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'We will not surrender our freedom'

KRT Campus

CHICAGO - Two jetliners stood nearly nose to nose, one "United" and the other "American," as President Bush sought to restore an air of security Thursday and urged Americans to "get on board, do your business around the country."

"We will not surrender our freedom to travel..." the president told 6,000 airline workers at Chicago's O'Hare Airport 16 days after terrorists hijacked two United Airlines and two American Airlines jetliners, detonating a massacre of more than 6,000 people. "We will not surrender our freedoms in America."

Halfway across the world, Afghanistan's Taliban leaders said they delivered a message to Osama bin Laden, alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, advising him to voluntarily leave his Afghan hideaway.

Earlier this week, in response to U.S. demands for bin Laden's surrender, the Taliban said they could not find him. They did not say Thursday where he was or how he responded to the week-old recommendation by Afghan clerics.

Back in the United States, even as Bush attempted to inspire faith in the air travel system, a frightening reminder came of the crisis confronting airlines and the Americans who, until Sept. 11, patronized them in great numbers:

The Pentagon confirmed that two Air Force generals can issue orders to shoot down any jetliner that threatens U.S. cities. At the White House, spokesman Scott McClellan called it a "last resort" option.

"If the plane is nose down and threatens the safety and security of the American people, that is the type of situation we're talking about," McClellan said.

To diminish the ghastly possibility of such action, Bush said the federal government eventually will take con-

Bush's airline safety plan

Key elements of President Bush's plan to secure airlines from terrorist attack:



KRT Campus

FREEDOM TO TRAVEL: President Bush announced a new airline safety plan Thursday to protect what he calls American's "freedom to travel." Bush continues to try to inspire faith in the airline industry while frightening reminders of the attacks constantly flash through American's minds.

trol of airport security. Meanwhile, he asked governors to post National Guard troops in the nation's 420 commercial passenger airports.

Nearly 5,000 troops soon may be trained in security techniques by the Defense Department and the Federal Aviation Administration, said a White House official who requested anonymity. The federal government will pick up the cost, which could range to \$150 million, the official said.

As expected, Bush also announced other measures to enhance faith in the nation's vital air traffic system, including stronger cockpit doors and more weapons-carrying, plain-clothes sky marshals aboard planes.

"One of the great goals of this

nation's war is to restore public confidence in the airline industry," Bush said. "It's to tell the traveling public, 'Get on board, do your business around the country. Fly and enjoy America's great destination spots.'

"Get down to Disney World in Florida. Take your families and enjoy life the way we want it to be enjoyed."

Just as Bush uttered the words "get on board," an airplane roared overhead. "That's got a nice ring to it," he said.

The audience cheered. Many in attendance were threatened by waves of layoffs sweeping through the airline industry, but they brought their children and they waved American flags and they erupted into chants: "U-S-A!"

U-S-A!"

The United and American jetliners were parked facing each other, and they framed a large American flag - and the president of the United States.

Bush said, "I think it's interesting that on one side we see 'American,' on the other side, it says, 'United.' Because that's what we are. America is united. We are united in bringing justice to those folks who did the evil deed on Sept. 11."

The president flew to Chicago aboard Air Force One, but Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta arrived on a regularly scheduled United Airlines flight. The president said that him

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Recent cases spark first possible Internet libel laws

KRT Campus

Courtroom conflicts about free speech often center on seamy pornography or sordid tabloid stories about celebrities. But a new struggle is unfolding against a less predictable backdrop: Internet postings alleging that a retired Pennsylvania psychiatrist is a crackpot extortionist.

Two cases filed in Cook and DuPage counties in Illinois are at the center of the fight about whether people who distribute potentially libelous material on the Internet can be held accountable. The cases, experts say, may redefine Internet libel law.

The lawsuits are an effort by Stephen Barrett, the retired psychiatrist, to silence critics he contends have libeled him.

"I perceive libel as extremely serious and I do everything I can to try and reduce it," said Barrett, 67, who in 32 years has established widespread recognition for fighting what he regards as quackery. He has co-authored or edited 48 books, testified before Congress, been profiled in Time magazine and been interviewed on national television.

Working from Allentown, northeast of Philadelphia, Barrett maintains five Web sites, one of which is www.quackwatch.com. He established the site in 1996, he said, to "combat health-related frauds, myths, fads and fallacies."

Lately, proponents and practitioners of alternative medicine have taken shots at Barrett. And he has responded with lawsuits filed in Alameda County, Calif., and Canada, besides the two here.

Owen Fonorow of Lisle, Ill., who operates a Web site that advocates an alternative treatment for heart dis-

ease, and Joseph Mercola, an osteopathic physician with offices in Schaumburg, Ill., count themselves among Barrett's critics.

Both posted articles that Barrett alleges are libelous. On July 30, Barrett filed suit against Mercola in Cook County and against Fonorow in DuPage County.

Barrett alleges Fonorow posted 10 articles by Patrick "Tim" Bolen, perhaps the most outspoken of Barrett's critics, between Jan. 6 and May 22. In the articles, among other claims, Bolen states that Barrett is a liar and delusional and hints that Barrett extorts money from his opponents by filing lawsuits.

The posting of Bolen's articles "was with actual malice in that Fonorow and the company he runs, Intelisoft, either knew the statements were false when they published them, or they published the statements with a reckless disregard for their truth or falsity," according to Barrett's suit, which mirrors language used by the U.S. Supreme Court to define libel.

The complaint against Mercola centers on the osteopath's posting of a Bolen article in September 2000. In that piece Bolen alleged Barrett is running "a conspiracy," "to discredit, and suppress, in an 'anything goes' attack mode, what is wrongfully named 'Alternative Medicine.'"

After Barrett complained, Mercola ran a response from Bolen in which Bolen called Barrett an extortionist. Later, Mercola posted an article claiming Barrett is allowing the public to suffer "to protect the financial interests of conventional medicine."

In Barrett's California lawsuit, he named nine defendants, including

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Bartels testifies before Congressional committee

G-A News Service

The head of GSU's School of Nursing testified at a United States Congressional committee hearing on the national nursing shortage.

Jean Bartels, the chair of GSU's nursing school, was among the witnesses who appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 25.

"This was a real coup for Georgia Southern," Bartels said. "We were the only institution of higher learning that was named in any of the testimony, so we became the exemplar for higher education in nursing."

According to a survey conducted

by the American Hospital

Association (AHA), the newest threat to the national health care system is a growing shortage of hospital personnel in general, and nurses in particular.

The AHA reported that the national vacancy rate for registered nursing positions is 11 percent, which translates to a shortage of 126,000 RNs across the country.

Part of GSU's College of Health and Professional Studies, the School of Nursing has been doing its part to combat the nursing shortage. Several years ago, the school typically admitted 40 students to its undergraduate baccalaureate program each

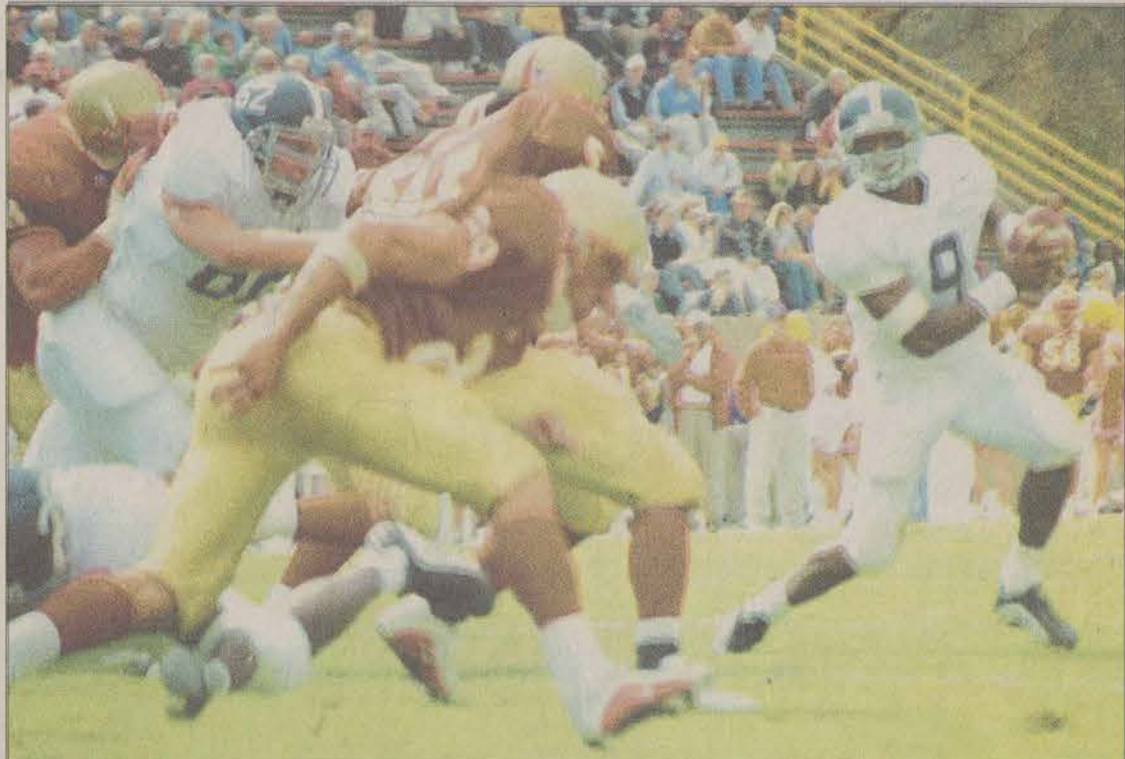
semester, but it now averages between 50 and 55 new students per semester.

Minorities represent 24 percent of the nursing school's students and 14 percent are male. According to Bartels, both of those figures are well above the national average.

"The United States is in the midst of a nursing shortage that is projected to intensify as baby boomers age and the need for health care grows and becomes more complex," Bartels told the committee, which includes Georgia Reps. Johnny Isakson and

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Winning isn't always easy...



LaVene Bell/STAFF

A VICTORY NONETHELESS: Eagle Football struggled a bit in this weekend's matchup against VMI in Lexington, VA, but still managed to pick up yet another victory. The final score was 31-14 as GSU improved their record to 5-0.



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

September 23

• Ronald Wayne Abrams, 19, was arrested for burglary.

September 29

• Tracy Susanne Strama, 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Jessica Stephanie Liak, 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Harold Lamar Madden, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Betsy Erin Pinckard, 17, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Kevin Christopher Archie, 19, was arrested for DUI and running a stop sign.

• Scott Michael Meader, 19, was arrested for public drunkenness and minor in possession of alcohol.

• William A. Schlott III, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Michael Benemon, 22, was arrested for statutory rape and contributing to delinquency of a minor.

September 30

• John Paul Stalnaker, 17, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Keith Brandon Roberts, 23, was arrested for DUI and speeding.

GSU Public Safety

September 27

• Diana Cone reported a T.V. and VCR was missing from the Interior Design Building.

--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.

Man admits running down officer after fleeing bank robbery

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- A man admitted that he ran down a police officer with his Jeep Cherokee after robbing a bank and smoking crack during his flight from six police cars.

Christopher Paul Wood, 29, of Rochester pleaded guilty Friday to first-degree assault for serious injuries he inflicted on Officer Russ Igler on June 4.

Wood had been charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Igler, 51, was struck and dragged for 30 feet as he was laying down spikes in an effort to stop Wood.

He was being pursued after a bank robbery in suburban Greece earlier this year.

In Monroe County Court on Friday, Wood said he loaded a pipe with crack cocaine and started smoking as he drove into Rochester while police chased him.

"I just put in a whole bag and was smoking it because I didn't want to get caught with it," Wood said in court.

"The more I smoked, the less I remember."

Wood faces 25 to 30 years in prison when he's sentenced Oct. 15 by Judge Patricia Marks.

Igler suffered fractures to his face, ribs, wrist and pelvis.

He still hasn't returned to work and is expected to suffer long-term disabilities, said First Assistant District Attorney Michael Green.

Wood's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Yolanda Villa, said Wood insists he didn't mean to injure Igler.

Wood also pleaded guilty to first-degree robbery for holding up an HSBC bank branch in Greece.

He said he handed a note to a teller saying, "Give me \$500 and nobody gets hurt."

Wood also pleaded guilty to first-degree robbery for stealing \$125 at knifepoint from his girlfriend's uncle in Greece on March 3.

National News Brief

Fake IDs put spotlight on easily faked driver licenses

KRT Campus

Detective Thomas Chartoff of the Rutgers University police speaks at workshops on fake IDs, he brings a newspaper article about a phony Yemeni identification card issued to a suicide bomber who blew a hole in the USS Cole.

"When I first started on the force 12 years ago, counterfeit licenses were a nuisance," Chartoff said. "More and more, we are seeing it associated with other crimes."

Federal authorities investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings are learning the same lesson. Last week, the FBI arrested a man accused of helping supply two suspected terrorists with fake Virginia identification cards and an alleged Osama bin Laden associate in Detroit who held five Michigan driver's licenses.

The governor of Maine said suspected terrorists who flew from Portland to Boston, where they boarded the deadly flights, used New Jersey driver's licenses. New Jersey state police would not confirm or deny that report.

That terrorists may have exploited false identities points to what college undergraduates and nightclub bouncers have known for years: getting a fake ID is easy, especially in New Jersey.

"We are the most commonly counterfeited license in the country,"

Chartoff said.

The reason: New Jersey is one of only a handful of states that do not have licenses with digitized information strips.

In most states, driver's licenses are printed on plastic instead of paper and often contain complicated holograms.

New Jersey licenses are "a piece of paper with a Polaroid pasted on it," said Dana Sullivan, spokesman for the state Department of Motor Vehicle Services. "It's not easy to do a good one, but you can certainly do a mock-up by using desktop technology."

At the First Run, a college nightclub in Oxford, Ohio, close to 600 students from nearby Miami University visit on a typical weekend. Some are underage, but, according to the school's admissions office, very few - 17 among this year's 3,439 freshmen - are from New Jersey.

But it would be hard to discern that from the stack of confiscated fake IDs at the First Run.

"I was always curious," said David Fittipaldo, 25, who has worked at the bar for three years, "why we would see (phony licenses from) New Jersey more than any other state. That's the one I see most often."

When bouncers see a New Jersey driver license, they know to look closer, and usually it is a fake, he said.

Florida officials say the same is

true of the spring break crowd. Of the 4,000 fake driver's licenses confiscated this year at underage hot spots such as Panama City and Daytona, slightly more than half were from New Jersey.

"It is a very easy document to counterfeit," said David Meyers, who heads the fraudulent-ID unit of the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. "You can scan the license one time and e-mail it to 10,000 people with the click of a mouse."

In 1998, a Philadelphia man was arrested on allegations that he mass-terminated an operation that, using sophisticated computer equipment, netted \$1.9 million a month by selling thousands of fake New Jersey driver's licenses to campuses along the East Coast. Authorities said the IDs had been sold at "Tupperware party-like" gatherings, and that dealers had used a license with Bill Clinton's face as a sample.

"Eighty percent of the fake documents we confiscate are sold to minors. But thousands of them are sold to people over the age of 21, and they are using them for bank fraud, identity theft, or to move around the country without being tracked," Meyers said. "If a 16-year-old can create a fake ID card, a terrorist with a big bank card can easily find one."

Frequent flyers assess airport security

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. -- Frequent flyers are gaining more than bonus miles. Savvy flyers are adapting to quickly changing security measures following the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. And they are discovering which airports have the highest security and the longest lines.

In interviews at Manchester Airport Friday, passengers' concerns ranged from minor inconveniences to significant security concerns.

Ralph Jenkins of York, Pa., flies 50,000 to 100,000 miles annually, usually taking one roundtrip each week. Since the attacks, he's learned a few new tricks. He started leaving behind disposable razors and he asks his travel agent for paper tickets instead of e-tickets, which he would have to exchange at the ticket counter.

He packs light so he doesn't have to check baggage. He keeps his ticket and identification handy to speed his trip through security.

"Everyone is now asking for ID. Which I appreciate, frankly," Jenkins said.

Jenkins, the vice president of operations for a retail chain, discovered one inconvenience. He bought a big, sticky bun in an airport concourse and discovered there were no plastic knives.

"I had to kind of cut the bun with two forks. It wasn't a problem, it was just weird," he said.

More seriously, Jenkins worries about the possibility that poorly trained armed guards will be assigned to planes.

"Tensions are on edge; there is potential for serious issues," he said.

Randy Bridgeman of Atlanta works for a design and construction company and flies twice a week. Extra security at the Atlanta airport added 15 minutes to the half hour it usually takes him to get onto a plane. "I got there two hours ahead of time, I was surprised," he said.

Harley Semple of Madison, Wis., works for a software company that supplies Boeing; he flies from Wisconsin to Seattle once a week.

He is vacationing in New England this week with his wife, Marty. The Semples said they were delayed in Madison because of a car search in the airport parking garage.

"They searched under the hood and in the trunk, behind our bags, under the seats. They even looked under the car," Marty Semple said. Other travelers said the Providence, R.I., airport has similar parking garage security.

In the three or four trips he's taken since Sept. 1, Harley Semple has seen security evolve. Last week a crew prohibited passengers from moving forward in the plane to the rest rooms. Even first class passengers had to go to rest rooms in the rear of the plane. "I haven't seen that this week," he said.

Security guards confiscated his nail clippers from a carryon bag on one of his first flights after the attacks, and he stopped carrying a small Swiss Army knife he had flown with for years.

"I'm surprised they let me on with (it) in the first place," he said.

While Semple said increased secu-

rity is the only way to get Americans flying again, he is skeptical about some of the new security measures.

"I had to wait in line for 20 minutes in Seattle while someone checked IDs," he said. "You know, these guys that hijacked the plane all had tickets and IDs, so I'm not sure how effective that is," he said.

He said the attitude change in flight crews and passengers should discourage potential hijackers.

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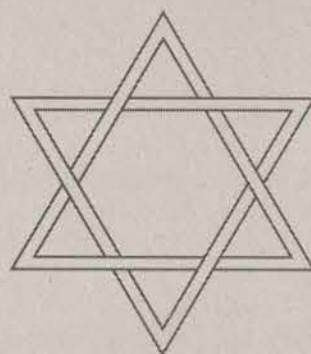
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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Ohio

Store window display portrays beheading of bin Laden

AKRON—A store display that portrays the beheading of fugitive terrorist Osama bin Laden has drawn complaints.

Bob Ferguson defended the display at his shoe repair shop, saying he was taking recent patriotic sentiment "a step further."

The display features a sword-wielding mannequin dressed as Lady Justice and a plastic foam head adorned with a white turban and beard to resemble bin Laden.

A woman who complained to police was told the display was a matter of free speech and police had no jurisdiction.

Pam Buffington of Akron said the display is gruesome and may incite violence against people of Middle Eastern descent.

Ferguson, 43, a former Army military police officer, said the display showed he was "willing to point my finger at somebody who I believe committed the act ... or at the very least admitted to other acts."

He said he has received more compliments than complaints about the scene, which he created last week.

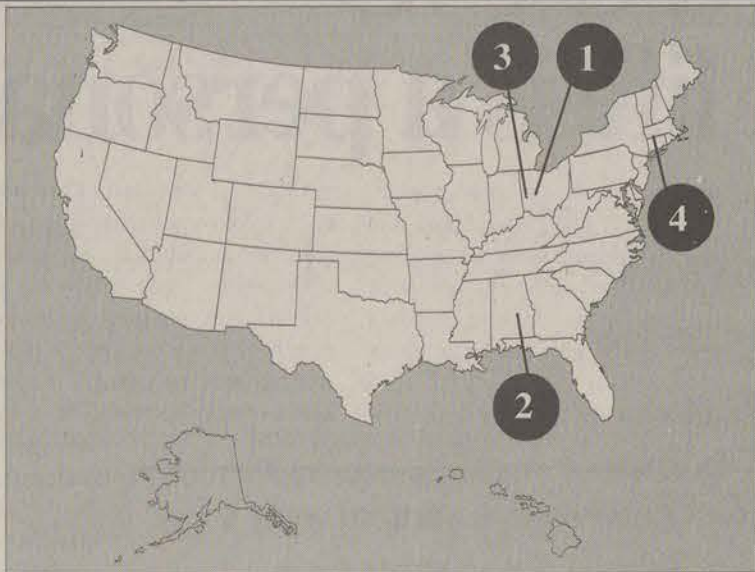
2 Alabama

Woman warns of robbery, then helps hold up store

MUSCLE SHOALS—A woman tipped off a convenience store that it was about to be robbed and then came back an hour later to help in the holdup, police said.

Just as odd, the woman knew the store's cashier, didn't wear a mask in the robbery and turned herself in a few days later, police said.

Stephanie Sue Allen, 22, is charged with first-degree robbery along with two men for the Monday stickup at a Spur convenience store, said Muscle Shoals police investigator Lt. Keith Kennedy.



4 Rhode Island

Callers lines are crossed, ring up phone sex instead

PROVIDENCE—Callers looking for child-support services have been ringing up a phone sex hot line instead.

Rhode Island became a single calling area, and state government gave up its 800 numbers because they were no longer needed.

The numbers were inactive and then were reassigned by the local phone company. The child support number was assigned to Intimate Encounters, a national sex hot line, officials said. The last four digits of the number spell the word "kids."

She turned herself in on Thursday, but the two men haven't been apprehended.

"The clerk thought she was just joking around until an hour later when she got robbed," Kennedy said. "It's certainly unusual."

About \$700 was stolen when the clerk was ordered to hand over money from the cash register and safe, Kennedy said. One of the men was carrying a gun but no one was hurt, he said.

The three robbers didn't try to conceal their faces, according to police reports.

First-degree robbery warrants have been issued for Fred William Judd, 47, and Daniel Tristan Eitniear, 27, police said.

3 Ohio

Elvis impersonator accused of punching worker

HURON—Elvis left the building in a huff.

An Elvis impersonator has been charged with punching another person in the jaw in a dispute over whether he should have been paid for his performance, police said. Timothy Baker, 53, of Greenville, was charged with assault.

Baker demanded to be paid after his performance at the nursing home, but the employee said they had no agreement to pay him, police said.

Baker then punched the employee in the jaw, Glovinsky said. The employee declined medical attention.

Researchers study mummy whose body turned to soap

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sometime in the 19th century, a fat woman died and her body changed almost entirely into soap.

It may sound like an urban legend, but researchers are serious. On Thursday, they performed a CT scan on the woman's mummified body hoping to learn more about the process that turns some corpses into a waxy, soap-like substance called adipocere.

The body, dubbed "Soap Lady," has been on display for more than a century at the Mutter Museum, a former haven for medical students but now a Philadelphia tourist attraction.

The CT scan unexpectedly revealed organ tissue, raising hope that researchers might be able to learn how the woman died.

"There's tons of stuff in there," said Gerald Conlogue, a Quinnipiac University professor of diagnostic imaging. "What we may be looking at is a shell or casing made out of this soapy substance sealing out the outside environment."

Thursday's scan was the first time the Soap Lady had left her wooden display table since 1874, when a prominent University of Pennsylvania anatomist named Dr. Joseph Leidy donated the body to the museum.

Leidy claimed the Soap Lady, who was discovered by workers removing bodies from an old burial yard, had died in the late 1700s.

Leidy's explanation stood until 1942, when museum curator Dr. Joseph

McFarland determined the Soap Lady had actually died in the 1800s and that her name had been lost to history.

McFarland could find no record of any yellow fever deaths in Philadelphia in 1792. A yellow fever epidemic did strike the city in 1793, but the name "Ellenbogen" appeared nowhere on an official list of the dead. Furthermore, there was never a cemetery at Fourth and Race.

The CT scan, a computer-enhanced image of areas that cannot be seen by X-ray, was taped for a new television series called "The Mummy Road Show."

premiering Oct. 5 on the National Geographic Channel.

With the television crew and museum workers eating cheese steaks a few feet away, the blackened mummy slowly passed through a portable CT scanner in a Mutter side room filled with large oil portraits of long-dead Philadelphia physicians.

The Mutter was founded in 1849 by the Philadelphia College of Physicians, which still operates it. Its exhibits include malformed skeletons, a 27-foot-long human colon and a plaster cast of the famous Siamese twins, Chang and Eng.

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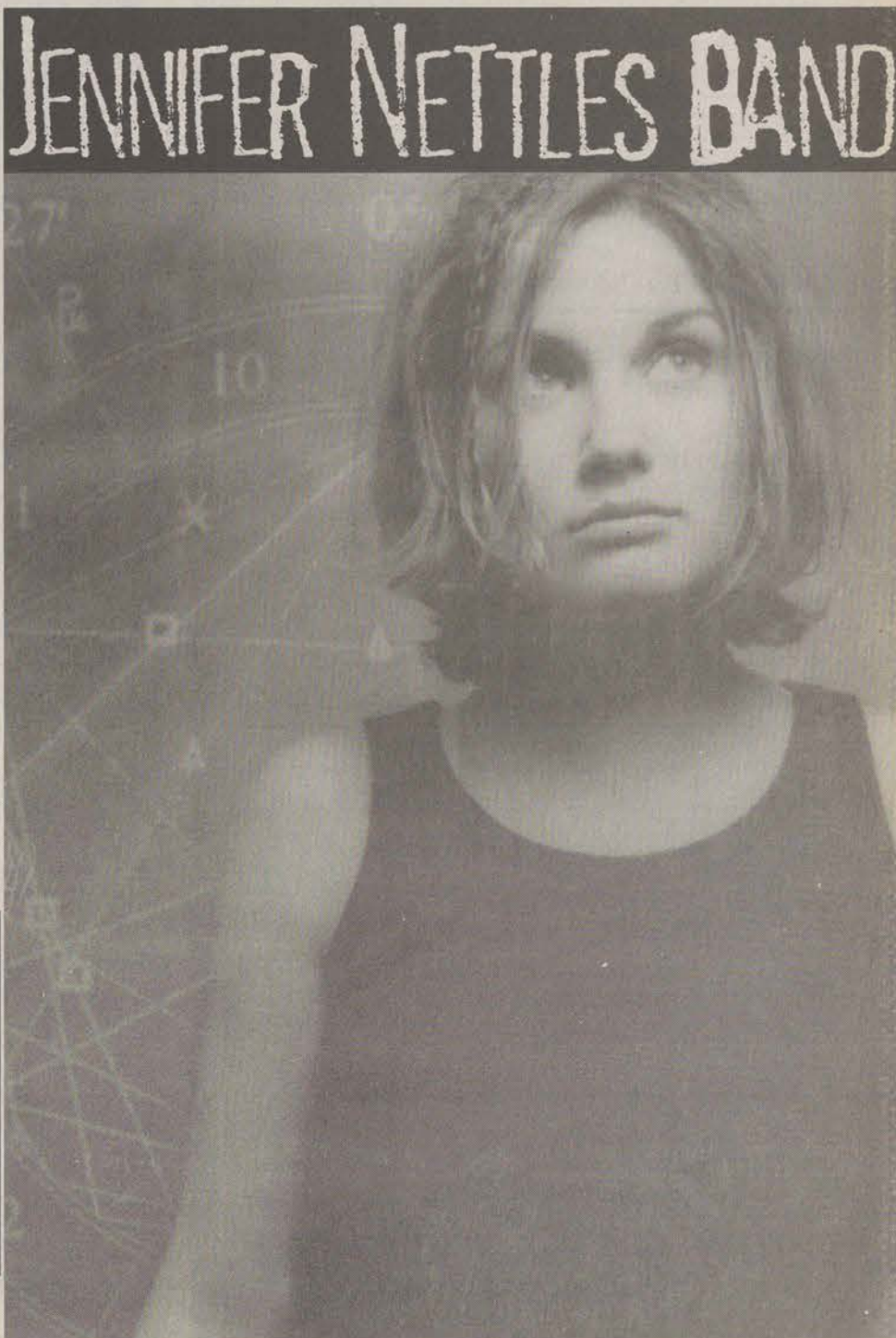
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OUR OPINION

1000 Cranes for Peace gives international students a chance to show they care

At 1,000 Cranes for Peace, held this past Friday, gave the chance for international students to get together with students, faculty and staff and share a common goal — the hope of peace in our world.

In fact, students, faculty and staff made almost 1,500 origami cranes. According to legend, folding 1,000 cranes will grant the folder's wish. We hope the legend is true.

The significance of such an event here at GSU gave the campus a sense of unity. Working together to create the small paper birds seems like a small act, but it's anything but—it echoes the strides made among the international community as a whole to show sympathy and support to the U.S. after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The cranes also look pretty hanging up in the Union.

The sentiment expressed by the Center for International Studies' project fulfills their wish to express the same sentiment on the monument to Sasako Sasaki in Japan's Hiroshima Peace Park: "This is our cry. This is our prayer; peace in the world."

In the wake of the recent WTC and Pentagon attacks, it is important for Americans to show their support and patriotism. For international students at GSU, 1000 Cranes for Peace gave the chance to show that they too care.

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I was sitting in my room thinking one day, like I often find myself doing, when I realized what I need in order to succeed in life. I came to the conclusion that I needed a personal mascot. That's right I need my very own David mascot. Someone dressed in a fun mascot outfit and goes places and has fun with the people before I get there.

I am not asking for a guy in a suit that is so outlandish that he has

to take a break every fifteen minutes or has to have an air conditioner in the suit with him. That would be ridiculous and he would not be able to do the things that I would be paying him to do. I want a guy or girl that has on funny shoes, a big red bow tie and wears a bigger mascotish version of my head. A face that is giving the iYou know you love me face. People like to see those faces, it gives them that feeling of security and trust.

The hard part about having my mascot is how would I want him to act? Do I want him to run around with a megaphone yelling at people, or would I want him to act like the famous San Diego Chicken? You know, the one that went around teasing the umpires and the players of the opposing teams and then run away when the victim got mad and decided that the joke is over. I think that would be

the best way for my mascot to act.

The way that I would train him is by sitting him down and making him watch all of the old footage of the San Diego Chicken. I would order every tape that I saw on an infomercial and have it rush delivered so that the intensive

DO I WANT HIM TO RUN AROUND WITH A MEGAPHONE YELLING AT PEOPLE, OR WOULD I WANT HIM TO ACT LIKE THE FAMOUS SAN DIEGO CHICKEN?

training could begin as soon as possible. I would make sure that the mascot went to places before I got there and messed with people that were already there. He could mess up people's hair, mimic and mock them, and even try and play fight with them and act like he was kicking dirt on their shoes.

Imagine how funny it would be, you and your lunch bunch are eating

at Chic-fil-a when out of nowhere my mascot comes running through the Union and starts playing around with people. You would not be able to finish your lunch because of how hard you would be laughing. And if that's not enough, imagine how excited you would be to see

me when I come in just as my mascot is leaving. I can see it now, everyone smiles as they are looking at me and then everyone, and I mean everyone stands and starts to chant iDavid! David! David! That would be beautiful.

But that draws another question to mind, who is going to be my mascot? Do I choose a friend to do the job or do I have open auditions for the many that would be interested in being my mascot. I think that it would be for the best if

I chose a stranger. A buddy would have the idea in their head that because they are my friend they get special privileges. I am sorry but that is not an option, being the mascot for me is something important, it is up there with being a member of the secret service.

So in the future when you and your lunch bunch are sitting there having the same boring conversation you had three days ago and you hear someone yell as they come into the Union, don't be surprised if it's not a fellow student, but the mascot for David Brenneman. And when that day comes, you will see just how important it is for the guy in the suit to be my personal mascot.

So pay attention to the bulletin boards around campus, friends. Who knows, you just might have what it takes to be the official David mascot.

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The whole thing is almost Orwellian

JAKE HALLMAN



It's almost Orwellian, if you think about it. As a matter of fact, Orwell himself wrote "if language can corrupt thought, thought can corrupt language."

The Reuters news agency (that supplies CNN with material, as well as thousands of newspapers across the globe) has announced that it will no longer use the word "terrorist," since it has pejorative

connotations.

Pejorative? When someone flies a plane into a stock-up skyscraper, there's no way a simple word could cast more aspersions on their character. It's editorial decisions like this that give "journalist" pejorative connotations.

Instead of "terrorist," Reuters will use "gunman," "bomber," or other descriptive terms. Granted, in describing events that have already taken place this will work just fine, but what about suspects? No one knows what they're planning to do, but whatever it is, it involves a terroristic attack. Why not use "terrorist," then?

And here I was, bemoaning that "differently-abled" was PC-speak gone amok. It's back to basic Orwell: if there's no word for a concept, how can one understand the concept? For example, try explaining the difference between a "house" and a "home" to someone in Italian. You can't do it. Their language has no way to differentiate between the two.

Linguistic revisionism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks goes hand-in-hand with a kind of historical revisionism that I've seen in the media since the incidents.

I went to see "Zoolander" this weekend. Mostly set in New York, the movie has a few sweeping

exterior shots of the city skyline. No World Trade Center. They've pulled the stellar Spiderman trailer with a helicopter webbed up between the towers.

References to the WTC are being pulled, deleted, rewritten and digitally erased with abandon, all in the name of not offending anyone's delicate sensibilities.

SHAME HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A POWERFUL FORCE IN SHAPING AMERICA.

I even read a quote from a writer working on a book about turn-of-the-century New York who groused that she had to change her book in light of the attacks. The WTC wasn't even built until seventy years into the century.

I disagree with the push to remove the WTC. Why shouldn't we remember the buildings? To pretend they're not there is an insult to those who died and were injured in the attacks and subsequent rescue efforts.

I've yet to hear of anything being modified by the Pentagon attack. Of course, that story (and the 900 or so people who died) is strictly page 8A material now, to paraphrase *The Onion*.

It's as if the attacks were such an affront on our sense of national honor that we must erase our embarrassment by removing the

WTC from history. How could someone do this to us, the United States of America? To be strong, we have to get rid of our shame.

To be strong, we have to make sure that the attacks never happened. We can't have anything to remind us of them. Remove the WTC from everything it appeared in. Find the terrorists and kill them.

All of them. Beyond that, don't bother putting up a memorial—rebuild the towers, just as they were before. Just

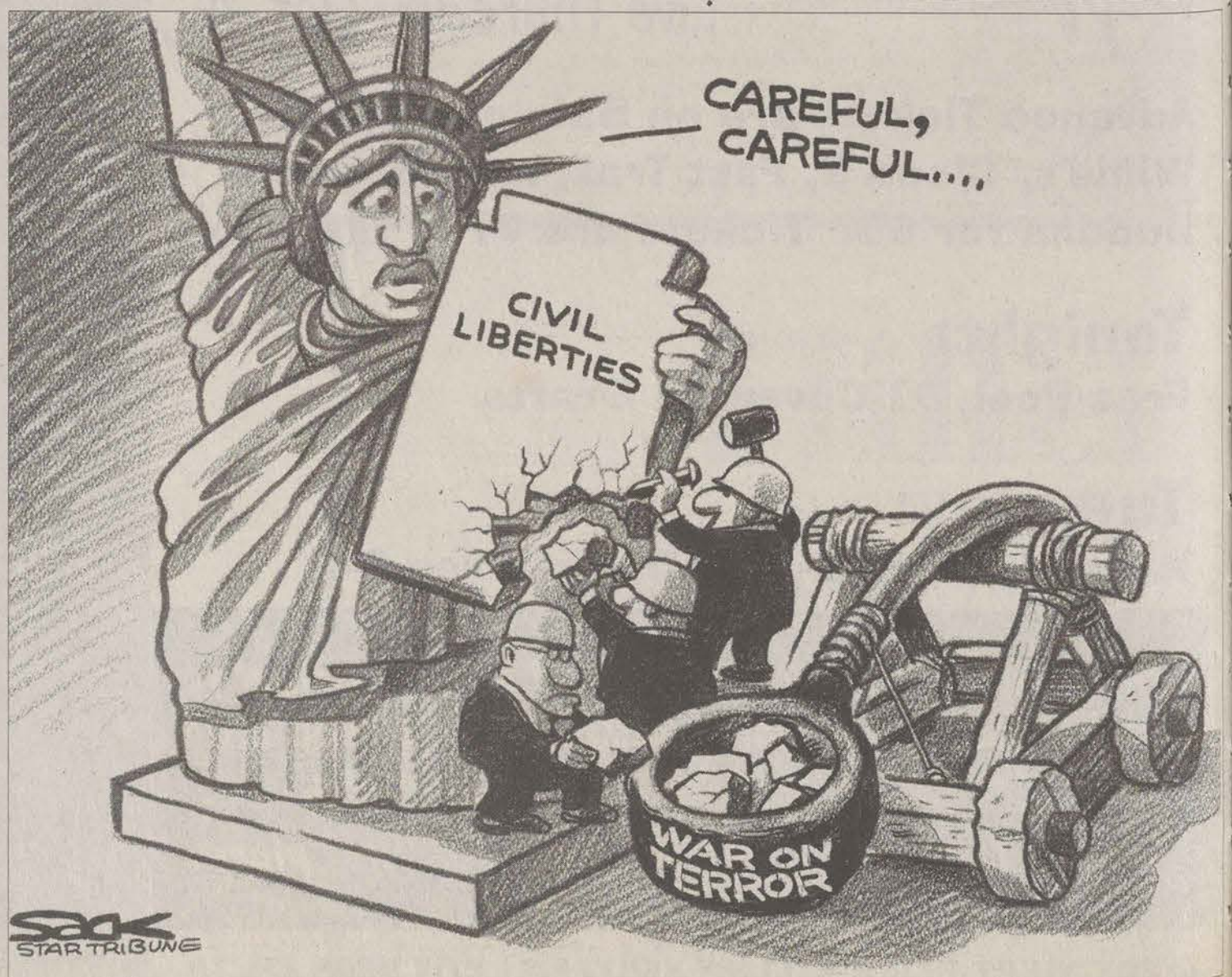
don't remind us of that terrible day that we were shamed into knowing that we, as Americans, aren't necessarily the big dogs on the world stage.

Wrong. Shame has

historically been a powerful force in shaping America. Think of how our feelings over tolerating civil rights abuses have led us to champion civil rights across the globe (sometimes in China, even). What about how feelings of shame over how we treated Vietnam vets have led to absolute veneration of armed forces members after they come home?

Leave the WTC in the movies. Leave it on the Spiderman movie poster. Don't honor the evil, but don't trivialize it, either. The attacks happened, and we can't change that. What we can change, however, is the way we deal with their aftermath. We don't have to forgive, but we must remember.

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AIRLINER, FROM PAGE 1

Cabinet secretaries would fly Friday aboard U.S. airlines, in a largely symbolic demonstration of faith in the system.

Still, as he outlined the new security procedures, it became increasingly clear that in almost every regard, patience would be required in the war against terrorism in general and bin Laden in particular.

For days, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other administration figures have been downplaying the possibility of imminent military action. On Thursday, Bush acknowledged that his air security enhancements also would require some time.

"Others will become impatient, but not this great nation," he said. "We will stand firm and stand strong until we have achieved our mission."

Later, he stopped for lunch at the Norwood diner in northwest Chicago. He told the staff that he likes his cheeseburger "medium." He hugged some of the customers.

Then, the president showed the patrons badge No. 1012 of the Port Authority Police Department. It was given to him by the mother of George Howard, an officer who died in the World Trade Center and Bush now carries it with him every day.

The lunchtime customers saw this silver shield, and they spontaneously started singing "God Bless America."

In other developments:

- A measure of good news - though the term barely applied - came from New York, where Mayor Rudolph Giuliani revised downward the number of missing and presumed dead at the trade center.

He said that solemn roster now included 5,960 people and might go lower as officials continue to weed

out names that had been double-counted. Though still shocking, that reduced by at least 1,000 the previous number of missing.

- The Taliban's ambassador in Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, indicated for the first time in days that Afghanistan's leaders knew where bin Laden could be found - or at least how to contact him.

"Osama has now received the (clerics') recommendations" that he depart Afghanistan, said Abdul Salam Zaeef.

A planeload of Islamic clerics was scheduled to leave Pakistan on Friday, headed for Kandahar in southern Afghanistan to speak with bin Laden. Taliban and Pakistan officials said that the clerics would try to persuade bin Laden to leave Afghanistan to stand trial in another Islamic country.

• At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld an-

nounced that military personnel killed or wounded in the terrorist attacks would receive the Purple Heart, a combat decoration.

He also announced that a new civilian decoration, the Defense of Freedom Medal, would be awarded to non-military employees of the Defense Department who were victims of the attacks.

The civilian medal, Rumsfeld said, is "a recognition that the world has changed and we can no longer be certain of future wars being waged safely in their regions of origin."

- Attorney General John Ashcroft released photographs of the 19 suspected hijackers and asked Americans to contact authorities if they had seen any of the men before Sept. 11. He called it part of "a national neighborhood watch."

Also on the criminal investigation front, FBI Director Robert Mueller said he believes that Wednesday's arrests of people allegedly involved in fraudulently obtaining commercial licenses to carry hazardous materials were not related to the hijackings.

- Jesse Jackson said he was considering an invitation from the Taliban to take a "peace delegation" to Pakistan. The White House, which has called its demands non-negotiable, urged him not to go, and the Taliban said the offer originated with Jackson.

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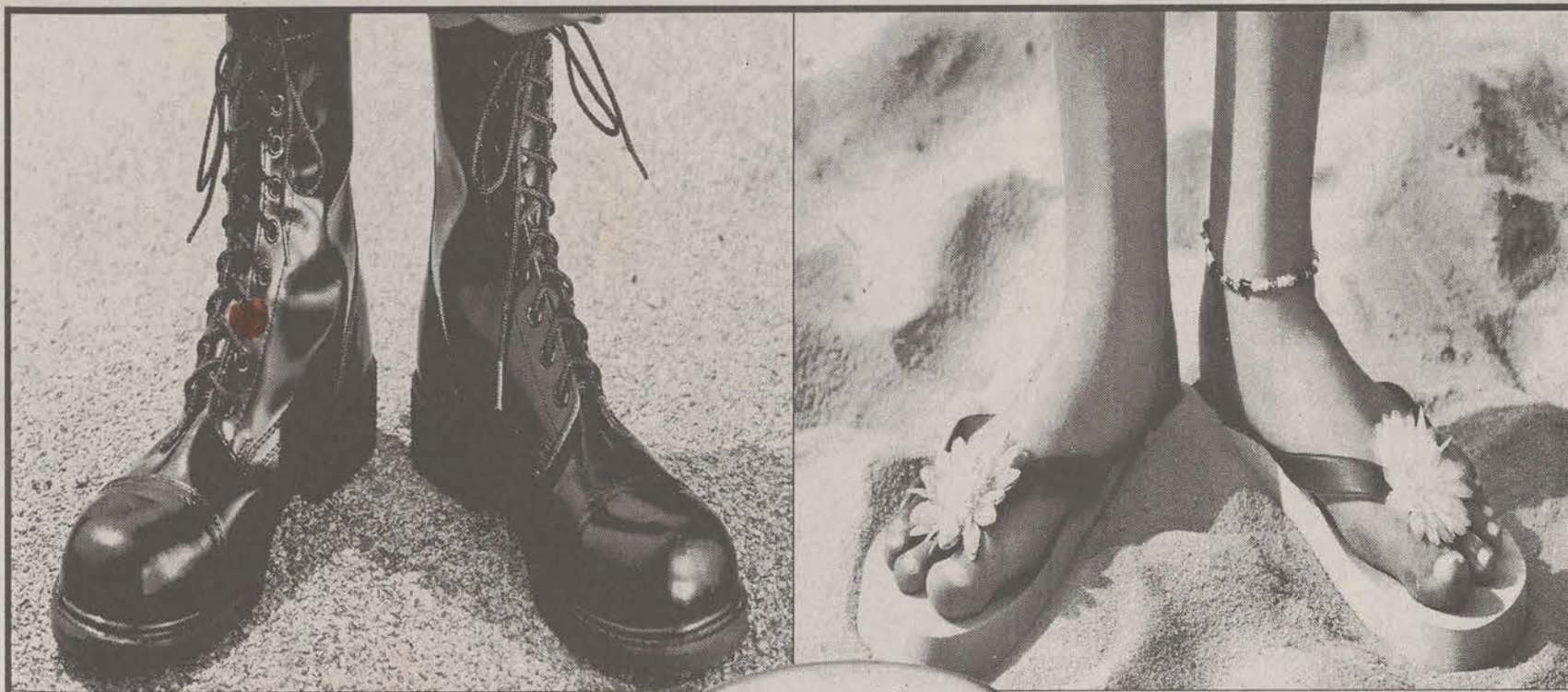
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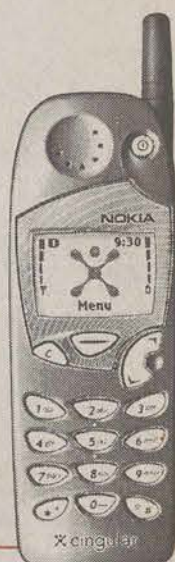


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Apologizing for the win, Johnson leads Eagles to 31-14 win over VMI

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LEXINGTON, Va.— Paul Johnson walked out of the locker room and down the dark tunnel leading from the Virginia Military Institute grandstands.

The head coach had just addressed his team and was on his way to give a postgame radio interview. As he was walking, Johnson turned to reporters grouped outside the Georgia Southern locker room.

"I told you we weren't that good," he said.

The standards are so high at GSU that even a win can be criticized. That was the case on Saturday as the Eagles took a lackluster 31-14 victory over VMI.

"I hope we can play better," Johnson said. "But we're 4-0 and we are apologizing for winning 31-14. I guess there's something good about that."

The Eagles' domination of the first three games of the season had something they were unstoppable, especially against a winless VMI squad.

But the Keydets proved to be a formidable foe.

"They came out strong and it

started early," Adrian Peterson said. The GSU fullback said VMI came out in a different defensive front but it should not have been a problem.

"We had some misfortunes—fumbles, penalties, big runs called back," Peterson said.

GSU struggled from the start. The Eagles were twice forced to punt and threw an interception in the first quarter.

But Peterson put GSU on the board first, running in from 21 yards out.

The senior was the only offensive weapon working on Saturday, finishing with 175 yards and three touchdowns.

"AP played well," Johnson said. "He broke a lot of tackles."

Along with VMI players' attempts to bring him down, Peterson took another step in breaking another record. His 100-yard performance was his 35th regular season rushing game over the century mark, tying the NCAA all-divisions record.

Peterson tied the record set last season by R.J. Bowers of Division III Grove City College.

"It feels good," Peterson said. "It's another stepping stone for me."

After a 25-yard Scott Shelton field goal, Peterson struck again. His 15-yard run capped an eight-play, 60-yard drive that finished the first half scoring.

In the second half, VMI put their first ever points on the board against GSU in Lexington. Kevin Solomon's mid-third quarter run from

five yards out broke a string of four straight shutouts.

Peterson and J.R. Revere finished the GSU scoring with seven and five yard runs, respectively.

The Keydets scored again on a one-yard Gene Cauthen run to finish the scoring.

A week after breaking through, Revere had another tough day passing, completing five-of-14 passes for 125 yards.

Johnson was disappointed in his team's overall play, but particularly the offensive line. Left tackle James McCoy missed his second straight game with staph infection and was replaced by Nick Heuman.

Unlike the past few weeks, the offensive line looked confused at the look from the VMI defense. GSU gained a season-low 304 rushing yards.

Johnson said the Keydets brought up a safety and hid him in behind a linebacker.

"Our offensive line struggled," Johnson said. "We had guys flying everywhere. We would ask [the offensive linemen] on the sidelines who they were blocking and they didn't know."

Johnson said the scheme VMI used should not have been hard to figure out. "I drew the same thing up in the hotel [before the game]," he said. "We knew what they would do."



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UNSATISFYING WIN: The Eagles defeated VMI 31-14 in Lexington, yet failed to meet the standard that they had set for themselves.

UNC-Greensboro defeats GSU men's soccer 9-1



Jill Burnham/STAFF

EAGLES SUFFER DEFEAT: The Eagles fell to UNCG on the road 9-1 Saturday. The Eagles current record is 1-1 in the Southern Conference and 3-5 overall.

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Greensboro, NC — Alejandro Moreno scored three goals to lead UNCG to a 9-1 victory over Georgia Southern on Saturday night at UNCG Soccer Stadium in front of 2,011 fans.

The Spartans (3-3, 2-1 SoCon) took control of the game early when James Goodman scored on a double assist from Moreno and Svafnir Gislason. The goal was Goodman's first in his collegiate career. Moreno then scored the Spartan's next two goals off assists from Goodman and Chris Goos, including a spectacular diving header inside the six yard box.

Goodman then scored his second goal of the evening, and his career off one of three assists on the evening from Keith Rice. Rounding out the scoring on the evening for the Spartans were Goos, Kenny Bundy, Mike Hemphill (Sr./Asheville, NC), Jamie Carlson and Moreno one more time. Carlson's goal was also the his first of his career.

Georgia Southern's lone goal on the evening came at the 77:19 mark when Martin Cunningham scored his second goal of the season off an assist from Jeff Russell.

The Eagles return to action on Wednesday at Eagle Field as they host Southern Conference rival College of Charleston.

Lady Eagles record two more wins

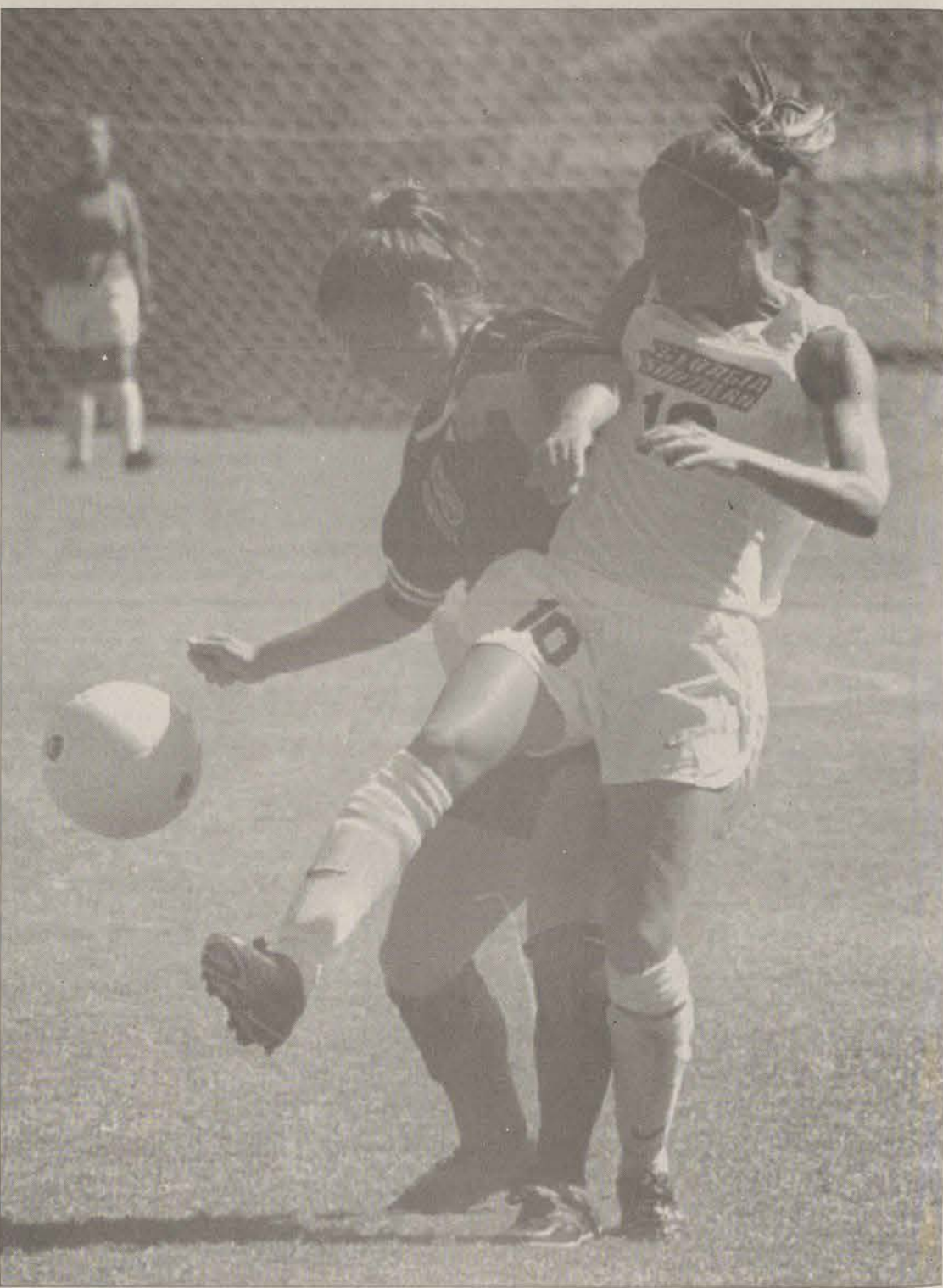
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The Georgia Southern women's soccer team continued their recent winning ways over the weekend, nabbing a pair of conference victories by identical 1-0 scores over Western Carolina and Chattanooga.

On Friday afternoon, the Eagles battled past the Catamounts of Western Carolina, thanks to freshman striker Katy Znosko's strike eight minutes and fifteen seconds into the first period. Jackie Kinsey remained the team's points leader on the season, as she notched her fourth assist and eighth overall point. Georgia Southern outshot the Catamounts 11-6; Eagle goalkeeper Tanya Woehr was only forced to make two saves on the afternoon, as the Eagle defense made a terrific showing.

On Sunday afternoon, the Eagles took on the Mocs of Chattanooga, who had only one win on the season coming into the contest; the affair was nearly a repeat of the teams' previous outing, as the Eagles again held their opposition scoreless, while Znosko again provided the day's only scoring, knocking in a feed from Genevieve Ward three minutes and thirty-six seconds into the second period. Tanya Woehr earned her third straight shutout in-goal, with six saves on the day. GSU outshot UTC 18-11. Late in the contest, GSU senior striker Dayna Passarella was carried off the field with a knee injury; the extent of her injury wasn't known immediately after the game.

With the two wins, the Lady Eagles ran their current unbeaten streak to five games (4 wins and 1 tie) and remained unbeaten in Southern Conference play at 3-0-1. The Eagles (5-3-1 overall) have gotten just plain stingy lately; the team has



Lindsay Wise/STAFF

GAINING GROUND: Jackie Kinsey helped lead the GSU Lady Eagles Soccer team to two more victories this weekend. The Eagles defeated Western Carolina Friday 1-0 and UT-Chattanooga on Sunday 1-0. The Eagles current record is 3-0-1 in the Southern Conference and 5-3-1 overall.

given up 2 goals over the last five games, shutting out 4 of its last 5 opponents in the process. The offense, by contrast, hasn't

been much to look at lately, with only Znosko's 2 goals to show in the last three games.

The Lady Eagles return to ac-

tion this Friday afternoon with a nonconference contest in Atlanta against the Georgia State Panthers.

Georgia Southern Cross Country Sets Personal Bests at Auburn

G-A News Service

Auburn, Ala. - The Georgia Southern cross-country team placed 22nd at the Auburn Bank Invitational on Saturday, posting several personal bests.

Freshman Lindsey Nye led the team for the third consecutive meet with a time of 18:56. Nye averaged a 6:21 mile time. Victoria Gill of Florida State won the meet with a time of 16:18. Baylor University took the team

title.

"This was one of our best meets in three or four years," said head coach Todd Lane. "All of our runners finished well, and they all set personal bests."

GSU freshman Jessica Tyre finished her first 5K as an Eagle in 19:44, while another GSU newcomer, Samantha Currie, completed the course in 20:47.

Junior Mary Rebok set a new personal best time of 19:52, as did sophomore Melissa Reyes at 20:09. Georgia Southern returns to action next Saturday at The Citadel Invitational.

Martin becomes first woman to play and score in a Division I football game

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SAN JOSE - It was not done in the name of womanhood. It was not about making history. Or breaking down gender barriers. Or fulfilling a dream. It was about kicking an extra point. Wasn't that what Ashley Martin was supposed to do? See ball, kick ball. More like: See ball, kick ball, enter record book.

On Aug. 29, Martin became the first woman to play (and score) in a Division I game when she kicked three extra points in Jacksonville (Ala.) State's 72-10 victory over Cumberland in a Division I-AA

game.

Martin's first kick prompted a standing ovation, and she thrust a fist into the air as she jogged to the sideline. After the game, teammates chanted "Ashley! Ashley!" and she received the game ball.

She slept for two hours, appeared on "Good Morning, America," then hopped a plane to Southwest Missouri State, where she joined Jacksonville State's women's soccer team.

Although Martin, a sophomore, is featured on a team T-shirt with the logo "Battle of the Sexes," she did

not consider herself a groundbreaker.

"That's not what it's about at all," she told reporters before the game. "That would be like I'm making a statement, and that's not the case. I've got a job to do, and that's what I'm focused on."

Martin joined the Gamecocks out of necessity: They had just one kicker on the roster, Steven Lee, and he was a transfer.

But an assistant coach knew Martin had kicked for East Coweta High in Sharpsburg, Ga. (She was selected homecoming queen and reportedly accepted the crown in

her football uniform.) So the Gamecocks invited her to training camp. She made 20 of 22 point-after attempts against a live rush.

The NCAA doesn't keep such records, but according to the Associated Press, the only other woman to score in a college game is Liz Heaston, who kicked two extra points in 1997 for then-NAIA Willamette University in Salem, Ore.

The first woman to suit up for a college game was Louisville's Kathy Klop, in 1995, but she never played.

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productivity by the end of August, according to market-research firm Computer Economics.

"The thing with Code Red was, updating your anti-virus software had no effect on it," said Chris Klaus, founder and chief technical officer for Internet Security Systems, an Atlanta-based firm that manages corporate security.

Other worms endure, too. The infamous SirCam, though detectable by anti-virus software, shows little sign of abating since its discovery in July. SirCam had infected 2.3 million ordinary PCs and caused \$1 billion in damages by the end of August, according to Computer Economics.

Computer viruses of any kind are worrisome because they can wreak all sorts of havoc, from deleting critical computer files and scrambling PC settings to furiously spreading themselves until computer networks or Web sites are overwhelmed with unwanted traffic.

A worm, by one definition, is a virus that replicates and propagates itself via computer disks and memory as well as networks and the Internet. Though worms may cause little direct damage as they spread, they can carry harmful payloads - much as a missile carries a bomb.

Many worms, such as SirCam, arrive attached to an e-mail and need to be triggered by the recipient. Such "codependent" worms, including Love Bug and AnnaKournikova, often entice potential victims with promises of romance or nude pictures, causing recipients to rashly open the attachments that trigger the problem.

But Code Red needs no human trigger. Such a "loner" worm traverses the Net looking for a specific vulnerability in a software program. Upon finding such a "hole," it burrows into a computer and often uses it as a launching pad for further mischief.

The solution is to "patch" the hole that lets the worm in. Microsoft has released a software patch for Code Red, but many companies have neglected to install it.

Worms have been around the Net since the late 1980s, when a college freshman named Robert Morris un-

leashed the so-called Cornell Internet Worm or Morris Worm and overloaded thousands of Internet servers. Since then, hackers have written a variety of worms but rarely caused widespread damage.

Code Red is a prominent exception, partly because it effectively targets Microsoft's industry-dominant Windows operating system. It specifically attacks corporate computers that run the Windows NT or 2000 operating systems along with a certain kind of Microsoft Web-server software.

This has made it a headache for network administrators but an inconvenience for most home-PC users, who typically use different flavors of Windows such as Windows 98. While Code Red inconvenienced some consumers by disabling their high-speed DSL modems, which it mistook for corporate servers, most regular folks remained blissfully immune.

But home users may be more vulnerable the next time, experts warn, because a future worm may target consumer computers via the Web, file-transfer and instant-messaging services that are booming in popularity. Hundreds of holes are potentially ready to be exploited by malicious hackers, they believe.

New operating systems being released by Microsoft and Apple all but guarantee that more worms will be crawling the Web. "You're going to see a race in the hacking community to come up with ways to exploit" Windows XP and Mac OS X, Klaus predicted.

And although creating a worm such as Code Red from scratch requires considerable programming skill, tweaking it to make a variant is relatively easy. "I'll be shocked if we don't see more worms by the end of the year," the security expert added.

The speed with which viruses spread is increasing, partly because the Internet has become so pervasive.

"What we're seeing today is a huge infection rate relative to years ago," says Keith Peer, CEO and president of Central Command, a security software company based in Medina, Ohio.

Code Red infected up to 300,000 computers in a 12-hour period, according to one published report. Malicious software now can infect up to half a

million computers in a single day, Peer says.

MessageLabs, a British anti-virus firm with U.S. offices in the Twin Cities, says it has seen a fivefold increase in the number of viruses trying to penetrate its security since January 2000.

The company, which specializes in intercepting e-mail-borne viruses on the Internet before they reach clients' computer networks, saw the presence of malicious codes increase from one in every 3,000 messages to one in every 400 messages even before Code Red was unleashed in July. The numbers rose to one virus for every 200 messages in August, says Andy Faris, president of the U.S. operations.

Potential victims remain vulnerable because they don't take appropriate precautions, experts say. If all computer users updated their anti-virus software regularly and immediately installed all security-related software patches as they became available, the spread of computer viruses would likely slow to a crawl. But that never happens.

"If everyone did these things, we wouldn't be in business," says Robert Stephens, founder and "chief inspector" of the Minneapolis-based Geek Squad, an emergency-tech-help firm with a growing roster of corporate clients.

Code Red isn't the only threat lying in wait. SirCam has been a major headache because of its ability to disguise itself.

This has made SirCam more of a danger than worms - such as Love Bug, AnnaKournikova and NakedWife - because those kinds of bugs are relatively easy to spot. Such worms carry essentially the same message and subject line as they propagate themselves via victims' e-mail address books.

But SirCam-carrying e-mails are harder to detect. Subject lines change because the virus chooses a file at random from an infected computer's My Documents folder, then uses a subject heading identical to the file name. This tack helps keep SirCam in circulation.

"I believe it will top all other viruses," Peer says, noting that it's been reported in 110 countries so far and continues to spread.

BARTELS, FROM PAGE 1

Charlie Norwood.

"Compounding the problem is the fact that the pipeline of new nurses is shrinking. Additionally, faculty shortages are reducing the capacity of the educational system to increase enrollments to offset current and future shortages."

Bartels was originally scheduled to testify before the committee on Sept. 11, but the hearing was postponed by the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington.

On the morning of the attacks, Bartels was in the capital and en route to a meeting with a Georgia Rep. Mac Collins when one of the hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon.

With the nation's airports closed as a security measure, Bartels re-

mained stranded in Washington until her husband drove up to meet her on the night of Sept. 12.

The specter of the terrorist attacks made the timing of the hearing on the nursing shortage even more appropriate.

"If ever an issue demonstrates the lifeblood connection between education and workforce, this is it," said Ohio Rep. John Boehner, the committee's chairman. "Nurses make up the backbone of our health care system."

"We watched dedicated nurses and other medical personnel

selflessly respond to the tragic events in New York City and at the Pentagon. If the nursing shortage facing our country was in serious condition (Sept. 11), its condition is criti-

cal today."

During this week's trip to Washington, Bartels spoke with Collins, Isakson, Norwood and Georgia Rep. Jack Kingston.

"I was able to have direct, one-on-one conversations with each of these legislators," Bartels said.

"All of them knew about Georgia Southern, they had knowledge of our nursing program and they were very excited about the work that is going on here."

For more information on the nursing shortage, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Web site at www.aacn.nche.edu or the House of Representatives Web site at www.house.gov.

LIBEL, FROM PAGE 1

Bolen and Ilena Rosenthal of San Diego, who posted a Bolen article and other material on the Web.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge James A. Richman on July 25 dismissed Rosenthal as a defendant in the case. Richman cited a section of the federal Communications Decency Act that states "no provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider."

"Rosenthal is not the publisher or speaker of Bolen's piece," Richman ruled. "Thus, she cannot be civilly liable for posting it on the Internet."

Local attorneys who work on Internet law and a Stanford University Internet law expert said Richman's ruling conflicts with the law.

"The Internet is not fair game for all statements with complete immunity for all people," said Bruce Fox, a partner in the Chicago law firm of Neal, Gerber and Eisenberg. "The ruling did seem to protect [Rosenthal] as if she was not providing that content. I would think she was providing it."

Gene Autrey, partner with the Chicago office of Kirkland and Ellis, called Richman's decision "a liberal reading of the statute [that] is at odds with typical defamation law in this context," which was set up to protect service providers who unknowingly transmit libelous or defamatory material.

Attorney Jennifer Granick, director of Stanford University's Law and Technology Clinic in the university's Center for Internet and Society, said courts have upheld the concept that Internet service providers who provide the facilities on which someone has posted potentially libelous material cannot be held accountable for libel.



HOPING FOR PEACE: Friday the Center for International studies sponsored "1000 Cranes for Peace" in the Russell Union. 1,500 origami cranes made by faculty, staff and students at last week's International Coffee Hour were dedicated as a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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'Zoolander' is a mindless, funny movie

Associated Press

NEW YORK—From the commercials, "Zoolander" looks like one of those movies based on a "Saturday Night Live" character, stretched agonizingly from a three-minute sketch to a full-length feature.

Male supermodel Derek Zoolander easily could have been just another Mary Katherine Gallagher from "Superstar," Leon Phelps from "The Ladies Man," or worse—Pat.

But Ben Stiller—as star, director and co-writer—is so likable and consistently inventive, the act never grows tiresome. Even Will Ferrell—who's normally annoying (and a frequent cast member of those unfortunate movies based on "SNL" sketches)—is funny here as a flamboyant designer named Mugatu who manipulates Zoolander for his own dastardly scheme.

And as Zoolander's up-and-coming male modeling rival, Hansel, Owen Wilson again manages to make scene stealing look effortless.

Modeling has been lampooned countless times before; it's a shallow industry, we've established that. But Stiller's take on the fashion world is so goofy and energetic and over-the-top, he breathes life into the subject.

The movie is firmly rooted in reality, though—if that's possible in this business—with cameos from designers Tom Ford and Tommy Hilfiger and models including Claudia Schiffer, Heidi Klum and Tyson

Beckford. Derek Zoolander himself is a character Stiller created for a sketch for the 1996 VH1/Vogue Fashion Awards.

"Zoolander" also requires a hefty knowledge of celebrities and pop culture to enjoy the tiny details, otherwise appearances from 'N Sync's Lance Bass, Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst and hotel heiress Paris Hilton, among others, will be meaningless.

Even if those references fly by you, there's plenty more to laugh at, includ-



Special Photo

RELAX: Mr. Zoolander, played by Ben Stiller, is chosen to be the face of Mugatu's new urban line of clothes, "Derelict."

ing a "walk-off" to determine the ultimate male model in which Zoolander and Hansel try to one-up each other, strutting down the runway to Michael Jackson's "Beat It."

An awards show montage of magazine covers, photo shoots and commercials from Zoolander and Hansel's careers is hysterically dead-on, as is the "homeless chic" look of Mugatu's latest fashion line.

"Derelict"—though its dresses made of trash bags and cardboard boxes aren't far from what appears on the runways at couture shows.

"Zoolander" also works because it maintains a consistent tone throughout. Unlike other broad, silly comedies of recent years, it doesn't try to gross us out, then turn abruptly and give us a hug.

There was some concern over releasing this movie so soon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because the plot includes the planned assassination of the prime minister of Malaysia. But that element of the movie is so minor, even calling it part of the plot gives it too much credit.

Really, there is no plot. "Zoolander" is basically a series of incredibly funny situations highlighting the ridiculousness of the fashion industry, strung together by

the uptight Time magazine reporter (Stiller's wife, Christine Taylor) who's writing about it.

It is jarring, though, to see the Manhattan skyline without the twin towers of the World Trade Center, which apparently were erased from the finished print after the attacks.

A scene in which Zoolander gives the eulogy at a funeral for his male model roommates, who die in a gasoline explosion inexplicably played for laughs, also strikes an awkward note, especially with the New York City skyscrapers gleaming behind the cemetery.

Many other moments redeem the movie though, especially the ones with Wilson. All he has to do is show up in a scene to make it better, and he more than holds his own, as he did opposite Stiller and Robert De Niro in last year's "Meet the Parents" and with Jackie Chan in "Shanghai Noon."

His mountain-climbing, extreme-sport-playing, acid-dropping Hansel takes himself so seriously, yet is so cluelessly lovable, you'd want to hang out with him and his posse of sundry freaks, which include multi-pierced skateboarders, Finnish midgets and a sherpa—of course.

'Hearts in Atlantis' touches the heart

Associated Press

"Hearts in Atlantis" amasses a team of major moviemaking power for a personal, intimate story.

Director Scott Hicks, nominated for an Academy Award for "Shine," creates a golden, glowing mood that's consistent and complete throughout this small coming-of-age story.

The screenplay from William Goldman, an Oscar winner for "All the President's Men" and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," is, as you would expect, crisp, honest and human.

And Anthony Hopkins, as a wanderer who rents a room in the house where a boy lives with his widowed mother, has crafted a textured, fascinating figure.

The film is beautiful and poignant, but deliberately paced and with no real surprises. If you've seen the ads, you know the players and you know Stephen King, you'll know exactly what you're getting when you walk into this.

"Hearts in Atlantis" is the latest adaptation of a King story, but it's a hybrid of two earlier films based on the author's works.

It has the melancholy childhood memories of "Stand By Me" crossed with the mysterious psychic stranger of "The Green Mile." But that's fine, because those are two of the strongest King adaptations.

The flashback structure recalls "Stand By Me," with a middle-aged narrator (David Morse) who returns to his hometown for the funeral of an old friend and reflects on his youth.

Bobby Garfield (played as a child by Anton Yelchin) recalls the sum-

mer of 1960, when he turned 11, and Ted Brautigan (Hopkins) became a new boarder at the house he shared with his mother (Hope Davis).

Bobby's dad died when he was 5, and he turns to Ted as a father figure. His two best friends, Carol (Mika Boorem) and Sully (Will Rothhaar),

him—men who wear wide-brimmed hats and dark clothes and drive flashy cars—and asks Bobby to watch out for them.

The movie is a little vague about the bad guys. Are they real? And what exactly do they want from him? It has something to do with his psychic abilities, but we never know.

No matter. The movie's really about the summer that Bobby grew up, and entire scenes look like they were lifted straight from "Stand by Me." Bobby and his friends spend their days frolicking in the woods with the golden sunlight streaming through the trees, and running along the railroad tracks.

The performances are uniformly excellent, especially from Davis as Bobby's conflicted, self-absorbed mother whose loss of innocence mirrors her son's. But the kids are the ones who steal the show.

It's astonishing that the filmmakers found child actors who are so smart and poised, so real, without an ounce of cloying precociousness.

Boorem is utterly charming as Carol, Bobby's neighbor with whom he experiences his first kiss. She also stood out earlier this year in the silly, convoluted "Along

Came a Spider" and as Mel Gibson's daughter last year in "The Patriot."

And Yelchin, who also appeared in "Along Came a Spider," holds his own magnificently with Hopkins. He brings to Bobby the perfect combination of goofy kid and blossoming adult. Watching him in the film's wistful final moments will send you from the theater feeling bittersweet.



Special Photo

KINDRED SPIRITS: Anthony Hopkins turns in a powerful performance as "Ted" in the latest Stephen King film adaptation "Hearts in Atlantis."

also take to him, spending long afternoons reading and playing games on the front porch.

Ted's a little sketchy about his background, but he has an amazing ability of knowing everything that goes on, and he always happens to be in the right place when Bobby and his friends are in danger. He also warns that some "low men" are after

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'Strangers in Paradise' is a soulful epic

•Terry Moore weaves a beautiful tale that is rarely seen in the pages of a comic book

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Strangers in Paradise (SiP), by Terry Moore, is the comic for people who don't read comics.

Just believe me, a normal person who is not a comic freak, when I say that SiP is the most true, touching story I have ever read. This includes books, magazines, and yes, a few comics. "But

beware: once you start, you're completely hooked. SiP will not only drain your wallet, but it will also affect your social life. Not only will you begin to appreciate your friends more, you will also realize how far you would be willing to go for one of them. Mark my words: you will love this series, no matter who you are.

SiP is centered around the bittersweet relationship between Francine and Katchoo. The time span of SiP jumps around quite a bit, from adulthood to high school to childhood back to adulthood, and so forth. Most of the story is seen through the vivid memories of Francine and Katchoo.

Anyone who has ever loved and lost can relate to this comic. The messages are absolutely overpowering. How would you feel if you loved someone else so much it just about killed you? Francine and Katchoo's relationship encounters a large number of obstacles, from arguments over pizza toppings and vacations to romance and deaths.

SiP has something for every reader. Although the comic's primary audience is composed of females, anyone can get hooked. While the trials of friendship is the major theme, SiP brings in elements of suspense in the form of Darcy Parker the Parker Girls. Darcy runs a "classy" prostitution establishment, and works on "using her money to get what she wants most of all: Katchoo, a former Parker girl.

Another appealing element to SiP is the humor. Freddie, Francine's ex-boyfriend, has a sick obsession with Francine, and Katchoo deals with it by regularly beating the crap out

of him. Also, Francine, who happens to be quite voluptuous, ends up in a condom commercial sporting too-tight clothes.

Moore succeeds enormously in capturing the nature of females (which is strange, because he is a male) and the strength that comes from true female closeness. In reading the series, one may get the impression that Katchoo and Francine are more than just friends, but the beauty of it is, nothing is ever shown or really told about that. The focus of the story is on the friendship, not the lust. Sex just isn't a big part of this series.

SiP furthers the notion that opposites attract. While Francine is a feminine, self-conscious and somewhat timid woman, Katchoo is just the opposite. She is masculine, overconfident, and can be overbearing. While the two friends are so different on the outside, they are alike in that they feel the same deep love for one another, and they are both willing to make huge sacrifices in order to ensure the other's happiness and safety.

Another character, David, surfaces frequently throughout the series. David is very different from both Katchoo and Francine. He is quiet, calm and very low-key. He is also deeply in love with Katchoo. This, among other things, leads to a great deal of conflict between Katchoo and Francine. The many hardships that the three friends encounter throughout the series lead them to learn a great deal of shocking information about Katchoo and David's pasts.

SiP covers many human grounds, from friendship and love to prostitution and money. SiP makes you reflect on what's really important in life. It is an addiction for the heart.

Do yourself a favor and pick up a copy today.

Tone Loc in the 'Boro

•Star of film, television and music gets funky

By Amanda Permenter
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Legends shook with the bass beats of old-school rap when Tone Loc took the stage last Thursday night.

Best known for the songs "Funky Cold Medina," and "Wild Thing," Tone Loc showed a house full of freak-dancing fans that he could still crank out the rhymes. The Legends DJ kept the crowd energized with all the usual dance and remix favorites until Tone Loc took the stage at midnight. Between his pulsing and rhythmic raps, Tone Loc busied himself with crowd interaction. After a free-style competition between a few audience members, the contest winner alternated a few hip-hop verses with the star of the stage. Ladies from the crowd were even lifted from the floor to dance with the musicians.

The concert set was short but satisfy-

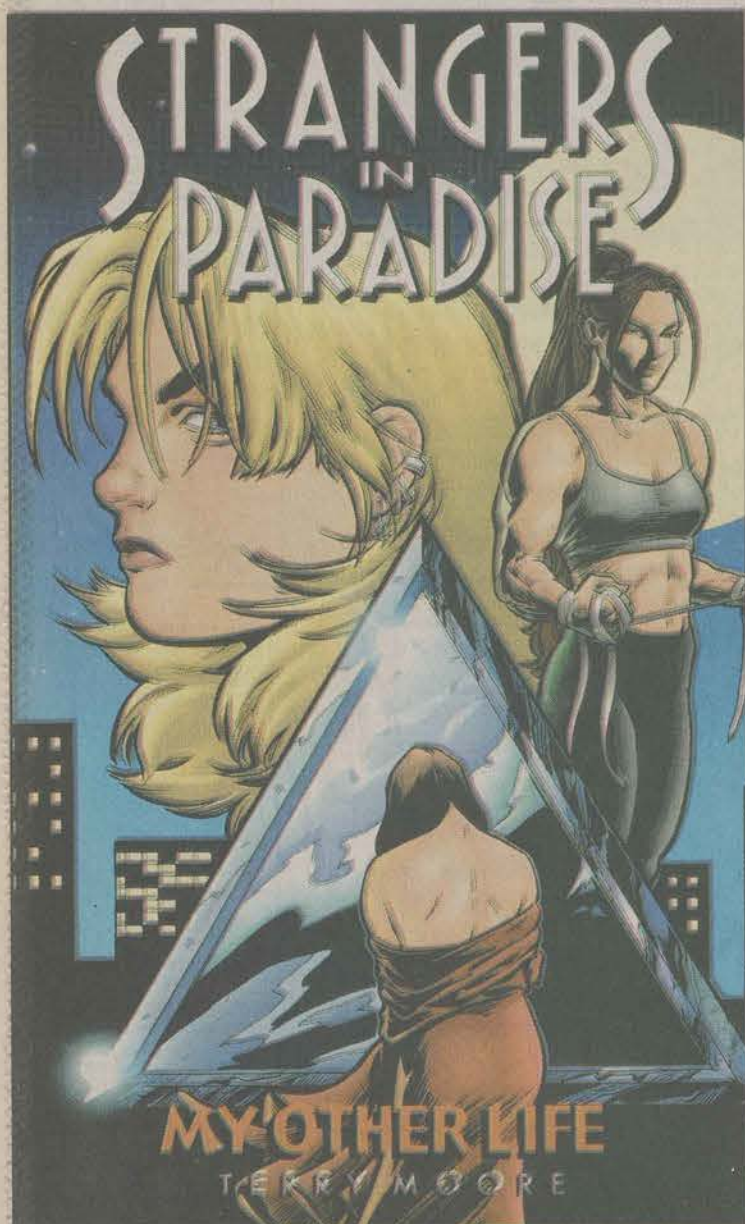
ing. The crowd, all but exhausted after a solid hour of dancing, thinned out shortly after the music stopped. However, some fans hung around to catch an autograph or bit of conversation from Tone Loc himself, who mingled in with the crowd following his performance.

Outside the entertainment world, Tone Loc is Anthony T. Smith, born in 1968. After a successful career as a rap artist in the eighties, he went on to portray the voices of many animated film and series characters. Magma, from the animated series "Aladdin," Pee Wee, from the movie "Bebe's Kids," and Goanna from "Ferngully: The Last Rain forest," are some of his vocal portrayals. His voice was most recently featured in "Titan A.E." as the character Tek. He also played small roles in the movies "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," and "Blank Check."



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DOIN' THE WILD THING: Ton Loc graced the stage of Legends last Thursday



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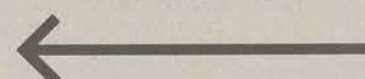
BITTERSWEET FRIENDSHIP: Terry Moore's 'Strangers in Paradise' is the story of the deep friendship between Francine and Katchoo. The first 40 issues have been collected in trade paper back form. SiP has been dubbed to 'comic for people that don't read comics.'

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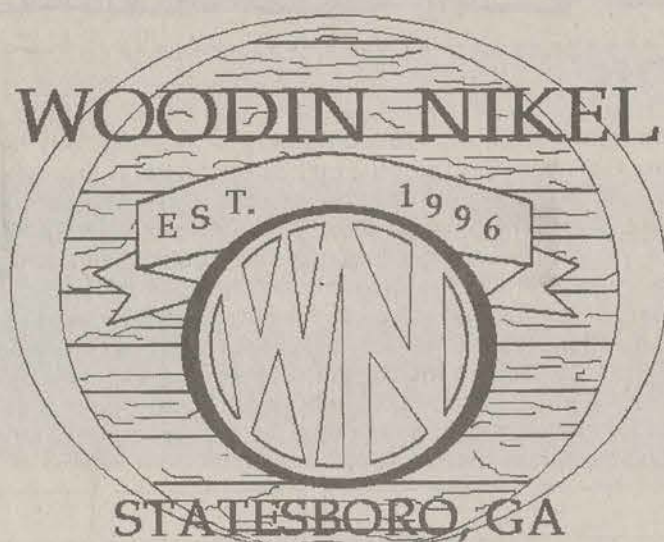
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