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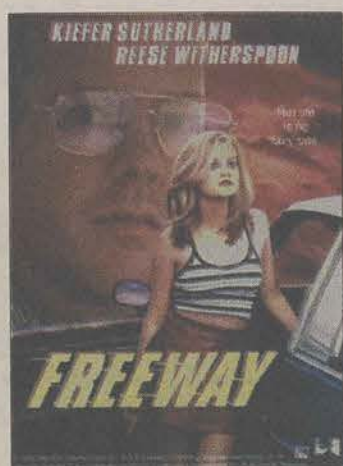
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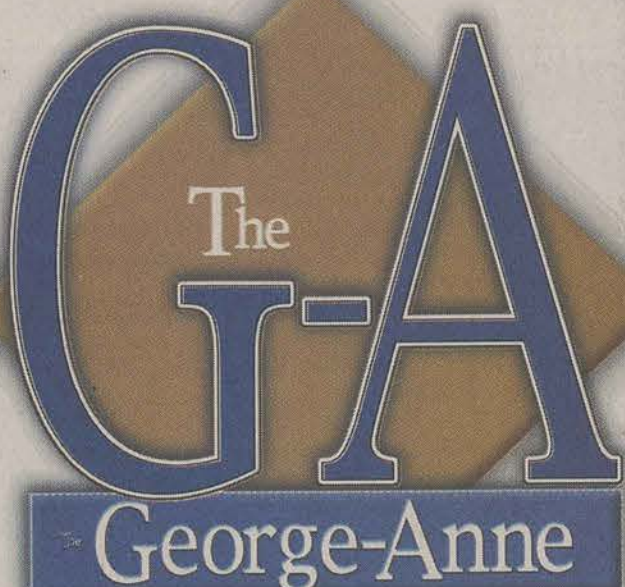


LIFE

Take a ride on the 'Freeway'

The Cinema Arts program will be showing Matthew Bright's first feature film at 7:15 p.m. in the Union tonight.

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More allegations in baseball scandal

By John Bryson and Kelley McGonnell
News Editor and Editor in Chief

Head baseball coach Rodney Hennon denies claims from two former players that he gave the seniors the go ahead for initiation activities that led to an internal investigation and, ultimately, the dismissal of four from the team.

Hennon said that he specifically told the seniors to not force anything on the freshmen, including alcohol or nudity.

Seniors Jody Pollock and Ryan Petersen said that prior to Nov. 5, the date of the initiation incident, the seniors on the baseball team met with Coach Hennon. During this meeting, Hennon allegedly told the seniors that as long as they didn't force the freshmen to drink or "cross the line," that there would not be a problem. Petersen said that Hennon never mentioned nudity in the meeting with the seniors.

"He told us 'I know that you guys are going to initiate the freshmen and as long as you don't cross the line or force them to drink then we'll be ok,'" Petersen said.

Hennon denied having said that he knew that the team would initiate the freshmen, but that he told them that anything they did as a team would have to be consensual.

"The seniors were told that I was aware of what happened two years ago," Hennon said. "I told them I wanted no part of that."

Hennon said that if everyone wanted to do something then he would have no problem with that.

"It's one thing to shave heads, as long as it's not forced," Hennon said. "I have no problem with that."

Petersen said that no one specifically told the freshmen to remove their clothing, but that there was a crowd of people present yelling for them to do so.

"Everybody, even non-baseball players that were there, were yelling to the freshmen to get naked," Petersen said. "But it wasn't in a forceful way. Just everyone in the crowd was cheering them on."

Pollock says the freshmen weren't drinking that night (Nov. 5). "They [the freshmen] were all sober," Pollock said.

In addition, the players allege that Hennon went on to tell them a story about what happened to freshmen at his alma mater, Western Carolina.

"After he pretty much told us it was OK to do the initiation, he told us about what they did at Western Carolina when he was there," Pollock said. "It sounded to us like we had the green light as long as we were careful."

Hennon said nothing like what happened at GSU ever happened at Western Carolina.

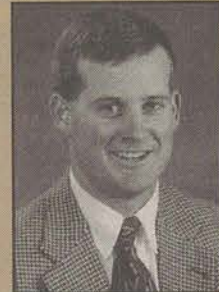
"There's nothing that ever happened at Western Carolina that I've ever been involved in that was even close to what happened here," Hennon said.

Hennon further said that the entire initiation incident was disappointing to him.

"I put a lot of trust in some of these guys," Hennon said. "I've been lied to repeatedly in this situation. But there are certain things I just don't condone."

"These things were outlined to the guys. I told them to use their best judgment"

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JODY POLLOCK

Attorney general says Vermont failed in hazing investigation

By Wilson Ring
The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — University of Vermont hockey players hazed freshmen teammates at a party last fall, and at least one will face a criminal charge, the state attorney general said.

The university failed to properly investigate the allegations from one former team member who said freshmen were forced to drink alcohol and perform degrading acts, Attorney General William Sorrell said Thursday.

Virtually all of the former goalie's claims were true, Sorrell said in announcing the results of his office's six-week investigation.

"UVM's investigation of the alleged hazing was insufficiently thorough to ascertain the truth and, as designed or conducted, served primarily to buttress the university's position in the event of the filing of a civil lawsuit," Sorrell said.

The former goalie, Corey Latulippe, told university officials in September that the team planned to have a hazing party. Despite warnings from athletic department officials, the team went ahead with the party Oct. 2.

Shortly afterward, Latulippe was cut from the team. In December, he filed a federal lawsuit against the university. He also dropped out of the university.

In the lawsuit, he charged each freshman was forced to drink warm beer, parade naked while holding the genitals of the player in front of him and lie on the floor while strippers

crawled over him.

UVM officials initially said Latulippe's allegations were exaggerated. Sorrell's report says university officials then determined hazing took place but said nothing publicly to indicate that.

In December, UVM officials asked Sorrell's office to investigate the allegations and to look into the university's own investigation, conducted by a Burlington law firm.

Last month, UVM President Judith Ramaley canceled the last 15 games of the hockey season after officials learned the entire team had lied to investigators about the party.

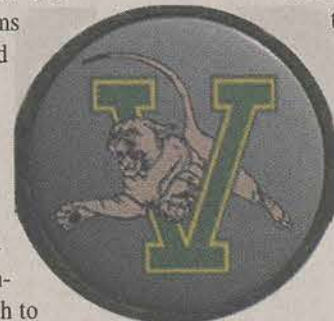
"I believe we acted in good faith, but our good-faith efforts failed," Ramaley said Thursday.

Team captain Kevin Karlander, 23, is facing misdemeanor criminal charges of providing alcohol to a minor and more alcohol-related charges are possible against other upperclassmen, Sorrell said.

The attorney general and the Chittenden County state's attorney's office have agreed not to pursue more serious sex charges. The state has no specific law against hazing. Sorrell said his office would recommend the Legislature enact a new law to deal specifically with hazing.

"We look upon hazing very differently than we did," Sorrell said. "What happened to Corey Latulippe is a crime."

Latulippe, now playing junior hockey in Rochester, N.Y., had no comment on Thursday's ruling.



Lady Eagles fall to UTC Mocs, 86-68 Student names continue to be marketed

• GSU falls to 6-6 in the conference and 7-14 overall

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles' frustration continues after a loss yesterday to Lady Mocs of Chattanooga 86-68.

GSU falls to 6-6 in the conference and 7-14 overall while shooting a mere 36 percent from the field.

With the win, Chattanooga keeps alive their 10-game winning streak and remains a perfect 12-0 in the conference and 19-2 the entire season. Sophomore guard Damita Bullock led all scoring with 17 points, going 2 for 3 from the three-point line and added 9 rebounds.

"They played all phases of the game," said Senior Tondra Warren. "We knew we had to play our game...they kept finding weakness." Warren finished the game with 12 points and 5 rebounds in the Eagles' effort.

Georgia Southern went into the half down by only nine points as they forced Tennessee-Chattanooga to commit 13 first half turnovers but did allow the Lady Mocs 24 rebounds in the initial period.

Sophomore guard Alie Rousseau contributed 8 points and 4 assists in what was her second consecutive start. Rousseau began the game positively, making the Lady Eagles' first



Seth Schilke

FREE FALLING: The Lady Eagles, seen here in a previous home game, fell to 7-14 overall and 6-6 in conference play with a 86-69 loss to UTC.

five points before struggling later on going 1 for 11 for the rest of the game.

"I was trying to establish my jump-shot," said Rousseau on her performance. "...after a couple of shots (were good) they just stopped falling."

The Lady Eagles will get an opportunity to improve on their conference record on Tuesday night facing the Lady Mountaineers of Appalachian State in an early game starting at 5:15 pm.

News & Notes

- Twice this season the Lady Eagles set marks for the largest margin of victory. GSU's 72-38 win over College of Charleston was eclipsed by the 97-57 win over Wofford last week.

- Despite the loss, GSU still leads the overall series against Chattanooga 14-8.

- Sophomore guard Danna Simpson's 11 assists was one shy of the Lady Eagle's record for assist in a single game (12) set by Gwenda Smith.

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — College students may have to wait until 2001 to push for legislation to stop their schools from turning over their names, addresses and telephone numbers to marketing firms.

Efforts to get such a bill introduced in this year's Legislature were delayed by a flap over Gov. Roy Barnes' proposal to stop funding certain student fees with HOPE scholarships, said John Fuchko, chairman of the Board of Regents' Student Advisory Council.

The council, which includes representatives of the state's 34 public colleges and universities, probably missed the chance to get the mailing list bill into the hopper this year, said Fuchko, a Kennesaw State student.

The student council's initial plan, after meeting with Barnes' staff, was to find a sponsor for a bill that would require people filing open records requests to certify that they would not use the lists for commercial solicitation, Fuchko said.

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"Now we're back to square one, but it's a long-term issue. It's not something that's going to go away," he said.

The universities would like to stop the practice, but they are required to provide the names under state open records law, University of Georgia spokesman Tom Jackson said.

School officials asked the state attorney general's office for help a year ago, Jackson said. Lawyers in the office told them that student names, addresses and telephone numbers - classified as "directory information" - are subject to state open records law and must be released.

The University of Georgia receives 10 to 20 requests a year from marketing firms, asking sometimes for lists of all enrolled students, sometimes for lists of students in university housing. The school charges \$125 for each paper, computer disk or e-mail copy of the list requested.

SGA Update

By Logan Thomas
Staff Writer

A busy week for SGA as many topics were discussed last week. Executive Vice President Joyce Estrada opened up the meeting this week. She said she wants to try and raise the voter turnout this year after last year's low student turnout.

"I want the election to have a fun theme," Estrada said. "We need something to attract the students."

The following is a synopsis of the SGA meeting on February 2, 2000:

• Committee meetings to be held soon.

• Many possibilities for future events SGA will be involved in including Habitat for Humanity and a high school/college day involving high school students visiting campus for various activities including leadership seminars.

• New senators sworn in include: Nik Robinson, Chiara Richardson, and Greg Millican. Students interested in joining the SGA are more than welcome to come to the SGA office and apply for a senate seat, Joyce

Estrada said.

• Financial advisory committee's proposal for raising the GSU student organizations allotments from \$500 to \$750. SGA will be able to review no more than fourteen requests for the \$750.

• Proposal of raising the technology fee on campus to \$100 dollars passed. The money would be used to compensate for the substantial amount of paper being used by the computer labs and also to increase the speed of the computer service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•Free Tutoring in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

•RIF Readers are needed at Mattie Lively Elementary School on February 15 through 17. Call Dana Cork at 764-3793 to volunteer.

•NAACP meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2047.

•BSU meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

February 7

•Math 1111 Review of: Rational Expressions, Negatives and Rational Exponents by Beth Burke at 5:30 p.m. in the Tech Room 2117.

February 8

•Time Management by Durrelle Tuggle at 12:30 p.m. in the Forest Room 1218.

February 9

•NAACP presents 80 Night at 7 p.m. in

the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door and \$1 off with a can good.

•Math 1111 Review of: Rational Expressions, Negative and Rational Exponents by Susie Lanier at 7 p.m. in the North Room 1007.

•How to Study History by Alan Downs at 1 p.m. in the Forest Room 1218.

February 10

•Center for the Study of International Schooling and Center for Africana Studies invites you to a Colloquium: Education in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Carroll Building Room 228. Call 681-5545 for more information.

•Essay Organization by Marie Franklin at 1 p.m. in the Library Room 1042.

•Eagle Cinema presents "Random Hearts" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 11

•Eagle Cinema presents "Random Hearts" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 12

•The Galileo Mission to Jupiter

Continues comes to the GSU Planetarium at 7 p.m. This is a public evening event and will explore the incredible discoveries and images made by Galileo. Call 681-5292 for more information.

•Eagle Cinema presents "Random Hearts" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

February 14

•Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony Masterworks II Concert at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

February 23

•NAACP presents the Mrs. African American Pageant at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

February 26

•The National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Georgia Chapter is offering a financial planning workshop for people with MS. NMSS will present "Money Talk" at 10 a.m. at Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Rd NW, in Buckhead. There is no charge for the program. Call 1-800-822-3379 for more information.

Statesboro Police Department

February 6

•Kevin Blakley, 19, of P.O. Box 608 Hickey St., Alto, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jerome Robertson, 52, of Aaron Station Rd. P.O. Box 547, Portal, Ga., was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane, failure to dim headlights, improper stopping in road, habitual violator, and giving false information.

February 5

•Eric Smith, 22, of 210 South Main St. Apt. #6, was charged with DUI and improper starting.

•Octavia Zeigler, 25, of Savannah Highway D-5 P.O. Box 1541, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with driving on suspended license, child seatbelt, and adult seatbelt.

•Lapasha Brown, 23, of 560 East Main St. Apt. # 5-C, was charged with driving on suspended license, giving false information, and failure to dim headlights.

•Jacob Anderson, 19, of 321 Willow Glen Dr., Marietta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

•John Jacob, 19, of 200 Creekside Ct., Marietta, Ga., was charged with disorderly

POLICE BEAT

conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

•Andrew Portman, 19, of 2935 Brookside Ct., Marietta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

•Kevin Molley, 18, of 3351 Valley View Dr., Marietta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

•William Kendrick, 21, of 4064 Union Church Rd. SW, Stockbridge, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Stephen Bennett, 20, of 1036 Plantation Blvd. SE, Conyers, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

•Shandy King, 22, of 2615 Abbey Ridge Rd. SW, Conyers, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Thomas Lackey, 21, of 355 Riverbend Parkway #53, Athens, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

February 4

•Cornelius Williams, 20, of 23364 Hwy 80 W., Portal, Ga., was charged with being a wanted person.

•Adam Minnick, 19, of 1340 A West Colefax Rd., was charged with forgery.

•Mitchell Abernathy, 25, of P.O. Box 1371, Springfield, Ga., was charged with

disorderly conduct.

•James Miller, 22, of 4164 Hwy. 119 N., Clyn, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Stuart Hamilton, 19, of 2601 Old Hickey Dr. NW., Marietta, Ga., was charged with DUI and stop sign violation.

•Jason Hill, 23, of 115 Pamela Way Lot, was charged with driving on suspended license and speeding.

February 3

•Darrell Perkins, 21, of P.O. Box 1311, was charged with no insurance and leaving the scene of an accident.

•Angela Spivey, 18, of 650 Ashbranch Church Rd., Pembroke, Ga., was charged with forgery.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntneal Hughes, assistant news editor.

Lawmakers consider bill limiting student fee hikes

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho—Boise State University President Charles Ruch is cautioning legislators to carefully consider a proposal to limit student fee hikes at the state's four-year schools to 3 percent a year.

There is some balance between student fee levels and state support to maintain and even expand services at the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College, he said Friday.

"If we are capped here and we are unable to rise to here, all you do is cripple the institutions," Ruch told the Senate Education Committee. "For an institution that is growing, it could be disastrous."

Ruch said he would rather work with the stakeholders to consider raising student fees than be subject to an arbitrary limit.

Boise State officials reduce their student fee hike proposals to levels supporting the programs and services students support after public hearings, he said.

Democratic Sandpoint Rep. Jerry Stoicheff intends to propose legislation limiting annual student fee hikes to force the Legislature to adequately fund the state's universities and colleges rather than continue to shift the burden to students.

And Democratic Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin of Orofino plans to co-sponsor the bill to send a message to the state Board of Education against

extravagant student fee hikes.

Idaho State University President Richard Bowen said he would tend to seek more than a 3 percent student fee hike unless he is going to get a substantial amount of money from the Legislature.

Rapidly increasing student fees is a relatively new phenomenon in Idaho, he said.

Idaho State has increased student fees by 10 percent a year during the past three years and 15 percent in the year beforehand, he said.

"If money is provided by the Legislature to allow us to forget about raising student fees, I think that would be a very good solution," Bowen told the Senate Education Committee last week.

Miss Tennessee wins Miss USA pageant

The Associated Press

BRANSON, Mo.—The newly crowned Miss USA says she hopes her accomplishment will serve as encouragement for adopted children.

That's because Miss Tennessee Lynnette Cole, a junior at Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tenn., is an adoptee herself.

"One good thing about this title is that I can tell them that just because you are adopted does not mean that there is anything wrong —you're very special," the 21-year-old said Friday night after being crowned Miss USA 2000 at Branson's Grand Palace.

Miss New Hampshire, Bridget Jane Vezina, 19, of Nashua, N.H., was named first runner-up. Miss Alabama, Jina Mitchell, 22, of Trussville, Ala., was the second runner-up.

A field of 51 contestants in the Miss USA pageant was quickly cut to 10 Friday night after a provocative

opening musical number in hot pink dresses. Contestants from South Carolina, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Georgia and New York also moved on in the live pageant.

During a staged news conference early in the show, Cole was asked whether she had any advice for her home state's NFL team, which lost the Super Bowl to the St. Louis Rams.

"I wish their arms were longer," quipped Cole, referring to the last play of the game when the team came up a yard short of a tying touchdown.

Cole, a pre-law student at Columbia State Community College, continued to amuse her adoring fans after the pageant by answering some silly questions with a deadpan expression.

Asked why male beauty pageants are not popular, she answered: "Because they don't look good in dresses."



www.missusa.com
Miss USA, Lynette Cole

Asked where she was going to store her crown: "On my head."

Cole moves on to compete in the Miss Universe Pageant in Nicosia, Cyprus, on May 12, and becomes the Miss Universe Organization's official spokeswoman for breast and ovarian cancer awareness.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEFS

Bus driver to be suspended for leaving child on bus for five hours

The Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE—A Baldwin County school bus driver will be suspended without pay for leaving a 7-year-old girl alone on the bus for more than five hours last week.

The child apparently fell asleep in the back seat of the bus on her way to Southside Elementary School in Milledgeville. School officials found her alone and crying around 1:30 p.m.

Temperatures that day dipped into the 20s in the morning and rose into the 50s by the afternoon. Because she couldn't get off the bus to use the

bathroom, the girl wet her pants.

The 11-year veteran driver, whose name authorities would not reveal, failed to check and make sure the bus was empty after dropping off her last load of children at school that morning, said Superintendent Gene Trammell.

"(The driver) was just hysterical about it when she found out," Trammell said.

The driver will receive a letter of reprimand and be suspended from one to three days, Trammell said. He has not made a final decision on the length of the suspension.

Charges against Dooly County probate judge dismissed

The Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE — A Superior Court judge has dismissed charges against a Dooly County probate judge accused of attacking a deputy sheriff in Vienna.

Judge Dwayne Forehand had been charged with felony obstruction of an officer, misdemeanor obstruction and simple battery in connection with an April incident.

Prosecutor Carl Cansino said Forehand allegedly fought with a Jones County deputy sheriff, who

had been sent to Vienna to assist after a tornado hit last year.

The deputy pulled Forehand over for driving after dark in violation of a curfew.

Judge James Cline of Baldwin County ruled Friday that since the curfew was not an official ordinance, the deputy sheriff had no reason to stop Forehand.

Judges in the Cordele judicial circuit, which includes Dooly County, recused themselves from the case.

This Week's Weather



Today
Partly cloudy
with a high of
64 and a low
of 39.



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
with a high of
62 and a low
of 36.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor. Send yours to P.O. Box 8001 or drop by room 2023 in the Williams Center. Be sure to include your name, phone number and P.O. Box.

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1 California

11-year-old sues over lost Pokemon playing cards

The Associated Press

OAKLEY— A sixth-grader who says his school seized then lost his Pokemon playing cards is taking the school to court.

Eleven-year-old Rudy Donithan-Treat of Oakley is scheduled to appear before a court commissioner Feb. 29 to make his claim to the \$5,000 he says the cards were worth.

Trouble began for Rudy when he was caught with 161 of the popular children's cards during lunch time. A yard monitor yanked the cards and told Rudy to pick them up at the end of the day.

But when Rudy went to the school office, the cards weren't there.

The school district in this suburban San Francisco town has already rejected a \$500 claim by Rudy and his mother, Misty Treat.

2 Florida

Employer sniffs out portable potty thefts

The Associated Press

CEDAR GROVE— A man has been charged with stealing four portable toilets from the septic company he worked for, where managers thought there was something smelly about the worker's accounts.

Managers at Hall Septic Tank Service began sniffing around and found the missing potties hidden behind a business at nearby Panama City Beach before reporting the

matter to police.

Cedar Grove police Sunday arrested Timothy Dale Hardenbrook, 33, of neighboring Springfield, and charged him with grand theft of cash, checks and the toilets. He was released from the Bay County Jail on a conditional bond Tuesday.

Hardenbrook, who drove a truck for Hall Septic Tank Service, is accused of asking customers to pay him in cash or with checks made out to him and then keeping part of the money.

Police said he also picked up at least four portable potties, three worth about \$500 each and a handicapped model valued at \$2,000, from customers, but failed to return them to Hall.

3 Maryland

Woman gives birth to triplets for second time

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A woman has given birth to triplets for the second time in less than two years, defying odds of about one in 50 million, hospital officials said.

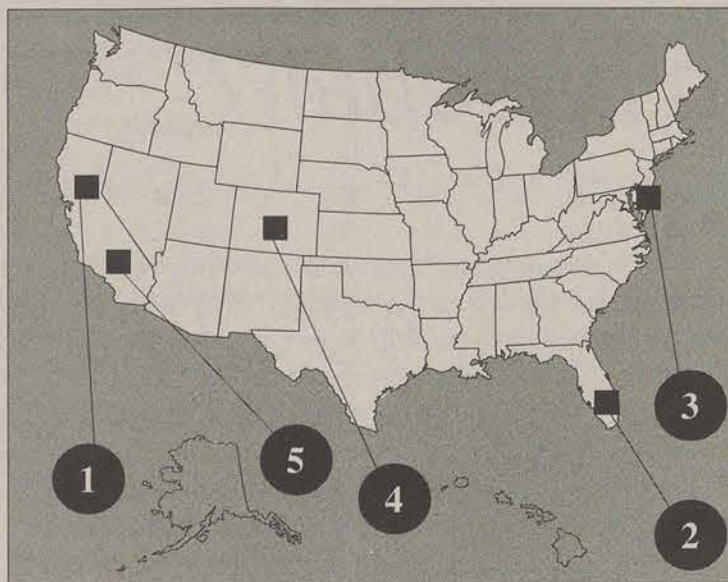
Crystal Cornick, 19, who was not using fertility drugs, gave birth to her fourth, fifth and sixth children on Tuesday at the University of Maryland Hospital. Doctors say the woman and her three new children should be able to go home in a week or two.

The parents, Crystal Cornick and her fiance, Richard Williams, 22, said they were in shock when they learned they were having triplets again.

"I was at work, she called me on the cell and said we're having triplets. I said 'No, you're lying, stop lying,'" Williams said.

Cornick said her pastor helped calm her after she learned she was now the mother of six children.

"He said your children are a bless-



ing and you should feel lucky to have them because some people can't have children and you're lucky to be blessed with three at once," Cornick said "So that kind of put me at ease."

The children, Ariel, Tyler and Tyree, were reported in stable condition this morning in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

4 Colorado

Clerk calls for help with nose

The Associated Press

MONTROSE — A gas station clerk used her nose to dial 911 after being tied up by robbers.

Police Cmdr. Tom Chinn praised the woman, whose name was not released, for not just waiting "for the shift change."

A robber who had been hiding in the station's store room grabbed the clerk from behind early Sunday, tied her up and fled with an undisclosed amount of money from the register.

The clerk managed to scoot the chair to the front of the store and use her nose to dial 911 and ask for help. She was still tied to the chair when police arrived minutes later.

No other details were available.

5 California

Two fleeing youths crash car — into police station

The Associated Press

MODESTO — Two teen-agers fleeing police lost control of their car and crashed into a building. Then it got worse.

The building was the Modesto Police Department.

Officers said a patrol officer saw the pair driving a car with a cracked windshield Wednesday and tried to pull them over. But the boys, ages 15 and 16, sped off, at times driving the wrong way down a one-way street before losing control and careening into the station house.

The youths, who were not identified because of their ages, fled in opposite directions. The 16-year-old driver made the mistake of running behind the station, where he was tackled by rookie Officer David Mullins.

It was his first official arrest.

The younger boy ran into a nearby construction site — the new home of the police department. Workers pointed him out to officers and he was captured.

Snakes turned away from Malaysian zoos, headed to soup

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Authorities rescued more than 1,000 rare snakes from smugglers but the protected reptiles could wind up in restaurants as Malaysian zoos are too packed to hold them, a news report said last Wednesday.

Perak state police said that five smugglers who hid 1,400 poisonous snakes and 40 turtles inside trucks and were nabbed on Monday driving in from neighboring Thailand would be charged for illegal possession of protected wildlife.

There was little protection, however, that wildlife officials could offer the reptiles, said Ahmad Harun, deputy director of the Wildlife and National Park Department for Perak state, which is on the western coast of Malaysia.

Ahmad was quoted in Wednesday's *Star* newspaper as saying that zoos and snake parks that usually offered safekeeping to such confiscated species were unable to accommodate this batch, so the animals had been sold to licensed dealers.

"Licensed dealers are allowed to dispose of them, usually to restaurants," Ahmad said.

Smugglers of protected snakes and other wildlife do big business in Malaysia and other Asian countries, where Chinese restaurants often serve them in soups or other dishes. Many people believe that snake blood and other animal parts can cure ailments and boost virility.

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If you know students who would be excellent UJB members, please submit their nomination by Friday, March 10, 2000. All nominations should include the nominee's full name, social security number, current phone number, current GSU P.O. Box number, and a paragraph stating why you think the nominee will be an effective UJB member. Feel free to nominate as many students as you like. Again, all nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 10, 2000. Send nominations by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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There's no lying in baseball?

GSU baseball is suffering and the season hasn't even started. Someone is not telling the truth no matter how you look at it.

Our Opinion

Two seniors released from the baseball team claim that the head coach, Rodney Hennon, gave them the go ahead for initiation rites in a meeting held before the Nov. 5 incident.

Hennon, however, claims that he laid down specific guidelines for what would be appropriate.

He says he told the players that anything they did would have to be consensual and, especially, could not involve nudity or

alcohol. The players dispute that Hennon ever said anything about nudity.

What is going on here? Are there underlying issues that the actors in this drama aren't addressing? Why were these four players chosen to be dismissed? If the true reason is because they are repeat violaters, then others should have been dismissed too. At the very least, there is the appearance of hypocrisy in the baseball program.

Somebody is lying, or not remembering the facts of the meeting with the senior baseball players correctly.

The pieces are coming together, but it would appear that if a complete picture is ever seen, it won't be a pretty one.

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McCain is the only one worth watching in Election 2000

It is only February and already I am weary of this campaign season for Election 2000. I could care less if I see the face of George W. Bush ever again (reminds me too much of his father), or hear Vice President Gore and Bill Bradley continue discussing programs in which they are not the least bit interested.

I am tired of listening to Steve Forbes pretend to care about the American taxpayer. Hey, Mr. Forbes, what is the NET percentage of your income you actually pay in taxes each year? Flat tax? C'mon!

You want my vote, Mr. Forbes? Look into how many of our congressional leaders paid fewer taxes than my father did, a retired 1st Sergeant (Army).

In watching some of these so-called "debates," another thing was glaringly apparent, as it usually is: none of these candidates appear to be qualified for the presidency of the United States of America except, possibly, one.

Yes, Forbes can run a company, Bradley can shoot hoops, Bush can speak Spanish, and Gore can...ah yes, convince communist governments to give, not lend, but give up some of their money.

All good qualities in their own rights, I agree. But to run this country? Loo-who-there!

However, if there is one in whom I might trust, it would be Senator John McCain, for a few reasons.

First, he is an honest-to-goodness American hero, having been brutalized in a Vietnam prison camp for over five years...FIVE YEARS!

Would he understand what it means to send our young men and women into battle? Darn right he would. Next is integrity and honesty. He actually says that he does not have all the answers, doesn't even pretend to have all the answers, to all of our problems. But,

he says he will do the one thing that is needed most in this country: he will make America proud of our Commander-In-Chief again. It's about time.

In addition, I believe McCain to be real. A term not used often enough, unfortunately. Heck, on a recent visit to a college campus in Iowa, when asked a ridiculous question by one of the students, McCain responded, "There's always a smartass in every crowd!", eliciting cheers and raised fists (some holding beers) from the rest of the students present, a response rarely witnessed by a presidential candidate.

Finally! Finally, a man who can actually drink beer (and enjoy it) with college kids.

Finally, a man with whom the student body across this great nation can actually converse without fear of being labeled "politically incorrect," or rude, or disrespectful, or any other of the hundreds of monikers we currently bear.

The point of this is not to lure voters to McCain's side of the fence. Rather, it is to remind everyone how this nation forged its way to greatness and, dare I say, it was not with all the pomp and circumstance of this fiasco we call Election 2000.

It was by trusting in men and women, like the Senator, who just did not have the time for all the nonsense.

Election 2000 has become more "Lights! Camera! Action!" than "Broadcast News," and it appears the candidates are loving it. Whatever the case, "Seeking: person to manage progressive company with growth potential. Candidates should be responsible, mature, and have a general knowledge of running day-to-day activities of a staff of approximately 270 million people. Resumes will be kept in the strictest confidence."



RANDY DOBSON

Cell phones don't belong just anywhere

What have we come to? Have we lost all our manners and consideration for others? So many of us feel the need to look pompous and aristocratic by carrying around a cell phone, and in the process we do nothing but prove that we are inconsiderate boobs.

I was recently in a restaurant having a quiet meal when a loud alarm went off behind me. Seven people scrambled to their pockets, and finally someone figured out that the phone that is ringing is his. He answered it and then proceeded to yell a conversation into the glorified walkie-talkie because the person on the other end couldn't hear him.

When I was growing up, we didn't answer the phone at home during dinner, not to mention in a restaurant

where one should be on his best behavior. It is rude enough to the people sitting around you; the people sitting with you should be offended.

We left the restaurant and headed to the movie theater to see "Scream 3." Awesome movie, by the way.

We sit down and during the flick, you guessed it, someone's cell phone starts ringing. He, fortunately, has to leave the room to hear, but he still has to fight his way out of the row of seats, disturbing everyone in the theater. There is such a thing as an off button on these contraptions. When in a movie theater, restaurant, library, class, etc., USE IT!

SAM SIEGEL



Foiling myths about Black History Month

During my stay here at GSU I have learned a lot about life, much about European history and very little about African American history—that is until the month of February. Then we see billboards and commercials from companies that we never knew even cared about Black history.

Who knew that Budweiser was so concerned about the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr.? Funny they only say so around February.

Every now and then I have found myself one of the few, if not the only person of color in my classes. This often automatically makes me the "spokesperson" for any topic having to do with Black people.

I love to communicate so this appointed status does not bother me. I also think that ignorance and prejudice go hand in hand so I am happy to aid the universe and those in it in any way that I can.

Many people of all ethnic backgrounds have some pretty ridiculous notions of what Black History month is and about what the so-called "black experience" is all about. I do not

profess to have all the answers but I have come up with my own "Top Five Myths About BHM (Black History Month)."

Myth #1. Black History Month is for Black people only. No, no, no. This celebration was implemented as a time for Americans to reflect on both the history and teachings of African Americans whose contributions are often left out of history books and not taught in classrooms. If February is Black History Month—what history do we learn about during the other eleven months of the year?

Myth #2. BHM is in February because it is the shortest month of the year (28 days). Wrong. As a teacher, Dr. Carter G. Woodson was appalled by the lack of knowledge his students possessed about African American contributions to our nation. In 1926 he created Negro History Week and selected the second week of Feb-

ruary because two people that he felt had dramatically affected the lives of Black Americans: Abraham Lincoln

BLACK MEN HAVE GIVEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COUNTLESS INVENTIONS, CHARISMATIC LEADERS, AS WELL AS THEIR LIVES DURING TIMES OF WAR.

and Frederick Douglass, were born during that month. In 1976, Negro History Week was extended to last the entire month in North America and was renamed Black History Month.

Myth #4. Martin Luther King was the only Black man who made a contribution to society. Not! Black men have given the United States of America countless inventions, charismatic leaders, as well as their lives

during times of war. You may not know it if all you watch is Jerry Springer, Cops, and rap videos—but look around you.

The traffic signal that helps traffic run smoothly was invented by Garrett T. Morgan. The elevator, which saves our feet from more agony, was invented by Alexander Miles and blood plasma, which has been vital to so many lives, was first utilized by Dr. Charles Drew.

Myth #5. We should celebrate BHM for only one month. False.

To forget what the spirit of BHM is all about on March 1, December 3rd, or any other day would defeat the entire purpose of Black History Month. One month is not enough time to fully understand Black culture or any other culture for that matter.

In order for Black History Month to be successful, it must create an awareness in every human being that positively enables our minds to change our actions for the betterment of everyone every day of the year.

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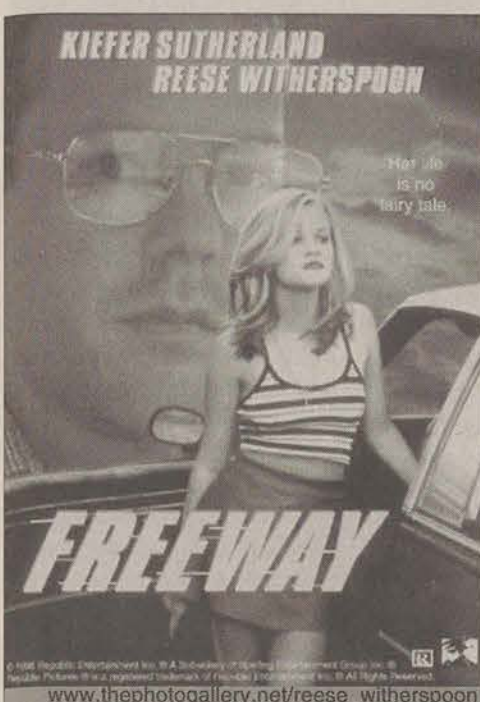
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Cinema Arts shows 'Freeway'



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lease first on video and then in selected theaters, an unusual, completely inverted route to fame. But there is nothing usual about "Freeway."

Simply put, the film is a wacky and intelligent adaptation of the Red Riding Hood fairy tale. But "Freeway" is no fairy tale as the dirty cartoon credit opening sequence (deliberately drawn in Robert Crumb style) makes clear, and its Red Riding Hood is hardly a naive, helpless victim that the cartoon would lead us to expect.

Vanessa, played unforgettably by Reese Witherspoon, is a street-smart, barely literate white-trash teenager, with an older black boyfriend from the 'hood, an aging hooker for a mother and a pothead child molester for a stepdad. Facing another foster-home/orphanage nightmare, Vanessa decides to steal a car and run away to her grandmother's trailer in Stockton, Calif.

The Big Bad Wolf she meets on her way is Bob Wolverton (Kiefer Sutherland), a child psychologist by profession and the Interstate 5 killer-rapist by nature.

Their violent encounter will force

Vanessa to fight for her freedom and justice in a society that is quick to stereotypically condemn her as antisocial (she is nothing but, and her refusal to shut up is her instinctive way to keep her self-respect), a doomed offspring of her depraved environment.

It is naturally that environment that makes her so tough, so self-assertive and independent. She doesn't want our pity, because she doesn't see herself as a victim.

She certainly has our sympathy, though, as she briskly deals with seemingly crushing setbacks and obstacles as if they were just annoyances, and we are with her enjoying the sight of the grotesquely disfigured Wolverton.

Our reactions to the story, a mixture of detachment towards its plot and sympathy for the protagonist, reflect the film's dark comedic style which clashes the outrageously excessive circumstances with the main characters' straight-faced acting. The Big Bad Wolf will get the grandmother (whom we fortunately never get to see), but our Red Riding Hood will prove repeatedly she can take care of herself.

She could use some love but certainly no more adult supervision.

With Brook Shields as the Wolf's All-American self-deluded wife, "Freeway" takes delight in confounding our expectations, scrambling what's funny and what's horrifying until you're likely to be gasping and laughing at the same time. —Charles Taylor, Salon Magazine. 1996. 102 minutes. Rated R.

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Southern Chorale tours the country

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

This week, GSU's Southern Chorale is kicking off its most important concert series to date.

Previously, the group has toured to various states, including appearances at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and at Spivey Hall in Morrow, Ga., also known as the "Carnegie of the South." This year the chorus will perform in Atlanta, Macon, Houston, Texas and several midwestern sites known for high-quality music education programs.

Rodney Caldwell, director of choral activities, said the tour is a sizable stepping stone for the group.

"We have a regional reputation already," he said. "Now we're striving for a national one."

Caldwell emphasized that dedication and versatil-

ity have enabled this group to surpass their previous successes. Students forfeit holiday time, evenings and weekends to prepare for appearances for churches, school children and college campuses. They must master difficult material tailored to each audience. Selections include opera, classical and spiritual melodies in various languages. Their repertoire incorporates complex classical music literature in French, Spanish, German and English. Songs range from somber, to thought-provoking, to upbeat. The members' vocally talented harmonies and solos need no accompaniment. Indeed, you won't find many instruments. A single piano is used in most numbers.

The tour ends officially tomorrow with a free concert in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall in the Foy Fine Arts building. The Chorale takes the stage at 8 p.m.

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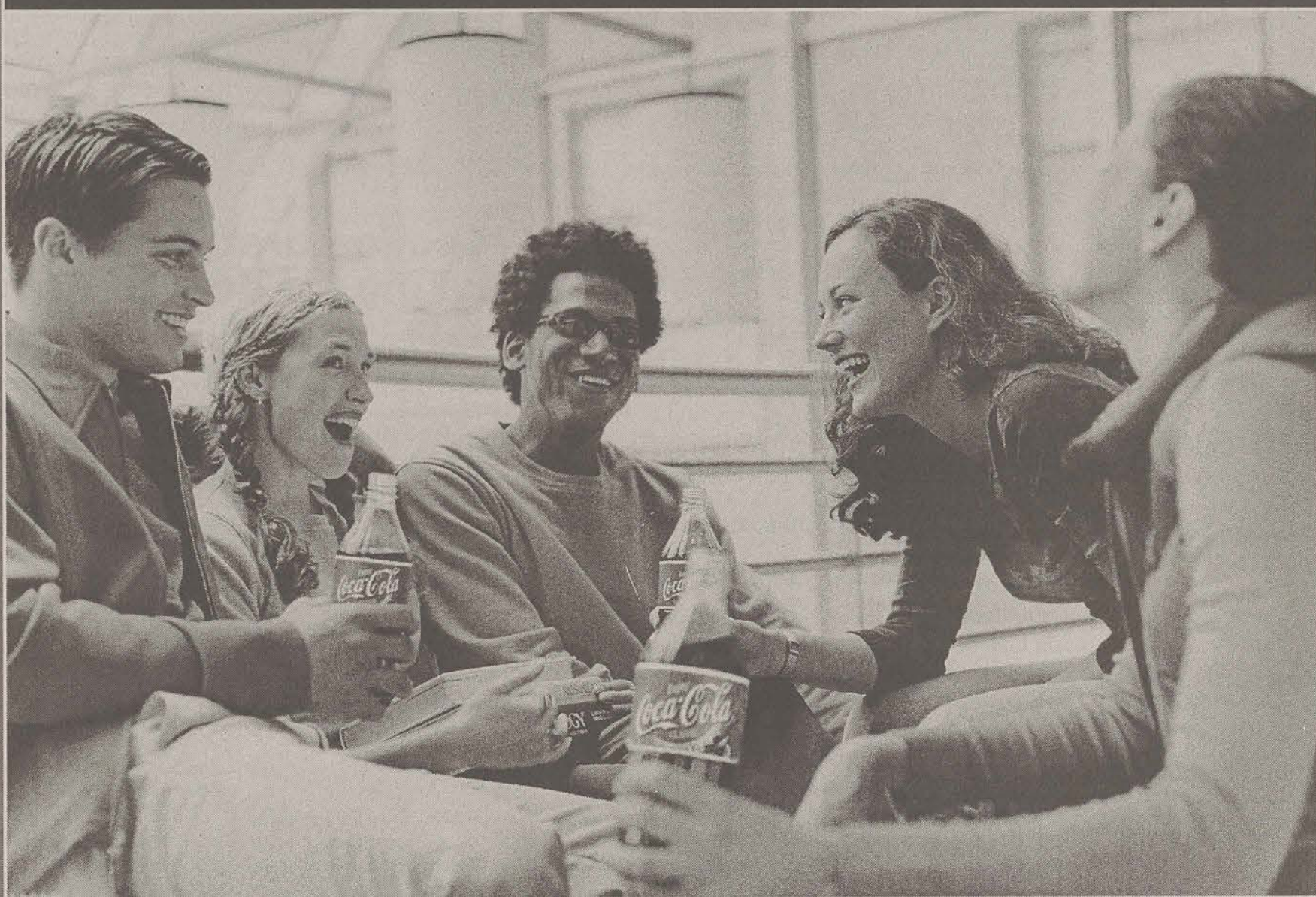
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7:00 p.m. Ballroom

Tuesday, February 8

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents
Sista 2 Sista: A Tribute to the Black Woman.

8:00 p.m. Union 2047

Wednesday, February 9

NAACP presents: 80's Night & Best Dress
Contest. Bring a can good to donate to charity.

8:00 p.m. Ballroom

Thursday, February 10

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority presents: "Black male/
Black female Relationships." Do you really
know what it takes to make them work?

7:00 p.m. Union 2045

Tuesday, February 15

Phi Beta Sigma presents "Supporting Black
causes: Fighting for justice for all." Panel
Discussion.

5:00 p.m. Union 2052

Wednesday, February 16

Black History Quiz Bowl Prizes to be won by
student organizations. Do you know your
history? Come see!

5:00 p.m. Union 2042

Thursday, February 17

Black Student Alliance presents: *An Enchanted
Evening of Poetry.*

7:00 p.m. Union 2045

Sunday, February 20

Vision Ministries & Radicals in Christ present:
A church service. Come worship!

11:00 a.m. Union Theater

Monday, February 21

*Images of Ebony on Broadway: A night of
music and dance.*

7:00 p.m. Ballroom

Tuesday, February 22

*Images of Ebony on Broadway: A night of
music and dance.*

7:00 p.m. Ballroom

Wednesday, February 23

Preparing for Graduate School. There is a need
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5:00 p.m. Union 2042

NAACP present the *Ms. African-American*

Pageant. Witness the show of talent, beauty and
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7:00 p.m. Ballroom

Thursday, February 24

An evening with Lesra Martin of the hit movie
Hurricane. Martin keynotes about his struggles
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Carter from jail.

7:00 p.m. Union Ballroom

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movie

8:00 p.m. Union Theater

Friday, February 25

Eagle Cinema presents *The Best Man* - the
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7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Union Theater

Saturday, February 26

Eagle Cinema presents *The Best Man* - the
movie

3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Union Theater

Monday, February 28

Sankofa on Wheels - Touring Museum. Trace
the history of Blacks throughout the diaspora in
artifacts, etc.

**11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Union Ballroom C**

CLEC Departmental Lecture Series presents
Michael Paul Smith in "*Sing for Your Supper-A
Bill of Right Tribute.*"

7:30 p.m. Carroll/Foy Recital Hall

Tuesday, February 29

Black Students Alliance presents: *Apollo Nite*

7:00 p.m. Union Ballroom

CLEC presents Michael Paul Smith in "*An
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Theater.*"

7:30 p.m. Union Theater

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Men's soccer signs two for 2000

•Newcomers Brown and Bryson expected to make immediate impact this fall

G-A News Services

Two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend GSU and play soccer for the Eagles in the upcoming 2000 season, GSU head coach Kevin Chambers announced on Friday.

Striker/midfielder Tim Brown (Chattanooga, Tenn./The Baylor School) and striker Mack Bryson (Martinsville, Va./Carlisle School) will join the Eagles this fall and could provide an immediate impact with the graduation of two starters off the GSU front.

"Our recruiting class will be very small in numbers since we return 20 players this fall," Chambers said. "We have two areas in which we focused our recruiting efforts - striker and goalkeeper. We have managed to secure one area for the present and the future."

Tim Brown will join his brother, Tony, on the GSU squad after a stellar career for the Baylor Red Raiders, which will conclude this spring. He enters his senior campaign on the heels of an All-Region Player-of-the-Year honor, and he was also named to the All-State Tournament Team.

Last year he helped Baylor to its second consecutive state runner-up finish by leading in assists and recording the team's second-highest point total. He was named to the All-Region first team as a sophomore and to the All-State honorable mention team as a freshman. In that first season, he landed a Rookie-of-the-Year honor in helping Baylor to a state championship and a Top-10 national ranking. Brown was also a three-year member of the Tennessee Olympic Development Team and the Premier Soccer Academy club team.

"Tim is very versatile in that he can play striker and anywhere in the midfield," Chambers said. "We expect him to come in right away and make a positive impact this fall."

Bryson will leave Carlisle School as the most prolific scorer in program history after recording 65 goals and 34 assists in his career. He was a three-time all-conference choice and was named to the All-State team his senior season. Having joined the varsity team as an eighth-grader, Bryson was a five-time team leader in goals and assists. In his senior season alone, he recorded 17 goals and 13 assists on the way to his second Most Valuable Player award.

Bryson was a member of the Virginia Olympic Development team for three years (1997-99) and also played for the Greensboro Soccer Club for two years (1998-99.)

Winning streak halted in GSU's 72-71 loss

By Kevin Caskey

Co-Sports Editor

The GSU men's basketball team, riding high with a season-best four game winning streak, lost a heart-breaking game Saturday night to East Tennessee State. The 72-71 loss dropped the squad to 12-9 overall and 6-4 in the Southern Conference. With six regular season games left, GSU remains in second place in the SoCon's South Division, trailing frontrunner College of Charleston by two games.

A tight game throughout, GSU's demise was of their own making as the Eagles committed nineteen turnovers, twelve of which coming from ETSU steals. Lead-

ing the way for GSU were Donta Humphries with 12 points and Todd Shipley with 11. Freshman Julius Jenkins added 11 points, and Quentin Martin scored 10. Senior forward Hamp Jones contributed 8 points and 9 rebounds for the Eagles which ended his double-double streak at three consecutive games.

Leading the way for the Bucs was Adrian Meeks with 16 points while forward Leo Murray added 13 rebounds for ETSU. The win for the Bucs was their third straight and boosts their record to 10-11 (5-5 in SoCon play).

GSU will try to rebound from this weekend's setback Monday night against UT-Chattanooga. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.



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ING OUT:**
Citing that he wants to be closer to family, Griffey Jr. has demanded that Seattle trade him to the Cincinnati Reds.

'Spoiled brat' Griffey Jr. asking for deal to Reds

The Associated Press

SEATTLE- Now Ken Griffey Jr. has another reason for wanting to get out of Seattle.

In an interview with *The Seattle Times*, the Mariners' All-Star center fielder said he received a death threat at his home in Florida. The letter was mailed from Seattle.

"You might be able to control where you play, but you can't control what happens to your family. I can," the letter said.

"When you start getting death threats directed at your family, that's bad," Griffey said.

He said the letter came after Nov. 2, the day the Mariners called a news conference and announced his trade request. Since then, he has narrowed the number of teams which he would play for to one: Cincinnati.

With one year left on his contract, Griffey is committed to play for the Mariners for the 2000 season. After that, he can become a free agent. He has said he won't sign a contract extension with the Mariners.

"When you get death threats from Seattle fans, then that's bad," Griffey said.

"Something like that is pretty much the last straw as far as me staying in Seattle," he added.

The Mariners spring training begins on March 2.

The Reds' spring training is in Florida. Griffey has said he wants to be traded so he can be closer to his family.

"I don't know if I'm gone or not, but I'm not going to worry about it anymore," Griffey told the newspaper. "It's out of my hands. The way I look at it, I have a job, somewhere, whether it's Seattle or Cincinnati. That's the way it is."

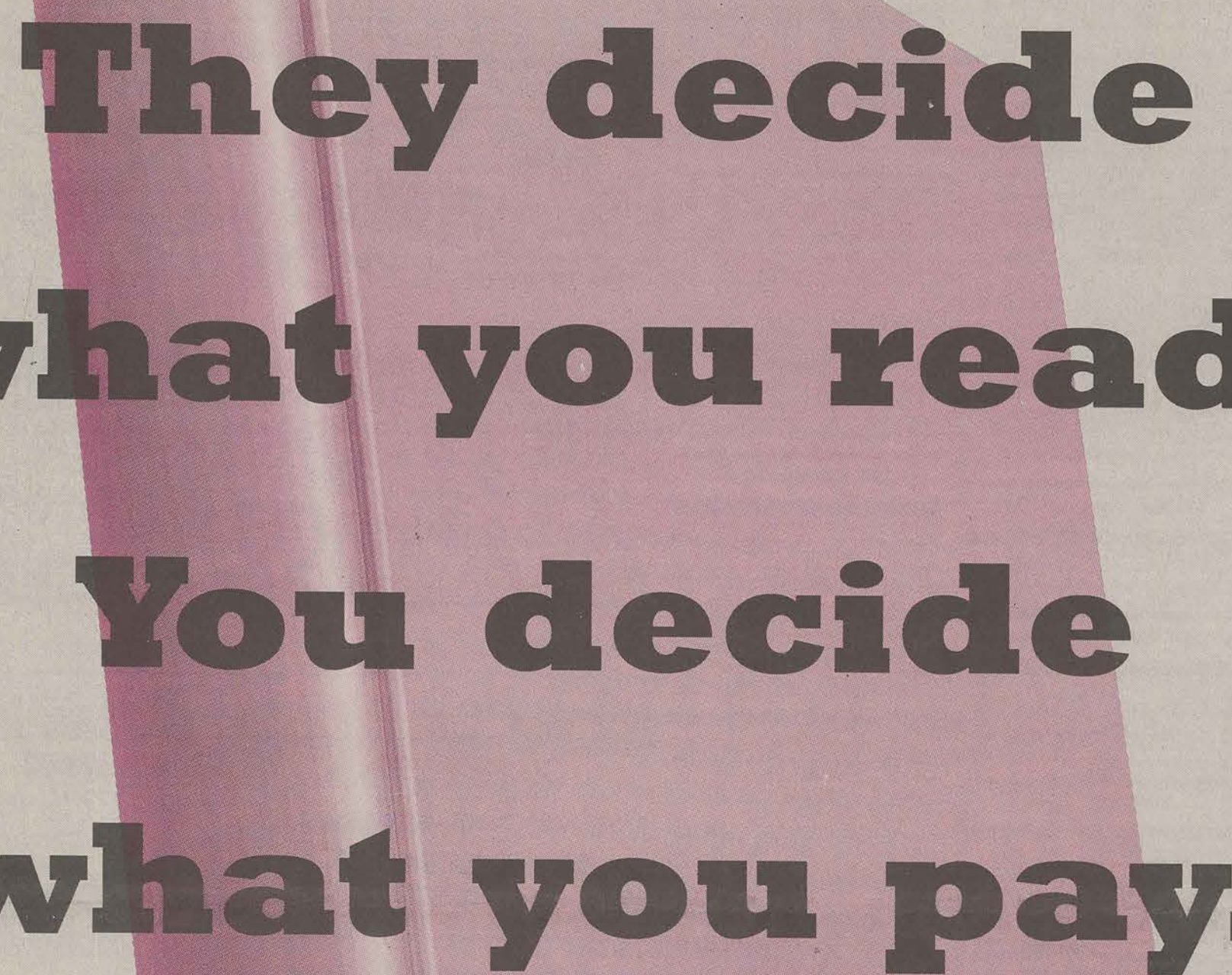
"I'm a 10-and-5 guy (10 years in the league, at least 5 with the same team). I gave the Mariners an option that if they wanted to trade me, they could trade me. But it's got to be where I want to go. And I'm the bad guy in this? I don't get it."

Griffey wants to be in Cincinnati, not Seattle, this season, though. He turned down a trade to the New York Mets. He said he distrusts new Mariners general manager Pat Gillick.

"How can I come back there and play?" he asked. "You've got everybody pretty much against me. You've got the fans thinking I'm whining. I'm a baby and whatever, because that's what Pat said. Somebody in the front office called me a spoiled brat because I didn't accept the trade to New York."

Griffey said his trade request wasn't about money.

"Turned down \$140 million from the Mariners. Does that sound like a guy who cares about the money?" he said.



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