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- Dr. Susan Alberts will hold a presentation called 'Genetic Polymorphism with Behavioral Consequences in Primates' in Bio. Rm. 2215 at 11 a.m. on April 9.

Current American Indian issues brought to forefront in lecture

By Angela Jones
Tastiecake00@yahoo.com

The Center for International Studies, Campus Life Enrichment Committee, the Department of History and the Department of Anthropology teamed up to present Dr. Leonard Bruguier, Director of the Institute of American Indian Studies from the University of South Dakota, to the students and faculty on Thursday, April 4.

Dr. Bruguier, who is a Sioux Indian from South Dakota, spoke about Current Issues in Indian Country in room 2047 of Russell Union at 2 p.m. "One of the major issues, one that concerns us the most, as Indian people, is the protection of our sacred sites, particularly those places where our ancestors are buried," he said.

"There is an incredible trade in skulls and artifacts and things like that, that rightly belong in the ground, where they were placed by our people, and it needs to be stopped."

"There are Indian bones sitting in the Smithsonian and places like that while people are waiting for permission to study them. As people, we need to have the right to say 'those are our people, they belong home with us; where they can be treated with respect and reverence, we want them back.' We have to bring this point home to the Congress and legislators and such by bluntly asking them, 'would you like it if we Indian people went into your cemeteries and excavated your grandfather and grandmother, and put them in a museum to study?'"

Dr. Bruguier also mentioned a recent Supreme Court ruling regarding the Black Hills, one of the most



Chris Walker/STAFF

FIGHTING FOR NATIVE CONCERNS: Dr. Leonard Bruguier, a Sioux Indian and Director of American Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota, spoke at GSU on Thursday regarding the concerns of Native American peoples who, to this day, suffer many of the vestiges of centuries ago.

sacred of all sites to Indian peoples.

He said that Indian people have made a great deal of progress, pointing out that about 20 Sioux people now hold PhDs, and that the Sioux recently started their own branch of a community college, with about 60 students.

"The United States government is finally starting to recognize the fact that the Black Hills are very sacred, and very important, to us, to all of our people, and that's a very good thing," Bruguier said.

"It probably doesn't sound like much, but it's introducing higher

education as a tool to improve ourselves and help our community as a whole," he said.

Dr. Bruguier also said that the Indian vote is now a swing vote in South Dakota, and that one of the

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College newspaper runs racist April Fool's article

KRT Campus

COLORADO SPRINGS – Black student leaders at Colorado College are fuming over an article in an April Fools' edition of the student newspaper that they call hurtful and racist.

The unsigned article, a fictional account of the launch of a channel for black children, contains racist stereotypes, including references to watermelons,

crack cocaine and crime. It also contains a blackface cartoon and an offensive takeoff on the name Nickelodeon, a popular cartoon channel.

Leonard Teague and Vachon Brackett, co-presidents of the Black Student Union, said Friday they have called for the resignation of the

newspaper's student editor and have complained about the article to the college administration, the National Association for the Advancement of

About 200 students attended a public forum Friday sponsored by the Black Student Union to hear outside speakers and talk about the controversy.

Soon after, the latest issue of the Catalyst hit newsstands with an apology from editor Audrey Thompson, who said she failed in her job by not proofreading the article. She wrote she would gladly step down from her position

"out of shame," but she has been told by administrators and those who oversee the paper that her resignation would not solve anything. She could not be reached for comment.

The president of the college,

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Study finds cost of obesity greater than cost of smoking

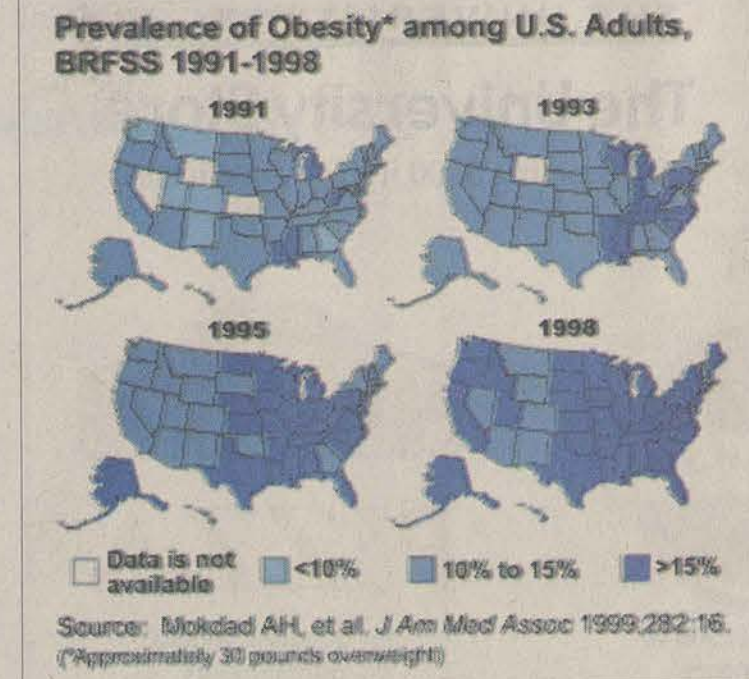
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A recent study found that the cost of obesity-related illnesses now exceeds the cost of smoking-related illnesses.

Reading that made me think of a retired dentist friend who often grumbles that the main reason for rising U.S. health costs is "patient negligence."

Tobacco use and overeating are just two of the behaviors that, he suggests, contribute to the high cost of medical care and could be controlled if people would take responsibility for their health.

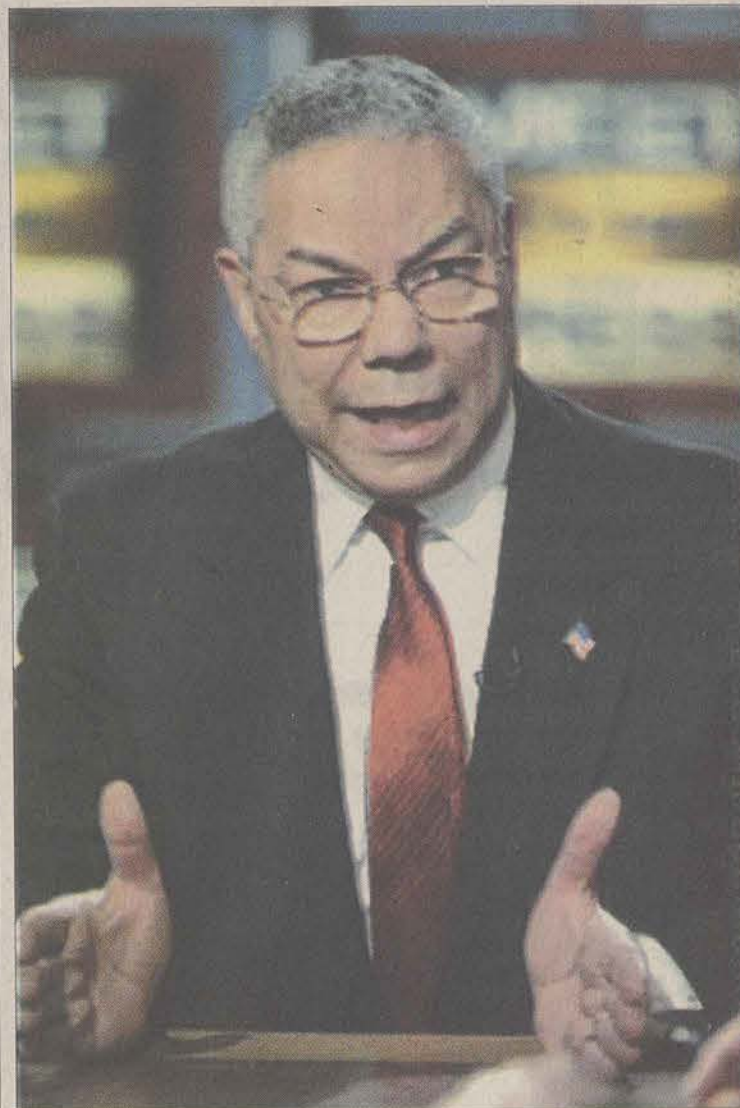
Coincidentally, I heard a recent radio interview with Dun Gifford, founder of Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust, a Boston-based non-profit group that promotes healthy



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A BIG CONCERN: Obesity, as seen above, is on a constant incline.

Powell to face skepticism on upcoming peacemaking mission



AP Photo/NBC/Alex Wong

MIDDLEEASTERSKEPTICS: Colin Powell is sure to meet plenty of skepticism from Israelis and Palestinians as he begins a peacemaking mission there this week.

KRT Campus

JERUSALEM - Secretary of State Colin Powell begins a peacemaking mission this week to the Middle East, where he will confront skepticism from both Israelis and Palestinians that Washington's sudden urgency to end the bloodshed will actually make a difference.

After watching for 15 months as the Bush administration took tenta-

tive steps that failed to stop the spiral of violence and mistrust, many on both sides remain unconvinced that Powell and President Bush are ready to spend more political capital this time.

Powell's first order of business is to convince Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to reverse Israel's mas-

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

April 4

• Justin Gerald Schneider, 19, was arrested for DUI and seatbelt violation.

• Ray Louis Kinney Jr., 25, was arrested for insurance and defective equipment.

• Raymond Samuel Jr., 20, DUI, driving with a suspended license and seatbelt violation.

• Antuwon Allen, 21, was arrested for theft by receiving, stolen property and no proof of insurance.

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• John David Simmons, 22, was arrested for public drunk.

• James Frederick DoYLES, 18, was arrested for possession of schedule IV narcotic.

• Troy Moore, 23, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

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• Timothy Edward Ashley, 17, was arrested for suspended license and defective headlight.

• Jason Aaron Hopkins, 24, was arrested for speeding and DUI.

GSU Public Safety

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• Richard Edward Blackinton, 18, of 1015 Woodlands, was charged with DUI and reckless driving.

--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.

On-Campus News

GROUND BREAKING

The School of Information Technology will break ground on their new building on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m. at the building site located across the pedestrian from the College of Business Administration.

The building will house classrooms, computer labs, offices and two large lecture halls. The targeted completion date is June 2003.

CLEC LECTURE SERIES

The CLEC lecture series in conjunction with the Department of Biology and Department of Sociology and Anthropology will present a seminar by Dr. Susan Alberts of Duke University. Alberts has examined

the interaction of primates for 15 years in Amboseli National Park in Kenya studying baboons.

She will present a research lecture titled "Genetic Polymorphism with Behavioral Consequences in Primates," on Tuesday, April 9, at 11 a.m. in the Biology Building, Room 2215.

She will also present a general lecture titled "Making Friends and Solving Problems: How Primates Navigate Social, Genetic and Environmental Landscapes," on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. in the Biology Building, Room 1119.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information contact Bruce Schulte at ext. 5807.

AVERITT LECTURE SERIES

Shakespearean scholar Russ McDonald will be the featured speaker at the University's Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series. McDonald will discuss a trio of important Shakespearean actresses at his three lectures, which will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom. The first lecture will be held on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. with

A reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. The second and third lectures will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

For more information on the Averitt Lecture Series, contact the Department of Literature and Philosophy at ext. 5471.

"TWELFTH NIGHT"

Georgia Southern's Theatre & Performance production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will be presented Wednesday, April 10, through Saturday, April 13. Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Tickets may be purchased by calling ext. 0123, by visiting the Athletic Ticket Office or at the box office in the Performing Arts Center.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Georgia Southern's student media organizations will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on Thursday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Union Rotunda.

There will be performances by different student organizations such as the Swing Cat Society and Liquid Effects. The event will be a walk through time as the different decades of the student media are celebrated.

Each era will showcase a corresponding game or contest. The campus community is invited to attend.

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

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11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Union Rotunda Area

- Games, exhibits, and giveaways at Russell Union Rotunda area -- celebrate over seven decades of Student Media at Georgia Southern
- Food -- sample Krystal™ Hamburgers and Little Caesar's™ Pizza
- Live remote broadcast by WVGs 91.9 FM
- Demonstrations by Swingcat Society and Break Dancers
- "See Yourself in the Headlines" -- have your picture taken and printed on a replica of a *George-Anne* front page.
- "Smack an Editor with a Pie" -- some student media personalities will sit still long enough for you to take aim at them with a cream pie.

Noon - 12:30 p.m. — Union Commons

- Pause for a program where we honor alumni editors, announce winners of 75th Birthday Bash contests, read the Top Ten uses for the G-A, cut the Birthday cakes and listen to "Happy Birthday" played on the campus carillon.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Williams Center Old Dining Hall

- Career Forum -- join our discussion about careers and life after college with alumni guests

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. — G-A Office, Williams Ctr. Rm 2023

- Reception for alumni guests and Open House

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — Union Rotunda Area

- It's five o'clock and time to crank up the volume. Join WVGs radio personalities for a listener appreciation bash at the Rotunda featuring music, CD and t-shirt giveaways, and other goodies. Win coupons for free Krystals™ and Papa John's™ Pizza.

Seven out of ten don't get enough exercise, study finds

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Americans refuse to get off the couch.

A new government report says seven in 10 adults don't get enough exercise, and four in 10 aren't physically active at all. And despite repeated warnings about heart disease and diabetes, the figures haven't budged in five years.

The National Center for Health Statistics released the report Sunday to mark World Health Day as officials prodded Americans to do something anything to become more active.

"Good health is literally a walk away," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who planned a 10-mile run to mark the day. "You don't have to work up a big sweat at the gym or become a long-distance runner."

The report found only three in 10 adults were regularly physically active defined as a half-hour of light exercise five times a week, or 20 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week.

The same report showed 38 percent of adults report no physical activity at all.

The study was based on household interviews with 68,000 American adults in 1997 and 1998, the latest year for which complete data are available. Preliminary data for 2001 show virtually no change, the NCHS said.

The findings are particularly bleak because the latest figures also show an alarming rise in diabetes, especially among Americans in their 30s. The blood-sugar disease is closely tied to obesity.

Lack of physical activity contributes to 300,000 preventable deaths each year in the United States, the government estimates. In addition to diabetes, inactivity can increase the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Health officials concede that stirring the population to exercise isn't easy in a nation where cable channels are more plentiful than fruits and veggies at the grocery store.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Sunday issued a new booklet for local leaders, exhorting them to motivate their communities to become more active.

"People can take the stairs instead of the elevator, or even park the car farther away at the grocery store," said Dr. David Fleming, the CDC's acting director.

The new report also provides

a glimpse into some of the factors that may influence how active a person is and shows health officials demographic groups they need to target for improvement.

For example, adults who make four times the poverty level roughly \$36,000 are twice as likely to exercise than poor adults. Adults with better educations tend to exercise more, too.

Married people, both men and women, were more likely than singles to be active. Single adults are more likely to prefer body-strengthening activities, like lifting weights or calisthenics.

About two-thirds of whites exercise at least some of the time, compared with only half of black and Hispanic adults, the report found.

Racial minorities traditionally have less access to quality health care and counseling.

And as usual, the South where deep-fried cooking and summers too sticky for outdoor exercise are part of the lifestyle trailed other regions in physical activity. The West led the nation with about two-thirds of adults getting some exercise, compared with just over half of Southerners.



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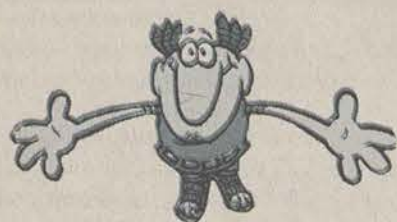
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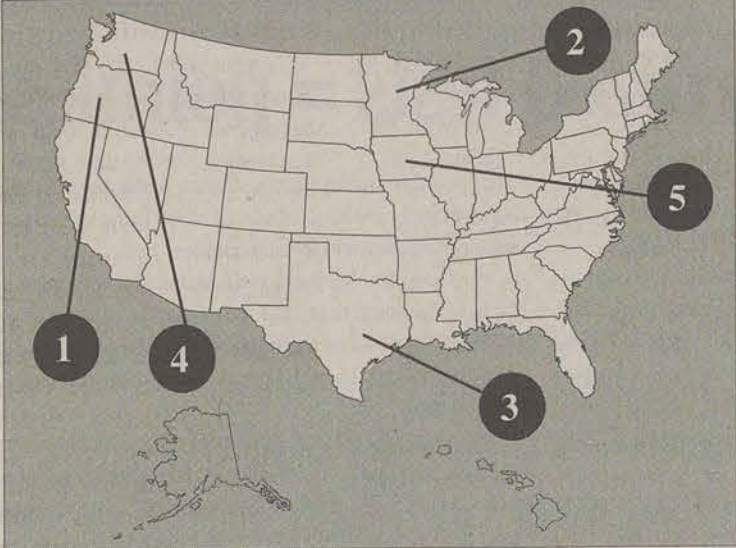
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ONLY IN AMERICA...



1 Oregon

Man says Jesus told him to slit cat's throat

TALENT—A 21-year-old man accused of slitting a cat's throat with a butcher knife over an open Bible said Jesus told him to kill the animal.

Joshua Caleb Brewer was charged Thursday with animal abuse and criminal mischief.

The cat, a white Persian named Precious, belonged to the man's girlfriend and was killed in the bedroom of the trailer home they shared, police said.

Police discovered the dead cat Wednesday when they responded to a disorderly conduct call at the trailer home. Brewer's girlfriend, Teresa Travis, was in the hospital and her sister had stopped at the house to feed the cats and dogs.

The sister got into an altercation with Brewer and called police when he wouldn't leave, said Officer Jennifer Freeman.

Inside the home, the phone connection had been broken and food was thrown around. Freeman said she found the cat under the kitchen table.

In the bedroom, a Bible was open to Jeremiah, chapter 17. Blood was splattered on the pages. A trail of blood led from the Bible to the kitchen.

Freeman said she found Brewer walking about five blocks away, his hands covered with blood.

"When I contacted the subject he admitted he killed it," Freeman said. "When I asked him why: 'Did the cat make you mad?' ... He just looked at me and laughed."

Brewer was lodged in Jackson County Jail on \$55,000 bail.

Travis said she had been with Brewer three months and he had never hurt her animals.

"This is like a shock to me, totally," she said.

2 Minnesota

Jester statue missing from Red Wing park since April Fools' Day

RED WING—Red Wing police are seeking the public's help in finding a bronze statue of a jester that was discovered missing on April Fools' Day.

The whimsical figure, named simply "The Jester," appears to be juggling tea cups. It was created by sculptor Kimber Fiebigler. It was installed in Levee Park near the Mississippi River in 2000, funded by an anonymous do-

nor. It's valued at \$15,000.

The statue is about 6 feet tall, weight unknown. Only one foot remains on its base, which is attached to a rock. The rest was hacked off and removed.

A city worker discovered it was gone Monday morning, and it was still missing Thursday. Anyone with information about the statue's disappearance was asked to call Red Wing police at 651-385-3155.

3 Texas

Teenager accused of fighting law with odor

SAN ANTONIO—A teenager created quite a stink at a South Texas town's city hall.

Alexander Haley admitted to contaminating Bandera City Hall with a bottle of "skunk scent" that he is accused of taking from a local store, Police Chief Shane Merritt said.

Haley, 17, was charged with disorderly conduct and theft, Merritt said. He was held Thursday at the county jail in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

The youth told police that he was upset at being sentenced to community service as punishment for driving without a license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, as Haley was "plucking weeds" along Main Street sidewalks, people in Bandera's city offices noticed a unpleasant smell.

Officials initially thought a skunk was responsible for the smell.

The odor was eventually traced to a wastebasket in a restroom where Haley had been seen, Merritt said. Haley admitted to stinking up the place when confronted, he said.

"I asked him why he did it, Merritt told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions. "He said, 'Just to have fun and (tick) somebody off.'"

"I said, 'I think you got that accomplished.'"

4 Washington

Homeowner puzzled by stadium-sized electricity bill

SEATTLE—Darleen Noonan Harrington expected a two-month Seattle City Light charge of about \$150. Instead, the bill she received in early February was for \$2,238.69.

Harrington, a real estate agent, lives alone in the main part of the 4,000-square-foot house and splits the power bill with a basement tenant, Heidi

Woolfolk, who says she is rarely home and runs only lights, a microwave and an oven.

"Maybe they mixed me up with Bill Gates," Harrington said Wednesday.

The bill lists her two-month power use as 17,547 kilowatt-hours—more than enough to light Safeco Field for a three-game Seattle Mariners home stand, or adequate to run 30 color televisions six hours a day for a year.

An average Seattle home or apartment uses about 12,000 kilowatt-hours a year.

Officials at the municipal utility say her meter has been checked twice and found to be working properly.

"It does seem very high, and that's odd," City Light spokesman Dan Williams said, "but what can we go on besides our equipment that measures power use?"

"If she's used that much electricity, she owes the money. She says she hasn't. The equipment says she has."

Harrington's electricity bills last year came to \$442, down from \$682 in 2000, "so the combined total for two years was about half of what you have billed me for the past two months," she wrote City Light. "Doesn't make sense, does it?"

City Light hearing officer Javier Valdez, who heard her complaint in late March, said abnormally high power use was first reported in the August-September billing period.

When meter readers entered the figure, it was so high the computer rejected it as an "exception," Valdez said.

Harrington's next two bills were estimates based on her normal usage, and only in January was the meter read again.

5 Iowa

Court orders more proceedings in pornography lawsuit

DES MOINES—The Iowa Supreme Court on Wednesday ordered more proceedings in a bizarre Delaware County lawsuit accusing the operator of a funeral home of exposing elderly tenants to pornography.

At issue was the responsibility of insurance carriers to pay damages, and provide a legal defense in the case.

Court records said the case involved Ted Shelly, president of a Manchester funeral home. The business also owned several rental properties that he managed.

An elderly couple, Victor and Lila Schenke, sued Shelly, arguing that he frequently brought pornographic material to the apartment, exposing them to material they found repulsive.

A jury eventually awarded the couple more than \$200,000 in damages, but that was appealed to gauge the extent of insurance company liability. The high court sent the case back for more proceedings on that issue.

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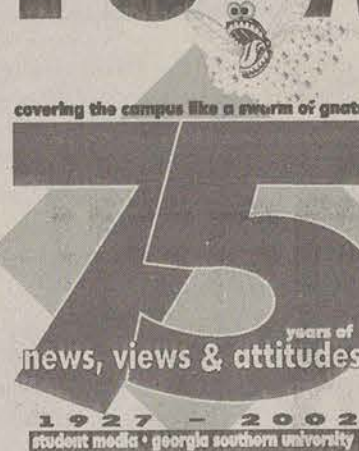
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Second, not feeling too clever, that's okay—just enter the contest. We'll have a drawing from all entries to determine the winner of a second \$100 EAGLEXPRESS™ Card and other prizes to be announced during our Birthday Bash on April 11th at the Russell Union.

Okay Mr. Know-it-all Editor, here's how we really use your newspaper...
From the home office in the 'boro, here are the Top Ten Uses for The G-A:

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WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED: Winners will be announced at noon on Thursday, April 11, at the Russell Union.

LIMITATIONS: Only one entry per student, please. Editorial board members of the George-Anne are not eligible. The decision of the judges is final. No special form required.

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION Did you know?

Do you know what GLBT stands for?
It stands for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered organization.

Our GLBT equivalency on campus is the Triangle Club.

Although many close-minded individuals think otherwise, the Triangle Club should be respected for what they do as an organization. However, this organization is not very widely accepted because of the sexual orientation of its members. They are ridiculed, belittled and disrespected all due to the fact that they are not like other "normal" people. But in fact, they are very normal. They deal with the same issues that everyone else deals with. They worry about grades, paying bills on time and fights they have had with friends. After all, they are people too, right?

Outweek 2002 is next week on our campus. This is a week long event that is designed to expose our campus to the differences of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Signs have been posted all over campus about the event. What we are wondering is - would you have known that it was going to take place if you had not read this? We sorta doubt it.

Keep in mind that the event is not solely for those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered - it is for those who are willing to accept, embrace and respect those individuals as well.

The GRE and other standardized tests = pointless

When I packed my dull-leaded number two pencil into my bookbag after taking the SAT for the first time, I was convinced that I was a genius.

As one does not get penalized for leaving answers blank, I was nearly certain that every bubble I filled in on the exam was correct. Dancing in my brain were images of myself walking barefoot through the perfect blades of glistening green grass on ivy-covered campuses in the north-east, letters from every school in the country begging me to choose them, and the awards ceremony at which I would win my first Pulitzer. I am brilliant, I thought to myself.

And then the score reports came. My score wasn't *bad* necessarily, but simply to assist in boosting my ego I signed up to take it again. Certainly I wouldn't do any worse than I did on the first one.

But after the second go-round, I figured I did about as well as any other high school junior more concerned with the girls across classroom in their pajama pants and tank tops than the next four years of their lives. My scores had fallen; I was sure of it. All I could do was wait patiently for the numbers to come back.

When the envelope arrived I hopelessly opened it, sure to find that I had backtracked. But to my surprise, the score was not only better than the first one, but a whole 60 points better.

If I can feel like I did worse on the test and actually do better, I thought to myself, why not take it a third time and see what happens? So, I took it again. This time, I sat across the room from my girlfriend at the time who, throughout the testing, shot suggestive glances my way. I sat immediately to

the right of one of my best friends and immediately behind his girlfriend, another of my best friends. Needless to say, the distractions from the test were too numerous to resist.

Half-way through the test, I lost interest. I cared nothing about reading the passages, so I simply bubbled in answers. By this time, I knew that my second SAT score would be enough to save me from living with my parents and working at Burger Doodle, so I decided not to fret over this one. I would definitely do much worse, but it wasn't the end of the world.

When the scores arrived in my mailbox, I was tempted to throw them in the trash before opening them. But what would it hurt to see them? Luckily, I decided to look. You can imagine my surprise when I saw that the score had risen again, a whole 40 points this time.

We've all heard criticism of standardized tests, and I would venture to say that none of us find them helpful or reflective of our knowledge. After I took the SATs for the third time, I was relieved to be done with them and accepted into GSU using my first and lowest score. I completely understood that the SAT was a worthless test that failed to reveal one's intelligence. Never again would I take another standardized test.

At that time, graduate school seemed like nothing I would ever consider. But as I have become more and more fascinated by my studies here, graduate school is the only logical step.

Planning for grad school means one thing: time for another standardized test.

The GRE is much like the SAT except for the fact that it is computer-based, it is much more difficult, and your score is presented to you on the screen as soon as you finish. It concentrates on verbal skills, analytical skills and mathematical skills. And as I soon found out, it is equally, if not more of, a waste of time.

This past Saturday, I decided that I might as well go ahead and take the GRE for the first time just to see how I would do. In preparation for the test, I worried none about the verbal, just a little about the analytical, and a lot about the math.

I pride myself on my verbal skills. I have never made anything less than an 'A' in any English or journalism class,

I am a two-time award winning feature writer and a one-time award winning columnist. I am not afraid in the least to boast about my reading and writing abilities.

Math, on the other hand, is the balancing mechanism for my ego. As pretentious as I may become concerning my verbal skills, my elementary quantitative abilities remind me of my limitations. Indeed, I am as bad at math as anyone in this university.

I was worried that my poor math score would keep me under the required level for entry into the grad school of my choice, but then again, I thought, maybe my verbal score will be so high that my math score won't matter much.

I woke up at 6:40 a.m. Saturday morning and drove to Savannah where I was placed in a room of about eight heat-emitting computers. The verbal section was first. Here was my time to shine.

The test-taker is given a word and asked to find the opposite in a list from A to E. My first word: nebulous. "Yes," I silently exclaimed, "I know this one!" My second word: inept. Once again, I knew it. My third word: brachiate (I'm an anthropology major, for God's sake; this one is part of my daily vocabulary. "Are they all going to be this easy?" I wondered.

Then came the fourth word: agitaphasic. Huh? The next word was recubate. And the trend continued. The next 15 or so words I had never seen in my life. Having to guess on the verbal struck a panic in me like nothing I had felt before. It was only going to get worse from here.

The math section was as hard as I figured it would be, and the analytical was not much easier. For those of you who have not taken the GRE, the analytical section includes questions like the following:

Six students - John, Kim, Lee, Monica, Nick and Oliver - will take the GRE on six consecutive days and none of them will take it on the same day. The person who takes it on the fourth day will not be confused by this type of question. Monica must take it either immediately before or immediately after Kim, but neither Kim nor Monica can take it before Lee. John must take the exam last. If Oliver takes the GRE on

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What will it take for racism as we know it to end?

We don't sell watermelon here, you best get out of here n*gger," the man said.

That comment has stayed with me since I was five years old. It still gives me chills when I think about it.

My mom had taken me shopping to an antique place near my hometown that day. The dealer, upon seeing a well-dressed black woman enter the store, uttered those horrific words to the lady.

I remember being really confused by the comment. After all, I was five. I had never really heard that word before, but I knew it wasn't a good thing.

After we got back in the car my mom closed her door, put her face in her hands and cried.

A few minutes later she hugged me and we drove home. She cried the whole way back.

Growing up in South Georgia, we didn't use words like that in my family. It was an unspeakable term. A word

so hurtful it was never mentioned. However, you knew what it meant and what it implied.

When I was in fifth grade, I had a one of my black friends over to play. A few days later, my parents got a letter telling them that if they wanted to let their son grow up being a "n*gger lover," that it would be best if we left town.

In high school, I thought racism was dwindling. I seriously thought that everyone was becoming more open-minded, that things were getting better.

I went to college and generally thought that things were getting better as well. I do think that race relations in the South are getting better, but something happened the other day that made me think the opposite.

I went to Waffle House to eat. As most of you know, Waffle House is a place where interesting mixes of people congregate. A couple sat there eating, a white woman and a black man.

In the booth behind them sat a group of college-aged, white guys. In the bits and pieces of the group's conversation I overheard comments like, "That's f*cking disgusting," and "Goddamn, I can't even eat."

At that point I almost choked - not on my food, but on the thickness of ignorance in the air.

What is going on in this world? Why are people so ignorant? Most of all, what makes people feel this way about other people?

Racism is everywhere. It's not just white people hating black people either. Its white people hating black people, blacks hating whites, whites hating Mexicans,

Mexicans hating whites, black hating Asians, whites hating Asians. It is rampant.

I am almost at the perspective that people hate anything that does not look or act like they do.

There are exceptions to the rule of course. There are those of us who don't feel this way. A whole lot of us, actually.

In my opinion, if only ten percent of this country were racist, that would be ten percent too many.

How can you hate because of the color of skin? It's beyond my understanding.

Can two ethnic groups procreate together? Can they give each other blood? Can they learn in the same way? Do they all cry?

Do we have the exact same number of chromosomes? Does our DNA match?

The answer to all these questions, as you should know, is yes. We are all generally the same physically. The only difference is the color our skin. It's sad.

The thing is, I wish that I had the miracle cure for racism and I don't. The only solution I can find is education. The more we educate ourselves about such topics, the more we are able to understand and realize that we are actually not that different.

One thing you need to get in your head - a black person isn't just black. A white person isn't just white. An Asian person isn't just Asian. There's more to a person than the color of their skin. It's time we looked past that.

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POWELL, FROM PAGE 1

sive, 10-day-old incursion into Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank to root out terrorists. Sharon, ignoring increasingly insistent pleas from Bush, appears intent on accelerating "Operation Defensive Shield" to get as much done as possible before Powell arrives at week's end.

Bush also demanded last week that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, surrounded by Israeli tanks in his Ramallah compound, issue a public statement in Arabic calling for an end to terrorist attacks on Israel.

No such statement has yet been forthcoming.

Both sides appear to be withholding possible concessions until Powell arrives. The secretary of state left Sunday and is scheduled to stop in other Arab world capitals before heading to Israel.

But to get Sharon and Arafat to change their basic calculations, Powell will have to apply more than rhetorical pressure, according to Israeli, Palestinian and U.S. analysts.

"It's not yet clear to me, quite frankly, to what extent the administration has decided to dirty its hands resolving our conflict," said Yossi Alpher, an independent Israeli strategic analyst.

"It's not clear to what extent he's prepared to pressure both sides," Alpher said.

Palestinians, who view the Bush administration as biased in favor of Israel, are perhaps even more skeptical.

Many view Washington's sudden alarm over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict not as empathy for their position, but as a reaction to pressure on the White House from the United States' Arab allies. Those governments, especially Egypt and Jordan, are grappling with massive street demonstrations against Israel's actions.

Powell's visit "comes after pressure from the Arab world that

American interests in the region could be affected by those angry Arabs," said Ismail Abu Shanab, a political leader of Hamas, the Islamic resistance movement, in the Gaza Strip.

"So, Colin Powell is coming as

Israeli army Major General Dan Harel told a press briefing that the Israel Defense Forces could not complete the operation before Powell arrives.

"We won't be able to finish the job, period," Harel said. "It takes time."

As for a cease-fire, Sharon refuses to negotiate on political issues such as a Palestinian state while Israel is under attack. The Palestinians refuse to lay down their arms without some promise that their political aspirations will be addressed.

"If you want to succeed in a cease-fire, he (Powell) has to understand there needs to be a move toward cease-occupation," said Michael Tarazi, a legal adviser to the Palestinian negotiating team. He was referring to demands that Israel leave the West Bank and Gaza Strip and allow Palestinians to set up an independent state in those territories.

Many Palestinian officials, however, say that if Arafat declares a cease-fire, most Palestinians will abide by it.

"All our people will listen and agree to any decisions that President Arafat will take, including the cease-fire," said Ziad el-Sourany, an official of Arafat's Palestinian Authority in the Gaza Strip.

Arafat's status in the West Bank and Gaza Strip appears to have grown as he has been besieged by Israel and castigated by the United States.

Powell, who has not yet confirmed that he will meet Arafat, is bringing one new element to the table. Bush called on Arab governments last Thursday to get more involved with the search for peace, and the secretary of state will call on those leaders at the start of his trip.

But Alpher warned that none of the Arab states is prepared "to negotiate instead of Arafat on the Palestinian issue." That, he said, is what Bush appears to want.

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a public relations" exercise, Shanab said in an interview Sunday.

Powell himself tempered expectations for his trip in a series of television interviews Sunday.

He told Fox News Sunday that he hopes to start a dialogue between the two sides and would be "absolutely delighted and very pleased to get a cease-fire in place in the not-too-distant future."

But that is not going to happen in a day or a week, he said.

The secretary of state would not predict when Israel would comply with Bush's call on Sharon to withdraw "without delay" from Palestinian areas.

"We hope it will not be ignored, I am quite sure it will not be ignored," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Bush cannot give orders to Sharon, but the Israeli leader knows what a good friend the U.S. has been, he said.

Israel increasingly views the military operation as a resounding success, having uncovered what it calls a "terrorist infrastructure" of personnel, money and weapons and having stopped, at least temporarily, the near-daily suicide bombings that were killing large numbers of Israeli civilians.

Sharon convened his Cabinet on Sunday to discuss the campaign. A communique issued afterward made no mention of U.S. demands for a halt.

PRIZER, FROM PAGE 4

the second day, who will take it on the fifth day? And if Nick takes the exam first, who will not be confused by this type of question?

I kid you not; that is about as easy as they get.

After four hours of attempting confusing questions like the one above, determining the opposite of words like nuncupative, and answering math questions (they're all impossible for me), I was ready to be done. I just wanted my score.

And then, before I could say "I know I am a moron," my scores were on the screen in front of me. Shocked, I noticed that my verbal score was by far the lowest of all three. I did 100 points better on the math and 120 points better on the analytical than I did on the verbal.

Quite clearly, the GRE, like all standardized tests, sheds no light on the abilities of any student. I will still speak of my mathematical

illiteracy, my analytical confusion, and my verbal genius. Though the GRE attempts to show grad schools your intelligence and areas of forte, it simply does not. In fact, in my case, it got it backwards.

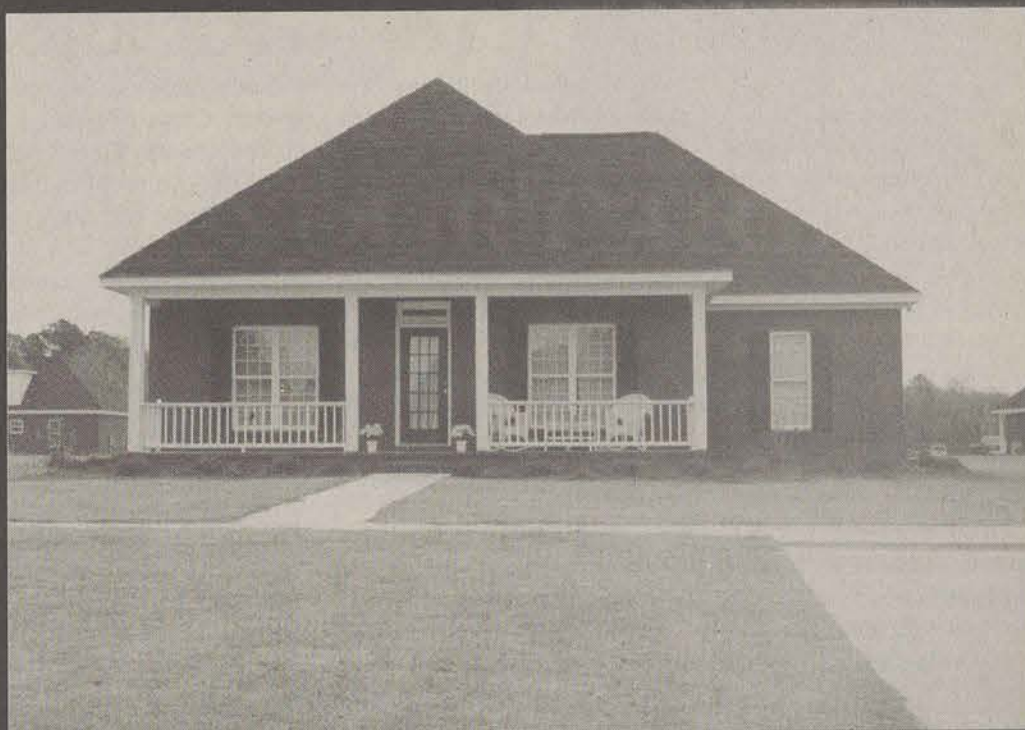
Fortunately, my score was nonetheless high enough to get me accepted into the graduate school and to qualify me for an assistantship, but for entirely the wrong reasons.

My advice: if you are a verbal whiz kid, don't worry about the math. Study up on your verbal skills. If you are a mathematical genius, don't worry about the verbal. You'll do fine. The math is what you should worry about.

It's backwards, I know, but that's the way it is.

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Lady Eagles dominate ETSU

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern used two Stacie Cooper home runs in game one and a nine-run bottom of the fourth in game two to sweep East Tennessee State 5-1, and 11-3 to move to 9-2 in the Southern Conference. The Eagles hit five home runs on the day, and have hit ten home runs in the last five games.

Georgia Southern (17-23, 9-2 SoCon) jumped out to a 2-0 lead with one swing of the bat in the bottom of the third inning. Christi Aitken drew a one-out walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Julie Peel. Cooper took the very next pitch over the left center field wall to give the Eagles a two-run advantage.

East Tennessee State (14-21, 4-7 SoCon) answered with a run in the top of the fourth on Danielle Spetar's fourth home run of the season. The Bucs loaded the bases, but Aimee Littlejohn struck out Lindsay Lane to end the ETSU fourth-inning rally.

GSU added a run in the bottom of the fourth and bottom of the fifth. Kim Griffin led off the fourth with a double and moved to third on Crystal Crews' fly out to the warning track in center. Littlejohn followed by lifting a sacrifice fly to left, and Griffin beat the throw with a head-first dive. With one out in the fifth, Cooper hit her second home run in as many at-bats, a solo shot to left field.

The Eagles closed out the scoring in the top of the sixth, when Griffin scored on a ground ball fielder's choice off the bat of Littlejohn.

Cooper finished the game 2-3 with three RBI's, while Littlejohn drove in the other two runs. Littlejohn earned the complete game win for the Eagles, striking out eight. Four Buccaneers recorded one hit each, with Spetar's homer accounting for all the scoring.

ETSU tallied first in game two, pushing across a run in the top of the second. Amy Moore singled home Mary Beth Hazelwood to put the Buccaneers ahead 1-0.

The Eagles answered in the bottom of the fourth with nine runs and three more home runs. Cooper hit her third home run of the afternoon, a solo shot to left, to lead off the inning. Meghan Correia followed with a walk, and Kelly Blazi hit her second home run of the season to give GSU a 3-1 lead. After a pop out, Crystal Crews hit her sixth home run of the season, a new single-season record. The Eagles added five more runs in the inning, completing the scoring on Crews' base hit that scored Correia.

Aitken, Crews and Correia led the Eagles with two hits each to pace the ten-hit attack. Crews picked up her eighth win of the season, striking out eight.

Georgia Southern and East Tennessee State conclude the three-game series Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Eagle Field.

Crystal Crews broke the Georgia Southern single-season home run record with her seventh dinger of the season in the bottom of the seventh to give GSU a 1-0 win over East Tennessee State Sunday afternoon and move the Eagles to 10-2 in the Southern Conference.

With one out for Georgia Southern (18-23, 10-2 SoCon) in a

scoreless game in the bottom of the seventh, Crews rifled a 1-2 pitch the opposite way to right field for the game-winning and record breaking home run. The previous record of six was held by four different Eagles, and Crews tied the mark yesterday with a homer in the second game of the double header.

East Tennessee State (14-22, 4-8 SoCon) had its best chance to score in the top of the sixth. Miranda Byerly drew a leadoff walk and pinch-runner Lindsay Lane moved to second on a wild pitch. Tiffany Vandergriff laced a single to short center field, but Eagle center fielder Julie Peel hit catcher Suzanne Pansulla on the fly to retire Lane at the plate.

Stacie Cooper, who hit three home runs in the series, led the Eagles with two hits, while Julie Peel went 1-2 with a double. Aimee Littlejohn earned her second win of the series and her eighth of the season, allowing three hits and striking out five. Danielle Spetar paced the Buccaneers with two hits, raising her series average to .444.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Saturday in a Southern Conference series at Appalachian State. The Eagles and Mountaineers play two on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m., with the third game of the series coming on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

SOCON POWERHOUSE: With the conference victory, the Lady Eagles have dominated the Southern Conference this season and have a SoCon record of 10-2.

GSU Golf 24th at ASU

G-A News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tennessee shot an eye-popping 21-under to take a five-stroke lead over Wake Forest after two rounds of the Cleveland Golf/ASU Invitational Saturday at Forest Hills Golf Club.

Tennessee's David Skinnis fired rounds of 66-67 for a total of 11-under 133, good enough for a two-stroke lead over Georgia's Ryan Hybl. Skinnis' two-round score set a new tournament record, as did the Volunteers' second-round team total of 18-under 272. The Vols are one of 13 teams at even par or better heading into Sunday's third and final round.

Georgia Southern senior Justin Kolumber carded solid rounds of 72-70 for a total of two-under 142, good for a tie for 24th place, to lead the Eagles to rounds of 293-287 and a 36-hole total of four-over 580. GSU is tied with USC-Aiken for 15th place in the 18-team field.

Eagle freshman Aron Price — one of eight golfers tied for 35th place — is just two shots back of Kolumber at even-par 144 (73-71). Sophomore Tyler McKeever is tied for 44th after shooting 73-72 for a total of one-over 145. David Elmore (77-74) and Travis Mobley (75-76) are tied for 75th at seven-over 151.

Georgia Southern's first tee time in Sunday's third and final round is set for 9:45 a.m.

Men's Tennis defeats, women fall to App. St.

G-A News Service

The Appalachian State tennis team (8-11, 2-6 SoCon) was defeated by Georgia Southern (8-8, 4-3 SoCon) by a score of 5-2 in Boone, N.C. on Saturday.

Georgia Southern won the doubles point and four of six singles matches to take the win.

The Eagles will play at East Tennessee State on Sunday.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 5, APPALACHIAN STATE 2
Singles

1. Wojciech Nowak (GSU) d. Doug Ormsby (ASU); 6-3, 6-0
2. Mark Finnegan (GSU) d. Ben Shuster (ASU); 6-3, 6-2
3. Uli Ebersperger (GSU) d. Robbie Ormsby (ASU); 6-3, 6-4
4. Alon Cohen (ASU) d. Noah Tyler (GSU); 6-4, 6-4
5. Danie Van Den Heever (GSU) d. Jacob Stapleton (ASU); 6-4, 6-4
6. Jason Nius (ASU) d. Stephen Dubinski (GSU); 6-3, 3-6, 7-6

Doubles

1. Nowak/ Finnegan (GSU) d. D.Ormsby/Shuster (ASU) 8-2
2. Van Den Heever/ Williams (GSU) d. R.Ormsby/Cohen (ASU) 8-3
3. Derrick Boone/Stapleton (ASU) d. Tyler/Ebersperger (GSU) 8-4

Georgia Southern's women fell to Appalachian State, 5-2, Saturday in Southern Conference action in Boone. The loss drops the Eagles to 3-12 on the season 1-5 in the SoCon.

In doubles, Georgia Southern's No. 2 team of Charlotte Bruneteaux and Brooke McNamee won over Melissa Burgette and Elena Berger, 8-4, but the Lady Mountaineers took the other two matches to claim the doubles point.

In singles, Amy Bartlett topped Tammy Beaulieu, 6-2, 6-3 and Sally Williams at No. 6 defeated Burgette, 6-1, 6-0 to account for the Eagles wins.

Georgia Southern travels to East Tennessee State on Sunday.

APPALACHIAN 5, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2
Doubles

1. Beaulieu/ Fayad (ASU) def Bartlett/Ward (GSU) 8-4
 2. Bruneteaux/McNamee (GSU) def Burgette/Berger (ASU) 8-4
 3. Finkowska-Altenburger (ASU) def Williams-Iqbal (GSU) 8-4
- Singles
1. Amy Bartlett (GSU) def Tammy Beaulieu (ASU) 6-2, 6-3
 2. Elena Berger (ASU) def Sarah Iqbal (GSU) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3
 3. Kasia Finkowska (ASU) def Brooke McNamee (GSU) 6-1, 6-4
 4. Jennifer Fayad (ASU) def Charlotte Bruneteaux (GSU) 6-4, 6-3
 5. Donna Altenburger (ASU) def Callie Ward (GSU) 6-3, 6-4
 6. Sally Williams (GSU) def Melissa Burgette (ASU) 6-1, 6-0

Eagle Baseball stumbles in tripleheader

G-A News Service

Matt Traylor smacked a lead-off home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give East Tennessee State a 9-8 Southern Conference victory over Georgia Southern Friday night at Howard Johnson Field.

Georgia Southern (21-13, 9-4) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as Rocky Baker sent a 1-0 pitch from Buccaneer starter Donnie Sharp over the left field wall for his sixth home run of the season.

East Tennessee State (8-19, 2-8) answered with a single run in the bottom of the frame to tie the game at 1-1. Traylor opened the inning with a walk, moved to second on a Caleb Moore sacrifice

bunt and to third on a failed pickoff attempt. Davis Burklin drove in Traylor with an infield single. Georgia Southern starter Brian Rogers was lifted from the game after walking Traylor due to tightness in his shoulder. Baker put the Eagles back on top in the second with a RBI-single to score Brendan Gilligan, who reached first on a one-out hit and stole second before a walk and hit batter loaded the bases.

Georgia Southern regained the lead in the third inning, on a pair of two-out RBI hits, before ETSU took its first lead of the night in the bottom of the inning as it jumped out to a 6-4 advantage. Moore opened the inning by reaching on a Baker fielder's choice before moving to second on Brandon Cross' single. Kirk Keithley drove in both runners with a double to right-center and moved to third on Tim Turner's ground out. A Comstock balk scored Keithley prior to back-to-back doubles by Terry and Michael Giroud for the final run of the frame.

The Eagles, greeted Buccaneer reliever Jarrod Hyder (2-0) by scoring a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to cut their deficit to 8-6. Baker reached on a one-out single and moved to second when Jemel Spearman reached on a fielding error by Giroud. After a



LaVene Bell/STAFF

NOT THEIR WEEKEND: The Eagles traveled to East Tennessee State and stumbled during the three game series, the Eagles lost all three Conference games.

groundout by Grant Burruss, Herring singled to right to drive in both Baker and Spearman.

Georgia Southern tied the game in the seventh as Gilligan singled to open the frame and came around to score on a Kirk Keitl's sacrifice bunt and to third on a ground out by Jeremy Terry. Michael Giroud followed with a single through the rightside of the infield to score Cross.

For the second straight day, Matt Traylor hit a game-winning home run as East Tennessee State defeated Georgia Southern 5-3 in Southern Conference action Saturday afternoon at Howard Johnson Field.

East Tennessee State (9-19, 3-8) jumped out to 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning as Tim Turner reached on a Chad Hall fielding error and stole second before moving to third on Traylor's groundout. Caleb Moore drove in Turner with the Bucs' first hit of the day, a high chopper to second base.

Georgia Southern (21-14, 9-5) used a pair of runs to take a 2-1 edge in the top of the seventh inning. Chris Walker led off the inning with a single through the leftside of the infield and came around to score on Rocky Baker's triple to left. Jemel Spearman followed with a base hit to right to drive in Baker and moved to second

when rightfielder Kirk Keithley was unable to cleanly field the ball. After moving over to third on a groundout by Matt Herring, Spearman crossed the plate on Grant Burruss' sacrifice fly.

Georgia Southern starter Dennis Dove allowed just two hits and one unearned run in seven innings of work. The sophomore right-hander walked two and struck out six.

Sophomore left-handed pitcher Tim Turner scattered seven hits in eight-plus innings of work to lead East Tennessee State to a 5-4 Southern Conference victory over Georgia Southern Sunday afternoon at Howard Johnson Field.

Georgia Southern (21-15, 9-6) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning, when with one out, A.J. Zickgraf sent the first pitch he saw from Turner over the leftfield wall for his third home run of the season.

East Tennessee State (10-18, 4-8) answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the frame to tie the score at 1-1. Brandon Cross opened the inning by reaching on a Rocky Baker fielding error, moved to second on Kirk Keitl's sacrifice bunt and to third on a ground out by Jeremy Terry. Michael Giroud followed with a single through the rightside of the infield to score Cross.

The Eagles regained a one-run advantage in the top of the fourth, using Carlos Love's double to left-center and a run-scoring two-base hit by Zickgraf.

Georgia Southern cut its deficit to 5-4 in the top of the ninth as Baker doubled to lead off the inning prior to a Grant Burruss walk. Brendan Gilligan followed with a fielder's choice to move Baker to third setting up J.R. Revere's RBI-single to centerfield. Gilligan scored as Chad Hall's bloop hit down the right field line fell beyond the grasp of Cross.

Georgia Southern was led at the plate by Zickgraf, who picked up three hits in three at bats with a pair of RBI on the day.

Georgia Southern returns to action Tuesday, April 9th when it hosts Mercer in a non-conference matchup beginning at 7:00 p.m. in J.I. Clements Stadium.

Austin leads charge in first scrimmage

G-A News Service

Freshman fullback Jermaine Austin rushed for a game-high 102 yards on nine carries while Trey Hunter and Chaz Williams, two sophomore quarterbacks both competing for a starting position, accounted for a combined three touchdowns and 159 yards of total offense to cap Georgia Southern's first full intra-squad scrimmage of the spring practice period Saturday morning at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

The Eagle offensive unit operated without the services of two starting offensive linemen, including All-Southern Conference performer James McCoy (class project) but still managed to pick up 601 total yards on 113 attempts, an average of 5.3 yards per play. However, despite surrendering six scores, a determined Georgia Southern defense forced seven turnovers — two on pass interceptions and five on fumble recoveries — during the 120-play simulated game which featured competition between the Eagles' first, second and third teams.

Offensively, freshman fullback Brandon Andrews ran for an additional 90 yards and one touchdown on six carries while Hunter and Williams added 41 and 23 rushing yards on 18 and 13 attempts, respectively. Junior quarterback Melvin Cox contributed 44 ground yards and one score on 16 rushes.

The offensive unit's scores came on a pair of passes and four runs. Hunter connected with P.J. Cantrell on a 12-yard strike while Williams successfully hit Cantrell on a six-yard TD throw.



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SPRING PREP: The Eagles competed in their first team scrimmage Saturday in preparation for the fall 2002 season.

Hunter (one yard), Cox (three yards), Andrews (65 yards) and Mark Myers (five yards) accounted for the Eagles' rushing touchdowns. In all, GSU rushed 94 times for 461 yards (4.9 ypr) while completing 9-of-19 passes for 140 yards.

Freshman fullback Benjie Shirah added 48 rush yards on seven attempts while sophomore fullback Hakim Ford picked up an additional 28 yards on eight carries. Junior slotback Andrew Dornhecker (24), senior slotback Levon Jones (19) and senior slotback Zcream Walden (17) also contributed 15 or more rushing yards each during the scrimmage.

Senior wide receiver Anthony Williams led all pass catchers with four receptions for 60 yards while junior wide receiver Carl Kearney had one catch for 38 yards and sophomore wide receiver Cantrell added 18 yards on a pair of scoring catches.

Defensively, freshman walk-on linebacker T.J. Rutledge led the squad

with 10 tackles and a fumble recovery. Sophomore nose tackle Eric McIntire contributed six stops while junior linebacker Justin Godsey, senior linebacker Michael Ward and freshman cornerback Terence McBride added five tackles each. In addition, the Eagle defense benefitted from pass interceptions by Godsey and sophomore cornerback Ronnie Abrams.

"I was really impressed with the tempo and the way we flew around the ball today — on both sides," head coach Mike Sewak said. "We had a lot of young guys trying to establish themselves today and, for the most part, I thought they handled it well. I thought we certainly showed some big-play capabilities on offense, but at the same time, we put the ball on the ground way too often to be successful. Defensively, we got after it pretty well and forced turnovers, which is something positive."



A new kind of test at Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. -- The green jacket Tiger Woods slipped over his shoulders after winning his first Masters was a size 42 long. It was a loose fit for the 21-year-old champion, but that was by design.

"A lot of the guys say they get larger as they get older," Woods said.

The same holds true for Augusta National Golf Club.

About a month after Woods walked away from the Masters with his fourth straight major championship, the bulldozers moved in. Half

of the 18 holes were lengthened. Bunkers were stretched and deepened. Tees were shifted to sharpen the doglegs.

The result?

A golf course built 70 years ago on a former nursery is all grown up.

"Every year, you always see small adjustments," two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw said. "This year, we're in for something entirely different."

Woods is the defending champion when the 66th Masters begins this week. Jack Nicklaus has a bad back and will not play for only the second time in 44 years. Greg Norman has been offered another chance at a green jacket. Phil Mickelson still hasn't won a major.

Everything else about this year's Masters is uncertain. The anticipation building for this year's tournament is not so much who will win, but how.

"You've got to really play well now to break 70," Ernie Els said. "If we have a little bit of weather come through ... you could see even par winning if it's really tough."

Augusta still blends the majestic beauty of its azaleas and dogwoods with the most frightening putting surfaces on earth, so slick and severe that sometimes a player has to putt with his back to the hole if he winds up in the wrong spot.

Now, imagine trying to hit into those contoured greens with longer clubs.

"If I hit a good drive, I had a wedge to a front pin. Now it's a 6-iron, so that should tell you something," former Masters champion Vijay Singh said about No. 11, already one of the toughest par 4s at Augusta before an extra 35 yards stretched it to 490 yards.

The fairway bunkers on Nos. 1 and 18 were nothing more than a nuisance for the big hitters. Now, getting over them requires a drive that goes more than 300 yards in the air.

The most significant change might be No. 18, where the options off the tee on the uphill, 465-yard hole are simple stay away from the double bunker on the left side, without getting too close to the pine trees on the right side.

No wonder Woods thinks the course will play one or two shots harder worse if there is a lot of wind, and there usually is at Augusta.

"I don't think the scores will be as low," Woods said. "Instead of making birdies and eagles on a lot of the holes, I think what you're going to find is par can be a good score."

Woods set the 72-hole record in the Masters when he won in 1997 at 18-under-par 270, despite a 40 on his opening nine holes. He completed his own version of the Grand Slam last year at 272 to defeat David Duval and Mickelson.

Despite only one victory this year, Woods will be the favorite to win his third green jacket and join Jack Nicklaus and Nick Faldo as the only repeat champions of the Masters.

As for the other favorites, some believe the list is short.

"If you're not considered a long hitter, you've got no chance. I mean, no chance," Stuart Appleby of Australia said. "Otherwise, you'd have to be almost perfect, and Augusta doesn't let you stay perfect for four days."

Change this drastic at Augusta

National was inevitable.

Players have become more athletic. They get better training at a younger age. Combine that with rapid advances in equipment (balls, clubs, shafts), and club chairman Hootie Johnson believed the course had no option but to get longer, stronger, tougher.

Johnson was at Amen Corner last year when Mickelson hit a tee shot on the 455-yard 11th hole that stopped rolling next to a sprinkler.

He ducked under the ropes to check the yardage on the sprinkler

big hitters. Length never hurts, but it didn't stop Bernhard Langer (twice), Jose Maria Olazabal (twice), Nick Faldo (three times) or Mark O'Meara from winning.

"It really doesn't matter if you're long or short at Augusta," Woods said. "Whoever is playing well is going to be in contention. The long

hitters do have an advantage of the par 5s because they can get there in two. But they've still got to putt."

Augusta National should test every skill from opening tee shot to the final approach. The premium is on driving, ball-striking, short game, putting and always thinking.

"I always thought the Masters was the toughest mentally, because there's always such a fine line between success and failure on every shot," Stewart Cink said. "You're riding the knife's edge on every single shot."

The greatest change of all could be the fireworks on the back nine Sunday at Augusta, where Nicklaus shot a 30 in 1986 to claim his sixth green jacket, and where Norman had a 40 during his horrific meltdown 10 years later.

Instead, the premium might be on par, just like in a U.S. Open, which is regarded as the toughest test in golf.

"You're going to see a lot more bogeys, that's for sure," Mark Calcavecchia said. "And you're going to see a lot less birdies, especially coming down the stretch. It's going to be really tough and really long. That's what you want for your Masters champion."

"You don't want somebody slinging it around there and winning because he had a good week putting," he said. "Whoever wins that tournament is going to have to have it all."

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and found Mickelson had only 94 yards left to the green.

The final straw was the final swing by Woods -- a lob wedge from 75 yards away.

Still, this isn't about "Tiger-proofing" the golf course. When asked if Augusta National would look like this if Woods had taken up a different sport, Johnson didn't hesitate.

"The game called for the changes," Johnson said. "It wasn't Tiger Woods. I told Tiger when he was here, 'We're doing this for the young boys.' They're hitting the ball, all of them, over 300 yards."

That leads many to wonder whether the short knockers stand a chance. Crenshaw is among those who believe only a select group of players can seriously contend.

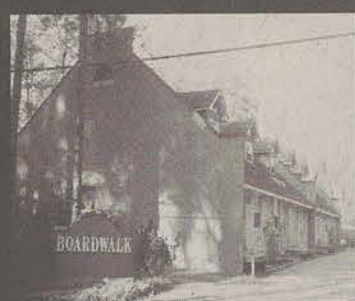
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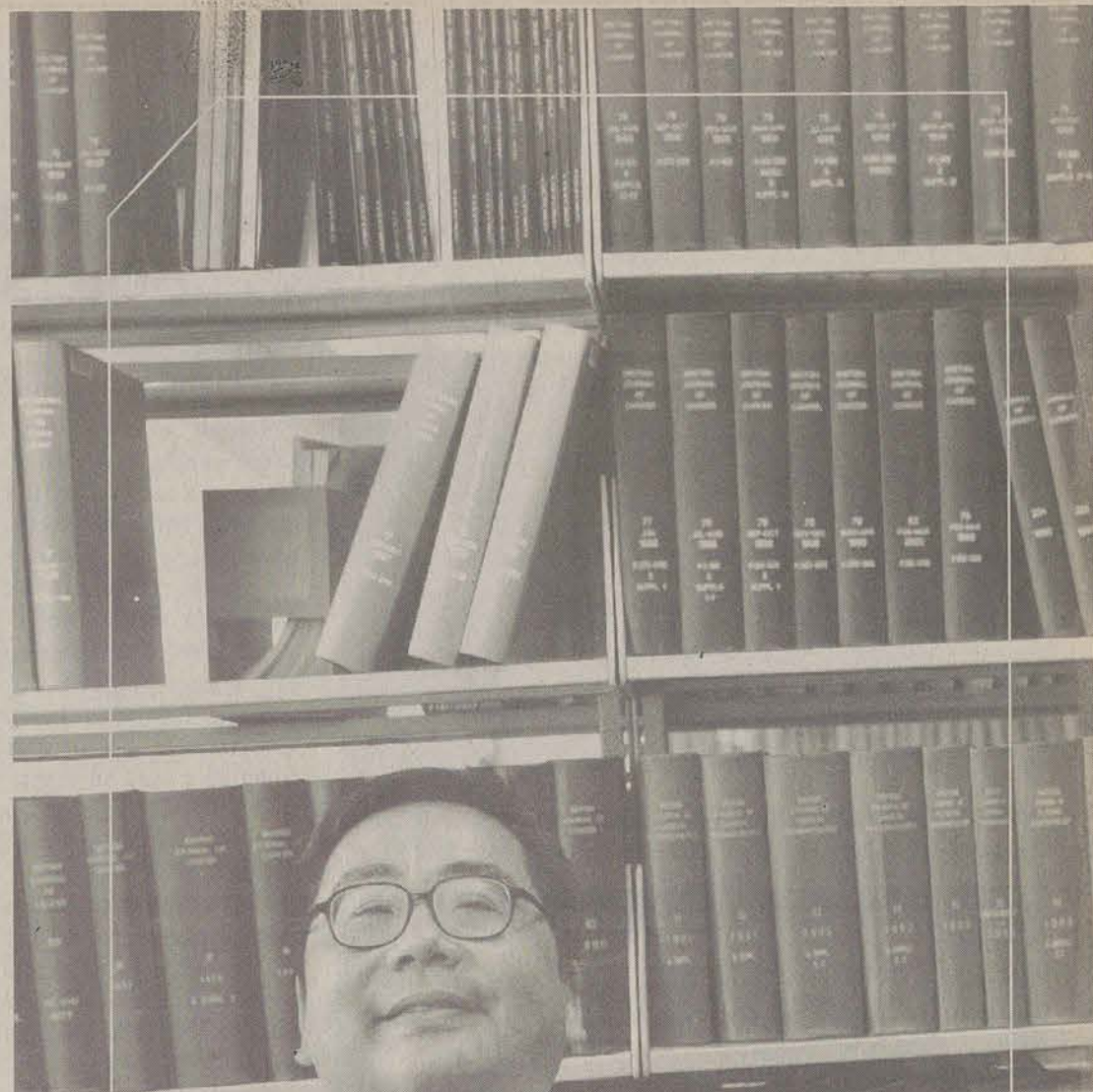


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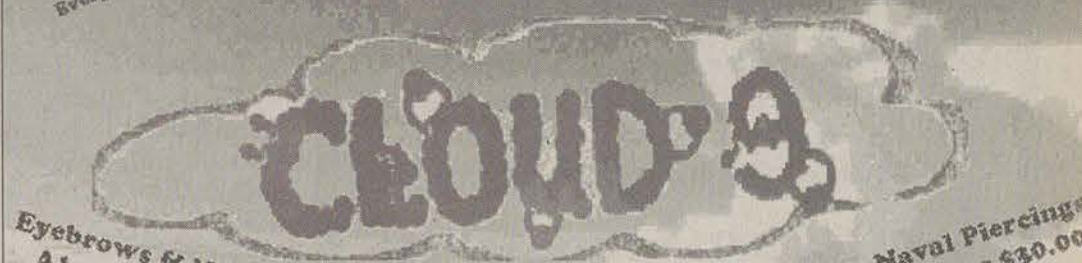
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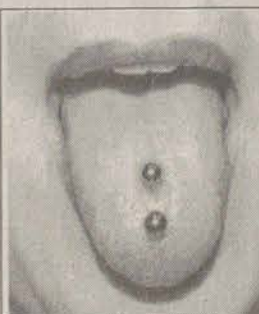


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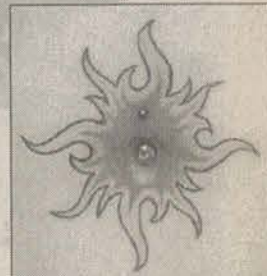
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Letterman gag finally pays off: John Ashcroft is booked for 'Late Show'



LETTERMAN FACES THE LAW: After weeks of poking fun at Attorney General John Ashcroft, the lawmaker will get to fight back.

KRT Campus

David Letterman has been firing away at the nation's top lawman. Now, the law is striking back. For weeks, Letterman has regularly been poking fun at Attorney General John Ashcroft's singing voice - or lack thereof - on his late night CBS telecast.

Since February, Letterman has played a clip of Ashcroft crooning a song he wrote, "Let the Eagle Soar," before a group of North Carolina theological students.

On Tuesday, Ashcroft will finally get his turn to answer back. "The attorney general has a good sense of humor," said Mark Corallo, an Ashcroft spokesman.

Corallo would not discuss how show producers persuaded Ashcroft to appear, or how long they had been pursuing the government official.

"I don't think they would want me to get into a discussion about that," Corallo said. "We all decided it would be fun."

Letterman officials could not be reached. However, a show spokesman said Letterman & Co. were delighted that Ashcroft had agreed to come on.

In early February, Letterman's team got hold of a clip of the attorney general singing while at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in North Carolina. Ashcroft, it seems, has been singing for a while: When he was a Missouri senator, he was also a member of the Singing Senators, a group of politicians who could carry a tune - or tried to.

Exactly what Ashcroft will do on the show hasn't been settled, according to a source. Corallo also declined to discuss Ashcroft's plans for the show.

Also appearing on Tuesday's telecast will be child actor Dee Dee Davis, who currently appears on Fox's "The Bernie Mac Show."

No musical act is scheduled for the show, leading to speculation that Ashcroft, known for his stiff press conference appearances, may actually sing, too.

"Mr. Letterman has been having a lot of fun at the attorney general's expense," Corallo said. "And we just thought he might as well get to meet him in person."

Ashcroft's visit coincides with a previously planned trip to Ground Zero, according to Corallo. Ashcroft hasn't been to the site since he visited a few days after Sept. 11.

It will be Ashcroft's first appearance on an entertainment talk show of any kind, according to Corallo.

And because he's a public official, he'll have to pass up the standard appearance fee earned by most guests, which amounts to a few hundred bucks.

Ashcroft is not the first political figure to go head-to-head with Letterman.

President Bush appeared on the show while he was running for office. As did former Vice President Al Gore, Sen. Hillary Clinton, Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain, and such folks as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and current Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Psycho-thriller 'Vanilla Sky' wows, confuses audiences with 'Twilight Zone'-like story

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Monet's painting "Vanilla Sky" sets the tone from Cameron Crowe's newest flick of the same name. Crowe, who directed "Jerry Maguire" and "Almost Famous," blends his love for vintage rock and story telling in this 2001 psycho-thriller.

Starring in this movie is Tom Cruise as David Aames. Aames seems to have everything. He runs an inherited publishing firm; he lives lavishly in a loft in the middle of Manhattan; and he has a "cut pal" that gives him sex at his will. His charisma is quite evident as he is able to be a playboy openly, run his company very nonchalantly and still be liked by nearly everyone he comes in contact with. What's not to like? He's attractive and a multi-millionaire.

With a story that reads like a cross between "The Twilight Zone" and "Fatal Attraction," the movie takes very awkward turns that leaves the audience extremely confused. Point blank the confusion starts within the first 20 minutes of the movie's beginning.

David Aames (Cruise) has a birthday party. At the party he meets the "beautiful" Sophia, who is played by Penelope Cruz. He is immediately smitten. To the dismay of his "cut pal" Julia, played by Cameron Diaz, he starts to flirt with her intensely and eventually going back to Sophia's apartment for the night. The two talk for the whole night. The next morning, as David leaves, he is met by Julia on the street. She asks him to

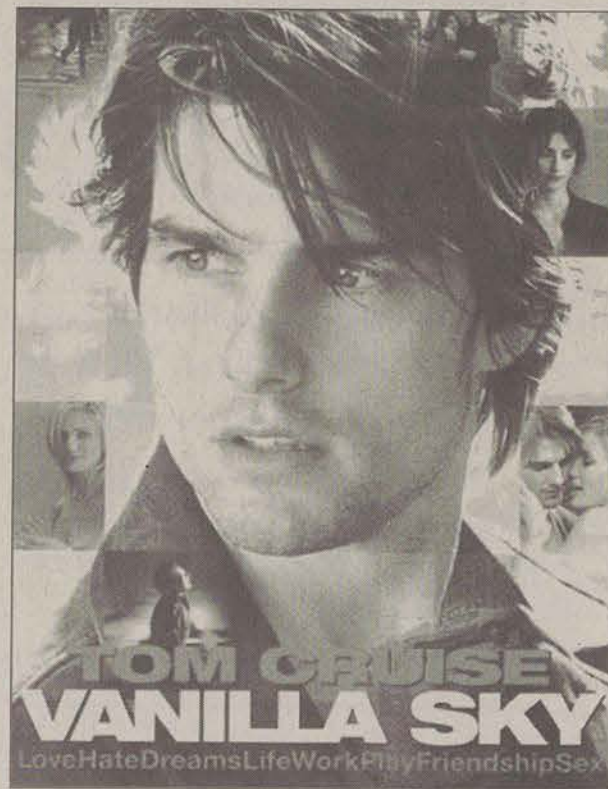
get in the car with her and he complies. In a scene that was one the best the movie has to offer, Julie careens off a bridge and crashes the car into a wall after a jealous rage. The crash leaves Julia dead and David alive but very disfigured. This is where it

doesn't help lend any insight with the blend of the two.

This movie is interesting, to say the least. The visuals are wonderful, and the makeup Cruise wears for his disfigured face is quite realistic. But a movie just can't strive on these two element alone. The dialogue was horrific and the acting was not even to soap opera standards. This goes for one person in particular: Penelope Cruz. Her grasp of the English language is not there. And probably the only reason why she has the role was because she played the same one in the Spanish version "Abre los Ojos" (Open Your Eyes) that the movie was based on. But in contrast to Cruz's acting, Cameron Diaz's delicious portrayal of a scorned lover, is probably one of the best moments in the movie.

There is only one real reason to see this movie. And that is the real attraction between Cruise and Cruz. (This is the movie that broke up Tom's marriage.) But if Hollywood gos-

sip isn't top priority, then "Vanilla Sky" really isn't worth seeing. The plot becomes a little far fetched. And with all intentions of being a thought provoking piece, this movie just comes off as confusing. The turns are too much to handle and if a viewer must see it, it requires a subsequent second and third viewing just to get a sense of the plot. And even then it's still baffling. This is almost as bad as Tom Cruise's other flick "Eyes Wide Shut." But it does leave the viewer with a sense that everything that is real usually isn't and that "Life is but a dream..."



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HUH?: Cameron Crowe's latest, 'Vanilla Sky,' has a storyline that will leave you guessing.

'Scooby-Doo' filmmakers have worries about backlash from fans

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Warner Bros. has unleashed the first look at the official movie poster of the live-action version of the comic strip "Scooby-Doo" in theaters and on trailers.

The studio and filmmakers know that bringing the popular talking dog to life is a huge challenge because it's based on a TV cartoon that's a multi-generational favorite since the 1970s. The hippie-like Mystery Machine van and ghost-chasing youths being brought to life have fallen under early Internet criticism even before anyone has seen any of the film footage, mainly because fans worry that the computerized dog in the film won't remain faithful to the show.

"We know it's a tough challenge," said producer Chuck Roven. "We're going to use some animatronics with his head and paws, but we want you to think he's a living breathing real dog."

Roven said that 95 percent of the film will have the Great Dane as computer-generated, but he hopes viewers won't be able to tell the difference. They're working behind the scenes on the film footage to make that transition seem seamless.

"Scooby-Doo" comes to life with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star Sarah

Michelle Gellar as Daphne, the red-head; Freddie Prinze Jr. in dyed blond hair as Freddie; "Scream" star Matthew Lillard as the beloved Shaggy; and "Freaky and Geeks" star Linda Cardellini as Velma.

ing commonplace lately. Peter Jackson, who's directing "The Lord of the Rings" movies, says that he's concerned about Golem, a fully computerized character who's appearing in the next installment of the movie, scheduled for next Christmas.

Even mastermind of digital animation George Lucas gets criticized for using special effects. His fully computer-animated Jar Jar Binks in the last "Star Wars" installment was severely lambasted by fans; some even edited their own versions of the movie with that character excised from it. So producer Roven and director Raja Gosnell ("Big Momma's House") are particularly sensitive to the concerns of the avid "Scooby" fans.

"I grew up with Shaggy and Scooby and to bring him to life is a dream come true," said Gosnell. "And I knew there would be concern by the 'Scooby-Doo' fans, so I want to remain faithful to the idea, but give the characters some more dimensions to the characters that we all grew up with."

The cartoon formula had the four-some and the dog run into mysteries that usually involved ghosts and ended with a chase where they uncovered the real bad guys. The original Shaggy was voiced by radio personality Casey Kasem, and the name of the show came up when a writer heard Frank Sinatra riff "scooby-doobie-doo" on "Strangers in the Night." The rest is legend, and it's that legend the filmmakers have to live up to when bringing the dog to life.

"This is going to be my toughest role," says Lillard, who's co-starred with Prinze in four films. "I mean, this guy is legendary and I'm either going to fall flat on my face or be known as Shaggy forever."

John Cox Creature Workshop and Jim Henson's Creature Shop as well as the F/X House, Rhythm and Hues and the Warner Bros. Feature Animation team helped create the effects in the film, which is set for release June 14.



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SCOOPY-DOO: Will the film version of the popular television series satisfy fans or will it flop?

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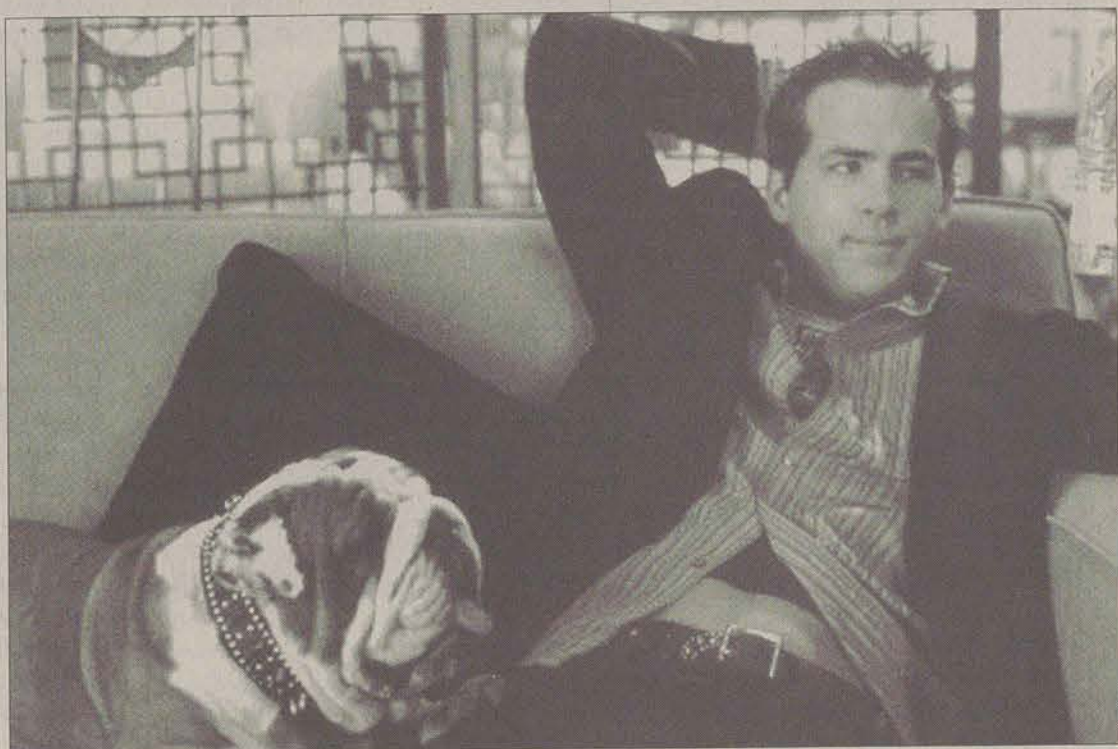
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'Van Wilder' updates the Lampoon college scene



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'VAN WILDER': After twenty some-odd years of waiting, National Lampoon hits the theaters with a college comedy destined for the pantheon of classic cinema.

By Adam Brady
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Get out the toga and leave the kids at home with the babysitter: those crazy Lampoon boys have done it again.

It probably would have been enough to have just left it at Animal House, but the National Lampoon college lifestyle seems to need a facelift every twenty years or so. Van Wilder puts a new nose and sets the cheekbones higher on the college comedy.

Though they did keep a few things like the stereotypical, evil-snickering fraternity clunk-head and the play-on-words last names of characters, much of the National Lampoon college scene has changed. The humor has been up-

dated with modern jokes that include water sprinklers, dog semen, and potty humor. So maybe it's not that modern, but what a difference twenty years makes.

The story is based around Van Wilder, collegiate for seven years. Through his trial and tribulations, he's still managed to stay in school to make hundreds of friends but never receiving a degree. Once his father discovers his son has still not managed to graduate, Van Wilder finds himself short of funding.

After failing with his original plan of "Topless Tutors," (The strip club owner wasn't happy with his girls making the extra income) Van still finds himself coming up short. It isn't until a

clever newspaper reporter by the name of Gwen declares Van "The Party Liaison," that he succeeds in finding a definite source of income from using what he calls "an undeniable ability to throw one hell of a party."

Though disaster strikes when he is accused of letting extremely underage children into one of his parties, the entire campus bands together to save him from expulsion.

The classic love story develops, around the Lampoon jokes and at moments squelches the humor. But the mirth makes it all the way through to the end, love story and all, to make another great college flick for the Lampoons.

Pens, not needles, mark Daytona spring breakers

KRT Campus

By the end of her spring break, Marcela Lomba had all the souvenirs she wanted: a rich, brown tan, a newly pierced belly button and a tattoo.

Not exactly.

The 19-year-old student from Western Connecticut University wanted to decorate her skin, but she wasn't ready to have a needle permanently mark her belly.

So she opted to have deep brown swirls of henna painted on her body instead. It'll last about as long as spring break.

"It is such a must to have this," she said, as she proudly displayed the art just above her bikini line. "Now I can show everyone how fun my spring break was."

Henna, a Middle Eastern plant with leaves that can be made into a dye, is a spring break fad. In the same shops loaded with T-shirts, beads and beer funnels, students can get henna designs that fade long before their next visit to Mom and Dad.

Call it body art for those shy of the long-term commitment of an inked-into-your-skin tattoo.

Though henna has become a modern-day fad, popularized in recent years by Demi Moore and Madonna, it's actually a very ancient tradition.

Henna has been used for 9,000 years in 60 different countries, said Catherine Cartwright-Jones, a doctoral candidate at Kent State University in Ohio and the author of several books on henna. Today, it is still used in the Middle East and India for festivals and weddings.

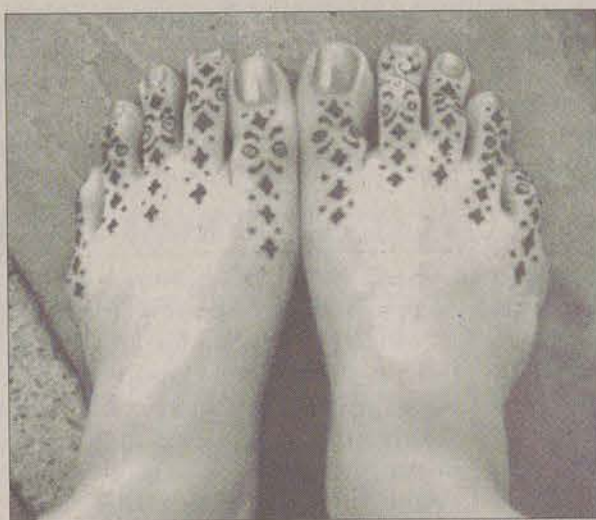
Revathi Iyengar, with the India Fine Arts Society in South Florida, said henna is believed to have medicinal properties and was common throughout the country. The bushes would grow wild in many neighborhoods.

Iyengar isn't upset about the new resurgence of henna among the spring

breakers.

"It's not an affront to use, although if the design is vulgar, then it would be repulsive to anyone, not just someone from India," she said.

Cartwright-Jones likens the historical use of henna to "household magic" - a decoration that was believed to ward off the evil eye and encourage fertility



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HENNA: Many Spring Breakers are choosing a safer, less painful, and non-permanent way of remembering their week of unbridled fun.

for a young bride. Its use traces back to the ancient goddess religions and spread during the advent of Islam. However, henna isn't tied to a religion, she said.

"It is not sacred. It is not found in sacred texts or applied to the body by priests or religious leaders," she said. "But it is a part of religious festivals, much the same way a Christmas tree isn't sacred, but it's considered part of Christmas."

Far from their college campuses, spring breakers don't seek henna for the history. They just want to decorate their bodies - an idea that doesn't stray far from what made henna popular in the first place.

In the heart of Daytona's party scene, a stereo booms with a thumping club-music beat at the Cruisin & Co. shop where Mike Salvatore works on his art. His tools: a small squirt bottle filled with henna formula and the tanned and salt-soaked skins of his customers.

Applying a thin layer of the deep

brown paste, Salvatore can draw butterflies, Chinese calligraphy, abstract tribal art, dragons, fraternity logos. And he can get as many as 50 spring break clients in a day.

"No needles, no regrets," said Salvatore, who started using henna two years ago when the fad first took hold. Since then, henna has remained popular among spring breakers in Daytona Beach, though his business varies during the season.

Nearly everyone getting henna uses it as an alternative to a tattoo, Salvatore said.

Loci Zsuppan, a 21-year-old student from Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, N.C., would like to get a tattoo that shows his pride in his Hungarian heritage. This time, he opted to try a henna version of the country's seal on his arm.

"I want the real thing, but I want to see if I like it first," Zsuppan said. With the thick layer still drying, Zsuppan was pleased

with the result.

However, Cartwright-Jones warned that some artists aren't using the authentic dye. Instead, they use "black henna," which contains poisonous chemicals known to cause severe allergic reactions or burns, she said. Her research has found 300 cases of bad scarring documented over the past several years. It can take a week for the skin reaction to occur.

Cartwright-Jones said there are ways to distinguish authentic henna from the dangerous dyes. For example, the true stuff isn't pure black, but turns brown or brick red.

"There is no need to outlaw henna because real henna doesn't cause the problem," she said.

When the henna is real, it can be a beautiful, safe decoration for the short time it lasts. And that's what the 19-year-old Lomba wanted.

"It's a way of expressing your personality and individuality," Lomba said.



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Out Week 2002 April 8 - August 12

Monday, April 8, 2002:

- G.L.B.T. Resource/Information Table
- Russell Union*
- Sponsored by The Triangle Club
- Panel Discussion: "The Many Faces of Gay Georgia Southern"
- 11:00 AM- *Russell Union Room 2047*
- Sponsored by the Out Week Planning Committee
- Facilitator- Ms. Zisca Burton, Writing and Linguistics
- This panel will illustrate how diverse and varied the gay community is.
- Movie: "If These Walls Could Talk 2"
- 8:00 PM- *Russell Union Theatre*
- Sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

- Presentation/Discussion: "Being an Ally: Supporting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Students at Georgia Southern"
- 12 noon- *Russell Union Room 2084*
- Sponsored by the Out Week Planning Committee.
- Facilitators- Dr. Chuck Zanone and Dr. Ellen Emerson, GSU Counseling Center
- This presentation and discussion will focus on ways that Georgia Southern faculty, staff, and students can support and affirm gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students on campus.

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

- "Guys To Dolls: Drag Queens or Transgendered"
- 11:30 AM- *Russell Union Room 2047*
- Sponsored by the Triangle Club. Presenters: Ms. Crystal Elkins and Mr. Jacob Warren, Co-Presidents Triangle Club
- This presentation documents the various aspects of drag in today's society.

Thursday, April 11, 2002

- How Can We Help Trevor?
- Sponsored by- The Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) - Southeast Georgia
- 12 noon- *Russell Union Room 2048*
- The program will consist of discussion focused on the question "How can we talk to middle school and high school aged students on sexuality?"

Friday, April 12, 2002

- Same-Sex Unions: A Journey from Early Christianity to Sarah's and Suzie's Wedding at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro
- Presenter- Dr. Jane A. Page, Department Chair- College of Education
- 12 noon PM *Russell Union Room 2047*



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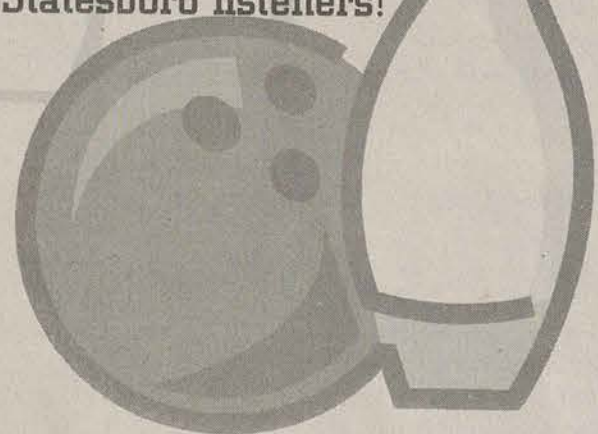
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Rocket fired at peacekeeping HQ in Kabul; mass graves found

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KABUL, Afghanistan—A rocket exploded Sunday near the headquarters of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan, an attack believed to be linked to an apparent conspiracy to destabilize Afghanistan's new government and to attack Western targets.

Also Sunday, the United Nations said it was investigating three mass graves found in Bamiyan believed to contain the bodies of ethnic Hazaras killed by the Taliban during the U.S. bombing campaign last year.

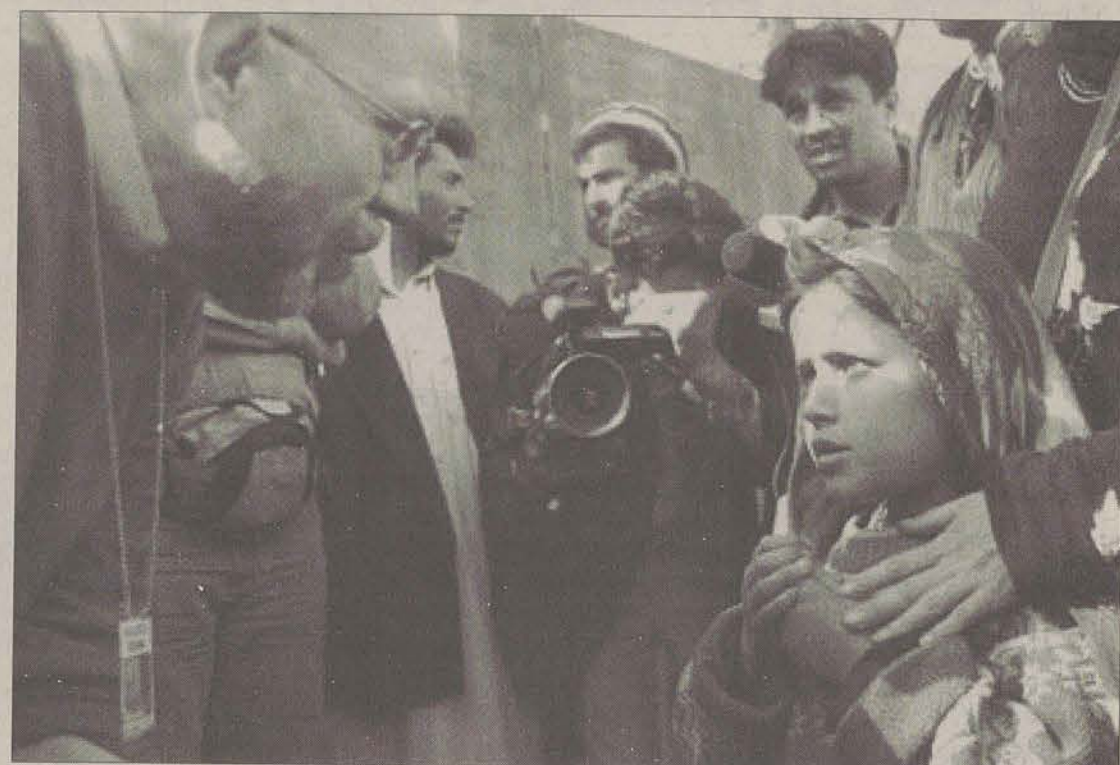
United Nations spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said the graves were found Friday night near the airport of the provincial capital of Bamiyan, about 80 miles northwest of Kabul.

"We do not yet know the number of bodies or exactly when they were buried. These graves were unknown until now," he said.

A UN team was dispatched to investigate the graves that residents found near the site of the famous giant Buddha destroyed by the Taliban two years ago. There was no immediate indication of the numbers of bodies in the graves.

Bamiyan has a long history of ethnic conflict between Hazaras and Pashtuns, Afghanistan's largest tribal group from whose ranks the Taliban were mainly drawn. In 1997, there were reports that Hazaras had massacred Pashtuns as the Taliban battled to seize control of the area. Several mass graves of Hazara victims have already been discovered.

Meanwhile, the Chinese-made 107 mm rocket, launched about 2:30 a.m. from an unknown location in the southeastern part of Kabul, missed the sprawling headquarters of the International



AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett

CASUALTIES OF WAR: Amina, 8, tells political officer Michael Metrinko about how she lost 16 family members in the U.S. led military campaign in Afghanistan on Sunday, April 7, outside of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. About 60 Afghans who were injured, lost family members, or their homes joined a demonstration calling for U.S. compensation to victims of the recent bombings.

Security Assistance Force on the eastern edge of the city. But it was evidently aimed at the force, spokesmen Lt. Col. Neal Peckham said.

It was only the second attack aimed at the 4,800 British-led peacekeepers since they deployed in the city in January, and followed reports last week that 160 people arrested by the Afghan authorities had been plotting to attack Western and government targets in Kabul.

ISAF spokesman Flight Lt. Tony Marshall said the force suspects a link

between the rocket attack and the alleged conspiracy, which is said to involve members of the Hezb-e-Islami, or Islamic Party, of former Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

"Our initial assessment is that rather than a group wishing to target ISAF in its own right, that perhaps this is in some way linked to the current situation in Kabul," Marshall said. "We believe that there is a link with this particular attack."

The attack came as 60 Afghan survivors of the U.S. bombing campaign late

last year petitioned the government for compensation for family members who were killed and homes that were destroyed when U.S. warplanes allegedly missed their targets. They gathered outside the gates of the U.S. Embassy to tell their stories and to file claims for compensation.

Privately, U.S. officials say the campaign is unlikely to succeed, but a groundswell of support for the victims' demands is building, including among some families of the American victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

AMERICAN INDIANS, FROM PAGE 1

men running for governor is a descendant of the famous Sitting Bull.

"In the near future, it is possible that we may have an Indian governor in South Dakota," he said.

"I think it's wonderful that we're making progress in this modern world, I'm all for that, but I also feel that it's important to protect those little things that define us as a people also."

For example, he said, Indian people define themselves by their tribe.

"I said earlier you can call me Sioux. I don't mind being called Sioux, I grew up being called Sioux, or sometimes just Indian boy, but Sioux isn't my name, that's what the French explorers called us."

"We were called Native Americans, but all of you are Native Americans, if you were born here, you're a Native American. Then they called us Indians, 'cause they said that's what Columbus called us. We had all these different names applied to us, but no one ever asked us what we wanted to be called," he said.

Dr. Bruguier also talked about the cultural stereotypes regarding Indian people, and how they affect them.

"You see people at sports events all dressed in the feathers and the paint and all that get-up, and they're drunk and

they're whooping and carrying on, that's not us, that's not what we do, but people see that on TV, and it just reinforces those stereotypes," he said.

a real Indian as the mascot for the day, teach them the right way to do that tomahawk chop thing," he joked.

When asked how he felt about cas-

"IF EVERYBODY WOULD LOOK INTO THEIR FAMILY BLOODLINE AND FIND OUT WHO THEIR ANCESTORS WERE, I THINK WE'D ALL FORGET THIS RACIAL SUPERIORITY BULLSHIT IN A MINUTE, BELIEVE ME."

— DR. LEONARD BRUGUIER, DIRECTOR OF THE
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES,
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"I grew up seeing the old movies with Indians and cowboys, we all did, and of course the Indians were the bad guys and the cowboys were there to save the day. But those images and stereotypes hurt, and when a stereotype hurts someone, it needs to be changed. It's that simple."

The same can be said for the different mascots, Bruguier said, though he said that if he'd had more time to attend a Braves game, he'd buy one of the foam tomahawks sold at the stadium.

"I'd love to ask if they'd like to have

nos, Dr. Bruguier said. "To me, the way I see it, it's all about economics. They do bring an increase in drug traffic, but on the other hand, they provided the stimulus to open a new mental health center to help people with issues of alcoholism and gambling. Some people don't like them, they say they're not a good thing to have, but they bring in about \$75 million a year that supplements the money we receive from the government as payment for the sovereign treaty our people signed years ago."

According to Dr. Bruguier, the last

census report estimated that there were about 1 million Indians in the U.S.

"Personally, I think it's more like 30 or 40 million Indians out there, because of all the intermarriage between the early white settlers and explorers and our people."

"See, the way I look at it, we all have the same kind of blood. If I go back through my family line and find out my great-great-great-great-grandmother was a French queen, and you go back through and find out your great-great-great-great-grandmother was a Cherokee princess, then we're really related."

"I think if everybody would look into their family bloodline and find out who their ancestors were, I think we'd all forget this racial superiority bullshit in a minute, believe me."

Nancy Shumaker, Director of the Center for International Studies, said, "We wanted to bring an American Indian scholar to Georgia Southern during International Week to recognize that our country is made up of many diverse cultures."

"We wanted to recognize that the American Indian culture is one of the most important, but most overlooked cultures in our country."

About 35 people turned out to hear Dr. Bruguier speak.

ALUMNI, FROM PAGE 1

its Alumna of the Year. MS. Dotson who graduated with both her bachelors and masters from Georgia Southern College in 1982 and 1983 respectively is currently working for the Center for Disease Control.

The Alumni Association, including the prestigious Alumnus of the Year, also

gave out awards. The Young Alumna of the year went to Ms. Angelica Aaron who graduated from GSU in 1991. Alumnus of the year in private Enterprise went to Mr. Max Manack who graduated in 1983 from GSC. The Friend of Georgia Southern award went to State Representative Bob Lane.

The Eagle Lifetime Achievement award went to State Representative Terry Coleman who was selected as one of the 100 most influential Georgians by Georgia Trend Magazine. The Alumnus of the year award was presented to Dan Cathy who is the President and COO of Chick-Fil-A and also a Georgia southern graduate.

Many of the events of the weekend also coincided with the annual Southern Says Thanks festival.

RACISM, FROM PAGE 1

Kathryn Mohrman, issued an open letter to the campus in which she decried the article as "hurtful and disappointing" and promised a number of initiatives to increase students' awareness of racial and ethnic issues, including an increase in funding for diversity programming and workshops for student leaders.

Later on Friday, Mohrman told the Gazette, "I was disappointed because we have high expectations about how people treat one another. And this didn't live up to that expectation. I'm hoping this will get a conversation flow-

ing that will make more real what we really mean when we talk about diversity and respect."

That's exactly what the two leaders of the Black Student Union wanted to hear. They think the publication of the article and their own experiences on campus reflect a lack of awareness of racial issues not only among the paper's staff but also among the student body and even the faculty. They said the article was particularly disappointing because the college has publicly identified racial diversity as one of its top four priorities.

The private college has 47 black students and a total of 317 minorities among its student body of 1,952.

"There is such a thing as assault by words," said former Black Student Union president Menelek Lumumba, a senior.

"And if you go to this college for four years and don't know about the power of words, then you weren't listening. Whoever wrote this put some thought into finding every possible way to use racist stereotypes to assault us."

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Israel fires on refugee camp near Jenin; Sharon defends campaign

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JERUSALEM - Amid a mounting death toll and growing international pressure, some Israeli officials reluctantly conceded Sunday that they will have to curtail their offensive in the West Bank and possibly drop plans to invade the Gaza Strip.

But urban combat still raged in many places, no signs of withdrawal appeared and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon defended a military campaign that has aroused criticism from many corners of the world, including the White House.

"We have no interest in dragging it out, but we have to do the job," Sharon told Israel Radio.

At least 14 Palestinians were killed Sunday in Nablus alone. The death toll so far: at least 200 Palestinians and 12 Israeli soldiers.

Early Monday morning, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at a refugee camp near Jenin, a northern West Bank city. Palestinian gunmen and about 100 fighters aligned with the Islamic Jihad terror group had offered heavy resistance in the camp, Israeli officials reported.

Later Sunday, Israelis along the northern border retreated to bomb shelters after Hezbollah guerrillas based in Lebanon opened fire on several villages and rockets pounded Israeli military sites on the Golan Heights.

Six Israeli soldiers were wounded during exchanges of fire with the guerrillas, a military spokesman said Sunday night. A second front clearly was active in the war now.

Sharon blamed Iran and Syria, and said Israel has issued warnings through diplomatic channels. "We

made clear that this ... could perhaps lead to a very big outbreak," he said.

Earlier, as he opened his weekly Cabinet meeting, Sharon offered no apologies for the invasion of the West Bank.

"This is a fateful battle ... a war for our homes, and I want to send my blessings to all those facing this battle," he said. "We have had many fallen."

Israeli military officials released a grim roster of the casualties: In addition to the dead, more than 1,500 Palestinians and 143 Israelis have been wounded.

Israeli officials also said that 1,413 Palestinians have been detained during the 10-day campaign, including 361 "wanted suspects."

Maj. Gen. Dan Harel, head of military operations, claimed that few Palestinian civilians perished and that nearly every Palestinian victim "died with a rifle in his hand or a suicide-bomb vest around his waist."

Palestinian leaders and many citizens disagreed, saying countless civilians had been killed in the Israeli offensive, which came after a series of suicide bombings and other attacks killed more than 125 people in March alone.

A Palestinian media report said Israeli soldiers "murdered" dozens of civilians in Jenin this weekend and many other noncombatants, including a 6-year-old girl and a 12-year-old girl, during shelling in Gaza, the Palestinian-controlled territory along the Mediterranean Sea. The reports could not be confirmed.

In addition to the battle in Jenin, heavy fighting continued Sunday in Nablus, also in the northern section of the West Bank, Israeli offi-

cials reported.

Fighters from the militant Hamas organization were mounting stiff resistance in the maze-like casbah, or market, of Nablus, the Israelis said.

At the same time, the standoff between Israeli troops outside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and 250 Palestinians inside that sacred spot stretched through a sixth day.

Meanwhile, with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell expected in Israel by week's end, some Israeli officials paid at least lip service to the Bush administration's demand that they begin the military withdrawal from the West Bank as soon as possible.

Israeli Cabinet Minister Matan Vilnai told Israel Radio that Israel "apparently will have to stop" the offensive by the time Powell arrives.

"It could be that we won't be able to enter new places that we planned on entering at this phase, for example, cities of the Gaza Strip," Vilnai said.

Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said Israel now had less time than once expected to complete its campaign. "Our hour-glass is running out," he said, but he added that Israel would not withdraw its forces immediately or all at once.

Sunday's Cabinet meeting ended with no outward sign that Sharon or his government would capitulate to world opinion.

"Israel, like any country in the world, has the right to defend itself against the cruel terror operated against it from a center of terror found only a number of kilometers from its population centers ...," the



REUTERS/Nayef Hashlamoun

UNDER SEIGE: Smokes rises as Israeli tanks enter the al-Fawwar refugee camp near the West Bank city of Hebron April 7. Israeli soldiers faced the toughest resistance yet in their West Bank offensive, trading round-the-clock fire with Palestinian gunmen Saturday in Nablus and Jenin. Without giving a time frame, Israel's leader told President Bush he would expedite the nine-day offensive.

Cabinet said in an official communique.

"It is incumbent upon the world to support Israel in this difficult and moral struggle against cruel terror while it is exercising this right."

Throughout the day, the military appeared to be lobbying for more time for action and less concern about the opinions of other countries. "This takes time," said Harel, the military operations head. "The terror structure is fluid. It's not like a state structure. We have to go after people who hide in hills or cities or underground."

"If the time for us ends this week, we won't be able to finish the job. Period."

He noted that the terror attacks on Israelis have ceased, at least for now. "The terrorists are all caring too much about themselves right now," he said.

One day after President Bush said he expected Israel to "withdraw without delay" from the West Bank, his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, seemed to soften the administration's position.

"Our message to the Israelis is that we understand that a military

mobilization of this kind and an operation of this size cannot be undone in moments," she said on ABC's "This Week." "But the important point is to begin now, without delay, not tomorrow, not (when) Secretary Powell gets to the region, but now."

In Washington, Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he hoped to arrange a cease-fire during his trip. He said he would meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "if circumstances permit."

Arafat remained under house arrest in his Ramallah compound Sunday, and little was heard from him.

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OBESITY, FROM PAGE 1

eating.

He criticized nutrition experts who "let people off the hook by blaming McDonald's for the rise in obesity."

I called to ask him more about his views.

"The only way to control your weight is to make the choice to do that," Gifford said.

"If you've had a heart attack and the doctor says to lay off salt, you either choose to do it or you don't. But if you choose not to lay off salt because there's a salt shaker on the table, you can't blame the salt shaker."

Gifford believes part of the blame for the obesity epidemic belongs on the government's failed efforts to educate people about healthy choices.

"The alarming increase in obesity is the perfect piece of evidence that healthy eating guidance is failing, and that's where we need to look."

His organization has devised four "healthy eating pyramids" that don't mention food groups, portion sizes or numbers of servings per day.

They're set up by type of food - Latin American, Asian, Mediterranean and vegetarian - because that's the way people eat and talk about eating.

"We say, 'How about some Chinese tonight, honey?' or 'Let's take the kids for spaghetti,'" Gifford said.

We don't talk about eating servings from the basic food groups.

Gifford said the language used in the Oldways pyramids is more descriptive and less "scolding" than the government's nutrition advice.

It's too soon to tell if Gifford's approach is any more effective than the old way, but it can't hurt to try something different.

As another nutrition expert in that radio interview with Gifford put it: "Eat less. Move more. Don't smoke. Eat more fruits and vegetables."

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