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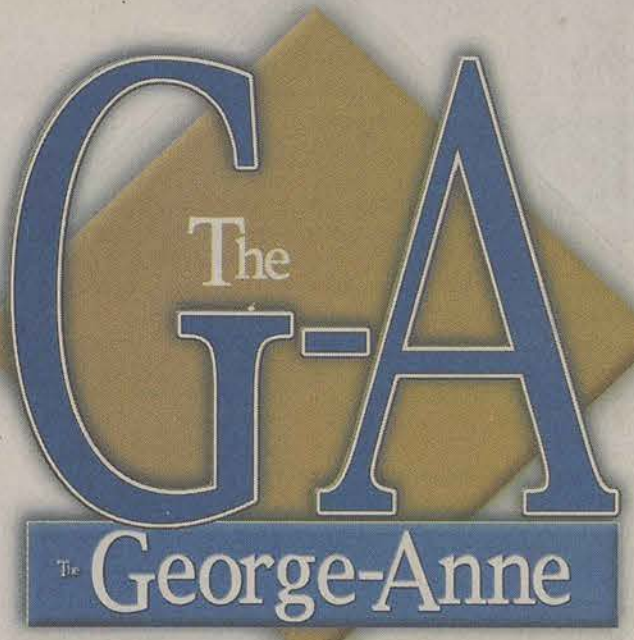
SPORTS

National champs to be honored in parade

The GSU National Champion Eagle football team will be honored with a downtown parade tomorrow at 5 p.m. The parade will start at Kentucky Fried Chicken and end at City Hall.

The procession of seniors, coaches, cheerleaders and Southern Pride will be led by Gus and GSU's ROTC color guard. Community representatives and government officials will wind up the caravan of vehicles by riding on a traditional parade float.

Commerative footballs will be given out and other attractions will be downtown for the celebration.



LIFE Museum recognizes the history of African Americans

On display in the Union Monday, this museum on wheels displayed many items to give a better look into the history of African Americans.



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Dismissals were 'proper action to take'

By Kelley McGonnell
Editor in Chief

The four dismissed baseball players were released based on their level of involvement in the Nov. 5 hazing incident, Athletic Director Sam Baker said.

He said that after interviewing all the team members individually that he was decided that Jody Pollock, Ryan Petersen, Rhett Roberts and Scott Burks were involved in the hazing ritual.

"After interviewing individuals it was decided these individuals were involved," Baker said. "There were levels of involvement and decisions were made based on that knowledge, and we decided that this was the proper action to take."

Baker said that he must believe that the information gathered in the investigation was truthful.

"When you conduct an investigation you ask questions and people give you answers," Baker said. "Truthful answers are what you base your decision on. You have to go on the belief that people are telling the truth."

Baker said that the issue was dealt with as a team matter, because the coaches set the tone for the program.

"We decided this would be handled as a team matter," he said. "In athletics you have coaches that are superiors and are in control of athletic programs. They provide that leadership and a level of discipline and set the

tone for the program."

Pollock, who has admitted to not supporting the decision to appoint Rodney Hennon as head coach, said he thought that opposition might have caused him to be singled out by the coach for dismissal.

Baker said that he had never heard of Pollock opposing Hennon or his appointment.



"WE ASSUME ... THAT PEOPLE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT AND WRONG AND PEOPLE WOULD MAKE THEIR DECISIONS BASED ON THAT."
— SAM BAKER, GSU DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

"I'd never heard Jody say anything negative about Coach Hennon," Baker said. "I was kind of stunned when it was alleged that he was boisterous against Coach Hennon."

Baker also said that he does not believe the seniors received mixed messages about hazing. Pollock, Petersen and former player Jimmy Alexander have stated that Hennon knew that hazing would occur and asked only that the freshmen not be forced to drink and that no one cross the line.

Baker said that the punishment doled out in 1998 for similar offenses should have been a

warning that hazing would not be tolerated.

"I think the message they received from the athletic administration previously should have set the tone that they shouldn't have had to have any kind of mixed message," he said.

In the future, the athletic department will have speakers address the student-athletes and discuss hazing issues. Baker said that hazing will become an important part of discussions with players at the beginning of the school year.

Baker also said that GSU needs to realize that they are not immune to issues facing the rest of the country.

"We are going to have to realize that we are not protected from what is going on on a national basis in regards to the issues involved," he said. "We may have to become much more proactive perhaps. We assume, and assume is a very dangerous word, that people knew what was right and wrong and people would make their decisions based on that."

Baker also said that this year's incident should not affect the future of Eagle baseball.

"We've signed 8 players in the winter," he said. "We'll have a strong baseball team here, as we will all our teams. Georgia Southern is an outstanding university. We're going to make tough decisions when we have to. But our overriding goal is to provide an atmosphere for our athletes to compete in a positive and gain their academic goals and their athletic goals."

Further charges unlikely in hazing incident

By Kelley McGonnell
Editor in Chief

Despite the hazing incident with the GSU baseball team, the university will not face sanctions from the NCAA, according to Hank Schomber, compliance coordinator.

"It is a campus matter," Schomber said. "According to the rules, they [the NCAA] do not need to be notified."

In addition, it is likely that the four players dismissed from the baseball team for their involvement will not face charges from judicial affairs, Schomber said.

"[The situation] was taken to student affairs who agreed to allow athletics to handle it," he said.

It is against the student code of conduct to haze, which is defined as: "any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off campus to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, or the breaking of school rules."

He said that the athletic department had the means to punish the offenders beyond the normal bounds of student affairs.

"We have the means to handle it that go beyond what student affairs would normally have," Schomber said. "They could have developed penalties, but we had team penalties that we could utilize in this case."

He said that the decision to allow the coaches to deal with the problem was not unilateral.

"Because of the previous hazing incident [in 1998], we knew we had an obligation to the university to address the matter," he said.

Schomber also said that they dealt with the investigation and punishments the best way they knew how.

"I feel we did what was right," he said. "I'm comfortable with what has happened. All four [dismissed players] can transfer and will be eligible to play."

Jody Pollock, Ryan Petersen, Rhett Roberts and Scott Burks were dismissed from the baseball team in January after an investigation into an alleged hazing incident on Nov. 5. Twelve other players were given four game suspensions to be served during the season.

Ryan Jordan named Miss. African American GSU

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

Bob Barker isn't the only thing that separates the Miss America pageant from the Miss African American pageant. At GSU, the Miss African American Scholarship competition relies more on natural ability than it does on expensive dresses, fad diets and charm school. Last Wednesday, Ryan Jordan walked away with the title of Miss African American GSU.

Seven young women competed for the title. Unlike their television counterparts, they did not spend a year or more preparing. They did not wear swimsuits and they proved that there is more to womanhood than slim waists and long eyelashes. The event, which is sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP, is not as polished as the famed Miss America competition, but that is precisely its appeal. It's about real people rather than idealistic images.

Each woman had a platform for her appearance. Nicole Sheats promoted AIDS awareness and abstinence. Tameyer Evans urged health education for youth. Genitha Butler spoke out against domestic violence.

They selected their own acts for the talent portion of the competition. April Dorsey's fervent rendition of "Miracles and Blessings" was consistent with her platform on youth Christian fellowship. Two poems and a monologue celebrated black womanhood. Ryan Jordan danced with precise, fluid movement as she recited an original poem. Angel Brayboy's sultry rendition of Vanessa Williams' "How Can I Tell My Heart" was stunning, even mesmerizing.

The judges had a tough job selecting just one winner. After a tiebreaker question the issue was settled. Tameyer Evans was crowned Miss Congeniality, followed by recognition for Nicole Sheats, who received two titles: Miss Entrepreneur and Miss Scholar. Second runner-up Angel Brayboy and first runner-up April Dorsey could have won the title of Miss African-American, but that honor was bestowed upon



Special Photo

RYAN JORDEN was recently named Miss. African American GSU, which is sponsored by the NAACP.

Ryan Jordan.

"Her stage presence suggested confidence. She was bold and gave a strong interview," judge Melissa Shivers said. "It was a difficult decision."

Shivers, a GSU alumna, is the minority advisement program coordinator. Also on the panel were Art King, director of the multicultural center; Georgine Betts, a professor in the writing and linguistics department; Aaron Nicely, the student body president; and Natasha Clements, the president of the GSU chapter of the NAACP.

Clements praised the women's beauty, grace, and poise. "It's very difficult to get up in front of everyone. They did very well, and we appreciate the audience support."

Kenyatta McCarden, who works for the GSU NAACP as business coordinator, agreed. "This was a great success," she said.

Audience members noticed some flaws, but were generally happy with the program. Freshman Karen Mitchell said, "Overall, it was a good show. It needed some work." She felt Jordan was a good choice by the judges.

And what did the Ryan Jordan have to say as the ballroom emptied? "The pageant is not just a pageant for African-American women, but also to promote African-American awareness and self-pride for everyone."

Gus battles it out in ESPN mascot tournament

Staff reports

Gus is a popular bird these days. In ESPN.com's Battle of the Mascots, sixteen mascots from around the country have been picked to fight it out to find out who will lead the cheers in 2000 as champion.

Gus is one of the lucky 16. The official mascot tournament bracket was unveiled today and voting has begun. The results of ESPN user votes will determine which mascots advance and which ones hang their furry heads in shame. And every time you vote, you get another chance to win cool prizes from ESPN.

Simply go to espn.com and look on the left for the link to the battle of the mascots or go to promotions.go.com/espn/mascots/

challenge.html

Vote often and help Gus become a national figure.

He is up against mascots from the University of Oklahoma, University of Cincinnati, Northwestern University, Syracuse University, University of Washington, Arizona State University, Stanford University, Brigham Young University, University of Tennessee, University of Arkansas, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, University of Connecticut, University of Kentucky, and Penn State University.

For the inside scoop on GSU's Eagle mascot, pick up Friday's edition of the G-A.



OUR FEARLESS LEADER: Gus, GSU's much-loved mascot, is up against 15 other college mascots around the U.S. in the Battle of the Mascots, sponsored by ESPN.

'Sing for Your Supper'



Lindsay Wise

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE: "Sing for Your Supper" was performed Tuesday evening as a tribute to the Bill of Rights. GSU students joined forces with Carol Thompson, director of the Federal Theatre Project, and Michael Paul Smith, a well-known musician, to perform this presentation.

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 New York

Conscience apparently kicks in for carjacker

The Associated Press

NEWYORK — When a carjacker noticed a 4-year-old in the back seat of the vehicle he had just stolen, his conscience apparently kicked in. He stopped in front of a Brooklyn police station and told the boy to go inside.

The child's mother, who was not identified by police, was pumping gas in Crown Heights when a man jumped into her 1995 Nissan Pathfinder and drove off.

When the carjacker realized that he had a passenger, he pulled up to the 81st Precinct stationhouse in Bedford-Stuyvesant, handed the boy the car's registration and insurance card, and told him to go inside.

"The thief man brought me here," the child told police.

Officers put out a radio bulletin of the car's description, and it was soon spotted. The suspect tried to flee, racing the wrong way up a one-way street, and crashed into a parked van. He then fled on foot but was quickly apprehended. A BB-type pistol was found in the car, Detective John Giammarino said Friday.

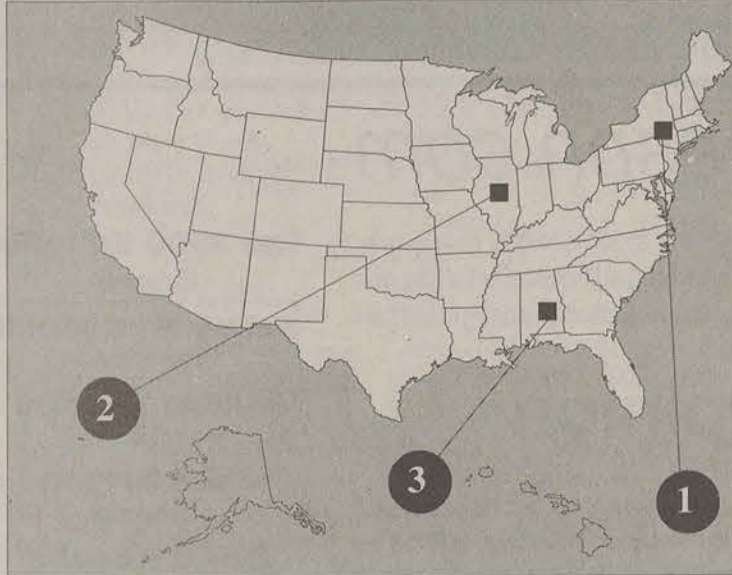
The suspect, identified as Shakim Baker, 29, was charged with robbery, kidnapping, weapon possession and endangering the welfare of a child.

2 Illinois

City official plans to reward nice people

The Associated Press

OAKBROOK TERRACE—Random acts of kindness in the Chicago suburb of Oakbrook Ter-



race really could pay off.

The village administrator plans to give away \$100 savings bonds to the nicest people he can find. Jerry Elsner said he will pick one person each month during his rounds of the village's stores, restaurants and motels.

"They don't have to rescue a child from the path of a speeding car," Elsner said. "If I see someone helping a lady with her groceries, that could be our \$100 winner."

Elsner has another motive, too. He hopes the publicity from his monthly awards will improve Oakbrook Terrace's bruised image, which has been tarnished by a former mayor's prison sentence for tax evasion. City employees also have sued the city recently, and two aldermen nearly came to fisticuffs at a town council meeting.

3 Alabama

Jesus a vegetarian? PETA signs too much for Alabama

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Animal-cruelty opponents' suggestion that Jesus was a vegetarian—and Christians should follow suit—proved a bit too much to swallow for some Alabama billboard companies.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had inquired about buying billboard space this spring in Montgomery and Mobile. Their message: "Jesus Was a Vegetarian."

But no billboard company in either city would accept PETA's business, said Bruce Friedrich, vegetarian campaign coordinator for the Norfolk, Va.-based group.

"I think it's something people have a right to hear and know about," Friedrich told *The Birmingham News* in a story Saturday. "Christians should be vegetarians."

The group bases the claim on some scholars' belief that Jesus was a member of a Jewish sect called the Essenes, who rejected animal sacrifices and were vegetarians.

The billboard asks viewers to "show respect for God's creatures" by refraining from eating them. Those wanting to debate the issue are told to visit the group's Internet site, www.JesusVeg.com.

The PETA billboards are to be erected in Memphis, Tenn.; Little Rock; Baton Rouge, La.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Sioux Falls, S.D. Those cities were targeted because they are near agricultural regions and have large Christian populations.

But the message apparently was too controversial for Alabama, Friedrich said.

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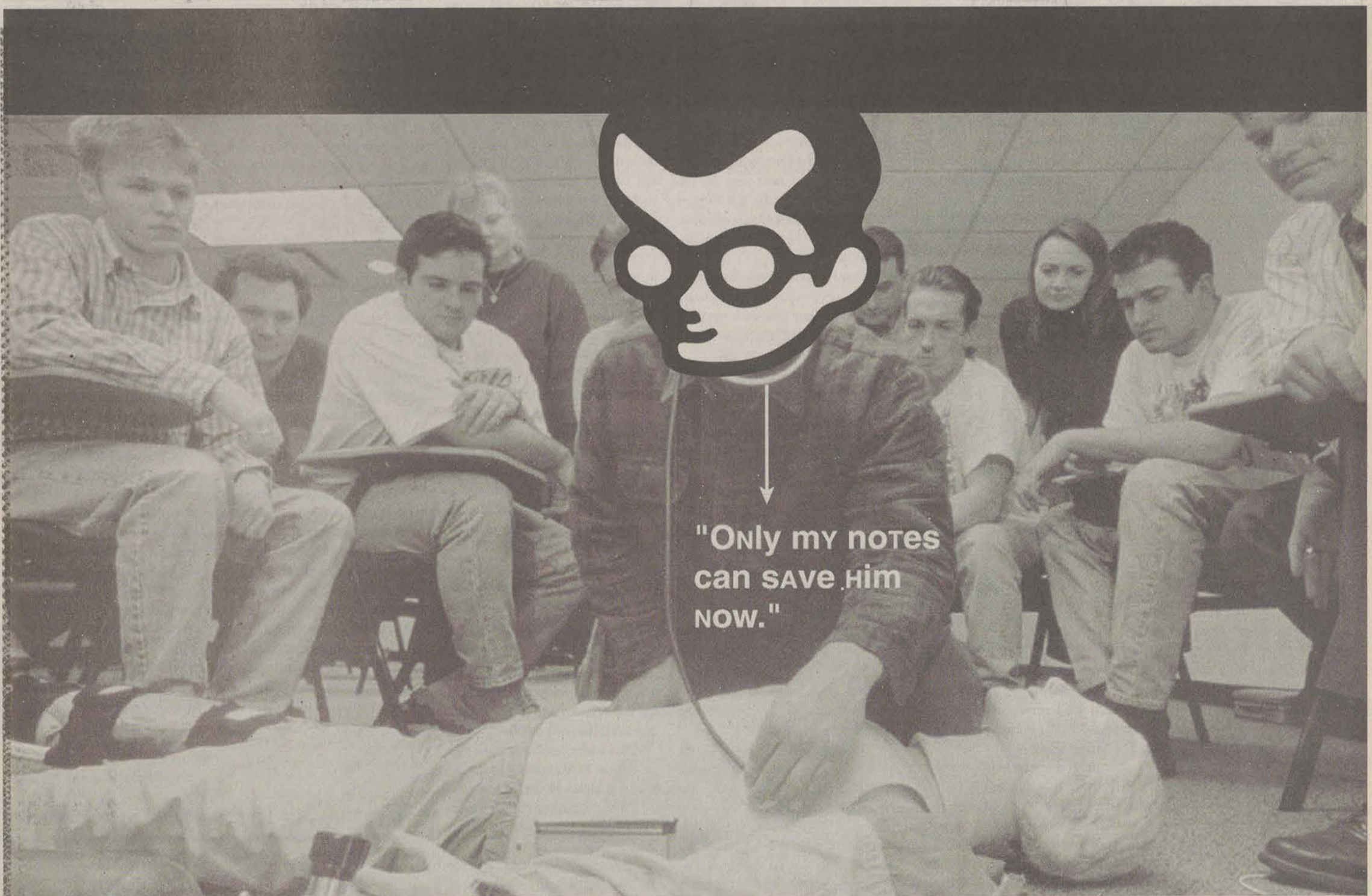
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Where to go when you need to know.

Your Opinion

Student says she knows why city council decided to raise the age qualification

Editor:

At the age of 18, one can go to war. Once one reaches 21, alcoholic beverages can be purchased. However, to qualify as a candidate for the Statesboro City Council, one must be 25-years-old. Our city council recently proposed to amend the Statesboro City Charter to impose this age restriction on the eligibility to serve on the council.

The motive of the council

is clear when examining Districts 3 and 4, which are comprised chiefly of Georgia Southern students. The average age of a student is less than 25. Therefore, this proposal excludes not only most of Georgia Southern students, but also the majority of those living in Districts Three and Four. To exclude this large portion of the population is unjust and undemocratic. In justifying their actions, the

city council expressed that for the "overall betterment" of Statesboro, they wanted to ensure that more mature hold elected positions. DOES THIS IMPLY THAT THE BEHAVIOR OF THESE OLDER, PRESENT AND PAST, COUNCILMEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN MATURE? The facts undermine such a lofty assumption. The antics of our more "mature" elected brethren at the local, state, and fed-

eral levels might just suggest that the maturation of a person does not necessarily improve with age.

The council has seemingly forgotten that the election of candidates is the responsibility of the voting public. Voters of Statesboro, not councilmen, decide which candidate has reached a level of maturation acceptable for election. IS IT THE FEAR OF THE VOTING STRENGTH OF

THE GSU STUDENTS NOT THE LACK OF MATURATION THAT HAS MOTIVATED THIS COUNCIL?

The social obligation of the public is crucial in all levels of government. Elected officials should not balefully take away such a critical step in the democratic process. In adding this age stipulation, the council has stripped a large group of its fundamental right to participate in government. Geor-

gia Southern students contribute immeasurably to Statesboro and should not be snubbed. HOW CAN THE COUNCIL DENY STUDENTS THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF A CITY THAT RELIES HEAVILY ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR UNIVERSITY?

Julie Jones
GSU Student

Reader disagrees with graduation decisions

Editor:

This May will bring about commencement ceremonies for the first graduates of the year 2000. So, why are GSU administrators making a mess out of such a special event?

As of Friday, February 11, a press release was sent to all faculty and staff detailing commencement ceremonies for the May and August graduates. It formerly stated that there would be one big stadium ceremony (replacing the usual three traditionally held in Hanner).

This ceremony is expected to walk at least 1,500 students within approximately three hours. August graduates are now being told that they will have a "choice" to walk in either the May ceremony (without a degree) or to come back for the December ceremony (approximately five months after receiving their degree).

Like fellow students, I don't

feel like there was ever much of a choice in this decision, especially with such an abrupt change in plans and without being properly notified as of yet.

My biggest concern is not really *what* the administration has chosen to do about graduation, but *how* they chose to execute it.

For example: Why is there such a hurry to enact these recent proposals concerning graduation? Why not wait until Fall 2000 to make such drastic changes in commencement ceremonies? Why are secretaries in the registrar's office turning away students with questions or concerns about graduation? And finally, if this decision has been in the making for a while, then why are graduation counselors still telling students that the summer graduation ceremony is scheduled for August 6, 2000?

Having a "single, 'more im-

pressive,' ceremony" sounds like a noble idea, but if this administration wants to compare itself to larger institutions of academia, then why don't they start with academics, professionalism and a more diplomatic process?

It's been said that this new plan is being used to accommodate the "growing number of graduates and their families," but in actuality, it seems to have been activated in order to cut down the cost, time, and energy that it takes to pull off the traditional graduation ceremonies.

As for the decisions that have been made for the graduating class of 2000, we may not have much of choice in this particular situation, but as future alumni, we will surely have a choice as to where our investments are made.
Latawsha Little
GSU Senior

Sinn Fein calls for restoration of Northern Ireland government

The Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Britain has no reason to continue the suspension of Northern Ireland's power-sharing administration, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Monday, as political leaders renewed their search for a way out of the impasse.

At a meeting with the British government's senior official in the province, Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, Adams urged Britain to immediately restore powers to the 12-member Cabinet, which includes two members of the Irish Republican Army-allied Sinn Fein party.

The Sinn Fein leader said the context in which Mandelson had reimposed so-called direct rule on Feb. 11 - a threatened walkout by the Cabinet's Protestant leader, David Trimble, and his Ulster Unionist colleagues - no longer existed.

But after 1 1/2 hours with Mandelson, Adams and his colleagues came away empty-handed.

"I have to say ... we still have no indication whatsoever that he is going to restore those institutions or when that would happen," said Bairbre de Brun, Sinn Fein's minister for health in the suspended administration.

Addressing a Sinn Fein conference Sunday, Adams said 1998's Good Friday peace accord appears to be "in tatters" following Britain's decision to withdraw powers from

the administration.

Protestants agreed to form that four-party coalition alongside Sinn Fein in December in expectation the IRA would start to disarm in response, but that didn't happen.

Faced with a threat from the Ulster Unionists to resign their Cabinet posts, Mandelson decided the only way to save the 2-month-old government was to suspend its powers.

"I know there is disappointment about what has happened and I think it created quite a shock to suspend the institutions, especially when they were going so well," Mandelson told Ulster Television.

"But I think that what people are now agreed on is that the standing and shouting has got to end and people have got to concentrate on the reality of the situation rather than the rhetoric."

After meeting with Mandelson later Monday, Trimble said the suspension "can only be ended on the basis of the republican movement implementing the agreement."

The Good Friday agreement called for all paramilitary groups linked to parties to the accord to completely disarm by May 22, 2000, but set no timetable for the process.

The latest crisis arose Jan. 31 after an independent disarmament commission said the IRA had failed to make sufficient progress toward doing away with its weaponry.

Pataki asks N.Y. Catholics to forgive Bush over Bob Jones flap

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Gov. George Pataki said Monday that George W. Bush's appearance at Bob Jones University was a mistake, but that the Texas governor had made amends with his letter to Cardinal John O'Connor.

A top New York Democrat, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, agreed with Republican Pataki.

"Governor Bush did the right thing," Pataki, head of Bush's New York campaign, said. "I think that should be the end of it."

Moynihan, who held a brief news conference with Pataki in the senator's Capitol office, agreed that Bush's letter should put the matter to rest.

"I thought it was a handsome letter," Moynihan, who is himself Roman Catholic, said.

New York backers of Sen. McCain, including Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, have said they plan

to make Bush's visit to Bob Jones University an issue with New York's Catholic voters who make up 46 percent of the GOP enrollment in the state.

Bob Jones, a conservative Christian school in South Carolina, has come under fire for banning interracial dating and spreading anti-Catholic views. Leaders at the school have criticized the Pope and labeled the Catholic church a "Satanic cult."

In his letter to O'Connor, made public Sunday, Bush wrote that he deeply regretted "causing needless offense" by not clearly "disassociating myself from anti-Catholic sentiments and racial prejudice."

The 80-year-old O'Connor wields considerable power as leader of New York's 1.4 million Catholics.

Bush made the visit to Bob Jones as he sought to appeal to South Carolina's conservative Republican voters. Until Sunday's letter to the cardinal, Bush had said he had nothing to apologize for.

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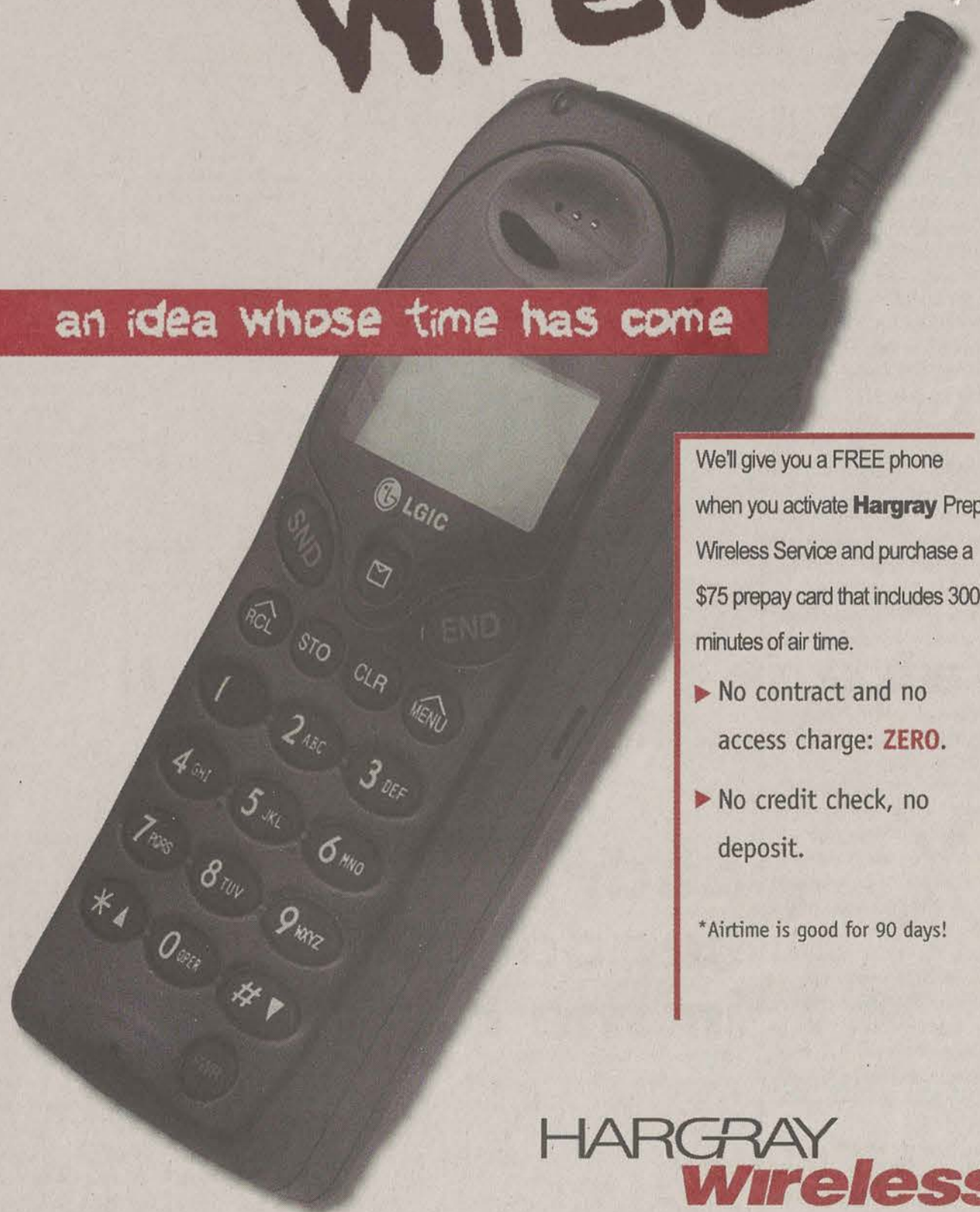
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Eagles ready for SoCon Tourney

By Doug Kidd
Sports Writer

It's the beginning of March and rarely has a conference tournament been as eagerly awaited by a GSU basketball program than this weekend's SoCon tourney. After going six consecutive years without a winning season, head coach Jeff Price has stepped in to lead the Eagle basketball program to a 16-11 record and a second-place finish in the SoCon's South Division. GSU secured a first-round bye in this weekend's tournament by beating Wofford 80-77 two weeks ago.

"[The bye] was crucial because it's tough to win four games in four days," Price said. "We get to rest an extra day plus we get to scout the team who we're going to play. There are a lot of advantages of sitting [out the first round]."

After not advancing past the second round of a conference tournament since the last time GSU made the NCAA's in 1992, getting the first-round bye was the first step in the Eagles goal of making the field of 64. "We're playing well right now and that's what important," Price said. "We proved that with [the road win at Davidson]. We've shown people we're capable of winning the tournament."

If GSU is to make the NCAA's, five things must happen this weekend in Greenville. If everything goes as follows GSU will be assured of making its fourth overall appearance in the NCAA tournament.

1.) *Bench production is a key.* Every team making a run to the NCAA's needs quality minutes from their bench and GSU will be no exception. Thoroughly outplayed at the start of the year, GSU has come on strong the last month of the season, particularly in their last game at Davidson when the bench contributed with a season-high 43 points.

"I think [the bench's play] is huge going into the tournament," said Price. "I think our bench has more confidence right now and I have more confidence in my bench." The bench's resurgence started with the insertion of senior Quentin Martin into the starting lineup for Todd Shipley. The switch of the defensive-minded Martin for the three-point gunner Shipley has bolstered the team's scoring punch off the bench, with Shipley's perimeter play being the key. The surprise of the season's final month has been the play of sophomore Wayne Wooley. After being buried deep on Price's bench for much of the year, Wooley has responded to his recent playing time enthusiastically, adding scoring to his repertoire that once only included a high-energy hustle game.

2.) *The team's leaders must step up.* With all good teams, there must be a strong leadership figure on the court. For GSU, it's without a doubt senior forward Hamp Jones. With no other upper-classmen as go-to-guys for GSU, Jones' productivity in the post and leadership on the floor are certain to be a key for GSU this weekend.

3.) *A little outside luck wouldn't hurt at all.* With GSU 0-3 against the team's seeded higher than they are, College of Charleston and Appalachian State, an unexpected upset would certainly ease the load for the Eagles advancement through the tournament. For C of C, recent slip-ups against UTC and Western Carolina build hope for possible second-round opponents East Tennessee State and The Citadel. And Appalachian State might have had the most embarrassing defeat in the SoCon this season when they became VMI's only victim in conference play.

4.) *Consistency from the team, particularly its starters, will be a major factor for GSU.* A problem GSU has had throughout the season has been the absence of putting together a complete game. If the Eagles can get Jenkins, Jones and Latham to score around their averages and have Slocum, Humphries, Shipley and Wooley play their roles to perfection, GSU will have no problem winning the SoCon tournament. But this assumption is the biggest if of all because GSU has yet to play a game where everyone played to their capability. Inconsistency, both offensively and defensively, have led to most of GSU's defeats this season.

5.) *Jeff Price must control the game for GSU.* This final point is the most important for the men's basketball program. If Price can continue to do what he has done for GSU most of the season, GSU will find itself on ESPN Sunday afternoon in the championship game. By recognizing who has the hot hand, playing the mismatches on the other team and by stemming the momentum of the other squad by calling timely time-outs, Price will have GSU basketball fans forgetting about all the hopeless Marches of the past.

Eagles seeded second in the southern bracket

• Senior forward Hamp Jones and the rest of the GSU squad ready to prove their talent

By Doug Kidd
Sports Writer

GSU head coach Jeff Price couldn't ask for a better situation heading into this weekend's SoCon tournament. Coming off a close win against a tough Davidson squad on the road and after a tight overtime win against Wofford to sew up a first-round bye in the tourney, Price couldn't be happier. "I thought it was good for us to get into a couple of close games before the tournament. We had to work on some things, but for the most part we made things happen down the stretch."

GSU's first game Friday will come against the winner of the UNC-Greensboro-Furman contest. GSU split its two-game series with Furman while beating UNC-Greensboro earlier this season. UNC-Greensboro is led by senior Demetrius Cherry who is tenth in the SoCon in scoring at 14.1 ppg and first in rebounding at 9.5 per game. Cherry is helped out on the scoring end by James Maye who contributes 13.4 points per contest. Sophomore point guard Courtney Eldridge directs the offense capably while dishing out 5.2 assists per game, good for third in the conference.

Furman, who struggled this season at 12-17 overall, finished last in the SoCon's South division with a 5-10 conference record. Despite the disappointing year, the future looks bright for the Paladins as they are led by two freshmen: Karim Souchu and Guilherme Da Luz. Souchu, an all-freshman squad selection, finished in the top ten in three major categories with 16 points, 7.5 boards and 1.65 steals per game. Da Luz is sixth in the SoCon with nearly five assists per

outing.

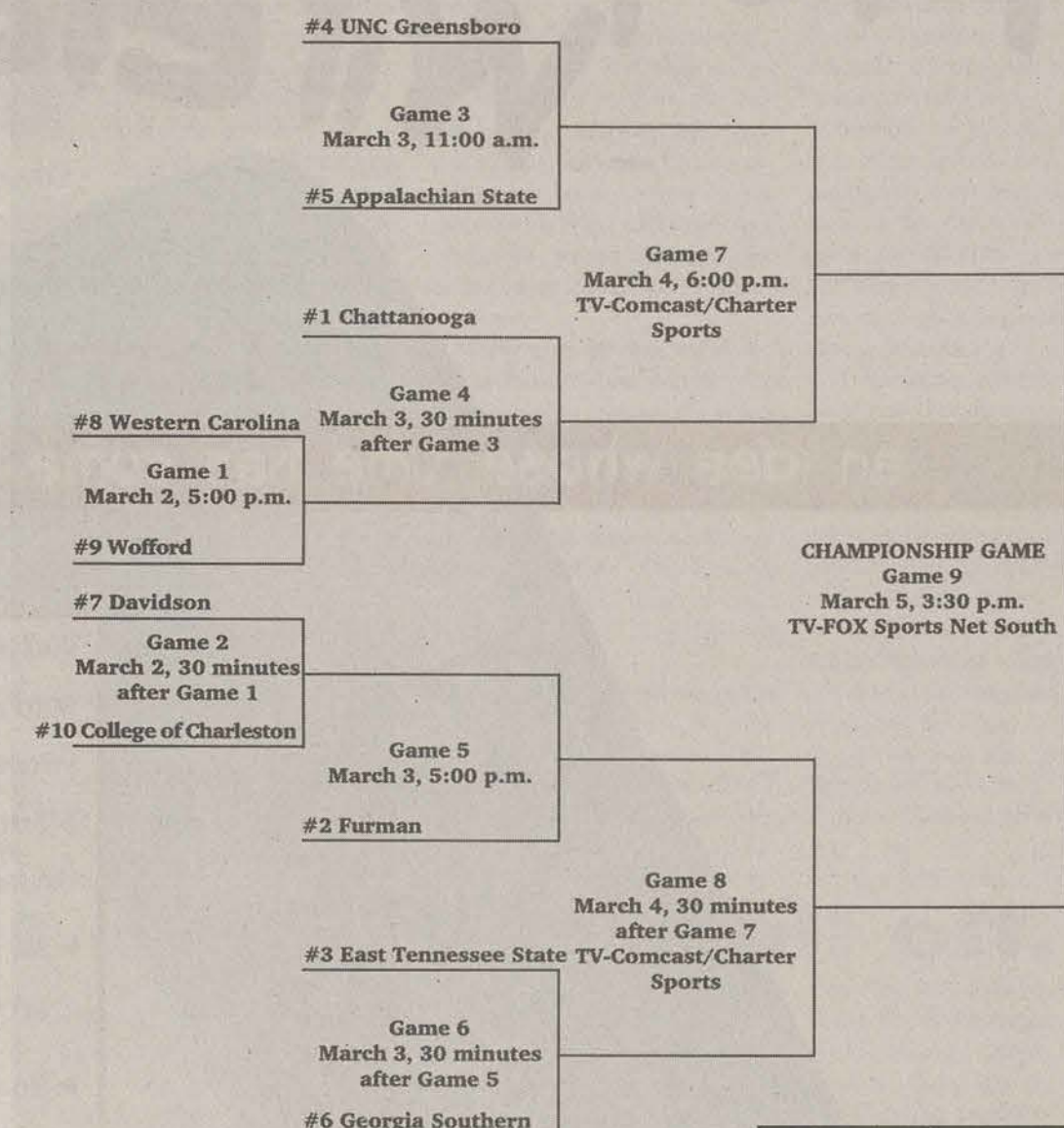
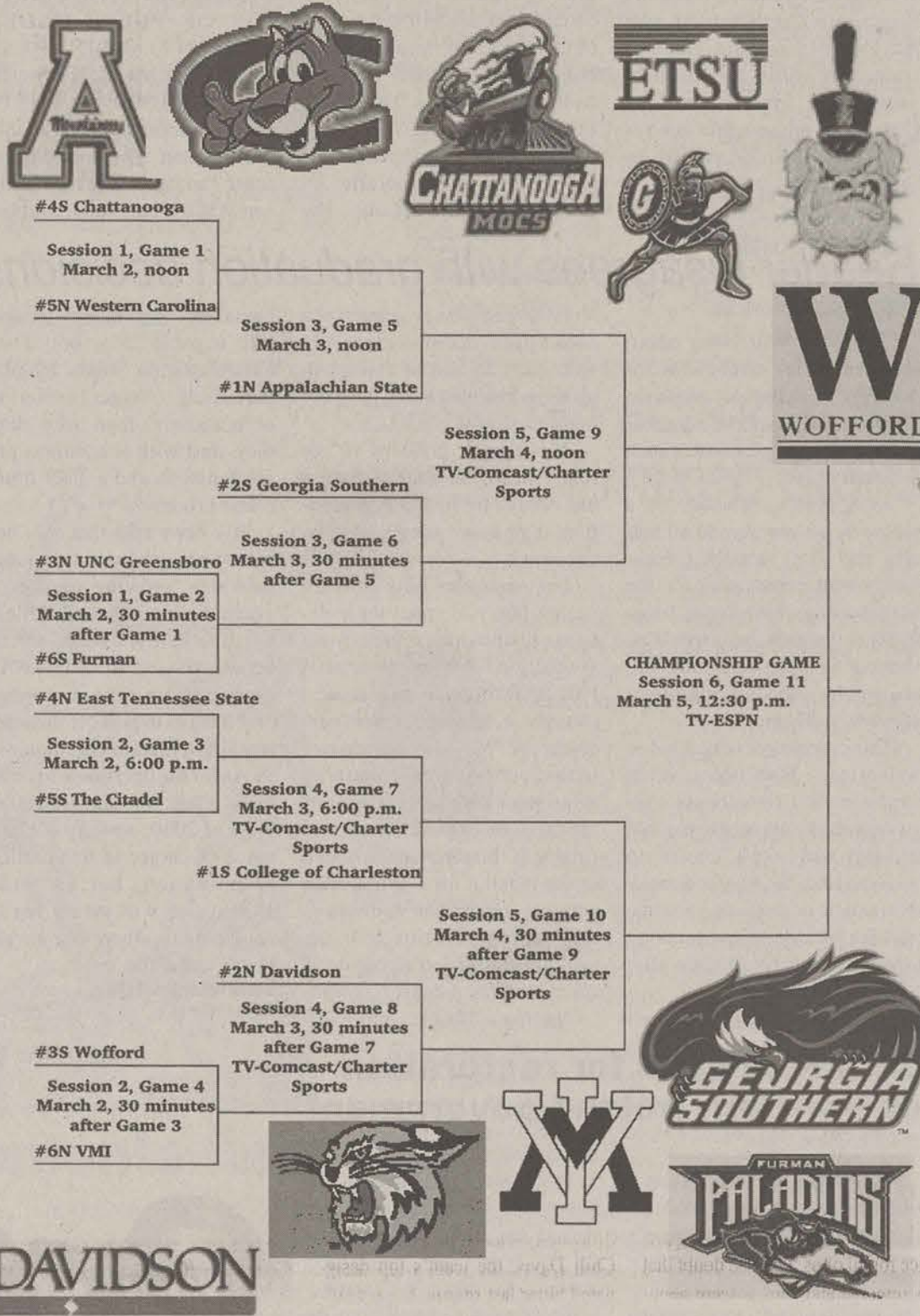
A GSU win Friday would set up a noon-time contest against the Appalachian State-UTC/Western Carolina winner. The Mountaineer squad is heavily favored, as they should be, with a 20-8 overall record and the number one seed out of the North Division. Led by Buzz Peterson, who won his second SoCon coach of the year award in the past three seasons, plus the SoCon's MVP in point guard Tyson Patterson. Patterson led the league in assists and steals with 7.2 and 2.8 respectively, while also adding 13.5 ppg. Patterson is assisted by junior Rufus Leach who finished third in the league with 16.8 ppg. Leach is also a threat from the outside, as he led the SoCon with a 44 percent three-point percentage.

The favorites from the other side of the bracket would have to be the College of Charleston and Davidson. Charleston, the overall favorite to win the SoCon tournament and advance to the NCAA's, beat GSU soundly in two meetings this year.

C of C is led by junior center Jody Lumpkin at 15.1 points, 9.1 rebounds, 1.7 steals and a SoCon-best 3.1 blocks per outing. Sophomore guard Jeff Bolton leads the Cougars with 16.5 ppg. Freshman point guard AJ Harris dishes out four assists per game.

Davidson, the other squad receiving a first-round bye in the SoCon Tournament, is led by seniors Stephan Marshall and Landry Kosmalski with a respectable 16 and 14 points per game.

"We're playing really well going into the tournament and that's good," said senior forward Hamp Jones. "I think we're ready to show what we can do."



Lady Eagles seeded sixth in the bracket

G-A News Services

GREENVILLE, S.C. - All ten seeds for the Women's Championship have been determined with Furman defeating GSU in the final game of the regular season. The loss dropped GSU to the sixth seed and left Appalachian State as the #5 seed.

The Women's Championship starts on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Timmons Arena with #8 Western Carolina facing #9 Wofford. The second game will feature #7 Davidson against #10 College of Charleston.

On Friday at Timmons, #4 UNC

Greensboro will face the #5 seed, Appalachian State at 11 a.m. Following that game, #1 Chattanooga will face the winner of Western Carolina and Wofford.

The evening session begins at 5:00 with #2 Furman meeting the Davidson-College of Charleston victor. The night cap has #3 East Tennessee State facing the #6 seed GSU.

The women's tournament moves to the BI-LO Center on Friday with the semifinals at 6 p.m. on Saturday and the title game slated for 3:30 on Sunday, March 5.

Tondra Warren selected to All-Conference Team



Luke Renfroe

G-A News Service

ASHEVILLE, N.C.— The Southern Conference announced the 2000 Women's Basketball All-Conference Team, voted on by a panel of conference coaches.

There are four repeat members on the squad, highlighted by forward Jackie Smith of Furman, guard Jennifer O'Brien of Davidson and guard Angie Fickes of East Tennessee State, all of who have been members of the team in each of the last two years. Guard ChoRhonda Gwaltney of UNC Greensboro is a repeat member from the 1999 team.

Making their first appearances on the team are center Erica Babb from East Tennessee State, forward Natasha Lettsome from Appalachian State, guard Damita Bullock of Chattanooga, forward Tondra Warren of Georgia Southern, forward Laura Echols of Western Carolina and center Willow Russell, also of WCU.

East Tennessee State and Western Carolina were represented by two players each. ETSU placed Fickes and center Erica Babb on the squad while the Lady

Catamounts landed Echols and Russell on the team.

Two-time Player of the Year Smith, who leads the league in both scoring (18.7 ppg) and rebounding (11.0 rpg), is joined on the squad by this year's Player of the Year, Bullock. Bullock is second in the SoCon in scoring, averaging 18.4 ppg, and second on her team in rebounding with 6.7 per game.

Babb, a two-time conference Player of the Week, is fifth in the league in scoring with 14.7 ppg and second in the SoCon in rebounding, pulling down 8.3 per game. Her ETSU teammate Fickes has been a sparkplug for the Lady Bucs, ranking first in assist/turnover ratio with 1.79; second in the conference in steals with 2.76 per game and fifth in the league in assists with 4.16 per game.

WCU's Echols is fourth in the league in scoring and sixth in rebounding, averaging 16.4 points and 7.4 boards per game. Her teammate Russell has similar statistics, coming in sixth and fourth in those same categories with 14.3 points and 8.0 rebounds a contest. Appalachian State's Lettsome also ranks high in SoCon scoring and rebounding ranks, coming in seventh in scoring with 13.8 ppg and fifth in rebounding with 7.8 per game.

Davidson's O'Brien may be the most complete player in the league, ranking third in the SoCon in scoring with 17.7 ppg, first in assists with 5.4 per game and first in steals with 4.1 per game.

UNCG's Gwaltney is also a solid all-around performer, ranking among the conference's elite in scoring, assists, steals and free throw percentage.

GSU's Warren in tenth in the conference in rebounding with 7.1 per game and averages 11.3 points per game.

The George-Anne staff wishes the Lady Eagles best of luck in Greenville, S.C.

In other GSU sports . . .

MEN'S TENNIS

G-A News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Senior Kendall Swartz won a close three-set match at number one singles to give GSU a 4-3 win over Memphis. It was the third win in the last four matches for the Eagles (4-6).

After losing 6-3 in the first set, Swartz came back to win the next two sets, 7-6, 7-5, over UM's Richard Magney, sealing the win for GSU.

In setting the stage for Swartz's clinching victory, Ryan O'Keefe and Jesper Andersson won their respective singles matches in two sets. O'Keefe defeated the Tigers' Alistair Todd 6-3, 6-3 at number two singles for his third consecutive win. Andersson, bumped up to the number five singles slot for this match, won a tight 7-6, 6-4 match against Memphis's Jack Hu.

GSU earned the first point of the contest in doubles, getting

9-8 victories from the team of Florian Scheidat and Darren Clark at number two, and the tandem of Wojciech Nowak and Jesper Andersson at third doubles. Swartz and O'Keefe rounded out the doubles point for Georgia Southern with their 8-4 victory.

The Eagles will be back in action on March 1 at 2:45 p.m., against Charleston Southern, at Hanner Courts.

TRACK AND FIELD

G-A News Service

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Jacquelyn Allen wrapped up her freshman indoor track and field season in record-breaking fashion, leading GSU to a fourth-place in its initial Southern Conference Track and Field Championships. Western Carolina won the eight team meet with

145.5 points.

After shattering the school's long jump record in Friday's competition, Allen earned a third-place finish in the 55-meter dash on Saturday, with a time of 7.19, edging out the previous school record by .01 seconds. Allen also placed sixth in the 200 meters, giving her 13 of GSU's 30 points in the meet, placing Allen 15th in overall points earned by an individual.

Freshman Jennifer McCalla gave the Eagles their second top-three (fourth overall) finish of the day, taking third in the 55 meter high hurdles. McCalla's time of 8.49 beat her previous best and school record by .31 seconds.

Other individuals earning points for GSU were Keyonia Allen, placing fifth in the 55 meter dash, and Monica Lockett with a sixth-place finish in the triple jump.

Additionally, the GSU 4X400 relay team earned a sixth place finish in a time of 4:10.69. GSU is scheduled to begin its outdoor season March 4 at the Jacksonville University Relays.

Strawberry suspended one year for cocaine use

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A third strike for cocaine landed Darryl Strawberry a one-year suspension Monday, and left the New York Yankees and most of baseball wondering: Will he ever play again?

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the penalty and did not make any provision for the troubled slugger, who turns 38 next month, to return early for good behavior.

"This was a very difficult and painful decision for me to make," Selig said. "The meeting I had with Darryl and his wife, Charisse, last Tuesday was an emotional experience for all of us. I had no doubt that his remorse and sorrow were genuine, and I worried about the effect my decision would have on his health and the welfare of his family.

"In the end, I could not ignore Darryl's past infractions and concluded that each of us must be held accountable for his or her actions. I am hopeful that he will use this time away from the game productively and will care for himself and his family."

Strawberry has not been at Legends Field since baseball ordered him out of the spring training complex last Wednesday, a day after his latest failed drug test became public.

His pinstriped uniform still hangs in his clubhouse locker, along with a batting helmet and spikes. There's also a stack of mail, though there's no telling when he'll ever get to pick it up.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, had been expected to be the prime designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season. Instead, his third cocaine-related suspension from baseball in five years left his future in doubt.

"Bud just told me," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said when he left the ballpark after an intrasquad game. "We will abide by the decision. I feel badly for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

Said manager Joe Torre, shortly before the penalty was made public: "You don't have to condone what he's done to have a feeling for him. He's not a bad person."

"I think you're always concerned. Obviously, it's a tough thing he's going through. He's fallen off here a couple of times," he said.

"Sure, it's easy to say he's suspended. But what happens to him during this time?"

Strawberry is a career .259 hitter with 335 home runs and 1,000 RBIs, and a legacy of tape-measure shots. The NL Rookie of the Year with the New York Mets in 1983, his power seemed to have him headed to the

Hall of Fame early in his career before multiple setbacks.

Legal trouble slowed him while drug and alcohol problems almost derailed him. He had stays in the Smithers Center and the Betty Ford Center and then, during the 1998 playoffs, he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Strawberry returned last season and hit .327 with three homers and six RBIs in 24 games. He hit .333 (5-for-15) with two home runs in the postseason, showing the easy swing that made him so dangerous.

The Yankees now must decide how to fill the left-handed DH spot Strawberry was supposed to occupy. Chili Davis, the team's top designated hitter last season, has retired.

Yankees DHs hit a combined .275 with 23 home runs and 84 RBIs last year.

"I'm not in a reactionary mode because of Darryl's suspension," general manager Brian Cashman said.

"Do I think we have the bats on our roster to at least duplicate that? Yes, I do."

Torre has talked about using Tino Martinez, Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neill and Jorge Posada in the slot during their off-days, and Tim Lincecum is back in camp as a non-roster player.

There's also the chance the Yankees might make a deal. In fact, the front office began discussing trade possibilities once Strawberry's problem became known.

Anaheim's Darin Erstad and Jim Edmonds and Cincinnati's Dmitri Young are among the players rumored to move.

"There's always going to be speculation," Cashman said. "If something presents itself that would help improve the team, we'll look at it."

Strawberry's options, however, are more limited. He could perhaps return to the independent Northern League, where he played for two months in the summer of 1996.

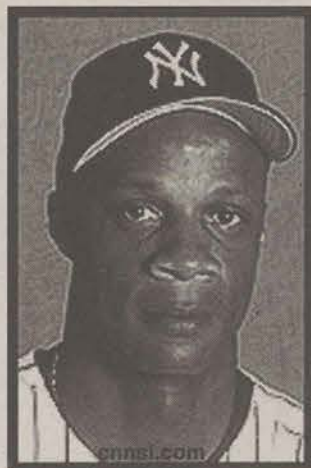
Strawberry was suspended in 1995 for 60 days following a positive test for cocaine use. In 1999, Selig banned him again from April 24 to Aug. 4 after Strawberry was arrested for cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute.

Strawberry later pleaded no contest to the charges and was undergoing regular drug tests as part of his legal punishment. His Jan. 19 test came back positive and led to the latest penalty.

Given Strawberry's age, it's unclear if he ever will return to the game that made him famous.

"It's sad," Yankees outfielder Ricky Ledee said before the announcement. "Being older, if it's a one-year suspension, my guess is it would be tough."

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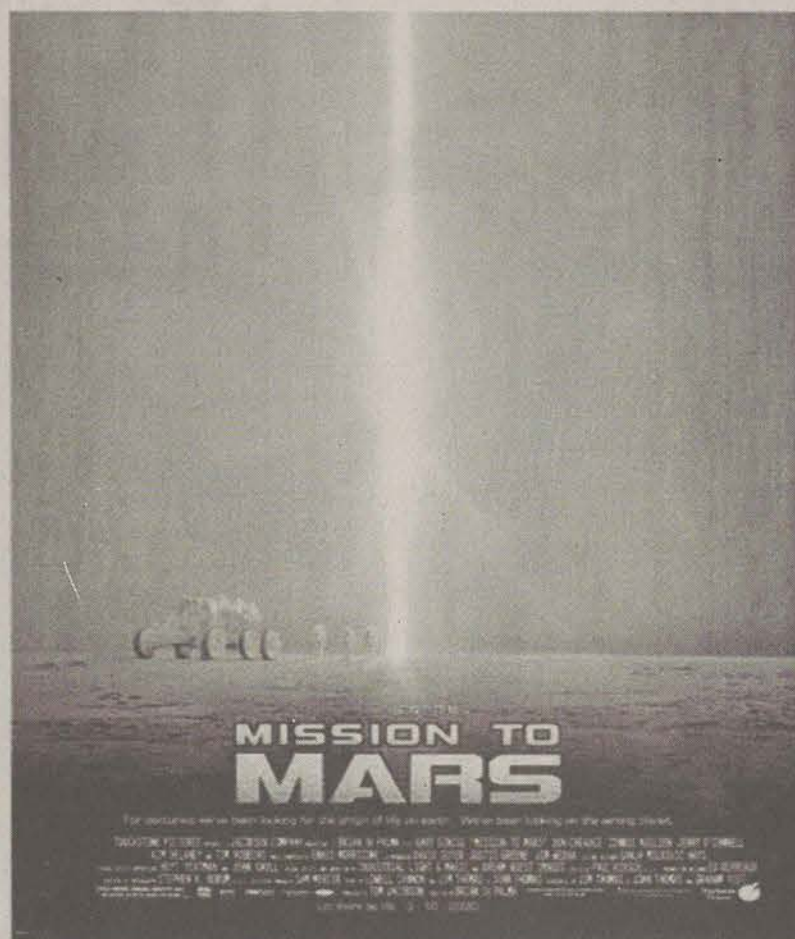
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The RAC welcomes yoga

By Tim Prizer
Staff Writer

Classes, studying, tests, socials and parties. While some of these are more enjoyable than others, balancing them can be extremely successful. "Breathe into your ribcage... and then exhale it all out," yoga instructor Mia Blackwell repeats to her GSU yoga classes. As the world becomes a more stressful place to live, there is one certain way to release some of the unwanted strain: yoga.

Monday night, yoga began at the RAC for all people interested in loosening their minds and bodies. The combination of breathing exercises, physical postures and meditation make up the Indian developed psycho-physical practice. Nearly 5,000 years old, yoga tones the muscles, enhances blood flow, improves concentration, encourages healthful living (which in turn encourages weight loss), and even acts as a remedy to many minor aches and pains.

The classes are held on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:30, and on Thursday nights at 5:30. CRI's yoga classes should become even more popular than they are right now. People of all ages attended the session and seemed to adjust to the stretches equally as well. Gaining more participants through the publicity it has received on television, radio, and in books, the natural healing mind and stretching exercises should continue to be a hit with GSU students, and will probably last for a long time.

"There has been a lot of demand for [yoga]" here at GSU, according to yoga coordinator Katie Simmons. People all over the world are grasping yoga for its physical and psychological benefits, and GSU students are no exception.

The word yoga means "unity" and the goal of yoga practitioners is to obtain unity of the physical self and the

psychological self, a state often referred to as nirvana or self-realization. "Yoga used to be for men only and for some people it is a very spiritual practice," instructor Blackwell said. "Here in America, you have to gear it for fitness." Blackwell says that she is trying to balance the spiritual and fitness aspects properly.

Monday's class was composed of many stretches of the spine and neck that revolved around a central stretch Blackwell called the "Cat and Cow." Done on your hands and knees, the graceful "Cat and Cow" involves the stretching the spine and neck in opposite directions while inhaling and exhaling.

"It was very relaxing, but hard," yoga participant Natasha Peek said. "You don't realize how many muscles you have until you use them all." Male and female students are using yoga to stretch strengthen and relax their muscles. By enhancing the strength and flexibility of the spinal column, yoga ensures the nerves of the essential nutrients and oxygen, meanwhile increasing blood flow.

After nearly an hour of muscle and breathing exercises, the students were told to lie on their backs and relax completely. "Feel all of your muscles dropping down, becoming heavy and soft, and releasing tension," Blackwell gently repeated as the participants lied with their eyes closed. The relaxation seemed to flow throughout the room, as the only sound was that of deep breathing.

Do you feel that you need a little stress relief and physical health in your life? Yoga seems to please everyone who tries it, regardless of age or gender. Try CRI's new yoga classes at the RAC. The hour-long classes only allow 19 participants each time, so it is necessary to arrive early to grab your spot.

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Museums honor black history and contributions

By Zane Thomas
Staff Writer

The Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels was on display in the Russell Union Ballroom Monday. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. students, faculty, and guests viewed the exhibit that recognized the history of African Americans. The museum has been around for the past ten years. It was started by its curator, Angela W. Jennings, in order to make people more aware of the history and culture of African-Americans.

"My nephew was a straight A student in the 10th grade," Jennings said. "I gave him a black history test on the sixth grade level and he failed it. I knew that I had to do something to help him learn about African American history and culture."

What started out as a response to help her nephew has grown into a constant traveling exhibit all over the nation. Jennings, who is from South Carolina, is always on the road taking her many displays with her. She said that she has visited more than 20 schools in the month of February alone. She travels to all types of schools, whether they are high schools or colleges. This is the first time her museum has been on display at GSU.

Basically, it is a one-person show for Jennings, even though she has some help. She just said that she would rather handle her own displays because many of them are very authentic, such as actual "Col-



LaVene Bell

The Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels was on display Monday. The exhibit recognized the history and culture of African Americans.

ored Only" signs from the segregated south of the 1930s or chains and shackles that were used on slaves back in the nineteenth century.

The museum has a little bit of everything. There were displays recognizing African American history as well as the cultures. Several tools, masks and games were on display. She also had displays honoring many prominent African Americans including Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., to Satchel Paige, the oldest pro baseball player to be named Rookie of the Year and The Tuskegee

Airmen, a group of fighter pilots who assisted bombers on their missions. There is an interesting fact about the Airmen. Of all the missions they flew, they never lost a single bomber.

But perhaps the most interesting display the museum has is an exhibit that lists all the various types of inventions that are attributed to African Americans. Many of the daily possessions that people use such as the toilet, cell phone, fountain pen, doorknob, lawn mower, clothes dryer, soap, wrench and window cleaner were all invented by African Americans. The spoon and fork were invented by Africans back around 1,500,000 B.C. The stethoscope was also invented by Africans in Egypt, before it was modified to its present form.

"I try to make it eclectic," Jennings said. "You can just learn, learn, learn."

Jennings said that every year she adds something new to the exhibit. Sankofa means "Go back and fetch" and that sums up what Jennings has done. She has put together a museum that is both amusing, interesting, and very educating.

"I think it's wonderful," Marita Dingus, a professor in the art department said. "She brings it to the people. I love it. It's perfect."

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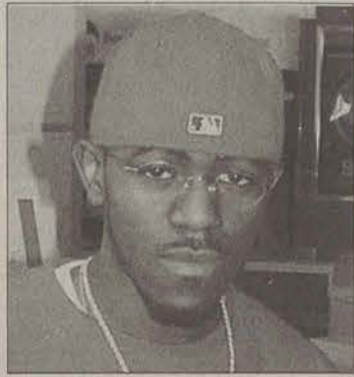
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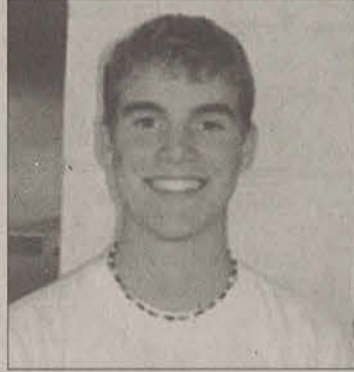
"He's very energetic. He tries to interact with the fans. He gets the crowd involved."
Uche Niohn
junior, electrical engineering major



"He's kind of mysterious; you don't know who he is."
Mandy Johnson
freshman, marketing major



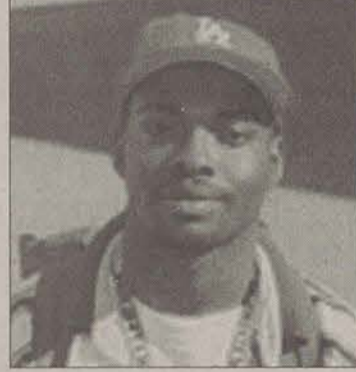
"He's always enthused. He has the tendency to go in the bleachers and dance with the crowd."
Anjulique Washington
senior, family and child development



"He has high energy and he beats the opposing team's mascot. He knows how to work with the crowd."
Cass Brannan
sophomore, out door recreation



"He's so outgoing. He likes to play and have fun. He's entertaining."
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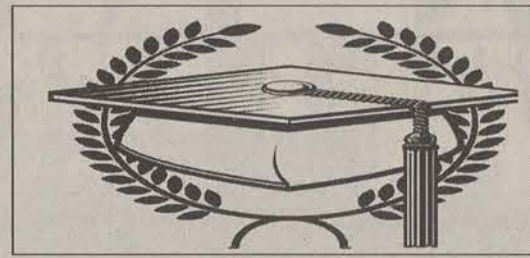
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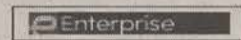
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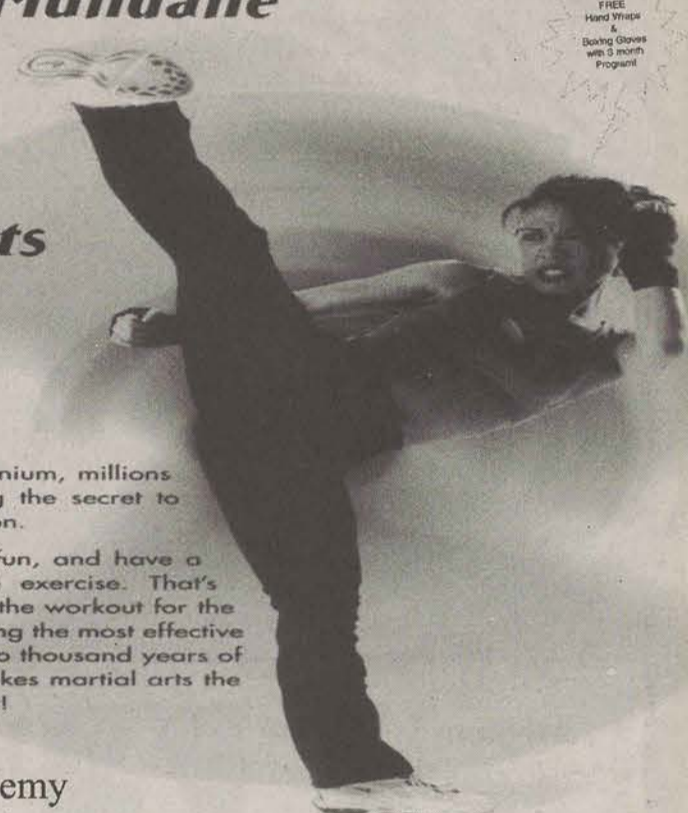
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BREAKDOWN

The "smart" wrestling fans were right!

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

For months, WWF fans have been waiting to find out who will headline the biggest pay-per-view extravaganza of all time, Wrestle Mania 2000. Many believed that after the Royal Rumble, this question would be answered, while many "smart" wrestling fans knew that the WWF would drag this question out as long as they possibly could. Well, in this instance, the "smart" wrestling fans were right. But I think it's safe to say that they were wrong in predicting the outcomes of two of the biggest matches at No Way Out this past Sunday.

Who would have thought that The Rock would have lost his match to the seven foot two, 500-pound Big Show? Furthermore, who would have guessed that Shane McMahon would return, let alone align himself with the "true" winner of this year's Royal Rumble? And what about Cactus Jack? His loss to The Game at Hell in a Cell has left him out of the main event entirely, which means as of now, Triple H is scheduled to face the only man in WWF history not to get a rematch after losing the WWF Championship, the Big Show.

Is this it? Is this the main event we've all been waiting for for two months? The Big Show versus Triple H? Where does this leave the People's Champion? In a steel cage match with Shane McMahon?

It's an idea the World Wrestling Federation seems to be currently testing, and one I might add, that will disappoint the millions and millions of The Rock's fans.

Don't get me wrong. Not only would this match be highly entertaining, but the story leading up to this confrontation would be entertaining as well. But in this case, a match like this set up at Wrestle Mania would only take away from the main event. Not because this match would be better than the Triple H/Big Show confrontation, but because it would exclude The Rock from the main event.

As much as "smart" wrestling fans would like to refuse to believe, the main event at Wrestle Mania could very well be Triple H versus the Big Show. The event has all the makings of a great main event. (Other than the fact that many believe The Rock is more deserving of a title shot than the Big Show.)

Think about it. Now that Shane McMahon has returned, what we have here is a brother and sister rivalry. Stephanie will of course be pulling for her husband Hunter and Shane O' Mack will be pulling for the Big Show. That alone makes the main event more interesting than a simple confrontation between two Superstars. You don't think both McMahons will do anything and everything while standing at ringside to make sure their investment wins? Come on! They're McMahons!

Furthermore, what we have here are two tremendous athletes, who have come very far in their careers, and deserve to headline such an event as Wrestle Mania. I think few would argue that Triple H has earned his spot at this year's biggest pay-per-view, but many don't think the Big Show is quite worthy of being apart of the main event quite yet.

Why is this? Because he doesn't make the fans laugh by making fun of or imitating other Superstars? Is it because the largest athlete in the world moves a little slower than say a 275-pound Rock? I don't think that's the case. If it is, then you're certainly not being fair to Paul Wright.

Can the Big Show do this? Well, he certainly is getting more of a fan reaction than he was before his altercation with The Rock. But does this mean he has that ever so important element that every main "eventer" must have? Not really. But it does mean he has the potential. And potential is everything in this business.

So what does all this mean? It means the WWF can very well keep its fans watching and hoping every Monday or Thursday that The Rock is given an opportunity to face The Game at Wrestle Mania, all the while the WWF's ratings improve. It also means that after April 2, a man with a tremendous amount of potential may become the WWF's newest true main "eventer."

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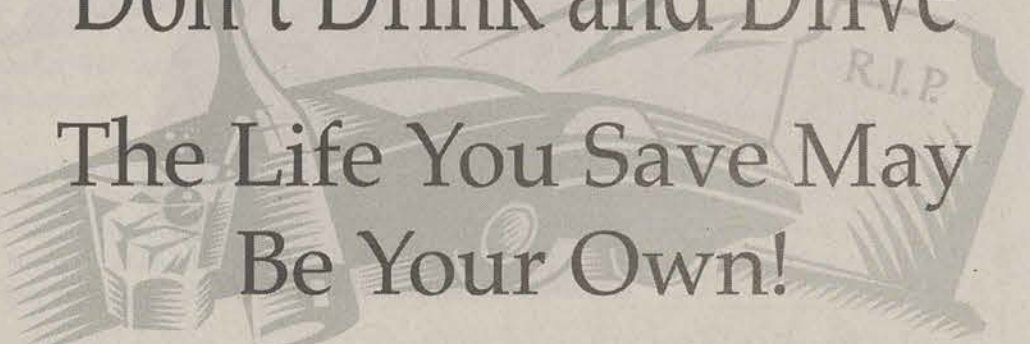
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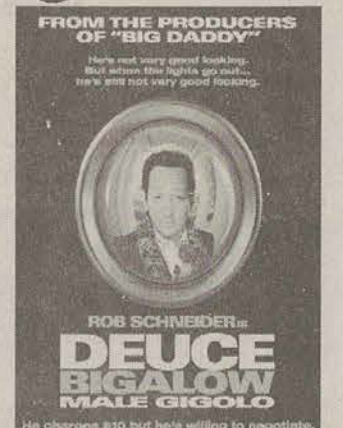
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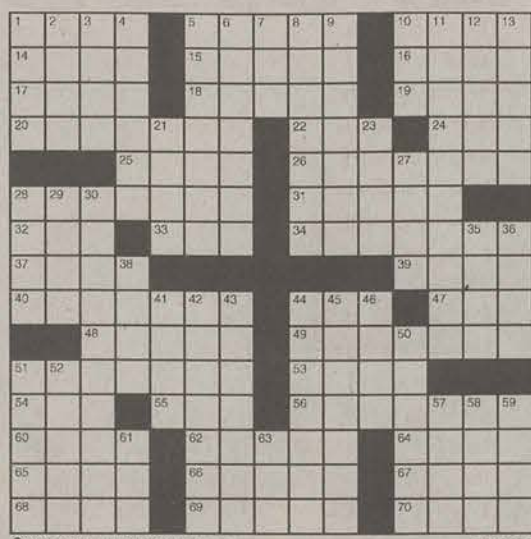
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39 Samparas of tennis
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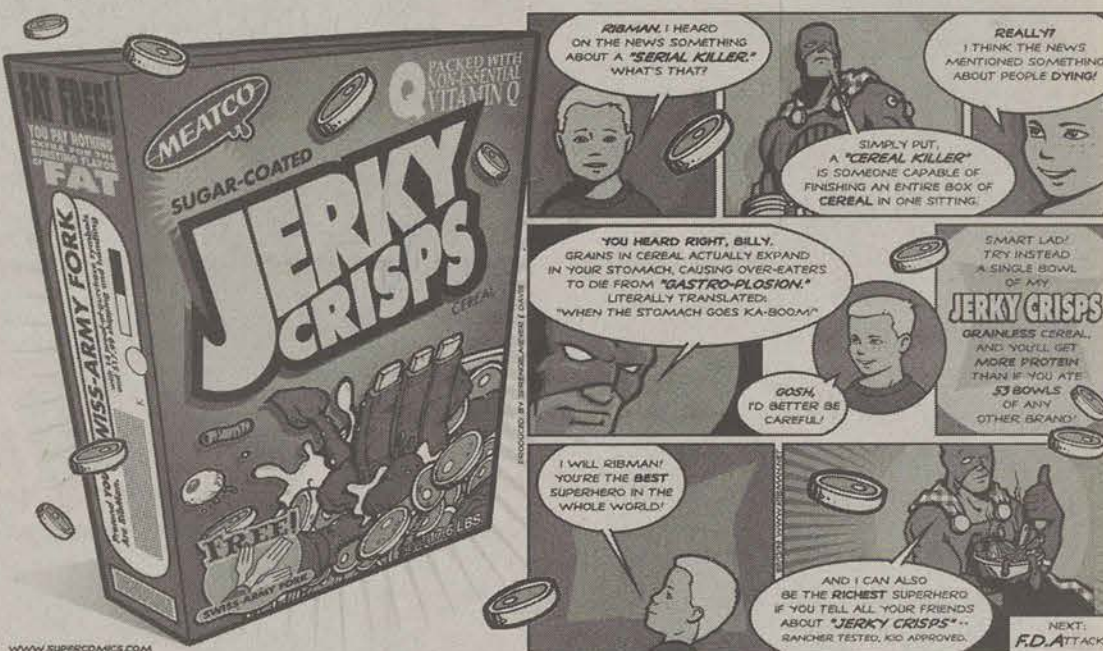
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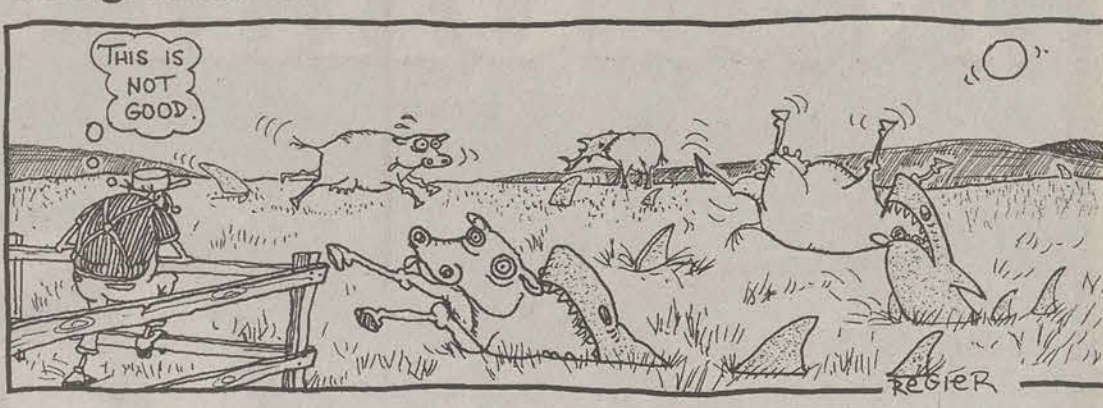
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