Battalion's Capt. Ron Cohen, it is the last chance for them to hone their skills in leadership and land navigation.

"The juniors will be conducting situational training which will test their leadership skills and ability to plan missions and execute those missions," said Cohen. "They will also conduct day and night land navigation where they have to find so many points in a certain time."

When asked what FTX meant to him and the other juniors, Garrett Bailey said that FTX is a good time to build on teamwork, among other things.

"FTX is a chance to fine tune the

skills we have learned from ROTC," said Bailey. "The things we do well we can become even more proficient in and skills we lack can be worked on."

For the juniors, there are many variables that may be thrown at them in addition to the land navigation. According to Bailey, they will most likely be doing movement to contact, ambushes, taking out bunkers and reconnaissance.

"All this involves accurately keeping accountability of personnel and equipment, using the Troop Leading Procedures correctly, giving an Operations Order correctly, calling in Medevac, and always keeping a 360 degree security perimeter," Bailey added.

For the freshmen and sophomores,

FTX brings what Cohen referred to as "adventure training." They will be doing basic survival training, as well as practicing combat movement by playing paintball.

Cadets will get a chance to witness the Army Rangers assault a mock building that will be set up. Afterwards, the cadets will have a chance to ask the Rangers and their assigned helicopter crews questions about what the cadets have just witnessed.

According to Cohen, the eight hundred to a thousand cadets who will participate in Georgia Thaw from all across the state should return from the woods with one special prize. "The prize of knowing you can lead soldiers and do your job...now drop and give me 42 push-ups!"

Clean

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"Last year GSU was one of the most littered areas in the county," she said. "We want to get people to take pride in their campus and community."

Several groups are already registered to help improve these areas, among others, during the Cleanup. They include 91.9 The Buzz, Delta Sigma Phi, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Phi Kappa Alpha, SAGE, Southern Adventuaries and Tau Sigma Honor Society.

GSU's Student Alliance for a Green Earth will assist with reg-

istration the day of the Cleanup. T-shirts and food will be provided and attendance can fulfill volunteer hours.

To pre-register for the Great American Cleanup, or to get more information, visit www.keepbullochbeautiful.org.

Keep Bulloch Beautiful encourages residents and students to not only clean up their environment, but to continue to keep Statesboro clean throughout the year.

"The Great American Cleanup is just one day of taking care of our community," said Brandenburg. "Each year, we hope that the habits and behaviors from this event will last throughout the year."

African colleges merge onto Internet fast lane

By Laurie Goering
Chicago Tribune

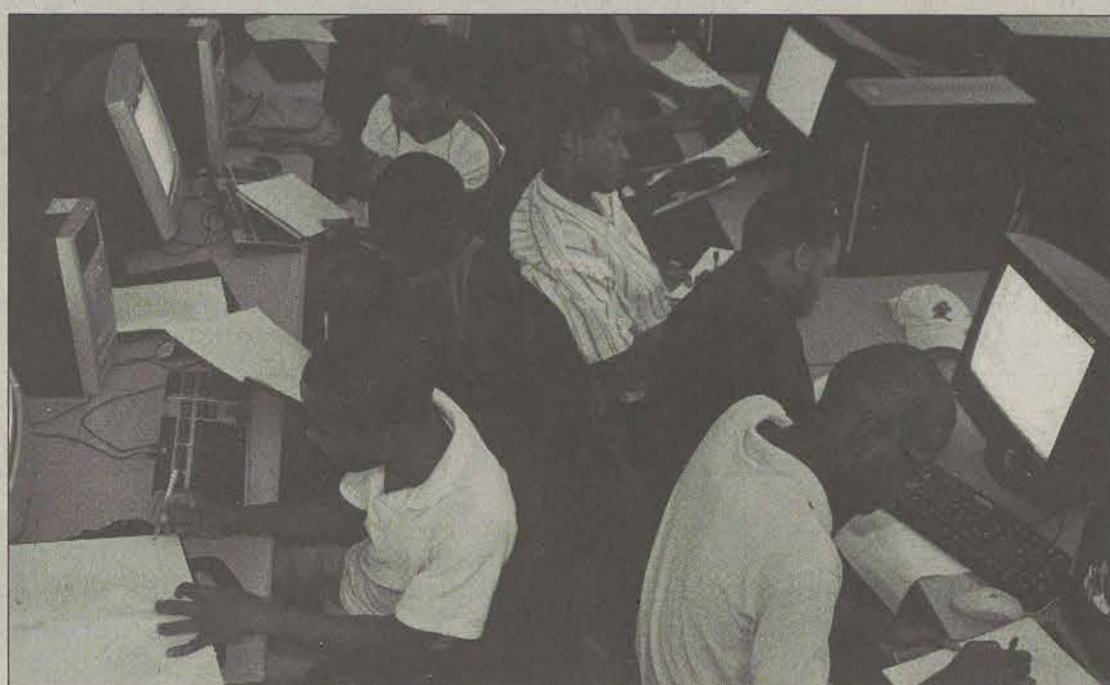
MAPUTO, Mozambique—Alfonso Pene, an information technology student at Eduardo Mondlane University, spends a lot of time on the Internet researching computer programming languages. But the university's slow connection speed makes doing his homework an exercise in frustration.

"It's too slow. It takes forever to download applications," said the 24-year-old senior, slouched in front of a terminal in one of the university's computer labs. While he is waiting, he said, "sometimes I walk around, have something to eat."

That is about to change as a result of an effort by six major U.S. foundations—including the Chicago-based MacArthur Foundation—to boost Internet bandwidth at African universities.

Under the program, dubbed the Bandwidth Initiative, Eduardo Mondlane—Mozambique's premier university—will see its bandwidth improved 50 percent in the next month or two without any increase in its monthly payments. That should give students and professors greater access to research materials from throughout the world, help coursework move online and assist Africa in finally becoming a "full member of the world's academic community," as one project backer has said.

For students and teachers, the change also means, simply, that doing 15 minutes worth of work answering e-mail or posting lectures on the Web will no longer take an hour, said Americo Muchanga, director of the university's



The computer center is busy at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique. Students look forward to high-speed Internet links.

Information Technology Center.

Right now, "you end up only doing the things that are necessary, like dealing with urgent e-mail," he said. With the new bandwidth, "people won't feel like they're wasting their time."

Mozambique, like many African countries, has little fast, cheap Internet access. Several new fiber optic cables capable of offering broad bandwidth pass through neighboring South Africa, but the closest connection point is still 190 miles from Maputo. The cost of laying a cable to close the gap would be \$6 million, well beyond the resources of a poor nation still recovering from a long

civil war, Muchanga said.

Many African countries face similar problems, one reason that Internet access at most African universities costs \$10,000 a month for the same bandwidth American and European universities enjoy for \$100 a month.

The new initiative aims to overcome that problem by giving African universities broadband access via satellite and grouping them together as a single buyer to win bulk discounts. Right now, 11 universities in Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and South Africa, as well as Mozambique, are part of the \$200 million, five-year program.



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Alcohol Awareness

From the College bar life to life behind bars
Chris Sandy's Story
April 12, 2006, 7 pm
Russell Union Ballroom

Chris is a young guy who enjoyed the same things most of you enjoy: a good time with friends, celebrating the holidays with family, going to a football or basketball game, etc. The difference between you and Chris is that he can't do any of those things anymore. Because of some bad decision he made around drinking and driving Chris is serving a mandatory 15 year sentence in a Georgia maximum security correctional institution for vehicular homicide involving the death of several of his closest friends. Come hear the "real deal" on drinking and driving from someone who knows what he is talking about.

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SPORTS

Chad Bishop
THE SMACK

A chicken is still a chicken

Yesterday afternoon your Georgia Southern Diamond Eagles lost to Coastal Carolina University 7-4 at J.I. Clements Stadium. Coastal Carolina Who-niversity? Now hold on, before you dismiss this school you may never heard of, you'll be hearing of them sooner and more often than you think.



Chad Bishop is a senior English major from Snellville, GA.

Coastal Carolina was founded in 1954 as a junior college in connection with the College of Charleston. So there you go, reason No. 1 to dislike them. Anything associated with C-of-C has to be detested.

In 1960, CCU split from Charleston and became a branch of the University of South Carolina. It wasn't until 1993 that Coastal gained their independence from USC and became the school it is today.

With an enrollment of 7,613, Coastal is in Conway, SC located just outside the Spring Break Mecca that is Myrtle Beach. They compete at the Division I level in the Big South with the likes of Winthrop, Charleston Southern and Radford. Their colors are teal and black, and their nickname is...are you ready?...the Chanticleers.

The Chanta-what-a-s? Yes, the Chanticleers. Using their USC-affiliated roots, Coastal went with a fancier name for rooster, or chicken. The Chanticleer, however, still smells just as bad and produces the same amount of excrement that any regular chicken would.

CCU's excuse is that the chanticleer is a literary reference. Middle English icon Geoffrey Chaucer included the chanticleer in his Canterbury Tales over 600 years ago. As the story goes, the boastful rooster sticks his neck to crow his feathered little head off, thus getting snatched away by the wily fox. Silly Chanticleer.

Much of the same can be said about the present day Chanticleer's. They too like to think themselves the cock of the walk. There has been quite a fervid rumor that CCU will be the next member of the Southern Conference.

With their football team improving every year, a pretty good soccer team and their baseball team at a decently competitive level (they actually have already beat us once this year in baseball, 17-13 in Mobile, AL), Coastal is feeling a little cocky (word play is fun!).

Don't believe me? The Chanticleers have already scheduled Elon, Wofford and Furman this fall in football. Wait, did I leave someone out? Ah yes, the Chant's will come crowing into Paulson on September 16. Mmm...I like chicken.

So yes, the chickens of Coastal Carolina may have gotten the best of us on the diamond. But rest assured, when they come a-cawing to the gridiron in September, that won't stop us from welcoming them as we do every other team; with disrespect, insults and lots and lots of chicken jokes.

GETTING INVOLVED...



Do you have a sports-related story idea? E-mail our editor at gasports@georgia-southern.edu.

Are you interested in writing for any section, call the newsroom at (912) 681-5246.

Here at the George-Anne, the sports staff decided to show you how wrong we were in picking the Final Four.

As a bonus, we will also give you our predictions for how we think it will turn out this weekend, especially considering that only one person got a single team correct.

Will Adams, staff writer

Bert Noble, sports editor

Chad Bishop, Columnist

Mike Anthony, staff writer

	Oakland	Washington	Atlanta	Minneapolis	Original title game picks	New title game picks
Will Adams, staff writer	Gonzaga	UConn	Texas	Ohio State	UConn over Texas	Florida over UCLA
Bert Noble, sports editor	Gonzaga	UConn	Duke	Villanova	Duke over UConn	LSU over Florida
Chad Bishop, Columnist	Gonzaga	UConn	Duke	Villanova	Gonzaga over UConn	George Mason over UCLA
Mike Anthony, staff writer	UCLA	UConn	Duke	Boston College	Duke over UConn	UCLA over George Mason

Football has first full pads practice

By Mike Anthony
Staff writer

Georgia Southern football upped the ante Wednesday, having its first full pads practice of the spring.

Over the next few weeks, players will be using these practices to work their way up the depth chart before the annual Blue-White game, which will be held April 22. The intensity was evident all afternoon as players sprinted through drills, weaved through routes and plowed through any dummies unfortunate enough to get in their path.

One of the main points of interest for the Eagles this spring is the quarterback position. Both Zach Stanford and Chris Griffin looked sharp throughout practice. Most of their time was spent working on drops and reading the secondary.

The two hopeful starters were very accurate when running 7 on 7 drills (running backs, receivers, linebackers and defensive backs), routinely hitting open receivers in stride for big gains.

Both were a bit shakier during the full team, 11 on 11 drills at the end of practice, missing on a few throws and

taking the occasional sack.

They were able to avoid dangerous throws, and neither threw an interception the entire practice.

This was only the third practice of the spring, so some mistakes were to be expected, but as Stanford stated, "This is game situation. It's the only way to learn."

Another emerging issue with GSU's quarterback situation this fall will be the control that he has during the play.

"It's on us to make the reads," said Griffin. "The coaches are counting on us and give us the freedom to make the call, so we've got to be on top of it."

GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker was encouraged by what he saw during Wednesday's practice.

"It's just exciting to see everyone out here after all that hard work in the off season. I really like the way that Coach (Brian) VanGorder is handling everything so far. He's a class act and really has a lot of character."

The next practice is scheduled for 4:00 Friday afternoon, with another session on Saturday morning at 9:30. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Eagle quarterback Zach Stanford participates in throwing drills during practice on Monday. The Eagles began full contact practice Wednesday. Practice concludes April 22 with the annual Blue-White game.

MLB to look at past steroid use

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire former U.S. Senate majority leader George Mitchell to lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced at a news conference Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported Wednesday by ESPN, comes in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks that he was evaluating how to respond to the book.

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999.

Mitchell's possible involvement was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used prior to Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

"I will only comment on things about Barry's on-field performance or contractual status," said his agent, Jeff Morris.

What's coming up

Friday, March 31
Baseball at Davidson, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 1
Golf at Augusta State Invitational Baseball at Davidson, 2 p.m.
M. Tennis at Elon, 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Chatt., DH, 1 p.m.
Track at SoCon/Big South Challenge
W. Tennis at Elon, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 2
Baseball at Davidson, 1 p.m.
Golf at Augusta State Invitational Men's Tennis at UNC-G, 11 a.m.
Softball vs. Chattanooga, 1 p.m.
W. Tennis at Winthrop, 10 a.m.

Baseball falls to Coastal Carolina

GSU News Service

Greg Dowling recorded a season-high four hits, his 14th multi-hit game this year, but Georgia Southern fell short in its comeback, losing 7-4 to Coastal Carolina Wednesday at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles (13-14 overall) had the tying run at the plate or the go-ahead runs on base in the final three innings.

Coastal jumped on the board in the first thanks to two errors. Making his first collegiate start, Andrew Berroth walked leadoff hitter Chris Raber. His throwing error on a bunt attempt by David Sappelt put runners on second and third. Second baseman Brett Pelfrey bobbled a grounder allowing the first run to score.

In the second, Coastal (11-15) used a solo home run by Derek Martin and RBI double from Raber to extend the lead to 3-0.

The Eagles put the leadoff runner on in the first and second inning but both were erased on a ground ball double play. In the fourth, Dowling jumped into a share of the team home run lead, hitting his third.

With one out in the fifth, Mike Fuentes lined a RBI single off relief

pitcher Matt Shurley. Dom Duggan then hit a grounder with the bases loaded. He beat the throw to first as another run scored.

Chris Shehan lined a leadoff double to start the sixth. He advanced to third on Dowling's single then scored on Jeremiah Parker's RBI double. Griffin Benedict grounded out to short but Dowling was able to score, making it 5-3.

GSU stranded nine runners, including one in the seventh. Pelfrey lined a leadoff single and took second when Brant Peacher bobbled the ball. John Mariotti entered the game. He struck out the first two batters he faced and got a lineup to end the Eagles' threat.

Parker drew a one-out walk in the eighth. Benedict dropped a double down the left field line to put the tying runs in scoring position. Mike Economos hit a sacrifice fly, cutting Coastal's lead to 5-4. David Richardson pushed the count full before walking. However, Pelfrey fouled out to the third baseman ending the inning.

DJ Burns reached on an error to start the ninth, chasing Shurley. Pelfrey made up for his error by starting a



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Eagle leftfielder Mike Economos runs to field a line drive during the Eagles game against the Citadel Sunday.

double play. However, David Cogswell walked Peacher. Mariotti, who hit for himself, slammed a 2-run shot to deep centerfield.

The Eagles staged a two-out rally in the ninth. Shehan drew a walk then Dowling singled up the middle. However, Parker grounded out to end the game.

Berroth (0-1) gave up just three hits in 4.1 innings but was charged for four runs. He issued four walks

and fanned three. Shurley pitched 3.2 innings, allowing only one run on four hits. Benedict joined Dowling with a multi-hit game, finishing with two. The Eagles out-hit Coastal 11-8.

Andy DeLaGarza (1-5) picked up his first win, allowing three runs on nine hits in six innings. Mariotti walked three but gave up just two hits while earning his second save.

The Eagles travel to Davidson this weekend for a SoCon series.

George Mason rules in Middle East

By Jim Krane
Associated Press

RASAL KHAIMAH, United Arab Emirates — There's a vague notion this tiny satellite campus of George Mason University that basketball is played by bouncing a ball and tossing it toward a hoop. It's also starting to sink in that classmates on the other side of the world have done something remarkable.

"Kun fi al-qimma!" campus receptionist Khawla Yousef screams in Arabic, which means "Reach the top!"

Welcome to the real Mideast Regional.

Come Saturday — when George Mason meets Florida in the Final Four in Indianapolis — students and faculty on this campus will hopefully by then have found some way to watch the game.

And there better not be any Gators fans passing through this remote mountain town, where large patches of rocks abound and wild donkeys and camels roam.

The farfetched success of the Patriots caught many people by surprise, none more than those on George Mason's UAE campus, where basketball is about as popular as cricket is in America.

"Please win for us to make us popular," said Ahmed Khalid, a 20-

year-old Palestinian who grew up in Ras Al Khaimah.

George Mason coach Jim Larranaga, who has likened his Superman-slaying team to Kryptonite, was intrigued to hear the UAE students were following the Patriots.

The campus is 60 miles from Dubai and has just 31 students who study English in hopes of being admitted as freshmen in the fall. Their sports activities consist of pingpong over lunch and soccer games that start when the blazing sun dips below the jagged mountains along the nearby border with Oman.

"We are trying to generate some interest," said Shaikat Mirza, the campus' executive director. "They are playing not exactly basketball, but football. I mean soccer."

Mirza said he was blindsided by the team's snowballing success, perhaps because he has focused on the grand opening of the campus, which sits on a stony plain where goats graze among acacia trees. "Until you called me I was not aware of it," he told The Associated Press.

The students were stumped when asked which team George Mason beat last week.

"Chicago?" asked one.

"No, it was Michigan," Eltigani said with little conviction.

Scott South, who teaches English

at the school, figures the victory over Connecticut will serve another purpose as well.

"I printed out articles about it, and I plan to do a reading lesson with it," he said.

George Mason is one of a growing number of American colleges attractive to wealthy Arab countries on the Persian Gulf, where U.S. university educations have long been coveted. But after Sept. 11, families have grown wary of sending children to study in a U.S. atmosphere seen as increasingly anti-Arab.

Instead, rulers in the Emirates and nearby Qatar have spent millions to lure some of the best American schools to build satellite campuses. The effort quickly succeeded.

Harvard is building a medical school in nearby Dubai, the most cosmopolitan of the UAE's seven emirates.

These days on campus, there's a prominent bulletin board at the main building where a story about the Connecticut victory is posted. There's also a photo of players Lamar Butler and Tony Skinn and Larranaga.

Two weeks ago, the school broke ground on a vast campus deep in the rolling red desert dunes just outside Ras Al Khaimah. For now, the big question is this: Will it generate any star basketball players?



AP Photo/Lawrence Jackson

George Mason University junior Danib Rafiq wears the face moniker at a school pep rally on campus, Wednesday. The basketball team is headed to Indianapolis for the Final Four tournament this weekend.

The Ras Al Khaimah campus has a fine basketball court, with a green resin, composite floor. But the court has been converted into an auditorium, with stuffed chairs to the half-court line and framed portraits of sheiks on the wall instead of a scoreboard.

"We'll start a team here now. It has been an inspiration for us," said campus librarian Amuthan Arasan.

"We're proud to say we're in the best of four," he said, then adding, after a hint, "er, Final Four."

'ATL' finds nice balance between social issues and entertainment

By Chris Vognar
Knight Ridder Newspapers

It's not all good in "ATL's" hood, but it's a lot better than you might think. This sharp-looking tale of friends growing up and skating together in hip-hop Atlanta has wit and heart that transcend most formulas.

The film's central dilemma could be summed up by the title of a book by Todd Boyd: "Am I Black Enough For You?"

The hero, Rashad (rapper T.I.), dates a fellow skating rink regular named New-New (Lauren London). But New-New's neighborhood is a bit nicer than Rashad knows.

Meanwhile, Rashad's buddy Esquire (Jackie Long) hustles golfers at the country club where he works, earning him taunts of "Tiger Hood" and "Black Nicklaus."

In other words, "ATL" has more room for nuance than most films unfairly lumped under the "black movie" label.

Its prime mission is still entertainment, but it's happy to remind us that, contrary to the majority of movie images, black people come from varied socioeconomic backgrounds and life experiences. Class is definitely in session in "ATL."

Based on a story by Antwone Fisher, who wrote the screenplay for his eponymous 2002 film, "ATL" has no pretense of social treatise; it's a friendly film that wants a big audience and will likely find one.

It even has the requisite banger soundtrack, with a classic cut from Outkast, Atlanta's favorite hip-hop sons (Git Up Git Out, from 1994's "Southernplayalisticadillacmusik").

The 'kast is represented in the cast by Big Boi, who gets to strut his gangsta stuff as a local pot kingpin

named Marcus who takes Rashad's kid brother, Ant, under his wing.

Yes, the perils of the hood are present and accounted for in "ATL," but in a strictly PG-13 way. The movie isn't all that interested in menace, though it's deceptively smart on matters of society.

The adults in the mix include Mykelti Williamson, as Rashad's uncle and de facto father, and Keith David as a local business titan who looks down his nose at his old neighborhood.

The Williamson storyline is a little weak, but David, who's probably made enough cash doing voiceover work to retire in luxury, brings a sinister touch to his character's snobbery.

He's got his big house and successful career, and he's come to view his old neighbors as worthless hoodrats.

"ATL" moves at a snappy visual clip; director Chris Robinson and editor David Blackburn bring a sense of kinetic energy to the skating scenes, and they create sharp transitions without wallowing in MTV clichés.

The story doesn't move quite as smoothly. It takes too long getting revved up and introducing us to minor characters.

But once "ATL" locks in, the central themes of class and friendship resonate like a pair of big-bass speakers.

"ATL" will be compared to the roller rink nostalgia story "Roll Bounce," but only by the intellectually lazy.

The skate scene is just "ATL's" backdrop, the common bond and mode of expression for a group of buddies trying to do their thing and stay tight with each other.

Simple and universal ambitions for a movie of understated charms.



The promotional poster for 'ATL' bills it as "a new American story."



Special photo



Knight Ridder Newspapers

Evan Ross, left, portrays Anton "Ant" Swann, Mykelti Williamson as "Uncle George" and Tip "T.I." Harris portrays "Rashad Swann," in the movie "ATL."

'ATL' movie release prompts caution from Georgia mall company

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Friday's nationwide release of the movie "ATL" has prompted a mall company that owns six Georgia malls to be watchful for disturbances.

Chicago-based General Growth Properties sent a memo to the security directors of the more than 200 malls it owns to be on the lookout for any kinds of problems among people viewing the movie, which is about the lives of four black teens in a south Atlanta neighborhood.

The movie stars Tip Harris, an Atlanta rapper known as "T.I.," also known as the self-proclaimed "King of the South."

Warner Bros., which produced the movie, said in a statement that the movie is a celebration of the South's vibrant culture with a focus on Atlanta's energy.

General Growth spokesman David Keating said none of the Georgia malls — Atlanta's Perimeter and Cumberland malls, Oglethorpe Mall in Savannah, Peachtree Mall

in Columbus, Southlake Mall in Morrow and Augusta Mall — have movie theaters.

Keating said Wednesday the company's security department only sent out the memo "as a reaction to an incident a few years ago." Keating said he did not remember the particular movie that prompted the security concerns.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported in 2000 that a Wisconsin mall owned by General Growth paid overtime wages for police for weekend patrols at a cinema complex where mega-hit teen flicks had drawn rowdy crowds, sparking a fight that ended with a high-speed car chase.

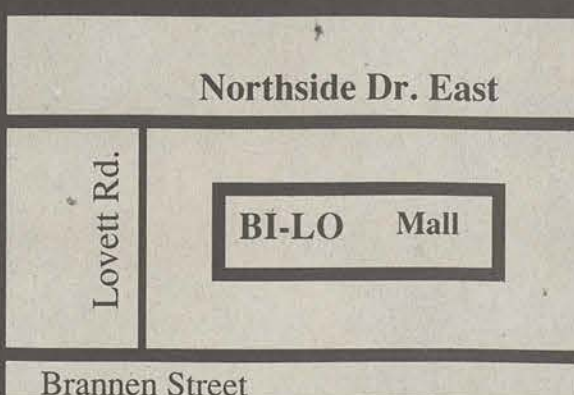
Keating later said in a statement that the security e-mail was "not meant to target the movie's content or its audience."

"We regret the e-mail could be read to imply something that we do not condone and apologize for any unintended offense it may have caused," he said.

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One for the Ladies

March, Women's History Month, is almost over, but it's never too late to get involved! GSU has many clubs dedicated to fighting domestic violence, rape, and furthering the cause of women's rights. Why not go to a meeting this week and see just what a difference YOU could make?



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Daniel Radcliffe
2. **Jarhead**
Jake Gyllenhaal
3. **Walk the Line**
Joaquin Phoenix
4. **Lady and the Tramp: 50th Anniversary Edition**
Walt Disney
5. **Just Friends**
Ryan Reynolds
6. **Pride & Prejudice**
Keira Knightley
7. **Crash**
Don Cheadle
8. **Prime**
Uma Thurman
9. **Howl's Moving Castle**
Hayao Miyazaki
10. **Yours, Mine & Ours**
Dennis Quaid

MOVIES

1. Inside Man
2. V for Vendetta
3. Stay Alive
4. Failure to Launch
5. The Shaggy Dog
6. She's the Man
7. Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector
8. The Hills Have Eyes
9. Eight Below
10. 16 Blocks

ALBUMS

1. Prince, 3121
2. Various Artists, High School Musical soundtrack
3. James Blunt, Back to Bedlam
4. Barry Manilow, The Greatest Songs of the Fifties
5. Ne-Yo, In My Own Words
6. B.G., The Heart of the Streetz Vol. 2
7. Teddy Geiger, Underage Thinking
8. Alan Jackson, Precious Memories
9. Johnny Cash, The Legend of Johnny Cash
10. Ben Harper, Both Sides of the Gun

Source: Entertainment Weekly

WHAT IS NOW PLAYING

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- Aquamarine**
(1:45, 4:15)
- Eight Below**
(1:30, 4:15), 7:00, 9:40
- Failure to Launch**
(1:30, 4:15), 7:10, 9:40
- Final Destination 3**
7:30, 9:50
- The Hills Have Eyes**
(1:45, 4:20), 7:00, 9:30
- The Inside Man**
(1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 9:55
- Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector**
(1:20, 3:30), 5:40, 7:45, 9:50
- Madagascar**
(1:30, 4:15), 7:00, 9:45
- The Shaggy Dog**
(12:45, 3:00, 5:15), 7:30, 9:45
- She's the Man**
(1:45, 4:30), 7:00, 9:30
- Stay Alive**
(1:10, 3:15, 5:20), 7:25, 9:30
- V for Vendetta**
(1:20, 1:50, 4:15, 4:55), 7:10, 8:00, 10:00

Parenthesis denotes matinee

GSU to host fifth annual Native American Festival this Saturday

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern Museum will host its fifth annual Native American Festival on Saturday, April 1st.

A collection of fascinating Native American artifacts that were recently donated to the Museum will be unveiled for the first time at the festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Recreation Activities Center (RAC) Pavilion on Old Register Road.

In addition, the festival will feature traditional and popular attractions such as Native American dancers, beadwork and pottery demonstrations, and opportunities to taste authentic Native American food.

"The purpose of the festival is to showcase Native American cultural and artistic accomplishments while creating a hands-on learning experience for people of all ages," said Wendy Denton, the interim director of the Museum. "We also seek to increase understanding and respect for Native American culture, and to inspire guests to seek out other opportunities to interact with Native American culture."

The Museum maintains a significant collection of Native American artifacts - a collection that will be greatly enhanced with the formal

dedication of the Dr. James A. Roshto Native American Collection.

A popular obstetrician and gynecologist in Statesboro who died in February 2005, Dr. Roshto was a longtime member of the Archeological Society of Georgia and an avid collector of regional Native American relics. Dr. Roshto's family has donated his collection to the Museum.

The collection features 768 projectile points, blades, knives, bone awls and pins and pottery. The collection also includes over 500 journals and books.

Selected objects from the Dr. Roshto Native American Collection will be on display at the festival.

Deer Clan Productions will return again this year to entertain the crowd with traditional and "fancy" dancing. Dancer and educator Bo Taylor, who is the archivist at the Museum of the Cherokee in North Carolina, will also be performing.

The festival will feature a recreation of a trapper's encampment by Diamond Brown, who is part of the Touch the Earth With Native People environmental group.

Donnie Collins will demonstrate flint knapping, which is the process of making stone tools, like arrowheads and hand axes.

Also at the festival, the GSU

Botanical Garden will have a display explaining the different uses that Native Americans have for various plants. Children will be able to grind corn with a stone and make a seed pouch.

There will be a number of other activities for children, including Native American games and face-painting. Also, many of the animals from GSU's Center for Wildlife Education will be on hand.

The first four Native American Festivals at Georgia Southern were held in the fall on Sweetheart Circle in the heart of the University campus. The festival has been moved to the spring to take advantage of the established pow wow schedule of the region's tribes and to build the festival as a regular competition event.

The site of the festival has been changed to the RAC to permit more parking and lighting, as well as better facilities for performers and vendors. The new site also allows competitors and vendors to camp overnight in their RV's and tents.

There is no admission fee for the festival and all activities are free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information on the Native American Festival, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/museum/events/> or call (912) 681-5444.



File photo

Five things you should know about Native Americans

1. There are about 150 Native American languages in Canada and the United States.
2. "American Indians," "Native Americans," and "First Nations people" are synonyms.
3. The term "Red Indian," originally referred to a specific tribe, the Beothuks, who painted their bodies and faces with red ochre.
4. There are about 2 million Native Americans in the United States and 1 million in Canada.
5. Native Americans living on reservations are citizens of the United States or Canada that obey federal laws and vote, but they are also subject to tribal laws and elect tribal leadership.

Source: Native Languages of the Americas



A group of Statesboro community members peruse a table full of artifacts at last year's Native American Festival. This year, the festival will be held on Saturday, April 1st, at the RAC.

File photo

It's back to the drawing board: Animated films are popular again

By Jack Mathews

Knight Ridder Newspapers

During a bus trip to the Alaskan set of a 1983 Disney live-action movie, I got into a conversation about the declining status of animated movies and boldly predicted to the Disney executive sitting next to me that the genre was about to become extinct.

Not a single animated feature was released in the U.S. in 1984, and the five released in 1985 sold less than \$50 million worth of tickets combined.

Then, in a blur of blockbusters that began with "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988), we saw Disney's resuscitated animation division churn out the instant classics "The Little Mermaid" (1989), "Beauty and the Beast" (1991), "Aladdin" (1992), and "The Lion King" (1994), followed by Pixar's first soldier in the computer-animation revolution, "Toy Story."

In 2001, 10 years after "Beauty and the Beast" became the one and only animated movie ever nominated for Best Picture, the Academy decided to give the animated feature its own category. The first winner: "Shrek."

How healthy are animated movies today? Well, in 2004, the top five animated films sold more than \$1.1

billion worth of tickets in the U.S. and Canada.

The three films nominated for Best Animated Feature that year outgrossed the five live-action nominees, \$858.6 million to \$401.5 million.

And in 2006, 22 years after the shutout of '84, the major studios, along with the new Weinstein Co., plan the wide release of at least 14 new animated features. "Hoodwinked" and "Doogal" have already been released, and animation's first box-office sure thing—"Ice Age 2: The Meltdown"—opens Friday.

Where heads were down two decades ago, people in animation today are as cheery as investors in a bull market.

"I think people will look back at this period as the Golden Age of animation," says Yair Landau, vice chairman of Sony Pictures Entertainment, whose animation division will release its first in-house computer-animated feature ("Open Season") in September. "There used to be one studio putting out animated product; now, there are multiple entities."

While computer animation dominates the field, it's not the only medium. None of last year's Oscar nominees

were computer-animated. The Oscar winner, "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," and Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride" were done with models and stop-motion. The third nominee, Hayao Miyazaki's "Howl's Moving Castle," was traditional hand-drawn cell animation.

This year, we'll see two movies—"Monster House" and "A Scanner Darkly"—where the computer animation is done over live-action performances, creating images that are both cartoonish and photorealistic.

But, as virtually everyone interviewed for this story agrees, the medium is not the message—the message is.

"Pixar's CG is fantastic, but their movies work because they know how to tell stories," says Spaz Williams, who directed the upcoming "The Wild."

Charles Solomon, an author, journalist and animation expert, knows all the cycles of animation's history and says the only thing new today is the technology.

"I'm just old-fashioned enough to think that good stories are what makes good animation movies," he says. "And good animated movies stay on the shelves forever."



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Scrat eyes his most treasured and elusive prize, a nut, in "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown." The sequel, expected to join the long list of animated box office hits, opens Friday

THE BOTTOM LINE

by ADAM CRISP

Put your money to work

If you are anything like me, if you have more than \$10 in your checking account, it's likely going to be blown pretty fast. But, I feel sure, there must be a few

reponsible money managers around here and for those people I have some advice.

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Got star quality? Audition this Saturday to be in an independent film!

By Carl Bonebright
Staff writer

An independent film is coming to town, and all of Statesboro is invited to participate in the open auditions being held this Saturday.

The film's writer, Adam Brady, a former managing editor of the George-Anne, described the film as a drama with

a bit of dark comedy. The film is called "Finding Lost."

The film will cover a wide range of topics including the transition from college to the professional working world, the "grey area" between the two, and small town life in general.

"Basically," Brady said, "it's about how life isn't always what you plan it

out to be."

The auditions are open to every person of every age and level of acting experience. No preparation or pre-memorization is required for the auditions. Everyone who wants to be a part of the filmmaking process will get a chance to help out, either in front of or behind the camera.

"Even if all you want is to help hold a microphone or set up cables one or two days," just get in contact with them, Brady said.

The film will be set in Statesboro and filmed from the end of May to the middle of July at the latest. For the actors and main production aides, the film will likely be a large time commitment, so

film organizers are asking volunteers to clear their calendars for the summer. As for advice to auditioners, Brady said, "Just showing up is 99%."

The film is very "grassroots." Everyone is going to be a volunteer, and the film will sink or swim based on the efforts of everyone involved.

Auditions for actors and openings

for production aides will be held on Saturday, April 1st, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Williams Center Conference Room. The Conference Room can be found on the second floor across from the George-Anne offices. For further information, contact Adam Brady at half.fast@gmail.com.

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Guys, sometimes it's all about the impression, and knowing how to make a good one can save your career—or your relationship.

A gentleman's guide: how to impress in 10 easy steps

By Enrique Fernandez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The time comes in a man's life when he must put away childish things - the low-slung jeans, the funky hair, the rough manners - and act like, well, a gentleman. It's all about romance (from courtship through marriage) and career (dress code for job interview).

So here are some suggestions on how to clean up nicely.

1. **THE SUIT.** Since this is the impression you'll make on the world, get the best you can afford. Comb Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue stores for Zegna, Corneliani, or that American staple, Hickey-Freeman. Or if you're blessed with a trim physique, the narrow silhouettes of Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada - but even Hickey-Freeman cuts them slimmer now. A suit or blazer from the top of the food chain - Brioni, Kiton or Oxxford - means bigger bucks but the fabric, fit and durability are well worth it.

As for colors, black may be the new black, but in an office or under the harsh light of a summer day, it looks creepy. Dark blue is hard to beat and looks terrific with tanned or darker skin. Pinstripes have been enjoying a run for several seasons, and a tan suit with a blue shirt is a warm weather pleaser. Ties? Classic stripes just got trendy. No-tie is getting overdone. So for a rakish look, wear a dark slim suit with a white shirt and a plain thin

black tie. Kind of Rat Pack meets 21st century playa.

2. **THE SHOES.** Give your duck-billed platypus shoes of a few years ago to Goodwill. Lace-up oxfords - plain, capped or wing-tipped - are the shoes to wear with that good suit.

3. **THE SHOE REPAIR.** Those great traditional shoes will never go out of style, but they will need maintenance: new heels and soles, not to mention shines. Find yourself a reputable cobbler.

4. **THE ACCESSORIES.** If you're the kind of guy who can use some help, tap the personnel at high-end department stores or men's shops. Find a not-too-young salesman. When you're going for timeless quality, trust your elders.

5. **THE HAIRCUT.** For an old-fashioned trim in a classic environment, make an appointment at your local barber shop. You can also get a manicure, which is actually an old barbershop tradition.

6. **THE TUX.** If your lifestyle includes three or more black-tie events a year, you should own a tux. As with suits, look for outlet bargains of fine brands. Don't bother with a wing-collared shirt or studs; a white French-cuff dress shirt you can also wear with a business suit will do.

And if your black-tie nights are few and far between, try this alternative to an ill-fitting rental. Wear your best dark suit with the above-mentioned white shirt and a solid

silver-colored tie. You'll stand out, but in a good way. And whatever you wear, plain, black dress shoes.

7. **THE FLOWERS.** Amazing what a bouquet of flowers can do to express sentiment, beg forgiveness or just say hi in a special way.

8. **THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE LAPTOP.** Time to sign on the dotted line - at a wedding, at a business deal - or to jot a phone number. A cheap ballpoint will do the job, but how about a Mont Blanc Meisterstück? Careful. Pens can be addictive and pretty soon you could become a collector of expensive quills. On the other hand, not as dear as collecting vintage Bentleys.

9. **THE CRIB.** The slang is yesterday - and so is the look it represents. Strip off the posters - unless they're vintage, in which case, have them framed - and hang some serious art. Are any of your old buds struggling artists? If so, they may sell you a piece or two for a pittance - and if they make it, you have yourself a real investment. Have your art framed at a reputable frame shop.

10. **THE WHEELS.** Unless you're a hip-hop star or a high-schooler going to the prom, rent a town car, not a limo - it's what classy celebs, as opposed to showoffs and wannabes, cruise in. So there's only room for you and your honey? And, is that a problem? Any car service that rents stretch limos should also have unstretched town cars.

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Microsoft and Sony face off in cyberspace

By Dean Takahashi
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The next place where Microsoft and Sony will fight their grudge match in video games is cyberspace.

That became clear last week as Sony revealed its plans for a PlayStation Network, an online gaming service that will debut with the PlayStation 3 video game console in November. Sony will match Microsoft's recently upgraded Xbox Live service on the Xbox 360 video game console, and in some cases it will go further than Microsoft to encourage participation in online entertainment.

As more people get broadband Internet service and prefer to play their video games against other people, the video game console makers are following them.

Phil Harrison, executive vice president of worldwide publishing for Sony's game division, described the service in a keynote speech at the Game Developers Conference in San Jose. Sony will entice the broader market to pay for some services, such

as downloads of videos, music, game demos, games, and subscriptions to participate in online fantasy worlds, said Harrison.

But in contrast to Microsoft, Sony said it would make online gaming for basic communications and multi-player games available for free. Microsoft's Xbox Live service on the new Xbox 360 console is free for communications but charges for multi-player games.

Chris Satchell, a Microsoft game development manager, said Sony is playing catch-up.

"It's interesting to see them follow us into the online space," he said. "We have invested in online console games for over four years."

Nintendo, meanwhile, will also join the online fray as it builds wireless WiFi networking into its next-generation Revolution console coming later this year.

Satoru Iwata, chief executive of Nintendo, said that the Nintendo handheld DS game player will be able to connect to the Revolution wirelessly.

Top Ten Video Games

1. "Elder Scrolls: Oblivion," Xbox 360, PC
2. "Kingdom Hearts II," PS2
3. "Ghost Recon: Advanced Warfighter," Xbox 360
4. "Fight Night: Round 3," Xbox 360, Xbox, PS2
5. "Metal Gear Solid 3: Subsistence," PS2
6. "Midnight Club 3: DUB Edition Remix," Xbox, PS2
7. "The Lord of the Rings: The Battle for Middle-earth," PC
8. "Burnout Revenge," Xbox 360
9. "Tetris DS," Nintendo DS
10. "Black," Xbox, PS2

Source: Game Informer Magazine

THE FOOD CORNER

Exploring the sweet art of sugar

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

Many chefs make thousands of dollars by playing with their food.

Last week I introduced you to the extremely popular art form of cake decorating.

This week I'm going to tell you about the most dangerous culinary art: pouring, pulling and blowing sugar.

The art of sugar is not only dangerous, it's daring. Artists have to deal with extremely high temperatures that can cause burns and fragile pieces of art that when broken, can cause cuts.

In many ways, pouring, pulling and blowing sugar is similar to working with glass. Here are the basics of sugar art.

How to Get Started:

A mixture of corn syrup, sugar, cream of tartar and water is boiled on a stove. Sugar is melted until it reaches a "hard crack" stage (about 300 degrees).

After the sugar is melted, it can either be poured into silicone molds to harden or poured out onto a Silpat

mat to slightly cool.

Chefs then take the sugar (which is still hot) and fold it and pull it time and time again until it is extremely glossy.

Once the sugar has a glossy sheen, it can be pulled or blown into extravagant designs.

Pulling Sugar:

By pulling sugar, chefs can form shapes by hand. In the picture below, a rose is created by forming individual petals by hand and then "glued" together with a blowtorch.

One of the great things about working with sugar is that the sugar acts as glue. Therefore, to glue pieces together, all chefs have to do is melt the sugar. Pulling sugar allows artists more control over the shape of their design.

Blown Sugar:

Blowing sugar is an extremely difficult way to work with sugar. A small ball of sugar is formed by hand around a metal air pump nozzle. Then air is slowly pumped into the sugar until elaborate, hollow shapes are made.



Special Photo

2005 National Pastry Championship 1st prize Showpiece created out of blown sugar, pulled sugar and poured sugar.

Getting started:



Sugar is poured into a silicone mat to cool.



The sugar is folded while it's still hot.



The sugar is pulled over and over until it becomes glossy.

'Pulling' sugar:



Individual petals are created by hand.



Flowers petals are 'glued' together to form a rose.

'Blowing' sugar:



A small ball of sugar is formed by hand around a metal air pump nozzle.



Air is slowly pumped into the sugar.



Elaborate, hollow shapes are created.

Special Photos



Jack Black as "Nacho Libre" in Paramount Pictures' "Nacho Libre."

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Summer hits slump

By Jim Beckerman

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Buzz, buzz, buzz.

That's the sound bees and movie fans make in the spring. And for the same reason — they're both anticipating the summer.

Only you might have to listen extra hard this year.

The mainstream media, normally a bee-loud glade by March, have been unusually slow to promote the big summer blockbusters, observers say.

"I think they've been very low-key about the summer releases," says Drew McWeeny, West Coast editor for Ain't It Cool News, a 10-year-old Web site devoted to Hollywood buzz.

Quick, how many 2006 summer films can you name right now?

Even the Super Bowl, normally ground zero for launching summer release campaigns (remember "Independence Day"? "The Matrix Reloaded"?), was surprisingly light on Hollywood hype this year, McWeeny said.

"Normally with the Super Bowl, you see this lineup of all the movie ads," he said. "It's always been a great place to jump-start the movie summer. Didn't happen this year. The only one was 'Mission: Impossible III.' No 'X-Men.' No 'Superman.' Come on — it's the Super Bowl and there's no Superman spot? It seems so obvious."

So far, there are only "teaser trailers" for two of the summer's most anticipated films, "Superman

Returns" and "Miami Vice."

Other sure-fire films (like "X-Men: The Last Stand") may be slower to get into the ad game for a practical reason: The F/X, such a big part of these movies, may not be finished yet.

"When you have so many summer films coming at once, the visual effects companies literally don't have enough people delivering the work," says Harry Knowles, founder of Ain't It Cool News. "Work is being delivered very slowly, at the last minute."

At a time when movie attendance is down (7 percent in 2005), along with general interest in Hollywood (Oscar ratings were 10 points lower this year), some people believe that nervous studios simply aren't promoting like they used to.

"I think the pervasive attitude in Hollywood is very careful, very calculated, all about the money," said Mark Ehrenkranz, producer of the New York Film Critics series.

Others, like Knowles, believe that the 2006 summer campaign is not so different from other years. It just intensifies several trends that have been apparent for a while.

For one thing, studios are putting their big promotional bucks into their next-in-line releases rather than advertising six months ahead of time. Which is why movies like "Mission: Impossible III" and "The Da Vinci Code" are getting all the exposure right now.

"The big, massive campaigns are going to be unloaded in the three weeks prior to release," Knowles said.



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Here are some summer films that are either getting buzz right now or soon may be:

- "Mission: Impossible III" (May 5).
- "Poseidon" (May 12).
- "The Da Vinci Code" (May 19).
- "Over the Hedge" (May 19).
- "X-Men: The Last Stand" (May 26).
- "Nacho Libre" (June 2).
- "Cars" (June 9).
- "Click" (June 23).
- "Garfield's A Tale of Two Kitties" (June 23).
- "Superman Returns" (June 30).
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (July 7).
- "Lady in the Water" (July 21).
- "Miami Vice" (July 28).
- "The Ant Bully" (Aug. 4).
- "Apocalypse" (Aug. 4).
- "World Trade Center" (Aug. 11).
- "Snakes in a Plane" (Aug. 18).
- "Sin City 2" (summer; no release date set yet).

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