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# The GEORGE-ANNE

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March 25, 2002

Sports: GSU Men's Tennis stomps Florida A&M, 5-2

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## ON THE INSIDE:



Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

## Today's Weather



Partly cloudy with a high of 80°F and a low of 58°F.

## Opinions

- Tim Prizer talks of the insignificance of all individuals.
- Amanda Permenter could get more sleep if she didn't waste all her time doing unproductive activities.

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## Sports

- GSU Softball takes two of three from the College of Charleston Cougars in a weekend triple header.
- Augusta State wins and GSU finishes tenth out of fifteen in the Schenkel Invitational Golf Tournament.



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## Features

- Diana Krall's album 'The Look of Love' receives criticism from the jazz community for Krall's reliance on her looks.

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## Arts & Entertainment

- 'Rat Race' is a comedy about several people all after one sum of money.
- The lame comedy 'Sorority Boys' flops in theatres.



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## Southern Events

**GSU BASEBALL**  
• The Eagles will host the College of Charleston on March 29-31 at Eagle Field.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
• The Eagles will host U-T-Chattanooga on March 30 at 10 a.m.

# SGA elections online now

• Candidates offer bios

By Mathew R. Palmer  
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Student Government Association elections began at midnight last night and will continue to run until 1 a.m. this Wednesday.

As with all official GSU correspondence, SGA elections are now being held online.

Eligible students will receive an email in their GSI account, which will include a link to a web page, which holds the ballot.

Four of the five executive office positions, President, Executive Vice President and Vice Presidents of Finance and Auxiliary Affairs, will be contested on the ballot; Vice President for Academic Affairs only had one candidate to qualify. Also, only the College of Business Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and At-Large positions will be contested. Colleges of Education, College of Health and Professional Studies and College of Science and Technology had five or less candidates who qualified. All positions will be listed on the ballot since according to regulations, each candidate must get at least one vote to win.

The most contested, and rightfully so, position to be contested is that of President. Two current executive officers, a current senator and a student are all vying for the position.

As a public service to the GSU community, a brief bio is provided on each candidate as well as their responses to questions submitted by students and or *The George-Anne* staff.

• **Jason Gilbert**, 22, of Sparta, Georgia is a Senior majoring in Computer Engineering. Gilbert is currently President of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity as well as Assistant District Director. He is an Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society Member, a current senator on the SGA, Team Leader for the Minority Advisement Program and member of the National Society of Black Engineers. Gilbert also served as an Orientation Team Leader at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus as well as a member of the Minority Mentor Tutoring Program.

## Overview of SGA Presidential Candidate Interview Responses

Question	Gilbert	Haseltine	Pearson	Perkins
Hometown	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Age	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Classification	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Major	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Clubs/Activities	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Money Spent	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Campaign Guidelines	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Financial Source	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Platform	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Why Running	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Activities Done	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Major problem facing SGA	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Issue most important to candidate	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Student participation with SGA	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
College representation	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Parking and Transportation	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Book prices	Answer	Answer	Answer	No comment
Candidate's greatest strength	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Candidate's goal as president	Answer	Answer	Answer	Answer
Fund Requests	Answer	Answer	No comment	No comment

Compiled from staff reports

**ONLINE BALLOT:** The link to the online voting system will arrive in GSI E-mail accounts today. If students have forgotten their user ID or password for GSI, it can be accessed by logging into WINGS and going to 'View E-mail' in the 'Personal Information' section. Students who have already changed their given GSI password to a personal one and cannot log in must take a picture ID to Computer Services in the basement of the Marvin Pittman Building.

in Americus as well as a member of the Minority Mentor Tutoring Program.

Gilbert's platform is "A forward step into the future for all GSU students." According to Gilbert, he is running for office because he feels there "are a lot of changes that need to be made to SGA so that it will better represent the students."

"Representation of the students" is the most important issue for Gilbert as well as "getting the information out to the students about what SGA does and how the students can be more involved in SGA."

"My ability to relate to a wide range of people," is his greatest strength, Gilbert said. "In doing this, I can help to get many things accomplished since GSU and the world has a wide array of people. And that is good for both the world and GSU."

• **Chris Haseltine**, 20, of Marietta, Georgia is a Sophomore majoring in

Business Management. Haseltine is a past member of the Baseball Club, current member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team and a trainer at the RAC.

Haseltine's platform is "Chris 'Ovaltine' Haseltine - The Man With A Plan." According to Haseltine, he is running for office "to make a difference on campus and continue with the great job that Saxton did, except with a few new ideas to help reshape campus and give the students more options when it pertains to buying books cheaper, possible new choices (of) food and whatever else I can think up with the help of the over 14,000 students at GSU, whose thoughts and opinions will be taken into more consideration than in past years."

"Enthusiasm and a lot of fresh ideas for the upcoming year," are

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## Instructions for the SGA election online voting system

1. Check GSI student email account. An E-mail will contain a link to the ballot. Click the link.
2. Candidates and offices will be listed.
3. Chose desired candidates. Click 'Verify my ballot.'
4. Voters may make any necessary changes to votes on the verification page that will appear at this time.
5. Once verified, submit the ballot. Once submitted, no changes can be made to the vote.
6. Voters will be sent to a page where additional comments can be submitted optionally.
7. When the process is complete, the SGA home page will come up.

# Dr. Meave Leakey speaks to GSU about our early hominid ancestors

By Tim Prizer  
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Dr. Meave Leakey knows more about your ancestors than you do.

As the standard bearer of a dynasty of paleoanthropologists, Leakey has helped uncover as much about human origins as any other scientist in the world. Working in

Africa, just as her father-in-law Louis and her mother-in-law Mary did much earlier in the twentieth century, Meave is now recognized as the leader of an elite group of scientists who have devoted their lives to the study of early bipedal (walking on two feet) hominids.

The world famous paleoanthropologist was invited by GSU's Campus Life Enrichment Committee to speak Thursday night to students and faculty about her life in science and about her most recent early hominid find - what Leakey calls *Kenyanthropus platyops*.

Concentrating on northern Kenya's Turkana Basin, Leakey has discovered numerous fossilized specimens of human and non-human ancestors alike. The oldest traces found to date

in the 160-mile long basin are the bones of 27 million year-old apes from the Miocene epoch. The *Kenyanthropus* specimen, which was found in 1999 and is the first of its species discovered, included nearly the entire skull of the animal and is dated to 3.5 million years ago.

"Students, and scientists too, really have no way to comprehend millions of years," Leakey said in her soft British accent. "I normally tell them to think about it terms of dollars," she laughed.

Leakey and her also world-renowned husband Richard seem positive that the *Kenyanthropus* find

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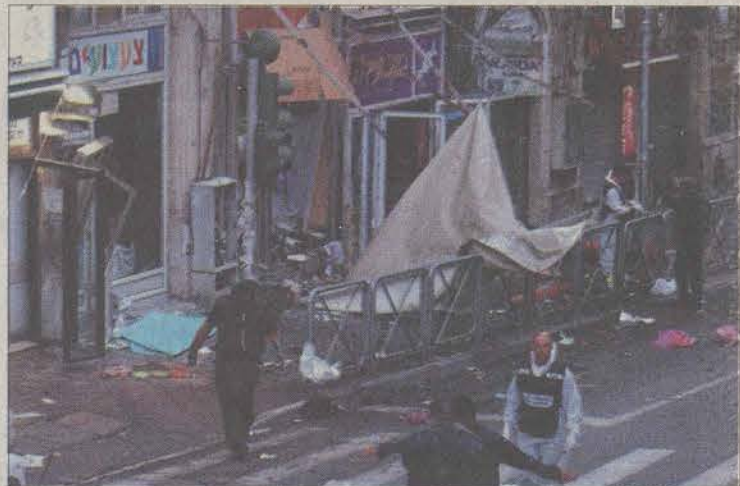
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American Geographical Institute/Geotimes

**A RARE FIND:** The world famous paleoanthropologist Dr. Meave Leakey speaks at GSU (Left) and examines the skull of her most recent find, *Kenyanthropus platyops* (Right).

# Suicide bomber kills himself, three Israelis in central Jerusalem last Thursday



KRT Campus

**SERIOUS BLOW:** The scattered remains were all that was left after the bombing.

KRT Campus

**JERUSALEM** - A suicide bomber linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's organization blew himself up in central Jerusalem on Thursday, killing three Israelis, injuring dozens

more and dealing a serious new blow to U.S. efforts to broker a truce in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Hours later, Israel canceled a se

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# CEO of International Agile Manufacturing speaks at GSU Awards Dinner Wednesday

By Angela Jones  
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Seniors Greg Millican and Jordan Keevil were surprised and honored to receive awards for their excellence in the manufacturing field at the 2002 Manufacturing Achievement and Awards Dinner.

"I was really surprised," said Keevil, who won the Outstanding Manufacturing Student Award and \$500. "And out of all the students,

I'm glad they picked me for the award."

The dinner was held March 20 in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

The Outstanding Manufacturing Student Award, which was sponsored by Smith Construction Company, was presented by Dr. Charles Perry, professor of Manufacturing/Indus

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## Police Beat

### Statesboro Police Department

#### March 21

• Hollee Jo Lyle, 20, was arrested for DUI, weaving and possession of a fake ID.

#### March 22

• John Lee McGhee, 18, was arrested for defective equipment

(brakelight) and possession of marijuana.

### GSU Public Safety

#### March 22

• Jeffrey Mark Enter, 20, of 431 S. Main St., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

—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.*

## Savannah News Brief

### Former police officer convicted of kidnapping, rape

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. A jury convicted a former Savannah police officer Friday of rape, sexual battery, kidnapping and false imprisonment.

Joseph Quenga, 47, maintained throughout his trial that he did not commit the offenses, including the kidnapping and rape of a woman he pulled over for DUI in 2000.

"Officer Quenga, a jury of your

peers disagrees with you," Judge John E. Morse Jr. said. Jurors deliberated for five hours before rendering their verdict.

Quenga was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Under Georgia's Seven Deadly Sins law, he must serve 100 percent of his time, with no chance for parole.

Quenga's attorney, Michael Edwards, asked the judge to consider

his client's good character in handing down a sentence. But Morse said that for a police officer to sexually assault women while wearing his badge was "quite devastating."

"There's no greater blow to the criminal justice system than for one who is part of that system to abuse it," Morse said.

Edwards said they will appeal in the case.

### Savannah Mayor Adams enters race for new congressional seat

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. -- Mayor Floyd Adams Jr., Savannah's first black mayor, announced Friday he's entering an already crowded race for Georgia's new 12th Congressional District.

"I like a good fight. That's why I'm getting down to my fighting weight," Adams told reporters, taking a self-deprecating jab at his round frame.

Adams joins six fellow Democrats and two Republicans competing for the open congressional seat one of two Georgia picked up in the 2000 Census.

State lawmakers drew the 12th District to maximize the strength of Democratic voters, hence its daunting geography. The goldfish-shaped district stretches 200 miles in a narrow swath through eastern Georgia encompassing Athens, Augusta and

Savannah.

The configuration means no candidate, no matter how popular in his hometown, has a distinct edge, said Charles Bullock, a political science professor at the University of Georgia.

"It's long, it's no more than two counties wide, and it takes in three separate urban areas," Bullock said. "So a candidate who may be quite well-known in his own area will be unknown in other areas."

## On-Campus News

### NEW COURSE

Ethnographic Field Methods is a course examines ethnographic research methods used by anthropologists and many other kinds of investigators.

Students practice observation, recording and coding field notes, photography, interviewing, transcription of taped interviews, and other ethnographic methods in conducting original research projects.

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Successful completion of this course will prepare students to:

- Design and conduct a basic ethnographic research project
- Effectively recognize and deal with cultural diversity
- Apply skills such as interviewing and observation to many areas of work and civic life
- Critically evaluate research reports about, and media portrayals of, cultural and subcultural groups

### WOMEN'S AWARENESS

The University will celebrate Women's Awareness Week from Monday, March 25, through Friday, March 29, with a variety of programs and presentations.

Women's Awareness Week is being held in conjunction with National Women's History Month 2002. The theme for this year's celebration is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit."

The schedule of events for the week

include:

• Monday, March 25 - Social, Noon-1 p.m., Russell Union Room 2080

• Tuesday, March 26 - Lillian Grant Baptist presents "The Talking Cloth: African-American Women Quilters and the Underground Railroad," 6 p.m., Russell Union Room 2080

• Wednesday, March 27 - Dr. Marcia Jones presents a discussion on sexual harassment, 7 p.m., COBA Room 1124

• Thursday, March 28 - Dr. Gary Lemmons of the New School for Social Research in New York presents the keynote address "Mapping the Impact of Bell Hooks on the Classroom: Reflections of a Feminist, Anti-Racist, Male Teacher," 7 p.m., Russell Union Theater

• Friday, March 29 - Car Talk for Women, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Russell Union Rotunda

For more information on Women's Awareness Week, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

### INTERNATIONAL WEEK

The University will celebrate International Week from Friday, March 29, through Sunday, April 7, with various activities and presentations including panel discussions, exhibits, food tastings, films and more.

This year's theme is "Bringing Cultures Together." It is organized by the Office of International Student Programs and Services in the Center for International Studies and sponsored by various

campus departments and student organizations.

The celebration will begin on Friday, March 29, with the International Coffee Hour and the display of international flags in the Russell Union.

Monday, April 1, will begin with a colloquium outlining some of the issues currently facing the world's population. Various regions of the world will be the focus of colloquia presented during the week.

For a full schedule of events, visit the Center for International Studies web site at

[http://www2.gasou.edu/International\\_Studies/calendar.htm](http://www2.gasou.edu/International_Studies/calendar.htm).

While most events are free of charge, some activities will have a cover charge. For more information, contact the Center for International Studies at ext. 0332 or 0570, or you may visit the Center in Room 1313 of the Forest Drive Building for a complete program.

### PRESS CONFERENCE

A press conference will be held today by the Public Relations Event Management class. They will be announcing their event, A Special Night of Comedy, Stand-up for High Hope.

To learn more about this event, join them from 10-11 a.m. at the High Hope Center at 213 Simmons Road.

For more information please contact Dr. Donald Panther-Yates at 912-681-5801.

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

### Tourism recovering since Sept. 11, but still below normal

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.-- Central Florida's vacation destinations were eerily empty in the weeks following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, but the region's tourism industry is recovering behind the help of a record \$72-million advertising push.

Mel Bettcher, general manager for the Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee, said the first ad campaign is just now paying dividends.

"What we're seeing, especially these weeks of spring break, is that the area is pretty much full," Bettcher said Thursday.

Before the attacks, tourism brought in more than \$50 billion or more than 10 percent of Florida's economy and directly employed more than 874,000 people.

But in the last three months of 2001, the number of tourists dropped to 14 million down almost 18 percent from the year before. Thousands were laid off as the state's unemployment rate jumped from 4.3 percent in September to 6 percent in December. It

dropped to 5.2 percent in January, one of the first indications of a recovery.

Hardest hit was central Florida, where some counties reported hotel cash receipts down 20 to 30 percent from October through January, said Larry White of the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Bettcher said room reservations at his hotel had dropped to similar levels in that time, but have rebounded as of late.

"Probably two, three weeks after 9-11, everyone was still shell-shocked and hunkering down in their homes," Bettcher said. "But shortly after that, things started moving again."

Central Florida took the worst of the tourism slowdown, but it wasn't alone in its suffering.

Hotel receipts in South Florida were down 35 percent in November, said Nicki Grossman of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Tourism numbers for the first

quarter of 2002 won't be available until May.

Tom Flanagan, spokesman for Visit Florida, the state's tourism promotion agency, said that during the first six months of 2002, about \$45 million of public and private money will be spent to coax visitors to the Sunshine State.

That's in addition to \$27 million expended immediately after Sept. 11 until the end of 2001.

In the entire 2000-01 fiscal year, Visit Florida spent \$24.5 million on advertising.

"There's never been a big push like this," Flanagan said.

The latest additions to Visit Florida's promotional campaign are whimsical radio spots featuring Bush and aimed at people in other Southeastern states who are within driving distance.

One ad advertises a "special on sand," and another a "special on sun."

Bettcher also noted that the discount deals accompanying this campaign brought to the region tourists who weren't spending much money.

But Bettcher is taking a "beg-gars-can't-be-choosers" approach. "It's better to have somebody at a lower rate than nobody," he said.

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## MEAVE LEAKEY, FROM PAGE 1

belongs in a new genus and species. When paleoanthropologists discover a bone from what is believed to be a human ancestor, they immediately compare the find to the hundreds of other species already found. More often than not, the specimen fits perfectly into the variation of another species. The *Kenyanthropus*, at least in Leakey's mind, was rare though.

"It just doesn't fit," Leakey asserts, "even providing for variation."

But Leakey's conclusion has not been accepted by all scientists. One famous paleoanthropologist that strongly disagrees with Leakey's judgment is Dr. Tim White at the University of Michigan. White believes that the skull Leakey found has undergone too much environmental wear and tear to draw such a conclusion so soon. Due to the expanding and contracting nature of clay, the substance in which Leakey's find was preserved, White says that the skull is too warped and damaged to make the broad step to a new genus and species. He feels certain that what Leakey found is nothing more than another *Australopithecus afarensis*, another early hominid that would have existed at the same point in pre-history as Leakey's 1999 discovery.

"Anytime you find something that you think is new, people immediately say, 'Oh, you can't be right.' And then they challenge you," Leakey said.

Leakey said that Dr. White is from a different school of thought regarding hominids in general than she is. "He sees the early time as a unilinear time leading to our species and only sees variation in more recent times," she said. "He's a lumpner," she added, referring to a common argument in paleoanthropology - lumpers being those that see evolution as a continuum of species leading into one another, and splitters being those that believe many species overlapped in time of existence.

"[Tim and I] don't have a problem with it though," Leakey asserted. "We just discuss it and there you are. If we find another *afarensis*, Tim White will say 'Told ya so!'"

"That's really the key to all science, I guess."

Paleoanthropology is known as field full of educated guesses, of speculation. Obviously, it is impossible to know precisely what our ancestors did when they were alive, especially when the hominid is older than 2.5 million years-old, the point at which stone tools are found among *Homo habilis* at the Olduvai Gorge. Because of this uncertainty, the Leakey's are not even in full agreement regarding all finds. Meave and Richard were, for quite some time, in disagreement over whether or not *Homo habilis* and another species were direct ancestors to *Homo erectus*.

"We've stopped talking about it now," Leakey joked, agreeing to disagree with her husband.

Meave Leakey is convinced that the *Kenyanthropus platyops* is unique for several reasons. First of all, the smaller teeth and facial differences between it and *afarensis* imply different dietary habits. Also, its face is much flatter, a characteristic that influenced Leakey's taxonomic classification of the find. "Platyops" is a combination of the Latin words "platus," meaning flat, and "opsis," meaning face.

"If the scientific names are too much for you, just call it 'Flat Face,'" Leakey said.

The Leakey's domination of the field began long ago, when, in 1959, Louis and Mary discovered what they initially called *Zinjanthropus*. The *Zinjanthropus* find proved that human evolution began in Africa, much to the dismay of European scientists who attempted desperately to prove that our ancestors started there. The Leakey's later discovered a nearly complete *Homo erectus* skeleton which dated to 1.6 million years ago. The skeleton of a small child, the *Homo erectus* skeleton is known popularly as "Turkana Boy." The find is believed to have had the cranial capacity of a one-year-old modern human, and most scientists agree that a full grown *Homo erectus* would have had that of a three-year-old *Homo sapiens*.

Other finds within the Leakey dynasty include eighty feet of fossilized bipedal footprints at the Laetoli site, dating back to 3.5 million years ago. Perhaps the most famous discovery of the Leakey's was "Lucy," an *Australopithecus afarensis* dated at over 3 million years and once believed to be the common ancestor of all hominids.

The Leakey's domination of the field did not come about easily, though.

When Louis Leakey started out, he was taking a huge risk. His wife-to-be, Mary, studied geology and archeology, and originally planned to make a career out of the two fields. As a woman in the early-to-mid 1900s, this was extremely rare. She, like Meave, experienced her share of discrimination because of her gender.

"People then saw no need for girls to learn science," Meave Leakey said, who even when she came along was only taught literature and the arts in a

boarding school. "Mary was truly a pioneer, and not just in human evolution, but in all of science."

Even Meave came about her career in a round about way. "I didn't do what I wanted to do," Leakey said. "I never dreamed I wouldn't be a marine zoologist." Shortly after studying marine zoology, Meave discovered that there were no jobs for women in the field.

But finally, in 1969, Meave (Epps, then) was invited by Richard Leakey to join his field team at Koobi Fora. Since

then, she has married Richard, had two children, and has been not only accepted into the scientific community, but has climbed to the top of it. Her daughter Louise is now following in her footsteps, having received her Ph.D., and having assisted in numerous digs in the Turkana Basin.

To close her speech in the new Nessmith-Lane building Thursday night, Leakey reminded everyone that we are all related and that we should treat each other like relatives. "We are

currently the only living hominid," she said. "We all have a common ancestry, a common past, and most importantly, a common future. It is our responsibility to protect not only our own species, but all others as well."

At 60 years old, Dr. Meave Leakey is still going strong. She knows that no matter how long scientists work on discovering human origins, never will everything be known. But that fact only serves to keep her devoted to furthering our knowledge of our an-

cestors.

"For sure there is a lot that we will never know about," Leakey assures. "I just personally feel very privileged to be doing a job I love everyday. There are many people out there just waiting for the next holiday."

Leakey's entire attitude toward the study of paleoanthropology can be summed up in five short words which she repeated numerous times in response to audience questions.

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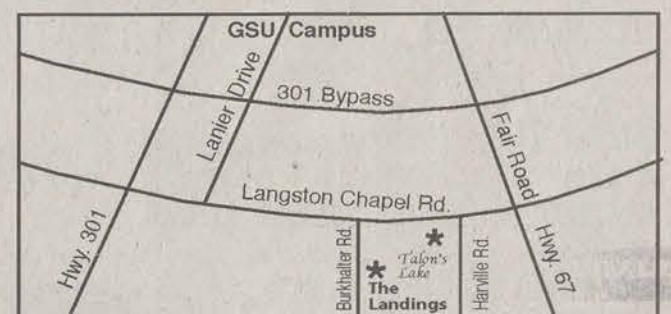
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# OPINIONS

## OUR OPINION SGA elections: Don't forget to vote

Today through Wednesday SGA elections will be taking place. Last year 14 percent of this campus voted in the SGA elections. Honestly folks, that's pathetic.

At GSU there are a lot of opinions. It looks like people don't care when only 14 percent of your school votes in these elections.

Hell, it's not even hard to do. Voting is now done online. You can now vote from your house, your job, the library or from any computer lab on this campus.

Simply put, it's not hard to vote - So do it. Don't think that your vote doesn't count, it does.

If you don't vote, you have no right to complain when things on campus happen, or for that matter don't happen. The SGA represents you. Their whole point in being is to give you a voice in what happens on campus.

In not voting, you silence the largest voice you have on this campus. It shows that you could care less about how student government is run, and therefore void your feelings of where your student funds and services are being placed.

Our advice: Vote. Your vote counts so don't think it doesn't. Otherwise, how can you complain later on down the road if you don't like something that is going on with student government?

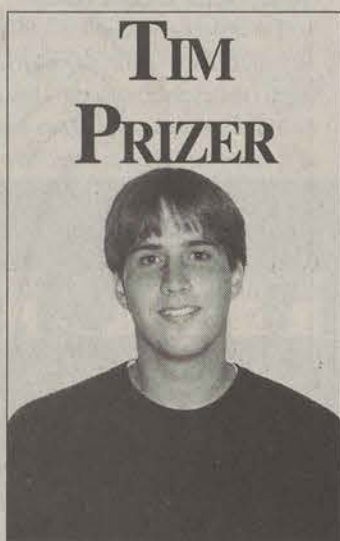
## You're really *not* that important

We are all nothing more than mere walking, talking organisms.

It may be a sad, fatalistic perspective, but it's true. And yet, we consider ourselves so important. We ride in our cars, following much too close to the car in front of us, and the most important thing in the world to us at that moment is getting where we're going. Rarely do we stop to consider that everyone else feels the same way. We refuse to slow down to let people standing in the middle of Chandler Rd. cross the street.

We whine and complain at the realization that we will be stuck in a traffic jam for over an hour, rather than merely sitting back, taking a deep breath of relaxation, and thanking the heavens for a much needed escape from insanity.

We walk around babbling on our cell phones, rushing from place to place in a constant state of frenzy. Our lives and our incredibly small group of friends and relatives make up our world.



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Sure, we know that there is a huge world out there, but it occurs to us only very rarely. Everyone we've ever met, or ever seen for that matter, is merely a speck in the universe. Put 'em all together, and you've got another measly speck in the universe. Whoever said that this place is "a small world after all," was a damn liar. Walt Disney is a damn liar.

I have always had this perspective. It started at a very young age, when my sister and my father pointed out to me one day that I was taking myself much too seriously. Since then, I have been careful about considering myself any more important than anyone else in the world.

No time else does this realization hit home like it does when dealing with the airline industry. At the airport, one can see self-prescribed ultra-important bastards speaking on telephone headsets as they walk the terminals. These people, suddenly excited by this new handless invention, walk around waving their hands in the air, seemingly talking to no one. Men sit with laptops and spreadsheets and cell phones discussing the current corporate climate.

Occasionally, we hear people on their cell phones talking to husbands, wives and children thousands of miles away, and we realize the huge amounts of geographical distance between them. They are bound only by common experiences, a common history, and common group of acquaintances.

Then we board the plane. At tens of thousands of feet in the air, we look out over the vast panorama

and our insignificance slaps us in the face. We look down at the toy-like houses and cars and think about the lives of the people in them, their whole mindset completely oblivious to the view of their lives from above. We think about how important the events in their lives are to them, and then realize that we are in the same boat, regardless of physical and mental distance from their busy lives.

I mean not to imply that we should lie back and do nothing because of our relative insignificance and our short time in existence. I am not *that* fatalistic. After all, whoever said that life was short was as big of a liar as the "songwriter" who wrote the annoying melody of "It's a Small World After all." Life is the longest thing that any of us will ever do. It's simply impossible to call it 'short.'

We should consider ourselves and our lives important to the extent that we improve the world for our own and for everyone's time and place on this planet. We should not, however, think ourselves more significant than any other being in the world. Also, on a side note, orgasms should not be considered insignificant.

And if you or anyone else starts to act like one individual life is the epitome of significance, a simple reminder of our common beginning - an orgasm; our common present - a mere speck in the universe; and our common end - death - certainly couldn't hurt anything.

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## What if I slept at night instead of wasting time all day?

There has to be a better way to get enough sleep.

Who in his or her right mind dislikes sleeping late? Believe it or not, I've always hated it. But recently I've fallen into a routine of sleeping half the day away. It makes me

feel like a lackadaisical loser. I know I'm not alone in the action itself. I see many girls in my residence hall stumbling sleepy-eyed to the showers along with me, with only moments to spare before midday. They might even like the daily habit they've etched out, and that's good for them. But, I feel absolutely shackled by it. And what's worse: I hate taking naps.

In high school I frequently passed up rare weekend opportunities to lounge around in bed until the afternoon sun started casting longer shadows simply because I liked the atmosphere involved with being up hours before noon. Morn-



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ings are quite often the most beautiful part of the day - a lot of important things happen in the morning - and I don't like to miss out on any of it.

I know when I get out into the "real world" I'll have to break this college-born habit, and since I'm not at all pleased with myself over it, it would make a lot of sense to do something about it now. On the other hand, that's more difficult than it sounds. I seem to have unwittingly built my entire life around the publication behind the very print you're reading. Nothing eradicates a sleep schedule like working until 2 a.m. three days a week, but I can't complain about that either. I don't think the source of the problem is as much in my bed time as it is in my mindset upon waking up.

Why don't I like taking naps? Well, it's partly because of the feeling when it's over - that confusing feeling of wondering whether it's still the same afternoon, the next morning or maybe another week entirely. It could be a traumatic result of spending half of my childhood begging my mother to get up from her constant lethargic state and actually *do something*. Then there are the constant allusions to cats, one of the few animals I could live without. (I'm just kidding. I don't want a bunch of derogatory E-mails from kittie-lovers.)

The worst part of getting up lasts only about

sixty seconds - even shorter if I go ahead and resign to swing my feet around and place them on the cold floor. What is so dreadful about those few moments of awakening that allows me to justify compromising hours of valuable time? Maybe that's not the question to be asking. How many of my brain cells are still asleep when I make the decision to override all obligations and stay in bed until lunchtime?

There are at least half a dozen things I could accomplish between 8 a.m. and noon. Maybe I should find an alarm clock that reads off all of the things I have to do each day and proceeds to recite some possible consequences of ignoring them. That might jar my conscience a little.

I'm beginning to have flashbacks from third grade report cards whereupon "Uses time wisely" was rarely checked. Okay, so I waste a lot of time during the day. I'm trying to blame the natural bodily function of sleep for my lack of productivity because I feel even more guilty about dilly-daddling around than I do about sleeping late.

So, that's the real issue. I need to cut out some of the time-wasting activities that cause me to postpone legitimate obligations until the evening (or early morning) hours.

Then again, maybe I should just learn to like the idea of napping.

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Haselme's greatest strengths, he said.

• **Nick Pearson**, 20, of Decatur, Georgia is a Junior majoring in Political Science/Speech Communications. Pearson currently serves as Executive Vice President for the SGA and is a former senator. Pearson has served as Vice President of the Residence Hall Presidents Council, Vice Chairman of College Republicans, President of the Political Science Club and Hendricks Hall Action Team and Associate Director of Georgia Residence Hall Organization.

He is a past member of NAACP, Eagle Leadership EDGE, Hispanic Students Association, Best Buddies and the Sanford Hall Action Team.

Pearson won the GSU Southern Talon Award and is currently a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Fraternity, the Spanish Club and Hanner Hooligan.

Pearson said he is not so much running on a platform, "but more of a frame of thought - No Excuses!"

"This is directed towards myself and other members of the SGA," Pearson said. "We should do what you (the students) want and that with no excuses."

"I am running because I believe that whoever holds the office of President has a great responsibility to you, the people," Pearson said. "They (responsibilities) are to express the voice of every individual student and without listening to you first, he or she has nothing with which to stand."

"Students," Pearson said is the issue most important to him.

"I believe that my genuine interest in students and their issues are what prepare me best for the job. I in no way see myself as being any more of an elevated person than any of the other 14,000 students that we encounter everyday," Pearson said.

"I go to class everyday, wait 45 minutes for parking and enjoy the weekends just like everyone else. I just think that you, the student, have chosen me as an equal colleague to represent you to the administration, faculty, staff and community. This is a great privilege that I appreciate. I work for you and only you, and you don't have to worry about any excuses from me. Only a hard days work and some sure fire results."

• **Jonathan Perkins**, 20, of Columbus, Georgia is a Junior majoring in Broadcasting. Perkins is currently Vice President of Academic Affairs for the SGA and is a former senator. He has served as Assistant Operations Manager for WVGS and was a GSU 1210 Peer Leader. Perkins has been a member of Eagle Entertainment, Eagle Leadership EDGE, the SOAR team and NAACP.

Perkins is currently a Sponsor for the Minority Advisee Program, a member of the student advisory board for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and Mass Communications Association International.

"I have decided to shy away from the 'Big Promise' platform," Perkins said. "It's so much easier as a student outside of SGA to say, 'I want to see this', 'UGA has this and that', 'the university doesn't do anything' and 'SGA doesn't do anything'."

"I have learned through my involvement, particularly this year as an executive, that the university has some big things in the works for Georgia Southern students by means of housing, financial aid, academic affairs, parking and transportation, to name a few."

"It is my goal to educate and inform the student body of the changes and

progress that are going to be taking place. I have adopted 'The Truth' platform. I want to tell students what's in the works, what will take some time to be put into place and honestly what may never take place at Georgia Southern. Knowledge truly is power," Perkins said.

"I began working with the Student Government Association in the Fall of 1999 as an eager, hard working freshman senator. I have never given up on the Student Government Association," Perkins said.

Perkins stated that he has been actively involved since his freshman year and through his position this year, "began to see SGA evolve from 'potential' to 'action'."

"Through not only my efforts, but the entire Senate, SGA has begun to make a positive mark in not only student's lives but the faculty and staff as well. I feel that through my leadership, SGA can continue establishing and maintaining positive working relationships with the students, faculty, staff and the community."

"I am motivated by a loving concern for the students of Georgia Southern University, not personal glory," Perkins said. "Jonathan Perkins will be an SGA President that will not just 'serve' the student body through public appearances and luncheons. I am not afraid to roll my sleeves up and get my hands dirty. A true leader walks beside their members, not in front of them. I will be a President that will fully serve my constituents through hard work. I also feel that I can motivate the Senate as well to do their best work."

• Please see Page 10 for an in-depth interview with the SGA presidential candidates.

## BOMBER, FROM PAGE 1

curity meeting with Palestinians aimed at crafting a cease-fire. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon planned to convene his Cabinet to decide on Israel's reaction to the latest bombing, said Raanan Gissin, a Sharon spokesman.

Israeli security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hashaika was arrested by Palestinian authorities in mid-February in the West Bank and he acknowledged that he was preparing to carry out a suicide attack in Israel. They said the Palestinians requested and re-

ceived Israel's permission to transfer him to the West Bank city of Ramallah. He reportedly was released when Israeli forces entered the city last week.

Arafat took the unusual step of condemning the bombing, promising to prevent such attacks in the future.

"We will take immediate and required steps to put an end to these actions and those who stand behind them. We will spare no effort in doing so," he said in a statement at his headquarters in Ramallah.

Arafat spoke after a call from Secretary of State Colin Powell, who demanded he do more to end the violence.

Olmert spoke yards from the scene of the attack in a stretch of shops and restaurants on King George Street, where, police said, Hashaika detonated a bomb packed with nails and screws on the street in the midst of shoppers.

The powerful explosion at around 4:20 p.m. local time (9:20 a.m. EST) reverberated across much of Jerusalem's center.

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trial Management.

The Industry Award, which is given by the Industry Committee of the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce, was presented to Greg Millican by Dr. Barbara Price, the founding chair of the school of Information Technology.

"It is an honor, I mean, I had no idea they were going to pick me," Millican said. "I didn't expect to win, but it is nice to know they think that much of me."

Millican hopes to become a manufacturing engineer after graduation.

Approximately 165 people attend the event, including manufacturing students, alumni, and corporate participants. Corporate participants included Briggs & Stratton, Great Dane Trailers, Gulfstream Aerospace, International Agile Manufacturing, Rockwell Automation, TEMCOR, Trane Manufacturing and Viracon.

The event began with a welcome from Dr. Jimmy Solomon, Dean of the College of Science and Technology, followed by the introduction of

the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers officers Brian Lindsey and Antoinette Barnes, were selected to co host the event.

After dinner, which was provided by Georgia Southern's Catering Services, the guest speaker of the evening, Alfonso L. Hall, was introduced by Ms. Charlotte Parish-Woody, who sponsored the event.

Mr. Hall is the President and CEO of International Agile Manufacturing, LLC, a state of the art foundry based in Statesboro. His company produced a series of medallions from steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center site in New York, which brought his company national attention.

"We just wanted to recognize some of the students in our program," said Dr. Waldo Meeks, processor and coordinator of the manufacturing/industrial management program.

This is the second year for the awards program.

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Free Information on women's health issues.  
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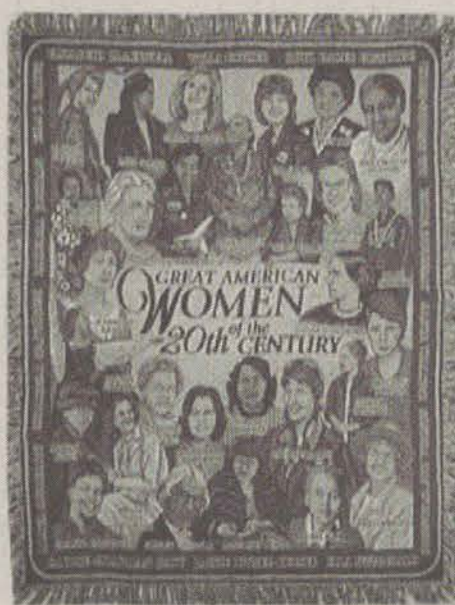
12:00 noon  
Russell Union 2080  
Women Awareness Social  
Come and kick off Women's Awareness Week with some of this year's presenters and other special guests. Light refreshments will be served.  
Program Sponsor: The Women's Awareness Week Planning Committee

6:00 p.m.  
Veazy Hall  
Women, Drugs, Alcohol, Sex  
This program will focus on some of the major life issues that affect women's health.  
Program Sponsor: The Health Education Center

7:00 p.m.  
Russell Union Room 2080  
ReVISION's Gender Roles Across the World  
This interactive panel discussion will focus on the differences in traditions around the world for Women.  
Program Sponsor: ReVision

### Tuesday, March 26

6:00 p.m.  
Russell Union Room 2080  
The Talking Cloth: African-American Women Quilters and the Underground Railroad  
In this fascinating workshop, learn how quilters stitched secret codes into their quilt patterns that helped countless numbers of enslaved Africans escape to the Underground Railroad.  
Program Sponsor: Women's Awareness Week Planning Committee



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### Special Attractions

#### Monday, March 25

Russell Union  
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#### Tuesday, March 26 & Thursday, March 28

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Weight Extension  
Women and Weights Program.  
Free guidance and instruction will be available.  
(The Women and Weights Program is held every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the semester.)

7:30 p.m.  
Russell Union Room 2080  
When Americanism Hurts Women  
Presenter: Dr. Lori Amy, Writing and Linguistics Department, Georgia Southern University  
This program will address the anti-terrorist campaign led by the United States.

#### Wednesday, March 27

7:00 p.m.  
COBA Room 1124  
Discussion on Sexual Harassment  
Presenter: Dr. Marcia Jones, Director, Affirmative Action Office, Georgia Southern University  
Come and learn how the implications of sexual harassment can affect your work environment in the present and the future.  
Program Sponsor: Pi Sigma Epsilon

#### Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m.  
Russell Union Theatre  
Keynote  
Speaker: Dr. Gary Lemmons  
New School for Social Research in New York  
Mapping the Impact of bell hooks on the Classroom: Reflections of a Feminist, Anti-Racist, Male Teacher  
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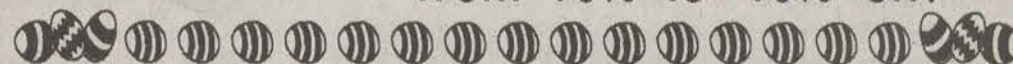
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## Augusta State wins the Schenkel Invitational

•GSU finishes 10th out of 15 in the tournament



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**TENTH PLACE FINISH:** The Eagles finished the weekend tournament with a tenth place finish. The team was led by Travis Mobley, who finished at 216 (even). Senior Justin Kolumber finished at seven over par.

By Dennis Hightower  
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Consistency and domination propels the Augusta State Jaguars to their first ever Schenkel E-Z-Go Championship. It took 865 strokes (+1) to hold off second place Wake Forest by two strokes and third place North Carolina State by six strokes.

The 21st team in the nation was led by Michael Webb, Oliver Wilson, and Jay Haas. Webb and Odom finished tied for third individually at two under par (214).

North Carolina State's Justin Walters won the medalist award given to the top individual golfer. He finished nine under par. He recorded a 68, 72, and 67 in the three rounds.

Last year's champion, the Georgia Bulldogs finished fifth at +10. Bryant Odom finished second individually at four under par.

Georgia Southern finished 10th overall as a team. They shot an 885 (+21). Junior Travis Mobley led GSU with a 216 (E).

The Hinesville native finished eighth individually.

Other notables for the Eagles include senior Justin Kolumber (223, +7), sophomore Tyler McKeever (226, +10), freshmen David Elmore (227, +11), and freshmen Aron Price (227, +11).

In round one, North Carolina State's Walters led all individuals by shooting a 68 (-4). However, the team placed seventh out of 15.

Kolumber was the top Eagle at three under par (69).

Augusta State claimed first place in the first two rounds at 569 (E) and were led by J. Haas (-2) and Webb (-2).

J. Haas shot a 67 (-5) to top all individuals in the second round.

Wake Forest was second after two rounds with 573 (-4). Bill Haas, the nation's fourth ranked player was tied for second at an even par (140) along with J. Haas, Walters.

Clemson's D.J. Trahan, the third ranked player in the nation, led all golfers with a two under par (138) after two rounds.

Other notables include Georgia's dynamic duo in Nate Hybl and Odom, LSU's Heath West, Tennessee's Ross McGowan, and Georgia Southern's Mobley scored a three over par (143) to put them tied for seventh.

The Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational originated in 1971 but ended in 1989. Well-known PGA golfers like Curtis Strange (Wake Forest, 1974-76), Hal Sutton (Centenary, 1980), and Jim Gallagher (Tennessee, 1983) participated in this tournament. It came back in 1999 after a 10 year absence. Since the return the Georgia Bulldogs dominated winning two titles (2000 and 2001) and won two of four of the medalist titles. The event is named after former ABC sports broadcaster Chris Schenkel.

Nine of the top 21 teams in the nation participated in the tournament including Clemson, Wake Forest, Florida, and Tennessee (ranked 2-5 respectively).

## GSU INTRAMURALS: A foundation built on pride, sacrifice and tradition

By Bo Fulginiti  
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Hall of Fame football coach Vince Lombardi once said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

To all the individuals that have taken part in the success of Intramural Sports here at Georgia Southern, this quote represents a philosophy that the program's solid foundation was built on. And anyone who needs to be reminded of this, doesn't need to look any further than page seven of this year's CRI Spring Softball Official's Manual, because Lombardi's powerful words are clearly printed there in black and white. For Intramurals Sports Director Gene Sherry, he too has a good understanding of what has created such a rich intramural tradition here on campus.

"The greatest thing about sitting in my seat is that I can appreciate the amount of sacrifice and commitment that everyone has put towards something that they really enjoy like sports, and with that only good things can happen," he said.

And in the seven years that he has sat in that chair, good things certainly have happened, with results that have shown both the student and faculty dedication to the program is second to none.

Signing on in 1995 as an assistant under CRI Director William Ehling, Sherry inherited what he already considered a strong program. GSU had previously set precedence with student participation in state, regional, and national intramural tournaments for flag football, basketball, and softball. But Georgia Southern took their first giant step in setting themselves apart from the competition when they hosted their first of seven consecutive state basketball intramural tournaments in the friendly confines of the Hanner Fieldhouse. And since that time, the players, coaches, and student officials have continued to achieve, reaching for higher goals that have ranked GSU among the top intramural programs in the entire country.

In the state basketball

tournament alone, GSU has had six state championship teams including four in the Women's division ('98, '99, '01, and '02) and two in the Men's ('96, '02). This year's two winners were the Men's "Cellular One- Incognito" and the Women's "Southern Heat," who are both coached by former student body president and current graduate student Jerald Carter. And they both recently qualified for the Target 5-on-5 National Invitational Tournament at Disney's Wide World of Sports with the Women's first place finish and the Men's second place finish in the qualifying Middle

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS  
DIRECTOR**

Tennessee State University regional tournament.

Ironically, what maybe the real proof of how competitive Georgia Southern has become is reflected in the fact that both teams, despite winning state titles, lost to other GSU squads in their quest for all campus honors.

However, the success of the intramural program has gone far beyond just the hardwood alone.

This fall the Z'71 women's flag football team's third place finish in the national tournament in New Orleans was the highest finish in 10 years, when GSU had a women's flag football team that captured two national titles in both 1990 and '92.

But what has probably been the most influential factor in lifting Georgia Southern to national prominence is the student officiating program.

Originally trained by the university in three-day clinics for each individual sport, the student

officials have carried their rulebooks and whistles with them long after the end of the intramural seasons on campus.

GSU had seven officials working the state basketball tournament in 2002, and three of those seven including Steve Rapier, Kevin Windham, and Eric Simpson were selected to work championship games. Windham and Simpson were also honored with selections to the regional championship tournament, which took place this past weekend in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

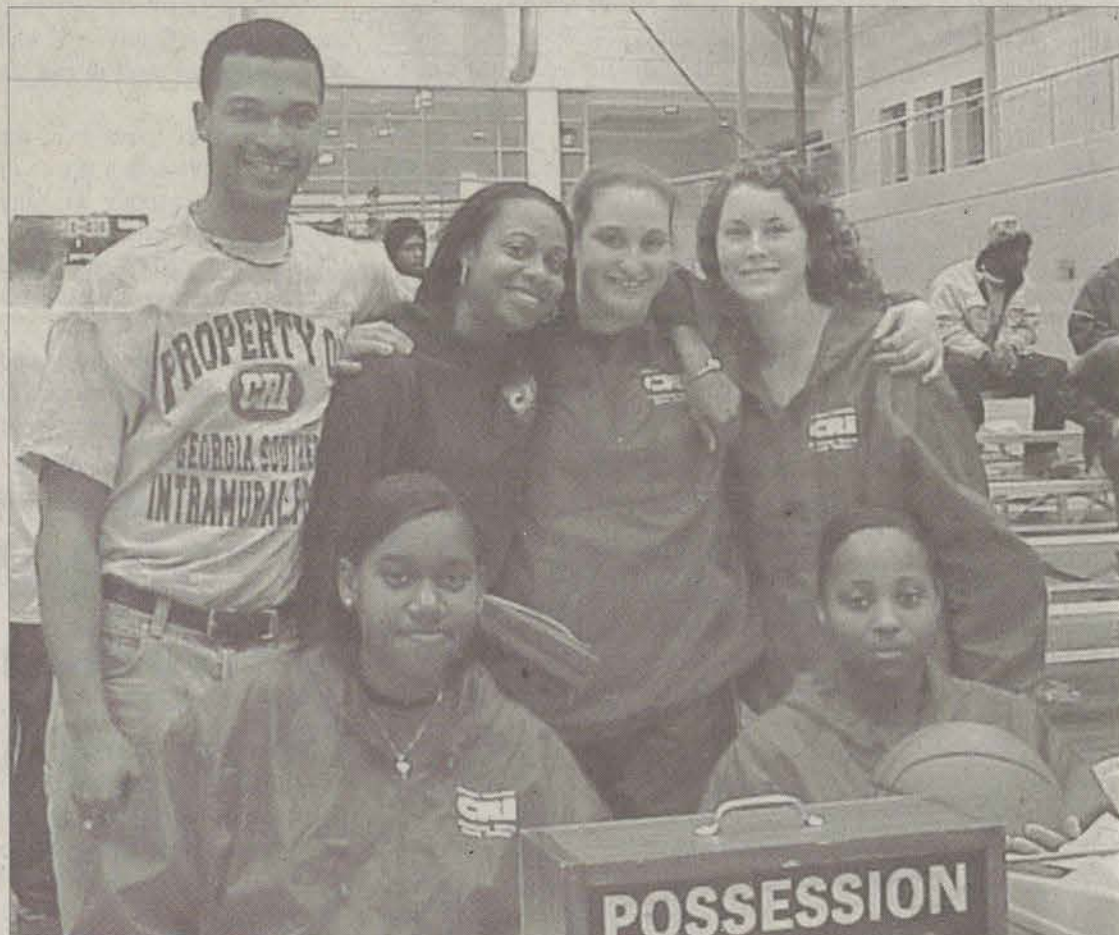
In flag football, GSU has also had a total of seven officials nominated as All-Americans in the history of the national tournament, and out of over 60 universities in the country that have participated in the nationals, Georgia Southern is ranked second only to Ohio State in All-American officials.

Sherry feels that these achievements were made possible by many key elements, including the expertise of people like the aforementioned CRI director William Ehling, who himself is a four-sport official in baseball, softball, basketball, and football. And not only by the opportunities that Ehling has provided for the students with his experience and affiliation with local associations, but just as importantly by the sacrifice of time and commitment of students like Nick Cochran.

According to Sherry, Cochran gave up his Friday nights for three years and sat up in the booth working the clock for high school football, waiting for the opportunity to officiate a high school varsity football game, and he not only achieved that goal, but has gone on to do 5-A regional tournaments as well.

"No other intramural program has been able to extend their officiating to the broader base that we certainly have," said Sherry. "These veteran student officials keep returning from sport-to-sport and year-to-year, and they have worked hard and created opportunities for those that will follow to hopefully take to the next level."

If you add into the mix the state-of-the-art facilities that were provided by the university with the opening of the RAC in April of 1998, and the maintenance of all



Special Photo

**CRI PRIDE:** Coming back season after season, the CRI staff has helped carry on the rich intramural tradition throughout the entire year.



Special Photo

**U-N-I-T-Y:** It's the leadership of the captains and the unity of the players that has brought national prominence to the GSU intramural program.

the lush Multiplex fields that students have had an opportunity to play on for the past four years, the elements of GSU's intramural success have become quite clear.

"If I had to list the three main factors that have led to our intramural success both on and off the field they would have to be the student employees, the individual team captains, and the university support," said Sherry. "Student employees are key

because they make the time commitment and sacrifices to achieve. Team captains are crucial because they take on the responsibility to organize and get others on the team involved. And finally, the support from the university is important because they allow us to do what is fun and provide a place for us to have a good time."

As for Sherry, who after finishing up his seventh year as

Intramural Sports Director will take on a new responsibility with his recent promotion as Facilities Director, is confident that whoever is next to sit in his old seat will take the program even higher.

"When you have all the right colors of paint, you can make a great picture," said Sherry.

And for the future of intramurals at Georgia Southern, the picture has never looked brighter.



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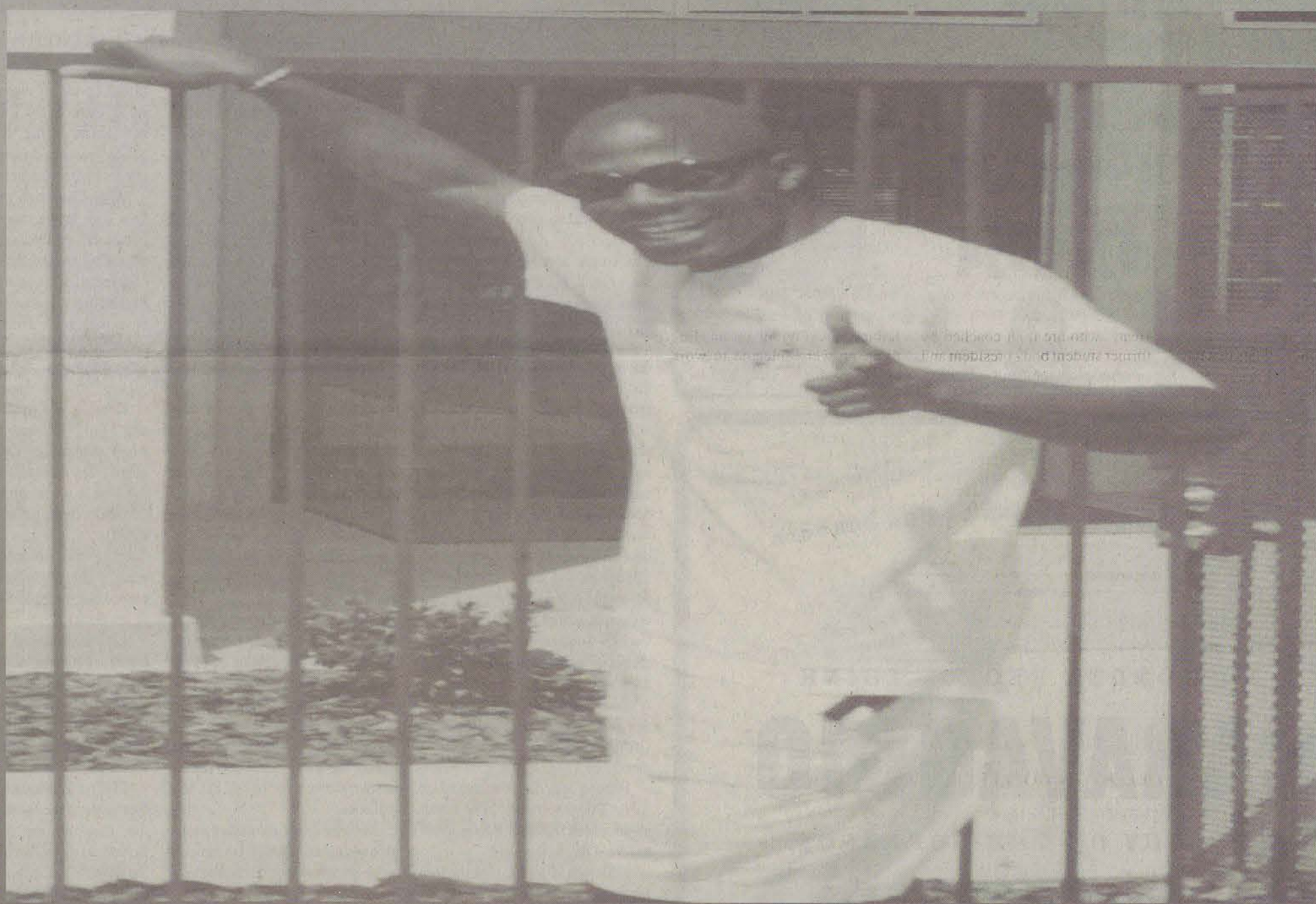


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The ladies of Georgia Southern softball were able to win two out of three from the College of Charleston in a battle this weekend at Eagle Field. The Cougars won the first game of a Saturday doubleheader 3-2 in nine innings, territory the Eagles have not fared well in this season, compiling a 1-5 record in extra innings. Georgia Southern bounced back to shut out the visitors 1-0 in the second game. On Sunday, Georgia Southern emerged as the victors winning 6-1.

In the first half of Saturday's twinbill, Georgia Southern (13-20, 5-1 SoCon) got on the scoreboard first, scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth inning. With one out, pitcher Aimee Littlejohn reached on a walk. After shortstop Kim Griffin was hit by a pitch, designated player Crystal Crews came up and drove a double to the wall in left to score Littlejohn.

Charleston (12-18, 2-4 SoCon) responded by taking the 2-1 lead in the fifth inning. Stephanie Owens and Lauren Rabun reached base for the Cougars on a walk and single, respectively. Following two strikeouts, second baseman Brooke Flowers drove Owens and Rabun in on a double.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Eagles tied the game back up at 2-2. With two runners on base and two out, right fielder Karen Smillie was able to leg out a single and score left fielder Meghan Correia from third base.

Georgia Southern threatened in the seventh, but was victimized by two key baserunning blunders. After Correia reached on a one-out single, center fielder Julie Peel was called out for running into ball as she laid down a bunt. In the next at-bat, second baseman Stacie Cooper drove a double into the outfield. As Correia was rounding third, however, she missed a stop sign put up by Eagle coach Natalie Poole, and was gunned down at the plate.

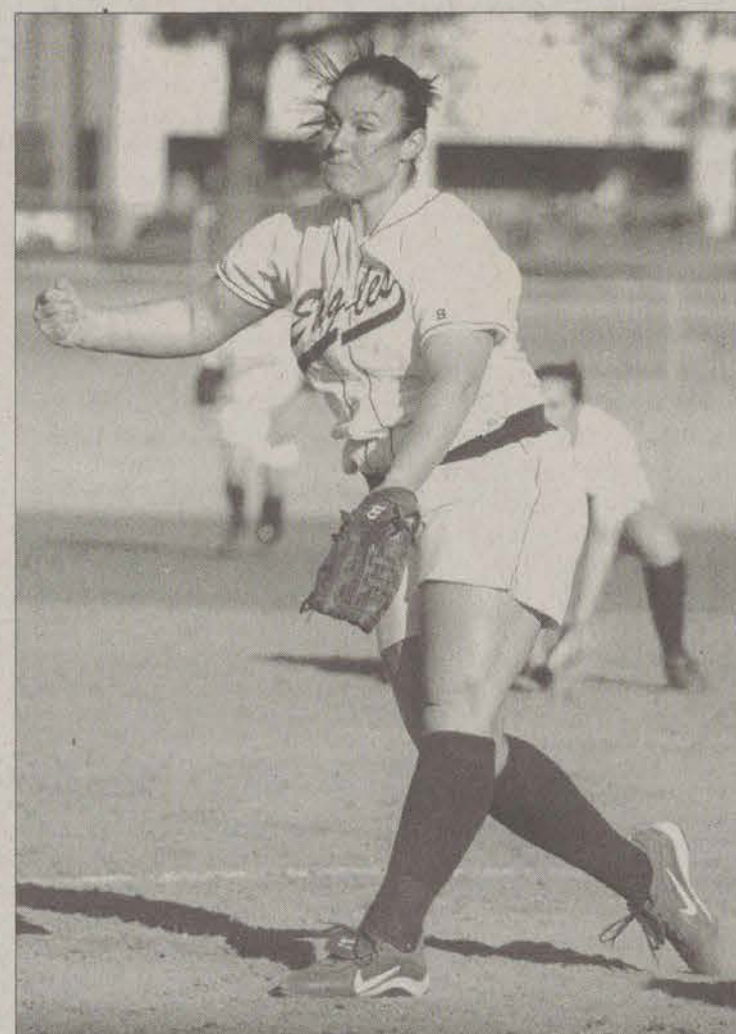
Neither team was able to make a dent on the scoreboard again before Charleston was able to take the 3-2 advantage in the ninth when a Flowers single scored Rabun from third. Georgia Southern was able to get a runner on base in the bottom half of the frame, but could not convert.

Cooper and Correia each collected two hits for the Eagles, with Smillie, Griffin and Crews grabbing one a piece.

Flowers was the offensive spark for the Cougars, batting 2-for-5 with all three runs batted in. Rabun added a 2-for-4 day at the plate.

Littlejohn, a senior, took the loss for the Eagles, lowering her record to 6-9 on the season. She collected her eleventh complete game of the season, striking out ten while throwing 167 pitches.

Cougar starter Marissa Echenique evened her record at 7-7 with the win. Echenique allowed one run off two hits in five and one-third innings, before being replaced by Carla Shepherd in the fourth. Shepherd threw three and two-thirds innings



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**TRIPLEHEADER KEEPS SOFTBALL TEAM BUSY:** Lady Eagles win two out of the three games against College of Charleston.

out of the bullpen, allowing one run off five hits, before Echenique came back in the eighth inning to close things out.

Saturday's second game saw a controversial call early on in the action. With a runner on in the top of the first inning, Charleston shortstop Beth Long seemed to drive a ball over the foul pole for a two-run home run. However, home plate umpire Rick Wotherspoon called the ball foul, much to the dismay of the Cougar head coach.

That call turned out to be key as the Eagles were able to post what would be their only run of the day in the bottom half of the first. After a lead off double by Stacie Cooper, she was sacrificed over to third on a Karen Smillie bunt. Meghan Correia then drove Cooper in with a single. Correia was key for the Eagles all day, collecting four hits in the doubleheader.

Freshman hurler Crystal Crews did her job for Georgia Southern, tossing her second shutout and tenth complete game to improve her record to 4-6. The Cougars were able to get two runners on in the seventh inning, but Crews was able to keep her calm, ending the game when she fanned Brooke Flowers for one of her four strikeouts.

Melissa Creeger also pitched a complete game for Charleston, but came out on the losing end, lowering her record to 3-8.

On Sunday, the Eagles were able to score first, putting a run on the board in the bottom of the first inning. With two outs, Aimee Littlejohn reached singled. Kim Griffin and Crystal Crews then added singles of their own to load the bases. Suzanne Pansulla was walked to force in a run.

Georgia Southern added three more runs in the third to extend their lead to 4-0. Meghan Correia and

Littlejohn led off with a double and single, respectively. Crews then gave new Cougar pitcher Melissa Creeger a rude welcome, driving a ball out to left for a three-run home run.

After Charleston added a run of their own in the fourth off a Beth Long sacrifice, the Eagles responded by adding two of their own in the bottom half of the inning. With Julie Peel on first, she advanced to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. Stacie Cooper then added a two-run homer, her second of the season.

Crews, was a double threat, batting 2-for-3 with three runs batted in while also getting the win on the mound. She came into the game with two outs in the fourth and threw the remainder of the game, not allowing a run.

"I've been preparing hard for a while," remarked Crews, who improved her record to 5-6. "I'm glad to get the win."

Littlejohn started the game for Georgia Southern, allowing one unearned run off three hits before she moved to the designated player position, where Crews started. Littlejohn, as well as Griffin, were both 2-for-3 on the day.

Melissa Echenique, who won the first game of the series, lost on Sunday, dropping her record to 7-8. Echenique threw two innings, allowing three runs. Creeger allowed both Eagle home runs in her two innings while Carla Shepherd pitched the final two innings.

Georgia Southern now embarks on a four-game road stretch, traveling to face UNC-Greensboro for three games next weekend before facing Georgia Tech in Atlanta next Wednesday. The Eagles will return to the friendly confines of Eagle Field when they host the Lady Bucs of East Tennessee State for three games on April 6 and 7.

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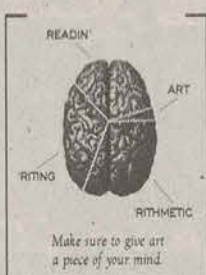


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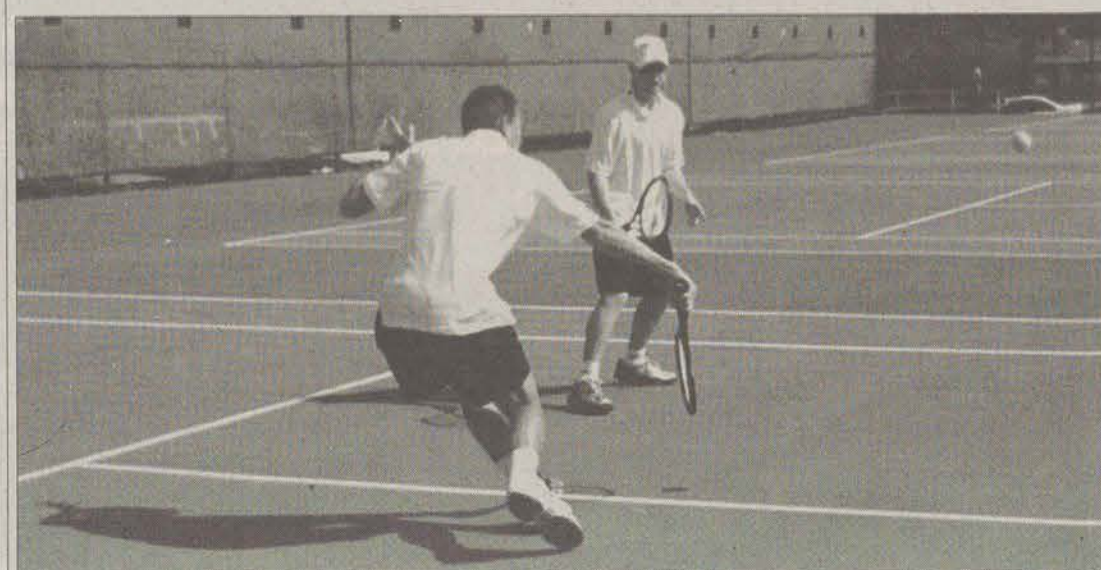
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## Men's Tennis beats Florida A&M 5-2



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The Florida A&M tennis team (11-13) was defeated by Georgia Southern (7-5) by a score of 5-2 Saturday afternoon at the Hanner Courts.

The Eagles won four of six singles matches and also secured the doubles point by winning all three matches. Wojciech Nowak, Darren Clark, Mark Finnegan, and Noah Tyler, took singles wins for GSU while the team of Nowak and Clark, Tyler and Danie Van Den Heever and the team of Uli Ebersperger and Finnegan won in doubles play.



# Sexy jazz singer Diana Krall has the look of success

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Diana Krall is always doing things that jazz artists aren't supposed to do. Things like having her albums debut in the top ten and go platinum. Things like selling out concert halls in a heart beat. Things like snaring a Grammy nomination for album of the year. Things like having her music featured in a hit TV series ("Sex and the City").

At the moment, the 37-year-old singer and pianist is far and away the most potent commercial force in contemporary jazz.

Krall grew up in a richly musical household in Vancouver, Canada. Her dad had a vast record collection that even included ancient cylinder recordings. Krall herself was playing the piano at age 4. In her teens she attended the prestigious Berklee School of Music, and at 19 she moved to Los Angeles, where she studied with acclaimed jazz players Ray Brown and Jimmy Rowles. A record deal with Verve followed, and it's been a steady, unbroken rise ever since. When musicians and jazz people are asked to account for Krall's amazing popularity, the answers often come down to a blend of talent and sex.

Art Garfunkel spent the millennium New Year's Eve with Krall, performing on a cruise ship to the South Pole.

"She's kind of sexy and smoky and bedroom-y," Garfunkel said. "That's a great quality. Remember 'Cry Me a River'? I don't know if you go back to the days of Julie London. A Peggy Lee kind of singer is a great thing. ... She's real good. She has great pitch and sells a song from the inside of the lyric."

If you ask Krall to explain her success, she emphasizes the patience her label had with her, how they were willing to spend the time and let her mature as a talent.

"I was given a very nurturing environment to grow and find my own way," she said in a recent phone interview. "I grew publicly. I can't listen to 'Only Trust Your Heart,'" she said of her 1994 album. "Ugh. Can't stand it. I

was trying to sound like Ernestine Anderson. I had a lot of luck, too, but it's very important to see the potential of young artists and give them the opportunity to grow. That's really important for record companies to know that."

The striking and glamorous photos on her new album, "The Look of Love," have drawn a lot of comment. There are those in the jazz community who feel she's trading too heavily on her looks. Regardless of the reaction, Krall wants people to know that the glamour shots are her decision.

"I knew before it came out that I was going to get flak for it. I didn't think I'd get this much flak. In certain circles, it's definitely been a topic of conversation, but if I'm going to put out pictures of myself like that, then you can't go, 'Oh, poor me.' It's silly."

Krall has remarkably diverse musical tastes, and conversations often turn to a discussion of her favorite artists. The two she cites the most are Frank Sinatra

and Nat Cole. Given her affection for Cole, it was probably natural that she recently ended up recording with his daughter, Natalie.

"We just recorded a duet for her album," Krall said. "It's a tune called 'Better Than Anything' and was really fun. Natalie is the coolest person. ... Natalie can do anything she wants. She can sing standards, and she can sing pop, and she can sing rock 'n' roll as well. I just hung out with her a couple weeks ago. She's so fun. She's an amazing woman. She's somebody I greatly admire."

Given her repertoire of standards, Krall was asked if she ever considered what her career might have been like if she'd been born 30 years earlier.

"That would be in the '30s. I probably wouldn't have a career," she mused. "That would definitely be interesting. I kind of was raised like that, though. I was in a house with 78s. I grew up in such a wacky household, with 78 rpm records playing all the time."



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DIANA KRALL: Her new album, "The Look of Love" has drawn many different reactions from jazz critics, because of her new sexy photos.

# New flick 'Sorority Boys': a comedic disaster

By V.A. Patrick Slade

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Take three guys, dress them as girls, and throw them into a sorority house full of obscure, outcast girls and that's the plot for Universal Studios' "Sorority Boys."

The movie that came to theaters on March 23 stars Barry Watson ("7th Heaven"), Michael Rosenbaum ("Smallville"), and Harland Williams ("Halfbaked").

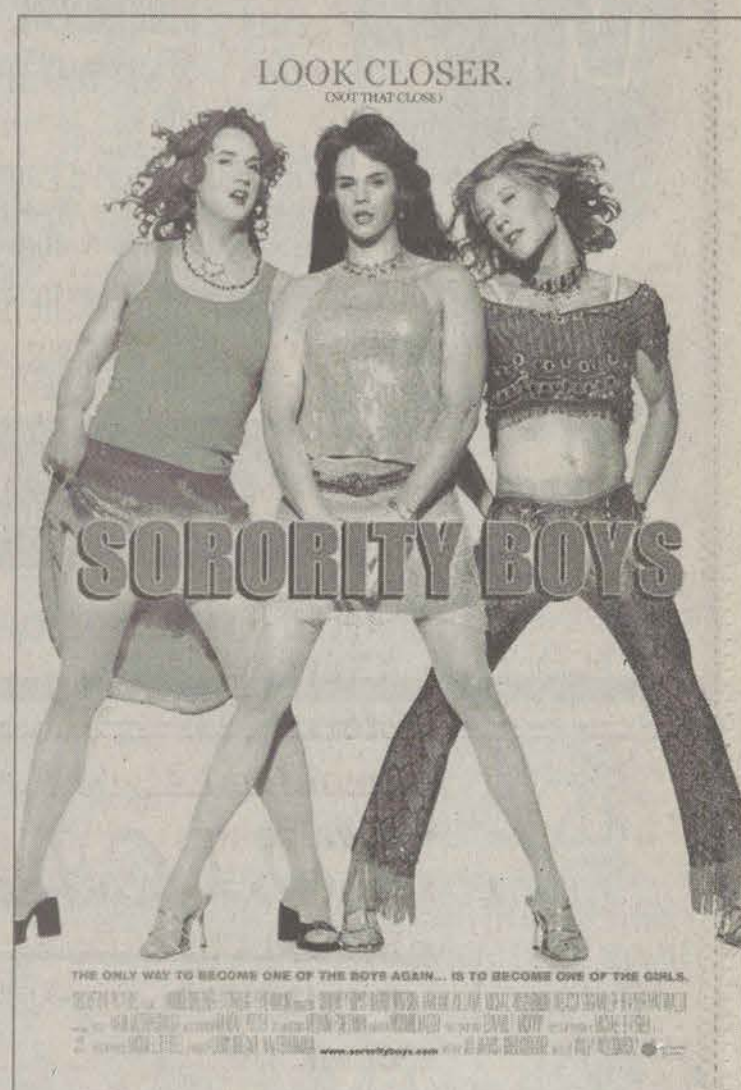
In a concept that reads like a mix between 1959s "Some Like It Hot" and 1978s "Animal House," the movie tells the story of fraternity brothers from the fictional Kappa Omega Kappa or KOK's, as they are known.

When three brothers, Watson, Rosenbaum, and Williams, are accused of stealing fraternity money, they are banished from the house.

In an effort to retrieve surveillance tape from the house that will prove their innocence, the three go undercover as women to get inside the house during a weekly all girls party.

They are subsequently kicked out of the house for being "dogs" or very unattractive. They are placed upon the steps of the sorority house across the street of the Delta Omicron Gamma sorority (DOG)—where flying dildos are frequently thrown through their windows. The "girls" are welcomed into the house with open arms and with peculiar looks.

What ensues is a lot of awkward moments for the boys, as they must live as girls until they can retrieve the tape. These moments include taking a shower in the sorority house, trying to walk in high heel shoes, and getting treated very badly by their fraternity brothers for not being attractive females. Like its predecessors, American Pie and other such "teen flicks," "Sorority Boys" plot is contrived and geared towards the sexually active male audience. With



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'SORORITY BOYS': This new comedy is about three men who cross dress in order to save their own hides from being accused of a crime.

its underlining moral story, the movie would be quite boring without the sexual moments that reign supreme in the movie. The moments presented in the movie become more outrageous and disgusting as the movie continues. It is not necessarily a bad thing.

What brands this movie as cheap, is the idea of "finding the beauty within" that creates unrealistic moments between the mega popular KOKs and the DOGs. Not saying it couldn't happen, but in this case it seems very predictable—almost a Cinderella story

in reverse. The movie does accomplish its goal of being lewd and politically incorrect. It is not to be taken seriously by any means.

With moments like blonde sorority girls unknowingly becoming apart of a wet t-shirt contest, and a fellow fraternity brother making sexual advances towards a cross-dressed fraternity brother, the movie needs to be looked upon as pure laugh-out-loud entertainment and not taken seriously. It isn't worth the money to go to the movie theaters to see it.



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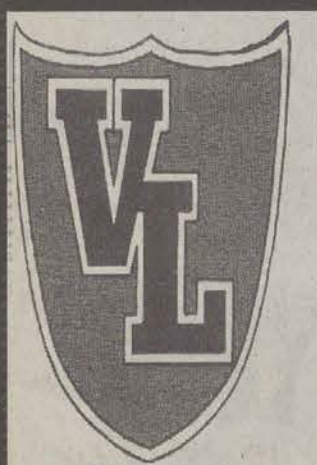
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE: SGA presidential candidates talk about the main issues

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Each candidate was contacted via email with several questions and concerns from the student body. The questions, along with the candidates response is below. If a candidate's answer does not appear under a topic, it is because he had no comment regarding that issue.

### REPRESENTATION

Do you feel that college representation is needed? Why or why not?

**Gilbert:** Yes. For one, it can help the students relate to someone facing some of the same academic situations that they are. Also this will give the SGA members a more sense of responsibility towards the students.

**Haseltine:** Definitely. Without representation, the issues that us students feel are important would never get addressed. I plan on reaching and communicating with more students than any other SGA has before.

**Pearson:** I definitely feel that college representation is needed because you deserve some form of accountability — someone whom they can personally communicate with and voice your concerns. Just because it might not have worked to its optimum in the past, this (is) no reason to dissolve it but more of a necessity for strong leadership to establish it the way it should be.

**Perkins:** No comment.

### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Parking and transportation has been heavily criticized by students. How do you propose parking problems be solved and a better relationship made between that department and students?

**Gilbert:** To solve parking problems, I feel a full survey of the campus area, the cost and effects of building new parking lots on campus (is needed). This is not the only solution and might not be the best, so I feel that Parking and Transportation should have a celebration day for the students. This way, it will help with the relationship between the students and that department and also during this time they can survey the students and take ideas on how to help handle the parking problems.

**Haseltine:** No comment.

**Pearson:** Students first. If students want a change, it is our job to express that complaint and not what we perceive they want. Whether it takes something as simple as a small written survey — there has to be some form of communication by which the SGA

will know exactly how students feel. If you want a Parking Deck, ok. If you want a transit system, ok. But, we can never say exactly what you want until we take the necessary steps to hear your opinions.

**Perkins:** No comment.

### BOOK PRICES

Book prices are high and buy back policies are not good at GSU, some students complain. What is your opinion? Solution?

**Gilbert:** I personally do not know the actual going rate on other college campuses for the buy back percentage but I have felt in certain instances that the price that I was selling a book back for was not worth it. In other instances, I have gotten back more than I expected for certain books, so I see it from two sides. I do agree that book prices are high.

As a solution to the buy back policies, I think that the book stores should have information available to the students on the different rates offered at other institutions on the high and low end. That way, the students can have something to compare it (prices) to.

I honestly don't have solution to the buy back policies but there are other options for students. I have heard in the past of students trying to start up a book swap for the entire campus. I know this would take a large effort upon some students and I have seen (information) posted up in buildings (and) websites that GSU students can go to post and buy books from other GSU students, so that is another option for the students.

**Haseltine:** I witness and go through this problem every semester. If elected, heck even if I'm not elected, I will propose a great way for students to gather together at the end of every semester to buy used books from other students or give them the option of even trading old books for others used books. Whether it be through a web site I will try and have created or by renting out a building to allow it to happen, this is one matter that all students should have an option with. I'm all for saving money on books!

**Pearson:** I hate just as much as everyone else to buy a book for \$105 and get \$35 back for it at the end of the semester. Until we show the bookstore administration that we are serious about their actions and our displeasure with them, they will have no interest in changing. But, we as students have to make ourselves aware of the fact that if we aren't pleased with the actions of the University Bookstore, there are other avenues

by which we can access textbooks.

If the bookstore begins to see some changes in its profit line, it is very likely we will begin to see some changes.

**Perkins:** No comment.

### FUND REQUESTS

Allegations recently surfaced regarding the fairness of fund requests and their distribution. What would your solution be to prohibit discrimination in such requests?

**Gilbert:** To make fund requests equal for all student organizations recognized on GSU campus. Also, with a more well defined guideline for fund request (for) SGA to go by.

**Haseltine:** We obviously have the money, so if clubs need it, I want to be the one to give it! The SGA just needs to concentrate more on giving back to the students. There are a lot of great clubs out there and I believe that they are a great way to make friends and experience more than you could as an individual. I'm all for clubs! If they need money...they should be able to trust the SGA to supply it for them.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Do you think there should be guidelines concerning campaign finance?

**Gilbert:** No. I feel if a candidate is able to raise a certain amount of money to put towards his campaign, then it is their right to use that money.

**Haseltine:** I don't think we need any restrictions yet. If you have the money and are willing to spend it, then I'm all for you buying me pizza, cookies and donuts! I don't hear others complaining either.

**Pearson:** No. I don't believe there should be guidelines because there are means for individuals to attain an equal amount of publicity without necessarily spending the vast amounts of money used by others. When it boils down to it, what matters are the student's votes, not what comes out of your pocket.

**Perkins:** No comment.

### GOALS AS SGA PRESIDENT

**Gilbert:** To have the students of GSU more involved and informed of what goes on in SGA so that the students voice can be heard and their concerns heard and answered.

**Haseltine:** [To] take care of the things that bother the students on campus. Whether it be overpriced books, security or new ideas for food served on campus. I want to do all that I can to make life here at GSU a little easier and more interesting.

**Pearson:** To establish a firm foundation for the Student Government Association, one that focuses on representing students only — that all our accomplishments are ones for the entire student body and not for a chosen few.

**Perkins:** I don't want SGA to be "visible" any more. My goal is for SGA to become something larger than a handbill, flyer or article in *The George-Anne*. I want SGA to be something that every student on Georgia Southern's campus can touch not simply read about. I would like to continue implementing some programs within the academic colleges that will allow SGA to get involved more fully.

I would also like to see an end put to the President's Round Table approach. I would like to see a forum that would consist of more than just Student Organization representation. There are many students on GSU's campus that are not involved and have the slightest idea as to what SGA is or what SGA does. The forum that I envision would consist of campus officials, city officials, apartment complex reps, student media, resident hall representation and academic college representation. This would truly cover "all" bases and allow everyone to know what is going on within the Student Government Association.

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# Dumb TV: How low will it go?

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A prominent radio and TV critic once said he was 'forced to be literate about the illiterate, witty about the witless, coherent about the incoherent.' And he never saw "Celebrity Boxing."

That critic, John Crosby, was writing half a century ago. We should all remember that dumb entertainment dates back to at least the first time Moe smacked Larry, or Punch met Judy.

But 2002 is shaping up as a Year of Living Brainlessly, especially where television is concerned. Consider some of what the small screen has had so far:

- Dennis Miller, the master of cultural esoterica, was dumped from ABC's "Monday Night Football" telecasts. His replacement: John Madden, whose published efforts include "Hey, Wait a Minute! I Wrote a Book." And Madden had help with that.

- "Nightline" host Ted Koppel, who can discuss the policies of countries you can't even find on a map, nearly lost his job to make room for David Letterman, the lord of stupid pet tricks.

- MTV has started "The Osbournes," a reality-comedy about singer Ozzy Osbourne and his family. It has had Ozzy struggle to finish most sentences, a dog that's visibly not house-broken, Ozzy and wife discussing Viagra and a debate about tattoos. It is one of the most talked-about shows of the season.

- More than 15 million people saw Tonya Harding terrify Paula Jones, enough to make "Celebrity Boxing" one of the 10 most watched prime-time shows last week.

- The three most-watched shows in prime time last week were "Survivor: Marquesas," "Friends" and "Fear Factor," not exactly Mensa's greatest hits.

- Fox has rolled its "Good Day Live" series onto stations in more cities, including Cleveland. On Tuesday's show, a reporter did not show up for a live report, audio was missing from a segment, co-host Dorothy Lucey threw papers at co-host Steve Edwards and the third co-host, Jillian Barberie, said "I'd rather watch paint dry" than see a coming segment. Surveying the chaos, Edwards snapped, "I would not watch this show! You both are so annoying and negative right now!"

And those are just some TV highlights. There are whole subsets of dumb on TV right now. Dumb Men and the Women Who Love Them ("Everybody Loves Raymond," "Grounded for Life," "King of Queens," "Yes, Dear," and at various times, all the guys on "Friends"). Theoretically Smart Women Who Are Dumb About Men (Ally McBeal, Ellie on "Watching Ellie," Emma Brody on "American Embassy," Claire Fisher on "Six Feet Under," everyone on "Sex and the City").

Just when you think you've seen the bottom of the IQ barrel on TV, through the sludge peeks Comedy Central's "The Man Show." This is a program that hates any woman who couldn't work as a stripper - or could add double digits in her head. That celebrates Benny Hill and repeatedly invokes the male organ. That thinks it's funny to have co-host Jimmy Kimmel annoying people at a public urinal. And where Adam

Carolla dreams of a world where "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" will be replaced by "Take Your Daughter's Hot ... Babysitter to Work Day."

Now, to be fair, the current wave of dumb is not confined to TV.

Hollywood is not making a lot of movies about mathematicians and scientists - unless Russell Crowe is playing them.

Jack Welch, a highly successful businessman, has reportedly strayed outside his marriage with a magazine reporter, all but guaranteeing that beans would be spilled. And he did it after his prenuptial agreement had run out.

But then you see the cast of "ER" suddenly acting as if they're remaking "The Breakfast Club." Or remember that the smart kid on "Malcolm in the Middle" really hates being so smart. An enduring lesson from "The Weakest Link" and the various "Survivors" is to destroy the best and strongest as soon as

possible. "Fear Factor" argues that no one with a refined palate can succeed.

TV seems to have divided into people who can't lose on "Jeopardy" and those who couldn't win on "Wheel of Fortune." And the "Wheel"-ies are winning.

So should we fret, as one critic did, that "Baby Bob" "makes you dumber for watching it"? Should we worry that all this inanity on TV is really bad for us?

Well, maybe we should worry about "Baby Bob."

But beyond that, there's something to be said for silly TV. There's an argument for watching Letterman instead of Koppel - or for watching Jay Leno, who is both less demanding and more popular with viewers than Letterman.

A good bit has been written since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks about "comfort TV," people seeking shows that provide some relief from the horrors of the real world. But TV saw and fed a viewer appetite for silliness long before Sept. 11. I draw the line at "The Man Show," a mean and ugly series. But I don't feel the worse for laughing at "Celebrity Boxing," being both captivated and stunned by "The Osbournes," or sitting through as much as 90 seconds of "Good Day Live" without getting a headache.

The danger to TV comes when viewers decide to watch only silly shows, or insist that everything has to be dumb.

A recent Time magazine story described how an entrepreneur is trying to remake chess into something faster and flashier, with championships in Las Vegas, matches played on Rollerblades. Time said chess could become a "high-stakes spectacle suitable for prime-time television."

## Hilarious all-star cast carries 'Rat Race' to a strong win

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Only in "Rat Race" can Cuba Gooding, Jr., the guy who played Mr. Bean, and a cast of Lucy wannabes come together and be so funny. Gooding leads an all-star

cast including "Mr. Bean" Rowan Atkinson, John C. Lee, Whoopi Goldberg, Jon Lovitz, and Seth Green.

Cleese portrays Donald P. Sinclair, a multi-millionaire Las Vegas casino owner. Bored from just watching locals gamble their savings away, Sinclair decides to give a select group of fellow millionaires a bigger contest. He gives a group of random casino-goers a chance to race for a big cash reward. Meanwhile, the millionaires sit back and watch, betting on which of the unknowing racers will make it to the prize first.

The racers choose various ways and techniques to travel cross-country and find the prize. At one point, Lovitz and his family drive Hitler's car. Gooding stands in as a bus driver going to an "I Love Lucy" conven-



**Rat Race:** Cuba Gooding Jr., among a cast of some of Hollywood's finest, stars in a film about 7 groups of people all racing to win a two million dollar prize from famed casino baron Donald Sinclair (John C. Lee).

tion. Goldberg and her daughter meet up with a crazed woman selling squirrels. Atkinson meets up with "Seinfeld" alumni Wayne Knight and they travel via ambulance.

That is just a small sample of the ways the cast battle it out to find the money. In some of the funniest parts of the movie, shots are shown of Cleese and his fellow millionaires passing the time by doing other human wagers.

For the most part, the cast really fits in with the movie. Cleese and his shiny white teeth are perfect as a cheesy millionaire.

Lovitz is brilliant as the father of an average family which just happens to have no idea, outside of himself, that the reason they are travelling across the nation is because they are part of a giant race. After this movie, it is truly a wonder why there are not more movies starring Lovitz. He is still as funny as he was in the "Saturday Night Live" days. While not good enough to win him another Academy Award, Gooding plays his part well. As a football referee who blew a coin toss on national television, he gets into loads of trouble on his way to the money. The duo of Breckin Meyer and Amy Smart play off

each other well the entire movie. Meyer's character does not believe in the contest at first until he meets Smart in an airport. Smart, naturally, happens to be a helicopter pilot. Go figure! After watching the movie, one has to feel for the guy Smart was

dating before meeting Meyer.

Seth Green, in what is pretty much his trademark role, plays a young slacker alongside Vince Vieluf. Vieluf has apparently all but butchered his tongue by trying to pierce it himself (there's a lesson for you kids out there). The gag is funny for the first ten

minutes or so but is very tired by the end of the movie. On the other hand, the movie probably could've done without Goldberg. She adds nothing except a couple of

jokes. Whoopi, Bruce Villanch is calling you and you're needed back in the center square.

Atkinson does not come off as very humorous either, despite numerous attempts to make him do so. His character is almost exactly the same as the horrid Mr. Bean character. He talks in mumbles and does little quirky faces, which do not really bring the feeling of laughter anywhere near. Extra thumbs up go to bit player Kathy Bates, who plays the woman selling squirrels on the side of the road. She is hilarious and should have possibly been cast in the place of Goldberg.

Director Jerry Zucker did a fine job with "Rat Race." Overall, the ending seemed a little weak, but did not take too much away from the rest of the movie. Check out "Rat Race," which is now available on video and DVD.

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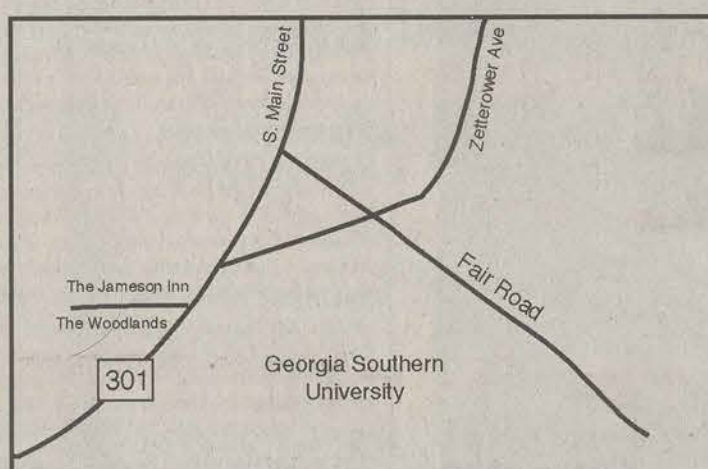
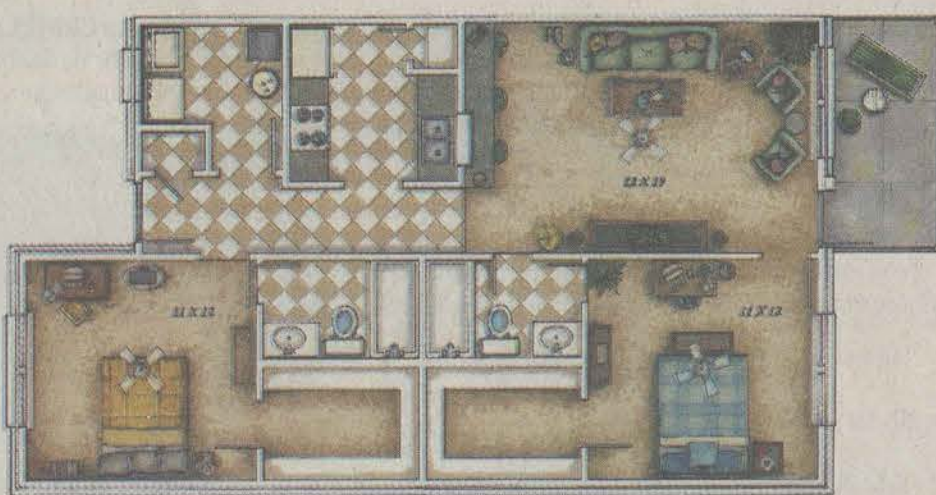


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