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Winning streak reaches seven for men's basketball

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Jermaine Austin arrested for DUI

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Last Saturday, Jan. 10, Georgia Southern's starting fullback, Jermaine Jordon Austin, was arrested by the Bulloch County Police Department.

At 2:13 a.m., Austin was pulled over on Lamer Drive and arrested for failure to maintain lane and a DUI. Georgia law states that, "if you are 21 years of age or older and test 0.08, then you are 'per se' in violation of the DUI statute." Austin, 21 had a .103 blood-alcohol level, well above the legal limit.

Recently named the Southern Conference's Offensive Player of the year, Austin has also earned two All-American honors from The Sports Network and the Associated Press.

Austin was unavailable for comment.

GSU graduate becomes Statesboro City Council Rep

By Luke M. Hearn
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The Statesboro City Council has a new and younger face on board.

William Britt, or Will, was sworn in at a ceremony Tuesday, January 6 at City Hall. A Statesboro native, Britt, 29, is the youngest person on the council. He went to high school at Statesboro High and then spent six "glorious years" at Georgia Southern where he, while keeping HOPE, graduated with a degree in History.

He is currently the owner and operator of Legends and co-owner of the Wooden Nickel. His City District, District 3, includes much of the GSU campus, Sweetheart Circle, Campus Courtyard, University Pointe, Georgia Villas, Eagle Villas, and Knight Drive.

His seat on the City Council is Britt's first public office. During his campaign, he wanted students to play a part, but didn't want them to be the only reason he was elected. "Lots of people were influential, not just students, but also people from my church, my neighbors, professors, and others from the community," he said, "GSU was very helpful, but not just because of one hall."

Britt feels that his seat on the Council now gives students someone who is there for them and will listen to their concerns. "I may not agree with what someone may bring to me, nor may it be something that I can do something about, but at least they will know I am here for them," he said. He encourages students to be vocal, yet organized with their concerns. "People can call, or see me at the 'establishments.'"

When asked about his future political plans, he says, "It's too early to know."

Britt is married to Tara, a French teacher at Statesboro High School. He also has a dog, Abbie, who is his "traveling partner."

The Statesboro City Council meets every first and third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Statesboro City Hall. The first Thursday's meeting is at 9 a.m. and the third Thursday's meeting is held at 6 p.m. The next meeting, however, will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 6 p.m., pushed back a day due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

Two assistants fired in coaching shake-up



Rusty Russell



Levorn Harbin

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Georgia Southern head football coach Mike Sewak announced a shake-up of his coaching staff Wednesday, less than two months after the Eagles finished 7-4, missing the NCAA postseason for the first time in seven years.

Assistant coaches Rusty Russell and Levorn Harbin were fired in what Sewak attributed to "philosophical differences" and "improvement and consistency."

Russell, 50, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, just completed his seventh season as an assistant, first coming to Georgia Southern in 1997 as an assistant to former head coach Paul Johnson. He has

spent 25 years as an assistant coach on both the collegiate and professional levels after playing football at the University of Georgia.

"There are times when it is necessary to make difficult decisions, and this is certainly one of those occasions for me," said Sewak. "Coach Russell and I have come to an agreement that it is time for him to explore other opportunities beyond Georgia Southern football."

"He and I have been a part of the same program for the past seven seasons, and that makes this change especially hard," remarked Sewak, who also started his

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Ordinance may affect some student housing



Ryan Moore/STAFF

A new Bulloch County ordinance requiring mobile home owners to pay a variance fee to move structures 10 years and older may diminish the amount of that type of housing available for students.

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With a new ordinance at hand in Bulloch County, some students may find themselves not wanting to invest in mobile home housing.

Just adopted last month, the new ordinance places a restriction on 10- year age mobile homes coming into and leaving Bulloch County.

As a way to help beautify Bulloch County, it is only making home owners angry and upset. This ordinance is said to be discriminatory and a financial burden to its citizens and should be thrown out.

If mobile home owners choose to, they can pay a \$100 variance fee for moving the home within the county or outside of the county. The sale of their home is highly unlikely since the new owners will not be able to move the home onto their own property without paying this extra fee. And those who currently own a home less then 10 years old, may be trying to save up to buy land but may not be able to do so before the home matures.

Home owner Jimmy Diggers and his wife own a 7-year-old home and stated in a published article, "We would like to be able to purchase some land, but it might not be in three years."

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Relay for Life to kick off today

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The county-wide kick-off for Bulloch County's eleventh annual Relay for Life will be held today at the Statesboro Mall.

There will be a tailgate in the center court where everyone in the county will be invited to learn more about Relay for Life. At the kick-off each person will have a chance to discover more about cancer awareness, enjoy free food, and sign up to win door prizes. This will be another opportunity for those who missed Thursday's meeting to register for participation in this year's event.

Bulloch County will hold its eleventh annual relay at 7 p.m. on April 16, 2004 until 7 a.m. on April 17. This event is an overnight activity to help fight the disease that "never sleeps." The goal of this year's run is to see at least 75 teams sign up for the

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SGA announces Mac Collins visit, senatorial openings

By Luke M. Hearn
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The Student Government Association (SGA) held its first meeting of the New Year Wednesday night.






Executive Vice President Mike Hardy announced that U.S. Representative and U.S. Senate hopeful Mac Collins will be speaking here on campus next Friday, January 23 in Russell Union room 2084 from 11 a.m. to noon. Collins will be speaking on voter apathy and civil responsibility. His visit will not be a campaign stop.

Hardy also announced that the SGA is accepting applications through next Tuesday for three Senate seat openings, two for freshmen and one At-Large. Applications can be picked up in the Student Activities Center on the first floor of the Russell Union.

Vice President of Auxiliary Affairs Lauren Roberson informed the Senate of some increases in student fees. Athletic, Food Services, Housing, and Health Service fees are all set to increase slightly, pending approval of the Board of Regents. The proposed fee increases will soon be available on the SGA website <http://studentorg.gasou.edu/sga/> and in the SGA kiosks around campus.

The Senate also approved some amendments to their Constitution at Wednesday night's meeting. The major changes dealt with the addition of the Publicity Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Executive Board as appointed members. Also added were the definitions of elected and appointed officers to the Board.

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Police Beat

01-07-2004

• A case of sexual battery was reported at Kennedy Hall. Three males entered a female's room and touched her inappropriately.

01-09-2004

• An employee at the Weight Extension reported that an exercise bike was missing.

01-10-2004

• Jermaine Austin, 21, of Kennedy Hall was charged with failure to maintain lane and DUI by the Statesboro Police Department.

01-11-2004

• Officers responded to a fight at the Kennedy Complex.

01-12-2004

• Officers responded to a fight in the Kennedy Complex parking lot.

01-13-2004

• William Andrew Bowen, 19, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• The Parking and Transportation Office reported \$200 in cash and checks were missing.

• A bicycle was taken from the Winburn Hall bike rack.

• A wallet was taken from the Information Technology Building.

01-14-2004

• A case of sexual battery was reported at Southern Pines.

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

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Campus News

Paulson legacy lives on with donation



The Paulson estate donated \$2.5 million of a \$7.5 million dollar pledge.

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With a dream and an outstanding legacy, the generosity of one selfless man has left an unforgettable impression on this University. The late Allen E. Paulson's name lives on here at Georgia Southern University (GSU) year after year. Through his very generous contributions, GSU has been able to grow into a well-known institution.

In 1984, Paulson donated \$1 million to the University to go towards the construction of the football stadium which stands today. This facility currently

seats 18,000 spectators and was designed with two expansion phases in mind. In addition to the \$1 million, Paulson donated \$300,000 to help pay off the remaining debt after its completion.

As the former chairman and CEO of Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., Paulson promised \$7.5 million to the University as an endowment in the form of a living trust. In honor and recognition of his contributions, GSU's College of Science and Technology has been named after Paulson.

The first installment of his pledge, a sum of \$2.5 million, was received and according to Dr. James Britt, vice president of Advancement, the University expects to see the remaining \$5 million some time in the next few months. All of the contributed money will be put into the College of Science and Technology in one form or another. This gift will fund student scholarships, support faculty development, and for further development research in the College. Britt explains, "Paulson thought it was an important resource for science and technology to be in the part of the state."

Paulson is, as of now, the largest single donor

the University has had. In a published article, Britt stated, "This \$2.5 million cash distribution from Mr. Paulson's living trust further enhances his legacy of being the most generous supporter, individual or corporate, in the history of philanthropy at Georgia Southern."

This gift is just the beginning of what the University predicts other donations will be. It has raised the bar for future gifts. Already, additional donations in the multimillion dollar mark are expected, but will not be announced until a later date. Funding helps support the University's strategic plan. It will help to get better students, attract stronger faculty, and to stay up to date on technology in various fields of study.

With the recession and the educational budget cuts it has caused, it is extremely important that the University to receive donations. Students do not want an increase in tuition. They do not want an increase in class size. Professors and other faculty do not want the worry of a job loss or layoff. With sizable donations, the University will be able to excel in education and athletics.

Allen E. Paulson will always be remembered for his contributions. And every time someone enters the College of Science and Technology they will be thankful for this selfless man's love for the University and the legacy he has left behind.

Jiann-Ping Hsu School of Public Health established with \$2.5 million

G-A News Service

The Board of Regents voted today to establish the University System's first school of public health at Georgia Southern University with a \$2.5 million endowment from a Georgia Southern professor and alumnus.

The Jiann-Ping Hsu School of Public Health was endowed by Karl Peace, head of the university's Center for Biostatistics, in the name of his wife, who is also scholar and scientist in the field of biostatistics. Peace is a graduate

of Georgia Southern with a Bachelor of Science and holds his Ph.D. from the Medical College of Virginia.

Grube said the university is "especially proud that the school will be named for Jiann-Ping Hsu."

"Dr. Hsu's distinguished career and her lifelong devotion to quality and caring personify the touchstones of learning and leadership in the health professions," Grube said.

The new school rises from the university's existing department of public health in the College of Health & Human Sciences. Current programs

that will be housed in the new school include the Master's of Public Health Degrees in Biostatistics and Community Health, Master's of Health Services Administration, Master's of Science in Kinesiology, and the Bachelor of Science Degrees in Health Science and in Kinesiology. These degrees include an array of programs, from community health and nutrition sciences, to sports psychology, exercise science and sports medicine. The Center for Biostatistics, Center for Rural Health and Research, and the Magnolia Area Health Education

Center are also headquartered in the school.

The \$2.5 million gift will be used to endow student scholarships, faculty support and faculty scholarship at the school.

Provost Vaughn Vandegrift said "The establishment of this endowment furthers those accomplishments and will enable a level of excellence in the School that exemplifies the life work of both J.P. and Karl."

"We are so proud of the many roles they play in the Georgia Southern community."

News Briefs

McKinney plans rematch according to father

ATLANTA — Cynthia McKinney, who lost her seat in Congress in the 2002 Democratic primary, is planning to run again against the woman who beat her, U.S. Rep. Denise Majette (D-Ga.), according to McKinney's father.

McKinney, however, has no plans to run for president as a Green Party candidate.

Former state representative Billy McKinney said Sunday that his daughter plans to enter the 2004 4th District Democratic Party primary.

"Absolutely, she's running," Billy McKinney told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "We're going to make it exciting."

Cynthia McKinney's future has been the topic of speculation since she was courted by the Green Party to run for president. She issued a statement Saturday turning down that opportunity.

"I have received words of encouragement from every corner of this country and from Green Party supporters beyond our shores," McKinney said. "But in the end, a national campaign is not in the cards for me at this time."

McKinney could face an uphill fight as a challenger to Majette in the 4th District. McKinney's most recent campaign disclosure report, filed Dec. 18, showed she was \$32,000 in debt.

9 U.S. soldiers killed when helicopter shot down near Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Insurgents apparently shot down a U.S. military helicopter Thursday, killing all nine soldiers on board and strewing debris across farmland near the central Iraqi town of Fallujah, southwest of Baghdad.

It was the deadliest attack on American soldiers since Nov. 2, when insurgents downed a Chinook helicopter, killing 16 soldiers, also near Fallujah. It came one day after a mortar attack near the Baghdad airport killed

one U.S. soldier and injured 30.

Military officials provided little information on the downing of the helicopter, saying only that nine soldiers had died when a UH-60 Black Hawk went down at about 2:20 p.m. in southern Fallujah. A military spokesman said the helicopter was on a routine mission but didn't say what that mission was or identify the unit to which the helicopter or soldiers were assigned.

"We saw rockets hit the tail of the helicopter and then it broke in two," said Omar Kanoun, 27, who had trudged through potato fields for a clear view of the crash site. "I gave my binoculars to my nephew, and we watched the Americans count the bodies."

HOPE bill coming this week

ATLANTA — A proposal to rein in HOPE Scholarship costs will be introduced in the Legislature this week, with a study session planned to help lawmakers understand the complicated plan to save the popular program from insolvency.

The proposals include cutting the books and fee allowance starting this fall, which would save \$125 million a year. More controversial is a plan to standardize grade point averages statewide by 2008. That would save money by cutting many of the HOPE scholars who qualify now.

The Higher Education committees will hold a teaching forum Thursday to explain the bill to lawmakers who weren't on the study committee.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, a Democrat, said he would pitch his own HOPE plan at a breakfast speech Tuesday.

Abducted girl says she didn't know her relatives were dead

CALHOUN, Ga. — The oldest of three girls allegedly abducted by the man accused of murdering four relatives said she did not know anyone had been killed until she was rescued by police the next day.

Ten-year-old Brittney Phelps said her mother's ex-partner, Jerry William

Jones, picked her up outside her home when she got out of school Wednesday afternoon and she did not suspect anything had happened to her relatives. Jones is accused of shooting Tom and Nola Blaylock, their daughter, Georgia Bradley, and strangling his youngest daughter, 10-month-old Harley Jones, at their trailer homes Thursday in Ranger, a tiny town about 55 miles north of Atlanta.

Brittney joined scores of relatives at a wake and funeral service for the four slain family members. About 75 people took turns approaching the caskets to say goodbye.

Bradley's son, Terry Baker, said his mother talked Jones out of committing suicide only a week before the killings. Baker said he overheard the telephone conversation between Bradley and Jones while at his mother's home.

At the wake, another of the Blaylocks' daughters, Kathy O'Donnell, knelt on the floor in front of the casket of her mother.

Fewer polluters punished under Bush administration, records show

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is catching and punishing far fewer polluters than the two previous administrations.

Violation notices against polluters are the most important enforcement tool, experts say, and they've had the biggest drop under the current President Bush. The monthly average of violation notices since January 2001 has dropped 58 percent compared with the Clinton administration's monthly average.

However, administrative orders to stop some polluting activity, a quick technique used for more mundane cases, are up 14 percent under the Bush administration.

Bush administration officials said the EPA is enforcing anti-pollution laws, just in a more effective way.

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1 Washington

Foiled again by friends

OLYMPIA- Foiled again, and again, and again.

Chris Kirk returned to his apartment in Olympia and found everything in it covered with foil.

The walls, ceiling and cabinets were covered. Each CD was wrapped, as was all his spare change. Even Kirk's toilet paper was unrolled and wrapped in foil.

About the only thing that wasn't covered was a book: "Cruel Tricks for Dear Friends."

The practical joke was organized by Kirk's longtime friend, Luke Terice, who was staying in the apartment while Kirk made a trip to Los Angeles.

Terice says a small group of friends foiled the apartment with about 100 dollars worth of the kitchen wrap. He expects his buddy Kirk will soon find a way to get even.

2 South Carolina

Former day care worker sentenced after biting child

GAFFNEY- A former day care worker admitted she bit a 3-year-old last year and has been sentenced to 18 months probation after she pleaded guilty to aggravated assault.

Circuit Judge Mark Hayes sentenced Karen Atkins, 25, to two years in prison but suspended it to 18 months probation. Atkins was working at the Wiggles and Giggles day care during the incident last May.

While working there, the mother of the 3-year-old told Atkins that if the child bit Atkins, the day care worker could bite the child back.

After the child was bitten, the mother took the child to the doctor where bruises and a bite mark on her body were noted. Atkins now works at a grocery store in Blacksburg.

3 California

Suit resolved in alleged condom/clam chowder case

SANTA ANA- Four women have resolved their lawsuit against a res-

taurant where one of them allegedly found a condom in her clam chowder, attorneys said Monday.

The women had sued McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, claiming negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress after one bit into an unwrapped, rolled-up condom on Feb. 26, 2002.

The case was scheduled to begin Monday in Orange County Superior Court but was canceled after the two sides reached a resolution. Details were not released.

"The case has been resolved in its entirety," lawyers for both sides said in a joint statement Monday. "Both sides are happy with the outcome."

The women said they were all eating clam chowder when Laila Sultan, 48, bit into something rubbery. Defense attorneys previously said there was no evidence suggesting the Irvine restaurant put the condom into the soup and were at a loss for an explanation.

4 Ohio

Neighbors in uproar after pet rats released into wooded area

AMHERST- Neighbors have been in an uproar since a homeowner released 20 or more pet rats into an adjacent wooded area.

"What kind of idiot would release them so they could return to seek food, shelter and water?" asked Cookie Zvosech. "Where did he think they were going to go? McDonald's?"

Mike Yacobucci said he thought that, with seven children, his wife had too many pet rats, so he released 20 of 25 into the woods several weeks ago. Some neighbors have estimated up to 150 have been running through the neighborhood, looking for food and shelter.

One neighbor in this neat Cleveland suburb killed a rat in her garage, another saw a dog with a rat in its mouth and some have taken aim with hockey sticks. One family said it killed eight rats.

Neighbors have called township trustees, the zoning inspector, the health department, the Animal Protective League and the sheriff. Trustees plan to meet Tuesday to decide what to do.

"Rats are not the greatest pets," Yacobucci said. "Look, I have enough kids."

"They were our pets," said Veronica Yacobucci, stroking one of the five female rats spared. "They are very nice, very cuddly and friendly."

5 Michigan

Wacky Warning Label Contest used to raise awareness

NOVI- It is a warning label that may seem perfectly logical - to fish: A five-inch fishing lure with three nasty steel hooks advises that it is "Harmful if swallowed."

If only carp could read.

The label took fourth place in the seventh annual Wacky Warning Label Contest. But organizers of the contest, the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, say it highlights the lengths to which manufacturers will go in order to avoid lawsuits stemming from misuse of consumer products.

"Wacky warning labels are a sign of our lawsuit-plagued times," said Robert B. Dorigo Jones, president of the nonprofit group working to raise public awareness of how the explosion in litigation is harming the country.

Taking first prize last week was a warning found on a bottle of drain cleaner. The label reads: "If you do not understand, or cannot read, all directions, cautions and warnings, do not use this product."

6 Georgia

Police say man stole car from jail property immediately after release

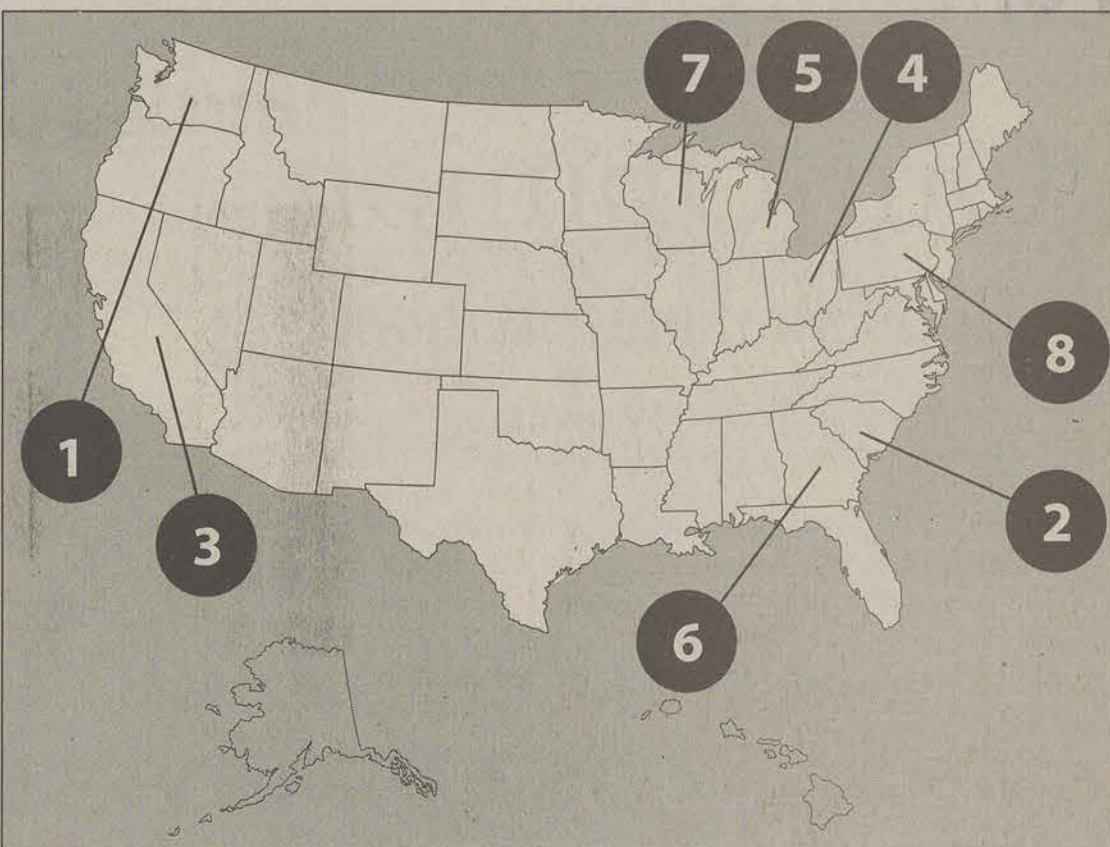
ATLANTA- Atlanta police said a man carjacked a woman's vehicle from Fulton County Jail property immediately after he was released early Saturday.

Police believe that Nathaniel Lee Stanley, 20, threatened a driver and her passenger before taking the 1996 Ford Explorer from the jail parking lot.

Fulton Sheriff's Lt. Clarence Huber said the truck's owner and her passenger escaped from the vehicle unharmed before Stanley sped away.

Stanley was arrested Thursday on charges of violating the state's controlled substance laws, having a suspended driver's license and an expired tag.

Huber said the charges were dismissed at a magistrate's hearing at the jail, and Stanley was released at 3:20 a.m. Saturday. He left the jail, walked into the parking lot and forced himself into the vehicle.



The Ford Explorer was found several hours later a short distance from the jail. Atlanta police are still searching for Stanley.

7 Wisconsin

Researcher finds a new way to cut the cheese

MADISON- A researcher from the University of Wisconsin at Madison has figured out a better way to slice cheese - just use a laser.

"At any other university, people would have just laughed. But this is Wisconsin. It's cheese. And this is no laughing matter," said Xiaochun Li, a mechanical engineering professor and laser expert.

Traditional cheese processing has a number of shortcomings, he said.

Large cutting machines require considerable care to keep cheese from becoming contaminated by bacteria. And it's impossible to slice cheese very thin because it tears or sticks to the cutting blade.

But now Li, working with engineering graduate student Hongseok Choi, has adapted the same kind of laser used for eye surgery to slice Wisconsin's most famed food product.

At first, Li tried using a traditional commercial laser that uses heat to cut by melting or evaporating; it fried the cheese.

"It smelled really bad," he said.

Li tried again using a new class of

laser that emits light in ultraviolet, and therefore shorter, wavelengths. That laser, known as a cold laser, cuts by blasting apart the molecular bonds that hold materials together.

8 Pennsylvania

Fifth grader faints, others shocked by cadaver arm in school

PITTSBURGH- A parent brought a human cadaver arm to an elementary school and opened it up during a discussion about surgery, causing a fifth grader to faint.

Other students also felt ill from the odor of preservatives, and some parents complained to a board member at Fox Chapel Area School District. School officials Thursday promised to review the situation.

The limb was brought in Tuesday by Dr. Michael Horowitz, a neurosurgeon whose children attend Fairview Elementary School in Fox Chapel, an upscale suburb about five miles east of Pittsburgh.

During the discussion, Horowitz opened the cadaver arm to show students nerves, tendons and other parts. There was no blood. He said he discussed carpal tunnel syndrome and explained how there isn't really a funny bone.

Students were told about the discussion in advance. However, "in hindsight, probably a letter should have been sent home and we will be doing that in the future," Berzonski said.

The boy who fainted had passed out for about 10 to 20 seconds and was taken to the nurse, Berzonski said. He returned to school the next day. Five of the 66 students left the classroom at some point because of the strong smell of formaldehyde, Berzonski said.

Fox Chapel Area School District board member Shirley Wiley said about 10 parents called her about the discussion, saying they were stunned they weren't given notice. She refused to identify the parents.

"In this case it was totally the parents' call. I think they had the right to do so," Wiley said.

One father who refused to give his name told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for its Thursday edition that his wife described his son as being white as a ghost. "My son left the room; he was quite traumatized," he told the newspaper.

Horowitz, whose son was in the classroom, and several other parents say they don't feel the demonstration was inappropriate for fifth graders.

"I personally don't think it's too young," Horowitz said. "These same kids are taken to 'The Matrix' and see people's heads blow off ... we sort of accept it when it's entertainment but this is science."

Parent Veenay Sandhu said her son pulled a book from his room and began reading about the human body that day. Another parent, Liz Eaton, said the anatomy lesson sparked the same interest in her 10-year-old daughter, Elise.

"We got out an anatomy book and she showed me what she learned," Eaton said.

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Our Opinion

It's about representation

It's hard enough to follow in the footsteps of Georgia Southern's great football stars, but it's especially hard if you get caught drinking and driving.

When GSU fullback Jermaine Austin got behind the wheel with an excessive blood alcohol content, he made a decision that will likely decapitate his future and cost him the respect of many loyal football fans who have admired him as an athlete and a role model. Whether Austin likes it or not, he – and every other member of the team – are representatives for the sport.

Legally, Austin's offense should be treated like anyone else's rather than over or under-punished. But the fact that he is a public figure in our community makes him subject to a hotter spotlight for his indiscretions.

Some may think Austin's negative publicity should end at Police Beat like any other students' does. But his notoriety extends to the headlines in this instance because to praise his run-ins on the field and downplay his run-ins with the law would make for decidedly dishonest journalism.

With the bestowment of such honors as SoCon's Offensive Player of the Year and two All-American awards comes a certain degree of responsibility. GSU football fans take the dependability of their favorite players for granted, and rightfully so. We expect that unless a player suffers an injury or has an uncontrollable emergency, he should be on the field making us proud.

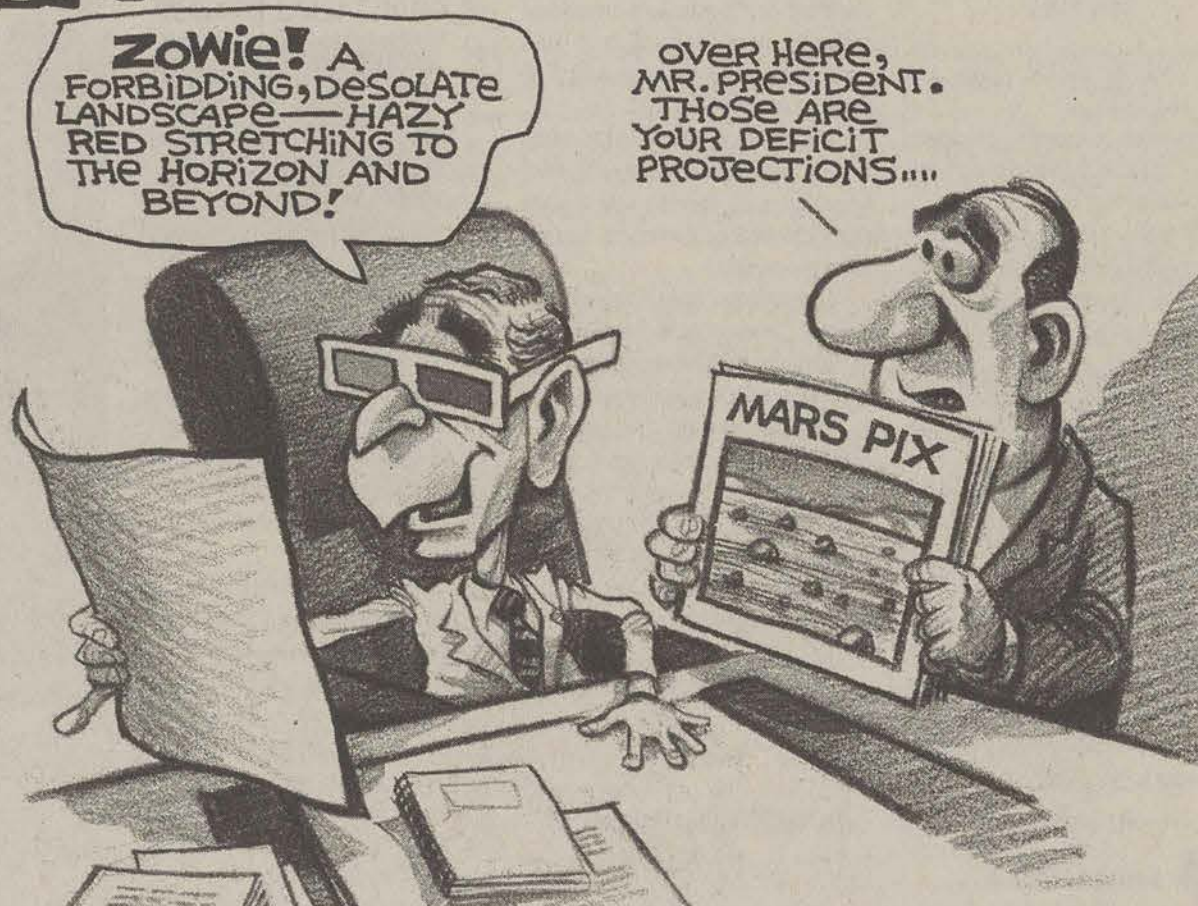
We trust in the integrity of our favorite Eagles.

But, impairment from alcohol hardly qualifies as injury, and driving under the influence is entirely preventable. The reason some will have little to no pity for Austin lies in the sheer avoidability of the entire situation.

To err is human, but for anyone to consciously perform such a dangerous and socially stigmatized act as drunk driving is to take a step beyond mistake. Austin's deliberate disregard for the safety of himself and others calls into question his integrity.

That's what will disappoint the fans the most.

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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Saving yourself for love

We all love to be loved, and most of us love to get laid. However, are these two things naturally linked? Or are they two quite different needs that sometimes, but not always, overlap? Should you save sex for the one you love?

It's not just a simple matter of saints versus sluts. Even the most promiscuous individual, in the midst of good sex, often experience at least a moment of emotion when the other person morphs from sex object into "significant other" material. "I just don't want to feel so vulnerable if I'm with someone I may well never see again," says one cautious guy.

Yet, as many of us know all too well, finding Mr./Ms. Perfect isn't so easy. Most individuals engage in "serial monogamy," putting out for the one person they're dating at the moment. Others more or less successfully distinguish between "important sex" with a boy/girlfriend and "just plain sex" with everyone else. Much of what we think of as romance, "falling in love," sexual fidelity, the "Only One in the World for Me," is less hardwired into the human animal than it is culturally constructed.

Many of the world's notions of romantic love pretty much date from the Middle Ages, where it was cooked up by poets in where else? France. After centuries of pro-mogamy political propaganda, the idea of saving yourself for "The One" seems as natural as breathing. But twentieth century sex has never really played by those rules.

To the shock (and envy) of many, young men and women have realized that where they lay their keys isn't necessarily where they have to put their commitments. The question of what constitutes "virginity" is tricky. Some women go through their entire lives mastering oral sex

but never having vaginal sex; are they still virgins or not? The lack of a clear division between foreplay and "real sex" would seem to imply that any sexual contact at all would be a loss of cherry, but not everyone thinks a bit of mutual satisfaction equals being deflowered.

There's much to be said for celibacy until couple-hood. Life can be confusing enough without juggling a bunch of tricks. Moreover, sometimes people just aren't ready for, or interested in, having sex, or so I've heard. Still, sex is one of those learn-by-doing activities. One 18-year-old, though very much in love, confesses, "I don't know what I am doing in bed. I just need to know how I can make sex more fun." All the books and videos in the world are no substitute for experience.

As one man in his 40s says, "It took a lot of experimentation before I found out what my real desires were and how I could have dynamite sex." On the one hand, there's the danger that when you finally find the man or woman of your dreams, you'll be a jaded, worn-out hump-bunny, and on the other, that you'll fall in love and then find out both of you are pretty clueless where the Nasty is concerned. Will waiting for sex make eventually doing it even better, or will horniness convince you that whoever comes along is "The One"? What's a girl to do? Well, although being honest with yourself and others is the kind of advice Mom would give, sometimes Mom is right (But just this once!). There are, unfortunately, no easy universal rules to follow when it comes to the heart and the hard-on. Trial and error – It's what being human is all about.



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Some television exposure President Bush won't like

By Lenore Skenazy
KRT Campus

The children in the ad look nervous as they sit on the school stage, awaiting a chance to campaign for class president.

"If elected," vows the first one, "I'll lie about weapons of mass destruction as a pretext to invade another country."

"I'll call myself an environmentalist, then gut clean air standards," promises another little guy.

"Our allies will go from respecting us to hating us," says a pint-size spitfire, "and I don't care!"

By the final speech – "Bring 'em on!" – I was ready to vote.

Not for class president! For this ad. It is one of 15 finalists in a contest called "Bush in 30 Seconds," sponsored by the liberal advocacy group MoveOn.org. (To see the ads, go to www.bushin30seconds.org.)

MoveOn invited anyone, amateur or professional, to create a 30-second ad telling "the truth about President Bush's policies," says Eli Pariser, the contest's coordinator. Tuesday night, the winner will be announced. It will get a cool \$7 million – in TV airtime. That's enough to make sure almost every voter in 20 key swing states sees it at least once. Hallelujah!

All 15 of the ads are so powerful that it is no surprise the Republican National Committee is trying to divert attention from them to a trumped-up controversy about the contest itself. Call it a tempest-in-a-TV spot.

From October to December, the contest attracted more than 1,500 entries. These were posted on MoveOn's Web site, where viewers could watch them and vote for their favorite. Though the ads were supposed to be screened for TV appropriateness, two slipped through that – disgracefully – compared Bush to Hitler.

The RNC has not shut up about it since. MoveOn removed the ads as soon as they were called to its attention and issued a statement

condemning them. It also vowed to create a more effective filtering system. Now the only place you can see the most offensive ad is ... on the RNC's Web site.

Yep, right there at the top. As if MoveOn and its members all think Bush is Herr Hitler. RNC chairman Ed Gillespie called the Hitler ads "the worst and most vile form of political hate speech."

Agreed. So let's quit trying to exploit them, shall we? And in the meantime, let's take a look at what the legitimate bushin30seconds ads do say:

One shows a weary man hitting his clock radio's snooze alarm over and over as an announcer intones, "During his administration, 3 million Americans have lost their jobs."

He slams the button. "The president has cut unemployment benefits ..." Slam. "... cut health care for veterans ..." Slam. "... largest annual debt in history ..." Slam. And it ends with the statement, "Wake up, America."

Another ad shows a lie detector. As the president solemnly informs the country, "Saddam Hussein had an advanced nuclear weapons development program," the polygraph needle goes wild. "Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa." It goes wild again. And again. And again. At the end, the screen says, "Americans are dying for the truth."

They certainly are. And the truth is: These ads deliver it. Almost 3 million people voted in the MoveOn contest. They don't believe Bush is Hitler. They do believe it's time we talked about out who he really is.

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Today around the world

Japan : Adults Day/Seijin-No-Hi
Jordan : Arbor Day
Venezuela : Teachers' Day/Dia Del Maestro

Today in history

On this day in 1997, Chicago Bull Dennis Rodman kicked cameraman, Eugene Amosin the groin.
On this day in 1983, Thom Syles kept a life saver intact in his mouth for over 7 hours.

Flag-wavers return to Capitol

Associated Press

ATLANTA - When Georgia lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Monday, they barely looked up at the familiar airplane overhead towing a "LET US VOTE" banner.

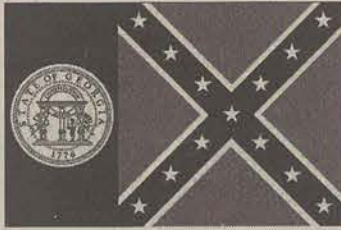
Supporters of the controversial 1956 Georgia flag with its predominant Dixie cross are angry that their flag won't be a choice in an upcoming vote on the state's flag. About a dozen of the flag's boosters rallied at the Capitol Monday, warning lawmakers that people aren't happy with March referendum and want a vote on the Confederate banner.

Last year, after months of divisive debate, lawmakers decided not to allow a public vote on reviving the Confederate emblem flag that was changed in 2001. Instead,

voters will choose between the 2001 flag and the current one, three red-and-white stripes and the state seal.

Lawmakers from both parties say there's little chance that will happen. Rep. Tyrone Brooks, a prominent black lawmaker and vocal opponent of the 1956 banner, said the flag chatter has died down.

In that case, Southern heritage supporters plan to target incumbents for defeat in the fall, when all 236 seats of the Legislature are up for grabs.



ORDINANCE, FROM PAGE 1A

At the public hearing that took place Tuesday, January 13 in the County's Court House, more than 45 people

It insults me that they say it's the trailers not keeping it beautiful.

- Sam Tarver, local resident

got to speak their minds. The Bulloch County Board of Commissioners voted to appoint a committee of stakeholders and county staff to review and recommend

changes to the ordinance. This committee, which will later be appointed this month, will be presenting the new recommendations at the meeting on March 16.

This ordinance obviously came on too quickly and did not fully address the problems at hand. Local Sam

Tarver said that his 16-year-old double-wide is built to construction's and high standards and looks just as good as the new homes.

While agreeing with wanting to keep Bulloch Beautiful, he added "it insults that they say it's the trailers not keeping it beautiful."

Not only home owners concerned, businesses are also worried about the ordinance. Landlords may start to raise lot prices and rent.

Finding a place to dispose of the old mobile homes can get tricky, and for businesses that move mobile homes and set them back up, this is going to be a huge draw back for them.

What will happen in the end? Only time will tell. Some suggest waiving the \$100 variance fee. Others suggest the commissioners get rid of the current ordinance altogether until another ordinance which better suits the city can be reached.

RELAY, FROM PAGE 1A

Relay for Life is The American Cancer Society's nationwide signature fund raising event. Last year, over 70 teams participated in Relay for Life, raising \$152,000 to aid in the fight against cancer in Statesboro. Each team sets up camp in the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairgrounds. The teams usually consist of ten to fifteen members who take turns on the track.

Cancer survivors complete the first lap of every relay event. While members are not on the track, they are able to enjoy a variety of activities and entertainment. Some of the activities include a reverse/male beauty contest, a scavenger hunt, a tug-of-war, a tire-rolling contest, and much more.

"Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about the

progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser," commented Kay Nay, this year's event chair. Relay for Life gives the community a chance to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and to become more educated about the disease and the ways in which one can help in the search for a cure.

The funds raised will go towards increasing the services available to cancer patients and their families in Bulloch County.

The American Cancer Society in Statesboro would like to see more Georgia Southern students get involved in next year's event as well as future events. For more information on how to take part in Relay for Life, contact Kay Nay, event chair, at (912)-871-7878 or KLN_AN@yahoo.com.

SGA, FROM PAGE 1A

The other changes dealt mainly with "house keeping" items such as wording.

The changes were approved with a few "friendly amendments" concerning grammar and the definition of an At-Large Senator.

These changes can be seen at the SGA website under the "forms" link.

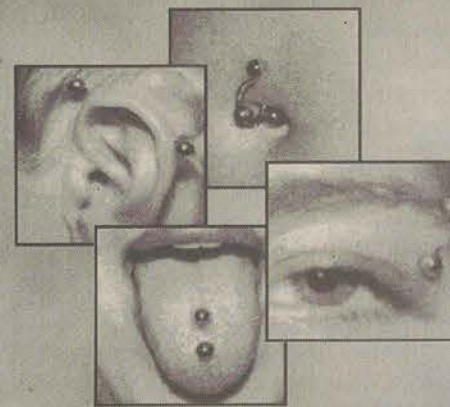
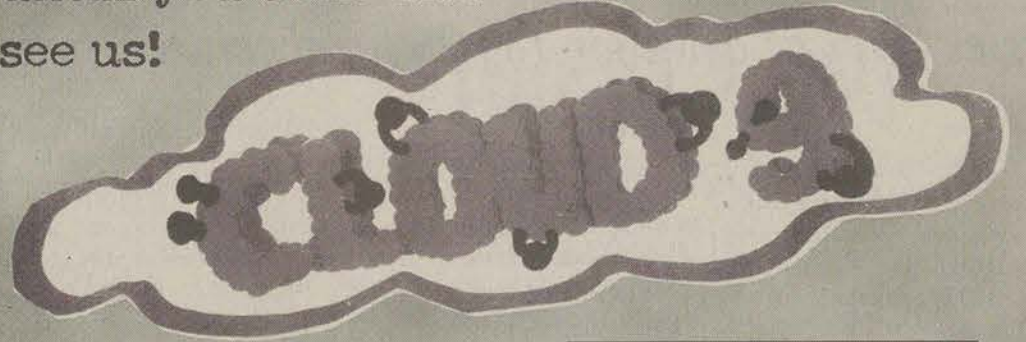
Two student organizations, Duck's Unlimited, a wildlife preservation organization, and Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honor fraternity, requested and were approved for funds requested.

SGA meets each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union.

The Miscellany needs your submissions!

The Miscellany is Georgia Southern's magazine of the arts and literature. We are looking for submissions in fiction, creative non-fiction, and creative essay, up to 1500 words, in poetry or prose-poetry of any length, and in the visual arts of any medium, such as drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, sculpture, etc. Submissions must be received in electronic form, along with a printed copy. Submission packets, which include a cover sheet and submission guidelines, can be picked up at the Miscellany office, Williams Center 2009. Submissions can be sent to Jerome Powell, P.O. Box 8001, or emailed to miscmag@gasou.edu.

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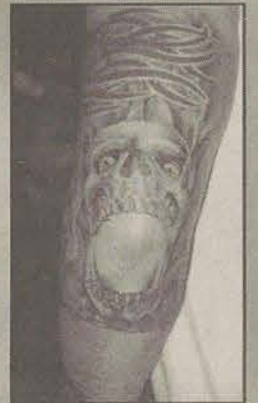
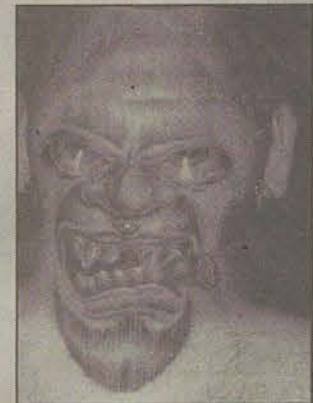
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LUCKY SEVEN: Winning streak growing for Eagles

Eagles enter Mid-Major Top 25 firmly entrenched in longest win streak of Jeff Price era

By **Kenny Cofer**
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Riding a seven-game winning streak into the bulk of their Southern Conference schedule, the Eagles stand at 11-3 overall and 2-1 in league play.

The Eagles have been using great defense and strong play from the supporting cast to punish their opponents, the latest victims being The Citadel and Savannah State.

Saturday night the Eagles squared off against the visiting Bulldogs from Charleston. It didn't take long for GSU to get on top as they went on a 17-5 run to start the game. Marcus Byams had a strong first half with seven points and two rebounds to give the Eagles a 40-26 halftime lead.

Georgia Southern started the second half much the way the first began, as they went on a big run, this time outscoring The Citadel 26-9 in the first nine minutes. The Eagles had 22 steals in the game, tying a school record, as they continued their improvement on defense.

"I'd say we spend seventy percent of practice on defense, knowing where our assignments are, so in the game we will be ready. So far, it is really working out for us," said junior guard Chad Fleming.

Fleming had a career high in points with 11 as he continues to impress fans and teammates with his hard-nosed style and hustling

every play.

"I don't have the physical ability that most of the guys do, so what I lack in ability, I have to make up for in hustle," remarked Fleming.

The loss for the Bulldogs dropped them to 4-10 overall and 0-3 in the Southern Conference.

Coming off the win over The Citadel, Georgia Southern welcomed a familiar rival from the east, Savannah State. In front of a crowd of over 3,000 at Hanner Fieldhouse, the Eagles did not disappoint, defeating the Tigers 80-58.

The opening bucket of the game set the tone for GSU, as Elton Nesbitt gave a perfect feed to Frank Bennett for an alley oop. The Eagles again used good defense, along with poor shooting from Savannah State, to hold the Tigers without a field goal for almost twelve minutes in the first half. GSU closed the half on a 25-10 run, making the score 37-15 at halftime.

The first half was also filled with technical fouls, as Savannah State center Sherard Reddick had two called on him and the Savannah State bench also had a technical foul called. Despite two technical fouls, Reddick was not ejected from the game because only one was for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Elton Nesbitt had a lot to do with why Reddick was being rattled.

"I wanted to talk to him, get in his head. See what he was all about. See

if I could rattle him and throw him off of his game," said Nesbitt.

After the eventful first half, Georgia Southern came out flat as they let Savannah State go on a 7-2 run midway through the second half. The Eagles quickly responded though as they returned with an 8-0 run of their own to put the game out of reach.

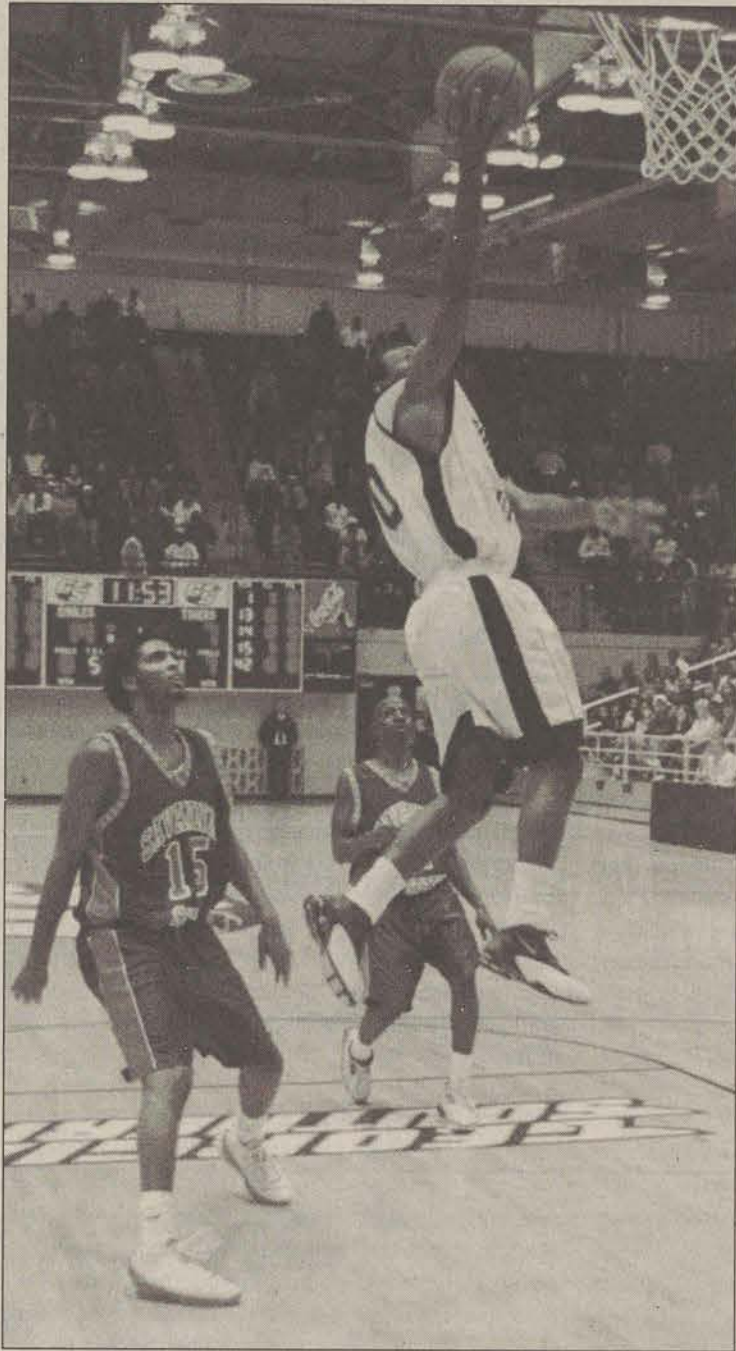
Elton Nesbitt again led the Eagles in scoring with 20 points in the GSU win over the Tigers.

Ahead for GSU is a tough schedule against strong Southern Conference foes. The Eagles head to Greenville, South Carolina on Saturday to take on Furman, which will be televised on Fox Sports South. Furman is not to be taken lightly, as they have a 7-6 record overall, but 0-3 in the conference.

After the trip to Greenville, GSU will travel about thirty minutes east over to Spartanburg to take on Wofford two days later. The Terriers are having a disappointing season at 4-9 overall and 1-2 SoCon.

The Eagles will return home on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. in what should be a great match-up with the College of Charleston.

Before the contest between the Cougars and Eagles will be the second annual Hanner Hooligan tailgate with free food and prizes. Players and coaches will be present while Hoop Troop will also perform.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Sophomore guard Elton Nesbitt lays the ball up in Monday's 80-58 victory over Savannah State as the Tigers' Jamal Daniels (15) looks on. Nesbitt and the Eagles will try to extend their winning streak to nine with games at Furman and Wofford on Saturday and Monday, respectively.

Men come back to whip Wofford

By **Dennis Hightower**
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Elton Nesbitt's 24 points and Kordel Gibson's 20 gave Georgia Southern an 83-61 win over Wofford Terriers at Hanner Fieldhouse on Jan. 7.

Although the Eagles are next to last in scoring defense, they held Wofford to 39 percent shooting in the second half.

The Terriers looked like they were going to coast as forward Howard Wilkerson scored all of his 17 points in the first half. They led by as many as 11 before Nesbitt took over. The sophomore guard

from Deerfield Beach, Fla. scored 19 points in the first half.

The Eagles led 43-38 at the half, as both teams shot over 50 percent in the first half. In the second half, it was all Eagles as Gibson shot six of the team's 10 three-pointers. Senior forward Marcus Byams didn't score any points, but led the team with eight rebounds. Senior forward Frank Bennett scored 11 points.

The Terriers were led by Adrien Borders with 27 points, including an 8-from-11 night from the free throw line. Forward Sam Daniels had eight points and nine rebounds.

Lady Eagles split with UNCG, Elon

By **Eli Boorstein**
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Turnovers continue to victimize the Lady Eagle basketball team as they managed to top a struggling UNC Greensboro squad 54-43 on Saturday before falling to conference newcomer Elon 69-58 on Monday.

Georgia Southern (7-6, 4-4 SoCon) committed a total of 39 turnovers in the two home contests and is averaging an ominous 22 turnovers per game this season.

"Right now we're doubting ourselves," said head coach Rusty Cram.

In Saturday's ballgame, the two clubs battled back and forth early on, fighting to an 18-18 tie with 6:23 on the clock. Georgia Southern took the lead over when freshman Chequilla Jessie rebounded a missed free throw and put it up for a basket. From that point on, the Lady Eagles buckled down on the Spartans, as they used a 10-3 run to go ahead 28-21 entering halftime.

As the second half began, UNC Greensboro was able to narrow their deficit to just five points at 30-25, but Georgia Southern once again answered with a run of their own, scoring 11 of the next 13 points, culminating with a Jessie basket to make the score 41-27. That proved to be the game's turning point as the Lady Eagles held their opponents at bay for the remainder of the evening.

Senior Jessica Everett and junior Kellie Tiller each posted 15 points to lead Georgia Southern. Tiller, who has seen time as both a reserve and a starter, had some success from long distance, converting 3-of-5 three-point attempts.

"I've had it both ways," the Augusta native said about which role she prefers. "Any way I can help the team, that's what I want to do."

As a team, the Lady Eagles shot 42.3 percent, their highest such mark in over a month. It was a far cry from the team's ghastly 12.7 percentage against Chattanooga on Jan. 5.

Jacinda Lambert scored 16 points to lead the Spartans (3-11, 3-4 SoCon), who is usually a conference power, but has suffered mightily this year.

CollegInsider.com MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL

1. Gonzaga
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3. Utah State
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6. Western Michigan
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23. Wisconsin-Green Bay
24. Boston University
25. Oral Roberts

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN									
NORTH DIVISION					OVERALL				
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
ETSU	3	0	1.00	11	4	.733			
App State	3	1	.750	8	9	.471			
Chattanooga	2	2	.500	9	6	.600			
W. Carolina	2	2	.500	8	6	.571			
Elon	1	2	.333	4	10	.286			
UNCG	1	3	.250	4	10	.286			

SOUTH DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Charleston	4	0	1.00	11	2	.857			
Ga. Southern	2	1	.667	11	3	.786			
Davidson	2	2	.500	7	8	.467			
Wofford	1	2	.333	4	9	.308			
Furman	0	3	.000	8	6	.571			
The Citadel	0	3	.000	4	10	.286			

WOMEN									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Chattanooga	9	0	1.00	14	2	.875			
ETSU	6	3	.667	6	8	.429			
Furman	4	2	.667	7	6	.538			
Elon	4	3	.571	8	6	.571			
Davidson	4	3	.571	7	7	.500			
Ga. Southern	4	4	.500	7	6	.538			
UNCG	4	4	.500	4	11	.267			
W. Carolina	3	4	.429	4	10	.286			
App State	2	5	.286	3	11	.214			
Charleston	2	6	.250	3	10	.231			
Wofford	0	8	.000	0	15	.000			



Eagles' Olivier makes a name for himself through his toughness

By **Andrea Morrison**
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At the beginning of the game on Jan. 10, Sean Olivier went up to block a shot against The Citadel and came down hard, slamming his face on the court and knocking out one of his teeth in the process.

The trainers were able to replace the tooth by bonding it to one next to it, and although he was still a bit rattled, Olivier returned to the game at the end of the first half. By Monday's game against Savannah State, his accident in the previous game was completely forgotten, as he battled for his first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Olivier's toughness through injury is merely testament to the new player he has become this season. Gone is the nervous, timid player of last year who seemed out of place in his 6-foot-9, 240-pound frame. With teammate Courtney Joseph out of the lineup due to a stress fracture in his left foot, Olivier's coaches and teammates looked to him to step up and fill in as the Eagles' threat in the post.

And fill in he has. Despite limited playing time last year, Olivier has started nine games and is continuously improving as the season progresses.

"I'm really happy with the experience that I'm getting and my defensive play, but I know that I still need to improve, especially on offense," he said.

At this time last year Olivier didn't even know if he would be returning to Georgia Southern for the 2003-04 basketball season. After redshirting his first year out of high school, he saw very limited playing time during his first season of eligibility. He considered transferring in order to get more experience and develop more as a player, but he decided to stay.

"I just didn't want to have to adjust to a new environment, program, and coaching staff," he said.

It's understandable that Olivier didn't want to have to make any more adjustments because he has been doing that for much of his life. When he was 14, he and his family packed everything and moved from their home in the Bronx where Olivier was born and raised and relocated to St. Cloud, Fla. Needless to say, there are few similarities between the two cities. But, his biggest adjustment was probably the one he had to make with his own body. Olivier didn't start playing organized basketball until he was 11 years old, at which point he already stood at 5-feet-11. His real growth spurt occurred about two years later when he grew 4 inches in the summer between middle school and high school.

"I was underdeveloped and I grew so fast that I couldn't keep up with my body," he said in explanation of the fact that he only played on the junior varsity team his fresh-



Special Photo

Sophomore forward Sean Olivier has battled through a limited playing time last year, and a broken tooth this season, to become a key member of the Eagles' front court.

man year in spite of his height.

The same issue was facing Olivier when universities began recruiting him during his senior year at St. Cloud High. Everyone saw the raw talent and potential, but most of the bigger schools such as Kansas State wanted him to attend a prep school for a year after high school to further develop his body and his game. However, Olivier felt that he could step in and play Division I basketball straight out of high school and Georgia Southern was willing to give him that opportunity.

Olivier said that he is as happy now as he has ever been during his college career. His team is on a seven-game winning streak, and they're winning in convincing fashion. The Eagles are 16th in the nation in scoring margin with an average of 15.8 points separating them from their opponents. The biggest difference between this year's team and the teams of years past is that every player is a significant factor in every win, including Olivier. It's easy to forget that he just turned 20 in November and that this is only his second season of college basketball, but that only means that he has even more time to get better and better.



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at Loco's Deli & Pub, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Swimming & Diving
at Gardner-Webb, 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball
at Furman, Noon
TV: Fox Sports Net South

Women's Basketball
at Wofford, 5 p.m.

Monday
Men's Basketball
at Wofford, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Furman, 7 p.m.



COACHING, FROM PAGE 1A

current coaching tenure as an assistant to Johnson in 1997.

Russell is the son of Erk Russell, who restarted the dormant Eagle football program in 1981, leading the team to three national championships before retiring in 1989.

The 28-year old Harbin, special teams and defensive line coach, completed his second season at Georgia Southern after serving as an assistant at Valdosta State. He played as an offensive lineman at Morris Brown and North Alabama.

"I feel improvement and consistency in our special teams play is warranted as well," said Sewak about Harbin. "After continual evaluations over the past two seasons, I have concluded that a search for new leadership

in this area is evident also."

In addition to the two coaches who were not retained, John Pate, defensive line coach as well as recruiting coordinator, is among three finalists for the vacant head coach position at Southwest Minnesota State, a Division II school in Marshall, Minn. Pate was scheduled to interview for the position on the Southwest Minnesota campus on Tuesday.

Pate is the longest tenured of any Georgia Southern assistant, serving at the university a total of 12 years over two stretches. After serving under Erk Russell from 1985 until 1989, he returned to the program in 1997 and has served in his current position since.

LADY EAGLES, FROM PAGE 6A

Eagles once again responded by using a 9-3 run to make the score 40-28 at the half.

The Lady Eagles then came out reenergized in the second half as they jumped out to a 19-8 tear, highlighted by a Shawnica Hill three-pointer, which cut the Elon edge to 48-47 with 7:08 left to play.

But it was not meant to be for the home team as Elon used the same tenacity that served them so well in the first half as they answered on an 18-5 run to jump ahead for good, 66-52.

Everett scored 11 for Georgia Southern while Tiller added 10. Sophomore Lee DuBose added nine while freshman Kaylin Wells had the best game of her young career with

eight, all coming in the Lady Eagles' late first-half rally.

"I want to do whatever I can do to help," said Wells, who became active on Dec. 20, having transferred into the program after originally enrolling at Georgia Tech. "Whether it's for two or 12 minutes, I want to go out there."

Andrews, who leads the Southern Conference with 20.1 points per game, led Elon (8-6, 4-3 SoCon) with 19 points on the night.

Next up for the Lady Eagles will be a trio of road games at Wofford and Furman on Saturday and Monday, respectively, and at Savannah State next Thursday. They will return to Hanner Fieldhouse for a battle with Western Carolina on Jan. 24 at 5 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Southern Explosion heads to Nationals

The Georgia Southern dance team, Southern Explosion, will be heading to the sunny escape of Disney World this weekend, but this venture is for business and not pleasure. The eight-person troupe will be competing at the Universal Dance Association College Championships on Saturday.

According to team captain Andrea Richard, Southern Explosion qualified for the tournament by submitting a videotape of the routine they have been practicing since October. The four-song routine includes songs by Guns N' Roses, Tina Turner, Van Halen and Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. With help from choreographer Brandi Akiens, the group gave up much of their winter holiday to practice between three and four hours per day.

"It's been hard with no coach," said Richard. "The eight of us work so well together that we can pull together."

For those interested in becoming a member of Southern Explosion, tryouts will be held in March. For information, contact Andrea Richard at 681-3616 or by e-mail at gsudancer@yahoo.com.

CRI News & Notes

By Judson Arnold

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There is a special event coming up at the RAC.

Scheduled for Tuesday in the Group Exercise Room from 6-7:30 p.m., come join the fun and fitness at the Group Exercise Kickoff. Also, don't forget that Southern Adventures has a backpacking trip to the Smokey Mountains scheduled this weekend from Jan. 16-19, costing \$25.

For intramurals, pre-season soccer is approaching. Entries for that is due Jan. 27 and play begins Jan. 30.

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Sports quotes you wouldn't use to inspire your team

"The only reason I don't like playing in the World Series is because I can't watch myself play." - Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson

"You better cut the pizza in four pieces, because I'm not hungry enough to eat six." - Hall of Famer Yogi Berra

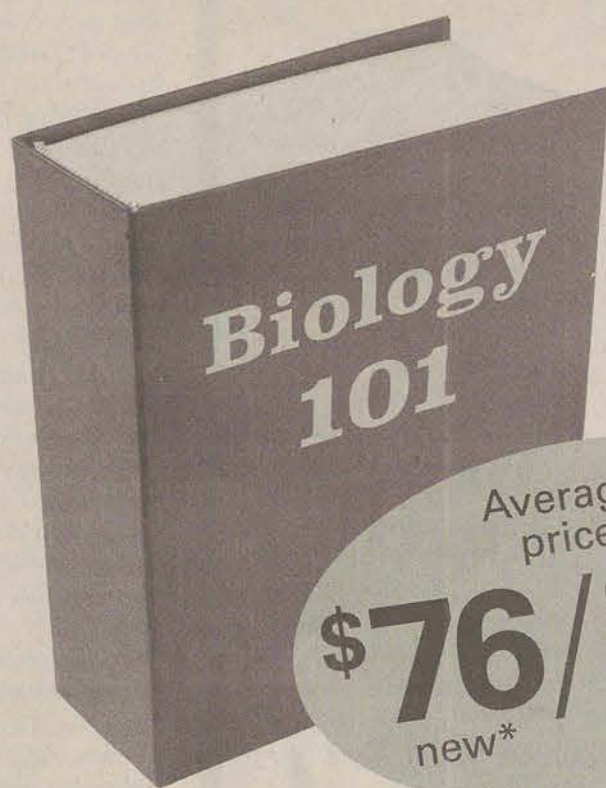
"Why does everybody stand up and sing 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' when they're already there?" - former pitcher Larry Anderson

"I don't care what the tape says. I didn't say it." - football coach Ray Malavasi

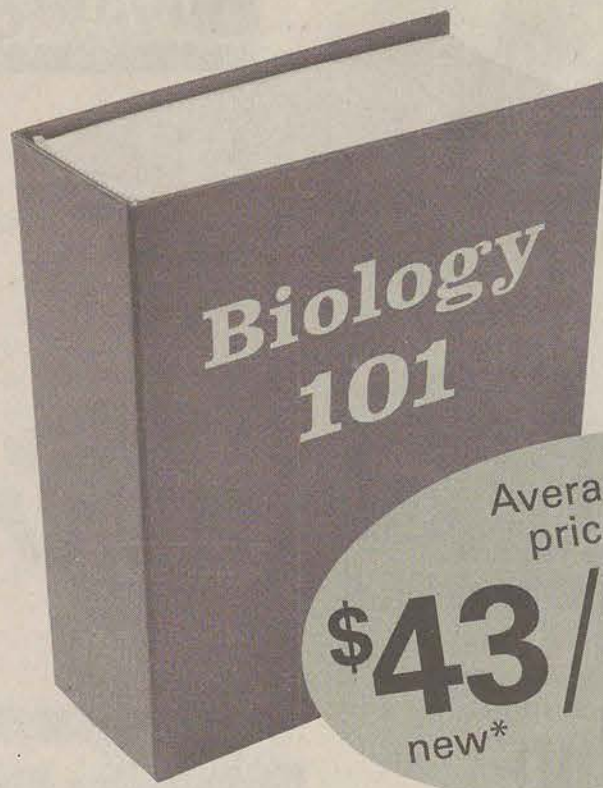
"Tom." - former Houston Rockets coach Tom Nissalke when asked how he pronounced his name

"My sister's having a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." - former North Carolina State basketball player Chuck Nevitt when explaining to his coach why he appeared to be nervous at practice

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Museum, landscaping added to Trade Center memorial design

KRT Campus

NEW YORK — The controversial decision to list the names of the World Trade Center victims in random order, with rescue workers getting special designation is final, officials said Wednesday.

Titled "Reflecting Absence," the memorial will be

placed amid a field of trees that features two large recessed pools of water that fill the footprints of the twin towers.

Ramps will lead down to the memorial spaces. At the bottom, observers will find themselves behind a thin curtain of water, looking out at an enormous pool with the names of the dead surrounding it.

The memorial also includes an underground museum

that will display twisted steel beams, a crushed fire truck and other artifacts from the attacks.

The final memorial design calls for all rescue workers to be named with a special insignia signifying their agency. Their names, though, will run randomly. No other victims would receive special insignia.

The memorial will cost about \$350 million, officials

said. The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, created to raise funds for the memorial, will be formally launched later this month. Federal aid also will be sought.

Visitors to the site would be guided by staff or a printed directory to the specific location of each victim's name.

Dean hopes to move up in New Hampshire

KRT Campus

DERRY, N.H. — Although Howard Dean is in a neck-and-neck race with Dick Gephardt for the lead in Iowa's Jan. 19 Democratic caucuses, Dean spent most of Wednesday's campaigning in New Hampshire because his once-formidable 20-point lead there is melting.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark is quickly gaining ground on the former Vermont governor, according to a respected daily tracking poll. Clark is only 10 points behind, at 22 percent, with Dean at 32 percent, on average over Jan. 11-13. Sen. John Kerry of neighboring Massachusetts is a distant third at 13 percent, and 16 percent are undecided.

Polls in primaries are often volatile, and voter turnout can be highly unpredictable, especially when the weather is severe. For all that however, the latest three-day survey average masks how fast Clark is closing the gap, according to those polled.

"The daily trends show Wesley Clark closing in on Howard Dean. There was a 13 percentage point gap between Clark and Dean on Jan. 11, an 8 percentage point gap on Jan. 12 and a 4 percentage point gap on Jan. 13," pollster American Research Group said on its Web site.

"If the trend to Clark continues, Clark could be leading the race by the end of the weekend," said ARG President Dick Bennett in an e-mail.

"Even if Dean holds his core support, Clark could tie and move in front of Dean in New Hampshire before the results from Iowa are known."

In addition, the pollster reported, "John Kerry is also benefiting from the movement away from Dean, and our models indicate that (North Carolina Sen.) John Edwards is another candidate that these voters are considering. This race is far from being settled."

Clark's decision to skip the Iowa caucuses has allowed him to pour staff, resources and, most importantly, time into the Granite State. Despite a hectic travel schedule, he's managed to have at least one New Hampshire event a day, a strategy that keeps him in the local news media.

On Wednesday, Clark spoke on homeland security at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, where he called for NATO to be deployed in the hunt for al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden.

"It's something we're certainly watching," said Dorie Clark, Dean's New Hampshire communications director. "From the beginning we knew the race would tighten, that it was not feasible to maintain a 20 percent lead for months. It seems in the past week or so that Wesley Clark is making his move."

Meanwhile, Dean hustled into New Hampshire to increase his visibility and counter Clark's momentum.

Dean added Clark's name to the litany of Democrats who have failed to "stand up" to President Bush and oppose the war in Iraq. "I think General Clark is a good guy, but I truly think he's a Republican," Dean said. "I don't mind that he voted for Nixon and Reagan that was a long time ago."

When told of Dean's remarks, Clark said, "I'm a Democrat of conviction," and he termed the spate of attacks "enormously flattering."



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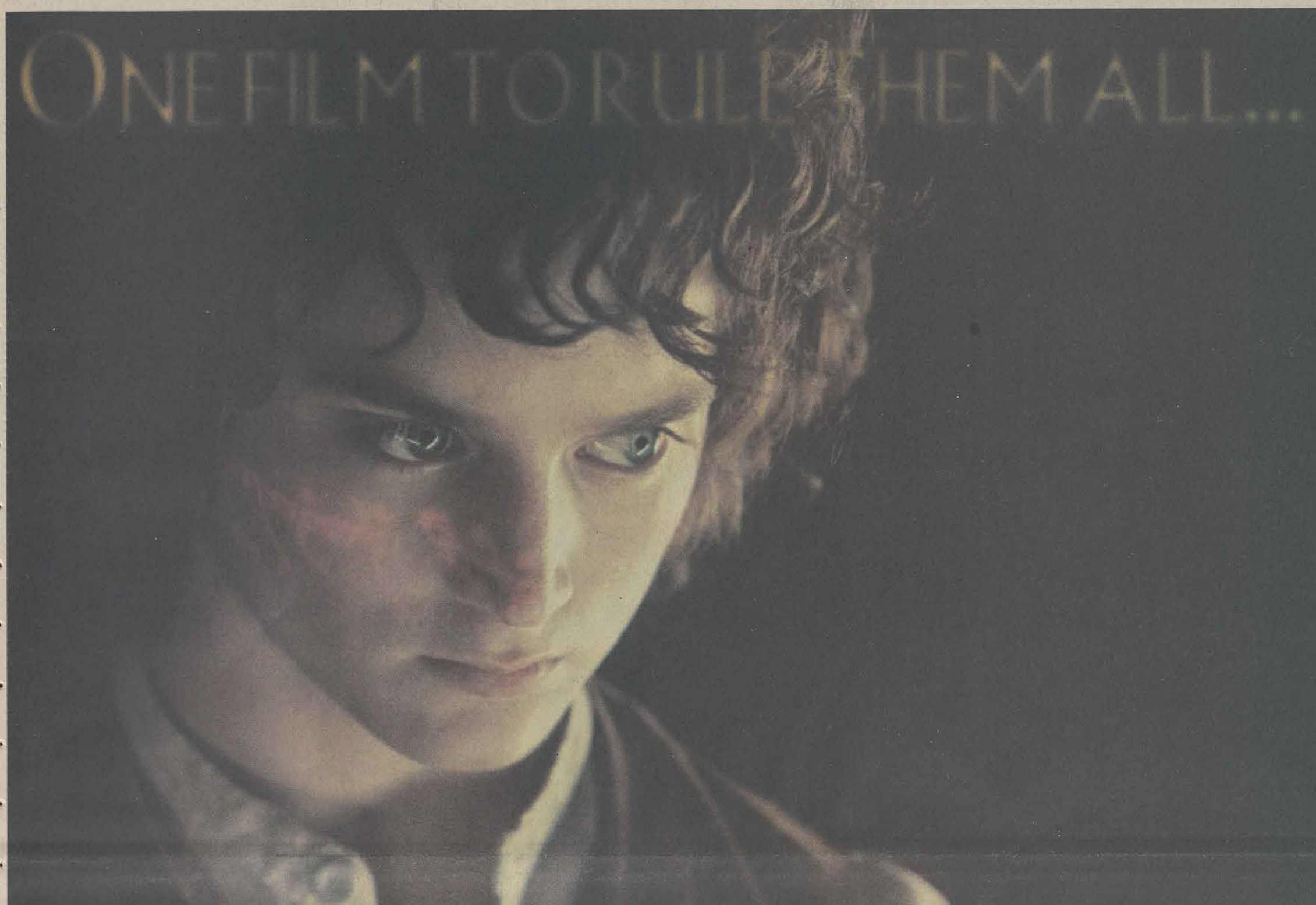
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The GEORGE-ANNE Hiatus

A break for your brain



'Return of the King' tops box offices for the fourth week in a row

By John Harris
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This is how to do a serial!

Compare this to the second "Star Wars" trilogy. Those Episodes Less Than Four have nothing on this. Peter Jackson took his fantasy of making big-budget, blockbuster movies based on that noted bastion of both hippie and geek cultures, J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy trilogy "The Lord of the Rings," and despite many naysayers, turned it into a kind of masterpiece. Meanwhile George Lucas, who should really know better, continues with his muddy and stumbling prequels.

In fact there is a certain misty equivalency between the two series. Gandalf to Yoda, Elrond to Windu, Arwen to Padme, Legolas and Gimli to our favorite robot acronyms. (Don't argue with me on those folks, it's just a review.) Frodo comes close to being Anakin, but kinder, and shorter, more believable, and without spooky Force powers. Of course this correlation isn't very exact and it breaks down if you look at it too hard, as it would put Sam Gamgee in the same story slot as Obi-Wan himself, and then you get the two mixed up and remember fondly how Bard piloted Red Five down the trench of the Lonely Mountain and, at the behest of a thrush who told him to use the Force, fired two black proton torpedoes into... um. Never mind.

But anyway, to the movie, the finale of the series. When last we left our heroes, Merry and Pippin, with help from a fleet of ambulatory elms, had laid waste the fiery pits of Isengard and were smokin' up and feelin' fine. Soon-to-be king Aragorn and sidekicks Spock and Grumpy teamed up with a factory-refurbished Gandalf, then went over to neighboring horse country Rohan and shook things

up in the grand wizard tradition, turning Wormtounge and colorizing King Theoden. Events culminated with a big-ass battle against exactly umpteen kajillion orcs, while Frodo and Sam eeked their way towards Mordor, hindered and helped by both Gondor steward-son Faramir and crotch-wrapped, fish-smashing split-personality case Gollum.

The new movie, not to give too much away, concludes both stories. The story involves treachery, valor, unlikely allies, darkest hours and slender, shining hopes, literally huge-ass elephants, and eleventy-dabillion more orcs. Frodo and Sam make it to Mordor and try to ditch the ring in lava while the rest of the gang arrive at Gondor and do lots of fighting. Oy, you wouldn't believe with the fighting. Merry and Pippin finally get to do the things for which they've been dragged along for two movies. Legolas and Gimli continue their contest from the previous movie, my guess to impress the chicks. Speaking of which, we find out exactly what one needs to take down a Nazgul: breasts.

"The Lord of the Rings" movies have all concentrated on the primary threads of the story, to the detriment of the finer points. Tom Bombadil and the barrow-wights were completely removed from the first movie, and there is a notable segment missing at the end of this one. Of course, it's easy to concede these points to Jackson, as even as it stands the series is almost ten hours from beginning to end, and probably over eleven if you count the extra footage in the extended DVD releases. "The Return of the King" clocks in at three-and-a-half hours all by its lonesome, and some people have complained that there is a lot of downtime in the movie, either at the beginning or the end. It's true that the primary action is probably the battle at Gondor (which has a better name



Photos are Special Photos

The final installment in the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy by Peter Jackson has stayed strong in sales since its debut.

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Take a look ahead...

In next week's Hiatus:

Learn a little about the origins of the Caribbean sound along with the usual installment of all of the entertainment your brain can handle.



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Hiatus

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Cheaper By The Dozen

Cold Mountain

Something's Gotta Give

My Baby's Daddy

Chasing Liberty

Paycheck

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Mona Lisa Smile

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Freaky Friday

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The Order

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E.R. (NBC)

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EVERYBODY LOVES
RAYMOND (CBS)

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(NBC)

APPRENTICE (NBC)

WITHOUT A TRACE
(CBS)



Once Upon a Time in Mexico comes to DVD next Tuesday.

Once Upon A time in Mexico

Open Range

Manic

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OUT AND ABOUT

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January 19th

Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday
No School!

Tuesday
January 20th



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

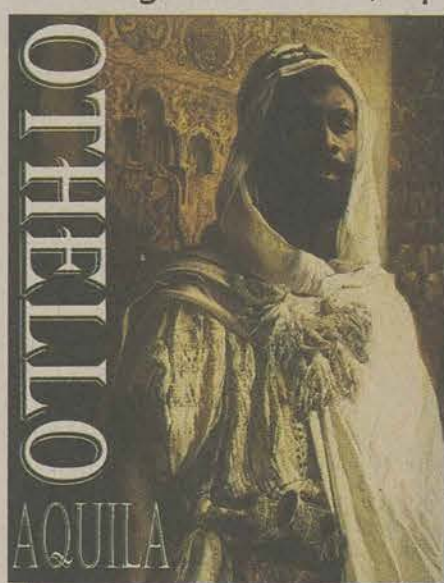
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January 15th

It's About Time Art Exhibit
Gallery 303 Foy Fine Arts Building,
12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Friday
January 16th

Sing @ Southern Honor Choir
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday
January 17th
Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.



Shakespeare's 'Othello' will come to the Performance Arts Center Saturday, January 17 at 8 p.m. The Traveling Aquila Performance Group is just one of the many groups that will be performing at the PAC during the "Broadway And More Series."

Wednesday
January 21st
Blaqshion Fashion Show @ P.A.C 7 p.m.
Theme: "In Livin' Color"
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LITERARY LOCUS

Discworld Series By Terry Pratchett's

By Jeff Faulk

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Death... the great equalizer, the final end, the entrance into an afterlife—personified by the familiar image of a skeleton, hooded and cloaked, brandishing a scythe (perhaps a hourglass also), riding a pale horse. You might think that this is a topic that cannot bring joy to the hearts of any person... but there is an exception.

This exception is the "Death of Terry Pratchett's Discworld" series. This gifted fantasy author takes virtually every modern myth and pokes fun at them in his stories; he has been described as one of the greatest writers of our era, praised by names as illustrious as science-fiction writers Jerry Pournelle, Harlan Ellison, Anne McCaffrey, as well as periodicals such as the *Oxford Times*, *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine* (an eminent publication of the genre), *Locus* (another eminent publication), the *San Francisco Chronicle*... hardly peanuts.

These are just a few of the praises that Pratchett has received; his Discworld series has proven itself greatly popular throughout Europe and the United States.

What does this have to do with Death, you ask? Simply this: Pratchett's "Death," as portrayed in his stories, is *not* the Death of our existence. Too often Death is portrayed as identical to that of our real, everyday lives; a simple cessation of physical existence, perhaps—correction, usually—with spiritual existence continuing afterwards in some manner.

But in the universe of the Discworld (which is precisely that; a disk-shaped world, supported by four gigantic elephants standing upon the back of a huge turtle; don't ask what the turtle stands on, nobody knows), Death is just as he is pictured in the traditional imagery; skeletal, cloaked, scythe, even hourglass... the only exception is that he has a huge stallion instead of the traditional pale, skeletal horse (his explanation? Too much bother having to stop all the time to wire spare bits back on!). There

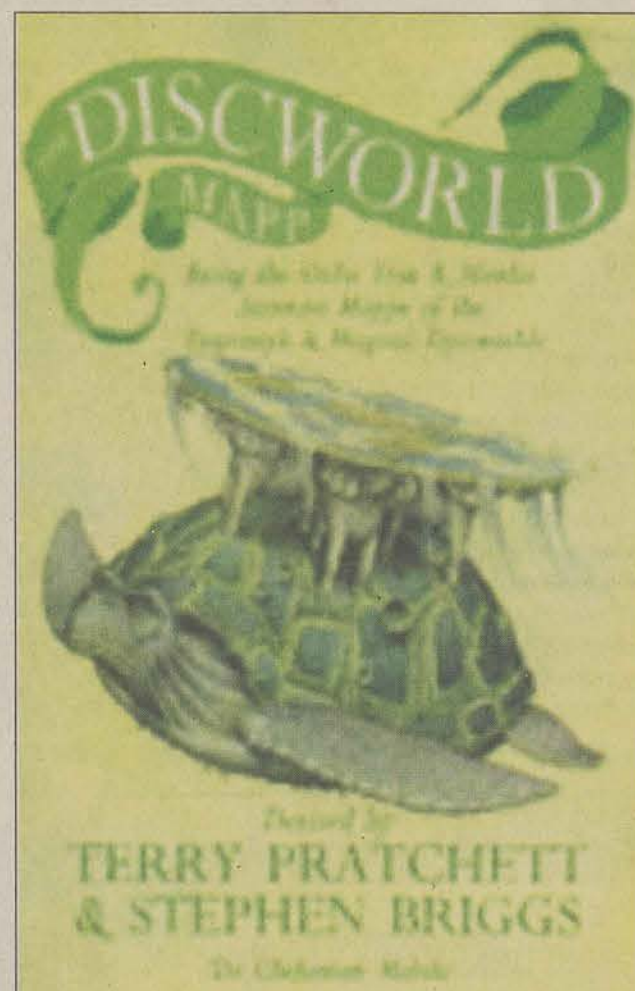
is one other exception; he hires an apprentice, the ironically named Mort, in the Discworld book of the same name. Mort is a perfectly normal young man, somewhat dreamy, liable to spend his time reading more often than actually working, but otherwise unimpeachable.

And why does Death need an apprentice? Well, part of it is that his horses are now fully flesh and blood, and have the same digestive processes as normal horses... with the same byproducts as normal horses. Of course, that's not the only reason—Death does have a manservant, somewhat incongruously named Albert, who was more than happy to delegate that certain job to Mort, but Death has a more serious purpose in mind for Mort. In short, Death is considering... retirement. And Mort is to be his successor, marrying his daughter Ysabel (it's a long story... she's adopted, fully flesh and blood, like Mort).

The story proceeds apace, from Mort's apprenticeship towards the climatic sequence at the end. He serves duty as a substitute for Death, and somehow or other manages to mess everything up by the simple act of refusing to take a certain very pretty princess's soul when she was supposed to die. As a result, reality is screwed up, and the situation nearly becomes disastrous; moreover, Death begins losing his aspect of, well, Death, as Mort begins showing those aspects himself, much to the distress of Ysabel.

This tale is one of Pratchett's most interesting: his tongue-in-cheek treatment of Death and Mort, as well as Mort's apprenticeship and results thereof, has a certain morbidly appealing quality. One gets the impression that Death really is not such a bad thing after all; that somewhere, someplace, there is something better...

It seems that I am out of space at the moment. Therefore I shall complete this small missive with a hearty recommendation: go read Terry Pratchett's Discworld novels, and enjoy them!

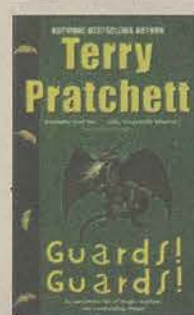
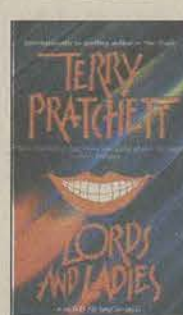
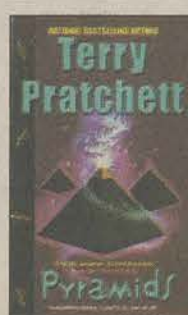


Special Photo

Death is the subject matter in Pratchett's latest book in Discworld series. When death needs a replacement, the call goes out to find a suitable replacement.

If You Like
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Here Are Others By This Author:



A new soul revolution

By Erik Howard
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Today a renaissance is taking place in R&B/Soul music that is being spurred on by the need for more pure music. Over the last couple of years R&B music has been generally thought to be blurring the lines between itself and hip-hop until recently, when a handful of new artists began making music that was thought to be experimental and was given the tag of Neo Soul. Such artists as India Arie, Musiq, and D'Angelo were all classified under this category. This New Soul embodies everything that is right with Soul music.

The music of this genre reminds you of the music of yester year that your parents would listen to. What R&B was before the new jack swing

moved in before, the "Bump and Grind" of R Kelly and the "Sex You Up" of Color Me Badd. It has a purpose far past making you shake your ass like the latest R&B group that is here today gone tomorrow.

This New Soul is the kind of music that relaxes your mind, body, and soul. It fills you up like a good plate of soul food.

Even established rap acts like Andre 3000 of Outkast is helping the movement. His latest release "The Love Below" is a powerful soul album that is unique in its own right. Others like the Roots, Cee-lo, and Common have also put out albums that could be categorized as conscious soul/hip-hop, but those that are dominating the field are the singers. There have steadily been a growing number of acts that have

picked up on this new sound.

R Kelly's last album sounded like a mix between Al Green and Marvin Gaye. Alicia Keys' "Diary of Alicia Keys" for the most part is very Soul oriented, as is Musiq and the group Kindred.

There are others that have been doing music like this for awhile like Raphael Saadiq, who was the front man for Tony Toni Tone' and Jill Scott's albums were met with critical acclaim.

Another artist who is helping the Neo Soul movement is Anthony Hamilton, who's debut album "Comin from where I'm From" is nominated for a Grammy award this year.

The entire soul music genre is becoming bigger and bigger and it is good to here something that is well -Good for the Soul.

BUY IT OR BURN IT

ARTIST: Ima Robot
ALBUM: Self-Titled

REVIEW: I believe it was the urine sample on the album cover, which grasped my attention. After popping the album in I had one thing to say: these guys are nothing short of amazing! I played this album over and over and I devoured every morsel of it, yum. Truly, the best thing about complete albums is everything. The whole LP was great, the lyrics, vocals - you name it, I was in love. I investigated more; I learned that these guys went on tour with not just one, but also two of my favorite bands. Also they're shameless self-promoters (so much so its satirical), which normally would go against my ethics but then again, every one in the music business is trying to make a buck so...whatever.

VERDICT: If you like music that is packed with piano driven melody, and catchy disco riffs neatly packaged as Rock n' Roll, then check out Ima Robot, listen to them online first nearly half of their album is free to check out.



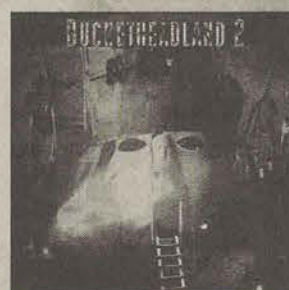
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ARTIST: BUCKETHEAD
ALBUM: BUCKETHEADLAND Vol. II

REVIEW: Throughout my travels, I've met staunch music critics who waste countless hours in heated debates over who is the best musician EVER!! Frankly, I think picking favorites is borderline heresy. If you know what I'm saying, then you try to avoid sending your blood pressure into the stratosphere because of the fruitless quibbling. However, there is *some* truth in what they're saying. It's true that in all artistic endeavors whether it is writing, sculpting, or theatrical performance; there are stars, which just seem to burn brighter than the rest. If this same condition applies to the field of guitar playing, then Buckethead's talent would outshine the sun. The very mysterious an equally brilliant Brian Carroll a.k.a. Buckethead has been enchanting audiences for nearly twenty years with his use of complex arrangement along with inhuman guitar shredding the likes of which haven't been duplicated since Randy Rhodes or Yngwie Malmsteen. His latest effort **BUCKETHEADLAND Vol. II** is the long anticipated sequel of his first demented LP, the aptly titled **BUCKETHEAD LAND Vol. II**. The second volume includes tracks featuring humorous cameos from Parliament Funkadelic bassist Bootsy Collins, to Lil' Little, and the dry humor of the lethargic Bill Monti. Nearly every track has plenty psychotic guitar solos intended to guide you through his depiction of the frightening (yet oddly serene) musical landscape of his imaginary theme park. Despite all of his madness, Buckethead has risen as one of the most experimental and enigmatic figures in the underground music scene today and is definitely worth a listen.

VERDICT: Buckethead has a lengthy career with many albums, all of which deserve equal praise, so it would be hard to pick just one. I'd pick up this album or any other of his albums.



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Jill Scott - Who Is Jill Scott? Words and Sounds, Vol. 1

Raphael Saadiq - All the Hits

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Floetry - Floetic

D'Angelo - Brown Sugar

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Vivian Green - Love Story



Audiences take to tall-tale

By Michael Tarver
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Tim Burton proves he hasn't lost his touch with his new film "Big Fish." After the mildly disappointing "Planet of the Apes" in 2001 and "Sleepy Hollow" in 1999, some critics were beginning to wonder if Burton was still the same director we saw with "Edward Scissorhands" and "Beetlejuice."

After seeing the film, Roger Ebert passes his judgment on Burton's career. "In a sense we are ... at the bedside of Burton, who, like Old Edward, has been recycling the same skills over and over again and desperately requires someone to walk in and demand that he get to the point" said Ebert in his weekly article for the Chicago Sun-Times. This is a gross misrepresentation of Tim Burton's skill and vision.

The film's title, "Big Fish" comes from the classic cliché of a fish that is well known for its amazing size, and even more renowned as being hard to catch. Most of us can remember listening to our grandparents and parents recount the time they caught the biggest fish anyone in their town had ever seen. For Will Bloom, played by Billy Crudup the main male role in "Almost Famous," this was his Father's entire life. All of Will's life his father,

Edward Bloom, played by the ever brilliant Albert Finney, has told him lie after lie about how he has lived his life, and now that Will is just months from having a child of his own, he wants the truth about the kind of father he had. His desire to talk to his father is aided in that he is suddenly bed-ridden due to a failed cancer treatment. Will flies home to be with his father during what appears to be his last few days. This is, as far as Will knows, the real world. He has come to sort out that of his father's.

Albert Finney continues to shine as he ages. As he finishes one role, he seems to come along another more challenging, and yet wholly perfect role for this point in his career. Billy Crudup put on a fairly good showing for his talent, but watch for his character and acting to blossom towards the end of the movie. With fantastic stories, and beautiful scenery, Burton takes your breath away from beginning to end. Witches and giants, werewolves and carnies, this story has a little bit of everything, and that is part of its charm. We watch as Will discerns fact from truth and, to his surprise, finds out a little about himself too. His father's journey through enchanted woods, ghost towns, and foreign countries leads up to a breath



Special Photo

Tim Burton's latest Big Fish takes the No. 2 spot at the box office this weekend. Audiences really took to this modern tall-tale.

taking ending that only a storyteller like Burton could have portrayed properly. Translated to screenplay by John August, the author of the 1999 cult classic "Go," the screenplay has a very whimsical tone to it. The stories are ones of fun, danger, and mystery that both children and adults alike can enjoy. So bring the whole family as you head home for this long weekend, and enjoy a wholesome movie that will take you on a journey you wont soon forget.

Cure for the box office blues

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In this modern time of big time box office and new special edition release DVDs, we often lose sight of the classic movies that are caught between box office success and miserable failure. So often we overlook those films that came in under the radar the first time.

Maybe you remember a preview for a film that looked interesting, but then never saw it. Maybe you see it on a friend's coffee table and your interest is peaked.

Put down the TV Guide and don't call Moviefone just yet. I challenge you this weekend to find a film you

ordinarily wouldn't ever see. Ask a friend you don't often talk about films with and find out what some of their favorites are. The beauty of this system is so often they have it already and you can borrow it for FREE!

Go to your movie rental store and browse the aisles until you come across a box cover you don't recognize. Stay away from the outer walls. There are only new releases out there, and if you were going to do that, you might as well just give Carmike more money. Or you can go to the foreign film nights that the Literature departments show each month.

One of the best sites on the web is IMBD.com. This is the largest and most complete online movie database I have found, and it is here where you can find some movies that neither you nor your nerdy film freak friends have seen.

It may take some resourcefulness and even a little downloading to find some of the more obscure films they have listed, but they all can be found. Below are some suggestions to begin with. Any of these films can be looked up on IMBD.com if you would like to read more about them.

See these with friends and talk about them afterwards. Make some coffee and stay up late talking about

Second Look

Just a few films you should think about giving a second look



Life is Beautiful



Session 9



Donnie Darko



Apocalypse Now

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE PREVIEW



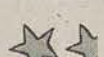
ALONG CAME POLLY
Comedy



Ruben Feffer (Ben Stiller) makes his career as a high-risk assessor. He normally has everything in his life planned and risk-free. When his honeymoon with his love (Debra Messing) ends in disaster when she sleeps with their scuba instructor (Hank Azaria). He reassesses his life. A chance run-in with childhood friend Polly (Jennifer Aniston) leads him to a world of fun, excitement, and risk-taking. Philip Seymour Hoffman. **Rated PG-13, 1hr 30**



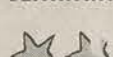
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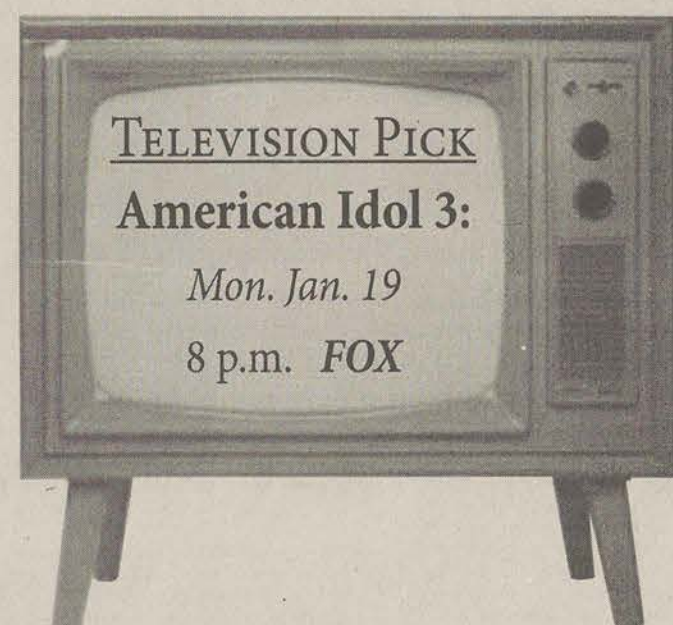
When murder, intrigue, and motorcycles are mixed, Warner Brothers' newest film *Torque* is born. Starring Ice Cube, the film explores the fast-paced world of motorcycle gangs, racing and brotherhood. Jaime Pressly also stars. **Rated PG-13, 1hr 34**



TEACHER'S PET
Animation



Based on the television show, Disney's *Teacher's Pet* finds a curious dog that sneaks to school with his master. While at school he poses as a human and learns valuable life lessons. The film features the voice talents of Nathan Lane and Shaun Fleming. **PG-13, 1hr 34.**



CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

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
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- Pooped
- Copper coat
- Trapshooting
- Money-grubber
- Scientist's milieu
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- Indistinct
- Go yachting
- Fury
- Levi's material
- Ill-gotten profit
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- Unmelodic
- Madonna title role
- Ballad
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- Yellowish brown
- Days long past
- Fathomless

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- Shooting star
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- Sequoia or sycamore
- Hang around
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- Wine choice
- Get handed a bum
- 6th sense
- Question of motive
- Horse's footwork
- New Delhi money
- Strong, virile guy
- Spring bloomer
- Broadcasting
- "The Misfit's" star
- Finger or toe
- Ooze
- Islamic text
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- Present in a condensed form
- Open to bribery
- Hypothetical
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- Navel fuzz
- Like parmesan
- Baseball grouping
- Delectable
- Battery terminal
- Extensive
- Dream time
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- By way of
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- Neither's partner

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Aries (March 21-April 20). Early this week, watch for colleagues to publicly challenge policy changes or request new assignments. Business ambition is on the rise. Submit applications, apply for loans and clarify workplace roles. By late Wednesday, all will work in your favor. Thursday through Sunday accent family decisions. Key discussions involve canceled events, postponed promises or short-term financial adjustments. Wait for new and creative ideas; improved options will soon arrive.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Respond quickly to renewed income sources or postponed job offers. Before midweek, many Taurians will expand their business duties, group influence and daily authority. Study the past for valuable options. Bosses, colleagues and financial officials will search out your expertise. Friday through Sunday, romantic memories are strongly felt. Expect yesterday's hopes, dreams and attractions to demand resolution. Remain philosophic.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Home and workplace obligations will be in conflict. Late Tuesday, loved ones may need more attention than usual. Ask for added patience. At present, sensitivity is needed. After midweek, minor digestive ailments may be bothersome. Attend quickly to allergies, disrupted sleep patterns or intestinal irritations. Some Geminis will need to adopt a more creative approach to health, fitness or vitality. Daily routines are vital. Stay alert to subtle fluctuations of energy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Dreams or sudden flashes of wisdom may compel many Cancerians to challenge business officials or rapidly expand their workplace influence. Areas strongly affected are complex power struggles, unusual behavior or ethical standards. Stay strong and expect rare political complications by midweek. After Friday, a long-term friend may announce unusual travel or educational plans. Ask probing questions. Friends and close colleagues need your guidance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends and colleagues will explore new concepts. After a brief phase of stagnation, rekindled ambition will bring fast results. Watch for loved ones to also make peace with social restlessness or lost hope. Sudden or unusual requests may be ongoing themes. Watch for complex announcements or quick group decisions. Friday through Sunday, financial mistakes from the past may recur. Stay alert. Newly initiated projects may be permanently stalled.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social and romantic confidence are on the rise. Monday through Thursday, watch for previously shy friends or lovers to issue private invitations.

Work officials may also rely heavily on your past efforts or public reputation. Accept the compliment but remain cautious. New relationships will take extra time to fully develop. After Thursday, workplace alliances will subtly shift. Older colleagues may expect special treatment. Go slow and avoid direct confrontation.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Over the next six days, unfinished relationships may reappear. Expect sudden social messages and fast romantic demands. Go slow, if possible, and avoid delicate emotional triangles. Loved ones will be unusually sensitive to minor changes. Late this week, watch also for a last-minute job or business proposal. Legal standards and ethical decisions may be key influences. Don't hesitate to ask complex questions or reveal private information; integrity will prove vital.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Over the next few days, subtle family pressures may steadily increase. Much depends on personal insight and learned spiritual lessons. Allow loved ones extra time to contemplate failed decisions or resolve past doubts. After midweek, fast financial changes, vague documents or business messages may cause confusion. Ponder job improvements and thoroughly check all records. By late Saturday, a new era of group participation

and revised career goals will arrive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Don't ignore the comments, social ideas or opinions of others. At the moment, home and emotional security may be deeply important to friends and loved ones. Find gently expressive ways to explore common ground and all will be well. After Thursday, younger colleagues may present creative ideas or ask for special consideration. Minor workplace politics may soon become challenging. Offer your expertise and wait for decisions from authority figures.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Before midweek, your insight and attention to detail will impress key officials. Contemplate new procedures and propose fresh projects. Advancement will be fast and permanent. Early Thursday, a long-term friend may be mildly jealous of a new relationship. Remain focused and refuse to discuss delicate triangles. Loved ones will eventually regret their moodiness, isolation or criticism. Remain calm. Intimacy and trust will soon be rekindled.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Monday through Wednesday, complex work projects may be replaced by potentially rewarding team assignments. Before mid-February, established policies will need to change. Expect sudden reversals and watch for positive ways to expand all business relationships. Thursday through Sunday, a private power struggle between relatives requires diplomacy. Don't confront. Love ones are highly sensitive and will not appreciate an honest or bold discussion of key facts.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Loved ones may ask for practical advice over the next few days. Use this time to plan new home events, clarify finances or arrange educational programs. For many Pisceans a renewed interest in public discussion will help resolve home disputes. Someone close may need to clearly explain their past social judgments. Offer forgiveness. Your reaction to complex emotional needs or strained family dynamics may prove vital to the success of long-term relationships.

If your birthday is this week ... Challenge the ideas of close colleagues over the next few weeks. Planetary alignments indicate that important job promotions or revised educational goals will soon bring remarkable opportunities. Before mid-March, friends, colleagues and trusted companions may test your patience. Don't hesitate to offer confident decisions. Much of 2004 will bring practical advancement and renewed business ambition. After June 11, watch also for a sudden reversal in a long-term friendship or new love affair. Someone close may wish to evaluate the long-term goals of key relationships. If so, remain quietly detached and expect slow progress throughout the summer. By early September, all will work in your favor.

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-Swedish Proverb

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

-Anon.

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20 Announcements

BE A Resident Advisor for the 2004-05 Academic year. Applications are due in University Housing-Watson Hall January 23rd.

HAVE A special friend or significant other with an upcoming birthday? Show your love by announcing to the world that it's their birthday! Place an ad in the G-A today.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 22, 1997, WVGS/FM was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest until April 1, 2004.

Our license will expire April 1, 2004. We have filed an application for license renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. It contains information concerning the station's performance during the last seven years.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by March 1, 2004.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Matt Lyles, winner of the \$200 book certificate from the University Bookstore and Omicron Delta Kappa.

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40 Autos for Sale

FOR SALE: 1992 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, good condition, new overhead interior. \$1500.00 OBO. Please call 764-7469 for info.

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75 Churches

DOES YOUR church have student services or meetings? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** and new members might join.

90 Education

FUN & STUFF Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun. Online at <http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/>

PHI ETS Sigma members. Scholarship applications (grad and undergrad) are available. Deadline February 15. Call Dr. John Murray at 681-5447 if interested.

110 Freebies

FREE WOODEN entry steps for single/double wide trailer. You must come and pick them up. Ready to use immediately. Call 681-5579 to arrange time.

120 Furniture & Appliances

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150 Lost & Found

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160 Miscellaneous for Sale

CUSTOM HAND-made jewelry in sterling silver, glass and crystal. Call Allyson at 912-486-0183, or email designs_by_allyson@yahoo.com Perfect for girlfriends and sorority sisters!

NEED TO sell something...anything? Put in **The George-Anne's** classified section. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

190 Personal

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200 Pets & Supplies

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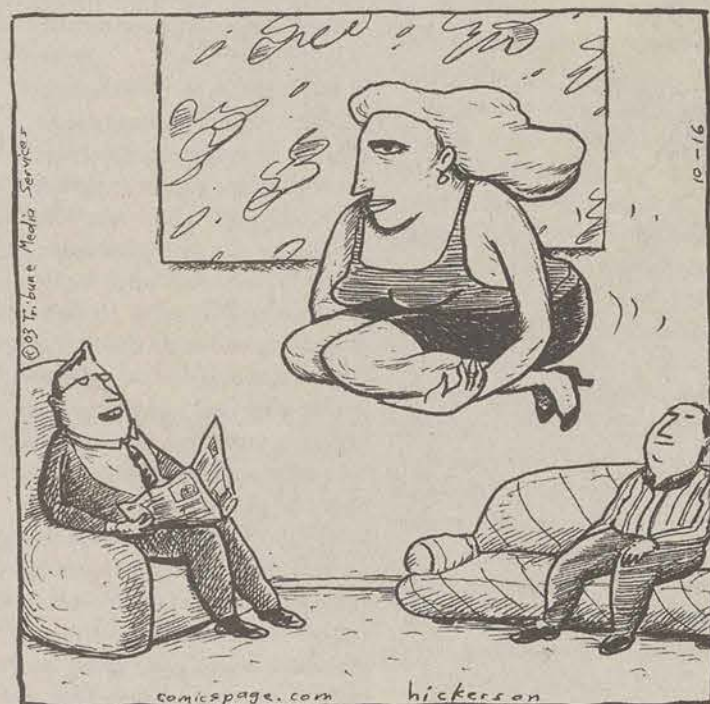
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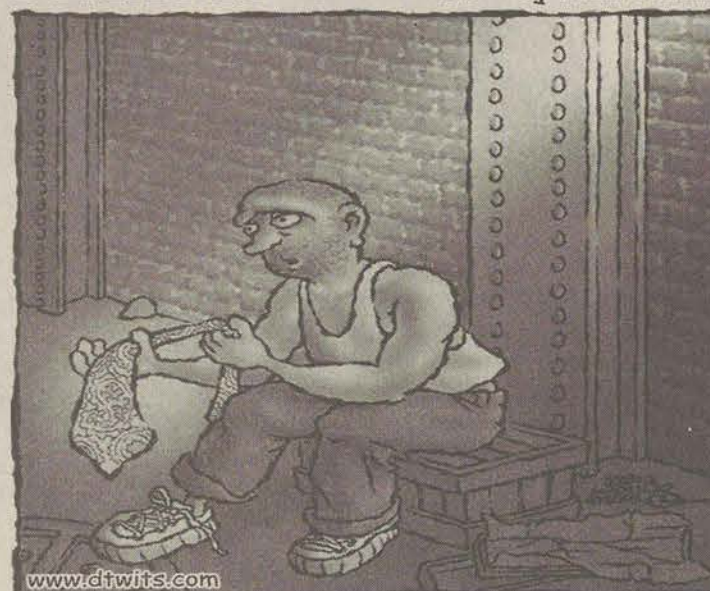
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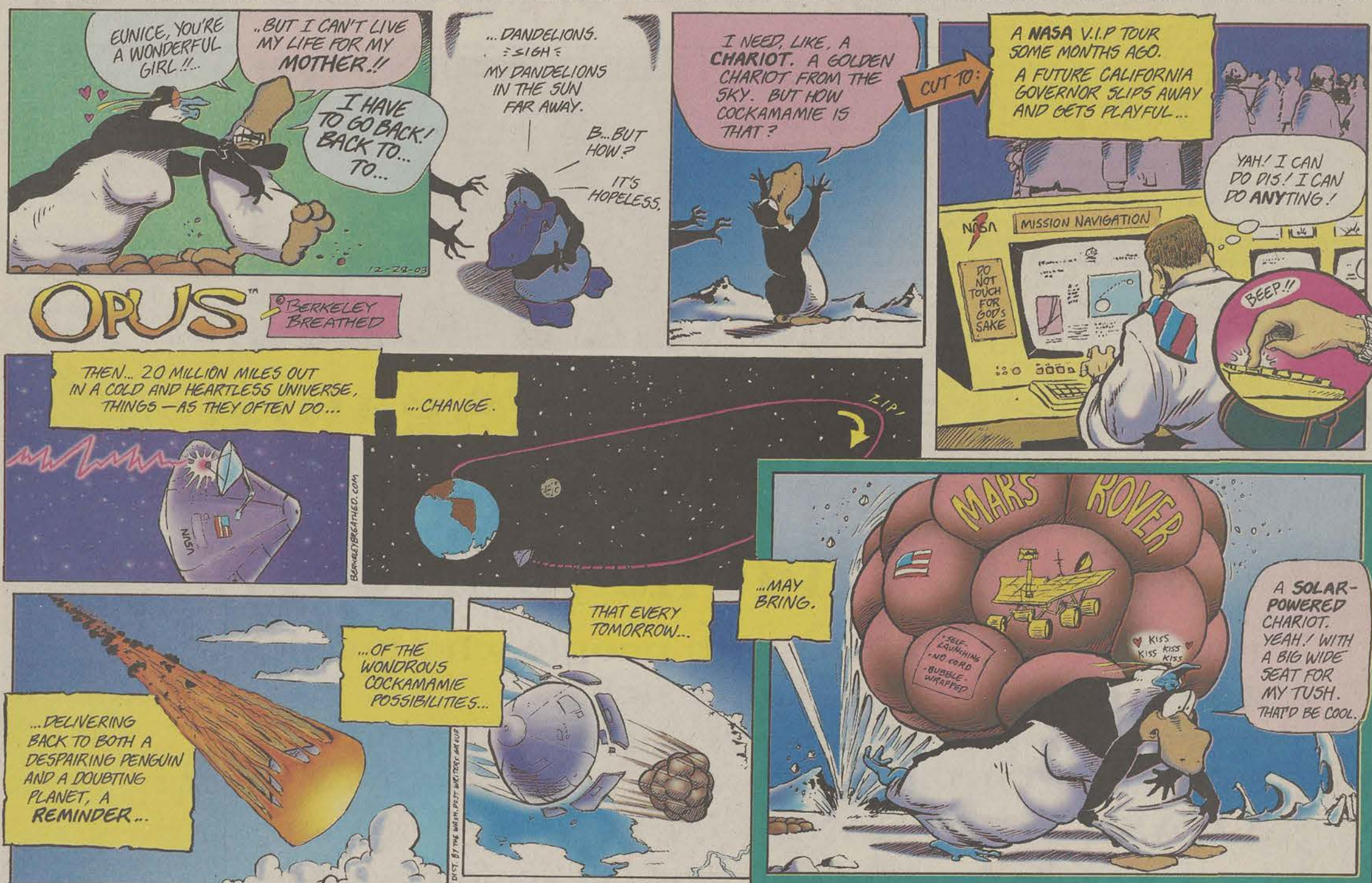
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FOR RENT, 1 BR studio apt. Utilities included. \$300, flexible lease available. Call Will at 687-1766.

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ONE BEDROOM apt. rent \$250 and utilities \$60+. Located off Lanier Dr. Commuter distance. December Rent in already paid. Call 871-0271.

NEED SUBLEASE for one bedroom, no roommate. Large apt. only \$270/month plus utilities. Please call 912-536-0506 ASAP.

FOR RENT, 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom condo across from GSU, located in Southern Villas for \$375.00. Contact Dustin at 404-452-6575.

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2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, washer and dryer. Apt. for sublease, \$350 one person, call Sheila 871-4074 for more information.

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230 Roommates

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TWO BEDROOM apartment. Southern Courtyard. Female needed to take over housing contract. Call 688-7530 asap.

NEED FEMALE for Spring lease at Statesboro Place. Great roommates. \$335/mo. including all utilities except phone. Call Erin at 681-4526.

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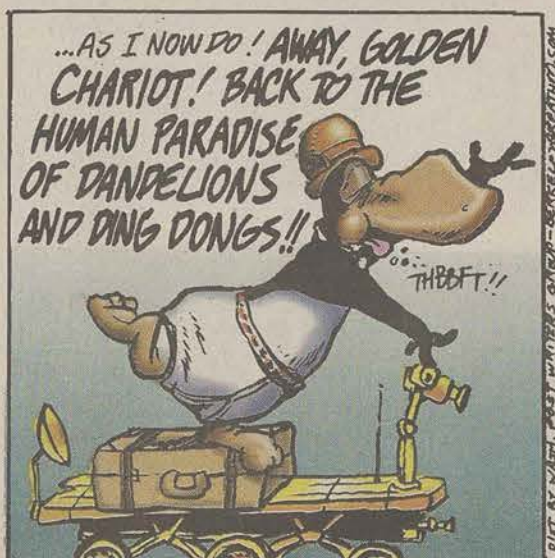
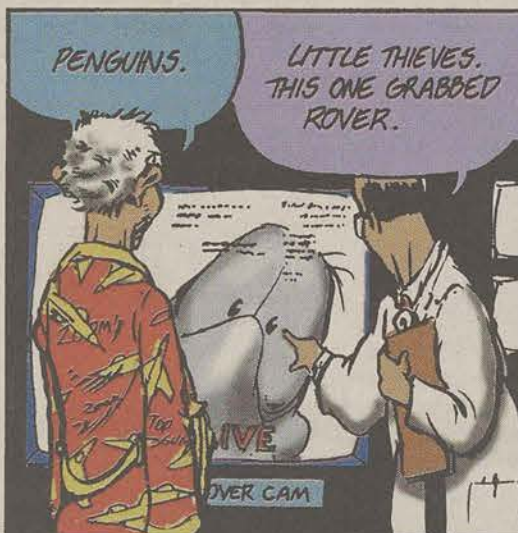
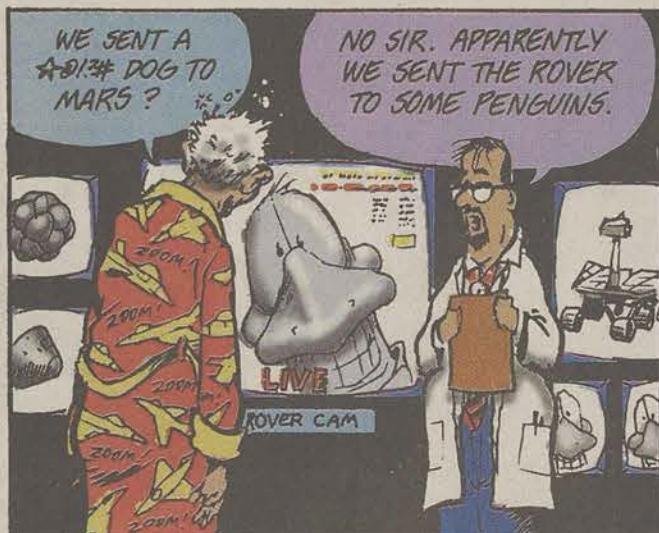
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do not care to remember), which is not the end of the movie. Myself, I didn't notice anything wrong. While several things didn't make the final cut Merry and Pippin's role in the last part did make it into the film, and I'm rather pleased at that. For those of you who consider the pair to be little more than somewhat-bald Ewoks, well look at it this way: at least there will be plenty of time to grab popcorn during their scenes.

Peter Jackson has now made three great action movies based on Tolkien's

beloved novels, action fantasies with more brain than most, and millions of people have watched and enjoyed them immensely, and many more will. Even I like them, and I'm a snob for heaven's sake. If you haven't seen them yet, then go. But curse these English major bones, I will always think of "The Lord of the Rings" as novels first and star-powered extravaganzas second. Most people won't. Blockbuster movies, with their tremendous ad budgets, cultural bulk and high-demigod actors, have a way of displacing whatever they are based on,

rightly or not. Do you remember the written origins of *M*A*S*H*, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "A Clockwork Orange," or "2001: A Space Odyssey?" I walked through a Books-A-Million over break and saw that most every copy of "The Lord of the Rings" I could find had stills from the movie on the cover. One of them came with Gandalf and Frodo collectors' bookends! Tolkien, who had the names of two of his characters etched on his and his wife's tombstone, must be spinning furiously in that grave.



Director Peter Jackson has agreed to work on the prequel to the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy, 'The Hobbit'.

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