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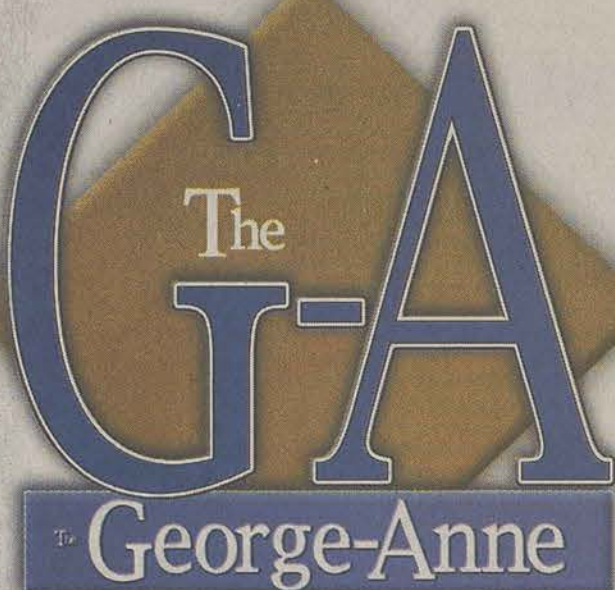


SPORTS

Women's tennis announces schedule

Playing in invitationals at Florida State and Georgia Tech, the women's tennis team takes on a difficult upcoming season

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One man turns old grain silos into apartments, find out more inside.

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Fall Rush 2000 hailed as success

•Chapters such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Kappa Alpha reach numbers as high as the twenties. Other chapters round out their numbers around 10.

By Leigh-Anne Burgess
Staff Writer

Fraternity Rush took place September 11-15 and was a success according to each chapter president.

During rush, 311 male GSU students registered and 175 made the commitment to pledge to the fraternity of his choice.

The average number of pledges for each chapter was approximately 15. However, chapters such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Kappa Alpha reached numbers as high as the twenties. Other chapters rounded out their numbers around 10.

While each fraternity wanted as many pledges as possible, the quality of the prospective new

members was the most important element.

Young men who will provide service and leadership in the chapter, as well as in the community is what the brothers were looking for. They also wanted pledges who would reflect an overall positive image for their chapter.

After careful consideration, new members were chosen and each fraternity president is happy with their choices.

"We're pleased with the guys that we got this year. With rush overall, we were pretty satisfied," Jason Clary, President of Phi Delta Theta said.

Each president had the same sentiment as Clary which is

"Quality is more important than quantity."

One of the chapters fortunate enough to have quality and quantity was Sigma Nu. They also feel that every new member in each separate chapter will do good for his fraternity.

"I was overall pleased with the quality of guys that we and with all of the ones that went through," Tripp Johnson, Sigma Nu's President said.

Each year during rush, the fraternities hold "parties" that potential pledges are invited to attend. Throughout the week, the young men attend the various ones and then make a decision for the fraternity of their choice on Bid Night.



RUSH 2000: At GSU, 311 male students registered for rush, and 175 made the commitment to pledge to a fraternity. Each chapter averaged about 15 pledges each.



--photos taken by Laura Cox

Big Fella's Pizzeria opens in the 'boro

By Amanda Permenter
Staff Writer

The newest restaurant in town is Big Fella's Pizzeria. A month and a half has gone by since owner Daniel Primm, and managers Ben Smart and April Baggs, began to transform the old Greek accessories shop into Big Fella's.

After waiting two weeks for their gas line and taking care of the necessary legalities, the Big Fella's crew is ready to offer the finest brick-oven pizza in Statesboro. All students or alumni of Georgia Southern, the restaurant team seems excited about the new business.

Sporting the theme, "Bigger is Better," Big Fella's offers pizza ranging from the 10-inch "Little Guy" to the 20-inch "Bigfella." In addition to pizza, they offer appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and everyone's party favorite: wings.

Once their license is secured, they will also be serving beer. The dine-in atmo-

sphere encourages patrons to sit down and relax as their order is taken and the fresh grub is brought to the table.

Big Fella's pride themselves on freshness. While the toppings at many other pizzerias originate from a frozen bag, theirs are cut and prepared right in the kitchen. They have every topping imaginable, from anchovies to artichokes and everything in between.

Prices start at \$5.50 for a cheese-covered "Little Guy," and they will be running numerous specials, including an awesome grand opening special: a 14" one topping for \$5.99. More coupons are also available.

Big Fella's is located at 200 Lanier Drive, beside Horizons. You can dine-in, carry-out, or chose the most popular option of free delivery. Their hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12 p.m.-midnight on Sunday. Feel free to call Big Fella's for more information at 681-7339.

Bicycles are declining in China

The Associated Press

BEIJING, China — As a dense gray gauze of pollution drapes itself over stands of freshly planted plane trees in a northern suburb on a workday morning, Zui Zhiyoung hurries from a breakfast of noodles in his small apartment to the stop for the Yuntong 101 bus.

Around him, hundreds of commuters trot from newly constructed apartment complexes to a web of stops where fleets of public and private buses screech to a stop during rush hour before hurtling off down the capital's thoroughfares, arrowing to the forests of office towers that have sprung up in the last decade.

Yet strangely absent from the morning's commute are the apparitions that have been a central feature of Chinese urban life for half a century: bicycles. Along with the Great Wall, the looming red crenelated parapets of the Forbidden City and chopsticks, in the Western imagination the tens of millions of black bicycles have been emblematic of what is China.

But now, in a land that has twice as many two-wheelers as the United States has people, the bicycle is beginning to fade, gradually but inexorably, from the streets of urban China, marking a small, although not insignificant, transformation of Chinese life.

"I take buses and taxis," said Zui, a 23-year-old Web site designer. "I don't even know how to ride a bicycle."

On this particular morning, too often like others, Zui cannot find a seat on the jam-packed bus.

"It's all right," he said. "There's all kinds of people I like to watch while we ride. It's a little difficult to read, but I don't mind. At least the bus is air-conditioned."

Zui is among a rapidly mushrooming number of commuters who eschew pedaling to work. On some

avenues the bike lanes are all but empty as automobiles, buses and trucks clog the roadways.

Increasingly, young Chinese are not even bothering to learn to ride bikes, simply because growing wealth has unleashed a plethora of transportation choices, public and private. With the crumbling of the old socialist state-owned industries and their adjoining housing complexes, displaced by private companies and the wildfire growth of pri-

when I was young and so never learned to ride," he said. "Now I'm a bit afraid if I tried I'd fall down. It is a bit mysterious to me to watch people going along on two wheels."

On East Jiadaokou Street, lined with bike shops large and small, Wang Zhouyang, a crew-cut man in a faintly white, grease-streaked singlet damp from the steamy summer heat, waved a wrench about as he pondered the state of China's bicycles.

bikes with disk brakes and complex suspension systems for upwards of \$1,000.

"I can't compete with Giant," he said, shaking his wrench at the gleaming glass plate windows a stone's throw away. "I'm just 'an angel on the street' - in other words, a 'street beggar' - but my bikes are much cheaper."

"Most adults," he continued, "they prefer to buy the cheaper bikes since they only cost 180 yuan and they don't care much if they lose them in three or four months. Bikes in Beijing are stolen frequently."

But the kids like those fancy and expensive ones in blue or yellow or white. These days, he admitted, bikes are more often for kids or for fun, not for transport.

And, almost momentarily, the day of the classic black, and staggeringly heavy, tank-like Flying Pigeon or Eternity bicycle that so bewitched Westerners who first visited China in the 1980s is ending rapidly. At Blue Island, a state-run department store, a saleswoman sneered at a rack of the dusty black behemoths. "Only foreigners buy those," she said dismissively, urging a customer toward a display of primary-colored mountain bikes.

So successful have Chinese manufacturers become-most are now in joint ventures with foreign bicycle companies-that of the 24 million bikes produced last year, 95 percent were exported to Asia, Europe and the United States.

Within China, this means that fewer people have been buying bikes in recent years. Now, for the first time in half a century, China has witnessed a decline in its bicycle population, according to an analysis of data from the State Statistical Bureau. From a high of 545.3 million bikes in 1995, China today has a mere 540 million.



Internet Photo

BIKES ON THE DOWNFALL? Within China, fewer people have been buying bikes in recent years. Now, for the first time in half a century, China has witnessed a decline in its bicycle population.

private apartment blocks, commuting distances have grown dramatically. In Beijing, a city of 12.6 million people, there are more than 167,000 buses, both city-owned and privately run minibuses, along with 69,000 taxis.

Now that he is in his 20s, Zui is apprehensive about even trying a bicycle.

"I went to schools near my home

"The bikes I sell are made in Tianjin and Shenzhen," he announced. "My prices go from 180 yuan," or about \$22, "to 2,100 yuan," about \$256. Across the street from his pocket shop - just two dozen bicycles squeezed together on the sidewalk in front of the shop entrance - the vast air-conditioned showroom of the Giant bicycle company displays 24-speed aluminum



Jordan Fidanza

New Pizza Place: There's a new pizza place in town. Big Fella's Pizzeria is located on Lanier Drive. They offer appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and wings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU

• **ATTENTION:** Marilyn Kalb, GSU senior administrative secretary of athletics, has found a wristwatch in the vicinity of Hanner Fieldhouse. If you feel it may be your watch, please contact her at 681-5047.

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.

• **The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2048.

• **BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall and Watson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact the BSU at 681-2241.

• **GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The American Society of Mechanical**

Engineers (ASME) meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2116.

• **The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2117.

• **The Spanish Club** invites anyone interested in the Spanish language to attend their weekly meetings held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at El Sombbrero.

• **The Academic Resource Center** is beginning a series of workshops to help students in various areas. Among the workshops are "Developing Personal Potential," "Learning Lifestyles for College Success," "Word Choice in Writing," "Correcting Common Sentence Errors," and "How to Study from a Student's Perspective." Workshops run from September 20-28. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• **The GLBT Resource Center** is offering a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff. Meetings will be on Thursday nights from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2072. Contact the GLBT

Resource Center at 681-5409 for more information.

Today

• **Bulloch County Blood Services** will be taking blood donations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Russell Union.

September 25-27

• **The Golden Key National Honor Society** will be holding information tables in the Russell Union. Those interested in becoming a member should stop by. Induction of new members will be October 29th at 7 p.m.

September 25

• **Bulloch County Political Forum and Voter Registration** will hold "Meet the Candidates" at 7 p.m. in the newly renovated Bulloch County Courthouse courtroom.

October 6-7

• **The Southern Explosion Dance Team** will hold tryouts at the RAC on Oct. 6 from 6-9 p.m. and on Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-until. There is a fee of \$5 due at the door the first day. If you have questions, call CRI at 681-5436 or email questions to mayonaise007@hotmail.com.

October 6

• **The GSU planetarium** will present a show detailing the images and discoveries made by the Hubble Space Telescope over the past decade. A telescopic viewing of the moon and stars outdoors, if clear, will follow the presentation. For more info, contact the Physics Dept. at 681-5292.

October 12

• **The Eagle Expo Career Fair** will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the RAC. For more information, call 681-5197.

November 3

• **The GSU planetarium** will present a star show of the current night sky and current space missions. Telescopic viewing of the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn outdoors, if clear, following the presentation. The Statesboro Astronomy Club will meet following the presentation/observing. For more info, contact the Physics Dept. at 681-5292.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety

September 15

• Keiron Ragin reported his book bag was taken from the Recreational Activity Center.

September 16

• Aaron Travasit Evans, 28, 111 Rucker Lane, was charged with driving

on a suspended license and failure to maintain lane.

September 18

• An Olliff Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Statesboro Police

September 18

• James Crockett, 22, 1739

Hilltonia Road, Millen, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

• Kijuan Webb, 22, 4680 Ben Hill Road, Atlanta, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, driving without a license on person and headlight violation.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

D'Amato chides Clinton in Lazio fundraising letter

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Republican Alfonse D'Amato, who failed in his bid for a fourth U.S. Senate term in 1998, says Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate bid this year is being fueled by "naked ambition."

In a fund-raising letter aimed at helping Clinton's Republican rival, Rep. Rick Lazio, D'Amato says the first lady "would be a disaster as our senator."

The D'Amato letter, a copy of which was obtained Monday by The Associated Press, says Clinton is "all talk and no action."

As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee and during public hearings into the Whitewater scandal, D'Amato was one of President Clinton's harshest critics. But when polls showed the tactics backfiring on Republicans, D'Amato scrapped the hearings and his heavy criticism of the president.

The first lady's campaign reacted sharply to the D'Amato letter.

"It's not surprising that Al D'Amato has signed on to help Rick Lazio's campaign of insults and personal attacks," Clinton spokesman Howard

Wolfson said. "New Yorkers rejected that kind of politics two years ago and they will reject it again in November."

Wolfson was a top campaign aide to Democrat Charles

Schumer, who beat D'Amato in the 1998 Senate race.

The Lazio campaign defended the use of D'Amato.

"Senator D'Amato is a known leader and a heck of a fund-raiser. We're glad to have his help," Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan said. "Frankly, we need all the help we can get to raise hard dollars to combat the ocean of soft money she is raising."

In fact, while D'Amato's popularity seemed to have waned by 1998 when he ran against Schumer, his fund-raising prowess was still much in evidence as he put together a war chest of more than \$24 million. Coupled with the \$16.7

million Schumer spent, it became the most expensive Senate race in New York history and the most expensive in the nation in 1998.

The D'Amato letter came to light as Lazio rode the commuter rails into Manhattan from his home on Long Island to pick up the bulk of union support in the race with the endorsement of, among others, the state AFL-CIO and the powerful teachers' unions.

Meanwhile, congressional Republicans revealed documents showing that through the end of August, the taxpayer cost of Hillary Clinton's use of government aircraft for her political trips had topped \$1 million.

While praising Lazio's congressional record and "commonsense conservatism," D'Amato dismissed Clinton's campaign as a concoction of "canned speeches" and "scripted jokes."

"Hillary Clinton crisscrosses our state with her entourage of spin doctors, speech writers and media moguls, giving speeches filled with empty promises and hollow rhetoric ... Hillary Clinton is a liberal's liberal," the former senator wrote.

The appearance of the letter served to keep attention focused on the money-raising aspects of the campaign. Lazio and Clinton have been fighting over their conflicting proposals to ban unlimited soft money from the race, an issue he highlighted in last week's first debate of the campaign when he waved his own anti-soft money pledge under her nose. Clinton said she would sign the pledge only if he got 14 independent outside groups attacking her to agree to stop that. At least one of those groups has already refused to do so.

Lazio took note of that problem on Monday.

"There are two things that I've always feared in this campaign - the people that run ads against me and the people that run ads for me," he told reporters.

But Lazio predicted that "if Mrs. Clinton were to agree to the terms of this, then we'd be able to actually push everybody off."

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1 Louisiana
Carjacker runs out of gas

BAKER — A carjacker is in custody in part because he refused to believe his victim's vehicle was out of gas, police say.

The car's owner had pulled into a closed service station late Thursday night because his gas tank was empty, Police Chief Sid Gautreaux said.

As the 20-year-old car owner tried to figure out what to do, the car was taken at gunpoint.

The victim said the car was out of gas but the carjacker told him to try to start it anyway.

The car started, but ran out of gas and stalled down the street while the victim was at a pay phone calling in the robbery, Gautreaux said.

The gunman took off on foot, in view of an officer who heard the call and saw the suspect get into another car with two other men. Police stopped all three a shortly after.

Gautreaux identified the carjacking suspect as Barron Terrill Roff, 20, of Baton Rouge.

Police booked Roff with armed robbery and Lael Vessel, 23, of Baton Rouge, with being an accessory

after the fact to armed robbery, the police chief said. Officers had not decided whether to charge the other man, Gautreaux said. Police recovered the pistol used in the carjacking along with a cellular telephone taken from the victim's, the police chief said.

2 Utah
Teenager killed by passengers on plane

SALT LAKE CITY — A passenger who tried to break into the cockpit during a Southwest Airlines flight was killed by the passengers who restrained him, not by a heart attack, an autopsy concluded.

The U.S. Attorney's office described Jonathan Burton's Aug. 11 death as an act of self-defense by frightened passengers and said it would not file criminal charges.

Burton, 19, of Las Vegas, became combative 20 minutes before Flight 1763 was due to land, hitting other passengers and pounding on the locked cockpit door. As many as eight of the plane's 120 passengers subdued him and held him down until the flight arrived in Salt Lake City. Burton died after being removed from the plane,

and authorities believed he had died of a heart attack.

However, the autopsy report classified his death a homicide because it resulted from "intentional actions by another individual or individuals." The report, released by Burton's family, said he suffocated. He also had bruises and scratches on his torso, face and neck and suffered blunt force injuries.

"He was strangled, beaten and kicked," said family attorney Kent Spence. "We'd like to know how this could have happened to this young man. This kid had no history of violence, he would sooner take a spider outside than kill it."

The autopsy found low levels of marijuana in Burton's body but said that was an "unlikely explanation" for his violent outburst.

The family has not decided whether to sue Southwest Airlines or the passengers, Spence said.

Federal officials recently reported a dramatic increase in air-rage incidents nationwide. Statistics from the Federal Aviation Administration showed 292 incidents of "unruly passengers" last year, up from 138 in 1995. The FAA can recommend fines of up to \$25,000 for airline passengers who "assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere with a crew member."

3 Michigan
Carjacker hides in bathroom ceiling

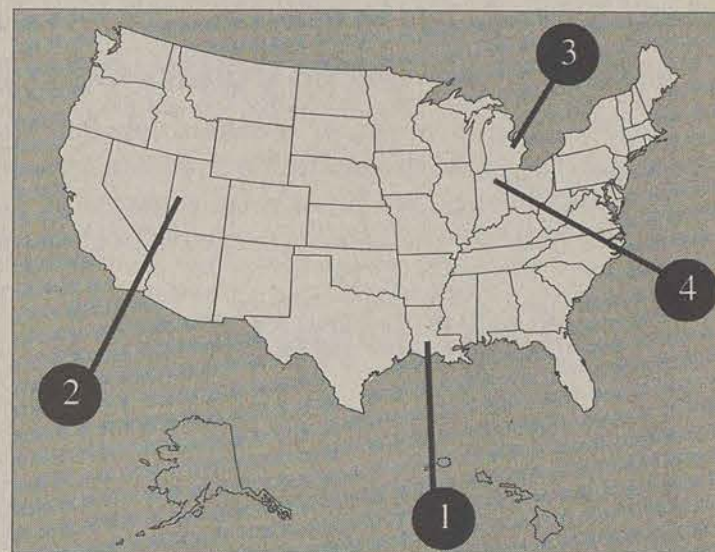
SOUTHFIELD — Police chasing a suspected carjacker got him just where they wanted him, even if it wasn't where they expected him: hiding in a bathroom ceiling.

The 16-year-old suspect allegedly approached the owner of a Ford Taurus on Friday afternoon outside a supermarket. He gestured like he had a gun and drove off in the car.

Police rushed to the scene and stopped the vehicle. The suspect jumped out and ran to nearby Providence Hospital. At the hospital, the boy made his way into a bathroom, removed a ceiling tile and climbed into the ceiling.

"We actually ended up having to rescue him because when we found him, he had gotten stuck up there," Southfield Detective John Harris told The Oakland Press in a report published Saturday.

The youth was being held in Oakland County's juvenile detention facility, pending charges.

4 Indiana
Substitute teaches witchcraft

GREENWOOD — A substitute teacher has been fired for giving fourth-graders a "how to become a witch" note after they peppered her with questions about witches, including the film "The Blair Witch Project."

Greenwood Community Schools Superintendent Pat Garvey refused to identify the teacher and wouldn't say what tips she suggested in the class at Southwest Elementary School.

Garvey said the teacher was asked Monday - her first day working for the district - about a story they were reading that mentioned witches. They also asked about the movie "The

Blair Witch Project". During recess, she said the teacher typed up a quarter-page summary on how to become a witch and gave it to six of the children when they returned to class.

The fired teacher was employed by Kelly Services, which also fired the woman after she wrote a letter of apology to the employment service firm.

"She said, 'I didn't use good judgment,'" Garvey said. Jane Brown, Kelly Services' vice president and district manager for the Indianapolis area, also refused to identify the teacher.

Penn. State student arrested for fondling

TMS Campus

Three days after a Penn State student was arrested for harassing female students after entering their dorm rooms, a disturbingly similar situation arose at University of Arkansas. Campus police arrested Mark Andrew Robinson, a 21-year-old student from Port Byron, N.Y., after he entered three female students' rooms and indecently fondled one student as she slept, said Lt. Gary Crain, UAPD public information officer. One woman awoke to Robinson rummaging through her dresser at 4:08 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, and screamed for him to get out of the dorm room. She then called police, who arrived minutes later and saw

Robinson in another dorm room. While police held Robinson in the hallway, another female student exited her room and identified Robinson as an intruder who entered her room as she slept and fondled her minutes before, Crain said. Police arrested Robinson for burglary, criminal trespass, harassment and public intoxication, though he has not been formally charged by the Washington County Prosecutor's Office, a spokeswoman said. Police did not give Robinson a breath test, thought he showed visual signs of intoxication and "reeked of alcohol," Crain said. In the incident involving the Penn State student, 21-year-old Hung Truong entered the dorm

rooms of the students before 4 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, and indecently touched six sleeping women and verbally harassed seven women who were awake, Penn State police said.

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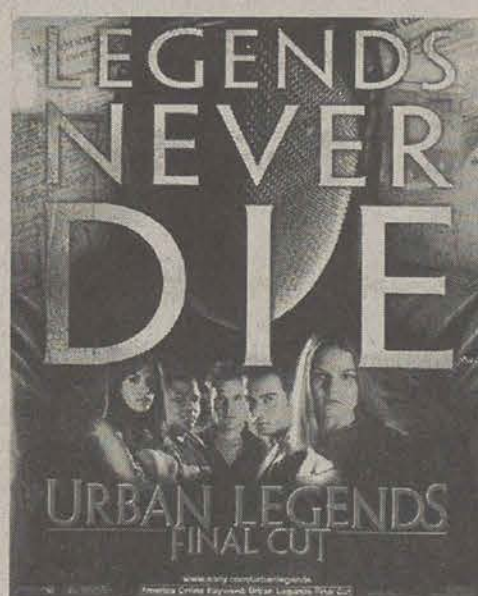
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Our Opinion

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complain for the next four years about the government, one way or the other, if you did not even vote in the election. Granted, we cannot force you to vote. What would it take? Handing out five dollar bills at the voting poll? What about beer? That would probably get you flocking to the polls. The thing is, vote. It won't hurt you. You might even feel better once you do.

Don't tell yourself that your one vote doesn't matter, because just think how many other people are saying that exact same thing. If you get all your friends who say the same thing and have them all vote then think of the numbers that could create. You have the power to change what you don't like, don't you think it was time you did something about it?

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Step off it



JUSTIN JOHNSON

Basically, we are below the high school level of what a college newspaper should be, and ultimately should be shut down, as we are such a burden to the campus and we represent GSU as a place where only a moron could attend.

To this comment, I must lash back. The very fact that you do not work for this paper should be a key factor in why your argument has no basis. If anything, it amuses me. The fact that you have no idea what it takes to put a newspaper together blows my mind, because you seem to find no problem in bashing it.

The other day, we had a misspelling on a page in the classifieds. One. Yes, it should not have been there. Yes, we should have caught it and did after it published. At the George-Anne we are also very interested in knowing about mistakes that we have made, in order to make sure that we do not make the same mistake next time. We appreciate that certain person who called to tell us about our one misspelling on the classifieds page. We do not appreciate that person telling us that it better not happen again.

If you really want to be so rash, then you should perhaps start working here. Why? Let's see. Basically, because I do not go into your place of employment and tell you how you should do your job. I do not point out one mistake that you have made, and I do not tell you that you better fix it. Why? I don't have any authority over you.

I'd also like to address the fact that you probably have not seen other college newspapers, because if you did, you would not look at this paper like it is the trash of the earth. Also, since we are such a poor example of journalism, that's

probably why we won 17 awards at the Georgia College Press Association last year alone. Yea, that's probably why. We stink so badly that they give us a bunch of first places to make us feel good about ourselves. Right....

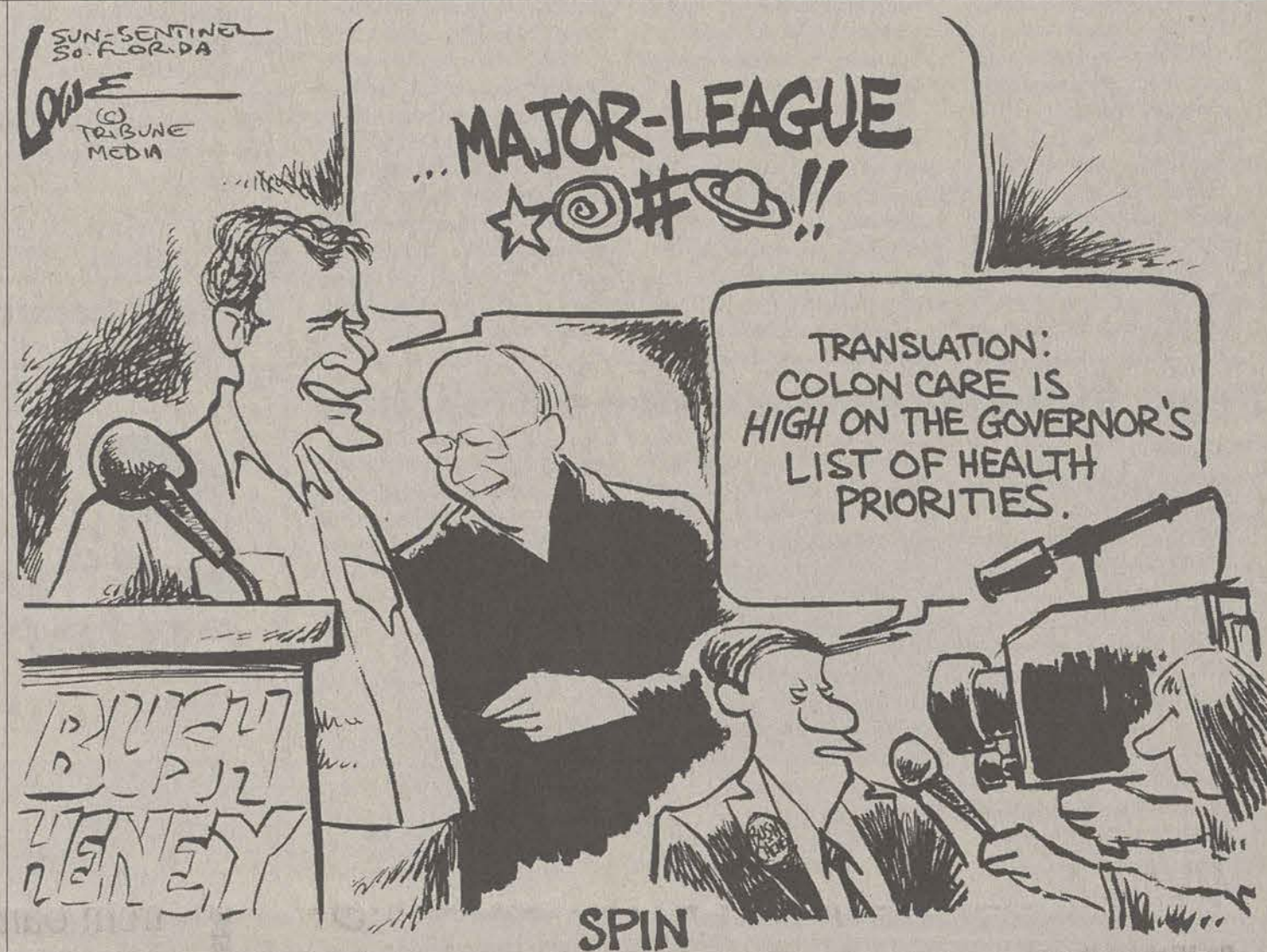
The people that work for this paper do their best to try to make it the best that they can. We are not perfect. We make mistakes. Everyone does. For that, we can not apologize. We can say that we do our best to catch mistakes, but sometimes they seep through the loopholes, and into publication.

This is your school newspaper. This is a STUDENT newspaper. GSU students operate it and those people, including myself, try their best to publish the best paper possible all at the same time trying to balance some sort of social life for ourselves. We basically give up free time, three nights a week, including Sundays to give you a publication that serves as the student voice.

Sometimes, at two in the morning, it is harder to find mistakes in the paper, as we are all tired and ready to go home. Although this is no excuse, we do think we take on a lot of extra responsibility by being a part of this paper. We are paid next to nothing; but then again we wouldn't work here if it was about the money. The staff of the George-Anne is here because we love working here. We do our best to represent the news on this campus as accurately as possible, although occasionally we make mistakes. It is bound to happen. Hell, even the Atlanta-Journal Constitution makes mistakes. No one is perfect.

If the George-Anne is such a joke, do not bother picking one up, especially since it is a waste of your time. I would also like to extend the invitation to apply for a job here. After all, if we are a joke, you probably aren't. Come on up, there are applications on the editor's desk.

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Looking for a few good men



MARNITE ZACHERY

Recently luring a discussion of women and heir treatment outside of the United States, he topic of chivalry came about. In this particular instance two U.S. military personnel, a male and female, were walking down the street in Saudi Arabia when a local Saudi Arabian male walked up to the woman and slapped her for showing her face in public. Of course, the point that my international marketing professor was trying to make was that knowledge of international laws is imperative. However, as I looked around the room at my male classmates I wondered how many of these educated individuals knew what chivalry was and if

they had ever practiced it.

College is supposedly the birthplace of the twentieth century male. Here is where he fine tunes the skills he hopefully learned at home that will make him a vital, productive, member of society and a possible head of some household. These men inevitably become CEO's of America's top businesses, economic advisors, and yes, even the president of the United States of America. Sure, at universities all across the nation the "college male" gets the how to's of making money, the A-B-C's of being aggressive, drinking alcohol, and partying effectively, but when it comes down to ethics, social skills, and chivalry, are our young men being slighted or are they slighting themselves? Are there any gentleman left on college campuses?

Take a look at any class

in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the majority of those in attendance will be women. Stroll over to the College of Business and the opposite is true. As an English major minoring in business I am fascinated by the parallel between the men I meet in my English classes and those in my business classes. Many of those in literature are often a bit more laid back and money seems to rank lower on their list of priorities. My business classes sometimes seem like one gigantic testosterone melting pot—the men seem more aggressive, and hungry for the "almighty-dollar".

This is not to say that liberal arts majors are all gentleman by no means. Certainly "non-gentleman" exist in all majors, but the reality is that men do not routinely sign up for courses such as Creative Writing, that emphasize a growth of the individual as op-

posed to the duplication of the dollar. Perhaps there should be a "Gentleman 101" where men learn that holding open a door is only a smart part of "gentlemendom", girls will NOT always want jerks and nice guys do NOT always finish last.

Undoubtedly, the biggest misconception is that gentleman is a dirty word. In the year 2000, a gentleman is not a feminine, unattractive, weak man without a back bone. Nor is he one who will allow any and every woman to walk all over him day and night. A gentleman is instead one who both attempts at all times to be a valuable part of the world around him and understands, respects, and appreciates the priceless contribution of the woman.

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When will it stop



RANDY DOBSON

The fallout is still lingering above and among the townspeople of Littleton, Colorado. You remember. The town that was rocked in 1999 by the unfortunate events that transpired at Columbine High School.

Since that devastating day, when twelve students and a teacher were gunned down by two mislead youths, two other students were killed at a sandwich shop, and two others, an all-state basketball player, as well as a victim's mother, have committed suicide.

And now, a few months after the bright star of the school's top-ranked basketball program hanged himself, the Columbine High boys' basketball coach has turned in his resignation after fourteen years of heading up the program, citing reasons that he needed "to spend more time with

my family," and that his heart "just isn't in it anymore."

How much more can this town take? How much longer will the effects of that horrible day wreak havoc on the people of this community? And, in reality, will this town ever recover?

All to often we witness the courageous responses of communities after disaster has dealt them a crucial, often fatal blow. We stood aside in admiration as the states of Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina recovered from hurricanes. We watched in awe the battles fought by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson, Ronald Goldman and JonBenet Ramsey as they tried to deal with the deaths of their loved ones. And we cried with the residents of Littleton, Colorado while watching the events aforementioned, wondering if and when a tragedy such as this would befall us.

The thing is, though, that after a while these traumatic events, like all others, fade from our memories with time. But they fade because we were

not directly involved; the tragedy did not strike too close to home. We have had a comfort level not afforded these people who, in truth, are no different than we.

It occurs to me now, however, that I have forgotten too much, too quickly, and with too much ease. Why is this? How is this? And if we care enough, is there anything we can actually do to assist our neighbors, yes neighbors, in Colorado? For when we look closely enough, in the scope of things, are we so monumentally distanced from them that we cannot lend a helping hand, or send an encouraging word to someone who may need one?

What can I do? How can I be of assistance, in any way, to these people? And, if there is something I can do, do I care enough to make the effort?

I freely admit, my friends, I have no ready answers to these questions. I have no idea what, if anything at all, can be done. The Bible tells me in Deuteronomy 29:29 that things happen that we are not going to under-

stand. I do not understand how or why these people are still struggling as they are. I do not understand why fate has been so unkind to them. And I do not understand the reasoning behind these tragedies.

I do, however, know one thing: my heart aches for them. I also hold out hope that there are millions more out there that feel as I do, which only means there are more out there that are as confused as I.

Why am I rambling on like this? I don't know the answer to that either. Maybe it is to simply make the point that some day, perhaps sooner than we may think, we, too, will need friends to listen to our problems, be a shoulder for us to lean on.

Maybe all they really need in Littleton is to know there are those of us who care about what they are going through. Maybe all they need is to know that they are not alone in their struggles. "He who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

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Jujitsu offers more than self-defense 'Sleepy Hollow' will play in Union

By Jessica Garcia
Staff Writer

Going on its fifth year, the Martial Arts Club at Georgia Southern is offering Judo and Jujitsu classes at the RAC. With a total of about thirty members, the Martial Arts Club is welcoming all students, faculty, and staff interested to visit a class and join the club.

Established in Japan around 1882 by Jujitsu master Jigoro Kano, Judo is a sports variation of Jujitsu, minus the harmful kicks and strikes. While Jujitsu is the oldest martial art, Judo is known as being an actual Olympic sport originating from Asia.

Both Jujitsu and Judo martial arts focus on self-defense brought to the ground level. Since most fights end up on the ground, many forms of joint-lock techniques, as well as throwing, pins, and chokes are mastered through Judo and Jujitsu.

Lead by Dr. Phil Waldrop, and headed by student Almonz LeMaitre, the club offers an array of experienced instruction. Waldrop, for example, is not only a member of the US Judo Association, but he is first kyu, shin shin Jujitsu, Midori yama Budokai, and third kyu, Judo. His other instructing partner, Simon Attle is third Dan, Judo, USJA, and third Dan, Jujitsu, USJA.

The student president of the club, Almonz LeMaitre, is also quite experienced, particularly in Jujitsu. Beginning in the summer of '98, LeMaitre began training in Brazilian Jujitsu out of Atlanta, which focuses mainly on leg locks.



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He became interested in Jujitsu over karate for a couple of reasons. "[Jujitsu] didn't seem as hard as stand-up Karate." He was also impressed by third time and fifth degree champion Royce Gracie's winning of the first, second, and fourth Ultimate Fighting Championships. While beginning training under ninth degree black belt Larry Beard at Georgia Southern, LeMaitre continues to participate in the hands-on self-defense training and competitions the club offers.

Through this program, men and women alike learn many useful self-defense techniques which focus on controlling the opponent. In addition to gaining fighting experience, participants may bring back with them more self-confidence and self-esteem. "The confidence and self esteem you get through judo is something one can never have too much of," LeMaitre said.

"If I saw a 350 lb. man, and I only weighed 150, I would not even hesitate to take on the heavier man; that is just the kind of confidence this club gives you, especially once you know what you are doing," he added.

His fellow club-member and friend, Justin Byers, currently a blue belt, became interested in the club after taking Tae Kwon Do and hearing about it from his roommate. Agreeing with LeMaitre, Byers felt joining the club was a "great way to meet new people who share a common interest."

"Besides keeping you fit and very active, it relieves stress and you get a lot out of the program to take back with you," Byers said.

If you are interested in joining or observing a session held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the RAC, call Almonz LeMaitre at 681-3176, Phil Waldrop at 681-0772, or check out the web site at www2.gasou.edu/martial_arts/.

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

From classic gothic filmmaker Tim Burton, comes the 1999 rendition of the famous headless horseman tale, "Sleepy Hollow." Opening in the Russell Union theater tomorrow night, the movie will run until Saturday, September 23rd.

Taking place in 1799, the film features Ichabod Crane (played by Johnny Depp), a constable from New York who is infatuated with new scientific discoveries that aid

him in doing his job. His latest assignment, however, has him a little worried. Crane is to travel to the town of Sleepy Hollow where there have been some decapitation murders occurring. But in order to win the love of Katrina Van Tassel (played by Christina Ricci), Ichabod decides to brave the woods, and solve the case.

Although he is doubtful of the headless horseman, he is determined to find the criminal and get him locked up. His naiveté is shattered, however, when he himself

encounters the deadly horseman.

Starring Miranda Richardson, Michael Gambon, and Casper Van Dien to back up Depp and Ricci, Burton pulled a good set of actors from Hollywood to play the characters from this old legend. A movie that combines sense and myth, horror and drama, and most of all, an old story adapted to a new version, "Sleepy Hollow" is an excellent modern day classic.

Show times in the theater will be 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. all three nights, and the tickets are only \$1.

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WWF lacks powerful endings

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

On Monday and Thursday nights, many of us sit back, relax, and expect the WWF to entertain us for the entire broadcast, but do they actually?

I ask this question only because it seems that the endings for programs such as "RAW" and "Smackdown!" leave something to be desired.

When I look back at past WWF story lines and compare them to story lines that are being used currently, I can't help but notice that something is missing. That "something" is called "Smash TV." "Smash TV" left us on the edge of our seats for a week and kept us coming back for more.

I can remember just moments before "RAW" went off the air, Jim Ross could be heard saying, "My God! I can't believe what just happened here tonight! There's going to be hell to pay! I can promise you that! We'll see you next week!" Your TV screen would then fade to black and suddenly you'd have a dozen questions running through your head.

Today, we get something similar, but does it have the same effect?

If the endings don't keep us coming back for more, what does? More than likely, it's hope. Week after week we hope the WWF will end their program with all of us dying for more, but more times than not, I think it's safe to say we're left severely disappointed.

There are times, however, that many of us are left satisfied with the show the WWF put on. We sit down and from the show's start to its finish, we're entertained.

The Smackdown! right before "Summer Slam" is a perfect example. Not only were there great matches and promos throughout the night, but the ending left us hanging. It was this particular program where Kurt Angle kissed Stephanie, tongue and all.

Why can't the WWF turn out endings like that every week? To answer that question, you have to ask yourself, "Who's missing?"

Then maybe you'll come up with the possible answer.

The Austin versus McMahon feud, and the "Greater Power" story line have two things in common: both stories left fans begging for more and both stories had the mind of Vince Russo behind them.

Is Vince Russo the reason why WWF programming is lacking those ever-so-important cliff hangers at the end of every show? Maybe. But then again, maybe not.

It's easy to point the finger and blame someone else when we don't have an answer. For a long time, I've personally believed that WWF story lines have lacked depth and killer endings, ever since Vince Russo left. But the more I think about it, the more I begin to believe that we the fans may be the problem. The problem seems to be moving away from the fact that Vince Russo

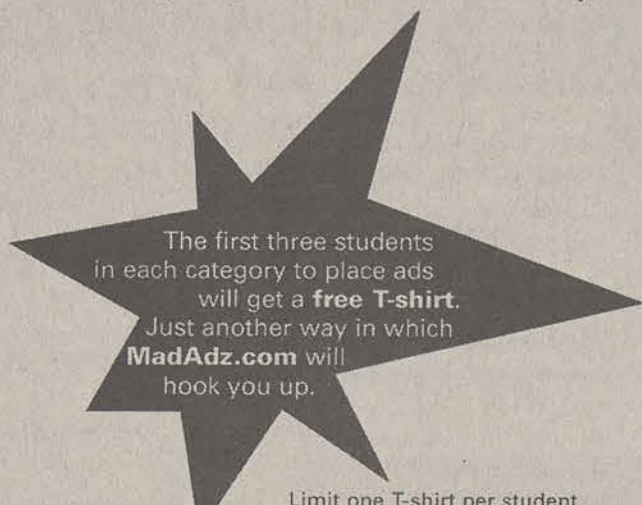
left or that the WWF's creative team is lacking originality.

Can it be that WWF fans have higher expectations now that wrestling's "new" direction isn't new any longer? I believe so. If that is the case, then what lengths will the WWF have to go to next to entertain us? That remains to be seen, but the next time you watch WWF programming and you don't like what you see, make sure to point your finger in the right direction.



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Week 4: The Southern Conference hits full stride

• *GSU, Chattanooga to mix it up in this week's marquee matchup of SoCon foes*

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

The Southern Conference continues league action as everyone but Wofford will take on league foes. The SoCon continues to have three teams ranked in the top 10 in the country as GSU, Appalachian State and Furman are all considered among the nation's best.

Predictions—Last Week: 4-1 Overall: 10-4

Furman vs. VMI
Furman (3-0, 0-0)

Last Week: Furman disposed of non-conference foe William & Mary 34-10 behind the running of Louis Ivory who posted a career-best 232 yards and two touchdowns. The Paladins ran for 389 yards while adding 72 in the air. Despite giving up 292 yards passing to the Tribe, Furman held William & Mary scoreless until a third quarter field goal put the Tribe behind 27-3. In fact, William & Mary's lone touchdown came on the final play of the game.

VMI (0-3, 0-1)

Last Week: After showing progress with their offense during the first two games of the season, the Keydets ran into familiar trouble in their 38-3 loss at East Tennessee State. ETSU outgained VMI 581-123 on the afternoon, including 18 yards rushing. VMI didn't get on the board until Matt Maxey kicked a 42-yard field goal midway through the third quarter. VMI's defense continued to struggle against the run, as all of ETSU's five touchdowns came on the ground.

This Week: Furman travels to Lexington, Virginia to take on VMI in what figures to be a similar blowout like last year's game that saw the Paladins win 58-0. Furman can run the ball with authority and VMI can't stop anybody, especially on the ground, so look for the Paladins to put up 400+ yards.

Prediction: Furman 49 VMI-10

GSU vs. UT-Chattanooga
GSU (2-1, 1-0)

Last Week: GSU survived a scare from Wofford 24-17 behind the 127 yards and two rushing touchdowns of Adrian Peterson. Peterson also completed a 30-yard TD pass to J.R. Revere on GSU's first play from scrimmage. The Eagles held Wofford to 276 yards,

including 190 on the ground, while rushing for 285 themselves and 70 yards through the air in the victory.

UT-Chattanooga (2-1, 0-0)

Last Week: The Mocs ran over Mississippi Valley State 72-17 behind the record-setting day of receiver Cos DeMatteo. The junior caught a record six touchdown passes against MVSU to go along with nine catches for 203 yards. Quarterback Chris Sanders had a banner day as well, completing 15-of-22 passes for 293 yards and the six TD's. He also added a score on the ground. UTC had two runners gain over 100 yards as Charles McNeill had 125 yards and two scores while Jason Ball added 114 yards.

This Week: It will be a matchup of conflicting styles when GSU travels to Chattanooga for a 7 p.m. game. The Mocs, who like to put it in the air, will face a team that, if they had their way, would love to keep it on the ground, much like the last time GSU was in Chattanooga, throwing for just 17 yards while putting up over 600 yards on the ground in the '99 title game. After three subpar games, look for the GSU offense to overcome the penalties and mistakes and have their first good game of the season. Adrian Peterson will have his first monster game of the year, gaining over 200 yards.

Prediction: GSU 37 UTC-24

Appalachian State vs. The Citadel
Appalachian State (1-1, 0-0)

Last Week: ASU was off last week after losing to Troy State at home two weeks ago.

The Citadel (1-2, 0-0)

Last Week: The Citadel finally got on the board after being blanked two weeks in a row in their 17-10 victory at Western Carolina. Fullback Maurice Murphy got the Bulldogs going with 74 of his career-best 135 yards coming in the first quarter. Leading 14-7 at the half, The Citadel took the momentum for the rest of the game when they turned back a Catamount drive that ended at the one-yard line in the third quarter.

This Week: ASU looks to get back on track after the loss two weeks ago when they host The Citadel. The Mountaineers have passed the ball well this year behind David Reeves, who has gotten more snaps after an injury to Daniel Jeremiah. The running game was exposed after Troy State held Mountaineer running back Karim Razzak to 48 yards. Despite

last week's win, The Citadel still doesn't have much of an offense and will try to avoid a beating like the one they received in '99, losing 51-0 at home.

Prediction: ASU 37 Citadel-7

ETSU vs. Western Carolina

East Tennessee State (2-1, 1-0)

Last Week: ETSU rolled up 343 yards on the ground in their 38-3 win against VMI. Quarterback Todd Wells threw for 238 yards on 15-of-20 passing while running for another 108 yards and a touchdown. Corey Carter added two touchdowns rushing.

Western Carolina (1-2, 0-1)

Last Week: A week after posting their first win of the season, WCU found the loss column again when The Citadel beat them at home 17-10. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak against the Bulldogs. The Catamounts could only muster two scores against the Bulldog defense, a touchdown in the first half and a 40-yard Josh Jones field-goal in the fourth quarter.

This Week: ETSU travels to Cullowhee to take on WCU, a team they beat 38-10 a season ago. ETSU's Todd Wells is coming off of a fine game and has had a nice season so far leading the Bucs to wins over Liberty and VMI. WCU's David Rivers is coming off a tough game against The Citadel. The quarterback that plays the best will lead his team to the victory.

Prediction: ETSU 27 WCU-13

Wofford vs. Charleston Southern

Wofford (0-2, 0-1)

Last Week: Despite playing GSU close, the Terriers are off to their third consecutive 0-2 start. Wofford had a hard time getting going as GSU held them to 190 yards rushing on 52 attempts. Jesse McCoy led Wofford with 75 yards and a score.

This Week: Wofford travels to out-of-conference opponent Charleston Southern, a team that has played two Division II teams this season. Wofford quarterback Travis Wilson has struggled this season gaining only 29 yards on 25 carries. The Terriers must watch out for the Buccaneers quarterback-running back tandem of Jeff McCool and Vinson Blain that led Charleston Southern to a school-record for total offense a season ago.

Prediction: Wofford 24 Charleston Southern-14

GSU women's tennis announces schedule

• *Tourneys at Georgia Tech, Florida State begin year*

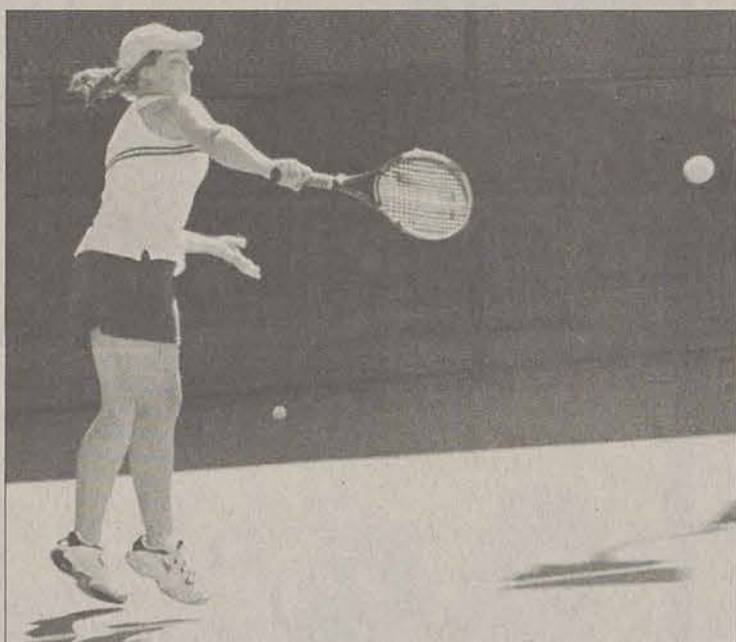
G-A News Service

The GSU women's tennis team will begin its season with eight matches on the road, including tournaments at Georgia Tech and Florida State during the fall, according to an announcement from head coach Cathy Beene last week.

The Lady Eagles will begin their season in Atlanta on September 22 with matches against Jacksonville, Georgia State, Alabama-Birmingham, UNC-Greensboro and Georgia Tech. GSU then travels to Tallahassee, Fla. to compete the following weekend in the Florida State Invitational. The fall schedule concludes November 3-6 at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Qualifying Tournament in Mobile, Ala.

"Our schedule is very challenging this year, especially with the season beginning on the road," Beene said. "We don't look at our opening schedule as a hindrance, but as an opportunity to prepare for conference competition."

The spring schedule will begin January 19-21 in Athens at the University of Georgia Invitational. The first dual matches of the season will be



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TOUGH STUFF: The Lady Eagles tennis team will begin their season on the road, competing in two tournaments in Atlanta and Tallahassee before concluding the fall portion Nov. 3-6 at the ITA qualifying tournament in Mobile, Ala.

held in Tallahassee when the Lady Eagles meet Florida A&M and Florida State. They will remain in the Sunshine State for dual matches against Jacksonville and South Florida before returning home to open Southern Conference play against East Tennessee State.

"We have a young team this

year with only one senior returning," Beene said. "However, we have a lot more depth on this team compared to last year's. With the signing of Tennessee transfer Amy Bartlett, Anna Wilander from Sweden and the addition of three Georgia-ranked freshman walk-ons, the competition just to get a playing spot will make us stronger."

Nice block!



David Koepke

HONING THEIR SKILLS: After getting off to a pretty good start, the GSU volleyball team has stumbled of late. Having dropped two close matches at home to Southern Conference opponents, Coach Norton has had the ladies in the gym preparing for what is sure to be a grueling Southern Conference schedule.

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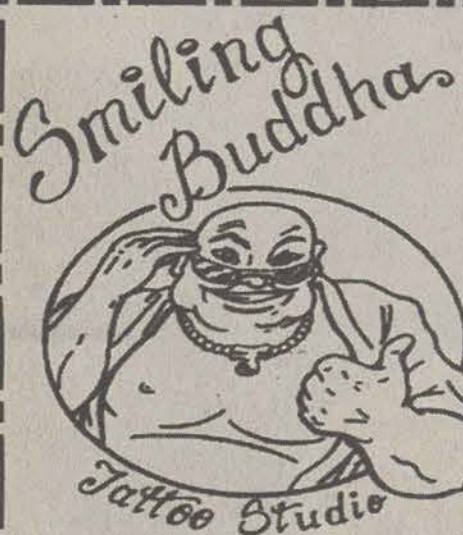
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China takes gold in men's gymnastics

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia - Let the party begin: The Chinese finally have the medal they've always longed for. The Americans, meanwhile, are going home empty-handed. Again.

China, the underachieving silver medalist in the last two Olympics, easily won the men's team gold medal Monday night. The squad with so many good gymnasts it could afford to leave some home scored 234.919 points, setting off the all-night victory party that's been in the works since the team arrived.

"Getting a gold in this event is just a dream for us," said Huang Yubin, the Chinese coach. "We've fought for this for 40 years. We hoped we could take this aspiration into the new millennium. All drinks taste of champagne."

Ukraine won the silver medal, but it wasn't even close to catching the Chinese as they finished a whopping 1.613 points behind. Russia, the defending gold medalists, took the bronze.

There will be no parties in the United States - unless pity parties count. Looking for their first team medal since 1984 - and their first in a non-boycotted Olympics since 1932 - the Americans blew it, finishing fifth. They were 1.036 points away from a bronze medal, farther back than they were when they finished fifth in Atlanta.

"It takes a long time to earn respect. It's a lot more difficult to earn that than an Olympic medal," said John Roethlisberger, who will end his long, stellar career without any Olympic hardware. "We have tremendous respect from the world, and that's good enough for me."

After the finals, U.S. coach Peter Kormann said he will retire when his contract runs out next month.

"I've been doing this for 25 years," he said. "I'm a little burned out." The night was a bitter disappointment, especially since the Americans finished fourth in the preliminaries. Despite a subpar night from five-time national champion Blaine Wilson, the Americans were only 0.448 points out of third.

But the scores from prelims were tossed out for Monday's finals, and the Americans' momentum went right along with them.

"I thought we could have won a medal, for sure. We could have tonight, easily,"

Kormann said. "We got a bad break on vault at a bad time, then we got bad break or two on high bar. Take those away, and we're right in there."

There aren't any do-overs in this competition, though. The Americans got off to a bad start on their first rotation, the floor exercise, and put themselves in such a deep hole they could never recover.

Wilson and Sean Townsend each stepped out of bounds, and Stephen McCain did it twice. Morgan Hamm slipped, almost landing on his backside. Not huge mistakes, but in a sport where medals are won and lost by tenths of a point, there isn't any room to give.

Roethlisberger, the emotional center of the team, couldn't even bear to watch his stumbling teammates, burying his face in his hands on the sidelines.

"We had some mistakes on most events," Kormann said. "In a meet like this, you just can't have that."

And things didn't get much better. On the still rings, Wilson's strongest event, he took a hop back on his landing. Grimacing in disgust as he saluted the judges, he took a slap at the support wires as he left the podium.

On the vault, Townsend hit the horse hard and flew through the air, somersaulting twice as he soared. And then he landed - flat on his backside.

By the time the fourth rotation was over, the Americans were almost 1 1/2 points out of the medals and more than a point out of fifth place.

"It's disappointing, but we went out there and fought hard," Paul Hamm said. "We did everything we could. When you do the best you can and end up fifth, that's the way it is."

The Americans finally got some life in the parallel bars, gliding between the apparatus with such ease they looked as if they were playing on the jungle gym back home.

They had four scores of 9.7 or better, and Wilson gave a sigh of relief after finishing his routine, which earned him a 9.777, his highest score of the night.

But the respite was brief. Going first on the high bar, Paul Hamm fell twice. Then Wilson fell off, and all that was left was to put on the warmups, watch the final routine of Roethlisberger's career and trudge home.

"I'm not going to judge

this team's success by anybody else's standards," said Roethlisberger, who blew a kiss to the crowd and turned to look at the arena before he walked off the podium one last time. "They're A-1 in my book."

In everyone else's book, that honor belongs to the Chinese. They've wanted Olympic gold to go with their five world titles for so long now. They came to the Olympics as the favorite in 1992 and 1996, only to fold under the pressure and finish second to the Russians.

This time would be different, they vowed. Though they finished second to the Russians in the preliminaries, they came out Monday night like they owned the place. They took a lead after the first rotation and never looked back.

They were slapping high-fives all night, pumping their fists like they were cocky Americans. By the time the fourth rotation was over, they led by more than a point and the rout was on.

They were so far ahead that they let their final gymnast simply drop off the still rings instead of doing a dismount. Egged on by enthusiastic fans who yelled "Go for it, China!" over and over, things got so rowdy the Chinese were actually huddling together for group hugs. This from a people who come from a country where kissing in public is just now being accepted.

As the last rotation was winding down, the Chinese broke out in big smiles, congratulating each other and turning to salute their cheering fans. They walked out of the arena some waving their fists in the air, others flashing No. 1.

Let the party begin; the gold is theirs. "This gold is for all of the people in China," said Zheng Lihui, the second-highest scorer on his team.



U.S. men's gymnastic coach announces retirement

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia - U.S. men's gymnastics coach Peter Kormann says he will retire when his contract runs out next month.

"I've been doing this for 25 years," he said Monday after the Americans finished fifth in the Olympic team finals. "I'm a little burned out."

After a successful career coaching college at Navy and Ohio State, where he won an NCAA title, Kormann joined USA Gymnastics in 1995. He was a key part of team director Ron Galtimore's "Operation Flip-Flop" program designed to breathe life back into the struggling program.

More than his technical wisdom, gymnasts seemed to rally behind the 44-year-old Kormann because of his bubbly per-

sonality and his tactics as a motivator.

"Peter's been incredible for this team in the last four years," John Roethlisberger said. "It's just the heart he's given us. And reminding us that we compete for the greatest country in the world. He really taught us that. Because of that, we've gone out there with some tenacity and determination and heart."

A bronze medal winner in 1976, Kormann's self-described mission was to let the gymnasts' personal coaches take care of the day-to-day teaching, while he kept the athletes focused on the big picture.

He often produced inspiring videos to show the athletes before a big meet and he always had a ream of charts and graphs to prove to his team and any skeptics that the United States was closing the gap with the

rest of the world.

Kormann's mother, Mary, suffered a stroke late last month, and he nearly let the team's training camp in San Diego to be with her in Massachusetts. "My family talked me out of it," he told the Columbus Dispatch. After Monday's finals, in which the United States finished 1.36 points out of the bronze medal, Kormann had guaranteed this summer the coach was especially hard on himself. He took the blame for the team's poor performance and suggested that maybe he hadn't pushed them hard enough in training.

"I'm here as a coach to tell you that those kids did everything they were asked to do over the last four years," Kormann said. "If there was something that came up wrong, it came from here."

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Country	G	S	B	Tot					
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Australia	3	5	5	13	Brazil	0	1	1	2
France	4	6	2	12	North Korea	0	1	1	2
China	4	1	5	10	Belarus	0	0	2	2
Italy	3	1	3	7	Indonesia	0	0	2	2
Japan	2	3	1	6	Croatia	1	0	0	1
Germany	1	3	2	6	Hungary	1	0	0	1
Russia	1	2	3	6	Lithuania	1	0	0	1
Netherlands	3	1	0	4	Mexico	1	0	0	1
Britain	1	2	1	4	Greece	0	1	0	1
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Home, sweet grain bin

Washington Post

BALTIMORE— When Marlin Utz bought the vacant Quaker City Flour Mill building in Hampstead, Md., in 1970, he tried to sell the two 40-foot-tall steel grain bins in the back. Then he tried to give them away.

"I couldn't get rid of them," Utz said. "So I said, 'The heck with it. I'll turn them into apartments.'"

They aren't luxurious. They aren't in the same league as the Victorian-style homes on Main Street. They draw stares and chuckles from out-of-town guests who attend weddings at the banquet hall next door on Gill Avenue.

But for Elmer Buchman, circular Apt. 3 has been home, sweet home for 12 years.

"It's plenty good enough for me," said Buchman, 75. "I plan on spending the rest of my days here."

For Christine Spinnato, 30, who moved in last month, a quirky round apartment next to the railroad tracks is a bargain at \$360 a month, utilities included.

"People tease me, I live in a silo," Spinnato said. "I always thought they would be neat to live in."

Artists live and paint in factories converted to studio lofts. Some people live in converted barns, schoolhouses, smokehouses and summer kitchens turned into fashionable digs.

But not many people live in grain bins. Utz might have been an urban-planning visionary when he spent the 1970s buying empty buildings and breathing new life into them.

"I used to drive by buildings and wonder, 'How many apartments could I get in there?'" Utz said. "Now everybody's turn-

ing old buildings into apartments."

Including a pair of old grain bins. "They've been called silos so many times, but they're not," said Utz.

For the record, silos have a domed top and are designed to make silage, corn plants chopped and fermented into a moist

meal for cows.

Each of grain bin's six apartments is identical. Each has a main room with a kitchen on one side that opens to a living room/bedroom. The roomy bathroom includes a large clothes closet. Each apartment has one window and one door.

"We took a torch, and cut the doorways," Utz said. They built walls using studs and drywall, and worked their way up two more stories the same way. They inserted insulation, and then finished the walls in brown paneling that curved along the circular interior. A drop ceiling topped it off.

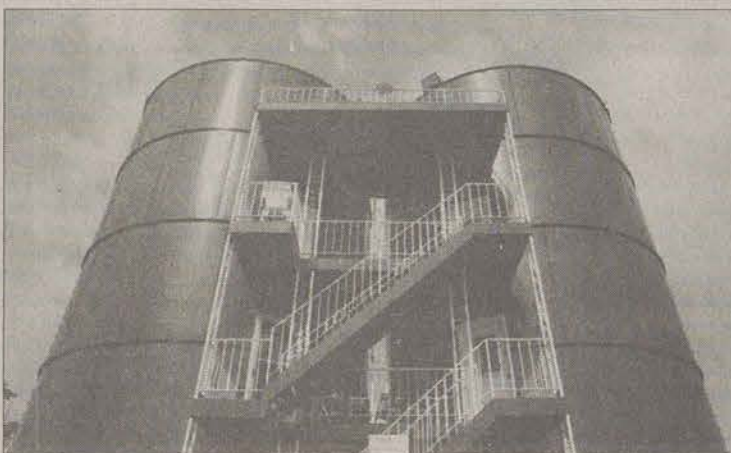
White-painted wrought iron and steel decks connect the bins and form a staircase, landings and balconies for three stories.

Utz knew the apartments were attention-getters, so he tried to get one of his tennis buddies, who co-owned the Westminster Coca-Cola bottling plant, to paint the towers as Coke and Sprite cans.

"We would put a straw on top," Utz said. "Wouldn't that have been neat?" But his buddy declined, so Utz first painted them barn red. The latest paint job is chocolate brown.

In the 1980s, Utz sold the grain bins and the adjacent mill that he had converted into apartments and medical offices to two doctors, Josue and Christina Laredo, who had been leasing space from him in the ground floor of the mill. The Laredos still own the property.

"This is great," Spinnato said of her new digs. "This is perfect. It's just hard to hang a picture on the wall."



Washington Post

These apartments-in-the-round are in converted grain bins, not silos. The bins are probably 50 or 60 years old, and once stored as many as 40,000 bushels of perfect wheat berries and corn kernels before the grains were ground into flour at the nearby mill, which faltered and eventually closed in the late 1960s.

Mistakenly calling them silos has made them famous. Collier's Encyclopedia called the bins silos when it featured the twin towers in its 1975 yearbook under the entry "Recycled Buildings."

A picture shows Utz standing in front of what he created with the help of carpenter Kenny Smith and plumber Ray Ruby. Utz has been a real estate agent and landlord for about 40 years, and once owned a construction business.

For the grain bins, he sketched a rough floor plan on note paper: 21 feet in diameter, 346 square feet, main room, bathroom, kitchen, window, door.

"It's very simple," he said. "You take a pie, and you cut it up. I'd built A-frames,

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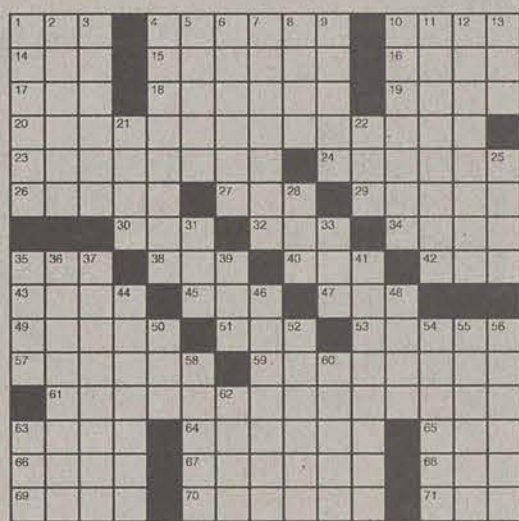
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20 Browsed, as pages
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27 Boar's mate
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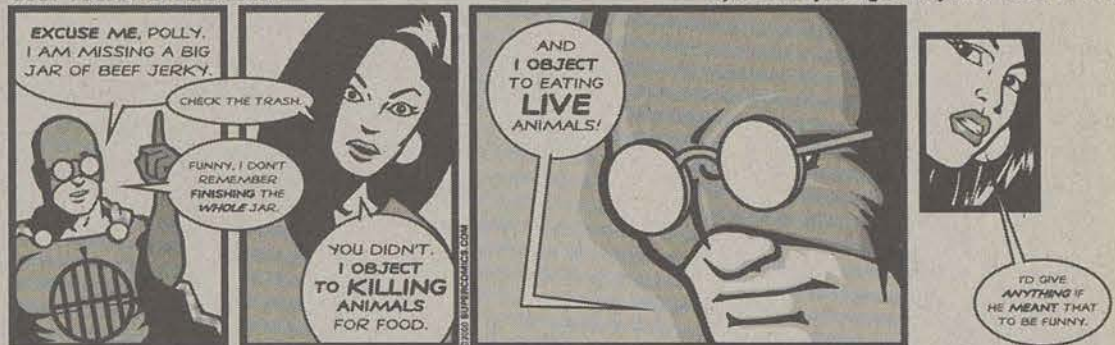
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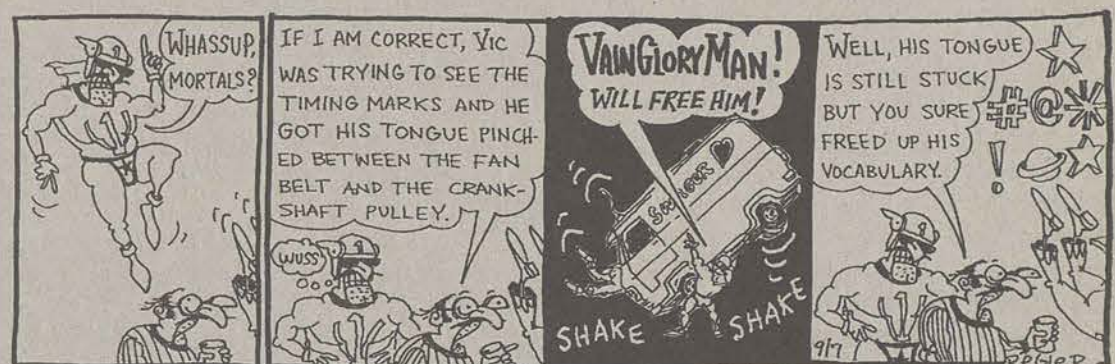
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Ex-Reagan Aide Brady, Others Protest Bush Gun Policies

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As Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush prepared to speak to members of the Fraternal Order of Police this evening in Chicago, a group of anti-handgun activists held a news conference today outside Holy Name Cathedral to label Bush a "dream come true" for the National Rifle Association.

Among the speakers was James Brady, President Reagan's former press secretary, who was shot in the head during an assassination attempt in 1981. Federal legislation named in his honor, the Brady Act, was passed in 1993 and requires criminal background checks for purchases at gun stores.

Brady was the key speaker in a group that included several members of Texans Against Gun Violence, a group traveling through key states in an attempt to point out pro-gun legislation that Bush has signed as governor of Texas.

Brady, now confined to a wheelchair, wouldn't say which candidate he planned to vote for in the presidential election, but

he was clearly not in favor of a Texas law that allow people to carry concealed weapons.

"I know too well that carrying a gun does not guarantee safety," Brady said. "The president and I were surrounded by the most highly trained, armed professionals in the world."

Nina Butts, a lobbyist for the

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Texas group, said that, in his first year as governor in 1995, Bush signed into law legislation that allowed people to carry a concealed firearm. A 1997 amendment allowed people to carry concealed weapons into churches or other places of worship unless the institutions specifically prohibited it.

Vice President Al Gore,

Bush's Democratic rival for the presidency, has urged restrictions on gun ownership, including licensing new handgun buyers.

"How could these guns possibly make Texas a safer place and a better place?" Butts asked.

Despite statistics suggesting violent crime declined by 6.5 percent in the first year after the law was passed — compared with a mere 4.9 percent drop in states without conceal-carry laws — Butts said no evidence indicates the law "has reduced crime or saved lives."

Rev. Michael Pfleger, the activist pastor of St. Sabina's Catholic Church, spoke passionately against allowing guns into any house of worship.

"We would not tolerate or allow our children to bring toy guns to our churches," Pfleger said. "Why would Governor Bush allow regular people to bring real guns to our churches?"

Butts' group has traveled to several key states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, with plans to visit a total of 24 cities in 11 states.

Peru's Pres. Fujimori resigns and calls for new elections

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru - President Alberto Fujimori's stunning decision to call new elections and end his 10-year authoritarian reign has launched Peru into an uncertain future and left many wondering how its powerful military will react.

Rumors swept through Lima that Fujimori decided to call new elections because of resistance from top military officers when he said he would "deactivate" the National Intelligence Service, run by Vladimiro Montesinos, his shadowy aide at the center of a bribery scandal.

Lima Mayor Alberto Andrade alleged that Montesinos was still running the National Intelligence Service and was holed up in the agency's headquarters, where unconfirmed news reports said he was feverishly destroying documents.

Government officials had no immediate response to the accusation. Fujimori said Saturday that a videotape allegedly showing Montesinos bribing an opposition lawmaker to defect to the president's congressional bloc had damaged the stability of his government and of the country.

Prime Minister Federico Salas said late Sunday that Montesinos was being investigated by the attorney general's office, but had not been detained. Salas said Fujimori was fully in charge of the armed forces, amid unconfirmed reports that some regional military commanders loyal to

Montesinos planned to oppose his ouster. Montesinos — once dubbed Fujimori's "Rasputin" — had built a



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wide base of support inside the military during his years at the helm of the feared intelligence service.

But Fujimori appeared to be in control of the armed forces Monday, and military barracks were reported to be calm. Fujimori on Saturday night called for new elections, but said he would not be a candidate.

Many Peruvians, however, still view Montesinos as the more powerful of the two and fear he will resist leaving power along with Fujimori.

Legal experts say the only thing that is certain is that Peru is heading into uncharted political territory. Fujimori, who has said he will not run in the election, has not groomed an obvious successor, nor has he elaborated on how or when he plans to vacate office.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Alejandro Toledo, who headed back to Peru from

Washington on Sunday, says he is prepared to govern. "I want to be president. I will be president. I am prepared to govern," Toledo told reporters during a layover at Miami's international airport.

Arriving at Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport, he told hundreds of cheering supporters that he planned to meet with other opposition leaders to discuss a unified candidacy.

Toledo, who had been Fujimori's main challenger, boycotted May's presidential runoff vote, charging the vote would be rigged. Fujimori won.

The elections to replace Fujimori will likely be held in six to seven months, Health Minister Alejandro Aguinaga said Sunday. Salas said Fujimori would remain in power until the elections took place.

Military experts said Fujimori's decision was likely supported by discontented midlevel officers, fed up with Montesinos' meddling in the armed forces.

Retired army Gen. Daniel Mora said he doubted Montesinos had enough pull in the military to launch a barracks revolt over Fujimori's decision.

"The internal pressure from the armed forces is important and sufficient enough to dissuade any action Montesinos may want to develop," he said. Analysts said the video, released Thursday, had caused an irreparable rift between Fujimori and his spy chief, who Fujimori had relied on to help maintain an overwhelming grip on power. Fujimori lost his majority control of congress in this year's election. But he regained it before his July 28 inauguration amid allegations that Montesinos and his agents bribed and blackmailed opposition lawmakers to defect to Fujimori.

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