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Wednesday

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King and Queen to be crowned Saturday

By Shelly Clayton
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The banners are blowing in the cool, fall breeze as people stroll the campus talking about the upcoming events that will mark the 2003 Homecoming week.

Among the competition for parade car and the big game verse the Citadel, is the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen.

This year's Homecoming King and Queen will be decided among several men and women. The men and women of the court were nominated by a student organization which they represent. Each student of the court is required to have a 2.25 GPA and be involved in various extracurricular activities.

After eligibility is confirmed for the court, the nominees are required to attend several meetings and many Homecoming activities.

Quite possibly the most important Homecoming court activity besides the actual crowning of King and Queen, is the Homecoming Ball. The Homecoming Ball will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Botanical Gardens (Rain site: RU Ballroom) at 7 p.m., where the top candidates for the King and Queen will be announced.

The 2003 Homecoming court men and women list as follows: the women are Tameka Bennet of Gamma Beta Phi, LaMonika Hill of RHPC, Haylee Folk of Zeta Tau Alpha, Deanna Hansard of

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Jennifer Taylor/STAFF

Alpha Omicron Pi won third place in last night's Doo-Dah competition. The Theater and Performance Club won first place in the Doo-Dah competition, while Phi Beta Sigma placed first in the Step Show.

Doo-Dah Step Show packs the Union Ballroom

By Jennifer Taylor
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Since the beginning of Homecoming week here at Georgia Southern, the Doo-Dah Step Show has been the most enjoyed by students so far.

Last night in the Russell Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. twelve organizations competed to be the best in either the Step Show or Doo-Dah competition. Alpha Phi Alpha, Voices in Ministry, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Beta Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha all competed for the step competition. RHPC/Southern Pines, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Mu, Dyerzion Dance Team, Kappa Delta, and the

Theatre and Performance Club competed for the Doo-Dah competitions.

Hosting the show was the reigning Miss GSU, Ericka Brayboy, and The 2002 GSU Homecoming Queen, Jessica Deckert. Judging the competition was Marsha Jones, Debra Nickel, Andy Anderson, Angie Frederick, and Gale Williams. Brayboy and Deckert did a "role call" of the organizations to see who could get the most excited. The audience responded with jumping and excitement, and the rivalry began.

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TODAY'S EVENTS



Sculpt It for the Hungry

Russell Union
Rotunda, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Banner Contest

Pedestrium, 3 p.m.



Career Services Dining for Success

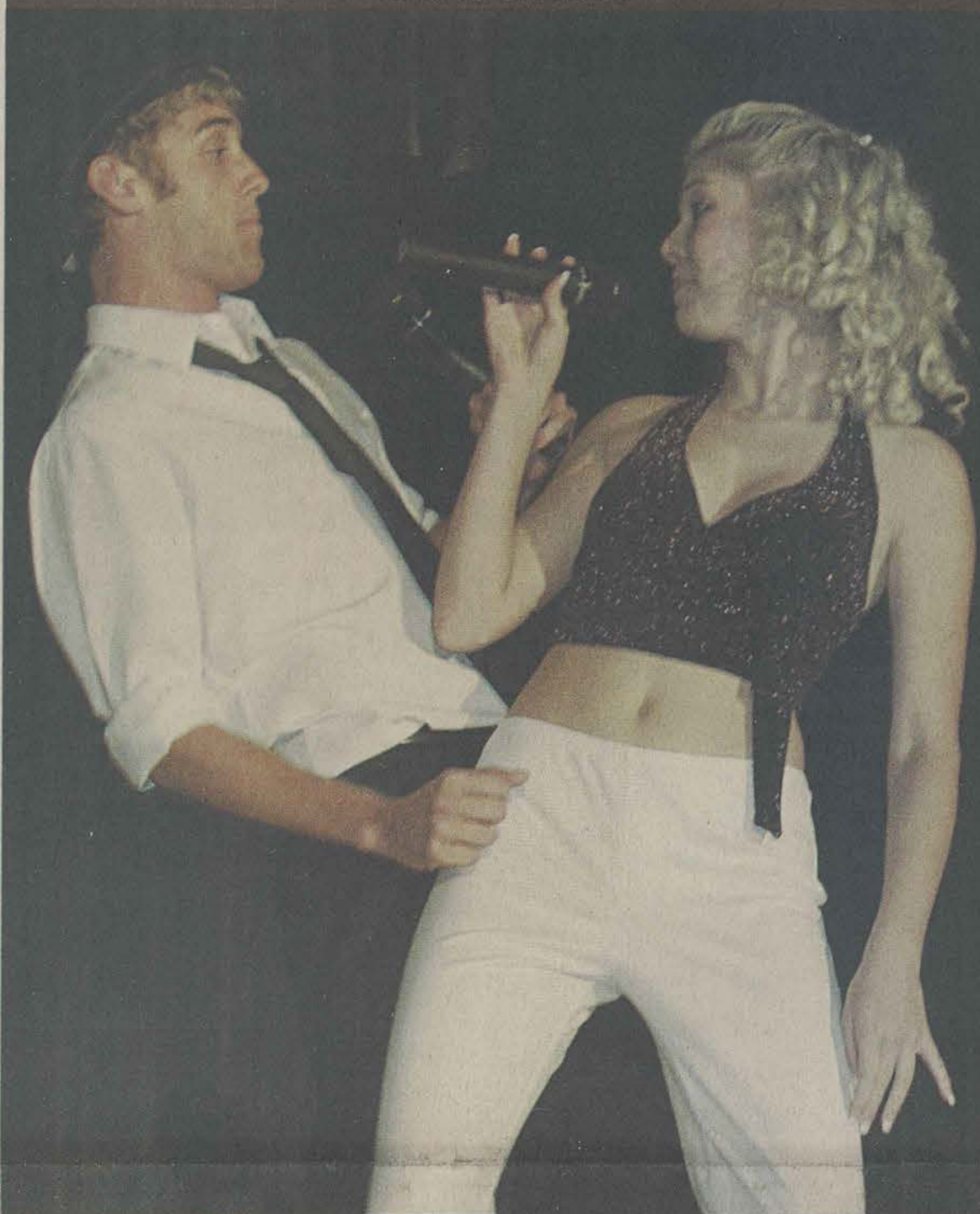
Russell Union
Ballroom, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Wednesday After Next

Russell Union
Ballroom and Commons, 9 p.m.

GSU IDOL 2003



Students take centerstage to kick off Homecoming

By Jessica Luber and Jennifer Taylor
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Who's got talent?

Well, those who went to GSU Idol Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union it would have been hard to pick your favorite.

With all of the glittery dresses, snazzy suits, and amazing singing that took place, one could not help but be amazed by some of the talent here at Georgia Southern University. Presented by the Student Government Association along with Eagle Entertainment, GSU Idol is one of this year's biggest fundraising events for Homecoming Week. The University's own version of American Idol gave students a chance to get out and show off their talents. All proceeds go to United Way, which funds the Red Cross, The Boys and Girls Club, and Second Chances.

With auditions from more than thirty students, thirteen contestants were chosen for a chance to win a cash prize and gift certificates from many of the local businesses. With only three weeks to practice and prepare, the thirteen contestants quickly grew close and became fans of one another. Contestant James Siler stated, "The experience is amazing. You get so attached to one another. Everyone is so warm and caring that it hurts to leave. Everyone has such a beautiful voice, it is absolutely going to be a tuff competition."

The contest consisted of three rounds: a classics round, a personal choice round, and a Stevie Wonder round. There were four judges; all with some kind of musical background. These included last year's winner, former GSU Idol Tammie Lucich, a local talent scout, a radio personality, and Mical Witaker from the Fine Arts Department.

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Photos By Ryan Moore/STAFF

Five-time Miss Georgia competitor April Dorsey won over the hearts and ears of Monday night's crowd to gain the title of GSU Idol. The program was sponsored by Eagle Entertainment and SGA and raised money for Georgia Southern's United Way campaign.

Weekday Weather

Wednesday



Sunny

HIGH

78°

LOW

49°

Thursday



Mostly Sunny

HIGH

74°

LOW

48°

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Police Beat

10-17-2003

• A banner was taken from the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• A case of harassment was reported at the Physical Plant.

• A CD player was taken from a vehicle in the Plant East commuter parking lot.

• A domestic dispute was reported at the Kennedy Complex parking lot.

• Someone reported that \$14.47 was taken from the Educated Palate.

• Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted five motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

10-18-2003

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

10-19-2003

• A case of harassment was reported at Southern Courtyard.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

10-20-2003

• A Lanier Drive resident reported a case of financial transaction fraud.

• Officers issued three traffic citations and five traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted six motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

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

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

News Briefs

Georgia Southern partnership program receives award

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern University's unique partnership program with area schools has received a "Best Practices Award" from the Board of Regents. One of just eight handed out by the Board of Regents out of 73 submissions from 22 institutions, the second-place award in the Academic Affairs category also carries a \$10,000 prize.

The award recognizes the Professional Development District (PDD), a groundbreaking partnership among Georgia Southern's College of Education, the Screven County School System and the Savannah River Challenge Program. The PDD expands the traditional Professional Development School (PDS) model for teacher education. In the PDS model, a college of education partners with an individual school to help train new teachers by giving them supervised experience in the classroom. The PDD increases the partnership to include the central office. Georgia Southern's training programs for administrators, counselors and psychologists are also involved.

"This award is a real credit to our College of Education, the Screven County Schools and the Savannah River Challenge Program," said Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube. "The PDD is an excellent example of a community partnership where all parties benefit from the relationship. Our students gain real-world classroom and administrative experience. At the same time, we offer our expertise to help the local schools do the best job educating their students."

Georgia Southern is one of the premier teacher-training institutions in the state. With an enrollment of over 2,000 students, the University's College of Education offers 20 un-



Special Photo

Georgia Southern Provost Vaughn Vandegrift and College of Education Dean Cindi Chance received the Best Practices Award at the October meeting of the Board of Regents.

dergraduate majors and a range of doctorate, master's and specialist degree programs.

"The future of teacher training is going to be in partnerships," said Cindi Chance, the dean of the College of Education. "At Georgia Southern, we are breaking ground in several areas; the PDD is just one."

According to Chance, this partnership is the first of its kind anywhere in the country.

The Screven County School System serves over 3,100 students at four schools.

"Our school system is enjoying several benefits as a Professional Development District in partnership with Georgia Southern," said Whitt Myers, superintendent of the Screven County School System. "It is providing excellent technical assistance, resources for action research and opportunities for staff development as we seek to implement our goals for instructional improvement and increased student achievement."

"I also think the partnership gives

us an opportunity to join theory with practice in a daily working relationship. That may be our best hope for the development of a model that will facilitate sustained increases in student performance."

The third institution in the partnership is the Savannah River Challenge Program, a not-for-profit school located in Screven County. The SRCP is privately contracted by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to provide appropriate support and behavior treatment for 150 first-time male offenders between the ages of 12 and 18.

Chance describes the partnership as a "win-win" situation.

"An additional benefit for Georgia Southern is that it produces a kind of cycle: the better educated the children are, the better quality graduates we will get at the University and the better teachers we will be able to turn out in the future."

For additional information, contact Dean Chance at (912) 681-5649.

Campus Calendar

Oct 22.

Sculpt It for the Hungry
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Russell Union Rotunda

Banner Contest
3 p.m.
Pedestrium

Career Services Dining for Success
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

Wednesday After Next
9 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom and Commons

Oct 23.

Career Services Eagle Expo
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
RAC

Oct 24

Homecoming Parade
4 p.m.
Chandler and ends at the IT building

Nickel Creek Concert
7:30 p.m.
PAC
Tickets are \$10 per person for University faculty, staff, and students and \$15 per person for the general public

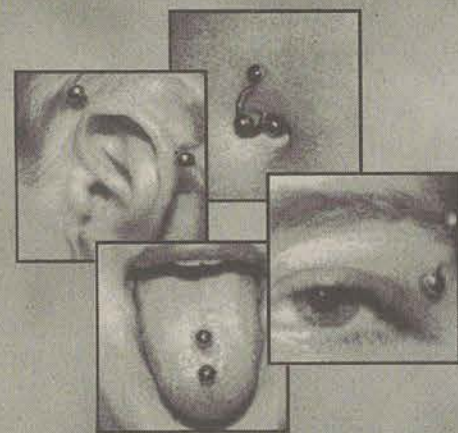
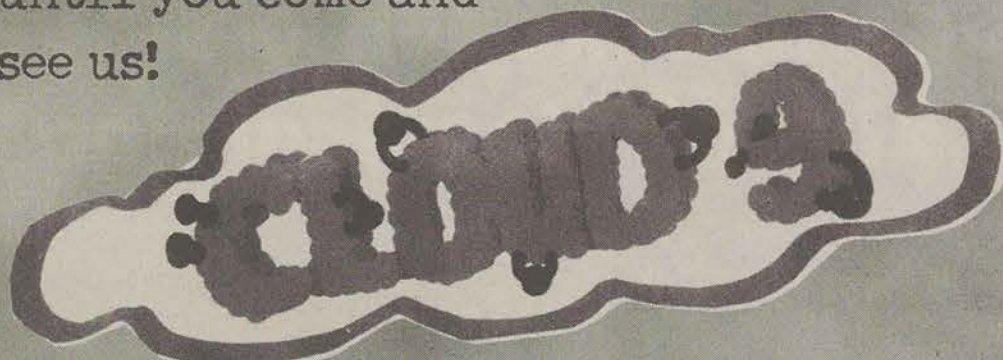
Oct 25.

Spooky Family Fun Night
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Center for Wildlife Education

Oct. 28

Cartoon-O-Ween
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Check out the newly remodeled Cloud 9!

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tory Club, Shanta Harper of Phi Sigma Pi, Natalie Lambert of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Laura McIntosh of Alpha Omicron Pi, Alexis McGill of Alpha Phi Omega, Natifa Mustafa of Gamma Sigma Sigma, Shanice Nixon of the Minority Advisement Program, Melissa Odom of Collegiate 4-H, Merri Ellen Ryals of Phi Mu, Blair Riley of Alpha Delta Pi, and Ashley Turner of Kappa Delta.

The men of the court are Chase Bishop of Gamma Beta Phi, Christopher Brown of National Pan-Hellenic Council, James Brown of Vision Ministries, Justin Character of SOAR, Josh Hall of Infraternity Council, Jerome Johnson of CRI, Rashad Middlebrooks of Minority Advisement Program,

Ronnie Richey of Phi Sigma Pi, and Tony Rouse of RHPC and Southern Pines.

The formal crowning of Homecoming King and Queen for 2003 will take place at the game on Saturday, October 25 during half-time.

Besides being awarded the honorary crown, the King and Queen will each receive a \$200 Scholarship and souvenir to recognize their Academic Achievement and Georgia Southern University involvement. Look for your choice of Homecoming King and Queen at the parade and then log on to WINGS to vote for who you want to represent Georgia Southern University's Homecoming 2003.

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Liked By Many,
Cussed By Some ...
Read By Them All.

IDOL, FROM PAGE 1

In the opening number, April Dorsey, Christina Calloway, and Kori Ramsey sang their rendition of Erykah Badu's, "Danger." Round one, titled "The Classics," saw each contestant perform a jazz, big band, or Broadway musical selection. Every contestant shone in their own way and had a unique style. Brittany McEachern sang, "Our Love is here to Stay," Trent Herring sang "On Broadway" with props and a couple of slick moves, Faithe Dennis sang "Home" powerfully, and Talisha Shelley sang "Fairytale" with ease. Zstari Purcell had the women in the audience screaming when he sang "Love." Christi Calloway sang "Minnie the Moocher," Carmen McCart sang "Hopelessly Devoted" beautifully, and Daniel Maddox sang "New York, New York." Naomi Jones sang "And I'm Telling You," with her dynamic and soulful voice. Sharp-dressing James Siler sang "Unforgettable," Heather Wilson sang, "Out Here On My Own" wonderfully, April Lynn Dorsey sang "Sweet Georgia Brown," with excellent stage presence. Last but not least, Kori Ramsey sang "At Last," with her soothing voice.

You get asked to sing at so many events here on campus, it's a great and rewarding experience.

-Tammy Lucich, GSU Idol 2002

Trent Herring, Faithe Dennis, Christi Calloway, Carmen McCart, Naomi Jones, April Lynn Dorsey, and Kori Ramsey all advanced to round two and performed a song of their choice, ranging from Babyface to Beyonce.

In the final round, April Lynn Dorsey, Kori Ramsey, and Trent Herring performed songs by Stevie Wonder. Even though the competition was close, there had to be a winner.

April Lynn Dorsey won the title of 2003 Georgia Southern Idol. With the first note that came out of her mouth, she'd won over everyone in the room. With her father having toured with Paul McCartney and her mother a singer, it was no wonder where Dorsey got her talent. Contestant Zstari Purcell stated, "April just has so much energy. It goes on for days and days. She has excellent control of her voice and her stage presence is just so amazing." With competing in the Miss Georgia competition five different times, Dorsey had no problem with the large audience. She won the crowd over with her song, and got a standing ovation. "I just want to thank all my family who came out to support me," says April happily.

So, will we see any of the contestants on the real American Idol? Carmen McCart explained, "I have signed up twice already, but never actually made it to the audition. I guess a part of me is just not ready." And as for our winner, April has already been in front of Simon and his harsh judgments. "I just wasn't what they were looking for. But, it just makes me want to work that much more. As for the future, if I do have a career in singing, I would like it to be Jazz, Big Band, or the Blues. Those are my true passions."

Tammy Lucich gave a breath-taking performance at the end and told the other contestants about her year as winner of the GSU Idol title. "You get asked to sing at so many events here on campus, it's a great and rewarding experience," she says proudly. "I want to thank SGA for helping me out."

But what does one do to fully prepare for such a large event? While some just do something simple as drinking herbal tea with lemon and water, some go to the full extreme. Sophomore Trent Herring explained, "I like to go to a quiet place and do standard vocal warm-ups. Being by myself, reflecting on what I need to do and accomplish really helps. The last thing I always do is pray. I pray for everything I do. Without God, I would not be here doing what I am doing."

The judges were very descriptive in critiquing the contestants. One of the judges reminded you of "Simon" from the show American Idol, "You could have added a little choreography," he jokingly commented.

The total amount of money raised for the United Way will be announced at a later time.

The hosts of the show were Jen Gordon and Vincent Mack, both former SGA members. Jonathan Perkins, Former SGA President and Michael Terrell, with Eagle Entertainment worked hard to get the show together. The show was definitely a success, and will continue to go on every year.

Roundtable focuses on moving past stereotypes

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How much do college students really know about the issues surrounding civil rights and sexual orientation? It's difficult not to be aware that these issues exist.

Last Wednesday, NOW (National Organization for Women) sponsored a round table discussion titled "Civil Rights and Sexual Orientation" as part of GLBT Awareness Month. The discussion was led by Dr. Lori Amy, the director of Women and Gender studies, Dr. Jane Page, a professor in the college of education, and Mandy Hayes.

Dr. Amy opened the talk. One of her main points was a comparison of discrimination towards sexual orientation with racism, especially the difference in the sort of comments and attitudes that are publicly acceptable. Amy explained that although many people are still racist, racist comments are considered completely inappropriate, because our society as a whole does not condone racism. Comments about sexual orientation, however, are generally unrestrained, and this is an attitude that Amy feels needs to be corrected.

Dr. Page stated that she felt that too many people worry about how people of different sexualities are like they are, instead of accepting it. Those present agreed; there is little point in worrying about how when knowing won't change anything. Page also discussed her ideas on equalizing heterosexual relationships and homosexual relationships, such as using the word "partner" regardless of whether or not your spouse is of the opposite gender.

As the round table continued, other topics were brought up. Heather Holloway questioned the accuracy of media representation. Yes, gays and lesbians are seen with increasing frequency on television and in movies. However, these imaginary people are all too often stereotyped, and represent only what the public thinks of homosexual people. Holloway suggested that these stereotypes were not as accurate as the general public believes they are.

Lynn-cee Faulk addressed the subject of bisexual discrimination. Faulk explained that bisexuals are often faced with twice the discrimination that homosexuals experience. The general public considers bisexuals to be just another group of

homosexuals, while gays and lesbians tend to see bisexuals as homosexuals who just don't have the nerve to come out of the closet. Faulk felt there is a need to distinguish bisexuals as a legitimate and distinct group.

Coming out of the closet was also much-discussed. The entire group agreed that this was an important step. However, Julie Doublerly brought up a serious question—how much is too much? Being open about one's sexuality is one thing. But at what point is it considered unprofessional—not to mention rude—to bring up the subject?

Overall, the talk was highly informative and well-led. The leaders had no trouble maintaining an orderly discussion, and were able to direct the conversation to include all of those who wished to speak. Even those who were already familiar with the issues surrounding the topic seemed to leave with a new understanding.

Many different aspects of sexual orientation were discussed during the round table session. However, Professor Laura Milner seemed to sum it up best with her comment, "My bottom line is, I don't think anyone should have to live in fear."

Lecture points out strength of Muslim and Hindu women

By Kim Wicker

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Dr. Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, author of "Gender and Genre in the Folklore of Middle India," gave a public lecture on Wednesday, October 15, in the Russell Union. Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger is an assistant professor of Religion at Emory University and also an anthropologist. She grew up in India and has researched the culture for many years, particularly focusing on the construction of religious and gender identities in South Asia.

The lecture, titled "South Asian Islam: Practice and Performance," was not simply about the Asian culture. It had ties to many disciplines, including philosophy, religious studies, anthropology, and women's studies.

Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger has taken particular interest in the healing practices of a female Muslim religious healer, a woman named Amma. Much of her lecture focused on Amma's "healing room" and the significance of many different religions coming to one place in search of healing. Amma's proclamation that "There are only two castes – men and

women. Hindus, Muslims, Christians – they're all the same," was an important aspect of Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger's lecture. She notes that while the women, who visit Amma for healing do have different characteristics according to their religion – for example, Hindu women do not cover their heads, while Muslim women wear burqas – these distinctions do not matter because they are all there for the same reason: to receive spiritual healing. Men and women of different religions and backgrounds flock to see Amma for a variety of reasons, including infertility, chronic pain, or spousal abuse. Amma believes these traumas to be caused by a spiritual force, and as a spiritual leader, she believes her powers can help heal the afflicted.

Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger noted that the patients meet for a common cause: to be healed. Their status do not matter; their desire for healing unites them. The role that Amma takes on as a healer is not a typical female role in her culture. Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger said many Americans believe Muslims and Hindus are hidden behind burqas and live in the shadows of their male relatives. This belief is widespread due to the western media's portrayal of

these women. Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger has found that many Muslim and Hindu women are "shocked" that Americans think they are stuck in gender roles, and point to Amma for evidence of the strength of women.

The lecture continued with a variety of Hindu and Muslim stories of origin. Both the Hindu and Muslim equally respect many of the narratives taught in each religion; there is no "right," or "wrong." Many of their rituals and stories share the same ideas, only the language may be different. Ultimately, the feeling and meaning behind these words are the same. Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger refers to this as a "crossroads of tradition." People of different religions can sit side by side, sharing backgrounds and stories. In Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger's experience, this "crossroads of tradition" is most potent when men and women are in Amma's waiting room. There, the conversation lingers on how to make sick babies eat more, not on whose religious text is correct. "When these people go into Amma's healing room, no one asks religious questions. There is a shared understanding of what is going on," said Dr. Burkhalter Flueckiger.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
October 19-25, 2003

MOCKTAIL TABLES

Tuesday 21
Union Commons Area
Wednesday 22
Rotunda
10:30 - 1:00



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Thursday 23
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Our Opinion

The sniper terror is far from over

They say you have to be crazy to represent yourself in court. In the eyes of many, sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad would definitely fit that description.

Monday the suspect requested the chance to defend himself during his current trial, in which he is being charged with terrorism, conspiracy, illegal use of a firearm and one count of murder. What evidence exists is enough for most of the American public. Despite the indoctrinated promises of innocence until guilt is proven, there may not be more than a few Americans – and certainly no Virginians – who believe that Muhammad and his suspected accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo are innocent.

While Malvo will plead insanity, Muhammad refused to submit to psychiatric analysis, not to speak of the insanity plea his lawyers suggested. It may have been just a defense tactic before. But, since his insistence upon defending himself, Muhammad's lawyers truly seem to believe he's mentally deranged.

"I think this guy has a death wish," said Malvo's attorney, Michael Arif.

Considering all the bias and stigma, Muhammad's chances of acquittal were already low. So, why would he take such a risk?

He seems to be in love with deadly games. He seems to be out to frighten everyone. He seems to be somewhat familiar with "the system." And, most disturbingly, he seems to be doing a good job of instilling that ever-important "shadow of a doubt" into the jury.

On just the first day of proceedings, the prosecution presented the court with incriminating-enough evidence found in Muhammad's vehicle – an earplug, walkie-talkies, road maps and a bungee cord – and demonstrated how a team of snipers could use the items to kill. Muhammad then cross-examined the prosecution's expert witness, arguing rather convincingly that all the presented evidence could have perfectly innocent uses.

Due simply to Muhammad's self-representation, this case may prove more monumental than anyone expected. Whether he knows it or not, Muhammad is exposing and capitalizing on all the weaknesses in our judicial system, and seems to be doing a frighteningly good job so far.

What happens if he wins?

Thoughts of the Day

- "Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand." – Woody Allen
- "I haven't had sex in eight months. To be honest, I now prefer to go bowling." – Lil' Kim
- "There is nothing safe about sex. There never will be." – Norman Mailer

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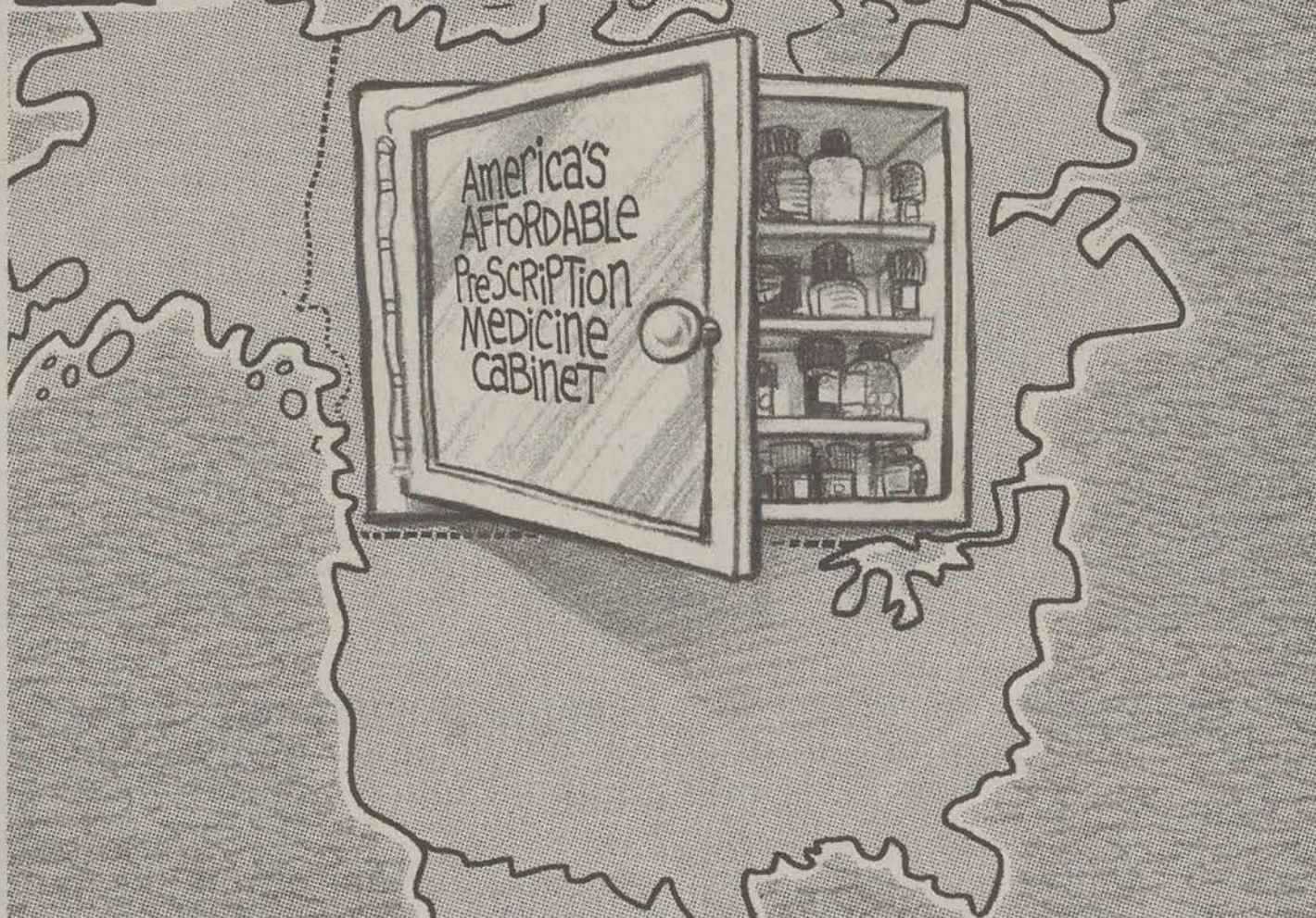
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Women deserve protection, too

Boy, what is it going to take for women to finally be able to be equal to men?

The women's movement was supposed to be a turning point for everyone, not just the women who went through it. Who would have thought that right here at Georgia Southern University we are experiencing a problem with complete equality for both women and men?

Georgia Southern Health Services, or as some know it "The Voodoo Hut," is the surprising source of this particular instance of inequality.

As co-president of GSA of GSU, I went to health services for donations of any kind to help spread the word for safe sex. GSA was having a table set up in the rotunda for NCOD, which took place on October 10. Health Services helped me out by providing me with around 200 Durex condoms, ID slide sensual lubricant and two latex dental dams, mint flavor.

I think that I should repeat this statement: Health services did not provide me with but two dental dams.

The table was still a success, and plenty of people came by. However, we were only able to provide condoms and lubricant. I guess women only need protection 10 percent of the time that men need protection.

Women should be able to find equal protection for safe sex, not 10 percent of the protection men are afforded.

Now, allow me to explain to the women out there, and the men who love to give oral sex, what a latex dental dam is.

A dental dam is a thin 6" x 6" square piece of latex which a dentist uses to isolate a tooth when he is working on it. It is also used to make oral-genital sex safer.

Because HIV and STDs have been found to exist in the vaginal fluids and menstrual blood of infected women, it is recommended that a latex barrier be used between the

mouth and the vaginal area when cunnilingus (oral-genital contact with a woman) is being performed. A dam should also be used when performing anilingus (oral-anal contact or rimming).

Place the dam over the genitals of your partner, being especially careful to cover the area of oral-genital contact. Just be sure your mouth touches only one side of the dam, and her genitals touch only the other side. You would use it the same way for rimming - mouth on one side of the latex, anus on the other. Do not use the same dam to perform cunnilingus that you use for anilingus. Use two separate dams.

The use of a barrier is especially important when the active partner has bleeding gums or some sore in or around the mouth, or when the receptive partner is menstruating. For optimum safety, since the risk is greatest during these conditions, it is preferable to abstain completely from any oral-genital contact.

Store dental dams in a dark place. Take care not to rip the dental dam with fingernails, or bite through it hard enough to tear the latex.

Always test it before use by putting it under the faucet to be sure no liquid seeps through. Avoid stretching the latex since excessive stretching can cause the latex to become porous. Do not use oil-based lubricants with latex since the oil damages and weakens latex rubber.

Although vaginal fluid ordinarily has a lower concentration of HIV or Hepatitis B than semen or blood, the risk involved with ingesting it remains an open question. We can say this: Not using a dental dam exposes you to whatever risk there is.



Carmen Evans
guest columnist

We cannot be guaranteed 100 percent protection. With proper use, however, latex accessories can offer added protection and greater peace of mind.

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The truth must get to youth about STDs

By Shepherd Smith
KRT Campus

Evaluating risk is often difficult, especially when there seems to be conflicting data.

Ralph Nader convinced us that Pintos were unsafe. We've pretty much concluded that cigarettes are harmful. And as a country, we're beginning to rethink how often we should hang out at fast food restaurants.

But what about condoms, something we thought were pretty good?

UNAIDS is issuing a report on condoms, just as our government did a few years ago.

Two little words at the front of our government's report are putting America's teens at great risk. Fortunately, more and more data are debunking this government mistake. But getting the accurate information to young people is another matter.

Researchers concluded condoms offered 85 percent protective value. Put another way, they have a failure rate of 15 percent over time. That's roughly one out of six.

The report that was issued was a National Institutes of Health examination of

the effectiveness of condoms at preventing HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. The words in question are "highly effective." That's what the NIH said about condoms when it comes to keeping people safe from HIV/AIDS. And it's been used to support the traditional approach to teens and sex, which is promoting "safe sex" – or "safer sex" – by using condoms. Many trumpeted the NIH report as proof that "condoms are the best method for sexually-active people to prevent sexually-transmitted infections."

Trouble is, looking a bit deeper into the NIH report reveals that there's nothing "highly effective" about condoms when it comes to protecting young people, especially teenagers, from STDs. Indeed, really reading the report and looking at all of the research conducted since reveals that condoms do not eliminate the risk for any STD and only reduce the risk for two (and that's out of approximately 25 that plague young people today).

It's not even accurate to say, as many in the AIDS activist community have for years, that condoms will, at least, keep people safe from HIV/AIDS. Here's what the Boston Globe recently reported: "A

draft report for the (United Nation's) AIDS agency has found that even when people use condoms consistently, the failure rate for protection against HIV is an estimated 10%, making them at larger risk than portrayed by many advocacy groups."

Not to mention that sexually active teenagers hardly ever use condoms 100 percent of the time – teens (and many adults) are notoriously bad condom users.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that 65 million Americans live with an incurable STD and 15 million new infections occur every year. Two-thirds of these 15 million are between the ages of 15 and 24. The most common STD is Human Papillomavirus, which causes more than 90 percent of all cervical cancers. Yet there is no evidence that condoms prevent or even reduce the spread of HPV. And condoms

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Our Opinion

When Martin Luther thought that the Catholic Church had become too powerful and too corrupt, he sought to change the institution's ways.

As the story goes, he nailed a list of ways to improve the Church to his local church's door and awaited a response. Known as the Ninety-five Theses, this list became an outline for Luther's beliefs and was the basis for the formation of the Protestant sect known as Lutheranism. It also contained the basic belief of Luther's that faith alone leads to salvation.

Martin Luther was wrong. Salvation is NOT reached by faith alone. How do I know? The proof is in the pudding, fellow Eagles, and the pudding is flavored 4-3.

If you haven't been out to see Eagles Football this season, you've probably subscribed to Luther's idea. The thought process is generally as follows: "Georgia Southern has won the Southern Conference for the past six years. We have six national championships. When people think 'Division I-AA football,' they think Georgia Southern. I don't need to go to any of the games, I already know who's going to win."

Don't worry. I've done the same thing. Although I've seen every game this season, I took a break during the App. State game this past weekend. Why not? I have faith in the fact that we were playing solid football. Why should I have expected there to be a difference between their playing when I was watching and when I wasn't?

The answer is simple; this year's GSU football team is different than it's been in the past. The team you and I go to see (or don't go to see, as the case may be) at Paulson Stadium have the same uniforms, mostly the same names, and certainly the same hardcore fans. But what they don't have is a true identity.

In the past, you may have done well to equate Georgia Southern with triple option. It was a safe bet that Chaz Williams was going to either hand the ball off to Jermaine Austin, keep it himself, or pitch it out to a back for a gain that embarrassed most defenses. The lack of an identity became fully fledged three weeks ago when Chaz Williams suffered a knee injury that he still hasn't returned from. The emergence of Trey Hunter as the team's starting quarterback is the reason for the identity crisis. The problem that Hunter has presented is his ability to pass.

Pass? Those who bleed True Blue may not know what "passing" means. In Statesboro, "pass" isn't a word generally used in reference to football. Remember when GSU was playing Chattanooga and the ball seemed to magically fly through the air and landed in a receiver's hands for a thirty-three yard gain? That was a pass. I remember sitting in the stadium thinking I had seen that done on SportsCenter by other teams, and could MAYBE think of an instance when it had happened in the 'Boro.

The problem with Trey Hunter becoming the starting quarterback is that he is alone on the Eagles' offensive squad in being comfortable throwing. Traditionally lean, mean blocking machines, Georgia Southern wide receivers have had little to do in the way of catching, as passing only accounted for seventeen percent of our total yardage last year. They have all had the ability to catch the ball, no doubt, but the odds that the skill would come in handy could be likened to the odds of winning the lottery.

So why bring up Martin Luther? Because, just as Luther didn't want to restart the Catholic Church from scratch, I don't wish to see the Eagles football program completely overhauled. Because, just as Luther wished to continue his membership of the Church, I will continue to watch the Eagles, be they on the road or in the prettiest little stadium college football has to offer.

My faith will be strengthened once Georgia Southern learns to go for short passes instead of ONLY major gains. I have faith that Georgia Southern will become a much more balanced offense through time. As I've always heard, anything worth doing right takes time, hard work, and the faith and dedication of many.

When the team I'll support beyond graduation learns to become comfortable with a variety of passing options, salvation will be ours in Statesboro and Georgia Southern will own another plot in the Promised Land.

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EVANS, FROM PAGE 4

Since dental dams appear to be a commodity around here, you can make your own dental dam by cutting a rolled condom to the center and then opening it up. Very clever!

We cannot be guaranteed 100 percent protection. With proper use, however, latex accessories can offer added protection and greater peace of mind.

If the students of GSU are going to be provided with protection, how about for everyone; not just men? A condom can be cut and turned into a make-shift dental dam, but so what? Women and those who perform oral sex on women deserve quality products designed specifically for their protection.

A visit to a website located at

<http://www.lineonlabsusa.com> will lead you to different flavors which include vanilla, strawberry, mint, banana, and grape. They are only \$1.99 each.

On the other hand, a three pack of condoms costs \$3.49. You do the math.

Monday, October 20, in *The George-Anne*, Health Services claimed to be "Quality, Caring, Convenient." But, when I spoke to a woman in Health Services, she informed me that they only had dental dams for when they do demonstrations showing people how to use the dental dam.

Women want to be protected, too - college students, especially. If Health Services is willing to give out

free condoms to all those who need it, what about the needs of women? Mind you, our tuition pays for the services Health Services provides, just as they stated in a flyer that was recently passed out.

To women who sleep with women, males who give oral sex to females, and to anyone who participates in anal sex: Protect yourself from diseases.

To Health Services: Women want to be and should be protected also. Give equal "quality and care."

To everyone: Be smart. Be safe with it.

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STDs, FROM PAGE 4

condoms do not eliminate the risk for chlamydia, another common STD that is directly linked to female infertility.

Much was made in the media recently about a study concluding that distributing condoms in schools does not increase sexual activity among young people. But what's being missed is that distributing those condoms isn't keeping young people safe from diseases that can change their lives forever. This doesn't mean condoms should play no role in the battle against HIV and STDs, they just shouldn't play the central role - especially for kids.

The only way to keep young people safe is to tell them the truth - about STDs and condoms. And tell them we know they are capable of, and we expect them to, avoid sexual activity. Most people don't realize it, but today a majority of high school students do not have sex and the numbers are growing.

The government did a dangerous disservice to America's teens when it incorrectly called condoms "highly effective." Research shows that the only way young people can be safe from a STD epidemic is to wait.

Fortunately, more and more teens are making just that choice.

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Wofford in first entering waning weeks

Eagles tied for fourth, in danger of snapping conference title streak at six

By Eli Boorstein
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It's the classic story of the small school that could.

Wofford, the smallest college fielding a football team in Division I-AA, sits a perfect 4-0 in league play as the Southern Conference enters week nine of the season.

Behind the Terriers is a surprising squad from The Citadel at 3-1 after pulling upsets over SoCon powers Appalachian State, who is also 3-1, and Furman. Furman and Georgia Southern are 2-2 while Western Carolina is 2-3. Chattanooga, Elon and East Tennessee State round things out.

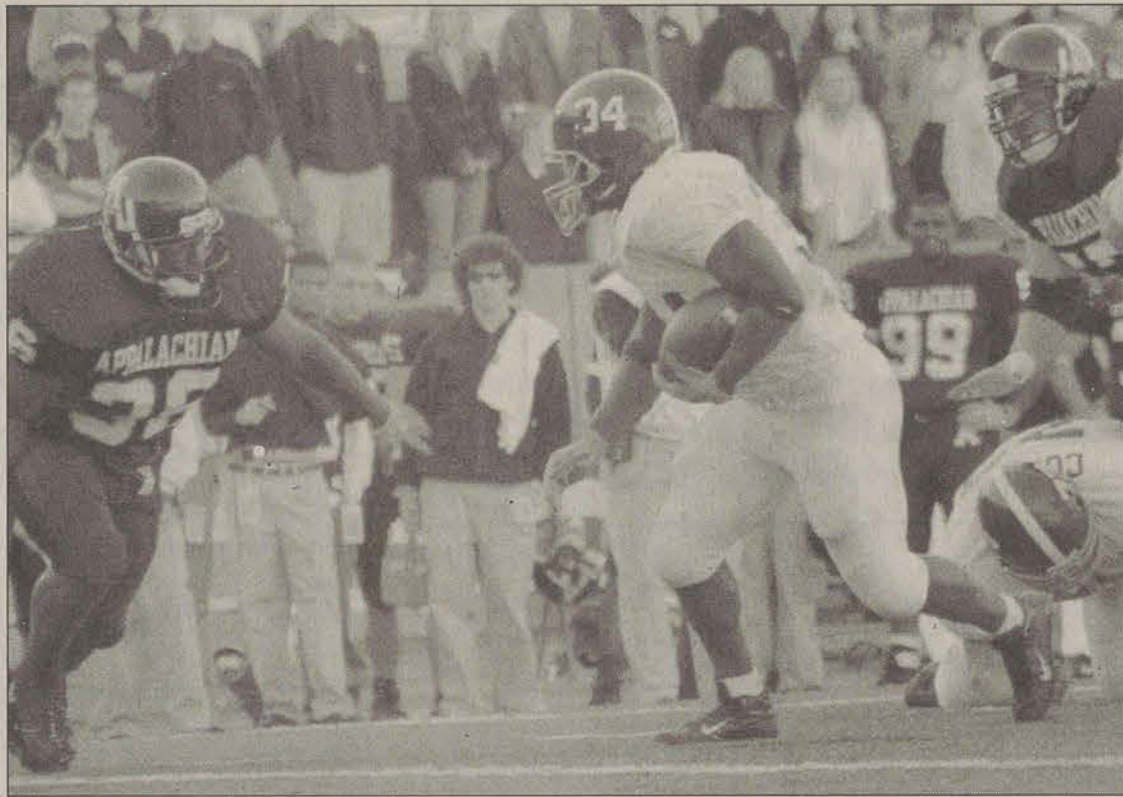
Last weekend saw a pair of key upsets, led by Appalachian State grabbing a comeback win over No. 10 Georgia Southern, 28-21 in Boone, N.C. The Mountaineers trailed by seven at halftime, but their offense picked up and their defense hunkered down to outscore the Eagles 14-0 in the second half.

The Citadel took advantage of a Furman special teams gaffe as they pulled a 10-9 shocker in Charleston. After scoring a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, the Paladins set up for the extra point, but the snap was low and holder Jeremiah Van Dora was tackled with the ball.

Chattanooga finally broke into the win column as they topped Elon 24-7 on the road. The Mocs' win snapped a seven-game losing streak, stretching back to last season. Running back Jessie Chesterfield accounted for 157 yards of total offense in the win.

Wofford had little trouble dispatching of Western Carolina, cruising to a 38-6 win in Cullowhee, N.C. The Terriers never trailed as they were led by wide receiver Curtis Nash, who corralled 102 yards on four receptions, including a 51-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.

East Tennessee State stepped out of



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Sophomore fullback Brandon Andrews carried the ball for 68 yards on seven touches in the Eagles' defeat at Appalachian State last Saturday. While their chances for extending their streak of SoCon titles to seven straight is slim, Georgia Southern can maintain their hopes for a playoff berth with a win over The Citadel this week.

conference play for a weekend, taking care of Big South foe Liberty 33-23 in Johnson City. Bucs cornerback Tony Tiller returned a pair of interceptions 31 and 27 yards into the endzone for touchdowns.

In the new weekend, Appalachian State will try to pull a hat trick of SoCon powers when they meet No. 6 Wofford at 12:20 p.m. in Spartanburg. The Mountaineers, 4-3 overall, will ride the performance of free safety Corey Lynch, who was named SoCon Freshman of the Week after recording 12 tackles, an interception and forcing a fumble against Georgia Southern. The 6-1 Terriers beat Appalachian State 26-19 last season, their first win in the series since 1971.

The Citadel will try to continue

their improbable success when they visit Georgia Southern at 1 p.m. The 4-3 Bulldogs are led by the reigning Offensive Player of the Week in fullback Nehemiah Broughton, who ran for 159 yards against Furman. The 4-3 Eagles, who dropped nine spots in the polls to No. 19, actually trailed The Citadel into the fourth quarter last season, before Chaz Williams scored a go-ahead touchdown with 5:28 remaining.

Elon will travel up to Maryland to face non-conference challenger Towson at 1 p.m. The 2-6 Phoenix were led last week in defeat by running back Rashaud Palmer, who ran for 127 yards and a touchdown. The 3-4 Tigers, who play out of the Patriot League, are coming off a 14-10 loss to

Bucknell last weekend.

No. 22 Furman will celebrate their Homecoming when they welcome East Tennessee State at 2 p.m. The 4-3 Paladins blanked ETSU last season, winning 25-0 in Johnson City. The 3-4 Bucs, winless in their final year of league play, are led behind center by quarterback Carl Meadows, who averages 121.5 passing yards per game.

Western Carolina will close out the weekend when they travel to Chattanooga for a 6 p.m. kickoff. The 3-5 Catamounts are mired in a three-game losing streak after winning their previous three contests. The 1-6 Mocs were led to their first win of 2003 off a 200-yard passing game by quarterback Vinnie Miroth.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE LEADERS

RUSHING				PUNTING			
PLAYER	YDS	AVG	YDS/G	PLAYER	TOTAL	YDS	AVG
J. Austin, GSU	901	6.6	128.7	N. McKinney, ASU	57	2,490	43.7
G. Varner, ETSU	651	4.1	93.0	S. Horne, WCU	36	1,555	43.2
H. Brigham, CIT	570	4.9	81.4	A. Bass, ETSU	46	1,973	42.9
PASSING				TACKLES			
PLAYER	CMP	TD	YDS/G	PLAYER	SOLO	TOTAL	AVG/G
B. Gaither, WCU	174	10	225.5	M. Killian, FUR	37	79	11.3
A. Simmons, CIT	76	6	145.7	M. Cullen, ETSU	33	78	11.1
B. Moore, FUR	68	5	140.3	M. Nelson, WOF	42	68	9.7
RECEIVING				SACKS			
PLAYER	YDS	AVG/C	YDS/G	PLAYER	SOLO	TOTAL	YDS
L. Seward, WCU	670	11.8	83.8	K. Stovall, ASU	7	7.5	42
A. Nix, UTC	517	10.3	73.9	J. Wilson, CIT	4	4.0	28
J. Grier, UTC	444	13.5	63.4	M. Ballentine, CIT	3	3.5	38

SPORTS NETWORK DIVISION I-AA RANKINGS

TEAM (FIRST PLACE VOTES)	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS RANK
1. McNeese State (91)	5-1	2,666	1
2. Villanova (11)	6-0	2,563	3
3. Delaware (2)	7-0	2,470	4
4. Southern Illinois (4)	7-0	2,351	7
5. Massachusetts	6-1	2,156	6
6. Wofford	6-1	2,024	8
7. Western Illinois	5-2	1,948	2
8. Western Kentucky	5-2	1,856	9
9. Northern Iowa	6-1	1,725	11
10. Northern Arizona	6-1	1,576	14
11. Bethune-Cookman	6-1	1,523	12
12. Montana	5-2	1,386	5
13. Penn	5-0	1,260	15
14. Southern Univ.	7-0	1,230	17
15. Grambling State	5-2	1,167	16
16. Colgate	6-2	1,102	18
17. Idaho State	5-2	1,018	21
18. Northwestern St.	6-2	1,001	19
19. Georgia Southern	4-3	602	10
20. Harvard	5-0	587	22
21. Florida Atlantic	6-2	557	23
22. Furman	4-3	370	13
23. North Carolina A&T	6-1	363	25
24. Fordham	5-2	294	24
25. Hampton	5-1	269	NR

Wild card proving to be a success for Major League Baseball

Associated Press

NEW YORK - For a century or so, baseball thrived on consistency, embracing change grudgingly. The designated hitter and interleague play still annoy purists, who prefer the game the way it once was.

The latest frontal attack on tradition was adding wild-card teams to the playoffs but the surprise is even traditionalists are beginning to believe that change was a pretty good idea.

Florida is back in the World Series as a wild-card team. The Marlins used that route to win the world championship in 1997. The Boston Red Sox came within five outs of creating baseball's second straight all-wild card World Series.

A year ago, Anaheim and San Francisco produced a pulsating seven-game World Series. Without the wild card, neither team would have made it.

It was an eloquent endorsement for the rule that was adopted in 1993 and put in place for the first time in 1995.

Dave Dombrowski was general manager of the Marlins in their championship season. Now GM of the Detroit Tigers, Dombrowski says the wild card has added zest to baseball's season.

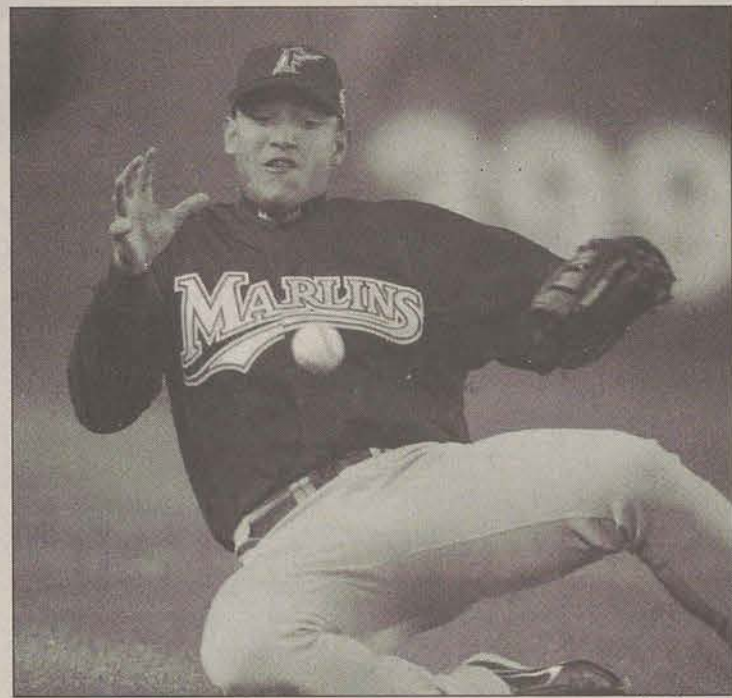
"I like it and not just because we won the world championship after getting in that way," Dombrowski said. "It was a good move. It created additional attention and a little more excitement for the game."

"I'm a purist and a traditionalist but you have to be open-minded to change that can help the game. With 30 clubs, it really made a lot of sense to create the wild card."

In the National League, the wild card created a heated race this season even though two of the three divisions were runaways for Atlanta and San Francisco. Philadelphia battled Florida through the final month and Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston were in the thick of the wild card chase.

"Six or seven clubs were knee-deep in the process, all against a backdrop of runaways in the NL East and West," Phillies GM Ed Wade said. "We created a real race, not an artificial one."

"We want to finish first. We don't disguise that. The Braves were way ahead, but the reality in Philadelphia is that we were in our own pennant race with the Marlins. We drew 2 1/4 million people to see a good club in the framework of a race. The fans have embraced



KRT Campus

Rookie Miguel Cabrera has helped prove to naysayers that the Florida Marlins belong in the Major League playoffs. The Marlins were a wild card when they won the World Series in 1997 and are the wild card once again.

interleague play and the wild card."

Gene Orza, the No. 2 official in the players' union, likes what the wild card has added to baseball.

"I think it has characteristics that other races don't with people in different divisions competing with each other," he said. "It has a league-wide stroke."

Orza said the size of the two leagues virtually requires wild cards.

"With thirty teams, three divisions make more sense than two and then you need the wild card," he said.

"The wild-card races have been good for the sport. Last year, you had two wild-card teams and no one suggested it was an illegitimate World Series. It was a great World Series that people thought was exciting."

There have been internal discussions over the possibility of expanding the wild card. The NFL playoffs include four wild-card teams. The NHL has 10 non-division winners in its postseason and the NBA has 12.

When baseball created the wild card in 1993, the vote was 27-1 supporting the new rule. The only negative vote came from Texas, where the owners were traditionalists.

"They were purists. They wanted real grass for the ballpark and no roof," Rangers spokesman John Blake said. "And they didn't want the wild card."

The Rangers lost that battle and the rule was adopted without their endorsement. The managing partner got over the disappointment. George W. Bush sold the club and moved on to more crucial matters in Washington.

Thrashers succeeding in the face of tragedies

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Pasi Nurminen sat at his locker in the corner of the Atlanta Thrashers' locker room, a pinch of smokeless tobacco under his lip, a reflective look in his eyes.

"Sure, it's in my head," Nurminen said. "I'm playing for both those guys. I don't think it's ever going away."

Indeed, the car wreck that killed one teammate and injured another remains a vivid part of everyday life for the Thrashers.

They're still mourning Dan Snyder. They're still worried for Dany Heatley. They're still coping with an open wound on everyone's psyche.

But somehow, from the aching depths of tragedy, the Thrashers have found inspiration. Five games into the season, they are in first place and have yet to be beaten, the longest stretch without a loss in the franchise's very modest history.

Every game, the Thrashers take the ice wearing Snyder's No. 37 over their hearts, which reminds everyone to skate a little faster, hit a little harder, hustle a little more.

"I don't know if it's helping us now," Nurminen said. "But everybody came together after that [wreck]."

The Thrashers began the season with an emotional burden that few teams have had to endure.

Less than two weeks before the opener, Heatley was speeding along a narrow, winding Atlanta road in his black Ferrari. Snyder was in the pas-

senger seat.

According to police, Heatley was going about 80 mph - more than twice the legal speed limit. He lost control, the car spun off the road, struck a wall and split in two. Both players were flung into the road.

Heatley broke his jaw, injured a shoulder, tore up a knee and faces a long, arduous rehabilitation - not to mention felony criminal charges. He was the lucky one.

Snyder suffered massive head injuries, succumbing six days later without ever regaining consciousness.

At the urging of Snyder's family, the Thrashers played their first game, albeit with heavy hearts, and pulled off an emotional 2-1 victory over Columbus. The very next day, the entire team, Heatley included, traveled to Canada to attend their teammate's funeral.

That brought some measure of closure. Then, it was back to work.

In particular, the Thrashers have heeded coach Bob Hartley's pleas to focus on defense. Atlanta, which gave up more goals than any team in the league a year ago, has surrendered just eight this season.

They're also showing plenty of spunk. In their latest victory Saturday night, the Thrashers routed Chicago 7-2 and responded to every cheap shot the Blackhawks dished out.

Tommi Santala was punched in the face. Ilya Kovalchuk was speared and then cross-checked from behind. Nurminen

was plowed over in the crease. Each time, a bunch of Thrashers jumped in to defend their teammates.

"We stick up for each other and everybody battles together," Marc Savard said. "It just feels like if we compete every night, we're going to have a chance to win."

The stumpy Nurminen - who bears a striking resemblance to Cartman from the "South Park" television show - is playing well in goal with a .942 save percentage. For the first time, the Thrashers have someone in the nets who inspires confidence.

It helps that everyone, even Kovalchuk, is showing a commitment to defense. The talented Russian used to linger around center ice, hoping to create scoring chances for himself. Now, he'll stick with his man all the way back to the defensive zone, helping cut down on the other teams' scoring chances.

"He's showing a real commitment to his game," Hartley said. "He wants to improve on both sides of the puck."

Of course, a team can get by on emotion for only so long. With Heatley expected to miss most or all of the season, the Thrashers will be hard-pressed to reach the playoffs for the first time in the team's five-year history.

But things are looking up. The healing has begun.

"Anytime you win, it's going to be fun," Savard said. "There's no better place to be than winning hockey games in the National Hockey League."

EAGLE SPORTS IN ACTION

Friday

Volleyball vs. Elon, 7 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

Women's Soccer at College of Charleston, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Football vs. The Citadel, 1 p.m., Paulson Stadium

Swimming & Diving at College of Charleston, 2 p.m.

Sunday

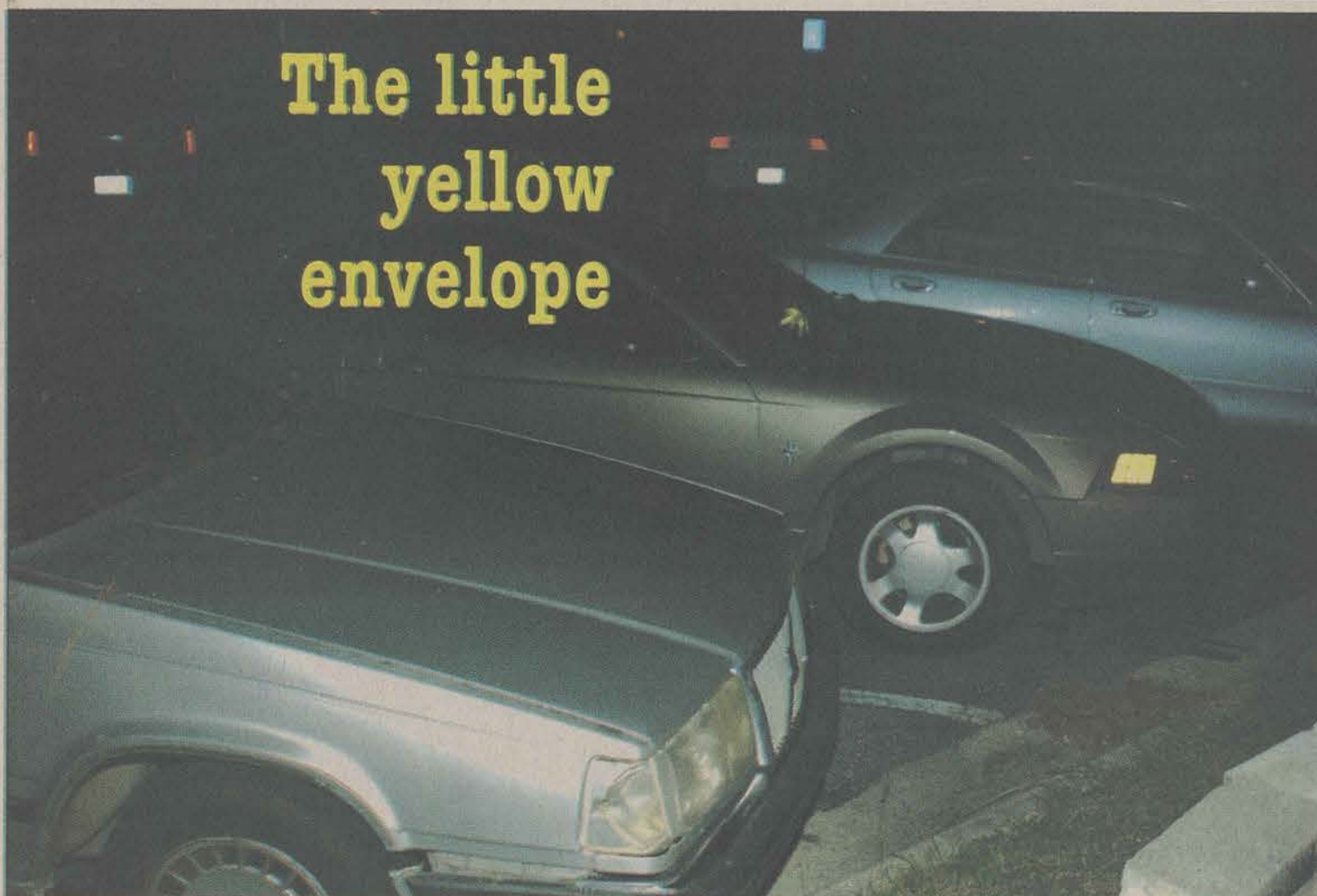
Women's Soccer vs. Western Carolina, 1 p.m., Eagle Field

Volleyball vs. UNC Greensboro, 2 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

Men's Soccer vs. Wofford, 3:30 p.m., Eagle Field

Volleyball vs. Savannah State, 5 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

The little yellow envelope



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Many students believe they can park anywhere on campus after 5 p.m., however, only some parking rules change after that time of day. In many areas student parking is always prohibited and can be ticketed at anytime.

Students confuse evening ticketing

Popular 'after-five rule' only partly prevents costly parking citations

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The biggest rumor on the GSU campus right now is that after 5 p.m., it is impossible to receive a parking ticket.

As with most rumors, this is completely false. Truth be told, a ticket can be issued at anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Although Parking and Transportation doesn't patrol the parking lots all the time, the University Police are always on duty, and will write a ticket for a parking violation.

According to a survey here at GSU, most students obtain their information from other students. Bob Chambers, director of Parking and Transportation, says that this can be a good thing, but also, at times, a bad thing. Many students rely on their peers for their information, and as the parking rules are seldom really looked at and often just passed around as wives-tales, confusion is certain to arise.

At 5 p.m., some of the parking rules do change. Parking permits "lose" their validity per se, allowing students to park in faculty and staff parking, excluding those with specific time restrictions, general commuters to park in priority spots, and resident students to park in commuter lots. Thirty-minute areas also become "regular" parking spots.

Despite these minor changes, it is important for students to know where they still cannot park after 5 p.m. "After 5 p.m. issues are the biggest points of confusion in that many students think that there is no enforcement," says Chambers. He wants students to know that there are many areas in which student parking is always prohibited and can be ticketed at anytime. These places include reserved spaces for university officials such as the president and the deans, handicapped spaces without proper decal, service and delivery, resident advisors, fire lanes, all "no parking" zones, and also spaces that are designated

to be reserved for certain times.

Tickets can also be issued for double parking, cars parking in motorcycle spaces, motorcycles not parking in their designated areas, parallel parking against traffic, parking in bicycle lanes, and those parked blocking walkways and entranceways to athletic fields and lawns. It is also very important to remember that fines are not the only punishment for parking violations—vehicles can also be booted, or even towed at the owner's expense.

Lauren Roberson, vice president of Auxiliary Affairs for the Student Government Association, deals with the parking appeals. She has seen many appeals that are a result of students breaking parking rules as stated above. "A repeated excuse that I hear is 'I heard you can park anywhere after 5:00' and I just want the students to be aware that this isn't true," she said.

Chambers also wants the students to be aware of the rules. "There's never a right time to do the wrong thing," he said in hopes that students will read and abide by the parking rules.

The complete parking rules and regulations can be found in the "Campus Parking Map." Many of these maps were handed out at the beginning of the semester but can be obtained by dropping by the office of Parking and Transportation, located right off of Sweetheart Circle on Forest Drive. These rules are also located on their Web-site at www.aux.gasu.edu/parking

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The organizations rocked the house, stepping and dancing to hip-hop, pop, and rock music. The combination of jazz, modern, hip-hop, and pop-lock dancing made the routines synchronized and diverse. From yellow wigs, black and white Michael Jackson style outfits, to sparkling silver belts, camouflage pants, and funky ponytails, the costumes at the Doo-Dah Step Show were definitely outrageous.

The dances were energetic, fast, sexy, and funny all at the same time. Each group represented their organization well. Alpha Phi Omega surprisingly called out some of the other organizations during their chants and in return got reactions from the other organizations in the audience, returning their own chants.

In the step competition, Voices in Ministry came in third place for their preaching, singing, and well-timed stepping. Zeta Tau Alpha came in second place with their cool hip-hop and pop routine. Phi Beta Sigma came in first place with their very in sync stepping, never once lacking energy on any given step. Their dancing was on time and you could be sure to hear their chanting throughout the whole room.

In the Doo-Dah competition, Alpha Omicron Pi came in third place for their quick, funky style. RHPC/Southern Pines came in second place for their diversity. The girls danced on chairs, and the group got down to Janet Jackson's, "If." Theatre and Performance Club came in first place for their well-planned routines and music diversity. Their acting was good quality and the skit was comical.



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Lectures highlight issues surrounding homelessness and hunger in Bulloch

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Dr. Elizabeth Brown hosted two lectures highlighting "Hunger & Homeless Awareness" week at GSU last Thursday.

The lectures provided an informative perspective of the current homeless plight in Bulloch County, and addressed what challenges the community faces in aiding them. Dr. Brown discussed how providing relief to the homeless is tougher than it appears, stating, "It is difficult to deal with the homeless in any community, but it is a situation that cannot be ignored."

One of the challenges in aiding the homeless is finding out where they stay. Most of the homeless tend to be migratory; they are usually active at night, and sleep in the overlooked parts of town, notably behind shopping centers, and hospitals. But the biggest hurdle facing the community is the lack of a precise data system.

Dr. Brown states, "The real problem with aiding the homeless is connecting the strands of fragmented data together." The data she refers to are archives kept by many organizations that document contact with the homeless. The aim is to improve communications between the organizations, so they can provide aid to the homeless quickly and effectively.

However, most strive to keep the dignity of those that come under their wing, preventing the release of personal information. Currently, the data gathered thus far indicates that approximately 2.5 million to 3.5 million Americans experience one night of homelessness each year (thousands experience several nights, or more).

Unfortunately, this figure is rife with error. For one, the spectrum is narrowed to cover only those that are "visibly" homeless; counting only those without a permanent residence. The data doesn't include those fluctuating around the poverty line. Also, the head count doesn't factor variables such as vagabonds, or runaway children.

Her final remarks focused on the most effective solution in aiding the homeless which are shelters that target specific problems like battered women's shelters, and substance abuse treatment.

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