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Transfer Nesbitt leads the way as Eagles start 3-1

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Section B

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Thursday

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University Store book buy-back begins this week

By Sarah Frey

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Look in the closet, behind the desk, under the bed, and just in case, check under your roommate's bed.

Those textbooks you swore you never wanted to set eyes on again may be worth something after all – although to find out exactly how much, you need to show up at the campus bookstore with the books and a picture ID before the end of the semester.

Book buyback began December 3, and will continue until December 12. Students who wish to sell their books back to the school should take them to the bookstore (again, along with a picture ID) to find out if the bookstore wants their books, and how much they are paying. Also, new this semester is buyback in the IT Building store, where there will be cash registers set up strictly for buyback.

According to Shane Cassidy, textbook manager for the University Store, the amount of money the store will pay for a book is determined by whether or not a professor decided to use that book next semester.

If the book will be used, the store pays half of the book's retail price. If the book will not be used, then the store pays the national price for the book, which is anywhere from nothing to one-third of the retail price.

Also, there is often a limit on how many copies of

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David Caselli/STAFF

Book buyback will take place over the next two weeks from December 3 through December 12. Students may sell back books at the University Book Store and the IT Building store and are required to bring a picture ID.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

Volleyball faces off with third-ranked Gators in NCAA Tourney

By Eli Boorstein

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The Lady Eagle volleyball team showed plenty of perseverance and will as they fought their way to a Southern Conference title a few weeks ago.

But, as Georgia Southern enters the opening round of the NCAA Tournament tonight, they will be in for a tough battle as they face off against third-ranked Florida at 7:30 p.m. in Gainesville, Fla.

The Gators are 31-1 on the season, their only defeat coming in their season-opener against defending national champs USC on Aug. 22. The next day, against Kansas State, Florida kicked off their current winning streak, as well as a current run of 91 consecutive game wins.

They cruised through the Southeastern Conference season, culminating with a three-game sweep of Arkansas in

the conference finals. Florida has ruled their in-conference foes, as they have not fallen in league play since Sept. 20, 1995 – a span of 128 matches.

"[The Gators] have a great chance to upset USC," said Georgia Southern head coach Kerry Messersmith. "They're incredible. They annihilated the SEC."

The 27-9 Lady Eagles had to battle through the SoCon Tournament as each of their three tourney matches went to the five-game limit. With their defeat of top-seeded Charleston on Nov. 23, Georgia Southern became the first team to win the SoCon crown in 15 games over a three-day span.

After sneaking past Western Carolina and Appalachian State, Georgia Southern faced off against the Cougars, a

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Eagle Book Exchange offers students an alternative to buying, selling in stores

By Teresa D. Southern

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The end of the semester is here, and students now have an alternative to selling this semester's books back to stores on campus.

Students now have the chance to log on to www.EagleBookExchange.com to exchange and buy textbooks.

One year ago, Ryan Brown thought there had to be an alternative to selling book back to the bookstores on campus.

"This is a website where students can buy and sell books themselves and cut out the middle man. This is completely free for students; they can post books and view as many as they want," Brown said.

Students may have seen flyers around campus advertising the website; representatives of the website have also given away free donuts and drinks to encourage students to use the website. Brown said

professors on campus have also been promoting the website.

"This is a local version of Amazon.com, but there are more benefits because there is no shipping and handling, and there is little chance of getting the wrong thing," Brown said.

Brown has been working with the Small Business Development Center on campus looking deeply into GSU policies to be sure they abided by them.

Students can post books by their professor's name, ISBN number, and the college the class is offered in, for example COBA or CLASS. Students can also upload photos of the book they would like to exchange. "It's up to students as to how they receive the books. It's like a classified ad," Brown said.

Brown said once students log in they can add and delete books they have posted and the price of the

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GSU reaches new record enrollment

By Jessica Luber

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It's now official: Georgia Southern University is one of the state's largest accredited universities and now has a top enrollment record to show it.

With an increase of 4.2 percent over last year's fall enrollment, records of 15,704 students now roam the walkways and fill the classrooms.

With an increase as much as 69 points in SAT scores, freshman enrollment takes its toll as an all time high with 1,056 students. GSU is finally losing its bad rap as the "party school in the south" and is now catching the eye of many honorary, prestigious students.

Not only are enrollment rates up, the student retention rates are also on a rise. While freshman retention rates remain at 77 percent, sophomore, junior, and senior rates all show an increase of about 2 to 3 percent. In a publication, Linda Bleicken, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, stated, "These figures show continued progress in our implementation of the University's strategic plan. The quality of incoming students and the persistence of continuing students remain strong."

So why is there such a high increase? What is being done now that was not in the past? Explains Susan Davies, assistant director of admissions, "Now that we are raising our requirements for acceptance, the students we are bringing in are hard-working, motivated, and involved students."

"It is from their word of mouth, why I think that we are constantly receiving more applications each year. Their experiences are much greater than what they would have been in the past and they are fully utilizing the resources they have here on campus by getting involved while wanting to and maintaining their GPAs."

Word of mouth, though, is not the only way the University gets their name out. GSU has an extensive process of recruiting. This involves sending recruiters throughout the state to college fairs and high school fairs. GSU offers daily tours to interested applicants and have open houses for larger groups. Emails, phone calling, and letters are sent out as well by current students for a more personalized invitation.

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Weekday Weather

Thursday



Rain

HIGH

59°

LOW

48°

Friday

AM Clouds
PM Sun

HIGH

65°

LOW

35°

Only in America

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Police Beat

11-18-2003

- Reginald Lamar Brooks, 18, of 6073 Cherokee Valley Terrace, Lithonia, Ga., was charged with misdemeanor theft by receiving stolen property.
- Derron McKeith Isham, 18, of 877 Kilkenny Drive, Lithonia, Ga., was charged with driving with an expired tag, no proof of insurance and misdemeanor theft by receiving stolen property.
- A student reported a textbook of his was stolen from the Henderson Library.
- Officers identified two suspects after they sold the book to a local vendor. Derron McKeith Isham and Reginald Lamar Brooks were later arrested and charged. (See above.)
- Officers issued two traffic citations and two traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

11-19-2003

- James Emory McKinney Jr., 23, of 1101 Persimmons Path, Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license.
- Sylvia Tremble, 30, of East View Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with forgery.
- A wallet was taken from the Watson Hall courtyard.
- Officers issued four traffic citations and four traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted seven motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

11-20-2003

- Patrick Ryan O'Berry, 19, of Win-

burn Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, giving false information to an officer and public indecency.

- Nicola B. Stevens, 18, of Sanford Hall, was charged with criminal trespass.
- Jeremiah Watts, 19, of 129 Park Place, Statesboro, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property
- A fight was reported at Winburn Hall.

- Officers issued three traffic citations, investigated one traffic accident, assisted two motorists and one sick person, and responded to two fire alarms.

11-21-2003

- A purse was taken from a vehicle in the Hollis Building parking lot.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings and assisted four motorists.

11-22-2003

- Benjamin Joseph Brush III, 23, of 7646 Pleasantville Way, Grovetown, Ga., was charged with criminal trespass.
- Officers issued three traffic citations and three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

11-23-2003

- Ashton Blake Stephenson, 19, of Veazey Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.
- A CD player, amplifier and speakers were taken from a vehicle in the Southern Pines parking lot.
- Officers issued three traffic

warnings and investigated one traffic accident.

11-24-2003

- A Southern Pines resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- An Olliff Hall resident reported he found his room window broken.
- Officers investigated one traffic accident and assisted 10 motorists.

11-25-2003

- Officers investigated two traffic accidents, assisted five motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

12-01-2003

- A case of harassment was reported in the Olliff Hall parking lot.
- A case of simple battery was reported at Southern Pines.
- A class ring was taken from Straford Hall.

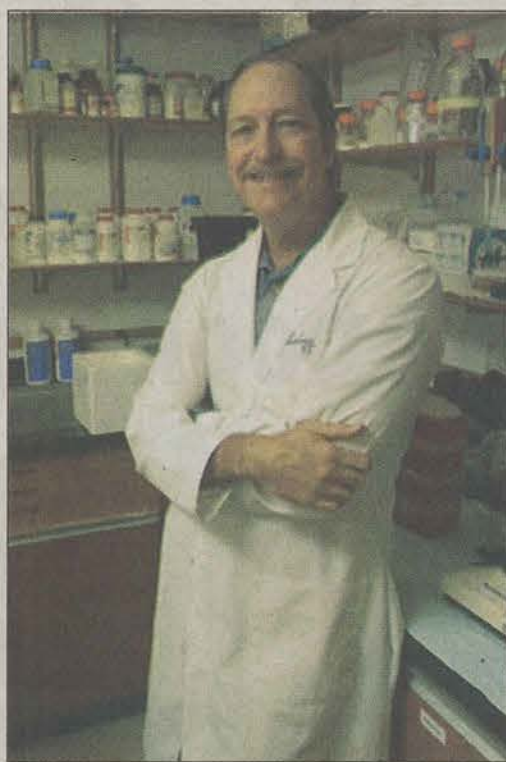
- Officers assisted six motorists and one sick person and responded to two fire alarms.

12-02-2003

- Brian Lawson Bradshaw, 21, of 506 Pitt-Moore Road, Statesboro, was charged with disorderly conduct, public drunk and distributing obscene materials.
- Bradley Scott Robinson, 19, of 101 Olympic Blvd., Statesboro, was charged with disorderly conduct, public drunk and distributing obscene material.
- Officers issued six traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted seven motorists and one sick person, and responded to four fire alarms.

Campus News

Georgia Southern biology professor receives prestigious award



Special Photo

Professor James B. Claiborne

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern University biology Professor James B. "J.B." Claiborne has been presented the prestigious John Olin Eidson Presidential Award for Excellence.

The Eidson Award memorializes Georgia Southern's seventh president and has been awarded only twice in the past. The previous recipients were Jim Oliver, the Callaway Professor of Biology and director of the Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology, and Warren "Spike" Jones Jr., now

ing using web-based instruction.

"He has consistently received excellent evaluations indicating significant student interaction with his students."

In the area of scholarship, Claiborne is a two-time winner of the University's Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Scholarly Activity. Since 1998, he has received more than \$1.5 million in external grant funding from the National Science Foundation.

"Even without doctoral students,

his scholarship competes nationally and internationally with his peers at significantly larger institutions," said Vandegrift.

Claiborne has over 50 peer-reviewed publications and is an internationally known authority on the molecular physiology of osmo-regulation and acid-base balance in fish.

Claiborne has also made significant contributions in the area of service. He designed the electronic voting system used by the University's faculty senate and the Student Government Association. He is a board member of the Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, was acting chair of the biology department and has served on the Board of Trustees of the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Maine as well as countless committees at the department, college and University level.

Claiborne was Georgia Southern's volleyball head coach from 1987 to 1993. He coached the first Georgia Southern players with scholarships and the first Georgia Southern player to win the Most Valuable Player of the Southern Conference and Student Athlete of the Year Awards.

"I am especially honored to be presented this award in light of the fact that the two previous recipients, Spike Jones and Jim Oliver, have both been role models and mentors for me during my career at Georgia Southern," said Claiborne.

GSU President and First Lady Grube host annual tree-planting ceremony

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern President and First Lady Bruce and Kathryn Grube will host the University's annual holiday tree-planting ceremony on Monday, Dec. 8.

The Grubes will plant a Nellie

R. Stevens holly near the southwest corner of the Carroll Building at 3 p.m.

The Grubes will be planting the tree in lieu of sending holiday cards to the campus community.

The tree-planting ceremony is a Georgia Southern tradition that was

started by former President Dale Lick, who served the University from 1978 through 1986.

The University's faculty, staff and students are invited to enjoy refreshments at the Lakeside Café immediately following the ceremony.

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Well, after standing in line for who knows how long you start to check out. Feeling as if you have completed the Iron Man Marathon a feeling of accomplishment and victory overcomes you. This feeling lasts only a brief second due to the cash register display reading "\$573.62 due".

If you are one of those few that laugh at fellow students for putting up with the bookstore because you buy your books offline then answer these questions. Do you have to wait upwards of 5-10 days for your books to be delivered? Do you have to pay shipping and handling also?

Unfortunately these two cases are more than typical.

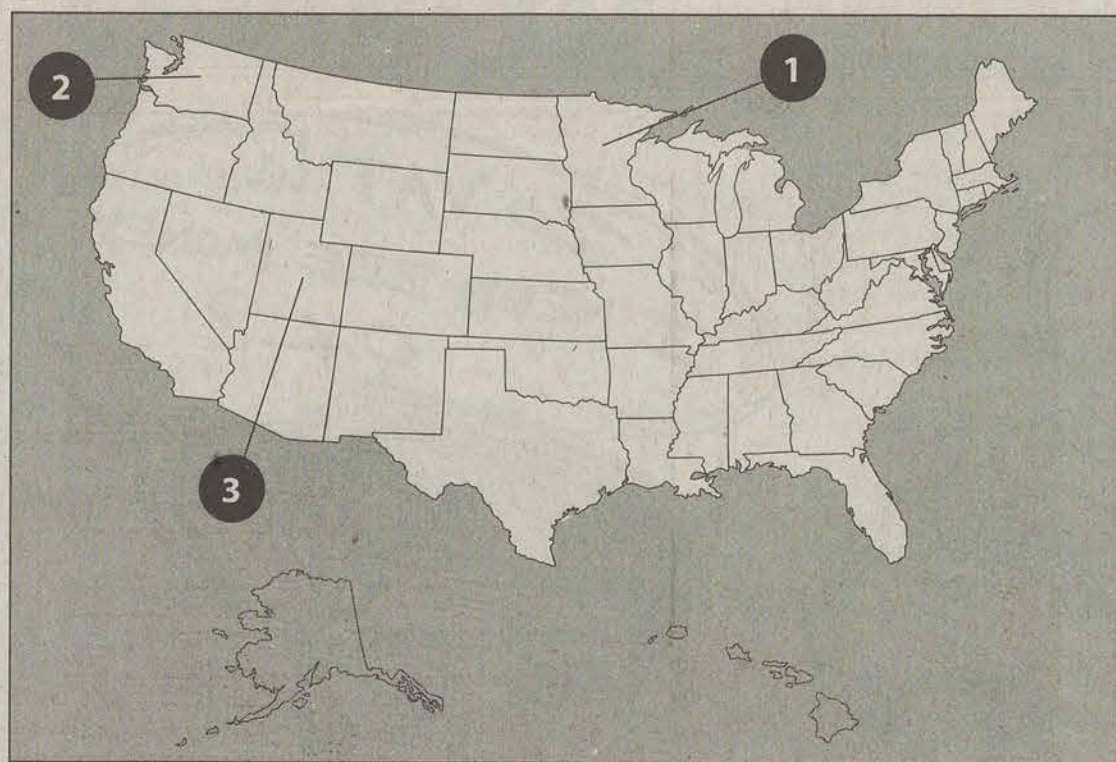
With these sad choices I was determined to find some better way of buying and selling textbooks. I spoke to several students, searched online, and even asked professors. My research and long hours turned up a single website,

www.EagleBookExchange.com. I immediately signed up to see what all the hype was about this site and why it was spoken so highly of.

EagleBookExchange.com is a unique site designed specially for GSU students. Instead of sites such as amazon.com and others, every book on the site is what is used for GSU. But the reason there is so much excitement of this site is because it is students selling to students. You set your own prices and there is no middleman as in a bookstore (you make/save more money)

According to www.nacs.org (National Association of college bookstores) college bookstores make, after their own expenses, 34.4% profit off of textbooks. Now just to let you know that is just profit. Markup is usually around 50% or so in books. Meaning you buy a textbook for \$100 and sell it back to a bookstore for \$20 and they resell that same book for \$65-75. Well with this site you could sell the same book for \$45, making a \$25 profit and saving someone \$30. The average number of books in approximately eight making that (on a low average) \$200 made and \$240 saved. The remarkable thing is that is all money that you would not have had if you had not used EagleBook Exchange.com. I know that was a lot of math to digest but that's also a lot of cash that you would not have had either.

By: Stacie Sharp

**1 Minnesota**

Man burns down garage while cooking Thanksgiving dinner

ST. CLOUD - Bill Fickett wanted to give his wife a break from the kitchen on Thanksgiving, so he offered to cook. His kind gesture ended up causing about \$14,000 in damage.

He decided to try his hand at deep-fat frying a turkey. He borrowed a fryer and got directions from a friend. Fickett said he was heating up about 3 gallons of oil before the fire started. He adjusted the temperature to the recommended 350 degrees, then stepped into the house to get the bird.

Next thing he knew, smoke was pouring out of the garage.

No one was injured. The fire was still under investigation, Kostreba said.

Fickett and his family still had a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

"We just had to have chicken instead of turkey," he said. "I'll probably stick to baking them now."

2 Washington

Thanksgiving in a bottle: Turkey and Gravy soda

SEATTLE - A new Turkey and Gravy Soda tastes, well, pretty much like you would imagine. But that's not stopping people from buying it.

Even the producers of the Thanksgiving-themed beverage at Jones Soda Co. were surprised by the demand. They sold out all 6,000 bottles online within about two hours last week.

"To be honest, we really didn't think so many people would want it," said Michelle Whitehead, marketing assistant at the Seattle-based premium soda company that has a reputation for quirky flavors.

The liquid's ominous, murky brown color accurately warns consumers about the taste. The first sips bring a mix of sweet caramel and savory lard, and it's downhill from there.

A limited number of Turkey & Gravy Sodas will be available in stores around Seattle and Olympia.

3 Utah

Bus driver charged after taking students on wild ride

SALT LAKE CITY - A school bus driver allegedly took about 12 students on a wild ride Monday in southeastern Utah, saying they were going "some place special."

However, the students escaped after the driver stopped at a Mormon church, where he screamed "I'm confused" while rattling the gates, Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Glenn Begay said.

No one was seriously injured, and the driver later turned himself in to police.

"I'm just glad it turned out the way it did," he said.

The driver, 44-year-old Ronald Munson, was arrested for aggravated assault and traffic offenses.

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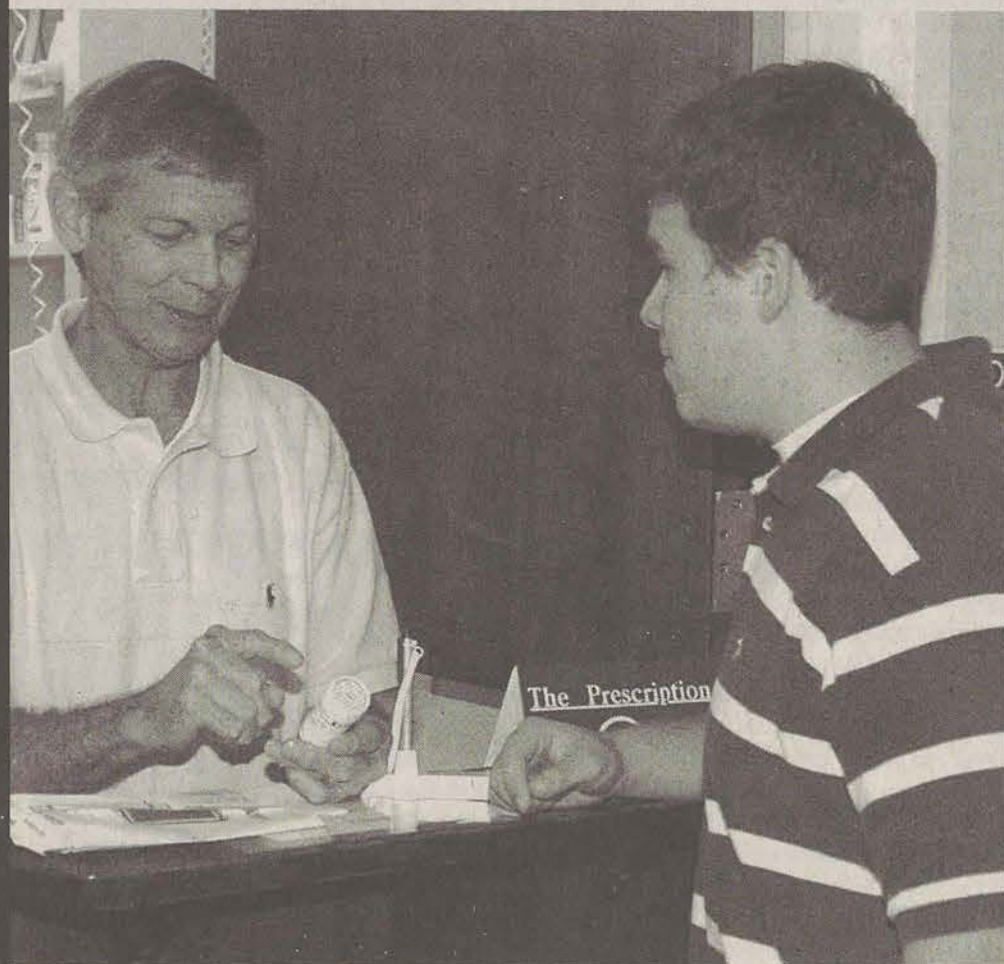
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Our Opinion

Shopping as a contact sport

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday, Dec. 1:

At the end of the roll call in the 1980s television police drama "Hill Street Blues," the avuncular Sgt. Phil Esterhaus always wagged a finger and delivered the same warning to the cops who were about to begin patrol: "Let's be careful out there."

That pithy admonition should be uppermost in the minds of all those bravely venturing forth into the crucible of fire and ice known as holiday shopping. The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the start of the Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa shopping season, and judging from some of the mayhem that resulted, there's a lot of pent-up energy out there.

Witness the hapless Florida woman who was first in line for a 6 a.m. sale, only to be knocked down and trampled by a mob rushing to snatch \$29 DVD players at a local Wal-Mart on Friday.

"She got pushed down, and they walked over her like a herd of elephants," the woman's sister told the Associated Press.

That lent a new, and altogether unsavory, meaning to the phrase "shop 'til you drop." Paramedics summoned to the store found the woman, slumped unconscious on top of a DVD player, while seemingly oblivious shoppers all around her continued to snap up items. Thankfully, the woman survived her injuries. Her sister says she doesn't remember anything about the ordeal. It's probably better that way.

That incident made the news, but it's a fair bet that there were many altercations in the aisles that didn't, with stressed-out shoppers squaring off in the toy section, battling to the death over the last Princess Barbie or whatever.

In recent years, many stores have taken to opening earlier and earlier on the day after Thanksgiving, slashing prices to stoke the frenzied bargain-hunter in us all. But even they must be a bit agog by what they have unleashed. The wild beast of consumerism, the economy's best friend, is roaming the aisles, eyes agleam and elbows sharpened. At Circuit City stores, for instance, shoppers nearly cleaned out the early-bird special items well before the sale expired at noon Friday. The chief merchandising officer for Circuit City pronounced herself "shocked."

She shouldn't be. Some shoppers and their compatriots plan their forays with the precision of military campaigns. And judging from some of the reported disputes that have broken out, The Incredible Hulk would feel right at home in the midst of some of these bargain-hunting frenzies, amid a frothing mob of shoppers tearing coveted items from the shelves.

Yes, shopping can be an extreme contact sport. And it's great to see American consumers back at the top of their game. But like any world-class athlete, these shoppers should remember to pace themselves. After all, there's another Iron Shopper challenge coming up: the day after Christmas, when those stiletto-elbowed bargain hunters will need to be in peak condition to shove their way to the front of the return counters.

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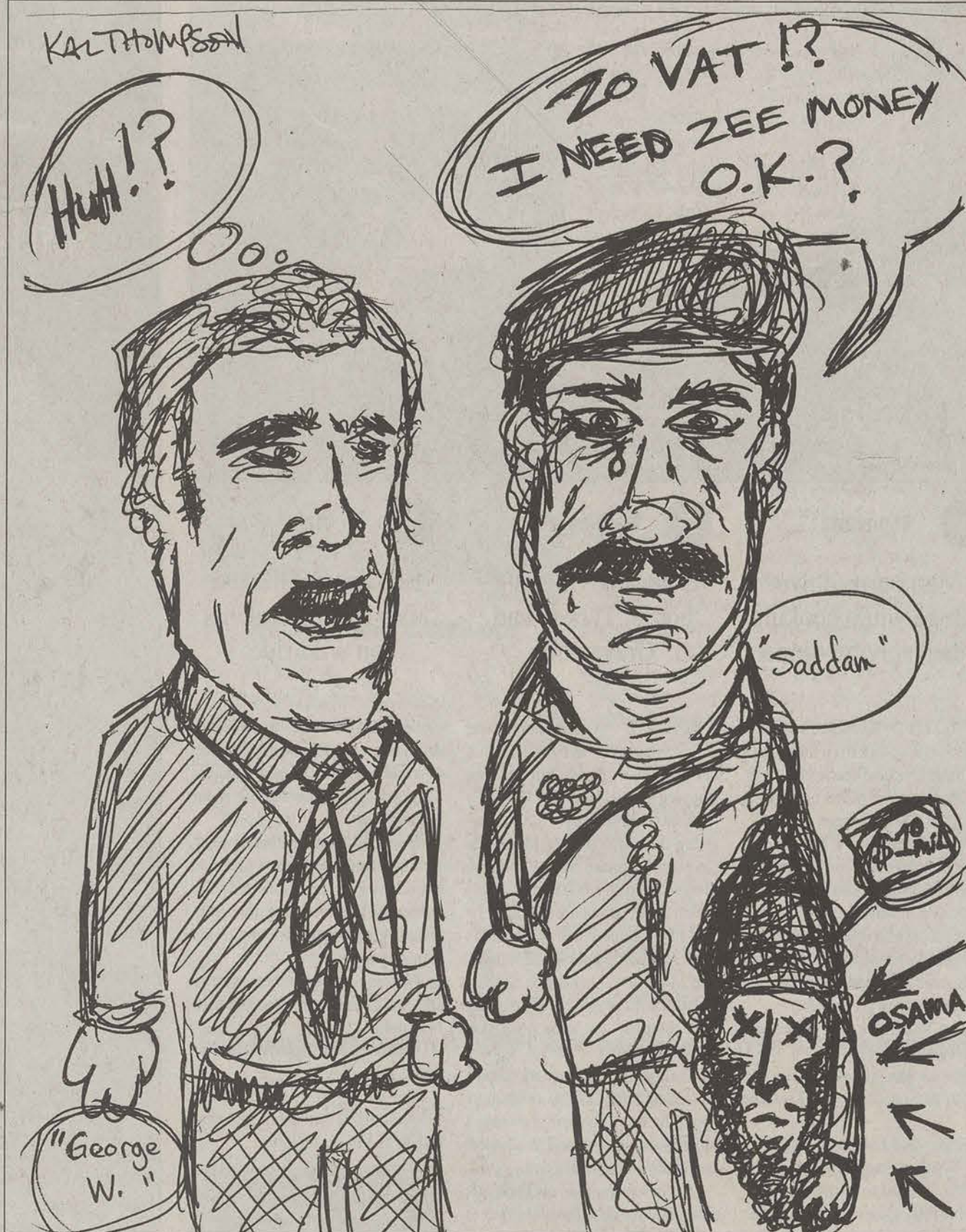
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Study tips from a seasoned senior

It's like a scene from a bad movie.

Library books – twice renewed – stack around me like a fortress, and my laptop's been on so long it threatens to set fire to the next stray paper that nears it. Fourteen half-empty caffeinated beverage bottles of various ages litter the landscape. My eyes glaze over. Again. In the back of my sleep-deprived mind, my mental jukebox inserts melodic irony: "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year."

There's no escaping the end-of-semester crunch. And right now, even for those basket-weaving majors, the strain is coming down. It's the common bond tying all college students together in the name of all-night diners and marathon library visits.

It is officially the week before finals.

We all have motives. We want to protect what we've worked for throughout the semester, spruce up our GPAs, impress the parentals, or just prove it to ourselves. It's all over in one week, we mumble a thousand times a day. And, deep inside, we all truly want to succeed at whatever we're doing. But, even with all that determination, it's hard for us as college students. Everywhere distractions tempt us. Procrastination seduces us. Beer beckons us.

The only things to do are to toughen up, hunker down and get to work.

Since this is my seventh semester in the business (and that's not counting three relentless summer terms), I consider myself authorized to offer a little advice.

Without further ado, here are my top ten finals-time study tips for college students:

1) **Isolate yourself from the world.** Most distractions come into our lives over wires or waves of some sort, and we welcome them in. Let your friends know in advance that you really have to get away and get things done so they won't bother you. Disconnect the landline and switch the cell to silent. Turn off the TV – take the batteries out of the remote control if you have to. If you honestly believe you can study better with music on, use headphones. Promise yourself that you'll use the Internet for research purposes only. Log out of whatever instant messaging program resides ritually in the upper right-hand corner of your monitor. In general, with the exception of a precious few, people are a catastrophic waste of your time right now. Get rid of 'em.

9) **Set deadlines.** Time flies when 35 percent of your grade is at risk, and if you don't set a projection of what you want to know – and when by – it'll soon be too late. Don't forget Murphy's Law, and what it says about college. Okay, so it doesn't say anything about college. But it says a lot about all the resources we employ. Things are going to try their damndest to go wrong unless you're dead set on barreling through all your tasks efficiently and successfully.

8) **Treat yourself.** All work and no play makes hurling oneself from the top of Henderson Library a rather appealing option. You can grab a box of hot chocolate mix and refuel at home, or cheap treats can be found all over town. My long-time study-reward favorite, Sonic, has affordable milkshakes and slushes. I don't suggest allowing yourself an hour of TV only because it's not really the type of break you need after sitting on your tush and flexing your brain for a few hours. Get out, take a short walk, do some exercises, get some nookie. Get the blood pumping again. Often times, whatever you're working on makes at least twice as much sense when you come back to it after being physically active.

7) **Don't drink.** I know – going out and getting just a couple of drinks with the buddies won't hurt anything, right? Well, not during any other time of the semester. But right now it's an unworthy risk. Alcohol, in any amount, is a depressant. Your brain needs lots of water, and absolutely nothing standing in its way. Of course, all other drugs go without saying. If I have to tell you not to smoke up during finals week, you probably shouldn't be reading this, anyway.

6) **Eat healthy and often.** Right now, you're probably not getting enough sleep. I'm not going to tell you to make sure you get enough sleep because it just isn't realistic. But, I can tell you how to compensate. It's a commonly known trick of the trade in the military's special forces: When you can't sleep, you must eat. Eat healthy foods in small amounts every few hours. Don't skip meals, and don't eat a bunch of junk you scored with your six remaining meal plans at the Pickle Barrel. An occasional sweet treat is okay, but don't go overboard. Around this time of year, the cold weather can combine with improper nutrition to lower the immune system and land you at the Voo Doo Hut. And, as I mentioned before, drink a lot of water. I know, it doesn't taste like anything, but it carries oxygen to the brain and keeps you on your toes.

5) **Study, don't read.** There is a major difference. Studying involves re-writing notes, making



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PERMENTER,
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note cards, and quizzing yourself. Highlighting a bunch of stuff in a book really doesn't suffice, and neither does reading without interactive reviewing.

4) **Talk to your professors.** If you're at all clever, you've already been by their offices a few times. But, if you haven't, perhaps it's not too late. Talk to them about what topics you've been studying most to make sure you're on track. It's not brown-nosing or brownie points. It's intelligence. Don't be too proud to admit your professor's absolute power over that 89.8 that could, with proof of a little extra effort, become an A.

3) **Organize a study session with classmates.** Obviously, this qualifies as one of the precious few exceptions I mentioned in tip number ten. That old adage about ten heads being better than one might be cliché, but it never fails. And, if you pool your resources, neither will you.

2) **Know you know.** Don't stop studying until you're convinced that you know the material. If you still feel unsure, go to the professor and make sure you have all the material you need. If you aren't confident, the number one tip won't work.

1) **Don't cram.** Reserve at least an hour before the final for relaxation and book-free reflection. The tension in those moments right before an exam is heavy enough. While everyone else is taking last-minute looks at notes and highlighted text, spare yourself the confusion. Instill yourself with calm confidence and just prepare yourself to perform well.

For all those being put to the test next week, good luck. To all of those graduating next week: Good luck, and goodbye.

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Op-Ed by Herman Cain, conservative Republican candidate for U.S. Senate

Our great Nation was built upon the dreams and determination of the American people.

Unfortunately, many in America have lost sight of their dreams as their faith in our government has disappeared. In times like these, the American people need leaders who will return common sense to our country and restore hope to the people.

As an entrepreneur for more than 30 years, I have spent my life tackling obstacles and creating opportunities. As your United States senator, I will apply that same tireless approach to restoring integrity to a system that has long stopped serving its people.

This campaign is built on big ideas. It sounds cliché but we must dare to dream, and believe that we can make big changes in government. This starts with more than a spokesperson or a professional politician. It takes a leader.

I believe Georgians deserve the freedom to succeed without the heavy hand of government blocking them from fulfilling their potential. They deserve a government that solves problems and encourages entrepreneurship.

I believe that a government should create economic opportunities by fostering a vibrant economy. Freed from cumbersome and ineffective government programs, the American people can choose their own road to success and the entire nation will prosper.

I believe there are times when government works and at those times, it must act quickly, boldly and efficiently. However, as a conservative Republican, I will go to Washington and fight against the ever-advancing tide of big government liberalism that strangles our nation's economy.

I believe the income tax code must be replaced. Not fixed – replaced.

The entire seven million-word mess must be thrown out and replaced with simple and dramatically lower tax rates that will ultimately unleash our nation's economic potential. People should not be penalized for working

hard to get ahead and to give their children a better start in life. As a nation, we will never be able to tax our way into prosperity. People say this can't be done. I say it must.

I believe Social Security can be saved...but not without a dramatic restructuring. Optional retirement accounts need to be put in place gradually, in order to keep the promises made to our parents and grandparents without punishing today's worker. The hard working people of our country should have the option of controlling their future by investing their hard-earned money in the manner that best suits their needs.

I believe this nation's health care industry is under siege by both government interference and frivolous lawsuits. With those barriers removed, every Georgian can have access to affordable, quality health care.

I believe life is sacred. From conception to the grave, this Nation must continue to have a genuine respect for the sanctity of life.

I believe passion is the foundation to success. That is why I have faced every endeavor in my life with passion. Passion was behind our Founding Fathers' ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

And just as these ideals are the foundation of our Nation's greatness, they are also the foundation of our Nation's future.

I believe "The opportunity to pursue happiness is based upon each individual's desire to apply heart, mind and back." If we believe something in our hearts with the skill and the will to achieve it, it can be done. As your United States Senator, I will be a voice for all Georgians in the fight for freedom and prosperity.

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Nesbitt emerges as early leader for men's hoops

By **Kenny Cofer**
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Georgia Southern can't play defense? Those were the words uttered by Eagle fans last season, when the Eagles somewhat underachieved with a record of 16-13. This season, however, is a totally different story. Georgia Southern forced 31 turnovers Monday night against Mercer to improve their overall record to 3-1.

The Eagles opened their season on Nov. 21 at Hanner Fieldhouse with a win against the North Georgia Saints, 94-55. Junior center Courtney Joseph and senior forward Frank Bennett quickly showed that Georgia Southern's defense would be mainstay this year with five blocked shots between the two in the first ten minutes of the game. Joseph had a career high in blocks in the game with four to go along with his eight points and 11 rebounds.

Leading the way in scoring for the Eagles in the game against North Georgia was newcomer, sophomore Elton Nesbitt with 18 points. Nesbitt is from Deerfield Beach, Fla. and transferred to Georgia Southern from Compton Community College where he averaged 26.6 points and 3.4 assists per game. Nesbitt was also a high school teammate of former Eagle great, Julius Jenkins.

Nesbitt again led the Eagles in scoring in a 94-73 loss at UAB with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. Junior Terry Williams and Frank Bennett each added 14 apiece. The defense played well again in the loss, forcing 25 turnovers by the Blazers. Unfortunately, the Eagles also committed 25 turnovers.

After the defeat in Alabama, Georgia Southern headed an hour east to take on Savannah State on Nov. 28. The Eagles used strong shooting from Nesbitt again to defeat the Tigers by a score of 86-66. Nesbitt racked up 26 points in just 20 minutes of action. The defense again showed to be strong as they forced 22 turnovers along with two blocks in the victory.

With their 2-1 record, Jeff Price's Eagles were

riding high coming into Hanner Fieldhouse to take on the Mercer Bears Monday night.

Mercer came in with low spirits and a 1-4 record with losses to powerhouses such as Illinois and Xavier.

The tone of the game was set immediately as the opening bucket of the game was a dunk by Bennett. The Eagles quickly got out to a 5-0 lead in the first three minutes only to let the Bears claw their way back into it, bringing the score to 16-13. Georgia Southern again made a run behind strong hustle plays from Chad Fleming to again pad their lead with a score of 44-30 with 2:53 left in the first half.

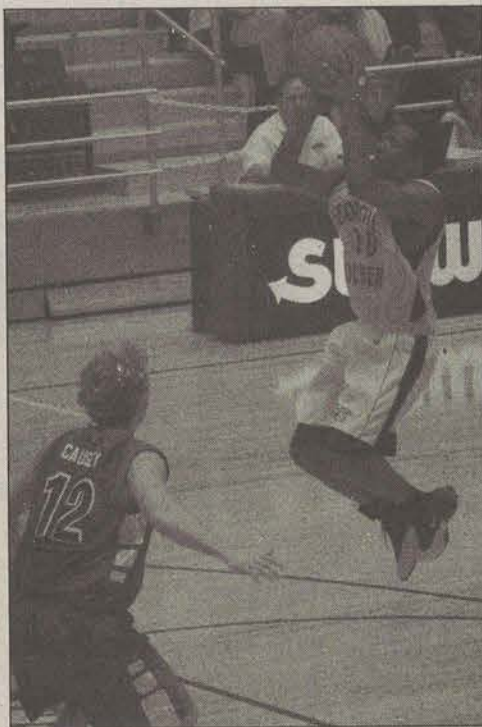
In the closing minutes of the first half, it was all Mercer. Mercer guard James Odoms was on fire from the three-point line, as he was 4-for-4 from three-point territory, with a total of 16 points in the first half. Mercer closed the half on a 10-2 run bringing the score within six, at 46-40.

Coming out for the second half, Georgia Southern used electric plays from Bennett to get things rolling. Bennett had two thunderous dunks and 6 quick points to start the second half. As a result of the booming Hanner Fieldhouse crowd, Mercer head coach Mark Slonaker decided to call a timeout to slow the pace down.

The timeout worked wonders as the Bears came out on tear of their own, making a 7-0 run and bringing the score to 54-50 at 15:26 of the second half. Last year's Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year, Scott Emerson, heated up as he added five of his 22 points in this span.

The game went back and forth for a while with the Eagles never letting Mercer any closer than three points. Georgia Southern again used their strong defense to snuff out any thoughts of a Mercer comeback, as they defeated the Bears 88-78. The Eagle defense forced 31 turnovers and a season high 17 steals as they improved their record to 3-1.

Georgia Southern heads on the road for their next couple of games as they open Southern Conference play against East Tennessee State on Dec. 8



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Newcomer Elton Nesbitt has already made a name for himself in the young season, averaging 18.8 points and is shooting 56 percent, including a 52 percent rate from long distance.

in Johnson City, Tenn.

The Buccaneers are the defending Southern Conference champions as they made it to the NCAA Tournament last March. The Eagle defense will be tested, as they will have to try to keep sophomore phenom Tim Smith in check. Smith averaged 15.3 points for ETSU last season and is currently averaging 13.0 points this season.

After final exams, Georgia Southern will return to the road to face Wagner in Staten Island, N.Y. on Dec. 15 before meeting Southern Miss two days later in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The next home game for Georgia Southern is on Dec. 20 against Tennessee Temple.

Norton resigns as women's soccer coach

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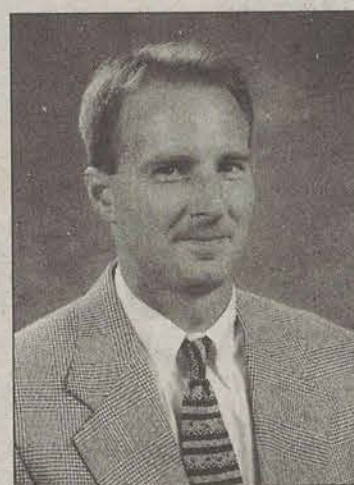
Tom Norton, who has served as the only head women's soccer coach in Georgia Southern University history, has resigned his position according to an announcement from athletics director Sam Baker.

Norton, 41, originally joined the Eagle athletics staff in 1987 as assistant men's soccer coach before being elevated to the top position in 1990. When Georgia Southern announced plans to add women's soccer as an intercollegiate sport in 1993, Norton was selected to build the program from scratch and turned in an overall record of 117-90-7 (.563) over 11 seasons. In addition, he was a Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year selection in 1994 and 1996 and guided the Eagles to seven winning seasons.

"There's no doubt that Tom will be greatly missed," said Baker. "He did an exemplary job building our women's soccer program and his contributions, not only to Georgia Southern, but to the entire Statesboro and Bulloch County soccer were immeasurable. We sure hate to lose him but we wish him the very best in all his future endeavors."

Norton indicated he will pursue professional and personal interests close to his home in Augusta, from which he endured a daily commute to the GSU campus during the past 16 months.

During the course of his 17-year tenure at GSU, Norton also served two separate stints in an athletic administrative capacity. After acting as a business office staff assistant



Norton

during the late 1980s, he accepted an assistant athletic director's position in 1999 and headed the department's business efforts until 2002 when returned to coaching on a full-time basis.

For three seasons - 1993, 1994 and 1995 - Norton held dual titles as head men and women's coach before Kevin Chambers took over the top men's duties in 1996. In all, Norton has fashioned a 169-147-21 mark in 17 years guiding the GSU soccer fortunes. He has coached 29 All-SoCon selections, including one league player-of-the-year choice and a pair of freshman-of-the-year performers.

A 1982 United States Olympic Festival participant, Norton earned a bachelor's degree from South Carolina where he was also a four-year starter at striker and as a midfielder.

Baker indicated a national search for Norton's replacement will be initiated immediately.

Lady Eagles split first four games entering SoCon play

By **Eli Boorstein**
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It's been an up-and-down start for the Lady Eagle basketball team.

Coming off a trip to the championship game of the Southern Conference Tournament, Georgia Southern opened up the 2003-2004 season by splitting their first four contests. After sneaking past Division II foe USC-Aiken in the season-opener, the Eagles were outmatched by a superior Georgia squad. They then made the trek out to Las Vegas for the Lady Rebel Shootout, where they fell to Richmond and beat San Diego.

Georgia Southern will return to action when they welcome in SoCon foe Appalachian State on Saturday at 7 p.m.

After the season's first four games, it is senior forward Jessica Everett leading the way, averaging 10.3 points per game. Junior guard Kellie Tiller has been a welcomed spark off the bench as she is averaging 9.5 points per game and a .462 three-point shooting percentage. Sophomore guard Lee DuBose, has also blossomed in her first year as a starter with a 8.5-point average and a .444 rate from long range.

Nov. 22 in Statesboro:

Georgia Southern 61, USC-Aiken 58

The Lady Eagles got all they could handle over their lower-division opponent as they eked out with a three-point win in their opener at Hanner Fieldhouse.

It was a game of runs as Georgia Southern started the game on a 15-4 tear, including a streak where they scored nine unanswered points. Up 22-7 with 9:21 left in the half, the Eagles then went ice cold, missing their next 13 shot attempts. As the first half progressed, the Pacers were able to tie the score up at 24-24 before a Tiller three-pointer just before the buzzer put Georgia Southern back ahead.

The Eagles started the second half hot, scoring 14 of the first 16 points. But, once again, Georgia Southern went cold and USC-Aiken responded by going on a 21-4 run to take over the lead.

A Dana Benemon lay-up tied the score once more before DuBose sank a three to put the Eagles back in the lead, this time for good. The Pacers kept the score

close, but could not come closer than two points the rest of the way.

Lee DuBose led the Eagle offense with 18 points, including a 4-for-6 night from three-point territory. Kellie Tiller added 15 points and five rebounds in 18 minutes off the bench.

"My biggest concern spring to fall was if we'd have enough underclassmen," said head coach Rusty Cram. "Today, underclassmen won the game."

Nov. 25 in Statesboro:

No. 10 Georgia 84, Georgia Southern 53

In front of a Hanner Fieldhouse crowd of 1,772, the Eagles played tough but just could not match up with a challenging Lady Dogs team.

Georgia built up a 32-12 lead with 9:09 left in the opening half before Georgia Southern was able to eat away at their deficit, using a 11-1 run to cut the UGA lead to just 10, before the Lady Dogs scored the final six points of the half to extend their lead to 16 entering halftime.

The second half was all Georgia as they kept the Eagles at bay throughout the final 20 minutes. Their lead grew to 35 points at one point before Georgia Southern was able to make the score more respectable.

Everett led Georgia Southern with 14 points and six rebounds while senior guard Shawnica Hill added 13 points and five rebounds.

Nov. 29 in Las Vegas, Nev.:

Richmond 59, Georgia Southern 48

Georgia Southern saw Atlantic 10 members Richmond come from behind as they fell in the opening game of the Lady Rebel Shootout in Las Vegas.

It was a tale of two halves for the Spiders as they shot just 33 percent in the opening half before coming out of the locker room to shoot a resounding 64 percent in the second half. After being outscored 24-20 before halftime, Richmond outscored Georgia Southern by 15 over the remainder of the game.

Georgia Southern out-shot Richmond with a .367 percentage in the opening half, but saw the Spiders rebound to shoot an amazing .640 percentage in the second half.

DuBose sank a trio of three-pointers as she put up



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Sophomore guard Lee DuBose goes up against USC-Aiken's Beata Szabo in the Eagles' 61-58 win on Nov. 22. DuBose led Georgia Southern with 18 points in the victory.

a team-high 11 points. Hill added eight points, four steals and a career-best seven assists.

Nov. 30 in Las Vegas, Nev.:

Georgia Southern 71, San Diego 55

In the consolation game of the Lady Rebel Shootout, Georgia Southern was able to dispatch of the Toreros thanks to some early success from the field.

The Eagles made a season-best 51.5 percent of their first-half field goals. Georgia Southern saw their percentage dip to just 33.3 percent in the second half, but San Diego only managed to convert 5-of-34 shots after halftime.

Though Everett managed 13 points to lead the Eagles, it was a pair of reserves that really pitched in. Junior Adrienne Early had a career night with 11 points and eight rebounds, both personal bests. Tiller also managed 11 points.

Austin named Offensive Player of the Year in conference

Austin, Barr named first-team; Butler, Hadley, Holland named second-team

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The Southern Conference Sports Media Association today named its 2003 All-Southern Conference football team and its individual award winners.

Georgia Southern fullback Jermaine Austin was named the Offensive Player of the Year by the media. Austin, a sophomore, led the SoCon in rushing with 1,461 yards and in all-purpose yards with an average of 133.5 yards per game.

Wofford safety Matt Nelson was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year. Nelson, a senior, intercepted five passes during the regular season and is the fourth-leading tackler in the SoCon with 96 stops. Wofford will host North Carolina A&T on Nov. 29 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs.

Wofford head coach Mike Ayers was named the Coach of the Year by the Sports Media Association. Ayers led the Terriers to a 10-1 record, an 8-0 Southern Conference record, a 10-game winning streak and the school's first-ever berth in NCAA Division I postseason play.

Wofford running back Kevious Johnson was picked as the Freshman of the Year. Johnson leads the Terriers in rushing with 582 yards and nine touchdowns.

Wofford led the way on the all-conference team with eight players selected to the first team. In total 10 Terriers earned a spot on the first and second team. Furman had the most total selections with 12 players on the two teams.

Western Carolina and Wofford each landed three players on the offensive first team. The Catamounts were represented by tight end Todd Bargella, wide receiver Lamont Seward and tackle Jason Whaley. Wofford place guard Eric Deutsch and Bobby Gibbs as well as tackle Chad Bentley on the first team.

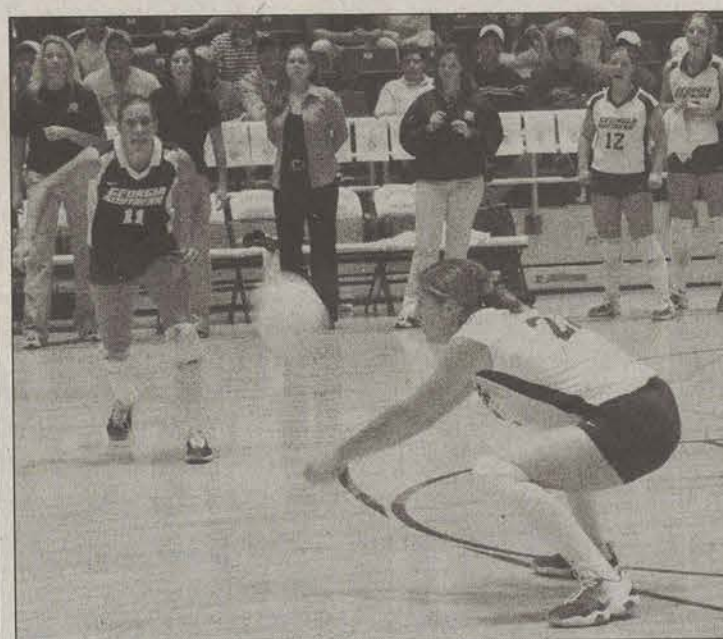
Five Terriers earned first team mention on defense including Nelson, lineman Lee Basinger, linebacker Timmy Thrift and Teddie Whitaker and punter Jimmy Miner.

Furman had five first team selections including center Corey Stewart, placekicker Danny Marshall, defensive lineman Michael Burant, linebacker Mike Killian and defensive back Cam Newton.



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Just one season removed from being named the Southern Conference's top freshman, fullback Jermaine Austin received the league's top honor as the Offensive Player of the Year.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

Seniors Megan Lippi (11) and Martina Veiglova will be making their second appearances in the NCAA Tournament when Georgia Southern meets third-ranked Florida tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Eagles will have a tough match in the Gators, who have not lost a match or game since August.

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team they split with during the regular season, on the final day. Following a 30-19 Eagle win in game one, Charleston responded by winning the next two games by scores of 30-28 and 30-23. The Lady Eagles then managed to stave off two match points to take game four 32-30 before a Martina Veiglova kill clinched the championship with a 15-13 game five victory.

Senior Veiglova, named the SoCon Player of the Year as well as the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament, led the Lady Eagles with an amazing effort of 30 kills, 28 digs and a .343 hitting percentage in the title match. On the season, Veiglova posted 753 kills, more than any other player in the nation.

Junior Kristin Kasprak, who seems to have her best performances in the three SoCon Tournaments she has appeared in, continued her postseason prowess with 17 kills and a .333 percentage against the Cougars. Kasprak was named to the all-tourney team for her efforts.

"She's been playing very well over the past few months," said Messersmith about Kasprak. "She's a very, very smart volleyball player. She's able to do a lot of things due to her intelligence."

Georgia Southern will also count on the play of seniors Megan Lippi and Erin Martin, who were named to the all-conference first and second teams, respectively. Lippi, who has flourished at the libero position, finished second in the SoCon with 591 digs on the year. Martin was second on the team in total kills.

Messersmith holds out hope that the Lady Eagles will show the competitive-ness they displayed in the 2001 NCAA Tournament against Pepperdine, where

they showed grittiness in falling in three games.

"In 2001, we were just glad to be there," said Messersmith. "This year, we're not just happy to be there. I think we'll be more prepared."

Leading the Gator attack will be junior Sherri Williams. The 6-foot-2 Williams was tops in the SEC and second in the nation with a .469 hitting percentage on the season. Senior Aury Cruz finished second in the conference in kills per game while setter Lauren Moscovic led the SEC in assists.

Florida will miss the talent of two-time All-American Benavia Jenkins, who suffered a season-ending ACL injury on Oct. 26. Before her injury, Jenkins was building on a successful season of her own with a .465 percentage, third-best in the nation.

"They're not as big as Pepperdine was - just very, very athletic," said Messersmith.

Leading it all for Florida is head coach Mary Wise, who sports a 507-105 career record in her 18th season on the bench.

Another challenge for Georgia Southern will be the potential intimidation of playing in the raucous Stephen O'Connell Center. The Gators annually rank towards the top of the NCAA in attendance, including an average of 2,369 fans last season.

"I hope we can go out and play hard and enjoy," remarked Messersmith. "You never know just what might happen."

The winner of the match between the Eagles and Gators will meet up with the winner of the Central Florida-Cincinnati match on Friday.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Located in the rear of the Paulson Stadium parking lot, the field that Southern Pride has used for practices could become the future home for the Eagle soccer and track programs.

New home for soccer, track in the works

By Dean Vickers
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Georgia Southern's track and soccer teams might have a new place to play soon.

Plans for a new stadium are currently in the works. A new playing field will be surrounded by a new track in the plans for the facility. The stadium which is expected to hold 600-1,000 fans will be located in the water tower corner of the Paulson Stadium parking lot.

"It will have the appearance of a true stadium," said Georgia Southern Athletic Director Sam Baker. "There will be lockers rooms, public restrooms, and a press box." Most features of the stadium haven't been decided in yet, but Baker said there will be an eight lane competitive size track and the soccer field.

Funding for the stadium will come from selling revenue bonds. The bonds that paid for the construction of Paulson Stadium will be paid off at the end of this year and the Athletic department will then transfer its focus to this project.

Right now the stadium plan is just a proposal, nothing is concrete yet. Baker said that the athletic department is working toward this goal with the university board of regents, and hopes to begin construction this summer. Baker also said that anything could happen. "I've been in this business a long time. And I've seen how plans can change."

Still, there is optimism from the track and soccer coaches and athletes.

"I'm really, really excited," said Head Track and Field Coach Todd Lane. "We've had projects on the table before, and hopefully this will get done, and it looks like it might."

Georgia Southern currently has no track facility. The track team competes on the road for all their meets and practices at Statesboro High School.

Lane thinks that a home facility for his team could do nothing but help the performance of his athletes. Because

his team has to meet at Statesboro High at odd times during the day, and the throwers (discus, javelin, etc.) never practice with the runners (they practice at the Paulson Stadium parking lot) that team chemistry would improve along with better training.

"Getting a facility on campus is important for the athlete because it gives them a chance to show what they work 365 days a year for. It let's them show their peers what they do."

Marlo Mincey, a senior track athlete who won't get to compete on the new facility feels the change would be great for future GSU track teams.

"I wish we could have got it earlier, we're a pretty good team now. Maybe people don't know that because we don't have a track," said Mincey.

Mincey said that the track they currently train on is basically rubber on top of asphalt and that is bad for a runner.

Kevin Chambers, the Head Men's Soccer coach thinks the new stadium will help both his team and the women's team. The current soccer field which is located off Fair Road is home to both teams and doesn't have lights.

"The new place would be a big plus as far as lights are concerned; it would give us more flexibility since we are trying to jam two practices in before 5:30 p.m."

Aside from actual competition, Baker and the coaches and players feel that the new stadium will help with recruiting.

"If you have the facilities, you can recruit to the better student athlete, and the overall quality of the teams and schools will improve," said Baker.

Mincey often hosts potential recruits at GSU and feels the new stadium will be helpful in the recruiting process.

"It's hard to tell the recruits that we don't have a track when they ask. It sounds like a backwoods kind of thing."

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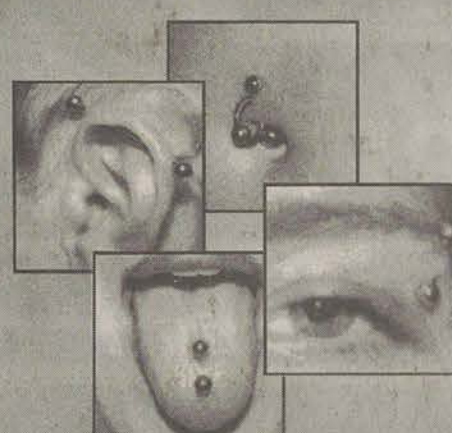
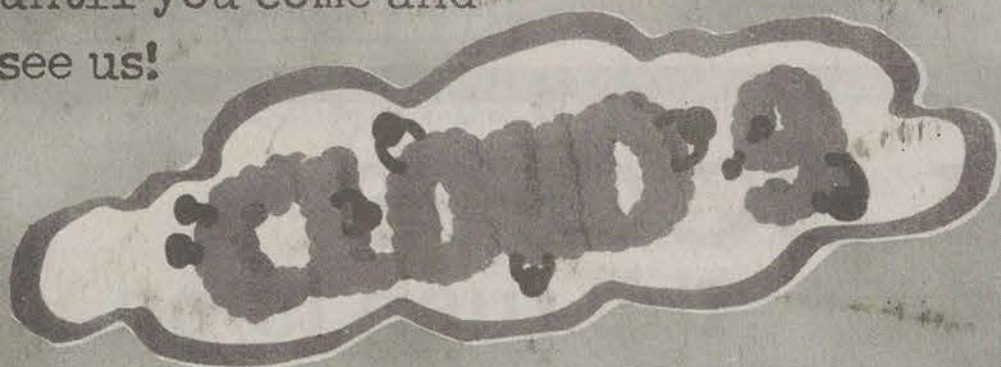


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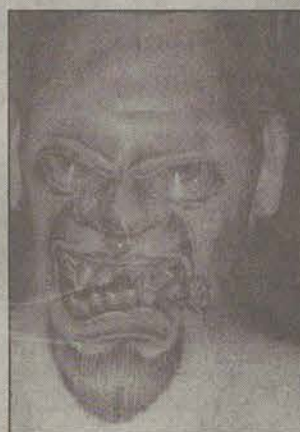
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books are set by the students that post them on the website.

This site is specifically for GSU students. Brown said, "Students won't have to search through thousands of books they don't need."

Valoria Pettiford, a senior, said she thinks it's a good idea because it

helps students utilize other resources besides the University Book store and websites like E-bay.com.

Brown explained there is a link on their website to the University Bookstore's website so students can compare prices and see what books their professors will be using.

Brown said there are 80 books available on the website which have already had about 9000 hits.

Students can begin logging on to the website at anytime, Brown said; they will also be located in University Plaza.

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of a book the store will buy back. "For example," said Cassidy, "if a class this semester has 100 students, and the same class in spring has 50 students, we wouldn't buyback all the 100 books. We would only buy back the 50 we need for the spring semester enrollment."

Translation: First come, first served. As terrifying as that black hole under the bed is, the sooner you find your books, the more likely it is you will get money for them.

For more information you can email Cassidy at shanecas@georgiasouthern.edu

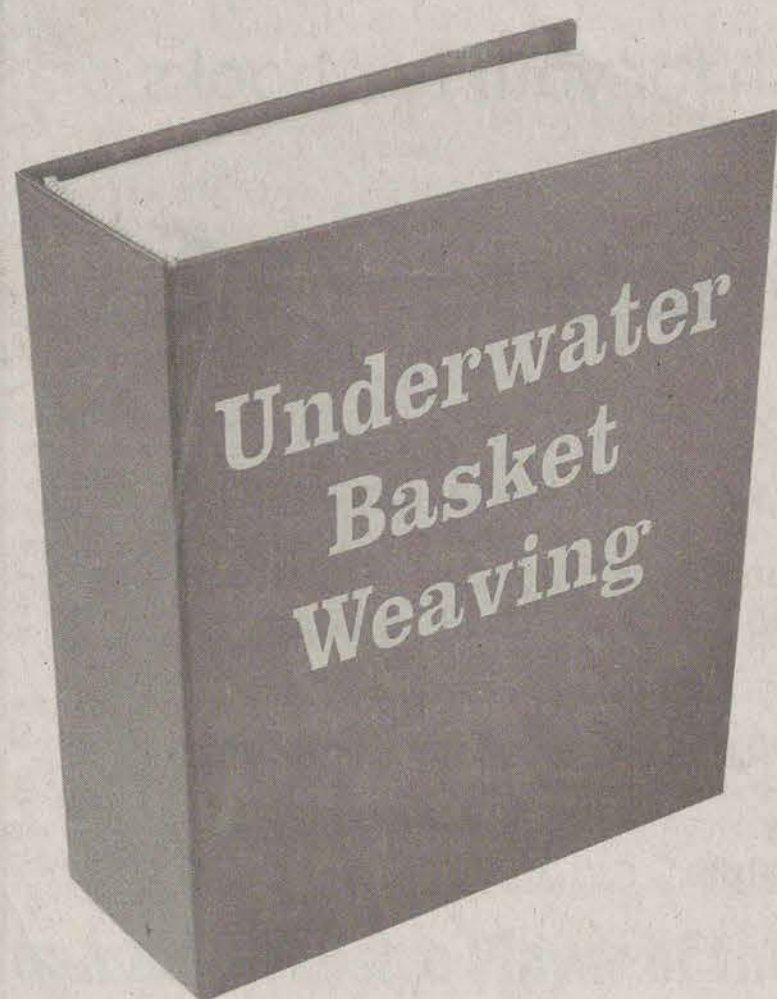
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In conjunction with all of these activities, GSU hosts events such as Scholars Day and Southern Exposure, where applicants can come and shadow a current student, stay in the dorms, sit in classes, and really get a feel of what a typical day here at GSU is like.

In addition to the freshman increase, more graduate students are coming onto campus to further their education. While the admissions department will be accepting applications for Fall 2004 until August 1, the cut off date for Spring 2004 was December 1. Most students that begin in

the Spring are mainly transfer students and contribute only a small portion, about 500 new students each year.

As for this coming Fall, the Admissions department is not anticipating an increase, which may be due to the fact that standards are now higher. With recruiting efforts extending throughout the state and out into states such as South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida, it is with out a doubt that this University's student body will continue to rise, making it an ideal destination must for high school graduates.



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Four suspects arrested in connection with recent burglaries

Police seize nearly \$20,000 in stolen items

By Luke M. Hearn

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The Statesboro Police Department held a press conference yesterday afternoon concerning the nearly 40 burglaries which took place from November 2003 through earlier this month and the four suspects arrested in connection with the crimes.

The robberies took place in about eight of the apartment complexes around the Georgia Southern campus, including Park Place, the Seasons, Stadium Walk, and Sterling Pines. According to Chief of Police Stan York, most of the burglaries took place over the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, when many students left their apartments to go home.

Two sets of suspects were arrested for the burglaries, although there is no con-

nection between them. According to the police report, Carlos Tyrelle Nesmith, age 19, and Emmanuel Kahir Brooks, also age 19, were arrested on December 30, 2003 after a citizen reported two suspicious people in the Lanier Drive area who possibly had stolen property in their possession. Each was arrested and charged with 13 counts of burglary.

The report also stated that on January 5, 2004, Michael Christon Gadsden, age 22, and Jonny Mac Brown, age 24, were arrested after someone reported a suspicious vehicle in their apartment complex. The two were arrested and each is now charged with 15 counts of burglary. All four suspects are currently being held at the Bulloch County Jail. None of the suspects are GSU students; however one lives in Park Place, one in Sterling Pines, and two in Bermuda Run.

It is estimated that the items seized by police have a street value of \$20,000.00. A variety of items were stolen, including jewelry, computers, DVD players, clothes, guns, a box of condoms, shoes, stereos, and even a pan of peach cobbler from someone's refrigerator.

The police are now in the process of sorting the recovered items and will contact the victims once this process is completed.

Chief York and the Statesboro Police Department want students to know that when leaving their apartments, especially for long periods of time such as the holidays, they should take any valuables with them. They also suggest letting the management of the complex know when they will be gone for an extended period of time and to ask for extra security around the complex.

Another suggestion they have, which is especially helpful if a burglary takes place, is to have pictures of items in the apartment, and also to have a copy of each item's model and serial numbers.

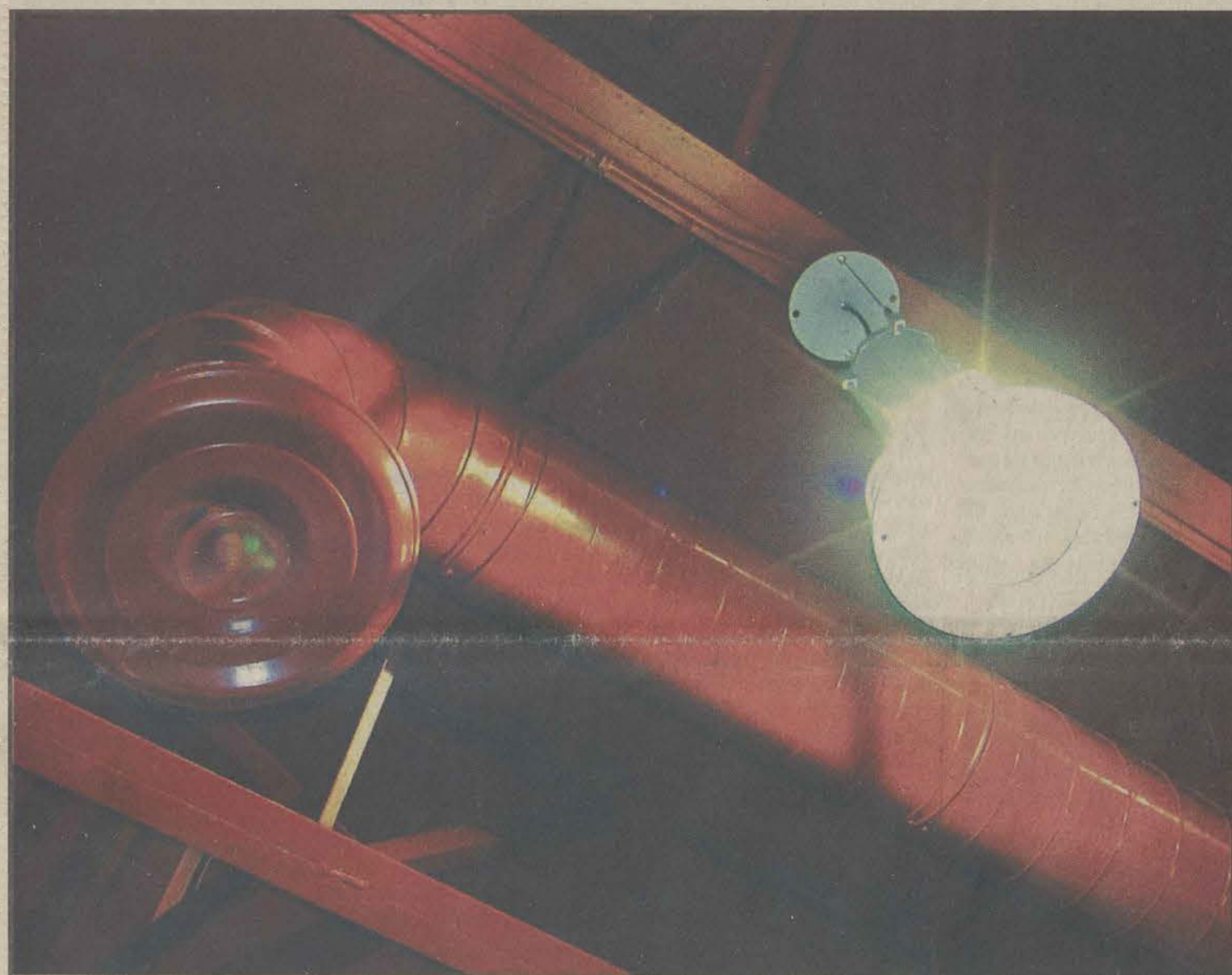
"We want the students to be aware of their safety, especially when they leave their apartments," York said. "We would also like to thank the two citizens who supplied the information that led to the arrest of the four people."

If you would like more safety tips, contact the Statesboro or the University Police Departments.

HIATUS

The holidays are over, but your brain could still use some rest

Section B



Renovations to Landrum and Russell Union update interior appearances

By Jessica Luber

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Landrum closed its doors for the second time in the new millennium.

With the finish of its fifth phase in an eight-phase renovation process, students and faculty are flocking in with the excitement and relief of having their favorite food facility open once again.

From two days before Thanksgiving, this 1969 vintage building had temporarily closed for renovations. Junior Becky Hicks stated, "Being on campus all day, without time to leave, I always eat on campus. I really enjoy the Asian Creations that is in Landrum. It really stunk having to cram into Lakeside with everyone else who had to eat."

Now with its fifth phase finished, Landrum will no longer have to shut its doors. "The last three stages," Tom Palfy Director of Food Services explained, "can and will take place while we are in operation. These renovations include things that can be done on the



Photos by Amanda Permenter

Landrum's ceiling (top) has been opened to reveal air vents, and multiple new light fixtures have been added. The chairs in the Union Theater (above) has been replaced with larger and more comfortable seating.

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Remains of missing GSU student found at Fort Benning

By Sarah Frey

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The body of Ardena Marie Carter was found by hunters on December 17, in a wooded and unpopulated area of Fort Benning in West Georgia.

Carter, a graduate student at Georgia Southern University, disappeared on September 11 after being dropped off at her University Pointe apartment by a friend. She intended to walk to the nearby Henderson Library, and did not return. She was six months pregnant at the time of her disappearance.

The investigation, led by the

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Carter

NO SMOKING

City ordinance banning smoking in many public places now in effect

By Luke M. Hearn

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"To smoke or not to smoke..." That is no longer the question, at least not in most places in the city of Statesboro.

The city council passed an ordinance taking effect on January 1, 2004, banning smoking "...in all public places and places of employment within the City of Statesboro." There are a few exceptions, however, including restaurants that have an area designated for live entertainment that takes place at least once every 13 weeks and also retail tobacco stores.

This issue was first proposed to the council in August of 2003 by Councilman John Morris, but was tabled until more research could be completed. The issue came back before the council at the December 16, 2003 meeting, with four of the five members in attendance voting in favor of the ordinance.

Minutes from the said meeting show that there were people speaking in favor of and against the ordinance, including a group of children from a local elementary school who read letters of concern about second-hand smoke. According to the minutes, Councilman Gary Lewis, who was at first against the ban, had a change of heart after hearing the children speak, saying, "I hear the children crying out for help."

Restaurants around town do not seem to have any problems with the new smoking ban. Nick Leone, manager at Applebee's said that so far, their business hasn't been hindered. "We've had no complaints. Our bar guests understand that it's not us, but the city," he said.

Eagle Diner has opened "Bean and Leaf," a tobacco retail store, in one section of the restaurant with a separate ventilation system. Here, customers can sample many types of flavored tobacco, as well as cigars and cigarettes, while also enjoying the selections on the diner's full menu. They will also soon offer a selection of fine coffees. Manager Jeremy Bufford says that he strongly

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Weekday Weather

Thursday

HIGH
54°LOW
37°

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Friday

HIGH
57°LOW
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Police Beat

12-19-2003

• Officers found a damaged window at the Henderson Library.

12-29-2003

• An officer discovered a damaged door at Johnson Hall.
• A Physical Plant employee reported two rolls of reflective vinyl sheeting and a roll of masking missing from two storage rooms at the Physical Plant.

01-03-2004

• Robert Leroy Geiger, 19, of Sanford Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and giving false information to an officer.
• Officers issued two traffic warnings and responded to one fire alarm.

01-04-2004

• Officers issued five traffic warn-

ings, assisted two motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

01-05-2004

• Officers issued two traffic citations and six traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted 11 motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

News Briefs

Sharon says Israel would withdraw from settlements

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed on Monday to press ahead with plans to move some Jewish settlements and pull back troops to new lines in the West Bank and Gaza Strip if an American-backed peace initiative fails.

Palestinian officials have called Sharon's plan a threat to seize territory they want for a future state, and they have urged a return to negotiations according to the road map. The U.S. has also rejected unilateral steps by Israel, saying they undermine the road map.

The road map plan, backed by the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia, outlines steps leading to a permanent peace agreement and the creation of a Palestinian state in 2005.

However, the plan has stalled amid continuing violence, and efforts to arrange a meeting between Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia.

The leader of the opposition Labor party, Shimon Peres, said Sharon's speech offered nothing new. "The continued rule of this government promises only continued confrontation and further deterioration of our standing in the world," he said.

Scientists confirm new SARS case in China

BEIJING - Chinese and international scientists on Monday said laboratory tests confirmed that a 32-year-old man in southern China has contracted SARS, raising fears that a new outbreak of the deadly virus may be incubating in the region where the disease was first identified.

World Health Organization experts said they did not know how the victim was infected with the first new case of severe acute respiratory syndrome since last year's worldwide epidemic, but they also declared there to be no immediate public health risk because the man was identified quickly as being ill and immediately quarantined. The WHO said it remained safe to travel to all areas of China.

In response to the case, the government Monday ordered the shutdown of wild animal food markets in southern China and the slaughter of up to 10,000 civet cats, the exotic animal eaten as a delicacy that has been implicated as a possible source of the SARS virus.

The government's quick public response was a dramatic contrast to the foot-dragging and cover-ups last spring that allowed the virus to spread around the world.

U.S. to release Iraqi prisoners, offer bounties for most wanted

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In an effort to isolate anti-American insurgents by winning over their likely supporters, U.S. officials will announce Wednesday the release of hundred of Iraqis swept up in raids and new cash bounties for a second tier of most-wanted figures from the former regime.

The prisoner release will affect 506 Iraqi detainees who are not suspected of violent crimes and who will be under the supervision of tribal leaders or clerics who will act as informal probation officers, senior coalition officials told a selected group of reporters in Baghdad Tuesday.

The new most-wanted list will include about two dozen of the country's top fugitives and will offer rewards of up to \$200,000 for each one arrested.

The moves are part of a new anti-insurgency campaign that a senior coalition official described as equal parts carrot and stick.

For the past two weeks, military sources have said the volume and value of intelligence in the post-capture period has increased significantly. They declined to elaborate.

Eighty suspects named in scam using identities of the dead

ATLANTA - Georgia investigators served 80 arrest warrants Tuesday in a scam where the identities of dead people in five states, including Oklahoma, were stolen to bolster the credit ratings of car buyers.

A southwest Georgia woman would troll newspaper obituaries to get the names of recently deceased people, then contacted an Internet search company that provides background checks to obtain the Social Security numbers, dates of birth and credit histories of the deceased, state investigators said.

The woman then sold fake IDs with the names of the deceased for \$500 to \$600 to people with bad credit, investigators say. The recipients would then use the stolen identities to buy cars.

Foley said she has been lobbying lawmakers in Washington to pass legislation that makes sure deaths certificates in every state are sent to the Social Security Administration so that the numbers of people who have died can't be used by scam artists. Some states send death certificates, while others do not, she said.

Credit agencies can purchase a master list of people who have died so the death can be listed on their credit report, she said.

Republicans' lawyer: Democratic map violate Constitution

ATLANTA - The lawyer for Republicans challenging Georgia's state and congressional political districts argued Tuesday that Democrats violated the U.S. Constitution when they drew maps more than two years ago.

Frank Strickland, arguing before a three-judge panel in federal court, said majority Democrats crammed as many voters as possible into heavily Republican districts while spreading out Democrats over as many districts as possible violating the Constitution's "one person-one vote" provision.

The results of the federal case, expected to continue at least through Friday, could radically alter the nature of Georgia's 2004 elections and throw this year's General Assembly session, which begins next week, into chaos.

Attorneys for the state argued that legislative Republicans refused to take part in the redistricting process - eyeing a possible lawsuit - and that the Democrats who worked on the map naturally got better districts.

During the 2001 redistricting, Democrats controlled both the state House and Senate. Republicans in both chambers complained that maps for both chambers, and Congress, were drawn to give the majority party an advantage.

In 2002, Democratic majorities were elected to both chambers using the maps.

WVGS is looking for DJ's

The first WVGS DJ's meeting for Spring Semester 2004 will be Wednesday December 14 at 8 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2080. This will be your chance to sign up to become part of the most exciting organization on campus. Keep it locked to the number one station in Statesboro, WVGS 91.9 FM.

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Campus Briefs

Georgia Southern alumnus gives address at Fall 2003 Commencement

G-A News Service

A Georgia Southern alumnus who overcame blindness to become an attorney and a record-setting distance runner encouraged the University's latest graduates to pursue what the Greek philosopher Aristotle called "the perfection of humanity."

"What is the perfection of humanity?" Tim Willis asked the audience during his commencement address in Hanner Fieldhouse on Friday, Dec. 12.

"It is my contention that it is all of these things linked together that is important."

Willis spoke at the first of three separate ceremonies that were part of Georgia Southern's Fall 2003 Commencement. Counting those who completed their degree requirements in the summer, over 1,100 students were eligible to participate in the commencement exercises.

Despite losing his sight as a child, Willis was both a scholar and an athlete throughout high school and college. At Georgia Southern, he won the President's Award and was named Outstanding Political Science Student.

In addition, Willis was the first totally blind athlete to compete in cross country on the NCAA Division I level.

He accompanied President Clinton for a jog before the opening of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games.

After graduating from Georgia Southern with a degree in political science in 1994, Willis enrolled in Mercer University's law school. He won the Dean's Distinguished Student Award and earned his law degree in 2000.

Today, Willis is a practicing lawyer and a contract attorney for the Disability Law and Policy Center of Georgia. He is also a member of the Governor's Statewide Rehabilitation Council and the U.S. Disabled Athlete's Fund Advisory Board.

Also, Willis has captured numerous medals for distance running in the Paralympic Games. He held the world record for disabled athletes in the 10,000 meters from 1995 through 2002.

"At this stage of your life, it is important to understand what people have done before you, and what is expected for you to do in the future," Willis told the graduates and their families and friends during his commencement address. "It is important because before you know it, you will be the leaders, teachers, professionals and parents expected to assist others on their journeys."

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1 Florida

Man seeks to establish Christian nudist colony outside Tampa

HUDSON —Bill Martin has purchased about 240 acres of land about 30 miles outside Tampa for a little more than \$1.6 million, much of it on the site of an old nudist colony that had fallen into disrepair, which he and his business partners hope to transform into a modern-day Garden of Eden.

"The Bible very clearly states that when Adam and Eve were in right with God, they were naked," said David Blood, executive director of the project. "When people are in right with God, they do not have to fear nudity."

The renovated park, to be called Natura, would feature an open church, a giant water park for the kids and classes in family building and strengthening marriage.

Martin said he had not yet figured out what to do about four registered sex offenders living in or around the park, though he said he's discussing it with his attorneys.

2 New York

Bronx man trapped under mountain of junk

NEW YORK —A Bronx man spent two days trapped under newspapers, magazines and books in his apartment before being rescued by firefighters and neighbors, authorities said.

Patrice Moore, 43, was apparently deluged when a mountainous collection of mail and other paper items collapsed in his apartment on Morris Avenue in the Tremont section. The building's landlord discovered him Monday after coming to the apartment to give Moore a small loan, the

New York Times reported Tuesday. Emergency workers, neighbors and about 20 firefighters dug through the debris to reach Moore, filling 50 garbage bags with paper.

Moore had apparently been standing up when the books, catalogs, mail and newspapers swamped him Saturday, officials said. He was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital with leg injuries and was in stable condition Monday night.

The incident recalled the legendary case of the Collyer brothers, who in 1947 were discovered dead in their house in Harlem after one of the brothers was found trapped under a pile of papers and the other died of starvation.

3 Kentucky

Woman charged in theft of glass eyes

OWENSBORO —Police charged a woman Friday with stealing 50 antique glass eyes from a hospital display case on Christmas Eve.

The eyes were valued at \$2,500. The hospital had mistakenly reported the eyes were worth \$100,000, which was actually the value of the exhibit collection. The eyes were recovered at a house Wink was staying in.

Police Detective Ed Krahwinkel said he wasn't sure why someone would steal the eyes; there isn't high demand on the black market for them.

"Honestly, I don't think she knew what to do with them," Krahwinkel said. "Being a high profile case, and a used item, I think she was stuck with them."

The glass eyes were a gift to the hospital from Owensboro physician Barney Elliott, who bought the glass eyes from a dealer in South Carolina about 10 years ago. They were most likely made at the beginning of the 20th century or earlier. The eyes came in a variety of colors and even included bloodshot or jaundiced tints so they

4 Michigan

Police: Bank robber's pooch alerts authorities to suspect

WEST BRANCH —A pooch along for the ride during a bank robbery gave authorities a clue they needed to track down the suspect.

Tellers at a West Branch credit union, which was robbed Wednesday, told police they saw the suspect driving a white car with a dog in the back seat. Police spotted a car matching the general description a few minutes later at a gas station near Alger.

When they saw a dog inside, they closed in and arrested a 43-year-old Saginaw County man. The suspect, who on Friday was awaiting arraignment, is expected to face one count of bank robbery and one count of commission of a felony using a firearm.

The robbery occurred when a man entered the Northland Area Federal Credit Union, wrote a note at the service counter and handed it to a teller. The note demanded money and threatened gunfire if the teller didn't comply.

The man went to a nearby gas station and was spotted by another police officer as he pumped gas.

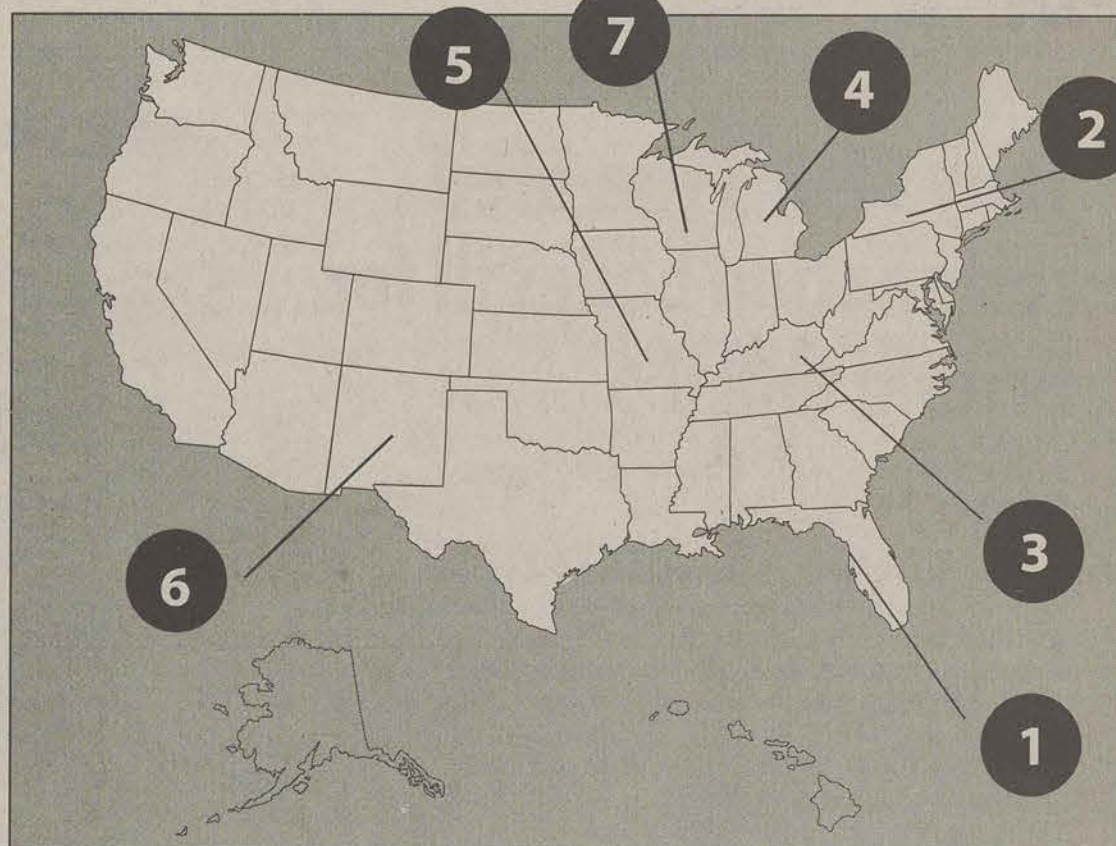
The dog was taken to an animal shelter.

5 Missouri

Pastor: Man claims he's Jesus, drives car into church

SUNSET HILLS —A man who disrupted weekend services at a church in a St. Louis suburb claiming he was Jesus drove a car into the building's lobby doors moments later.

The man walked into the church during the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service, carrying a wooden box he said he



needed to deliver to the pastor.

The man was led to the back of the church but refused to leave. As ushers waited for police, the man, angry about being denied access to the pastor, reportedly got into his blue Saturn sedan and drove into the front of the church, shattering two of the eight glass doors.

Church members held the man down until police arrived.

Items found inside the wooden box Sunday included a Bible and a St. Christopher's medal that belonged to the man's late father. St. Christopher is the patron saint for transportation.

6 New Mexico

Couple returns home to find dead man in air duct

ALBUQUERQUE —An Albuquerque couple returned from a Christmas vacation to find a dead man trapped in the air ducts of their home.

The owner said the home was

unusually cold when he walked in Tuesday so he went to the back bedroom to check the heater. He found the legs of a man dangling from an air duct in the ceiling.

Investigators said the man, who appeared to be in his 70s, broke open the air conditioner on the roof of the house and climbed in. The suspected burglar got stuck in the air duct. The cause of death has not been determined and it was not immediately known how long the man had been hanging there.

The homeowners had been away for nearly a week.

7 Wisconsin

Hustisford celebrates new year with annual 'Toilet Bowl'

HUSTISFORD —The royalty in the town's annual bowl parade carried toilet plunger scepters and sat on a giant toilet throne.

People in Hustisford welcomed the new year Thursday with the 39th annual Hustisford Toilet Bowl Parade.

Spectators along the parade route flung toilet paper at the Toilet Bowl Queen and King, Courtney and Jason Hildebrandt. The parade was followed by a town football game and water fight.

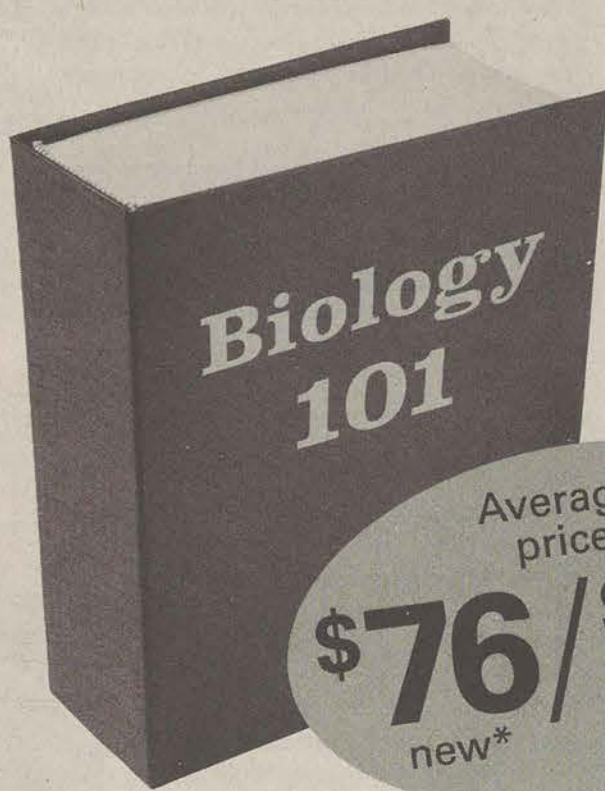
The parade had other floats, including one of Santa pulling a captured Saddam Hussein and one of a sled carrying "Miss Poopsie 2004," a doll on a potty chair pulled by a team of four dachshunds.

The Hildebrandts earned their royal honor by selling the most raffle tickets.

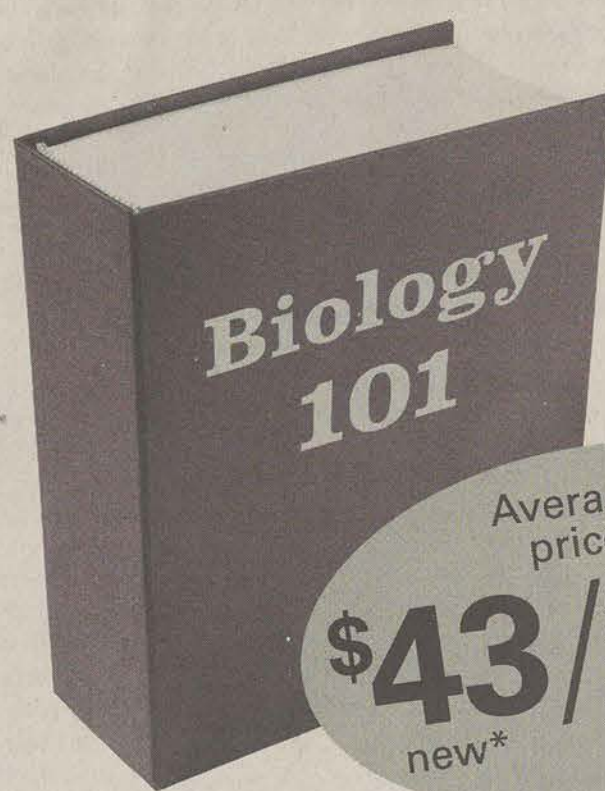
The event raises money for scholarships for students from this village of 1,142 in southeastern Wisconsin's Dodge County. It also supports its sponsors, the Hustisford Fire Department.

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OPINIONS

Tony Blair's rumored
resignation bodes ill for
Britain and U.S.By Llewellyn King
KRT Campus

LAVENHAM, England – As they say, a year makes a difference. A year ago, British Prime Minister Tony Blair was so unassailable, with such a large majority in the House of Commons, that it appeared that he could be prime minister for years, if not decades. Now there is speculation that he might be gone by next Christmas, a victim of his own work habits as much as of political opposition.

For President Bush, the loss of Blair would be immense. Not that Britain would automatically repudiate its close affinity with the United States, but it is hard to imagine any other prime minister, let alone Blair's potential successor, the mercurial Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, hewing so closely to the Bush line. Blair has been a godsend to Bush: an exuberant partner in the war against terrorism, the Iraqi war and the overthrow of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

If there has been periodic tension between these two, as there was between Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt during World War II, not a hint of it has emerged.

Blair always seems to be there for Bush. But the past year has taken a terrible toll on the prime minister, with problems in Europe, domestic problems in reforming the education and national health systems, plus constant criticism of his war policies from members of his own party.

Whereas Bush is a master at delegating, Blair seems not to trust his own Cabinet and feels that he has to do everything himself. He does take vacations – the latest in Egypt – but he often works through weekends, travels incessantly and is Britain's man at the table, whether it is a Commonwealth meeting in Nigeria or a wrangle over the European constitution in Brussels.

Blair's style of governance is to work outside of the traditional channels of government. He is criticized for not attending the House of Commons frequently enough and for not enjoying it as prime ministers are supposed to; for holding brief, perfunctory Cabinet meetings; and for relentlessly taking the responsibilities of the country on to himself.

Although the Brits are deeply confused about Blair's Bush connection, they still seem to like him. But Blair has entered that dangerous neverland of politics, where he is liked but not trusted.

It means he stands on a slippery slope and will be tested severely in the weeks ahead when an independent inquiry conducted by Lord Hutton looks into whether British intelligence was hyped to support the war in Iraq.

A scientist critically involved in the assessment, David Kelly, committed suicide after suggesting to a BBC correspondent that the intelligence had been "sexed up" to support the war. It is unlikely that the prime minister will come out of the inquiry untarnished – and possibly he could emerge quite damaged.

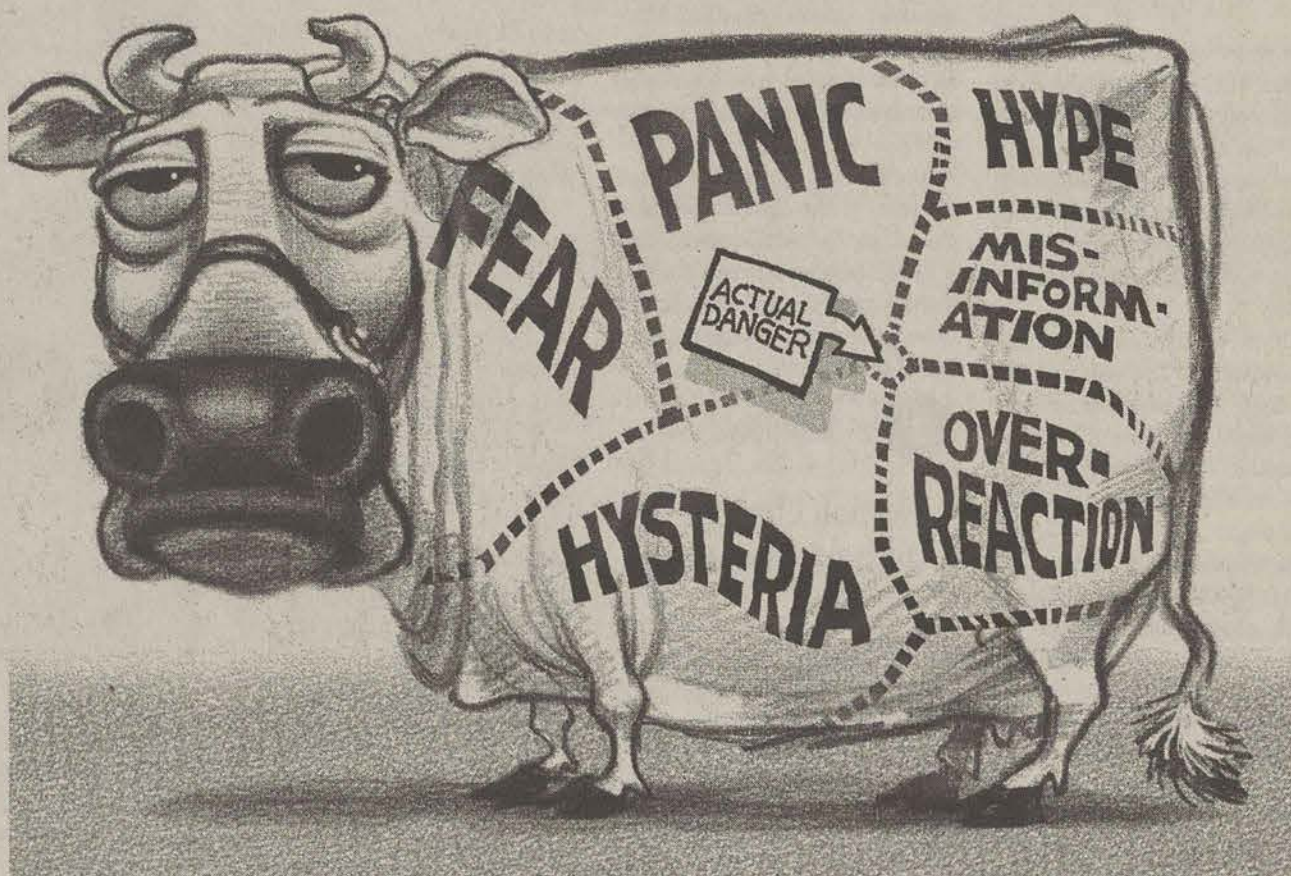
Far more than Bush, Blair emphasized weapons of mass destruction as a justification for the invasion of Iraq. It was Blair who offered up the false information that Saddam Hussein was trying to buy uranium in Niger and that he had weapons of mass destruction that could be launched in 45 minutes.

Yet British analysts believe Blair's physical problems, not his political ones, may cause him to step down in the coming year. He has a mild heart condition, has been losing weight, and looks haggard.

The burdens of his office have increased as his early team of confidantes has drifted away through scandal or normal attrition. The latest to go was his press secretary, Alastair Campbell. But the most missed may be Peter Mandelson, one of the authors of the Labor Party's revival and an alter ego. He was caught up in a scandal involving a house loan from another Labor Member of Parliament and had to leave the inner circle.

It appears sometimes that Blair may be closer to Bush than he is to his own

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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Race

Editor's Note: Over the last few years, innumerable G-A readers have solicited their interest in either reading or becoming the next Carrie Bradshaw. As editor-in-chief, I have adamantly opposed having a "sex column" in *The George Anne* – not for lack of wanting one, but mainly because I couldn't seem to find anyone with enough flair, tact and talent to write maturely about the subject.

Enter DeMarc Campbell.

With a knack for identifying the many social issues that complicate relationships, DeMarc writes comfortably, confidently and conversationally about an issue that effects college students in a very unique way: Sex.

Each article in DeMarc's series, "Speaking of..." will tackle a new topic related to relationships and sex. We hope you enjoy this new, and certainly trendy, weekly feature.

Few issues anywhere are as touchy as the combination of sexuality and race. I speak from personal experience.

We all know the stereotypes: Asians are submissive. Blacks are sex machines. Latinos are hot-blooded. Caucasians, being the dominant culture, at least in the United States, unsurprisingly escape generalized stereotyping, but sub-groups – Italians, for instance – do get typecast.

There may be a grain of truth to some stereotypes, but even the "good" ones are simplistic generalizations that prevent us from getting past skin color to see the person underneath.

In the sexual marketplace, sexual objectification runs riot and stereotypes of all sorts abound. Hairy men are masculine. Blonde women have (and supposedly are) more fun. Guys with big feet... have big shoes. And redheads... are in a class all their own!

Let's face it: We judge books by their covers. It's to be expected, and really, it's not a cardinal sin. As my lifelong friend (and unlikely sex god) Bruce Clymer says, "I enjoy being sexually objectified... for a minute."

We're each entitled to our sexual preferences. It's really okay not to want to have sex with someone who's older or younger, darker or lighter. Someone who excludes whole sections of the general populace from the pool of possible love objects may leave themselves poorer as a result, but scrogging someone as a political project is dubious, too.

A Jewish guy I knew told me he would never have sex with other Jews. Internalized self-hate? Maybe, but what could I say? "Go out and pork Jews (is that kosher?); it's the right thing to do?"

There's a pretty thin line between appreciating someone for their differences and fantasizing about someone because of their "exoticism." For everyone who's "not into Asians," there's another who's a "rice queen/king," a term that downgrades both people involved, demeaning one for their racial fetishism, reducing the other to an object to be consumed.

Not only white people have race-based sexual tastes, of course. Nevertheless, in much of the Western world, caucasians still hold the power. And, sometimes, even

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Don't eat paste, and other things you should already know

I don't know about the rest of you guys, but I was bored with the winter excursus about halfway through it.

In fact, I was more eager to return to Statesboro than radio stations were to play Jingle Bell Rock. Sure, the festivities were fine. But, beyond that, there's only so much entertainment to be found in overcrowded shopping malls, long-lost cousins and leftover holiday dinners. Even the chance to sleep in – such a coveted commodity while school's in session – started losing its splendor after the tenth consecutive day of having lunch for breakfast. The need to get those brain waves flowing even led me to read a couple of books over the break.

I was so eager to get back into class by the time Monday rolled around that I had forgotten all about how quickly one's backside goes numb in those uncomfortable desks, how the minutes crawl by, and how all the clocks in all the classrooms are wrong. No, it mattered none to me. I was like Johnny 5 from Short Circuit, running around murmuring "Input! Input!"

Then, much more slowly than surely, I was forced to recall what we always spend the first week doing at Georgia Southern: Sharpening our syllabi expertise.

I know why they do it. At least I think I do, anyway. It's added insurance. It's so no student can say, "But! But! It's not fair! I didn't understand what was expected of me!"

I, however, find it insulting – and mostly, if not entirely, unnecessary.

Are we so unscholarly that we need our course requirements spelled out in crayon for us? I hate to state the obvious, but... We're in college. It makes absolutely no sense that our esteemed professors should even feel the need to waste an entire class

period (or two) with reading this short outline out loud. Take a quick look at your average syllabus. Does much else but the phrase "self-explanatory" come to mind? There's no reason we can't read this stuff without someone holding our hands. Think of it as homework, if you will.

While the less enthusiastic among us are glad for the delay in delving into the course material, those of us who actually want to learn something are nearly bored to tears by such anti-discourse.

So what if the books haven't arrived at the bookstore yet? That's a valid reason to waste an entire week of valuable class time? We could be getting going. Instead of kicking the semester off with a week of total non-productivity, we could end up with an extra week at the end of the semester – after we've actually learned something – to work on term papers, prepare for final exams, or reflect on what we've learned.

It embarrasses me that we need to go over the definition of plagiarism and recite the academic honor code in every single course we take, every single semester. There are still students who care enough to seek out what is expected of them, and who would never dream of cheating on course work. Opposite them are people who need syllabi read to them – people it seems are only in college so they can put "student" in the occupation field on surveys.

For not wanting to spend forty-five minutes scrutinizing what's on the menu for Week Twelve in each of my classes, I suppose most would classify me as a nerd. That's fine. Call me what you will.

I'm just glad this week has ended. Maybe now I get start to get my loan's worth out of my classes.

Amanda Permenter
editor-in-chief



Crisis not over: Americans must regain confidence in beef

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Wednesday, Dec. 31:

The discovery that the mad cow found in Washington state came from Canada has caused the U.S. beef industry to breathe a wholly unwarranted sigh of relief. This crisis isn't over, and the American people shouldn't fool themselves into thinking it is.

Nobody can say for sure that the "downer" Holstein that sparked the current scare was the only one of her kind. It was a fluke that bovine spongiform encephalopathy was discovered in this cow's tissue, and that fortunate find came only after her meat had been processed. Some experts believe the only reason BSE, or mad cow disease, hasn't been found here yet is that the government hardly has been looking for it.

The meatpacking industry has long fought congressional attempts to tighten regulation in response to the mad cow disaster overseas. Last summer, Congress narrowly defeated a ban on using sick or injured cattle for meat, with Republican and Democratic members of Congress from farm states blocking passage. Too expensive, they said.

That's some bargain they struck. A single cow found to have slipped through the system has caused almost all of America's \$3 billion annual beef export market to evaporate in a single week.

Weigh that loss against the relatively paltry \$300 million a comprehensive inspection regimen like some European countries have would cost here. And think about the scope of the catastrophe if American consumers, who eat 90 percent of U.S. beef, lose confidence in its safety.

The industry points to the 1997 federal ban on feeding animal proteins to cattle — a ban the industry fought — as a successful anti-BSE measure. But two years ago, the General Accounting Office discovered that the government had no way to enforce the ban or even to determine which firms were complying with it.

Moreover, there are loopholes in the law, including the appalling fact that it remains legal for factory farms to turn calves into vampires, feeding them the blood of slaughtered cattle — which can't be guaranteed to be BSE-free — as a "milk replacer." No wonder neurologist Stanley Prusiner, who won the Nobel Prize for discovering what causes BSE, believes that mad cow is more present in the U.S. beef supply than we know.

This isn't a time for consumer panic. But more important, it isn't a time to kid ourselves that the health and regulatory status quo is acceptable. To do so would be — there's no better word for it — mad.

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Cabinet and Labor Party operatives. It is an odd precariousness into which Blair, a devout Christian and clearly well-meaning man, has maneuvered himself.

The situation is summed up by Peter Osborne, the political editor of the venerable Spectator magazine: "The summer marks the prime minister's 10th anniversary as Labor leader, an elegant opportunity for him to make an exit with as much grace as he can muster. There's no more than a 50-50 chance that he will be in Downing Street by this time next Christmas."

In cricket, the equivalent of a home run is a ball in the air to the boundary, counting for six runs. Tony Blair needs to hit a six if he is to stay on and fulfill his potential as one of Britain's more extraordinary prime ministers. If he does not, it may be Britain's loss — and it certainly will be America's loss.

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the well-meaning can treat people of color in weird and hurtful ways. One young man of mixed racial heritage says, "I feel like I've become the non-self-appointed ambassador of interracial relationships, either that or I'm the transmitter of jungle fever. I've met at least a dozen people who all have said, in almost the exact same words, 'I don't find black guys attractive, but you...' And the funny part is, I'm more black than white in heritage, and I don't act stereotypically black (no Ebonics here). I feel like maybe I should get some traditional African clothing and start clicking when I talk."

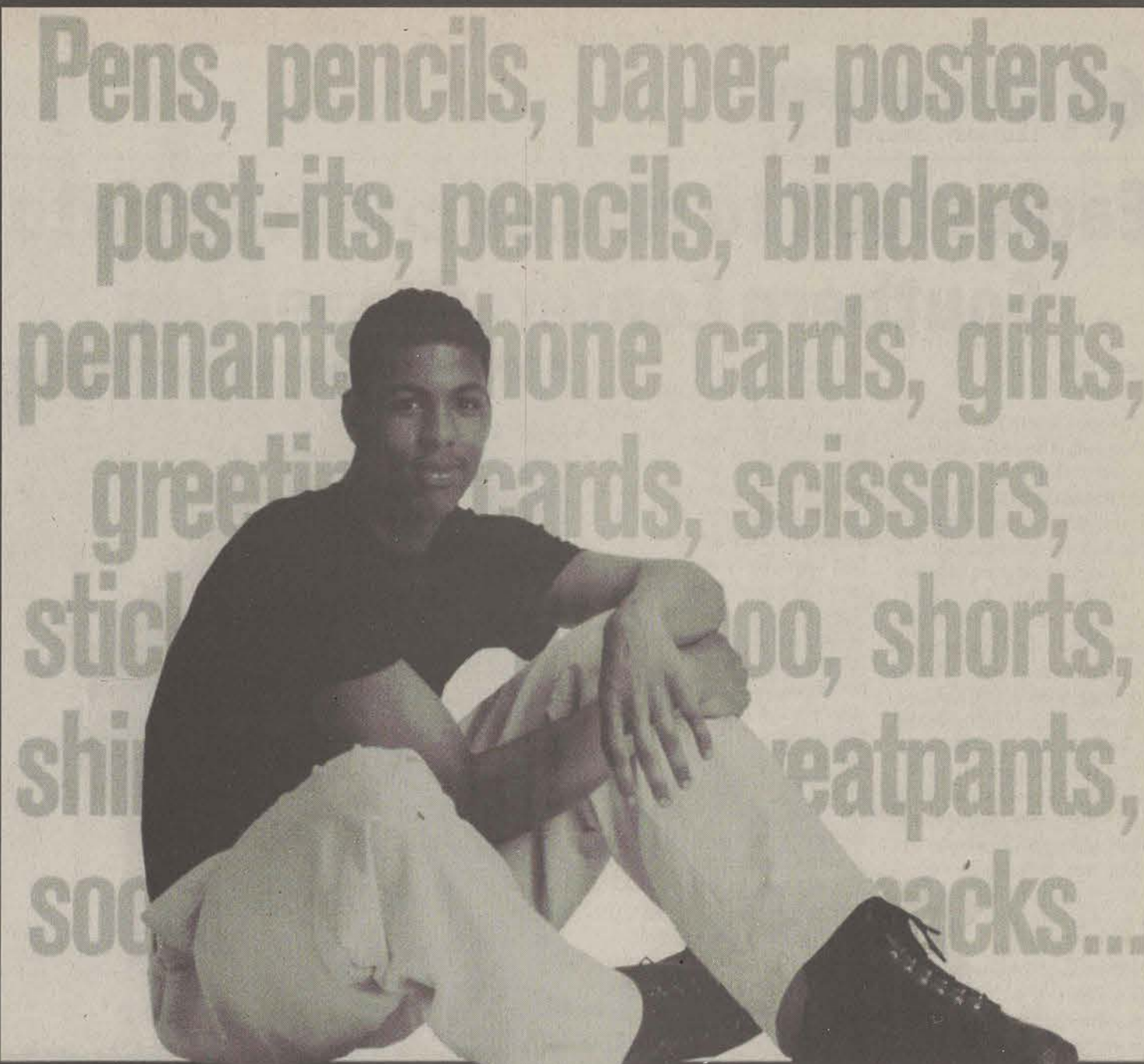
In an ideal world, to modify a line by Dr. King, we would judge each other for the content of our sex lives, not the color of our skin. This world isn't, in case you hadn't noticed, ideal, but we can make it better. Being conscious of what we're thinking, saying, and doing is a valuable step. Another good move is growing up and thinking of people as fully rounded individuals, not just toys with holes put here for our amusement.

Even if you're not going to be open to dating members of a particular ethnic group, that's no reason not to socialize with them. Just as a straight person getting to know me is likely to lose their homophobia, associating with a multiracial crowd, whatever your background, can bring down racial barriers. And who knows, maybe someday soon you'll end up scrogging that attractive certain someone over there, the one who just happens to be... Well, you fill in the blank.

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Eagles look to ride momentum into Southern Conference season

By Kenny Cofer

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Georgia Southern is almost to the halfway point of the 2003-2004 season and currently holds an 8-3 record entering Wednesday's ballgame.

The Eagles have been quietly racking up wins with a new tough defense and strong play from guard Elton Nesbitt and forward Frank Bennett.

After their final exams, the Georgia Southern men's basketball team packed their bags and headed north. On Dec. 15, the Eagles rolled into Staten Island, N.Y. to take on Wagner. The three-point line was very friendly to the Eagles, as they knocked down nine three-pointers in a 21-point beating of the hometown Seahawks. Leading the way for the Eagles was Kordel Gibson with 16 points and four rebounds.

After the win in the Empire State, Georgia Southern again was on the road, but this time they were back in the South, taking on the Southern Miss Golden Eagles. It was a hard fought game, as Georgia Southern had to claw their way back into it after trailing by 21 points in the second half. The Eagles eventually were able to take the lead 77-75 late in the game, but Southern Miss was able to tie things back up again. Georgia Southern had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation, but a Jean Francois jumper rimmed out to send the game into overtime. In overtime, the Eagles held the lead at one point, but free throws from Southern Miss eventually iced the game and gave them the win 95-91. Terry Williams was the leading scorer for Georgia

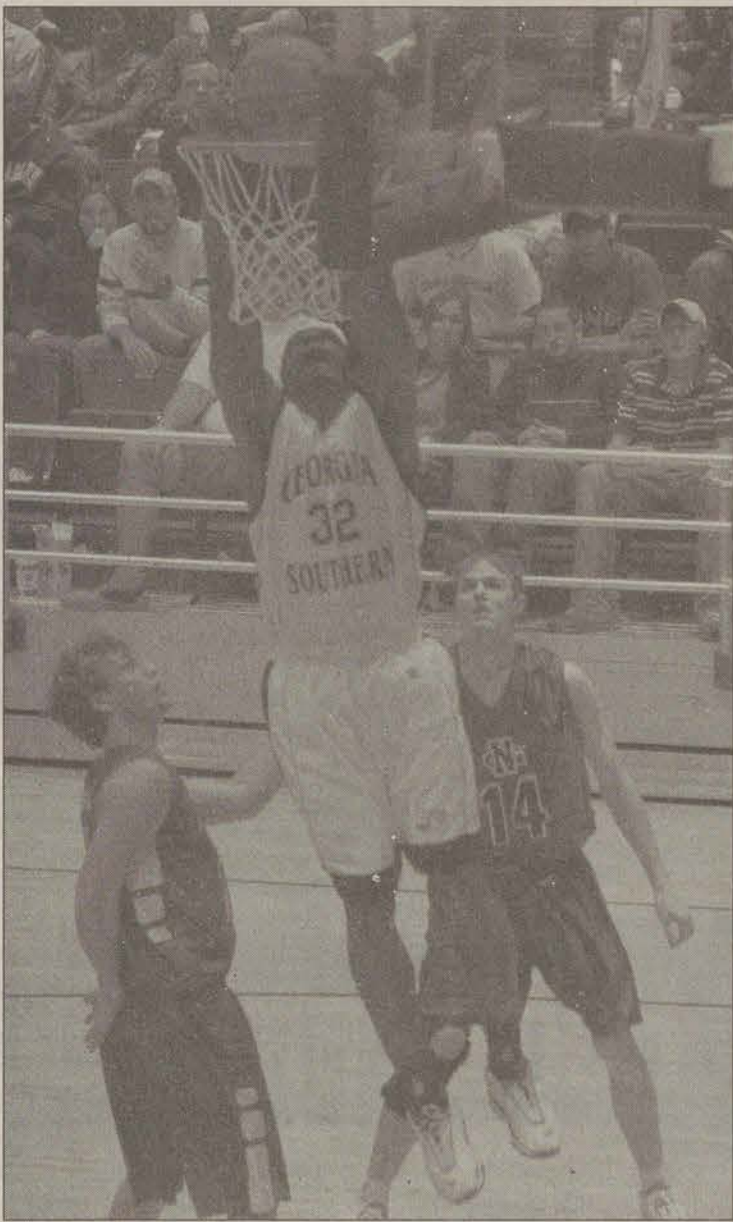
Southern with 21 points.

With the heartbreaking loss still on their minds, the Eagles headed home to take on Tennessee Temple at Hanner Fieldhouse. Georgia Southern took out all their frustration on the smaller Crusader team, as the Eagles defeated them by a score of 96-50. Four Eagle players scored in double figures with Bennett leading the way at 17 points.

After a lot of rest and some Christmas dinner, the Eagles headed to Corpus Christi, Texas to compete in the Flint Hills Resources Islander Classic on Dec. 29-30 for their first game in over nine days. The first opponent for Georgia Southern in the tournament was Cleveland State. GSU used the strong play of Bennett, who scored 22 points, to defeat the Vikings by a score of 79-64.

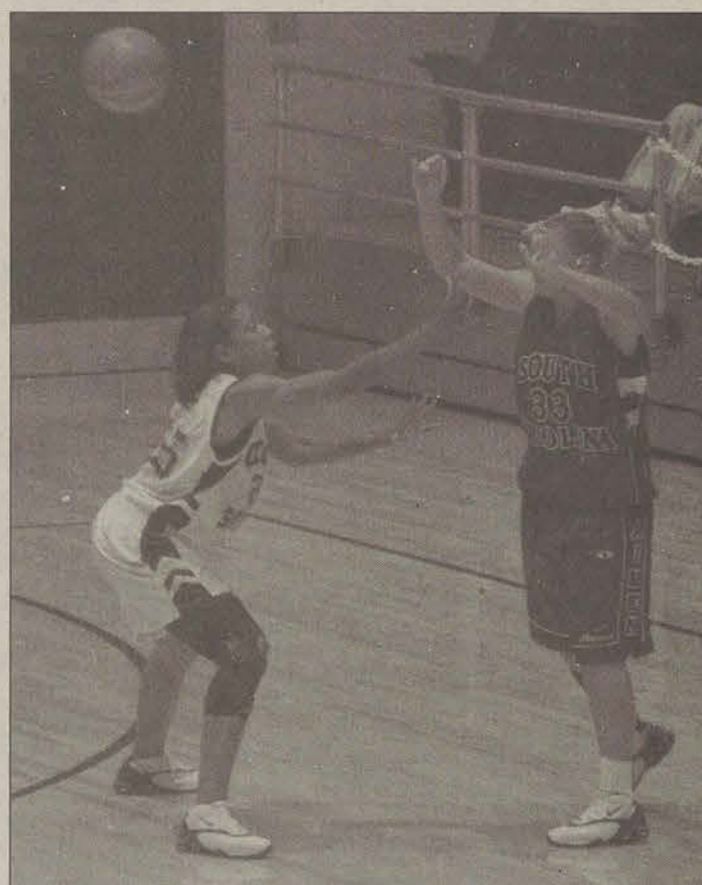
With the defeat of Cleveland State under their belts, the Eagles strutted into the tournament final against the host team, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Nesbitt showed up huge in the game for GSU, as he scored 25 points to go along with his five rebounds as the Eagles went on to defeat the Islanders 70-57 and win the Classic.

Fresh of their long road trip, Georgia Southern headed back to Statesboro on Jan. 2 to get the new year started right. Fort Valley State came calling looking to spoil the scene. GSU would not let this happen though, as they romped Fort Valley State by a score of 97-60. Bennett led the way with 22 points, while Nesbitt added 15 points of his own.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Senior forward Frank Bennett has been the Eagles' unquestioned veteran leader as the team is on an 8-3 start. Bennett is currently averaging 15.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Junior forward Adrienne Early (left) has been a newfound defensive presence for the Lady Eagles with 11 rebounds against East Tennessee State and a career-high 17 rebounds against the College of Charleston.

Lady Eagles start slow in league play

By Eli Boorstein

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It was an up and down holiday season for the Lady Eagle basketball team as they opened the Southern Conference season by splitting their last six games.

Georgia Southern currently has a 6-5 overall record and an even 3-3 mark in league play as they move towards the second half of their schedule. They will return to action on Saturday when UNC Greensboro comes to town for a 5:15 p.m. tip-off.

Senior Jessica Everett is currently averaging 10.8 points and 6.8 rebounds to lead Georgia Southern. Fellow senior Shawnica Hill is scoring at a mark of 9.2 points per game. Junior Kellie Tiller has surged lately, building her average up to 8.5 points per game. Junior Adrienne Early has shown prowess on the defensive side of the ball, averaging 5.8 rebounds in each contest.

With exams just around the corner, the Lady Eagles opened up the SoCon season with a 68-53 win over Appalachian State at Hanner Fieldhouse on Dec. 6.

Georgia Southern dominated the opening half as they doubled up the Mountaineers with a 40-20 score entering halftime. Appalachian State was unable to get much closer in the second half as the Eagles cruised to victory.

In her first career start, Tiller responded by posting a career-high 20 points, including a 4-for-6 shooting performance from three-point range. Everett added 15 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

Following a two-week break, Georgia Southern showed a little bit of rust as they narrowly escaped Cullowhee, N.C. with a 62-58 win over Western Carolina on Dec. 20.

The opening half of the game was a back-and-forth affair before the two clubs deadlocked at 30-30 entering the locker rooms. After the Catamounts grabbed the lead early in the second half, the Lady Eagles responded with a run of their own to jump back ahead for good to spoil the home team's efforts.

Hill's 11 points paced Georgia Southern while Early managed 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Eagles kept their winning ways going two days later, as they took care of the College of Charleston at Hanner Fieldhouse, 66-57.

Though the Cougars held the initial advantage, sophomore Nicole Newton used a streak of 12 consecu-

tive points to put Georgia Southern ahead 25-19. Charleston was able to stage a quick comeback just before the half, trailing by just one after the buzzer. The second half was much the same story as the Cougars held things close early on before seeing their momentum collapse at the hands of the Lady Eagles.

Newton came off the bench to shoot 8-for-10, finishing with a career-high 18 points. Early added 14 points, but her biggest contribution came on the boards as she corralled a personal best of 17 rebounds, nine on the offensive end.

Georgia Southern saw a five-game winning streak end and a three-game losing streak start when they fell 65-64 to East Tennessee State on Dec. 30 in Johnson City, Tenn.

After leading the entire first half, the Lady Eagles saw their lead evaporate in the second half on a combination of turnovers and the 50-percent clip the Bucs shot in the half. A Tiller three-point attempt at the final buzzer fell short. Georgia Southern dominated the boards with 51 total rebounds, but it was their 21 turnovers that ultimately caused their fate.

Everett led the Lady Eagles with 20 points and 13 rebounds while Hill added 11 points and Early had 11 rebounds.

Sloppy play once again led to a Georgia Southern loss, this time on the road at Davidson 62-49 this past Saturday.

Trailing by two at the half, the Lady Eagles built their advantage up to 10 points as they went ahead 45-35 with 11:21 on the clock. But from that point, Georgia Southern went ice-cold during a drought that lasted nearly eight minutes and saw the Wildcats score 18 unanswered points. Georgia Southern out-rebounded Davidson, but turned the ball over 29 times.

Hill led the Lady Eagles with 14 points, the only Georgia Southern player in double digits.

Monday was even worse for Georgia Southern, as they were routed 70-32 at SoCon power Chattanooga.

The Lady Eagles were held to just 10 points in the first half as they shot just 8-for-63, or 12.7 percent, on the night. The opening of the game showed glimpses of the difficulties Georgia Southern would have as the Mocs opened up on a 15-0 tear on the way to a 31-10 halftime lead.

Everett scored eight points to lead Georgia Southern in the defeat.

Volleyball ends 2003 with NCAA bid, respect from opponents

By Eli Boorstein

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When taking a look at the underachieving Georgia Southern volleyball program just a mere three years ago, it is hard to believe the plateaus they are now at.

Though it has been over a month since their final match, the Lady Eagles, who finished the year 27-10, still have the bright memories of a remarkable Southern Conference Tournament run and a respectable battle with national power Florida in the NCAA Tournament.

Georgia Southern faced off with the Gators, the eventual national runners-up to USC, and gave them a closer match than most of the Southeastern Conference did. They left Gainesville, Fla. with a new fan in Gator coach Mary Wise.

After the match, Wise remarked how much she had become a friend of Eagle head coach Kerry Messersmith's coaching philosophy. Wise called Eagle star Martina Veiglova the best player she had ever seen in the early rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

"She is probably the best female coach in the country," said Messers-



Ryan Moore/STAFF

The Eagle volleyball team had a season of highlights such as sweeping Charleston in front of a record crowd, battling through the SoCon Tournament and fighting hard with a talented Florida squad in the NCAA Tournament.

smith about Wise. "The kids work hard. It's nice to be recognized by a person like that."

If Messersmith and the Lady Eagles hope to earn their third NCAA berth in four years, they will have to do it with a visibly different roster.

Gone will be the senior quartet of Veiglova, Christina Lentz, Megan Lippi and Erin Martin.

Veiglova, who, in 2001, came with Messersmith from Arizona Western, had a honor-laden three years in Statesboro, winning SoCon Player of

the Year twice. After this season, in which she finished first in the nation in total kills, she was named an honorable mention All-American.

The other three seniors were the

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Battle with Georgia highlights 2004 football slate

By Brian Saxton

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The Georgia Southern Football team announced their 2004 schedule on Dec. 9, which will open in Athens against the Georgia Bulldogs.

This will be the third meeting between the two teams since 1992, and GSU's fourteenth matchup against a I-AA opponent since 1984.

In 2000 the Bulldogs defeated the Eagles 29-7, but former Eagle fullback Adrian Peterson kept his streak of 100-yard rushing games alive by gaining 152 yards against the vaunted Bulldog defense.

Georgia, who will likely be ranked in the top ten, will return 18 starters, led by quarterback David Greene.

GSU will open up its home slate against Division II foe Johnson C. Smith on Sept. 11. The Eagles defeated the Golden Bulls 57-12 in their last meeting in 2000.

The quest to regain the Southern Conference title begins the following week when reigning SoCon champs Wofford visit Allen E. Paulson Stadium. The Terriers became the first

team to defeat the Eagles in back-to-back years since Appalachian State in 1996-97.

After traveling to Chattanooga to play the Mocs and a home game against Elon, the Eagles will travel to Cullowhee, N.C. to face Western Carolina. Last year in Statesboro, quarterback Trey Hunter led the Eagles from an early 16-3 deficit to a 31-25 victory. The Catamounts gained over 481 total yards, including 321 passing yards by senior quarterback Brian Gaither, and 128 rushing yards by freshman running back Nick Wishart.

On Oct. 16 GSU hosts Appalachian State. Last year the Mountaineers defeated the Eagles 28-21 with an early fourth quarter touchdown set up by a 28-yard return of a Hunter interception. This game will likely have playoff and SoCon title ramifications.

The Eagles will continue their seven game conference schedule when they travel to Charleston, S.C. in hopes of avenging their homecoming loss to the Citadel. The Bulldogs all but ended Eagles playoff hopes

defeating them 28-24, handing them their fourth and last loss of the 2003 season.

GSU returns home on Oct. 30 to face I-AA newcomer South Dakota State. The Jackrabbits are a last second replacement for East Tennessee State, who suspended their football program last season.

The Eagles end their SoCon season against arch rival Furman. The Paladins have dropped two in a row against the Eagles, including a 42-21 home loss in 2002.

GSU travels to Miami, Fla. to end their regular season against Florida International. Last season the Golden Panthers nearly upset the highly favored Eagles. Trey Hunter completed a 33-yard pass with 2:33 left in regulation to give the Eagles a 37-35 win. FIU threw the ball 50 times, completing 25 for 373 yards.

The Eagles will play only five games at home for the first time since 1999. They will be looking to return to the playoffs on Nov. 27 after their first absence from the championship tournament in seven years.



2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Georgia
Sept. 11	JOHNSON C. SMITH
Sept. 18	*WOFFORD
Sept. 25	*at Chattanooga
Oct. 2	*ELON
Oct. 9	*at Western Carolina
Oct. 16	*APPALACHIAN STATE (HC)
Oct. 23	*at The Citadel
Oct. 30	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (FW)
Nov. 6	*at Furman
Nov. 13	at Florida International

Game times to be announced.
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Men's Basketball vs. The Citadel, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Savannah State, 7:30 p.m.

Hart hired as new women's soccer coach

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Ashley Hart was named the second head coach in the history of the Georgia Southern women's soccer program on Dec. 30, filling the position vacated by Tom Norton on Dec. 1.

Hart arrives in Statesboro by way of the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where she spent four seasons as an assistant coach with the Blazers program. The Blazers won the Conference USA regular season title last year with Hart on the staff, finishing the season with a 13-5-1 record, including a 2-1 overtime win over Georgia Southern at the UAB Nike Classic in September.

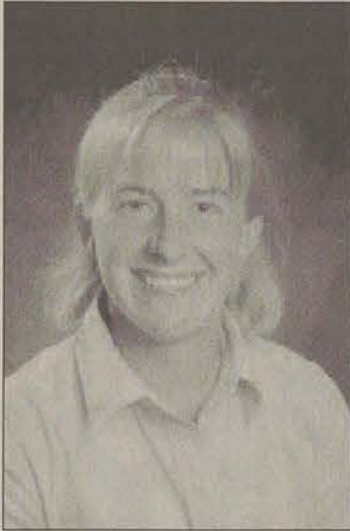
Hart has also filled coaching roles at Briarwood Christian School and Samford University in Alabama. Briarwood won Alabama's Class 4-A state championship in the spring of 2000 with Hart on the staff.

Hart was a four-year starter during

her time as a player with the University of North Carolina-Asheville, winning a Big South title with the Bulldogs in 1995 and finishing runner-up in the league twice more. She was an all-conference selection in two of her four years with the school and was team captain her senior year. Hart left UNC Asheville as the Bulldog's third-leading scorer all-time.

Prior to college, Hart attended Vestavia Hills (Ala.) High School, where she was named as the state's Player of the Year in 1995. She also won eight state titles with the Alabama Angels Club Team.

Hart takes over a program entering its 12th year of existence and coming off a down season. The Lady Eagles finished 5-14-1 in 2003, including a 1-9-1 mark in Southern Conference play. The 2004 Lady Eagles will return four seniors to a team which lost eight players following the end of the 2003 season.



ASHLEY HART

- Helped guide UAB to Conference USA regular season crown.
- Guided Briarwood Christian School to Alabama state Class 4-A title.
- Is just the second head coach in the 12 year-old program's history.

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only holdovers from the tenure of past coach Eddie Matthews, who was not retained following the 2000 season.

Lippi was meant for the recently created libero position, finishing as the all-time team leader in digs, and was rewarded with a pair of all-conference bids.

Martin, who graduated in December and is now playing professionally in Puerto Rico, finished her career as one of only five Eagles to reach the 1,000-kill mark.

Lentz, while not afforded many of the accolades her teammates received, was irreplaceable as a force at the net with her blocking skills.

"Those four kids, I just love all of them" said Messersmith. "They're very good students and just add so much."

One unfortunate loss for the Eagles next year will be Kristin Kasprak, a rising senior who was expected to be a veteran leader next year. Kasprak, the team's unheralded star in this year's SoCon Tournament, has battled injuries throughout her career and was recently told by GSU orthopedist John Hodges that it was wise to not play anymore and not risk further complications.

Rising juniors Susan Winkelman and Cristie Mitchell will be the only two players left who were on the roster as recent as 2002. Winkelman led the team in assists this past season while Mitchell saw



Ryan Moore/STAFF

Celebrations like this were commonplace at Hanner Fieldhouse as the Lady Eagle volleyball team finished a perfect 10-0 at home this year. In all, the team has won their last 21 matches at Hanner Fieldhouse.

limited playing time.

Jessica Lippi and Janice Pressley, who both transferred into the program before this season, will provide the senior leadership. Lippi, the younger cousin of Megan, will split setting duties with Winkelman while Pressley will try to build upon a strong 2003, finishing third on the team in kills.

Rising junior Erin Barton will join sophomores Staci Anderson, Jennifer Charles, Jennifer Schenk and Ashley Warren for next season. Charles was the breakout star of that group this season as she saw extended playing time. Anderson,

FINAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Kills: Martina Veiglova, 764
Attacks: Martina Veiglova, 1,702
Hitting Pct.: Martina Veiglova, .351
Assists: Susan Winkelman, 1,069
Aces: Martina Veiglova, 57
Digs: Megan Lippi, 597
Blocks: Jennifer Charles, 124

Barton and Schenk also had their shares of success while Warren was unable to crack the lineup.

"To a certain extent I'll have to [change]," said Messersmith. "It'll be interesting this spring if anybody steps up."

WHAT DID THEY SAY? Sports quotes you wouldn't use to inspire your team

"I'm not an athlete. I'm a professional ballplayer." - Former Phillie Phanatic Kruk

"I don't know. I never smoked any Astro-turf." - Pitcher Tug McGraw on whether he preferred grass or Astro-turf

"It's a partial sellout." - Broadcaster Skip Caray on a Braves crowd of 6,000 fans

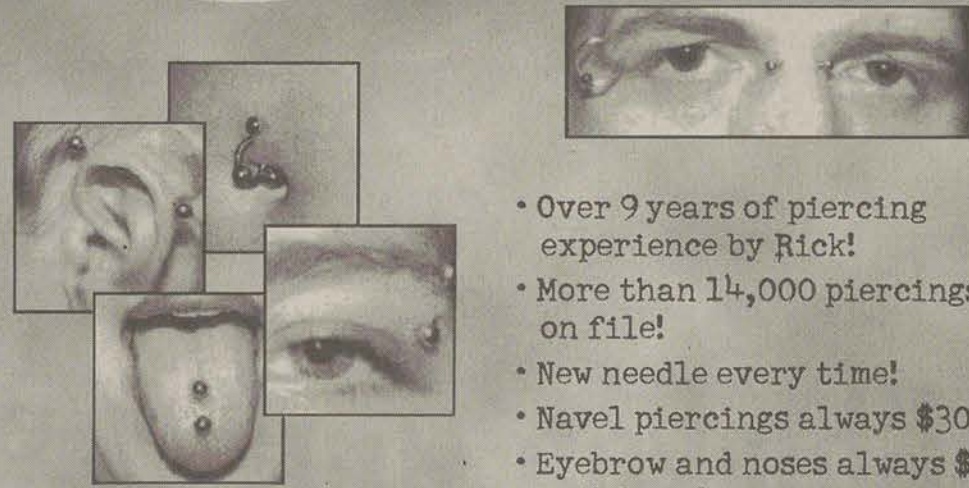
"Left hand, right hand, it doesn't matter. I'm amphibious." - North Carolina State basketball player Charles Shackleford

"We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees." - NBA All-Star Jason Kidd

"I quit school in the sixth grade because of pneumonia. Not because I had it, but because I couldn't spell it." - Legendary boxer Rocky Marciano

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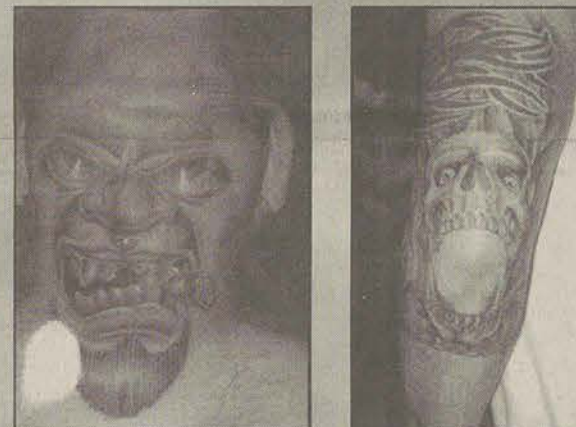
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CRI News & Notes

By Judson Arnold
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Southern Adventures plans to pick up right where they left off before the holiday with a trip scheduled Jan. 16-19.

A backpacking trip in the Great Smokey Mountains will cost \$25. Students interested should contact Southern Adventures at 912-486-7227.

The spring wall climbing hours are as follows: 7-9:30 p.m. from Monday through Saturday and 3-5 p.m. on Sunday

Preseason soccer entries are due Jan. 27 and play begins Jan. 30. The officials clinic for basketball is Jan. 12-4 at 9 p.m. in the RAC Auxiliary Gym. Bowling night is also coming up on Jan. 22 9:30 p.m. until midnight at University Bowl.

Meanwhile, here are the ending results from the Indoor Soccer and Volleyball tournaments that took place before the break.

For the men's volleyball, it came down to four teams: Kappa Sigma, The Swingers, Henry and The Blumpkins. In the first round, Kappa Sigma defeated The Blumpkins 2-0 while Henry also defeated The Swingers 2-0. In the championships, Henry upset Kappa Sigma 2-1 to win the Men's All-Campus Championship.

In the Women's All-Campus, it came down to six teams. In the first round, The LOW defeated Aces High 2-0 and Screaming Beagles defeated SC Spikers 2-0. In the second round, Alpha Omicron Pi defeated The LOW 2-0 to advance to the championships while Screaming Beagles upset Zeta Tau Alpha 2-0 to advance to the championships against Alpha Omicron Pi.

Alpha Omicron Pi showed that they were the dominant team in the

league defeating Screaming Beagles 2-0 to win the Women's All-Campus Championships.

Finally there was the Co-Rec Championships A and B. In Group A, Smacks & Packs defeated Burkes Bandits Reloaded 2-1 right after they defeated the RACPAC in the first round to win the Co-Rec A Championships.

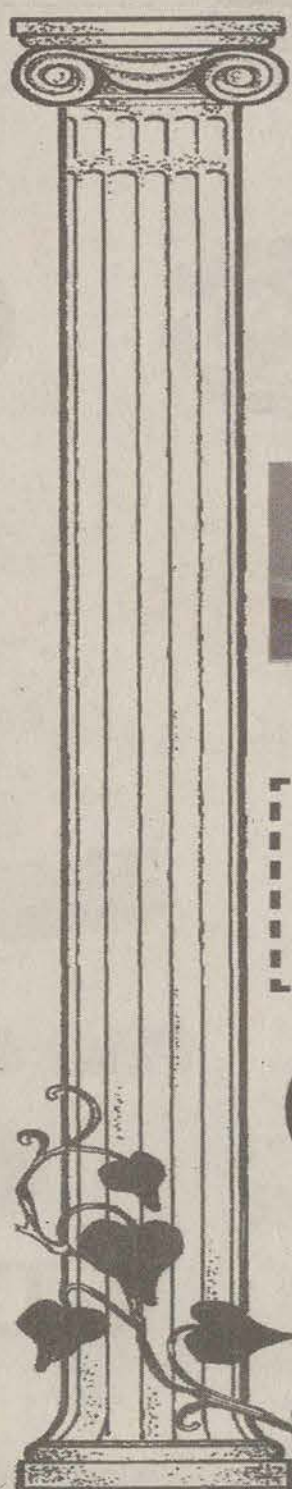
In Group B, the first round saw Presidents & 1st Ladies defeat the Hispanic Student Association 2-0 and CCF Sure Shots defeat Pretty in Pink 2-0. President's and 1st Ladies went on to defeat CCF Sure Shots 2-0 to win the Co-Rec B Championships.

In indoor soccer, Sigma Phi Epsilon won the Fraternity Championships to get into the Men's All-Campus Championships. Kappa Sigma got in as well as they were the runner-up. However in the first round, Kappa Sigma was defeated by Minutemen 9-4 and Blue defeated Feet of Strength 6-1.

In the second round, Strikers defeated the Minutemen 6-5 and Blue upset Sigma Phi Epsilon 7-5. Blue continued their great run by defeating Strikers 6-4 to win the Men's All-Campus Championship.

The Co-Rec Championships consisted of seven teams. In the first round, Absolut Spots defeated The Thrill of De-Feet 9-6, Green Machine beat War Pigeons 7-2 and Screaming Beagles Co-Rec defeated Southern Courtyard 5-2.

In the second round, Masters at Work destroyed Absolut Spots 16-7 and Screaming Beagles Co-Rec beat Green Machine 8-1. Masters at Work put their dominance on display to the Screaming Beagles Co-Rec and defeated them 12-5 to win the Co-Rec Championships.



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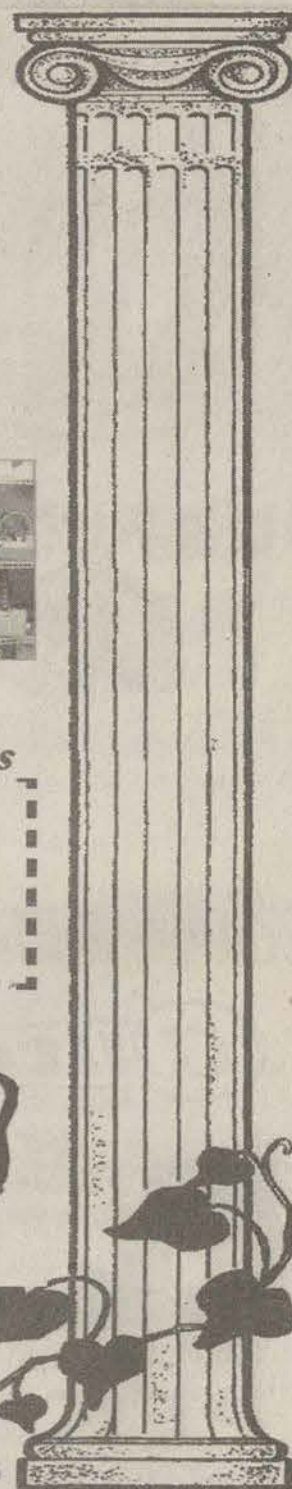
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SMOKING, FROM PAGE 1A

ports the no-smoking ordinance. "It's a very important part of playing a role in the community to offer a choice to eat in a smoke-free environment," he said. With the new addition, patrons have the choice of whether to smoke or not with their meals.

While the ban will not affect many of the hot spots that students frequent, some students still don't like the idea.

Katherine Adams, a sophomore, thinks the ban is redundant. "I'm against the smoking ban because restaurants already have designated smoking and non-smoking areas."

Junior Candice Flynt, however, thinks it's a great idea. "I think the ban is a good thing because people who do not smoke should not have to be subjected to second-hand smoke,"

she said.

Regardless of opinions, the no-smoking ordinance is now official. Violators of this ordinance, as with all city ordinance violations, are subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 plus court costs, imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both, at the discretion of the municipal court judge.

CARTER, FROM PAGE 1A

Army, is a joint effort that also involves the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Statesboro Police Department. The remains were sent to a GBI crime lab in Atlanta in the interest of expediting the case. The identification was made using dental records. The information that the remains had been positively identified as

Carter was released December 23.

A spokesperson for the WSAV television station in Savannah stated that according to the Statesboro Police Department, DNA testing is being done to determine the identity of the father. This has not been confirmed by the Army.

Detective Terry Briley, who is heading the investigation within the

Statesboro Police Department, said Tuesday, "we do have a 'person of interest' for the case," but was unable to give any further information.

Carter's remains were released to her family yesterday. A spokesperson for the Agape Worship Center, has said that the worship center will be holding a memorial service for Carter in the near future.



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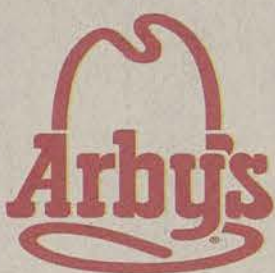
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RENOVATIONS, FROM PAGE 1A

roof or below the building such as piping."

Those who do venture into the "improved and updated Landrum" may not notice what work has been done. Freshman, Mallory Lubert stated, "it looks like they just painted the ceiling. That should not have taken a whole month."

What Mallory does not know along with most of the student body and faculty, is that this past months renovations cost more than half a million dollars and included a whole new air and heat unit, taking out the old, rusted drop ceiling and replacing it with a new "hip" one with exposed architecture, and replacing the tile floor in the kitchen.

"This kitchen work could not have possibly be done at any other time", Palfy explained. "Even when our students are gone during the summer, the University hosts camps, orientations, and other events where this facility is needed".

This process of renovation is a never-ending cycle. With ice machines to replace, touch-up paint being constantly put on, and keeping the facility clean and up-to-date, the administration is busy year-round. All in all, when the eight-phase renovation is completed, a total of over \$5 million will have been spent.

The money and the renovation were well worth it. Joe Franklin, Director of Auxiliary Services, stated, "The new building has a festive atmosphere, which I think will be more inviting and relaxing."

Landrum was not the only building to be shut down and renovated; the Russell Union also shut its doors during the holiday break and gave itself a facelift. This 15-year-old building had an out-dated color scheme and an uncomfortable theater.

Along with new carpet and paint, the theater now includes larger, more comfortable chairs. A new color scheme was added, taking away the former eighties look. However, this idea was not one that just fell into the lap of the workers. It has been in the works for the past four years, but was put off until sufficient funds were available.

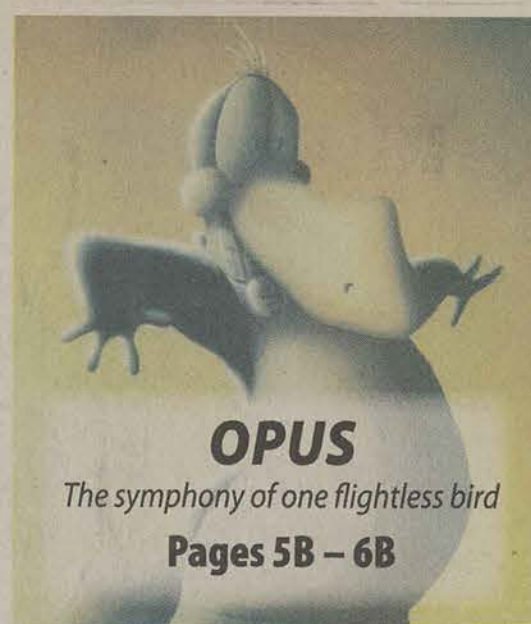
Jeff Herrington, Associate Director of Student Affairs, explained, "the students like this building to stay nice looking. They take pride in the one building that is strictly for them. So we try to keep it as up to date and as clean looking as we can."

With more than 50 student organizations using this building on a day to day basis, it is no surprise that the renovation was a must.



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DIGGING UP THE PAST



Georgia Southern team helps family move ancestors to new resting place

Special to the G-A

The clanging of shovels and the scraping of trowels fill the air in a Bulloch County cotton field. There is digging going on, but it has nothing to do with next season's crop.

A team of anthropologists from Georgia Southern University is excavating the graves of a 19th century farmer and his family. For more than 100 years, the remains of John B. Rushing, his first wife, Faith Ellen Burnside, and an infant grandchild lay resting beneath the field where they grew their crops. Three generations of descendants knew the graves were there and maintained the site.

Recently, the great-grandchildren decided it is time to move their ancestors to a more secure spot. "We had some family members who wanted these graves relocated because over time this land could be developed or fall into the hands

of someone not descendants of these people," said Robert Rushing, a great grandson and a farmer who continues to grow cotton and tobacco nearby.

"They might not think twice about knocking over the tombstones, hauling them off or just forgetting there are graves here."

The family first had the three tombstones moved about a mile down the road to the cemetery at the Union Baptist Church. The next step was to find someone to move the actual remains. Rushing said he had called the Georgia Southern biology department with an unrelated question in the past and he was so happy with their response, he thought he would try it again. "So I called the geology department at

Robert Rushing, a tobacco and cotton farmer, works on the land where his ancestors John B. Rushing, Faith Ellen Burnside, and an infant grandchild lay resting beneath the field. A team of GSU anthropologists are working to help Rushing move their remains to a safer location.

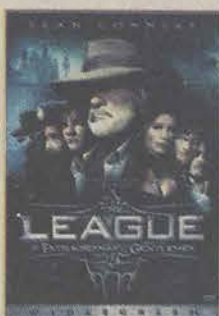
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Welcome Back

The George-Anne staff would like to wish all of our readers a happy new year, and hopes you all have a wonderful semester. Look for the next issue on January 15.



DVD RELEASES

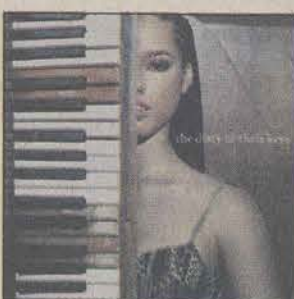
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THE TOP TEN FILMS

- 1 *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*
- 2 *Cheaper by the Dozen*
- 3 *Something's Gotta Give*
- 4 *Cold Mountain*
- 5 *Paycheck*
- 6 *Peter Pan*
- 7 *Mona Lisa Smile*
- 8 *The Last Samurai*
- 9 *Calendar Girls*
- 10 *Bad Santa*

THE TOP TEN VIDEO/DVD

- 1 *League of Extraordinary Gentleman*
- 2 *Jeepers Creepers 2*
- 3 *Seabiscuit*
- 4 *Pirates of the Caribbean*
- 5 *Freaky Friday*
- 6 *Bruce Almighty*
- 7 *Bad Boys II*
- 8 *The Madallion*
- 9 *Alex and Emma*
- 10 *The Italian Job*

NEW ON VIDEO/DVD:

01/13/04

- Johnny English*
- Swimming Pool*
- Stark Raving Mad*
- Bring It On Again*
- Freddy vs. Jason*

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Saturday January 10th

Botanical Gardens

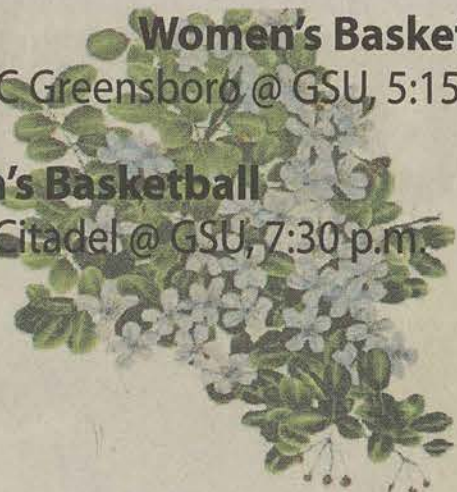
"Backyard Ponding," 10 a.m-Noon

Women's Basketball

UNC Greensboro @ GSU, 5:15 p.m.

Men's Basketball

The Citadel @ GSU, 7:30 p.m.



Tuesday January 13th

Focus on Excellence Lecture

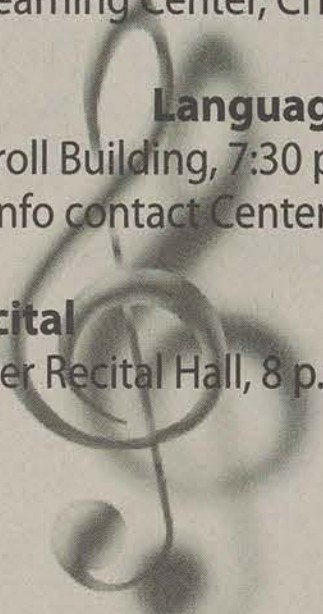
Professional Learning Center, CIT, 4 p.m.

Language Course

Carroll Building, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
 For info contact Center for Latino Outreach

Faculty Recital

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.



Monday January 12th

Women's Basketball
 Elon @ GSU, 5:15 p.m.

Men's Basketball
 Savannah State @ GSU, 7:30 p.m.



@ the Club

Tonight

- Hip hop w/ DJ Spider @ Apex
- Ladies Night w/ DJ JB @ Baja
- Elosha @ Champs
- Positions @ Dingus
- Dance Party @ Legends
- McFly @ Wooden Nickel

Friday

- Ladies Night w/ DJ Garrett @ Apex
- Ladies Night @ Champs
- Little Brown Peach @ Dingus
- Neyami Road @ Legends
- Silly w/ DJ Willy @ Woodin Nickel

Saturday

- DJ Garrett @ Baja
- Karoake @ Champs
- Cole Swindel @ Dingus
- Dem Yep Boys @ Legends

By Eric Haugh

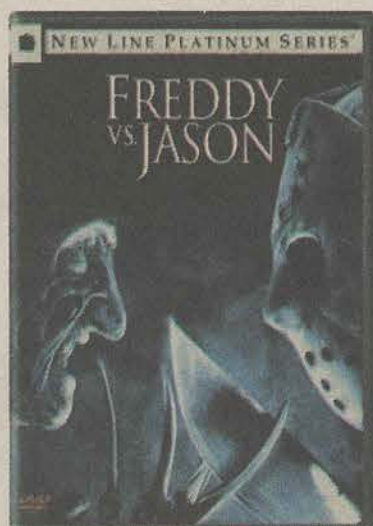
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Finally spring is here! Time to drop the itchy woolen sweaters, and plan out your vacation guide for spring break excursions. Spring is also a great time to go see live music; Statesboro has several live bands performing around town this year. Now, if you were too busy last year and haven't yet experienced the sights and sounds of live music than its all right... you're forgiven (for now). Just keep in mind live shows are rare joyous occasions, which offer the average Georgia Southern student a sonic treat for the ears, and a great time for all. If you're new to the local scene there are few reasons why a live show is worth going to: first, local shows are relatively inexpensive, many of them only charge three or five dollars cover to get in. Secondly the live show is a well-deserved break for students who have grown tired with the humdrum club scene. Finally, more often than not, live shows give students the chance to meet and greet, possibly even hang out a bunch of musicians. So pull out your tie-dye shirts and lighters an go see live music.

Performance Schedule: January

- 1/7 - Wednesday - Partly Cloudy @ Apex 10 p.m.
- 1/9 - Friday - Satori @ Dingus Magee's 10:30 p.m.
- 1/14 - Wednesday - The Soundmen @ at Dingus Magee's 10 p.m.
- 1/21 - Wednesday - The Dan K. Theory @ Dingus Magee's 10 p.m.
- 1/21 - Wednesday - Perpetual Groove @ Apex 10 p.m.
- 1/24 - Saturday - Escape Vehicle will perform at Dingus Magee's 10 p.m.
- 1/28 - Wednesday - Moonshine Stills @ Apex 10 p.m.

DVD/Video Spotlight:



By V.A. Patrick Slade

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This is the ultimate battle of evil versus evil. Freddy Kreuger (*The Nightmare of Elm Street* films of the 80s and 90s), and Jason (*Friday the 13* films) duke it out in a no holds barred battle to a bloody finish.

Robert Englund, brings his Freddy back to the screen unapologetically as evil, if not even more gruesome, as the first films in series. He is as humorous and deceitful as this character that audiences have come to know and fear.

The ever-silent Jason still stalks from the shadows with machete in hand. When these two undoubtedly terrifying forces meet, what ensues is a battle royal that leaves nothing left standing in their wake.

The cinematic value brings back the days of old when children and adults alike would jump at every move either one of these menaces would make. The dark tone of the film, along with the nightmarish flashbacks and dreams, brings the film to a delightful conclusion that many fans of the first films would enjoy.

Of course with every horror film the acting is quite atrocious as the action in them. Notably there are some loopholes in the acting and the plot, but if the viewer sits back and goes for the ride, their wait will not be in vain. This is the film that fans have been waiting for. The body count is up quite a bit from the first few. Blood and more blood seeps through each horrific scene.

Who wins this battle to the death? Only time and a rental of this DVD/Video will tell. *Freddy vs. Jason* isn't Oscar worthy, but it is a great end to a classic series.

Tiny new iPod not as cheap as Mac fans hoped

By Phyllis Furman and Nancy Dillon
KRT Campus

Working to protect its generous slice of the burgeoning digital music pie, Apple Tuesday unveiled a new mini-iPod the size of a business card.

The 4-gigabyte device can hold

up to a thousand songs, comes in five colors and will be priced to the tune of \$249, chief executive officer Steve Jobs told attendees of MacWorld Expo in San Francisco.

Music industry execs cheered the mini's arrival.

"This puts iPod in front of a lot more people. Now it's more affordable. It provides a larger avenue for selling legal music online," said Ted Cohen, senior vice president of digital development and distribution for EMI Music.

Cohen said sales of digital singles are now exceeding sales of CD singles, with the turning point coming last summer.

At the same time, the music industry is crowing that its crackdown on illegal downloads seems to be paying

off. A report from comScore Media Metrix showed usage of music-sharing site Kazaa fell 15 percent from November 2002 to November 2003.

While the price of the new iPod mini is cheaper than the \$299 to \$499 charged for regular iPods, it's not quite

as tempting as the \$99 to \$199 iPod pricing rumored on Apple aficionado Web sites in recent weeks.

"Steve Jobs has found that music sells products, and he is showing the music business the way," said prominent music attorney Fred Davis.

DIG, FROM PAGE 1B

Georgia Southern and this nice young lady looked up the number for Matt Williamson for me," Rushing said. "I called him and he said, 'You just happened to call the exact right person and we'll be happy to come do it for you.'"

Williamson is a forensic anthropologist in Georgia Southern's College of Health and Human Sciences. His specialty is old bones, whether they come from crime scenes, early Native Americans or a century-old graveyard.

He has helped law enforcement authorities with a number of crime scene cases and was called to assist in the Tri-State Crematory cleanup in Noble, Ga., in 2002.

"Mr. Rushing wanted to know if it was possible to search for the actual human remains," Williamson said. "I told him, 'Absolutely! I've done it many times before.'"

"But I didn't make any guarantees. Soil conditions dictate whether the bones will actually be preserved and complete."

Williamson went to work with his team of volunteers, including two graduate students, his department chairman and an interested high school student. On the first day they removed most of the cover soil that had accumulated over the years.

"We found the grave outlines fairly quickly, which was a good sign," Williamson said.

On the second day, they began excavating the actual graves themselves.

An initial excavation of one of the graves proved disappointing. Nothing was to be found except a change in the color of the soil, from a mottled orange to a uniform layer of chocolate brown.

"So that indicated to me that this was coffin wood, where either the lid or the bottom of the bottom of the coffin lay," said Williamson. "When I dug a little deeper, I came across undisturbed soil, which means at least that portion of the grave had decayed."

A complete excavation of that grave, as well as the infant's, revealed more of the same. The team found no remains or artifacts from

the coffins or clothing.

"I wasn't really that surprised," said Williamson. "Often that happens when the soil is very acidic."

John B. Rushing's grave was the last to be excavated and there the team members had more luck. While the coffin had completely decayed, they found broken glass, a metal latch, four coffin handles and pieces of fabric from the jacket in which Rushing was interred. Williamson believes the glass indicates Rushing's coffin had a glass window.

"We also found skull fragments and the remains of some leg bones."

Williamson said. "But the leg bones were what we call phantom bones. They are easy to see when they are in the ground, but when you touch them or try to move them, they just crumble."

Williamson and his team carefully removed all the artifacts, including the powered remains of the phantom bones, and carried them to Williamson's lab at Georgia Southern. They will be stored there until the Rushing family organizes a second burial ceremony at the Union Baptist Church.

Williamson considers the project a success.

"This was a win-win situation for all of us," he said. "We gained a lot of information to add to our database of knowledge about burials in this part of Georgia for that time period."

"Hopefully this will lead to more things like this, because to me this is also a research opportunity. The time period to which these burials date, we know very little about the health of these people and the kind of lives they lead."

For the family, they now have their answers about their ancestors' final resting place.

"We really appreciate Matt's team coming out. We couldn't have afforded to do it otherwise," Rushing said. "We're just excited that they would come do this for us."

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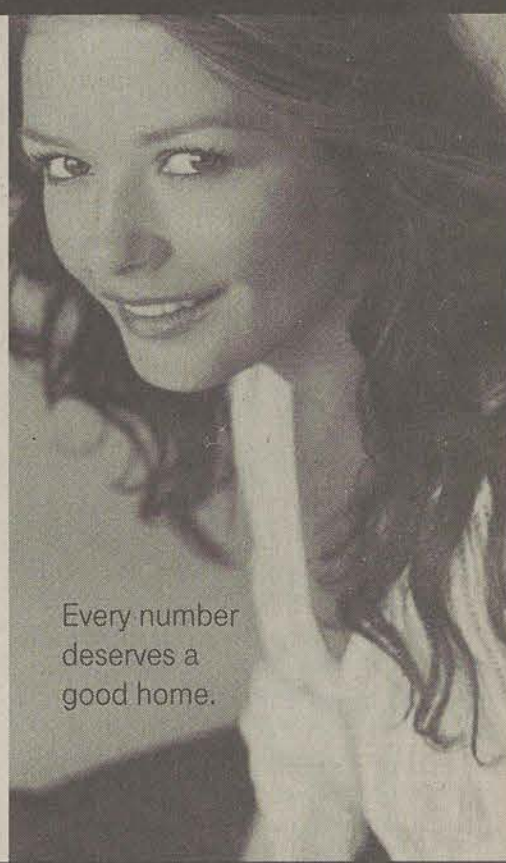
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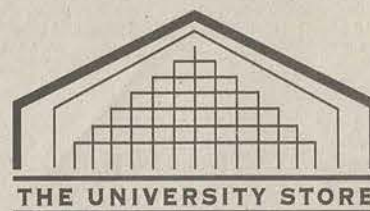
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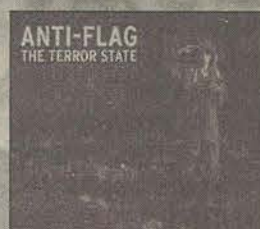
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ALBUM: THE TERROR STATE
ARTIST: ANTI-FLAG

OPINION: There is nothing I like to hear more than over privileged, sub-urban punk rockers whining for attention against old man Washington. Politics is often a theme used by punk bands to connect with their audience. Many punk groups entire legacy is built on the foundation of radical political dialogue. Anti-flag is no exception, but more so the rule. Their latest work captures sardonic tone shared by many young people in America today. The album is riddled in this "tone" with cleverly titled tracks such as Rank-N-File, and Operation Iraqi Liberation (O.I.L.). To be honest this Anti-Flag CD is generally mild compared to the usual Anti-American tirades of this group, but I say go get you some!

VERDICT: Buying this CD will not make you a political radical but it's worth the investment.

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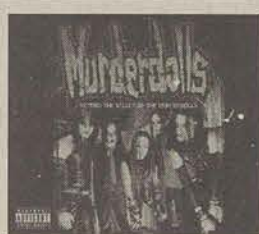


ALBUM: BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE MURDERDOLLS
ARTIST: MURDERDOLLS

OPINION: I was very excited when I picked up this CD; my expectations were high seeing how two of the members of the band were from accomplished acts from Dope and Slipknot, also my best friend was nigh obsessed with this band. So I listened to this CD attentively for about twenty minutes and concluded that the Murderdolls are really just a bad rip-off of the Misfits and Motley Crue. Although it was a valiant effort, I wasn't impressed. First, the music is really more flash than anything (the scary Gothic look, the unnecessary angst, etc.), the guitar licks is pretty choppy, the lyrics are corny, and the vocals are very irritable. The only bright spot about the CD is that it includes a DVD with live concert clips that showcase the bands only good aspect; they put on one hell of a show.

VERDICT: If you want to go ahead and buy the album make sure it includes the concert DVD, but I'd rather save that fifteen dollars burning a hole in your pocket for an actual concert experience, I say BURN IT.

**IF YOU
LIKE THIS ...**



MURDERDOLLS
*BEYOND THE VALLEY OF
THE MURDERDOLLS*



AGNOSTIC
VICTIM IN PAIN

TRY THIS...

A 'record' start to a new year

By Erik V-A Howard
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As we leave 2003 behind, there are a few new albums that came out at the end of last year that are sure to make a lot of noise in 2004.

One of the most anticipated albums was that of Alicia Keys, whose sophomore effort entitled "The Diary of Alicia Keys," has received much acclaim since being released. The album debuted at number one on the charts, thanks in part to her smash first single "You Don't Know My Name."

Alicia's "Diary" boasts plenty of new material that will make her latest effort as successful as her debut, which netted her five Grammy awards. This time around Keys sticks to the same formula: fusing hip-hop and R&B with her classical piano training. What results is another dynamic album.

While Alicia Keys is holding it down for the ladies, a couple of male R&B crooners have all put out albums that are each respectably good. Ruben Studdard, who won the second American Idol competition, put out his debut album "Soulful" that shows that his idol win was no fluke.

Another artist Neo-soloist Musiq put out his third album entitled "Soulstar," which is his most eclectic album to date. "Soulstar" has ballads, dance records, and tracks that keep you thinking.

Not to be left out of the festivities, Joe released his fourth major label album: "And...Then." The album is probable his most sensual album since his breakout album "All That I Am." R.Kelly, did some of the production on the album. His tracks include the lead single "More and More," which was to be featured on Kelly's "Loveland" album. Joe adds his own style to the song that notably has R.Kelly's production value.

On the Hip Hop front, Cash Money released albums from the Big Tymers entitled "Big Money Heavyweights," and newly reunited member Juvenile's "Juve the Great." Both albums feature an all-star cast of hip-hop headliners.

In addition to those releases the Westside Connection returns with their second album "Terrorist Threats."

Memphis Bleek latest release "M.A.D.E." sees Memphis finally starting to live up to the hype that has surrounded him since his first album. The first single "Round Here" is a multi-regional anthem about what goes on in hoods from New York To Atlanta. It features Trick Daddy and T.I.

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ALICIA KEYS
DIARY OF ALICIA KEYS



TRY THIS...
KELIS
TASTY



IF YOU LIKE THIS ...
JOE
AND...THEN



TRY THIS...
AVANT
PRIVATE ROOM



IF YOU LIKE THIS ...
JUVENILE
JUVE THE GREAT



TRY THIS...
DAVID BANNER
*MISSISSIPPI 2-
BAPTIZED IN DIRTY-
WATER*



IF YOU LIKE THIS ...
MUSIQ
SOUL STAR



TRY THIS...
KINDRED
SURRENDER TO LOVE



IF YOU LIKE THIS ...
MEMPHIS BLEEK
M.A.D.E.



TRY THIS...
RAEKWON
LEX DIAMOND STORY

GOODIE MOB
DIRTY SOUTH CLASSICS

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE PREVIEW

BIG FISH Dramatic Comedy



☆☆☆☆

A father and son come to terms with their ailing relationship. Brought together by his wife (Jessica Lange), Edward Bloom (Albert Finney) and his son Will (Billy Crudup) must delve into the past and discover the feats and the failings of a father in his son's life. Through a series of flashbacks of possible fictional accounts of his childhood and young adulthood, Edward gives his son Will a glimpse into his adventures in a small Alabama town. These mythical tales of giants, witches, and conjoined-twins help Edward charm everyone around him, except his son. His son must now separate fact from fiction, as he finds the man that is his father. Ewan McGregor and Danny Devito also star. Tim Burton directs. PG-13

MY BABY'S DADDY Comedy



☆☆

Eddie Griffin, Anthony Anderson, and Michael Imperioli star as three typical single guys. When their girlfriends, portrayed by Joanna Bacalso, Bai Ling, and Paula Jai Parker, get pregnant, the guys must give up their single guy status and become the "Babies' Daddies." Comedy ultimately ensues as the guys go into the unknown father territory. PG-13

CHASING LIBERTY Romantic Comedy



☆☆

Mandy Moore stars as the 18-year-old daughter of the United States President. Her father, portrayed by Mark Harmon, keeps a close watch on her with the help of his Secret Service handlers, portrayed by Jeremy Piven, and Annabella Sciorra. When Moore's character, code-named Liberty, runs away with her boyfriend (Matthew Goode) to Europe under the nose of her Secret Service handlers, the adventure ensues. PG-13.



The return of the Southern epic finds Jude Law and Nicole Kidman as lost loves in North Carolina during the Civil War in Miramax's *Cold Mountain*.

Special Photo

COLD MOUNTAIN The return of the Southern epic

By V.A. Patrick Slade
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The Southern epic has reached the cinema yet again. Anthony Minghella's "Cold Mountain," based on the book of the same name, is a sweeping epic about a man's quest to find his way home to his love. Nicole Kidman, Jude Law, and Renee Zellweger star in this film about love and loss in the North Carolina countryside during the Civil War.

The story goes as follows. Law's Inman has taken to Kidman's Ada. Even though they have only shared a single kiss, the memory of this kiss keeps Inman motivated on his Homeric journey home to be with the love of his life. Along the way he runs into a series of obstacles that parallels Odysseus' journey.

While Inman finds his way home, Ada (Kidman) must learn how to fend for herself. In the vein of Scarlett from "Gone With The Wind," Nicole Kidman's Ada is the embodiment of the helpless Southern heroine. She doesn't know how to take care of herself or her farm. Her journey to do so provides the film with much of its plot and interests.

Brought in to help Ada is the incomparable Ruby, portrayed masterfully by Zellweger. Ruby is a strong-willed Southern woman who knows more about farming, as she says, "better than any man." This character provides most of the comedy and brings the film to an enjoyable level.

Minghella's directing is fantastic. His cinematic achievements are daunting to say the least. He has taken on such an epic story

and transformed it into an easily accessible film for audiences. The film is simple in its construct, but this simplicity adds to the complexities of the story. This simple contradiction helps make this film, cinematic wise anyhow, easily one of the best films of the year.

There are only two major problems with this film. The first problem being the trite dialogue that the screenwriter, Minghella, has written for these beautifully constructed characters. It seems as though Minghella read the book "Cold Mountain," then watched "Gone with the Wind," and then wrote his film. It is so stereotypically Southern, and not correct by any means. If a person's exhaustion was compared to a "hog's ear" one more time, the film would have lost its bearings, as well as the audience.

The second problem defiantly wrong with this film is the accents. Who said that British people could play every American role? The accents are horrific. Kidman's accent especially, grinds in the ear of the viewer. It's to the point where there is no distinction between an Aussie and a Southern dialect.

Overall, this film is good. Minghella has successfully brought an epic back to the cinema. The acting is impeccable. Even though the dialogue is trite, the actors worked very well with what they had. They make it a journey the viewer will not soon forget.

An added bonus to the film is the series of guest stars that add to the sweeping epic. This is one film that will not be overlooked by Oscar. It might take it all. Go and see it. Take it from its number four space on the top-ten list.

STAR GUIDE

The star system is based on current reviews of the film and our editors' opinion.

GREAT FILM
☆☆☆☆

GOOD FILM
☆☆☆☆

POOR FILM
☆☆

O.K. FILM
☆☆☆☆

DECENT FILM
☆☆☆☆

**THE DREADFUL
SAGA BEGINS...**

DEAR, THE
OTHERS FEEL
YOU'RE NOT FIT-
TING BACK INTO
PENGUIN LIFE
WELL.

DEY SAID
DAT?

POLAR
FLEECE
HONKER
MITT

ANTI-
SEAL-BITE
BRIEFS

YES. SO I FOUND YOU
A MATE-FOR-LIFE.

A MATE ???

A LOVELY GIRL.
YOU'RE HAVING
DINNER TOGETHER
TONIGHT.

OPUS! *Berkeley Breathed*

HOBBLED!

MOTHER
KNOWS I'LL
NEVER LEAVE...
WITH A WIFE!

A WIFE.
HMMM...
A WIFE...

LONG WALK'S HAND
IN HAND THROUGH
THE GERANIUMS...

DRESSED IN ELEGANT
WHITE LINEN FOR DINNER...

SHE AWAITS
IN OUR THOMAS
KINKADE COTTAGE
BY THE CREEK...

MY NAME FALLS
FROM HER CHERRY
LIPS LIKE DEW
FROM A ROSE...

OPUS! HASTEN
BACK, MY SWEET
DUMPLING-FOR-LIFE!

LIKE A
FLEET
ALBATROSS,
MY LOVE!

MAYBE I'M
BEING NAIVE
ABOUT MARRIAGE.

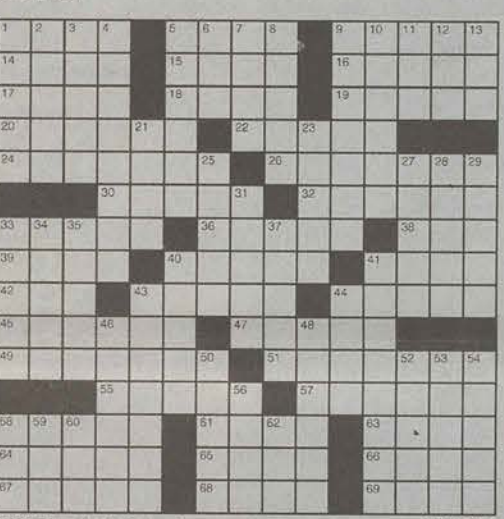
SO, EUNICE...

WHOOO NELLY...
SMELT MAKES
ME TOOT.

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Practice a few rounds
 - Jeff's comic-strip buddy
 - Nail alternative
 - Handy carrier
 - Pound of poetry
 - Conflict
 - Hoarse sound
 - Cake layer
 - Gleeful
 - Glacial epoch
 - Typo
 - King Tut, for one
 - Christmas burner
 - Pooped
 - Copper coat
 - Trapshooting
 - Money-grubber
 - Scientist's milieu
 - Valentine word
 - Indistinct
 - Go yachting
 - Fury
 - Levi's material
 - Ill-gotten profit
 - Border
 - Holland bulb
 - Implore
 - Writing partners?
 - Ayn Rand's shrugger?
 - Unmelodic
 - Madonna title role
 - Ballad
 - Tender
 - Cruise ship
 - Old you
 - Rim
 - Yellowish brown
 - Days long past
 - Fathomless
- DOWN**
- Landing area
 - Hunt off-limits
 - Adrift
 - Witty conversation
 - Shooting star
 - Israeli weapon
 - Sequoia or sycamore
 - Hang around
 - Learned person
 - Wine choice
 - Get handed a bum
 - 6th sense
 - Question of motive
 - Horse's footwork
 - New Delhi money
 - Strong, virile guy
 - Spring bloomer
 - Broadcasting
 - "The Mistis" star
 - Finger or toe
 - Ooze
 - Islamic text
 - Chris of tennis
 - Present in a condensed form
 - Open to bribery
 - Hypothetical
 - Of food intake
 - Navel fuzz
 - Like parmesan
 - Baseball grouping
 - Delectable
 - Battery terminal
 - Extensive
 - Dream time
 - London district
 - Golfer Ernie
 - By way of
 - Traveler's stopover
 - Neither's partner



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ACROSS
1. PRACTICE
2. JEFF
3. NAIL
4. CARRIER
5. POUND
6. CONFLICT
7. HOARSE
8. CAKE
9. GLEEFUL
10. GLACIAL
11. TYPO
12. KING TUT
13. CHRISTMAS
14. POOPED
15. COPPER
16. TRAPSHOOTING
17. MONEYGRUBBER
18. SCIENTIST
19. VALENTINE
20. INDISTINCT
21. YACHTING
22. FURY
23. LEVI'S
24. ILL-GOTTEN
25. BORDER
26. HOLLAND
27. IMPLORER
28. WRITING
29. AYN RAND
30. UNMELODIC
31. MADONNA
32. BALLAD
33. TENDER
34. CRUISE
35. OLD
36. RIM
37. YELLOWISH
38. DAYS
39. FATHOMLESS

DOWN
1. LANDING
2. HUNT
3. ADRIFT
4. WITTY
5. SHOOTING
6. ISRAELI
7. SEQUOIA
8. HANG
9. LEARNED
10. WINE
11. GET
12. 6TH
13. QUESTION
14. HORSE
15. NEW
16. STRONG
17. GUY
18. SPRING
19. BROADCASTING
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21. FINGER
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23. ISLAMIC
24. CHRIS
25. PRESENT
26. OPEN
27. HYPOTHETICAL
28. OF
29. NAVEL
30. LIKE
31. BASEBALL
32. DELECTABLE
33. BATTERY
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hope for tomorrow."
—Anon.

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THIS
WINTER
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OUR
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FOR THE
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MORE

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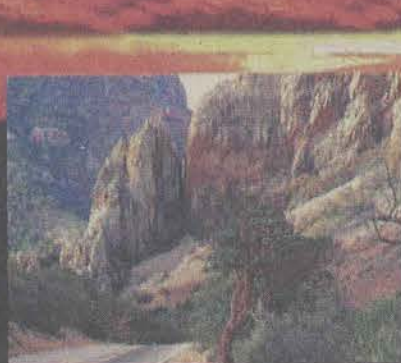
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