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Parking Forum addresses many student concerns

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It was standing room only inside the Parking Forum sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) on Tuesday night.

Students crowded into room 2047 in the Union to listen to solutions and future plans of parking by Bob Chambers and Joe Franklin.

Franklin, director of Auxiliary Services, started the event by telling students that parking received its lowest score on a parking survey last year, a 2.2 out of five. To improve parking, Auxiliary Services and President Grube worked together to develop a master plan. Then, this plan was presented to students to get their feedback. This plan would make more parking spaces,

but some student groups didn't want that to happen, so this plan was scrapped and a new one developed.

Chambers, director of Parking and Transportation, then took over, presenting the new parking plan in place right now and future plans for parking.

Chambers said that Parking and Transportation looked at the parking situation on-campus last year and saw an overall deficit of commuter parking, especially at the Russell Union. However, they gained many parking spaces that were occupied during the construction of the Information Technology Building and other spaces that were reassigned due to the construction.

After Spring 2003 ended and construction at various locations was completed, Parking and Transportation saw a surplus

of 257 parking spaces in Commuter Parking, but a deficit of 65 spaces in the west end of campus, over by the Nursing Building, College of Education and IT Building. They are working on a plan to fix the lack of parking in that area.

But there is good news for all those fighting for a parking spot: Dorman Hall was recently demolished and a parking lot will be built there. However, this will take a couple of months to complete.

Also presented in the forum by Chambers was the future of parking on GSU in the coming years. Next fall, Parking and Transportation hopes to renovate the entire area around the Union, Landrum and the University Bookstore to reduce congestion

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David Caselli/STAFF

SGA Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs Lauren Roberson, Director of Parking and Transportation Bob Chambers and Director of Auxiliary Affairs Joe Franklin fielded student questions during the Parking Forum Tuesday night.

MENINGITIS

New law requires campus residents to be vaccinated

By Brittany Gates
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New, incoming and current students living in on-campus housing must be vaccinated against Meningitis or sign a waiver against getting the shot, according to a new bill passed by the state of Georgia.

The bill, effective in January 2004, will require all University System of Georgia institutions to distribute information about Meningitis to all students, require vaccination against the disease to all new, incoming students and those living on campus, or have students sign a waiver not to be immunized.

This, according to Barbara James, clerical supervisor at Health Services, is to protect and inform students about this deadly disease that can kill quickly if one becomes infected. The chance of getting the disease is higher for college students, especially those living in residence halls.

Health Services and Housing are doing much to help students protect themselves. Health Service partnered with Maxim Health Systems to offer a one-day Meningitis vaccination on September 24 from 1p.m. to 7p.m. The cost of the shot is \$90. However, Health Services offers the vaccine year-round at \$75. They also have information for those that want to learn more about Meningitis.

Housing has told the students in the residence halls about the mandatory vaccinations through its weekly newsletter, This Week In Residence Living (TWIRL). Housing will put up fliers in each hall to inform students of what they need to do and when vaccinations will take place.

Students must get vaccinated or sign the waiver not to comply with the law, in order to successfully register for Spring 2004 classes. Those that don't by October 1 will have a hold placed on their registration.

Those students that don't think they can get infected should know that there was a case of Meningitis on campus this past spring in Winburn Hall. The student survived, but had to go through a lengthy hospital stay. Students that had direct contact with

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Symptoms

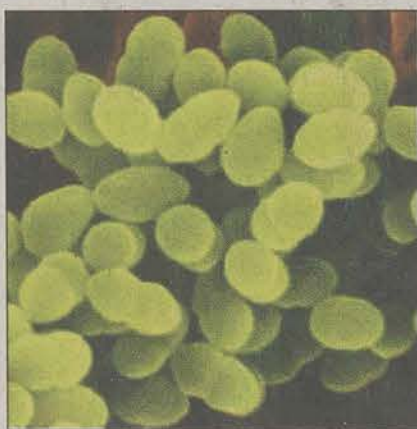
- High fever, headache, and stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion, and sleepiness.

Is it contagious?

- Yes, some forms of bacterial meningitis are contagious. The bacteria are spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (i.e., coughing, kissing).

Compiled from www.cdc.gov

Bacterial Meningitis is more dangerous than the viral form of the disease, and also the only type with a vaccine. The ease with which the disease spreads in communities like campus residence halls sparked the need for a mandatory vaccination.



Mathabane speaks to a full house

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Mark Mathabane

Tuesday night was very special as South African author Mark Mathabane graced GSU with his presence, speaking to a full house at the Performing Arts Center.

University administrators, professors, students, and community members came out to hear Mathabane speak of his struggle in the ghettos of apartheid South Africa, a story that he tells very explicitly in his best-selling novel "Kaffir Boy."

Mathabane was born into a family whose five to ten dollar a week salary was barely enough to provide shelter and food for his family. The eldest of seven children, he spent the first 18 years of his life in a one square mile ghetto that was populated with over 250,000 South Africans.

His childhood was that of devastating poverty with constant fears of brutal raids by the regime in power. His father was in and out of jail while his mother was busy taking care of the house and her children. He was also the witness many times when his father brutally beat his mother. All of these factors led to his attempted suicide at age ten.

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Fiesta Day kicks off Hispanic Awareness Month

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The Union Rotunda was decorated Tuesday with piñatas, string and paper lamps to celebrate Fiesta Day, beginning Hispanic Awareness Month.

Hispanic Awareness Month, continuing from September 15 to October 15, featured various Hispanic student clubs and groups giving out free food from different Latin American countries such as Peru, Ecuador, and Puerto Rico. Students tried out dishes from chicken and rice to beans and rice. Other groups gave out information about their club.

The "Fuze Patrol" gave out free samples of drinks. Fuze is a fruit beverage, which has different variations promising energy, focus, weight loss and other abilities.

The Hispanic Student Association had a table featuring the community service they do throughout Statesboro and on-campus. They also gave out information to those

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Ryan Moore/STAFF

Students sampled foods from several Latin American countries Tuesday as GSU organizations helped kick off a month of activities.

Swearing In



Brandon Sparks/STAFF

SGA inducted seventeen new senators last week: Keith Echols, Erika Witcher, Centurion Wood, Sorden Davis, Jason Pridgen, Blair Riley, Kyle Burcher, Justin Character, Christopher Ford, Katrice Bell, Jonathan Buckner, Ashley Scruggs, Hannah Athan, Angela Byrd, Kate Daniel, Lauren Markle, and Matthew Roney.

Weekday Weather

Wednesday

HIGH 91°
LOW 61°
Mostly Sunny



Thursday

HIGH 86°
LOW 63°
Partly Cloudy



Only in America

- Modern day caveman gets evicted in Arizona.
- White powder washes up on Florida shoreline.

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Police Beat

09-11-2003

Officers issued 10 traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, and assisted 10 motorists and two sick persons.

09-12-2003

A bicycle was taken from the Southern Pines bike rack.
A Sanford Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
A tent was taken from the Paulson Stadium parking lot.
Officers issued two traffic citations and assisted three motorists.

09-13-2003

Nancy Edwins McNair, 20, of Manning, S.C., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
A Sony PlayStation and two games were taken from Kennedy Hall.
Officers issued one traffic citation

and two traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

09-14-2003

Graham Douglas Gardner, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Charles Pierce McKnight, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library.

A Sigma Nu resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

A Southern Courtyard resident reported someone scratched an obscene message on his vehicle in the Southern Courtyard parking lot.

Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and

responded to one fire alarm.

09-15-2003

Justin Thomas Goldfarb, 21, of 710 Georgia Ave., Statesboro, was charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree.

A University golf cart was damaged at Watson Hall.

A wallet was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.

A watch was taken from Southern Pines.

Forty dollars were taken from the Science and Nursing Building.

Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated one traffic accident, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

- All Police Beat information compiled by Brandon Sparks, Assistant News Editor

Campus Calendar

Sept. 17

Bob Lane and Jack Hill to speak 5 p.m.
Russell Union Room 2080
Georgia Southern chapter of the American Association of University Professors will host a meeting with Rep. Bob Lane and Sen. Jack Hill. There will be a discussion and time set aside to ask questions about the state budget and University System budget cuts.

Organizational Meeting for Best Buddies

7:00 p.m.

Russell Union room 2041
Best Buddies International is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

Sept. 18

Rachel Sage to perform

3 p.m.

University Store

Sage is a pianist, award winning singer-songwriter, poet and visual artist. She will be promoting her new CD and will be available to sign posters for those buying her latest recording.

Sept. 19

Wild Late Nighter

7 p.m.

Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center

For children ages 8 to 12. The night's activities include a wildlife program, nocturnal craft, hotdogs, s'mores and other nighttime wildlife activities. Cost for early registrants is \$20 per youth and \$25 at the door. Youth attending in pairs will receive a discount on admission.

For more information, contact the Center for Wildlife Education at 681-0831.

Sept. 24

Hispanics in Business and Industry

12 p.m.

Information Technology Building in Rm. 2206

This panel discussion will focus on opportunities that are available to Spanish speaking individuals in the corporate world. This program will feature two special agents from the FBI. Sponsored by the Foreign Language Department, Career Services, and the Center for International Studies

News Briefs

New student organization starting on campus

By Christina Calloway

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The Sierra Student Coalition, a student run branch of the Sierra Club, will have their first meeting on campus today at 5 p.m. in Herty Room 1106.

The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization and the Sierra Student Coalition is a branch of the club that puts students in a position to change the environment.

The student organization starts on campus this fall due to the summer petitioning for such a club available for GSU students. Jess Warren, president of the Sierra Student Coalition, says he felt there was a need for the organization within the campus community. "People want to be part of something bigger than them such as a nationally affiliated group like the Sierra Student Coalition" he said.

Many of the members of the Sierra Student Coalition are already part of another organization, Republicans for Environmental Protection, but Warren doesn't want that to deter other students from joining or volunteering. "Students have to get past the negative perspective of environmental groups, especially since the Sierra Student Coalition isn't radical," He said. "We are more conservative conservationists."

Warren already has plans for the group. Within the Statesboro community he feels the club should focus on issues of land management that are potentially essential to reducing air pollution.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what is going on in their environment, so that club could make our students more aware and ready to take action,"

Warren said. "Awareness should bring interest in the Sierra Student Coalition."

Warren mentioned that air pollution kills more people every year than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; it usually affects the elderly and young children. Air pollution and other like issues are some of the topics that the Sierra Student Coalition will be discussing in the future.

The Coalition also participates in Lollapalooza to recruit young people to make a difference in their environment, as well as Shindigs, which is a national convention for the club.

This new club is pioneering in Georgia along with branches starting at Berry College and at the University of Georgia.

The Sierra Student Coalition will meet every other Wednesday in Room 1106 in the Herty Building, with advisor Dr. Kelly Vance. The meetings are open to everyone. Warren wants to promote the club through the club's motto "Care for America, care about America," but most importantly, he stresses the importance of environmental awareness. "In the end, the environment affects everyone."

Prominent parasitologist to deliver LeConte Lecture at Georgia Southern

Special to the G-A

The scientist whose research helped control one of the major causes of blindness in sub-Saharan Africa will deliver the 19th annual LeConte Lecture at Georgia Southern University. William C. Campbell will present "Hope is in Sight: Progress in the Control of River Blindness" on Monday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. in the Biology Building Auditorium on the University campus.

A former director of parasitology for Merck and Company,

Campbell led in the discovery of ivermectin, a compound used to control parasitic worms and other parasites, and now used to treat river blindness in humans.

"Dr. Campbell's pioneering work on the remarkable ivermectin compound has resulted in saving the livestock industry millions of dollars," said James Oliver, director of the Institute for Arthropodology and Parasitology (IAP) at Georgia Southern. "The compound also is effective against dog heartworms, as well as human river blindness."

Campbell received his B.A. from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He has served as the president of the American Society of Parasitologists and has received many honors, including election as a member of the National Academy of Science.

The LeConte Scholars Program is the first endowed visiting scholars program established at Georgia Southern.

The lecture is sponsored by the Georgia Southern biology department, the IAP, and the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi honor societies.

For additional information, contact Oliver at (912) 681-5564



Dr. William C. Campbell

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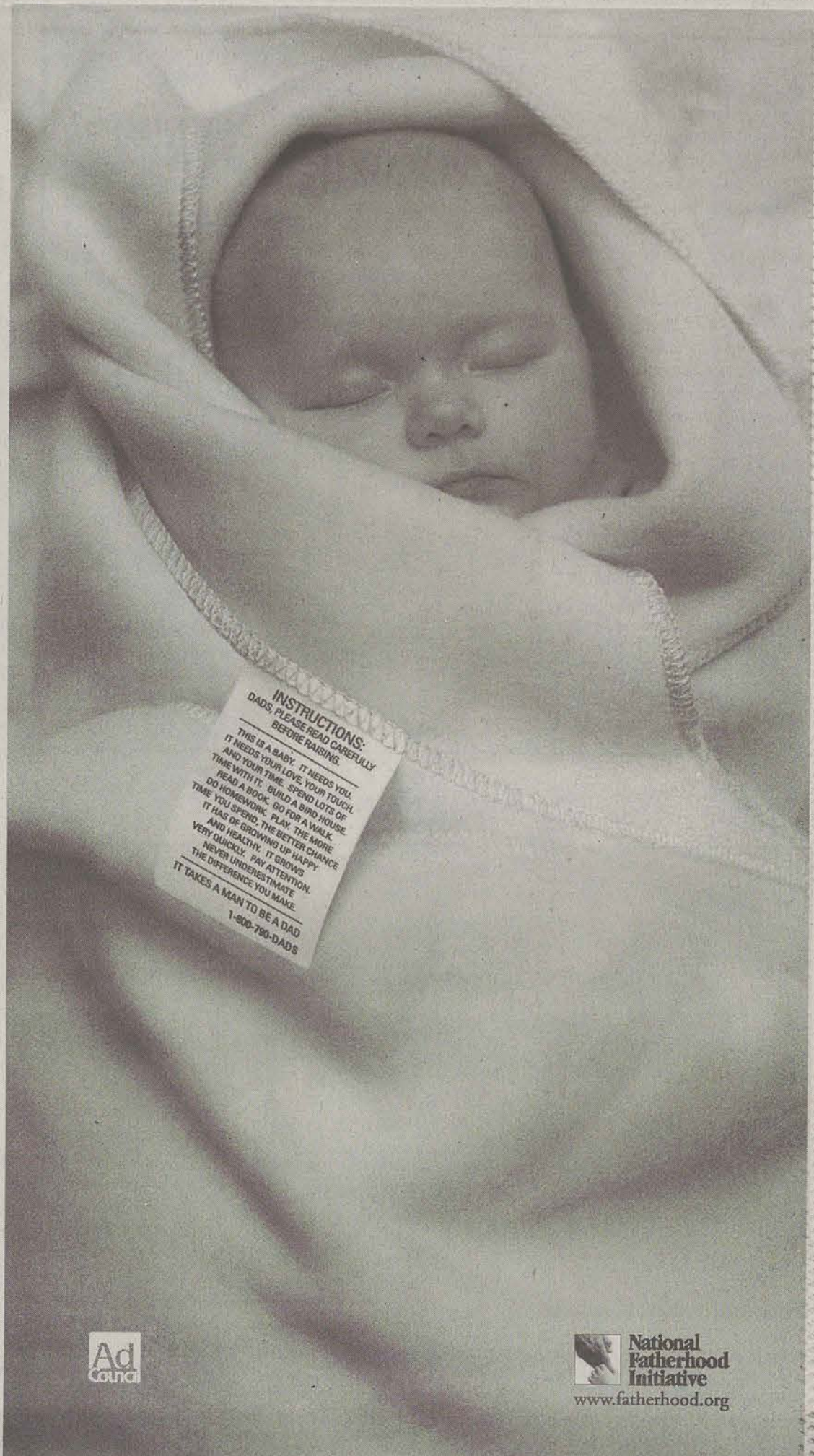
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1 California

Passengers duct-tape troublesome passenger on Hawaii-to-LA flight

LOS ANGELES - Airplane passengers and an air marshal subdued and then duct-taped a man who was pacing the aisle and reading loudly from the Bible during a flight from Hawaii, police and witnesses said.

No one was injured, and the man was handed over to authorities after the plane landed at Los Angeles International Airport early Sunday, said Sgt. Carl Sansbury of the airport police.

Sansbury said he didn't know what prompted the outburst on the United Airlines flight from Honolulu. He said the FBI was investigating.

The man, whose name was not immediately released, could be charged with interfering with a flight crew, a federal offense, Sansbury said.

2 Mississippi

Seized plants in Harrison County aren't marijuana

GULFPORT - It was a case of mistaken identity of sorts.

Law enforcement officers seized 500 suspicious plants from a Harrison County man because they looked like marijuana plants, but they turned out to be kenaf plants, which are legal.

Now Marion Waltman of Harrison County wants authorities to compensate him for his loss.

Narcotics officers seized the plants Monday night from a field in Harrison County. Sheriff George H. Payne Jr. said he never reported the plants were marijuana, only that they appeared to

be the illegal plant.

"We knew we were going to be criticized, whatever we did," Payne said. "We decided it was in the best interests of the public to remove it and test it. We had received complaints of people going out there and pulling off the leaves."

Waltman claims he planted the kenaf, a high-protein plant that reportedly attracts deer and increases their size, at a hunting camp off Herman Ladner Road.

An angry Waltman blames the sheriff's department for tearing up the land and destroying his investment in plants.

"I want him to fix the road and compensate me for the plants," said Waltman, 53. "They drove heavy equipment right down the center of my field. That crop would have been good until the second hard freeze."

Waltman, president of the Boarhog Hunting Club, said he paid \$2,000 for a ton of kenaf and hemp seeds. He planted them in three fields the club leases from a timber company.

Waltman said the kenaf plant does look like marijuana.

"But it has seven leaves at the top and okra-looking leaves at the bottom," he said. "Marijuana only has five leaves. Any drug officer should have been able to figure it out."

Payne said officers performed a field test, but the test was inconclusive. Samples were being sent to a crime lab and to Mississippi State University, which is developing and testing kenaf seeds. Test results will take a couple of weeks.

3 Florida

Man on turtle patrol finds cocaine on Flagler County beach

PAINTERS HILL - A Flagler County man looking for turtle nests on the beach found something with

an entirely different type of value, 2.2 pounds of cocaine.

Denis Cody, 50, of Palm Coast found the seaweed-soaked package by a Flagler Beach campground.

"I thought it was a piece of Styrofoam," said Cody, a volunteer with the Flagler Turtle Patrol. Turtle patrols look for nests in Volusia and Flagler counties to record and protect them.

Authorities said the drug's street value could be worth \$22,000 to \$100,000, depending on quality and where it was sold.

"It's not unusual for coastal counties to have illegal drugs wash ashore," said Debra Johnson, Flagler County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman. "We are always appreciative when the drugs are turned in."

Coast Guard officials at Ponce de Leon Inlet, which monitors the coast of Volusia and Flagler counties, said a number of things could have happened to bring that cocaine found Wednesday. One possibility is that a smuggler dropped it in the Gulf Stream outside Miami and the current carried it north to Flagler, where it washed in with the tide.

4 Michigan

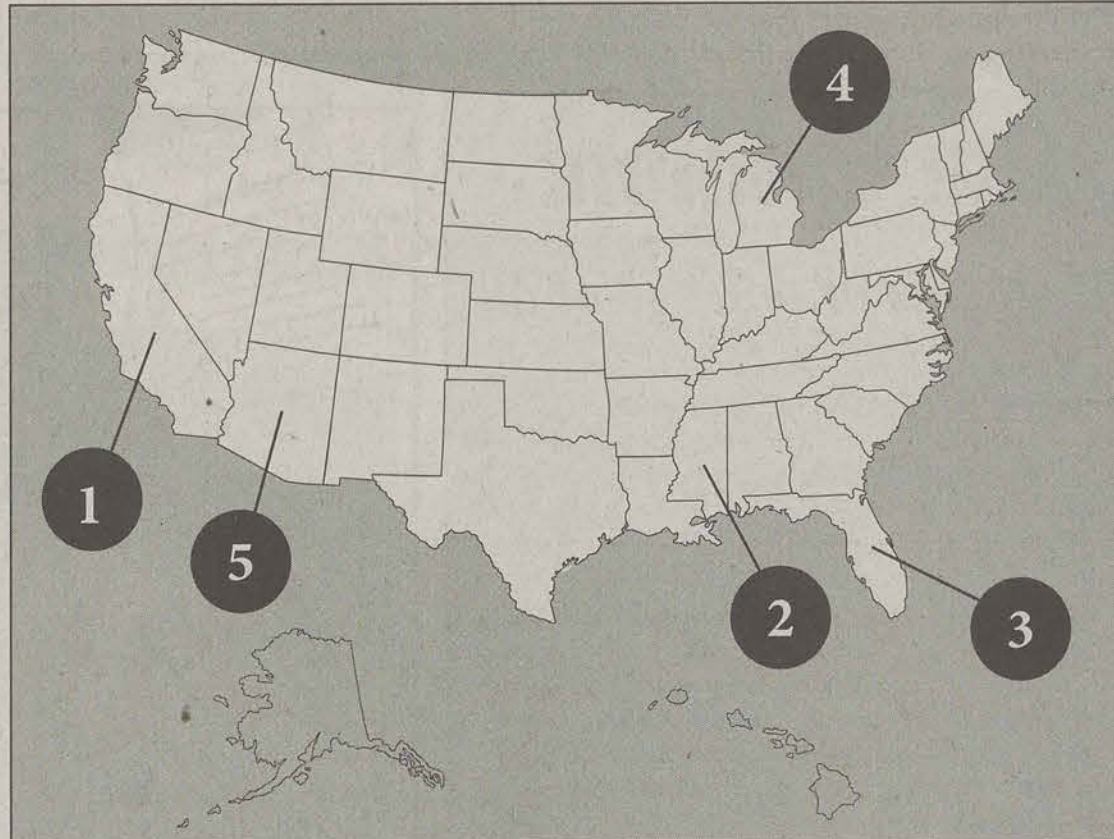
Turtle with cracked shell gets fiberglass patch from auto shop

TRAVERSE CITY - Walt McAnallen usually repairs the bodies of automobiles, not animals.

But when a veterinarian needed to seal a six-pound snapping turtle's broken upper shell, McAnallen was able to help.

Now the snapper, whose shell was split about an inch when it was struck by a car, is sporting a fiberglass patch installed Wednesday at Hastings Street Collision.

Veterinarian Marianne Jossens of Oakwood Veterinary Hospital hopes the patch will help the shell heal naturally.



"Together with some cleaning and the antibiotics we gave her, this should give her every possible chance to successfully get back into the wild," Jossens told the Traverse City Record-Eagle for a Thursday story.

The turtle was brought into Jossens' office Wednesday morning by a client who found it at the side of the road.

Jossens said the shell was cracked and some of the underlying tissue was torn. Oakwood staff cleaned the wounds and sewed them closed, but an area wildlife expert told them the turtle's chances of survival were slim if the shell wasn't sealed.

Fortunately, Hastings Street Collision was just next door.

"We kind of scored the shell to get the moss and stuff off, put a few sheets of fiberglass matting over it and covered it with a little epoxy bonding," McAnallen said.

Body shops previously used caustic resins to set fiberglass, but McAnallen said heat-activated epoxy cements are much safer to use.

The turtle will remain at the hospital until it's eating and snapping properly.

"It's nice to see so many people working on something that isn't any use at all to them, except for the feeling you get from doing something good," Jossens said.

5 Arizona

Man who lived in cave for decade ordered to leave forest

FLAGSTAFF - A 57-year-old man who had been living in a cave in the Coconino National Forest for more than a decade has been evicted.

For 11 years, Thomas J. Crawford made his home in a cave. Federal authorities say he had a bed, books and clothes arranged on hangers. He even had pots and cutlery for cooking in his cave home.

On Friday, he was arrested for using a national forest for residential

purposes after a Flagstaff resident reported a suspicious camp in a remote drainage on Mount Elden.

Crawford pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on Monday and was sentenced to one year of probation and was banned from the forest.

During the hearing, he said he lived in the forest by choice.

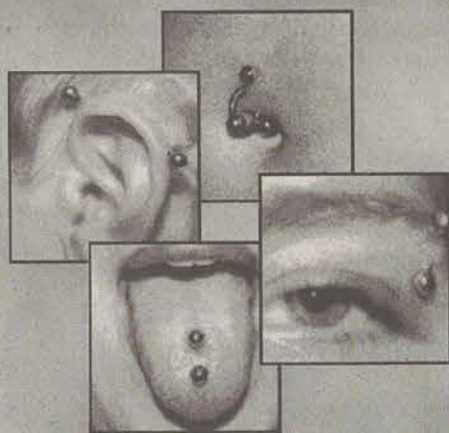
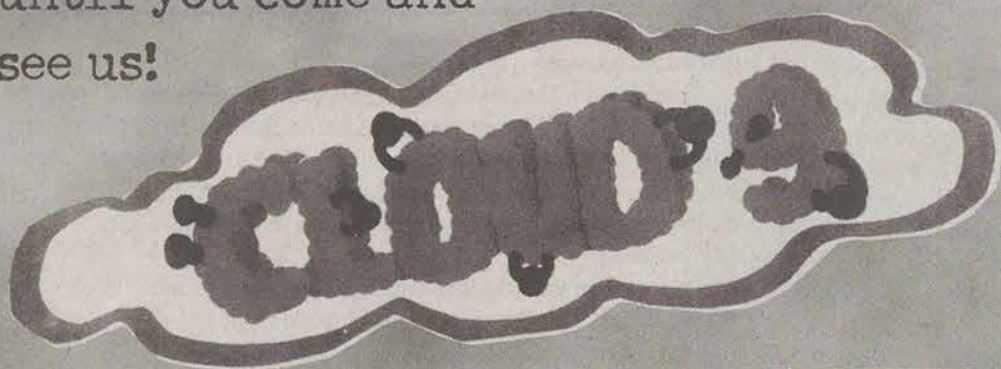
He declined to speak to reporters, but he told Forest Service officials he would come to Flagstaff, which is about a mile away from the cave, every week or so to get supplies and water. Sometimes, he would work here.

Crawford, accompanied by Forest Service officials and a reporter from the Arizona Daily Sun, was allowed to remove his possessions after he was released from jail Tuesday.

"As you can see, I don't have a TV or anything," he said. "I've got the sky, the wind, the rain, the canyon wrens ... This is a beautiful mountain. You could explore it a lifetime."

A crew will be going up to the cave in the coming weeks to clean the site, said Forest Service spokeswoman Raquel Poturalski.

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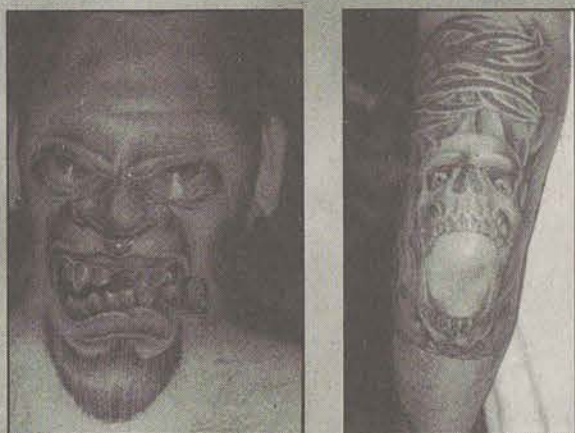
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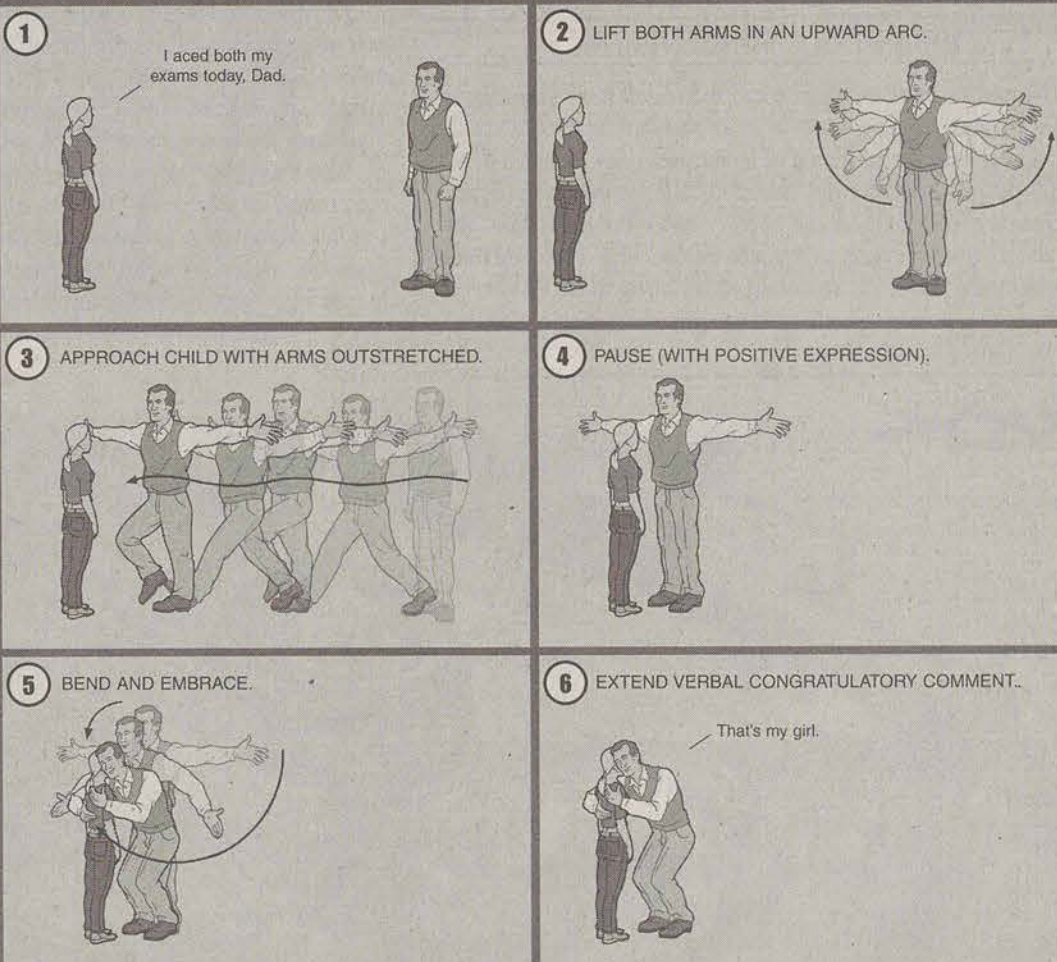


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Our Opinion

Either stay or don't go at all

There's only one thing separating any university – including ours – from Ivy-League prestige, and that's attitude.

We were pleased to witness a surprisingly large student attendance at last night's lecture by author Mark Mathabane. Of course, we were quickly relieved of our disillusioned belief that students were taking an interest in academia and culture. Half the audience had the nerve to walk out before the man's presentation was complete, which made it abundantly clear that they hadn't listened to a single word Mr. Mathabane said.

His lecture was about discovering the importance of education, and how fortunate we all are in the educational arena compared to many folks in the world... Folks such as himself, who suffered through South African apartheid. Certainly half the audience didn't have a class to get to or a plane to catch at 8:30 p.m.

Congratulations, Dimwits: You got your extra-credit point for whatever class obligated you to go. It is now safe to return to your regularly-scheduled practice of not giving a damn about the world around you.

If it's starting to seem as though we write a version of this editorial every year, that's probably because we do. And we're going to keep doing it every year, for the rest of the existence of *The George-Anne*, as long as our students continue the disrespectful, disgusting act of walking out on distinguished lecturers and other academic symposia.

A sporting event is one thing, but educational events are another. Anyone who comes here to speak to us is, for a short and valuable portion of their time, a *professor of knowledge*. If you are so disinterested in behaving like an intellectual that you would brashly withdraw from the presence of someone who has essentially come to enlighten you, not only should you *not* receive extra-credit for your partial attendance, you should not be allowed the luxury of enrollment in any institution of higher learning.

When you attend a university-sponsored event, you are an official representative of our school. Your actions at such events reflect on the entire institution.

We by no means discourage thoughtful, intelligent students from attending the many scholarly events made available to us on campus. But, if you know you won't manage to sit through an entire hour of something that actually requires patience and the "complicated" cerebral activity of reflection, please just don't go in the first place.

It embarrasses people who actually want to take pride in the academic standards of Georgia Southern, and it insults our guests.



Scourge of slavery thrives anew

By John C. Bersia
KRT Campus

Each day, 27 million people cry out in pain, anguish and frustration. Yet no one hears them, for they huddle at the margins of society—voiceless, unseen and essentially powerless to alter their fate. They are the slaves of the 21st century.

That the contemporary world would condone slavery of any kind probably surprises and shocks most Americans, who still shoulder the burden of their own historical connections to that nefarious institution and its ongoing legacy in U.S. life.

In truth, though, slavery has plagued humanity for millennia. The latest versions – ranging from forced labor to commercial sexual exploitation, usually grouped under the label of “human trafficking” – afflict the largest number of people in history.

I remember listening to a colleague's sad tale years ago about the loss of her close friend to probable slave-traders. Snatched from a marketplace in a southern French city, the young woman never reappeared. At the time, I hastily dismissed the incident as an aberration.

But later on, in 1991, I began conducting some research into the subject and found disturbing evidence. My longstanding interest in Haiti, specifically, drew me to the plight of the so-called *restavek* children in that country. *Restavek* was simply a kind way of describing virtual slavery. In some cases, the children were born of sharecroppers who sought a better life for their offspring by sending them to live with landowners in urban areas. In other cases, the children were indentured or simply entrusted to strangers. Some enhanced their lives; most did not. More than 100,000 Haitian children found themselves in those reprehensible conditions.

Subsequently, the global-slavery problem has mushroomed. Each year, according to U.S. government estimates, traffickers move nearly a million people across international borders, including as many as 20,000 into the United States. The U.S. Department of State's recently released *Trafficking in Persons Report* shares one victim's story:

“Like many West African women smuggled or lured into Italy with the promise of jobs, Mercy was forced into prostitution to earn her freedom. She was able to escape with the assistance of a religious order. Escape did not end her nightmare. Three weeks after speaking publicly to human-rights groups about her experience, her sister was reported dead

in Florence, true to the threats made by her captors.” Still, Mercy has an advantage over most 21st century slaves: She has found freedom.

What could possibly inspire such a gross demonstration of people's inhumanity toward each other?

Kevin Bales, director of Free the Slaves, a non-profit organization, and the author of *Disposable People: New Slavery in a Global Economy*, traces slavery's resurgence to several factors:

“Firstly, the world's population has tripled since 1945. Secondly, economic change and globalization have driven rural people to the cities and into debt. These impoverished and vulnerable people are a bumper crop of potential slaves. Finally, government corruption is essential. When those responsible for law and order can be made to turn a blind eye through bribes, the slave-takers can operate unchecked.”

Bales goes on to note that the new slavery is marked by a pronounced shift in the basic economic equation of exploitation: The cost of slaves has dropped significantly. For example, an agricultural slave costing \$1,000 in the mid-1800s (approximately \$50,000 in current prices) sells for about \$100 today. That leaves the contemporary slave at much greater risk. Unlike the expensive slave of yesteryear, today's typical slave is, in Bales' words, “cheap and disposable.”

Nations cannot allow the travesty of slavery to continue. They must act to turn the tide on one of the most distressing and tragic human-rights challenges of any age.

Solutions will not come easily, but they necessarily start with increasing public awareness that prompts the only appropriate consensus: Slavery must end. Then the task will fall to political leaders to improve strategies, expand resources to fight slavery and criticize lackluster efforts by nations that profess to condemn it. I join Bales in asking, “Where are the United Nations Slavery Inspectors?”

All who live in freedom have a responsibility to speak for, focus attention on and act to alter the fate of the 27 million who suffer under the scourge of slavery.

Nations cannot allow the travesty of slavery to continue. They must act to turn the tide on one of the most distressing and tragic human-rights challenges of any age.

Thoughts of the Day

• “When you think of your hurt and what it warrants you to do, think of the future and what it obligates you to do.” – Mark Mathabane

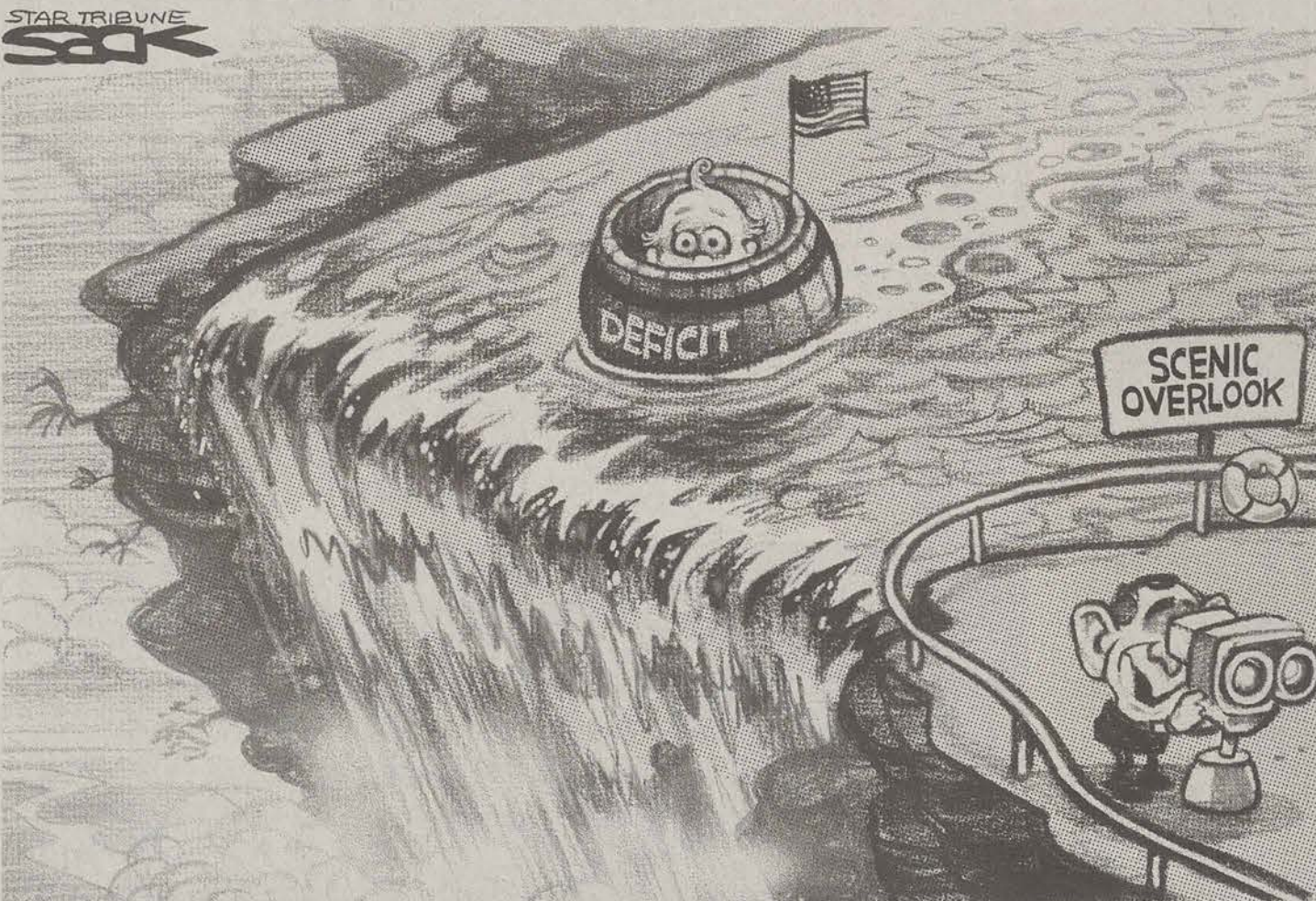
• “The debt is like a crazy aunt we keep down in the basement. All the neighbors know she's down there, but nobody wants to talk about her.” – Ross Perot

• “Sometimes I think you have to march right in and demand your rights, even if you don't know what your rights are, or who the person is you're talking to. Then on the way out, slam the door.” – Jack Handey

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Information Age

The College of Information Technology opens its doors to students

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Students walking around campus may want to step into one of the newer buildings on campus, the Information Technology Building.

Dr. James Bradford, the dean of the College of Information Technology, has been in academia for over twenty-five years.

In those twenty-five years he has visited most of the major technical institutions of the country and says, "I have never seen a building that comes close to this to meet the needs of the students of Information Technology."

The I.T. building is the most wired building on campus for data communications. In fact, every classroom has high speed internet access. Its theater has professional quality and acoustics that make it as good as a live theater. The theater will be used for V.I.P. lectures and major student presentations.

There is a screen the size of a cinema theater screen that can drop from the ceiling. There is a satellite hook-up that will allow the students to listen to lectures from professors around the world.

The building measures 1044 square feet. There are fifteen classrooms including two auditoriums and ten laboratories.

There are six hundred computers in all and two public computer labs. There are sixty-four computer labs with one-hundred twenty-eight seats.

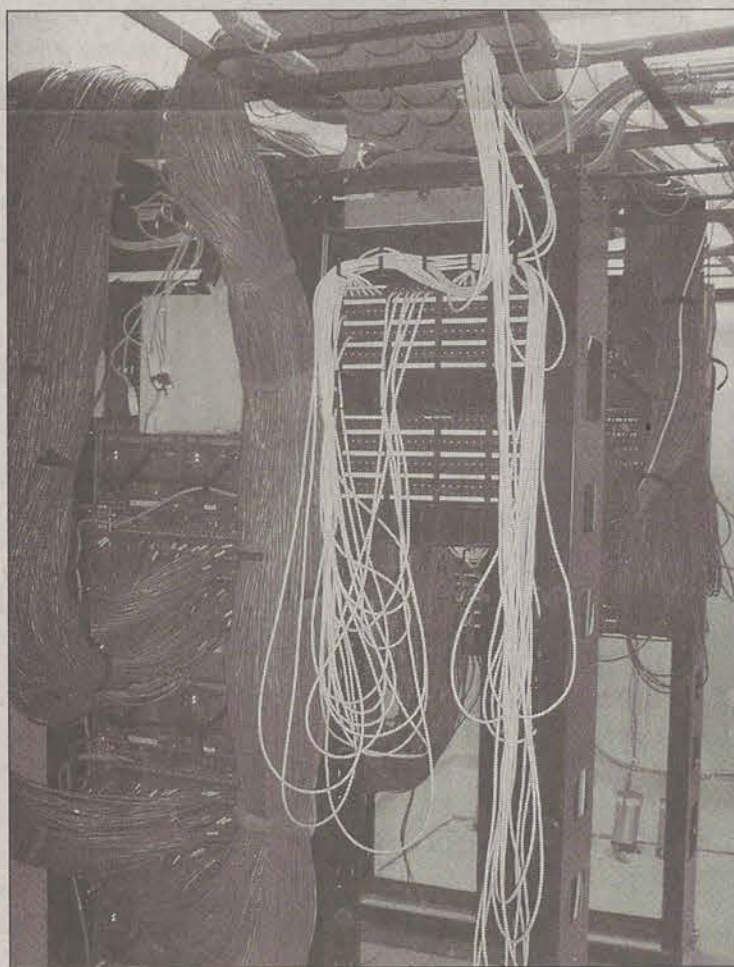
Each classroom is full multimedia; there is also a "smartboard," which will allow the professor to save the writing on the board to a disk or even onto the computers in front of the other students.

An astounding 78,000 feet of fiberoptics run through the building, making it one of the most state of the art in the nation.

The students of Information Technology will have large study areas, in what Bradford calls "a small town inside of Georgia Southern." There are also four offices that are entirely dedicated just to the student organizations that deal with Information Technology. There is a faculty training center for continuing education and executive training.

The building has a cafeteria so that the college will be able to serve the trainees, either in a buffet style or even a full service sit-down. The area designed for the trainee has a large and spacious work area. Auxiliary services has added a new restaurant to the I.T. building called the Hard Drive Café, which will serve sandwiches and salads.

The University Store has opened a store in the building to assist the students that are on the west side of campus, so that they will not have to walk to the other side of campus, although the store will cater more to Information Technology.



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A store and a café are among the extensive amenities at Georgia Southern's College of Information Technology building. Above: The foyer of the building combines modern architecture and decor with classic functionalism. Left: The I.T. Building is 'wired to the gills,' containing 78,000 feet of fiberoptics. Bottom left: Students study and socialize under the building's wealth of natural light.

I. T. Store opens for business

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You won't ever have to be caught at the Education building without a scantron and worry about sprinting to the bookstore again.

The I. T. store, located in the new I. T. building (in front of COBA), features "leading edge technology products" and also GSU merchandise.

Plans for the store were put into work a year and a half ago by Joe Franklin, director of Auxiliary Services, who had in mind to equip the I.T. building with a retail store. "The need was here," said Wendell Hagins, Stores and Shops director, who also helped in the planning of the venture.

With the growth of GSU over the past couple of years, Hagins said the I. T., Business, Nursing, and Education buildings are the academic center of GSU. Charlene Todd, manager of the I. T. store shares the same sentiment, but still feels that students are missing out on the full potential of the I.T. store. Not a lot of students are aware of the opening and location of the store, which has limited the traffic of students to those with classes in the I.T., Business, Nursing, and Education buildings.

That shouldn't deter all students from visiting the store, which sells many products similar to the University bookstore but also items such as palm pilots, Playstation 2's,

and Xboxes. Ms. Todd said eventually the store will lean more towards technology related products, but as a "back to school" promotion these are quality items.

Even with all the great things going on at the store, as is always with a new building, the I. T. store has had its problems. "Mostly wiring problems with our computers but now everything is fine," said Ms. Todd. Five students and one graduate student staff the store on weekdays. "The store is convenient in all aspects," said Hagins, "even the hours are set around an academic week."

If anything, that is what the store represents: "Convenience is key," said Hagins. Candace Ford, an international business major, couldn't agree more.

"I was going to take a quiz in the Business building when I realized I had the wrong scantron; I was able to go to the I. T. store quickly without being late for class." From this experience alone Ford said, "I would go to the store again."

Ms. Todd looks forward to the future of the store. "We plan to try a buyback promotion in December and encourage professors to voice their technological needs for their classes so students can get products right at the store, but most importantly we encourage students to come and tell us what they think so we can cater the store and its products for them."

Hard Drive Cafe: Downloads for your stomach

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There's a new addition to Georgia Southern restaurants.

The Hard Drive Café is located in the New I.T. Building across from the Business Building.

The café serves hot dogs, chicken tenders, danishes, fajita wraps, cheese balls, jalapeno peppers, frozen pies, and is the first café on campus to serve quesadillas.

The side item choices for the meals are coleslaw or chips. Students who have eaten at the café have questioned why they don't serve fries.

According to manager, Rosa Romeo, originally fries were on the menu but the system couldn't hold the capacity of the fries. Fries are coming in the near future.

However, many students say the food is good. On the other hand, the prices are a bit steep. For one hot dog, the price is \$3.39. The combo is \$5.30 but, remember, the side items are limited.

The café was supposed to open at the beginning of fall this year, but was delayed due to equipment problems.

For all the students who might be wondering if they have any job openings, the café is fully staffed right now. They will resume hiring when business starts rolling in.

The hours of the café are Monday-Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. serving only coffee and pastries; Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. for lunch and dinner; Fridays 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for lunch.

It is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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COSTA DEL MAR

Fumbles in Lake Charles don't mean the end of GSU

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The only thing worse than those (expletive deleted) cowbells and that clapping sway done by the fans at Cowboy Stadium was knowing that Georgia Southern should have walked away with the game...early.

I was the first to say that the Eagles would go 15-0 this season. I honestly believed they would. Yet after an embarrassment in Lake Charles Saturday night, I must tell you all that I was wrong. There I said it. But what if I now said that it's not out of the question that GSU could go 14-1 and still win a National Championship? The only thing holding them back is themselves, and their numerous turnovers.

In a game that featured the best two teams in I-AA, McNeese held its own, Georgia Southern couldn't hold anything. In just the first quarter alone, three lost fumbles accounted for 13 MSU points! Thank God for having a defense that is arguably the best defense that GSU has had in years, or the game could've become a rout early.

Six fumbles in the game led to the demise of the Eagles. It cannot be blamed on questionable penalties by the officials, it cannot be blamed on the defense (best in years), it can only be blamed on the drive killing turnovers and dropped passes. It was not McNeese State that routed the Eagles; it was the Eagles who dropped the game.

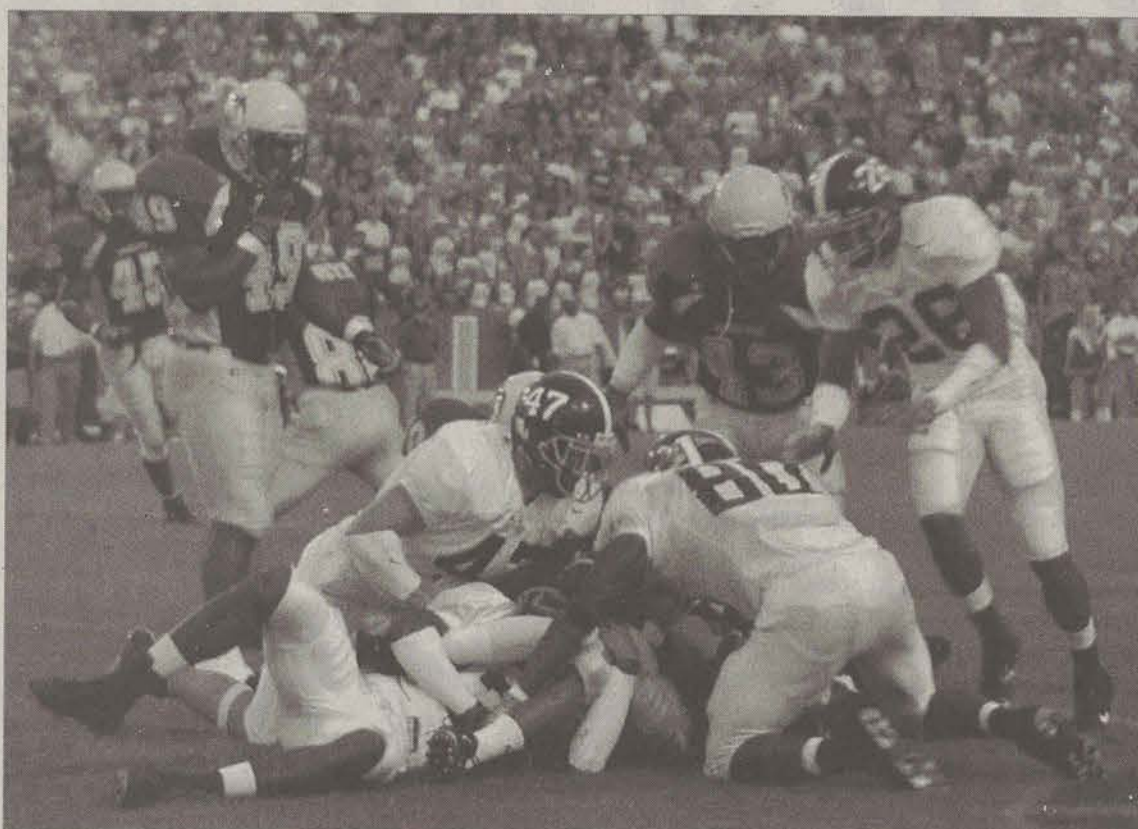
Each time Georgia Southern took the ball down the field in the great drives that GSU is known for, the ball would wriggle out of the hands of the runner, flopping around like a fish on the wet turf, until it was either knocked out of bounds or into the hands of a Cowboy. The Eagle "O" was in its usual numbers, rushing for over 375 yards, with two drives ending inside the McNeese 30-yard line in fumbles, and one by a missed 4 down conversion, that some objected the spotting of the ball. The offensive line missed numerous blocking assignments for the option which killed the chances of putting the ball in the end zone for a score.

It was not entirely their fault, as the Cowboys switched defenses from a 4-3-4 to a 3-5-3 just to break up the infamous Eagle rushing assault. The passing by GSU quarterback Chaz Williams was often mistimed by the relentless assault by the McNeese State linebackers who poured through missed assignments and into the backfield. An overthrown pass to a wide-open Carl Kearny in the endzone resulted in a field goal by Sean Holland to make the halftime score 13-3 MSU.

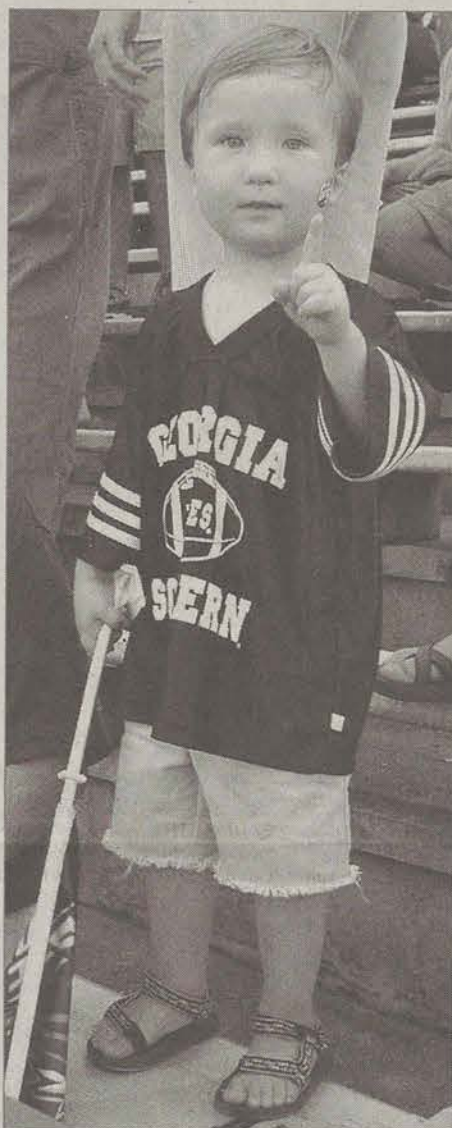
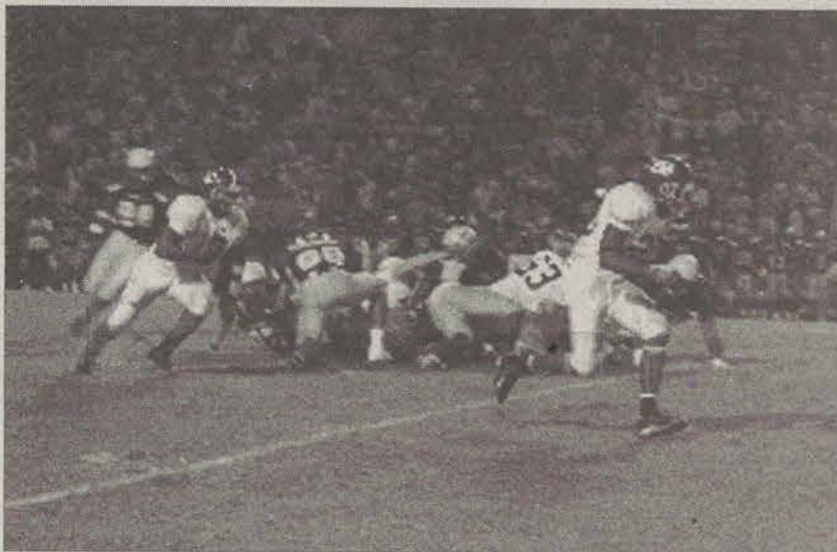
The turnovers that killed the Eagle offense also slowly killed the Eagle "D." The unwavering Eagle defense held MSU to two red zone field goals, upset the Cowboy running attack and kept GSU in the game. Then as the turnovers mounted and morale faded, the defense could not catch their breath. The defense snapped under the pressure and the rout was on. It was obvious late in the game, as the points kept on coming that the defense was tired. Missed tackles resulted in the huge numbers put up by McNeese late in the game, driving nails into the coffin as the clock wound down.

It should not have been a loss for Georgia Southern. A team so focused as they took their warm-ups that the stolen "Whose House, Our House" (2000 playoffs, McNeese came to Paulson) chants that echoed the stadium could not have affected them. It was the turnovers that played endless mind games with both sides. The offense could not get in sync, and the defense just played too many downs. Next time these teams *should* meet is in the playoffs. There the Cowboys should be the ones facing the vengeance of the Eagles.

We all know what that is like "Total, and utter...DOMINATION!"



Photos by Meghan Maloy/Staff



Fans of all ages traveled to Lake Charles to help support the GSU Eagles against McNeese State Cowboys. But the Eagles fumbled 6 times while losing 3 of them to the Cowboys, causing the Eagles to lose 34-15. Up next for the Eagles are the Wofford Terriers Saturday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports South.

Current important baseball facts

TIGER WOES

The Tigers lost to the Royals 7-2 on Sunday to become the first team in 34 years to lose 110 games in one season. Detroit (38-110) has the most losses since the Montreal Expos and San Diego Padres went 52-110 in 1969, their first seasons in the major leagues. Detroit needs at least five wins in its last 14 games to avoid matching the 1962 New York Mets for the most losses in a season since 1900.

SPEAKING

"It was embarrassing more than anything. I had three balls hit my way and lost every one in the sun." - Minnesota's Michael Ryan, who was hit in the head by a fly ball in the Twins' 5-3 victory over the Indians on Sunday. The ball bounced off the side of Ryan's face and was caught on the rebound by center fielder Dustan Mohr for an out.

Response to BJ Corbitt's opinion 'Come out and support your team'

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There is nothing wrong with trying to gain support for the college you attend. What is wrong is that too many GSU students are supporting UGA more than the school they call their alma mater. College is the best 4 or 5 years of your life and it goes by very fast.

Supporting GSU is a great way to show your appreciation for everything the university is doing to start your career once you leave Statesboro.

There is nothing better than seeing 20,000 students, alumni, and the supporting community at Paulson on Saturdays.

Everyone comes together to cheer and root on the dynasty we have had for the past 20 years in Statesboro. The players and coaches do care about crowd size. There is nothing more disappointing than walking out of that locker room and seeing a pathetic playoff crowd.

How would you feel if you were playing for a chance to play in the national championship game and only 8,000 people are supporting your success? Support the team if you feel like it huh, well 15,000 students felt like attending Georgia Southern University. Let's all feel like we are Georgia Southern and show some school spirit.

Attend as many events associated with GSU as possible, decorate your cars with GSU logos, and celebrate GSU's successes academically and athletically. I challenge all GSU students to start being leaders and not followers.

Unfortunately there are way too many followers who want to be in Athens on the weekends or say "GO DAWGS" around their UGA friends. This behavior is embarrassing to Statesboro.

If you like UGA so much, transfer; it won't hurt our feelings. Take off those damn UGA hats and UGA license plates and appreciate what you actually have in Statesboro.

For all you UGA wannabees, the next time you visit Athens; take a look around at all the GSU stuff around campus. Oh wait a minute, there is none; they support their own alma mater. I dislike UGA more than anyone, but I admit they know how to support their school.

Students, go out and appreciate what our university has laid out before you. I guarantee you will feel proud the day you graduate, because you just received your degree from Georgia Southern University.

Major League Baseball Standings as of September 15

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	93	57	.620	-
Boston	87	62	.584	5.5
Toronto	76	73	.510	16.0
Baltimore	67	82	.450	25.5
Tampa Bay	59	90	.396	33.5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	81	69	.540	-
Chicago	80	69	.537	0.5
Kansas City	77	72	.517	3.5
Cleveland	65	86	.430	16.5
Detroit	38	111	.255	42.5

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	91	60	.603	-
Seattle	86	64	.573	4.5
Anaheim	71	80	.470	20.0
Texas	66	84	.440	24.5

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	94	57	.623	-
Florida	83	66	.557	10.0
Philadelphia	82	68	.547	11.5
Montreal	76	75	.503	18.0
New York	63	86	.423	30.0

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	81	68	.544	-
Chicago	80	70	.533	1.5
St. Louis	77	74	.510	5.0
Pittsburgh	69	80	.463	12.0
Cincinnati	64	86	.427	17.5
Milwaukee	64	86	.427	17.5

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Francisco	91	57	.615	-
Los Angeles	80	68	.541	11.0
Arizona	77	73	.513	15.0
Colorado	68	82	.453	24.0
San Diego	59	90	.396	32.5

A SoCon wrap-up

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Week three was a mixed bag for the Southern Conference as three clubs claimed victories while three more took defeats.

Opening the weekend's activity was an early game on Thursday, where East Tennessee State squeaked out with a 14-7 overtime victory at Tennessee-Martin. Andrew Nuckolls, who tied the game on a touchdown catch, then accounted for the game winner when he caught a 22 yard pass from Carl Meadows in the extra frame. The SkyHawks had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but had a field goal attempt blocked.

Chattanooga remained winless on the season, falling to Tennessee Tech 35-10 at home. The Mocs never led as they gave up 540 yards of offense to their in-state rivals. Quarterback Matthew Lopez gave the Mocs one of their few bright spots, as the freshman passed for 204 yards, 105 of which going to wide receiver Jeremy Grier.

Western Carolina routed Division II Johnson C. Smith, taking a 45-0 decision in Cullowhee. The Catamounts put together 502 yards of total offense against the Bulls, including a 99-yards rushing day from Manny DeShauteurs. Conversely, the Bulls were held to 120 yards of offense, including minus-23 yards rushing.

The Citadel never had a chance as they were blanked by ACC foe Maryland 61-0, in College Park, Md. The Terrapins led their lower-division rival 44-0 at halftime. As a team, Maryland racked up 552 yards of offense, led by 137 yards rushing by running back Josh Allen.

Coming off a loss to a Division II school in Tusculum, SoCon newcomers Elon bounced back by grabbing an upset win from Hofstra, 25-23 in Hempstead, N.Y. Down 20-19 in the fourth quarter, Phoenix linebacker Mike Warren intercepted a pass and took it 10 yards for the game-leading touchdown.

The weekend culminated with the long-awaited matchup between No. 2 Georgia Southern and No. 3 McNeese State, which saw the Eagles fall in Lake Charles, La., 34-15. The Eagles were victimized by six fumbles as they stumbled to the loss, their worst loss since falling 45-10 to Furman in 2000.

Kicking off a new week of football will be a battle between Appalachian State and Morehead State at 2 p.m. in Boone, N.C. The Mountaineers, winless in two games are fresh, coming off a bye week. It will be their first meeting with the Pioneer League's Eagles, who are coming off a 31-6 win against Coastal Carolina.

East Tennessee State will open their final season in the SoCon when they travel to meet Elon at 2 p.m. The 2-1 Buc's are led by the league's leading quarterback and running back in Carl Meadows and Gavin Varner, respectively. The 1-2 Phoenix have already played one SoCon game, losing to Furman 24-7 on Aug. 30.

Elsewhere in the Carolinas, Western Carolina will be welcoming The Citadel to town for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff. The 1-2 Catamounts are led behind center by quarterback Brian Gaither, who is averaging 182.7 yards passing per game, just three yards behind ETSU's Meadows. The Bulldogs' Scooter Johnson ranks first in the SoCon in receiving with 82 yards per game.

Chattanooga, 0-3 so far, will make the trip over to meet the Big South's Gardner-Webb at 6 p.m. The Mocs have seen glimpses of brilliance out of freshman quarterback Matthew Lopez, who ranks second in the conference in completions and third in passing yardage. The 2-1 Bulldogs will be lining up against three SoCon teams this year as they will also meet Furman and Western Carolina.

After a bye week of their own, No. 9 Furman returns to action as they will host Richmond at 7 p.m. At quarterback, the 1-1 Paladins have first-year starter Bo Moore, who currently ranks first in the SoCon in pass efficiency. The Spiders, coming out of the Atlantic 10, are coming off their season opener, a 44-14 loss to No. 8 Delaware.

Georgia Southern, ranked No. 6 after their recent defeat, will try to exact revenge over No. 25 Wofford at 7 p.m. in Spartanburg, S.C. The 1-1 Eagles fell to the Terriers 14-7 in Statesboro last season, breaking a regular season home winning streak that stretched back to 1997. Wofford, also 1-1, were off last week.

Edwards emphasizes small town roots

KRT Campus

ROBBINS, N.C. — The most famous trial lawyer in politics is making his case for the White House and as far as John Edwards is concerned, politics is an extension of his work on behalf of "regular people" in court.

Having once fought HMOs and insurance companies at trial, Edwards, 50, said Tuesday that he will now fight against a Bush administration that embodies corporate power.

"I'll put our economy and our government back in line with our values, the values that I learned growing up in this small town," Edwards said, formally announcing his presidential candidacy at an abandoned textile mill that once employed his father.

Edwards' presidential bid is also a profound gamble. The first-term senator will not seek re-election in 2004, meaning that in little more than 16 months, he will either be president or vice president — or out of office entirely.

Echoing themes he has repeatedly voiced on the campaign trail, Edwards pledged to change the tax system by taking away breaks for the rich and instead offering cuts to help middle-income workers.

He also touts a health care plan that would guarantee coverage for all children and a proposal to pay college tuition in exchange for public service. And he supports a "worker and shareholder bill of rights," arguing that Bush cares only about wealth and the people who already have it.

"And he also wants to make sure that they belong to an exclusive club, where the barriers are up and the doors are closed and no one else ever gets in," Edwards said. "Well, I don't want to build barriers; I want to knock 'em down."

So far, Edwards appears to be facing formidable barriers of his own on the way to the White House. He gained early attention as a "fresh face" in the race, but his poll numbers have been in the low single digits in Iowa and New Hampshire, sites of the first Democratic contests.

Political analysts, however, said Edwards should not be dismissed out of hand. His southern-style campaign charm has won comparisons to Bill Clinton. And he has raised enough money to be competitive, thanks largely to contributions from his fellow trial lawyers.

In neighboring South Carolina, which holds the first Southern primary, pollster John Zogby recently found Edwards with a lead. But he drew just 10 percent of the respondents, and 46 percent were not sure which of 10 candidates to support. Many analysts believe Edwards has to win the Feb. 3 primary to stay competitive in the race.



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Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) officially announces his candidacy for president at a rally in his hometown of Robbins, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 16, 2003

"He is improving," Zogby said. "He was nowhere."

Backers of Bush also cited Edwards' struggles despite a heavy television presence in Iowa and South Carolina.

"So far, it doesn't seem to have excited Democratic primary voters, or a lot of other voters," said Christine Iverson, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee.

Many analysts believe the Sept. 11 attacks and subsequent war on terrorism hurt Edwards' chances because the new emphasis on foreign policy underscored his relative lack of political experience.

Edwards has proposed creation of a new domestic intelligence agency designed to overcome FBI-CIA communication problems. He has also co-authored legislation on bioterrorism and port security.

Like many of his opponents, Edwards voted to authorize the use of military force in Iraq, but he said the Bush administration's handling of the war has needlessly alienated long-time allies.

"We need a president who will unite the world in the war on terror and the fight for security," Edwards said.

In all of his speeches, Edwards mentions that he's the son of a mill worker.

He was born in Seneca, S.C., on June 10, 1953, and his family moved to a variety of textile towns that dot the Carolinas and Georgia before settling in Robbins, about 70 miles southwest of Raleigh.

Edwards studied textile management at North Carolina State University but had always been interested in law. He earned his law degree in 1977 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he met wife Elizabeth.

Combining intensive preparation with a silky-smooth manner, Edwards became one of the country's best-known and wealthiest trial lawyers. In early 1997, he won a record \$25 million jury award in the case of young girl who seriously injured by a faulty swimming pool drain.

By that time, the Edwards family had been dealing with its own tragedy. In 1996, the couple's 16-year-old son, Wade, died in a traffic accident. Wade had often urged his father to seek public office, and two years later, Edwards beat Sen. Lauch Faircloth, a Republican.

Senate Democrats put Edwards' courtroom skills to quick use, giving him a prominent role in the impeachment trial of Clinton.

Two years later, 2000 Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore made Edwards a finalist for his running mate, a process that apparently piqued his interest in seeking national office.

Edwards earned a different kind of publicity later that year when People magazine named him "Sexiest Politician Alive." Republicans have mocked Edwards for his looks, calling him the "Breck candidate," the Edwards campaign laughed off the insult, even handing out small bottles of the shampoo at his announcement.

Edwards' burgeoning campaign earned criticism from home state constituents who said he was ignoring their interests. Republicans also recruited a well-funded opponent, Rep. Richard Burr, meaning Edwards probably faced a tough Senate re-election fight.

"I haven't spent most of my life in politics, which most of you know," Edwards told supporters Tuesday. "But I've spent enough time in Washington to know how much we need to change Washington."

FIESTA, FROM PAGE 1

interested in joining and helped planning some of the events in Hispanic Awareness Month.

The Spanish Club also had a table presenting different activities they do when they met. They gave out fliers about Study Abroad in Mexico, in which some of the members are planning to attend.

There were also posters of countries such as Peru and Ecuador, featuring jewelry, traditional handbags, clothing, and toys.

Career Services also had a table, presenting informative magazines and fliers about learning overseas and Hispanics in business.

Hispanic Awareness Month is sponsored by the Multicultural Center, and will feature different events throughout September and October. During this month, you can check out Hispanics in Business and Industry on September 24 in the Union. In October, you can get Salsa lessons and use those lessons in a Salsa Night. The Salsa lessons begin on October 14 in the Williams Center and the Salsa Night is on October 15 in the Union Ballroom.

VACCINATION, FROM PAGE 1

him had to take antibiotics to prevent getting the disease.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection and can cause an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord or can spread throughout the blood.

The symptoms of Meningitis resemble the flu, which is one of the dangers of the disease, because students and medical personnel disregard the symptoms as something less threatening than Meningitis. However, the most common symptoms include high fever, headaches, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, lethargy and rashes.

One can only become infected with

the disease by coming in contact with respiratory droplets and direct contact with infected people. Students that share drinks and other personal items put themselves at risk of the disease. Other intimate contact, like kissing, can transmit the disease.

There are five strains of Meningitis, but the most common strain that infects college students is the strain that the vaccine prevents. The vaccine has been proven 85 percent to 100 percent effective for preventing the strain affecting most college students. However, those that are suffering from a moderate to severe illness (such as cancer) shouldn't get the vaccine.

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and add more parking spaces. But this will need funding and might take a couple of years to complete. Also in the same year they wish to close Georgia Avenue and transform it into a pedestrian.

In the fall of 2005, Forest Drive will close and a pedestrian will take its place. In fall 2006, Parking and Transportation plans to build a lot by the baseball stadium and add other road connection leading into the stadium.

For those that think that parking needs to do something right now because the parking situation is horrible, they have already done so. Parking and Transportation had experts to come and analyze the situation to see if a transit system could alleviate the problem, but those experts said that GSU doesn't need it.

Parking also increased prices to decrease the demand for parking. This didn't work since students paid for the permits at a higher price. However, a sliding price scale was introduced to accommodate all price ranges. Those needing free parking have that option, as those needing priority parking.

The idea of parking garages has always been on students' minds, but the cost of it would add \$60 to the already expensive permits. Also, students have suggested denying freshmen parking on-campus, or have them park at Paulson Stadium, both denied by GSU's administration.

After the presentation were questions from the students. Everything from priority parking to wheelchair accessibility was discussed. Parking and Transportation took all the students' responses and said they will try to fix all their problems and think about their suggestions.

MATHABANE, FROM PAGE 1

Mathabane longed for a family that fully supported his quest for education.

While his mother was very adamant that he receive an education, his father was strongly against it, and wondered why there was a need to spend money sending a child to school when he would only end up picking up trash. Regardless of this, his mother knew that education would open doors that would normally have been closed to him. Later in life, he discovered that his mother's efforts and persistence about him pursuing his education were motivated by her early dreams in life of becoming a teacher. Her dreams were crushed, however, when she was sold at the age of 17 to her husband.

Having rarely seen a white person, he thought them all to be heartless and cruel—not even humans—as were all of the police officers that oversaw the ghetto in which he lived.

Mathabane's message to the audience Tuesday evening was "very inspiring," said Kate Conway-Turner, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. "He touched on many of the issues that are very important to the students and faculty here at GSU," she said.

As the topic of tonight's lecture was "Surviving Apartheid and Discovering the Importance of Education," Mathabane talked mostly on education and how it is what saved him from the life that he would have been otherwise sentenced to live. "It's easy to become your circumstances," he said, "but what sets you free is your education and knowledge."

Although his first experiences with schooling in South Africa included frequent beatings and torturous conditions, such as sweltering heat in the over crowded schoolhouse, he knew that this was his only hope to make

something of himself, and in essence, not end up like his father.

He also shared with those in attendance his thoughts on love and how it is truly the key to what one might call peace, or true humanity among all of mankind. He stressed the importance of making impressions on people, and that we need to use what we have inside of us to leave the world a better place than we found it. "Without love," he said, "there is no future."

The crowd was on its feet as Mathabane conclude his lecture.

Lori Amy, director of Women and Gender Studies, and professor of Writing and Linguistics, said, "I am so grateful for him coming because we are not expressing ourselves in a way to move around racial tensions. Giving us details about his struggle to overcome his fear of the white man is something that was really important for us all to hear."

After the standing ovation the floor was opened to questions from audience members. Mathabane went into more detail about language barriers in his quest to become a successful author. He also said that the biggest struggles facing South Africa and the United States in healing its society is that of unlearning what we have been taught about prejudices and racism. When we have cleansed ourselves of the hate that is inherently a part of what society teaches is when we will finally be able to move forward. "We have to be willing to allow ourselves to be unsettled before we can settle ourselves on better ground," he said.

"He's a marvelous storyteller whose story transcends race and culture," said President Grube of Mathabane. He went on to say, "he connected very universally with the audience and made human issues important."

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