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ON THE INSIDE:

Covering the campus like a
swarm of gnats

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny
with a high of
84° F and a low
of 68° F.

Only in America

- A father chains his child to a bucket of dog food.
- Police are having difficulty finding a trailer carrying \$50,000 worth of Tootsie Rolls.
- The biggest rubber band ball is now located in South Carolina.

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Opinions

- Justin Johnson forsores the overtaking of our campus by squirrels.
- Chris Brenneman feels the first amendment is being stripped from us after the attacks.

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Sports

- The Eagles will be taking on Western Carolina at 1 p.m. tomorrow for the main Family Weekend event.
- Eagle men's soccer lost to the College of Charleston 2-1 Wednesday at Eagle Field.



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Southern
Events

PAULSON STADIUM

- GSU Football vs. WCU Family Weekend - 1 p.m.

CARTER RECITAL HALL

- Faculty Recital Series - Oct. 9, 8 p.m.

BIOLOGY LECTURE HALL

- "Controlling Delinquency in Young Elephants" - Dr. Slotow - Oct. 9, 11 a.m.

Slave story opens in Black Box

By Brandon Sparks
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In Splendid Error is playing to sold-out crowds this week at the Black Box Theater in the Comm Arts Building.

The play, written by William Branch, is a story of the struggles during the years before the Civil War. Professor Mical Whitaker, of the Theater Department, ran across the play twenty years ago. Mr. Whitaker, the director of the production, said that he "wanted a play that spoke to the aspirations of African American males that went against the trend of criminalization, inarticulation, and the inability to commit to a cause," that has labeled them for so long.

Due to the events that took place on September 11th, Whitaker had to make a decision regarding whether to cancel the show or continue going on with the production. He chose to continue the show. The production features a character of what many would label as a "madman," who would, and did, die for the cause that he believed in.

The production focuses on two of the most colorful figures in American History, Frederick Douglass and John Brown. Douglass is known for his autobiography and his speeches on the abolition of slavery. A former slave himself, Douglass was determined to free slaves, but in peaceful ways, such as his paper the Northern



Laura Cox/STAFF

'THE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES': 'In Splendid Error' Director Mical Whitaker chose the play for its positive meaning to African American men. The play focuses on Frederick Douglass, John Brown and the abolition of slavery.

Star.

Douglass is thought by many historians to be one of the first African American diplomats in the United States. Brown is known for his violence, and the battles that he fought,

most notably as a captain in the miniature civil war, Bloody Kansas, and the attack on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry Virginia.

The main plot of the play centered around the planning or the ef-

fects of the raid of Harper's Ferry. The play begins with the Reverend interviewing an escaped slave on the Underground Railroad before he

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Student died of natural causes

By Jake Hallman
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GSU junior Jeffrey Metheny, 20, died early Monday morning of heart failure.

According to Bulloch County Coroner Jake Futch, Metheny's death was due to an aortic rupture caused by Marfan Syndrome.

Police arrived at 12:20 a.m. to Metheny's Stateboro Place apartment after roommates found the Atlanta area native dead.

Marfan Syndrome is a heritable genetic condition that affects connective tissue affecting at least 25,000 people in the U.S., according to the National Institutes of Health. When the syndrome affects the heart, the aorta may become weakened and stretched, increasing the chance that it will tear or rupture.

There is currently no cure for Marfan Syndrome, but drugs, surgery and orthopedic measures can treat the disease.

GSU Housing helps Red Cross at GSU halftime

• Housing and R.A.'s raise over \$3,380

By Crystal Lipsey
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On Saturday, Oct. 22, members of the GSU Housing Department and R.A.'s helped to raise \$3,380.45.

All the money raised was given to the local Red Cross to add to other money collected for the Sept. 11 terrorist. The money was raised at Paulson Stadium during halftime of the GSU vs. Chattanooga game. Those donating to the relief

fund included fans, GSU faculty, staff, and students.

The money was collected by representatives from University Housing.

"I was super impressed," Jessica Garcia, a Kennedy Hall R.A. said.

"The students were really surprising. Since we get in free most students only bring their ID. cards to the game. When we asked them to donate students began scrounging down to the lint in their pockets."

Garcia said students gave what they could no matter how small.

"Some said they only had a quarter," she said. "All of them gave what they could find. It was great!"

Collectors scoured the stands passing buckets from hand to hand to receive the money. Some spectators were unintentionally asked for a donation more than once. Many of these people told collectors they had donated money previously, but gave again.

Disabled students find a home at Student Disability Resource Center

By Shana Bridges
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Handicapped. Retarded. All these misconceptions refer to students with disabilities. However, Wayne Akins, Director of the Student Disability Resource Center, and Pauline Cody, Assistant Director, want to eliminate these words from everyone's vocabulary.

Students with disabilities are often discriminated against by ignorant minds in society, but the SDRC is fighting to end those discriminations.

The SDRC is located in Hampton Hall on Knight Drive, across from Southern Splash. It currently provides services to about 300 students on campus with both physical and mental disabilities.

Those disabilities are divided up into eight categories, including students with Attention Deficit Disorder, which is the largest and fastest growing population on campus. Low arousal, impulsivity, distractibility, short attention span, difficulty concentrating, and poor moni-

toring are often characteristics of this disorder.

Students with ADD make up about 34 percent of the population of SDRC. Learning disorders are also treated at the SDRC. LD is a broad term and consists of many different disorders, but often, contrary to popular belief, a majority of the students that are diagnosed with LD are of

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Laura Cox/STAFF

DISABLED, BUT NOT INCAPABLE: The GSU Disabled Student Resource Center assists disabled students by preparing assignments, offering support and assuring students that each of them will receive an equal education. Above, a worker at the center scans books and transfers them to audio for blind students.

Professor's hobby for the birds

By Samantha N. Smith
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Marketing Professor Luther "Trey" Denton loves the wilderness so much that he has brought it right into his own back yard. Literally.

Denton has developed a love for something other than lesson plans and grading papers. He is a falconer. He became involved with falconry five years ago when he captured his own red-tailed hawk, Clark, in Statesboro. Now his entire family participates in the sport.

"My wife and son have all committed to being falconers and once my daughters reach the required age they will become falconers as well," he said.

Special enclosures, called mews, are kept at his home where birds are kept and allowed to thrive. In 12 by 16 foot shelters these birds of prey can fly around freely, bask in the sun and remain protected from other animals and the weather.

Denton enjoys how this activity gives his family a chance to spend more time together. They all share in the daily responsibilities of handling and caring for the birds, and Denton believes that this activity provides extra lessons for his children.

"Not only does this give them the opportunity to be outside observing one of nature's most beautiful creatures, but it also teaches them about responsibility, respect for the birds and their needs and gives them a better understanding of life and death," he said.

His wife, Wendy, also enjoys how participating in falconry benefits their family.



Special Photo

A LOVE FOR CREATURES OF FLIGHT: Luther "Trey" Denton became a falconer five years ago when he captured Clark, his own red-tailed hawk, right here in Statesboro.

"It promotes togetherness and gives the kids a chance to observe nature in a way that few people get to experience," she said.

As the assistant director at the GSU Raptor Center, what intrigued her the most about the birds was their unpredictable nature, their speed and excitement, and their bravery. Overall, "it's a lot of fun," she said.

Critics of the sport, such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), feel that any activity that keeps an animal out of its natural habitat in order to serve man is cruel. According to the North American Falconers Association Web site, strict rules and guidelines are maintained that provide regulations as to how the birds are kept and the requirements for becoming a falconer. Falconry is a sport that adheres to the same rules and seasons as general

hunting, and is one of the most regulated sports by federal and state laws.

In response to critics, Denton maintains the highest level of respect for the creatures. In his daily interaction with the birds, he does not hinder the birds in any way from leaving.

"We try to fly the birds every day, and they are free to leave at any time. They just return because they trust us and we are a dependable source of food for them," he said.

Other measures that Denton and his family take to ensure the safety and proper treatment of the birds are to only trap thriving, more common species of birds, and to only trap juvenile birds. This is done because only one-fourth of the birds living in the wild actually reach adulthood. So, according to Denton, this sport

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Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

October 2

• James Duncan reported his book bag was taken from the rear of his pickup in the Dorman Hall parking lot.

October 3

• Toni Popovic, 19, was charged with a minor possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Errol Lee Wilkerson, 22, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and failure to maintain lane.

October 4

• Stephen Vives reported an Apple

laptop was missing from the Biology Building.

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.

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

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sends him to Canada for freedom. Once Douglass and Brown enter, you see them first exchange polite conversation, then begin to talk about the battles that Brown had been fighting in Kansas. Before too long, the characters begin to discuss a plan to free vast numbers of slaves by using the Appalachian Mountains as a road to freedom. Douglass opposes Brown's intention of taking the arsenal, and Brown says "without blood, there is no remission of sins," trying to get some help from the famous Douglass.

Act II focuses on what happens after the raid on Harper's Ferry. Douglass had to escape the country and had just returned to his New York home, for the funeral of his young daughter. The characters be-

gin to discuss the events that lead up to the assault on Harper's Ferry, and the events that followed, telling the of the trials, and the hanging of the people involved. The characters tell of the Republican National Convention that nominated Lincoln for president.

Maurice Thomas stars as Fredrick Douglass in a spirited performance which grabs hold of the audience. The senior theater major has the right touch to show the audience that Fredrick Douglass was a man of great integrity and will power. With his outstanding stage presence and talent, Thomas moves the plot to its climax. The lead of this outstanding drama, could not have went to a more talented actor.

Jeff Kozee demands attention in

the powerful role of John Brown. His strong will and, brings an added delight. Kozee brings the unconventional madman to the stage, with what looks like ease to the audience. He creates a kind of love hate relationship with the audience.

With the help of Kristyl Dawn Tift, Patrick Slade, Deshawn Miliner, Justin Evans, Ryan Haywood, Andreas Hedfors, Alex Miller, and Rodney Paul, the play is a success. But the show was stole by a seven year old little girl, Laina Lamb. Lamb is a student at Mills Creek Elementary and easily won the hearts of the

audience. A few muffled tears could be heard when the audience heard that her character had died,

during Act II.

The Stage design of Professor Gary Dartt managed to transform the Black Box Theater into the magnificent parlor of the Douglass' Rochester, New York home.

With hardwood floors, doors that open to allow the cast to leave stage and remain hidden in the wings, one can hardly tell that they are in the Black Box Theater and not in New York. Antiques are carefully placed throughout the set to add a sense of living to the set.

This play is easily a must see! "In Splendid Error" is showing till October 6 at 8:00 every night. The cost is \$8.00 for general admission, \$5.00 for faculty and staff, and \$2.00 for students with University Identification.

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actually helps in maintaining the species.

Many students are surprised to see their professors doing anything outside of the classroom. Denton feels that it is important for all teachers to pursue interests and passions that reach far beyond the instructional setting. He also feels that by participating in the sport with Clark and his family, he is not only a better teacher,

but also a better person.

"Professors are people too," Denton said. "Participating in falconry and sharing my experiences with Clark helps my mental health, which directly effects my teaching, and reminds me of my place in the world."

Teaching at GSU since 1992, Denton is originally from Broxton, Ga. He received his undergraduate

degree in psychology as well as his M.B.A. from Emory University in Atlanta. He completed his education with a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Georgia.

For more information on falconry, contact Dr. Denton at the College of Business Administration or visit the website of the Georgia Falconry Association at www.georgiafalconryassociation.com.

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service requirement for the honors program. The program eventually decided to get the rest of the university involved. A notice was sent out to departments across campus, as well as sororities and fraternities. The emails and letters encouraged those interested to set up collection boxes.

"We thought it would be a good opportunity to bring everybody together, working toward a goal," said Abell.

The president of the Statesboro food bank, Alton Odom, said he also noticed the effect of the food drive by the honors program.

"There's been a tremendous response from everyone," said Odom. "It's such a worthwhile cause."

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**-ALTON ODOM
STATESBORO FOOD BANK**

The idea for a food drive came from an article in the Statesboro Herald, according to Ron Wright, the

administrative assistant of the honors program.

"We saw the article in the Herald a month ago about the food bank in town and how desperate they were for food," explains Wright. The members of the program were then presented with the idea and approved the project.

Anyone interested in contributing should call the Statesboro food bank at 486-3663 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to find out what particular items are needed. The bank wants items to be as close to their needs as possible, although no donations will be turned away.

average or above average intelligence.

Other myths about LD are that it is the result of poor academic background, emotional disturbance, lack of motivation, or visual and auditory acuity problems. The SDRC also works with students who have a combination of LD and ADD and those who are non-ambulatory (require the assistance of a wheelchair).

Another group that the SDRC assists are those with general physical disabilities, ranging from minor non-ambulatory problems to terminal illnesses.

The SDRC offers assistance to students with psychological disabilities from anxiety disorders that can cause problems in testing situations to schizophrenia, depression, and bipolar disorder. Other disabilities that receive assistance are the sensory disorders and traumatic brain injuries.

Students with physical disabilities are given the opportunity for early registration. After these students register, Cody walks through their schedules to make sure their path of travel is clear, and their building is wheelchair accessible.

"Sometimes they [students] see a kid and a wheelchair and lead to the assumption that since they are not physically OK, that intellectually they are not O.K., either," says Akins. "Many people make the assumption that non-ambulatory students are mentally retarded."

Akins wants to remind the people with those beliefs that students with disabilities have met the same admission standards as everyone else.

"They are as academically capable as every other student, or they wouldn't be here."

The SDRC also provides many services for students with learning

disorders. For instance, students are assigned note takers, provided with tutorial services, career counseling, assistance in arranging academic accommodations in their classes, and accommodations for the Regents Exam and Professional License Exams.

Cody wants to encourage the students to use the technological programs that the center offers. These programs enable students who have trouble reading to obtain their books on disk. She also wants to encourage people not to be afraid to become a note taker.

Many students believe the job entails extra tutorial services, but Cody wants to assure those students that they simply take notes of the lectures. A minimum 2.5 GPA and legible handwriting are required to become a note taker.

The SDRC also provides the opportunity for students to take their tests outside of the classroom if the professor can not provide the adequate classroom accommodations for those students.

Akins wants to encourage all students who have disabilities to receive assistance from the SDRC. "My biggest worry is that we are not reaching all the students that have been identified as having a disability in recent school years. They come here and don't want to be under the label of 'disabled' anymore. I'd like for those students to know that we're here, and our services are confidential. At least come in and give us a chance and see what it's like before they make a decision not to try it."

Identifying the problem is the first step in the road to success. Students must then either obtain or submit documentation concerning their disabilities.

This documentation is reviewed

for the Board of Regents compliance, and if it does not meet the standards, the student will have to receive more testing before any accommodations can be initiated.

This process can be timely, so students should not wait too long before approaching the SDRC for help. However, their doors are always open.

Akins wants the students to know that it is their legal right to receive assistance, and they can choose to use that assistance at any time.

Many students may be uncomfortable talking to people with disabilities, but Akins and Cody want them to know that they should be treated just like any other student attending GSU.

When meeting a person with a disability, you should offer assistance as you would to anyone else, i.e. pushing a wheelchair or offering a guide to someone who is blind. Noticing and obvious disability is not rude, but avoid asking personal questions, as it is inappropriate.

It is always good to talk directly to a disabled person instead of to those who are accompanying him or her. When talking to anyone in a wheelchair for an extended length of time, be sure to sit down in order to be eye level with that person. It is tiresome for anyone to have to look up for a long time.

Refer to these students as disabled, or as students with disabilities, not handicapped. These students could probably teach us a thing or two. Many of us go about taking things we have for granted.

Akins and Cody continue to help students with disabilities achieve success, and they encourage those who think they might need assistance to stop by the SDRC.

"We're user friendly. There is no pressure. I don't think that we've had a student that didn't benefit from the services we provide. We can do little things that make a big difference. I think the more they learn about us, the better they will like us," says Akins. He also warns the students not to make assumptions.

The Student Disability Resource Center is an asset to the student population at GSU. But, Wayne Akins wants to make sure he gives credit where credit is due.

"We could not be as successful with the students as we are if it weren't for the support of the administration and the faculty, and we appreciate them. We could not do what we do without their support, and that's the main thing that makes us successful."

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Football player trades pads for band uniform at halftime

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — On the Glynn Academy football team, there aren't too many jokes about band geeks. Come halftime, junior offensive lineman Adam Harper is one.

When the second quarter winds down and his teammates head to the locker room for rest and a pep talk, Harper grabs his mellophone and marches back on the field with the band.

He looks a little out of place with football pants instead of polyester band pants. But he dons a band jacket and hat and keeps step with his other teammates.

Freshman offensive guard Michael Tucker, who isn't on the varsity team yet, also plays in the band.

"It happens every year," football coach Terry Tulley said of boys who play football and march in the band. Tulley said he doesn't mind the boys missing his halftime coaching tips.

"It's our belief in any high school setting that broadening the educational experience benefits the student," Tulley said. "The more a student can do, the better off they are."

"I've never been embarrassed to have a young man stand out there and play with the band," he said.

Harper said his two high school extracurricular activities require different sorts of discipline.

"I guess football is more physically challenging," he told The Florida Times-Union. Band is tougher mentally. You have to remember all the music and where to go."

Unlike football, band requires a lot of practice at home, especially in the beginning. He still has to play the mellophone, a brass instrument, at home just to learn all the music, he said.

Harper, who is 5-foot-10 and weighs 215 pounds, plays backup left guard and doesn't get on the field

very often. He also plays on kickoff teams, but the Red

Terrors haven't scored a lot of points this year and haven't kicked off very often.

That's where band has its advantages. If you make the band, you're on the field every Friday night.

Harper figures his football career will conclude at the end of his senior season because he doubts he could play college football.

"I'd go somewhere with band before football," he said. "I have more invested in band. I feel I'm better with the music."

His mother, Luan Harper, said her the oldest of six children has plenty to do besides band, football and another sport, wrestling.

He has a 4.0 grade-point average, works part-time and is active in their church, Calvary Baptist Church, in Brunswick.

"We're just real proud of him," she said.

Anti-war activist returns flag taken in 1970 protest

Associated Press

SEATTLE, WA— A U.S. flag pulled from a Federal Building flagpole during a Vietnam War protest in 1970 is being returned to the government as the nation deals with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's time," said the man who's kept the flag all these years.

The man, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, turned the flag over recently to Seattle Times columnist Eric Licitis.

"And the flag should be flown. It represents the strength of this country that we can move on from an era when so many people thought the government was wrong," he said in a telephone interview.

"The country has healed. We've pulled together." In addition, "I think I've made a personal journey over the past 31 years."

The General Services Administration will take the flag back, but offers no guarantees it will fly again.

"We may fly it some day, or we may display it in some arrangement. I don't know what we're going to do with it," said Bill DuBray, the agency's regional executive director.

In his Monday column, Licitis who plans to deliver the still-bright 4- by 8-foot flag to the federal building in the next few days suggests its musty smell will go away if it is

flown again.

It was pulled down May 5, 1970 one day after National Guardsmen opened fire at the Kent State campus in Ohio and killed four students during protests against the U.S. bombing of Cambodia.

Galvanized by the tragedy, 5,000 people marched downtown from the University of Washington on Interstate 5, their sheer numbers overwhelming freeway traffic.

Many wound up at the Federal Building, where amid the speeches and chanting one group pulled the Stars and Stripes from a flagpole out front.

In the ensuing chaos, someone shoved the flag into the hands of the man who's had it all these years. He tucked it under his shirt and walked away.

"At the time, I felt it did not belong up there because we were fighting a war that was unjust," said the man.

Since that day, he embarked on his own journey, traveling the world, getting married, going to work and raising a family.

The anonymity he insists on reflects concerns that all may not be forgiven, despite the years.

"It's just that some people still have difficulty with that part of the journey," he said. "The story is not about me. It's about returning something that has a better purpose

than being in my basement."

Being a father is part of it, too.

"You know that song, 'Teach Your Children Well?' It's a little hard if you have a flag that doesn't belong to you," he said, referring to the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young song.

He's thought about returning it many times over the years, and came close after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Since then, every time he walked past the Federal Building, he would think, "How could a building like that come down? And then I'd remember I had a flag that belonged there."

When hijacked planes hit the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, he thought about his flag again after his wife displayed a flag at their home.

"The events of Sept. 11 put someone like me in a real quandary," he said.

"I still resent things that our government does. But at the same time, I cherish the right to resent them."

"I think it will help the country complete a circle that began in the 60s, when the flag was taken by American citizens who felt their country was wrong," he said.

"Now it's getting back to where it belongs ... we've pulled together as a country."

Louisiana student aces college without prior schooling

Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La.—Not once did Valerie Fitzenreiter question her decision to "unschool" her daughter. Now, with Laurie Chancey set to graduate summa cum laude from McNeese State University this fall, observers agree with the wisdom of the decision.

She is completing her degree requirements in less than four years.

Although Laurie was classified by the Louisiana education system as a home-school student, to comply with the law, her "schooling" followed no curriculum and no regimen. She pursued knowledge as her curiosity and interests led her.

With her first day of school being as a college freshman, she was properly equipped for higher education. Her first test was to get her driver's license.

This is not to say she faced college without deficiencies. Math was not a strong subject for her. She learned some arithmetic through a few lessons offered by her grandmother and picked up math in practical ways in cooking measurements and counting games.

At age 6, she performed division by portioning out Easter eggs as they were being dyed, Fitzenreiter said.

Pre-admission testing at McNeese showed Chancey needed remedial math, but she finished the course with a 94 average and went on to achieve a 4.0 in college algebra. She also took three statistics courses "just for fun," she said.

Fitzenreiter entered McNeese at the same time as her daughter, and they took several courses together. "We had a lot of fun," Fitzenreiter said.

"I was bored all through school," Fitzenreiter said of her elementary school years. "I read the book,

'Summerhill,' about a school in England that had no curriculum, no structure to learning. The idea is that if children are given respect, they will study what they need."

Chancey had the freedom to pursue a subject in depth until her thirst for knowledge in that area was satisfied, Fitzenreiter said.

"Actually she had an easier adjustment to college work than the products of traditional classroom education because she was not biased against learning by forced memorization," Fitzenreiter said.

Chancey discovered the computer early in life, acquiring her first one at age 11. The older 486 model that she got from her aunt was later joined by a newer one to support the bulletin board service she built.

"Unschooling is child-led learning," Fitzenreiter wrote in an article for Edgy-catin' Mama, a newsletter for unschooling and home-schooling families published in Sultan, Wash.

"The child decides what he will study, when he will study and if he will study. Radical unschooling gives the child free reign over his life,

allowing him to make decisions about everything that concerns him. There are no forced bedtimes, no room-cleaning rules and no punishment-reward system. The child is not manipulated to perform according to the standards of a school board," she wrote.

"The school system attempts to push all children through subjects at the same pace," she said. "It does not seem to occur to them that each child is unique and should not be put into a mold that was formed by archaic notions."

The unschooling process was supported by Laurie's father, Wyatt Chancey.

The experience was so positive for the mother and daughter that Fitzenreiter is an advocate for the process. She is the author of the book "The Unprocessed Child: Living Without School," a working title. She is active in Edgy-catin' Mama and the Internet message board, <http://www.unschooling.com>.

How does Laurie feel about unschooling?

"I won't have children unless they can be unschooled," she said.

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 New Mexico

Police looking for trailer full of Tootsie Rolls

ALBUQUERQUE — Albuquerque police have run out of leads in the search for a trailer full of Tootsie Rolls, a detective said.

On Sept. 10, a trailer containing more than \$50,000 worth of Tootsie Rolls disappeared from northeast Albuquerque, said Detective J. Paiz. Police were still without a suspect Monday, Paiz said.

"We're pretty much at a dead end unless we can get something stirred up," she said.

A truck driver left the trailer in Albuquerque because of mechanical problems, according to a Crime Stoppers news release.

The trailer had been checked on daily until its disappearance Sept. 10.

"They probably took it not knowing there were Tootsie Rolls in there," Paiz said.

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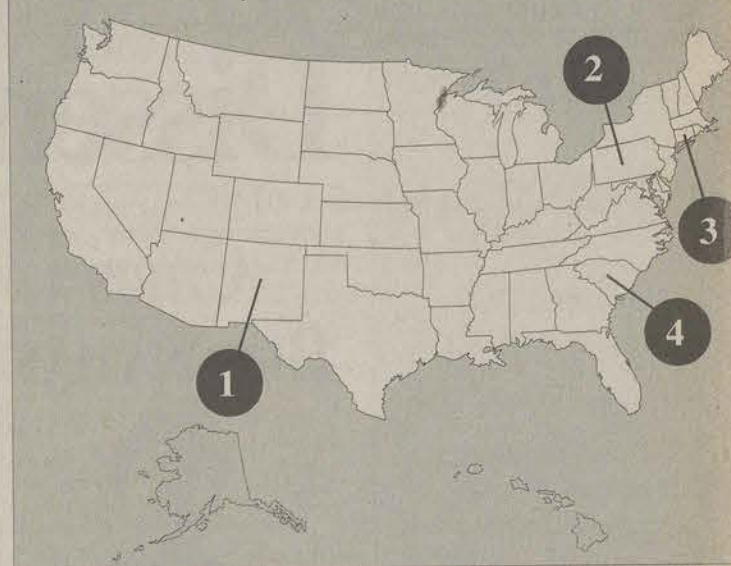
Female wallaby caught; male expected to be close behind

AMBLER, Pa. — A female wallaby missing from a day camp and school in the Philadelphia suburbs was stressed out and back in her pen Monday after a four-hour chase over the weekend and her mate was expected to be close behind.

Six-year-old wallabies Rugby and Chloe escaped from the Twin Spring Farm Day Camp & School in Upper Dublin last weekend.

The search drew camp administrators, animal rights workers, three municipal police departments and Philadelphia Zoo officials who attempted to use tranquilizers, guns, sweet potato-traps and apple trails.

In the end, Chloe's capture came down to a four-hour chase and good, old-fashioned wrestling match.



Terri Knott, a teacher at Big Spring, took off to capture Chloe on Saturday morning after receiving a call that the wallaby had been spotted in a backyard.

The group surrounded Chloe after a chase that also involved homeowners, landscapers and an exterminator. One of the men jumped on Chloe and grabbed her tail, Knott said. "She started throwing him all over the place, and he was yelling for me to put my jacket over her head," Knott said. "It took about four of us to get her where we got her down on the ground."

Richard Hood Jr., Twin Spring's assistant director, said Chloe was recovering in her pen Monday.

Hood said wallabies don't travel very far and that Chloe was found in the same area where she had been spotted after her escape. He suspected Rugby was also still in the area.

3 Connecticut

Father charged with chaining toddler to bucket of dog food

MONROE — A man has been charged with chaining his 3-year-old daughter to a 25-pound bucket of dog food as punishment for sneaking a piece of bread.

Police said Carl Corbett, 24, left the toddler chained to the dog food for several days and shaved her head. Corbett was charged Tuesday with risk of injury to a minor and

second-degree unlawful restraint.

The girl's siblings told officials that when Corbett found out the toddler ate a slice of bread, he tied another slice to her neck and ordered the other children to yell at her.

Police said Corbett punished the older children for not watching the younger girl by forcing them to do calisthenics all night. Corbett then chained the younger girl into a harness and tied it to the bucket of dog food, police said.

4 South Carolina

Children's museum home to record rubber band ball

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's newest children's museum will be home to the official world's largest rubber band ball.

EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia is listed on page 160 in the 2002 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records as the record holder.

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OUR OPINION

There's an organization for everyone

Get involved. Simply put, there is an activity at GSU for every interest. So, the issue is not availability of activities and organizations, it is lack of initiative on the behalf of some students.

Believe it or not, it isn't plausible to use the "I have no time," excuse. Do the calculations if you want to, but it is already mathematically established. Even if you are taking seventeen course hours, studying five hours per day, sleeping for eight hours every night, eating a normal diet, and using the all the time it requires to take a shower each morning, there are still at least 30 hours left in the week for leisure. There isn't any reason one of those can't go toward a one-hour-long weekly meeting.

There is no merit to the idea that there's nothing in it for you either. Joining forces with volunteer services or applying yourself to purposeful organizations can earn you money for school through scholarships and grants. You can meet more friends than you ever imagined, get notoriety and credibility, and gain self-confidence from the satisfaction of setting and achieving goals. More importantly, social experiences are invaluable in preparing for real life beyond college. You might even find that classes are more manageable when you're on a set schedule.

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Dissent in the United States is good

CHRIS BRENNAMAN



"Freedom of the press is America's first line of defense."

Martha Roundtree, co-creator of NBC's "Meet the Press."

Bill Mahr, the host of ABC's "Politically Incorrect," publicly apologized for saying that the terrorists that attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were not cowards, and for calling the U.S. cowardly for launching

missiles from 2,000 miles away at the terrorists in hiding. He did so after losing advertisers and having his show suspended for a short while.

I tend to agree with him. As evil as it may be, willingly crashing a plane into a building is anything but cowardly. And if we were serious about stopping terrorists in years past, did we really think sending an afternoon sending missiles over was the long term solution?

There's a college professor making the rounds on the talking head shows that is receiving flak for saying the U.S. should not seek a violent end to this problem. All of them chastise him and ridicule him off the show. Even the resident at his university wrote a letter in the school paper calling him a "fountain of undiluted foolishness." The only thing

foolish about what he did was to go against the popular opinion.

Several syndicated columnists are being dropped for either criticizing the government or going to extremes in their thought.

THAT'S NOT PATRIOTISM. THAT'S BLIND NATIONALISM. MAYBE WE'VE FORGOTTEN THIS, BUT NATIONALISM STARTED TWO WORLD WARS.

We are being told by our government to watch what we say in these troubled times.

To my knowledge, none of these people posed any great threat to national security by expressing their unpopular views. None of them were advocating the violent overthrow of the government. None of them committed treason. In short, there is no reason to censor or restrain what they wish to say.

Everyone knows what the First

Amendment is. We all use it so freely that it's almost lost all meaning that it may have once had. However, most people don't know why we truly have it. The First Amendment does not exist

so that Howard Stern can talk about sex in a crude manner, it exists so that we can tell the government what we

think its doing wrong and not fear any kind of penalty.

Yet from the get go, we've acted in such a way that neuters the First Amendment. We passed the Alien Sedition Laws that made it illegal to criticize the government, and we've passed several peacetime sedition laws. Then we've gotten vague and said that there is a time and a place for that kind of speech and the Supreme Court tends to agree.

We talk a big game about preserving democracy in other lands and all that jazz, but what about over here? Shouldn't we be free to say what we want about the government?

The big "argument" is that we should be patriots and stand behind the government and back them up no matter what they decide to do. They say that the best way to help out is to repeat the rhetoric that they give. Support the party line. Service the system.

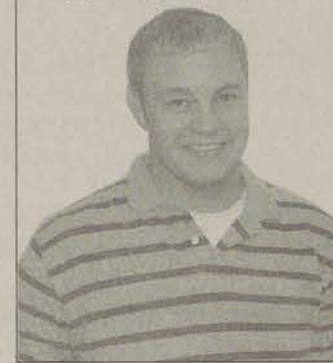
That's not patriotism. That's blind nationalism. Maybe we've forgotten this, but nationalism started two world wars.

The beauty of free speech is that it was established for the patriots. It's there for them to point out the shortcomings of the establishment. It's not there for everyone to sit around the national bonfire and pat each other on the back all day.

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Squirrels are taking over campus

JUSTIN JOHNSON



They are the hanging fruit of GSU's oak trees. Every day you hear them chattering and chattering as you walk to class. You see them bouncing from tree to tree. They're always there, always eating and always

mating. Sometimes it seems as if they are as many of them as there are of us. They are taking over.

When I was in elementary school, a schoolmate brought his pet squirrel to show and tell. I use the word "pet" loosely since the thing ran all over the room, bit his owner about five times and screamed and squealed relentlessly. The squirrel also projectile-style peed all over the room. This event sparked my initial distaste for squirrels.

Sure, they are sorta cute. They have bushy little tails and they squeek. They chatter, they scramble up and down trees all day long. They build huge nests and chase each other until the sun goes down.

In all actuality, they are like cute rats that live in trees and have bushy tails.

This campus is overrun with squirrels. Wherever you look, they are there. Whatever window you look out of, you can see them. They are in every tree, hanging from every branch and under every car.

The upside to squirrels is that they aren't very intimidating. My staff frequently runs after them. They just run up a tree. Squirrels aren't any fun either. You would think that just once they'd want some payback and

chase you, but no. They just run up a tree and scream at your ass for being such a pain in theirs.

walking along and out of nowhere from up above, a squirrel falls down to earth. The girl, in total surprise, jumped in the air about ten feet. The squirrel, as usual, just ran back up the tree.

Squirrels also have this weird call that is half shrieking and half screaming. You hear it from tree to tree and it's often mistaken for birds. It's just squirrels. I think the squirrels are running the birds

Damn squirrels.

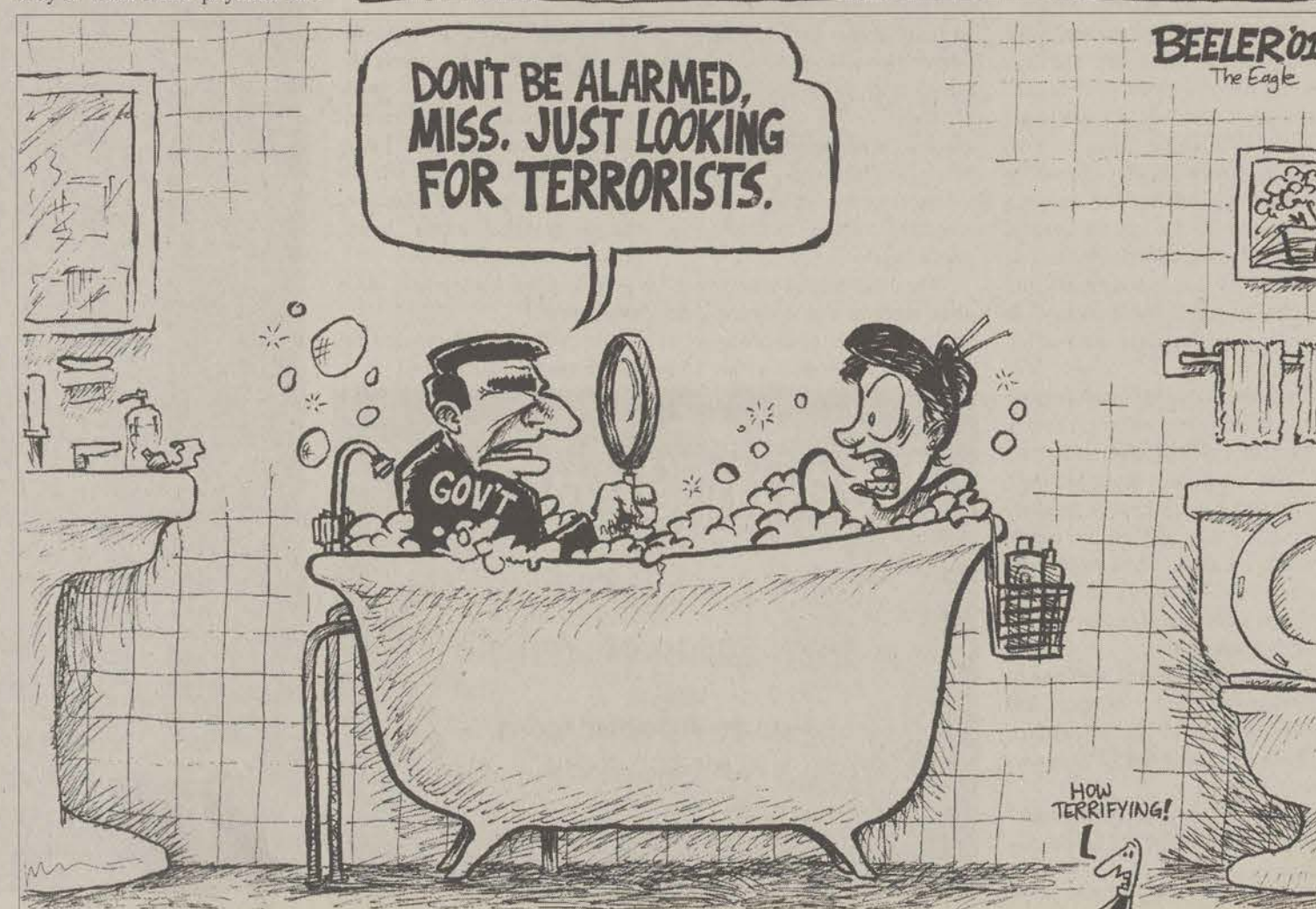
The only funny thing I have seen a squirrel do was scare a girl half to death on Sweetheart Circle last week. The girl was

is half shrieking and half screaming. You hear it from tree to tree and it's often mistaken for birds. It's just squirrels. I think the squirrels are running the birds

out of campus. Before you know it, they'll be sucker-punching the ducks in the lake. There will be feathers and fur all over the place. Who wants to clean that up?

I recently read an article about a college in Washington state whose biology department started dying squirrels different colors and putting different designs in their fur. The dye apparently doesn't harm the critters. The purpose is to study their behavior patterns. Well, I can tell you what squirrels do. They eat, run, climb, sleep, scream and mate. That's it.

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TODAY'S QUOTE
“(I salute students who) have
take the words of the First
Amendment off the page
and into their lives”
—Justice William Brennan

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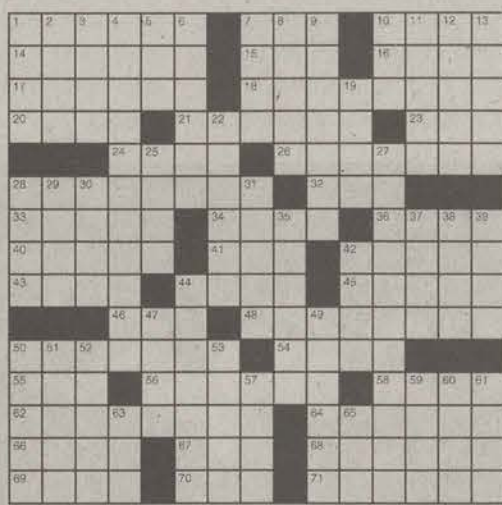
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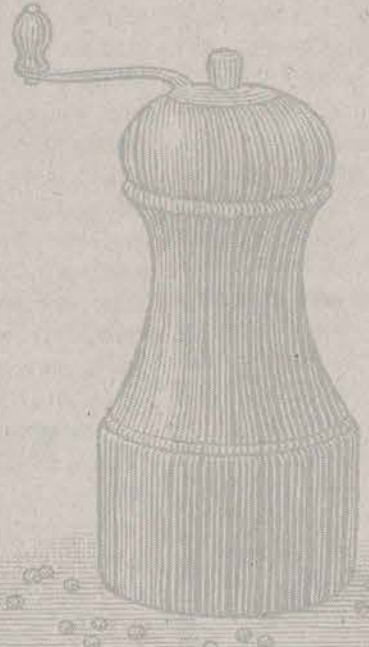
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Eagles prepared for Saturday's challenges

By Doug Kidd
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Unless they have some sort of memory loss, most Georgia Southern fans remember the highlights from last season's championship run.

J.R. Revere's outplaying of Chattanooga's Chris Sanders, Nate Gates' goal line interception to preserve the win versus Appalachian State and Adrian Peterson's 57-yard run for the championship against Montana are all memories to cherish.

Among the low-lights of 2000 was Louis Ivory's 301 rushing yards in Furman's 45-10 whipping of the Eagles.

But what many Eagle supporters seem to forget is the struggle GSU faced last season in Cullowhee, N.C. Western Carolina's Fred Boateng ran around and through GSU for 213 yards, the third-best single game total ever for the Eagles.

Although GSU won 42-24, the coaching staff has not forgotten the lesson they learned last season.

"They were encouraged by the success they had running the ball and that made it a tough game," GSU defensive coordinator Rusty

Russell said to the *Savannah Morning News*. "We don't want to encourage anyone any more than they already are."

Boateng, a sophomore, has split time this year with senior Donnie Bryant. Boateng has rushed for 385 yards and two touchdowns while Bryant has added 284 yards and four scores.

"Boateng is a talented back," said GSU head coach Paul Johnson. "He's strong and fast. Hopefully our defense will take it as a challenge to stop him."

Another challenge is a pair of receivers that have impressed the Southern Conference in the past two seasons. Michael Banks and Lamont Seward both reached the 1,000 yard plateau in receiving last season.

This season both receivers have struggled in putting up the same numbers, due mostly to a new quarterback. Last season David Rivers, a transfer from Virginia, finished second in the SoCon in passing.

But in 2001 head coach Bill Bleil has gone with a two-quarterback system with junior college transfer Pat Cilento and Brian Gather.

Each have played in every game

this season with both Cilento and Gaither throwing for 277 yards each in 2001. Gaither has tossed the pairs' only scoring toss this season, while they have combined to throw five interceptions.

It will be key to stop the Cata-mount running game and turn it over to their inexperienced signal callers, Russell said.

"It will be important to take the run away from them," Russell said. "If they control the ball, that keeps the ball away from our offense."

GSU will present offensive problems of their own. Adrian Peterson has picked up where he left off in his first three seasons in Statesboro, so far gaining 610 yards and scoring 11 touchdowns.

"We didn't do as well [against VMI] as we would have liked," said Peterson. "So I can't be happy. But we've won our games, so that's good too."

J.R. Revere will try to get back on track this week after a disappointing game against VMI. The senior threw for 125 yards on five-of-14-passing with an interception.

"I was pressing and it backfired," Revere said. "We didn't play that well, but we'll get better. We were in this position last year, too."

Late rally propels Cougars past Eagles

By BJ Corbitt
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After being trampled by UNC Greensboro last Saturday, the GSU men's soccer team looked to bounce back Wednesday afternoon at Eagle Field against a College of Charleston team who had won only 1 game coming in. For most of the game, it appeared that the Eagles would have just enough to slip by Charleston, as they subdued the Cougar attack and consequently held a 1-0 lead deep into the game. However, the Cougars woke up just enough to score a pair of quick goals in the last 8 minutes of the contest and hand the Eagles a crushing 2-1 defeat. The loss was Georgia Southern's third in a row and fifth in their last six games.

The affair was scoreless for much of the first period until GSU's sophomore forward Tony Moffat put the Eagles on the board with just under 12 minutes to go; Jeff Russell was credited with a helper on the goal. The lead held up until Charleston's Montae Seabrook scored on a pass from Jeff Files with 7:14 to play in the second period; less than a minute later, Marc Gaskins caught the Eagles off-guard to notch the go-ahead score for the Cougars. The wind drained from their sails, the Eagles acquiesced to the inevitable from there. The loss

dropped GSU to 3-6 overall and 1-2 in Southern Conference play. The Cougars improved to 2-4-1 on the season, with a 2-1 mark within the league.

The Cougars outshot Georgia Southern 14-12 on the day. Garret Lazenby made 4 saves in-goal for the

Eagles, while the Cougars' Wes Martino stopped 3 shots. Each team was hit with a yellow card in the contest. Next up for the Eagles is a three-game roadtrip, starting with a date at Birmingham Southern this Sunday.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

LEADING UNTIL THE END: The Eagles led 1-0 against College of Charleston until the final 10 minutes of the match, where the opposing team scored two goals.

Eagles place sixth at Husky Invitational

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Washington's Gordy Scutt claimed medalist honors by firing a third-round of two-under 70 to take the Husky Invitational Tuesday at the Olympic Course in the Gold Mountain Golf Complex. Scutt finished with a three-round total of five-under 211 and was one of just three golfers to finish under par for the tournament. The tournament's scoring format consisted of the top five scores from each team's six-man

lineup.

Georgia Southern senior Justin Kolumber carded a final round of even-par 72 to lead the Eagles, who finished alone in sixth place at 1126 (+46). His three-round total of six-over 222 was good for a tie for 15th place.

Washington claimed the team title as well at 1099 (+19), besting Washington State by seven strokes, while Nevada was third and Pepperdine fourth.

GSU juniors Brett Folkes and

Travis Mobley posted the squad's second-best total at 225 (+9), while sophomore Tyler McKeever finished at 229 (+13) after a third-round 75. Freshmen David Elmore 230 (+14) and Ross Mallace 235 (+19) rounded out the scoring for the Eagles.

GSU returns to action Sunday, Oct. 14 when the Eagles compete in the Duke Classic at Duke University Golf Club in Durham, N.C., the site of last year's NCAA Championships.

CRI Game of the Week-Dem J-Hall Boys vs. Johnson's Junkyard Dawgs

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Wednesday night's Game of the Week featured Johnson Hall's finest, Johnson's Junkyard Dawgs took on dorm rival Dem J-Hall boys in an exciting flag football game. A twenty yard touchdown pass positioned Dem J-Hall Boys ahead in the first half. Dem J-Hall Boys would score again in the second half to wrap up a 12-0 victory. Check out next week's Game of the Week featuring BSU vs. BSUII.



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Sun sets on two baseball legends

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Baseball is a game that judges character unlike any other. Major leaguers play a 162 game schedule, and through a long season of peaks and valleys managers have to constantly remind their players that the pennant race is a marathon and not a sprint. So through all the April rain delays, hot July scorers, and chilly October nights, baseball measures a player's heart as well as his talent. Now, as the 2001 season heads towards the finish line, the game is saying goodbye to two men who for twenty years finished the race with flying colors, and in doing so have also proven that their hearts are much too big to be measured by balls and strikes alone.

Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn

are two athletes that have stretched the meaning of the word 'consistency' far beyond its own outer limits. Ripken took the "Iron Horse" Lou Gehrig's record of consecutive games played and shattered it by 501 games with an incredible streak of 2,632. Gwynn became the first player in the 1900's to end a season (50 games or more) with a .300 or better batting average 16 consecutive times. Cal was the 1982 AL rookie of the year, two-time AL MVP, and has played in 19 consecutive All-Star games. Tony won eight NL batting titles and is retiring with a career batting average of .338. But more important than all the flashy numbers, these guys showed the fans for twenty seasons that in a sport tarnished by money and greed, some players haven't forgotten what play-

ing America's game is all about.

Both players entered the major leagues in 1981, and having been drafted and signed by the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres, Ripken and Gwynn had the unique opportunity to play just outside the Maryland and California neighborhoods in which they were raised. But in an era when free agency began to give ballplayers a chance to chase the almighty dollar to teams that had more of it, what is most impressive is that they are both finishing their careers exactly where they started them. And not only that, they also had a chance to play alongside their very own brothers. Cal's brother Billy Ripken played second base for the Orioles in the late 80's, and Tony's brother Chris Gwynn was a utility man who played on the Padres for one year in 1996. So not only did these two stars have a chance to share their careers with loved ones in the stands, but on their very same fields as well.

Now approaching their final days on baseball's biggest stage, both can still be found at the ballpark hours before everyone else, doing what they do best. Cal hits off a tee into the open field because he likes to see how the ball is going to fly off the bat. Tony still takes his B.P. in the cage where his once miraculous eyesight that could pick up every thread on the ball's stitches, has dropped down to a human like 20-20. Both players are now limited to bench roles, but Cal still gets a weekly start, and Gwynn has been called upon by skipper Bruce Bochy all year for some clutch pinch hitting late in the Padres' games.

As the sun begins to set on two amazing careers, baseball fans should never forget the 'character' that these two individuals displayed on the diamond. The great ones do come along once in a long while, and with Barry Bonds heading towards 71 home runs that is proof alone that records can and will be broken. But heart is something that you just can't find in every dugout that you go in, and these two had enough heart to give two cities on two opposite sides of the country one great ride.



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