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# The GEORGE-ANNE

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### Weather

#### Wednesday

Partly cloudy with a high of 74°F and a low of 48°F.

#### Thursday

Partly cloudy with a high of 74°F and a low of 58°F.

### Opinions

• Tim Prizer prints his last words in *The George-Anne*.

• Adam Brady gives you a reason to care.

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### Sports

• This year in GSU sports: A complete review.

• GSU spring sports teams play on in May.

• GSU Softball takes a double loss to Ga. Tech, 4-2 and 6-1.

• Dennis Hightower calls 2003 the 'year of the unexpected' in the world of sports.

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### Lifestyles

• Cinema Arts closes out semester with 'Election' at the Russell Union Theater.

• Cyclist teams will meet in Georgia this week for a Mock Tour de France.

• The White Stripes perform four nights in a row on Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

• Computer-designed and inspired characters fill theaters this summer.

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*Good luck with finals!*

The George-Anne needs to study, too, but will return in May with periodical summer editions.

## Parking and Conservation

### SAGE unveils 'ATP' at Earth Day event

By Molly McWilliams  
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Faculty members as well as students celebrated with SAGE as they hosted their fourth annual Earth Day festivities this Tuesday, April 22.

"I can remember the first Earth Day and each year we do this is a reminder of how fragile the Earth is and each of us had an important role in protecting it," said Dr. Linda Bleicken, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Nick Fierstos commented before the speeches: "We're really happy to have all these organizations to help teach the campus about the environment. One of our biggest successes is our cooperation with the administration, which is why we're happy to have President Grube speak."

President Grube joked, "We will be draining Lake Ruby." But his tone became more serious as he announced for the first time the plans to reduce transit problems on campus. The proposal to put a parking lot on Old Register Road has been "put on indefinite hold," according

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Photos by Mariana Vieira/STAFF

An Earth Day musician displays a comedic message while enjoying the warm weather and festivities near the Russell Union Rotunda.

### LOTS OF PARKING? Grube presents revisions to 'Master Plans'

By Angela Jones  
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The bumper crop of new parking spaces that GSU faculty and students had hoped for will be a bit less bountiful than was previously expected, according to Parking and Transportation Services Director Bob Chambers.

GSU students will still gain around 510 new commuter parking spaces, in spite of the proposed expansion being

discarded. Dorman Hall, an all male residence hall, located by Landrum Café, is still scheduled to be torn down, making room for about 250 new parking spaces, and the new IT Building is scheduled to open in August, freeing up 260 spaces that had been unavailable due to construction.

However, a strong turnout by Georgia Southern's Environmental Network (GSEN), Student Alliance

for a Greener Earth (SAGE) and others who are concerned about the effects new parking areas might have on the botanical décor on campus, means that, at least for the time being, plans to create the much hoped for 300 commuter parking spaces that would have been located just off of Old Register Rd have been put on hold. Instead,

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### SGA debates proposed amendments tonight Judicial Board hearing for contested elections this Thursday

By Adam Brady  
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A continued debate on proposed constitutional changes will be one of the main points of discussion tonight at the semester's final SGA meeting.

A dispute over the content of the proposed amendments caused the changes to return to the Constitutional Review Committee for editing before they would be presented again.

While the committee approved the majority of the proposed amendments last night, two proposed changes will wait for next year's administration for approval.

The current constitution allows 48 hours for a candidate to contest the elections whereas the proposed amendment would give candidates until "12 noon on the third business day after the posting of election results" to contest.

The period of time given to the

University Judicial Board to decide whether or not a hearing will, under the proposed change, be extended from one week to two.

The publicity coordinator would gain an additional duty in the amendment, and now be responsible for the "upkeep (minutes, agenda, etc.) of the SGA website."

A final approved change approved for proposal was the extension of the application period from one week to "no shorter than 1 week, but no longer than 2 weeks." The election results would be posted no later than 12 noon on the first day after the closure of voting under the amendment, a difference from the current "5 p.m. day of the election" deadline.

Both amendments that were at last week's center of debate – one regarding the grounds for contesting the elections and the other, senatorial absences – will not be voted on tomorrow night. Instead, they will remain tabled for next year's administration to approve or deny.

Twelve students – one from the current SGA administration, six from the incoming, three unelected candidates, and two unrelated – have been notified to appear as witnesses in the hearing.

While all twelve were reached for comment, only President-elect Reggie Brown had a statement.

"I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason, we'll just have to wait until Thursday to see how it plays out," said Brown.

"The judicial board will come to the conclusion that I should remain President-elect because that's how the ballots were cast."

The University Judicial Board hearing will take place this Thursday at 6 p.m. in Hollis Building Room 1121 and is open to the public.



La Vene Bell/STAFF

Members of local band Middleground, Michael Avant and Bob Davis, perform for a weekend crowd at Retrievers.

### Middleground goes to extremes in the 'Boro

By Angie Dalrymple  
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What do you get when you combine four talented musicians with totally different musical influences and backgrounds? A rockin' Statesboro favorite calling themselves Middleground.

Middleground formed about three years ago and within six months had won two out of three battle of the bands in which they participated – and with no surprise. As any fan knows, this group's sound is something special. As lead guitarist Michael Avant said, "we try to do what I call intelligent rock 'n roll."

"Our sound is nothing extravagant, we're kinda in the middle – not too heavy, not too light," said drummer Josh Roberts.

Some would think that is why they call themselves Middleground. Actu-

ally, lead vocalist Bob Davis came up with the name because of their very different musical preferences.

"I'm into Metallica," said Avant. "Josh and I are more modern rock where as the other guys are into heavier stuff like punk."

Bass guitarist Matt Yogus said "Sublime is my favorite but I also like Snot."

"I really like Pearl Jam and Stone Temple Pilots," said Roberts, "but a big drummer influence has been Dream Theater, but I also like a lot of jazz."

However, the band agrees that their current favorite is Our Lady Peace, who they cover, along with Ozzy, Tom Petty and Aerosmith.

Davis and Avant co-write primarily all of Middleground's original

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### Soon gone, but never forgotten



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Dorman Hall will host a closing ceremony for the residence hall this Sunday, April 27. Dorman will be demolished in May to make way for new parking. Jonathan Boyd and the Dorman Hall Action Team extend an invitation to all, especially those who live or have lived in Dorman Hall.



## Police Beat

04-18-2003

• Bryan Paul Branhen, 22, of 808 Colfax Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, driving with a suspended license, driving with no headlights, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute near a public school and possession of a weapon in a school zone.

• John Andrew Shaner, 21, of 1807 Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and improper starting.

• Holly C. Tannyhill, 20, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with theft by taking.

• Officers issued 12 traffic citations and four traffic warnings, assisted three motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

04-19-2003

• A case of simple battery was reported at the Southern Pines construction site.

• Officers issued 20 traffic citations and 11 traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

04-20-2003

• Creg Antonio Page, 26, of 502 Roosevelt St., Dublin, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

• A case of simple battery was reported at Cone Hall.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings and responded to one fire alarm.

04-21-2003

• A computer and a synthesizer were reported missing from the Foy Building.

• Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted two motorists, assisted one injured person, and responded to four fire alarms.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Adam Brady, News Editor.

**Editor's Note:** Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

## April 24

• Annual Wine Tasting & Auction, Botanical Garden, 7 p.m. Reservations suggested. Contact the Garden at ext. 1149.

• Effingham County Eagle Club meeting, 7 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

• Georgia Southern Opera presents "The Pirates of Penzance," Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

## April 25

• Savannah Eagle Club meeting, 7 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

• Georgia Southern Opera presents "The Pirates of Penzance," Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

## April 26

• Baseball Tailgate Picnic, J.I. Clements Stadium, 11 a.m.

• Softball-Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m. (DH)

## Campus Calendar

• Baseball-College of Charleston at Georgia Southern, 1:30 p.m.  
• Graduate Recital, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

• Fossil Factory workshop for children ages 6 and up, Museum, 2 p.m.

• Third Almost Annual Night of Wild Sax, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 5 p.m.

## April 27

• Softball-Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.

• Baseball-College of Charleston at Georgia Southern, 1:30 p.m.

• Georgia Southern-Statesboro Symphony Outdoor Pops Concert, Sweetheart Circle, 3 p.m.

## April 28

• Last Day of Classes

## April 29

• Houston/Peach Eagle Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 1

• Okefenokee Eagle Club meeting, 7 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 2

• Plant Swap, Botanical Garden, 10 a.m.

• Greater Jacksonville Eagle Club meeting, 6 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 3

• Commencement, Paulson Stadium, 9 a.m.

## May 5

• Greater Albany Eagle Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 6

• Greater Athens Eagle Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 7

• Children Growing Vegetables for the Hungry, Botanical Garden. For more information, contact the Garden at ext. 1149.

## May 8

• Oconee Eagle Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call ext. 5691.

## May 9

• Baseball-Florida Atlantic at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.

## May 10

• Baseball-New York Tech at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.

## May 11

• Baseball-New York Tech at Georgia Southern, 1:30 p.m.

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# GSU News Briefs

## Well Known Author to Speak at GSU

Mystery author Kathy Hogan Trocheck will speak on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nes-smith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

Trocheck, who currently resides in Atlanta, lived in Savannah for more than two decades. She is the author of many well-known mystery novels including the Callahan Gritty mystery series, as well as those written under her pseudonym "Mary Kay Andrews."

Andrew's third mystery novel, Little Bitty Lies, is due for release soon.

This event is part of the Campus Life Enrichment Series and is free and open to the public

## Annual Wine Tasting and Auction at the Garden

The fifth annual "Wine, Moonlight and Magnolias" wine tasting and auction will be held Thursday, April 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Botanical Garden. Tickets are still available and are \$35 per person. The evening will include food, wine (beer and non-alcoholic beverages are also available), an auction and live music surrounded by the springtime beauty of the Garden. The event is sponsored by the Camellia Garden Club to help raise money for the continued development of the Garden. The auction is sponsored by the Garden's Board of Advisors.

A printable reservation card is available on the Garden's website at [welcome.gasou.edu/garden](http://welcome.gasou.edu/garden) or you may make reservations by phone with a credit card by calling ext. 1149.

## Pops Concert April 27

The Georgia Southern-Statesboro Symphony orchestra will hold its annual Pops Concert on Sunday, April

27, at 3 p.m. on Sweetheart Circle. This year the orchestra will play pop "standards" and will feature vocal soloists Kyle and Sarah Hancock.

This is an event for the entire family. Admission is free and popcorn and soft drinks will be provided free of charge. There will be free face painting and balloons for the children. Additionally, everyone is invited to bring a picnic and enter the annual contest for the most exciting picnic spreads. The three categories for the contest are: Most Patriotic (stars and stripes, etc.), Most Formal (candelabras, etc.) and Most Unusual.

## Welcome Week to begin August 16

The University's Welcome Week festivities are scheduled to begin Saturday, Aug. 16. The Student Activity Center is asking departments for help in providing activities to welcome the new and returning students to campus. Due to the limitation of space on Welcome Week posters and publications, they are asking that departments submit events scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 16, through Saturday, Aug. 23. Welcome Week event forms are available in the Student Activities Office in Russell Union Room 1056 and need to be returned by Monday, May 5. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at ext. 7270 or e-mail [nmiller@gasou.edu](mailto:nmiller@gasou.edu).

## Registrar's Office has moved

The Registrar's Office has moved from Building 805 on Forest Drive to the Rosenwald Building on Sweetheart Circle. Data processing and Systems are now located on the second floor. The Registrar, Records and Graduation offices are now located on the third floor. If someone needs to direct a student to the Registrar's Office or has questions, call ext. 5008, 1497 or 0432.

## Family Life Center accepting applications

The Family Life Center is currently accepting applications for its summer enrichment program. The program is open to 3-, 4- and 5- year olds (who have not yet started kindergarten) and will run concurrent with the University's summer sessions with two five-week options or one nine-week option. Children must be toilet trained. For more information, or to request an application, contact Kathy Whitaker at the Family Life Center at ext. 5537 or via e-mail at [mkwhitak@gasou.edu](mailto:mkwhitak@gasou.edu).

## Biology faculty and students recognized for research

Biology faculty and students were recognized for their research at the Georgia Entomological Society annual meeting held April 3-4 on Jekyll Island. In the B.S./M.S. Student Research Paper Competition, first prize was awarded to Amy Blair, graduate master's biology student, and Lorne Wolfe, associate professor of biology, for the paper "Entomological Escape: An Explanation for Why Invasive Plants Succeed." First runner-up went to Sadia Ajohda, graduate master's biology student, and James Keirans, professor and curator of the Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology, for the paper "A Morphometric Analysis of the Ixodes ricinus Complex (Acari: Ixodidae: Ixodidae)." Honorable mention went to April C. Murphy, graduate master's biology student, and Frank E. French, professor of biology, for the paper "Serological and Molecular Evaluations of Group VIII Spiroplasma from North America and Australia."

In the Student Poster Presentation Competition, first prize was awarded to Sarah Mock, junior biology student, and Alan Harvey, associate professor of biology, for the poster "Ecology of the 'Spider Bug' (Ranaovius con-

bnalis), a Commensal Resident of Spider Webs." Honorable mention went to Alex Zarzuela, junior biology major; Michael Gutierrez, senior biology major; Amanda Slider, senior biology major; and Frank E. French, professor of biology, for the poster "Survey of Spiroplasma Bacteria from Australian Tabanidae."

In the GES Photo Salon photographic competition first prize, best of show and second prize went to photos by Sturgis McKeever, the late professor emeritus of biology. First prize in Biology and first prize in Sequence went to Frank E. French. The Best of Show award was renamed in honor of Sturgis McKeever.

James H. Oliver Jr., Callaway professor and director of the Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology, was recognized and honored as 2003 GES Founders in the Founders Lecture delivered by Rick L. Osburn, biology chair 1983-87, currently interim president of Florida Atlantic University.

Other biology personnel attending and presenting included biology faculty: Jon Copeland, professor; Dan Hagan, professor; and Lance Durden, associate professor and assistant curator of the Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology. Other biology graduate and undergraduate students attending included: Alan Wells, Clay Harper, Amy Gray, Christa Rayl and Hugh Moye. April

## Georgia Southern Opera presents operetta 'Pirates of Penzance'

### G-A News Service

Georgia Southern Opera presents W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's classic comic operetta "The Pirates of Penzance" April 24-25 at the Performing Arts Center.

Georgia Southern's first opera performance with a live orchestra, "The Pirates of Penzance," is a classic comic tour de force poking fun at the Victorian obsession with duty through the story of young Frederic, who was accidentally apprenticed to a pirate as a young lad.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. both nights and admission is free.

Directed by assistant professor of music Tamara Watson Harper with musical direction by assistant professor of music Kyle Hancock, the Pirates of Penzance features classics songs such

as "Modern Major General," "Climbing over a Rocky Mountain," "I am a Pirate King" and "Poor Wandering One."

For this production, Georgia Southern obtained the elaborate sets and period costumes from Florida State University.

For more information, contact Harper at ext. 7902.



Special Photo

GSU's first opera performance with a live orchestra, "The Pirates of Penzance" will show tomorrow and Friday at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

## 19th Annual Ogeechee River Redbreast Festival

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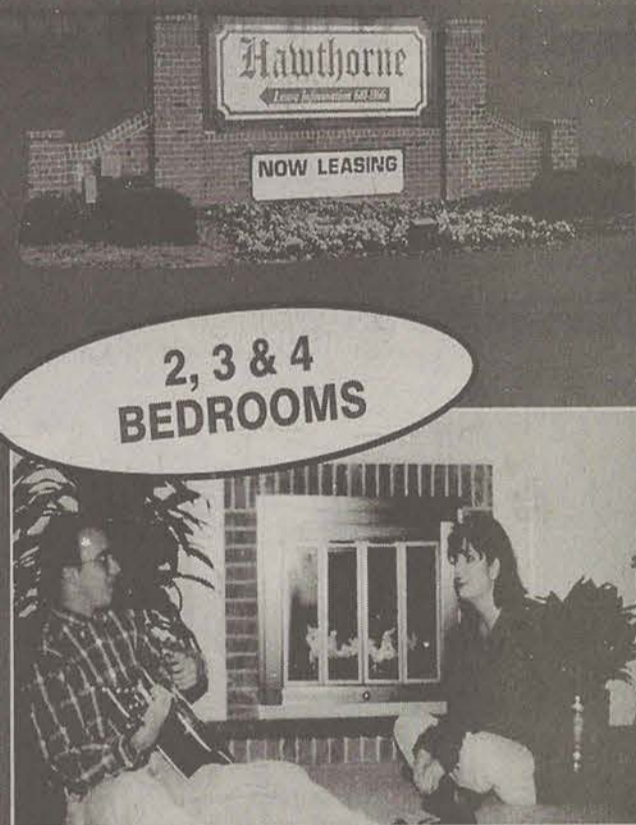
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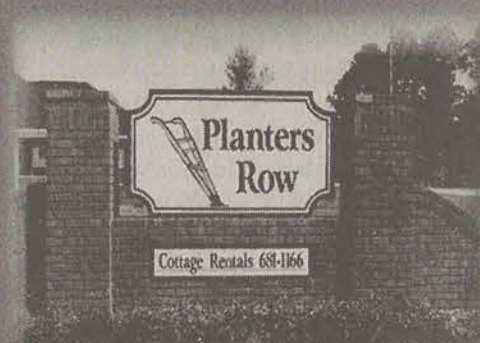
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## The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

• **THUMBS UP** to the end of the semester and the start of summer.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to finals, papers, and projects.

• **THUMBS UP** to CNN finally covering something other than the war in Iraq.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the death of jazz singer Nina Simone.

• **THUMBS UP** to new faces in the fall.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to the increase of SARS cases in China and Canada.

## Thoughts of the day

• Men for the sake of getting a living forget to live.

— Margaret Fuller

• Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on.

— Bob Newhart

### LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The *George-Anne* welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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# OPINIONS

## So long, it's been good to know ya

I walked into this office as a scared freshman.

I had moved to Georgia just a couple of months prior, and I knew no one — and I mean *no one* — at this university. But I was a journalism major and wanted to write for the paper. I also hoped I could make some friends. I hadn't a clue though how to go about it.

I probably appeared lost that day in late August 1999 when I wandered into room 2023 of the Williams Center. And though I had found exactly what I was looking for — the office of the student newspaper — I indeed felt as lost as a small child amidst towering strangers at the county fair.

The walls of the office were blanketed with the countless awards the publication had collected over the years. I had been published before only in my high school newspaper, a two-page mess of pixels and poor writing. Never had I, or my high school paper, *The Talon*, ever dreamed of being awarded for excellence in journalism.

The tables at *The George-Anne* were mounted with McIntosh computers, an entirely different breed of machine than the IBMs I knew so well.

Pieces of paper with nonsense writings on them draped the partitions dividing editors' workspaces. I assumed them correctly to be signs of the esoteric — inside jokes not meant for me, the little incoming freshman, to understand. Taped to other walls were photographs of smiling, bright-eyed and drunken *George-Anne* employees at local parties and on national student media gatherings.

These guys are for real, I told myself. I'm a nobody.

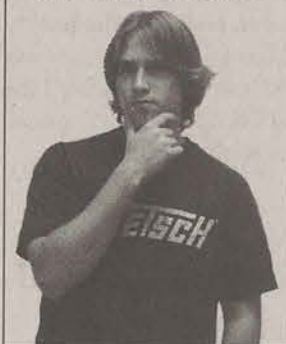
But breaking my discomfort and feelings of insignificance was the then-Lifestyles editor of *The George-Anne*. She asked me if I needed some help, and I told her that I would like to write for the paper. Expecting her to require training and request writing samples and letters of recommendation, I was surprised to say the least by her response.

"What do you like to write about?" she asked.

"Uhhh... Music. Music reviews and live music," I said, my nerves more visible than my face.

"Great! That's my department," she said before taking my name and telephone number, and asking when I could turn in my first story.

### TIM PRIZER



It is enshrined still in a frame upon the bedroom wall in my apartment.

But that article symbolizes something different, something much larger than it did to me then. It reminds me of the fact that when I came to this institution, I had no earthly idea who I was. I held no well-founded opinions and I had no academic interests. I was simply a child with the vague idea that I possibly held some potential as a writer.

And now, four years later, I can look back on it all. I climbed to the top of this publication after serving as a staff writer, the Lifestyles/A&E editor, and the managing editor. Until this year (it's been hell and I'm sorry), I prolifically wrote a liberal column stating my views on culture and cultural diversity, my firm distaste with the conservative politics of so many students at this university (yes, I'm proudly responsible for editorial cartoons like the one below).

And now it is time to say goodbye to the place largely responsible for my identity. This is not, let me make clear, to say that the newspaper is my identity. It has, however, been the vehicle on which I shaped and realized who I am.

Ironically, *The George-Anne* revealed to me that I am not cut out to be a journalist. Deadlines, like the one I am

A few days later, my name appeared atop a review of an album by folksinger Hayseed on page eight, and I had officially been published by the student newspaper at Georgia Southern University.

I probably stared at that page for hours, looking at my name in bold ink. I'm sure I read my article 15 or 20 times, so proud of it that I could come out of my skin. And though it's far from my best work, it is still my favorite of all.

working on right now, are things I despise. I love to write, but journalism so often requires us to cover and write about things we couldn't care less about personally. I decided to enter an academic discipline — anthropology — in which I am permitted to investigate and write about topics of interest to me. And I plan to spend a lifetime in the field, a passion I would have never discovered had *The George-Anne* not pulled me, paradoxically, away from journalism. Many cowards — excuse my honesty — now in the journalism program at GSU who foolishly refuse to come to *The George-Anne* for experience will likely find the world of journalism similarly unattractive. But for them, and you know who you are, it will probably be too late to do anything about it.

By the time this column hits the newsstands, I will have stepped down from the editor in chief position and indeed from *The George-Anne* altogether, but I can proudly state that another liberal, Amanda Permenter, will fill my shoes.

I look forward to one day venturing back to Statesboro for GSU football games in the echoing confines of Paulson Stadium, for a quick hello to the future newspaper staff using equipment even Bill Gates hasn't yet envisioned, and for a lengthy conversation with the immortal and legendary student media advisor Bill Neville, whose crimson hair and beard by then will have gone silver and gray.

It would be disappointing for me to run this column without at least some reference to folk music or folklore, two topics that my fellow staffers have deemed central to my very existence. So I quote from an American hero, Woody Guthrie, when I say "So long, it's been good to know ya" but "I better quit my talkin' 'cause I've told ya all I know."

I have enjoyed bringing you the news, be it two GSU football national championships, the closest presidential election in our nation's history, the most devastating attack ever on American soil, the crash of the Columbia, or the wars in the Middle East that remain so vivid in our minds and on our television screens today.

I owe this publication so much, and I can only hope that I have contributed to it a fraction of what it has to me.

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## But really... Why should I care?

I care because it's my money, the people who represent me, and the people who represent my school.

I had a conversation this past weekend with a good friend of mine, who despite his obvious distaste for the way things are handled by some of our fellow students, still cares a great deal about what happens at GSU. He loves to ask me why *The George-Anne* publishes much that it does, in particular SGA related stories.

"Who cares," he told me.

Maybe if you, the student population, were better informed of what's being done behind seemingly closed doors, you would.

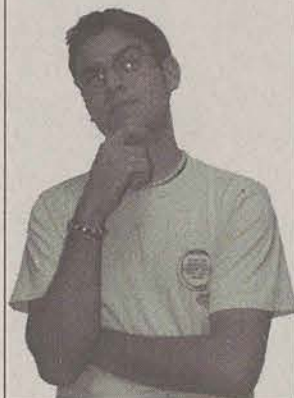
Every year a group of students is voted into office to represent the student population here at GSU to our own administration and various outside groups that have frequent meetings to discuss ideas on University policy. These are the people that sit on numerous committees making the decisions that will ultimately end in recommendations or new policy that will — not possibly, but will — affect your life here at Georgia Southern.

They talk with the Parking and Transportation Departments regarding solutions to the parking "problem." They make decisions regarding the disbursement of the Technology fee you're assessed when you pay your tuition every semester. They're responsible for awarding the John F. Nolen scholarship to students who apply.

They recommend policy for the library, make suggestions in changes to the Student Conduct Code, make recommendations of students to sit on the University Judicial Board, chair the United Way student campaign, plan and conduct Honors Day, and much more. It's all on their website at [studentorg.gasou.edu/sga](http://studentorg.gasou.edu/sga) — you may be surprised by the amount of responsibility they're charged with.

And some of you thought all they did was give funding (you provided the funds, by the way) to student organiza-

### ADAM BRADY



heard regarding the elections being contested, didn't vote. You've all read the story on SGA last week, and you're no doubt about to, or finished reading the one on today's front page. Whether you voted or not, face the truth: you want to know what's going on.

"But why does it matter?"

It should matter because you have a right to know what's going on. Moreover, you have a right to speak to these people, whether in their Senate Meetings or during their office hours, to let them know if there are issues you'd like to see addressed.

If SGA says it is the voice of the students on this campus, start giving it something to say.

Ask questions, make phone calls, show up to meetings, send emails; we must begin holding these people accountable for what they claim to do.

tions in need.

"Who cares?"

A grand total of 1,529 students took the time to vote in this year's SGA election. That's just a little over 10 percent of the total estimated enrolled population here at GSU.

Apparently those students are the only one's that care.

That's a little hard for me to believe.

Even my good friend, who cared enough to mention something to me about what he had

Why should you care?

You should care because some of these individuals are treating you, your money, and your school like some kind of cheap political joke. However, you need to know too that many of the individuals who represent you on SGA work very hard to do the right thing. Unfortunately, their presence is often times eclipsed by the shadow of scandal.

By this time, we've all heard a small amount of fact and a great deal of rumor as to what's going on.

The SGA elections have been contested.

They're not being disputed because of some long-standing grudge between two candidates and not because of an over-zealous politician with dashed hopes of a star-studded resume.

The SGA elections have been contested because there are serious claims pointing to the misdoings of certain candidates — as well as current members and staff — that are considered serious enough by the University Judicial Board to hold a hearing to decide if those allegations may result in penalties according to the Student Conduct Code. That hearing will take place tomorrow, Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in room 1121 of the Hollis Building.

Why do I care?

I care because I'm a student and I love my school.

Ignoring how some people will simply not do their jobs — people who hold a position meant to serve our needs as students of Georgia Southern — should no longer be acceptable. It's about time that we all stand and are counted.

You have every reason to care.

And if you continue to ignore those reasons, you're no better than they are.

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Mariana Vieira/STAFF

according to Grube, until the results of other efforts can be evaluated.

These other efforts include carpooling, which would mean two or more people riding together in a car; different fees for different lots, which means that if you want to park close to your class you would have to pay more and if you don't want to pay at all that option will be given for certain lots as well.

For those who want free parking, there are plans to build a walkway from the RAC to the College of Education "so you can get there safely," according to Grube. The non-commuter zone will be expanded to include houses in the Georgia Avenue neighborhood and Olympic Blvd. Once safety measures are taken for those crossing Highway 301, apartments complexes such as The Woodlands will be non-commuter zones too.

An attempt will be made to more evenly distribute course scheduling across a Monday through Friday schedule, so that not everyone will be in the parking lots at the same time and therefore lessen the peak times that everyone is searching for a space. This new course schedule will be compiled by the Enrollment Management Council and is expected to be implemented by Fall 2004 with the President's Cabinet approval.

There will be a bike rack survey at all academic and residence hall buildings in order to find out the capacity as well as usage of these bike

racks. Additional bike racks will be purchased, and there is also the possibility of building an area by the RAC to store bikes overnight, so that people can park at the RAC and then bike to their classes.

Along with biking, walking will also be encouraged with the new program called ATP, Alternative Transportation Program. ATP will be encouraged by SAGE and GSEN with the help of the Office of Marketing and will use "guerilla marketing" according to Dr. Larry Mutter. This may include everything from "catching" people walking or biking to class and giving out free coupons for ice cream or bottled water, to encouraging people to use their cars less.

There is also an attempt to try and work out P.E. credits for those who regularly walk or bike to class. "Please let us know if you have any ideas for ATP..." We are a pedestrian oriented campus... and the city and county are getting involved as well [with developing] plans for greenways for the city and county," said Dr. Mutter.

There is also work on a possible transportation system, and the President's Cabinet will take recommendations by the spring semester of 2004.

Not among the recommendations of the Campus Physical Planning Committee listed above were other issues that were discussed by faculty, the President's Council, and the VP

for Business and Finance. They came up with the following to keep up the campus environments: The Herty Nature Preserve will continue to be a protected area of campus; the area bordered by highway 301, Parrish Drive, and Southern Drive will be protected areas as well up to the Welcome Center, Parking Office, and the Interior Design complex.

Also to be a protected will be the area bordered by Herty Drive, Fair Road, and Chandler Road up to the parking lots behind the Russell Union and Landrum Center. The wetlands area from Veterans Memorial Parkway over to Forest Drive, including the wooded tributaries extending from Forest Drive to the Wildlife Education Center and to Lake Wells will also be a protected area.

The approval of the Georgia Southern University Greenway project was announced. Specific details will be worked out later and will be taken on by the VP for Business and Finance along with GSEN and the Campus Physical Planning Committee.

The former presidents were at Earth Day as well, one being Brooke Brandenburg who said "[w]e started [SAGE] four years ago as a class project [and it] has had an incredible influence on this campus. It's fantastic to come back and see this. My biggest fear when we started SAGE was that it would be gone once we graduated. I am happy so say that fear is gone."

Representatives were present from environmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Furbabies, and the Green Party.

"I did my masters here and this is the first chance I've had to come back and participate in Earth Day. I am impressed with the quality of students coming to talk with me. I hope to get some interns and volunteers from here," said Alison McGee of The Nature Conservancy.

Anyone interested can contact McGee at amcgee@tnc.org or can call her at 912-437-2161, extension 230.

Yvonne Zakrzewski from the new Green Party on campus said "we have a few members, and we would like to make people [aware] of our values and Earth Day was perfect. The environment is an issue that other political parties have neglected." She was also passing out applications for voter registration, and they will be having a meeting Wednesday, April 23 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

There was also pizza from Papa John's, and a faculty/RA dunking booth as well as a raffle.

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two new classes of commuter parking are being created: high demand and low rent.

"Our hope is that many students will be willing to park a little farther away from their class and walk, if they can save some money, leaving the high demand lots for those students who will be on campus and in that area for most or all of the day."

The high demand lots are scheduled to be those around the Nursing and Education buildings and Plant Drive commuter lots, which are located just across from the Engineering and Technology building.

These high demand lots will cost a bit more than the usual \$56 parking permit, and will be more closely monitored. There is also the possibility that tickets will increase to fit the cost of the newly priced parking — i.e. tickets for parking in a high demand lot without a permit may be more, and the fines for parking in low rent lots might cost less. Currently, a ticket for no parking permit is \$25.

"With both Nursing and Chemistry moving to this side of the campus, these will become very high demand lots, so we plan to limit the number of commuter passes for the area," said Chambers.

Lower rent lots will be available over by Hanner Fieldhouse, the baseball and softball fields, and around Highway 67. Parking in these lots could be as little as \$10, though the prices of both the high demand and low rent lots are still

being discussed.

A general issue commuter-parking permit will still be available for \$56 for the year, or \$28 for half the year.

"In order to save the trees, we're all going to have to pay a little more for parking, faculty and students," Chambers said. "The idea behind the parking price range is to try and get people from the west side of campus, over by the Nursing and Education colleges where it is most densely packed, over to the other side of the school, near the Hanner complex, where it is less crowded."

The new price differentiated parking lots are just one of the recommendations that have been reviewed and approved for the Parking and Transportation Master Plan, which made its first public appearance at the Earth Day celebration.

Also premiering at Earth Day was the Alternative Transportation Program (ATP).

"This is part of a broader approach to transportation at Georgia Southern," Dr. Lorne Wolfe explained. "There are many different components to alleviating the congestion and perceived parking difficulties."

Dr. Wolfe encourages people to use ATP, rather than gas, to get to and from classes and campus activities.

"We understand that not everyone can do this, of course, but we are trying to encourage people who live within a reasonable distance to walk or bike to class, whenever possible," he said.

ATP is a new program at GSU, and Dr. Wolfe is hoping that, in the future, there will be incentives to encourage those who can to bike or walk to school.

"Some people are considering offering P.E. credits for biking and walking to class," he explained.

Carpooling will also be available under the new parking plan. Several spaces will be available for High occupancy vehicles — cars that have two or more people — at the same rate as a regular commuter pass.

"Because most students, even roommates or friends, have varying schedules, the faculty and staff are the ones most likely to make use of the carpooling option at first," said Chambers. "However, the option is available to anyone who wants to take advantage of it."

Another new change is that the non-commuter zone, apartments and residences that are considered to be within a reasonable walking distance of the campus, is being expanded to include Olympic Blvd and houses in the Georgia Avenue neighborhood. Students living in the Woodlands and other nearby complexes will be moved up to non-commuter zone status as soon as safety measures for pedestrian crossing on Highway 301 are in place.

Other changes include a sidewalk from the RAC to the College of Education, and a survey of bike racks campus-wide, with new racks being purchased and placed at peak use locations.

## MIDDLEGROUND, FROM PAGE 1

such as their newest, "Long Live the Day."

"We play well off of each other because we have very different styles," said Avant. "Some of our work is pretty hard with a good catch."

"They write the song structures and we come up with our own parts," said Yogus. "Occasionally we'll also help each other out."

The band tries to play one original for every two covers when they perform to give the audience something new for their ears but also old favorites they can sing along to.

"We love how the fans come out and support us," said Yogus. "We just hope the music scene keeps growing in Statesboro."

The last time Middleground performed at Retriever's, some avid fans even sported homemade t-shirts with the band's song titles printed on them.

"It helps a lot that our friends come

out to hear us," said Avant. "They already know our stuff, so we try to put on a great show every time we perform."

Middleground is not only heard of in Statesboro, but has also played in Savannah, Beaufort, Athens, Macon and Atlanta.

The band recently played with another local band, Elohsa, at Relay for Life and will be performing with them again at CoCo Nuts in Beaufort, SC, May 10.

"Whenever we have an out of town show with another band, we try to push each other to be better," said Avant. "If they sound good, we'll sound good."

When asked what his favorite original song is, Yogus quickly replied, "Addiction — Bob wrote it about me because I'm always drunk and smoking cigarettes — but it does have underlying meaning too."

Roberts' favorite is "Once Around the Sun" which is one of the band's first songs.

"I think it's about Bob's old relationships but I don't really know," said Roberts. "We had only been together a year and you know the earth revolves around the sun and, well, you get it."

In that first year Middleground also recorded their first CD. However, it was not all they expected it to be and have since written some of their best pieces.

As far as future plans, the band agrees they will take Middleground as far as it will go.

"We just want to keep having a good time and keep giving our friends good shows and good rock," said Roberts. "Maybe we'll get a chance to record another CD because we rushed through the first one, but money is definitely an issue."

Until then, Middleground will continue to rock the 'boro.

View the band's website and hear some of their originals at [www.middlegroundmusic.com](http://www.middlegroundmusic.com)

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# Sports

## GSU sports: A year in review

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Being an athlete at Georgia Southern carries some lofty expectations.

Year in and year out hopes are for Southern Conference championships and berths to the NCAA Tournament.

With the 2002-2003 school year winding up, the Eagles managed to add more accolades to their already growing list of athletic achievements. Three teams clinched SoCon titles while some student athletes had individual awards bestowed upon them.

As the year comes to an end, it is evident that this was another year of

highlights for the programs that have completed their seasons.

**Football:** While talking about Eagle sports, one cannot go without mention of the storied program that can be seen on the Paulson Stadium turf Saturdays throughout the fall. But before the 2002 season kicked off, many had their doubts on this year's prospects.

Paul Johnson had left the Eagles to take over the program at the Naval Academy. All-American fullback Adrian Peterson was off in the Windy City playing for the Chicago Bears. Add to that the losses of other key players like J.R. Revere and Mike Youngblood,

and it was easy to consider this season as a rebuilding year.

Even after a 1-2 start, rookie head coach Mike Sewak was quickly able to silence his critics as his team reeled off 10 straight wins and taking their unprecedented sixth consecutive SoCon crown.

But for the second straight year, the Eagles' quest for Chattanooga ended in the semifinals as they suffered an agonizing 31-28 loss to eventual national champ Western Kentucky on Dec. 14. After trailing 24-7 entering the final quarter, GSU reeled off 21 unanswered points to jump ahead by four. It wasn't meant to be for the Eagles, as the Hill-toppers made it to the endzone with just 46 seconds left.

Sophomore quarterback Chaz Williams was honored as the SoCon Player of the Year after he led the league in rushing yards while running for 27 touchdowns, while also topping 100 yards rushing 10 times in a row. Jermaine Austin had an equally strong year at fullback as he was given the award as the SoCon's top freshman.

**Soccer:** It was a tale of two stories for Eagle soccer.

After a season-opening win against North Carolina State, the men's soccer team suffered through some lean times the rest of the way, finishing 2-16-2 overall. Junior Wes Meadows led the way with seven goals while senior Jeff Russell had four goals and eight assists on the season.

The women's soccer team, however, had one of their best seasons in their existence, going 12-5-2 and finishing undefeated at home. The Lady Eagles entered the SoCon Tournament as the third seed, but suffered an upset loss to Charleston to knock them out of contention.

Despite their early exit, the women's soccer team still got their share of recognition as four players were named all-conference. Christine Nipaver, Genevieve Ward and Amanda Bernard were named to the first team while Jackie Kinsey made it on the second team. Ward, as well as the team, was also honored for their academic achievements.

**Volleyball:** After the program had only recorded three winning seasons before her arrival, head coach Kerry Messersmith has quickly put her own winning touch on the volleyball team.

After winning their first SoCon Tournament title in 2001, the Eagles followed it up by finishing 2002 campaign 24-8, including a near-perfect 13-1 mark at home, and shared the regular season crown with Charleston. But those very same Cougars prevented GSU from making their second straight trip to the NCAA Tournament, winning the SoCon championship 3-0.

However, all was not for naught as Messersmith was named the SoCon Coach of the Year and Martina Veiglova was honored as the SoCon Player of the Year. Veiglova finished first in the league, and seventh nationally, with 686 kills and has already topped 1,000 kills in just two seasons as an Eagle.

In addition to Veiglova, Megan Lippi received all-conference first team recognition at the newly created libero position.

**Swimming & Diving:** Even without much of the attention afforded to other programs, the ladies of swimming and diving had a good season in their own right.

The Lady Eagles won six of their 10 individual meets, while securing top three finishes as a team in the three invitationals they participated in, including a third place finish in the Southern States Swimming and Diving Championships.

Junior Lauren Bird was named the top swimmer at the meet, as she won

three events and finished second in another. In addition, Bird, Alicia Licht and Florrie Cunningham were all named all-Southern States.

Overall, the championships treated the Lady Eagles well, as they recorded season-best times in all but four events during the season-ending meet.

**Men's Basketball:** After being predicted to win the SoCon's South Division before the season, the Eagles had a tough go at times, ultimately finishing fifth in their division.

After standing at 7-4 before the start of league play, Georgia Southern could not build up any significant runs during the Southern Conference season, including a stretch in late January and early February in which they lost five of seven games.

The Eagles managed to snap a three-game losing streak on Feb. 8 when they topped eventual SoCon champ East Tennessee State 87-83 at home. Two more big home wins came on Jan. 7 when GSU erased a 21-point first half deficit to beat Furman 71-64, and on Feb. 24, when the Eagles took a thrilling 99-97 win over Chattanooga. In the latter contest, Julius Jenkins sank eight three-pointers, tying a school record, on his way to 33 points in the regular season finale.

The Eagles carried the momentum of that last contest into the first round of the SoCon Tournament in Charleston where they beat Western Carolina 89-81. But a 67-53 loss to Charleston in the second round halted any hopes of living up to the preseason expectations.

Jenkins closed out his storied career at Georgia Southern as the Eagles' all-time leading scorer with 1,870 points, averaging 21.6 points his senior year.

**Women's Basketball:** Unlike their male counterparts, the Lady Eagle basketball team played beyond the expectations laid by others, making it all the way to the finals of the SoCon Tournament.

Despite losing four of their top five scorers from the 2001-02 season, Georgia Southern finished at 20-10 on the season, and a third-best 12-6 mark in the conference.

Arguably the ladies' most improbable win came on Jan. 27, when they upset Chattanooga 66-59, only one of two conference losses the Mocs would have all season. In that game, the Lady Eagles were able to fight back from a 12-point first half deficit and jump ahead, fending off further Chattanooga rallies.

After two hard-fought wins against Appalachian State and Davidson in the SoCon Tournament, GSU advanced to the championship only to meet the Mocs once more. This time, the Lady Eagles were unable to pull another upset as they fell 66-52.

Jessica Everett and Shawnica Hill led the offensive output, but senior Mimi Lindsey and Tiffany Lanier were both dominant forces on the defensive end. Lindsey led the league by averaging 9.9 rebounds a game while Lanier had a league-best 101 steals on the year, including 10 against nationally-ranked South Carolina on Dec. 3.

**Tennis:** Both the men's and women's tennis teams hovered around the .500 mark much of the season, with the men topping out at 9-13 and the women at 10-9.

The bright spot for the men's team was the emergence of freshman Vincent Patry. Patry, a native of Paris, won 23 of this 28 singles matches this season and was rewarded with SoCon Freshman of the Year honors.

On the women's end, Stephanie Tyrell also was named the top freshman in the league, finishing 10-13 in singles action.

In postseason play, the men's team was knocked out in the first round of the conference tournament while the

women lasted until the semifinals before losing to Charleston.

**Track and Field:** The ladies of Eagle track and field had strong seasons in both indoor and outdoor events.

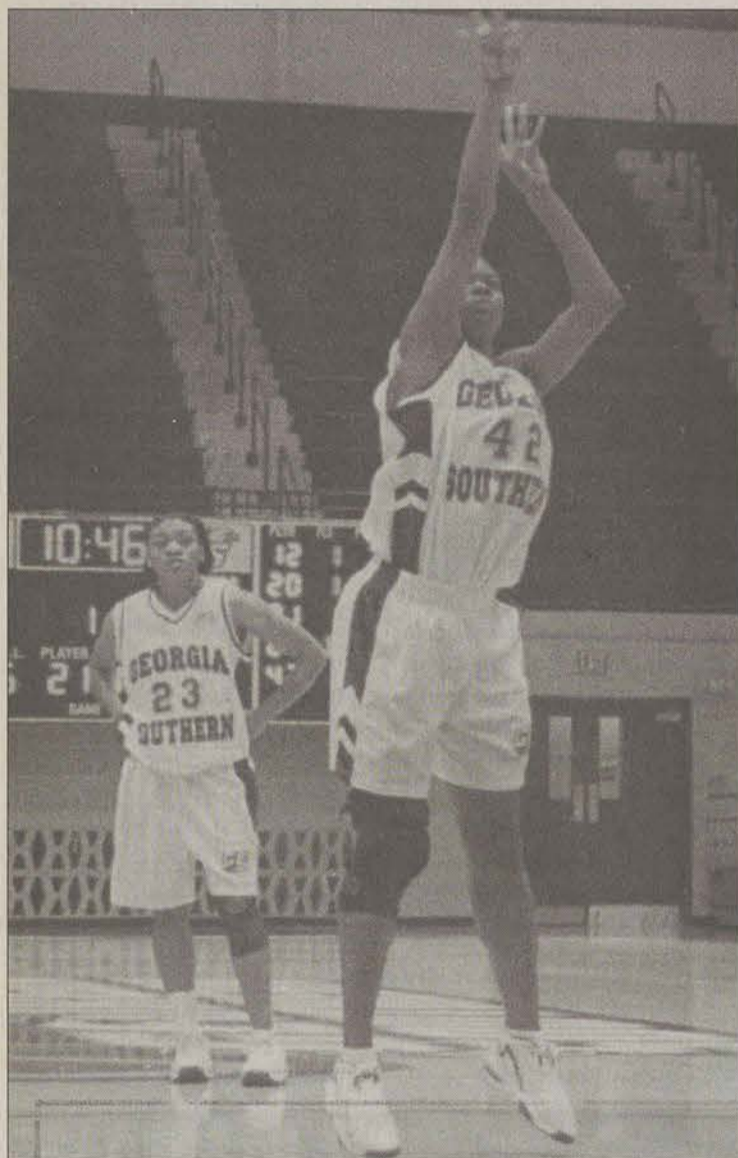
At the SoCon Indoor Championships that took place in Johnson City, Tenn. in February, Kellie Mitchell started the winning when she took the long jump competition. Rashedah Arnold took first in a pair of events, winning the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Also finishing tops in their events was the 4x400 relay team.

The SoCon Outdoor Championships were much the same story as the Lady Eagles finished second as a team. While

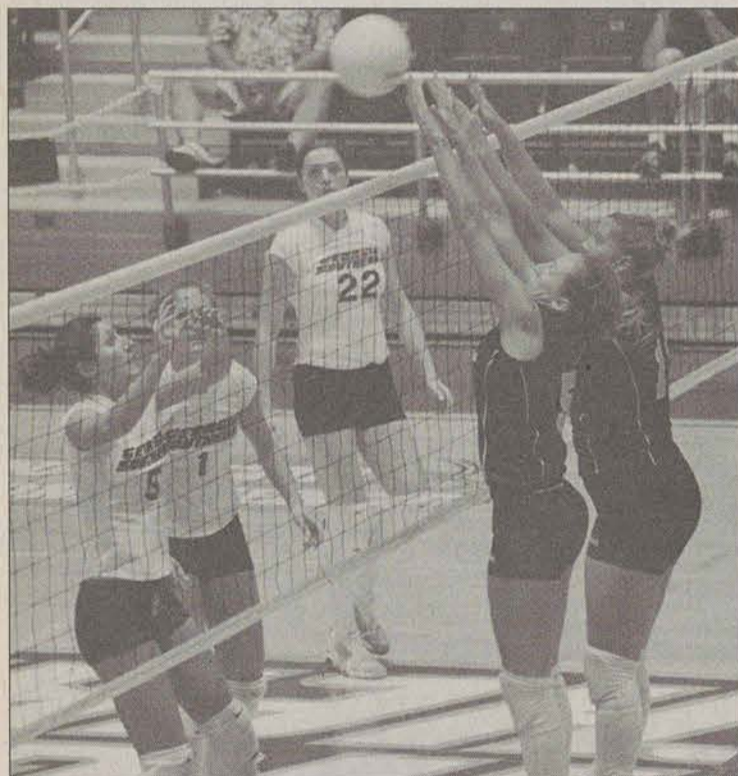
they won the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, Arnold took both the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Marlo Mincey had a conference-record finish as she won the 400-meter hurdles.

For their finishes, Arnold and Mincey, as well as the two victorious relay teams will compete in the NCAA East Regional at the end of May. Additionally, head coach Todd Lane was honored as the SoCon's top coach while Arnold was the top freshman.

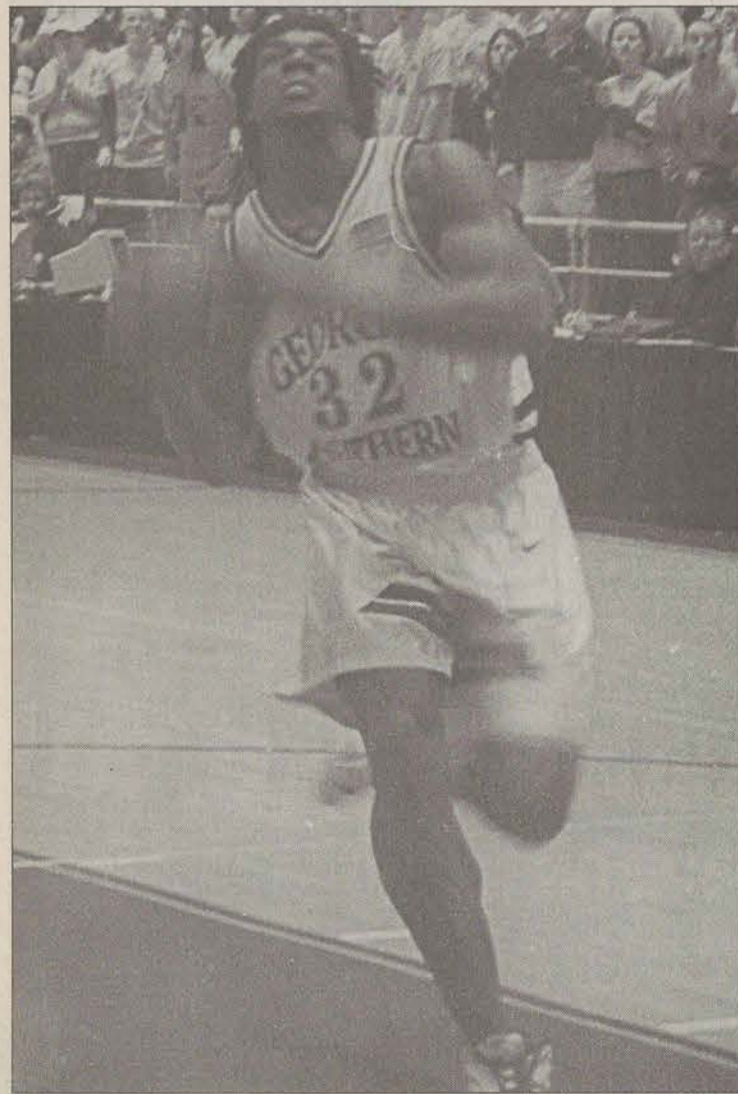
The track team will also participate in two final meets at Georgia and Georgia Tech in May.



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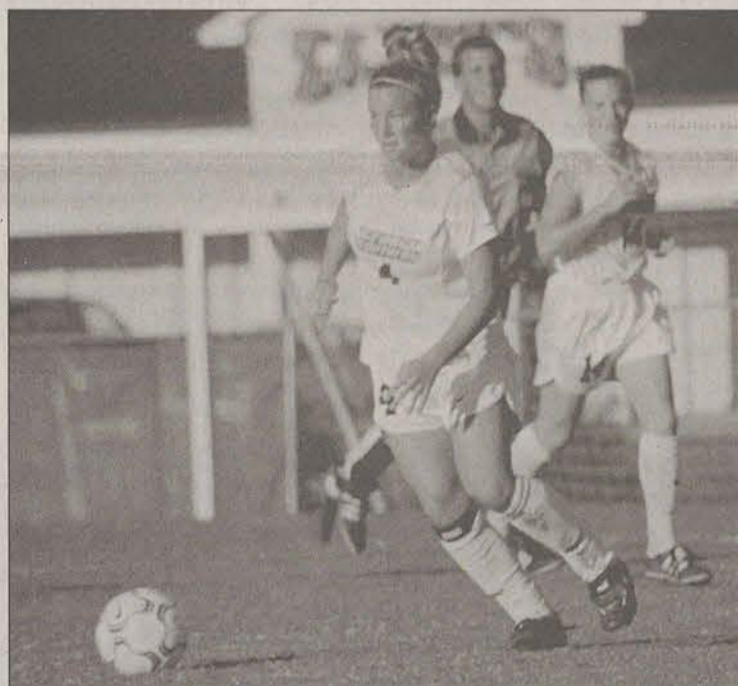
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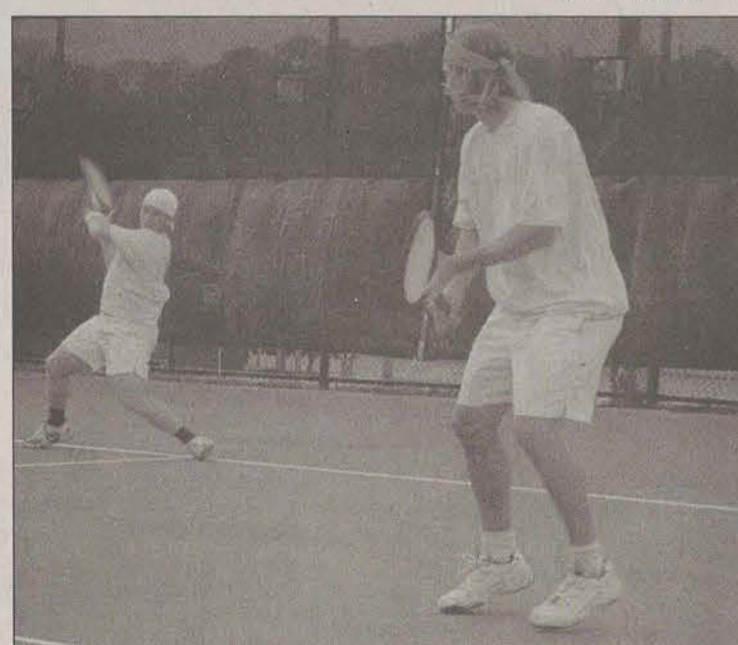
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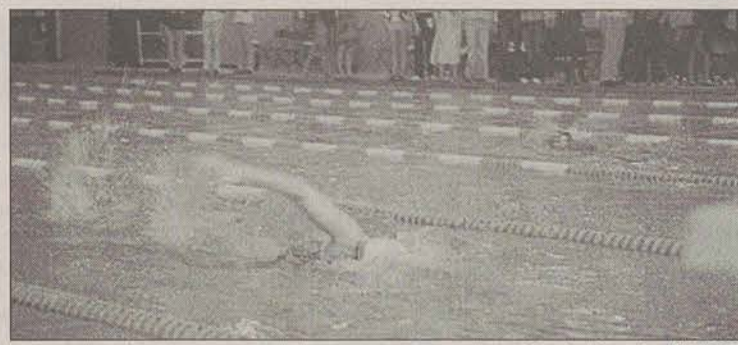
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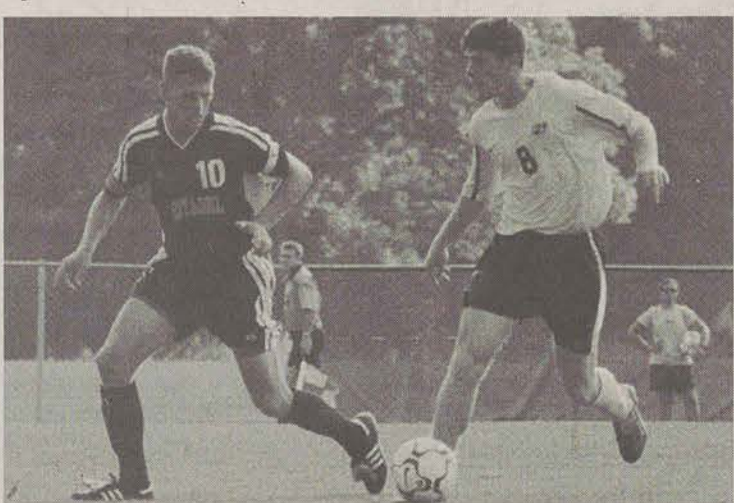
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# The Eagles still at work

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While the spring semester comes to a close, many students leave campus for a well-deserved summer break.

What these students don't often realize is that the men and women that play spring sports for the school don't get to leave for at least another two weeks. That's not to mention that they don't get a little thing called "spring break."

Three Eagle sports will finish up their seasons past the date that most students will finish up their school year.

The golf team gained a birth to the NCAA regionals with a win in the Southern Conference tournament last weekend at Forest Heights Country Club.

The softball team will finish their schedule out with a doubleheader at UGA Wednesday before returning home to complete their home schedule this weekend against Ap-

palachian State.

Finally, the baseball team has 14 games remaining on their regular season schedule before the Southern Conference tournament May 21-25.

Head Coach Larry Mays has led the Eagle golf team to two straight NCAA tournament births, and would like to make that three in the regional tournament held May 15-17. The Eagles shot an even par 288 in the final round to hold off College of Charleston last week to claim the school's first ever Southern Conference championship since the school joined the league in 1993.

The softball team still has eight games remaining on their regular season schedule, before culminating the season in the Southern Conference tournament May 8-10 in Charleston.

The Eagles are currently in fourth place in the Southern Conference with a 7-7 record, and could finish anywhere from second to fifth in the conference. Julie Peel will end her

career as an Eagle in Charleston, barring a team victory in the conference tournament, which would give the team an entrance into the NCAA regionals.

The baseball team is currently in fifth place in the Southern Conference, and with nine conference games remaining, and the league standings in a logjam, the squad could finish basically anywhere in the conference schedule.

It's been a season of ups and downs for the Eagles, with wins over both Georgia and Georgia Tech, but losses to bottom dwellers Wofford and Appalachian State.

The baseball team looks to repeat as Southern Conference Tournament champions, and gain another automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals in Charleston May 21-25.

So while you're on the beach taking a well-deserved break, don't forget the Eagles as they continue their seasons.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Like most of GSU's athletic squads, the Eagle baseball team has a lot of work left ahead of it. Fourteen more games remain on their regular season schedule before competing in the Southern Conference tournament. Their regular season ends May 17 against East Tennessee State.

## Softball falls to Ga. Tech 4-2 and 6-1

G-A News Service

STATESBORO, Ga.-Jessica Salinger struckout 11 as Georgia Tech downed Georgia Southern 4-2 and 6-1 in Monday's make-up doubleheader at Eagle Field.

Salinger (18-11) gave up only two hits and no earned runs, while picking up the game two victory. Tiffary Urena (10-6) took the loss, allowing six runs on five hits in two innings. Savage (9-7) went four and two-thirds innings for the Eagles, giving up one earned run and six hits in the loss the first game.

In the opener, Georgia Southern (23-19, 7-7 SoCon) scored a run in the first to jump out to an early 1-0 lead. Lindsay Jones started the inning with a walk and came around to score on Janice Savage's infield single.

Georgia Tech (31-17, 3-2 ACC) pushed a run across in the top of the second to tie the game at 1-1. Two singles to left and a walk loaded the bases for Tara Neff, who singled to left to drive in Lindsay Wood.

The Yellow Jackets broke the tie in the top of the fifth inning when Katie Donovan singled in Felicia Coursey to make the score 2-1.

In the sixth inning, the Yellow Jackets used a bases loaded single by Coursey to bring in a run and extend their lead to 3-1.

The Eagles cut the lead to 3-2 with a run in the bottom half of the sixth. Sam Steiner tripled to centerfield to get the rally started. Griffin followed with a double, scoring Meghan Correia who was pinch running for Steiner.

The Yellow Jackets added an insurance run in seventh making the score 4-2. Soraya Reddick plated Sara Wissman with a single to centerfield.

In the nightcap, the Yellow Jackets wasted no time in taking a 4-0 lead in the first inning. With the bases loaded, Reddick tripled down the rightfield line clearing the bases and scored on Wood's double to rightfield.

In the bottom of the first, a double by Griffin scored Shanita Black making the score 4-1.

A walk, two singles and a sacrifice fly allowed two more Yellow Jackets to cross the plate in the second.

Reddick paced the Yellow Jackets hitting with five, while Steiner, Griffin and Street had two for the Eagles.

The Eagles will travel to Athens for a doubleheader against Georgia on Wednesday, starting at 5 pm. The Yellow Jackets will take on Auburn Wednesday at Auburn.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Lady Eagles hosted Ga. Tech for a make-up series on Monday, but fell to the Yellowjackets 4-2 and 6-1.

## The year of the unexpected

Dennis Hightower  
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Can you believe it?

The Anaheim Angels winning the World Series, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers winning the Super Bowl, the New Jersey Nets are the Eastern Conference Finals, the Carolina Hurricanes are the Stanley Cup runner-up.

This past year, we saw the traditionally worst teams in sports shine.

The Anaheim Angels beat the San Francisco Giants to win their first ever World Series in their 42 year history.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers went from 0-14 in 1976 to beating the Oakland Raiders to win their first ever championship.

The New Jersey Nets went to the NBA Finals for the first time ever, but lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in four games.

The Carolina Hurricanes came out of nowhere to make the Stanley Cup Finals. However, they lost to the Detroit Red Wings.

This was also the year of decline for most of the storied franchises.

The San Francisco 49ers lost their flare as they were knocked out of the playoffs. They also fired Steve Mariucci.

The Dallas Cowboys fired Dave Campo, after they suffered three straight 5-11 seasons. Owner Jerry Jones hope Bill Parcells can revive the Cowboys back to the glory days.

The New York Yankees, a team that dominates Major League Baseball lost in four games to the Angels.

The Atlanta Braves, a team that has usually gone far in the playoffs were knocked out by the Giants.

Is the world coming to an end or is there parity in sports?

In the NFL, almost all of the teams have reached the playoffs since the 1996. The Cowboys who dominated the 1990s won their last championship after the 1995 season.

Dynasties are becoming a fad, free agencies have changed throughout the years. There is no such thing as a predictable season.



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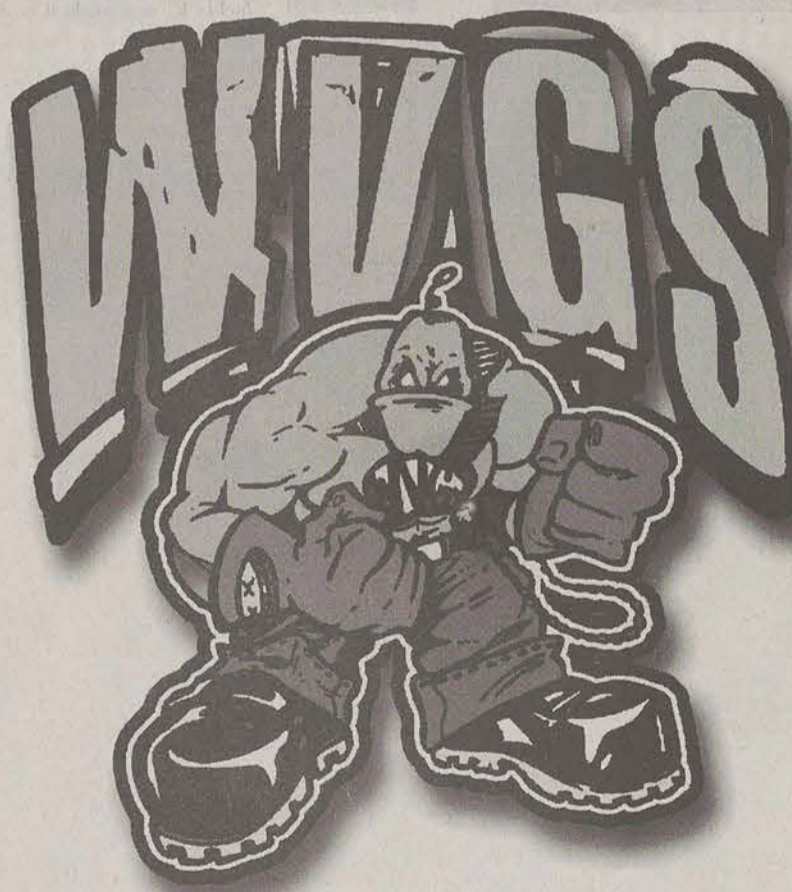
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## 1 Ohio

### Cat blamed in shot that wounded boy

CANTON- A pet cat jumped on an air rifle that then fired, wounded a teenage boy, the boy's mother said.

Reports filed by Stark County sheriff's deputies said the boy, Josiah V. Boughman, 15, was grazed on his right side just below his ribs with an air rifle's pellet.

The shooting occurred at about 11 p.m. Monday outside his home in nearby Tuscarawas County.

Sheriff's deputies met his mother, Mary A. Boughman, outside his hospital room. She told them her son had been at a barn about 50 yards from his family's house, shooting at rats.

Returning to the house, he put the air rifle on a picnic table, neglecting the weapon's safety, reports said.

The boy's mother told deputies a cat, which is one of the family's household pets, jumped on the table and touched the gun.

Staff at the hospital where the boy was treated told deputies boy's wound

is not life threatening.

## 2 New York

### Man bites dog, really

SYRACUSE- A 33-year-old man faces charges that he bit a police dog during a disturbance outside a downtown bar.

Paul Russell of Syracuse, was charged with injuring a police animal, resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration.

"I don't think I bit the dog. I just got into a fight with him," Russell told The Post-Standard of Syracuse in Monday's newspaper. "I don't really remember (what happened). I was pretty drunk."

The incident occurred Saturday night when Officer William Foster and his dog, a German shepherd named Renny, were sent to investigate a disturbance at 10 p.m. outside the Empire Brewing Co., a bar in Syracuse's Armory Square district.

Russell said he and a friend were asked to leave the tavern and then got

into a tussle with bouncers.

According to police reports, Russell grabbed Renny by the throat and started choking the animal and biting it on the left side of his neck.

Foster said he punched Russell twice in the face to make him let go of the dog. Russell said he suffered a broken nose and two black eyes when police hit him.

Russell was treated at Community General Hospital. He was jailed overnight before being released on his own recognizance after being arraigned Sunday by City Judge Thomas W. Higgins Jr.

After the arrest, 3-year-old Renny was taken to a veterinarian. Foster said the animal had swelling in his neck and was sore where he was bitten.

"The dog is off for the next two days. He'll be back for his regular shift. He's not expected to miss any time," said Lt. Joseph Cecile, a police spokesman.

## 3 Florida

### Courthouse on wheels makes rounds in Miami-Dade

MIAMI- Shortly after 10 a.m. on a sunny Friday outside the Caleb Center in Liberty City, Mr. and Mrs. Jordi Pichardo had their divorce, the first in Miami-Dade County- and perhaps in the nation- to be finalized in a bus.

It is a handsomely renovated bus- equipped with two desks, a sitting area, a bathroom and its own generator- but a bus, nonetheless: a 1990 Flxible that gets eight miles to the gallon and was retired from the Miami-Dade fleet last year with 545,775 miles on the odometer.

Circuit Judge Joel Brown got the idea for a traveling courthouse last year after the Caleb Center branch court closed for renovations. "Everybody had to travel to the County Court downtown," he said. "Some

of the attorneys who used to appear here asked me if there was a way to help people who had difficulty getting down there. This is what we came up with. I'm pretty proud of it."

Team Metro has been using the bus since June for its "Government on the Go" program, which takes passport applications and various simple permits out to the far reaches of the county.

But on a recent Friday earlier this year- parked outside the Caleb Center- was its first time as a divorce court on wheels. Within an hour, 18 marriages were dissolved.

Brown hopes in the future the bus may travel to some of the farther reaches of Miami-Dade not served by brick-and-mortar courthouses. If it does, it will carry a full crew- judge, bailiff, interpreter, court reporter, clerk and case manager. And, of course, a bus driver.

## 4 Pennsylvania

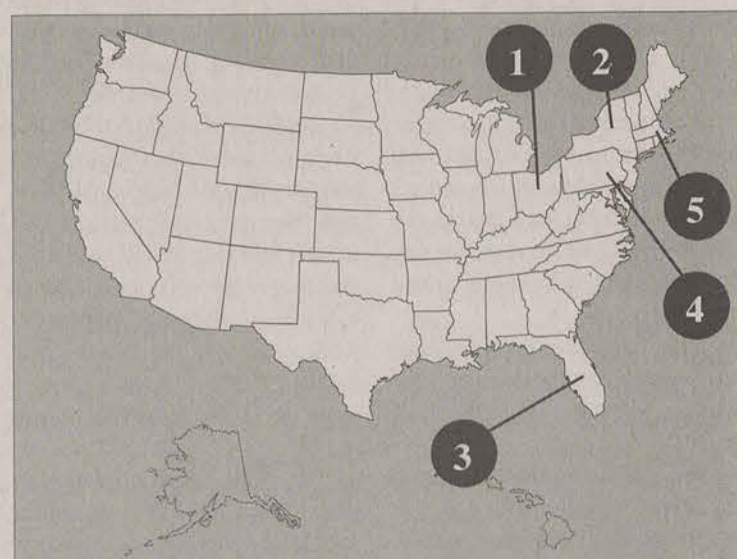
### Egret travels from Florida to Pennsylvania in minivan bumper

HARRISBURG- A 20-inch bird has a new name and a new home after it survived being struck and then spent six days on an 850-mile road trip in the hollow of a minivan bumper.

The white Florida cattle egret eventually made enough noise that vehicle owner Doug Marsico, of Mechanicsburg, on Wednesday took his minivan to a Harrisburg body shop, where employee Butch Lockey removed the hungry, irritable bird.

The egret, which has a 4-inch yellow beak and a buff orange crest, breast and shoulders, promptly rewarded Lockey with a bite on his gloved hand.

The bird, which Marsico named "Butch," after his rescuer, was placed with the Dauphin County Wildlife Rescue to have his broken leg set.



## 5 Massachusetts

### Lawmakers in Boston are trying to make drivers smile

Beth Carricato, the director of the Dauphin County Wildlife Rescue, said the egret has a compound fracture of his femur, but otherwise was "in remarkably good condition."

She said she was not sure whether they would return the bird to its natural habitat because it may wear down its good leg while the broken one heals.

The bird's odyssey began late last week on Route 26 near Orlando, Fla.

"We heard a thud, then saw feathers flying," Marsico said. "I thought we killed it."

The family drove to Virginia, where they spent a night, and then home. On Tuesday, Marsico's father-in-law, Harry Clark, first heard a noise under the front bumper that he thought was from cats.

When he heard the noise again Wednesday, he crawled under the minivan, where he saw feathers and a wing. That's when Marsico decided to take the car to a mechanic.

At the Aumiller Cameron Street Body Shop, Lockey removed the minivan's headlight, left splash shield and left inner fender, then reached behind the bumper with a thick leather glove on his hand.

Lockey has removed everything from dead birds to mangled deer parts from cars at the body shop.

BOSTON- Boston is trying to put a happy face on traffic.

Lawmakers are considering a specialty license plate featuring a yellow Smiley Face.

"How can you be riding the tail of someone with a Smiley Face plate?" said Charles Ball, whose father died two years ago. "If there are enough of those plates on the road, all kidding aside, there would be a positive effect out there."

Proceeds from the plate would go to the World Smile Foundation, a charitable trust run by Charles Ball. It distributes grants to schools and libraries across the state.

His father, co-owner of an advertising firm in Worcester, designed the Smiley Face to help ease the acrimonious aftermath following the merger of two insurance companies.

Before the Registry of Motor Vehicles produces plates, sponsors must post a \$100,000 bond to ensure they can get to 3,000 orders within two years. After a month of organizing, they currently have 315 orders, Ball said.

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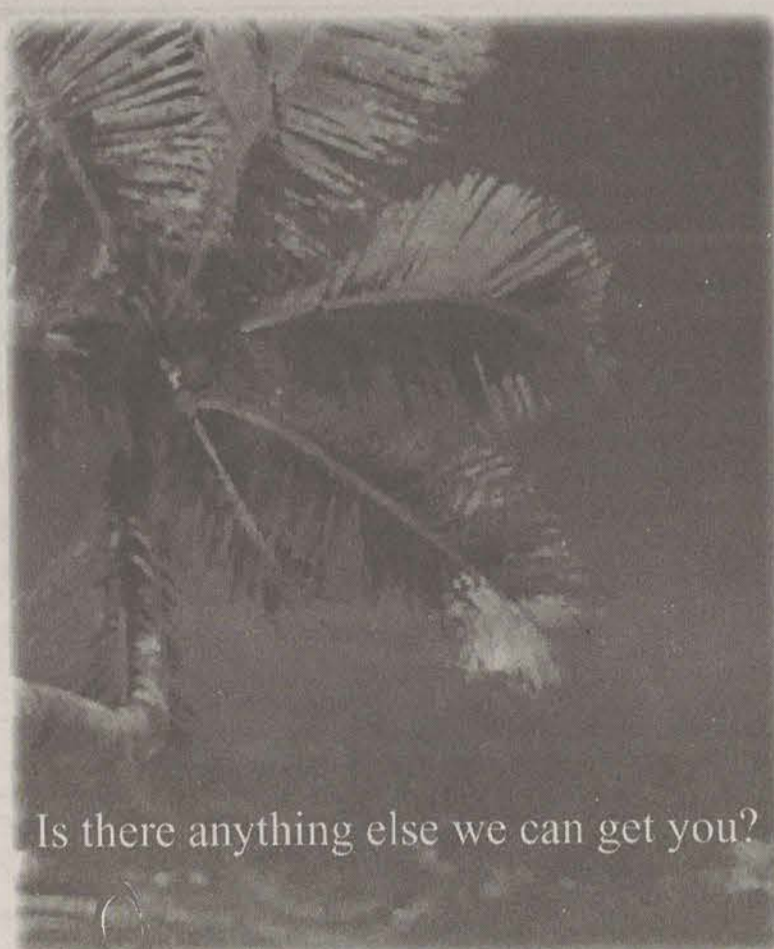
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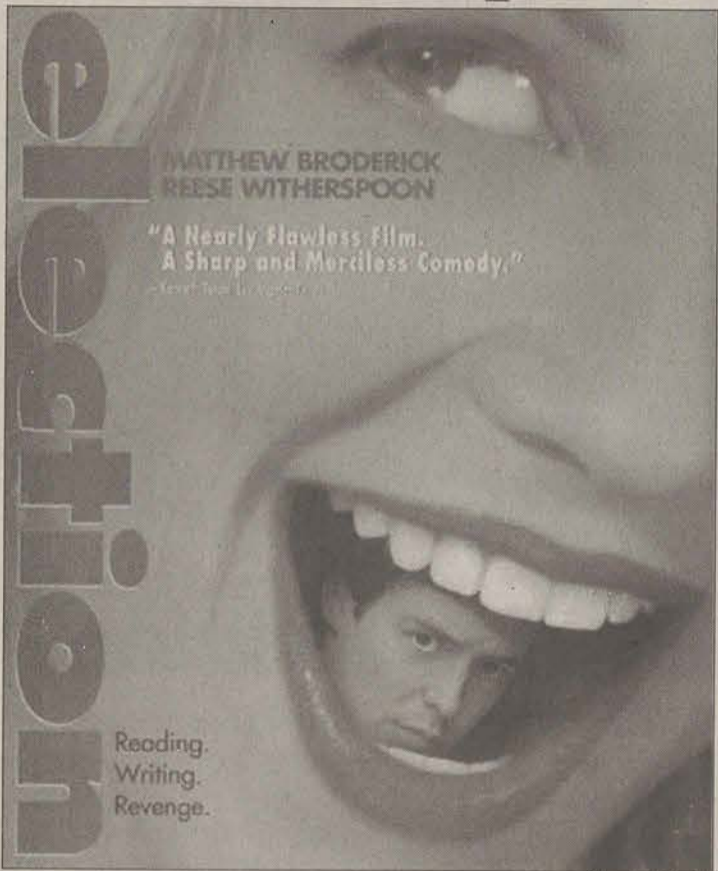
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## Cinema Arts presents 'Election' in Union



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The Cinema Arts Program chose the right movie to end with this semester, as they showed "Election," starring Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon and Chris Klein, Monday night in the Union Theatre.

They chose the right movie to end because "Election's" plot revolved around election problems in a high school's Student Government Association (SGA) election, and our SGA is going through some similar situations.

Based on the book by Tom Perrotta, and written and directed by Alexander Payne (About Schmidt), "Election" centers on a high school SGA election that Witherspoon (Tracy Flick) was running for president. Jim McAllister (Broderick) was a history teacher, also in charge of the election, and wished for Flick to lose because she won at everything. Also, she was an overachiever, involving herself in every group possible and making

straight A's to fatten her high school transcript.

To sabotage her, Broderick persuaded Paul Metzler (Klein), one of the most popular students in the school, to run, hoping that he would beat Flick. He only agreed because of a ski accident that broke his leg and caused him to miss the football season. Metzler never had any goals of becoming SGA president.

Election was a great comedy with a superb cast with a good plot. Broderick and Witherspoon gave there all in the movie, acting their roles perfectly. Klein did a good job playing the jock pushed into an unknown situation.

You should definitely rent Election if you are a Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon or Chris Klein fan. Or, if you have seen "About Schmidt" and want to see more of Payne's works, then "Election" is for you. Don't be put off by the subject matter, as the comedy and weirdness that surrounded each character overshadowed it.

## Mock Tour de France held in Georgia this week

Associated Press

Two years ago, while watching the Tour de France on television, R.K. Sehgal wondered why Georgia couldn't have a similar cycling event.

As the commissioner of the state's Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism at the time, he was in a position to make it happen.

"We all chuckled about it," said Stan Holm, then the executive director of programs for the same department. "Then we started to do some research."

That work led to the formation of the Tour de Georgia, a 608-mile race which spans six days and started Tuesday in Savannah with a prologue time trial. The finish will be Sunday, April 27 in Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta.

It'll be the first major stage race in the United States since the Tour duPont was run for the final time in 1996.

"The important thing about this

race is that the state is actually behind it," said Greg LeMond, a three-time winner of the Tour de France. "If a sponsor gets tired of a cycling event, then it's over. This event has the potential to have some legs."

The U.S. Postal Service, the top cycling team in the country, will send a team, although leader and four-time Tour de France champ Lance Armstrong is in Europe preparing for that race. There's a local team, too, sponsored by Athens-based coffee company Jittery Joe's, one of 13 American teams.

A purse of \$142,250 has drawn five prestigious European teams.

"Our objective is to come out of the box with a mini Tour de France," Holm said.

The race will go through cities such as Augusta, Macon and Columbus, as well as small towns such as Harlem, Cedartown and Ellijay. A nonprofit foundation secured about \$3 million in sponsorship, including title rights to Dodge.

## Student's Freud sculpture comes under fire at Slippery Rock

Associated Press

An art student trying to make the point that Sigmund Freud's cocaine addiction was dangerous sculpted Freud's life-sized head with the muzzle of a revolver touching its nostril.

But some students and staff at Slippery Rock University, where the sculpture is on display through May 3, don't like it because of the various things they think it represents.

"I find it offensive because of the content," said Kathleen Kellinger, chairman of Slippery Rock's nursing department. Kellinger said the sculpture can evoke suicidal thoughts, especially to students stressed out by upcoming final exams or other issues.

Susan Hannam said students in



Special Photo

A sculpture made as a representation of Sigmund Freud's cocaine addiction is claimed offensive because it evokes suicidal thoughts.

her class on death and dying found the sculpture upsetting because it appears to be violent. It stirred memories of copycat suicides at their high schools, and concerns about the war in the Middle East, she said.

"Eight (students) have loved ones

deployed in Iraq," Hannam said.

Hannam wrote to Bill McKinney, the dean of the humanities and arts, asking that the sculpture be moved from its spot outside the Strain Behavioral Science Building.

"As it is, it's foisted on everyone," Hannam said. McKinney said he

won't move it.

"I have decided that moving it is something I cannot and will not do," McKinney said. "The very act would be a value judgment that says I have somehow decided that the sculpture is taboo, one way or another."

The sculptor, 22-year-old Adam Tate, asked that the piece be displayed in or near a building used by psychology students.

Tate said he finds it hard to believe that his message is considered violent by students continually exposed to mayhem in movies, in video games and on television. The sculpture is titled "Prescription," though that name is not posted on it.

"Is this bad?" Tate asked. "Well, I guess it's good that people are talking about it, but I never expected it."



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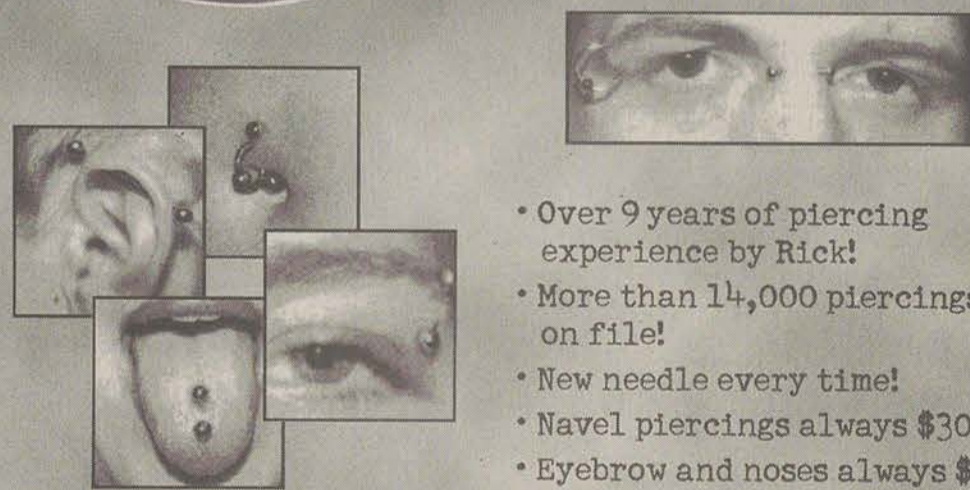
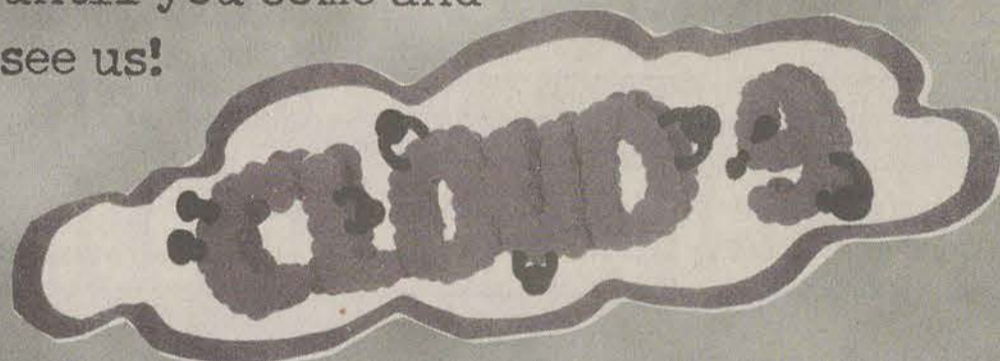


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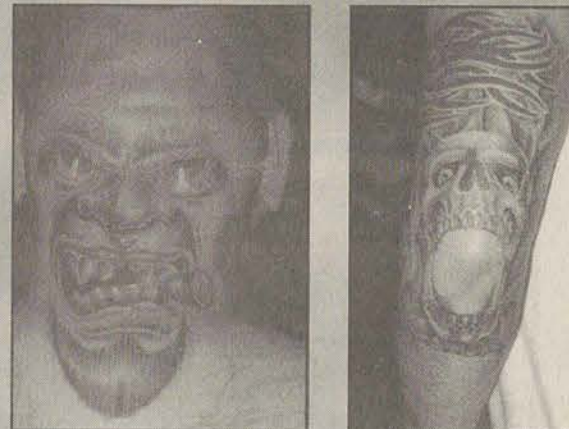
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# Mutants, uploaded humans, cyborgs head Hollywood lineup of summer

Associated Press

If America's looking for heroes in these times, Hollywood aims to deliver.

The summer season always is loaded with movies about gallant warriors beating the tar out of bad guys. And the Sept. 11 attacks and the war against terrorism that led to conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq may have audiences more primed than ever for big-screen heroes.

Adding to moviegoers' comfort zone, this summer reacquaints them with many old friends as favorite franchises such as "The Matrix,"

"X-Men," "Charlie's Angels," "Tomb Raider" and "Bad Boys" deliver fresh adventures.

"Everywhere I went, all over the world, when people would come up to me, they always ask, 'When are you going to do another 'Terminator' movie?'" said Arnold Schwarzenegger, who finally makes good on his promise that he'd be back as humanity's cyborg protector from the future.

"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," arriving over Fourth of July weekend, pits Schwarzenegger's part-

flesh, part-machine bruiser against a gorgeous female terminator that can count sex as a weapon along with the ability to control other machines.

"There's a huge audience out there that loves this character and wants to see more of it," Schwarzenegger said.

Likewise with "X2: X-Men United" and "The Matrix Reloaded," two of the year's most highly awaited films. Hitting theaters weeks before Memorial Day, "X2" and "Matrix Reloaded" should give a jump-start to Hollywood's busy season after slumping box-office revenues so far this year.

"The Matrix" came out of the blue four years ago with an edgy new take on science fiction from brothers Andy and Larry Wachowski, who simultaneously shot "The Matrix Reloaded" and "The Matrix Revolutions," which concludes the trilogy this fall.

Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss are back as freedom fighters uploading themselves into a virtual world to battle Earth's machine conquerors, with the final two "Matrix" movies taking place over a 48-hour period.

A big question is how they can renew the sense of freshness of "The Matrix," whose stop-motion visual effects, time-altering action, and slick black fashion sense have been endlessly imitated in movies, television and commercials.

In the beginning, such imitation was "funny and cute, but then it kind of gets boring for everybody," Moss said. "I don't think that will be a problem for our movies. The brothers have come up with a whole bunch of new stuff this time. All the imitation just makes them have to work harder."

Summer is prime time for escapism far removed from troublesome current events. Movies such as "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle,"

reteaming Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu as the chic private eyes trying to crack a conspiracy against a witness protection program, has no pretensions beyond action and eye candy.

"There's nothing about 'Charlie's Angels' that is really related to anything but entertainment," Liu said. "There is violence in it, but we run around in stilettos fighting with people, and we don't have guns. We have great disguises; it's got tons of great dance numbers. It's saturated with color; it's sexy and funny. It's a nice way to unwind."

The season's action movies remain dominated by men, but "Charlie's Angels" is among a growing number of franchises allowing women into the act.

Along with Moss in "The Matrix" movies, the "X2" ensemble includes Halle Berry, Famke Janssen, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos and Anna Paquin, joining male counterparts Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman, James Marsden and Alan Cumming. This time, good and evil mutants team up to fight a rogue military man trying to exterminate them.

Angelina Jolie goes globetrotting again in "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider - The Cradle of Life," with the buxom video-game heroine on a quest to find Pandora's Box.

"We're at this place now where women are being very physical, very active in movies," said Jolie, who originated the character in 2001's "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider." "The studio felt at first it was such a risk to spend that much money on an adventure film with a woman. We weren't sure if anybody would go see it. It was a relief that it worked, and hopefully we've made an even better one this time."

"Bad Boys II," reuniting Will



Special Photo

'Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines,' pits Arnold Schwarzenegger against a gorgeous female terminator in the third of the Terminator films.

Smith and Martin Lawrence as hip Miami narcotics cops trying to crack a ring smuggling Ecstasy in from Cuba inside submerged coffins.

It's been eight years since the original "Bad Boys," a long time between sequels by Hollywood standards. Attracting an audience should not be a problem, though, given how both Smith and Lawrence's popularity has swelled in the interim, producer Jerry Bruckheimer said.

"I think they're such big stars now, that won't be an issue," said Bruckheimer, reteaming with director Michael Bay on "Bad Boys II." "We'd been fooling around with the script and never quite got the story cracked, or the guys weren't available at the same time. Finally, we got a story everybody liked and we were all able to go at the same time."

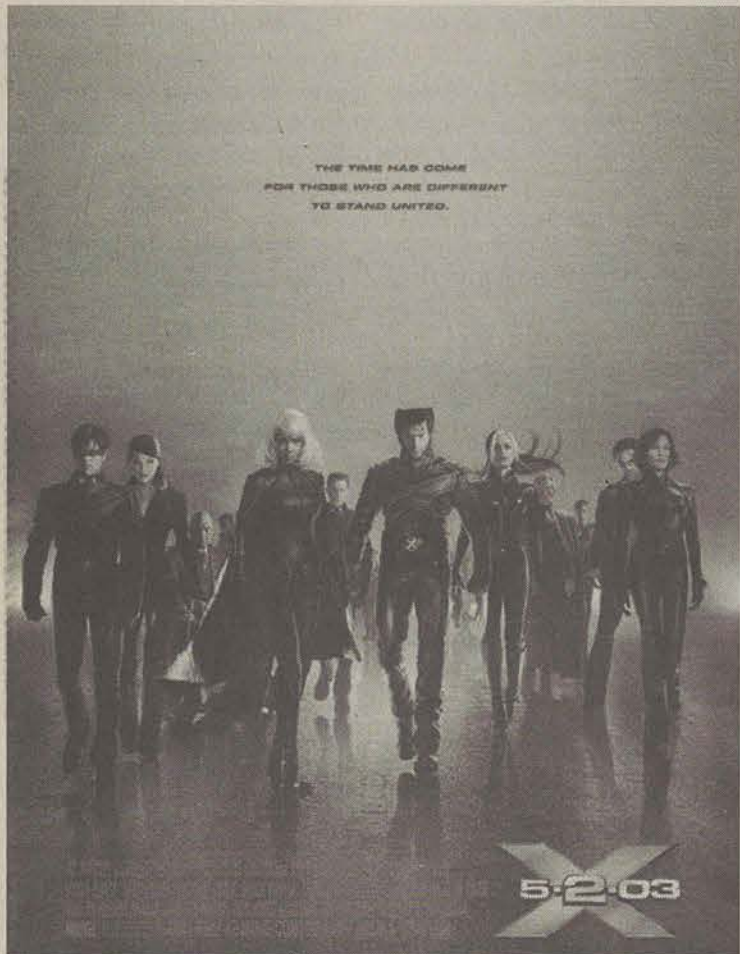
Also: "American Wedding," reuniting some of the "American Pie" gang as Jason Biggs' and Alyson Hannigan's characters say "I do"; real-life partners Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez in the comic mob

romance "Gigli"; and the action comedy "Hollywood Homicide," which pairs Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett as detectives trying to crack the slayings of a rap group while tending to their alternate careers, Hartnett as a yoga teacher who wants to be an actor, Ford as a real-estate agent.

"The mystery of the movie is not really to solve the hip-hop murders but whether or not I'm going to sell the house," said Ford, noting that he needed a lighthearted movie after his grim submarine tale "K-11: The Widowmaker" last summer.

For Affleck, "Gigli" is the first of two films he did with fiancée Lopez. The two also star in the upcoming parenthood tale "Jersey Girl," written and directed by Affleck's old pal Kevin Smith.

"My concerns only are that the tabloid headlines in aggregate could serve to kind of exhaust an appetite or interest in seeing the actual movies," Affleck said. "Which would be a shame, because I really like both movies that we did."



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Sequels seem to be the story at the summer box office this year. 'X2: X-Men United,' the well awaited sequel to the blockbuster 'X-Men' hits theaters this summer, along with 'The Matrix Reloaded' and others.

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By Tim Prizer  
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If you weren't watching NBC last night at about 1:25 a.m., I have bad news.

The White Stripes, the Detroit-based blues/punk/rock 'n' roll band that *Blender* magazine recently hailed "the best rock band in the world," performed a song from their new album "Elephant" on Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

Jack White, the band's lead singer, tore into his guitar like a man on the verge of madness. And the pig-tailed Meg White, who it seems Jack would like to have us believe is his once incestuous older sister, primitively cracked her snare drum like a little girl with a baby rattle.

And nothing could have been finer.

## The White Stripes performing all week on Late Night with Conan O'Brien

For those of you still sadly in the dark, the White Stripes are the most explosive rock band since the Rolling Stones, and they are so powerful, so impassioned, so utterly destructive that one wonders how anyone lives through one of their live performances.

Like Elvis, James Brown, and the hundreds of Delta blues singers prior, the Stripes are controversial (to a point Eminem could only dream of) simply because they emit an unexplainable energy unlike anything that precedes them.

They call themselves and their fans the "peppermint children," they dress in red and white, and sing songs at once sassy, sexy, pure, and innocent like the childlike, near nursery rhyme ballad "We're Going to be Friends." Jack White

dominates a stage on which Meg White cowers under his intensity, but her demeanor only serves to amplify their collective power. The band's music and image secretes a vibe sadistic and unsullied, dirty and virginal — leaving one feeling like he needs a shower.

But for those of you already a fan, or who can, like me, find the beauty of art lost somewhere in this near sickness, I also have a bit of good news.

The White Stripes will also be on television with Conan O'Brien tonight, Thursday night, and Friday night. They are the first band in history to appear on late night television for a stint this long, and they wouldn't be were it not for Conan's



near idolatry of the duo.

"It's exciting to have a band as creative and relevant as the White Stripes at 'Late Night' for a whole week. In fact, they're staying at my apartment," he told NBC of his favorite band.

The White Stripes will perform three more songs on O'Brien's show from their critically lauded album that hit shelves on April 1.

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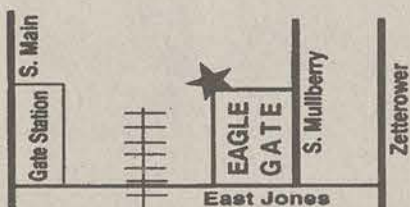
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## Peterson pleads not guilty to killing wife, unborn baby

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MODESTO, Calif. — The next stage of the Laci Peterson case surged forward on Monday as the once-missing Modesto woman's husband pleaded not guilty to killing his wife and their unborn son and dumping them in the icy waters of the San Francisco Bay.

Beginning what likely will be a lengthy legal battle, Scott Peterson, 30, said that he understood the charges that could send him to California's death chamber.

"I am not guilty," Peterson told Judge Nancy Ashley in a Stanislaus County courtroom jammed with spectators, including his parents and those of his wife. "I deny it."

Shackled to the waste and under tremendous security, Peterson also denied a prosecutor's special allegation that he knew his wife was pregnant when he killed her and that he did it "intentionally, deliberately and with premeditation."

Laci Peterson, 27, was eight months pregnant with a son the couple had planned to name Conner when she vanished. She last spoke to her mother on the telephone the night of Dec. 23.

District Attorney James Brazelton charged in a two-page complaint filed Monday morning that Peterson killed his wife between Dec. 23 and Christmas Eve. Peterson has told police investigators that he last saw his wife the morning of Dec. 24 when he left their Modesto home for a day of fishing near Brooks Island and the Berkeley Marina.

Her body and the body of their unborn son surfaced last week along the Richmond shoreline and were identified through genetic tests released Friday. The Contra Costa County coroner released the remains on Monday, but family members had yet to pick them up, a spokesman said.

Prosecutors have not yet said whether to seek the death penalty against Peterson. A decision could be reached by a May 19 pretrial hearing, Brazelton said.

Jackie Peterson, who saw her son in court for the first time since his Friday arrest in La Jolla, quietly watched the brief hearing with her husband, Lee Peterson. She hugged Laci Peterson's mother Sharon Rocha before her son was led into a basement courtroom filled with reporters, detectives and relatives on both sides of the case.

Jackie Peterson did not talk to reporters as she left the courthouse from the same rear gate as Laci Peterson's family.

Modesto attorney Kirk McAllister, who has represented Scott Peterson since the early days of the search for Laci Peterson, said investigators were interested in "self-serving justice" and that their shoddy work would come to light.

"As the case progresses, you can use your own judgment about the police investigation," McAllister said. "They were going to arrest him from the outset. Hopefully there will be a process to get to the whole truth."

## The Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art

### Debunking the myth of the starving artist one student at a time

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Conventional wisdom says those embarking on careers in art can typically look forward to becoming "starving artists."

While this statement may represent conventional thought, there is, however, little "wisdom" in it. In fact, the experience of alumni of Georgia Southern's Master of Fine Arts Program is just the opposite.

In 1990, the Art Department made history at GSU by instituting the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree, which was the University's first terminal degree. A terminal degree is the highest degree one can earn in a given field of study. Those earning MFA degrees in studio art have several career paths available to them. MFA graduates in graphic design for instance, may choose to go into designing for electronic and print media.

MFA graduates may also choose

to make and sell their art through a vast array of both commercial and private markets. Linda Whitt Smith, an MFA graduate in ceramics, is represented in numerous galleries and her poetry is currently selling rather well. Another recent MFA graduate, Yousha Liu, sells work in galleries and does portrait commissions. In fact, while she was completing her degree at GSU, she was commissioned to do the official portrait of the first mayor of Statesboro as well as other local dignitaries.

Because the MFA is the terminal degree in studio art, many graduates choose to enter academia as professors of art. Since the degree's inception, candidates graduating with an MFA from GSU have had remarkable success finding faculty positions at the college and university level. MFA graduates from GSU have joined the faculties at institutions

such as the University of Texas, Andrews College, Augusta State University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Macon College, Georgia Southwestern University, the University of Northern Iowa, North Greenville College, and the Art Institute of Atlanta.

MFA candidates do not wait until they graduate to become professionally active. Two current MFA students, Nick Nelson and Desmal Purcell are good examples. They both recently participated in an outdoor exhibition of site-specific artworks by artists from Georgia and Ohio. Because the works were designed to reflect the specific character and history of the geographic location of the exhibit, Nelson and Purcell researched the area via documents related to the site, interviewing local residents, and researching aspects of the managed forest where the exhibit took place. After creating mock-ups of

the site and building models of proposed works, the final exhibit served as the public dissemination of the research.

The Art Department is fortunate enough to have a comprehensive graduate curriculum that supports a broad array of student research interests in visual art. The curriculum includes opportunities for study in pedagogical practices in higher education, art history, art production, art theory and criticism as well as opportunities for study abroad.

Through the exhibition program at Gallery 303, nationally and internationally recognized artists such as Keith McIntyre from England, Honori Murai from Japan and the Guerilla Girls from the US are routinely brought to campus.

For more information regarding the Master of Fine Arts program in visual art, contact Dr. Bruce Little at BLittle752@aol.com.



Special Photo

'Monoliths' by MFA student Desmal Purcell is a site specific installation work providing interactive experience for the viewer.



Special Photo

'The Expulsion from Paradise' by MFA student Nick Nelson is a representation of humanity isolated from the natural world.

## Many GSU graduates will walk before completing degree

Jennifer Burns  
Jennifer@Burns.net

The cap, the gown, the crowd, your name being spoken before hundreds of people... These words ignite excitement in all those who will walk across the stage for the May 3 graduation.

However, according to the registrar's office approximately 300 of the 1,600 students walking

in the May ceremony this semester will return to classes a short time later to finish their degree requirements.

Because there is no graduation ceremony for students who complete degree requirements in the summer semester, those students have the option to walk either in May or December. Most students who complete requirements in the

summer terms prefer to walk in May because they do not want to return to Statesboro in December. Others simply don't want to wait months after they complete their requirements to join in the celebration.

One former student who walked in May of 2002 and completed in the summer 2002 term, Ryan Burns, said "I really wanted to be a part of the big May ceremony, especially

to have the eagle fly over me, that was really memorable."

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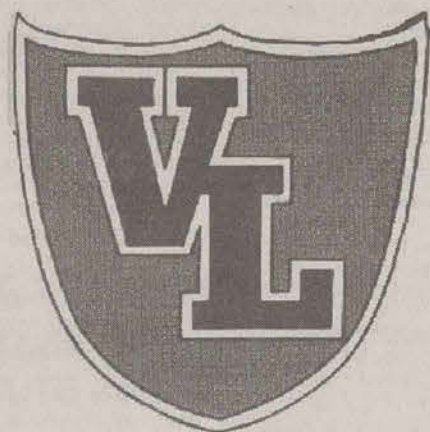


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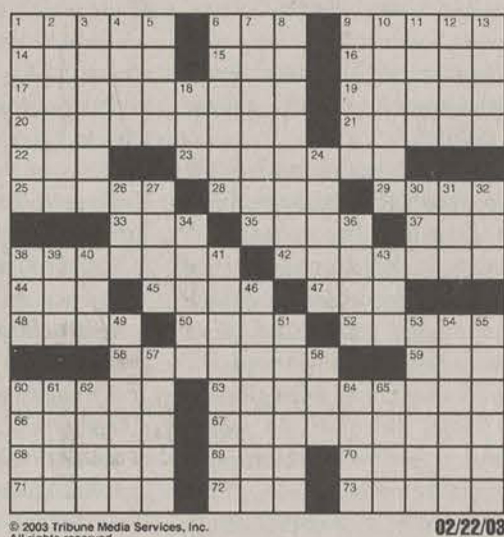
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## Crossword

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6 Sundial X  
9 "The Incident"  
14 Broad tie  
15 Lennon's lover  
16 Elder Judd  
17 Figurine  
19 More central of two  
20 Document destruction devices  
21 Shrewd  
22 Ms. Thurman  
23 Kissed noisily  
25 Cellist Casals  
28 Wings' width  
29 Until  
33 Self  
35 Die pip  
37 Bladed pole  
38 Strongly desirous  
42 Environmental disaster  
44 Pair  
45 Barak of Israel  
47 CIA adversary, once  
48 Montreal ballplayer  
50 Son of Seth  
52 Boobs  
56 Manual of tennis  
59 Bunyan's tool  
60 Singer Reese  
63 Caesar's last question  
66 Starry hunter  
67 Readers  
68 Trolley's bell sound  
69 Corner pipe  
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73 Enthusiastic appreciation



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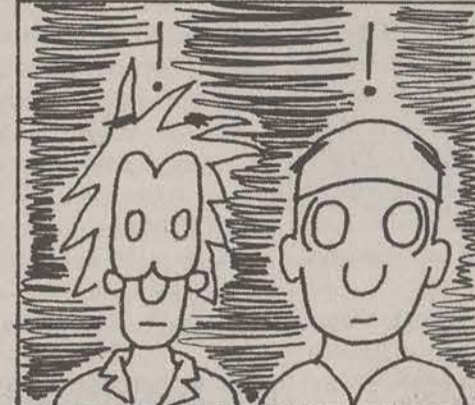
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24 Rap  
26 Hilo gift  
27 Fairy-tale beast  
30 Taro product  
31 Little bit  
32 Mining product  
34 Tessie or Mito  
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38 Summertime quaff  
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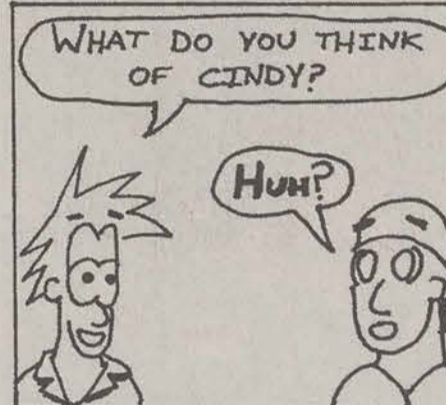
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#### Option 2: Online Elections

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3) Candidates must have an adjusted 2.25 GPA, rounded to the nearest hundredth, on work earned at Georgia Southern University and maintain this adjusted GPA throughout their entire term of office. (Rounding, if applicable, will take place to two decimal places).

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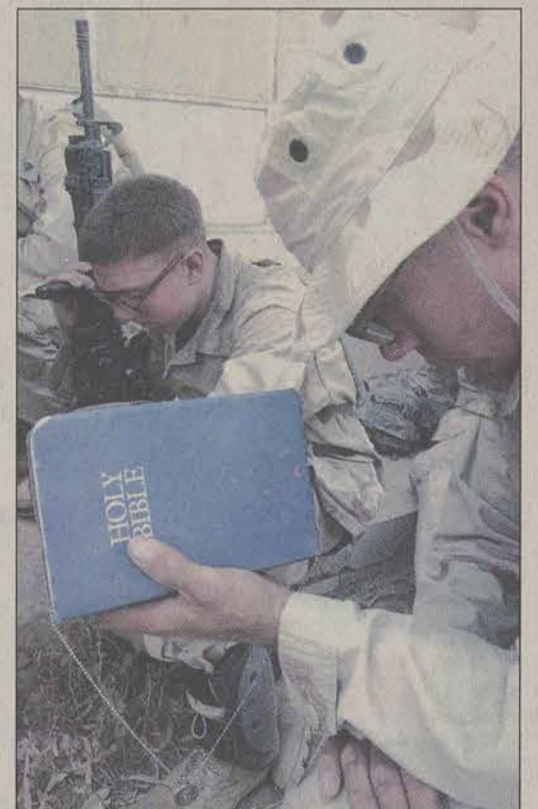
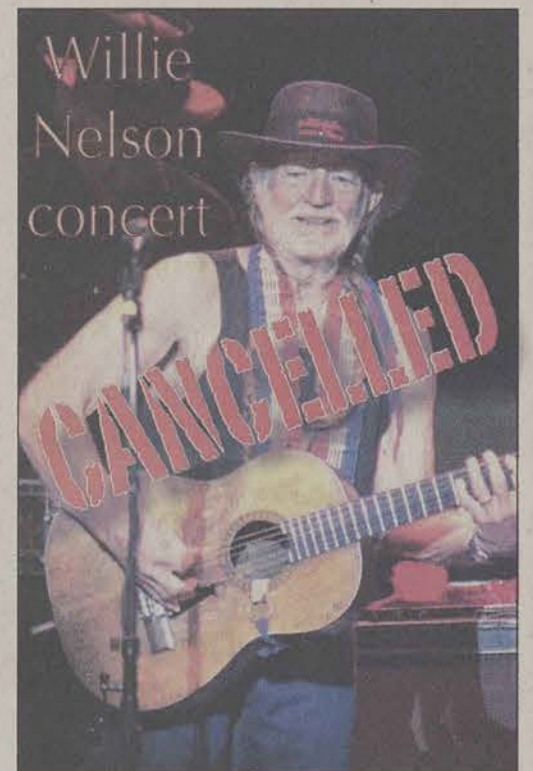
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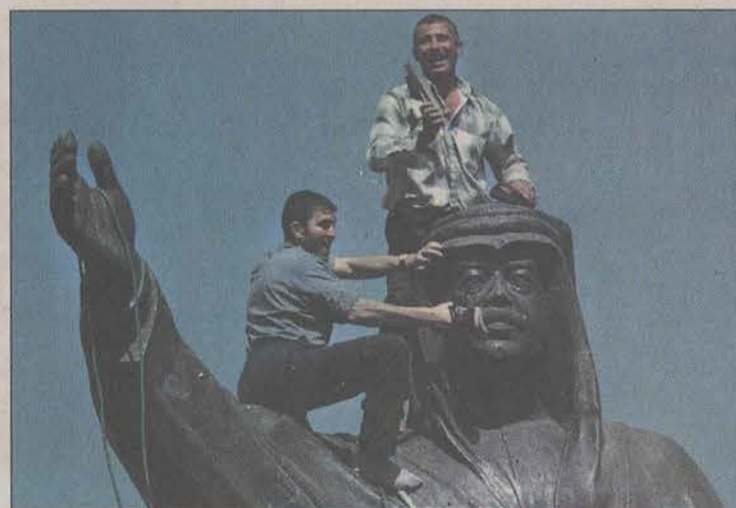
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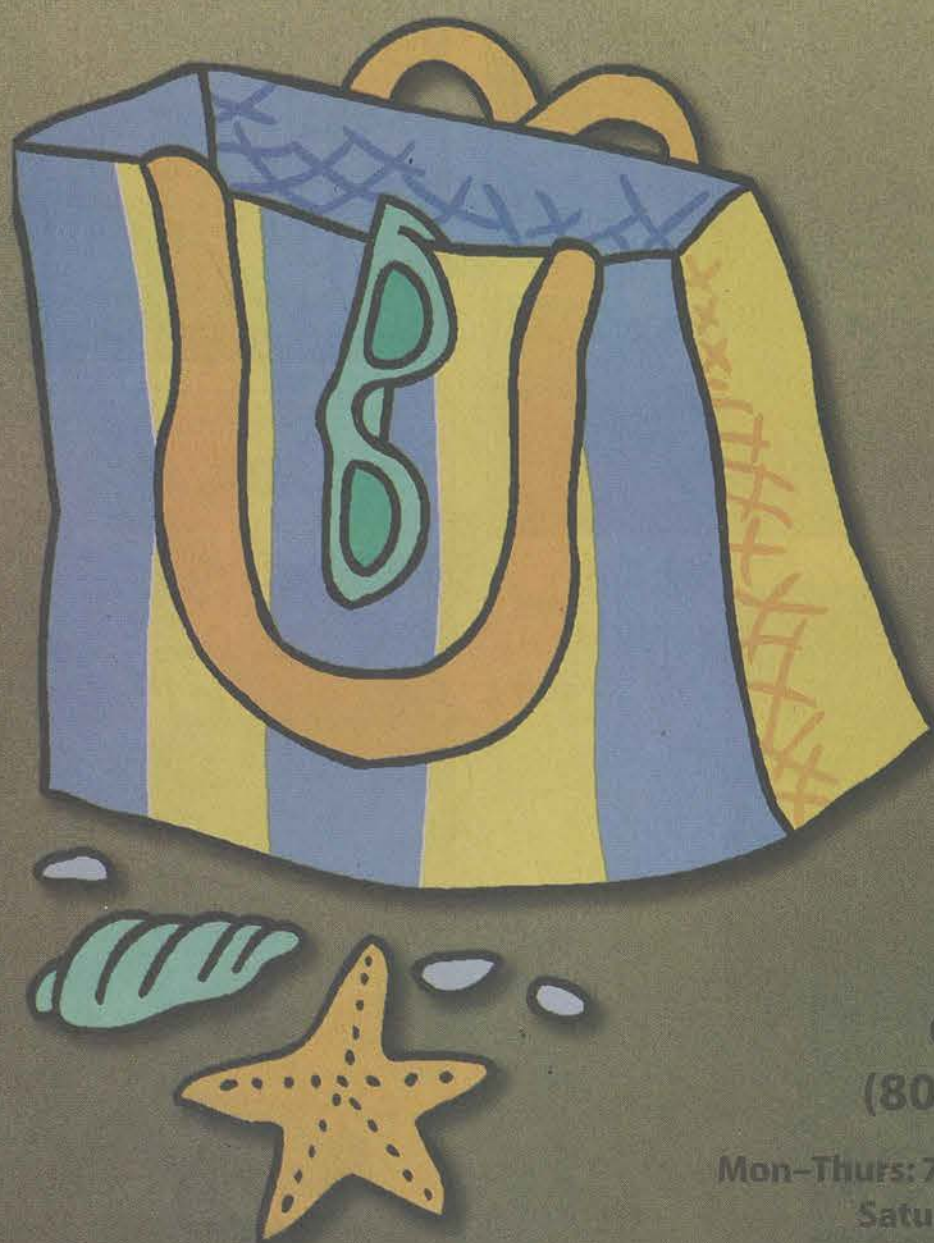


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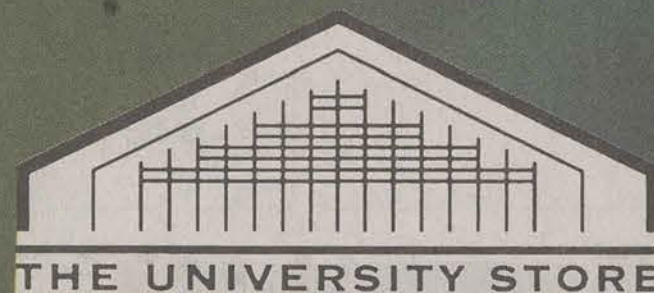
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