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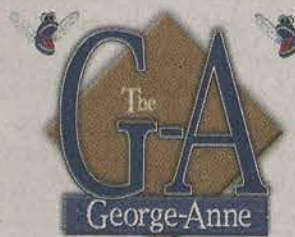


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FOOTPRINTS OF MAN:

Dr. Lee Berger, world-famous anthropologist and GSU graduate speaks in COBA

By Tim Prizer
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"By looking to Africa and recognizing past and present trends in that continent," paleoanthropologist Dr. Lee Berger said in his lecture at GSU Friday, "we can come to understand and predict what will occur in the rest of the world."

A now world-famous paleoanthropologist, Dr. Berger graduated from GSU in 1989 with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology before studying at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN and at East Georgia College. He then received his PhD at the University of Witwatersrand ("where the white waters fall") in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Berger's greatest accomplishment to date, and one of the biggest ever in the world of paleoanthropology, was his 1997 discovery of fossilized footprints along Langebaan Lagoon about 60 miles north of Cape Town, South Africa. The footprints, which have been determined to be the oldest traces of modern humans (Homo Sapiens), have been dated to approximately 117,000 years ago.

The imprints left by these travelers are distinctively of modern humans in that they reveal the big toe, ball, arch and heel clearly on each foot. This distinguishes them from the footprints of early bipedal hominids found at Laetoli in Tanzania which have been dated to over six million years ago.

This find has led Berger to believe that the footprints may be those of "Eve," who to paleoanthropologists is a hypothetical female who lived in Africa between 100,000 and 300,000 years ago. Anthropologists have also come to believe that not only were homo Sapiens (and all other forms of life) born on the African continent, but that each of us have descended from one common African female, "Eve."

In "Recent Early Man Discoveries in Africa," Dr. Berger's pre-



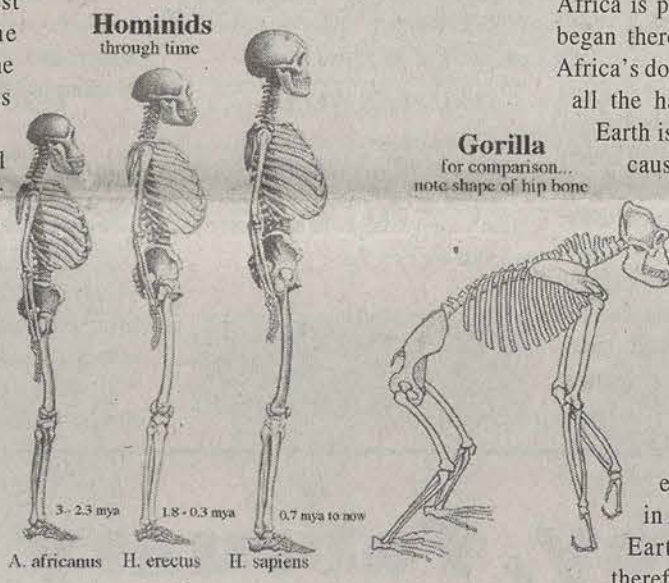
FINDING THE FOOTSTEPS OF EARLY MODERN HUMANS: Dr. Lee Roger Berger, a former GSU student and now world-famous paleoanthropologist spoke in the COBA building Friday about the evolution of humankind. He focused on the significance of the African continent and his findings of the 117,000 year-old footprints of Homo Sapiens in South Africa. For this accomplishment, he was awarded the first National Geographic Exploration Award.

sentation held in the COBA building, it was stressed that from the beginning of time, Africa has been not only the largest land mass on the planet, but perhaps the most significant as well.

Berger explained that not only is our own species a product of the continent so large that North America, South America and Europe could all squeeze into it with room to spare, but that Africa continues to pave the way for the rest of mankind.

The view of Africa from outer space, which served as Dr. Berger's first slide in the presentation, is what he calls the "epitome of human achieve-

ment." The giant continent is commonly considered the birthplace of humankind, but many do not un-



derstand how anthropologists arrived at this conclusion. It is no coincidence, Berger explained, that Africa would be home to so many early forms of life, including all of the bipedal hominids. Simply, the massive size of Africa is precisely the reason life began there, Dr. Berger asserted. Africa's dominance as one-third of all the habitable land mass on Earth is significant mainly because of its equatorial position. With plenty of land north, south, east and west of the equator, Berger stressed, Africa is a sort of canvas on which innumerable life forms are splattered brilliantly throughout its diverse environments. Existing in Africa are all but one of Earth's biosystems, and therefore, more species of life than on any other continent. "Recent Early Man Discoveries

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GSU Habitat for Humanity chapter holds groundbreaking for building of second home



Allison Bennett/STAFF

BREAKING GROUND FOR HUMANITY: The GSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity held a groundbreaking Saturday, symbolically marking the building of the organization's second home.

By Mathew R. Palmer
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The entire Georgia Southern family - even "their cats" - is invited to help build the second GSU Habitat for Humanity-sponsored home, according to chapter president Brian Yarmon.

A groundbreaking was held on Saturday to mark the beginning of Habit's second building of a home in Statesboro. The organization com-

pleted its first home last year on West Jones Street thanks to the help of 359 students and over 1400 logged volunteer hours.

"Our goal of this house is for Georgia Southern to be involved - from Bryan Saxton (SGA President) to the physical plant to a biology professor to the P.E. Department," Yarmon said.

Through corporate sponsorship of finances and volunteer labor from

various organizations, another home will be built on Van Buren Street, near Bill's Dollar Store. Ms. Christine Byrd and her mother will be the new owners.

The Statesboro Habitat affiliate as well as the Statesboro High School Chapter are also building homes that will neighbor the GSU home. Statesboro High School built their home in

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President Bush warns nation in his first State of the Union address

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - President Bush used his first State of the Union address Tuesday night to paint a grave and sobering picture of the potential dangers facing the United States and vowed to fight them head-on.

The president appeared resolute as he informed the public there are likely "tens of thousands" of terrorists still at large, that they have fanned out around the globe, that they were found to have diagrams of American nuclear power plants and water facilities and that they are seeking weapons of mass destruction. "We'll be deliberate, yet time is not on our side," Bush declared in his third address to a joint session of Congress. "I will not wait on events while dangers gather. I will not stand by as peril draws closer and closer."

Raising his voice, he thundered: "The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons. Our war on terror is well begun, but it is only begun. This campaign may

not be finished on our watch, yet it must be and it will be waged on our watch."

Enormously popular as he begins his second year in office, Bush delivered a 48-minute wartime speech to

try to set the tone for the coming months and years, to rally the nation behind him for what could be a long and unpredictable battle against a different kind of enemy.

The president never mentioned Osama bin Laden, the Saudi-born fugitive who is considered the

mastermind of the Sept. 11 attack on America. But much of his speech grew out of that day.

"We can't stop short," Bush said. "If we stopped now - leaving terror camps intact and terror states unchecked - our sense of security would be false and temporary."

Though his speech was overwhelmingly about war abroad, Bush also addressed his greatest fight at home - the battle against the recession. His top priorities, he said, are to

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Career Services offers a wide range of student help

By Jenni Ginepri
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For those students who are having trouble deciding on a major or profession, Career Services may have the answer. They offer a variety of opportunities to help students during their college experience.

"Let us help you," said acting assistant director Amy Williams. "We have lots of really good services for all students. We encourage freshmen to come in early so we can start working with them."

But what many students may not know is all the different areas Career Services can help college students in.

"I never knew we had a career center," said Mike Brown. "Being a freshman, you don't know everything that a school has to offer. But since I am undeclared, I think I might go and see what they can do to help me."

Williams feels their best resource is, "personalized career advising, career choices, internships and to help students find jobs. We try to be student centered in the office."

One area that is helpful to students is career information. It is an area that allows students to learn more about their specific career choice. They offer employee information by allowing students to use books, videotapes and files within the Career Resource Center better known as the CRC.

"When I was applying for an internship, I was not familiar with some of the companies. I came to Career Services to learn more about what each company had to offer. Everyone was extremely helpful and the company I chose I never would have if I did not use the resources that were available to me through the career center," said Jenny Williams.

Graduate school is another area where students can learn more about in Career Services. They have specific software that is designed to help students look for

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

January 26

• Marcus Steinke, 21, was arrested for reckless driving.

• Paul Cruz, 24, was arrested for driving while license was suspended and no proof of ID.

• Charles Thomas, 23, was arrested for probationer violation for the county of Fayette.

January 28

• Sheila Lambert, 19, was arrested for shoplifting.

GSU Public Safety

January 25

• Matthew Butler Tuttle, 19, of Savannah, was charged with violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.

• A case of harassment was reported at Stratford Hall.

January 27

• Michael Lowell Buckner, 19, of Parkwood Apartments, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• A case of simple battery was

reported at the ATO House on Olympic Boulevard.

January 28

• Willie Parrish reported that someone broke into a storage locker in the maintenance room at Watson Hall and took several hand tools.

--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.

Local News Brief

Essay Contest gets underway this semester for grades 5-12

Special to the G-A

The Georgia Southern Essay Contest—which is open to all private and public school students in grades 5-12 in area counties -- will get underway this semester. First begun in 1985, the annual

Contest -- funded by the Georgia Southern Foundation and administered by the Department of Writing and Linguistics -- seeks to encourage strong writing skills in area middle and secondary school students. Entry forms and topics for this

year's Contest will go out in January. All entries will be judged by GSU English faculty during spring semester, and the winning essayists will receive cash prizes in late April or early May. Last year, 434 students from 19 area schools participated.

Campus News Brief

Two students robbed at gun point on Knight Drive

GSU Public Safety

On Jan. 26, two male students reported that they were robbed at gun point by two black males near the Auxiliary Services Build-

ing on Knight Drive at approximately 3:23 a.m. The victims reported that their wallets and cellular phones were taken by the suspects. The victims did not receive

any physical injuries during the incident. The incident is being investigated by the University Police Department criminal investigations division.

SPORTS

The mens basketball team will have a game against Savannah State in the Hanner Fieldhouse on Jan. 30 at 7:30.

Woman's basketball game against East Tennessee State in the Hanner Fieldhouse on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

LUNCH SERIES

The first Hotel and Restaurant Management's Lunch Series will kick off Feb. 1. The price for lunch is \$8. All lunches start at noon and reservations are excepted a week in advance. For reservations call Larry Stalcup at ext. 5975.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Handmade Paper for Your Valentine at the Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. on Feb. 2. Call ext. 1149 on campus to sign up.

PAGEANT

Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant is being held Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. It will showcase 34 young woman. Tickets can be purchased at the door of by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS. Tickets are \$3 for students, faculty and staff with ID and \$5 for the general public. For more information call Janelle Lunsford or Iman Freeman at ext. 7270.

HEALTH FAIR

Zeta Phi Beta sorority is hosting a Health Fair Wed. Feb. 6 under the Rotunda from 11-2, entitled a "Healthy Woman is a FINER Woman." All females are encouraged to attend.

CARRIBBEAN WEEK

Caribbean Awareness Week starts Feb. 4-7. Activities are set up during the week. A talent show is planned for Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

--All Campus News Brief information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

Georgia News Brief

Georgia House allows faster billboard changes but keeps distance

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Billboards that change messages could switch faster under a bill passed by the Georgia House on Monday, but lawmakers shied away from a distance reduction that had garden clubs across the state fuming.

The House voted 98-66 to allow tri-fold billboards to change messages every six seconds, instead of the 10-second minimum now. A similar version passed the Senate last year.

But House members would not agree to a portion of the Senate bill that would allow tri-fold billboards every 3,000 feet, down from the current 5,000 feet. Opponents said the bill would clutter highways with more billboards.

Rep. DuBose Porter, D-Dublin, warned House members that they would hear from the state's 16,000

garden club members if they reduced the distance minimum.

"I'm telling y'all it's a big deal with your garden clubs back home, urban and rural," DuBose said.

The Garden Club of Georgia is the nation's oldest garden club and a serious political force. The club successfully sued the state Department of Transportation last year to force it to charge sign companies market price for cutting trees in front of billboards along state roads.

"Us garden clubbers, we vote," said member Rachel Fowler, who came to the Capitol to watch the vote. Sign companies "have the money, but we pay attention and we vote," she said.

The bill now heads back to the Senate, which will vote on whether to agree with the House changes.

Some House members said a distance reduction could possibly decrease

the number of billboards because three messages could fit on one sign. Standard billboards with one advertisement may be placed every 500 feet, so supporters said the more tri-fold billboards on highways, the fewer total signs.

Other supporters said billboards are vital to the economy of small towns that depend on them to steer traffic off the interstates to their businesses. Towns along Interstate 75, from Macon to the Florida line, are especially dependent on travelers, said Rep. Robert Ray, D-Fort Valley.

"It certainly helps people in those towns beside the interstate," Ray said. "If it weren't for signs they wouldn't know we had outlet centers. They would not know we had motels and restaurants. ... It helps every taxpayer because it helps bring more revenue from people who come into this state."

Bush visiting Atlanta Thursday to discuss education

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Bush will make his third trip to Atlanta in 11 months Thursday during a three-state tour of the Southeast designed to drum up support for his foreign and domestic priorities.

The trip comes on the heels of Tuesday night's State of the Union address, during which Bush is expected to focus on the post-Afghanistan phase of the war against terrorism, his initiatives to protect America from another terrorist strike, and his ideas for boosting the economy.

The Atlanta leg of the two-day trip will focus on education, congressional sources said, with a visit to Booker T. Washington High School and a meet-

ing with area teachers. Visits to Winston-Salem, N.C., and Daytona Beach, Fla., are expected Wednesday.

In addition to speaking to the student body Thursday afternoon in the high school gymnasium, Bush will deliver a "welcome speech" at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, sources said.

Despite some hot political races in Georgia, the guest list would suggest Bush didn't pick Atlanta solely to stump for Republicans. Democratic

Sens. Max Cleland and Zell Miller planned to attend the event, and Rep. Cynthia McKinney was also invited. McKinney complained when she wasn't invited to an earlier presidential visit to Georgia.

This will be Bush's fourth trip to

Georgia a state he carried easily since taking office just over a year ago. He last traveled to Atlanta in November to tour the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the primary responder to the anthrax scare. He also touted his tax cut proposal there in March and addressed soldiers at Fort Stewart, near Savannah, in February.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the president wants to use the trip to expand on the priorities he will outline in his State of the Union speech.

That address is expected to focus on the post-Afghanistan phase of the war against terrorism, Bush's initiatives to protect America from another terrorist strike, and his ideas for boosting the economy.

About 280,000 Georgians don't have 911 emergency service

Associated Press

MARSHALLVILLE, Ga. -- When William Crawford thought his wife was having a heart attack last week, his first reaction was natural: he dialed 911.

He didn't expect a recorded voice to tell him, "911 is not a working emergency

number for your area."

The Crawfords live about 90 miles south of Atlanta in rural Macon County, one of 33 counties in the state without an emergency 911 system.

They moved to the area two years from nearby Houston County, which does have 911.

"It was just like I had my hands tied behind me and I couldn't do nothing for my wife," William Crawford said.

It took him about 15 minutes and three calls to request an ambulance, which arrived about 15 minutes later. Patricia Crawford, 53, survived the ordeal, although doctors aren't sure what happened. She may have had a minor heart attack.

The Crawfords are among about 280,000 Georgians without 911.

"The whole point of 911 is to give people a quick, easy and memorable number," said Dr. Arthur Kellermann, chairman of emergency medicine at Emory University Hospital. "It's the step from which everything else follows."

The lack of emergency service is mostly blamed on the small populations of the counties and a lack of money. Counties are allowed to charge \$1.50 for every hard-wired telephone in their jurisdiction, but that wouldn't be enough in Macon County, population 14,074.

Start-up costs would be about \$500,000, and annual costs would be another \$350,000. With just 6,200 local telephone subscribers, the county would collect only \$108,000 from the fees. The county's operating budget is already so tight commissioners delayed buying new police cars and road building equipment this year.

State lawmakers also have been reluctant to subsidize local programs, but Sen. George Hooks, D-Americus, plans

to seek funds this session to help these counties develop a joint 911 center. Five counties in Hooks' district, including Macon County, do not have the service.

A House bill introduced Monday would allow certain state grants to be spent helping local fire departments or emergency services buy equipment needed for 911. The grants currently can be used only on disaster preparedness, not emergency response.

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia plans to study the state's 911 system, and Clint Mueller, an associate legislative director, said the association expects to make recommendations before next year's legislative session.

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1-2 p.m., Union Room 2070

-College of Education:

1-2 p.m., Education Building Room 1120

-College of Health and Professional Studies:

1-2 p.m., Hollis Room 1118 and 2103

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3:15-4:00 p.m. Union Room 2084

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1 New Hampshire

Reptile theft on the rise

SOMERSWORTH — Leapin' Lizards! Pet store owners say reptiles have become a popular target for thieves.

Katy LeClerc of Tri-City Aquarium bought two bearded dragons at a reptile expo earlier this month and offered them for sale at her shop. A few weeks later, the lizards were gone.

LeClerc said a man in his early 20s entered the store just after 8 p.m. Tuesday and asked to buy 12 crickets. While she was busy rounding up the insects, another man took the lizards and left the store.

"I hadn't the faintest idea he had even taken them," LeClerc said.

She discovered the theft at feeding time. LeClerc said she is more concerned with the welfare of the animals than with catching the thieves. The reptiles were about 4 inches long but can grow to be 2 to 2 1/2 feet and require a special ultraviolet bulb and heat lighting.

"I don't think somebody realizes the care behind these things," LeClerc said.

Melissa Gamon, owner of Feeding Time in Dover, also has lost reptiles, including the a Savannah monitor — a lizard-like animal native to Africa — that was stolen in September.

Two leopard geckos, worth \$80 to \$150, were shoplifted from the store late last month, Gamon said.

She said a woman entered the store and asked to see a snake. While the clerk was diverted, a man left with the reptiles.

"You don't think of those things when they're here in the store," Gamon said.

The store's biggest loss was a failed attempt to break in the back door. The thief gave up before getting in, but left a door ajar, harming

22 snakes that require high humidity. Many were injured and some were dead when Gamon arrived the next morning.

The Pet Shop in Rochester has started locking reptile cages since the thefts began six or seven months ago.

"It's incredible," said owner Tim Jandebur. "I lost three snakes, bang, bang, bang, and several lizards."

Jandebur said the shoplifters seem to work in pairs. In addition to the reptile thefts, The Pet Shop has lost two kittens and a hedgehog.

Jandebur thinks the crimes are probably committed by a group of people who have taught each other how to steal the animals.

2 Oregon

Judge rules against one-armed driver

COQUILLE — A Coos County judge dismissed a complaint from a one-armed truck driver who has been banned from driving until he agrees to wear a prosthesis.

Judge Michael Gillespie ruled that Cook did not have enough evidence to prove that Barry Lambert, a motor carrier enforcement officer, was acting with malice when he cited Cook in January 2001 for driving without the prosthesis required under federal law.

Cook had filed a civil-rights lawsuit against the state in April. But in August, another Coos County judge threw out all but a claim of retaliation and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims against Lambert.

His case fell apart Wednesday when a key witness failed to back up his contention that Lambert had been vindictive and retaliatory.

Cook, 43, said he plans to appeal.



Cook lost his left arm below the elbow in a meat grinder when he was 5 years old. He has driven a truck, aided by the muscular stump of his left arm, for 20 years in Alaska and Oregon without an accident.

"The issue to me is being able to drive my truck and we (couldn't) even bring that up," he said. "I'll never write-off truck driving. I want that back."

Cook claimed Lambert acted in retaliation for personal confrontations between the two men that dated back several years. He sought \$181,000 in lost income and \$5 million in punitive damages.

The state argued that Lambert was just doing his job by enforcing the law. A federal law requires drivers without limbs to wear a prosthesis. Federal examiners will not test a one-armed person's driving abilities unless he is wearing such a device.

Cook said he will continue training for his commercial pilot's license while he waits for the appeal. He doesn't need a prosthesis to fly a plane.

3 Rhode Island

Mr. Potato Head welcomed back

PAWTUCKET — A Mr. Potato Head statue that was dubbed

too "tacky" and banished from an England town is being welcomed with open arms.

The 7-foot statue will be a main attraction for the opening of a \$1.3 million addition to the local Safeway supermarket in Belper, England.

"He's back making news again," Robert Billington, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, said in Thursday's The Pawtucket Times.

The statue made by Hasbro Inc. is supposed to resemble William Blackstone, an 18th century English lawyer and philosopher. It was at the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council's visitor center before it was shipped to Belper, in central England, where residents weren't fond of the tater. They complained to the newspaper, and after a few weeks outside a McDonald's restaurant, the statue was moved to the nearby town of Alfreton.

Safeway manager said, "With everything that happened last year, he really became a celebrity, so it will be nice to see him back." The potato statue has since been moved from the children's playground and it's final destination may be the American Adventure theme park outside Belper in Ilkeston.

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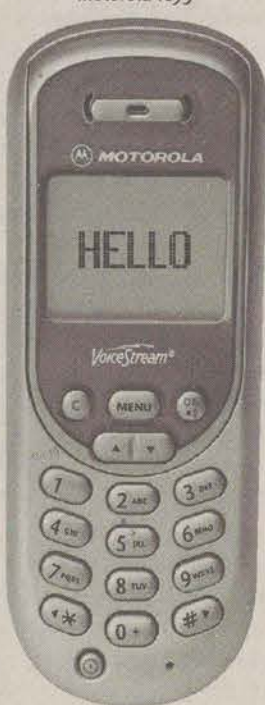
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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION GSU is famous in its own way

Having the world famous paleoanthropologist Dr. Lee Berger speak on campus last week, we started thinking. How many other world famous or nationally famous people have been part of the many generations of GSU alumni? Is GSU just some rural university in southeast Georgia, or has the school turned out more than one extremely successful individual?

All research has pointed strongly to the latter. Even excluding all athletes, like New York Yankee catchers and Canadian Football League players, GSU has provided some of the world's most successful people in particular areas of academics and entertainment.

Even aside from Dr. Berger's incredible accomplishments, GSU has a lot to be proud of in the world of academia. Not many people outside of the Business department here know, for instance, that GSU handed a degree to Dan Cathy, the President of Chick-Fil-A International. That's right - our favorite eating establishment on campus is governed by one of our very own graduates. Cathy began his work with Chick-Fil-A as a knee-high nine year-old, singing songs for customers and doing radio commercials for the Hapeville, GA restaurant. He has since become the most successful employee the corporation has ever seen.

Staying on the topic of chicken (must be our proximity to Claxton), we find the 1979 graduate of GSU, Hala Modellmog. Modellmog became the first woman to ever hold the presidency of a fast-food chain. As president of Church's Chicken (the second largest fast-food chicken restaurant in the world), Modellmog has truly become a success story.

On an entertainment level, GSU has also produced at least one huge success. Not many people know that while listening to the Garth Brooks hit, "The Dance," they are listening to the original poetry and music of our own Tony Arata. Arata is a national recording artist who has a large collection of his own private material. He also appeared on the Garth Brooks tribute album.

Not many of us realize either that Julian Stanley, often credited as "the father of gifted education," is also a GSU graduate. Stanley has been a pioneer in discovering young geniuses as the founder of Talent Search and was the winner of the Mensa Education & Research Foundation's first Lifetime Achievement Award.

These individuals, along with numerous others who often don't receive the recognition they deserve, have helped place GSU on the map.

Procrastination is not your friend

JUSTIN JOHNSON



This is the story of the academic portion of my college life, summed up in a day and a half. Enjoy.

Around 3:00 p.m. on an average Monday I decided that it was time to study for my test the next day. Sure, I'd known about this test for a good three weeks. Hmmm... Those three weeks flew by really fast for some reason.

At 5:00 I decided that studying could wait, but the current TV program I was watching could not. At 7:00 I decided that it was a good time to go out to dinner. About 9:00 I decided that I would clean my room. (See what procrastination leads to...productivity in areas like cleaning.) After cleaning my room, I decided that it was high time I did some laundry and so I did. While my clothes were washing I vacuumed

the entire house, including the hardwood floors because hey, they collect dust too. I then moved to the bathroom and cleaned it from top to bottom, toilet and all.

After cleaning I was exhausted and around midnight it hit me. I decided that, well, if I went to sleep right then and woke up at 6 a.m. in the morning, I would have plenty of time to study before my test at 9:30.

Well, sure that sounded like a perfectly logical plan. I would have plenty of time to study. I mean, sure reading eight chapters in three and a half hours is conceivable. Retaining the information.... not so conceivable.

At 6:00 a.m. the alarm went off. At 6:30 the snooze went off. At 7:30 I woke up to find I had turned the snooze off and gone back to bed. At 8:00 I got out of the shower. At 8:20 I was dressed and ready to go. At 8:30 I hopped in my car and drove to campus and went to The George-Anne to study.

At 8:45 I sat down and read chapter one. At 9:00 I was lured to the computer to see if someone had gotten up at the crack of dawn and by the grace of God, had sent me an e-

mail. Alas, no. I then entered the wonderful world of AOL instant messenger and 15 minutes passed in the blink of an eye. At that very moment I became suddenly aware that I was not studying. I had a mental aneurysm and freaked out. I might

I wasn't doing anything fun or even remotely close to resembling a good time. I wasn't out drinking. I wasn't out at a club all night. No, I was good damnit. I was good!

All I had done was clean my house and attempt to study. How in the world could I have been so unprepared? "Ah, I'm an idiot," I thought and a sudden peace came over me. "Maybe they'll put me in a remedial GSU orientation class or something."

I went straight home and sat on the couch. I tried to cheer myself up but nothing worked. There was no sense of hunger, no desire to watch TV, no room to clean or article of clothing to wash. I just sat there alone in the living room. It was quiet in the house but even more silent was the vacant space in my head where my brain once was. I think that at that point I heard something inside my head go "sizzle."

"Well, there is always next time," I managed to convince myself after 20 minutes more of silence.

I then reached for my bookbag, took out my calculator and averaged in a 25 for the test I just took and 100's

for all the tests I still had to take and HELL YEA. I like what I see. Man, I can still pass. What was I so worried about? The calculator doesn't lie. Problem solved.

"That's a little unrealistic," my subconscious said.

"You can do it," I told myself and then I reassured myself of what a good student I really was. This is just a pothole in the road of my success. Yeah, just a pothole.

The thing is, this has happened to me every semester since I've been here and, well, this is my fourth year here. Interesting. I think I may be sensing a pattern here. Is anyone reading this in any way remotely like me? I find it hard to think that I'm alone here in my procrastination.

What's it going to take for us to start studying and stop procrastinating? Maybe we should all call our parents and ask if we get an "A" average in a class, if we can get ten dollars or something like that. Do you think that might work? I'm open for suggestions here, I need help.

Do you think there are support groups for people who are in as much crap as I am? Do you think there is a cure for my problem?

I can see it now....

"Hi, my name is Justin and I, well, I.....I'm a procrastinator. I'm ready for my ten step program and to be cured now, thanks."

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Thank you, Voo Doo medicine man

ADAM BRADY



Im sure some of you out there have felt not right from time to time.

Maybe some extreme coughing, excessive fever, or drooling nose. Having dealt with it long enough, you find your way to the Health Center on Forrest Drive, more commonly known as "The Voo Doo Hut." As you walk in, the sounds of distant jungle drums and deep, throaty chanting accompany you to the sign in desk. You check the box for "Illness" - some of you making a mental note to come back weeks later to fill out the same form, next time checking the box next to "Condoms" - and you find a comfy straw-filled bamboo seat as far away as you can from the girl that just doesn't look right. Slowly, but surely, (though let me heavily emphasize slowly) your name becomes the next up on the small piece of animal hide you scribbled it upon.

Then one of the tribeswomen call you back to take basic medical readings: your weight, temperature, pulse, blood pressure, family lineage, and zodiac sign. Once she's satisfied that one of the medicine men can be of service, you're sent back out to the waiting room. Finding your seat has been taken by yet another girl who just doesn't look right, you take refuge on a small log near the outhouses.

You carefully avoid the stares of the others awaiting the Voo Doo treatment as your second round of waiting begins. Though that plant across the room looks much larger than when you first arrived, it's not too long before the tribeswoman returns to invite you back for what you've been waiting for.

Running your fingers through the short beard hanging from your chin and wondering exactly how long you were in that waiting room, you follow the tribeswoman deeper into the jungle refuge. The drums and chanting grow louder and louder as you move the giant leaves from your path.

I cannot emphasize the importance of watching your step: you never know what could be crawling beneath your feet.

You are instructed by the tribeswoman to sit on a small cot crafted from sticks and tightly woven vines in a room to the right. She disappears and the drumming and chanting abruptly ceases. Hearing a rustling from the doorway, you see several tribeswomen carrying a limp body back towards the way you came. However, there really is no reason to be alarmed. He's merely fallen into a healing trance induced

by the master medicine man.

Quiet follows for several minutes as you wonder when you will get to meet this great man. Then very quietly and solemnly, two robed figures enter the room shaking gourds and dropping small leaves in a path from the doorway to your cot. Another robed figure enters with a large drum and sits in the corner of the room, his hands ready to play.

The moment has finally arrived. Dressed in a ceremonial headpiece and loin-cloth, the medicine man enters the room dancing about from side to side, chanting loudly and brandishing an elaborately decorated stick. The man in the corner beats the drum almost uncontrollably as the Voo Doo doctor continues to jump about yelling out strange unrecognizable phrases. He stops and the drumming halts. Moving in closely he looks at you carefully, up and down, left to right.

"What's wrong?" A voice emanates from beneath the mask.

"I feel tired and achy. My throat hurts and my nose is congested. I think I'm sick."

"Hmmm." He opens your mouth and looks at your throat. Mumbling to himself he looks for several minutes, jabbing a small stick in your mouth to keep it open. He carefully scribbles some words on a piece of animal hide and hands it to you.

"Bring this to the pharmacy down the hall. If you still feel bad after 48 hours, come back and see me. You have a cold."

Turning around abruptly, he begins to dance out the door, drummer beating fiercely, as tribesmen and witchdoctor leave the room. Carefully walking back down the pathway, (let me once again warn of jungle

creatures) you make your way to a wooden counter that must be the pharmacy. As you hand the medicine woman behind the counter the small piece of animal hide, you're told to return to the waiting room once again and wait to be summoned by horn.

So, you make your way back out to the waiting room, once again avoiding the girl that just doesn't look right, and you sit back down on a straw-filled mat. It seems like an eternity before you hear the horn's resounding call, and you make your way back to the small wooden counter. The medicine woman hands you 2 small gourds filled with white powder, instructs you to mix them with water and goat's blood and drink the elixir twice a day.

The whole package only costs you four beaded necklaces and two shiny stones, but that doesn't include the goat's blood.

Finally getting home, you stare at the gourds. You feel worse, you skipped your classes in hopes of finding out how to get better, and now you've got an itch you're not quite sure you had before you went. (That girl that just didn't look right comes to mind. I wonder...)

I invite you to take that walk to the Voo Doo Hut, that adventure to the deepest reaches of the jungle. Your cure may await you. That goat's blood elixir worked miracles on my flu.

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colleges that offer the degrees they specifically want. Handouts are also used in the center. Students are encouraged to come in and pick up information about resumes, majors and interviews.

Students are also encouraged to seek career advising. This is a chance for those students who may not know exactly what they want to major in to come and get ideas about what areas they want to study.

"After my first year of being undeclared, I went to career services. I took tests like the GCIS and FOCUS to help me realize what areas I was most interested in concentrating," said Elizabeth Fuller. "It was my GSU 1210 teacher that encouraged us to visit the CRC."

An interview is another opportunity that is available to students. Alumni and graduating students can register in the career office to set up an on-campus interview with employers.

Videotaped mock interviews are another type of interviewing that can take place. This gives students a chance to see themselves on tape and be evaluated by others.

"At first I thought doing a

mock interview would be silly, but after seeing myself on tape, I was glad I did it. There were some questions that I did not know answers to and it showed when I saw myself," said Jill Brown.

For those people who do not have anything to wear for an interview, faculty and staff donated suits to help assist students in their job search.

"Suits are expensive. We want students to dress professionally. We try and help out as much as possible," said Williams.

Resume services is what most students commonly think is only used at Career Services. They have templates set up on computers for students to use as well as sample resumes for each major. Students can drop off their resume with a cover letter for critiquing and have it back within 48 hours. To those graduating students who want to become a part of the resume referrals, they have hundreds of employers every year that search their database.

Students looking for jobs can also take advantage of job-related resources by list serves, job search resources and web job listings. They have books, guides, brochures, magazines and directories for every major. This gives students a chance to get contact

information that may lead them to finding a job. Jobs can range from full time and part time jobs both on and off campus.

"I had a few minutes before class and stopped in just to look around. They have lots of things that I could just pick up and take to read later. I never had any idea that so much work went into graduating outside of classes," said Frank Clark.

Career Services has extended their hours to be more accessible to students. They will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. located downstairs in the Williams Center.

"We would definitely like to see more students. There are lots of students that say they did not know we offer that resource. But we do have a good mix of students who utilize the facility," said Williams.

They encourage students to join them in their Career Fair that will be Feb. 28. This gives students the chance to network with employers and give companies their resumes. They are expecting anywhere from 75 to 90 companies to be in attendance.

ADDRESS, FROM PAGE 1

defeat terrorism, to protect the nation from further attack and to revive the economy.

"As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economy is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," Bush said. "Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

Echoing President John F. Kennedy's call to patriotic service, Bush also called on Americans to give something back to their nation. He asked citizens to commit at least two years or 4,000 hours of their lives to community service.

"If you aren't sure how to help, I've got a good place to start," he said. "To sustain and extend the best that has emerged in America, I invite you to join the new USA Freedom Corps."

The USA Freedom Corps, he said, will respond to crises at home, rebuild communities and extend "American compassion throughout the world." To help fortify the nation against further terrorist attacks, he asked for retired doctors and nurses to mobilize in emergencies and for volunteers to help fire and police departments.

The president said the new volunteer organization would seek to recruit 200,000 people. He also said he would double the size of the Peace Corps, currently 7,000 strong, and expand its work to more Islamic nations.

"This time of adversity offers a unique moment of opportunity, a moment we must seize to change our culture," Bush said. "Through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness, I know we can overcome evil with greater good."

Bush made clear that the war that seemed so straightforward in Afghanistan is about to get more complicated.

He warned of three regimes in particular - North Korea, Iraq and Iran - that he said must be stopped from developing weapons of mass destruction that could be disseminated to terrorists.

"States like these and their terrorist allies constitute an axis of evil, aiming to threaten the peace of the world," he said.

It was Bush's first speech to a joint session of Congress since he tried to calm the nation nine days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Bush's first speech to Congress was to unveil his budget last year.

Bush walked into the House of Representatives chamber to loud applause and cheers, but quickly got

down to business.

Vice President Dick Cheney sat behind him, a development notable only because the two men have been kept apart during much of the time since the Sept. 11 attacks. Interior Secretary Gale Norton was absent, to ensure that one Cabinet member would preserve the line of presidential succession should disaster strike the Capitol.

Bush said the intelligence gathered since the war began in Afghanistan pointed to the rough road ahead.

"Our discoveries in Afghanistan

corporate disclosure.

The official Democratic Party response to Bush's address reflected the public's broad bipartisan support for the war. House of Representatives Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri assured the president and the nation that the country speaks with one voice against terrorism.

"Like generations that came before us, we will pay any price and bear any burden to make sure that this proud nation wins the first war of the 21st century," Gephardt said,

echoing Kennedy's inaugural address. Since Sept. 11, he said, "there's been no daylight between us in this war on terrorism. We've met almost every single week and built a bipartisan consensus that is

helping America win this war."

But Gephardt noted growing partisan divisions over domestic issues, intensified in this election year when control of both houses of Congress is up for grabs. The House Democratic leader said Democrats would not necessarily side with Bush on such issues as tax cuts, Social Security, Medicare, overhauling campaign-finance laws and the bankruptcy of Enron.

"I refuse to accept that while we stand shoulder to shoulder on the war, we should stand toe to toe on the economy," Gephardt said.

The president is calling for \$190 billion over 10 years to subsidize prescription drug costs for senior citizens. Most of that would not take effect for another three years, when his budget planners expect deficits to end.

In the meantime, Bush proposes a first step of spending \$77 billion over 10 years to help 3 million low-income senior citizens pay for prescription drugs through Medicare.

Joining first lady Laura Bush to watch the speech were interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai, who met with Bush at the White House on Monday, and Teamsters Union President James Hoffa Jr., who supports the president's efforts to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

Also present was Hermis Moutardier, a Miami-based flight attendant for American Airlines who spotted alleged attempted "shoe bomber" Richard Reid on Flight 63 on Dec. 22 and restrained him with help from others on board.

Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Raikes of Chesterfield, Va., was beside the first lady. Raikes, whose right hand wore a brace, was wounded in an explosion in Afghanistan near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar.

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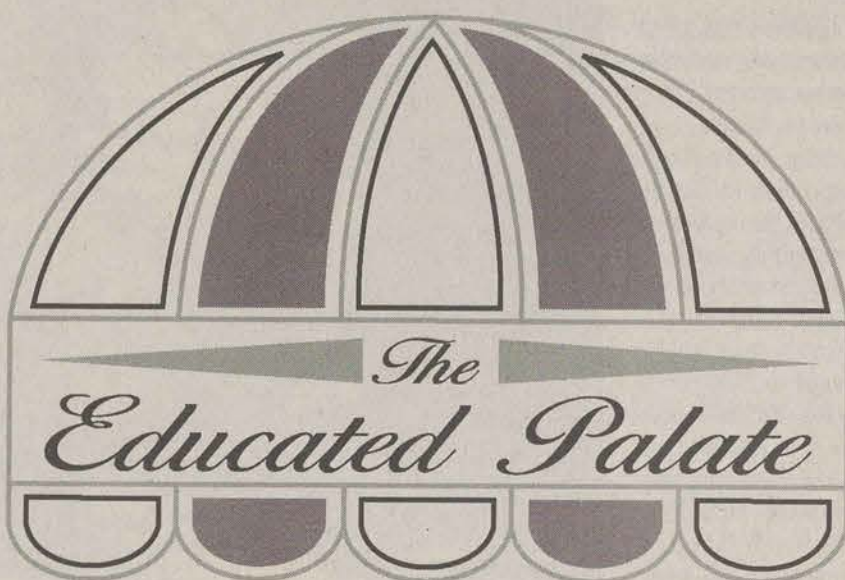
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Lady Eagles top App. St. 82-61

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Led by a career night from Sarah Davis, the Lady Eagle basketball team cruised to an 82-61 victory over Appalachian State Monday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The 21-point margin of victory was the second largest of the season for the Eagles, trailing only their 39-point drubbing of Savannah State on November 27.

After the Mountaineers (6-14, 2-9 SoCon) opened up the game with a 3-0 lead, Georgia Southern (9-10, 6-5 SoCon) shot the lights out, going on a 21-0 run to put them into a lead they would not relinquish. Appalachian State was able to gnaw away at the lead at different times in the game, but key shots at the right times helped the Eagles keep the Mountaineers at a safe distance.

"That's what lost us the game at UTC—not answering runs," said Davis. "This time we answered when they made runs."

Davis, a senior from Springfield, Georgia, scored a season-high 20 points off 6-for-12 shooting, including a 3-for-5 performance from behind the three-point line. In addition, she dished out a career-high seven assists for Georgia Southern. "I really felt like my shot was going to go down tonight," said Davis. "It's definitely a confidence booster."

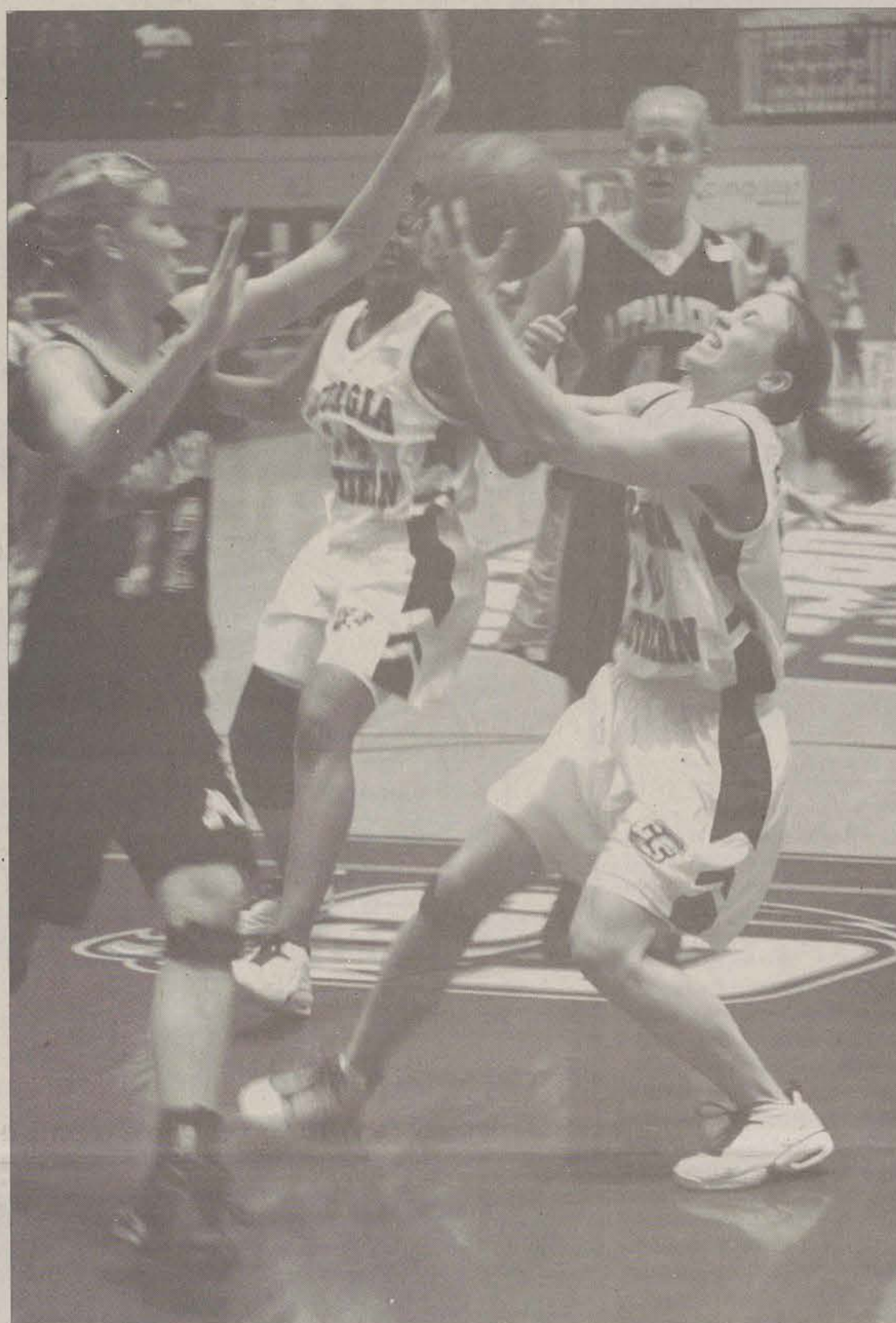
Senior Danna Simpson also provided an offensive spark with 14 points, good enough to make her the 15th Eagle to top the 1,000-point plateau. Senior Alie Rousseau and sophomore Jessica Everett each pitched in with 12 and ten points, respectively.

With his 88th victory, Eagle head coach Rusty Cram moved into second place in the team record books, trailing only former coach Drema Greer, whom he replaced in 1996. Cram still has a ways to go to challenge that mark, however, as he needs another 75 wins to top Greer.

For Appalachian State, the offensive output was led by a 13-point night from Aisha Bryant with Michelle Conklin adding a career-high ten points for the shorthanded Mountaineers squad. The team was without leading scorer Joanie White, who was sick and did not travel for the game. Jessica Jank provided the defensive help, grabbing a career-high 11 rebounds.

Georgia Southern will try to even up their record when they host East Tennessee State on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Appalachian State will return home to host Furman on Saturday.

• *Senior Danna Simpson becomes 15th Eagle to join 1000 point club*



Tim Deaver/STAFF

CRUISE TO THE TOP: The Lady Eagles topped Appalachian State Monday night in a 21 point margin victory, the second largest margin for the season. The night was lead by Sarah Davis, who completed with 20 points, Danna Simpson scored 14, enough to make her the 15th Eagle to join the 1000 point club. With the victory, Coach Rusty Cram earned 88 career victories, the second largest in school history. The Lady Eagles host East Tennessee State on Saturday for their next match.

Eagles slip to Mocs, four-way tie for first in South

G-A News Service

Chattanooga's Toot Young scored 27 points, including six three-pointers, to lead the Mocs past Georgia Southern 103-91 in Southern Conference action Monday night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Georgia Southern (11-8, 5-4 Southern Conference) raced out to a 12-0 lead in the game's first three minutes on four straight three-point buckets. Julius Jenkins hit two in a row, followed by a trey from Sean Peterson and one from Kordel Gibson.

Chattanooga (12-10, 5-4) clawed back to take their first lead of the night at 31-30 on a Young trey with 5:53 showing in the first half. Clyde McCully gave the Mocs a 48-40 halftime advantage on a layup at the buzzer.

Chattanooga completed wrapping a 25-3 run around the intermission to take their biggest lead

at 21 points with 13:24 to play.

McCully and Petie Spaulding each had 20 for the Mocs, while McCully added 11 assists.

Georgia Southern was led by Kashien Latham with 25 points and 10 rebounds, while Jenkins chipped in 20 points. Peterson finished with 17 points and 12 assists. Latham's effort was the 29th double-double of his career, while Peterson's was his third of the season and fifth of his career.

The loss drops the Eagles into a four-way tie for first place in the SoCon's South Division. College of Charleston and The Citadel lost Monday as well to create the four-team logjam atop the South Division.

Georgia Southern returns to action to on Wednesday against Savannah State at 7:30 p.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse. Chattanooga hosts The Citadel at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Bonds honored at New York baseball dinner

Associated Press

Home run king Barry Bonds was presented with his record fourth National League most valuable player award Sunday at the New York baseball writers' 79th annual dinner.

Bonds, who set major league records last season with 73 homers, an .863 slugging percentage and 177 walks, also received the Mel Ott Award for leading the NL in homers and player of the year awards from the New York baseball writers, as well as baseball broadcasters.

Other award winners at the dinner included new Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith, Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera, Mets catcher Mike Piazza and Cy Young pitching award winners Roger Clemens and Arizona's Randy Johnson.

Clemens was presented with his record sixth Cy Young by Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra.

Bonds is scheduled to make his first career appearance at Yankee Stadium on June 7-9 when his San Francisco Giants play the Yankees in an interleague matchup.

"I'm going to thank baseball for

another gift," Bonds said at the dinner. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to play in Yankee Stadium and to hit against Roger Clemens."

Bonds then turned to Yankees manager Joe Torre, another award winner seated on the dais, and said, "Joe, make sure he's pitching in that series."

Rivera was presented with the American League Fireman of the Year trophy but presented it to Thomas Von Essen, recently retired New York fire commissioner, who was also on the dais.

"They were an inspiration for all of us," Rivera said of the New York City fire and rescue personnel, who lost 343 members at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Also on the dais was former New York Mets outfielder Rusty Staub, who received a standing ovation for raising more than \$100 million for the New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund, which he heads.

Rising stars and homefield advantage could make it a red, white and blue Olympics

Associated Press

Get ready for a red, white and blue Olympics.

With Americans enjoying the home-field advantage and some rising stars eager for a world stage, this could be a golden Winter Games for U.S. athletes.

From the ice where Apolo Anton Ohno and the women's hockey team should dominate to the slopes where Bode Miller will be a favorite, America's athletes should give flag-waving fans plenty to cheer about.

The goal is 20 medals, seven more than the United States has ever won at the Winter Olympics. With chants of "USA, USA" reverberating through the Wasatch Mountains, it could go even higher.

Things look so good that even bobsledders could win a medal for the first time in 46 years, thanks mostly to the addition of women in the sport.

The stage is set as never before. Now all they have to do is perform when it counts for 17 days in Salt Lake City, beginning Feb. 8.

"This is our showcase opportunity," U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandra Baldwin said. "We've invested a lot of time and money in having our winter sports do well and we'll have a great legacy with the facilities afterward. Now we just have to watch it pay off."

Many Americans will watch an assortment of sports they would generally ignore to see if the nation's winter athletes can top the 13 medals won at both the 1994 Lillehammer Games and the 1998 Nagano Games.

Sheer numbers are in their favor. There are 10 more events for a total of 78 in 15 disciplines. In all, athletes will go home with 477 medals.

If the United States reaches its goal of 20 medals, the majority probably will come from the skiing and speedskating entries.

Half of those medals could come in speedskating alone, with the 19-year-old Ohno a favorite in any of the four Roller Derby-type short-track events he's in.

"Apolo can medal in every race," said Fred Benjamin, president of U.S. Speedskating.

Ten speedskating medals might be a bit optimistic, but it reflects an almost giddy attitude U.S. officials have about the prospects of a medal haul in Salt Lake City.

That comes from a renewed commitment by the USOC to winter sports over the last decade. U.S. athletes also have been able to ski the moguls outside Salt Lake City and practice on the speedskating oval and bobsled and luge runs on a regular basis.

"Everybody seems to be peaking at the right time," USOC president Lloyd Ward said. "We like what we see."

While the United States has dominated at the Summer Olympics and ranks third overall behind Norway and the former Soviet Union in winter medals, it hasn't done as well recently at the Winter Games.

Take away Eric Heiden's five gold medals in 1980, and the United States is averaging just slightly more than nine medals a games for the last six Winter Olympics.

That figures to change when U.S.

athletes get in front of crowds energized with patriotic fever and eager to see their countrymen succeed. A good showing would be especially important to a country that hasn't fully recovered from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Japan enjoyed its status as host country to win more medals in Nagano than ever before, and the American team should get a similar boost.

That's fine with the International Olympic Committee, which needs the excitement of the home team doing well to help justify the nearly \$2 billion price tag of the games.

"The performance of the home team is of vital importance to the spirit of the games," IOC president Jacques Rogge said.

The Americans should win more medals this time, but forget any in cross-country, ski jumping or biathlon.

The women's hockey team, unbeaten through 28 games of exhibition play, seems almost certain to win a gold, and medals await in figure skating where Michelle Kwan is favored and Todd Eldredge has one last chance.

Ohno and Miller should provide plenty of excitement, while the United States has three legitimate contenders in snowboarding, too.

And, of course, Nagano gold medalist Jonny Moseley returns to lead a strong freestyle skiing team that is as quotable as it is good.

"If I can come down, throw a 360 mute grab up top, ski the middle clean, and do the Dinner Roll at the bottom with a bute grab, that's the run," Moseley said. "It's over. K.O. punch. Right there."

Super Bowl security no walk in the park for NFL

Associated Press

At this year's Super Bowl, even the high rollers will be walking.

So much in America has changed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and America's biggest sporting event is no exception.

Security is priority No. 1 in New Orleans this week. It means the limousines that normally overtake a Super Bowl city, shuttling the hordes of big names and big spenders who infiltrate each year, will be parked on Super Sunday. That includes the guy who's throwing the party.

"No one drives up to the game," said NFL vice president Jim Steeg. "Paul Tagliabue is walking. If the commissioner is walking, everybody's walking."

The Super Bowl has been designated a National Special Security Event, with none other than the Secret

Service overseeing the operation.

Remember no-fly zones in Iraq? They now have one near the Superdome, duplicating the measures taken at the World Series, and at a number of sporting events in the direct aftermath of Sept. 11.

Workers began erecting the eight-foot-high fences and concrete barricades to form a barrier around the Superdome weeks ago. As a result, the closest some cars can get to the Superdome is about two blocks, and many fans will have a longer walk.

A task force of state, local and federal officials has been working on the security plan for months, but part of the goal is to make the games look "normal."

The thought of a terrorist attack on the Super Bowl is nothing new.

The idea first went mainstream in the mid-70s, when the movie "Black Sunday" came out. In that movie, a

terrorist threatens to kill fans at a stadium with a blimp loaded with thousands of darts.

Such a plot might have seemed outlandish decades ago. Today, it's the center of the NFL's thinking.

"The point of terrorism is to get on television, to have the event seen by as many as possible," defense analyst John Pike said. "If you think how much people pay for Super Bowl commercials, you know it's certainly the most watched event there is. If someone is going to pull something, what better place?"

If any city is up to the security challenge, New Orleans is it. This is the Crescent City's ninth Super Bowl. On Jan. 1, the city went through something of a practice run when the Sugar Bowl was played.

Ahlerich said that game went off without a hitch.

Eagles picked to win SoCon baseball crown

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern has been selected to win the Southern Conference baseball regular season crown in voting by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

The Eagles, winners of the last two regular season crowns, garnered all 10 available first place votes in both polls, making them a unanimous selection. Neither the coaches or the SIDs were allowed to vote for their own team in the poll.

The Eagles, 42-20 overall last year and the Southern Conference champion at 21-9, outdistanced second place The Citadel

in both preseason polls. The Bulldogs finished second in the regular season last year at 38-24, 20-10.

Both polls agree on the top seven finishers in the 2002 SoCon race. Georgia Southern and The Citadel are followed in third place by Western Carolina, then UNC Greensboro, Furman, College of Charleston and East Tennessee State.

The coaches poll predicted Davidson eighth, Appalachian State ninth and a tie for 10th between VMI and Wofford. The SIDs selected ASU eighth followed by Davidson, Wofford and VMI.

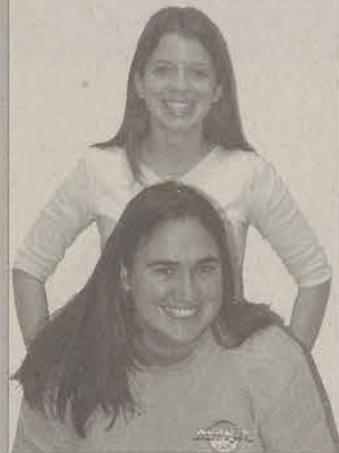
Georgia Southern returns pitcher Brett Lewis (9-2, 3.25 ERA), shortstop Jewel Spearman (.372-0-44), and outfielders Matt Herring (.353-12-55) and Chris Walker (.303-0-25) from last year's NCAA Regional team.

The Citadel will feature starting pitcher Eric Talbert (8-3, 2.06) who led the SoCon in ERA in 2001 for the second straight season. The Bulldogs also have reliever Randy Corn (8-3, 2.50) back to spearhead the bullpen.

Southern Conference teams begin play on Feb. 2 as Furman hosts High Point and Wofford entertains North Carolina A&T. League action begins on March 8.

A whole bunch of sports stuff

MELISSA CONNORS & JENNI GINEPRI



Just a few things that stuck out in the sports world news...

What should we call Mike Tyson? He's hardly a role model, but he still sells and gets away with every bad thing he does. Hitting, biting, punching...we wouldn't be able to get away with that.

How about Georgia Tech. Their old coach lied on his resume, and it looks like "Tech" habits don't fall far from the tree. Their new defensive coordinator, Rick Smith, was just confronted about his past and it was discovered that he also lied on his resume. He supposedly played football and baseball for FSU. The new head coach did not accept his resignation, allowing for Smith to continue working for the school.

With all the new head coaches in colleges, how will recruiting be? Ohio State has signed the second best recruiting class from this year and BYU has two top ten players committing to their team. Is that because several colleges lost good coaches? Are high school players turning away from the new coaches for fear of a losing team? Spurrier left Florida. O'Leary left Tech.

Johnson left Georgia Southern... We'll see what happens there.

Adrian Peterson played in the Senior Bowl last weekend. He did a decent job in the game, kudos to AP! The only thing that seemed weird was that the officials clocked him in at 4.7 for the 40-yard dash, which we think is incorrect. We believe he can run faster than that. Actually, we know he can.

What a strange men's Australian Open! Most people have never even heard of the winner, Thomas Johnansson from Sweden. What looked like an easy match for Marat Safin turned out to be a nightmare. Why do athletes feel as though they have to trash talk the other players before matches? Does that really do something -- unfortunately not for Safin. It just makes you look stupid after they beat you. I have never understood that. One thing is for sure, no one is a shoe-in. Pete Sampras has decided to rejoin the Davis Cup team after doubting he would ever play again. That is pretty exciting for tennis fans since he has not been playing to his potential within the past year. I got to attend my first Davis Cup in October last year at Wake Forest. It was a very cool experience. Having a brother who was a member of the team does have its little perks! Thanks Robby. People really get into the matches. The US played India and of course beat them. The fans there were out of control. People these days will do anything to be on TV or you do what I did, sit behind the players!

Superbowl stuff... Okay girls or other non football fans, you too can get excited about Superbowl! If nothing else, sit and watch the commercials. The advertisements are just as entertaining as the game itself, if not more! So instead of dreading what is the biggest day of the year in football, be excited. Watch the commercials, learn a little something about football, or just spend the day with football fever. Granted, it's just another day to

some people but to football crazed fans -- what a GREAT day! So where exactly do you spend this great day? I am thinking not at Retrievers. What is up with this \$7 cover charge to BYOB? (FYI, if you plan to get a party tray you do not have to pay to get in. They are offering to-go platters of wings and various other foods.) Exactly what do you get for \$7? You get to see a football game on two BIG SCREEN TVs with a bunch of people you don't know? (And exactly how big can these TVs be- it's Retrievers!) What happened to those intimate Superbowl parties with friends? Being a frequent customer at Retrievers, I am sad to say you will not get my \$7 for the day. (This is a rare occasion.) So, to my bartender Andre I am sorry! (Oh wait, I get to bring my own drinks!) But have no fear. Buffalo's saves the day. You can go and watch the game for FREE! That's right, for FREE! You don't have to pay to watch TV. No matter where you go, remember that good 'ole Statesboro is a dry county!

Ok, if you're reading this and

thinking you would like write for The George Anne, give us a call. We need sports writers! Applications are available in our office in the Williams Center room 2023.

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LIFESTYLES

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Ideas on how to budget and save your money

By Brittany Gates
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Everyone on campus knows that financial aid check refunds are not going to be in their Landrum boxes on the first day of class. Many were outraged, and some even vented their thoughts in *The George-Anne*, but the time to be angry at whoever has passed. Now, it is time to think about how you are going to come up with some money for the fall semester and beyond.

The first thing a college student should do, according to Connie Murphey, Director of Financial Aid, is to start budgeting now. You can make up a budget yourself, but if you need some help, then stop by the Financial Aid office and make an appointment with your financial aid counselor. If you don't know who your counselor is, go to the Financial Aid website at www2.gasou.edu/sta/finaid/ and click on the "contact us" button. There, you can find your counselor alphabetically. Your counselor can help you make up a budget with the budgeting sheets they have at the office. If you do make a budget by yourself, and you need some tips on how, here are some budgeting tips from Murphey:

First, get or make a budget sheet and write out monthly expenses (rent, food, utilities, tuition, fees, etc.) and add them up. Second, write down what income you have. That includes your job, financial aid, your parents giving you money, and any other type of income you are receiving. After you have those two figures, subtract them, and if you have any money left over, then that's what you have left to spend for the month. If you don't, then you might want to think of finding a part-time job (if

you don't already have one) or increasing your financial aid.

But Murphey advises students that get jobs to help support themselves to be careful. If you try to hold a full-time job down along with taking a full course load then you might burn yourself out. Murphey

quire you to open a savings account with least \$100. Plus, there might be some fees if you go below the \$100 limit each month, or if you take too many withdrawals from your account each month. However, this varies from bank to bank so you want to do some research before opening one.

While at the bank, you might want to sign up for a debit card instead of applying for a credit card. If you are a person that has a tendency to overspend and charge stuff on a credit card, then a debit card might help you



Special Photo

HOW TO BUDGET YOUR MONEY: When financial aid checks arrive late, there are still ways to save and budget your money.

said that if a student must get a job, then make it a part-time job where you only work a few hours a week.

If, after completing your budget, you still can't see how much money is going toward things like food or rent, make a visual budget. According to Adriane Berg, a columnist on MSN MoneyCentral, "visually calculating your spending typically has a profound psychological effect and leads to more savings with less frustration than counting pennies (<http://moneycentral.msn.com/articles/family/funds/1472.asp>). Use a program like Microsoft Money or Excel and create a pie chart of your monthly budgets. That way, you actually see where your money is going and you can make adjustments if something is taking up too much of the pie chart.

Second thing you should do, according to Murphey, is start saving money each month. "If you have a job, start paying yourself money," Murphey said. Saving is hard, she added, and you must start somewhere. Even if you only put \$10 in a savings account each month, you least have some money put away. Do be advised, though, that most savings accounts in most banks re-

budget better. A debit card is tied directly to your checking account, so you have less chance of overspending. If you do, you will get that dreaded "rejection" title when you are at the checkout counter. Plus, you don't have to worry about making a monthly payment or interest charges.

But, you are probably saying, "I can't afford to save anything." Don't buy into that. You can save money, you just have to apply yourself and use some of these tips provided by M.P. Dunleavy, a columnist on MSN MoneyCentral.

Her first step is to, "retrain your brain." You must stop spending money on stuff you don't need. Next time you see something you want and don't need, take the amount of money it cost and deposited it in your bank account or stash it in a safe place. Now you're saving (<http://moneycentral.msn.com/articles/smartbuy/basics/8677.asp>).

But, what if an emergency happens during the summer or next semester and you need money right then. No problem. The Financial Aid office has an Emergency Loan

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Horror flick 'The Shining' still captures movie goers' attention

By Kim Waters
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A calm, mild mannered man accompanies his wife and son to a resort during the winter off-season.

He is there for peace and quiet, as his profession as a writer requires just that. His boy has a special skill called "the shining" which allows him to hear and see things that others cannot.

As their time in the grand hotel ticks away, the mansion begins to exude thoughts of the past and chills of the present.

In time, the calm, mild mannered man transforms into a man on the fringes of psychotic, and begins to terrify his own family.

A chilling, majestic piece of cinematic fright, this film combines all of the great elements of an intellectual thriller, with the grand vision of a director, Stanley Kubrick.

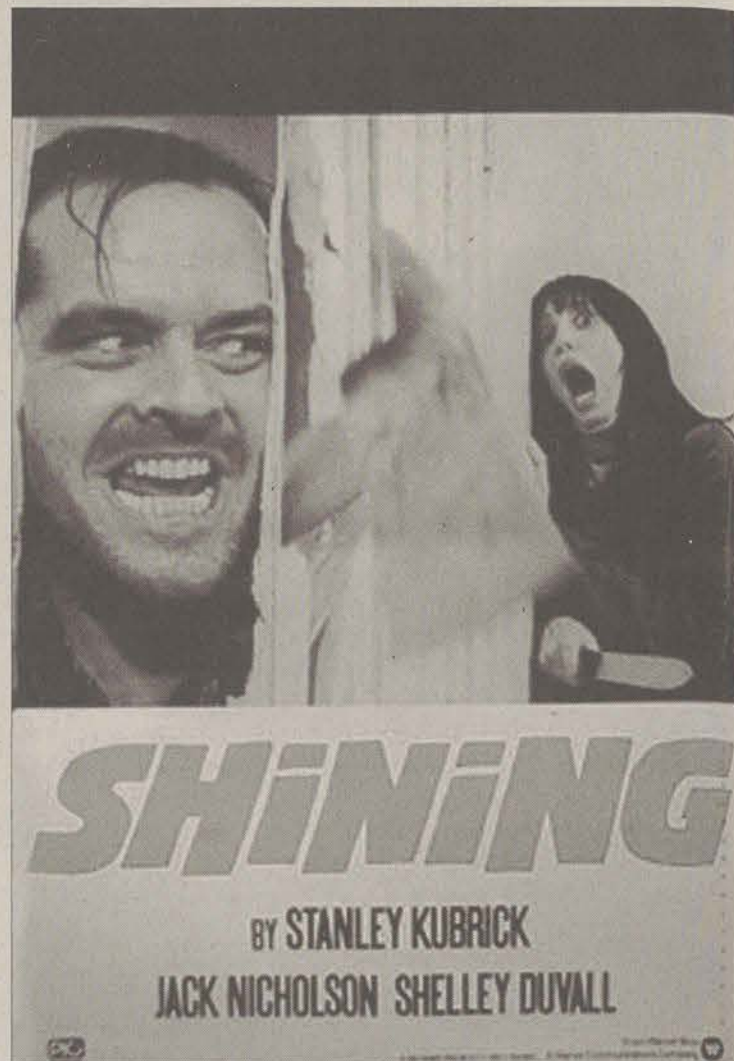
Kubrick has the instinctual capacity to pace a moody horror flick within the realm of his filmmaking genius that includes an eye for the original shot, an ice-cold soundtrack, and an overall sense of dehumanization.

This movie cuts through all of the typical horror movies like a branding iron through human flesh.

It allows the viewer to not only feel the violence and psychosis of its protagonist, but appreciate the seed from which the derangement stems.

One of the scariest things for people to face is the unknown, and this film presents its plot with just that thought in mind.

The setting is perfect: a desolate winter hideaway. The quietness of the moment is a character in itself, as the fermenting aggressor in



Special Photo

'THE SHINING': Jack Nicholson stars in an old thriller, which is still a hit in most movie goers eyes.

Jack's mind wallows in this idle time, and breeds the devil's new playground.

And it's within this film's subtle touches of the canvas, the clackity-clacks of the young boy's big wheel riding along the empty hallways of the hotel, the labyrinthine garden representing the mind's fine line between the sane and insane.

Kubrick's purposely trans-fixed editing inconsistencies, continuity errors and set misarrangements, that we discover a world guided by the righteous and tangible, but coaxed ways by the powerful and unknown.

I have never read the book upon which the film is based, but without that as a comparison point.

I am proud to say that this is one of the most terrifying films that I have ever seen.

All in all, this movie captures your attention with its grand form and vision, ropes you in with some terror and eccentric direction, and ties you down and stabs you in the heart with its cold-eyed view of the man's mind gone overboard, and the loss of humanity.

Rent "The Shining" and recapture the magic of Stanley Kubrick.

Herbal pills can be a safe alternative to prescription drugs

Associated Press

Herbal remedies might seem to be a solution to problems like memory loss, headache and sleeplessness.

They're much more affordable than prescription drugs, and there's always the possibility that these natural alternatives could help when everything else has failed.

But herbal remedies are tricky because they're unregulated by the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration, said Dr. Natalie Johnson, who is in geriatric fellowship training at University of South Carolina/Palmetto Health Richland.

"Until it becomes regulated, we can't responsibly prescribe herbal remedies," Johnson said. "You just don't know what you're getting."

Herbal remedies need to be treated just like any other drug, Johnson said. Some herbal remedies can interact badly with other medications or cause problems in people with certain conditions.

If you do decide to take herbal remedies, be sure to follow the recommended dosages on the bottle.

Here's a guide to some of the most common herbal remedies, what they do and how effective they are.

ECHINACEA:

What it's for: To prevent colds and flu. Does it work? Studies show mixed results as to how effective Echinacea is in preventing colds and flu. Johnson doesn't think it's that beneficial. Who should not take it: People who are HIV-positive, have leukocytosis, collagen disease or tuberculosis. Possible side effects: Fever, nausea, vomiting. Duration of use: Not more than a month or two. Pallid (pill form) 900 milligrams once per day,

purpura (liquid) three times daily. The cost is \$17 per month.

GINSENG ROOT:

What it's for: Gives you a boost of energy when you're feeling tired; also helps you concentrate. Does it work? Studies show no real statistical proof ginseng helps. Possible side effects: Brain infection, though this is extremely rare. Who

shouldn't take it: People who are on blood

thinners. Duration of

use: Up to three

months. The cost

is \$8 per month.

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note that Johnson

said if a patient

is already taking

ginseng and not

having any prob-

lems, it's OK for

them to continue, but

they should stick with the same brand. The doses of ginseng can differ greatly from brand to brand.

GINGKO BILOBA:

What it's for: Memory deficits, dizziness, ringing in the ears, headaches, leg pain. Does it work? Studies typically say it works by improving blood flow through the brain. Possible side effects: Stomach upset and headache. Who shouldn't take it: People who have been allergic to it, epileptics, people taking blood thinners. Duration of use: OK to use daily. The cost is \$19.95 a month.

ST. JOHN'S WORT:

What it's for: Depression and anxiety. Does it work? St. John's Wort is one of the best-studied herbs and is a cousin to Prozac. It has been shown to treat mild to moderate depression but not very effective for severe depression. Possible side effects: Sensitivity to bright light, stomach problems. Who shouldn't take it: People with cardiovascular diseases, people on MAO inhibitors. Duration of use: OK to take daily. The cost is \$12.50 a month.



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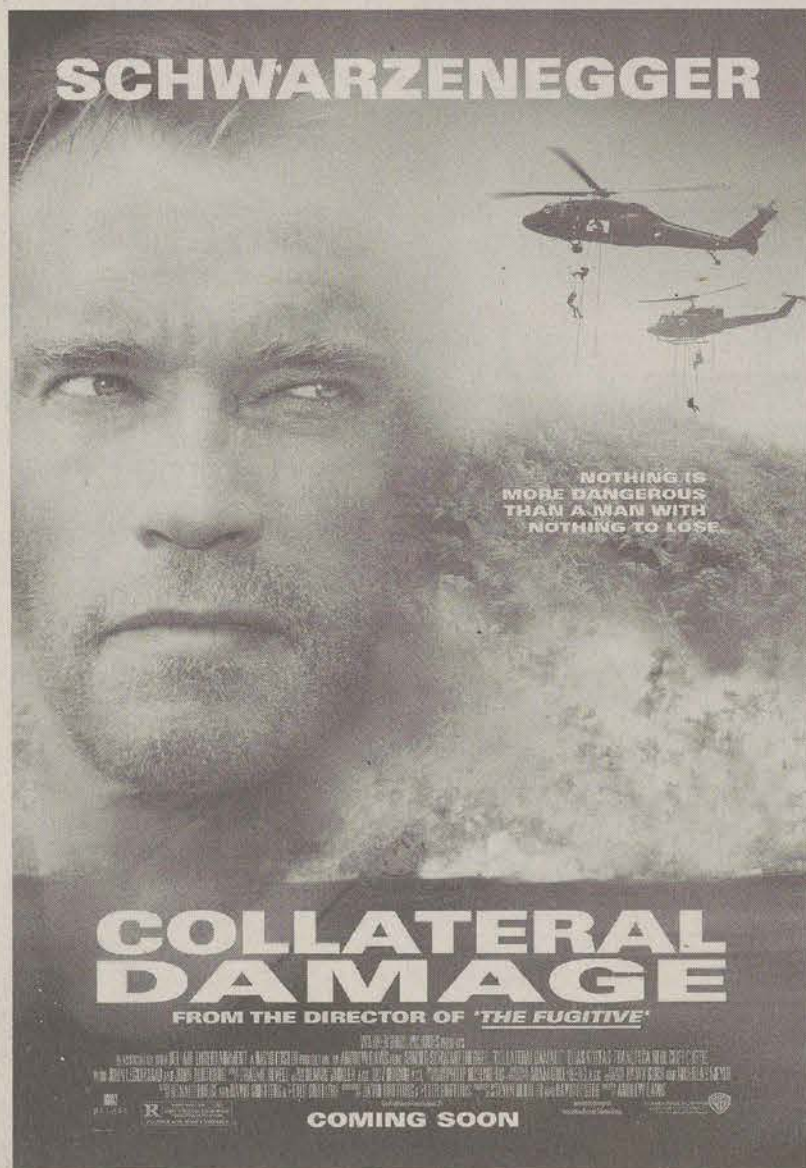
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the school parking lot before transporting it to its current location.

Yarmon stated that work would be conducted each Saturday until the home is completed, weather permitting.

A blitz build, the first in Statesboro, will happen on February 23 and 24. In one weekend, Yarmon hopes volunteers

will complete the framing and roofing of the home.

Any individual or group who wishes to participate can and is encouraged, Yarmon said. An information session has been arranged for Wednesday, February 6 in the Union Theatre. The meeting will begin at 6:30 and last approxi-

mately 45 minutes. For more information, contact GSU Habitat by phone, 489-2076, or by e-mail, habitatgsu@hotmail.com.

All volunteer hours will

involved," Yarmon said. "Hammering, painting, anything they want to do..."

Since 1976, Habitat and its affiliates have built more than 100,000 houses in more

with volunteer labor and homeowners must contribute 400 "sweat equity" hours to the building of their home or another project as a condition of buying their home.

Houses vary in cost depending upon location. In developing countries, homes are built as inexpensive as \$800 whereas in the U.S., the average home, including the GSU home, costs approxi-

mately \$40,000.

Professionals will be on site to direct the work of volunteers, he said.

The GSU Habitat Chapter is part of Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Georgia. HHI is a non-profit, nondenominational Christian housing organization.

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— BRIAN YARMON, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHAPTER PRESIDENT

be logged and turned into volunteer services for credit on volunteer transcripts.

No matter what experience level, all are encouraged to participate. Volunteers may opt to work on any of the three homes, which are at various stages in the building process.

"We want anybody to get

than 80 countries, including some 30,000 houses across the United States. This has provided more than 500,000 people in at least 2,000 communities with safe, decent and affordable shelter, according to the HHI web site.

Habitat homes are sold at cost and with no interest mortgages. Homes are built

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Fund which gives out Emergency Loans. All you have to do is be enrolled that semester and set up an appointment with your counselor.

Once you get all the required material filled out, you will get your check in your Landrum box. But, remember, this is a loan so you will have to pay the school back within a certain time limit.

If you still need more help with financial aid, check out some sessions that the Financial Aid office is planning during the month of February, which is Financial Aid Awareness month.

The dates haven't been set yet, but check your Georgia Southern email accounts for EagleGrams about the sessions. The sessions will cover everything from budgeting to the infamous decision to delay financial aid refund checks.

Plus, on the first day of March, every student will be

sent information about the next semester financial aid disbursements in their Landrum boxes and how to plan for it.

Financial aid refund checks are expected to come eight working days after the first day of school starts, according to Murphey, so it is best to start budgeting and saving now.

Remember, financial aid is suppose to help you with the majority of your school fees, but you have to chip in also.

So, get a job over the summer, save money you get through over avenues, or do something that will help you pay for books, rent and other expenses when fall semester hits.

But, if you still need more information, go to the Financial Aid office and talk to your counselor. Or, if you have a more difficult problem, you can talk to the assistant directors, or Mrs. Connie Murphey herself.

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in Africa" featured Berger's tracing of human evolution from non-human primates to modern homo sapiens, the first of which were an average height of 6' 3" or 6' 4" (men and women alike). The tallest people on Earth now are an African tribe who average just 5' 11". He discussed in fasci-

nating detail the development of tools, language, art and culture, which of course also found their origins in Africa.

Dr. Berger's groundbreaking discovery of the earliest modern human footprints has led him to at least five major television documentaries, five National Geographic feature articles, and

the first ever National Geographic Exploration Award in 1997. He is also the author of the book, "In The Footsteps of Eve," which explains the significance of the prints in greater detail. He now resides with his wife and two children in Johannesburg, South Africa.

President Bush to visit Atlanta to discuss education and gain political support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will make his third trip to Atlanta in 11 months Thursday during a three-state tour of the Southeast designed to drum up support for his foreign and domestic priorities.

The trip comes on the heels of Tuesday night's State of the Union address, during which Bush focused on the post-Afghanistan phase of the war against terrorism, his initiatives to protect America from another terrorist strike, and his ideas for boosting the economy.

The Atlanta leg of the two-day trip will focus on his newly signed education law, congressional sources said, with a visit to Booker T. Washington High School and a meeting with area teachers. Visits to Winston-Salem, N.C., and Daytona Beach, Fla., are expected Wednesday.

In addition to speaking to the student body Thursday afternoon in the high school gymnasium, Bush will deliver a "welcome speech" at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, sources said.

"Atlanta remains a city on the cutting edge in terms of education issues," said Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga.

Despite some hot political races in Georgia, the guest list would suggest Bush didn't pick Atlanta solely to stump for Republicans.

Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes cancelled his annual State of the State address scheduled for Thursday morning so he could join the president, and Democratic Sens. Max

Cleland and Zell Miller planned to attend the event too. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, who complained about being snubbed during an earlier presidential visit to Georgia, was invited this time, along with fellow Democrat John Lewis.

"We're all honored the president would come to Georgia, and he's welcome in my state any time," Cleland said.

This will be Bush's fourth trip to Georgia — a state he carried easily — since taking office just over a year ago. He last traveled to Atlanta in November to tour the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the primary responder to the anthrax

scare. He also touted his tax cut proposal there in March and addressed soldiers at Fort Stewart, near Savannah, in February.

"It's a good atmosphere for him," said Rep. Saxby Chambliss, a GOP challenger to Cleland this year.

"We're a very diverse state, and certainly Atlanta is the leader of the Southeastern part of country, so from a media standpoint, it's a good place to be to get his message out."

Chambliss plans to attend the event, but many other Georgia Republicans will miss it because they'll be out of town on a congressional retreat. Although there are no plans for Bush to raise funds for Chambliss or anybody else, Georgia Republican Chairman Ralph Reed says a trip to the state has obvious political advantages.

"It is almost certain to play a pivotal role in which party controls both houses of Congress next year," said Reed, a former Bush adviser. "He is, without a doubt, the most popular political figure in either party in Georgia today."

FSU party offends some, amuses others with racial and sexual themes

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TALLAHASSEE — Badjy Jean-Simon, a black Florida State University law student, is stunned that her fellow white students don't understand why dressing up as black prostitutes and pimps offends her.

"Pimps and whores come in all colors," said Jean-Simon. "But when you put on afro wigs and gold chains, you offend a majority of us. And you don't seem to care if you offended us."

Jean-Simon spoke at Tuesday's "town meeting" at FSU's College of Law after a group of law students organized a "Pimps and Ho's Party" Friday at Painted Lady, a local bar near campus.

Some whites at the party reportedly wore costumes, including afro wigs and fake gold chains, to look like prostitutes and pimps in 1970s-era "blaxploitation" films. Those films, such as "Superfly" and "The Mack," often had criminal characters that reinforced negative stereotypes about blacks.

One major theme emerged from Tuesday's meeting: Some white students didn't understand how Friday's party was offensive, which further upset already-irate black students.

At noon, hundreds of teachers, students and alumni packed the auditorium, including Circuit Judge Nikki Clark and Senior Assistant Attorney General John D.C. Newton, both of whom graduated from the law school.

After a lively back-and-forth, law school Dean Don Weidner said the dialogue would continue in small group sessions in the coming weeks. No student or school

money was used to support or promote the party, he said.

"It's clear there's some misunderstanding about how people feel," Weidner said. "We need to be more understanding of the points of view of others."

Similar parties at two Auburn University fraternities were in the news last Halloween, when white students

good time. It was very, very tame."

Pedro Malaret, a third-year student who is Puerto Rican, agreed. Malaret also said he manages his own hip-hop production company and works with many black artists.

"It's been around for three years and nobody complained before," he said. "It's never been a racial thing. The Afro was a common hair style in the 70s."

Cydnee Williams, a black first-year student, said that misses the point: The hair style was common among blacks.

"So the perception is that pimps and whores are only African-American, and we don't corner the market on that," she said.

Earlier, law professor Charles Ehrhardt warned students that such events hurt the reputations of the school and of lawyers in general.

"When you enter law school, you enter the legal profession, and you have a responsibility as young lawyers," he told the crowd. "Kinds of conduct that might be appropriate as an undergraduate are not necessarily appropriate as a member of the legal profession."

Newton, who works in the state attorney general's civil rights and economic crimes unit, said his office has not received a civil-rights complaint about the party.

"Did I hear anything that would make me want to open a file? No," Newton said. "Do I have complete information? No."

"I left as one alumnus who felt that the school faced the issue quickly, publicly and correctly," he added. "As a child of the South, I was reminded of how far we have come from overt racism, and also how far we have to go."

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Better Than Ezra comes to the 'Boro

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Legends Bar & Grill welcomes their biggest band to date on Thursday night. Better Than Ezra will perform there, continuing a long list of national acts brought this school year to the "legendary" bar.

Better Than Ezra is a popular rock band out of New Orleans that surfaced back in 1988. Fourteen years later and four successful albums under their belts, the band continues to release great music and sell out venues across the country.

However, times were not always as wonderful for the group that formed at Louisiana State University. Lead singer Kevin Griffin recalls the tragic event surrounding their former rhythm guitarist. "We had just finished our first album, 'Surprise,' when Joel Rundell's suicide sent the band into somewhat of an exile. But, by the end of the year, the pleading of Better Than Ezra's fans brought the band back to life. 'Our fans constantly urged us to get back together,'" said Griffin.

Better than Ezra continued as a three-man band, and success was imminent. "Deluxe," released in 1993, and its hit single "Good" catapulted the band to the top. Often times with musical success comes a record label, and Better Than Ezra was no exception to the rule.

The band, along with so many others, was considered to be "pop rock."

"People who didn't know our history thought we were just another pop hit band... nothing can be further from the truth," said Griffin. Other hit songs from the same platinum selling album such as "In the Blood" and "Rosolia" emerged to solidify Better Than Ezra's popular-



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BETTER THAN EZRA: After 14 years of success and setbacks, this trio is still making great music.

ity. In 1996 Cary Bonnetcaze left the band on good terms, but the fate of Better Than Ezra was once again up in the air. The band hired a close friend, Travis McNabb, to fill the opening as the band's drummer. Their first release on a major record label was soon underway.

"Friction Baby" was released in 1997 to great reviews and spawned two top 40 hits. "King of New Orleans" and "Desperately Wanting" are still in rotation at many major radio stations across the country.

"Closer" is Better Than Ezra's latest effort, and their music continues in its originality. "This is our best album yet, without a doubt," Griffin said.

Bassist Tom Drummond also has deep convictions about the new al-

bum. "The maturity level of this album far surpasses our previous efforts," Drummond said.

"Extra Ordinary" is the first single off of their new album, and shows a definite change in the band. Lyrics including, "We've got more hooks than Madonna's got hooks," shows the lighter side of the band. Many of the band's new sounds come from Better Than Ezra's newest member, Travis McNabb.

"We always want to bring people on board with fresh ideas," said Griffin. "Everyone brought their own spice to the mix and it ended up great."

Better Than Ezra is well known for its great live performances, and tomorrow night should be no exception. Tickets are \$7 before the show and can be purchased at On Cue Music, Cloud 9 and Smiling Buddha Tattoos.

One Acts open at Black Box

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Jan. 30 through Feb. 2, the Theater and Performance Department presents their annual Student-Direct One Acts. This year's plays "Murder is Fun" by Catherine Blankenship, "Contribution" by Ted Shine, and "Fool for Love" by Sam Shepard will be shown starting at 8 p.m. in the Black-Box Theater in the Communications Arts Building.

"Murder is Fun" is the first play in the series of three to take the stage. It takes an entertaining look at a murder investigation. It's a great throwback to an old fashion murder mystery, such as the Maltese Falcon, where every suspect has a motive and it's very hard to determine who the real killer is.

"It's full of surprises and very unique," Says the director, Amber Grisby, of her play.

Set in a famous songwriter's home, the play follows his subsequent death and the rounding up of his suspected killers. Through colorful, hilarious characters, the actors beautifully bring to life this classic

who don't it. Towards the end the audience is given a treat when they are asked to help solve the murder mystery. Grisby's direction gives a witty development of character that allows the audience to enjoy themselves, sit back and laugh.

The second play, directed by Maurice Thomas, takes a look at a special relationship

With the cast portraying such realistic three-dimensional characters and top-notch direction from Thomas, it makes this play a must-see. This play also has a major plot twist that the audience won't even see coming.

A classic love story with a Sam Shepard twist sets the stage for the third play, "Fool

for Love". Directed by Ryan Arrona, this beautifully staged production takes place in the western part of the United States. This cleverly crafted story, that is masterfully acted and directed takes the audience through the emotional ups and downs of the lead characters, May and Eddie, perfectly. Intermingled with unique back-story, this play is a fine achievement.

Arrona's hard work is evident as the cast masterfully portrays their weathered characters finely.

With admission being free and under the supervision of Professor Mical Whitaker this year's one acts are directed and acted wonderfully by truly gifted students. These plays are worth taking a look at. Littered with many social issues, comedy, and drama, it's a night of theater the audience will not soon forget.



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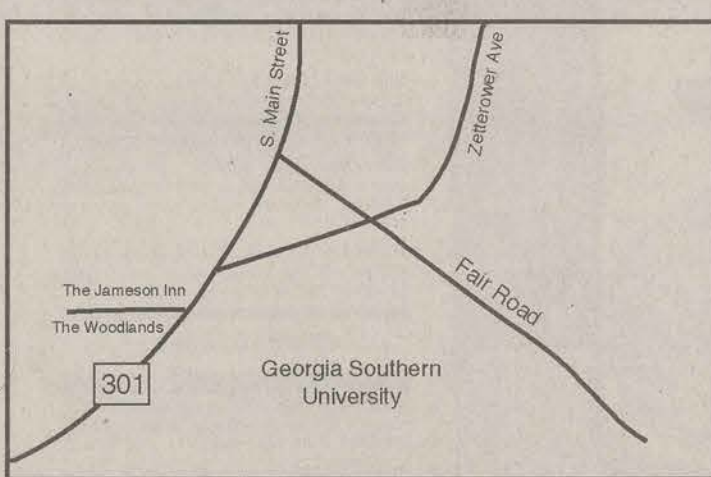
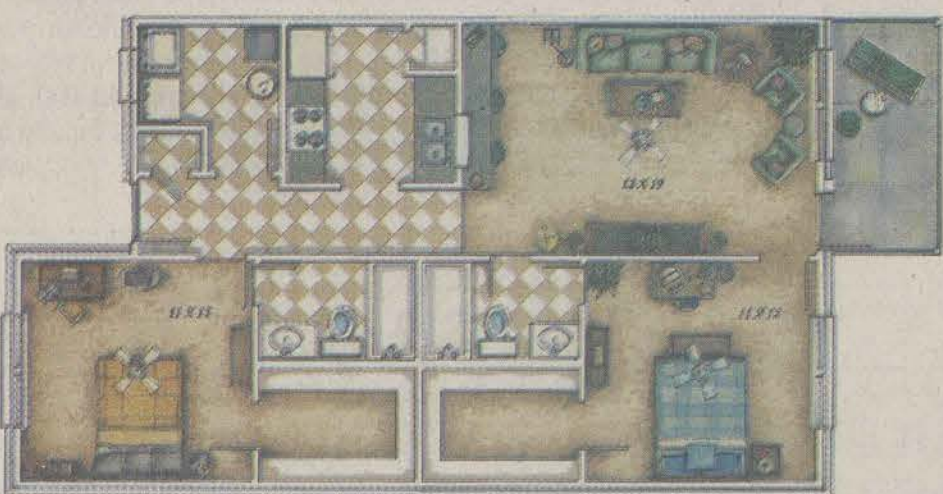


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