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Lady Eagles improve in loss to SoCon-leading Mocs

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## NEWS

Dominant social issues could prove to be a challenge to all candidates

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## Ricin found in U.S. Senate building

White House says it also received the toxin



KRT Campus

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist speaks at a briefing for reporters about the closure of the three Senate Office Buildings due to a ricin poison scare at the US Capitol building in Washington, DC.

By Seth Borenstein and Sumana Chatterjee  
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON – As investigators tried to hunt down the source of the toxin ricin that was found in a Senate leader's mailroom Monday, officials acknowledged Tuesday that the poison also was mailed to the White House late last year.

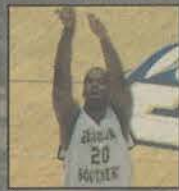
The disclosures mean that the FBI and others are investigating whether a string of incidents in which ricin was discovered in the United States and abroad means that bioterrorists were using the U.S. mail to distribute a lethal poison.

Capitol Police confirmed Tuesday that the white powdery substance found in the mail of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., was ricin, a toxin derived from the castor bean used or made by al-Qaida and domestic terrorists.

The confirmation was followed by the government's disclosure that ricin also was found in mail bound for the White House in November 2003.

According to a senior law enforcement official, the FBI is trying to determine whether the ricin in Washington is related to the vial of ricin found in October at a Greenville, S.C., postal facility. The FBI has posted a \$100,000 reward for information in that case. An accompanying letter protested a new trucking law that

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**THE PLAYERS**  
Gibson scores a game-high 16 points Monday



**THE COACH**  
Current streak a career-high for Coach Jeff Price



**THE COUNTRY**  
Eagles have the sixth-longest streak in nation



**THE SCHOOL**  
The Eagles' last longest streak was 19 in '92-'93

## GSU SOARS TO 13 STRAIGHT

## Eagles continue winning streak after downing App. State 81-77

## GSU Athletic Media Relations

Kordel Gibson keyed a 17-6 run to open the second half as Georgia Southern defeated Appalachian State 81-77 in Southern Conference men's basketball action Monday night at the Holmes Center.

The win was Georgia Southern's 13-straight victory, the fifth-longest winning streak in school history and the sixth-longest active streak in the nation. The triumph was also Georgia Southern's 17th of the year, the most in a single season under fifth-year head coach Jeff Price and the most by an Eagle program in a season since winning 19 in 1992-1993.

With the game tied at 34-34 coming out of intermission, Frank Bennett opened the scoring with a pair of free throws before Gibson added on a jumper and a three-point play to give the Eagles (17-3, 8-1) a 41-35 advantage. Sean Olivier followed with a tip-in off a Prentice Mobley missed three-pointer to give GSU an eight-point cushion only to have the Mountaineers' Derek Thomas score on a layup and a free throw to cut the Georgia Southern advantage to 43-38.

Mobley and Bennett added layups on the next two Eagle possessions before Gibson drained a three from the right corner for a 41-34 Georgia Southern lead with 13:30 to go.

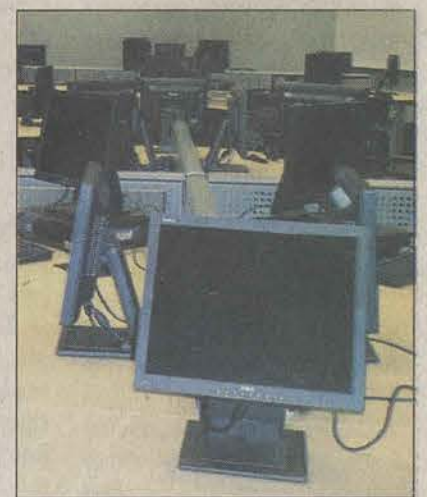
The two teams traded baskets over the next five minutes of play, with the Eagle lead reaching as high as 14 on three occasions, before Appalachian State (8-14, 3-6) began its comeback.

Trailing 66-52 with 8:38 to go, ASU held the Eagles without a basket for the next 4:31 of the game to cut its deficit to 70-65. Thomas keyed the Mountaineer run as he contributed eight points while Noah Brown finished the spurt with a three from the top of the key with 4:07 to go to narrow GSU's lead to 70-65.

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## Technology fee may double next year

Student Technology Fee Committee deems state funding 'inadequate'



Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Computer labs all over campus like the one from the IT Building pictured above could become updated if an increase in the tech fee is approved by the Board of Regents.

By Rhonda McLeod  
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Student technology fees may double in the coming year.

The Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC) met last November to propose an increase of the tech fee from \$38 to \$75. According to Diana Cone, acting associate vice president of academic affairs, the STFC deems the increase necessary "so GSU can remain on the cutting edge, technologically."

The revenues from the technology fee are used to improve the quality and availability of technological resources for the students. This is cash that pays for everything from the licensing of software to the ink cartridges for the computers in the Henderson Library. The STFC says "the fee is needed because the state-allocated equipment funds are inadequate to meet the technology needs of the students." The STFC disperses funds from the tech fee to benefit as many students as possible.

Each year the STFC, comprised of students, faculty and staff, accepts fee requests from programs and departments. Due to the rise in the number of these requests the STFC has submitted a proposal to the Board of Regents for the tech fee increase.

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## The Power of Green Cheese

Helium-3 could one day power missions in space – and your microwave

By Scott Corwin  
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Helium, a long-time staple for clowns and birthday balloons, may keep the world's energy needs afloat if we look towards the moon.

Significant quantities of helium-3 ( $He^3$ ), which is a stable and lighter isotope of helium, have been discovered in moon rocks brought back from lunar missions. Due to our protective atmosphere,  $He^3$  is rare on Earth. But solar winds have no trouble depositing it on the moon.

According to scientists, it could be the perfect

fuel due to its environment-friendly nature and extreme output – approximately one million times more than coal.

If it were to replace fossil fuels as a primary energy source, it would become a nonpolluting alternative with practically no radioactive side effect.

Filling a space shuttle to capacity with it could power the U.S. for a year, and the moon's supply could keep the world running until the New Year's ball drops in year 12004.

The short-term prospects for any transition

to a helium-powered society will depend on an infrastructure to support  $He^3$ . The process would rely on a fusion-capable reactor, but this technology is still far from perfect.

"A fusion reaction is difficult to contain," said Jim Jones, the operations training instructor at a Wisconsin-based nuclear power plant. Currently, fission-based nuclear plants account for about 15 percent of the U.S.'s power, but Jones predicts that if fusion power became a reality, it would likely

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## Changes to Library access to begin this week

## Special to the G-A

A pre-construction project for the Library will begin on Thursday, February 5.

Beginning with that project, access to the Library's main entrance will be via the porch on the side toward the Carroll Building. Access to the porch on the Blue Building side will not be available after February 4.

The bonds to fund the Library expansion/renovation project have been sold. The bid date for the project is February 24. If plans proceed as expected, construction will begin in March.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

Henderson Library

## Weekday Weather

Wednesday



HIGH  
61°  
LOW  
41°

Sunny

Thursday



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH  
62°  
LOW  
54°

## Only in America

- One Pennsylvania police dog is accused of racial profiling – again
- Colorado woman learns to drive a runaway car
- Five births; two babies each in Florida



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## 1 Minnesota

### Fish survives freak fire

EAGAN— There's nothing fishy about the tale of Dory.

Teacher Linda Krienke said a fire broke out on a desktop in her classroom around 1 a.m. Saturday, causing enough smoke to set off the alarm at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School. But when firefighters arrived, they found only glowing embers on the desk.

The heat had caused a fish bowl on the desk to explode, and the water put out the fire, Krienke said. One of the firefighters spotted the fish, Dory, alive on the floor and hollered for a glass of water.

"She's a Beta, so they're used to breathing air," Krienke said. "They're a Chinese fish and if they're in China they just live in puddles. If one dries up, they flop to the next one."

The students are excited about the fish, she said, and each has written a story about the fire from Dory's point of view.

The fire damaged Krienke's classroom and the room next door, and the classes have been relocated while the damage is repaired. And Dory is swimming around in a new bowl, "Happy as can be. I suppose she's thankful to be alive," Krienke said.

## 2 Wisconsin

### Eighty-three year old man becomes oldest to bowl 800 series

GREEN BAY—Fran Lasee is 83, but the numbers are on his side.

Lasee threw 30 of a possible 36 strikes to become the oldest man in the United States to bowl an 800-plus series.

He bowled an 834 in the Aurora BayCare Senior Classic at Willow Creek Lanes last week. Lasee, who turned 83 on Dec. 18, bowled three games of 279, 290 and 265.

According to the latest American Bowling Congress records, the left-handed bowler beat three 77-year-olds for the record.

Lasee had a restless night after the games last week.

"It was all the excitement. Something like that you have a hard time letting go so you can sleep," he said with a smile.

But Lasee's used to high-scoring games. He bowled two other 800-plus series in 1984 and 1992.

He's also bowled a 700 in each of the last six decades, with his first on April 1, 1958, according to Green Bay Bowling Association records. He also had several in the 1940s in open bowling before the association started keeping records. He was elected to the GBBA Hall of Fame in 1979.

Despite his age, the retired stone-cutter bowls four times a week and averages more than 200 each time.

"As long as I bowl well, as long

as I don't go down to 170 or a 160 average, I will continue to bowl," he said.

## 3 Missouri

### 'Clown Bandit' creates a comedy of errors

CLAYTON— Police in the St. Louis area are calling it the case of the "Clown Bandit."

A man created a comedy of errors as he broke into a liquor store earlier this week.

The crook was seen on surveillance video stealing booze. But just off camera, he slammed face first into a door. Then he lost his balance, slipped and fell.

He also grabbed some cigarettes and a magazine, police said, and bagged his own goods. But he couldn't get out the window where he came in so he threw all of the stolen items out the window. The liquor bottles then broke.

The man went away empty-handed, police say. The stolen goods were valued at \$30.

## 4 Louisiana

### Stolen car disappears again

NEW ORLEANS — A Tulane University student's sport utility vehicle was stolen twice in three days, once while she waited for police to arrive so she could fill out a report.

"I was crying because my car was gone, but eventually I had to laugh because it was all so unbelievable," said Maggie Ardolino, a senior.

Ardolino and five friends left a restaurant on Jan. 17 and found that her 1998 Jeep Cherokee was gone. She called police to report the theft.

Three days later, a Tulane security officer called Ardolino and said her car had been found in the parking lot of a furniture store far from campus. The store's manager had notified Tulane after noticing the Jeep's parking sticker, Ardolino said.

"I thought I was pretty lucky," she said. "It was like a miracle."

Ardolino found her Jeep next to a loading dock at the store. The front end was wrecked, the interior had been ransacked and the CD player was gone.

Ardolino and her friends waited three hours for police to show up. They were frightened when they spotted two men walking in their direction, so they drove around the block.

When they returned a few minutes later, the Jeep was gone.

"It's unfortunate, and it's certainly not a scenario that happens very often," police spokesman Capt. Marlon Defillo said. "We understand the inconvenience. In this case, a double inconvenience."

## 5 Florida

### Man reports stolen marijuana, but not how much

KEY WEST — A tourist from New York called police to report that several items were stolen from his hotel room, but didn't want to tell officers just how much high quality Bahamian marijuana was taken.

The 33-year-old man, who told police he's an investment banker, filed the report early Monday morning, said Key West police. He was not charged because no marijuana was found, police spokeswoman Cynthia Edwards said Tuesday.

He also claimed \$50 and a watch were also stolen, but declined to tell police the amount or worth of the allegedly missing marijuana.

"I only want to report the watch, not the money or the weed, because I don't want to tell you how much weed there was," the man was quoted in the police report.

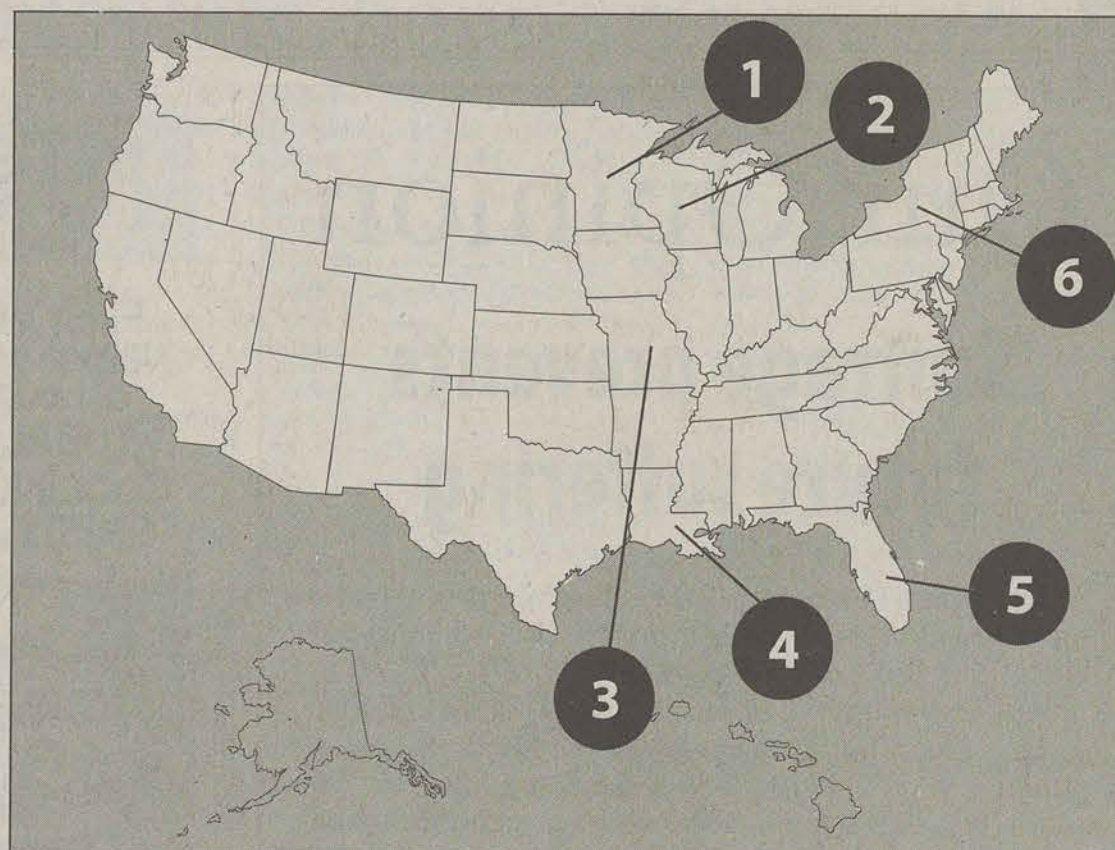
The man's story to police fluctuated wildly: He first said the watch was worth \$1,800, then \$30,000, then \$3,000. He also said a \$20,000 Rolex was left in an in-room vault at the hotel.

## 6 New York

### Inbox detritus becomes art in spam exhibit

NEW YORK — How do I spam thee? Let me count the ways.

Instead of just cursing the steady assault of e-mail in their inboxes, some artists have put unsolicited e-mail on parade. They've even found poetry in it.



"Reimagining the Ordovician Gothic: Fossils from the Golden Age of Spam" considers how future historians might see us if the only window into our culture they had was a vast collection of junk e-mail.

A classification scheme, true to the paleontological theme, divides spam into such categories as Real Estate, Urgent Messages, Work at Home, Goods and Personal Appearance.

The three 25-year-old artists scrawled excerpts from e-mails graffiti-style over an entire stairwell and filled suitcases with the goods advertised in spam to represent the medium's empty promises. Diet pills and house blueprints both feature prominently.

"Spam is something an enormous number of people end up having in common," said Daniel Greenfeld, who created the show along with fellow artists Mike Rosenthal and Jesse Jarnow. "My father understands very little about computers, but he understands what it is to get spam. He understands what it is to be

annoyed by this onslaught."

In the exhibit, scientific-looking flow charts show how spammers employ various "cloaking schemes" including personalization, narrative and robotic humanity.

But just as today's paleontologists are likely to err when trying to recreate the real Ordovician period, which ended about 443 million years ago, many of the exhibit's conclusions are wrong.

As one plaque reads: "Little is known of the physiology of the Ordovician body, but the outward appearance was greatly enhanced by drugs which shaped one to look more like those celebrated in Ordovician PORNOGRAPHY. These pills occasionally took the form of patches and other accessories. It is believed that, for a time, these patches took on significance as ultimately ceremonial jewelry."

Like all good curators, the artists also employ dioramas. In some, dangling photos represent the Third World scammers who profess to need us so urgently.

You can then pick up a phone to hear a grainy voice plead with you personally as a "God fearing person" to help keep a recently found sum of \$25 million from being repossessed by the Nigerian government.

Installations in the show pay homage both to the solicitors and the unwilling receivers of spam.

A wall of testimonials to the effectiveness of spam ("MASSEMAIL WORKS") faces a wall of confused and frustrated recipients, including one from 1982 in which the writer doesn't seem to know what do with this new phenomenon, much less what to call it.

"There was an early age of this stuff, when people were really getting these e-mails for the first time," said Rosenthal. "There's this losing of digital innocence. Once everyone is cynical about this, once there are no more grandmothers who are going to believe all the things that they are getting in their inboxes, what happens then?"

Maybe that's when spam truly becomes history.



# Our Opinion

## Suffrage prevents future suffering

Almost every TV station, radio station, and Web site that carries some form of news is talking about the Presidential Primaries that so many disregard as boring, political talk.

However, at a slightly closer examination, one will find that all the supposed hoop-la that is mentioned along with these stories actually matters.

We're in an election year, with one race being for that of the highest political position in the nation, and, arguably, the entire world. The person who fills this position, be it the incumbent or someone new, will have an incredibly full plate come January 20, 2005.

Right now, budget deficits are at record lows, with cuts ranging across the board. There is also an issue of morality to deal with as some at the top feel that it is their job to tell Americans who they should love and how they should behave in their own bedrooms.

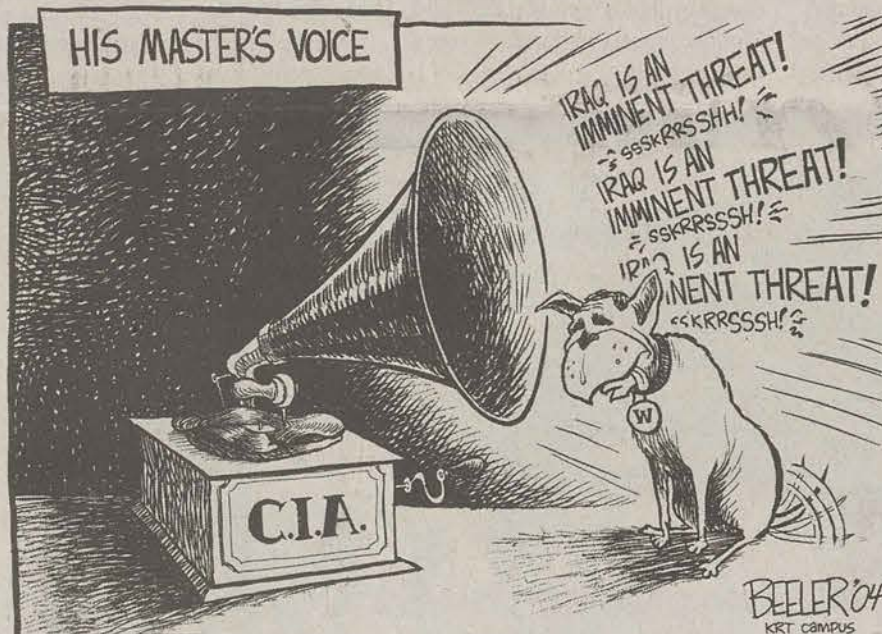
And, of course, there's the issue of war that is also unresolved, unorganized, and undeniably uncalled for, which isn't helping matters at all.

This country is headed into a time that needs a competent leader; one who can talk the talk while also walking the walk.

Georgia's presidential primaries take place Tuesday, March 2. For more information about how to vote, visit the Secretary of State's voter information website at [http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/info/voter\\_info\\_2003.htm](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/info/voter_info_2003.htm).

Over the next few months, it is very important that we all pay close attention to those participating in the primaries and how they feel on the important issues. It is imperative that, when it comes time to cast your vote, you do so.

And do it for the person you feel will be the best to lead this great nation into the future with the integrity of the good old days.



### LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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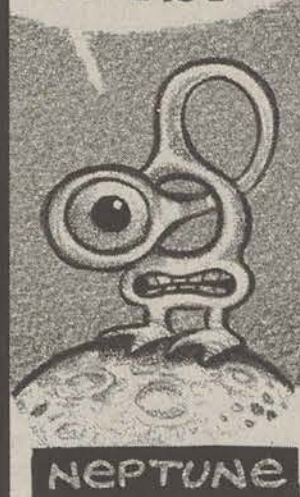
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# Mechanized merchandizing trend needs major modification

Okay, I'll admit it.

In the past week, I've used the self-check-out line twice, just so my cell phone conversation need not be interrupted long enough to stop and speak to a cashier between the toilet paper aisle and the Wal-Mart parking lot.

As if it isn't shameful enough that I patronized the evil empire more than once last week, then I proceeded to perpetuate the very monopolization of people, space, money and time represented by these giant, rectangular bruises that have begun to surface on the once-barren landscape of every town, city and metropolis in America.

And, yet, I have an awestruck sort of respect for Wal-Mart. It's eerily similar to the fear-of-God feelings my vacation Bible school leaders once stirred in my vulnerable little eight-year-old mind. In much the same way that I fear my PC will suddenly send sharp shards up through my fingertips if I type something blasphemous about Microsoft, I worry my tires will, as punishment for my hypocrisy, go flat next time I drive the Wal-Mart way.

It's a dilemma, to be sure. One can't *not* shop there these days, and especially not in Statesboro. Unless you're out in search of a burger, well drinks, or hooka smoking, they roll up the streets around sundown. A few late classes are still in session when most retail stores close, and the 24-hour grocery-only store simply doesn't have the DVD

you've finally gotten up the courage to give up three days of lunch for.

So, we can consign to consume there. But something simply must be done about the mechanical mutiny.

After trekking to the store to have reprints made, and learning (to my sheer delight) that I could do so on a little copying machine that works just like my photo editing programs here at the newsroom (and spits out prints in seconds), I took my purchases to the checkout center. Gabbing all the way from the self-print-maker to the self-checker in a manner that should've self-annoyed me, I self-scanned, self-bagged and self-bought myself some stuff.

It wasn't until I passed a rather unenthusiastic people greeter at the exit that I realized how devoid of true human contact my shopping experience had been.

Not only that, but the echo of the automated voices' most common phrase rang in my ears.

"Please wait."

The ultimate shame and irony sunk in when I realized that, polite though they may be programmed to seem, these computerized customer service representatives can't care about me. In fact, I had just spent the better part of the hour being fussed at by them.

The one at the photo desk chided me to make sure I read the copyright agreement before scan-



Amanda Permenter  
editor-in-chief

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# Change is good, evolution is better

What is evolution, exactly?

If you've looked at the news lately, it seems that the real definition is hinged on what some so-called Georgia state school superintendent is trying to re-create it to be.

I remember as a child hearing the word 'evolution' and thinking it something bad. I guess at some point in my young life I had been told that it was evil, un-Godly maybe...probably by the Southern Baptist baby-sitter that I went to...but that's a whole different editorial.

Anyway, once I actually was able to learn and think for myself, I realized that the word wasn't so bad after all.

Evolution was and is nothing more than the word used to describe how things change. While many Bible-beating Christians see it as the discourse of Satan in his pursuits to taint the world and rid it of good, the sane thinkers see it as a logical explanation for many earthly processes.

Sure, it can be used to show how the human race has changed over time (and maybe even - gasp! - from the gorilla), but it can also be used to describe why my English paper changed from a certain aspect to another: "My research on said topic led the thesis of my paper to evolve

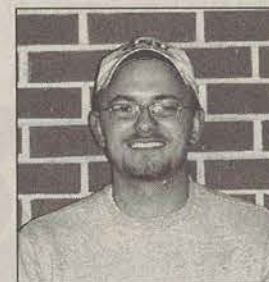
to look more at plot instead of setting." See how easy that was, said plainly with no intentions to undermine the mainstream thoughts of the many who are scared that the word "evolution" will cause their children harm?

At any rate, there are a lot of things to worry about in this state that take much precedence over one freakin' word.

Right now the education system in Georgia is under budget cuts, and the sacred HOPE Scholarship is also in financial trouble. But then again, who cares if kids are having a good education or are going to college or not? At least they can work their job at the quickie-mart in peace, knowing that the idea of "evolution" wasn't made manifest in their brains, causing them to go against every moral lesson they ever learned!

So here's to you, Ms. Cox: Please do your damned job; worry about things that really matter, and not about one word that explains a natural process, one that is proven to be fact. Let parents guide their children in how they perceive ideas while you return to figuring out the teacher shortage.

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#### Today around the world

Sri Lanka: Independence Day (1948)  
Angola: Outbreak of Fighting Against Portuguese

#### Today in history

On this day in 1991, The Baseball Hall of Fame's board of directors voted 12-0 to bar Pete Rose.

On this day in 1941, The United Service Organization (USO) was founded.



## 'Teflon Tony' Blair remains resolute, bounces back again

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Saturday, Jan. 31:

"Flipping unbelievable."

That's how opposition lawmaker Boris Johnson described the latest escape from near political disaster for British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Johnson did not mean it as a term of endearment.

Blair survived one of the toughest weeks of his political career, and for that the United States should be glad.

Blair has been a resolute ally of this country, risking scorn from other European nations and from many of his own citizens for his support

of the coalition-led war in Iraq.

Last week he stood firm against a ferocious parliamentary backlash and muscled enough votes to pass a controversial education bill that will increase fees for university students. Hours after that victory, Blair was exonerated in an independent inquiry into whether Blair's office intentionally provided misleading information about the extent of Iraq's weapons capacity.

A British Broadcasting Co. report last year charged that Blair's administration "sexed up" the intelligence to persuade a skeptical public to partner in the American-led invasion of Iraq. In the ensuing battle between the BBC

and Blair, scientist David Kelly emerged as the report's source. Kelly committed suicide as the controversy raged.

Blair took the BBC head on, publicly denouncing Britain's media icon, and testifying for hours before Lord Brian Hutton, the judge conducting the investigation. In his report Hutton blasted the BBC for shoddy journalism, absolved 10 Downing Street of wrongdoing in Kelly's death and concluded that Blair's office acted consistent with the information it received from British intelligence at the time.

Either a parliamentary defeat or a Hutton rebuff could have spelled the collapse of Blair's

government. Political opponents are pining for his demise and some pundits predicted it. Instead it was the BBC's top executives who resigned.

Still, many in the news media and the political opposition were left wanting Blair's hide. British newspapers were largely unimpressed by Blair's victories and termed the investigation a "whitewash."

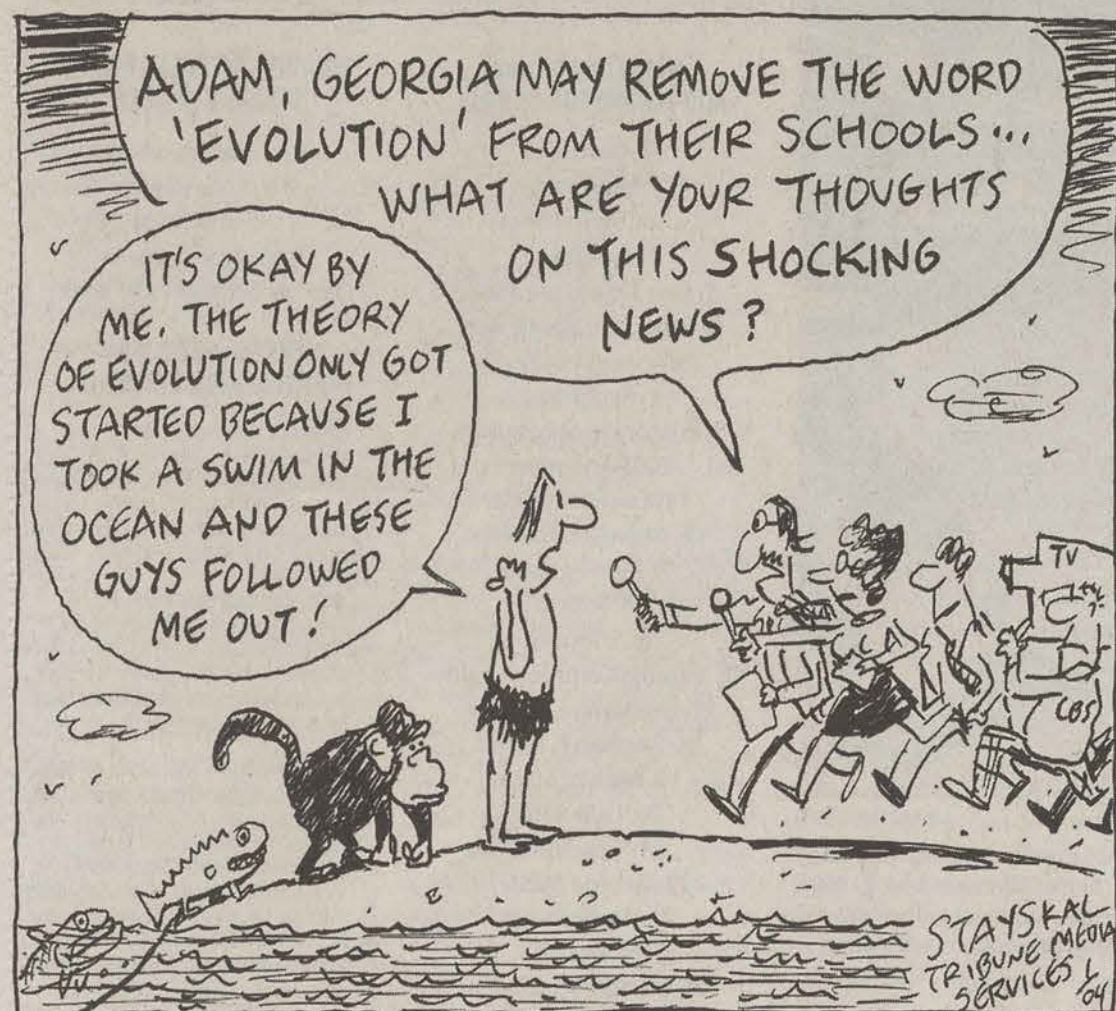
"Teflon Tony," the tabloids call Blair, because he keeps surviving crisis after crisis.

Public confidence in Blair remains low. But Blair continues to do what he thinks is right, regardless of the consequences. He joined the Iraq war effort when so many Britons op-

posed it. He paid a hefty political price; three members of his Cabinet resigned in protest and relations with European neighbors who opposed the war have yet to thaw.

Blair remains resolute in keeping a large British military presence in southern Iraq, even though the move has little public backing at home.

Supporting an unpopular war and raising fees for college students hardly are ways to curry public favor. Blair has staked his career on the belief that both actions were right. At the end of the day, when Blair pops open that half-pint of Black Sheep Ale for relaxation, he can toast to a job well done.



### What to do if MyDoom got you

By James Coates  
KRT Campus

Q. Hey, this so-called MyDoom worm got me today. A co-worker — or so I thought — sent me an e-mail with an attached note. As I usually do from this co-worker, I opened it. Now my friends are blaming me for spreading this worm to their computers and my computer is running very slowly. Now what?

A. You're not alone. Computer experts worked feverishly last Tuesday to counter the MyDoom attack. Their best nugget of advice: If your mother sends you an e-mail with an attachment that says she loves you, don't open it.

Feklessly opening these e-mail attachments can awaken a binary beast. This monster ruthlessly looks about the host computer, finds the owner's e-mail address book and fires off a copy of the beast to all those listed.

So the question now becomes, how do you outwit the worm?

Unfortunately, the MyDoom fixes are particularly difficult because this worm gets very deep into the Windows System Registry and makes dangerous changes to certain key files. It's better to look for outside help than to try and make the fix yourself.

If you've been slimed, head to the antivirus Web sites posted by experts like Network Associates (www.mcafee.com), Symantec (www.symantec.com) and Panda Software (www.pandasoftware.com).

The biggest clue to MyDoom is that infected e-mail messages are 22.5 kilobytes long. Most e-mail software shows the size of attachments.

Furthermore, MyDoom out-smarts earlier worms by constantly rewriting the e-mail messages it generates. That means there is no one subject line or text to warn people that the worm is attached.

If you're not a victim this time, be assured that you remain a target for the next go-around. So never forget: Worms can't bite unless you open an attachment — and that includes attachments from those you trust.

### PERMENTER, FROM PAGE 4

ning my images. Then it indifferently reminded me not to forget my original photo beneath the scanner cover. It asked for my patience kindly enough, but it boasted about its many capabilities an awful lot while it processed my order.

To its credit, however, it pretended far greater concern for my personal satisfaction than did the self-checkout machine. That machine gets downright bitchy.

At the self-checkout machine, don't try bagging anything that might weigh more than one pound, be frozen, have an irregular shape, have the potential to condensate, or might otherwise give you a good reason not to want to carry it any longer. The machine will promptly instruct you to remove such items from the bagging area.

If you have already paid for something at another department in the store, and that purchase is already in a bag, don't try to do the logical thing and consolidate it into the other bags you now have in the bagging area. The machine will reprimand you quite publicly, and its demand that you remove "unscanned items" from the bagging area will make you feel like a thief, even if you aren't one.

I can't rightfully complain about Wal-Mart itself. In point of fact, I have family a few miles from Bentonville, and my car sports Arkansas plates. The royal Walton family, in conjunction with Tyson chicken, is probably keeping the entire economy of that area afloat.

I can, however, dislike the distinctly inhuman direction in which the company is taking its service techniques. And I can't help wondering if the original Walton would even agree with me.

Sorry, Sam.

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# Lady Eagles see improvement in loss

## Season-low turnover total not enough against sharp-shooting Chattanooga

By Eli Boorstein

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If the Lady Eagles were playing any other team on Monday, they could have very well won.

Instead, Georgia Southern became just one in a long list of victims to a powerful Chattanooga squad, falling 81-64 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Lady Eagles (10-10, 6-8 SoCon) played an inspired game of basketball throughout much of the ball game, but the Lady Mocs' perimeter shooting and quickness proved to be the deciding factor.

With the win, Chattanooga (18-2, 13-0 SoCon) claimed their 16th consecutive win, setting a new team record and matching the current NCAA high for wins in a row.

After poor shooting and sloppy play victimized them in past outings, Georgia Southern played much better on Monday, shooting a respectable 35.5 percent and committing a season-low 14 turnovers.

But, having perennial SoCon powers Chattanooga enter your arena means that you have to play a near-perfect game, a tough thing to do against the three-time defending league champs.

"We definitely got better," said guard Lee DuBose, who led Georgia Southern with 16 points, her best outing since November. "Unfortunately, it was against the best team in the conference."

"They just do all the fundamental things," added head coach Rusty Cram.

With the score tied at 6-6, Chattanooga broke free on their first run of the game, scoring 15 of the next 19 points to go ahead by 11.

As the Lady Mocs' lead continued to hover around double digits, Georgia Southern was able to stage a small run of their own, cutting a 12-point deficit to just

five with 7:14 left in the opening half.

Chattanooga then built their edge back up to 12 before the Lady Eagles once again rallied back to just five points down when a DuBose three-pointer made the score 37-32.

The two teams then traded baskets before the Lady Mocs sank a jumper to bring the score to 41-34 entering halftime.

As the second half began, Georgia Southern was able to keep Chattanooga within distance before the Lady Mocs' outside shooters showed some of the tenacity that has made their team so powerful.

With their lead at only eight points, 56-48, with 11:16 on the clock, Chattanooga escaped on a back-breaking run over the next three-plus minutes, using a trio of three-pointers to build their lead up to 19 points at 69-50.

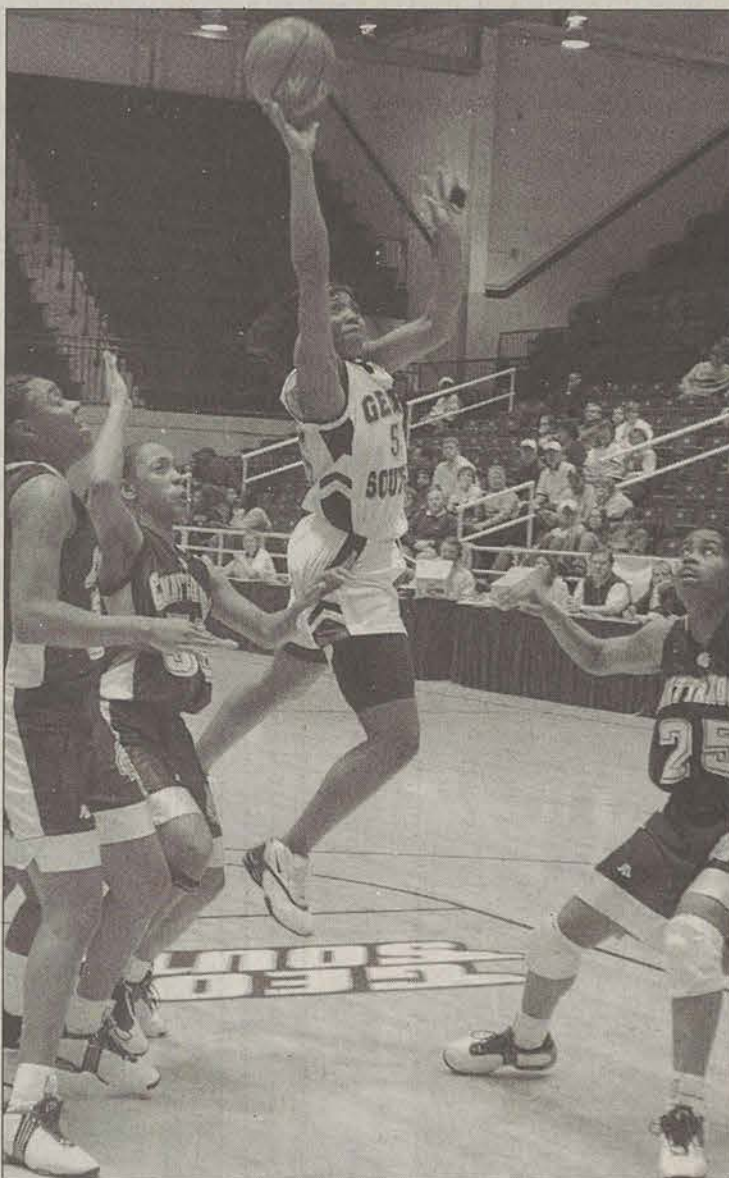
The remainder of the game saw the Lady Eagles unable to inch much closer as the Lady Mocs cruised to the win.

In addition to DuBose, junior guard Kellie Tiller also helped lead the Georgia Southern offense with 15 points. Senior Jessica Everett grabbed 10 rebounds as the Lady Eagles dominated the boards with 49 total rebounds, 25 of which came on the offensive end.

Katasha Brown led Chattanooga with 23 points, including a 3-for-8 night from three-point territory. Katie Galloway and Miranda Warfield each sank three three-pointers as well, scoring 17 and 16 points, respectively.

"They are a three-point shooting team," said DuBose. "That's what strides them away from everybody else."

Georgia Southern will look to snap their losing streak when they meet up with UNC Greensboro on Saturday at 3 p.m. and Elon on Monday at 6 p.m.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Junior guard Kellie Tiller came off the bench to score 15 points in the Lady Eagles' 81-64 loss to Chattanooga Monday night. Tiller shot 3-for-11 from behind the three-point line and 6-for-20 overall as Georgia Southern played one of their better games of the season against the SoCon's top team.

## Colorado president launches investigation into allegations of using sex to recruit players

Associated Press

DENVER — The University of Colorado's president agreed to form an independent commission to look into allegations the school uses sex to recruit football players.

President Elizabeth Hoffman said Monday that she hopes to convene the commission in two or three weeks and will take action if it turns up any impropriety or makes any recommendations.

After meeting with Hoffman, state Sens. Peter Groff and Dan Grossman agreed to delay plans for a special legislative investigation, which could include subpoena powers.

The move comes less than a week after the allegations were disclosed in a federal civil lawsuit against the state's flagship university.

Hoffman said a key issue is whether the university took sufficient steps when the allegations surfaced. She said football coach Gary Barnett, who has denied the allegations, gave recruits a handbook that outlined potential problems with alcohol, date rape "and all the other tough issues college students face."

"We want the committee to look at these policies and see if they were appropriate," Hoffman said.

Groff said the panel should include recruiters and athletes, lawyers and a representative from a rape support group.

However, he said the panel will not focus on current cases pend-

ing in court — including lawsuits in which three women say they were raped at or following a 2001 party for football recruits. In court documents made public last week, prosecutor Mary Keenan said the university has used sex to entice recruits.

Instead, Groff said, the panel will try to determine what happened and how to prevent future problems.

Groff said he will also ask the Big 12 football conference and NCAA to examine all recruiting procedures because of problems in other schools.

"What we're looking at is the culture of recruiting. This is bigger than the University of Colorado," he said.

An NCAA spokeswoman last week said a task force will convene this spring to look into recruiting issues.

Gov. Bill Owens last week threatened to take unspecified steps if the university didn't take action to correct problems with recruiting. On NBC's "Today," Owens said Monday that the university says it has changed recruiting practices in recent years.

"The question that we're asking ourselves is, have those changes been sufficient?" Owens said. "The case that is currently involved in most of the publicity is a three-year-old case. The district attorney checked to see if she could bring criminal charges. She felt that she couldn't."

## Men's tennis suffer narrow defeat at Georgia State

GSU Athletic Media Relations

ATLANTA — Georgia Southern and Georgia State split six singles matches but the Panthers captured the doubles point with 8-3, 8-2 and 8-5 wins on the way to a 4-3 non-conference victory over the Eagles Sunday afternoon at Georgia Perimeter College.

The Eagles recorded come-from-behind singles triumphs from Vincent Patry at the No. 1 position (3-6, 7-6, 6-3 over Jaime Rodriguez), Danie van den Heever at No. 3 (5-7, 7-5, 6-3 vs. Matija Sulin) and Charles-Henri Trottet at No. 6 (4-6, 6-3, 6-3 against Clarence Boyd).

Georgia State (1-0) used doubles wins from Rodriguez/Miha Lisac (8-3), Albano Franco/Sulin (8-2) and Nicolas Lupica/Daniel Balog (8-5) over Patry/van den Heever, Doruk Baglan/Stephen Dubiensi

### Singles

No. 1 — Vincent Patry (GSU) def. Jaime Rodriguez (GAST) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3  
No. 2 — Albano Franco (GAST) def. Doruk Baglan (GSU) 6-3, 7-6  
No. 3 — Danie van den Heever (GSU) def. Matija Sulin (GAST) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3  
No. 4 — Nicolas Lupica (GAST) def. Tom Green (GSU) 7-6, 6-4  
No. 5 — Daniel Balog (GAST) def. Stephen Dubiensi (GSU) 7-5, 6-0  
No. 6 — Charles-Henri Trottet (GSU) def. Clarence Boyd (GAST) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

### Doubles

No. 1 — Rodriguez/Miha Lisac (GAST) def. Patry/van den Heever (GSU) 8-3  
No. 2 — Franco/Sulin (GAST) def. Baglan/Dubiensi (GSU) 8-2  
No. 3 — Lupica/Balog (GAST) def. Green/Germano Knorr (GSU) 8-5

and Tom Green/Germano Knorr, respectively.

Georgia Southern (0-4) will return home Saturday for the first time in 2004, hosting Florida A&M at 11 a.m. before facing Gardner-Webb beginning at 3 p.m.

## Florida A&M having second thoughts on move up to I-A

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida A&M president Fred Gainous has recommended that the school's trustees delay their decision to move the football program to Division I-A.

Gainous, who has been president of the school for 19 months, plans to meet with trustees Monday about pulling back from an announced plan to move up from I-AA this fall.

"The proposed move to Division I-A has the greatest potential to threaten our capacity to carry out our great mission," he told trustees in an e-mail obtained by the Tallahassee Democrat.

Gainous cited a desire to devote more financial resources to academic programs. At least two trustees support Gainous' notion.

"It would be hard for me to see a situation where I would not support his recommendation," trustee Randy Hanna said Sunday.

Added trustee R.B. Holmes: "I think it is a good idea to go to

Division I-A, but I think we need more time."

Holmes said he still thinks FAMU should move up to Division I-A eventually, but not until the school's athletic facilities have been upgraded and the financial support of boosters has been strengthened.

Holmes also recommends that FAMU remain a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in all sports, including football. He said the school should put together a master plan for the next seven to 10 years before making another effort to move to Division I-A.

The decision to move up from Division I-AA cost football head coach Billy Joe several Division I-A transfers last summer because of newly toughened NCAA transfer rules.

The university has been under pressure from the Board of Governors, which oversees all 11 of Florida's public universities, for sloppy accounting practices. Gainous hired a new vice president for finance less than two weeks ago.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN						WOMEN							
NORTH DIVISION			OVERALL			CONFERENCE			OVERALL				
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
ETSU	10	0	1.00	18	4	.818	Chattanooga	13	0	1.00	18	2	.900
Chattanooga	5	4	.556	12	8	.600	Davidson	9	4	.692	12	8	.600
W. Carolina	4	5	.444	11	9	.550	Furman	9	4	.692	12	8	.600
Elon	4	5	.444	8	13	.381	ETSU	9	5	.643	9	10	.474
App State	3	6	.333	8	14	.364	Elon	7	5	.583	11	8	.579
UNCG	3	6	.333	6	13	.316	W. Carolina	6	6	.500	7	12	.368
						Ga. Southern	6	8	.429	10	10	.500	
						UNCG	5	7	.417	5	14	.263	
						App State	3	8	.273	4	14	.222	
						Charleston	3	11	.214	5	16	.238	
						Wofford	0	12	.000	0	19	.000	

### CollegeInsider.com MID-MAJOR TOP 25 POLL

1. Gonzaga
2. Utah State
3. Southern Illinois
4. Creighton
5. East Tennessee State
6. College of Charleston
7. Western Michigan
8. Kent State
9. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
10. Manhattan
11. Central Florida
12. Georgia Southern
13. Murray State
14. Toledo
15. Vermont
16. Virginia Commonwealth
17. Louisiana-Lafayette
18. Stephen F. Austin
19. Wichita State
20. Lafayette
21. Troy State
22. George Mason
23. Austin Peay
24. Drexel
25. Boston University

### LONGEST ACTIVE WINNING STREAKS IN NCAA

- Saint Joseph's, 19 wins  
Stanford, 18 wins  
Duke, 15 wins  
Utah State, 14 wins  
Georgia Southern, 13 wins

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN- APPALACHIAN STATE BOX

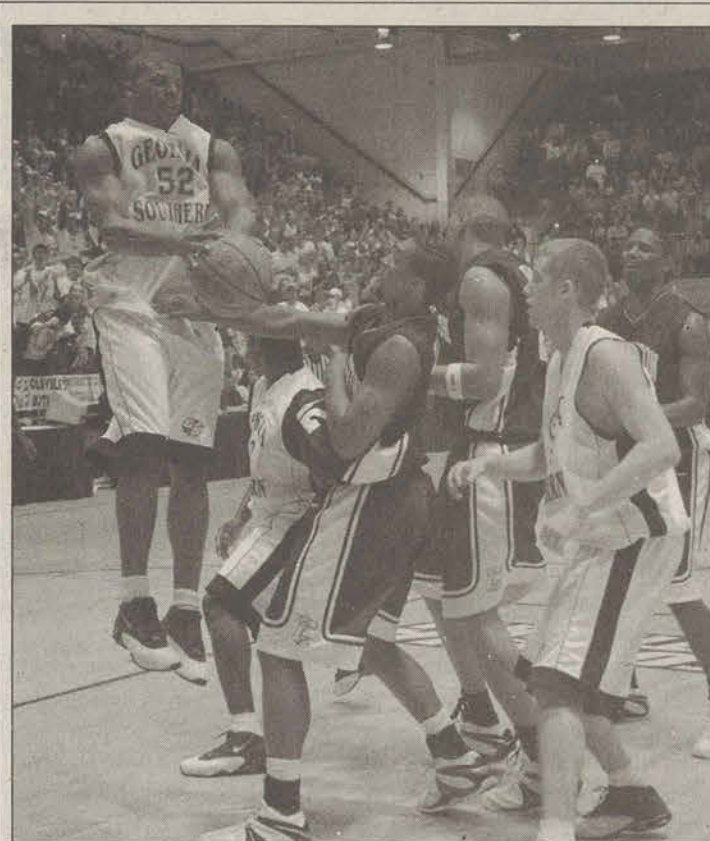
#### GEORGIA SOUTHERN (81)

Fleming 1-1 0-0 2, Bennett 6-17 5-6 17, Olivier 1-20 0-2, Nesbitt 5-18 5-6 17, Williams 1-4 6-7 9, Gennie 0-0 0-0 0, Mobley 1-3 5-5 7, Gibson 5-9 4-4 16, Francois 5-11 1-2 11, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0, Byams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-66 26-30 81.

#### APPALACHIAN STATE (77)

Jones 2-7 0-2 4, McFarland 6-10 3-4 15, Smith 3-4 2-3 8, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Brown 2-8 1-2 6, Scott 1-2 2-3 4, Thompson 2-4 3-5 7, Jones 2-4 2-2 6, Thomas 10-14 2-4 22, Deas 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 30-59 16-26 77.

Halftime—GSU 34, ASU 34. Three-point goals—GSU 5-22 (Bennett 0-2, Nesbitt 2-9, Williams 1-4, Mobley 0-1, Gibson 2-6), ASU 1-11 (Jones 0-3, McFarland 0-1, Davis 0-1, Brown 1-4, Thompson 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Total Fouls—GSU 21, ASU 18. Rebounds—GSU 38 (Francois 11), ASU 38 (Thomas 7). Assists—GSU 14 (Nesbitt 4), ASU 14 (Thompson 4). Fouled Out—None. Technicals—None. A-1,731



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Senior forward Marcus Byams (52) battles for possession on Jan. 24 against Charleston, which is just one in the Eagles' current 13-game winning streak. Georgia Southern will go for one more when they welcome Furman on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

### BASKETBALL, FROM PAGE 1

The Georgia Southern lead dipped to as low as three, at 79-76, with 41 seconds to go, but Elton Nesbitt sealed the win with a pair of free throws with :07 remaining.

The first half proved to be a back-and-forth affair as the two teams exchanged the lead 10 times and saw the score tied five times over the course of the first eight minutes of action.

Trailing 17-16 with 11:34 remaining in the frame, Appalachian grabbed control of the game as it used an 8-0 run to build a 24-17 advantage with 9:00 to go. Three different Mountaineers scored during the run, with Chris McFarland closing it out with a jumper. Georgia Southern fought back from there, cutting its deficit to two on three different occasions before finally tying the score at

34-34 on a pair of Mobley free throws with :44 to go in the half.

Nesbitt and Bennett led the Eagles with 17 points each while Gibson finished with 16. Jean Francois recorded his second straight double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Georgia Southern shot just 37.9 percent from the field, but connected on 26-of-30 (86.7 percent) free throws.

Thomas led Appalachian State with 22 points while McFarland contributed 15. The Mountaineers shot 50.8 percent from the floor, but hit just 16-of-26 (61.5 percent) from the line.

Georgia Southern returns to action Saturday when it hosts Furman in SoCon action at Hanner Fieldhouse beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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POINTS	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS
GSU: Nesbitt, 16.5 FUR: Ndoye, 14.4	GSU: Francois, 6.2 FUR: Sanders, 5.9	GSU: Williams, 5.1 FUR: Carter, 3.6

### UPCOMING EAGLE EVENTS

#### FRIDAY

Women's Tennis vs. Gardner-Webb, Hanner Courts, 2:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

- Men's Tennis vs. Florida A&M, Hanner Courts, 11 a.m.  
Swimming & Diving vs. Agnes Scott, Hanner Natatorium, 1 p.m.  
Baseball vs. High Point (DH), J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. Gardner-Webb, Hanner Courts, 3 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at UNC Greensboro, 5 p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs. Furman, Hanner Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

Baseball vs. High Point, J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.



## Braves' Smoltz enters spring training as the veteran among many new faces

Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Smoltz isn't quite as pessimistic as a few months ago, when he had just endured another operation on his elbow and another disheartening loss in the playoffs.

Remember, spring training is just around the corner. The numbing cold of winter will soon be replaced by soothing, sun-soaked days in Florida. It's a time for hope, a time for optimism. Still, when Smoltz looked around the Turner Field clubhouse on Monday, he couldn't help but wonder how the Atlanta Braves will pull off a 13th straight division title.

Greg Maddux's old locker? Empty. Gary Sheffield's former stall? Now occupied by rookie first baseman Adam LaRoche. Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla? They're gone, too.

"This is not a team that's going to be able to rely on past experiences," Smoltz said, a bit of resignation in his voice. "We're not going to be able to just ride it out and keep saying, 'We know we'll be there at the end.'"

Indeed, the Braves no longer have the look of a favorite in the NL East, not after the gut-wrenching changes of this offseason. Sheffield, Lopez, Castilla and Robert Fick moved on, taking away 115 homers and 397 RBIs. Maddux also left, depriving the rotation of a guy who has four Cy Young awards and 16 straight seasons of at least 15 wins.

The Braves traded for injury plagued J.D. Drew to take Sheffield's place in right field. Lopez will be succeeded at catcher by Johnny Estrada, who spent most of last season in Triple-A. The corners of the infield are now manned by LaRoche and former utility infielder Mark DeRosa. Maddux's spot in the

rotation will be taken by journeyman John Thomson.

"We can't expect the guys coming in here to be the guys who left," said Smoltz, who joined nearly two dozen players at Turner Field for "Camp Leo," the pre-spring training camp run by pitching coach Leo Mazzone.

While the Braves were cutting payroll — at least \$15 million — the rival Philadelphia Phillies were going through a major upgrade. They'll move into a new stadium with new closer Billy Wagner and new starter Eric Milton.

And, oh yeah, the Braves also must get by the World Series champion Florida Marlins, armed with one of the best young rotations in the game.

Atlanta's cost-cutting mandate didn't sit well with the players who are returning in 2004.

"It's disappointing," left fielder Chipper Jones said. "This kind of situation never would have happened eight or 10 years ago."

Despite all the losses, general manager John Schuerholz believes the Braves still have enough talent to contend for that elusive World Series championship. He is quick to point out that a payroll in the neighborhood of \$80 million is higher than the last two Series winners — Anaheim in 2002 and Florida last season.

"We were challenged," Schuerholz said. "But under the circumstances, I thought we did real well."

Smoltz wasn't feeling too good as the offseason began. The closer underwent elbow surgery just days after the Braves were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the Chicago Cubs. He was ticked off by the impending loss of so many valuable players. He floated the idea of

being a starter again. He even went so far as to criticize teammates who hid out from the media after the Game 5 loss.

Smoltz said he wasn't singling out anyone, but it was viewed as a slap against Jones, who was nowhere to be found after the final postseason game.

There are no apparent hard feelings between two of the team's most prominent players, though Smoltz said he would clear the air if necessary.

Explaining his side of things, Jones said, "After that fifth game, I didn't have anything nice to say. I wasn't going to just offer the obligatory congratulations to the Cubs. I'm not that kind of person. If John wants to do it, that's his decision."

Jones said he didn't take Smoltz's comments personally.

"It's all water under the bridge," Jones said. "It was probably just the frustration of losing coming out in him. I understand that. In the future, I will try to oblige Mr. Smoltz whenever we get beat."

Smoltz approached last season with a sense of desperation, believing a championship might keep the team together.

"If we had won it all, I don't think all of this would have happened," he said. "That's why I was like, 'Man, don't blow this one.' I don't think any of this was written in stone if we had won a championship."

That didn't happen, of course. For the 11th time in their 12-season run, the Braves fell short of a World Series title. Now, just getting there seems like a major hurdle.

But this isn't a time for pessimism.

"I'm so excited about spring training," Smoltz said. "I love challenges."

## Lineups announced for NBA All-Star Game

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

PLAYER	POS	HT.	WT.	ALL-STAR EXP.
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*Vince Carter, TOR	F	6'6"	225	5th
Baron Davis, NO	G	6'3"	223	2nd
*Allen Iverson, PHI	G	6'0"	165	5th
Jason Kidd, NJ	G	6'4"	212	7th
Jamaal Magloire, NO	C	6'11"	259	1st
Kenyon Martin, NJ	F	6'9"	234	1st
*Tracy McGrady, ORL	G/F	6'8"	210	4th
*Jermaine O'Neal, IND	C/F	6'11"	242	3rd
Paul Pierce, BOS	G/F	6'6"	230	3rd
Michael Redd, MIL	G	6'6"	215	1st
*Ben Wallace, DET	C	6'9"	240	2nd

(\* denotes starter)

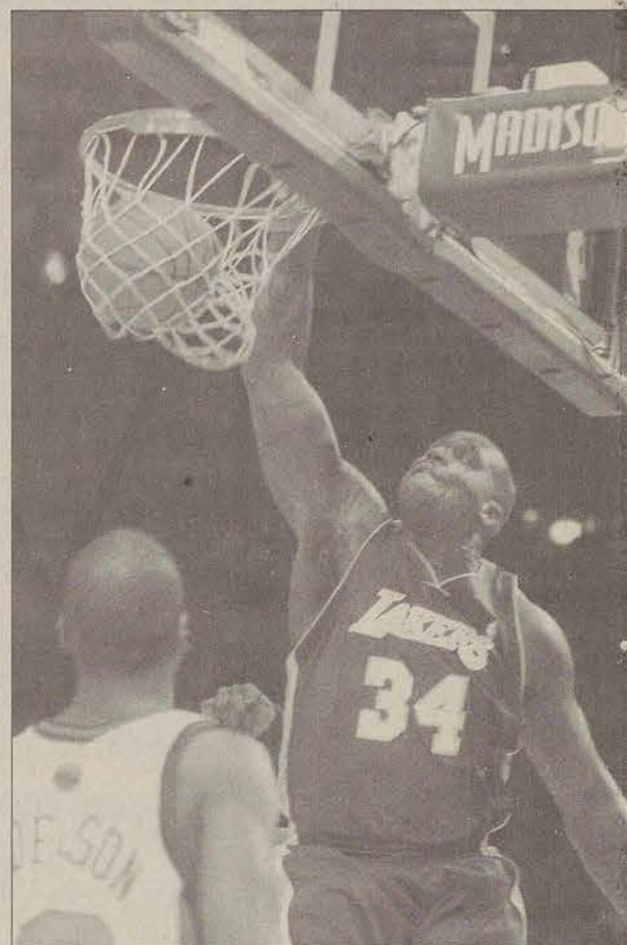
Head Coach: Rick Carlisle, Indiana

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

PLAYER	POS	HT.	WT.	ALL-STAR EXP.
Ray Allen, SEA	G	6'5"	205	4th
*Kobe Bryant, LAL	G	6'6"	220	6th
Sam Cassell, MIN	G	6'3"	185	1st
*Tim Duncan, SA	F	7'0"	260	6th
*Steve Francis, HOU	G	6'3"	200	3rd
*Kevin Garnett, MIN	F	6'11"	240	7th
Andrei Kirilenko, UTAH	F	6'9"	225	1st
Brad Miller, SAC	C	7'0"	261	2nd
Dirk Nowitzki, DAL	F/C	7'0"	245	3rd
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	C	7'1"	340	11th
Peja Stojakovic, SAC	F	6'10"	229	3rd
*Yao Ming, HOU	C	7'6"	310	2nd

(\* denotes starter)

Head Coach: Flip Saunders, Minnesota



KRT Campus

Los Angeles Lakers' center Shaquille O'Neal was named to his 11th All-Star Game, but not as a starter. O'Neal finished second among centers in Western Conference voting, to the Houston Rockets' Yao Ming.

## Greg Norman speaks out against women playing in men's events, calls it a 'ploy'

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Enough is enough, says Greg Norman. Let the women play on their golf tour and stay away from men's events.

"I personally don't think it should happen," Norman said Tuesday, adding that the men's tour should change its bylaws if necessary to prevent women from playing.

"I think the situation is more of a marketing ploy than anything else. If the girls come out and think they can play against the guys and fail every time, that can't be very positive."

Norman, in Melbourne for the Heineken Classic that begins Thursday, was asked to comment on Laura Davies' appearance at next week's ANZ Championship at the Horizons Golf Resort north of Sydney.

It will mark the first appearance by a female player in an event sanctioned by the European and Australasian tours.

Michelle Wie, 14, missed the cut by one stroke three weeks ago at the Sony Open. Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to compete on the U.S. PGA Tour, missing last year's cut by five shots at the Colonial Open.

Suzi Whaley and Se Ri Pak also played in men's tournaments last year.

Pak made the cut on a South Korean men's tour event last October at Yongju, where she tied for 10th at the SBS Super Tournament.

Davies made a previous appearance in a men's tournament at the Korean Open, where she missed the cut.

Norman said Wie's performance was the most surprising.

"I'm very impressed with her game, very impressed with her attitude and demeanor at such a young age," said Norman. "But I think the rightful place is that women play on their tour and we play on ours."

"It all started with Annika to promote herself and promote women's golf, but at the end of the day, it can be very detrimental."

Norman, who twice won the British Open and was ranked No. 1, said the men's tours may have to change their bylaws to prevent women from getting sponsor's exemptions.

"I think everyone is just jumping on it, and it's got to stop," says Norman. "How do we stop it? It's up to our administrators to come up with the wording of our bylaws."

"The players have got to vote it in on a majority vote. We can't go play on their tour because we're not female, that's the wording they have in their bylaws. I think we should do something about it."

Ernie Els, also entered at Royal Melbourne this week and seeking his third straight win in the Heineken Classic, said eventually men will begin complaining if women get too many sponsor's exemptions.

"I think there might be quite a few men who might oppose it," Els said Tuesday.

"I'm not quite sure about the future of that — how many girls are going to be good enough to play. We can't keep on giving them invites if there are guys good enough to get sponsor's exemptions" and don't get them.

But Els admitted that if men's golf

has no bylaws preventing women from playing, and if someone like Wie qualified to play, then they should be allowed on the men's tour.

"If they go through the tour school, they must be good enough to play," said Els. "You've got to give them a chance."

Els said that the issue is getting serious enough that golf tours around the world should come up with a uniform way of dealing with it.

"I think it's becoming a bit of an issue now," said Els. "I think the commissioners will have to start thinking about."

Norman said sponsors on the women's tour are being short-changed.

"The other thing that I am very concerned about is in the U.S., there was a major women's sponsor, Corning Ware, sponsoring the tournament opposite the Colonial last year," he said.

"Those people put up millions of dollars to have Annika come there, but that week, they were a non-entity."

"If I were a sponsor, I'd say, 'where is my value? My value is because I want to have Annika play, or Laura Davies, or Michelle Wie.' I feel sorry for those sponsors because they've been very much a dedicated part of women's golf. I just don't think it's right."

Norman isn't sure what he'd do if a woman was in a tournament he was scheduled to play in.

"That's a good question, it's hard for me to answer that straight off the bat," he said.

"It would depend on what the golf tournament would be. I'd certainly think about it."

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## RICIN, FROM PAGE 1

into effect in January and warned of future attacks.

Senators interviewed Tuesday said they worried that the attack may be related to al-Qaida because British authorities discovered ricin in a London apartment in January 2003 that had been rented to associates of the terrorist network. However, a number of domestic extremists also have experimented with the poison or threatened to use it.

The November letter, which was intercepted at an off-site handling facility, never reached the White House, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. It contained a fine, powdery substance that posed no health threat because it wasn't very potent and was too granular to be inhaled.

No one was hurt in any of the four cases.

Postal inspectors were waiting Tuesday to see if a suspicious powder found Monday night in a Wallingford, Conn., post office, where mail containing anthrax killed an elderly woman in 2001, tests positive for ricin or another biological agent.

Senate leaders called the ricin sent to them both a criminal and terrorist act.

While Senate offices were closed and will remain so for at least a couple more days, staffers worked out of cramped quarters in the Capitol. Senators could even go into their offices in the Dirksen Senate

Office Building, unlike when the offices were sealed off during the 2001 anthrax attack.

Exposed employees are being watched for the next 48 to 72 hours for any signs that they contracted a fatal case of poisoning.

So far, except for a police officer sent home for what may be stress-related chest pains, no one has been sickened, said Frist, who's a doctor.

"Everybody's doing fine," Frist said in a Tuesday news conference. "We've come a long way since anthrax."

Scientists at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Fort Detrick in Maryland will likely conduct tests on the ricin to check its chemical composition against other samples of the toxin, said spokesman Chuck Dasey. The government has samples found at al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan.

There's probably enough ricin dust collected by investigators in Frist's office to make genetic comparisons, said Dr. John Osterloh, a toxicologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who's working the case.

About a tablespoon of powdery ricin was found on a countertop in Frist's mailroom Monday afternoon where an intern noticed it and alerted the police.

Officers isolated about 40 Senate staffers and forced some of them to remove their clothes, be hosed

down with water and change into white body suits. Their clothes were incinerated to avoid contaminating other people or surfaces. Police will be confiscating and burning all mail sent to all 535 lawmakers and to other offices in the Capitol building.

Ricin is a toxin that kills by causing cell and organ failure. Usually it's injected into a person, but it can be lethal when eaten or inhaled. No studies show how much inhaled ricin would kill a person.

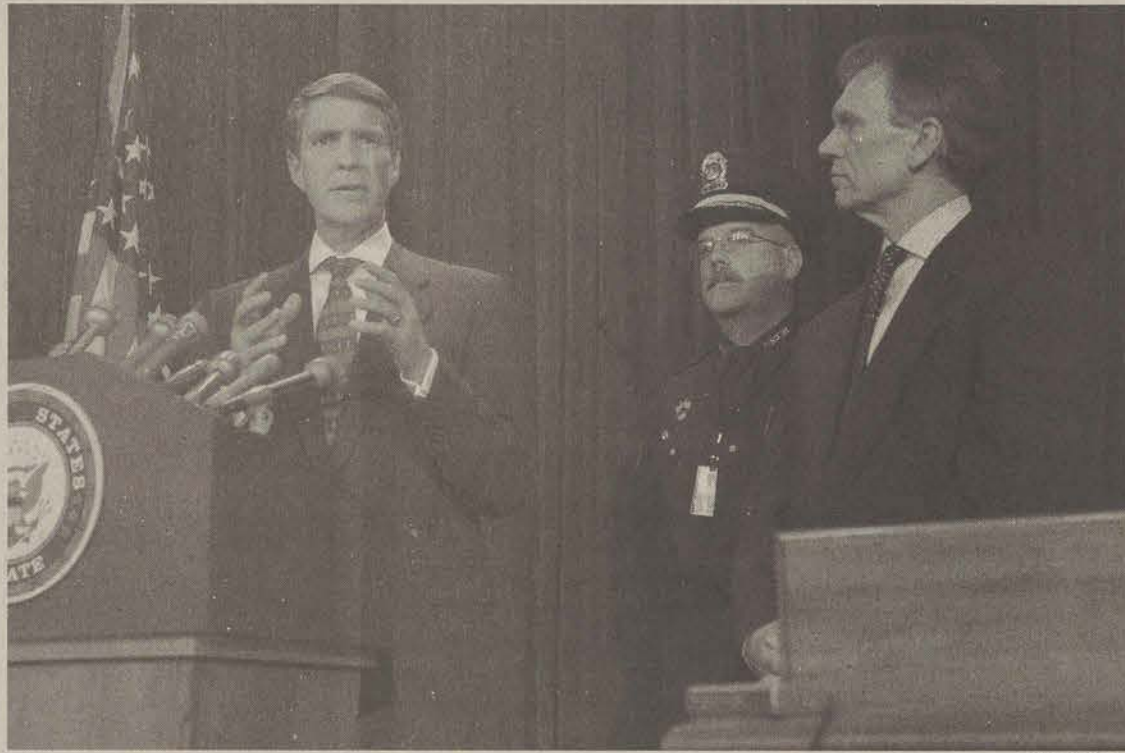
Animal research suggests that it takes only 3 milligrams about one ten-thousandth of an ounce of inhaled ricin powder to kill the average person.

Tests will determine whether the ricin found Monday was ground finely enough to make it easy to inhale.

While experts say ricin is relatively simple to make it comes from castor beans with recipes publicly available it hasn't been used often. The trouble is that it's not easily turned into a weapon, said Gary Ackerman, deputy director for the chemical and biological weapon program at the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

"The potential for mass casualty is not as dangerous as the anthrax," Ackerman said. "Ricin is developed by all sorts of people, even people who didn't get a high school education."

The letter found in South Carolina was signed "Fallen Angel" and



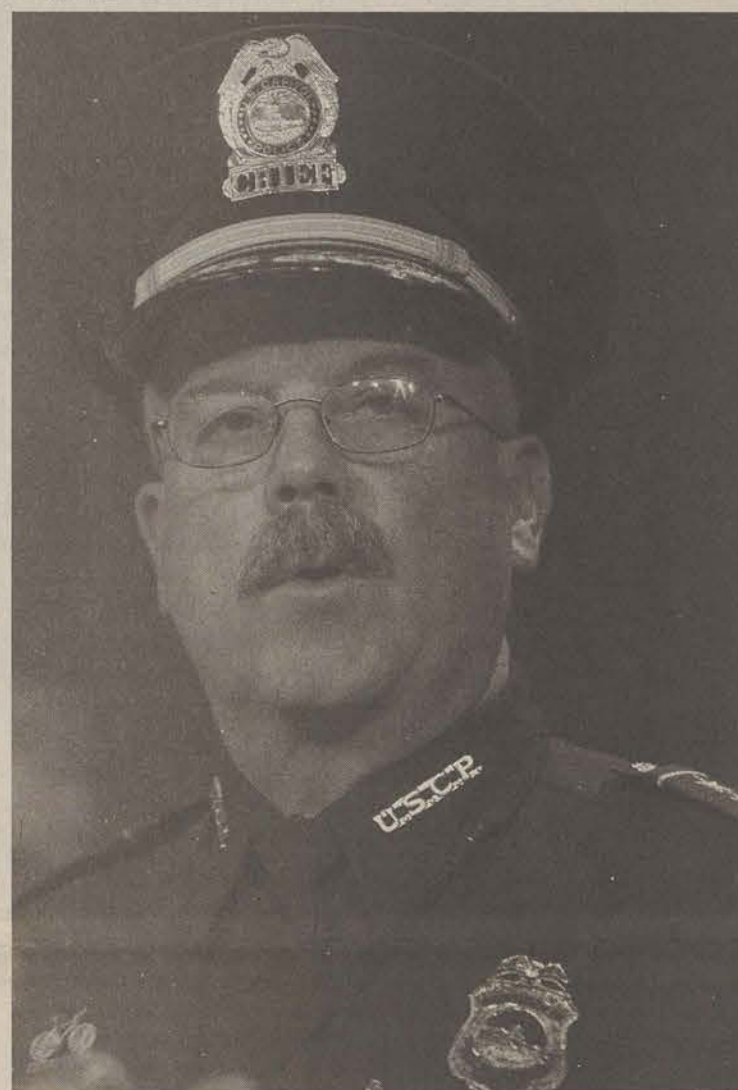
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US Senate Majority leader Bill Frist (R-TN), Capitol Hill Police Chief Terrance Gainer (center) and Sen. Tom Daschle (D-ND) speak at a briefing for reporters about the closure of the three Senate Office Buildings due to a ricin poison scare, at the US Capitol building in Washington, DC.

complained of a new federal trucking law that went into effect Jan. 4 mandating truck drivers to take rest more every 24 hours.

The letter stated: "I have easy access to castor pulp. If my demand is dismissed I'm capable of making Ricin."

In the last few days, the FBI has sent out letters to thousands of people in South Carolina and Georgia asking for help on that case.



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## HELIUM, FROM PAGE 1

replace the existing reactors.

There are also economical limits. Recent budget trends have seen fewer dollars invested in fusion research over the past decades with \$227 million slated for this year, but President Bush has added a new piece to the puzzle.

"I announce a new plan to explore space and extend a human presence across our solar system," said Bush during a national address in mid-January.

If enacted and funded, the program would call for a lunar base, among other goals. Although there was no specific mention of Helium-3 mining, the scientific community is intrigued by the possibilities.

According to NASA Administrator Shaun O'Keefe, the base would enable the isotope to be scraped from the lunar surface.

The proposal has also drawn heavy fire from a wide range of

groups over its aim and cost.

Dr. Benjamin Zellner, a GSU professor who studies Astronomy and played a role in developing the Hubble Telescope, believes the administration has the wrong priorities. "There is a wealth of energy in space, but I'd much rather see asteroids mined," he said.

Asteroids, says Zellner, would be an easier target for exploitation than the moon, and would provide valuable resources. "We could pave our streets with nickel."

Bush may have another reason to aim for the moon. As the U.S. becomes more dependent on foreign energy sources, chiefly Middle Eastern oil, any reliable alternative could be a good investment.

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## TECH FEE, FROM PAGE 1

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## Same sex marriages rejected in Colorado

By Stephen K. Paulson  
Associated Press

DENVER - When John Crisci's partner of 32 years died last month, Crisci was not allowed to accompany him to the hospital. Instead, he was sent home to get paperwork to show he had legal rights to see him.

Crisci said he and his partner rarely left home without their legal documents, because Colorado does not recognize same sex marriages. On Jan. 8, he took a chance because he was only 13 miles from home. Mortuaries refused to cremate the body because Crisci was not a family member.

The emotional testimony from gays and lesbians failed to sway lawmakers, who rejected a proposal (House Bill 1085) that would have authorized county clerks to issue licenses for civil unions between eligible same-sex couples.

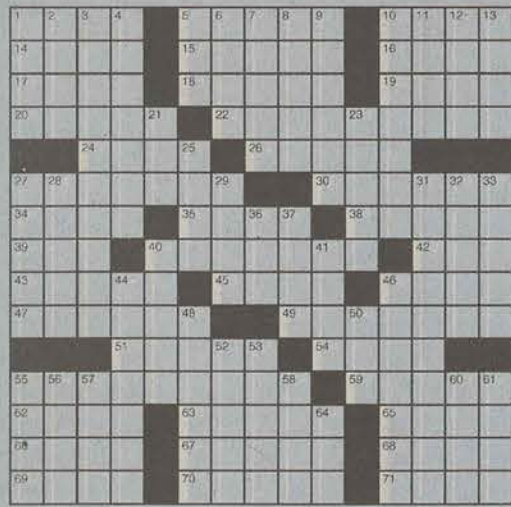
Witnesses said they only wanted the same benefits, protections and responsibilities granted to married spouses, including the ability to transfer property.



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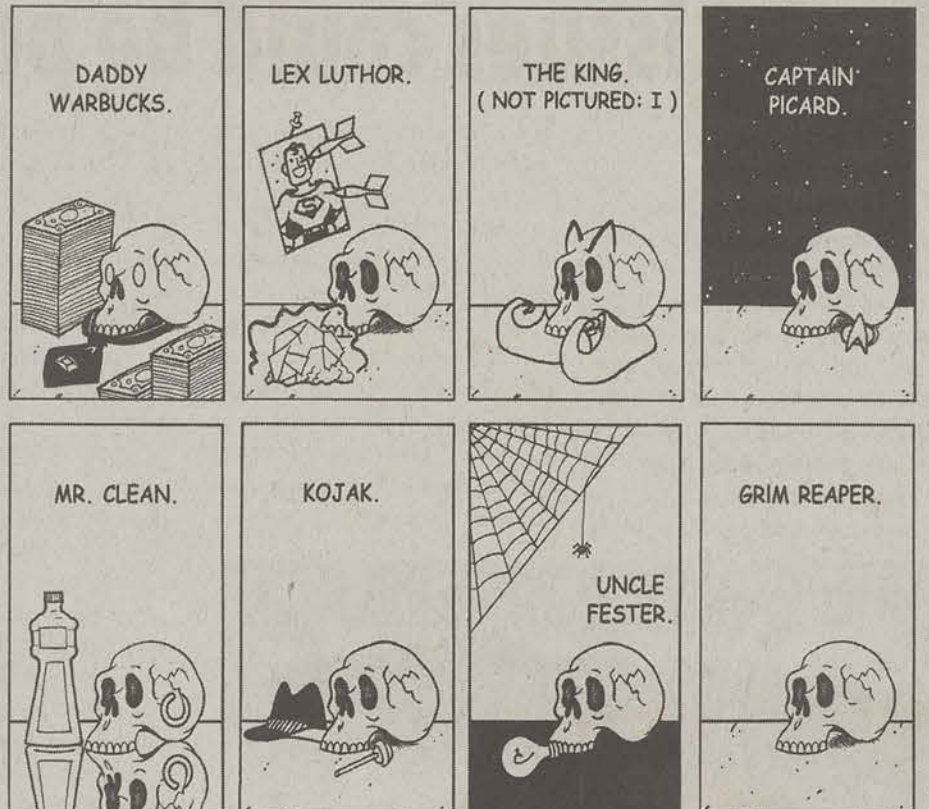
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# Social issues could be political minefield for both parties

By Deirdre Shesgreen  
KRT Campus

WASHINGTON- Guns, God, and gays. Those three little words pack a potent political punch.

And while they rank well below the economy or terrorism on most voters' lists, those hot-button issues have already inspired some of the most careful political contortions of the 2004 presidential campaign.

Take these examples:  
Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., went

on a highly orchestrated hunting trip last October, during which he killed two pheasants, just after aiming fire at his rival Howard Dean for the former Vermont governor's alleged fealty to the National Rifle Association.

Dean announced earlier this month that he would begin to talk more and more about his faith, even though he wasn't "used to wearing religion on my sleeve." (That quickly became clear, as he said his favorite New Testament book was Job and then

had to correct himself since Job is in the Old Testament.)

President George W. Bush, in his State of the Union address last month, spoke out against gay marriage, without uttering the word gay or homosexual, and referred vaguely to a "constitutional process" if "activists judges" insisted on "redefining marriage."

Some conservatives came away thinking Bush had embraced a constitutional amendment banning gay union, while others heard qualifiers and hedging.

As the presidential primaries move throughout the country in the next few weeks, such calibrations are only likely to become more frequent, with the candidates readjusting their messages on social issues such as gun control, abortion, and gay marriage.

"Those are three of the most divisive issues in American politics today and in Missouri in particular," said Rick Hardy, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The reason, Hardy argued, is that there are two wings of the Democratic Party in Missouri: a liberal contingent in the urban centers of St. Louis and Kansas City and the pro-gun, anti-abortion segment in other parts of the state.

"They do not like anyone messing with their guns, they tend to be very pro-life, and they are very patriotic," Hardy said of Missouri's rural Democrats.

Dean himself has said that his party's candidates have too often faltered in southern and western states because of "guns, God, and gays."

And while the Democratic contenders have so far only engaged in minor scuffles on these sensitive subjects, there's little question they will become full-blown battlefronts when the general election begins even if the candidates themselves would prefer to

keep them below the radar.

Indeed, Stanley Greenberg, a top Democratic pollster, suggested at a political forum on Friday that the only way for Democrats to win over those voters would be to "change the subject" away from the three Gs and convince them that the election should be about something else.

The issue that seems to carry the great political peril, and that has opened the biggest policy gap, among the Democratic contenders so far has been gay marriage.

It has been increasingly in the public eye in the wake of a ruling last November by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, which declared unconstitutional a state ban on same-sex marriages, prompting a political scramble in the Democratic field and at the Bush White House.

Al Sharpton and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, have both said they favor allowing gays to marry. "That's like asking do I support black marriage or white marriage," Sharpton said at a debate last summer.

But the major Democratic candidates, including Kerry, Dean, and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., have espoused a fine line on the question.

They oppose gay marriage but support civil unions, a step short of marriage that still grants homosexuals certain legal rights.

With polls showing that a majority of Republicans as well as a large swath of Democrats oppose both gay marriage and civil unions, Republicans clearly hope to use the issue to their advantage.

"Marriage is quickly becoming the biggest issue for social conservatives in the country," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council.

It could be especially potent, some strategists believe, against Dean, who signed the nation's first civil unions law as governor of Vermont. But as

Bush's own remarks on the subject show, it holds some peril for him as well.

While it plays to Bush's base and could help turnout a key constituency conservative Christians it also could alienate swing voters who may see intolerance in the president's position. Thus Bush's carefully crafted lines in last month's State of the Union.

It was an "artful way" to satisfy "the political marketplace that he's facing," said Scott Keeter, associate director at the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "But he didn't want to threaten the full-scale assault at this point. He probably hopes it doesn't come to (that)."

Grover Norquist, who heads the conservative group Americans for Tax Reform, said there's always a risk of overplaying such issues. "Anytime someone is seen as intolerant, you lose the fight," he said.

While gay marriage may be the newest hot-button social issue on the election agenda, gun control is no less potent.

Dean has argued that Al Gore lost the 2000 election in large part because of his strong support of gun control, which cost him dearly among white rural male voters in states like Missouri. The former Vermont governor has said he is best positioned to neutralize the gun issue because while he supports current gun control laws, he believes stricter measures should be left to the states.

That stance, while potentially popular in a general election, made him a target in the primary, with Kerry playing up Dean's support from the NRA in Vermont.

Kerry, by contrast, vowed not to be "the candidate of the NRA," a line the Massachusetts senator could use to woo suburban swing voters in a general election match-up against Bush but that might haunt him in a contest for conservative Democrats.

A similar calculation will likely hold on abortion, another "wedge" issue that sparks a visceral response among key segments of the electorate.

There are no significant differences among the Democrats on this issue (all are abortion-rights supporters). But there is a wide chasm between the Democrats and Bush, an anti-abortion president who recently signed into law a ban on late-term abortions.

Bill McInturff, a GOP pollster, noted at a forum on the polarized electorate last week that the White House has been carefully tending to a conservative coalition on abortion and other social issues, but in an under-the-radar way designed to attract minimum attention.

"They very quietly have worked very hard... trying to find ways to keep all of them animated without hitting the conflict point," he said.

Greenberg, the Democratic pollster, agreed that Bush had done a good job of cultivating his base. But, he said, Democrats have a chance to win over some in the GOP's conservative coalition, namely lower-income white men.

"They are unhappy with the job losses. They're unhappy with the corporate special interests. And they don't like the inequities in the (Bush) tax cuts," Greenberg said—an analysis that McInturff did not dispute.

"The Republicans will very likely raise these cultural issues... to try to keep them from acting on their doubts on the economy," Greenberg said. The trick for Democrats, he added, is "escaping" that debate and focusing instead on "our own forms of patriotism" with a broad appeal to unity and nationalism.

"Essentially we're saying, 'Don't vote on those issues. That's not what this election is about. This election is about whether we're going to have a 100 percent country again,'"

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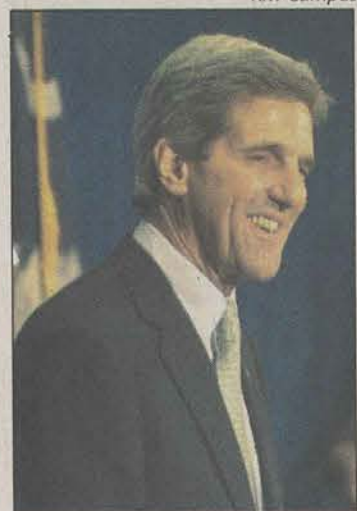
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President George W. Bush speaks to a group of supporters on the state of the economy (top); Democratic Presidential Candidate Sen. John Kerry visits with supporters in South Carolina (middle); and Sen. John Edwards celebrates his win of the South Carolina Presidential Primary on Tuesday night (below).



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