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Covering the campus like a  
swarm of gnats

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Sunny with a  
high of 84 and  
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## RUSSELL UNION

- "God and Terrorism: A Panel Discussion from a Religious Perspective" - Today, 12 p.m.

## PAULSON STADIUM

- GSU Football takes on UT-Chattanooga Saturday at 1 p.m.

## Who is the Taliban?

By Chris Brennaman  
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Students turned warlords - that is the Taliban.

The world first became aware of the Taliban, whose name in arabic means "truth seekers," in 1994 when Pakistan had them protect some of their convoys in the region to open trade routes.

Shortly thereafter, the Taliban turned into a force of reform. Their goal was to do away with corruption, crime and drugs, all of which ravaged war-torn Afghanistan.

After the Afghans won a war against the invading Soviet Union, civil war broke out all over the country, with the Taliban emerging as the dominant militia.

The Taliban now controls more than 90% of the country. Based in Kabul, due in large part to the city's strategic location, the Taliban adheres to a strict interpretation of Islamic teachings.

Many Muslim leaders condemn them for what they see is a corruption of the Koran. Under Taliban rule, criminals are mutilated and publicly executed, often by stoning.

Women's rights are almost nonexistent. They are required to be covered from head to toe when not in the home, and are excluded from school and work. They are also denied medication, as male doctors are not allowed to touch or see their bodies and female doctors are not



Special Photo

**SEEKING THE 'TRUTH':** Taliban warriors load and prepare to fire a rocket launcher. The militant group now controls more than 90 percent of the country of Afghanistan. 'Taliban' is Arabic for 'truth seekers.'

allowed to practice.

The members of the Taliban were refugees in Pakistan where they attended schools in religion. Allegedly, they received training from Pakistan's military, through which U.S. money was funneled.

The Taliban has been recognized as the official government of Afghanistan by only three nations: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

On October 10, 1999, the United

States government declared political and economical sanctions against the Taliban regime because of holding and supporting Saudi dissident, Osama bin Laden.

Several weeks ago, the Taliban arrested relief workers from the organization Shelter Now on charges of spreading Christianity. Eight of the workers are foreign to Afghanistan, and two are American women.

In March of 2001, the Taliban

destroyed two 2,000-year-old statues of Buddha, and in a move that echoes Nazi Germany, citizens of Afghanistan that are not Muslim are required to wear markings on their clothes.

The Taliban has banned such things as lipstick, television, chessboards, playing cards, musical instruments, neckties, greeting cards featuring people and, according to American Muslims for Global Peace, toilet paper.

## Professor in nation's capital during terrorist attacks

G-A News Service

Jean Bartels went to Washington, D.C., to testify before a congressional committee, but she wound up as an eyewitness to one of the most tragic events in American history.

The chair of Georgia Southern University's nursing department, Bartels was in the nation's capital Tuesday, Sept. 11, during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. She was on her way to meet with a Georgia legislator when a hijacked passenger plane crashed into the building that serves as the headquarters for the Department of Defense.

"It was quite an experience," Bartels said. "I'm just glad I made it back home safely."

Bartels arrived in Washington Monday, Sept. 10. The following day, she was set to meet with some of Georgia's congressional leaders and

then appear before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, which had scheduled a hearing on the national nursing shortage.

During the summer, Bartels had

attacks on the World Trade Center in New York Center when she hopped in a taxi that was supposed to take her to a 10:15 meeting with Georgia Rep. Mac Collins.

However, with the cab near the Mall, the normal hustle and bustle of city traffic was interrupted by the attack that rocked the Pentagon.

"I didn't see the plane hit the building, but I heard the explosion, and I could see the smoke that followed," Bartels said. "I knew about what had happened at the Trade Center, so it

only took a minute to make the connection, although I wasn't exactly sure what had happened at the Pentagon. I didn't know if it was a plane or a car bomb or what."

As the congested traffic came to a

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**"IT WAS VERY SURREAL. THERE WAS A HUMMER AND MPs ON EVERY CORNER, AND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE MILLING ABOUT, BUT IT WAS VERY, VERY QUIET. EVERYBODY WAS KIND OF LIKE, 'OH, MY GOD, WHAT HAPPENED?'"**

— JEAN BARTELS  
GSU NURSING DEPARTMENT CHAIR

represented the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in a seminar hosted by the Department of Defense in Anniston, Ala. Ironically, the subject of that seminar was mass casualty education.

On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, Bartels was aware of the terrorist

## Attacks cause games, CDs, books to be removed from certain store shelves

By Tiffany Domingos  
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As a result of Tuesday's attacks New York and Washington D.C., retailers are removing certain video games from the shelves at the request of video game creators.

Two particularly well-known games that have been pulled by retailers are Microsoft Flight Simulator and Command and Conquer: Red Alert 2.

"When you open the cover [of Command and Conquer], there's a picture of the Statue of Liberty and you can see the World Trade Center and a plane," said Nick Johnson, manager of the Statesboro On Cue. "I've removed quite a lot of things from



Special Photo

**PULLED FROM THE SHELVES:** Various retailers have been pulling games similar to Microsoft's Flight Simulator due to graphics that strikingly resemble Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Wal-Mart in Statesboro is one of the locations no longer selling the game.

the shelves."

Other items that Johnson has been required to remove from the shelves

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## CELEBRATING GENERATIONS OF TRADITION...



Laura Cox/STAFF

**DISPLAY OF CULTURE:** Asian Culture Day was held yesterday in the Russell Union and the GSU Museum. Students and faculty of all ethnic background came out to enjoy the day's events.

## A Day For Southern will complete campaign Sept. 25

G-A News Service

After suspending A Day For Southern in the wake of Sept. 11's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., GSU leaders have decided to complete the annual fundraising campaign Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"With the tragic events of the past week, our hearts have been heavy and our thoughts focused on the victims and heroes of this tragedy," said Russell Keen, director of annual giving.

"A Day For Southern was suspended to allow us all time to mourn

and focus on family, friends and our great country. After observing a national day of mourning on Friday, President Bush has urged us all to resume our normal activities while continuing to keep in mind our fellow citizens."

Keen said most of the calls had been made by noon Sept. 11, and \$883,000 raised. However, volunteers and university development staff do have some additional contacts to make.

On Sept. 25, the 2001 campaign

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## Police Beat

### GSU Public Safety

#### September 14

• Brian Michael Garrett, 23, Statham, Ga., was charged with DUI and failure to obey an officer directing traffic.

• Kathryn Amalie Ewaldson, 22, Savannah, Ga., was charged with DUI.

• Wilbur Polite reported a clock was missing from the Henderson Library.

• James Martin reported a Giant bicycle was missing from the Winburn Hall bike rack.

#### September 15

• Robert Douglas McClosky, 18, Lawrenceville, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

• A report of criminal trespass was reported at the Phi Mu house on Olympic Boulevard.

#### September 16

• Michael Clayton Zijske, 18, Alpharetta, Ga., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Eric Guenther reported a Trek bicycle was missing from the Johnson Hall bike rack.

• David Meders reported someone damaged the left side of the hood on his vehicle in the Dorman Hall parking lot.

#### September 17

• Kevin Dunlop reported a Fischer bicycle was missing from the Johnson Hall bike rack.

• Michael Bell reported a Trek bicycle was missing from the Johnson Hall bike rack.

• Jeffrey Andrioff reported a GT bicycle was missing from the Olliff Hall bike rack.

#### September 18

• Victor Hodges Brown, 19,

Lawrenceville, was charged with DUI, failure to stop at a stop sign and felony violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.

• Brian Allen Brannon, 20, Dawsonville, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• A juvenile was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a fake I.D.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

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

## Former GSU pitcher lived inside Arab-Israeli conflict

By Dana Carrington  
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For a college student, Dan Rothem is very aware of the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians. Maybe it's because Rothem is from Israel.

Rothem came to GSU after being recruited from the Middle East for his baseball talent. He spent two years here and the 24-year-old pitcher has since moved on to Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina.

Rothem grew up in Tel Aviv, where the city looks much like a modern metropolis but the atmosphere is a little more tense.

"Growing up in Tel Aviv was just like growing up in Boston or Charlotte," Rothem said. "The only difference is the level of awareness to the obvious Israeli-Arab conflict."

The problem with many world issues for students is they have nothing to relate it to, though interest has peaked since the attacks of last week.

Dr. Darin Van Tassell, a professor at Georgia Southern, uses this metaphor to explain the Israeli-Arab conflict:

Imagine that the Cherokee Indians come from their reservations and decide that they want, after all these years, Georgia as their homeland once again. You, as a resident of Georgia, have the option of staying in Georgia, but you will only have a small acreage in the Ogeechee swamp land to share with the other Georgians who decide to stay.

You will have neither a part in the new Cherokee government nor any say about the swamp land on which you live. If you don't want to live there, your only other option is to leave the state. You could go to any

of the neighboring states, but you can't stay here.

On top of that you have until September 24 to be out of your home and either somewhere in the swamp or in a neighboring state. At noon on September 24, they will begin arresting any Georgians they find.

If any former resident of Georgia tries to resist leaving their former homes or their former state, they will be violently harmed. You cannot turn to the government for help. They feel badly about what happened to the Cherokee Indian people many years ago so they now wash their hands of the issue.

The government is turning the other cheek. So what do you do? Do you run meekly to the neighboring state, even though your parents and

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## International News Brief

# Mideast clashes leave Palestinian dead, more than a dozen wounded

### Associated Press

JERUSALEM -- Gun battles in the West Bank and Gaza Strip left one Palestinian dead and 15 wounded Monday, including five boys. Four Israeli soldiers were also hurt in the fighting, which came despite ongoing U.S. efforts to broker truce talks.

In one clash near the West Bank town of Ramallah, Israeli tank shells hit a mosque, a kindergarten and a rescue vehicle, Palestinian witnesses said.

The latest violence took place after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell he would only permit high-level truce talks with the Palestinians after 48 hours of complete calm. Sharon said he doubted Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was making a serious effort to stop the fighting.

"I hope that the Israeli government will reply to this message of peace and to take the decision to cease fire, too," Arafat said, as part of greetings he sent to Israelis for the Jewish New Year, which began at sundown Monday.

The Palestinians, meanwhile, denounced Israel's decision to establish a buffer zone with the West Bank in a bid to prevent suicide bombers from entering Israel.

Initially, the zone would extend about 20 miles (30 kilometers), along the West Bank border from Jenin to Tulkarem, two cities where Israel says numerous suicide attacks originated.

An army statement said that effective Sept. 24 any Palestinian attempting to enter the sealed area would be "arrested and sentenced."

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said Arafat has complained to U.S. President George W. Bush about the plan.

Powell called Sharon late Sunday and asked to be briefed on efforts to arrange Israeli-Palestinian truce talks. Continued fighting is expected to hamper U.S. efforts to bring Arab states into an international anti-terror coalition it is establishing in the wake of last week's attacks on New York and Washington.

Monday's violence began before

ians threw stones and firebombs at soldiers near Netzarim, and that soldiers fired in the air before shooting at the rioters.

A heavy gun battle also erupted on the outskirts of the West Bank town of Ramallah, in the Beituniya neighborhood. The Israeli military said the incident began when Palestinians opened fire on a nearby army post, wounding an Israeli soldier.

Troops returned fire, and at one point, an Israeli tank shelled Palestinian buildings in the area, hitting a coffee shop, a private home, a mosque, a kindergarten and a rescue vehicle, reporters on the scene said.

One shell landed in the yard of the kindergarten and about 150 children were evacuated, although none were hurt. In the mosque three worshippers were wounded by shrapnel. Five rescue workers were also injured, doctors said.

The army said it had received no complaints of damage from Palestinian liaison officers. Ribhiyeh Doleh, 55, said she was praying when her home was hit by a shell. "I heard a big boom ... and the whole wall fell over me, and fire started in the house," she said.

Also Monday, two Palestinians died of injuries sustained in earlier clashes, one in the Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, the other in the West Bank town of Jericho.

The deaths brought to 635 the number of people killed on the Palestinian side since fighting began a year ago. Another 175 people have been killed on the Israeli side.

dawn in the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, near the border with Egypt. Each side said the other started the shootout.

A 35-year-old Palestinian man described as mentally handicapped by witnesses wandered in the streets during the confrontation and was killed by shots from a nearby Israeli watchtower, Palestinian doctors said.

The Israeli army said three soldiers were lightly injured.

Several hours later, Palestinian children walking home from school threw stones at Israeli military vehicles near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in Gaza, witnesses said. Soldiers fired live rounds at the children, wounding five, including a 12-year-old boy who was in critical condition with a bullet in the head, Palestinian doctors said.

The army said about 200 Palestin-

**"I HEARD A BIG BOOM ... AND THE WHOLE WALL FELL OVER ME, AND FIRE STARTED IN THE HOUSE."**

--RIBHIYEH DOLEH  
PALESTINIAN CITIZEN

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## ONLY IN AMERICA...

### 1 New York Judge denies bail to minister accused of stealing \$5.47 million tax

NEW YORK — A defrocked minister, charged with stealing a \$5.47 million tax refund from the state, was denied bail Monday after a judge was told he had also fraudulently claimed an \$11 million federal tax refund.

Assistant District Attorney Gilda Mariani said evidence shows that Clayton Harris, 43, filed the federal tax statement for 2000 "after his theft from the state." She said the federal claim was never processed.

At a bail hearing, Mariani asked the judge to keep Harris in jail. She said he is a flight risk who has no job or property in New York and whose only tie to New York is his mother, who lives in the Bronx.

State Supreme Court Justice Bonnie Wittner ordered Harris to remain in jail without bail. She told his lawyer, Robert Dunn, that he could renew the bail application when the defendant returns to court Nov. 16.

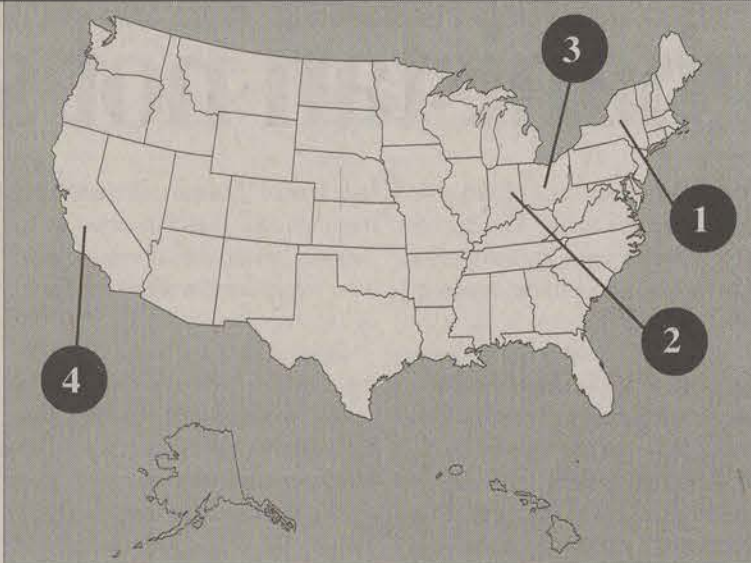
Harris is charged with grand larceny for allegedly filing for a \$5.47 million personal income tax refund and having it transferred into his bank account on June 26. He allegedly filed a tax return claiming that he earned \$250 million and that too much money had been withheld.

He faces up to 25 years in prison if he is convicted. He has pleaded innocent.

### 2 Indiana Couple makes rosary of bowling balls

KNOX — Bill and Linda Stage have faith to spare.

The couple used 59 bowling balls to create a rosary in the yard of their home in Starke County in northwest-



ern Indiana.

The oversized beads aren't just for show, either. More than 200 people attended Mass in the Stages' yard Sunday, the day after Catholics celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"How many of these were gutter balls at one time?" Deacon Brian Miller of South Bend pondered in his homily. "As beads on a rosary, they are strikes, every one, for Jesus and Mary in heaven."

The bowling-ball rosary, which encircles a shrine to the Virgin Mary inside a gazebo, began as the idea of the late Father Emil Bloch, priest at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Knox.

A friend of Bloch's who owned a sporting goods store donated the balls and drilled special holes so they could be linked with plastic landscaping chain.

### 3 Ohio Parents must behave if children are to play sports

COLUMBUS — If parents in the suburban New Albany-Plain School District want their children to play sports, they'll have to agree to behave.

The parents, that is. Starting this school year, high school students can't play sports unless their parents sign an agreement to act like ladies and gentlemen at games.

Max Ness, high school athletics director, said some school supporters who

disagreed with referees' calls last year went beyond friendly competitive rooting and harassed coaches and referees.

Ness said that before signing the agreement, all parents, players and coaches in the 2,400-student district must attend a 90-minute lecture on sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.

"We just want to be sure everyone in our community knows the proper conduct at school events," Ness said.

### 4 California

LOS ANGELES — Finally proof that there is, in fact, something strange in the water in Los Angeles.

The foul-smelling, bad-tasting water coming out of some Southern California faucets is due to algae, said Jill T. Wicke, Metropolitan's manager of water systems operations.

"The earthy taste and odor stem from an especially large and persistent algal bloom in the California Aqueduct," Wicke said Wednesday.

Affected water is coming out of taps in eastern Los Angeles, western Riverside and western San Bernardino counties.

Although bad tasting and smelling, it is safe to drink or swim in, water officials said.

The problem is expected to continue through the week.

## ISRAEL, FROM PAGE 2

grandparents are from Georgia? Do you go to the small plot of the swamp that the Cherokee have allotted for you, accepting the new law that you will have no part of their government and not be able to form any government of your own with former residents, or do you stay in your house and fight alongside your neighbors who have chosen to stay in their homes as well, as you watch your father being beaten and arrested?

Georgia represents Israel. The Cherokee Indians are the Israelis and the Georgians are the Palestinians.

Many believe the conflict is a war of religion.

"The conflict has many layers to it," Rothem said. "Some...trace the roots to religion. However, in its current manifestation, the conflict is mostly political. It is a tragedy of a conquered...Palestinian nation and Israel, a domestically torn country that aspires to be the only home for Jews."

Like so many others, Rothem grew up around the war.

"The Israeli-Palestinian conflict

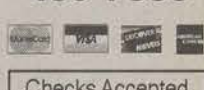
has been present ever since I was a kid....I was exposed to the 1987-1991 through TV screens," he said. "Suicide bombers struck Tel Aviv in the mid-1990s....[It's] something like a wild drive-by shooting through a big city here in the U.S."

It seems the war will continue despite who tries to intervene. "...I

don't see any solution," Rothem said. "A window of opportunity was opened with the Clinton administration and Prime Minister Rabin's election. However, after Rabin's murder and Gore's defeat in the U.S. election, I cannot see any trust-building steps occurring in the near future."

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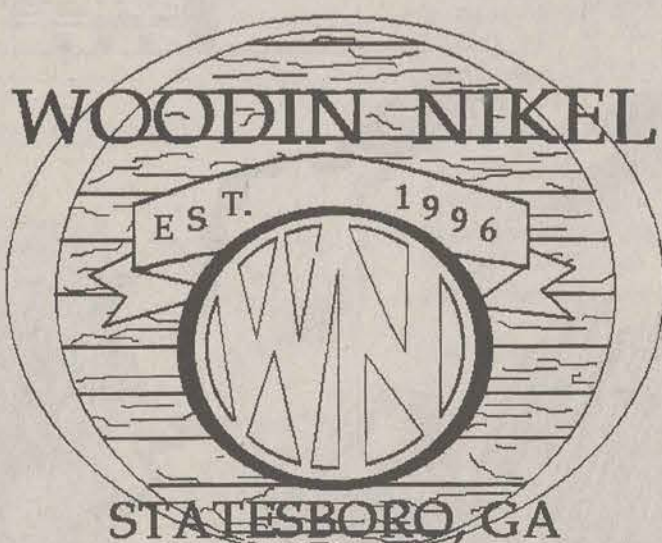
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## OUR OPINION

### Are we prepared for war?

War is a term that our generation has yet to fully come to appreciate. Yes, we watched the Persian Gulf "war" live on CNN, however there was no real terror. The army of the United States and its allies so greatly outnumbered the Iraqis that the soldiers surrendered on the battlefield. Beyond that, we have only seen bombings and operations to take out corrupt warlords. We have never experienced war.

War comes with a price. During war, we are and will be required to make sacrifices of a level that we are not used to. The popular opinion of many students is that we should war with Afghanistan. While this is not an invalid opinion, it is one that may not have been thought through. Wars are not fought in a matter of weeks or months. Wars are fought over long hard years. People who never thought themselves capable of fighting are called upon to serve their country and to die. Citizens are required to forego basic rights that are, in theory, supposed to be inalienable. Free speech takes a back seat. The Supreme Court has ruled and repeatedly upheld that speech, during times of war, is rightfully restricted.

Is our generation prepared for this? We've grown up in the time of constant news coverage. We've been told that we can say what we will where we will. Will we still be willing to avenge those that died last Tuesday when we are called to make such sacrifices?

Is any generation? The answer is no. No one is ever fully prepared for war. Our leaders can brief us and tell us up to the day that war is coming however, until we see the body's of those we know and love fallen on foreign soil will the reality set. America may be prepared to enter a war on terrorism, but we are not ready.

## CHRIS BRENNAMAN



At press time, it looks like we're going to strike against Afghanistan. Pakistan sent a team of diplomats in and gave them three days to hand over Osama Bin Laden. It doesn't look like they'll turn him over.

President Bush is calling for Americans to remain calm and to go about their daily lives. The government has made a call for Americans to return to "normalcy." As Americans, we need to do more.

Overnight, it seems as though everyone has suddenly become an

expert in foreign affairs and terrorism. It's easy to do, as we watched 72 hours of non-stop coverage of last weeks disaster. Every morning, we get bombarded with nothing more than constant World Trade Center updates. It's like we feel that if we don't discuss anything other than what happened, then we're not good citizens.

There's nothing wrong with constant updates. I'm just sorry it took something of this magnitude to get America to keep up with current events. However, we've worked ourselves into such a frenzy that we stand at the edge of patriotism and fanaticism.

We all want answers. We all want action. We all want it done now. There are calls from all over to turn Afghanistan into a "parking lot."

But what do we really know? We know that last Tuesday morning we were attacked. We know that we don't know who did it. The finger is being pointed at Bin Laden, despite the fact that he not only said that he did not do it, but we have no hard evidence pointing to him. Yes, he is responsible for several

atrocities, and he should be imprisoned for them. Yet, for all intents and purposes, we don't know if he played a role in the events of last Tuesday or not.

Right now, Osama Bin Laden is the monster under America's bed, and we are spending all of our efforts to pull him out from under it. So what happens when Bin Laden is taken care of? What happens if we find that someone else was responsible the entire time? What happen to our efforts then?

There are many many terrorist organizations all over the world with the means to pull off the attack on New York and Washington, D.C. How much do we hear about them? I haven't heard much, have you? After all, Bin Laden has never shyed away from claiming responsibility before, why would he now? It is the biggest terrorist attack on the U.S., possibly the world, to date. I do know that after the kids in Columbine killed their classmates, their original plan was to hijack a plane, and, guess what, crash into the twin towers.

We know that the men that crashed the planes lived openly in

the United States and received training here. They interacted with their neighbors, they drank in local bars, they went to work like the rest of us.

We don't know who they worked for.

We do know that the men that crashed the jet into the targets were of Middle Eastern decent.

We also know that this country is built on the back of migrants, both European and from places the world over. We know that there are citizens living in this country that are just as much, if more of, patriots than we are. We say that we know that this is not a war on Islam, but many, and there are a few on campus, don't act that way.

This week in New York, members of the Muslim community took to the streets to sing "Allah, Bless America." U.S. Muslim leaders condemned the attack just as much as the Christian and Jewish leaders did.

I don't get the mentality of those that judge all members of the Muslim faith by the actions of a few. What if all Christians were judged by Jerry

Falwell or Pat Robertson? What if the men armed to the teeth in the woods of Montana who call themselves Christians represented the rest? The thought frightens me.

Now is not the time for fanaticism. Radio stations have already reviewed voluminous lists of songs that have been deemed offensive. Everything from Dave Matthews Band's "Crash" to REM's "It's the End of the World as We Know it." Now is the time for thought.

Finally, we do know that what happened last week affects us all. Yet what happens a month or six months from now when the shock value has worn off and we've grown used to seeing the images of planes bringing buildings down? On the other side of fanaticism lies complacency. Will we still care when the story gets old, or will another Chandra Levy sprout out of the ashes?

There's a fine line that we're walking right now, and on both sides lie dark things. I hope that as a nation, we don't fall off.

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## Our greatest generation

## JAKE HALLMAN



I spoke with Grandma last night for a good 45 minutes, wishing her a happy... er... thirty-first birthday. We hadn't talked in a few weeks, so I asked her how last week's attacks compared with her memories of Pearl Harbor.

Grandma was 15 at the time,

living in Jesup, Georgia. On the evening of December 7, she went on a double-date with a friend, their beaus being soldiers from nearby Fort Stewart. As the movie began, she innocently mentioned "did you guys hear about Pearl Harbor?"

They hadn't. "I never saw them again, until one of them stopped by after the war," she said. "They shipped out to Africa the next day."

No big revelations, no huge earth-shattering change to her life—She just had a date with a promising young man broken up. Of course, she eventually married a movie-star handsome young navy lad, so I think Grandma came out ahead.

With the specter of war hanging over our heads, I remember some of the stories that I heard from George this summer.

George is good friends with my mother, and is a veteran of the fighting the Marines did on Iwo Jima. He was invited to the dedication of a ship memorializing the battle this summer, and Mom asked me to come along.

George and his buddies had cleared the island of "Japs," as he put it in his most un-P.C. way. They were chilling out in the mess hall, lined up for what passed as military food in the days before MREs.

One of George's friends nudged him from behind.

"Hey, isn't that a Jap?" he pointed to a small, dark-skinned man in rags, waiting quietly in line with a tray, just like the dumbstruck soldiers around him.

"No, that's not a Jap. That's got to be a native," George said, since it wasn't unheard of for natives of the small Pacific islands to try and sneak some Marine food once in a while.

"Look at the rags. That used to be a uniform."

The small gentleman made his way through the line, and sat down, unmolested. He was indeed an enemy soldier, left behind when his compatriots abandoned the island. The Marines let him enjoy his meal, the first real food he'd had in weeks, then two M.P.s politely escorted him away.

I met two other Marines at the hotel that weekend. One was a tiny gentleman from Ohio, the

other a monstrous yeti of a man out of Louisiana. The little guy pointed up to his friend.

"Yeah, I used to hide behind this guy when things got rough." Everyone laughed. "Then, this fool goes and gets himself shot in the belly!" The Marines kept laughing, but I was shocked.

The tall guy smiled and let loose with his side of the story in a Cajun baritone. The paperwork said I got shot in the belly, but that wasn't exactly right.

More laughs. He wasn't there with

any kids, so I can guess where he took the bullet. The small Yankee piped up again.

"Not a half-hour later, I get hit with shrapnel, since I didn't have him in front of me!"

The Marines were practically rolling on the floor. He went on.

"So while he's in the hospital, I find another guy to hide behind, who's just as big. Then that jerk gets shot in the head!"

War does odd things to people. It's ironic that we're heading off to make the world safe yet again at the same time the entire population seems to be realizing the sacrifices of "our greatest generation."

Grandma told me about one of my cousins, who saw "A Band of Brothers" a week-and-a-half ago, and asked her "How could those boys do all of that?"

We all know now.

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## Pop music is crap

## BROOKE MINTER



I remember a time when I could turn on the radio and actually enjoy what I was hearing.

So what is it with the new wave of pop music? I can recall the first time I heard one of the boy bands that started coming out a few years ago.

I was in my best friend's car driving to Burger King with a massive hangover when I heard the horrible tunes which would accumulate over all radio stations within the next couple of years.

My poor ears could not believe what they were hearing. Could it be? Could she have such poor taste in music as this? My friend started off humming the words and eventually began singing along with the lyrics.

I wanted to immediately turn it down

or jump out of the car, but I didn't want to be rude. I do know I must have had a look of disgust come over my face.

At the time I brushed it off, never actually thinking it would take over all styles of music as it has.

Now everywhere you look you can see Britney Spears, N'SYNC, The Backstreet Boys, and all the other groups exploiting themselves. They are not only on the radio, but on soda commercials, t-shirts, toys, key chains, dolls, and posters. I can only imagine how much money they are making off commercializing themselves! Who could really blame them? They must know their music will disintegrate in time.

It seems like only yesterday that MTV played music I could bear to listen to. Now TRL seems to be the main attraction, where little 13-year-olds can scream and holler for their favorite singer role model. Yes, that's right, they are role models to the young generation.

The teeny boppers have taken over the nation. In fact, there are so many I could never possibly keep up with them all or would I want to.

How much longer will we be tortured with this pop music? I only hope it ends before I have my children, so they will have something else to bring home that may truly inspire them.

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## Letter to Editor: Recent public response proves extremely disheartening

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 our lives were altered in the most fundamental of ways. However, much of the public response has proven extremely disheartening. While it is natural for the public to feel a certain amount of rage, it is critical that we continue, as a nation. Moreover, we must not allow blind anger to lead to an extreme reaction.

Our initial reaction to these tragic circumstances must be an attempt to answer some fundamental questions. First, why would anyone attempt to slaughter more than 50,000 people? Second, was this a criminal or military attack? Finally, can we respond in a conventional manner, and would such a response be justified?

What could be the motivation behind such a deplorable act? While we all condemn last Tuesday's events, the first thing that people must understand is that if a group has a cause, but lacks a conventional militia, then this is how one would have to fight. Thus, on Wednesday, 12 September 2001, the newspapers were filled with headlines declaring this to be "the act of a madman."

NO! This was not the act of some unstable individual, rather it was a calculated and precise attack. However, the nature of the strike is still open for interpretation. The long held definition of war is "a state of unusual open and declared armed hostile conflict between states or nations." In addition, the accepted definition of terrorism is "the systematic use of terror, especially as a means of coercion." Clearly, neither of these definitions is applicable to this situation, thus, we must create new parameters that encompass last Tuesday's events.

Given the fact that this situation does not conform to the conventional parameters, the response must not be conventional in nature. Simply stated, bombs are not always the answer. How are we to fight an enemy that has no country, no conventional militia, nor any permanent headquarters? Without these necessary components, what would our target be? Our enemy is, most likely, capable of operating with multiple and independent divisions scattered across the globe. Thus, we must ask our-

selves, "do we have the means, or even the will, to fight a conventional battle with an unconventional enemy?"

No matter what our ultimate response is, more death and destruction will never equal justice. An American response, in the form of additional violence, will ultimately lead to nothing more than a perpetual cycle of violence. To those who claim that it would be better to simply fight it out, we have only two words in response, "Northern Ireland!" Cyclical violence is never justified, and difficult to terminate.

It is possible that these events will ultimately be determined to be the first attack in a jihad (a holy war). However, even if that is the case, it is still critical that all of us understand that the vast majority of Islamic people are not involved, and in no way support such action. We must not allow the actions of isolated extremists to create categories upon which we judge entire nations of people.

Matthew Niemas, GSU Student  
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## Letter to Editor: Reader is proud to be an American

I am a proud American. I have always been and always will be. However, I can say now that I am truly prouder than ever to be an American.

Since the time I began paying attention to the news ten years ago, I have heard people complaining about American society; the overall apathy of it, that we are the laziest people on earth, that we are the most self-centered people on earth, and that US capitalism promotes the individual above society as a whole. What I saw in Brooklet, GA last Thursday blew all of those arguments out of the water. On that day, myself and two of my friends went to give blood at the Brooklet Elementary School to support the tragedies in New York, D.C. and Pennsylvania. We were literally thanked for our support and forced to make an appointment for this coming week due to the fact

that the blood drive was over capacity. I had heard of New York, and other large cities having to turn people down due to capacities, but Brooklet, Georgia! I got home from the school having skipped a

without seeing a US flag flying high from someone's car window or antenna. When I came home from class the other day the apartment across the street from me had a large flag draped over their balcony; my neighbor and I have now done the same thing. On Thursday Walmart was sold out of flags!!

The overwhelming support for the victims, their families, as well as the rescue workers around the clock, even in small town

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class and taken 45 minutes out of my day just to be turned away and sked to come back, and I could not wipe the smile of sheer joy and pride off of my face nor the tears out of my eyes just because I'm an American.

It's not just blood drives either. The abundance of American flags that have begun to pop up in the 'Boro have made me proud as well. It is difficult to drive to class

USA Statesboro is a great joy to meand should be to everyone who notices it. As Americans, now is of course the time for prayer, mourning, and reflection; but in the light of the unification and support our great people have given our great nation it is also time to be proud to be an American. And, as I am, prouder than ever.

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## Final decision for missed game still unknown

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While the Southern Conference decides whether to reschedule last weekend's games, Georgia Southern is preparing for this Saturday's home game versus Chattanooga.

"We'll have to see what happens with the Wofford game," GSU head coach Paul Johnson said. "They [NCAA and SoCon officials] haven't let us know yet."

"But right now we have to forget about that and focus on this week."

Up next for the Eagles is Chattanooga, a team Johnson said is very similar to previous year's editions. "They're very similar to the team we played last year," he said.

The biggest difference is the loss

of quarterback Chris Sanders, the SoCon's leading passer the past two seasons. Replacing Sanders was a big concern coming into 2001 for Mocs head coach Donnie Kirkpatrick, who was trying to decide between sophomores Chuck Spearman and Justin Barnes.

Kirkpatrick said both had played well in the preseason and decided to give both a shot. "We're going to let them decide it on the field," he said.

Both have played in Chattanooga's first two games, a win over Samford and a loss to Memphis.

"There's not a lot of difference between them," Johnson said of the quarterbacks. "We expect to see both of them play."

Some needed rest.

Johnson gave his team the entire weekend off, which some players used to go home to family. Quarterback J.R. Revere, though, stayed in Statesboro instead of going to Kentucky where his father, John, is the running backs coach at Eastern Kentucky.

"I didn't know if I could handle that nine hour ride," Revere said.

Revere said the off-week was needed for a team that is a little banged up after the first two weeks of the season. Offensive linemen James McCoy and Charles Clarke sat out Monday's practice with the flu and turf toe, respectively. Both are expected to play this Saturday. "I hope the time to rest pays off,"

Revere said. "It's been a chance for some guys to heal up. I hope they get back fast."

Revere said he has benefited from a weekend of not getting banged around. "My legs feel under me on a Monday for the first time in a while," he said.

Any comfort Revere or the rest of the team had over the weekend was erased with Monday's practice. Instead of the usual lighter workout, Johnson decided to go with a normal "Tuesday" practice, meaning full pads and more hitting.

"We went through most of last week's practice as normal," Johnson said. "And we didn't play a game, so there wasn't much need in easing back into things."

## Former GSU Basketball standout goes pro

G-A News Service

Former Georgia Southern standout Sharon Mitchell has agreed to terms with the Comenarna Basket to play professional basketball in Sweden during the upcoming year, according to an announcement by the team's coach Torbjorn Bjornstrom Monday.

Comenarna is a member of the First Division, also known as the Elite Division, of the Swedish professional league. The team is located in Umea, Sweden, a college town in the Northern section of Sweden.

Mitchell, who hails from Eastman, Ga., led Georgia

Southern to a 22-7 record and a Southern Conference championship during the 2000-01 season. She started 94 of 114 games played during her Lady Eagle career and averaged 12.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game during that span. Mitchell finished her career ranking in the Top 10 in 12 different categories in the Georgia Southern record book. She is just one of four Georgia Southern players to rank among the Top 10 in six categories - career points (7th), field goal percentage (6th), free throw percentage (6th), rebounds (6th), steals (5th) and blocked shots (4th).

## Ryder Cup rescheduled for next year

Associated Press

With air travel suspended because of the terrorist attacks, U.S. captain Curtis Strange drove home from Colorado with one hand on the wheel and the other holding a cell phone as he kept his Ryder Cup team updated on the future of the matches.

He placed one last round of calls Sunday with a short message: The Ryder Cup will have to wait until next year.

"This did not come down to a vote of the players, nor was it going to come down to a vote of the players," Strange said from his home in Virginia. "You do what you think is best. And the PGA of America did what they thought was best."

The PGA of America decided that the tragedy of Tuesday's attacks was so overwhelming that it would be impossible to travel to The Belfry in England for the Sept. 28-30 matches.

Rather than canceling the Ryder Cup, it was postponed until next September, same place, same captains, same teams, same

captain's picks.

"I fully support the decision," said Tiger Woods, who on Friday canceled his trip to Paris for the Lancome Trophy. "There are far more important things to deal with in America right now than wondering whether we should be playing the Ryder Cup."

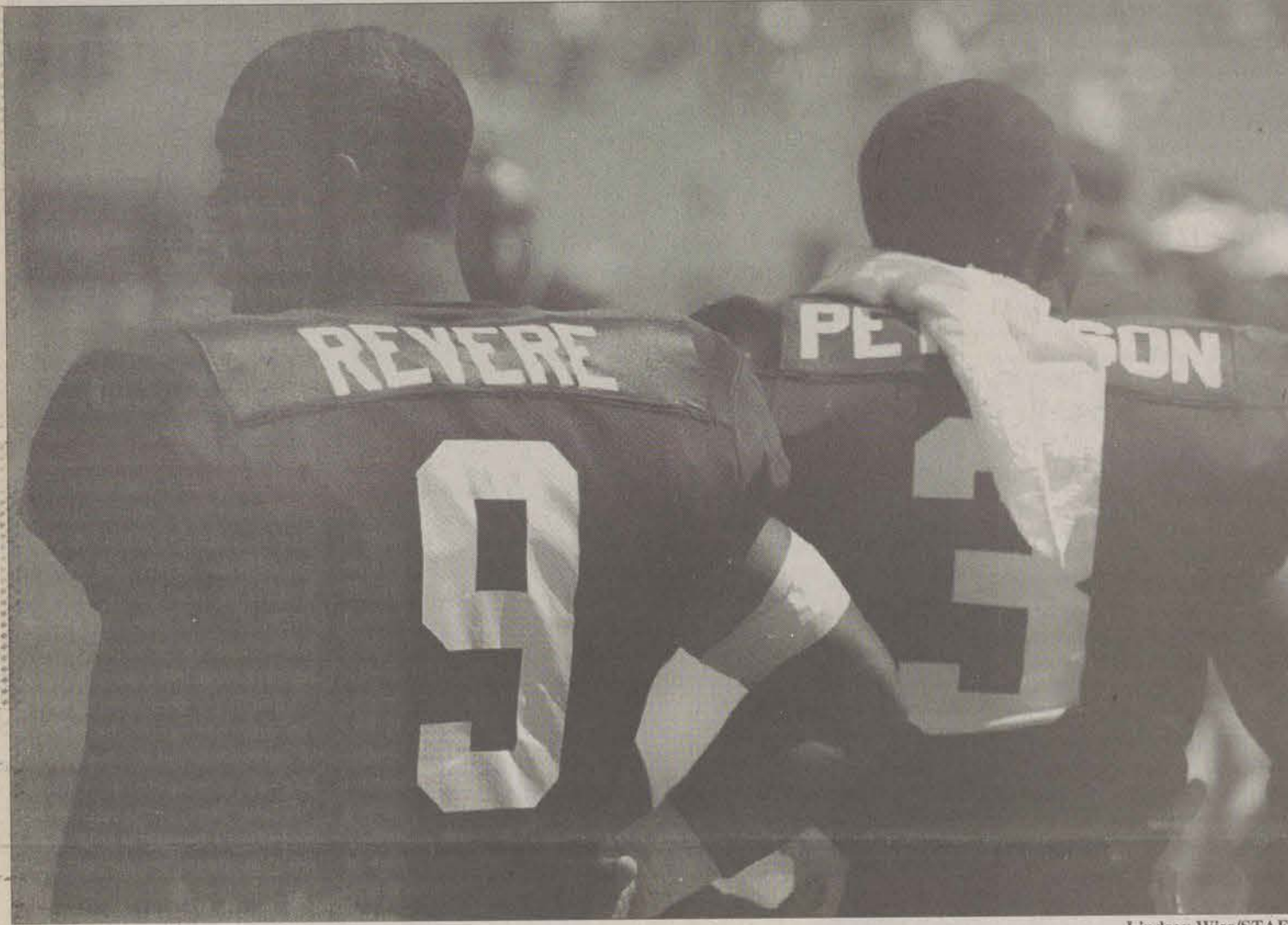
It was the first time the biennial event was called off since 1939, when the British PGA did not send a team to Florida because of World War II in Europe.

The matches did not resume until 1947.

European captain Sam Torrance said the terrorist attacks "put the Ryder Cup and everything else into perspective."

"I am desperately heartbroken for all the people involved in this terrible tragedy," he said. "All I can feel at the moment is an immense sadness."

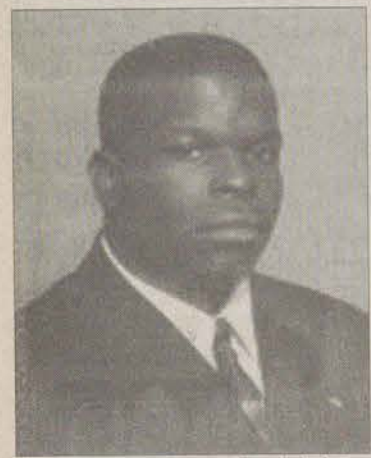
While no date has been set, the Ryder Cup probably will be scheduled for Sept. 27-29 next year, one week after the World Golf Championship event in Ireland.



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**THEY'RE UNSTOPPABLE:** Revere, Peterson and the rest of the Eagles prepare to take on UTC in their first game since they destroyed the University of Delaware 38-7 two weeks ago.

## FSU player shot in robbery



Special photo

**Eric Powell**

KRT Campus

Eric Powell, a backup defensive end on Florida State's football team, remains stable after being shot in the back around 1:45 Sunday morning at the 3500 block of Eccleston Street.

Powell, 21, underwent surgery early Sunday morning at Orlando Regional Medical Center to repair damage to his liver and to his diaphragm. He also received a bruised lung and several broken ribs. Upgraded to serious from critical condition on Monday morning, Powell remained in intensive care throughout the day, said hospital spokesman Joe Brown.

An incident report filed by Orlando police said two men unknown to Powell attempted to rob him.

"The only thing I can really tell you for sure is he was robbed at gunpoint, he attempted to flee and he was shot in the back," said Orlando police Detective Patrick Schneider, who is investigating the case.

Before he went into surgery, Powell, an Orlando native, was able to provide a description of his attackers.

"As far as the investigation goes, we have some very good and positive leads as far as suspects and it is likely we'll make some arrests in the

near future," said Orlando police spokesman Sgt. Orlando Rolon.

With the postponement of Saturday's scheduled game against Georgia Tech, Powell and his Florida State teammates had the weekend off following a practice on Friday afternoon.

Florida State players learned about the incident on Sunday largely through word of mouth. It came as shocking news to the Seminoles, who have seen a multitude of hardships this year, including the death of teammate Devaughn Darling in February following an off-season conditioning drill.

The FSU team has been affected by a shooting before. During the 1986 season, offensive lineman Pablo Lopez was killed in an on-campus shooting.

"Our kids are getting a lesson on the facts of life mighty early," FSU Coach Bobby Bowden said forlornly.

Defensive end Alonzo Jackson said, "It's like a pile-on thing. It's one thing. Then it's the next, then it's the next and then it's the next. We're just stunned."

Following the Friday afternoon practice, Jackson said he and Powell sat by their lockers talking about how much they looked forward to receiving home-cooked meals. Jackson learned of the shooting on Sunday afternoon after he returned to Tallahassee from his family's home in Americus, Ga.

"Thank God he's still alive," Jackson said following the Seminoles' one-hour, 50-minute practice on Monday afternoon.

The news of the shooting hit Kendyll Pope, Stanford Samuels and Jeff Womble hard, too. About 90 minutes before the shooting, the trio sat in Pope's living room playing a football video game when they received a cellular phone call from Powell.

Pope put Powell on speakerphone and the group joked around.

"There was nothing different

about the conversation," said Samuels. "You know how we play around with each other. We were just talking."

"As long as he makes it, I'll be all right."

Shortly after he was shot, Powell used his cell phone once again, this time to call a friend from Jones High. That friend then drove him to the home of Powell's mother, said Powell's sister, Erica, who's a junior at FSU. The ambulance picked up Powell there, she said.

Powell, heavily sedated, did not talk Monday, his sister said.

Powell, a senior, had just turned a corner in his football life. He had spent his first two years in college at Southwest Mississippi Community College. He said recently that he considered those years unhappy times because he was far from home. But he showed enough potential that Florida State recruited him.

He struggled at FSU as a junior. He said he reported out of shape and soon he suffered a left shoulder injury that would later require surgery. He became so depressed that he stopped eating and lost 42 pounds.

After an off-season in which he put in extra effort, the 6-foot-4, 270-pound Powell started the Seminoles' opening game this year at left defensive end.

He was proud of his effort and he proudly wore his Atlantic Coast Conference championship ring, which he and his teammates earned last year.

Powell's mother told Bowden that the robbers demanded the ring and that's when Powell turned and fled. Then he was shot.

Chris Woods, a defensive tackle at FSU and Powell's classmate at Jones, said he had a sense of whom the robbers were.

"All I can say is that there are ignorant people in the world, just like the ignorant people that bombed the buildings in New York and the Pentagon," Woods said glumly.

## Baseball back in action

Associated Press

When major league ball returned Monday, less than a week after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, the standings and statistics would be exactly as they were. Barry Bonds is still chasing Mark McGwire's home-run record and more than a dozen teams are still in pennant chases.

But will anyone watch or care?

They asked me a few days ago when I thought we should play again, Minnesota Twins first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz said. I said spring training.

Instead, with U.S. flags on players' caps and uniforms, fans wearing the stars and stripes, and God Bless America set to replace Take Me Out to the Ball Game during the seventh-inning stretch, the games will go on. As they should.

It is important for America to get on about its life, said President Bush, the former co-owner of the Texas Rangers.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will keep performing. The New York City Opera will continue singing. Hollywood actors will go on making movies.

So the ballplayers will return, too, as will athletes in all pro and college sports in the coming days.

We're the first American sport to get back and do our thing, Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Mark Grace said. The rest of the 'real world' is back to work. Now it's our turn.

And the crowds at Dodger

Stadium, Veterans Stadium and Coors Field will cheer, although maybe not as loudly as before.

No lack of respect there. Ballgames won't mean any less, only now other things mean a whole lot more.

The national pastime has tried to help heal the nation in the past. During World War II, President Roosevelt urged the sport to keep going, saying it would boost the country's morale and mend part of its torn fabric.

In 1989, an earthquake interrupted the World Series between the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants. Arizona third baseman Matt Williams was playing for the Giants during that crisis.

The initial concern for everybody was first of all trying to find people alive on the highway, fires downtown and stuff like that, making sure everybody was safe. That was priority No. 1, and it has to be, he said.

At Veterans Stadium, the Atlanta Braves will play Philadelphia Phillies in a key National League East series. Braves pitcher Greg Maddux expects he'll be ready Monday night.

It's weird. I can't really explain it. You go out there, they hand you a brand new ball and everything changes, he said. That's one of the beauties of the game. Once the game starts, you're able to forget about everything else.

For some, it will be incredibly difficult.

New York Yankees' left fielder Chuck Knoblauch watched the World Trade Center towers crumble from his apartment window.

Minnesota's David Ortiz heard the crash through his telephone while talking with a friend.

Houston second baseman Craig Biggio counseled his brother, an air traffic controller, who handled one of the doomed flights.

There are probably players in their minds who, even though they are compensated very well, are just for bagging the season, Chicago Cubs manager Don Baylor said. If you are a human being and American, I'm sure guys don't think this is as important as it was.

Randy Johnson, baseball's most intimidating pitcher, admitted he might have trouble Monday night when he starts for Arizona at Coors Field in Denver.

We might physically be there, but mentally our minds might possibly be elsewhere, and that's understandable, he said.

At the New York Mets' Shea Stadium, vehicles with supplies for the relief effort gathered in the parking lot while the team worked out inside.

On Monday night, the Mets will play the Pittsburgh Pirates. Originally scheduled for Shea, the series was shifted to PNC Park in Pittsburgh.

The Yankees' first game back in the Bronx will be next week against Tampa Bay. Devil Rays pitcher Tanyon Sturtze is not looking forward to that flight into New York.

My shades will be down, he said. I won't be looking at anything.



## Ray puts southern beauty into prose

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Author and environmentalist Janisse Ray came to speak at the Union Theater Monday night about her book "Ecology of a Cracker Childhood." Pleasantly enough, the theater was packed to standing-room-only capacity.

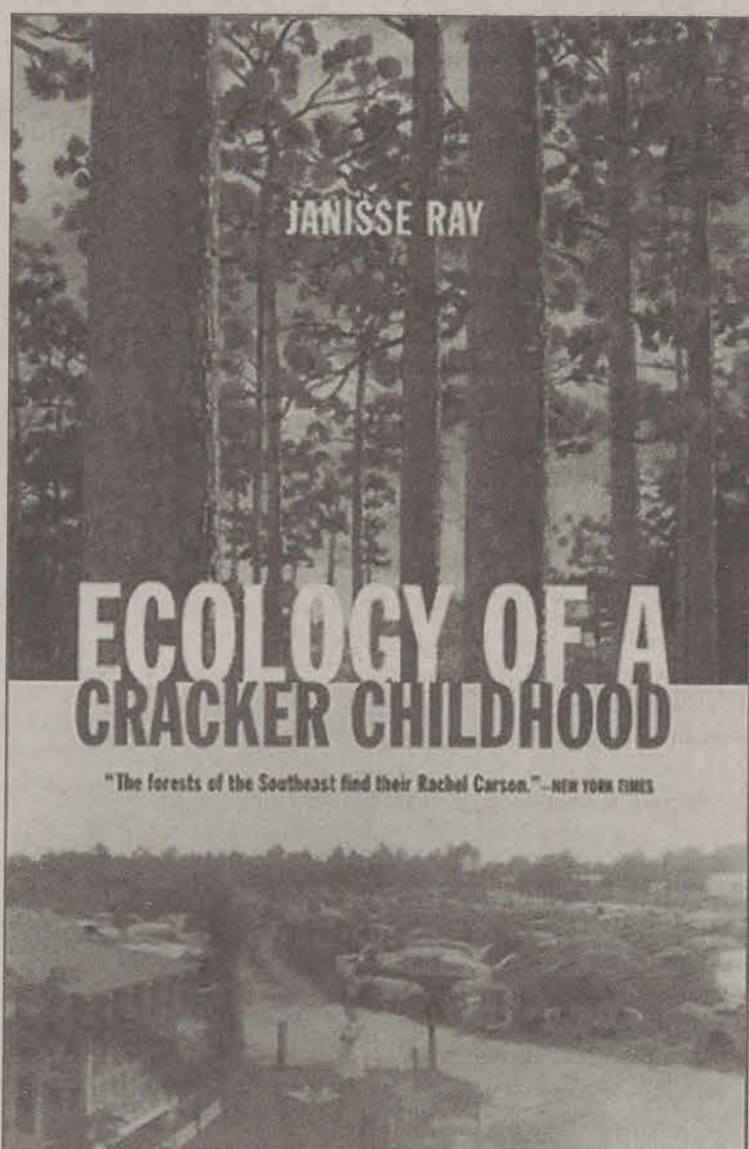
Ray was the first speaker in a departmental lecture series sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee, headed by Carol Thompson. Other sponsors included Laura Milner, and Chairman Dr. Larry Burton of the Department of Writing and Linguistics. Special thanks also go out to Dr. Fred Richter of the First Year Experience Program, the Botanical Garden, and the Student Alliance for a Greener Earth for making the presentation possible.

Ray, a resident of Baxley, GA, is a poet, environmental activist, and a writer. She attended North Georgia College and obtained her master's degree in Creative Writing from University of Montana. She currently teaches at Florida Gulf Coast College in Fort Myers.

Ray described the book as "a memoir about growing up on a junkyard in Baxley, GA." In it, she tells of her struggles growing up in a very poor fundamentalist family with a father that became mentally ill while she was still a child.

"I didn't intend to write a memoir, but I wanted to tell the story of the ecosystem that we come from and its long-leafed pine," said Ray. "I knew that no one would read a book about a pine tree, and I knew that I had a pretty interesting childhood, so I wanted to use that story to tell what I think is a much greater loss."

She explained that there were once 93 million acres of long-leafed pine trees in the southeastern United States, but, according to ecologists in a 1995 study, only 1% of naturally generated stems of long-leaves remained. "I am not standing up here



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**AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORATION:** The author of "Ecology of a Cracker Childhood" Janisse Ray spoke about her book to a packed audience Monday night at the Russell Union Theatre.

saying that we don't need pine trees. I'm saying that to leave 1% of what is native, what we come from, is absolutely unacceptable to me." Ray went on to say, "I believe that no matter where you are from, your culture is inextricably tied to the landscape that produced you. I am extremely worried about the Southlands."

In her presentation, she read passages from her current book, and explained the importance of preserv-

ing the ecosystems of the south. The first reading was from a chapter of the book entitled "Light."

"When I think of my childhood like a picture and examine it really closely, I realize I left home not knowing how to swim, not knowing the name of one wild bird, except maybe the crow, and that I couldn't identify wildflowers and trees," Ray read.

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## Air pollution is harmful to younger people

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Young, healthy people experience changes in their heart rate when they inhale polluted air, a new study has found.

Past studies have linked air pollution to cardiac death among elderly and frail people, but the new study is the first to find an effect in younger

people. The study, published in Circulation, Journal of the American Heart Association, focused on 40 men with an average age of 38 who work as boilermakers in Boston. Their work exposes the Boston boilermakers to the same pollution breathed in by most of us but in higher concentrations.

The research, conducted by the

Harvard University School of Public Health, found a decrease in the normal heart rate of the boilermakers that was related to the amount of pollution they were breathing.

Just what this means for long-term health isn't known. Researchers said further study is needed to determine if coronary artery disease is a factor.

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## An old thriller gets a successful makeover

### KRT Campus

"The Glass House" is a workmanlike thriller that works. The film is a victory for both first-time feature director Daniel Sackheim and budding star Leelee Sobieski.

Both triumph over a screenplay that's littered with been-there moments. At one point, Sobieski, playing a high-school beginning-driver, attempts to escape the villains by navigating her vehicle through rain-slick streets. We've seen such scenes countless times, but this one creates the right pitch of hysteria.

Sobieski plays 16-year-old Ruby Baker, whose wealthy, loving parents are killed in a car crash in the opening scenes. Ruby and 11-year-old brother Rhett (Trevor Morgan) become wards of Erin and Terry Glass. Ruby recalls that her parents always referred to the Glasses as their best friends, but they seemed to have lost touch in recent years.

The orphans move into the Glasses' Architectural Digest-type Malibu mansion. At first all goes swimmingly, but Ruby begins to suspect that this gated home holds unhealthy secrets.

Erin Glass (Diane Lane) says all the right things but sometimes looks at the new arrivals in a manner that's anything but friendly. Does her carefully composed pleasant demeanor hide wicked thoughts - or is she just showing the strain of the new responsibilities?

Terry Glass (Stellan Skarsgard) seems even more sinister. Innately intuitive, Ruby trusts him not a whit, especially after overhearing mysterious phone calls involving loans and finances. What's more, when Terry

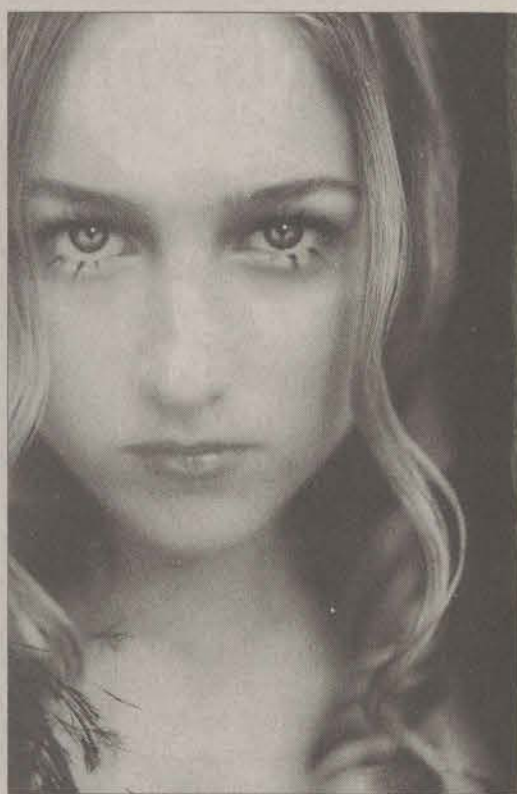
adjusts her seatbelt, his hand lingers near her breasts. She begins to suspect that their guardians care more about their wealth than their welfare.

Ruby tries to get help but with little results. After all, she's a teen-ager who has suffered a tragedy and has an "attitude." She thinks all grown-ups are clueless, and she may be right. The film addresses the futility of a teen's word against that of an adult, and it's fun to watch the Glasses' web finally close in on them.

"The Glass House" and the upcoming "Joy Ride" may earn the 18-year-old Sobieski the "scream queen" label that once decorated Jamie Lee Curtis. But her performance entails more than convincing gasps, shudders and screams.

She actually seems to have given thought to what Ruby has endured, as she tries to rebuild her life under harrowing circumstances.

Thirteen-year-old Morgan, seen less impressively in "Jurassic Park III," proves worthy of being Sobieski's onscreen brother. Skarsgard is too obviously up to no good, but Lane adds a degree of



Special Photo

**A NEW SCREAM QUEEN:** Leelee Sobieski stars in the Sony Pictures thriller "The Glass House," now in theatres.

subtlety to her role. Still, as an adult, she may never repeat the impact of young teen performance in 1978's "A Little Romance." Bruce Dern slithers across the screen as a lawyer who's not to be trusted.

Director Sackheim, whose television credits include "The X-Files," "Law & Order" and "NYPD Blue," shows a strong command of ominous tension. "The Glass House" lacks the inventiveness of a first-rate suspense flick. A month after you see it, you may not remember it. But it provides a slick, enjoyable thrill ride.

## Late night comedy returns with caution

### Associated Press

NEW YORK — Humor was muted in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks, even as America's late-night television hosts returned to the air.

ABC's "Politically Incorrect" taped a

show Monday. Producers were keeping one of the talk show's four guest chairs empty in honor of conservative commentator Barbara Olson, who died in one of the ill-fated planes last week.

Barry, the syndicated humor

columnist, dispensed with the jokes in his column in Monday's newspapers.

"No humor column today," Barry wrote. "I don't want to write it, and you don't want to read it."

Instead, Barry wrote about the nature of Americans.

Comedy Central has kept "The Daily Show," a satirical show that runs four times weekly at 11 p.m. Eastern, on reruns since the attack. The network decided Monday not to bring the show back live this week, spokesman Tony Fox said.

"When you're talking about a show that is a news parody and the news is so consumed about this tragedy, what's funny about what's unfolding here? Nothing," he said.

Comedy Central also removed reruns of its sitcom about President Bush, "That's My Bush!" from the air and has painstakingly gone through its tapes to make sure it is not showing anything insensitive, Fox said.

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include a CD and a children's book. The CD, by the heavy metal band Dream Theater, was removed because the cover features scenes from New York and a burning apple, wrapped in barbed wire.

The children's book that was removed is entitled "The Hijacking of Manhattan," and the plot revolves around a child named Maximum Boy and his adventures.

"We still have Microsoft Flight Simulator, and I don't think it's going to be removed," said Johnson.

According to Internet sources, Microsoft Flight Simulator allows users to fly jetliners into the World Trade Center. Microsoft Flight Simulator 2002, due in October, will omit the World Trade Center from its virtual skyline.

While On-Cue is continuing to sell Microsoft Flight Simulator, other

stores, including Wal-Mart, are removing the game from shelves.

David Watson, assistant electronics manager at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Statesboro, said "They didn't give us any exact reasoning as to why it was removed."

Command and Conquer was also removed from Wal-Mart shelves. Internet sources say that this game features graphics that include New York in flames, and it deals with a Soviet invasion of New York. Also, the cover of the game contains the World Trade Center.

The Associated Press reports that the release of several new video games will be delayed. "Spider-Man 2: Enter: Electro," a Playstation game, was delayed release because battles in the game take place atop skyscrapers, some of which resemble the World Trade Center.

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standstill and emergency vehicles began to fill the streets, Bartels noticed that her cab was bordered on two sides by large rental trucks.

"I started thinking about Oklahoma City and car bombs," Bartels said, "and then the police came along and started looking under the trucks."

But Bartels' thoughts soon turned to her son, who works in the Sears Tower in Chicago.

"I was listening to the radio and they were talking about all of the buildings across the country they were evacuating, and one of them was the Sears Tower," Bartels said. "That was a jolt. I never thought I'd have to worry about my son there."

Her cab stuck in gridlock, Bartels decided to walk the last eight blocks to her hotel near the Georgetown section of Washing-

ton. very, very quiet. Everybody was kind of like, 'oh, my God, what happened?'"

Bartels was scheduled to return to Statesboro on Tuesday evening, but with Dulles International Airport shut down, she had to remain in Washington for an extra day. Her husband, who drove up to Washington Wednesday night, eventually rescued her.

"Needless to say," Bartels said, "it was very nice to get back home."

Bartels expects to return to Washington next week. The Committee for Education and the Workforce hearing on the nursing shortage has been tentatively rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 25.

**"IT WAS VERY SURREAL. THERE WAS A HUMMER AND MPs ON EVERY CORNER, AND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE MILLING ABOUT."**

**-DR. JEAN BARTELS  
GSU NURSING HEAD**

"It was very surreal," she said. "There was a hummer and MPs on every corner, and massive amounts of people milling about, but it was

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total will be announced in conjunction with a volunteer appreciation reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom, followed by a dinner at 7 p.m.

The goal for the 28th Annual A Day For Southern campaign is to raise more than \$1 million for the fourth consecutive year. Funds are used by the GSU Foundation and the Southern Boosters to provide resources that build the university's "margin of excellence."

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She told of her early childhood in grade school, and how she was not allowed to play football with the boys. However, she intervened in their game anyway, and the result was the boys' humiliation.

She also told of her science teacher Lucia Godfrey, the sole inspiration for her work today, who, instead of scolding her, taught her about the long-leaved pines that were so prevalent in those days.

"She talked quietly, gazing without judgment into my face, as if she had been marveling at pine tree reproduction for some time, waiting for someone to show up so she could show them today's miracle," Ray said. "Knowledge was what she knew how to give. Out of all the science lessons, that one on the playground I remember as vibrantly as if it was last week."

Ray continued on about how her teacher inspired her to learn more about the world around her, and thus began her current passion for preserving the natural wilderness.

The next excerpt from her book was a chapter entitled "Native Genius." It was a personal story of her father, and his struggle with mental illness. On the day

he fell sick, he had gone to a gun show. By lunchtime, he was dizzy and hallucinating. He was brought home safely, and Ray's mother tried her best to comfort him.

She told of the day her father locked her mother, and she and her three sisters in the back bedroom of their tiny heart-pine house. For hours on end, the four girls and their mother begged the man to let them out, to no avail.

"It was as if daddy knew that he was losing what was most precious to him and he wanted to hold on to it. He wanted to gather up the family he loved and lock us away in this mind-gone place he had been taken. He was no longer in control, but he didn't want to be in that place without his beloved wife and his children he would gladly lay down his life for."

Eventually, he allowed his wife to reach into the freezer that was also located in the room for something to eat. Unfortunately, she was commanded to do it with her eyes closed. The chance of actually pulling something edible to eat from the frozen hamburger patties and chicken heads was slim. Luckily, Ray's mother, after retrieving a package from the cold depths, unveiled a bag of frozen peaches.

Ray's father was taken to the local police station and then to the state hospital in Milledgeville. On his way there, he slipped into a four-day coma. He eventually awoke in his new temporary home in Milledgeville. "By then the bottom had fallen out of his world. Daddy did not wake up healed, but stayed gone. His absence was a steep-sided quarry with marbling water and there was no climbing out." She went on to say, "If there is ever a wilderness misunderstood, insanity is it."

After that reading, she opened the floor up for questions. In response to one question, she gave advice on how we, as individuals, can help her cause. She advised the students and teachers to pay attention to conservation. "We want to believe that we will

never have to deal with scarcity and I am telling you, it is not true. If you don't have to deal with it in your lifetime, you are leaving a hell of a mess for your children to deal with in their lifetime." She also suggested that young people experience how others live, instead of only being exposed to one's native culture alone. "Then you will see how much more than our share we take." Ray also advised those attending to learn the names of different species of wildlife, and what they look like. "I think that when you are intimate with the other elements of your country and ecosystem, you will have more of a chance to protect it."

Ray concluded her presentation about Ecology of a Cracker Childhood by reading from a chapter called "The Second Coming." She explained that her father had bought a pine forest, and described the vast amount of wildlife that was no longer there.

"Sometimes I dream of restoring the junkyard to the ecosystem it was when Hernando De Soto sauntered into Georgia looking for wealth, but unable to recognize it. I have a dream for my homeland. I dream that we can bring back the long-leaved pines."

Ray told about her first reading in the northeast, and how many people bought her book. She said, "It's great that they're buying books, but those are the wrong people buying them. I want my people to be reading this book. I want us to take a stand against people that would come in and try to destroy the land."

She thanked the students and faculty for attending the event. She proceeded to say that the group was "probably the most engaged and interested set of young people I have every read to." She went on saying, "I thank you for what you are going to do to make this world a better place." Her final reading was a poem called "There's a Miracle for you" about her hope for the resurrection of the pine tree and of natural ecosystems.

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