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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

Athletes in
cyberlandColleges concerned
how athletes
present themselves
on Internet sitesBy Michelle Kaufman and Sarah
Rothschild

McClatchy Newspapers

As if college coaches didn't have enough to worry about, they now find themselves holding their breath as they surf the Internet and discover athletes' personal diaries that would make Madonna blush.

With a few clicks of a mouse, coaches and athletic department administrators are exploring the underbelly of their student-athletes' social world, electronically snooping on things that until a few years ago remained guarded within the confines of locker rooms, dorm hallways and fraternity and sorority houses.

Much of what they're finding on social networking websites MySpace.com and Facebook.com is harmless, sophomoric collegiate jocularly. But, they are also finding sexually explicit photos and recordings, an alarming amount of profanity, references to being "crunk" (crazy drunk), and images that could be embarrassing to their universities. The sites could also prove a particular headache for college athletes because overzealous boosters, agents, gamblers and the media have easy access.

It has become such a concern that college athletic departments across the nation are cracking down, demanding that athletes sanitize their profiles. The NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed at its recent meeting, and some Florida schools have already issued written warnings and policies.

The Miami Herald searched for more than 500 football players from the University of Miami, University of Florida, Florida State, Florida International and Florida Atlantic and found that more than half have personal webpages on one or both sites.

Players interviewed said they join the free websites because it's an easy way to keep up with their friends. MySpace boasts 100 million members and the college-exclusive Facebook has 8 million users.

The football players all agreed they have to be cautious about what they post, but many of those same athletes have raunchy web profiles.

Scroll down the MySpace page of UM safety Brandon Meriweather (aka Hit-Stick 19) and you'll find dozens of provocative photos of his female "friends" in g-strings.

FAU wide receiver Chris Bonner claims he is selective in what he posts. "You don't want to make a bad name for your school," he said. And yet, he opens his MySpace profile with: "I'm not gay, so homos stay away." He also includes close-up photos of women's

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The Woodin Nickel returns to the 'Boro

Now owned by Ace Amerson, The Woodin Nickel is again the place to be

By Frenchi Jones

Staff writer

Sporting a backwards GSU hat, with a slightly curved and dingy bill, Ace Amerson shows off his new place.

"Over here we have the Oriental Express, a Chinese restaurant," he said walking through a door separating the two rooms. "Then, over here we have a place for people to dance and have a good time."

The place is called the Woodin Nickel, and yes, it is back in business. The restaurant-nightclub combo re-opened its doors on August 16.

With Christmas lights adorning the walls and large picnic tables taking up most of the room, it is not exactly what some would call a home, but it reminds some, like Amerson, what home feels like.

"This place has been here for 10 years," he said. "It was the first bar ever opened in University Plaza and it has always been the craziest place to party."

Amerson, a 2004 GSU graduate who starred on the MTV reality show Real World in Paris, purchased the Woodin Nickel in November from former owner Will Britt after the establishment lost its liquor license and had

to shut its doors in October 2005.

"The owner and I were buddies, he kind of new he would not get his license back, and so we worked out a really good deal," Amerson said.

"Since then, business has been really good," Amerson said. "However, they will not allow the bar to sell liquor so everyone gets drunk at other places and then comes here to have a good time. I am okay with that, because this is like the fun spot."

According to an article printed by the George-Anne on October 5, 2005, Laura Milner, a writing and linguistics professor at GSU, was instrumental

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Tamm Green, left, and Nicole Tramel stand outside The Woodin Nickel.

Grayson Hoffman/
STAFF

MCT Illustration/Lamberto Alvarez

Facebook's facelift:
'feeds' limit privacy

Facebook creator defends new features

By Brittany Hall

Assistant news editor

Facebook's "Mini-Feed" and "News-Feed" left facebookers in a frenzy last week when new features were added.

Max Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, admitted that the kick-off of the new features weren't explained well enough at the start.

"When we launched News Feed and Mini-Feed we were trying to provide you with a stream of infor-

mation about your social world," said Zuckerberg. "Instead, we did a bad job of explaining what the new features were and an even worse job of giving you control of them."

Many students thought the new features that allowed users to see their friends' events, friend's comments on pictures and message walls, relationship status changes and even profile changes at their home page was invasive of common privacy.

"I don't like that everyone can see what I write about other people's pic-

tures and what I write on their walls. That information isn't intended to be broadcast," said Junior Beth Ann Williams. "I feel that everyone knows what I am going to do before I even do it."

Many students feel negatively about the changes and they are protesting by creating Facebook groups petitioning the News Feed. The most popular group is "Students Against Facebook News Feed" that has over 742,000 members.

Facebook spokesperson Carolyn

Abram said that, "The recent out-pouring of feedback confirms the passion people feel for Facebook and its importance in their lives. The launch of News Feed and Mini-Feed is consistent with how we rollout products release, gain feedback and modify and the response we have heard from many of our 9 million users has not been ignored."

Some students believe that the new features are another fun perk about the popular internet network.

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Facebook users
want about-face
on tattle toolBy Amy S. Rosenberg and Daniel
Rubin

McClatchy Newspapers

Ben F. may have changed his relationship status to single, but, really, does every one of his friends on Facebook need to be informed of it in a headline at 4:35 in the morning?

Yes, this week, the hanging-all-our-laundry-out-there generation got a little too much face in its Facebook as the popular Web site added a feature that, like a personal news ticker, chronicles every online move they and their friends make.

"It brings Facebook stalking to a whole new level," said Chris Favilla, 21, from the University of Pennsylvania.

Nine million students hang out online on Facebook, each with his or her own Facebook "wall" of pictures and posts. The new feature allows users — leaves them no choice, really — to find out what friends have been doing through "news feeds" and "mini feeds" that appear on their page automatically.

All day, every day, every last little blip in their online lives — who posted on whose wall, who made a new online friend, who woke up tired — like a personal CNN for every one of their designated friends.

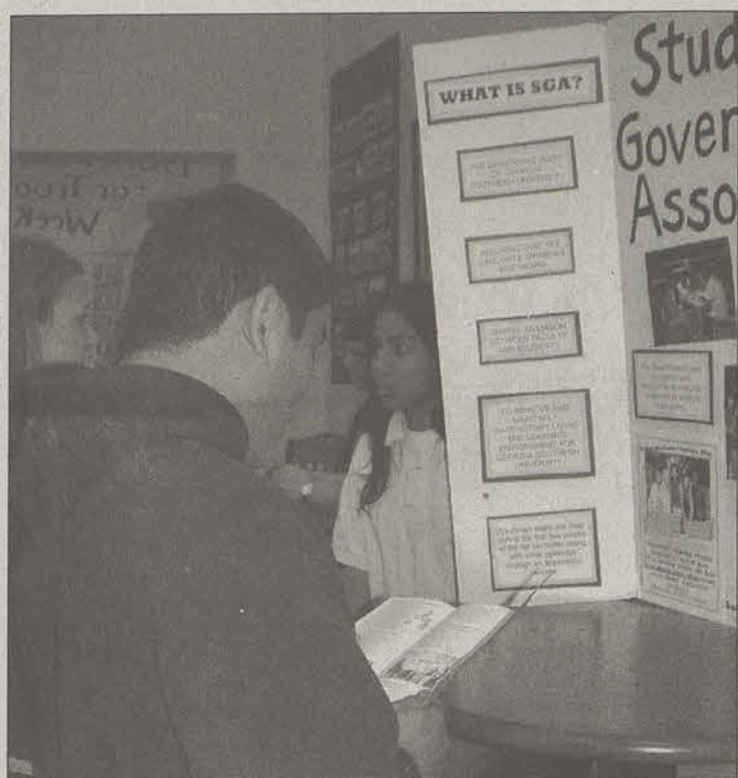
"It's so extreme," said Mike Carley, 22, a Penn senior from Los Angeles. "I don't really need to know my friends at USC are going to a party. It's really too much information. A bunch of people don't care whose wall I posted on at 3:45 a.m. What if I reject a friend request, will it say that too? That's ugly."

So upset are users about the changes that the day after more than a half-million of the sites' 9 million users had signed petitions against the change, or joined online groups against Facebook (actions which, of course, were instantly logged on all their friends' walls).

"What was so great about Facebook was that it was not as blatantly put in your face what everyone

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Prospective students get 'exposed'



File photo

Last year at Southern Exposure, host Larry Cloud reads up on Student Government Association and how to get involved. One of the main goals at Southern Exposure is to expose prospective students to campus life.

By Abbey Lennon
Staff writer

Prospective GSU students can experience being a college freshman before graduating high school. Southern Exposure or 'SOX' is a program sponsored by the Office of Admissions that invites 60 high-profile prospective students to spend a weekend with a student host to allow the student to get a feel for what a GSU student does on a day-to-day basis.

Prospective students come on a specified weekend, September 24-25, November 5-6 or January 28-29 and spend the evening learning about how to get involved, fun facts about the university and they also get to meet fellow prospective students. They shadow their student host in their daily tasks such as class, jobs, meetings and practices among other things on campus. Students stay overnight in on-campus housing where their host lives, allowing them to unwind and get to know one another and as allows the student to get a feel of what living

in a residence hall is like.

Starting around 5:00 p.m. on a Sunday, programs are set up throughout the night to get everyone comfortable and settled in. Monday consists of a flight show at the raptor center and even free workout time at the recreation activity center (RAC) with their host. Concluding the program is a luncheon that allows students to meet and talk with certain professors in their prospective field of study.

Office of Admissions counselor Brooks Hook said that a main goal for Southern Exposure is to encourage prospective students to get up close and personal with some real "Southern Exposure" and entice them with GSU's southern hospitality.

According to Hook, students in the past have enjoyed their time on campus and he relayed the high retention relays the high admission.

"There is an extremely high yield of prospective students becoming current students," Hook said.

Kurt Rigby is an example of the

high retention rate that Southern Exposure has among participating students. He said that going into Southern Exposure he was pretty sure he would attend UGA, but after his experience he bled blue and white.

"Southern Exposure made me change my mind completely," said Rigby.

Now, Rigby wants to make a difference in another prospective students college choice by being a host.

Ross Davis, a returning Southern Exposure host, was glad that his experiences made a difference in his prospective students decision.

He said that being a Southern Exposure host is a great recruiting tool. "The experience does more than any campus visit could ever do," said Davis.

Southern Exposure is a free program offered to high profile prospective students.

For more information about this program or becoming a Southern Exposure host, contact Brooks Hook 681-5391.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 13

2 p.m.
Inauguration ceremony for Chancellor Davis, webcast
CIT Room 3208

3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Major in Success
Russell Union Ballroom

4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
"Lies My Teacher Told Me"
Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Speak your mind: Southern Style
Russell Union theatre

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Artist's Talk
Arts Building Room 2071

Thursday, September 14

4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Meet the Firms
Nessmith Lane Atrium

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Collegiate 4-H meeting
Russell Union 2052

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Debate Team meeting
Russell Union 2075

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
BSA Apollo Night
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
GRE Verbal review
Newton Building 1106

Friday September 15

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
ShuttleGus
Call 681-3709 for a SafeRide

Saturday September 16

10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Comedy Show
Russell Union ballroom

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
ShuttleGus
Call 681-3709 for a SafeRide

Community speaks out for peace at Averitt Center

By Wesley Huffmaster
Staff writer

Around 7 p.m. on the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, people of all ages assembled at the Emma Kelly Theater to remember and reflect on the infamous date while listening to and reciting poetry.

The event was organized by Laura Valeri and David Starnes, both of the GSU Writing and Linguistics department.

Valeri used the venue as a rally for proactive peace.

"The actions of terrorists and warmongers are very loud," she said in her introduction, "but our words are very powerful."

She wanted to stress the fact that we all have a part in creating a

non-violent world.

"This is not just for hippies; we all have a hand in making peace happen."

Once Valeri and Starnes opened the stage for the poetry reading, representatives from all over the community began to share works ranging from the volumes of Whitman to those of the local artist.

The air was thick and silent as poems of memoriam and dreams of resolution were read in the dim yellow lights of the theater.

Topics ranged from personal accounts of 9/11 and comments on the current war, to more general topics about fear and lost innocence.

One elderly woman instilled the prophetic warning, "violence cannot end violence," on the room.

The heavy words, often lightly

thrown, sometimes saddened, sometimes pierced and always incited thought.

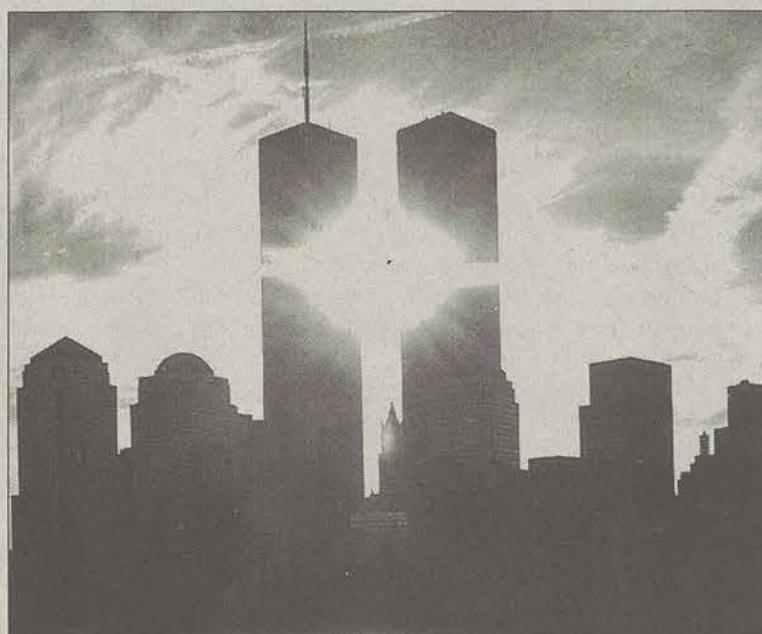
During the hour of reciting, every variety of heartstring was plucked.

Once the audience had shared their last, Valeri and Starnes again took the stage to offer their selections.

Starnes' reading, the graphic and straight-forward "For the Falling Man" by Annie Farnsworth, shook the room in its raw reality.

Directly following the presentation, the group met for refreshments and conversation in the Averitt Center.

The event, which was the first of its kind, may prove to be annual. Both Starnes and Valeri hope to host more events in a similar vein.



Special Photo

Monday night there was a gathering at the Averitt Center to memorialize the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The World Trade center is in this photo.

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News briefs by MCT Campus

NATIONAL POLITICS

Thousands of illegal immigrants hurt at work, but denied compensation

Jose Hernandez was good with a machete. So he was the top choice when his boss needed someone to chop down young trees that were choking parts of Florida's Everglades.

On one trip to the swamps, the workers flew in by helicopter and quickly cut a stand of sprouting trees. But when they took off again, something went wrong: the chopper lurched left, then plunged into murky water.

A broken rotor blade slashed through Hernandez's left thigh.

Doctors saved his life, but couldn't save his leg.

To pay for his costly medical care, Hernandez filed a workers' compensation claim, which covered some of his bills.

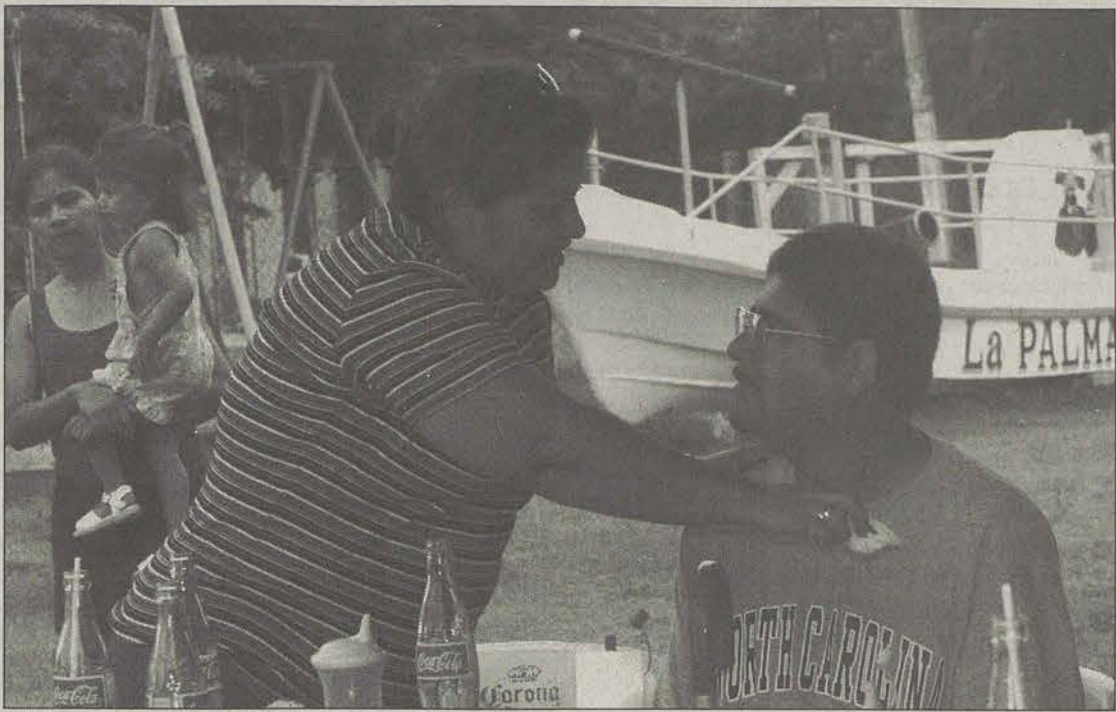
Then, the insurance carrier, Florida Citrus, Business & Industries Fund, discovered that Hernandez was in America illegally, without work papers or permission from federal immigration officials. It halted all payments and left Hernandez to languish in a low-income Florida nursing home, unable to work to support his wife and four children in Mexico.

Thousands of illegal workers like Hernandez are hurt on the job every year in America, but don't get the compensation that's promised by law in every state.

Bosses often fire them, threaten them with deportation and commit an array of other misdeeds to avoid responsibility for workers' injuries. Some insurers refuse to pay their claims, citing reasons related to their illegal status.

As a result, injured workers often go without medical care or go to emergency rooms for treatment — and taxpayers get stuck with the bills.

"It's a violation of the American spirit," said Florida lawyer Gerry Rosenthal, who represents Hernandez. "Employers are hiring these people and pushing them hard to



Janet Schwartz/MCT

Emilia Hernandez, 42, helps her husband Francisco Ruiz, 46, during a family outing at a park in Tampico, Mexico. Ruiz was partly paralyzed and brain damaged when he fell 30 feet at a construction site near Charlotte, North Carolina. His employer, Belk Masonry Co., refused to pay injury benefits because Ruiz was an "illegal alien."

make a profit for the company, but when a worker gets hurt, they abandon him."

From field hands to garment workers to poultry processors to construction crews, injuries abound in industries that rely on an estimated 7 million undocumented workers, often to do dirty and dangerous jobs. Yet those who are undocumented are frequently cheated out of benefits that American workers have taken for granted for nearly a century.

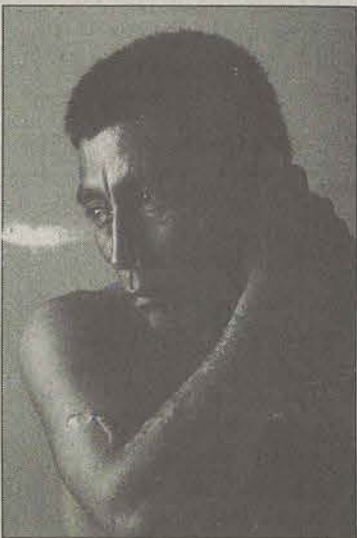
The exploitation is rampant, according to interviews with scores of illegal workers, employers, workers' comp lawyers, health care providers and workplace experts, and a review of lawsuits and workers' comp claims.

In one national study, university researchers surveyed 2,660 day laborers, most of them working illegally. One in five said he'd suffered a work injury. Among those who were hurt

in the last year, 54 percent said they didn't receive the medical care they needed and only 6 percent got workers' comp benefits.

Employers in at least 20 states, arguing that their employees shouldn't receive injury benefits because they're illegal immigrants, have fought and lost in courts and review boards. Among those employees were a California laborer who hurt his back lifting sacks of coffee, an Arizona auto mechanic who was hit in the eye by flying debris, a Maryland carpenter who cut his hand on a saw and a North Carolina construction worker who suffered a brain injury when he fell 30 feet onto a concrete floor.

The U.S. Department of Labor tracks workplace deaths and injuries, but officials haven't assessed how undocumented workers fare. The only hint is the climbing and disproportionate number of workplace deaths



Tom Ervin/MCT

Juan Palacios was splashed with hot tar then fell 12 feet through a glass table. He heard nothing from his boss.

among Hispanic and foreign-born workers, which includes many of those who are working illegally.

FACTOIDS

Compiled by Brandon Smith

1 An estimated 10.4 million illegal aliens reside in the United States.

2 Every year, an estimated 500,000 additional illegal aliens enter the country.

3 Xenophobia is the fear of strangers or foreigners.

4 Under the 14th Amendment, every child born on U.S. soil is a U.S. citizen — even if that child is the offspring of illegal aliens.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Latest economic indicators

• Employees who need expensive surgery under their U.S. employers' health-insurance plans may soon be asked to go overseas for the operation, in that surgeries in India, Thailand and Indonesia typically cost about 20 percent of the U.S. prices, according to an August report in the Christian Science Monitor. However, employers may share part of their savings with the worker, who might turn the trip into an exotic family vacation before or after the surgery.

• India's Medical Association began investigating three doctors who appeared on television to promote their amputation services specifically to beggars, whose income prospects grow with the more sympathy they engender. One doctor said he would remove a leg below the knee, leaving it fairly easy to fit a prosthetic, for the equivalent of about \$200.

Gas pedal? Brake pedal? Whatever

• Accidents by elderly drivers who police suspect momentarily confused the gas pedal for the brake (or accelerated in the wrong gear): Age 89, Dearborn, Mich. (backed into his own garage, panicked, accelerated into a neighbor's house across the street, July); age 89, New London, Conn. (plowed through a summer festival crowd, injuring 27, July); age 89, Rochester, N.Y. (plowed full-throttle through an open-air market, injuring 10, August); age 87, Orlando (slammed into eye doctor's office, July); age 86, Brookfield, Wis. (drove through front doors of a McDonald's, August); age 86, Columbus, Ohio (crashed fatally through the wall of an aquarium supply store, July); age 85, El Monte, Calif. (slammed into a Starbucks patio, injuring 10, July); age 84, Tamarac, Fla. (backed over her landlord, then panicked and drove over him again, then panicked and backed over him again, with one of the drive-overs fatal, July).

The entrepreneurial spirit

• In August, the Christian Retail Show in Denver demonstrated, said a Los Angeles Times report, nearly a parallel commercial universe, with hundreds of "Christian" versions of products and services, such as sweatbands, pajamas, dolls, health clubs, insurance agencies, tree trimmers and fragrances ("Virtuous Woman" perfume). One Retail Show visitor, though, was dismayed at the efforts to just "slap Jesus on (merchandise)."

Privacy

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was doing," said Mary Calderone, a freshman at Penn. "MySpace was so stalkerish. People are joking and calling Facebook 'MyFace' now."

The news feeds automatically let users know their friends' every steps through Facebook. Including stuff like: "Five of your friends have posted on Meghan's wall." (Should you? Do you really need to know that?)

This made personal news travel faster — and more awkwardly — through their network of friends than a lot of Facebook fans were ready for.

"I absolutely hate it," said Nawad

Maalouf, 19, a junior at Penn. "I don't want every detail out. It used to take some effort to stalk someone. Now the stalking just comes to you."

The changes also brought up some other privacy issues: Maalouf said she had friends who had accepted invitations to gay events who did not want their sexual orientation broadcast to a vast network of acquaintances.

The nature of what is a "friend" may be at the heart of the controversy.

"On Facebook, you only have one kind of friend," said Pew's Lenhart. "It assumes this intense level of friendship for everyone on the network. People can't do things that might not be noticed. What Facebook has assumed is that everyone cares. And they don't."

Athletes

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bare buttocks, a cartoon of stick figures having oral sex and a photo of two young men at a party with revolvers sticking out of their waistbands.

UM football coach Larry Coker has addressed the issue with his players on more than one occasion.

"I'm very concerned about this because I don't want our guys embarrassing themselves, their families or the program," Coker said. "They think it's just fun among friends, but I've tried to stress that it's public and anyone who wants to can see it, even future employers. The NFL might check and decide not to take a talented kid because he looks like a jerk on one of those sites."

"It's very, very difficult to legislate integrity, and all we're going to try to do is put the best control mechanisms that we possibly can," said FIU athletic director Rick Mello.

Nickel

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in getting the bar closed after she lead 100 people in a protest to change the city's alcohol code and do away with underage binge drinking.

After her demands, the city council asked former owner Britt to provide sales and purchase receipts for liquor and food sales at his businesses. When Britt failed to do so, the council made the final decision to close the doors of Britt's Woodin Nickel and the Legend's nightclubs and suspended his liquor licenses.

Saddened by the city's move to close the bar, Amerson said he wanted

to do something to help.

"I used to come here a lot back in college, this was my favorite spot and I just loved it," he said. Now that the doors to his "favorite spot" have reopened, Amerson said he is excited about the venture and hopes to be the owner forever.

"This bar represents GSU. It is just as important as the library because 85 percent of the students who graduate from GSU will get jobs from and build close relationships with the people they meet here," Amerson said.

Freshman Kash Trivedi agreed. "It was fun," he said. "Everybody was really mellowed out when I went, but it needs to be open more."

Facebook

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Senior Rachel Headlee likes seeing information on her home page about her friends. "It is a fun feature," said Headlee. "I think that some of it is irrelevant like showing Susie Q wrote on Kenny D's wall, but I think it is cool that you can see if your friends are going to the same events as you are."

Facebook created new privacy setting that allows users to limit their Mini-Feed and News-Feed viewing.

Instructions on how to do this have been advertised on the Facebook home page.

"When I made Facebook two years ago my goal was to help people understand what was going on in their world a little better," said Zuckerberg. "I wanted to create an environment where people could share whatever information they wanted, but also have control over whom they shared that information with."

It was just announced that Facebook will soon be opened to anyone on the internet.

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"The Internet is just a world passing around notes in a classroom."

- Jon Stewart

OUR VIEW

It's the internet age, but get info from credible sources

AT ISSUE: As students spend more time on social networks and blogs, they read fewer newspapers

Candidates are now campaigning through MySpace, facebook and other social networks, sending friend requests and having supporters post messages. A brief description of the candidate is on the page, but there are no unbiased facts about them available.

While the social network messages may help to bridge the gap between the internet generation and political leaders, it can have some negative impacts as well. Students might depend on candidate information to be sent to them instead

of finding reputable reports of their own to base voting decisions on.

Blogs are busy churning out support for candidates in the upcoming primaries, and some students are more likely to read a blog than the latest newspaper. While a blog may read like an actual news story, there are no editors to fact check or eliminate misleading opinions.

Students may actually base important decisions on random blogs, or having candidates listed as friends in social networks. Just because your friend is

in a candidate's group doesn't mean that you have to join in supporting that candidate.

Major elections only come around about twice a year, so students can take the time to fact-check and make educated decisions about who to invest their vote in.

Some students don't even know what issues are important to them, and there's no better time to find out which candidates hold which views on issues that are important to you.

Fewer and fewer students vote each year, and that may reflect the gap between candidates and those students who come from the internet era. After all, you can't cast a vote over the world wide web yet.

Pick up a newspaper or search for other reputable sources and get educated on the candidates that may end up leading our country. Take some time to figure out which political issues are most important to you, and find out which candidates truly represent you best.

Making an educated decision isn't difficult if you spend a little bit of time doing your homework.

We also guarantee that you'll thank yourself if you put some real effort into picking a candidate. You will have a new factual knowledge of what is going on around you, and maybe more respect for the candidates.

Being a candidate's friend through a social network may be cool — but being truly represented in government is the coolest.

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Quick, tie yourself to a tree

I recently saw the National Geographic's television special "Birth of the Universe." The program, which focused on science and scientific evidence, really caught my attention. It explained the birth using the Big Bang Theory. The theory describes how the universe went from the infinitesimally small, infinitely hot and infinitely dense singularity it was 13.7 billion years ago to the infinitely large something it is today. This theory is examined and accepted by thousands of scientists



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worldwide. There are also many prestigious scientists who devote their lives to this theory. This is one of those times when I have to sit back and ask why someone would devote his life to the big bang, a time when I have to wonder why many intelligent and otherwise successful people devote their lives and work to a theory.

Sure theories have been thoroughly researched, critically analyzed, and tested and retested and retested countless times. Sure, theories are as far as science goes in order to decide something is there, but even the most basic science class pushes the point that science doesn't "prove" things. Science never creates "facts."

So, why are we so quick to use science? Many intelligent people devote their lives and beliefs around theories. Theories created by scientists are used in everyday life and research. The theory of general relativity, the cell theory, the atomic theory, the theory of plate tectonics, the theory of quantum mechanics, the theory of evolution, the theory of molecular bonds, the theory of gravity, the theory of thermodynamics, the theory of aerodynamics... I could go on for pages. Laws describe how many of these theories work but the theory is still never "proven."

This is getting dangerous. Nearly every aspect of current day life, from physical objects to philosophical ideas, are based around scientific theories. Are people really this stupid? Are people really so supportive of science that they will devote everything to it?

Planes flying around the world every hour of every day are following the theory of aerodynamics. Do plane companies like Delta not understand that they are staking their business, that they are staking lives, around a theory?

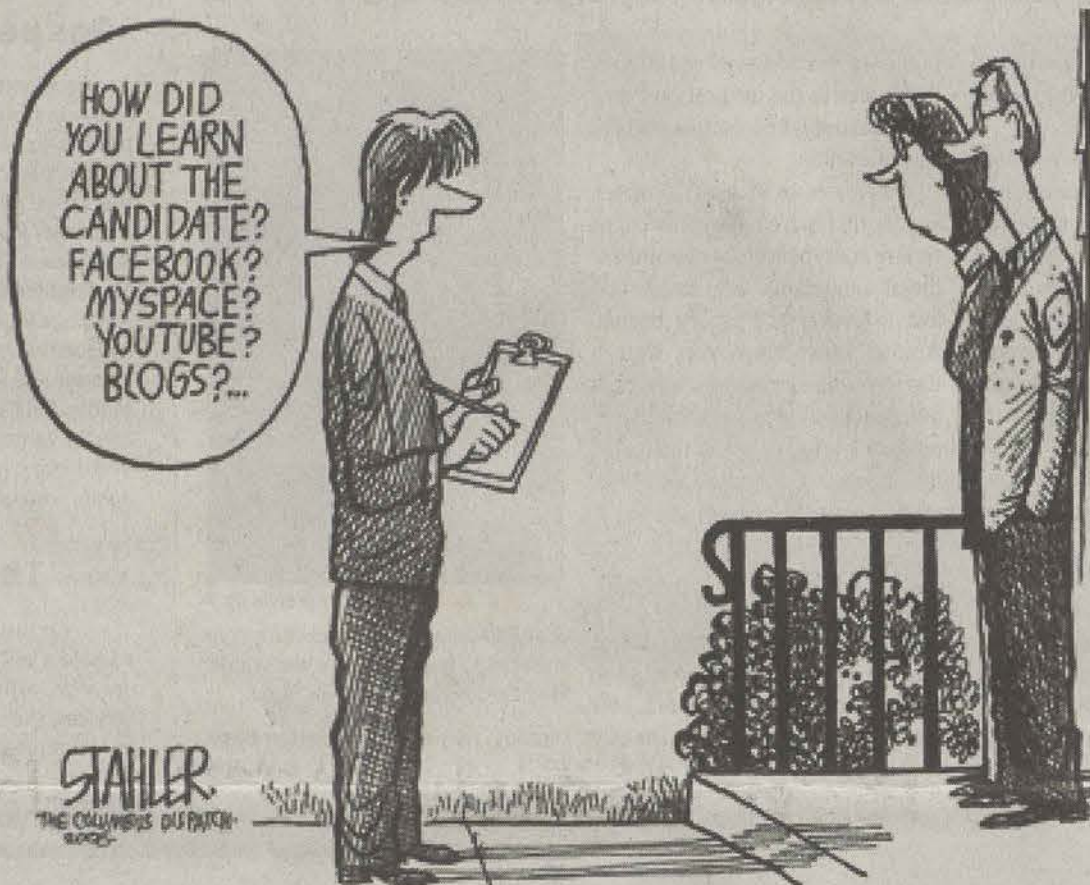
In school I learned that if I throw something in the air it will come back down because of gravity. Why are we teaching this scientific nonsense in schools? Gravity is only a theory. We need to get these unproven things out of the system for good. Unless something is proven as fact we shouldn't accept it. And because science only creates theories and laws to explain the theories, and doesn't prove facts, then we sure as hell need to throw it out.

It's time to take a stand. I think I'll write a letter to the National Geographic to let them know they won't fool me. They can air prestigious and intelligent scientists all day long. They can provide evidence supporting scientific theories all day long. But I won't listen because I know the truth. Now hopefully you do too.

Next time somebody brings up some "theory," roll your eyes at him and tell him he's lost. Ask him why he's so idiotic that he'd devote his life to a theory.

I'm going to go tie myself to a tree now — this whole "gravity" thing hasn't been proven yet.

Write Brandon at imneat03@gmail.com



Letters to the Editor:

Learn and follow the GSU football rules

With football season underway, it's appropriate to set some rules for students attending a game here at Paulson Stadium. As die-hard fans that arrive when the gates open and sit on the front row, I'd like to suggest the following list.

Don't wear clothing with a collegiate logo that isn't Georgia Southern's. The same goes for tents in the tailgating parking lot.

Fans should be silent during offensive plays and belligerent during defensive plays. Our team should be able to give audibles and the other team should just have to deal with the noise.

There is no sitting on the front row. Even at halftime, you sit on the rails and thank God for the opportunity to enjoy such a seat.

No leaving at halftime without

a medical emergency having taken place in your group.

Know the fight song. "Wave the blue, wave the white/Hold the banners high/the Eagles are on the wing/Sound a cry to the sky/as we look for glory/victory now we sing./Hail the Blue, hail the White/Hail the team that's/Soaring upward to bring us fame./Georgia Southern Eagles/Fight on to victory/and win this game./Blue and White FIGHT! FIGHT!/Blue and White FIGHT! FIGHT!/Georgia Southern Eagles FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!"

Only harass the other team's fans if you are provoked.

Please participate in the cheers. As students, we say "Georgia" and "Whose House?" You do not under any circumstance say "Southern" or "Our House!" It's one side of the

stadium talking to the other side.

Listen to the band and cheer accordingly. On a related note, unison in cheers and appropriate timing of them is of the utmost importance. So, don't tell the refs to "Move the Chains" until the ref in the white hat has signaled a first down. Also, before the 5:00 mark in the 4th quarter, keep your keys in your pocket. Even if it's 70-3 at the end of the 3rd quarter (as it was against Johnson C. Smith two years ago), the keys don't come out.

Know our rivals: that means you should always hate Furman and Appalachian State. It's okay to pity the Citadel or UTC, but still follow rules 1-9.

From GSU students Adam Johnson and Chris Sasser.

A disappointing start, first game thoughts

I went to the game Saturday night to witness the new playing scheme and new coach in action.

My first impressions of GSU's new football program was, "Where 'O' where has the O-Line gone? Where, 'O' where can they be?"

All during the game, the Blue Devils defense was in our backfield as if they were playing on our offense. Passing, with the exception of the "Half Time Heave" as I call it, was just short of abysmal.

Running, what this school does

best, is the only thing that worked, and it had problems getting going.

The only good thing I can say about the game, the defense kept it from being a complete blowout for us.

I know that I'm not the only one to think this, because many of the students around me were chanting, "Triple Option" throughout the game.

I know that the team is in a transitional period right now, but either the offense really needs to work on

pass protection, or GSU's reputation as a powerhouse will become more of a craphouse.

Even though we lost the game, we showed GSU spirit when honoring those Eagles who are no longer with us.

I must say I was truly touched by everyone at the game for their sentiments and love for both Teddy Craft before the game, and for Erk Russell at half time.

From GSU senior Timothy Stevens

Bert Noble NEW COLUMNIST

Facebook news feed infuriates students

Did you know Jon Doe posted on Beth Smith's wall? Neither did I, until Facebook created the "news feed." Every time I log onto Facebook, information about my friends get thrown at me. It's kind of nice, in a way. I know when my roommate got invited to a party and I didn't. Sometimes I log on to Facebook and expect the News Feed to say, "John Smith scratched his ass five minutes ago."

The News Feed did do something pretty neat the other day, though. It said that many of my friends joined a group called "If this group reaches 100,000 my girlfriend will have a threesome." When I first saw this group, I just laughed and thought, why not? Its only one more group, what can it hurt?

Now, for those of you who have not seen this group, a guy by the name of Brody Ruckus made a bet with his girlfriend that he could get 100,000 people to join a group that had no real value to it. If he succeeded, he got to have a sexual escapade with his girlfriend and another girl of his choice. Well, he definitely succeeded.

I joined this group fairly early in the creator's quest for sexual glory. The group was very small. A mere two days later, he had accomplished the original goal of 100,000 members. In three days, one hour and 20 minutes, his challenge had been completed. In one day and one hour, over 93,000 people joined the group.

When he reached 80,000 or so members, his girlfriend agreed to allow pictures to be posted of the dirty deed, so long as the group reached 300,000 members. In another three days, 200,000 more people had joined the group.

"Over 750,000 college students are in a group opposing the news feed. This group grew faster than kudzu, and that's only the students who were fired up enough to actually join a group."

Let us just forget the moral issues surrounding this group, and the unique behavior displayed by his girlfriend in agreeing to this threesome.

What made Facebook so important in our lives? When did it become the dominant feature of college life?

Over 750,000 college students are in a group opposing the News Feed. This group grew faster than kudzu, and that's only the students who were fired up enough to actually join a group. There have to be more students who do not like the News Feed. This group became this large in just over a week.

The largest group on the entire site has over 860,000 members and has been around for over three months from what little research I did. What makes these things so important and others, such as voting or class not important? Can you imagine 500,000 college students joining a group against abortion or gay marriage? What if 750,000 college students were to create an "I hate George W. Bush" group?

Maybe the young people of America would gain a larger voice in politics if we were to use our own methods of "rallying the troops." Does anyone think that adults are not looking at facebook? For those who don't think adults aren't looking at facebook, think again. Administrators at GSU are on Facebook, and I am even friends with some of them. Applying for SOAR next year? I sure hope Brody Ruckus isn't, because I bet that group, however funny, would keep him off the SOAR Team.

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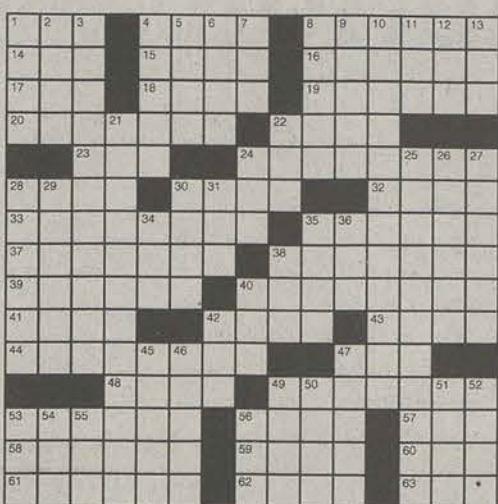
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ACROSS
1 Little bit
4 Monk's hood
8 On the go
14 Night before
15 Fencing item
16 Ladd movie, "The Blue"
17 Moray
18 Lively melody
19 Pitcher, slangily
20 Continue
22 Tree trunk
23 Scott novel, "Roy"
24 Some salmon
28 Buddy
29 Fraudulent event
32 Wild party
33 Occupant
35 Mount in the Cascades
37 Trap
38 More timid
39 Trues up
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42 Loser to the tortoise
43 Bad actors
44 Equivalent words
47 Knightly address
48 Falsehoods
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CLUES:

1. Be the Monitor
2. Twinkle, little star
3. Homer tale
4. Oryx, fleet thing
5. A thought, perhaps
6. Mannheim on it's shore
7. Motive, concealed
8. Felony, to be sure
9. Lunar, solar, stellar
10. Blue, not sad
11. Paul, on horseback
12. Pantheon, Shirley

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Anyway...I don't know whether to go to this URB party or what...

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SPORTS

Deion Branch signs deal with Seahawks

Former Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch agreed to a six-year, \$39 million dollar deal with the Seattle Seahawks Tuesday.

Branch was traded from the Patriots for a 2007 first-round draft pick. The veteran wide receiver was in his 45th day of holding out on his New England contract.

Branch was a second-round pick for the Pats out of Louisville in 2002.



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Golf facility nearing completion

GSU's \$5 million Bennett-Ramsey Golf Center will be ready for practice by the end of the

By Will Adams
Sports editor

What started as a rough sketch on a cocktail napkin four years ago is now finally becoming a reality for Georgia Southern Golf Coach Larry Mays and Southern Boosters President John Mulherin.

The new 25-acre complex will give the Eagles one of the best golf practice facilities in the country.

"We are truly fortunate to have so many people help us in realizing this dream," said Mays.

"This practice facility has been a dream of mine since the day I arrived here at Georgia Southern," he said. "I can't begin to explain how excited I am for the golf program to have such a great facility."

The Bennett-Ramsey Practice Center will feature a brand new 6000 square foot clubhouse along with a two-tiered driving range, practice greens, a short-game practice area and

even three full-length practice holes.

An indoor putting green, athlete lounge, conference room, coaches' office, locker room, a kitchen and a tribute to GSU Hall of Famers are just some of the highlights and amenities of the newly constructed Howard Clubhouse.

Each practice hole has been designed so that each green and tee box allows golfers to make three different pin and tee locations, thus expanding into a full nine-hole course.

"We've built it so that every shot they can imagine is incorporated," said Coach Mays. "I mean we've got downhill, we're going to have rough fairways, shaded fairways, fast greens, slow greens, undulations, really any shot you can think about hitting, we've designed out there."

"We've built tee boxes all over so we can adjust to anything we need to while we're out there."

For the past few seasons, the GSU golf team has been practicing at private

country clubs like Forest Heights in Statesboro and has even made a few trips to the Ford Plantation down in Savannah. In the next few months, they won't have to rely on any country clubs for practice because they'll have one only ten minutes away from campus.

"When this facility is completed it'll be great because we can set up a practice and not have to worry about getting in anyone else's way," said Mays.

"Now we're under our maintenance schedule, if we want to shave the greens down as low as we want or grow the rough up as high as we want, we can do that," said Mays. "It's nice to be able to turn the facility into whatever we want to depending on where we're traveling in the next week."

"We can practice on it right now, but it's still rough around the edges," said Mays. "The greens are in, the tee boxes are in, but now we're just having to grow in the fairways."

"We're looking at it as a long term project, so we don't want to push it and we want to do it right and move in when it's 100 percent not 85 percent," said Mays.

As the Eagles prepare for their second tournament of the season in Minnesota, Mays is "being very cautious" with how the team will begin practice in the next few weeks.

"Obviously we have a good base of grass down, but we'll over seed in November and put in the winter grass and it should be fully operational this spring, which will be nice," he said.

On Friday they will fly to Minneapolis, Minnesota where they will take on Big 10 schools like Michigan State, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio State and Northwestern.

Even schools like Notre Dame and Stanford, Tiger Woods' alma mater, will be part of the competition at the 2006 Minnesota Collegiate Invitational.

"We took a couple of days off

because Scotland was a long trip for us, so we just let them recharge the batteries and get back in the classroom, catch up in class," said Mays. "We've been working on attitude, being positive and mainly dealing with the mental side of the game and just work on playing the game the right way."

"[The tourney will] be a good test of golf for our guys and we're looking forward to bringing in the momentum from the last round we played over in Scotland to see if we can get some good rounds under our belt," Mays said.

"We're playing a tough course; Spring Hill Golf Club is a phenomenal place," Mays said.

"They have a tournament in a very professional manner and the kids have to wear pants like they're on tour, it's very respectful," he said. "It's a fun tournament and a great golf course."

GSU News Service contributed to this story.



Will Adams/STAFF

Located off Pulaski Road, the newly built Howard Clubhouse looks over the 25-acre GSU Golf practice facility that will be ready for practice by the end of September.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

John Cox named SoCon player of the week

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern forward Jon Cox was named Southern Conference "Player of the Week" for the week of Sept. 12, it was announced today.

The redshirt freshman from Alpharetta, Ga. fired five shots on goal in last weekend's Centenary Classic at Shreveport, La. Cox registered three shots on goal versus Oral Roberts, then turned around the next day against Centenary, scoring two goals, including the game winner, on three shots. The Eagles blanked the Gents 3-0.

"I'm excited for Jon," said head coach Kevin Kennedy. "I'm happy to see him get his first collegiate goals. Hopefully, it will set a standard for him and help build his confidence."

Cox was also named to the Centenary Classic All-Tournament Team after registering two goals and four points on seven total shots, five of them on goal.

"He's a versatile player, powerful and a great finisher," said Kennedy.

Head coach Kennedy and the Eagles travel to Boiling Springs, N.C. to take on host Gardner-Webb, Saturday at 1 p.m.

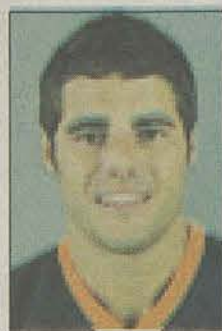
Player agrees to 15-year, \$68 million deal

The New York Islanders agreed to terms with Rick DiPietro in a massive 15-year deal that will pay the goalie \$67.5 million.

The contract is the longest in NHL history, and the second-longest ever signed behind Magic Johnson's 25-year deal with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1981.

If DiPietro is traded, the contract becomes the responsibility of his new team as it was negotiated.

DiPietro has played in 144 games since he began his career for the Islanders in 2000. In that time, he has a saves percentage of .900, with 3,462 in all.



DiPietro

Vikings, Chargers win on ESPN's MNF debut

Brad Childress was victorious in his Minnesota head coaching debut, as the Vikings kicked off ESPN's revamped Monday Night Football with a victory over the Washington Redskins.

Ryan Longwell nailed the game-winning 31-yard field goal with one minute remaining to give Minnesota the 19-16 win. Quarterback Brad Johnson threw for 223 yards and a touchdown, while Clinton Portis rushed for only 39 yards on 10 carries, scoring Washington's only touchdown.

The San Diego Chargers manhandled the Oakland Raiders at home Monday night behind three sacks from second-year defensive end Shawne Merriman.

LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 131 yards on 31 carries and a score in the 27-0 victory. Oakland's offense sputtered the whole night, with quarterback Aaron Brooks completing only six out of 14 passes for 68 yards. Brooks was sacked seven times in the game.

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1. New Hampshire	1-0
2. Appalachian State	1-1
3. Cal Poly	2-0
4. Furman	2-0
5. Montana	1-1
6. Youngstown State	2-0
7. Illinois State	1-1
8. Richmond	1-0
9. Massachusetts	1-1
10. Hampton	2-0
11. Delaware	1-0
12. Northern Iowa	1-1
13. Portland State	2-0
14. McNeese State	1-1
15. James Madison	1-1
16. Southern Illinois	1-0
17. North Dakota State	1-0
18. Eastern Illinois	1-1
19. Eastern Kentucky	1-1
20. Montana State	1-1
21. UC Davis	1-1
22. Lafayette	2-0
23. Texas State	1-1
24. Georgia Southern	0-1
25. Alabama A&M	2-0

This week in
sports

LOCAL

Friday

Women's soccer vs. Georgia State, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Golf- Minnesota Intercollegiate Invitational, Wayzata, MN 8 a.m.

Men's soccer at Gardner-Webb, 1 p.m.

Football vs. Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Golf- Minnesota Intercollegiate Invitational, 8 a.m.

Women's soccer vs. Winthrop, 2 p.m.

NATIONAL

Wednesday

MLB: Braves vs. Phillies, 7:35 p.m.
Hudson (12-10) vs. Lieber (7-9)

Thursday

MLB: Braves vs. Phillies, 7:35 p.m.
James (9-3) vs. Moyer (8-13)

NCAA football: Maryland vs. (No. 5) West Virginia, 7:30 p.m. ESPN

Friday

MLB: Braves vs. Marlins, 7:35 p.m.
Cormier (3-4) vs. Moehler (7-8)

Saturday

MLB: Braves vs. Marlins, 7:05 p.m.
Smoltz (12-9) vs. Willis (10-11)

Complete Saturday college football outlook in Thursday's George-Anne.

Sunday

NFL: Falcons vs. Buccaneers 1:00 p.m., FOX

NFL: Denver vs. Kansas City 4:15 p.m., CBS

NFL: Cowboys vs. Redskins 8:15 p.m., NBC