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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

## Marriage gives college students a new perspective

By Maria Folsom  
Staff writer

The common order of events for many college students is to graduate from school, embark on one that long-awaited career path and then get married.

However, some students have opted to do the latter first.

During a time when establishing one's identity and future aspirations are major concerns for students, getting married in college can be beneficial as well as challenging.

Forrest Robinson proposed to his girlfriend, Latesa, during her two-year deployment in Iraq.

Robinson, who is pursuing a master's in community health, heavily weighed the pros and cons before "popping the question."

"The decision to marry in college in-

not an easy one," Robinson said. "First, you have to know who you are before you can be anything to someone else."

Latesa, a sophomore majoring in creative writing, sees time as a crucial factor that can make or break a newlywed college couple.

"Between classes and work, the two of you have to balance out your schedules and make time for one another," she said.

"However, it can be a good thing because we have this earlier experience in planning our lives around one another as opposed to dealing with these problems later as we begin our careers."

Rebecca Lovell, a senior public relations major and a former Miss GSU, agrees that time is a crucial factor.

Upon announcing her engagement to her boyfriend, John, the couple experienced

mixed reception.

"There were concerns about school, my involvement in pageants and other issues that my family and friends wanted us to consider," Lovell said.

"However, I believe that there is no ideal time to get married. If you have the resources and support of one another, then it's worth going for."

Many students find emotional, social and financial advantages to getting married while still in school.

According to the most recent survey compiled by the United States Census Bureau, men and women between the ages of 20 and 34 account for 24% of all marriages.

This trend in marital status among young adults is a staggering contrast to the country's climbing divorce rate and the single life that

is most prevalent on college campuses.

John Lovell, a junior business major, credits his being older and more experienced in life with the decision to marry as a college student.

"Being an upperclassman, you have more of an idea of who you are at this point in life," he said.

"Having someone there to support you solidifies the relationship," he said.

Jodi Caldwell, the assistant director of the Georgia Southern Counseling Center, believes that married college couples encounter similar issues as other couples, but with special consideration.

"Married couples in college juggle multiple roles as a student, a group leader, or a volunteer, so it's important to find the balance between your relationship and your

studies," Caldwell said.

Caldwell goes on to suggest that couples receive some form of individual and premarital counseling before engaging in the lifelong promise of love and commitment.

"You have to clearly establish an identity before and throughout the marriage in order for it to be a successful one," said Caldwell.

When asked about the chances of his marriage standing the test of time, friends, family and final exams, Forrest Robinson answers to the many myths that plague failing marriages.

"I don't believe in the idea of a 'soul mate,'" Robinson said.

"For any marriage to survive, the roles don't simply consist of being someone's husband or wife. At the end of the day, you have to be each other's best friend."

## Valentines celebration not what it used to be

## Historical records reveal a thin line between love and hate on V-Day

By Kathy Antoniotti  
McClatchy Newspapers

Much as we love to get sentimental on Valentine's Day, the world has never stopped spinning because young people want to find true love.

Actually, historical events of Feb. 14 prove it might be more realistic to recognize the thin line that exists between love and hate.

While you may prefer to dwell on expressions of love, some pretty harrowing conflicts have occurred on St. Valentine's Day.

For example, gangsters, masquerading as policemen, shot and killed seven members of a rival gang in 1929 Prohibition-era Chicago.

Ironically, the event will forever be known as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, in contrast to more commonly accepted Valentine traditions.

On Feb. 14, 1779, famous English explorer and navigator Capt. James Cook, who is believed to be the first European to visit Hawaii, was set upon by native Hawaiians and murdered.

And King Henry VIII, who was too preoccupied with doing away with one wife to make room for the next, actually declared the date a holiday for the first time in 1537.

Although we don't really know the origins of the holiday, a young priest named Valentine was beheaded by the Roman Emperor Claudius in 269 A.D.

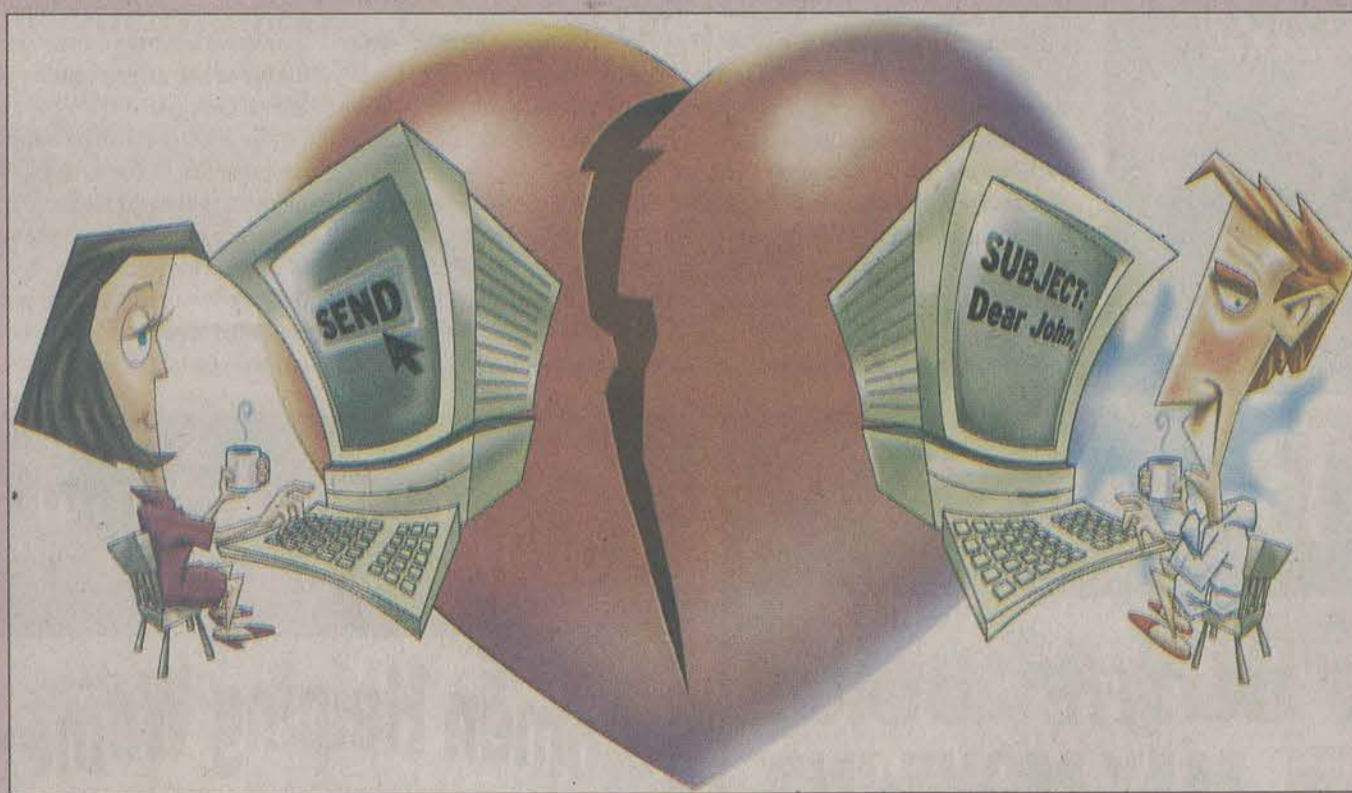
While these examples may be extreme, there are still lots of people who dread Feb. 14 for more personal reasons.

They may have actual medical conditions that prevent them from celebrating the holiday, such as philophobia, which is a fear of love, or gamophobia, which is the fear of marriage.

The GSU News Service contributed to this article, along with the United States Census Bureau.

# Valentines Day

## Blogging your heart away



Special Photo Illustration/MCT

## Students use Myspace and Facebook as online dating services

By Cristy Smith  
Staff writer

Most of us use the Internet to keep in touch with family and friends through email, Facebook and Myspace, but with all the intimate personal details you can share and display on the internet, is it possible, to find "True Love?"

Many Georgia Southern students admit to using Facebook or Myspace as a dating tool, while others claim they would never think about using cyber space as a way to meet date prospects for themselves. With the release of romantic comedies such as You've Got Mail, and Must Love Dogs, it's hard not to believe

Hollywood's depiction of cyber-love.

"I think it's possible to find true love with all the dating sites like www.match.com, makes it easier to find someone that's compatible," Atua Emu, a junior broadcast and production major said. Some on campus don't seem as optimistic about the idea of finding love on the Internet and have more of a traditional attitude.

"I don't think you can find true love on the Internet. I want to meet in person to get to know someone, because people can be dishonest on the internet," Bryan Salter, a senior broadcasting major said. Many others also expressed concern of dishonesty and possible betrayal.

"I think it makes finding the compatible person faster, but some people may not be hon-

est on the internet," Alex Harvey, sophomore biology major said.

In an on campus survey 30% of males and 20% of females said they had met up with somebody off Myspace or Facebook, whom they did not already know. The GSU survey also showed 40% of males and 33% of females would consider dating via the internet.

The internet has shown to be a great tool for keeping in touch, networking and is even being used by some GSU students as a dating tool. Using the internet to date could blossom into love, but keep in mind, that the internet should be used cautiously to meet people, so use common sense and look at the recommended safety tips.

## A brief history of Valentines Day rituals

By Marshall Brian  
McClatchy Newspapers

Valentine's Day is here, and it is a huge event in the United States. How huge is it? It is so huge that Americans will send nearly 200 million Valentine's Day cards to each other. (And that doesn't count the billion little Scooby-Doo and Spongebob cards that kids give to each other at school.)

Then there's the tons of chocolate we give each other, the millions of bouquets... We will collectively spend over \$13 billion celebrating Valentine's Day this year.

That's a lot of money. It's about \$100 for every household in America.

So how did this holiday get started? Why do we set aside a day for romance on February 14?

It turns out that Valentine's Day is an ancient tradition, and the whole thing is absolutely fascinating.

First of all, we need to understand where the tradition began.

To do that, we need to ride the Wayback machine all the way back to something like 300 BC. Here we find the Romans celebrating a pagan festival called Lupercalia.

This feast occurred on February 14 and 15. During this festival there was a very interesting lottery. Women would write their names on cards that they would put into an urn.

Men would pull a card at random from the urn, and then try to find and pair up with the woman who wrote the card.

As Rome converted to Christianity, this pagan festival became a sore spot.

So, in 496 AD, Pope Gelasius I declared that February 14 would be a holy day set aside to honor Saint Valentine, the patron saint of lovers.

This Christian festival basically absorbed the pagan festival. The holy day survived on the Catholic feast calendar up through 1969, when Pope Paul VI retired it.

In 1915, Joyce Hall stepped things up a notch. Joyce was the Nebraska teenager who founded Hallmark, and 1915 was the first year she sold Valentine's Day cards.

The Cadbury brothers were marketing geniuses, and they may have single-handedly started the chocolate/Valentine's connection. And those little candy hearts with words on them come from the New England Confectionery Company.

## Tickets go on sale Feb. 14 for comedienne Wanda Sykes at Russell Union

Ticket sales for comedienne Wanda Sykes go on sale today through Feb. 24 for Georgia Southern students only.

After Feb. 24, ticket sales will be open to the general public.

Sykes will perform on March

24 at 8 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Her opening act will be Keith Robinson, a comedian who was appeared on Comedy Central and appears with Sykes regularly.

People can purchase at www.

etix.com or in the Office of Student Activities in the Russell Union.

Tickets will cost \$15 for GSU students with school ID and \$25 for the general public.

There is a limit of four tickets per person, per purchase.

All tickets will be general seating with no assigned seats. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 912-486-7270 for more information.

Information obtained by GSU News Service

# Alaskan journey opens doors to students

By Leighton Maher  
Staff writer

An excellent chance is coming up for students to see one of the country's most beautiful states while earning credit towards graduation.

Alaska has been a gateway to breathless scenery and wild, untouched vistas that include numerous opportunities to learn about the natural environment.

John Peden, a recreation professor at Georgia Southern, is hosting a study abroad trip to Alaska over the summer where students will be able to experience these majestic beauties firsthand.

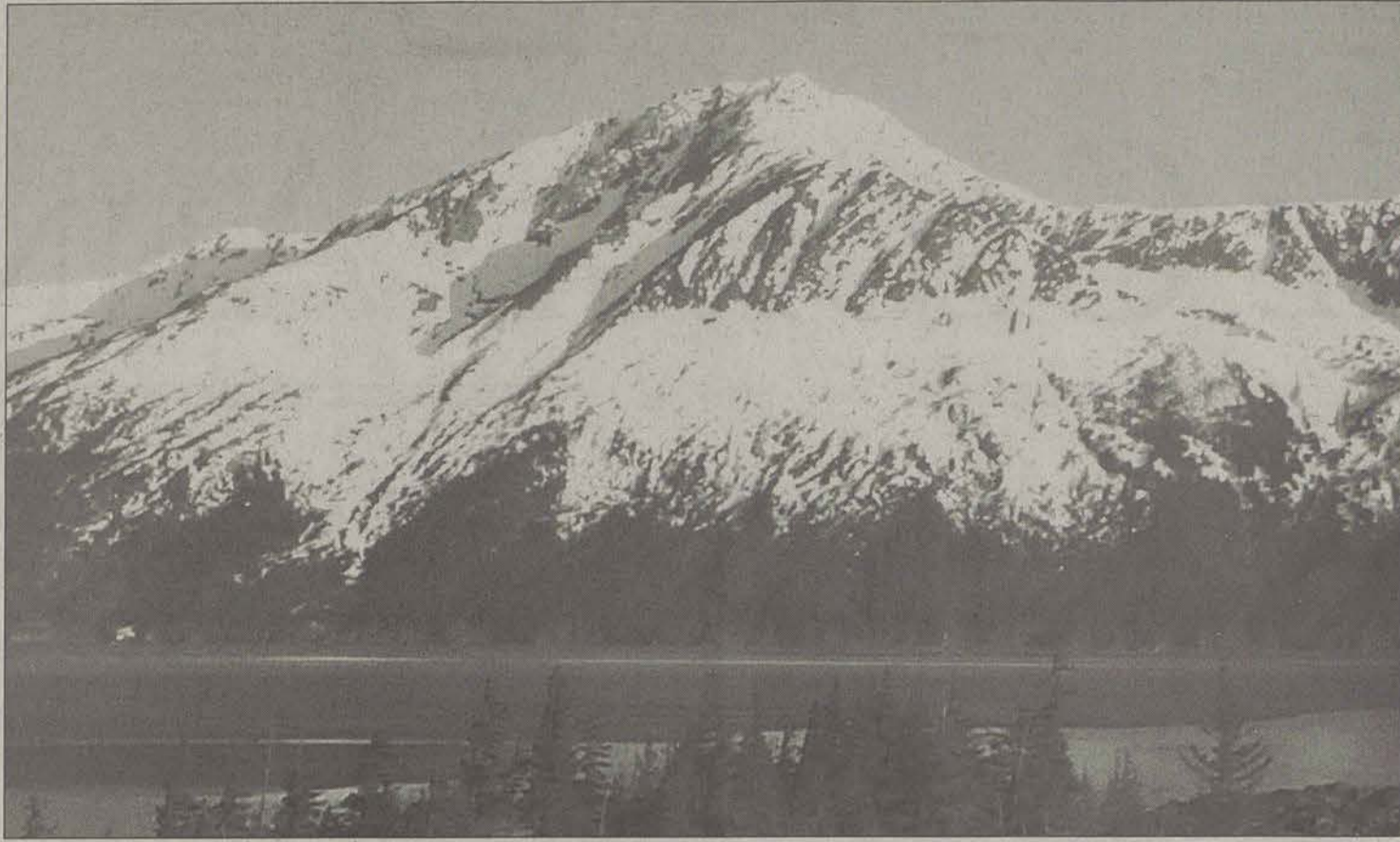
A class titled Sustainable Tourism and Alaska National Parks will be offered and a total of three credit hours will be awarded for the trip.

He said the reason for the trip is "to get a view of what it's like living in a place like this and how they live off of tourism."

This great opportunity will take place over the summer for a total of 11 days and will include time in Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Denali National Park.

Laura Caplins, Peden's graduate assistant, said a maximum of 12 students will be able to go because of limited space.

Peden explained the trip will be exclusively a camping trip and



Special Photo

This mountain in Anchorage, Alaska is just one of the incomparable views that student campers will have the opportunity to witness firsthand.

that most of the time the camping will take place in developed areas but there will be three nights that students will spend in the wilderness.

Those three days and nights will be spent white water rafting and the group will camp those nights on the river. No previous

camping experience is necessary to attend the trip.

Equipment will be provided and experienced guides will lead the expedition, which is a plus for those who are inexperienced in dealing with wilderness.

Tuition for the trip will cost students \$602 and the trip itself

will cost \$1,600.

Students will also be required to pay for their own round-trip airfare to Anchorage, where the trip will begin and end. Any student that is interested should contact Peden at 912-681-5345 before March 30.

## Alaska Study Trip

• **When:** Summer 2007

• **Where:** Anchorage, Alaska

• **Cost:** \$2200 for tuition, and the trip itself

# Southern Georgia Symphony brings classic back to Statesboro

## GSU News Service

The Southern Georgia Symphony, under the direction of Cheung Chau, continues its 2006-2007 season with "An Appointment with Bach, Barber and Strauss," featuring two special guests, soprano Heidi Bindhammer and flutist Anna Thibeault. A concert

will be held in Statesboro on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

"An Appointment with Bach, Barber and Strauss" will include Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3; Barber's Adagio; Strauss' Pizzicato Polka; Bach's Orchestral Suite no. 2 in b minor, featuring Anna Thibeault on

flute; Barber's Knoxville Summer, featuring Heidi Bindhammer, soprano; Strauss' Radetzky March; and Bach's Coffee Cantata.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Performing Arts Center Box Office in Statesboro at 912-486-7999.

Music Director and Conductor Cheung Chau said, "Bach is the patriarch of music and represents the epitome of the Baroque ideals of classical music.

Barber really loved the music of Bach because "his pieces are very rich and somber...his compositions go right to the heart and are very deep."

Upcoming Southern Georgia Symphony performances include: East Georgia Medical Center's "Music in Memoriam," to be performed in

Statesboro on Monday, April 9, and Memorial Health's "Music in Memoriam," to be performed in Savannah on Tuesday, April 10.

The season concludes with the Statesboro Herald and Statesboro Connect Pops Concert in Statesboro on Sunday, April 29, and the COMCAST Pops Concert in Savannah on Tuesday, May 1.

"Mercer and the Movies," showcasing the timeless classics of Savannah's own Johnny Mercer, will be presented during both Pops Concert performances.

The Southern Georgia Symphony is a partnership between Georgia Southern and other organizations committed to bringing a high-quality symphonic series to the Coastal Georgia region, including WTOC-

TV, Clear Channel Radio Savannah, Savannah Morning News, Belford's, The River 98.7, East Georgia Regional Medical Center, Comcast, Bank South, Memorial Health, The Statesboro Herald, Connect Savannah, Connect Statesboro, Northland Cable, Sea Island Bank and Smack Dab Studios.

The Southern Georgia Symphony is proud to serve the artistic needs of the broad and diverse community of coastal Georgia.

The Southern Georgia Symphony has expanded its reach, visibility and influence within the region so it may substantially contribute to the wealth of cultural life in the area. It is also dedicated to enhancing the musical education of youth around the southern and coastal Georgia regions.

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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
MS Vista and Office 2007  
Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
100 Years at GSU  
Museum

9 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Candy gram pick-up  
Russell Union 2041

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
RHJB hearing  
Russell Union 2054

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SGA Meeting  
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Professor Bible study  
IT lecture hall 1005

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
NAACP General Meeting  
Russell Union 2080

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Anime crew  
Russell Union 2042

Thursday, February 15

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
100 Years at GSU  
Museum

12 p.m.  
Welfare in America  
Russell Union 2071

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Beginner's sign language  
Russell Union 2042

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
Women's chorus  
Williams Center dining hall

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Faculty senate  
Russell Union Ballroom

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Make-A-Wish  
Russell Union 2043

6 p.m.  
Minorities in Medicine  
IT auditorium

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Street law program  
Russell Union 2047

7 p.m.  
Minorities in law and politics  
Education auditorium

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Top model elimination  
Russell Union 2080

7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Lannie Jo Scott award banquet  
Nessmith Lane Ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Dimes model practice  
Russell Union 2048

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Movie: Borat  
Russell Union Theater

## POLICE BEAT

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• A case of harassment was reported in the Winburn Hall parking lot.

• A cell phone was taken from the RAC.

• A laptop computer was taken from a vehicle in the Russell Union parking lot.

• Two wallets were taken from Southern Pines.

02-11-2007

• Adam Christopher Waites, 22, of Statesboro Place Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and headlight requirements.

BUSINESS

# A cafe with no prices

McClatchy Newspapers

With its blood-red walls and black leather sofas, Kirkland's Terra Bite Lounge looks like any other coffee shop, until you get to the menu. There are no prices listed. Terra Bite doesn't have them.

You read that right: No prices. Customers pay what and when they like, or not at all, it makes no difference to the cafe employees, who are instructed not to peek when people put money in the metal lock box.

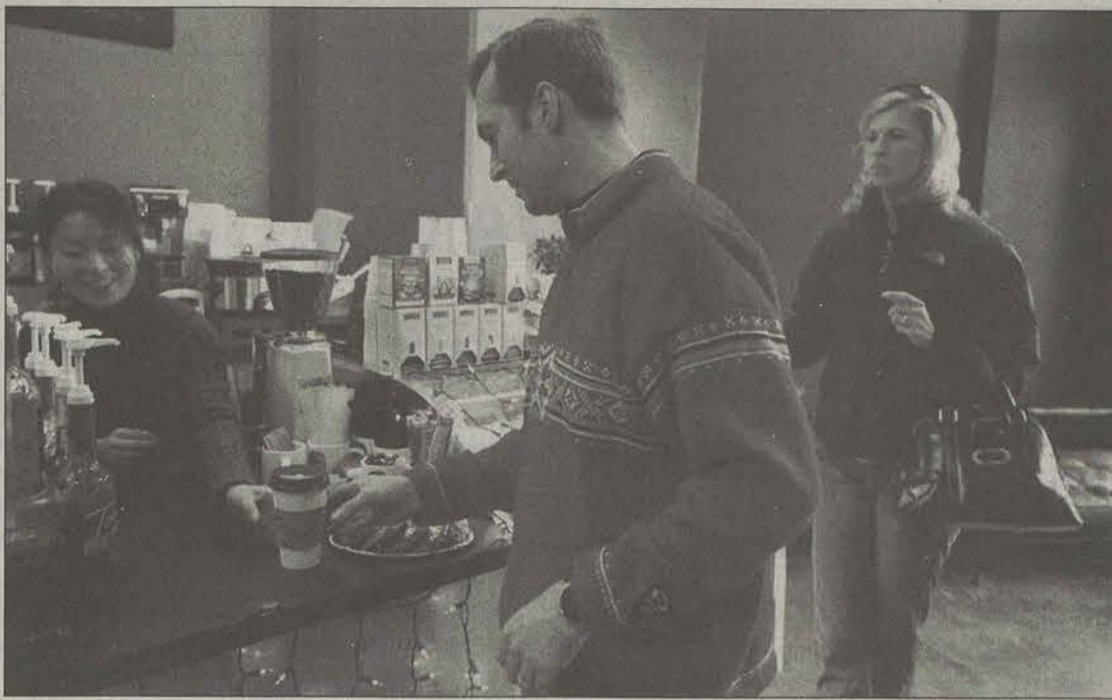
"Does it really matter to any of our patrons ... whether they pay a dollar or three dollars or five dollars?" said Terra Bite founder Ervin Peretz, a 37-year-old Google programmer.

He doesn't think so, at least not in the comfortable lakeside enclave that is downtown Kirkland.

Through his "voluntary payment" cafe, Peretz is poised to become the Robin Hood of the Starbucks set. Using an efficient, low-overhead business model and narrow profit margin, he figures he can finesse the largesse of well-off latte lovers to cover the tabs of the less fortunate.

The idea emerged during a booze-fueled debate in a Saigon bar, where Peretz and a colleague had traveled to blow off steam after a period of long hours at work.

Peretz argued that people are essentially good, but can be influenced by their environment. If people see



John Lok/MCT

Terra Bite Lounge manager Susie Allsup serves Scott Heimdahl and his wife, Susie. Since the cafe opened in Kirkland, Washington, late last year, it has averaged about \$3 per transaction.

good, they'll be good.

In November, he set out to prove his point, leasing a \$4,000-a-month retail space in a new mixed-used building at Kirkland Avenue and State Street, dropping "in the low six figures" on startup costs and hiring his girlfriend, Susie Allsup, to manage the place, along with one part-time employee.

The name Terra Bite ([www.terrabite.org](http://www.terrabite.org)) is a play on the tech term "terabyte," a trillion bytes, as well as a

reference to earth and food.

More than coffee, sandwiches or even convenience, Peretz is selling good karma.

"People want something different. They want simplicity" of payment, he said. "They want to be taken to a new place, and they want to contribute to something."

Just how much they want to contribute is another matter.

While charities like the Boomtown Cafe in downtown Seattle charge \$2

for Saturday brunch or let people exchange work for meals, Terra Bite is a for-profit business, and Peretz refuses to suggest prices. Each day he records how much was sold and how much was paid.

So far, Terra Bite has served up to 80 customers per day, averaging about \$3 per transaction, he said.

When the shop brings in a steady flow of 100 customers a day, Peretz figures, he will more than break even.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

Compelling explanations

The top administrator of Minnesota's Freeborn County said in October that he would relinquish his personalized license plates after state officials threatened to investigate several complaints about them. Administrator Ron Gabrielsen said his FOAD1 plate stood for "Freedom Offers Americans Democracy" (No. 1 priority) (instead of what some understood to be "word omitted) Off And Die") and his HMFICFC stood for "Helping Minnesota Farmers Increase Crops in Freeborn County" (instead of what some understood to be "Head Mother (word omitted) In Charge of Freeborn County").

Charles Henson was convicted of attempted murder in Bristol, England, in October, but insisted he couldn't have done it. His ex-wife said he had stuffed his latex-gloved hand down her throat, knowing that she had a latex allergy that would be fatal within minutes. Henson said that was impossible because, according to the couple's "contract" setting out their sadomasochism, bondage and domination rules, "section four" states very clearly that "the master does not have a right to kill the slave."

The problem is goats

Authorities in the Nigerian village of Isseluku arrested a man for killing his brother in September, but the man insisted that he had only tried to move a goat from his farm but that when it wouldn't move, he hit it with an ax, at which point it turned into his brother.

Undignified deaths

Wrong Place, Wrong Time: A 50-year-old driver was killed in the Western Australian outback in October when a kangaroo was hit by another vehicle and came crashing through the man's windshield. And in October, a 32-year-old inmate at North Carolina's Caledonia Prison Farm drowned when, riding horseback on a work detail, he was thrown into a pond when a bull charged his horse and scared him.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

## Judge rules government supply of marijuana is inadequate

Medical researchers need more marijuana sources because government supplies aren't meeting scientific demand, a federal judge has ruled.

In an emphatic but nonbinding opinion, the Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration's own judge is recommending that a University of Massachusetts professor be allowed to grow a legal pot crop. The real winners could be those suffering from painful and wasting diseases, proponents believe.

## Debate continues over attempt to link global warming, stronger hurricanes

A new report on the effects of global warming earlier this month have done little to stop the debate over the possible connection between climate change and stronger hurricanes.

Many scientists at National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and the National Hurricane Center continue to question whether a link exists.

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## Agreement reached on N. Korea's nuclear program

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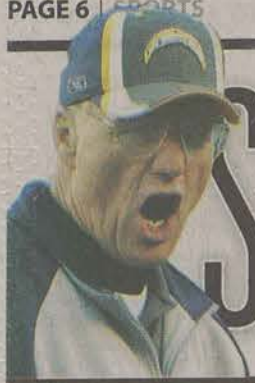
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# SPORTS

## Who's HOT

**GSU: Baseball.** After returning home from Hawaii, the Eagles have gone 3-0, defeating ranked Georgia Tech and Jacksonville. The program also is in high regards as five former players were recently invited to spring training for Major League Baseball teams.

## Who's NOT

**NFL: Marty Schottenheimer.** The San Diego Chargers Head Coach was fired on Monday due to conflict with the general manager AJ Smith. This came after the coaching staff lost many of its members, with coordinators Wade Phillips (Dallas) and Cam Cameron (Miami) given head coaching jobs elsewhere.

# Eagles outshine conference foes

## Brown, Atwood lead in win over Catamounts

### GSU News Service

Tiffany Brown and Ashley Rivens combined for 41 points to pilot a full team effort as the Lady Eagles edged Southern Conference leader Western Carolina, 83-81 in overtime, Monday night at Cullowhee's Ramsey Center.

With 37 seconds remaining in overtime, Brown made two consecutive buckets to give the Lady Eagles a five-point lead, 82-77. WCU closed the gap to one with 16 seconds, but Whitney made a free throw to seal the game.

After missing the first, Whitney made the second for two-point advantage.

The Lady Catamounts still had six seconds to make a final play. After a 30-second timeout, WCU drove down the lane and went up for one final shot, but GSU's defense anticipated the drive, and Christa Waterman held her position in the paint to draw the offensive foul with less than one second on the clock.

"The kids just played with a lot of heart today," said head coach Rusty Cram. "They could have quit when they tied it up and put it into overtime, because they fought so hard to get it. But they came back in overtime also, and made some key plays down the stretch. I thought they played very poised, very smart basketball. It was just a game of heart."

The Lady Eagles (10-16, 5-10) break a two-game skid with the win, and snap Western Carolina's ten-game win streak.

Tiffany Brown paced the Lady Eagles with 21 points. She also pulled down six rebounds and tallied

three assists and three steals. Ashley Rivens followed with a career-high 20 points on 8-of-11 field goal shooting, including 4-of-6 from three-point land. She pulled down five rebounds and had two steals.

Junior forward Chequilla Jessie led the team with 10 rebounds while scoring seven points. Whitney netted 11 points and had a team-high four assists.

"Right now, Ashley Rivens' has come back a long way, today," said Cram. "What a welcome sight. You don't want to give one person all the credit, but it was nice to see her step up and hit some major shots."

"Tiffany's going to be one to step up and play. And that's what you expect from her. You know that when the game is over, that she is going to be in that 15-20-point range most of the time. She's been doing that consistently all year. So when you combine that with Ashley Rivens, it's just a great duo. How do you stop them when you got the two of them hitting from the perimeter like that?"

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (10-16, 5-10)**  
Brown 9-20 1-2 21; Rivens 8-11 0-3 20; Melson 2-5 0-0 4; Jessie 3-9 1-4 7; C. Whitney 3-10 3-5 11; Rivens 2-8 0-0 5; Waterman 1-7 2-2 4; Swayne 1-3 0-0 3; Ogburn 0-0 0-0 0; Atwood 3-9 1-2 7. Totals 83-75 12-22 83.

**WESTERN CAROLINA (18-8, 12-3)**  
B. Johnson 5-9 8-11 18; Keith 7-11 3-6 17; Powell 5-7 0-0 13; Dawson 3-9 4-5 11; Eaton 3-6 1-2 7; Pellom 3-11 0-0 6; Lamitie 1-2 2-2 4; Swayne 1-3 0-0 3; J. Johnson 1-4 0-2 2; Feemster 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 79-63 18-28 81.

Halftime: Georgia Southern 33-29.  
3-point goals: GSU 9-18 (C. Whitney 2-3; Brown 2-6; Atwood 0-1; Melson 0-1; Geiger 1-1); Western Carolina 5-11 (Powell 3-4; Dawson 1-3; Swayne 1-1; Pellom 0-1; B. Johnson 0-2). Fouled out: GSU: None; Western Carolina: Keith. Rebounds: GSU 52 (Jessie 10); Western Carolina 37 (Keith 10). Assists: GSU 12 (C. Whitney 4); Western Carolina 17 (Dawson 5). Total fouls: GSU 22; Western Carolina 18. Attendance: 485.



Diogo Salazar jumps for a quick layup against Chattanooga. The Eagles ended a four game skid with a win against Furman. Jamie Tuten/STAFF

## Men snap losing streak at Furman

### GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern men's basketball team blew a 12-point second half lead but held on to defeat Furman 57-55 Monday night at Timmons Arena.

GSU ends a four-game losing streak and ups its mark to 11-14 and 4-10 in the Southern Conference. Furman has its three-game winning streak snapped and falls to 13-12 and 7-6.

Senior Donte Gennie scored a game-high 19 points, including four 3-pointers, as the Eagles won for the second straight time in Greenville. Fellow senior Jimmy Tobias was the only other Eagle in double-figures with 10.

Junior Dwayne Foreman, in his second game back since missing two games with a hamstring injury, tallied five points and dished out five assists.

"It's nice to win a close game, especially on the road," said GSU head coach Jeff Price. "For the first time in awhile, I thought our guys were really resilient. I thought we did a great job of being resilient and holding them off."

Furman's Robby Bostain recorded 18 points and Tony Anderson came off the bench to score 10 in the losing effort.

The Eagles led by 12 at halftime and again at the 15:50 mark on a lay-up by junior Louis Graham. The Paladins started their run at that point, running off five straight, and after a Foreman trifecta, went on a 12-0 run and took the lead for the first time all contest on two George Brozos free throws at the 12:08 mark.

After a dunk by Moussa Diagne put the Paladins up 51-49 with 6:40 to play, the GSU defense held Furman to just

one field goal the rest of the way.

Alex Opacic's lay-up with 1:50 remaining was the final score of the contest. Foreman missed a '3' with 17 seconds left and gave Furman possession. Bostain attempted a contested 3-pointer at the buzzer that fell short.

"Our defense (was the difference)," Price added. "Our defense was really good - we held them to 39.6 percent, and played well both halves. We got stops when we had to get them."

GSU held Furman without a point for almost four minutes late in the first half, part of a 10-2 run over a span of 7:25.

The Paladins shot just 36.4 percent in the opening 20 minutes compared to 50 percent for the Eagles. The leading 3-point percentage team in the league was held without a triple in the first half in seven attempts.

Nine of GSU's first 11 points came in the first five minutes of the contest on three 3-pointers.

GSU returns home to host Elon in a contest televised on CSS. It is also Pack the House in Pink night where GSU fans will support the fight against breast cancer.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (11-14, 4-10)**  
Gennie 6-9 3-4 19; Tobias 5-11 0-0 10; Fields 4-8 0-0 8; Graham 4-9 0-0 8; Foreman 2-6 0-2 5; Johnson 1-1 1-2 3; Marshall 1-2 0-0 2; Hynes 1-1 0-0 2; Salazar 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 57-55 4-8 57.

**FURMAN (13-12, 7-7)**  
Bostain 8-16 2-2 18; Anderson 3-6 3-4 10; Webb 3-7 0-0 8; Diagne 2-5 1-2 5; Opacic 2-4 0-0 4; Jones 2-6 0-2 4; Brozos 0-2 4-4 4; PUNCH 1-6 0-0 2; Glur 0-0 0-0 0; Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 51-49 10-14 55.

Halftime: Georgia Southern 32-20.  
3-point goals: GSU 5-8 (Gennie 4-4; Foreman 1-3; Graham 0-1); Furman 3-16 (Webb 2-5; Anderson 1-3; Opacic 0-1; Pellom 0-1; B. Johnson 0-2). Fouled out: GSU: None; Furman: none.  
Rebounds: GSU 32 (Fields 6; Gennie 6); Furman 29 (Punch 6). Assists: GSU 12 (Foreman 5); Furman 14 (Webb 5). Total fouls: GSU 19; Furman 17.  
Attendance: 2420.

This week in SPORTS

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

- Women's basketball at Appalachian State, 4:30 p.m.
- Baseball at North Florida, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 15**

- Men's basketball vs. Elon, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's tennis at Georgia, 2:30 p.m.
- Swimming and Diving at NEC Championship, 12 pm.

**Friday, Feb. 16**

- Swimming and Diving at NEC Championship, 12 pm.
- Softball vs. Samford, 10:30 a.m.
- Softball vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1 p.m.
- Men's tennis vs. South Carolina State, 2 a.m.
- Baseball vs. New Jersey Tech, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 17**

- Women's tennis vs. Bethune-Cookman, 11 a.m.
- Track and Field at Southern Conference Indoor Championship, 1:30 p.m.
- Swimming and Diving at NEC Championship, 12 pm.
- Baseball vs. New Jersey Tech, 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 18**

- Softball vs. GSU Invitational Tournament, 12p.m.

# Softball falls in opener to ranked FSU

By Zac Case  
Sports editor

The Lady Eagles dropped their home opener 11-2 against the No. 22 Florida State Seminoles Tuesday afternoon at Eagle Field. The second game of the double header was cancelled due to rain.

With the loss, Georgia Southern continues the streak of having difficulty to win their opening home games, losing six of their last seven.

Poor pitching and a weak offense caused trouble for the Eagles, who exchanged pitchers three times in four innings and only accumulated a total of four hits.

"We've got to stress manufacturing hits and runs. There are too many strikeouts against us and we aren't getting as many hits as there are strikeouts," said Head Coach Natalie Poole. "We've also got to work on improving our pitchers, switching out three times in a game was unnecessary."

FSU, who is now undefeated at 6-0, only posted 12 hits for the entire game. GSU allowed 10 walks; five of which allowed the Seminoles to score runs.

Poole said, "We've got to eliminate those walks from our pitchers. Obviously, it's going to cost us games."

FSU took an early lead with a run in the top of the first. Veronica Wootson and LaShaun Davis both drew free passes and were sacrificed to second. Yuruby Alicart brought Wootson home with a groundout.

GSU responded with two runs at the bottom of the first. Freshman Nina Iduate led off with a single and stole second. Senior Heather Smith plowed a triple down the left field line to bring Iduate home and later scored on a double by freshman Jenny Side, which allowed GSU to seize a one-point lead.

The Seminoles put three runs on the



Logan Free, pitcher, talks to Catcher Jenny Side on the mound during Tuesday's home opener against FSU. Jamie Tuten/STAFF

board in the third, receiving RBI singles from Robin Ahrberg and Kayla Collins.

FSU broke the game open with four runs in the fifth. Ahrberg came through with another key hit, a two-RBI single to left.

All nine of FSU's starters reached base at least once and three different players scored two or more runs.

The Eagles state they are still trying to find their rhythm this early in the season.

First baseman Heather Smith said, "We have a lot of work to do. We're still trying to get used to each other because we have some new girls. But we definitely need improve all around."

The Eagles were coming off of two losses to Georgia Tech this past weekend and felt the impact of those games while playing the Seminoles.

"It was hard coming off of the loss from

this weekend. Our confidence was shaken and, on top of that, Florida State was undefeated, so we knew it was going to be a hard game," said Smith.

The Eagles, now 0-3, will prepare to get their first win of the season in their annual GSU Invitational. They are slated to play against Samford University out of Birmingham, AL and Bethune-Cookman out of Daytona Beach, FL.