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The GEORGE-ANNE

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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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Partly cloudy with a high of 86° F and a low of 65° F.

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Southern Events

FACULTY/STAFF COOKOUT
• A Faculty/Staff Tailgate Party will be held at Paulson Stadium at 11 a.m. Sat.

GSU BASEBALL
• The Eagles will host The Citadel Bulldogs at 1:30 p.m. Sat.

PLAYER'S BALL: Block party to be more organized this year; university officials want no part in festivities

By Erik Howard
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This weekend the annual Player's Ball will invade Georgia Southern and Statesboro but school officials want to make it clear that they have no intention of supporting the event.

Players Ball, which is a block party that covers the entire campus, has grown considerably since its beginnings in the late 1990's.

The event, which is a celebration for many African American students and friends, has always been held on the weekend of the spring football "Blue and White" game. It started off as a cookout but is now a weekend long event that is concentrated mostly on Chandler road.

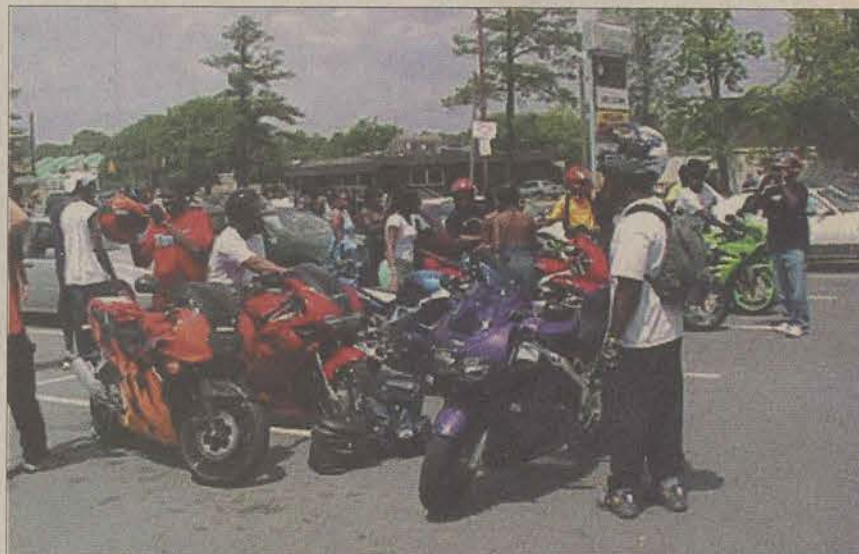
Many students would love the event however in an official statement from GSU spokesman Mike Sullivan obtained by *The George-Anne* it is made clear that school officials don't. "Georgia Southern

University has no official involvement in the planning, organization or sponsorship of Player's Ball. There are no University sanctioned events scheduled on the Georgia Southern campus."

Even if there are no events scheduled on campus there will be an abundance of visitors here in town and on campus.

In years past, there has been as many as 15,000 participants in Players Ball. And with that many people there will be a need for a strong police presence.

According to Sullivan "under a long standing mutual aid agreement among the University Police Department, the Statesboro Police Department and the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department, the University Police will work closely with local and state law enforcement agencies to ensure the public safety of both the local residents as well as the many



G-A File Photo

See Players Ball, Page 5 PARTY TIME: The 'Boro will welcome thousands of people ready to party this weekend.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Women's Week program helps to end domestic abuse

By Angela Jones
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Nearly 100 men and women, students, faculty and community members turned out to GSU's first "Take Back the Night" ceremonies, designed to help promote the eradication of domestic abuse.

"I think it's important for males to support this effort, in order to let people understand that we are also affected by the women in our lives," said John Dolinski.

"I'm out here to show my support for the women in my life, and for anything that will make them feel relived and help them out," he said.

Wearing purple ribbons, symbolic of stopping the violence against women, and carrying hand made signs and banners, students, staff and community members marched 1.3 miles from the parking lot of Hanner Fieldhouse, around Sweetheart Circle and ended in front of Landrum.

"According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a woman is raped or sexually assaulted every two minutes, so in the length of time it took us to march from Hanner here to Landrum, more than 20 women have been raped or assaulted," said J.D. Louk, graduate director of Dorman Hall.

In the last two years, 787,000 incidents of rape/sexual assault occurred in the U.S.

Statistics show that 81 percent of

all rape victims are white females, 18 percent are black females, and 1 percent is women of other races.

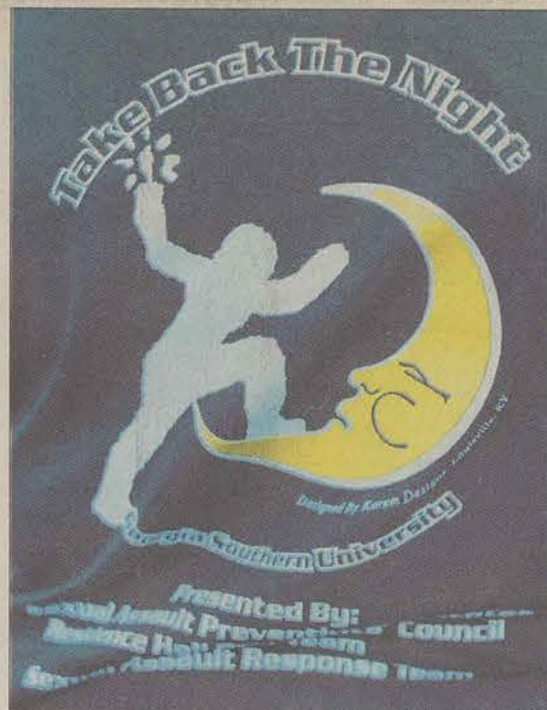
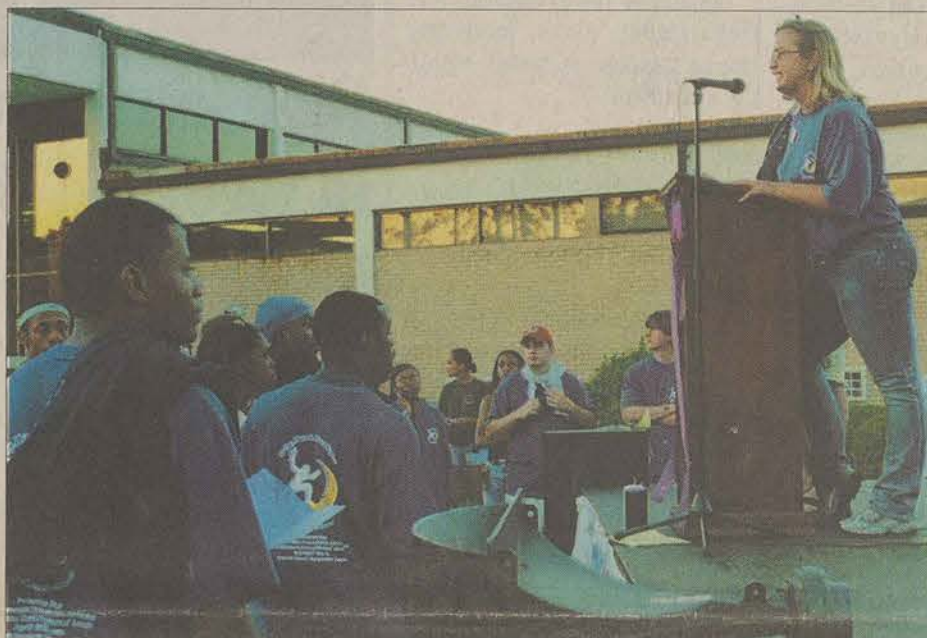
"These statistics are outrageous!" said senior Sanpri Purdy. "There needs to be some kind of support groups among African-American women, to help those who have been sexually assaulted."

"It is a shame how women can be subjected to such a hateful crime, 'It's absolutely outrageous!' said junior Sarah Keller. "Respect one another, and know that when someone says no, it means no!"

Dorman Hall RA Emmett McCord feels that all males, regardless of race, need to treat women with respect and decency.

"Even if she is not respecting herself as a woman, I think that, as males and as men, all of us have a

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Allison Bennett/STAFF

WOMEN'S AWARENESS: 'Take Back the Night' was held this week to protest women being abused.

Tuition increase to take effect this fall

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Unless you are graduating in the spring, get ready to dig a little deeper into your pocket for college tuition come fall.

The Georgia Board of Regents voted Wednesday to raise tuition by four to six percent at Georgia schools but maintain that tuition in the University System of Georgia (USG) is still "a bargain". This decision marks "the first time in five years that the annual increase has been at or above five percent," according to a news release.

UGA, Georgia Tech, Georgia State and the Medical College of Georgia will all see an increase of six percent in tuition while the 30 regional and state universities, including GSU, will increase by only four percent. That means that students will be required to pay an increased \$39 per semester or \$78 per year, from \$966 to \$1,005.

According to data provided by the USG, tuition increased nationally by 7.1 percent while Georgia increased by only three percent.

"The impact of the budget cuts on tuition is undeniable, yet attending a public college in Georgia is still an outstanding bargain," University System Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith said. "In spite of the increases, which are required to keep pace with inflation and operating expenses in order to maintain quality, the University System maintains incredibly

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"THE IMPACT OF THE BUDGET CUTS ON TUITION IS UNDENIABLE, YET ATTENDING A PUBLIC COLLEGE IN GEORGIA IS STILL AN OUTSTANDING BARGAIN."

— THOMAS C. MEREDITH
CHANCELLOR

Praise of suicide bomber in student newspaper touches nerve at Ohio's Kent State University

KRT Campus

On Monday, the war in the Middle East came home to Kent State University.

It started with a provocative guest column written by a Muslim history professor that was published in the student-run Daily Kent Stater newspaper. The column is an ode to an 18-year-old female suicide bomber who recently killed herself and two others in Jerusalem.

In part, the column reads:

"O, Allah, protect the soldiers of Islam fighting in Palestine. Accept the martyr into paradise.... Let us take the pain of Ayat al-Akhras and the hundreds like her into our hearts, so that the suffering awakens us to the terror done in our name and with our implicit silence, and moves us to action."

Lewis Fried, an English professor at Kent, read the column as a call to arms. He is urging the university to fire Julio Pino, the associate professor of history who wrote it.

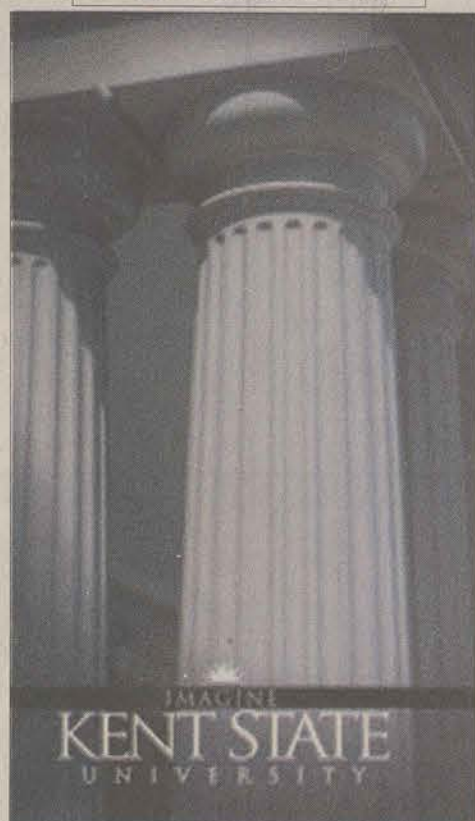
"Anyone who advocates the murder of citizens cannot be on the faculty of the university," Fried said. "Our job is to create a good society."

Fried, who is Jewish, also is insisting that university officials contact the FBI to report Pino.

"(Attorney General John) Ashcroft put us on alert to report people who overtly advocate terrorism or support it," he said. "If this is not an incitement to terrorism, I give up my Ph.D. This is a call for the killing of people. He poses a danger to everyone on campus."

A spokesperson for Kent State said he was not aware of any plans to discipline Pino, whose right to profess unpopular views

digital stater

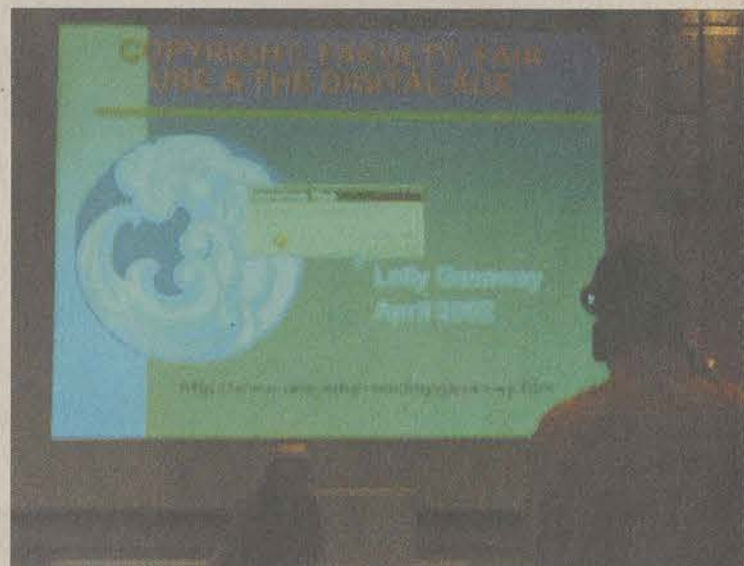


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WAR CONTROVERSY YET AGAIN: The extremely controversial column written by associate professor Pino was printed in Kent State's 'Daily Kent Stater.'

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Colloquium focuses on electronic copyrights



John Hardy/STAFF

WHAT'S LEGAL AND WHAT'S NOT?: A lecture was held Monday to decipher the legalities of using Internet art for personal uses.

By John Hardy
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The issue of electronic copyrights and the fair use of such material were among the topics of the Colloquium on Intellectual Property in the Digital Age, held Monday in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building at GSU.

The forum featured four speakers

discussing the affects of the 1998 passage of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act on universities, fair use of copyrighted material and how this relates to Georgia Southern. The event's organizer, Dr. David Robinson, said that two of the main targets of the DMCA are electronic

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Police Beat

GSU Public Safety

April 14

• Rajeev Nair, 18, of Dorman Hall, was charged with public drunk, disorderly conduct, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, carrying a weapon on school property, and theft of motor vehicle.

April 15

• Elena Cooper, 27, of 180 Park Place, was charged with forgery and theft by taking.

Statesboro Police Department

April 15

• Brenton Eugene Rutherford,

19, was arrested for using a fake ID to obtain alcohol and unlawful use of a fake ID.

• Cakina Bryant, 18, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Elnora Haggins Herrington, 24, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Shakindra Monique Green, 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Joseph Phillip Green, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

April 18

• Jo Tillie Ann Harrell, 29, was arrested for suspended license and failure to dim headlights.

--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.

Two juveniles molested behind Northside Apartments

Special to the G-A

On April 17 it was reported to the Statesboro Police Department that a black male juvenile age 6 and a black male juvenile age 4 were molested and sodomized by a black male juvenile age 13. The incident occurred on April 13 in the area behind Northside

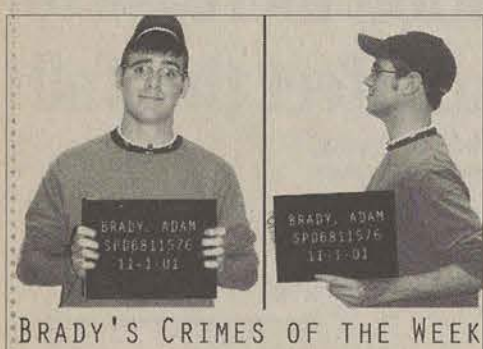
Apartments.

A joint investigation took place by Detective Craig Coleman and Detective James Winskey of the Statesboro Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division along with the assistance from Diane Hardy of the Department of Family

and Children Services.

The juvenile suspect was arrested and charged with aggravated sodomy and aggravated child molestation.

The juvenile suspect was transported to the Youth Detention Center in Claxton pending further court action.



BRADY'S CRIMES OF THE WEEK

The real question is how the follicle found its way into the food to begin with. Was it the woman's or the cook's? The whole situation sounds a little hairy to this reporter.

Situation reversal

Diligent Statesboro Fire Department firefighters forced entry to one local apartment after concerned neighbors called about smoke coming from within the building.

What they found inside was a pot sitting on the stovetop smoking in one of the most interesting reversals this reporter has ever read about.

I've seen quite a few reports in my time about smoking pot, but this has been the first case I've come across where pot was

smoking.

Thanks to the Statesboro Fire Department, only moderate smoke damage occurred within the apartment.

Self-smashing windows

Yet another addition to today's complicated vehicle construction: the self-shattering window.

As one woman sat in her van at a local fast-food restaurant, the rear passenger window mysteriously blew out.

The woman reported no signs of criminal intent to be found. There was no mislead youth and no stone to be thrown anywhere nearby.

In the hot summer months, a feature like this could be helpful with dealing with extreme temperatures. If the interior of the vehicle became too warm, the window would shatter and alleviate the problem.

Now there's a thought.

On-Campus News

PLANETARIUM

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will host a public evening on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ben Zellner will present "Killer Asteroids?"

He will discuss how we are searching the skies for objects that may impact the Earth and what would happen if they did.

If clear, telescopic viewing of Jupiter, Saturn and the moon will follow the presentation. There is no admission charge. For more information, contact the Physics Department at ext. 5292 or visit its website at www2.gasou.edu/physics/planetariumpage1.html.

The Statesboro Astronomy Club will meet following the event. New members are welcome.

POETRY READING

In honor of National Poetry Month, members of the Evening Muse will present an open mike poetry reading on Saturday, April 20, at Cover to Cover Bookstore. Readers are encouraged to sign up at 7:30 p.m. with the reading beginning at 8 p.m. The event is open to faculty,

staff, students and the community. The Evening Muse was organized in the spring of 2000 by Laura Milner, Eric Nelson and David Starnes of the Department of Writing and Linguistics and Stephanie Tames of the Botanical Garden. For more information, contact Starnes at ext. 7328. Recycled art workshop April 22

Tom Amettis will conduct a workshop on making art from found objects on Monday, April 22, from noon to 3 p.m. on the Henderson Library porch beside the front entrance. Art supplies and found objects will be provided. Examples of Amettis' work may be seen in the Earth Day Exhibit in the Henderson Library lobby. This Earth Day event is sponsored by the Henderson Library Recycling Task Force.

EARTH DAY EVENT

Don't forget that there will be a workshop to make Art out of trash and found objects, this Monday (April 22), from noon to 3 pm on the Henderson Library porch by the front entrance. You can drop in at any time during those hours.

We will provide art supplies and

trash with potential, although you are welcome to bring your own found objects, if you wish. Tom Amettis, who makes wonderful works out of trash, himself, will be around to help us.

Even if you think you have no art talent (you are probably wrong), look at it this way: you are doing the world a favor by subtracting at least one piece of trash and adding at least one piece of art. This is an Earth Day event.

CUISINE DAY

Darin Van Tassell's Introduction to International Studies class will host International Cuisine Day on Monday, April 22. Students prepare and bring a dish from the country of their choice and serve it during class time.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. outside Room 1313 in the Forest Drive Building at the Center for International Studies. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Food is served on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Lottery News

Big Game drawing yields three winners in Georgia, Illinois and New Jersey

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A young woman claimed a third of the \$325 million Big Game jackpot Wednesday and said it was the first time she had ever played the multistate lottery. Two other winning tickets were sold in Illinois and New Jersey but there were no immediate claimants.

Erika Greene, 20, said she spent \$10 on tickets. "That's all the money I had on me," she told reporters.

About two hours before Tuesday night's drawing, Greene bought her tickets at a convenience store in the small northern Georgia town of Dacula, not far from her home.

Each of the three winning tickets is worth \$108,333,333 in the second-

largest jackpot in U.S. history. Big Game ticket buyers can choose payments over 26 years or a smaller, one-time sum; because Greene opted for the single payout, her winnings would be about \$58 million, lottery officials said.

Greene said she planned to have someone else handle the money for her.

"I'm going to invest it and spend it wisely," said Greene, who works at a cell phone office. "I'm not going to work, no. I'm going to invest and let the money work for me."

She arrived at the lottery office in a stretch limousine with her boyfriend and her mother. She said she planned to buy a car and a house, but had no plans after that.

Georgia Lottery Corp. President Rebecca Paul said she could not immediately confirm that Greene held the winning ticket, but the convenience store manager, Neerej Dutta, said Greene had already showed it to him. Dacula is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northeast of Atlanta.

Illinois state lottery officials said a winning ticket was sold at a gas station in Burbank, a suburb southwest of Chicago.

Jan Reichard said that when she and other employees sold tickets for the drawing "we were teasing them that we wanted Cadillacs."

The third ticket matching all five num-

bers and the Big Money ball was sold in New Jersey's Union County, lottery officials said.

The odds of winning were 76 million to one.



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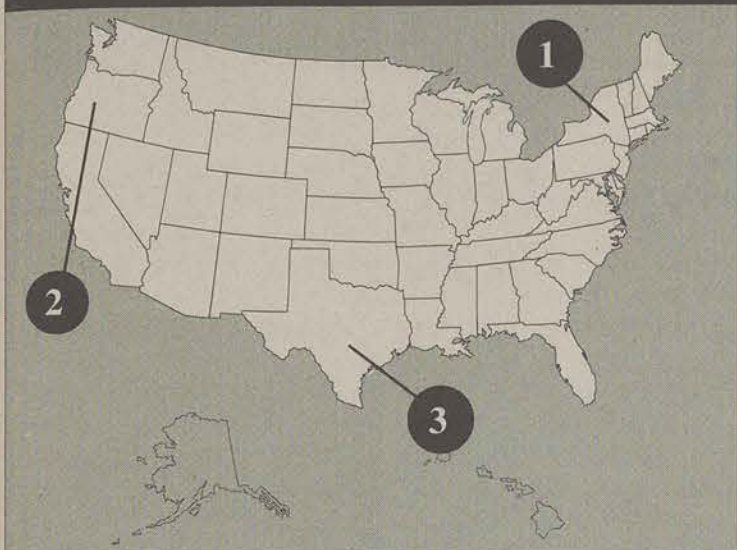
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to the party that Packy would stomp his cake rather than eat it. But when keepers opened the door, Packy walked straight to the cake and began eating, first pulling off the carrots and celery and then delicately dismantling it.

3 Texas

Man lives with parents' corpses for months

GALVESTON-A man who killed his parents and lived with their corpses for months has been sentenced to 43 years in prison. David Sidney Hisey, 53, must serve half that time before he can become eligible for parole, prosecutors said after Friday's sentencing.

Hisey was found guilty of murder Wednesday in the deaths of Hollis Hisey, 91, and Sunnye Hisey, 85, whose bodies were discovered Sept. 1, 2000. Sunnye Hisey had been dead about 10 months, and her husband had been dead about three.

Hisey, an unemployed shrimper, had moved from Florida five years earlier to care for his parents, both of whom suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He had placed their bodies side by side in a bedroom sealed off with tape.

Prosecutors alleged Hisey killed the couple as part of a scheme that involved draining their retirement accounts of more than \$ 500,000.

Defense attorneys argued that while Hisey may have taken money from his parents, the couple died naturally.

Galveston County Chief Medical Examiner Charles Harvey declared the deaths strangulations, while defense expert and Nueces County Chief Medical Examiner Lloyd White said the deaths could have occurred naturally.

Defense attorneys Tucker Graves and Greg Russell said they would appeal the verdict, citing a failed request for a change of venue based on local publicity.

1 New York

Teens charged with serving tainted food to officers

GENEVA-Two teens have been accused of serving spoiled and contaminated food to police officers at the fast-food restaurant where they used to work.

Kevin Savage, 18, was arrested this week on a felony charge of first-degree tampering with a consumer product, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office reported.

Savage allegedly served a sandwich made with chicken he knew to be spoiled to a sheriff's deputy who came through the drive-thru in a marked patrol car. Despite throwing most of the sandwich away, the deputy became ill, investigators said.

Kevin Thompson, 18, a co-worker, is accused of licking several chicken nuggets and giving them to Savage, who then allegedly served them to another uniformed officer.

Both incidents occurred last year at a Wendy's restaurant in Geneva, about 35 miles southeast of Rochester.

Crouch said Thompson was arrested earlier this month on a misdemeanor charge of second-degree tampering with a consumer product.

Savage was arraigned in Town

Court on Monday and returned to the Ontario County Jail, where he is serving a six-month jail sentence for criminal possession of marijuana. Thompson is free on his own recognition.

2 Oregon

Elephant celebrates 40th birthday

PORTLAND-It was a most unusual birthday cake -bananas and sweet potatoes between layers of peanut butter-frosted whole wheat bread topped with 40 large carrots and celery sticks standing upright like candles.

But it was a hit with Packy, who was the first elephant born in a western hemisphere zoo in 44 years when he was born April 14, 1962.

There were 6,750 guests at Packy's birthday party Sunday at the Oregon Zoo, including 84-year-old Dr. Matthew Maberry, who was the zoo's head veterinarian when Packy was born. Packy was 3 feet tall at birth and weighed 226 pounds.

Maberry said he remembered the moment Packy fell to a concrete floor, feet first, "red and wrinkly."

"It's like delivering any baby, you like to see them grow and age," Maberry said. "So many don't make it."

There was some fear leading up

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library resources and file trading over the Internet.

"All of us have an interest in whether we have to pay for those or whether we have free access to it," he said.

"Anybody who's ever downloaded an mp3 file should be very interested in what the law has to say about this and what the music and movie industries are trying to do to control your right to use your computer."

The organizer said that the colloquium started with the activism of the local free software community and the library.

"We want to see as much information as possible free and open for anyone to use it," said Robinson. "When we see things moving the other direction in the legal world, it's very alarming."

Robinson says although the situation is confused, the main

issue is the constitutionality of the current electronic copyright law. "Maybe what [students] don't realize is that some of the laws governing copyright now are going to restrict what they can say and do in the future in ways that I don't think people are going to like at all," he said.

According to Robinson, several cases that are now in the courts will be determining this issue. "I think it's going to affect everybody from consumers to scholars to software developers."

Director of the Law Library at UNC-Chapel Hill Laura Gasaway spoke about the basics of copyright law and its impact on academic use. "Educational use doesn't always mean fair use," she said. "That's the biggest misconception that faculty have."

Gasaway said that the Internet

does nothing to copyright except give users a new way to infringe on copyrighted works. Gasaway also urged users not to assume that copyrighted material found on the Internet is always posted with permission. In addition, she commented on the range of monetary damages and criminal penalties in copyright infringement cases.

Other featured speakers included Robin Gross, a staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and Laura James from Jefferson-Pilot Communications. James spoke about copyright and licensing from the view of businesses.

The event was sponsored by the Henderson Library, Center for Excellence in Teaching, School of Information Technology and the department of literature and philosophy.

TUITION HIKE, FROM PAGE 1

low tuition compared to its peers regionally and nationally."

"The investment made in higher education in the state of Georgia has made that possible."

The increase in tuition is expected to generate about \$23.4 million for the University System. Their budget was slashed by \$66 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Unfortunately, the return of tight budgets and tuition hikes will collide with steady and significant enrollment increases over the next decade. This will severely test state and federal commitments to higher education opportunity for the next several years," said a report release in January by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities, and Land-Grant Colleges chronicling tuition fees nationally for public four-year institutions.

The USG currently has a record enrollment of nearly 218,000 students. More than 4,000 attend GSU.

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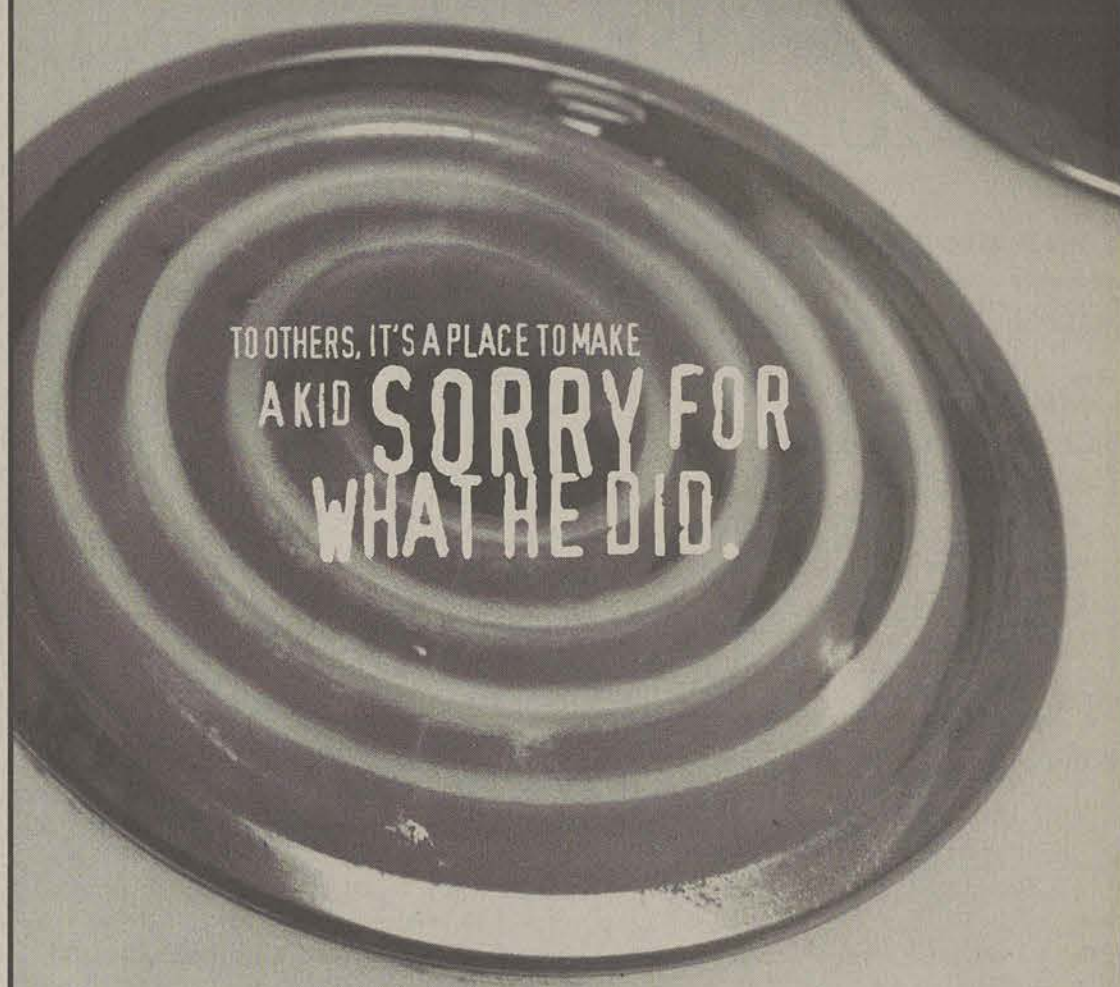
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- For Fall Semester 2002, financial aid refund checks will NOT be issued on the first day of class as they have in the past.
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- Many students have relied on their refund check to purchase textbooks and other supplies. If you are due a refund, you will be able to purchase books in the University Bookstore and the amount will be credited to your anticipated refund.
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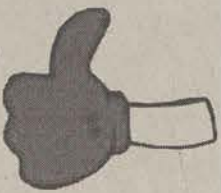
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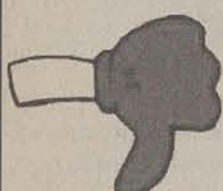
• **THUMBS UP** to summer swiftly approaching.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to finals coming up. Finals equal stress and lack of sleep.

• **THUMBS UP** to Player's Ball. We wish all who participate a great time.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to Robert Blake and to the investigators who took this long to discover who killed Blake's wife.



• **THUMBS UP** to the successful production of "Twelfth Night" at GSU.

Thoughts of the day

• "If you are going through hell, keep going."

- Sir Winston Churchill

• "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

- Henry Ford

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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Amanda vs. Brady: The arch-nemesis column finally arrives

Brady: The time has come.

Something has been building for weeks now, and after nearly three months in the making, it's finally happening, the moment you've all been waiting for.

The face-off that will go down in the history books as one of the greatest events of our times. Listed on the very pages as man landing on the moon and the discovery of the corndog.

Amanda Permenter and Adam Brady will face off in their first ever...

The *ARCH-NEMESIS* column.

Amanda: Jesus, he is so melodramatic. Everyone knows the corndog man is funny, well versed and active on campus - yada yada yada. But did you know he's a thief? Technically, I'm his superior; therefore my columns should always be on the top of the page. He knows the loopholes in the system. He knows that there can't be a larger headline on the bottom half of the page, so he conjures up giant ones to subvert me. Personally, I don't think it matters where my column is. It could be buried all the way back on page eight and people would still read it. Let him have his spot above the fold. My words speak for themselves.

Brady: Oh yes, your words speak for themselves. Yada yada yada, eh? Just because I'm no "logophiliac" doesn't mean I don't know a thing or two about the written language. Obviously I've mastered the art of brevity and beaten your columns to the on-top position, but treachery is hardly the way to describe my rise to the top of the page. Did you ever consider that maybe people like me better, Ms. Permenter? Not to be too self-righteous, but not even the three-year veteran Tim Prizer gets the same recognition as I do, even after using explicative with officers of the law.

Amanda: Self-"righteous"? HA. ha.

Oh, and your reputation with officers of the law is any better than Tim's? Maybe next time you get pulled over for running stop signs you can put yourself in Crimes of the Week. People might dig into your food-personifying antics, but there's nothing dishonorable in the fact that I spent the last two years working my way up the proverbial ladder of success up here in the newsroom. Where did you come from, anyway?

Brady: If you must know where exactly it was I came from Ms. Permenter, well, that's an interesting story. I made my way into the world kicking and screaming, naked like the rest of us. After the initial slap on the rear, I lived in New York for ten years before moving...

Amanda: What in the hell are you talking about? I mean the student media scene, Radioboy. And, I think I speak for everyone when I say that no one wants to

visualize you naked and screaming.

Brady: Well, maybe not everyone. Radioboy? Ooh... That stung. By "radioboy," I assume you're referring to the most popular non-urban show on WVGs, *Mixed Nuts*? (Every Thursday night from 6-9 p.m. on WVGs 91.9 FM, by the way) So *Crimes of the Week* took off. What can I say about my success? It's not like I'm fraternizing with those higher than myself in *The George-Anne* hierarchy to get my name in the paper.

Amanda: I beg your pardon! I want you to name just one member of this fine staff with whom I've fraternized... Uh, wait...nevermind that. I wrote my way to the top, thank you very much. That's wrote, not *rode*. Go back to last year's Friday editions and find one front-page feature that doesn't have my by-line on it. And, could you be anymore shameless with the self-promotion of your radio show? If it doesn't suck, you don't need such advertisement. People will tell their friends, and their friends will tell more friends and so on.

Brady: Speaking of shameless self-promotion... And what's your problem anyway? I knew from the beginning we'd never agree. You don't even put sugar in your coffee. And what the hell is it with your penchant for right-wing accountants when you yourself are as liberal as they come? Sometimes I just don't get the whole opposites attract thing.

Amanda: I don't promote myself. Others do it for me. Yes, I'm just that good.

That's right, I don't put sugar in my coffee. Sugar's for wussies, Gritsman. I like it black, and strong enough to strip paint. As for my history of dating right-wing accountants, all's fair in love and war. And given my experience with people of such political persuasion, I'm qualified to call one where I see him. You're no true liberal. You're a corporate, cell-phone-toting pseudo-journalist. To think you wrote the *Our Opinion* berating our faithful readers for their cellular practices...

Brady: Indeed I did write the very column that was aimed at such individuals. But unlike many of the so-called "corporate" cell-phone-toting individuals, I have the decency to at least turn mine off in a restaurant or during a movie. As far as being a pseudo-journalist is concerned, I think I've tackled a few of the great issues of the day at hand. Grits for one is an important topic to us all, and if it isn't, it damn well should be. And there shouldn't be a single person at this school that doesn't know their way around the Voodoo Hut. If I'm no true liberal, then neither are you. I may have a cell-phone and occasionally wear questionably corporate attire, but at least I don't fraternize with the enemy.

Amanda: Ouch. So, you think I'm a traitor because of my right-wing boyfriend. I have no defense for that. After all, I am wearing his old Eddie Bauer T-shirt. If that's not right wing corporate, I don't know what is. What do you say we wrap this up and hit up Waffle House for some coffee?

Brady: I suppose I could agree to disagree. Just so long as you don't get up in arms when I put a few spoonfuls of sugar in my cup of America's best cup of Joe.

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YOUR OPINION Letter to the Editor:

Reader wonders how much power towing companies have in Statesboro

Dear Editor,

Everyone has a least one friend who has been... No, I do not intend to discuss DUT's in Statesboro. Rather, I am talking about being towed.

Parking illegally in this town is a serious issue. It deprives many businesses of good customer parking and it makes many tenants walk an extra 50 feet when carrying groceries to their apartments. But how much power do towing companies actually have? Should towing companies have as much power as a campus police officer?

"Power" is not a word typically associated with towing companies, but many students at GSU may not understand just how much towing companies can get away with in this town.

Two nights ago, a kid in Campus Courtyard had his car towed. He lived in the complex and had his parking permit in the proper location on his vehicle. So where was the kid at fault? He had his car double parked outside his residence while making repairs to it.

After taking a break to talk to a friend, he looked up and saw Eagle Towing positioning their wrecker to confiscate his vehicle. Jumping into his seat, he replied that he was not moving and that only two of the four parking spaces for that apartment were being taken.

After bouquets of rosy words were exchanged, the 300-pound man, now terribly irritated, drug the kid from his vehicle. Yes, you heard me right. A man who works for the towing company *used force* to remove a person from his car. One would think that this type of power is reserved solely for the police.

They continued to load the kid's car up onto the ramp of the wrecker.

Feeling like he had been mistreated, the kid called the police. After the police showed up, they informed him that although the he had not violated any laws, there was nothing that could be done. They said that the owners of the complex have the complete authority to tow whatever they want, whenever they want it towed.

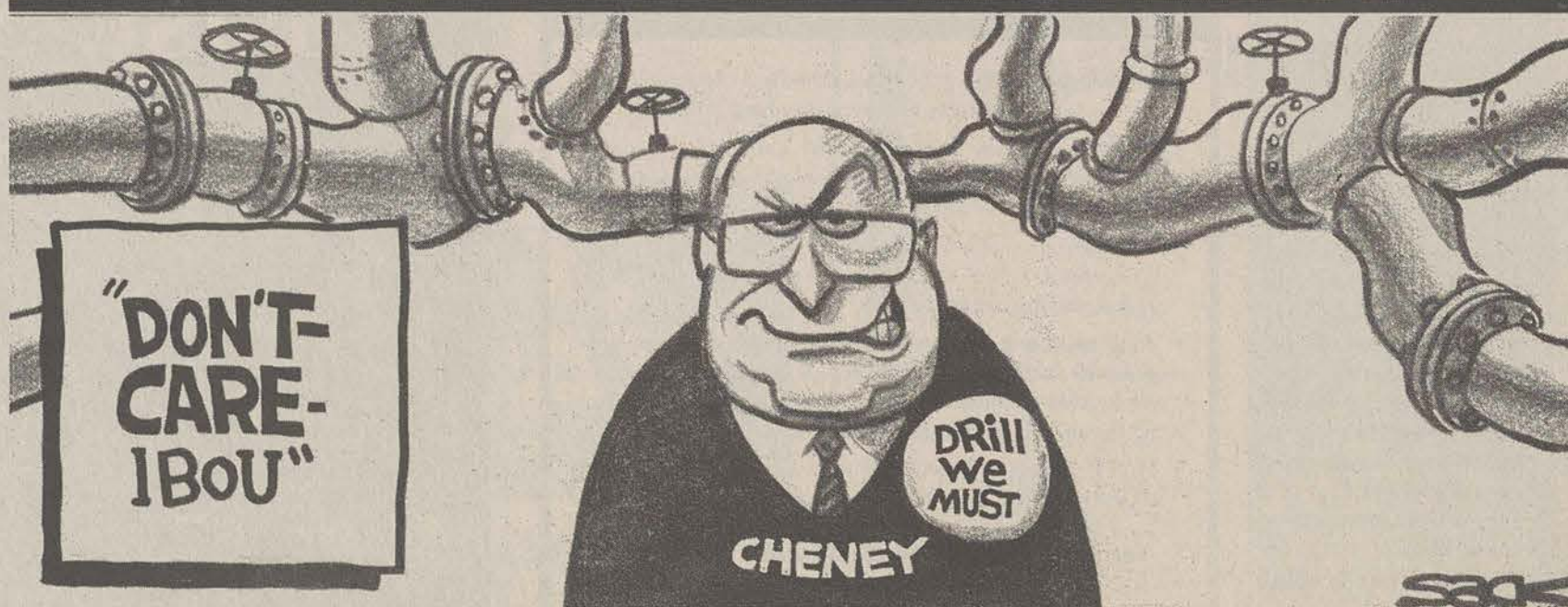
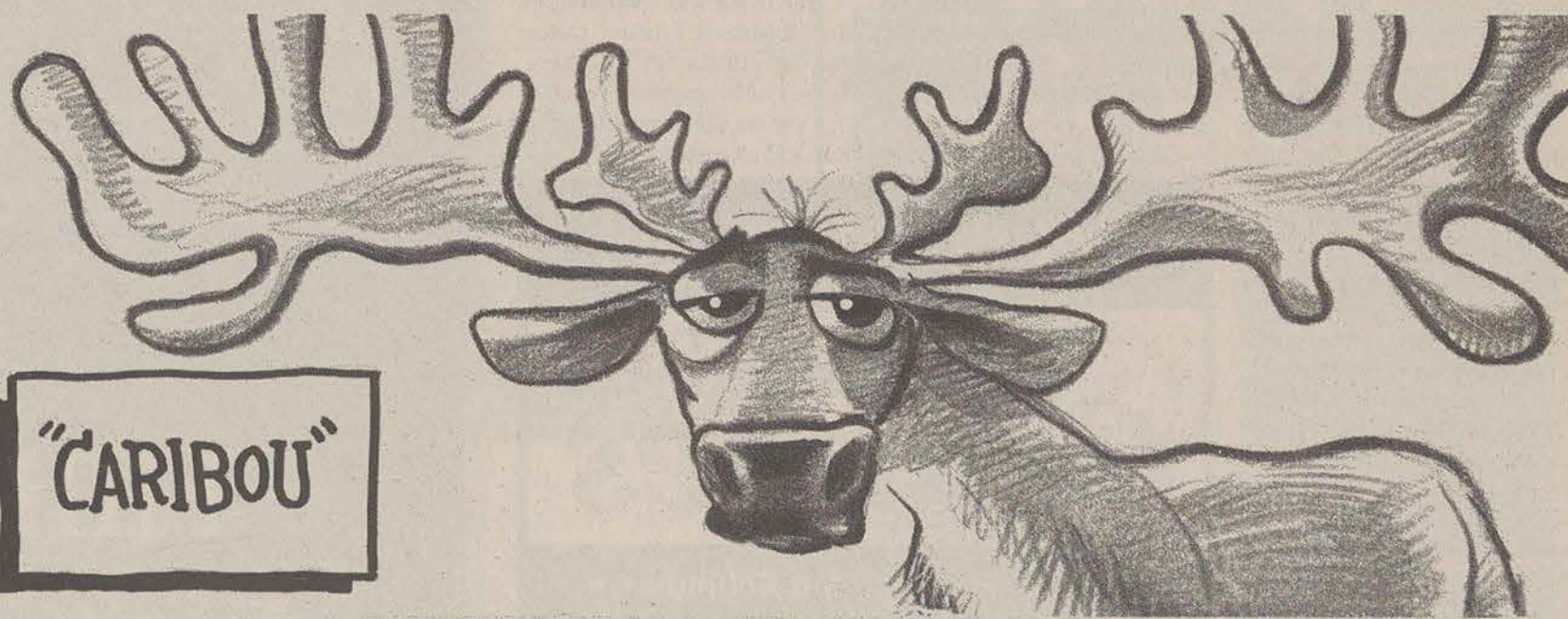
After what had now become a crowd gathered to exchange some nasty words with the men from the towing company, they lowered the car, scraping it up the ramp. In the process, they managed to pull off fasteners in the bumper of the car.

So, who is to blame? While faults can be drawn to all sides, where are the limits drawn? Is it rational that the kid's car be towed from his own residence, while displaying his residence pass, because he is working on it and taking up two spaces?

The prevailing issue is whether or not the towing service really has the right to physically pull anyone from his/her vehicle, especially when it is parked in front of the residence to which it belongs. Shouldn't this be the job of the police? Why did the police say there was nothing that could be done even after hearing the entire story?

I feel that some checks and balances need to be seriously rechecked and re-balanced. This is a serious issue that has the potential of affecting the entire student body.

Sincerely,
Zack Schneeberger,
GSU Student





PLAYERS BALL, FROM PAGE 1

visitors to Statesboro this weekend."

In addition to the many local law enforcement agencies the Georgia State Patrol will send approximately 190 officers according to Captain Bohannon of the State Patrol. Bohannon says "the Georgia state patrol will work in a back up role with local law enforcement. The GSP will also provide helicopter coverage of the event, which will give a better view of the crowd for the police."

Many students like Gregg Williams a Sophomore Communications major fell the presence is too much. "There is nothing that goes on that needs that much attention" whether the presence is needed or not it will be there.

If the hotel situation is any indication there will be more visitors than normal. There are not many hotels from here to Savannah with open rooms due to this weekend's festivities.

This years Player's ball is also more organized than in



File Photo

EXTRA-CURRICULAR FESTIVITIES: Despite the close relationship between the annual Players Ball weekend and the students of GSU, the university has no official part in the organization of the event.

years past. This is due in past to planning by such organizations as RRI entertainment, The Monopoly Bros, and Steady Rizin'. This was no more evident than with the Players Ball kickoff at Maguire's that included a performance by National Record-

ing Artist the Big Tymers a rap duo out of New Orleans.

Throughout the weekend there will be national acts like Young Bloods, Lil Jon, T.I., and Luke who will be here to perform at Legends, Flip Flops, and Maguire's.

KENT STATE, FROM PAGE 1

is protected by the First Amendment.

"We're not permitted to monitor the personal views of our employees," said spokesman Ron Kirksey.

But the column has definitely touched a nerve on campus. Yesterday's Kent Stater published five letters denouncing it. Editorial page editor Tim Bugansky said he has received about 12 letters in all, an unusually high number about a single article.

The man at the center of the controversy said his essay was misunderstood. Pino, who converted to Islam two years ago, said he definitely is not urging American students to become suicide bombers.

"This is not what I advocate others do - absolutely not. I'm trying to explain why martyrdom bombings happened in Palestine," he said.

Pino rejects the label "suicide bombers." Instead, he refers to "martyrdom bombers."

"Muslims don't commit suicide," he said. "That's martyrdom, not a suicide, because they're dying for the sake of preserving Islam. I believe the Quran says one is permitted martyrdom as long as a jihad is taking place. A jihad is only waged when Muslims are in danger."

Glee Wilson, an associate professor of history, disagrees strongly with Pino's support for suicide bombers. But he also does not believe that his colleague is a threat.

"The Julio I know is a very mild, soft-spoken, pleasant person," he said.

Wilson has seen Pino around town dressed in military camouflage - an attire that Pino calls a "fashion statement."

"I wasn't alarmed by it," Wilson said. "I didn't think he was a threat to anybody. I've also seen him in Middle Eastern garb."

Wilson also does not believe that the history department will censure Pino.

Jim Louis, Kent's associate pro-

vost for faculty affairs, said he read Pino's piece not as an incitement to violence but as a celebration of violence.

"That's what bothers me," Louis said.

Emphasizing that he was not speaking in his official capacity, Louis said that it seemed to him Pino wrote the column in his capacity as a private citizen.

"The university can't just click its fingers and say, 'You're out because we don't like what you think,'" Louis said.

But that's precisely what Fried wants to see happen.

"This is my campus," Fried said. "I will not permit my life or the lives of my students to be at risk. I've lost all my European relatives in the Holocaust. I won't let this go unanswered."

For Louis, it's déjà vu all over again. Recalling the student shootings of 1970, he said:

"The history of Kent State is a reminder that the university is not isolated from the world. The world comes home to us."

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FROM PAGE 1

responsibility to treat a lady with respect. All men should govern themselves with integrity, no matter what kind of woman he is dealing with."

According to the statistics, one in four women will be raped, and 84 percent of all rapes are committed by someone know to the victim, but according to the FBI, less than 10 percent of all rapes are reported to the police.

Even more disturbing is the fact that, while 25 percent of male college students admit to engaging in some for of sexual aggression, 84 percent of college men who committed rape, said that what they did was not, in their mind, rape.

"There is still the myth that when a woman says no, she really means yes, or that she is "playing hard to get," or doesn't want to look 'easy,'" explained Louk. "But the bottom line is that no means no, not yes, not maybe, but No."

"I think it's important that we don't just settle for numbers," said Richard DeShields. "We need to be active, through educational events like this one, and men especially need to communicate with their partners, so as to avoid sexual aggression."

"Between 33percent and 54 percent of female college students revealed being victimized by some of sexual assault, and 42 percent of women who are raped never tell anyone about their assault," Louk said.

And sexual assault is not a crime that is just limited to women. Men can be the victims of rape as well.

While there are few exact figures, it is estimated that one in 12

to 20 men are the raped in the U.S.

"Men can be sexually assaulted just like women. Men report rape even less than women, due to feeling of fear and embarrassment," Louk explained.

"Men should be concerned with the statistics. If a woman is

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— SARAH TSO

raped every 2 minutes, then the next woman could be your mother, sister, wife, girlfriend or grandmother. If a man thinks that rape or sexual assault does not affect him, he is sadly mistaken."

"Anyone is potentially a sexual assault victim, regardless of age, race, social class, or gender," he said.

The event was sponsored the Residents Hall Presidents Council, the Department of University Housing, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and Sexual Assault Prevention Advocates (SAPA).

"SART was started seven years ago to ensure that the University was responding uniformly to sexual assault issues," explained Dr. Jodi Caldwell, a psychologist at the counseling center and Chairperson of SART.

"We also help plan and finance Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and are working with Bulloch County agencies and the Savannah Rape Crisis Center to form a Rape Crisis Center here in Bulloch County."

"If someone comes to you and tells you they have been sexually assaulted, believe them. One of the best things you can do to help that person is to listen. Not get angry, not ask how they let this happen, just listen to them."

SAPA, Sexual Assault Prevention Advocates, is made up of a women's group, Sexual Assault Facts and Education (SAFE), and Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention (ASAP).

"The two programs are dedicated to raising awareness about sexual assault and rape by presenting programs to GSU classes and

any other interested groups," explained SAPA co-president Sheila Davis Parson.

"We can be reached by contacting the counseling center. I know how devastating a crime this can be, and I know that I am helping and being part of the solution by helping to increase awareness."

The Take Back the Night program began in England in 1877 as a women's only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night. The first program in the U.S. was held in 1978 to protest violence against women.

Take Back the Night marches and rallies are now held in dozens of cities in the U.S. as well as in Canada, India, Europe and Latin America.

"To eliminate rape and sexual assault, whether it against men or women, we a society must condemn hatred, and educate people against any form of prejudice," said Sarah Tso.

As part of Women's Awareness Week, the program was held on April 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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Peterson a top choice for NFL Draft

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So how long will it take? Ever since Adrian Peterson burst into the spotlight as one of the most productive players in college football, people have wondered how quickly NFL teams would take the Georgia Southern star.

That question will be answered this weekend when Peterson and over 200 other players are selected in the NFL Draft. The two-day, seven round event in New York City will be televised Saturday on ESPN and ESPN 2 on Sunday.

The running back, though, should be gone before the Deuce gets hold of coverage. At least that's what scouts and draft experts are predicting.

"He's probably pound-for-pound the toughest guy in the draft," Falcons scout Mike Hagen said to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "He's just going to have to adjust to the speed of our game."

Peterson's speed—or lack thereof, as some scouts note with his 40-yard dash time of 4.6 seconds—might push the Alachua, Fla. native down the draft board. But his productivity in college and tough, inside running have impressed the professional league.

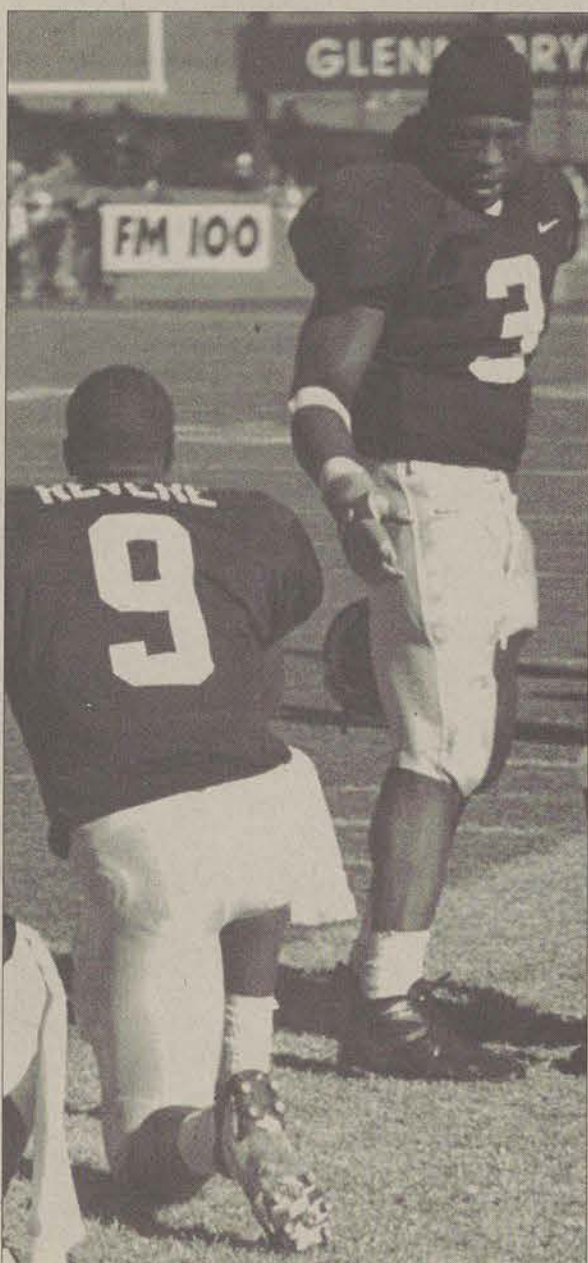
More than likely, experts predict, Peterson will be taken on the draft's first day, probably sometime in the third round. Workouts at the Senior Bowl and individual drills the past two months have helped impress scouts, particularly with his ability to catch the ball.

But no matter what selection he's made, Peterson says it's just the first step.

"The game is played on the

field, not in drills and stuff," he said. "I'm not worried about it too much. I think I've got a good chance, but I've got to get there first."

Evaluations of Peterson have been inconsistent. Some draft analysts have ranked the 22 year-old as high as the fourth-best back.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

SATURDAY ON ESPN: Any fan of Peterson will be tuned to ESPN Saturday to see who chooses the A-Train.

Boston College's William Green, DeShaun Foster of UCLA and Michigan State's T.J. Duckett are the consensus top backs in the draft.

Peterson's size has been a concern as well as the level of college competition he played against. At 5 feet 10 and 212 pounds,

Peterson is considerably smaller than a back like Duckett, who weighs 254 pounds.

And the 9,161 yards he racked up against mostly second and third tier competition only got him noticed. Most of the praise Peterson has won has come in the months since his Georgia Southern career ended.

"I think what people wanted to see [at the Senior Bowl] was if he could handle everything with the new peer group that he was around," said Chargers general manager John Butler.

"Did he belong with the big boys? He belonged. He hung in there."

GSU Golf eyes SoCon championship

G-A News Service

GSU aims to capture first league title, automatic bid to NCAA Regionals.

Fresh off one of their best finishes of the season, the Georgia Southern Eagles enter this weekend's Southern Conference Championships brimming with the same kind confidence that propelled them to the NCAA Championships last season.

The Eagles can take their first step towards returning to the NCAA's beginning Friday morning, when they open play in the 2002 Southern Conference Golf Championships at the par-72, 6,800-yard Furman University Golf Course in Greenville, S.C.

Junior Travis Mobley, who's four-under finish paced the Eagles to a fourth-place showing in last week's The Intercollegiate At Finley, leads off for GSU at 10:30

a.m. He is followed by sophomore Tyler McKeever at 10:40 and freshmen Aron Price and David Elmore at 10:50 and 11 a.m., respectively.

Senior Justin Kolumber, a Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year candidate, anchors the GSU lineup when he tees off at 11:10 a.m. The Eagles are paired with East Tennessee State and College of Charleston. ETSU claimed last year's league title and the automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals, while GSU and CofC earned at-large bids.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence, and that's so huge in golf," said GSU head coach Larry Mays. "We had a really solid finish last weekend when we needed it the most. We had our backs against the wall, and we put together a good round on Sunday to beat six teams that were ranked in the top 50."

Currently ranked a season-high No. 47 by Golfstat, GSU will look to improve on last season's third-place finish in the SoCon Championships. A sub-par first round by both the Eagles and Charleston allowed ETSU to take a commanding lead it would never relinquish.

But a season later, the Buccaneers have yet to overcome the loss of their top three players, leaving GSU and Charleston, along with Furman, to battle for league supremacy. The Cougars are ranked 36th, while Furman is currently 61st.

The Eagles have never claimed league title since joining the league in 1992-93. Their best finish came in 1995, when they were runner-up to the Bucs.

Play continues in the 54-hole event through Sunday, with 18 holes scheduled for each day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Eagles make Mobley first spring signee

G-A News Service

Nation's third-leading junior college scorer signs with Georgia Southern.

Georgia Southern head basketball coach Jeff Price announced Tuesday that Prentice Mobley, a 6-1, 170-pound guard from Delray Beach, Fla., has signed a national letter-of-intent to play for the Eagles next season.

As a sophomore at Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Mobley led the nation in scoring for much of last season before finishing the year ranked third in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) at 27.8 points per game. He

also ranked eighth in the nation in steals at 3.8 per game and ranked 17th in free-throw percentage at 85.6 percent while leading the Stars to a 24-8 record.

"We're excited about adding such a talented player as Prentice to our program," Price said. "He's an outstanding shooter and scorer and he has a great understanding of the game."

A first-team Mid-Florida Conference selection as both a freshman and sophomore, Mobley rewrote the FCC record books during his two-year career, ranking first in school history in both scoring and steals.

As a freshman, he averaged 18.7 ppg., and was named the

team MVP for head coach Greg Gierke following a heralded prep career at Spanish River High.

Georgia Southern has won 47 games in three seasons under Price and claimed its first Southern Conference South Division title during the 2001-02 season. GSU has finished either first or second in the SoCon in scoring each year during Price's tenure and has led the league in rebounding the last two seasons. Price is the second-winningest coach in school history over his first three seasons, trailing Frank Kerns by just a single victory.

The spring signing period, which began Wed., April 10, continues through Wed., May 15.

GSU Baseball slams Mercer 11-4



LaVene Bell/STAFF

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: The Eagles traveled to Mercer for a mid-week match and came home with a non-conference victory.

G-A News Service

MACON, Ga. — Georgia Southern scored in every inning but two and Eagle starter Scott Tolbert struck out a career-high 12 batters as the Eagles defeated Mercer 11-4 in non-conference baseball action Tuesday evening at Claude Smith Field.

Georgia Southern (26-15) opened the scoring in the top of the first

inning as it jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Chris Walker opened the game with a triple to straight away centerfield and scored on a wild pitch by Mercer starter Chris Bishop (2-3).

Mike Appalucci gave Mercer (15-23) its first lead of the game in the bottom of the frame as he sent a 2-2 pitch from Tolbert (2-1) over the right field fence, scoring David Harwell who had reached on a one-out walk, for a 2-1 Bear advantage.

The Eagles reclaimed the lead in the second by plating two runs for a 3-2 edge. Rocky Baker singled to centerfield and scored on a J.R. Revere double to left centerfield. Chad Hall followed with a sacrifice bunt, but a throwing error by catcher Trevor Sas on the play allowed Revere to score.

Jarrod Lynch tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the second as he homered to right centerfield to open the inning before Matt Hammond gave Georgia Southern a lead it would not relinquish in the top of the third with a home run to right field, his fifth of the season.

The Eagles upped their lead to 6-3 in the fourth as Jewel Spearman reached on a single through the rightside of the infield prior to scoring on Matt Herring's 10th home run of the season.

Georgia Southern took advantage of three Mercer errors in the fifth inning to build a 7-3 advantage. Revere reached first and advanced to second on fielding and throwing

errors by Bear third baseman Daniel Hurst before moving to third on a failed pickoff attempt by Mercer reliever Byron Keifer. Hall's sacrifice fly to centerfield eventually drove in Revere.

A.J. Zickgraf upped the GSU edge to 8-3 in the sixth as he sent his fourth home run of the season out to left field.

The Eagles added its final three runs in the seventh, two coming on Herring's second roundtripper of the game, to up its lead to 11-3 before the Bears closed out the scoring in the bottom of the ninth.

Luke Jackson led off the frame with a walk and came around to score on Sas' double to left centerfield.

Tolbert scattered five hits and three walks in six innings of work, his longest outing of the season.

Offensively, Georgia Southern was led by Herring, who finished with two hits and four RBI. Walker, Spearman and Baker also tallied two hits on the evening. Every GSU starter but Hall collected a hit on the evening. Six different players collected hits for Mercer.

Georgia Southern returns to action Friday, April 19 in a key Southern Conference match-up as it hosts The Citadel in the first game of a three-game league series. Friday's game is scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. start with Saturday's contest beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday's at 1:30 p.m.

Zickgraf, Michael, Frend named Baseball Players of the Week

G-A News Service

ASHEVILLE, NC — The Southern Conference today named Georgia Southern catcher A.J. Zickgraf as its Player of the Week and UNC Greensboro's Scooter Michael and Davidson's Tim Frend as its Co-Pitchers of the Week.

Zickgraf, a 6-1, 205-pound sophomore catcher from New Castle, DE, enjoyed a fantastic week as he led Georgia Southern to a 4-0 record. After going 1-for-3 in a non-conference start against Mercer, he entered the April 12 game against Appalachian State as a pinch hitter and went 3-of-3 with a run scored and four RBI. The sophomore then collected three hits in four at-bats against the Mountaineers on April 13, again collecting four RBI. He finished the week by going 1-of-4 with an RBI on April 14. Of his eight hits on the week, five were

doubles, giving him 13, or exactly one-half of his hits on the season, in just 62 at-bats. On the season, Zickgraf is hitting .419 with 13 doubles and three home runs, having driven in 23 runs while scoring 16.

Frend, a 6-2, 205 senior from Cumberland Foreside, ME, faced one batter at 13th-ranked North Carolina on April 10 and retired him on a grounder to short. But his impressive feat of the week was mowing down Furman for all nine innings to record his first career shutout, striking out a career-high 14, which also tied the conference high for the 2002 season.

He yielded just six hits and one walk. His performance boosted him from tenth in the conference rankings for strikeouts into a tie for second.

In addition, Frend, who is the Wildcats' left fielder when not

pitching, is believed to be the first SoCon baseball player to earn Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week honors in the same season. Frend was the SoCon's Player of the Week on March 25.

Michael, a 6-4, 255-pound sophomore from Greensboro, NC, went 2-0 last week and did not allow a run, earned or unearned, in 9.2 innings of work. The sophomore picked up the win against Eastern Kentucky on April 9, tossing 1.2 innings and striking out four. Michael followed up that solid relief appearance with a dominating start at The Citadel. The right-hander fanned four, walked two and scattered eight hits over 8.1 innings of work. Michael fell just two outs shy of his second complete game of the season. For the week, Michael struck out seven, walked two and limited his opponents to just a .216 batting average.

Mark Finnegan named Men's Tennis Player of the Week

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference today announced that Georgia Southern's Mark Finnegan has been named the SoCon Men's Tennis Player of the Week for April 15.

A freshman from Kildare, Ireland, Finnegan picked up two conference matches last week at #3 singles, leading the Eagles to two wins in SoCon action. He started the week with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Wofford's Lee Porter

on April 13. Finnegan also defeated College of Charleston's Eyal Omid 7-5, 6-2 on April 14.

Finnegan is 15-4 overall this season, 8-2 in Southern Conference matches

Bo's Bottom Line: 2002 Major League rookie report



It's been over two full weeks now since the boys of summer took the field for the 162 games that actually count, and with the promising young crop of budding prospects that are playing their first full season in "the show," here is a look at how April has been treating them so far.

Who's Hot?

Kazuhisa Ishii, SP, LA Dodgers

This rookie is new to the country as well as the league, but after three starts for the Dodgers he is 3-0 with

a 1.53 ERA and 21K's in 17.2 innings pitched. Could he be the third Japanese player in three years to win Rookie of the Year?

Josh Beckett, SP, Florida Marlins

This overpowering righty has been dominating at times so far this season, (2.84 ERA and 11K's in 12.2 innings pitched), but these stats should only get better as the season rolls along...and also if the Marlins offense stays hot enough to finally give him some support.

Who's Treading Water?

Carlos Pena, 1B, Oakland A's

After a smoking start when he went yard three times in a single series, his stats have started to slip. With his .241 average and four homers he won't be yanked from the lineup anytime soon, and with less than 100 at-bats it's too tough to tell what he is really going to give the A's this season anyway.

Sean Burroughs, 3B, San Diego Padres

He stumbled out of the gates with

a sore thumb that he aggravated in spring training, but he has got the average up to .289 and looks to be the player that everyone is expecting him to be: a solid defensive third baseman with limited power who will be around .300 at season's end.

Who's Cold?

Hank Blalock, 3B, Texas Rangers

He went from being called the next George Brett back to a raw young player just trying to get base hits at the back of the struggling

Ranger lineup. Both he and the Rangers have more talent than they have showed less far, so expect him to dig himself out of a .171 average and cut down on the 15K's in 41 at-bats. Besides, at age 21 most of us are worrying about finals, and he is worrying about hitting a 95 mph heater with movement.

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Rocker sent to minors by Rangers

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — John Rocker and his troubled career are headed to the minor leagues.

The left-hander was optioned to the minors early Wednesday, hours after he blew a save for the Texas Rangers in the 10th inning against the Anaheim Angels.

"It's a disappointment for him," Rocker's agent, Joe Sambito, said. Sambito said it would be premature to comment further because there was "too much going on."

Rocker, whose crude remarks about minorities in 1999 led to a suspension and set off a nationwide debate, was sent to the Rangers' Triple-A Oklahoma farm club. He had 72 hours to accept the assignment.

The club had not yet made a roster move to replace Rocker on the 25-man roster, Rangers spokesman John Blake said in a statement.

Blake, reached later in his hotel, said the team would have no comment

on the move until later Wednesday.

Rocker is 0-1 with a 9.53 ERA and one save in six relief appearances with Texas this season. He has blown two of his three save opportunities.

He was the losing pitcher in Tuesday's 6-5 loss in 10 innings at Anaheim, allowing Darin Erstad's game-winning two-run double.

Rocker was one of the top young closers in baseball in 1999, saving 38 games and helping the Atlanta Braves reach the World Series.

That offseason, Rocker made offensive comments about gays, minorities and immigrants in an interview with Sports Illustrated and was suspended for the first two weeks of the 2000 season and became one of the most despised players in the game.

He never again reached the heights of his 1999 season. He struggled with his control early in 2000 and was sent to the minors by the Braves after a confrontation with Jeff Pearlman, the reporter who wrote the Sports Illustrated article.

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Rocker was soon called up and pitched well for Atlanta, but the Braves cut their ties with the reliever anyway, trading him to Cleveland in June.

Rocker lost the closer's job with the Indians, going 3-7 with a 5.45 ERA after the season.

But new Texas general manager John Hart, who acquired Rocker in Cleveland, decided to trade for the reliever in December.

Rocker didn't have any behavior problems with the Rangers, but struggled at the job he once did so well. Put into the closer's role when Jeff Zimmerman started the season on the disabled list, Rocker blew his first save chance April 9 against Oakland.

After blowing another one Tuesday night, the Rangers had had enough.

Rocker is 11-20, with a 3.21 ERA with 88 saves in 254 major league appearances with Atlanta, Cleveland and Texas.

Equestrian team competes at the year-end regional show



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RIDERS WHO QUALIFIED for Zones in Midway, Kentucky included Emilee Chisena, Coach Eleanor Ellis, Stephanie Zell, Lauren Stopczynski, Ashley Herrman, Hillary Roebuck, Bridget Chastain, Stephanie and Kerry McGarvey.

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The Georgia Southern Equestrian Team riders competed as the year-end regional show hosted by GSU on March 31.

Each rider had to earn 35 points in the ability level division they competed in throughout the year in order to qualify for the regional horse show. Wesleyan College, College of Charleston, Georgia Tech, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Florida are all the schools in Zone-5 Region-4 who compete against Georgia Southern.

Six GSU riders qualified for the regional show. The riders in their divisions and their placings are as follows: Ashley Herrmann placed first in "open western horsemanship" and second in "open reining;" Hillary Roebuck placed second in "advanced western horsemanship;" Stephanie Zell finished second and Caryn

Hood finished fifth in "intermediate western horsemanship," and Kerry McGarvey finished third in "novice over fences."

GSU was also recognized as "the high point western sportsmanship team of the year," which means Georgia Southern takes a rider from each division to represent the region and university. Lauren Stopczynski, Hilary Roebuck, Bridget Chastain, Emilee Chisena, and Ashley Herrmann were the riders who competed at zones as team riders.

At the regional horse show, those riders who place third or higher go on to the zone horse show held at Midway College in Kentucky on April 6 and 7. At zones, Kerry McGarvey was reserve zone champion in "novice over fences," as Ashley Herrmann placed fifth in "open western horsemanship," eighth in "open reining," and third in "team western horsemanship." Emilee Chisena placed

second in "team advanced western horsemanship;" Stephanie Smith placed third in "alumni western horsemanship" and fifth in "alumni reining;" Bridget Chastain finished fourth in team beginning western horsemanship, Stephanie Zell finished third in intermediate western horsemanship; Hillary Roebuck placed fifth in advanced western horsemanship and third in open reining, and Lauren Stopczynski finished third team in intermediate western horsemanship.

Ashley Herrmann and Kerry McGarvey are two of GSU's equestrian team members who have qualified to go to the intercollegiate national horse show in Cazenovia, New York on May 3-5. Ashley Herrmann will be representing this region as the open western high point rider, and Kerry McGarvey will be competing in novice over fences.

GSU cyclist places fifth last weekend in Oxford

G-A Staff Reports

Club Sports cycling member Nick Van Winkle placed fifth representing GSU in the Chainbuster Challenge mountain bike race in Oxford, Georgia. Van Winkle raced in the

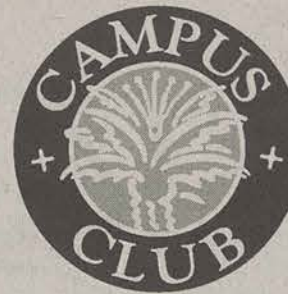
pro/expert class.

Riders were subjected to "terrain that was very technical and slippery" and not "exactly racer friendly".

The race was part of the Georgia Association of Promoters mountain

bike series. The organization has sponsored races for more than four years.

For more information, contact Van Winkle at gsucyclist@hotmail.com.



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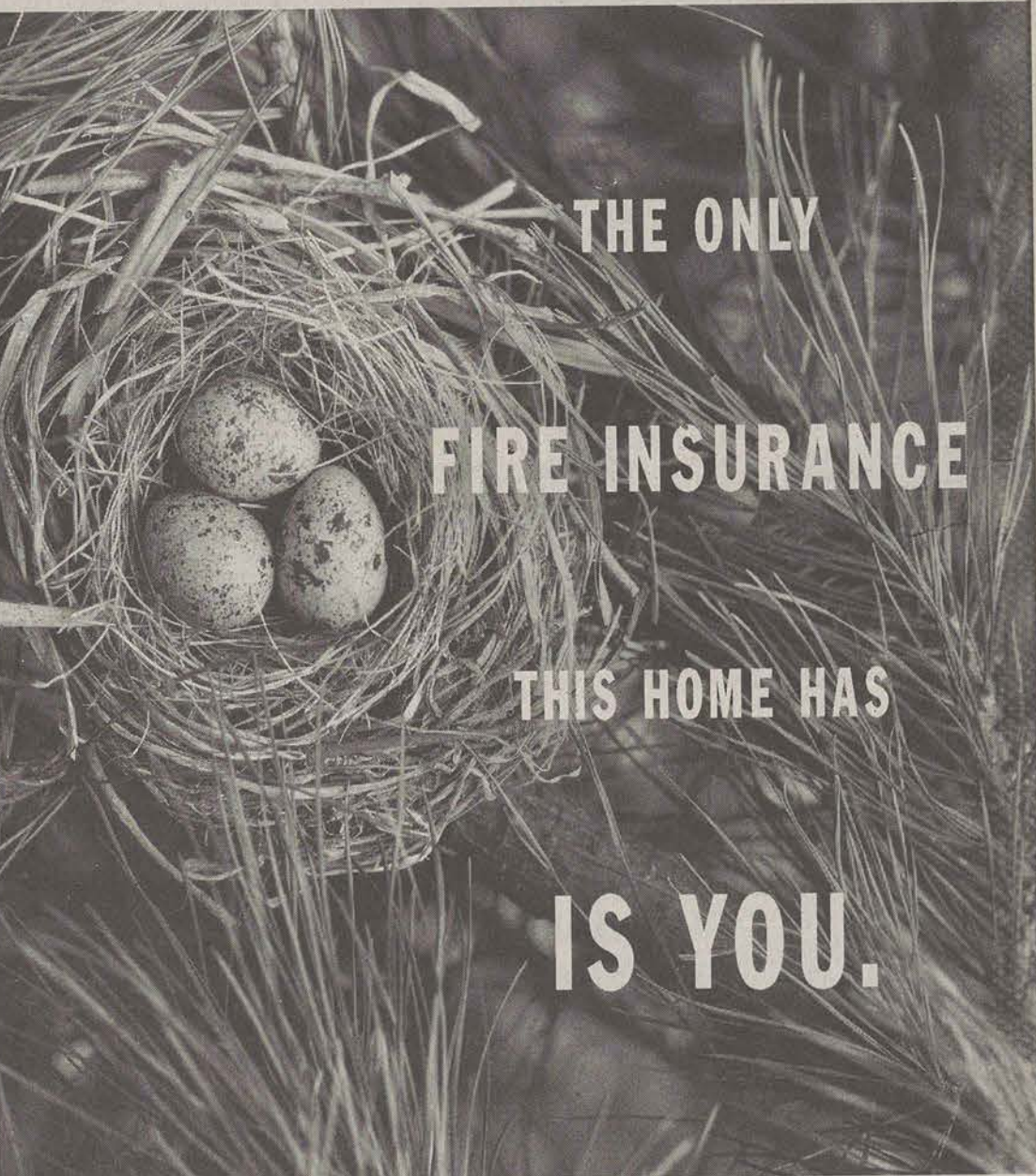
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'Crush' surprises audiences with comedy, dark tragedy

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"Crush" is a cinematic mixed blessing, an unpredictable blend of gal-pal smart talk, romantic comedy and dark tragedy that bites off considerably more than writer/director John McKay can swallow.

Still you have to tip your hat to any movie capable of actually surprising an audience, even if the surprise is unpleasant. And Andie MacDowell delivers yet another understated, subtle performance suggesting that in middle age she has become an actress of genuine substance.

Set in small-town England, "Crush" starts off as a comedy about three wisecracking women. Molly (Anna Chancellor), an M.D. with three failed marriages behind her, radiates raunchy brass and relationship cynicism. The local police inspector, Janine (Imelda Staunton), can order men around but is shy when it comes to romance.

Prim school headmistress Kate (MacDowell) has pretty much resigned herself to a manless existence. She's not without admirers, including the local Anglican priest (Bill Paterson), but she's looking for the real thing: "I don't want to settle for someone just because there is nothing wrong with him."

The opening scenes of these three trading bon mots and exchanging glum romantic advice are blisteringly funny. Then Kate bumps into a former student, 25-year-old Jed (Kenny Doughty), who fills in as the organist at her church. Jed's a hottie, from his cowboy boots to the way he coaxes sounds out of a keyboard, and when he admits that he has always lusted after Kate ... well, the result is liberating sex on a tombstone in the church's graveyard. Before you know it Kate is letting her hair down, liter-



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TRAGIC COMEDY: Girl-talk turns one woman to treachery in "Crush," John McKay's latest piece.

ally and figuratively. She's mildly troubled by the disparity in her and Jed's ages, but after a long dry spell she can't believe she has found the real thing.

Problem is, Molly and Janine don't believe it either. They see the soup-slurping and immature Jed as a threat not only to their girly threesome but also to Kate's future happiness. The ultra-competitive Molly has yet another agenda: Jealous of Kate's newfound happiness she decides to prove Jed's unworthiness by seducing him while the reluctant Janine gets the whole thing on videotape. At this point "Crush" devolves from a ha-ha movie to an oh-no movie, a switch that writer/director McKay negotiates uneasily. Molly's plan goes south and ends badly.

This is too much melodrama for the film to absorb gracefully. Even more questionable is the rebuilding of the three friends' relationship after this awesome debacle, just so the audience can go home with an up-

beat ending. To forgive may be divine, but Kate would have to have a halo to resume her old life with Molly and Janine.

On McKay's behalf it should be noted that "Crush" is one of those rare movies that puts its female characters in the forefront; by comparison the male characters, including Jed, seem fairly undeveloped.

Chancellor and Staunton are very good as the best friends, but the film belongs to MacDowell, who has come a long way in recent years. Even as recently as 1994's "Four Weddings and a Funeral" one could witness a cast of British actors running effortless circles around her. Now she not only holds her own but also dominates the film. What with her recent appearance in "Harrison's Flowers," it may be time to formally declare that this American model has truly become an accomplished actress. The years have given her gravity, and she now recognizes that when acting for film, less can actually be more.

Fuzzy Three Stooges DVD hard on the eyes

KRT Campus

Those who plunged into the world of DVD did so because of the superior picture and sound.

However, newcomers to DVD should be aware that not every disc is of high quality. There is plenty of junk out there, too.

The latest example comes from Anchor Bay Entertainment, a reputable company that usually offers a top-notch product. But Anchor Bay stumbles with "The Three Stooges: Greatest Hits & Rarities" (\$14.98).

Featuring more than two hours of Stoogemania, the disc includes four classic Stooges comedies: "Disorder in the Court" (1936), "Brideless Groom" (1947), "Singa Song of Six Pants" (1947) and "Malice in the Palace" (1949).

The quality of each mostly dark print is terrible and is hampered by streaking lines and scratches. That's not surprising when you know all four are public domain prints - meaning the films are no longer under copyright and anyone can sell them if they can get their hands on copies.

Although Curly is pictured on the cover, you will find him in only one of the comedies - "Disorder in the Court." Shemp is in the rest.

There is one item of interest on the disc: a 1950 kinescope of the "Camel Comedy Caravan," a TV show starring Ed Wynn and featuring the Stooges as his guest. The quality is poor, as with most kinescopes (copies of live TV shows filmed directly off a TV screen).

If you are a Stooges fan, I would suggest those produced by Columbia TriStar, which has access to the original prints and negatives. I've had the opportunity to sample only one of these, but the prints were superb and crystal clear. I suspect the others are just as good.

When you're buying DVDs, a good rule to follow is to stay away from off-name brands. For example, an outfit called Madacy distributes some of the most awful-looking stuff ever seen.

Stick with known logos such as Columbia TriStar, Universal, MGM, A&E, Fox, Warner Brothers and Paramount and you won't be disappointed.

And remember this: If a DVD is less than \$7, you can bet that more often than not, it's an unwatchable piece of trash.



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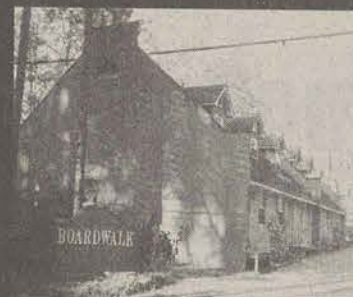
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'Murder By Numbers' may be a failure for Bulloch

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Two privileged brilliant teenagers commit a homicide for the heck of it. Leaving obvious clues that will lead to a not so obvious killer, gets them in more trouble than they bargain for.

Thinking they will get away with it, their plans are thwarted by a gifted homicide detective who is on to their case and is one step ahead of them. Throw in a back-story of the homicide detective becoming a cop because she was almost killed, and you have Warner Bros./Castle Rock Entertainment's "Murder By Numbers."

From the writer of "In/Out" and the director of "Single White Female" comes this poor excuse for a murder mystery.

Whoever said good actors don't make mistakes in picking films was obviously lying, as Sandra Bullock's newest flick is a complete dud.

In the film she portrays Cassie Mayweather isn't that much better when it comes to character development. Cassie is quite masculine in that she's the one that pushes the sex card and uses men for their bodies. She's also leery about relationships because of something that happened in her past. This results in a subplot that didn't need to be mentioned. Cassie also becomes the target of her emotions and her fears, as she must prove to everyone in her department that a privileged citizen of their community has committed a horrible crime. The story lacks real cohesion. The plot seems scattered, as each event doesn't flow very well into the next. It seems like the writer tried a little too hard in order to make a film version of the CBS hit "CSI or NBC's "Law and Order: Criminal Intent." And as random as some sex scenes are in most movies, the one in this movie begs the viewer to ask "why?"

With eerie Columbine High School vibes, this movie doesn't set right to begin with. The audience is introduced to teenagers (Gosling/Pitt) that seem to be quite well off. They appear to be pretty smart also. With parents that really don't care much for them, they form this bond. This bond is quite sick in that it is a manipulative type of situation. Gosling's character Richard becomes the dominative one and Pitt's Justin is the submissive one.

Being on opposite sides of the high school totem pole, the two boys form this bond that is full of discourse and mistrust. Their relationship also has this homoerotic feel to it, as they talk to each other with huge sexual undertones. On top of that they are both psycho.



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With no sight of nudity or the intent of driving the plot forward, the scene is useless. And if the intent were to paint Cassie (Bullock) as masculine and insensitive, her clothes and demeanor

would have sufficed.

The acting is passable. Of course Bullock is her bubbly self—with all teeth showing constantly. She has this way of turning even the most serious scenes into these "cute" and sugary sweet moments. She also has this knack of being so helpless in many of her scenes, which makes the viewer just wants to hug her and make the pain go away. Though she acts in a horrible film, this is one of Bullock's better performances as an actor since "Miss Congeniality."

Gosling and Pitt pull off their roles very well also. Their creepy portrayal as love-starved teenagers is very accurate. They exude this certain wanting as they depend on each other just to make it through the day. Gosling's performance stands out the most as the mega popular high school kid that everyone can remember from their high school. He's just so nasty and so manipulative. And it's...just great.

This weekend other movies are at the box office. Go see those. This movie isn't worth the time or the money. This isn't Sandra Bullock's finest.

'Ally McBeal' goes off the air in its fifth season

KRT Campus

"Ally McBeal" creator David E. Kelley has decided to pull to plug on the FOX dramedy, ending its five-year run.

The producer told the cast and crew of his decision Wednesday (April 17) afternoon.

The series, which followed the personal and professional life a young lawyer in Boston who is given to flights of fan-

tasy has had a bumpy ride.

Once the darling of the network, rumors of anorexia plagued star Calista Flockhart.

The second and third seasons introduced more and more eccentric characters who were given nothing to do, and original series regulars Gil Bellows ("The Agency") and Courtney Thorne-Smith ("According to Jim") both left to pursue other projects.

"Ally" was revitalized in its fourth season with the addition of Robert Downey Jr. as the lead character's love interest, Larry Paul.

However, Downey's personal problems and numerous arrests, eventually wore out Kelley's patience and he was dropped.

Lisa Nicole Carson, who played Ally's roommate, also left at the end of the fourth season following a brief stint in an institution and admitted problems with substance abuse.

Without Downey, this season has floundered more than ever; bringing in Jon Bon Jovi as a love interest, and giving Ally a daughter haven't helped.

Lucy Liu dropped to a recurring role, while James Le Gros left. James Marsden and Julianne Nicholson were added to the cast, only to be dropped a few weeks later.

Following a six-week hiatus, "Ally McBeal" returned on Monday (April 15) with a two-hour episode guest-starring Matthew Perry and adding Christina Ricci to the cast.

It still only managed to average a mundane 5.6 rating/9 share.

Kelley, who also serves as executive producer for ABC's legal drama "The Practice," will put his creative energies into another show for FOX this fall.

"The Girls Club," will also have a law-based setting and focus on three young women in San Francisco. So far, only Giancarlo Esposito has been cast.

The season, now series, finale of "Ally McBeal" will air Monday, May 20 at 9 p.m. EDT on FOX.



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'ALLY MCBEAL': In the show's fifth year, after the addition of Robert Downey Jr., Ally McBeal will be ending and the last show will run on May 20.

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