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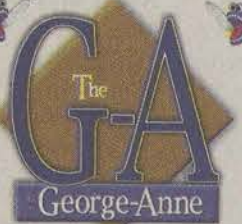


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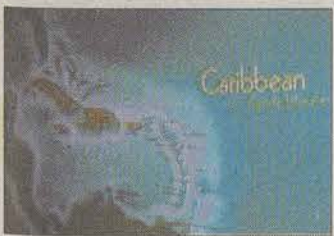
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IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL
• Sixth Annual Irish Music Festival to be held in the Union Ballroom tonight at 8 p.m.

GSU BASEBALL

• The Eagles to host VMI at 7 p.m. on March 8.

Relay For Life charity event held Friday; \$115,000+ raised

By Jenni Ginepri and Todd Jewell
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The American Cancer Society successfully raised over \$115,000 through this year's Relay for Life event.

They did not reach their goal of \$150,000, but they were pleased with the outcome.

Sixty teams participated in this year's event. Many people showed up for the event and stayed throughout the evening weathering the cold temperature. The event is held overnight because cancer is a disease "that never sleeps."

Two GSU students who helped plan the event were Amanda Brown and Rachel Sugrue. Brown who was the activities/entertainment coordinator said, "I think that it went really well. I was very pleased that people stayed despite the cold weather."

Sugrue was in charge of marketing and publicity. She said, "I am really glad that so many people came out to support their local American Cancer Society, its nice to know that despite September 11, people are still willing to open their hearts and wallets in supporting a good cause."

The opening ceremony for the event started at 7 p.m. Friday with the pledge of allegiance, national anthem and the survivor lap. The survivor lap is held for everyone who has had cancer and survived. Later in the evening the luminary ceremony was held where candles were lit and placed inside bags around the track in honor of all those who have died from cancer. Bill Coen sang a song for the ceremony. Prayers were read and memorials were given as well.

Winning the Most-Spirited award, touted as the most prestigious of awards given out, was the Society of Human Resource Management. The theme for their tent was "Dreaming up a cure for cancer." The SHRM team had extra motivation as their sponsor recently had cancer. Ryan Foley, a member of the SHRM team



Jenni Ginepri/STAFF

TO HELP CANCER PATIENTS: The American Red Cross and GSU held their annual Relay For Life event last Friday, raising over \$115,000. Abree Ragin, the GSU student pictured above, won second place in the 'Reversed Beauty Pageant.'

said of the event, "It was very well organized and for a good cause." Foley was at the fairgrounds from 3:45 p.m. Friday till 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Other awards that were given in-

cluded Team Theme which went to Bulloch County employees, followed by Little Bethel Baptist Church and GSU's Watson Hall. ATA Black Belt Academy won for the most laps walked and Statesboro Postal em-

ployees won the "Pack the Track" award. At last count, Willingway

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Nobel Prize winner Dr. Bill Phillips speaks at GSU

By Todd Jewell
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Nobel Prize winning physicist Dr. Bill Phillips froze everything from carnations, balloons, a racquetball, and a rubber band at his presentation "Almost Absolute Zero: The story of laser cooling and trapping."

On March 1, Dr. Phillips made two presentations, the first one a colloquium titled "Optics with Laser-Like DeBroglie Waves" and the second one, "Almost Absolute Zero: The story of laser cooling and trapping," geared more for people who do not have a physics background.

The presentations were given in the new Nessmith-Lane Performing Arts Center and are part of the Physics Department and University Honors Program Distinguished Lecture series entitled "Ultra-Cold Atoms and Quantum Computing."

Laser-cooling and trapping is used to help study fundamental phenomena and measure important physical quantities very precisely. Light acts



John Hardy/STAFF

PRIZE-WINNING SCIENTIST: Dr. Bill Phillips, winner of the Nobel Prize, spoke to students and faculty at GSU regarding various aspects of the science world.

mechanically on an object which means that it has the ability to change the objects' position and velocity. This is the action used by laser-cooling to reduce the velocity of atoms and to confine the atoms in a small space. Dr. Phillips developed methods which were used to decelerate a fast atom beam.

The colloquium talk was centered for physics faculty and students. Dr. Phillips talked about Bose-Einstein Condensation which requires very low temperatures and high densities. Dr. Phillips briefly touched on quantum computing that consists of q-bits and can be on and off at the same time. He also fielded questions

Some concern raised over fairness of SGA funding

G-A Staff Reports

All year the Student Government Association has been dedicated to awarding funds to student organizations that are in need of a supplement to their own budgets.

And with the largest amount of money ever to be offered to campus organizations - approximately \$54,000 total, SGA has assisted, as of press time, the needs of twenty-five student organizations on campus.

Dealing with such large sums of money raises the question: Is the money being distributed fairly?

Since the beginning of the year, \$38,599, or about three quarters of SGA's budget, has been awarded to groups requesting funds. However, only 25 of the approximately 150 student organizations on campus have shared in the total funded amount.

"I felt that the way that the senators handled themselves showed bias and discrimination towards certain organizations," said Glenn Atkinson, who represented the College Republicans at last week's SGA meeting. The Republicans cleared their fund request first with the Financial Advisory Committee the week prior, and their proposal was then moved to the

floor of the SGA last week.

According to Atkinson, he stood to explain the proposal and was confronted with a barrage of questions and accusations regarding intended use of funds. The Republican's fund request form had been approved by the Financial Advisory Committee, but had not been filled out correctly.

"Why is it here tonight?," questioned Senator Perkins. "If it's not together, it should have been sent back to them for them to work on," he said.

Atkinson was questioned on

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Results are positive for Latin American Mentorship Program

By Jeffery B. Kelly
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The fast growing population of Latin American immigrants and migrant workers around Statesboro has left the Bulloch County school system with a big problem.

The children of these people, most of whom have little or no English speaking skills, have flooded the local public schools. This leaves most teachers and Latin American students with an enormous language barrier.

The Latin American population in Bulloch County rose 192 percent in the 90's according to the last census report. Many Latin Americans have come to Bulloch County for jobs in construction and agriculture, and with much more construction planned for Statesboro and GSU in the future, the Latin American population is expected to rise even more.

Georgia Southern's Latin American Mentorship Program was created for this very reason. This program teams a GSU student with a local Latin American child. The mentor spends two or three hours a week helping their designated child with their schoolwork.

But has this program had a positive effect on the Latin American students in Bulloch County? The programs director believes that it has.

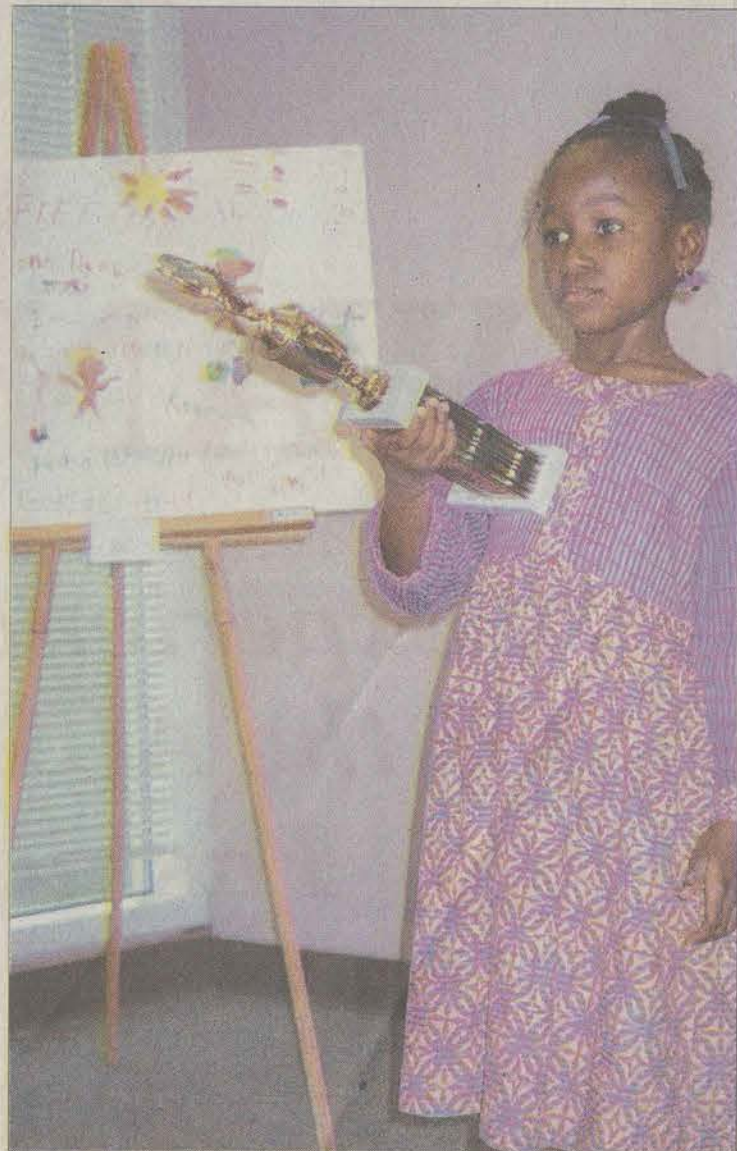
"This one-on-one time really helps the child in ways a teacher cannot," said Virginia Steinhauer, interim director for the mentorship program.

"The drop out rate among Latin American children in Bulloch County was alarming in the mid 90's," said Steinhauer. "This was a red flag saying something must be done."

Teachers at local schools have had nothing but praise for the work GSU mentors have done. They are happy that the Bulloch County

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A day for the community...



Urkovia Jacobs/STAFF

PROUD LITTLE CHAMPIONS: Parents, teachers and children gleamed with joy as students from the Statesboro community received trophies and certificates during GSU's 'Community Day.' Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center, awards were given in the following categories: oratorical, poetry and posters. Elementary school students participated in the poster contest while middle schoolers competed in the poetry competition and high schoolers in the oratorical competition.

Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

March 2

• Chris Wesserman, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with DUI, driving with a revoked license and no headlights.

• Derrick A. Thomas, 21, of 140 Lanier Drive, was charged with driving with a suspended license.

March 3

• A fight was reported at the Sigma Chi fraternity house. No injuries were reported.

• Zachary M. McGhee, 18, of

Hendrix Hall, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

• Justin A. Addison, 19, of Hendrix Hall, was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

Statesboro Police Department

March 1

• Courtney Dickerson, 19, was arrested for wanted person.

• Preston Maxwell Shute, 20, was arrested for DUI and speeding.

March 4

• Cassandra Wiggins, 22, was arrested for suspended license and defective headlight.

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Megan Mulcahy, staff writer.

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.

Campus News Brief

Narcotics investigation underway at The Woodlands

Special to G-A

On March 2 Advanced Patrol Officer Robert Bryan and officers Casey Roberts and Kevin Weatherly conducted a narcotics investigation at 1022 The Woodlands Apartments.

APO Bryan had received information that Chip Sekula was selling marijuana from his apartment at The

Woodlands Apartments. The officers arrived at the residence and conducted a search as a result of the investigation.

APO Bryan deployed his K-9 partner "Tarra" in the residence to conduct the search. As a result the officers recovered 14 pound of marijuana and a small amount of Xanax as schedule IV narcotic.

The offender Charles Sekula IV was

arrested and charged with Possession With Intent To Distribute Marijuana and Possession Of A Schedule IV Narcotic.

Mr. Sekula was taken to the Statesboro Police Department and processed and then taken to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office to await further court action.

Spring Break News

Panhandle tourism officials optimistic about spring break

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. -- Tourism officials in the nation's leading spring-break destination are forecasting a banner year.

They expect to exceed the 400,000 spring break visitors who descended on this Florida Panhandle resort city last March and April.

"We're almost at full capacity," said Russ Smith, general manager of the Boardwalk Beach Resort. "I'd say at least 30 percent better than last year."

One reason is that many people remain reluctant to fly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which helps Panama City Beach and other domestic destinations that can

be reached by driving.

Spring attendance here has fallen off during the past couple of years due in part to increased competition from foreign destinations.

The Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau also has increased bookings through stepped up marketing, spending \$400,000, a third more than last year. The campaign includes two million promotional tabloids distributed in college newspapers across the nation.

Another factor has been favorable publicity. The Travel Channel named Panama City Beach as its top spring break destination on a show broadcast throughout 2001 and several magazines

have chimed in with similar accolades.

Phil Rosenthal of YouthStream Media, which is handling the bureau's marketing campaign, is predicting more than 600,000 visitors this spring.

"Bookings are up, and phones are ringing off the hook," Rosenthal said.

The optimistic outlook here is backed by a public relations competition team at the University of Florida. Its research shows most college students plan to travel during spring break including many who will be headed for Jamaica, Mexico and other foreign destinations.

About half of Panama City Beach hotels also turn away students, but most welcome them and the number is growing.

Campus Events

WAR OF WINGS

Kappa Delta is having their 19th Annual Shamrock Event "War of the Wings" to benefit local child abuse prevention. It takes place Wed. March 6 from 12-4 p.m. at the Kappa Delta house on Greek Row.

For contact information call Merrett Clements at 871-5418.

GRADUATION GALA

The Graduation Gala provides a one-stop shopping experience for our graduating students. Students will be able to:

- Order rings, invitations, and caps and gowns
- Finalize graduation requirements
- Pay any outstanding fees
- Take graduation portraits
- Discuss career opportunities with Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Leave a forwarding address
- Speak with a Financial Aid Counselor
- Learn more about graduate school programs at Georgia Southern
- Find out how to stay involved as alumni

Refreshments will be served, and Door Prizes will be given!

The event will take place on: Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. & Wednesday, March 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Nessmith-Lane

Continuing Education Building (at the corner of Plant Dr. and Chandler Rd).

Please call 681-5197 for questions or additional information.

DISSERTATION DEFENSES

Mark Boyd will present his dissertation defense on Wednesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. in Room 1103 F in the College of Education.

Jan Clay will present her dissertation defense on Wednesday, March 6, at 2 p.m. in Room 1103 F in the College of Education.

IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

The sixth annual Irish Music Festival is set for Wednesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The festival will feature the music of Ragus, a 15-member music ensemble from the Aran Isles, Ireland.

Ticket prices are \$1 for students, \$3 for faculty and staff and \$7 for the public. This program is part of CLEC's Performing Arts Series and is presented by CLEC and the Center for Irish Studies.

GARDEN ART

The Botanical Garden and Henderson Library are planning a

display of "Garden Art" by those who have participated in an art workshop sponsored by the Garden.

The display will be at the Library from Saturday, March 16 through Monday, May 6. Anyone who has participated in an art class at the Garden is encouraged to submit a piece of work, framed or matted.

For more information, contact the Garden at ext. 1149.

STAR GAZING

Saturday night's Star Gazing at the Garden will be moved to next Saturday, March 9, in the event of heavy cloud cover or rain. Same time: 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Call 1149 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Education will be accepting applications for the Goizueta Endowment Scholarships until April 1. Application materials are available online at www2.gasou.edu/coe/scholarship.htm.

For more information, contact Chris Thompson at ext. 0049.

—All Campus News information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor

Local News In Our Area

Mother of baby killed in hotel balcony accident faces charges

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- A Savannah woman whose 19-month-old son fell to his death from a hotel balcony was charged Monday with three misdemeanor charges related to the incident.

Donna Neel, 29, was charged with reckless conduct, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, Atlanta

police Sgt. John Quigley said.

Herson, Hunter Neel, fell five stories from the ninth floor of the Omni Hotel on Sunday morning in downtown Atlanta. He was pronounced dead at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Neel had left the room to get breakfast and had left several teen-agers in the ninth-floor room with Hunter, Quigley said. The toddler slipped through the

balcony rail and fell to the roof of a fourth-floor restaurant.

Hunter's father is in the military. Donna Neel was in Atlanta visiting a friend, police said. Neel is scheduled to be in court March 18.

The 467-room hotel is part of the CNN Center, across the street from Centennial Olympic Park and the Georgia World Congress Center.

Savannah bus center may affect historic status

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, -- The designation of Savannah's downtown as a national historic district has been called into question after a federal official sided with residents opposed to a bus center the county wants to build on a downtown corner.

The National Park Service's southeast chief of the National Register Programs Division ruled last month that Savannah's landmark status was "threatened and endangered" by the project.

In a letter to Mayor Floyd Adams, Cecil McKithan, the agency official, said the bus center would have an adverse impact on the 2.1 square-mile historic district, the nation's largest.

The fight concerns a \$10 million bus-transfer complex Chatham County wants to build near Elbert Square.

The block-long center would be an indoor transfer point for riders who now change buses outdoors and include transit offices, retail space and parking.

The loss of the national register status would make the city ineligible for some federal grants. It also would remove a powerful marketing tool, particularly for a city whose economy relies on its moss-draped squares to draw millions of tourists a year.

County officials, who already have spent \$600,000 on the project, were stunned by a decision they say was based on faulty information provided by project opponents organized as the Elbert Square Alliance.

"It's a little far-fetched for me to see how we're putting the historic district in danger," said Scott Lansing, executive director of Chatham Area Transit. "We're building in such a way as to enhance the original city plan."

County Commission Chairman Billy Hair, who doubles as chairman of the transit authority board, said McKithan's ruling would not halt plans.

"We intend to proceed," Hair said. "Apparently, this gentleman was given some wrong information by the group that wants to stop the project. We believe this gentleman was in error and

we intend to prove it."

Adams also said he's not yet concerned about the designation because he thinks McKithan doesn't have a complete understanding of the project.

McKithan said he made the decision based on the need for immediate action.

"My whole purpose was to get some dialogue going," he told the Savannah Morning News in Sunday's edition. "I'm not taking any sides here. My objective is for the integrity of the district."

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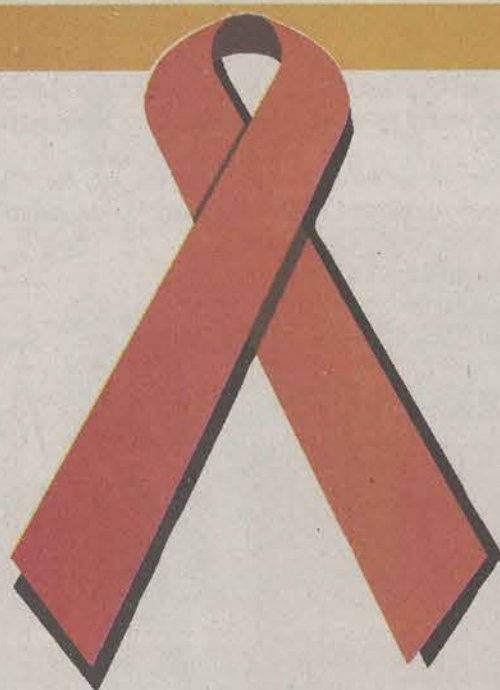
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raised the most money with \$18,000.

People enjoyed many activities ranging from volleyball games, a scavenger hunt, pickle eating contest, skiing, and a "Reverse Male Beauty Pageant."

In this year's pageant, there were 14 contestants, the most the relay has ever had. Songs ranged from Britney Spears to Martina McBride. Public relations major Aubree Ragin, otherwise known in the pageant as Jazzy

Star, placed second in the pageant. He sang, "Proud Mary," by Tina Turner.

Ragin said, "It was for a good cause. At first, I was scared, but once I saw the other guys I loosened up. It turned out to be pretty fun."

Breakfast could not have come soon enough for the cold participants. It was sponsored by Burger King, Daylight Donuts, Hardees and McDonalds. The activities finished Saturday morning with a final lap including everyone who participated.

Ford cuts finance rates; General Motors follows suit

Associated Press

DETROIT - Ford Motor Company has lowered the finance rates on 48- and 60-month loans for most Ford brand vehicles, the automaker announced Monday.

Finance rates for 48-month loans are being reduced from 3.9 percent to 2.9 percent, while the finance rate for 60-month loans is dropping from 4.9 per-

cent to 3.9 percent.

Some models will be offered at still lower rates: 0.9 and 2.9 percent for 48- and 60-month contracts, respectively.

The automaker will continue to offer zero-percent interest on 36-month loans through April 8.

Ford has not yet indicated when the other reduced rates will expire.

The announcement comes just three days after Ford unveiled a new incentive program that includes up to \$2,500 rebates from Wednesday through April 8, excluding Ford Escape, Thunderbird and SVT products.

Ford also announced Friday it will offer "loyalty bonuses" of up to \$1,500 on most 2002 Ford brand vehicles for returning lease customers.

On the same day, General Motors Corp. said it would resume offering zero-percent interest loans after a two-month hiatus and allow current lessees whose leases expire between May 1 and Sept. 30 to trade in their vehicles early if they buy or lease another GM vehicle.

The early trade-in allowance runs from March 1 to April 30.

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school system and GSU are working together to provide this service.

"The mentors are wonderful," said Hope Daniel, a first grade teacher at Langston Chapel elementary school. "You should see the smile on some of these kid's faces when their mentor walks through the door. The connection that these children make towards their mentor is amazing."

GSU student volunteers give high marks to the program as well. The mentors find that their child quickly becomes more than someone they are trying to help. They instantly become close friends.

"This program is so fulfilling," said Holly Noonan, a GSU mentor. "I first started mentoring for class credit. Now I do it because it makes me feel good."

The bond that forms between mentor and child is undeniable. "We are always so glad to see each other," said Noonan. "He might not always know exactly what I am saying, and I might not always know exactly what he is saying, but there is never a problem communicating with each other. His English and my Spanish are getting better as a result."

The mentorship program is in its third year now and looks to be gaining energy among students at GSU. It has served more than 100 children in Bulloch County at six different local public schools.

The Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services started as the brainchild of GSU Professor Dr. Debra Sabia. According to the Latino Outreach web site, it was founded in 1996 "due to rising concerns about the treatment of the growing migrant worker population in southeast Georgia."

Around this time, numerous regional news organizations were exposing the exploitation and inhumane treatment many migrant families were suffering. "Employers, law enforcement agencies and even schools around the southeast were well-known for their harassment of migrant families," said Steinhauer.

Sabia, who is the daughter of Italian immigrants, understood first hand how hard it could be for immigrants to adapt. Concerned about the issues facing migrant workers in Bulloch County, she established what would one day become the Office for Latino Outreach and research services.

Results have been overwhelmingly positive for the program thus far. The actions of GSU volunteers, and the open-mindedness of the Bulloch County school system, have led to several victories in the fight to improve the quality of education for Latin American students in the area.

As a consequence of the impressive success of the youth mentorship program, several other programs have been instituted and are now being provided by the Office for Latino Outreach and Research Services. These programs include after school programs, children's evening programs, recreational trips, adult educational assistance, the new medical outreach program and a new business outreach program.

With its obvious accomplishments so far, the Latin American Mentorship Program will certainly be used in local schools for years to come. It has made a good impression with the teachers (and more importantly) the students who benefit from the hard work of the volunteers. Program Director Virginia Steinhauer can be reached at 912-486-7759 if you are interested in volunteering.

The Office for Latino Outreach and Research Services invites students, faculty, staff and community members to help with their program. The efforts of the program's past and current volunteers are laying the groundwork for a better future for a lot of local children.

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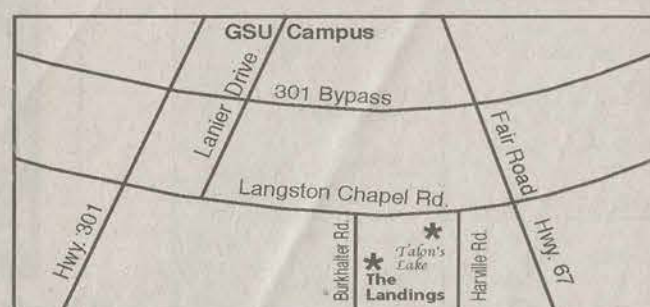
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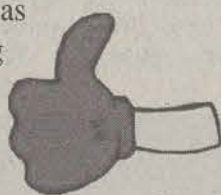
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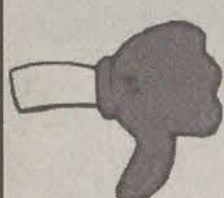
• **THUMBS UP** to Loco's Deli and Pub opening as soon as we return from Spring Break.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to the weather. Is it going to be hot or cold? Who knows?

• **THUMBS UP** to the success of Relay for Life here in the 'Boro.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to teachers who give long assignments over Spring Break.



• **THUMBS UP** to Spring Break. We know that we say this every week, but this time we mean it even more.

Thoughts of the day

• "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

-Robert Frost

• "All my life, I always wanted to be somebody. Now I see that I should have been more specific."

-Jane Wagner

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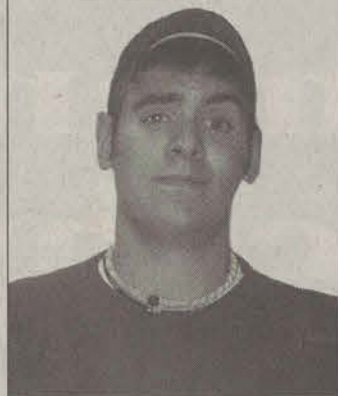
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OPINIONS

'It's your money, come and get it'

ADAM BRADY



I've been putting a lot of careful thought into the subject, and I've come to the conclusion that money is the root of all of our problems.

Now don't be too quick to call me a communist: I love the smell of freshly printed United States Currency as much as the next guy.

I enjoy placing a few dollars under a glass on the table in the restaurant where I have just enjoyed a wonderful meal, I love the smiles on the faces of members of any organization out at the rotunda peddling raffle tickets for some unnecessary electronic toy when you hand them a five dollar bill and say "I'll take two." I like buying boxes of sweet, sweet girl scout cookies every March, and I'd gladly hand over any change I had to the local Salvation Army Santa ringing the bell in front of Wal-Mart during the holidays.

I do however hate never having a dollar to feed the Coke machine up here in the Williams Center whenever I could use a Mr. Pibb, but that's beside the point. What I mean by saying that money is the root of all of our problems is that it causes far too much unnecessary strain on our personal and professional lives.

Let's take, oh I don't know, SGA for example. Their goal since the beginning of the year has been to "get rid of all of the money" they've accumulated in their activity funds budget. Apparently, there was an enormous increase of funds that nearly quadrupled the amount of money available

to help fund student organizations here on campus.

"It's your money. Come and get it," said Bryan Saxton, President of the Student Government Association. They did such a wonderful job of advertising this fund's availability that, as of press time, campus organizations have received approximately \$38,599 of the available \$54,740 budget.

All in all, this is a great advancement in the operation of our Student Government. Those of us who attended this fine university last year might remember the scandal between Aaron Nicely and Joyce Estrada that nearly destroyed SGA's image on campus. This year, the SGA has worked hard to restore a certain amount of dignity and respect to the organization. Their efforts to improve the funding of clubs and groups has been a phenomenal advance towards better campus life.

So 2001-2002 SGA senators and executive board, I salute you for all of your hard work.

And I condemn those in your organization for their closed mindedness and biased opinions.

When it came to fund requests, many campus groups were unfairly discriminated against. Certain members of the SGA showed a great deal of bias towards the organizations they favored or are involved with, and treated those groups whose ideals they did not approve of with abrasiveness and showed no objectivity in their consideration of these groups' requests.

Even so, many campus groups will benefit from the funds SGA has provided to student organizations.

For example, The Baptist Student Union will find it that much easier to attend conferences and mission trips. The Dyversions Dance Team should heartily enjoy the use of their brand new \$200 "Boom box," and Voices in Ministry will have plenty of throat lozenges handy on their trip to the Northern United States.

These organizations met with little to no resistance in their fund requests, and received the full \$3000 grant that SGA had started offering to campus organizations this semester.

A few groups received funding last semester as well; though the \$500 offered to them last semester is a drop in the bucket compared to the money offered this semester. In fact, in the last month alone, \$26,289 was awarded to organizations requesting funds, the amount being nearly double the entire amount of funds distributed during the

entire Fall semester and almost half of the entire budget. Also, it may be interesting to note that only 25 of the nearly 150 organizations on campus received SGA appropriated funds.

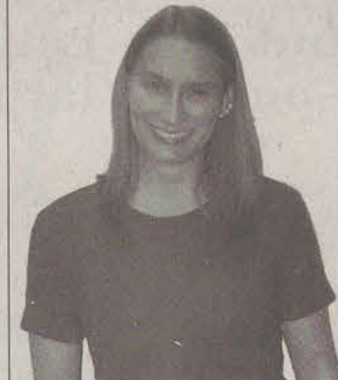
So, if you're into numbers, this means that one sixth of the organizations on campus have received nearly two thirds of the monies designed to assist all organizations at GSU. I'm no math major, but these results seem a bit skewed.

Still, congratulations are in order for SGA. What a great year of improvement it has been.

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Living on campus is actually not so bad

AMANDA PERMENTER



Right now I'm so ready for the break that I'm quick to complain about the slightest annoyances. But, the truth is, living "on campus" isn't too bad.

I wouldn't dare call it a dorm, since arch-nemesis Brady would have an aneurysm. He's the president elect of the Residence Hall President's Council, and he tends to get a little anal about his housing terminology.

I don't have the average residence hall experience wherein I share an enumerated closet-sized cubbyhole with one other chick. No siree, I enjoy the distinct privilege of having two roommates and one room. It's like a cross between one of those apartment deals over at Kennedy and the wonderfully close-knit living arrangement I endured during freshman year over at Johnson. (Or, as it is more commonly called, J-Ho.) Our room is a little bigger than most, and we have three sets of generic GSU style magnetic furniture. But we still get the indescribable joy of showering in the community bathroom. After putting on our super protective shower shoes, of course.

Such an arrangement wouldn't work for any three random people, but my roommates are special. When we found out last spring that we could request a tripled room we thought, "Heck, why not? We live in each other's rooms anyway!" That's how well we get along, and I know there are a lot of people who probably envy us. I heard all the roommate horror

stories before I even got to college. I heard about the girls who have sex four feet away while their roommates are trying to sleep. I even knew the tales about the ones who always come in drunk and sleep naked on top of the sheets. So, I realize that I'm one of the lucky ones.

It's not all fields of roses; we too have our low moments. Alicia's annoying Tigger alarm clock is about three bounces away from landing its rubbery ass on the concrete below our window. Melissa is so popular and adored that I can't keep up with her phone messages, so I just stopped bothering to check the answering machine. I'm not a model for living perfection either. I have a taste for food that doesn't always smell as appetizing to everyone else. I hate it anytime the TV is on and I can be just the slightest bit bossy sometimes. But, that's only fair. I am the eldest roommate.

Some aspects of the hall itself aren't peachy keen. Hauling my laundry down the stairs, across the big parking lot and to the laundry room of The Prison (otherwise known as Kennedy) and back again because Stratford doesn't have washing facilities is certainly a downfall. Having to walk to Kansas to get to the bathroom in the middle of the night and not having a single kitchen in the entire building is somewhat nerve wracking. The consistent noise of someone, somewhere always slamming a door is something you just learn not to hear.

Despite all that, I'm glad I have my roomies around. Just last week I had to get Melissa to physically drag me out of

bed. Without her, I'd probably still be asleep. A couple of months ago Alicia made me sign a contract that limited my contact with certain members of the opposite sex. It was for my own good, I'll tell you.

It's worth it just for the accountability we provide each

other. But, there is an even greater benefit to such close quarters. We have a major one-up on the lonely folks in single bedrooms.

We get to have roommate pow wows at night.

Remember sleepovers and staying up talking for hours? That's every night in our room. Well, every night with the exception of the ones that keep me here at *The George-Anne* until the wee hours of the morning. The best part is that nothing leaves that room. We chat

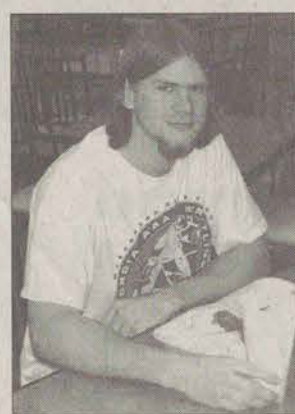
about everything from the ever-present guy troubles to schoolwork. And, most importantly, we plot our future business collaboration.

Yes, that's right. While you apartment dwellers are out there enjoying your balconies and private bathrooms, my roommates and I are mapping out how to make a fortune when we graduate from college. I know, you laugh now. Go ahead; make the most of your nifty ceiling fan and dishwasher. Maybe we'll get an apartment one of these days. But if I'd never dared to suffer the residence halls for a time, not only would I be a few pennies poorer, I would never have met two of my greatest friends.

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Your Opinion: What are your plans for Spring Break?



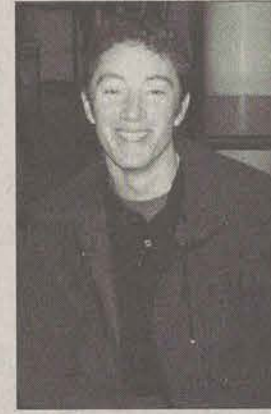
"Maybe go to Tennessee and then working."

Michael Poloney
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Computer Engineering



"Sleep, shop and visit old friends."

Tameka Bennett
Classification: Freshman
Major: Marketing and Advertising



"Go home and then head down to Savannah for St. Patty's"

Steffan Pinson
Classification: Freshman
Major: French

College of Education offers Goizueta Endowment Scholarship for Hispanic and Latino students

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GSU's College of Education is currently taking applications from both Hispanic and Latino students for the Goizueta Endowment Scholarships.

The scholarships are open to Hispanic and Latino students who have families currently living in the U.S. These are need-based scholarships financed by the Goizueta Foundation of Atlanta.

Mainly, preference will be given to those Hispanic and Latino students who are education majors at GSU. The funds can be spent for tuition, textbooks, on-campus residence halls, student meal plans and other school-related expenses. Transfer students who meet the criteria are also able to apply for these scholarships.

Once these students are at GSU, these scholarship recipients will be assigned with a Hispanic or Latino student or faculty member in order to participate in a

support system that can improve both social, academic and personal needs. This can also aid these students in mentoring other students from the same ethnic background, both at GSU and at local Statesboro and Bulloch County schools.

This scholarship foundation was established by the late Roberto Goizueta, who was a native of Cuba and also the CEO of the Coca-Cola Company. The money for this is mainly to help Hispanic and Latino students improve their way of life with a proper college education. This foundation gave GSU a \$1 million grant this past December in order to endow a chair for an eminent scholar at GSU.

Applications will be accepted until April 1. Students who qualify can apply online at <http://www2.gasou.edu/coe/scholarship.htm>. For more information, contact Ms. Chris Thompson at the College of Education at 681-0449.

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BROADBAND IS SOARING IN GEORGIA.

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the crowd. The presentation at 7:00 p.m. was in front of a packed Nessmith-Lane audience. Dr. Phillips kept his talk very down to earth and centered on objects "really cold." With demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen, Dr. Phillips was

able to captivate the children of the audience and entertain adults. "Liquid nitrogen is so cold that it boils when it hits the floor," as Dr. Phillips said numerous times to demonstrate the degree of difference between how cold liquid nitrogen is and how cold the objects

he dealt with in his experiments. Liquid nitrogen has a temperature of -77 Kelvin. Laser cooling makes atoms one millionth of a degree above absolute zero, and has the atoms moving at one centimeter per second.

With Bose-Einstein Condensation which was realized in 1995 after being predicted 75 years prior by Albert Einstein, has atoms a few billionths of a degree above absolute zero. Dr. Phillips believes that once they are able to go into space with their experiment they can get atoms to be one trillionth of a degree above absolute zero. Scientists are able to slow atoms down so much because of the Sisyphus effect. Simply put, lasers are used to make atoms continuously go uphill. The effect is named after the Greek myth of Sisyphus where he had to roll a rock uphill in hell, and once he got to the top of the hill he had to go to the bottom and push it back up again.

The purpose of getting atoms down to such cold temperatures is so that they can slow atoms down enough to watch them. The slowing down of atoms is very useful for the development of the atomic clock. Atomic clocks lose one second every 30 million years. Dr. Bill Phillips was born

1948 in Pennsylvania to Mary Catherine Savino and William Cornelius Phillips. As a youth, his parents invoked the values of education and reading into him. Dr. Phillips parents were very supportive, even when overloading household circuits as a child from his experiments. Dr. Phillips received his undergraduate degree from Juniata College to continue the family tradition of graduating from Juniata. Dr. Phillips then went on to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for graduate school.

For his thesis, Dr. Phillips measured the magnetic moment of the proton in water. Dr. Phillips also studied the collisions of laser-excited atoms. Later, Dr. Phillips accepted a position at the National Bureau of Standards, now known as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Dr. Phillips is most renowned for being the first to electromagnetically trap neutral atoms and his discovery that the temperature of these atoms was below the doppler limit. This discovery changed the theory of laser cooling and trapping.

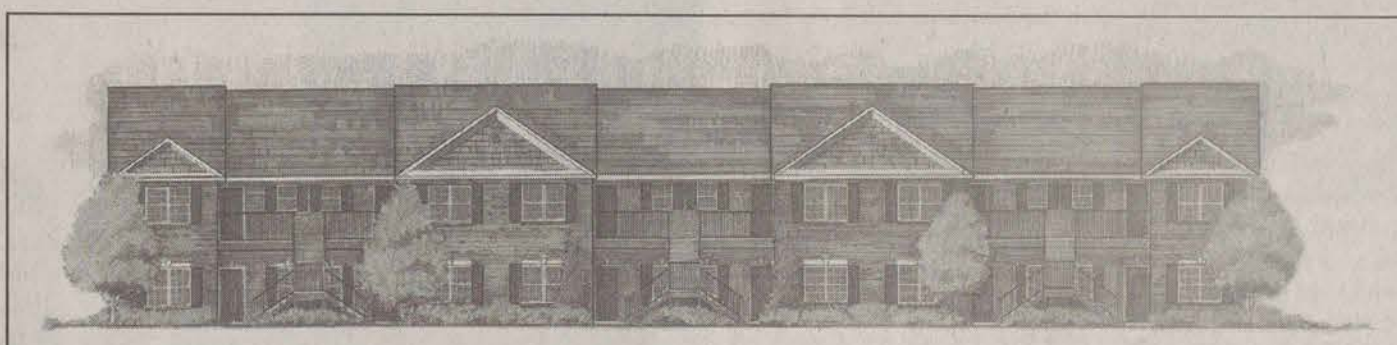
It is at the NIST that Dr. Phillips started his work on laser cooling. This research is what Dr. Phillips, Steve Chu, and Claude Cohen-Tannoudj won the Nobel Prize in Physics for in 1997.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Phillips for coming to GSU to speak. Also a thank you to Dr. Edwards, Dr. Wright, and Dr. Abell for managing to get Dr. Phillips on campus for the community to be exposed to such brilliance.

Other speakers in the "Ultra-Cold Atoms and Quantum Computing" series will include, Dr. Carl J. Williams, Dr. Charles W. Clark, and Dr. Li You. More information regarding the series can be found at http://bec01.phy.gasou.edu/lecture_series.

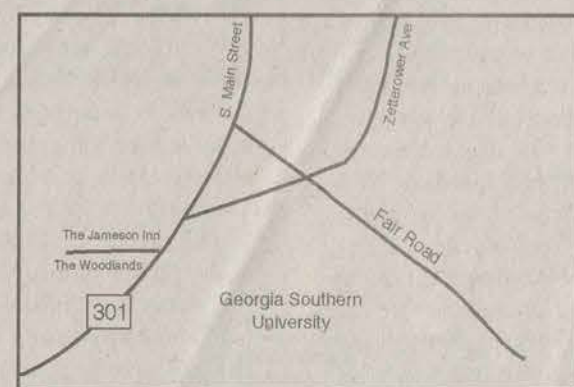
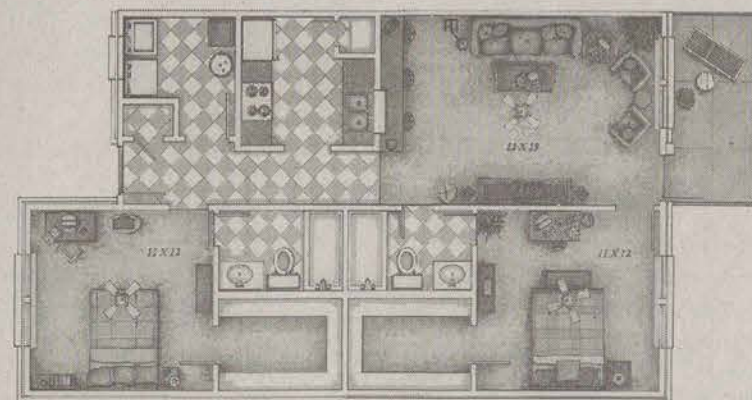
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A record that still stands...for a reason



It was 40 years ago this week, on March 2, 1962, when Philadelphia Warriors center Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a single basketball game against the New York Knicks in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Some say that it is the greatest individual record in the history of professional sports, and it will forever remain at the top of everyone's list of records that will never be broken.

I agree with half of that statement.

Wilt "the Stilt's" record performance will forever stand the test of time in my opinion, but the main reason that it is so unbreakable is also the very reason that we shouldn't consider it one of sport's greatest moments.

Plain and simple: basketball is a team sport.

Established basketball expert Sonny Hill was once quoted as saying "When I think of Wilt Chamberlain, I think of the only athlete in the history of team sport, who was greater than the sport that he participated in."

In 2002, I don't think you could find one coach in any sport that would agree with that statement, and that is because there never was and there never will be one person who is more important than the team.

The simple facts are that Chamberlain was a just a man before his time.

He was a 7'2" center with tremendous athletic ability playing in an era of smaller and less talented players.

He was a dominating force and an imposing presence, but some celebrate his career by honoring one game where he took 63 shots (not including 32 free throws).

Mr. Hill made that statement about Chamberlain in the early 1980's before Michael Jordan was even drafted by the Chicago Bulls, and before Shaquille O'Neal was out of elementary school.

If someone asked him today to defend his former statement, I have a feeling he would have a change of heart.

The truth is that there are players in today's game that have the ability the score that many points, but they understand the fact that they will never win championships without the help of the four other players on the court that wear the same uniform.

MJ won championships with Scottie Pippen.

Shaq is winning championships with Kobe Bryant.

And Wilt Chamberlain won his first NBA title in 1967 with the Philadelphia 76ers, and that year he had two Hall of Fame teammates by the names of Hal Greer and Billy Cunningham.

Please don't misunderstand: I am and will always be a huge fan of Wilt Chamberlain.

I grew up just minutes from Overbrook High in Philadelphia where he began his playing days.

I was in attendance when the Sixers raised his number "13" high into the rafters of the Spectrum.

And I saved the Philadelphia Inquirer articles for my scrapbook the day that he passed away.

But I celebrate his career as a whole, from all the legendary matchups with rival Celtics center Bill Russell, to the one NBA season where he led the lead in assists as well as points.

He indeed changed the face of basketball forever, but for one night in Hershey, Pennsylvania he was just a gunner with a hot hand.

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Competition in intramurals may lead to injuries

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Students at GSU will sign up to play a fun game of intramural sports; however, the competitive edge leads to many students getting injured.

The CRI, Campus Recreation and Intramurals, arrange for intramural sports to be played throughout the year. There are many sports that the students can pick from such as flag football, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball.

"The whole purpose of participating is to have fun" said Carrie Forrester, a sophomore medical technician major.

Alicia Barger, a sophomore special education major, was the former activities chair of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority as well as in charge of the intramural sports. The problem starts when you have people whom have never played a sport and people who have played that sport their whole life on the same team. This combination causes a strain. The people who have played forever get frustrated with the people who haven't played and don't try. "I want to have fun, but I have to win. It depends on which league you sign up for to how competitive the game should be."

Most sororities will not say a person can't play unless they have experience. It is suppose to be fun, and that is what Jennifer Partee, a freshman that is a new member in the sorority of Alpha Omicron Pi, thought when she signed up to play. "When I originally signed up to play basketball, I thought it was going to be all fun and games; however, I got the shit beat out of me. I mean don't get me wrong, I am a competitive person; however, I signed up to have fun."

Rhonda Thomas, a freshman sports medicine major, worked at the CRI fields one semester. "I couldn't believe how competitive those girls could be. You could see hate in their eyes as they played."

It is the competitive edge of the game that causes many students to get injured. "In flag football, I was running with the ball when another girl who was trying to grab my flag tripped me, causing me to fall on the ground and tumble. I had a slight concussion and the referee made me sit out a couple of games" said Lauren Lindsey, a senior marketing major.

Sometimes the competitive edge is so intense that severe injuries are caused. "It was my



Laura Cox/STAFF

SOMEBODY CALL THE DOCTOR: Fierce competition, even at the intramural and club levels, causes several injuries each year.

turn to bat during a close softball game, and I didn't want to screw up," said Christie Pipenhagen, a senior hotel restaurant management major. "Since I was used to playing fast pitch and the ball came as a high slow lob, my swing was too fast for the pitch. Therefore, I slowed down my swing to hit the ball and by doing that I adjusted my shoulder just

enough that the dislocation caused me to be escorted off the field immediately after the swing."

Then there is the time when permanent marks are left on the body because of another person's competitive edge. "I have fingernail scars on both of my arms from a basketball game," said Colleen Cassidy, a junior educa-

tion major.

Emily McDaniel, a sophomore chemistry/pre-pharmacy major, doesn't agree with the competitive edge in intramural sports. "I don't think the game should be competitive, because not everybody is a professional athlete. It is all about the fun and you should go out there to have a good time."

The Sport Management Program celebrates a successful sales campaign for GSU Baseball

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For the majority of January, students in the Sport Business Operations class at GSU have been involved in a campaign to sell season tickets, Eagle Dugout Club memberships and sponsorship opportunities for the GSU Eagle Baseball team.

The Sport Business Operations class is part of the Sport Management program at GSU taught by Dr. Tony Lachowetz. Students in the class were required to do telemarketing and personal selling to members of the faculty and staff, along with many businesses in the Statesboro area. The response to the campaign was overwhelming, raising \$22,002. It exceeded the 2001 sales campaign a total of \$7,300. All of the money raised in the campaign will go to benefit the GSU baseball program and the Athletics Department. Athletics Director Sam Baker commented on the campaign by saying, "I thought [the students] did a great job. The project they did gives them practical experience and a chance to participate in the field they are studying," said Baker.

Numerous members of the faculty and staff showed their support for the Eagle baseball team and the university by purchasing either season tickets or Eagle Dugout Club memberships. 165 season tickets were sold totaling \$3,542. Money

raised for the GSU baseball program from the Dugout memberships and the "Buy the Baseballs" promotion totaled \$3,410. Rodney Hennon, head coach of the GSU baseball team was extremely pleased with the results of the sales campaign. "The sales campaign was a great success for the baseball program. Dr. Lachowetz, Marketing Director for GSU Athletics; Cicely Johnson, and the students are to be commended in the efforts in

leading the campaign." The excitement among the faculty and staff was very encouraging, and the Sport Management program and the GSU baseball team would like to thank them for the contributions.

With the GSU baseball team having such a rich tradition, many businesses and organizations were eager to take advantage of opportunities to sponsor the team. Each level of sponsorship included season ticket pack-

ages and public address announcements during every game of the season. The highest level of sponsorship is called a Gold Eagle Sponsor. A Gold Eagle Sponsor represents a \$300 contribution, and businesses at this level of sponsorship include Uncle Shug's Fried Chicken, Price Communication Wireless, Southern Home Equity, Haas Enterprises and Pizza Inn.

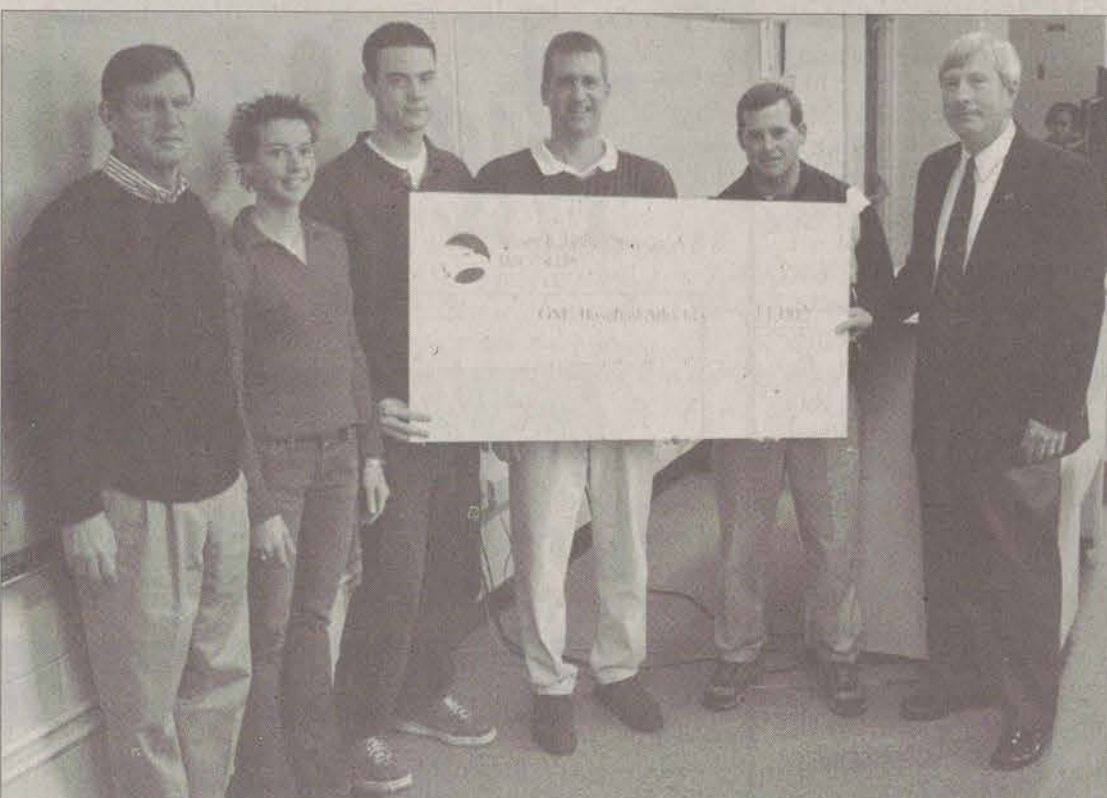
Businesses were also given the opportunity to sponsor one of two

Pack the Park games at J.J. Clements Stadium. Total corporate sponsorship for the campaign included 31 sponsorships totaling \$4,050. The GSU baseball program and all involved in the campaign would like to thank each of the businesses who purchased sponsorships.

The student with the highest number of sales was Terry Garrett, with 35 sales. The team to accumulate the most sales was team ten with 61 sales. The team captain was Misty McNelly and the rest of the team included Julius Jenkins, Stephen Sally, Chandler Lee, Nichelle Chapman, and Terry Garrett.

When asked how he felt about the campaign, Dr. Lachowetz responded by saying, "I would like to thank the students for their hard work; 1200 hours in a two week period. The purpose of the sales project was to help out GSU baseball and athletics and allowed the students to gain valuable sales experience. A recent industry survey of those doing the hiring in this field stated that sport management programs need to do a better job of preparing students for sales positions – typically an entry level job in the sport industry."

If anyone is still interested in season tickets or sponsorships, please call Ticket Manager Ms. Kay Shuman at 681-5476 or Marketing Director of Athletics Cicely Johnson at 681-5377.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

SPORT BUSINESS OPERATIONS CLASS RAISES MONEY: After setting up and completing several campaigns, the Sport Management program raised over \$22,000 for the baseball and athletic programs.

Mariners player involved in Best Buy scuffle

Associated Press

Seattle Mariners utility player Mark McLemore was involved in a scuffle at a store near the team's training facility in Peoria, Ariz., police said Monday.

McLemore, 27, and Chris Mills, 20, manager of a Best Buy outlet in Glendale, Ariz., both said they wanted to press charges over the episode, which occurred Feb. 21, Glendale police officer Matt Brown told The Associated Press.

The case is being forwarded

to the municipal prosecutor's office for a decision on whether either man will be charged with a misdemeanor, Brown said.

Brown said police were summoned after McLemore went into the electronics store about a quarter-mile from the Mariners' spring training camp in Peoria, Ariz., to ask about an alternating current adapter.

McLemore, 5-foot-11 and 207 pounds, told police Mills wouldn't help him, tried to take the adaptor out of his hand, said he was calling security and walked toward

him as if to knock him down.

McLemore said he put out his hands to protect himself, grabbed the 6-foot-3, 330-pound manager and threw him to the floor.

Mills told police he asked that McLemore wait until he was done with another customer and offered to answer the question as he walked through the store, only to be met by cursing and menacing behavior.

Mills said he tried to call security but his walkie-talkie didn't work, then was shoved

and fell as he tried to walk past McLemore.

Only after the confrontation did Mills learn McLemore's identity, Brown said.

Two 20-year-old store employees who saw the confrontation could not say who was the aggressor, Brown added.

No one was injured, and the incident appeared to be "something that would just fade away," Mariners general manager Pat Gillick told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"We support Mark all the way

on this," Gillick said.

McLemore played six positions last season, left field, third base, shortstop, second base, center field and right field, helping the Mariners to an AL record 116 wins.

He finished the year with a .286 batting average, his highest since 1996, and hit five home runs, drove in 57 runs and had a career-best 39 stolen bases.

In December he signed a two-year contract worth about \$6 million.

Madden won't resurrect Monday Night Football

KRT Campus

MIAMI - Monday Night Football, as we knew it, is dead, and nothing as benign as hiring another announcer is going to resurrect it.

Not Dennis Miller. Not John Madden. Not Jimmy Johnson. Not Chris Rock. Not O.J. Simpson. Not anybody.

Even if an exhumed Howard Cosell somehow were to make a talkative surprise appearance from the beyond, people would listen to him the first time, as they did with Miller, and then move elsewhere once the novelty has worn off.

There are too many options today (on other channels, in entertainment, on the Internet, etc.) for MNF to be what it was when a pioneering Cosell was shocking people, and luring them in.

Cosell would be just another guy today. Nobody watches football anymore to hear somebody, anybody, talk about it.

If kids want to stay up that late and be shocked, they'll watch pro wrestling.

If fans want to listen to smart football, they can get Ron Jaworski on any of the 27 ESPNs. If TV viewers want to make a long weekly investment in violence, they'll do it for The Sopranos.

Today's TV watcher doesn't seem to have a three-hour commitment to make every week, especially not for something like Lions-Cowboys, so MNF, and its dropping ratings, are going to have to remain the domain of gamblers and die-hard fans and never again the transcendental cultural phenomenon.

Miller was, quite literally, a joke. ABC sanitized him, and the result was a diluted comedian who didn't have the edge to be funny or the insight to be credible.

This is how dreadful it was: It somehow hurt the credibility of both MNF and Miller. Neither is quite as believable as before, both of them having sold out.

Madden? He will not make one bit of difference. His popularity escapes me.

Have you ever tried to follow his thoughts on closed-caption, with the sound down?

Try this sometime, strictly for comedic purposes. It is funnier than anything Miller has ever said. You will wonder how Madden is even literate, never mind worth \$5 million a year.

His Batmanesque boom!-pow!-bap! schtick meanders so that he isn't making any sense at all sometimes. He is a name now, nothing more, but he is not the best analyst doing games, just the most famous.

Yes, he knows football, but many do, from Phil Simms to Lawrence Taylor to Jimmy Johnson, and all of them would connect with today's youth, and tomorrow's fans, better than an old coach very few kids even saw, never mind remember, as a Raider.

Madden is knowledgeable, but he's the same guy, last we heard him, who was suggesting the Patriots sit on the ball late, and play for overtime.

Not a lot of ways to be more wrong than that, though Cote keeps trying.

New rules for NCAA bracket this year

KRT Campus

MILWAUKEE - By now you've probably run off hundreds of copies of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament bracket and distributed them to friends and foes for the annual pool.

But before you sit down to watch the 65-team field revealed on Sunday, remember that NCAA officials decided last year to throw a curveball at you, beginning this season.

After the committee assigns the top four teams in each region, it will send those teams to eight first- and second-round sites with an emphasis on placing them as close to home as possible.

For example, Maryland probably will open at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.; Duke probably will open at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, S.C.

The teams will be placed in groups of four, or "pods." Nos. 1, 16, 8 and

9 will form one pod; Nos. 4, 13, 5 and 2 another; Nos. 2, 15, 7 and 10 another; and Nos. 3, 14, 6 and 11 a fourth.

However, unlike past seasons, the two pods at a first- and second-round site could send teams to different

the nation last season. The most glaring example involved Maryland, George Mason, Georgetown and Hampton, essentially next-door neighbors in the East. They were placed in the West Regional and were shipped to Boise, Idaho, for the first and second rounds.

"Because we want to balance the strength of the four regions and because the geography of where our schools are located, the committee will continue to have to move some teams out of their region," Mike Tranghese, chairman of the basketball committee, said at the time the NCAA

announced the changes. "But this year, for example, if we could have assigned Maryland, Georgetown, George Mason and Hampton to first- and second-round sites in the eastern part of the country instead of Boise, we would have significantly reduced the amount of travel we required of those student-athletes, coaches and fans."

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regionals.

In past seasons, all teams assigned to a particular region played at one of two sub-regional sites and advanced to the same regional.

Why the changes?

First and foremost, to cut down on travel in the early rounds. NCAA officials were criticized after forcing too many teams to travel all across

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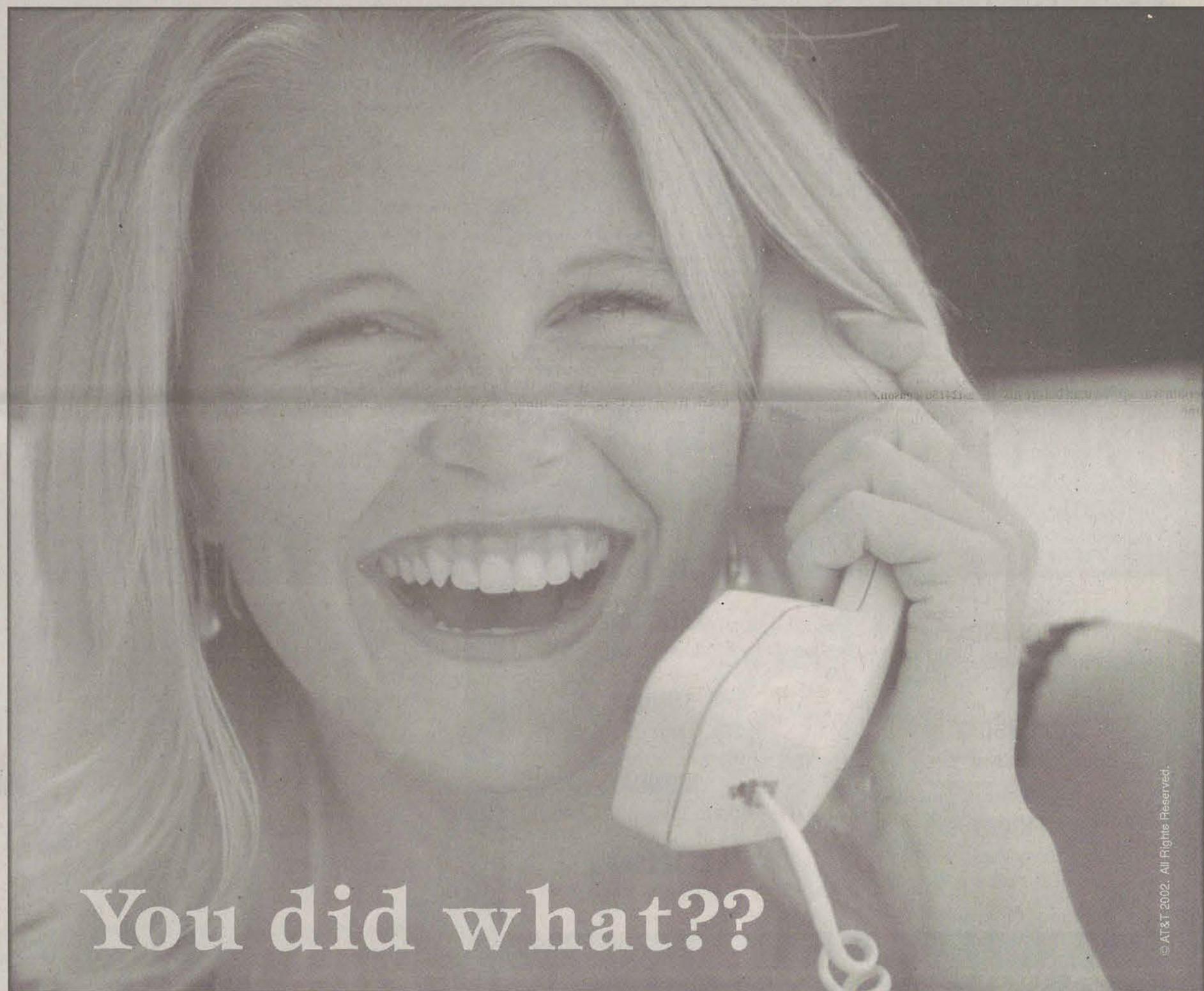
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Tiger loses again, this time in video golf

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Surrounded by a towering Ferris wheel and a roaring life-sized dinosaur instead of bunkers and water hazards, Tiger Woods came up short again.

The world's No. 1 golfer didn't seem to mind his latest defeats Monday, at the hands of two children who beat him on a video screen inside a giant toy store in Times Square.

Woods made the trek from Florida to New York late Sunday night after his final-day charge in the Genuity Championship wasn't enough to overtake Ernie Els.

That run nearly became the biggest final-round comeback in PGA Tour history. Woods turned an eight-stroke deficit into a close match against Els on the Blue Monster at Doral before losing by two strokes.

"He played great coming in, and I was just not able to put enough pressure on him," Woods said.

Although Woods said the rally was exciting, it's not the way he prefers to play.

"Give me the big lead anytime," Woods said to a different kind of gallery, filled with fans and shoppers

spanning three floors at Toys 'R' Us. "I'd much rather have the lead than have to charge on Sunday. I had the chance to put a little heat on Ernie yesterday."

"Coming from behind gets the adrenaline going, but it's awfully tough to do."

Woods was promoting the release of a video game that bears his name and likeness. He played against 7-year-old Donnie Jerina, from Greensburg, Pa., and 10-year-old Scottie Marsh, from Alcoa, Tenn., who both suffer from life-threatening illnesses.

The children, both avid golfers and video-game players, made their requests to meet Woods through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Donnie has been waiting two years for the chance to meet his hero, and got the news two weeks ago that he was on his way. Once he got there, choosing a trip to New York over one to Orlando, Fla., he clearly made the most of it.

While Woods was being introduced to the crowd, he stood behind the boys his hands resting on their shoulders.

As his numerous golf accomplishments were being read, Donnie barely standing tall enough to

reach the bottom edge of Woods' black leather jacket turned his head back to look up at Tiger and said "Wow!"

Once it came time to play, however, Donnie and Scottie were all business.

Using the video courses of the TPC at Sawgrass and Pebble Beach, the kids playing as Tiger beat the real guy at his own game. Woods lost playing as Mark O'Meara.

"I don't play me because it's too weird," Woods said. "I get too weirded out. I usually like playing (Mark) O'Meara or someone like that, so I can be old and gray."

It was all in fun Monday. This time, it was Scottie who unleashed a Tiger-like fist pump when he won.

Woods didn't seem to carry any lingering disappointment from his second-place finish on Sunday that brought him \$507,600 in winnings. It was Els' first victory on the PGA Tour in 18 months.

"Ernie and I are great friends," Woods said. "I've known Ernie since I was 17 and he's always been a great friend of mine. We have dinner all the time together. He just wasn't going to be denied this time."

Just like Donnie and Scottie.

Skater is toast of town thanks to Olympics

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Olympic champion Sarah Hughes got the key to city and rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday as part of the extended celebration of her surprise figure skating gold medal.

"Everybody's been spoiling me so much lately," the 16-year-old Long Island high school student said at a City Hall ceremony. "Everybody's been so friendly. The atmosphere couldn't be nicer. It's so supportive."

Hughes won the free skate portion of the figure skating

competition at the Salt Lake City Games on Feb. 21, vaulting from fourth to first place to take the gold medal.

Since then, her life has been a whirlwind of national television interviews, swarming photographers and chauffeured limousines. She met Celine Dion at the Grammy awards. Her picture will soon be featured on boxes of Wheaties cereal.

In her hometown of Great Neck, Hughes is particularly big. A parade there in her honor is scheduled for next weekend.

"A lot of the stores have little pictures in their window," Hughes

said. "All these people who I've known for years and (with whom) I've always shared my dreams and my goals and my skating, so it was great to have them watch and be able to share that exciting time with me."

Alas, the real world is beginning to intrude: On Wednesday, Hughes resumes classes at Great Neck North High School.

"It's been great but things are winding down," she said on the Today Show. "I've been able to go places in limos, but I think it'll be good for me to get back to school and start skating (locally) again."

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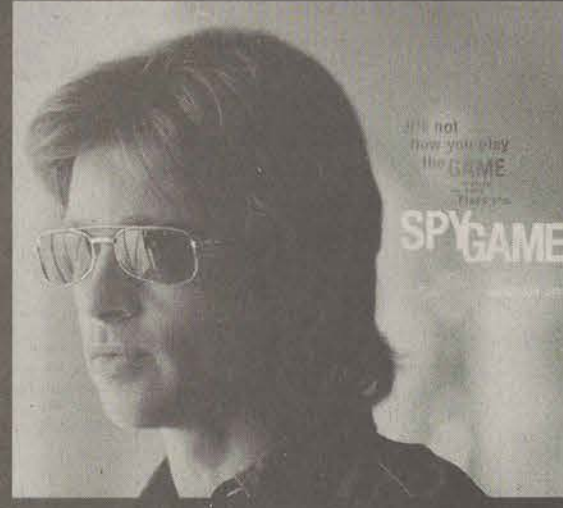


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Caribbean Trade Winds exhibit on display at GSU Museum

By Andy Moseley
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Many students, staff members, and visitors at GSU will never have an opportunity to visit the Caribbean. Now through May 19, the GSU Museum is offering the next best thing with its new Caribbean Trade Winds exhibit. The exhibit is being shown in conjunction with International Student Programs and the Center for International Studies.

A major goal of the exhibit is to display various aspects of Caribbean life, from the economy to natural materials and from tourism to history. Included are items donated by students and faculty native to the Caribbean area.

Among the many items on display are some very unique artifacts. Dating back to 2000 BCE are a stone pestle as well as an actual stone and axe. These were used by the Siboney or Arawak people in Antigua and Barbuda and are on loan from the Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda.

Also on display are many items that have been carved by native people. Puerto Rico's showing includes Vejigante carvings and masks. Two sets of wood mortar and pestles are being shown, one from St. Lucia and one from Trinidad and Tobago.

Many native masks are on display, such as a wood mask from Haiti. A paper mache mask made in Cuba can



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CARRIBEAN TRADE WINDS: The new exhibit at the GSU museum features a wide range of art work from the Caribbean.

also be seen. A very unique item is an Olokun mask, also from Cuba, which was made from palm tree.

This is just a small sampling of the many items that are now on display at the GSU Museum. Other items on display vary from carved canes to crocheted table cloths to a Bob Marley record.

While the display is now open, the first week of April, International Week on campus, will feature special events surrounding the exhibit. The

Ambassador from Antigua is scheduled to attend a ceremony during the week.

The GSU Museum is open to the public and has no admission fee. Hours include 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekend, and it is closed on observed holidays. The museum is located on Southern Drive in the Rosenwald Building. Visit the GSU museum and soak in some of the Caribbean breeze.

'Daily Show' celebrates America's eccentricity

KRT Campus

Steve Carell lets out a maniacal laugh. "They have no idea," he says, a gleam in his eyes. "Then they see it, and they cry ..."

That was his tongue-in-cheek description of whether the subjects of the field reports on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" are in on the joke.

He and fellow correspondent Stephen Colbert, anchor Jon Stewart, co-creator Madeleine Smithberg and head writer Ben Karlin spoke to an appreciative crowd last week at the William S. Paley Television Festival put on by the Museum of Television and Radio.

The stories "The Daily Show" covers are all real, Smithberg says, uncovered by a research team whose job is to read newspapers and Web sites from around the country in search of the weird stories that are the show's staple.

Colbert says that now that the show has been on the air for more than five years, it's getting harder to find subjects who don't know what they're doing. "In the old days, no one knew who we were, and it was great," says Colbert, who's been with the show since 1997.

Now, it's a little tougher to get genuine responses from the inane in nature, but dead serious in tone, questions he and his fellow correspondents pose. "I did a story recently where a guy thought the orange juice companies were trying to make you gay," Colbert says.

eraman said, 'I shot with '60 Minutes' for 25 years, and I've never seen a hit that clean.'"

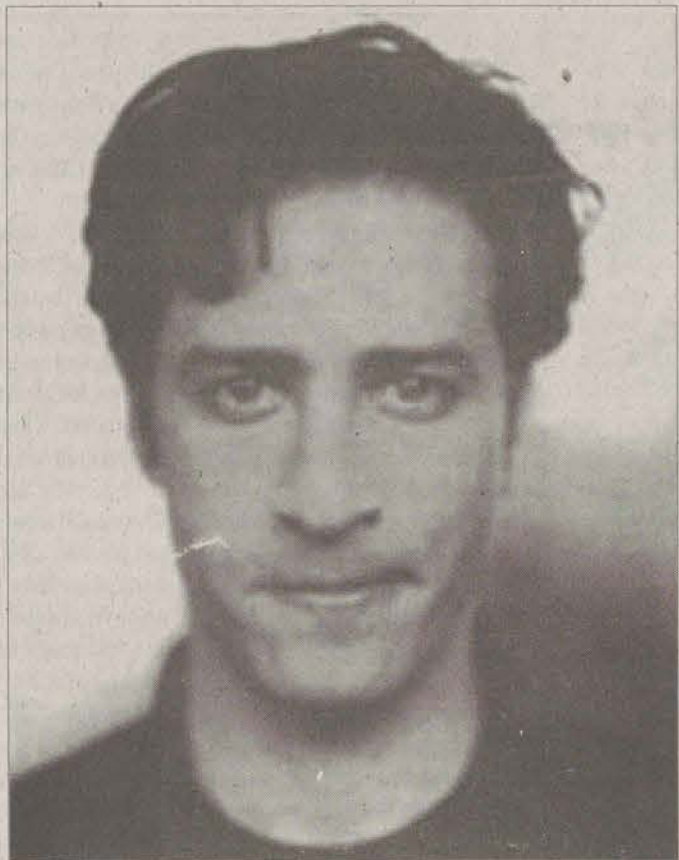
The nature of "Daily Show" stories has changed over the years. Rather than looking for "the guy with a UFO in his yard," as Colbert puts it, the show's staff now seeks out stories that fit the day's events, but in a way no straight news organization would think of covering.

Carell likes to think of his interview subjects as co-stars rather than targets. "If they truly think you're a complete ass," it makes for a funny piece, he says, because their reactions are natural. "They're not in on the joke, but they're not a victim either." The show's political humor follows a similar philosophy, Stewart says.

While the writers and on-air talent infuse their own views into stories, they work hard not to preach to the audience.

"We try to remember that it's a comedy show more than a political show," he says. "I think that's what makes us unique."

We like to think of ourselves, like most of us, as being in the center, and we're busy while the knuckleheads are running the world."



Internet Photo

"THE DAILY SHOW": Comedy Central's news show, hosted by Jon Stewart reports on true but weird news.

The interview subject wasn't just some crackpot, but the spokesman for a well-funded conservative lobbying group in Washington. "And the guy didn't know who we were, which I think is a fireable offense now," Colbert says. "But I was just so excited. ... After we were finished, the cam-



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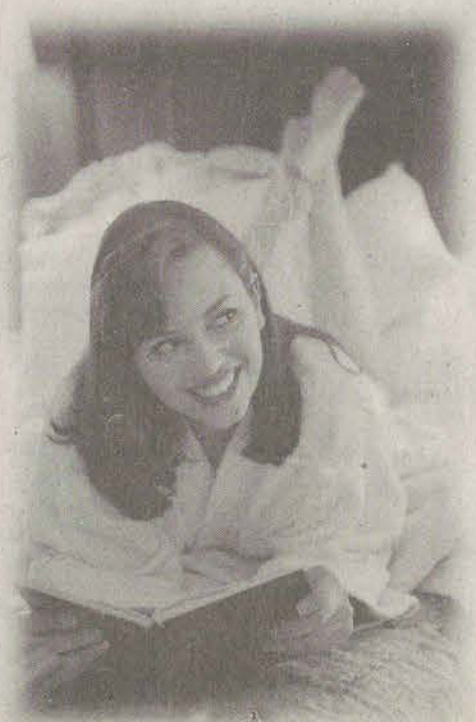
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Weekend Excursion coming to the 'Boro

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Weekend Excursion, the North Carolina rock act that has risen from the tobacco road turf to become one of mid-Atlantic's premier songwriting and performing powerhouses, is now gearing up for a national assault with the release of "Take Me Home," their debut album on The Redeye Label, due out this Tuesday, March 26.

Their first full-length recording and fourth overall release, "Take Me

Home" is undoubtedly Weekend Excursion's most dynamic set of songs yet with its electrifying mix of charging rockers, heartfelt ballads and potent pop songs. From the album's title track, a rhythmically-charged ballad in which lead vocalist Sam Fisher sings reflectively about letting go, to the soulfully delivered, "Theory Of A Kiss," which brings the display of affection to life with a Motown vibe, to "Conscience," with its emotive, sing-it-loud chorus and stylish mix of acoustic and electric guitar, "Take Me Home" showcases an expressive range of songs connected by an honest view of the band's experiences and emotions of the past two years.

In addition to being their first-ever, full-length recording, "Take Me Home" is an album of several other "firsts" for the Raleigh-based band, including their first album

featuring the songwriting contribution of Fisher, who joined the band in 2000 as they were recording their third EP, Radioactive. "Take Me Home" is also Weekend Excursion's first album without the violin work of former member Mike Ferry — the absence of which is made up for with a vengeance with the edgy guitar work of guitarists Chris Groch and Jeff Foxworth as well as some tasteful touches on grand

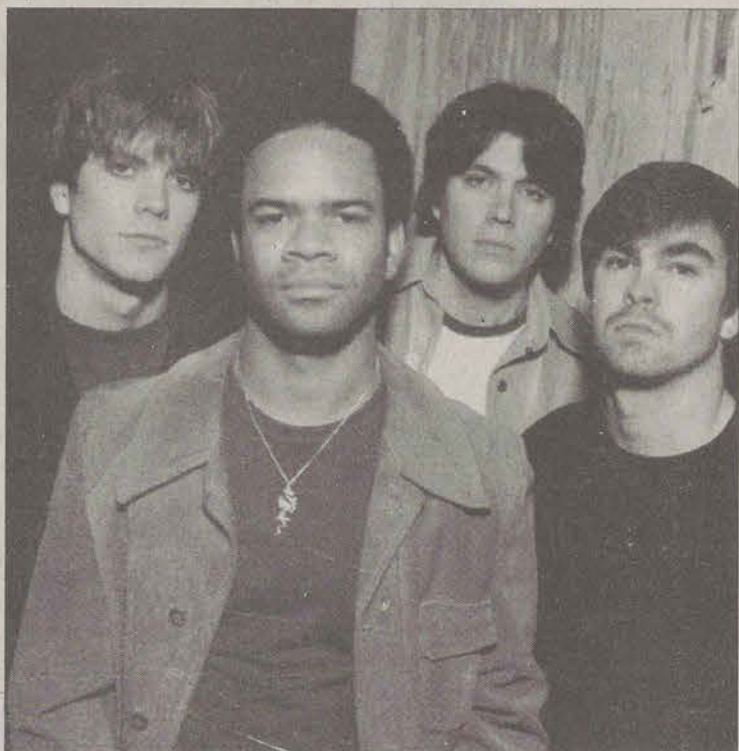
two stellar tracks with guest performances by members of Squirrel Nut Zippers and Jump, Little Children. The pulsating rocker, "I'll Never Fall In Love Again," got an injection of horns from trombonist Dave Wright and saxophonist Tim Smith of Squirrel Nut Zippers, while "Push Me Away," an ultra-catchy song with beautifully layered harmonies and a 20-person chorus at the end, features a string arrangement created by Jay Clifford of Jump, Little

Children and performed by bandmate Ward Williams

Since forming in 1995, Weekend Excursion has gone from juggling weekend touring and college classes at Appalachian State University to becoming one of the region's premier rock acts, selling out shows throughout North Carolina, playing premier venues from Florida to New York City and reaching a national audience with eight songs included in episodes of MTV's Real World, and two songs featured on Dawson's Creek. Numerous

compilations, including one produced and distributed by the retail giant Best Buy, have also helped spread the word. This continuous exposure has helped Weekend Excursion develop an impressive sales history, with combined sales of the band's three CDs totaling over 20,000 and their last EP, Radioactive, one of North Carolina's hottest sellers upon its release in 2000.

Weekend Excursion will be playing this Thursday night, March 7 at Retriever's.



WEEKENDEXCURSION: These North Carolina rockers will perform this Thursday night at Retriever's.

Bernie Mac's laughs arise from his tears

KRT Campus

The star of this season's buzz comedy was a boy growing up in Chicago when his heart was broken one Sunday because his mother was crying and he couldn't understand why. He would eventually learn she was suffering from terminal cancer, which would take her life when he was just 15. His mom kept that from her family as long as she could, not wanting her suffering to be theirs.

His mother's tears tore Bernie Mac apart because he didn't know their origin, so he couldn't do anything to make them stop. Then his mother turned on "The Ed Sullivan Show" to see a young comedian named Bill Cosby. The tears were replaced by a smile, then a laugh. For a few minutes, her pain was eased.

Herson's, too. "I said to myself, 'I'm going to be a comedian so my mother will never cry again,'" Bernie Mac recalls. "I hate sadness."

He's been making people smile and laugh ever since. But he has never forgotten where he comes from and what got him to where he is. Every week's "Bernie Mac Show" is a reminder. "Those stories you watch, that's my life," he says.

Actually, it's the good parts of his life. Bernie Mac, who often refers to himself in the third person, essentially plays himself on the Fox series, a comedian whose talents have provided the comfortable life that he shares with his nieces and nephew in need. "It took me 30 years to get to this point," he says. The early years would be tough to mine for laughs, even for a brilliant comedian such as Bernie Mac. A lot of his own

tears were shed along the way. Characteristically, the ones he remembers most were tears of joy. They came one day in 1990, when he felt he had finally achieved a breakthrough.

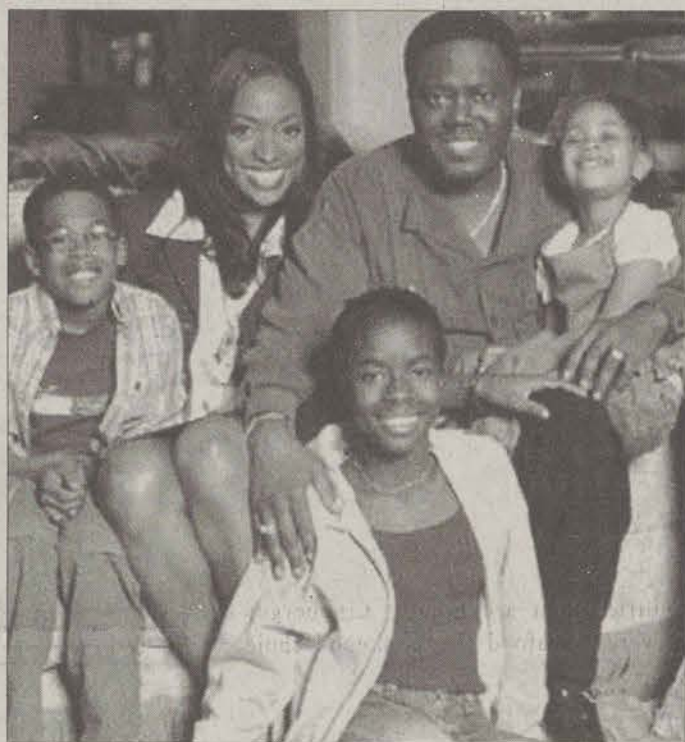
Bernie Mac was driving a Wonder Bread truck at the time. It was how he supported his wife and himself while hoping to be discovered at local comedy clubs. The odds were against him, as he seldom made the night's lineup for a few minutes in front of the brick wall. When the rare opportunities did come, they weren't exactly in prime time.

"Those years were hell," he says. Delivering bread was just one of his low-wage jobs. He was a janitor, a moving man, a UPS driver; he even flipped burgers for \$3.20 an hour. But he was there at the comedy club every night. "Sometimes when my name was finally called, the only people still in the place were me and the janitor. But I did my 10

minutes. All of that made me what I am. I hope that never leaves me."

He actually could have made a far better living doing what he loves. Before he took a somewhat conventional route to stardom, he entertained on Chicago's El trains. He told jokes, did impressions, sang a few bars of a song between stops, hoping appreciative passengers would drop something in his hat. He must have been pretty good. "I would make four or five hundred dollars some days," he says. He gave it up, however, because at the end of the day, "I felt like a bum. I felt like I was begging."

His break finally came when he got a chance to compete on equal footing with other aspiring comedians. Redd Foxx used to sponsor a comedy festival in Chicago. The winner got to open for Foxx in Las Vegas, plus a \$3,000 cash prize. When Bernie Mac's name was called as the winner and he was handed the check, it was the most money he had ever seen, he says. Typical of the man, he didn't rush out and buy things for himself and his wife that they hadn't been able to afford. "I put it in a college fund for our daughter," he says.



FROM RAGS TO RICHES: Bernie Mac has gone from flipping hamburgers to being one of the most successful comedians on primetime television.

The impact didn't hit him until the next day on his bread route. It was Thanksgiving eve. "I was driving along, thinking about what had happened and tears started rolling down my cheeks." He dropped off his bread. "I think I must have dumped about \$3,000 worth at five stores. I put bread on the shelves, bread in the freezers. I didn't care. I was quitting. I said to myself, 'You're a comedian now.'"

Then he had to go home and tell his wife Rhonda that he had quit his job. He remembers starting to cry again. "If I don't try this, I'm going to die," he told her, not knowing how she would react. "Rhonda said, 'I'm with you.'" They've been together for 27 years. Professionally, the past decade or so has been mostly grand. He made his TV debut on

"Def Comedy Jam," which led to a role in Damon Wayans' "Mo Money," then other films with Eddie Murphy and Martin

Lawrence. Before the debut of his Fox series, he was cast in "Ocean's Eleven" with George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Rogers and company. His tour as one of the Original Kings of Comedy with Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley and Cedric the Entertainer grossed more than \$100 million.

Personally, there have been more family heartaches. His wife's sister got strung out on drugs and her daughter, who had a baby when she was 15, was following the same path. Bernie Mac remembers the night he rescued the teen and her 2-year-old from a crack house. "My niece and her baby were in the basement laying on this filthy boxspring. I took them out of there and called my sister to tell her, 'They're going to be staying with me for a while.'" "A while" became "for good." Bernie raised both of them, straightening out his niece, who is now happily married. He transformed his experiences as a surrogate parent into a part of his stand-up and now his Fox sitcom. "I'm not ashamed to tell the truth about what happened in my family. I think that's what makes my comedy different."

It's only one of the things. He has strong views about who and what he is, and he refuses to compromise, which is why it took so long for TV to get around to him. "I'm a big fan of TV. I saw what it did to other comedians greater than myself," he says. "I was determined it wasn't going to happen to me."

Whenever he was approached about doing a series, he laid down a non-negotiable set of rules. "I told them all the things I won't do. You're never going to see me playing a buffoon. I'm not going to have a crazy Aunt Esther. I think a lot of TV insults the audience. The things that used to work — 'Lassie,' 'The Beverly Hillbillies' — wouldn't last a day now. People want things that are realistic, that they can recognize."

He's giving them that on Fox. He's going to boldly stoke up the realism for his first-season finale, a two-parter, which will have Bernie Mac taking his nieces and nephew back to their old neighborhood in Chicago. It won't be pretty. "You'll see my sister (in the show, it's his sister who is in rehab) on drugs. I want you to see my sister, the love and the pain. My sister hurt me, because of what she did to my nieces and nephew. It'll be a real heart-breaker. Bernie Mac don't sugarcoat."

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Try Hilton Head, Gatlinburg or Charleston for Spring Break

By Kim Waters
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For those of you that still have not made Spring Break plans, or are planning a future weekend excursion, there are plenty of inexpensive places to visit that are not too far away.

A trip to Charleston, S.C. offers many opportunities for college students. This is a trip for those who like culturally enriched environments. College of Charleston is located in downtown Charleston but does not take away from the atmosphere of this historical city. There are plenty of bars and restaurants to quench your party thirst.

There is a diverse selection of places to dine in Charleston. For the party type, there are bars and other places like Wild Wing Café. Wild Wing's is an excellent choice for college students because they offer live entertainment and one of the best wings around. There are also restaurants, which are more cultural. Check out Elliot's on the Square, Magnolia's, and Old Towne Greek Restaurant. These places offer great culturally enriched environments. If you are in the mood for some live jazz The Chef Clef is a restaurant you do not want to miss.

There are also other forms of entertainment that you can enjoy while in Charleston. There is the Charleston Stage Company which puts on live performances. The annual Rhythm and Blues Festival, and Low-Country Legends provides the listener with traditional country and folk music. They can add to your visit in Charleston.

There are many other places that you will find interesting to visit while you are in Charleston. Visit Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter, which were some of the first forts ever built in the US, and leave with a more educated outlook on history. There are many ways that you can visit these locations. You can visit them on your own, or you can take a tour. There are a wide variety of tours that are available to any tourist. Aerial tours take you up above the city, and show you the layout, while carriage tours show you the streets of Charleston. There are kayak and boat tours for those of you who like to be out in the water, and hot air balloon rides, which will take you on a flight over the great city of Charleston.

Charleston is known for its history. There are an abundance of historical tours available, where you can relive "The Old South." Many historical homes are open for tours, for small prices. At the end of the day when your feet are aching, be sure to take a buggy and carriage ride down the cobblestone streets of Charleston to cool down.

When you are in the mood to shop, Charleston has you covered with many shops located downtown, including the famous market, where you can find antiques to hand made baskets, made right there while you watch. But you cannot leave Charleston without visiting two shops. The Gothic Shop, and Charleston Gardens deal with mostly in outdoor decorations, and objects from ancient Greece. You can buy columns, and all sorts of home accessories. There are also many art galleries and antique shops to choose from in the downtown area.

There are many options of hotels, bed and breakfasts and condominiums in Charleston. The cheapest route to take may be to check into a hotel. This can range anywhere from \$50-\$100 a night. There are also more expensive places that you can stay at, and they can range up to \$600 a night, but these are hotel rooms with suites. If you want to take the more expensive route, then check out the Elliot House Inn. If you chose to stay at a Bed and Breakfast, then there are many to choose from. They

can actually be cheaper than some hotel rooms, and you get breakfast in the deal. They can range from \$50-\$250 a night. Ann Harper's is a nice place to stay if you want to get more for your money. There is always the option for a condominium, but they are really expensive, and hard to book at this time of year. Another location that is great to visit during Spring Break is Gatlinburg, TN. Gatlinburg is right in the heart of the Smoky Mountains, and it provides a place to unwind and relax while out of school.

There are a number of things to do while in Gatlinburg. You can go on nature trails, and visit the waterfalls in the mountains. At this time of the year, the outdoors are quite beautiful. You can take airlifts up to the tops of the mountains, and hike back down, or you can stay at the top, and enjoy the little town that rests perched at the top of the mountains.

Gatlinburg doesn't just include nature but all sorts of entertainment. There are miniature golf courses, laser tag, a Guinness World Record Museum, horseback riding, and a Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum. If you are really daring you can bungee-jump and skydive. For those that enjoy water sports, you will not find Gatlinburg lacking in interests for you. There is white-water rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and tubing in the rivers.

There are also many places to eat while in Gatlinburg. There are a few hidden treasures that come highly recommended. If you want a good steak, visit Jesse's Steakhouse or The Park Grill. You cannot go wrong with those two places. There are also a number of seafood restaurants that are great. Lineberger's Seafood Co. is a good choice, and definitely try Smoky Mountain Trout House, for some of the best local trout you have ever tasted.

You will also find that Gatlinburg has some of the best shopping out of any place you will visit. They have everything from crafts to art galleries. Many specialty shops are found all over the town. The Rock Shop and The Silver Galleon are a must see for any tourist. There are also a number of shopping centers for those who would rather shop for clothes and other like items.

While in Gatlinburg there are many places that you can stay. I recommend camping at one of the local parks, but for those who like the indoors, there are a number of hotels to stay at. If you stay in a hotel, costs will range anywhere from \$50-\$250 a night. There are many places to stay, so getting a reservation should not be a problem. There is still one can be great ways to spend your time in Gatlinburg. They can be fairly expensive, but if you are lucky, you can get a cheaper rate.

One trip that many GSU students take is the short drive to Hilton Head Island, S.C. In about an hour and a half, you can be visiting one of South Carolina's most beautiful spots.

There are many things to do while in Hilton Head. Since it is located on the coast, most of Hilton Head's activities are centered around the water. You can go crabbing, kayaking, fishing, parasailing, and visit the marinas and aquariums. Some of these may be expensive to do but are worth your while.

There are other activities to engage in while at Hilton Head, that don't require you to be a water lover. You can go horseback riding, take an aerial tour of the city, play tennis, golf, or go biking. Biking is a huge recreational activity in Hilton Head because of the bike trails that surround the island.

Hilton Head has a lot of entertainment to offer the college student. Be sure to check out restaurants such as Wild Wing

Café, and The Salty Dog Café. They have an assortment of tasty beverages and huge menus. They also offer live entertainment during the busy spring and summer season. There are many hidden treasures of Hilton Head island such as, The Old Oyster Factory, Charely's Crab, and The Big Bamboo. The Big Bamboo, located at Coligny Plaza, offers a 1940's laid back atmosphere and live entertainment. Hilton

Head's night life is a good way to mix with the locals and meet new people. Hilton Head offers many bars and clubs for all different types of people. Make sure you bring your I.D. Most of the bars have a 21 year-old limit. The Tiki Hut, located right on the beach, is a local and tourist favorite.

There is plenty of shopping to keep you occupied on rainy days, such as The factory Outlet Stores,

which are only located a few minutes off of the island. Also be sure to check out Coligny plaza located only footsteps from the beach.

Hilton Head has one of the most beautiful beaches on the east coast. There are several public beach accesses where you are sure to catch some rays. Hilton Head is known for its gorgeous beach front property, but prices usually run sky high. Other

considerations may be staying at many of the brand new hotels throughout the island. There are also many villas located in Hilton Head's plantations, but be sure to reserve them far in advance.

As spring is approaching many students will be searching for a new place to visit that isn't costly. These locations are sure to keep you busy with fun activities and leave you refreshed for upcoming finals.



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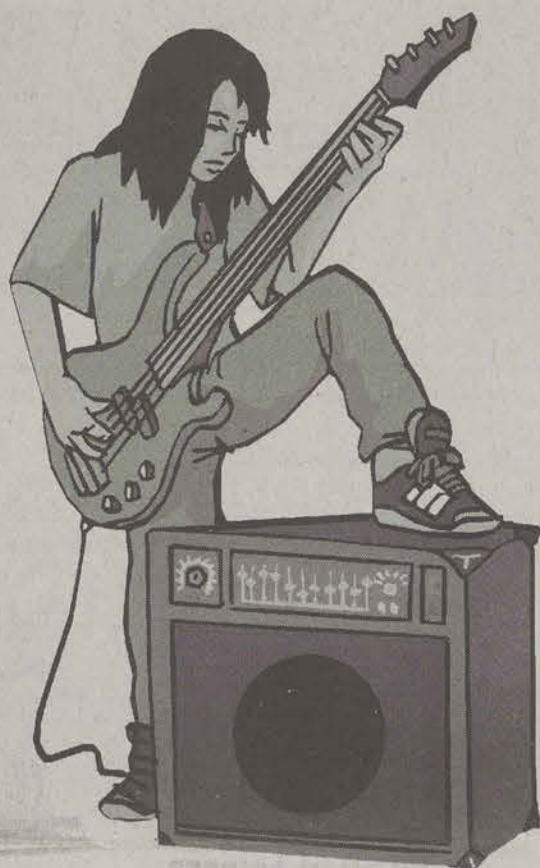




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Death of Daniel Pearl does not cause other journalists to change policies

KRT Campus

CHICAGO — The murder of the Wall Street Journal's Daniel Pearl has not provoked any wholesale changes in the way the war on terrorism is covered by U.S. news agencies. But the graphic killing of the American reporter, accompanied by the intensely personal details of his life, has raised the level of discussion among media executives about the safety of foreign correspondents as perhaps few such deaths have.

"Every time there is a death, and unfortunately there are far too many, everyone stops and takes a deep breath and mourns and wonders what it all means and what we can do," said Ann Cooper, executive director of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. "But, the bottom line is, you can't stop reporting the news. I haven't heard of anyone changing their policies."

Even at the Wall Street Journal, where grieving over the popular Pearl will be with colleagues a long time, there's no let up letup in reporting foreign news. "This won't change the way we go about things at all, other than to continue to emphasize to our people to take every necessary precaution," said company representative Aaron Bedy.

Pearl is the ninth media person to die in either Afghanistan or Pakistan while covering the U.S. war on terrorists. There are ap-

proximately 700 journalists in the two countries and thus far media casualties outnumber those for American military killed in combat in the conflict.

"We've asked our correspondents again to be careful, which we've been doing since the beginning of time and certainly since Sept. 11," said Chuck Holmes, foreign editor for the Cox Newspaper chain. "This situation has really gotten the attention of editors above me and their bosses, though. This is chilling, the way he was targeted."

Last year, the CPJ reports, 37 journalists were killed worldwide in a variety of conflicts, up from 24 the previous year. There were 34 reporters who died on the job in 1999. The deadliest year was 1994, when 72 journalists were killed, mainly due to the war in Bosnia and the tactics of Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria.

Many of the casualties were caused by violent acts normally associated with wars, such as landmines, shelling and random ambushes. Some news agencies, such as the Associated Press, which has had 26 journalists killed in its 150-year history, have guidelines that forbid reporters to venture into specific hot zones.

"A lot of news organizations were re-assessing their foreign operations even before Sept. 11 because a lot of people got killed in the Balkans," said the Tribune's Paul

Salopek, who was in Afghanistan in the heat of the current conflict. (in the United Kingdom's Royal Marines, teaches journalists how to survive in dangerous places. "My business will grow because the world is not becoming safer," he said.

The curriculum covers how to crawl and search for landmines at the same time, where to take cover while getting shelled by mortars, applying a tourniquet, knowing the difference between shots from a sniper rifle or Kalashnikov, recognizing chemical and biological warning signs, and how to read a compass. There also is emphasis on what to do as a hostage.

"Regarding Daniel Pearl," said Rees, "it is obvious that his captors were making a statement and they had absolutely no regard for human life."

In the Persian Gulf War, Canadian Broadcasting Company correspondent Eric Rankin recalled being in a TV crew abandoned by their driver in the desert trying to flee Baghdad for Jordan. He and his crew were held at gunpoint for 36 hours by Iraqi military before being released at the behest of a Jordanian who interceded.

"You always think you'll be the one who won't get in a tight situation and if you do, you can talk your way out of it," Rankin said. "The fact is that it's very easy to get trapped like Daniel Pearl. It's a wonder it doesn't happen more."

Treatable diseases still spell death sentence along U.S. - Mexico border

Associated Press

WESLACO, Texas -- Neighbors of Maria Guadalupe Hernandez call her "la flaquita," the thin one.

She was sick when she sneaked across the border from Mexico five years ago, penniless from paying doctors who misdiagnosed her cervical cancer.

"I had to sell my house to pay medical bills in Mexico," she said in Spanish during an interview in her hospital room. "The children were hungry."

Five years later, she is still battling the disease.

Hernandez represents a statistic that continues to baffle and shame health officials. At 35, the mother of eight and grandmother of two likely will die from a cancer that health officials say should have been eradicated decades ago.

For women around the world, the Pap smear has detected cell abnormalities that can be treated long before they develop into cancer.

But mortality rates have held frustratingly steady in some regions plagued by poverty, language barriers and young motherhood. The rates indicate that women are not getting the Pap test or are not pursuing follow-up care when the tests show abnormalities.

The 19-county U.S.-Mexico border area known as the Rio Grande Valley is one of those regions. Other trouble spots include five counties in Maine; 14 counties in rural Alabama; a chunk of West Virginia; parts of California; and concentrations of Native Americans in the Southwest and Alaska.

Worldwide, almost 360,000 cases of cervical cancer were detected in 1990, with 190,000 women dying of the disease.

Women in Third World countries have relatively high incidences of sexually transmitted diseases, including the human papilloma virus that is a precursor to cervical cancer.

The Rio Grande is hardly a boundary when it comes to health issues.

Young doctors training in crowded hospitals here may encounter diseases seen nowhere else in the country, including dengue fever and canine rabies.

Recognizing this, the federal health department is fund-

ing basic health needs including reproductive care, vaccinations for children and treatment for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis.

There also is a lack of education about preventive care.

Women with no health insurance who are isolated by language and culture may go years without seeing a doctor.

"I saw one woman who was over 50 years old and having her first Pap," said Sister Mary Nicholas, a registered nurse with the Texas Department of Health's regional office.

By the time the cancer is caught, it's often far advanced. The incidence rate for cervical cancer in the Rio

Grande between 1995 and 1997 was 13.6 per 100,000 women. From 1994 to 1998, that figure was 8.5 per 100,000 women nationwide.

Just as much a factor is a failure at continuing care. Even when a Pap smear comes back abnormal, a woman may forego the follow-up.

The results are a regional mortality rate at 3.8 per 100,000, compared to 2.3 per 100,000 nationwide.

"They may be afraid; they don't want to know they're sick. But the message we have to convey is: 'Get that Pap,'" said Jane Delgado, president and CEO of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and author of "Salud," a health guide for Hispanic women.

The National Cancer Institute is generating a report on the disproportionate rates of cervical cancer around the United States and what can be done about them.

"Fifty years after the introduction of the Pap smear, which should eliminate cervical cancer, we still had these high rates in these counties," said NCI's Dr. Jon Kerner, who is working with several agencies to eradicate the disease.

Under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act passed by Congress last year, states are eligible for federal Medicaid matching funds to provide free medical care to low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

Announcement – Student Media Positions Selection 2002-2003

The Student Media Advisory Board of Georgia Southern University announces its selection process to choose student editors and managers of the 2001-2002 broadcast and editorial boards of the university's official student media (The George-Anne, Miscellany Magazine, Southern Reflector Magazine, and WVGS/FM). Students interested in applying for an elected position will be expected to present (1) a resume, (2) a letter of application explaining the candidate's qualifications and their plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a signed waiver (included with this advertisement) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Student Media Advisory Board to validate the candidate's academic standing. Students may indicate the position(s) sought either in their letter of application or on the waiver form. However, a separate application packet (a resume, a letter of application and a signed waiver) should be submitted for each medium, if a student wishes to apply for more than one.

SELECTION AND TERM: The editorial and broadcast boards will be selected by members of the committee based on a majority of those voting. According to committee bylaws, the term of office for the editorial and broadcast boards shall extend through the end of the next spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS: Specific qualifications for persons holding board positions are listed below. Prior experience may be considered in lieu of stated qualifications. The board positions for each medium are listed in ranking order.

THE GEORGE-ANNE

Editor in Chief — The editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. An editor should have served on the staff one year and should display capabilities required for the position. The editor is responsible for the preparation of a commentary section for each edition. The editor serves as the chief executive officer of the newspaper and is ultimately responsible for the total editorial content of each edition. (Pay: \$1,800 per full semester)

Managing Editor — The managing editor should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on the staff. The managing editor should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as layout, copy editing, and news and feature writing. The managing editor will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content in all sections of the newspaper, such as news, sports and features. The managing editor (with the assistance of the news editor) will be responsible for the preparation of the front page. (Pay: \$1,700 per full semester)

News Editor — The news editor should know basic news writing and should be familiar with news sources on campus. The news editor should demonstrate news judgment and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the paper. The news editor will be responsible for all news gathering operations of the newspaper. The news editor assists the managing editor in the preparation of the front page. (Pay: \$1,600 per full semester)

MISCELLANY

Editor — The editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor should demonstrate both the interest and the talent to create a quality publication which showcases the arts — literary, visual, and, to the extent practicable, performance arts — on behalf of the university's students, and to promote the arts in the university community through the staging of various arts-oriented events. The editor, in cooperation with an assistant editor, will conduct a juried selection of contributors for the magazine. The editor will be responsible for the total editorial content of the magazine. (Pay: \$650 per full semester)

SOUTHERN REFLECTOR

Editor — The editor should have completed two years of university work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The editor should have served at least one year on the Reflector staff and should be familiar with magazine copy writing, magazine photojournalism, layout and design of pages, and staff management. The editor is responsible for the all editorial operations for each edition. The editor serves as the chief executive officer of the magazine and is ultimately responsible for the total content of each edition. (Pay: \$1,100 per full semester)

Art Director — The Art Director should have served at least one year on the Southern Reflector staff and should be knowledgeable in all aspects of magazine production, including but not limited to layout and design, computer graphics, and all photographic processes used by the Reflector. The Art Director will be responsible for the management of photographic assignments and photographic production work. In addition to these duties, the Art Director shall perform other duties as assigned by the current Editor. (Pay: \$1,050 per full semester)

Managing Editor — The managing editor should have completed one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on the staff. The managing editor should be familiar with magazine production and university business procedures. The managing editor is responsible for promotional activities in support of the magazine, advertising operations, routine office management, and financial review, and distribution of the magazine. In addition to these duties, the Managing Editor shall perform other duties as assigned by the current Editor. (Pay: \$1,000 per full semester)

WVGS/FM

Station Manager — The station manager should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern, and should have served at least one year on the staff of the station. The manager should display leadership qualities and should have a basic knowledge of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations, broadcast equipment, and budgetary matters. (Pay: \$1,350 per full semester)

Program Director — The program director should have completed at least one year of college work and should have served at least one semester on the staff of the station. The program director is responsible for reporting playlists to trade journals, maintaining telephone and mail contacts with music companies, adding program materials to the station's computer system, and developing and implementing other programs. (Pay: \$1,200 per full semester)

Operations Manager — The operations manager should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester as a DJ (disc jockey) at the station. The operations manager is responsible for keeping WVGS in compliance with all Federal Communications Commission rules for noncommercial radio stations, producing PSAs (public service announcements), and producing quarterly issues lists. The individual who applies for this position should be well organized, skilled at using station equipment and facilities, and able to interact with other people effectively when enforcing compliance with FCC and station regulations. (Pay: \$1,200 per full semester)

DEADLINE: The deadline for the receipt of all applications for any of these positions is Friday, March 30, at 5 p.m. Applications should be sent to Bill Neville, chairperson, Student Advisory Media Board, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022, Williams Center.

COMPENSATION: Payment rates for board members are tentative and pending final approval by the Student Activities Budget Committee.

INTERVIEW DATE: The Board has established two interview sessions for candidates. All candidates for board positions on George-Anne and Reflector Magazine MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY for an interview with the committee on Friday, April 12, and for Miscellany and WVGS/FM on Friday, April 19. Each interview session will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 2009 of F.I. Williams Center (Upper Floor).

APPLICATION FORM AND WAIVER

INFORMATION: Questions regarding these positions should be directed to the advisors of the media: Bill Neville (The GEORGE-ANNE) at 681-0069 or Box 8067; Larry Anderson (MISCELLANY) at 681-0128 or Box 8048; Dianne Lamb (REFLECTOR MAGAZINE) at 681-0534 or Box 8091; or Bill Neville (WVGS/FM) at 681-0069 or Box 8067. Additional information and interpretation of the qualifications may be obtained from the chairperson, Bill Neville (681-0069 or Box 8067).

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- A student interested in applying for an elected position is required to present (1) a resume; (2) a letter of application explaining the candidate's qualifications and their plans or objectives for the media position sought; and (3) a signed waiver (included below) which gives permission to the chairperson of the Media Committee to validate the candidate's academic standing.
- A student seeking a position on an editorial or broadcast board must have a CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE of at least 2.0 and must not be on scholastic or disciplinary probation. If at any time a board member drops below these standards, that member must relinquish the position.

I, _____ do hereby authorize the Media Committee, in relation to the above criteria for board positions, to contact the GSU student records representatives to validate my academic standing for compliance. This validation may be at a time of application and at any time during the period I would hold a board position.

Signed _____ Box/No. _____
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This (1) application/waiver form (or a facsimile), together with a (2) resume and a (3) letter of application for each medium in which a position(s) is sought, should be received by Friday, March 29, 2002, by 5 p.m. to: Student Media Advisory Board, Bill Neville, chair, Room 2022 Williams Center, Box 8067, GSU, Statesboro, GA 30460. Candidates for George-Anne and Reflector must be available on Friday, April 12, and for Miscellany and WVGS/FM on Friday, April 19. All interviews are scheduled at 3 p.m., Room 2009, Williams Center (Upper Floor).

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Lawmakers near deadline for passing predatory lending bill

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Gov. Roy Barnes has said legislation to stop predatory lending would be a top priority this session, but he waited until the session was nearly half over before rolling out his proposal.

Now Barnes and his supporters will have to work fast to approve any new regulations.

"Certainly we're concerned about the timetable," said Bill Brown, spokesman for AARP, which made recommendations to Barnes' plan. "But having the governor pushing this bill as one of his few top priorities is reassuring."

There are 40 working days in a legislative session, but a bill has to be approved in either the House or the Senate by the 33rd day to have a chance at becoming law.

Friday was the 27th day of the session, and lawmakers will recess for three days next week and for the entire week of March 11-15.

When they return March 18, lawmakers will have only three working days to

pass a predatory lending bill — plenty of time, according to Barnes' spokeswoman Joselyn Baker.

"The governor wanted to take the time to talk with all interested parties and gather any information about what other states have done before introducing the bill," she said.

The governor's bill would establish a definition for high-cost loans and ban practices like loan flipping, in which lenders repeatedly refinance a loan in a brief period to obtain extra fees from the borrower.

His proposal also would limit prepayment fees and prohibit balloon mortgages in high-cost loan situations.

Balloon mortgages have level monthly payments that are insufficient to amortize the loan. Then, at the end of the term, a lump sum payment known as a balloon is due. Balloon mortgages frequently contain a provision to refinance when the balloon payment is due.

Barnes' legislation also prohibits giv-

ing high-cost loans to people who cannot pay their monthly bills for 50 percent or less of their monthly take-home income.

Sen. Vincent Fort, D-Atlanta, who pushed for a strong predatory mortgage lending bill last session, said he's pleased with the governor's recommendations, but said it could be tougher.

"The bill needs time to strengthen, which is what it's doing now," Fort said.

But Jack Goodman, regional vice president of Community Mortgage Services Inc. in Smyrna, said the governor's approach would only make things worse.

"Sen. Fort is interested in protecting one small percentage of the people who get mortgages every year," Goodman said. "I think the abuses that have occurred, which is about 2 percent of the total number of loans, are horrendous and that the people need to protect themselves from themselves."

"In my opinion, they are missing the primary target and throwing a blanket over the entire industry."

The governor's bill has been referred to the House Banks and Banking Committee, chaired by Rep. Butch Parrish, D-Swainsboro. The committee met Tuesday for three hours and heard from about 20 people on both sides of the issue.

"We still have a long way to go," Parrish said. "But I hope we can pass something this session."

Fort also remains optimistic that a strong predatory lending bill will pass.

"We're not going to let big money handle the people's will," Fort said. "We have dozens of lobbyists skulking around the halls."

There's literally a small army of crocodile-briefcase-toting lobbyists trying to kill it.

University of Georgia political scientist Charles Bullock said an ordinary legislator might have trouble getting a bill passed this late in the session. But not the governor.

"History has been that the governor gets what he wants," Bullock said.

Drawings help doctors diagnose migraines in kids

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A study that had children draw images of their headache pain showed pictures sometimes do speak louder than words after the drawings helped doctors better diagnose and treat migraines, researchers say.

A 10-year-old boy drew a frowning person playing the drums inside a big head, and a 9-year-old boy drew a hammer and chisel pounding crevices into the top of his head. Both were among pictures by 226 children complaining of headaches.

Pediatric neurologists who analyzed the pictures came to the same diagnoses as a doctor who did regular clinical analysis in nearly nine of ten cases, the study found.

As many as two-thirds of children complain of headaches severe enough to seek medical attention, but diagnosing them can be difficult because there's no definitive test, said Dr. Carl Stafstrom, a University of Wisconsin neurologist who led the study. He said the diagnosis is made based on the patient's symptoms and medical history, and is subject to a doctor's training and judgment.

In addition, children of all ages often have difficulty expressing their symptoms verbally a problem drawings can help solve.

"It's cheap ... and very valuable," Stafstrom said.

An accurate diagnosis is critical, because treatment differs depending on the headache cause, said

Stafstrom, whose study appears in the March issue of Pediatrics.

For example, migraines often are treated with prescription drugs, but over-the-counter medication such as ibuprofen often is sufficient for tension headaches, he said.

In the study, patients aged 4 to 19 referred for headaches to a Tufts University neurology clinic drew pictures to describe their pain.

Neurologists scored the drawings as migraine or non-migraine, which were then compared with a standard clinical diagnosis from a different doctor.

Pictures featuring drawings consistent with migraine pain, such as pounding hammers and sparkling halo-like auras above the eyes, matched the clinical diagnoses in 87 percent of the cases.

Drawings with nonspecific pain such as a 17-year-old girl's picture of her head being squeezed by a rope represented non-migraine pain such as tension headaches. These drawings matched the non-migraine diagnoses in nearly 91 percent of the cases.

The researchers said drawings alone shouldn't be used to diagnose, but could be done in the waiting room before headache patients are examined.

"For the vast majority of children, headache drawing is an enjoyable exercise that allows the opportunity to express their symptoms and feelings and may afford greater insight into their pain," they said.

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allocation of funds and organization membership. After nearly thirty minutes of questions accompanied by debate between senators and executive members, the College Republicans received \$1,000 of the \$2,500 they had requested.

"I think that they should have a certain standard of questioning," said Atkinson.

Vision Ministries received the fully allowed amount of \$3,000 after standing before the board that same night for only a few minutes.

A fund request from the Triangle Club was also presented at the same meeting. The funds requested would go to help the Triangle club and STAND host the Queen of the Coastal Empire pageant. "It was a fair fund request and should be treated as such," said Jacob Warren, one of the co-presidents of the organization and the representative of the request to SGA.

The Technical Education Collegiate Association also went to SGA for assistance in funding to send the group to a conference in Virginia Beach.

Aaron Feldser represented the organization before the Financial Advisory Committee and the SGA. "I felt a good amount of pressure from the senators. I thought some of it was unnecessary," he said.

Not all organizations attest to experiencing difficulties obtaining funds. The Wesley Foundation, Voices in Ministry, the Baptist Student Union, Vision Ministries and the Black Engineers were all awarded the \$3,000 amount offered to organizations requesting funds.

"I think that our objective at the beginning of the year to distribute our organizational budget is nearly complete," said Nick Pearson, Executive Vice President of SGA.

On the subject of the SGA being biased, and perhaps even discriminating against certain groups on campus, Pearson stated "Unfortunately I believe we have. Naturally some individuals will look after some organizations which they are involved in, though we as an executive board do not condone that."

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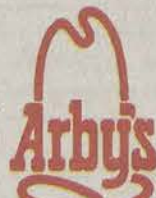
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