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Thursday

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## BB&T Donates \$500,000 to College of Business Administration

Gift said to symbolize bank's commitment to the region and university

By Shelly Clayton

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The BB&T Corporation has given GSU's College of Business Administration (COBA) a gift of \$500,000.

President Bruce Grube was presented a check and a promise from BB&T that their partnership with the school will continue to prosper.

The funds from the endowment will be used to create a BB&T Chair of Banking in COBA. The title will hopefully attract prime candidates for the position, therefore bringing respect and prestige to the business school's academic program in Finance.

The \$500,000 gift has been said to symbolize the bank's commitment to the region and the university, and is an investment to further strengthen the education of graduates and prepare them for a career in banking.

The money will also go towards the college's plan of academic distinction by further crediting the school's finance program.

"We now have a platform from which to move this program to the next level of distinction," said Grube.

The College of Business Administration offers an undergraduate degree in

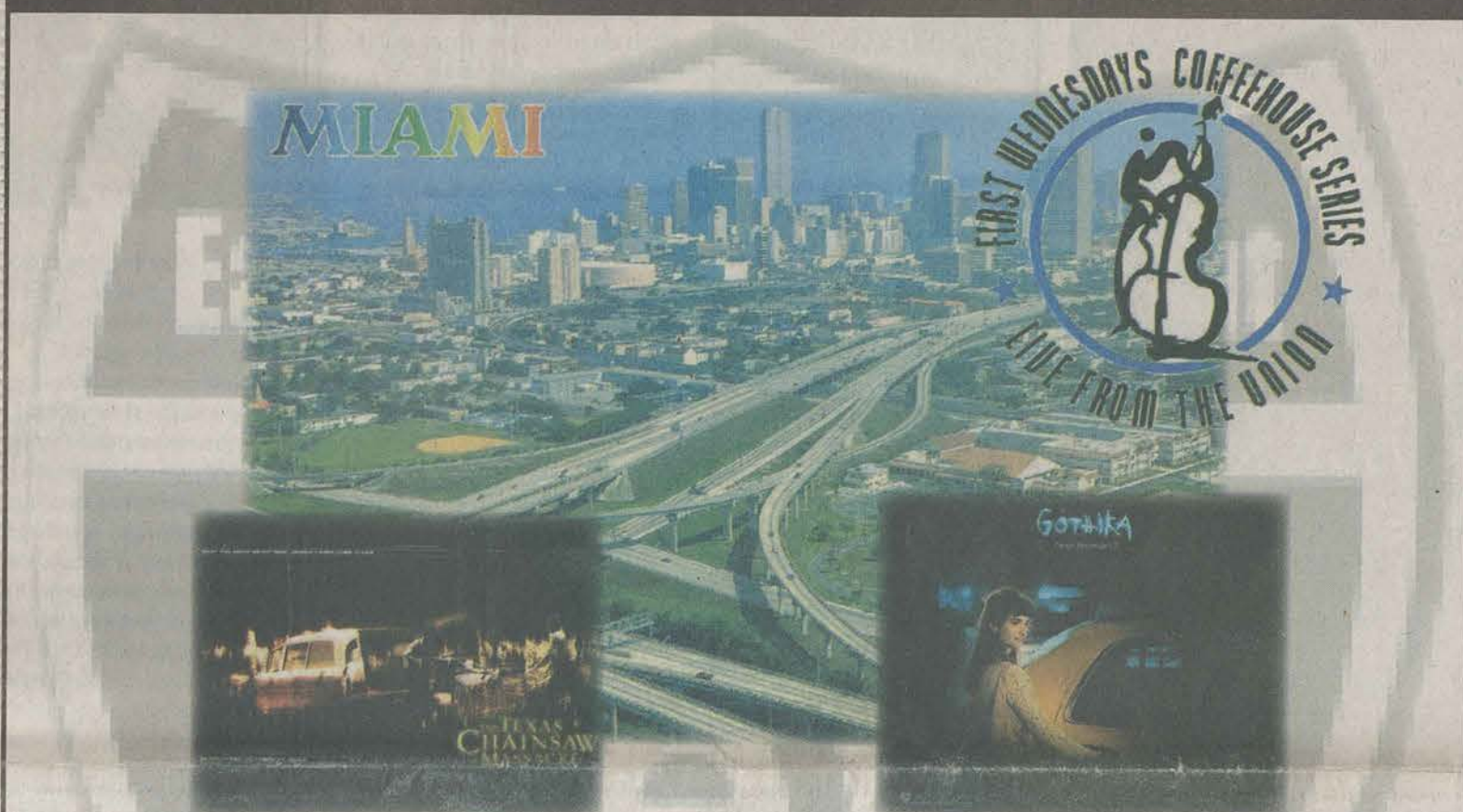
finance with a concentration in banking. Graduates of the school commonly secure employment in financial industries and several have established careers in BB&T's Management Development Program.

"This will allow students more job opportunities after graduation," said Virginia Jordan, a business administration major.

In 1990, Jimmy Hodges, senior vice president and city executive from the Statesboro market area of BB&T, led a team of regional banks to establish the

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## EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT GEARS UP FOR FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING



## Month filled with social events, movies, Spring Break planning

By Natasha Y. Hartry

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Now that students are back to their usual schedules, Eagle Entertainment Team Leaders and volunteers are hard at work planning events for this semester.

Michael Terrell, tradition and spirit coordinator, talked about the overall goal of Eagle Entertainment for this semester, which is, "to frequently provide quality programming for students," he said.

According to Terrell, there were not as many programs held for students on a regular basis last semester, but things will be different this spring.

All students should have received a detailed calendar of Eagle Entertainment events to be held throughout February in their post office box. Terrell also said that over the Christmas, break volunteers, team leaders and coordinators brainstormed and thought of other ways to get more students involved in Eagle Entertainment programs.

One of the biggest events sponsored is the up and coming third annual Spring

Break trip in which participating students will travel to South Beach Miami. Students will have the choice between a deluxe and a luxury trip package. Contact the Student Activities Center for more information.

Don't forget about First Wednesdays Live Coffeehouse Series to be held the first Wednesday of each month with Open Mic and Poetry Slam for any student who wants to express their literary or musical talents.

This month's theme was The Harlem Renaissance. The Multicultural Student Center, along with University Housing, is sponsoring Casino Night as a part of First Wednesdays. It will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom where there will be a mock residence hall set up, along with the Black Inventions Black Arts Exhibit.

Eagle Entertainment's E-Cinema will also bring in popular movies including "Barbershop," "Gothika," and "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." All movies

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## Director of IMLS to present lecture Monday

By Natalie Gazaway

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Robert S. Martin, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), will present a lecture Monday, Feb. 9, titled, "The Role of Museums and Libraries in Developing a Learning Society in the 21st Century."

Appointed in 2001 by President Bush, Martin was the first librarian to lead the Institute. His main goal for the public is to provide them with resources and historical facts that only museums and libraries can give. He believes they meet the needs of different cultures and communities, and are vital to a successful society. They can be used to appreciate art, recreation, history, education, and heritage.

While the IMLS offers a variety of programs to help with research and extended learning, the number one goal for the 21st century is to emphasize the availability of digital resources between libraries and museums.

One online program, Field Trip Earth, allowed students and teachers to become involved with wildlife programs and research all over the world. Through videos, photos, satellite calls and articles, this program supported over 1500 classes each day and shared documents with 100 countries.

America's museums spend over \$1 billion and give over 18 million hours of education on programs for schoolchildren grades K-12. Ninety-nine percent of libraries use technology each day in their work. By combining the two, Martin believes government will soon become more useful, and grant projects and services will skyrocket.

Martin has given \$116,860,208 in grants to 1,027 libraries and museums in the country. A number of those grants were awarded to places nearby, such as the Andrew Low House, Telfair Museum of Art, Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum, and the Georgia Historical Society, which are all located in Savannah. Others include the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon, and the St. Simons Island Lighthouse Museum. The Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2004 was recently signed by President Bush, providing the IMLS with an increase of 10 percent for their programs.

Showing their support for September 11th, IMLS teamed up with the American Association of Museums to create a web site called, "A

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Martin

## GSU student dies waiting for heart transplant

By Reuben Hayslett

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GSU student Melissa K. Harris died at the age of twenty on January 14, 2004 of natural causes relating to heart failure.

Harris suffered from a hereditary heart defect and was on the candidate waiting list for a heart transplant.

Harris was diagnosed with a ventricular defect at birth. In June of 2001, doctors concluded after a battery of testing that surgery was no longer an option and organ replacement would be necessary.

Three years later, however, Harris passed away.

Every day, 17 people on organ transplant waiting lists die before a donor can be secured.

Currently, there are over 83,000 people on transplant waiting lists with more being added every hour. Last year, only about 25,000 organ transplants were performed.

Since the organization of organ transplant surgeries by the federal government, over 50,000 people have died on waiting lists to receive organs.

At the moment, the number of organ donors pales in comparison to the grossly accelerated rate at which patients join candidate waiting lists. According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) they are about 6,000 living organ donors in

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## U.S. considers domestic terrorism in ricin case

By Seth Borenstein and Sumana Chatterjee

KRT Campus

The ricin sent to top government agencies including the White House is probably coming from inside the United States and from a home-grown criminal rather than foreign terrorists, investigators and outside experts believe.

"It does not bear the mark of an international terrorist attack," said an official at the Department of Homeland Security on Wednesday, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "This is a criminal issue. It is not a weapon of mass destruction."

Meanwhile, the investigation has broadened

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The U.S. Capitol dome is reflected in a doorway of the closed Russell Senate Office Building on Wednesday, February 4. All Senate office buildings were closed after the poison ricin was found in the Dirksen Building on Monday.

KRT Campus

### Weekday Weather

Thursday



PM Showers

HIGH

63°

LOW

55°

Friday



Showers

HIGH

74°

LOW

47°

### Only in America

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## Police Beat

02-03-2004

- A cell phone was taken from a purse in the Information Technology Building.
- Officers issued seven traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted six motorists and one sick person.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke M. Hearn and Teresa D. Southern, News Editors.

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## News Briefs

### Kay recommends independent inquiry



KRT Campus

WASHINGTON — The former chief U.S. arms inspector in Iraq said last Wednesday that an independent inquiry was needed to identify the failures that led to erroneous U.S. intelligence reports that Iraq had hidden stocks of biological and chemical weapons.

Dr. David Kay, who resigned Friday after six months heading the CIA-led Iraq Survey Group, said he thought the flaws included a lack of American spies inside Saddam Hussein's regime and "limited data" that U.S. intelligence analysts didn't properly question.

He told the Senate Intelligence Committee that understanding the mistakes is crucial to ensuring "the best possible intelligence" for future efforts aimed at halting the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Kay said he didn't believe that Saddam had stockpiles of illicit weapons or had rebuilt the nuclear weapons program that United Nations inspectors destroyed after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Democrats sought to use Kay's assessment to bolster their charges that Bush led the nation into a war that's killed more than 500 American troops on false pretenses.

Kay said intelligence analysts were "almost all wrong" about Iraq. "And I would certainly include myself here," Kay said.

Kay said U.S. intelligence agencies failed to recruit agents inside the regime, and had become "almost addicted" to receiving information from the U.N. inspection team that exposed Iraq's banned weapons programs between 1991 and 1998.

### Court hearing for Bobby Brown delayed



Special Photo

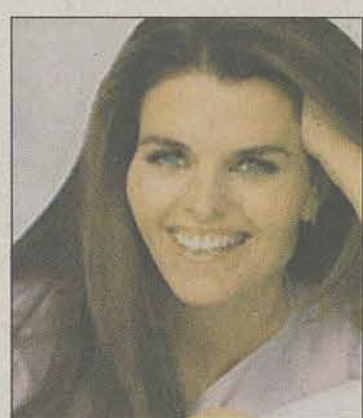
ATLANTA — The preliminary hearing for singer Bobby Brown has been postponed from Wednesday to May 5, a Fulton County magistrate court clerk said.

Brown is charged with battery following an alleged fight with his wife, fellow entertainer Whitney Houston. Brown allegedly hit his singer-actress wife in the face. Police said Houston had a bruised cheek and a cut inside her upper lip.

Brown left R&B group New Edition in the late 1980s for a solo career. His songs include "My Prerogative" and "Every Little Step."

Houston and Brown have been married since 1992. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Bobbi Kristina.

### California First Lady Maria Shriver quits NBC News



Special Photo

NEW YORK (AP) — Maria Shriver quit NBC News on Tuesday, saying it would be too tough to juggle a journalism job with her duties as first lady of California.

Shriver, a Dateline NBC reporter, said she will continue to work on specials connected to her children's books for other NBC properties.

Shriver took an extended leave from NBC News when her husband, Arnold Schwarzenegger, ran for California governor. When he won, she returned to work, making two appearances as an anchor for Dateline NBC.

But she said that it became clear to her that as first lady, her journalistic integrity would constantly be scrutinized.

"After much soul searching, I have asked to be relieved of my duties at NBC News," Shriver said in a statement.

### Upcoming elections vital to Dean's campaign



Special Photo

SEATTLE — The first king salmon sailed right through Howard Dean's arms and skidded along the cement floor of the Pike Place Market.

Playing catch with the fishmongers in Seattle is a classic photo op, but for Dean, the moment also was a perfect metaphorical snapshot of the state of his struggling presidential campaign. Still, Dean vowed to fight on, seeking to redefine the meaning of "success" after each of the disappointments he has absorbed over the past three weeks.

Unofficially, he picked up five delegates of the 269 at stake Tuesday, collecting a combined eight percent of the overall vote in Missouri, South Carolina, Delaware, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and North Dakota.

Dean's strategists want him to make his stand in Washington state and Michigan, which hold caucuses on Saturday.

Down the road, the Dean high command is banking on carrying Wisconsin, a stand-alone primary on Feb. 17, where the winner conceivably could dominate the political news of the day and get a bounce. Dean campaign officials say they plan a "major buy" of advertising in Wisconsin, after staying off television in the seven Tuesday states.

The idea is to lure Kerry into a one-to-one competition heading into Super Tuesday contests on March 2, which include California, Ohio, Georgia and New York.

Veteran Democratic strategists unaffiliated with the remaining contenders question how long Dean can credibly fight before even his hard-core Internet supporters get discouraged. The two large unions backing Dean, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Service Employees International Union, are pressuring the campaign to post a win, any win, anywhere.

### Methamphetamine fear cuts cold-pill access

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Responding to the growing use of over-the-counter medications to make illegal drugs, an increasing number of stores are restricting access to commonly used cold, sinus and allergy remedies that contain ingredients of powerfully addictive methamphetamine.

Wal-Mart and CVS Pharmacy are among large chains that have clamped down on cold-product sales. All now limit the quantity that a shopper can buy in one transaction.

The moves are aimed at cracking down on thefts of such well-known products as Sudafed, Actifed, Dimetapp Extentabs and other non-prescription decongestants.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn and Teresa D. Southern, News Editors.

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## 1 West Virginia

### Case of mistaken identity causes hassle for West Virginia man

PRINCETON — Jack Whittaker has heard a lot of hard luck tales in the past year from people seeking help from the winner of the largest individual Powerball jackpot in history. But he can't help them. He's not that Jack.

Ever since the other Jack Whittaker, a millionaire businessman from Scott Depot, won the record \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot on Christmas 2002, the Princeton man has been inundated with calls and letters from people across the country asking for money.

The calls and letters tapered off for a while, but they resume every time the Powerball winner makes the news, such as when he was recently arrested on a drunken drive charge.

When Whittaker tells callers they have reached the wrong Jack, some become irate.

"We had one guy call and my daughter answered the phone," he said. "My daughter told him I wasn't that Jack Whittaker and he got pretty wild and started cussing her."

## 2 Iowa

### Man charged with using BB gun in \$5 robbery

IOWA CITY — A man police say used a BB gun to rob a woman of \$5 could face up to 25 years in prison.

Eugene C. Cardine, 18, of Iowa City, was charged Monday with first-degree robbery.

The victim told police she was held up sometime before 2:30 a.m. Monday near Sycamore Mall and the Kirkwood Community College Iowa City campus.

Cardine later told police he robbed a woman using a BB gun that closely resembled a real gun and took \$5, said Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei.

Police have not recovered the weapon, Krei said.

Cardine was being held Tuesday in the Johnson County Jail on a \$25,000 cash-only bond.

## 3 Pennsylvania

### Police dog accused of racial profiling again

MCKEES ROCKS — A police dog cleared two years ago of racial profiling has been accused of biting a black teenager during a demonstration at a middle school.

A McKees Rocks councilwoman and the girl's parents said a K-9 officer had to pry the dog's jaws apart to free 14-year-old Angela Kirkland on Thursday. It was the second time in 19 months the dog has been accused of attacking a black child.

In 2002, town officials ordered a two-month investigation to determine if Dolpho, a German shepherd, was singling out blacks while on patrol.

In the previous incident, Dolpho escaped from a police vehicle when a quick-release button on the belt of K-9 officer Shawn Barger was depressed as he wrestled with a drug suspect. The dog bolted from the K-9 wagon when the door opened and bit a 9-year-old boy who was playing nearby.

Barger was also handling the dog Thursday at Sto-Rox Middle School.

McKeesport police would not comment on the most recent allegations.

Councilwoman Wanda Jones Dixon once again asked that Dolpho be retired. She wants the dog euthanized or locked away, though she said race is not the issue this time.

"I'm an animal lover and I feel very bad for the dog," Dixon said. "But you can't keep a dog out there that's attacking children. For me, color doesn't matter. He hurt a child."

The girl's parents, however, say Dolpho only attacks black people.

"I blame the training," said Bobby Kirkland. "I still say that that dog ... is a racist dog."

The dog allowed a white girl to pet it, but attacked when his daughter got close, Kirkland said.

Kirkland said the dog tore his daughter's pants and shirt. The dog's teeth did not break the skin, but did leave marks, Kirkland said.

## 4 Georgia

### Bushmobile unveiled to public in Savannah

SAVANNAH — What's red, white and blue, runs off a 72-volt battery and has a top speed of 25 mph? The president's official Bushmobile for the summer Group of Eight summit.

G-8 organizers on Monday unveiled the electric car — which resembles a golf cart the size of a Volkswagen Beetle — customized for President Bush to cruise around Sea Island during the June 8-10 meeting of world leaders.

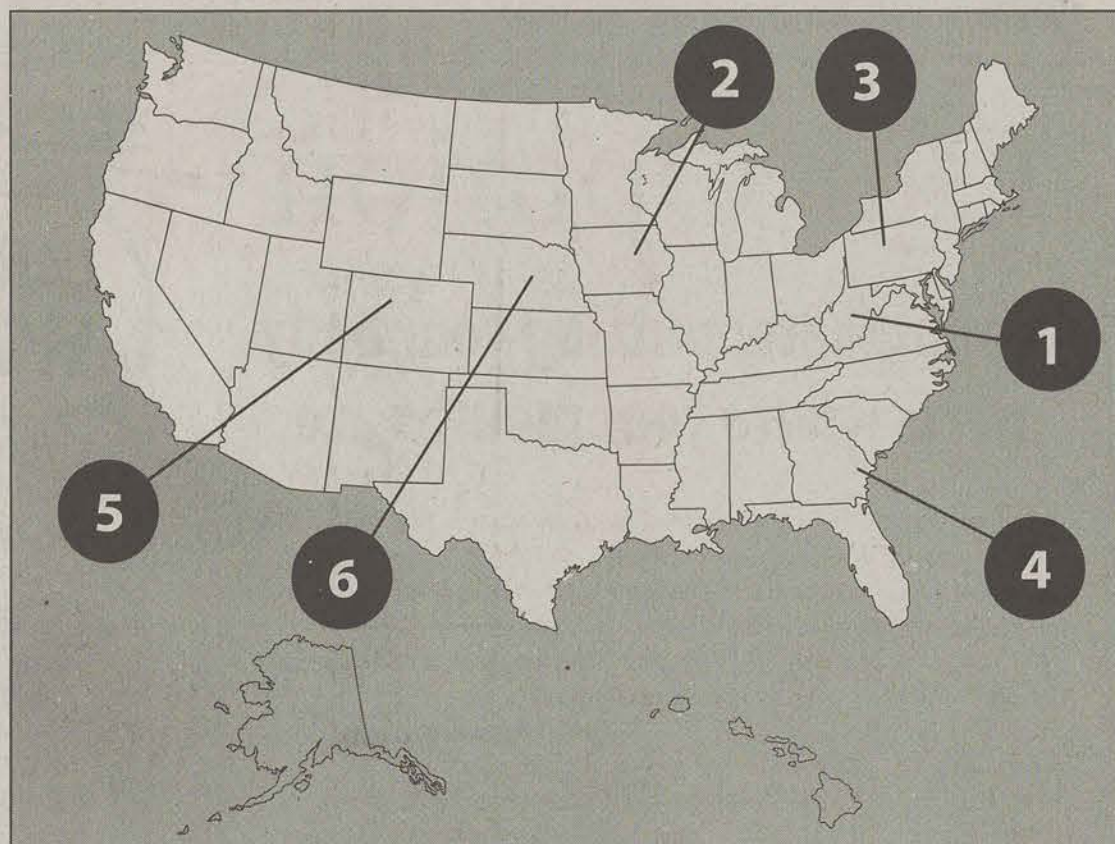
Leaders of the remaining seven countries attending the summit in coastal Georgia need not be jealous. They'll each get similar rides decked out with decal motifs based on their own national flags.

The cars are made by Global Electric Motorcars of Fargo, N.D., a subsidiary of Daimler Chrysler. With 12-inch wheels and open sides, they work as high-end golf carts.

But they're also street legal in areas where the speed limit is 35 mph or less, with seat belts, headlights, mirrors and even windshield wipers as standard features.

Capable of driving 30 miles between charging, the vehicles are perfect for a secluded resort like Sea Island, which is only 5 miles long and half-a-mile wide, Bennett said.

The four-seat model the summit leaders will drive — minus the flashy flag decals — retails for \$8,995.



## 5 Colorado

### Colorado woman survives 75-mile ride in runaway car

DENVER — A woman was shaken but unhurt after a wild, 75-mile ride at speeds over 100 mph that began when her brakes failed and her car accelerated out of control.

Police finally stopped the car on a highway west Denver by getting a cruiser in front of it, slowing gently till their bumpers touched, then bringing both vehicles to a stop.

"It had a mind of its own," 20-year-old Angel Eck said Sunday. The car "kept accelerating, and my foot wasn't even down on the gas."

Eck was westbound on Interstate 70 in Limon Friday night when her 1997 Pontiac Sunfire began racing out of control. Nothing she tried would slow the car down.

She flipped on her hazard lights and dodged traffic while trying her

cell phone, but she was out of her service area.

She nearly slammed into the back of a semi trailer and swerved off the highway three times to avoid hitting other vehicles, including one packed with kids, she said.

After about 45 frantic minutes, she was able to reach a friend on her cell phone. He called 911.

Police cleared the highway as Eck made her way across Denver. When it appeared they had no other options, officers Gary Ayers and Troy Bisgard decided to slow Eck's car with their cruiser.

## 6 Nebraska

### Light bulb requires three hours to change

LINCOLN — How many state workers does it take to change a light bulb?

If you're talking about the bulbs in the 3,500-pound chandelier that

hangs in the state Capitol Rotunda, the answer is five or six.

The delicate process of lowering the bronze chandelier to change its 136, 40-watt light bulbs, which happens about once a year, took place Friday.

"It's real critical when you come to land it," said Tom Kaspar, an architect with the state building division. "It's like the lunar lander coming down."

The chandelier hangs on a steel chain 80 feet down from the top of the Rotunda's dome and 30 feet above the ground.

"This is way too high to use a lift or scaffold on," Kaspar said.

A winch housed in a closet on the seventh floor raises and lowers the chandelier. It takes two people about half an hour to bring it all the way up or down.

"I throw 100 cranks in myself," Kaspar said.

About three hours after the first crank of the winch early on Friday morning, the chandelier was back in place and shining bright again.

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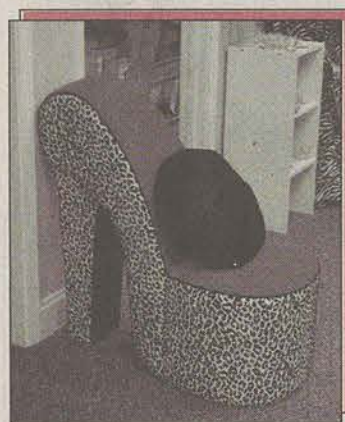
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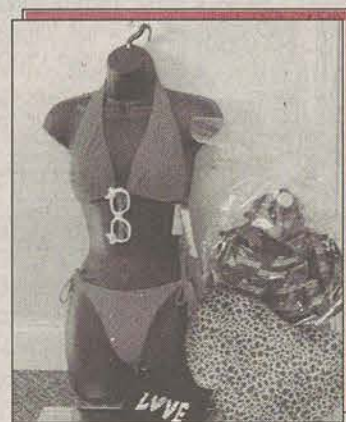
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## OPINIONS

## Our Opinion

## Nipplegate: putting your body parts where your mouths are

For years now, all sorts of primetime television programs have pushed the limits of what the FCC considers "decency."

So why, when someone actually performs on the ideas presented, does the FCC and every television watchdog group get up in arms?

Unless you've been watching only the History Channel since last Sunday night, you're probably privy to the stunt pulled during the Super Bowl Halftime Show. No, we're not talking about the P. Diddy and Nelly duet. During a duet performance that MTV had billed to promise "shocking moments," Justin Timberlake ripped off a piece of Janet Jackson's top, revealing her breast.

Whether or not it was unintentional, as MTV continues to say (though it does seem strange that Timberlake's last sung lyrics before the incident were "gonna have you naked by the end of this song"), is irrelevant.

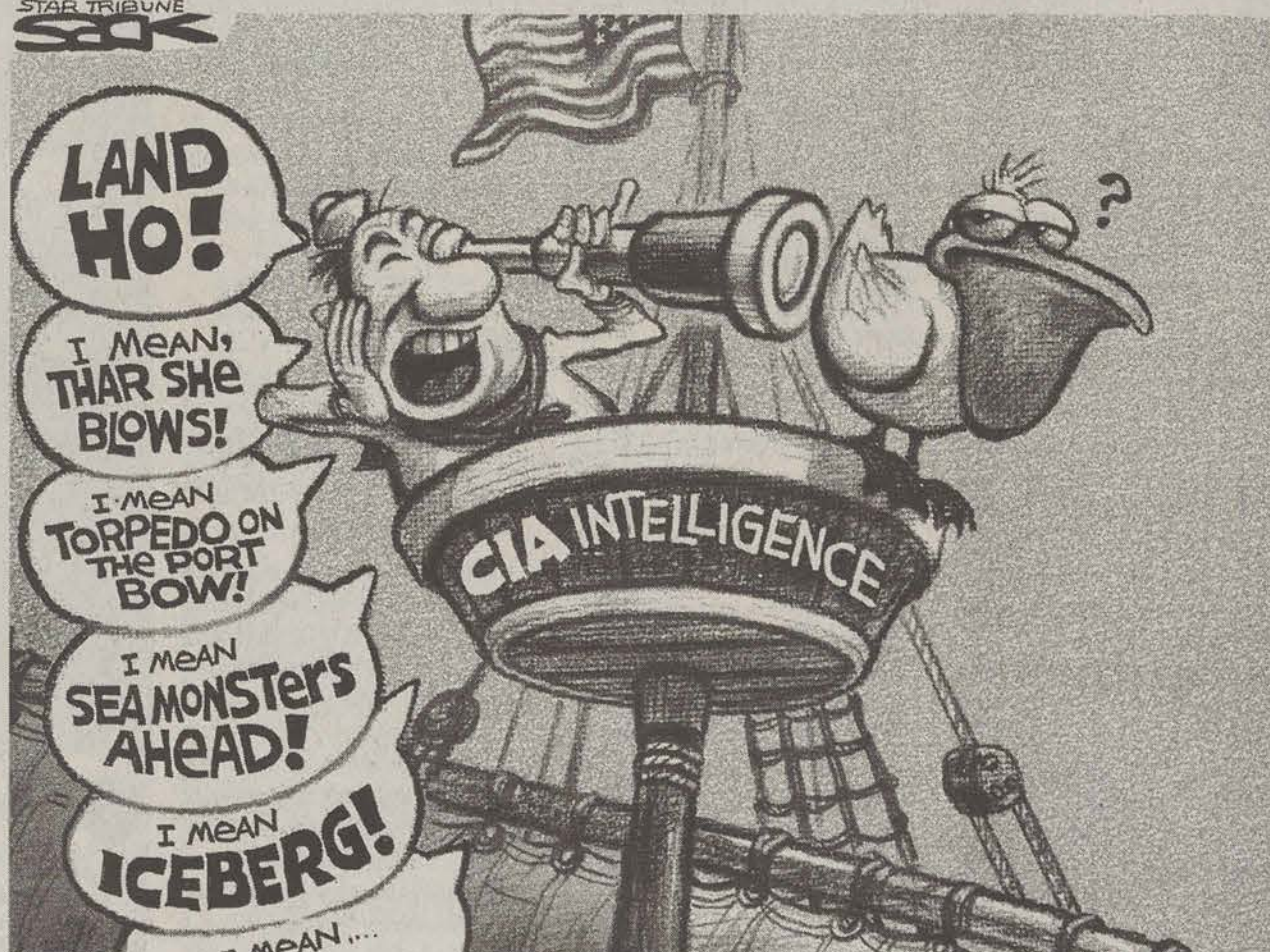
The real issue is the simple fact that various television shows including those produced by CBS have talked about sex, sexual acts, sexual parts of the body and other seemingly lewd topics. So when Janet Jackson fell out of the norm (excuse the pun) by exposing her breast on national television in front of millions, why are there so many people making a fuss over it?

I suppose it's one thing to mention the "ugly naked guy" and a completely different hemisphere to actually show him in his nude glory.

In all honesty, most if not all of those who might be considered too young to see a little more of Janet than most will probably be looking at something much more raunchy in the next few years.

But until Courtney Love and Slipknot are booked for Super Bowl XXXX's Half Time show, I think those watchdog groups can rest easy.

What happened last Sunday was just a slip of the breast.

STAR TRIBUNE  
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## War on drugs does more harm than good

In 1982, Ronald Reagan announced his intent to wage the "War on Drugs."

Since then the U.S. has spent billions of dollars annually to prosecute, or persecute if you will, millions of non-violent, taxpaying, American citizens.

Our government has created a system that values incarceration over rehabilitation. Two thirds of drug control appropriations are spent on law enforcement, leaving only a third of the budget for treatment and prevention. This makes very little sense because the American Medical Association states that Addiction is in fact a disease. A disease requires treatment by qualified professionals, not prison time.

The American government also spends millions of our tax dollars on useless propaganda. NIDA (the National Institute on Drug Abuse) recently conducted studies that showed that those damn ads (costing roughly 150 million a year) were having little if any favorable effect on teens, the target audience. That's because they aren't stupid.

Truth: Smoking pot does not make you a terrorist. It makes you a pothead.

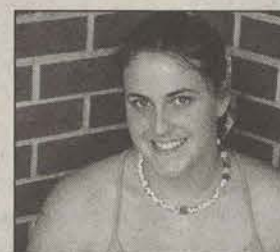
Students convicted of drug charges are punished twice. In addition to any fines and or incarceration they may face upon conviction,

they also lose eligibility for financial aid (while murderers retain their eligibility). But it doesn't stop there. Our country has even given billions of dollars to support a violent regime that is destroying an already poor country and damaging thousands of acres of rainforest.

For instance, the U.S. has spent over 2.5 billion dollars to date on a project called Plan Columbia. The basic goal of Plan Columbia is simple: To eradicate Coca plants in hopes of eliminating cocaine. The plan includes hiring contractors from a corporation by the name of DynCorp to fly fumigation planes over crops in Columbia.

These sprayings are by no means precise; a plane flies over fields and sprays industrial-strength Round-Up onto crops. This spray, originally created to kill weeds, is known as an organophosphate. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, overexposure to organophosphates can over stimulate the nervous system causing blurred vision, increased sweating, nausea, vomiting, muscle spasms, and in extreme cases, death.

Imagine if you were enjoying a nice day outside and a plane flew over and sprayed poison on you. This happens daily in Columbia, and our government is responsible.



Erin Nease  
A&E editor

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## Relationships &amp; Sex

SPEAKING OF...  
Relationship patterns

It's amazing really.

At 6 a.m., you can discover the meaning of life, or unwrap the mysteries of the human condition. Well, maybe not the meaning of life. But you can certainly learn a lot about yourself and others over casual conversation and snackable foods. (Coffee sometimes helps, too.)

In the wee hours of the morning, working on three hours of sleep, you can discover the secrets to relationships and all their baggage. Well, I did. - Or something like it!

I have uncovered the "Relationship Zodiac." And just in the nick of time, too. With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, I want everyone to know what they might be getting themselves into.

## The Sword in the (Stepping) Stone

You like to find someone, anyone to help build your own self-confidence, then use that person to springboard to the next person. This is a *great tactic*... until the person you were stepping towards gets the heck out of dodge, and the person you used to get to Step 2 is long gone. Looks to me like you're back on the ground floor. Learn to appreciate what you have - Or, eventually, you'll wake up and realize that you don't have anything at all.

## Process of Elimination

You tend to find almost identical people to date. You merely eliminate one problem from the previous

relationship, and use that as a roadmap to creating the perfect companion. There is no such thing as the perfect mate (Prove me wrong, I dare you!). You're going to have to learn to accept people for who, and what they are if you expect to be treated the same way.

## Just Desserts

Yummy! Everyone has a sweet tooth, and you're the worst! You appreciate the fine nuances of most things. You're the same way in relationships. Even the smallest thing is a big deal to you. You tend to date people that are good to you... but definitely not good for you. If things tend to be too good to be true... they probably are. Chocolate is great, until you get your first cavity.

## Reach for the Stars

The less likely a goal is to be achieved, the better. Unobtainable is the word du jour. If you reach for something you know you can never have, it tends to be a lot easier to cope when you don't reach it. Is this your way of not getting hurt, or are you just a glutton for punishment? Life's a circus, and you're using multiple safety nets.

## Window Shopper

The "Just Browsing" version of the Stone Stepper. You've done your shopping, you made your purchases, and



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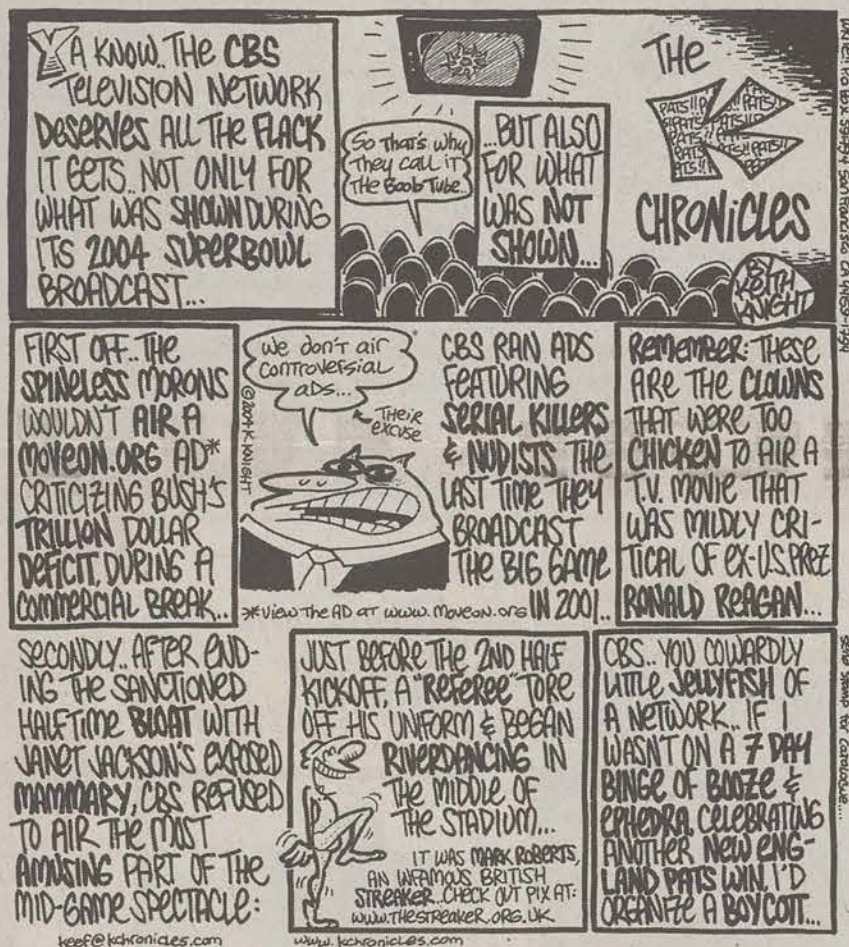
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## Today around the world

**Japan:** Japanese Martyrs Day (26 martyrs - 1597)  
**México:** Constitution Day (1857 & 1917)  
**Finland:** Runeberg Day (1804)  
**San Marino:** Liberation Day

## Today in history

**On this day in 1994,** "Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego" premiered on Fox TV.  
**On this day in 1953,** Peter Pan opened at Roxy Theatre, NYC



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# More universities recognize ASL as a foreign language

By Jamie Malernee  
KRT Campus

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – She is talking a mile a minute, but no words come out of her mouth.

She's giving a report on Beethoven, yet the entire classroom is silent.

Jessica House is a junior at South Plantation High in the midst of earning an important grade for her American Sign Language class. Her hands turn, flip, brush, slap and point as she makes her meaning known, eyebrows arching. She is one of a growing number of students who are choosing to learn the language of the deaf instead of more traditional foreign-language options such as Spanish and French.

"I get really into it. I disappear into another world when I sign," House says, explaining why she and other hearing students are drawn to the class. "It's like dancing with your hands."

In 1977, South Plantation was the first Broward public high school to offer American Sign Language, but it wasn't recognized as a foreign-language alternative until 1990. Now 11 high schools in the area have ASL classes. Six public high schools offer ASL in Palm Beach County, where enrollment has more than doubled in the past six years. In Miami-Dade, 14 schools offer ASL to about 1,680 students, although only four of those schools cater to hearing pupils.

Nationwide, ASL is also the fastest-growing foreign-language offering at U.S. colleges and universities. Since 1998, 186 new institutions have started offering ASL – for a total of 234 higher-learning establishments serving 60,000 students, according to a 2002 survey by the Modern Language Association of America.

Jennifer McGonigle-Collins, 31, was exposed to South Plantation High's program as a student, went on to study the language in college, and now is the school's only ASL teacher. To meet the high demand for classes, she teaches seven periods straight with no planning break. She's often on campus from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 at night and was recently selected as a finalist for the district's Teacher of the Year.

"I feel like I'm giving back what was given to me," she says. "To see (students) get to a Level 2 or 3 and want to be an interpreter or a deaf teacher, that is so amazing because what you've done in such a short amount of time is change their life."

Many of McGonigle-Collins' students admit they initially took ASL because they've heard the class was a simple way to satisfy the foreign-language requirements needed to get into many colleges. Although some universities still don't recognize ASL as a foreign language, the number that do is growing.

"I'm Italian and we always talk with our hands, so I thought it would be easy," jokes Cassie Rampone, 14.

But in McGonigle-Collins' class, they quickly learn ASL involves a lot more than memorizing signs. ASL has its own grammar that shuffles word order and omits or "glosses over" certain words such as "and" or "is." For example, you wouldn't say, "I'm a junior at South Plantation High," you'd say, "Junior, where?, South Plantation High."

Facial expressions are almost as important as the actual signs and must be coordinated. For example, if a person is signing a Yes-No question, their eyebrows must arch up. With other questions, they must furrow down as the person's eyes squint.

Many signs are so similar, a flick of the hand or a slight mistake in form can have the signer saying a different word.

McGonigle-Collins drills her students on all this. By the second year of ASL, there is little verbal talking in her class. By the third, only silence.

A number of the students are surprised at how often they use the language outside class.

Senior Jessica Keene was originally introduced to the language by her autistic



KRT Campus

Crystal Folz, 16, of Davie, Florida, conveys a lesson in sign language at South Plantation High School, in Florida, on January 12.

cousin, who is unable to speak. She has taken ASL for three years and considers herself fluent, with knowledge of more than 2,000 signs. She wants to be an interpreter someday but is already putting her skills to good use. As a hostess at Applebee's, she has five deaf couples who regularly come in to see her.

"I like helping people," she says simply.

Jason Weintraub, 18, has a less philanthropic reason for liking ASL, which his older sibling also studies.

"My brother and I use it in front of my parents if we're telling secrets," he says laughing, "or if we're in front of a girl and want to say, 'She's fine,' without her knowing."

The biggest thing about studying ASL, the students agree, is how it changes your perspective on the deaf. Before, most said they really didn't think there were many deaf people around, even though their school is home to a cluster program of about 65 deaf students.

"You would normally not notice it. But once you know (the language), you see things completely differently," says senior Darcil Gangoo, who says she has made friends because of ASL. "They are excited because they see more people getting involved. They don't feel so secluded."

McGonigle-Collins is proud of her students' enthusiasm and the district's willingness to expand ASL offerings. There was a time when ASL wasn't even recognized as a "real" language worthy of study.

Unlike other foreign languages, there is currently no state certification for

teaching ASL, which educators say would help control the caliber of the teachers. For example, McGonigle-Collins says a student who transferred from another school had been learning the equivalent of sign-language baby talk.

"It is a big problem since it's up to the principal to hire and most have no idea what makes a qualified ASL teacher," agrees Glenna Ashton, past president of the Florida American Sign Language Teachers Association. "Too often many are unqualified to teach ASL as a foreign language. They may know Sign English or have only taken a few classes either long ago or recently."

Last year, the Legislature passed a law that will change this, requiring ASL teachers to be certified by the American Sign Language Teachers Association by 2006 and by the state by 2008.

"With more and more schools offering ASL, I'm hoping we can build (the quality) up around the county," said McGonigle-Collins. "If we're encouraging the kids 'You can do better,' we have to do that ourselves."

To learn more about American Sign Language and finger spelling turn to the Web. Among the dozens of sites are:

- [where.com/scott.net/asl](http://where.com/scott.net/asl)
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## NEASE, FROM PAGE 4A

These are not the only consequences of the spraying campaign. Fumigation also poisons drinking water, and destroys farmlands, rainforests, and food crops greatly increasing the likelihood of famine in an already poverty-stricken nation. In addition, the School of the Americas located at Fort Benning trained 10,000 of the soldiers in the Colombian military.

The SOA has long been criticized for its methods. SOA-trained officers who head the Colombian military have been responsible for numerous atrocities committed against the Colombian people, which have even included physical torture and dismemberment. But the funniest thing of all is that DEA studies show that there has been no decrease in cocaine imports to the U.S. from Columbia. In fact, Colombian cocaine production increased by 11 percent.

I have grown up amidst the drug war. I made an

"A" in my DARE class. It was ingrained very deeply in my head from a young age that I should "just say no." But luckily for me there was one concept that was hammered home even harder. This was the idea that I should make educated decisions based on facts and think for myself. The Drug War is not helping me or protecting me. It deprives me of some of my most basic rights, one of which is control over what I can put into my own body.

Voltaire once said "It is a dangerous thing to be right when the government is wrong."

It may be dangerous, but anything worth having comes at a price, including freedom.

I am a peaceful, productive, taxpaying, (otherwise law-abiding) citizen of this country, and I smoke pot. There I said it. Maybe, if others would too, then we wouldn't have to live in fear anymore.

### Christmas Eve

Everyone loves Christmas (or whatever holiday you celebrate)! All the pretty presents, and glittering bows, it's too bad the wonder and mystery have all but vanished by Christmas Day. The pretty boxes stop being so pretty, and you can see everything for what it's worth: face value. New puppies are nice... until they crap on your favorite shoes. Know what to expect before you get too excited, and lose your receipt. There are things even Wal-Mart won't take back without one.

### Worship Me!

Nothing builds your self-esteem like a significant other who was a groupie in a former life. Everyone loves a good ego stroking, but some things shouldn't be stroked for too long, or they start to cause problems. Date on your level, because everybody knows, mutual stroking is far better than playing it solo.

### Abra-Kadabra!

You've got the perfect somebody, and the perfect relationship. Now... it's time to stop dreaming to see the reality of some things. You're the kind of person that has rose-tinted glasses permanently

## MARTIN, FROM PAGE 1A

"A Day of Remembrance." This site will inform people of upcoming commemorations and memorial concerts in their communities.

Martin is also working to build the International Children's Digital Library, which will be freely avail-

able to all young people across the world.

Robert Martin's lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building room 1908 at 6:30 p.m.

## RICIN, FROM PAGE 1A

beyond Washington to Chattanooga, Tenn. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said late Wednesday that tests are being conducted at a postal facility there for the presence of ricin. He declined to elaborate. Others, who wouldn't be quoted by name, hinted of fears of possible contamination from processing one of the letters.

Ricin-tainted letters sent earlier in the fall were signed by "Fallen Angel," who described himself as a U.S. business owner who had a gripe against a Department of Transportation rule that increased the amount of sleep required for truckers. Now investigators are trying to see if ricin found Monday in Frist's mailroom is somehow connected to those earlier letters.

## HEART, FROM PAGE 1A

the United States. That figure is only slightly less than the number of people who are projected to die this year while on waiting lists.

Anyone can become an organ donor by stating his or her intent while renewing or applying for a driver's license.

Melissa Harris was a sophomore at GSU majoring in broadcasting. She is survived by her parents, Hazel and John Harris, and brother, Robert Harris. Services were held for her memorial on January 16, 2004 in her hometown of Folkston, GA.

## EE, FROM PAGE 1A

will be shown in the Russell Union Theater. Tickets are \$2.

Anthony Ferrell, Global Awareness team leader, said he would like to see more people come to First Wednesdays. He added that he doesn't want students to feel like the program is geared towards a particular group.

"We would like to promote more diversity in our First Wednesdays program amongst the students," Ferrell said.

Ferrell said most of the programs held by Eagle Entertainment are free and students don't have to pay. Michael Terrell also added that since Eagle Entertainment is funded by the student activity fees, students are already paying for most of the programs and should participate.

Eagle Entertainment members are always looking for volunteers to help get these projects under way. In recruiting volunteers, Terrell said Eagle Entertainment reaches out to various campus organizations, and at the beginning of each semester there are information sessions for people who are interested in joining their team. General meetings for interested students are held monthly on Monday nights at 7 p.m. in Russell Union room 2042.

"It's never too late to join Eagle Entertainment. Whatever interest you have, there's a committee for it. So just come out and play," Terrell said.

For more information, call the Student Activities Center at 486-7270.

## CAMPBELL, FROM PAGE 4A

and you're as happy as a clam. So why are you still watching? Looking for the next great thing to appear from around the corner? Seems to me like you should concentrate of what you have, or you'll soon be back to square one, and you'll be there all alone.

### Opposites Attract

If it's good enough for magnets, it's good enough for you, right. No one wants to date a carbon copy of themselves, so you find someone completely opposite. This will definitely give you something to talk (read: argue) about. You find your complete and total opposite! Now... if you could only agree on something to do together.

### Daily Shuffle

My, are you flexible. A little too flexible if you ask me. Your last significant other liked their eggs scrambled with cheese, but if you want your eggs sunny-side-up, then eat them sunny-side-up. Don't be the barking, hopping princess from *Coming to America*. Have a personality of your own. It's a little known fact that most people can't stand to be alone with themselves, so turning into that person probably isn't such a good idea.

### The Parent Trap

So, your relationship with your parents is great! So why is it that your significant other has become



## Sewak adds 13 on National Signing Day

By Eli Boorstein

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When recently-hired defensive coordinator Joe Tresey enters summer practice, he will have 10 new high school recruits to add to his arsenal.

Head coach Mike Sewak announced the Eagles' 13 signees on Wednesday, all but three being defensive players.

Help on defense became a must-need for Georgia Southern after many labeled that as one of the contributing factors to the Eagles' lackluster 2003 season, one that saw the firing of defensive coordinator Rusty Russell and defensive backs coach Levern Harbin.

"The quality of this signing class might be measured by the number of defensive linemen we were able to bring in," said Sewak. "I feel like they will have the opportunity to help us quickly."

With a limited amount of scholarships available, Sewak mentioned his intent on recruiting academically as well, calling this year's class one of the most gifted groups of recent years.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Head coach Mike Sewak will look to rebound from a defensive off-year as he welcomes in 10 new defensive recruits among 13 total.

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL SIGNEES

PLAYER	POS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (SCHOOL)
Korey Alexander	DE	6-5	250	Pickens, S.C. (Pickens Co.)
Jerry Barker	DT	6-4	295	Summerville, S.C. (Summerville)
Larry Beard	DE	6-3	250	Fairburn, Ga. (Sandy Creek)
Patrick Bolen	PK/P	5-10	185	Guyton, Ga. (South Effingham)
Dedrick Bynam	SS	6-0	190	Columbus, Ga. (Shaw)
Justin Callaway	LB	6-0	210	Thomson, Ga. (Thomson)
Chris Covington	RB	5-11	190	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Parkview)
Jared Howard	LB	6-1	215	Jacksonville, Fla. (Ed White)
Roger King	CB	5-8	175	Fort Valley, Ga. (Peach County)
James Knight	DL	6-2	265	Chatsworth, Ga. (Murray Co.)
Fernando Phillips	FS	6-0	180	Newnan, Ga. (Newnan)
Tripp Russell	WR	6-4	180	Duluth, Ga. (Chattahoochee)
Casey Wingard	OL/DL	6-0	300	Acworth, Ga. (Etowah)

## Hanner to host 2005 SoCon Volleyball Championships

Charleston well-represented as postseason host in baseball, soccer, softball

G-A News Service

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The Southern Conference announced on Tuesday the awarding of several championship events to a number of communities and conference institutions, as voted on by the athletic directors of the league's 12 member institutions at meetings held last week.

Highlighting the announcement is the decision that the Southern Conference Baseball Championships will remain at Charleston's Joe Riley Park through the 2007 season. This

event has had great success in Charleston, becoming one of the nation's most well-attended conference baseball tournaments. Over 250,000 fans have attended tournament games in Charleston since 1990.

For men's soccer, the league's ADs voted to hold the 2004 championships at Blackbaud Stadium on Daniel Island in the greater Charleston area. Blackbaud was the host of the semifinal and final rounds of the 2003 Men's Soccer Championships. Also, the 2004 Women's Soccer Championships were awarded to UNC Greensboro, while Furman will play host

to the 2005 tournament.

The Southern Conference Softball Championships, which have been held in Chattanooga since the 2001 season, will move to the College of Charleston's Patriots Point Complex for the 2005 season before returning to Chattanooga in 2006.

Host sites for the 2004-2006 SoCon Volleyball Championships were also awarded, with Western Carolina being selected to host the 2004 tournament. The event will move to Statesboro, Ga. (Georgia Southern) in 2005 and Boone, N.C. (Appalachian State) in 2006.

## Knight avoids major penalty for argument

By Brian Davis

KRT Campus

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight accepted a public reprimand Tuesday for arguing with university chancellor David Smith. But Knight said Smith instigated the affair at an area grocery store by insinuating the coach had "issues."

Athletic director Gerald Myers termed the episode a misunderstanding in a news release distributed after 5 p.m. Tuesday announcing the reprimand. It's the first punishment Knight, 63, has received at Tech.

Tech president Jon Whitmore, who gave final approval for the reprimand, said he considers the issue dead.

"I don't comment on personnel matters," Whitmore said. "We're moving on with the game."

Bob Black, Tech's chairman of the board of regents, said he did not think it was appropriate to comment on internal university matters.

Knight, however, had plenty to say after the 19th-ranked Red Raiders defeated Baylor, 83-63, at United Spirit Arena. He received a standing ovation afterward.

First, Knight said he had not eaten or slept much in the last 48 hours. Then Knight gave his version of what happened around noon Monday at Market Street, a restaurant inside a Lubbock grocery store.

Knight said he was standing near the salad bar when Smith, the school's top-ranking official, approached. Smith commented that Knight had been doing well lately. Knight answered by saying he thought he had done pretty well since arriving in Lubbock.

Knight said he then moved 15 feet away from Smith around the salad bar.

"He came at me from here pretty hard, saying, 'You've got issues. What are they?' Right then is where I think that I was at fault," Knight said. "I should have just shook my head, walked away or done a lot of other things."

"The one thing there was that I absolutely did not instigate anything."

Smith did not return a phone message left at his home after Knight's postgame comments. During the day, Smith started running through the parking lot when a reporter approached. "Talk to Dr. Whitmore," Smith said before taking off into his BMW convertible.

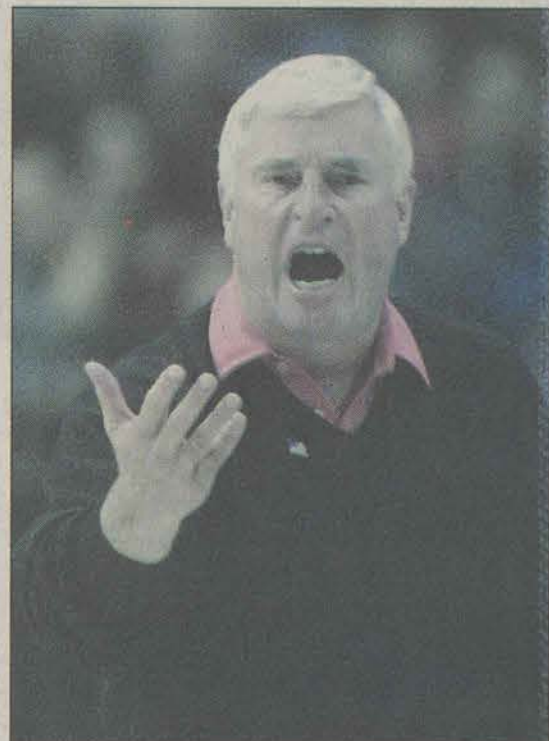
Knight confirmed that school officials were talking about levying a suspension, possibly three to five days. Knight said he would not have agreed to a suspension but ultimately would have accepted it out of respect to Myers, the players and the Lubbock community.

"Gerald was the reason I came to Texas Tech," Knight said. "He's the reason that I stay at Texas Tech."

Myers attended the news conference, as is his custom. He left the room with Knight and was unavailable for comment.

In the news release, Myers said: "This is a misunderstanding and has now been rectified. The matter has been resolved in the best interest of the university."

Since the incident, students, fans, news organizations and



KRT Campus

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight escaped a major penalty after arguing with university chancellor David Smith in a Texas grocery store. Instead, Knight just received a reprimand.

Internet chat rooms buzzed nonstop. Rumors flew that Knight and Smith engaged in a food fight and that Knight pulled Smith by the necktie. There was no physical contact or damage to the store.

Smith and Whitmore were buried in their offices all day Tuesday. Myers' personal assistant, Judy Dewbre, said she fielded about 80 calls before losing track around 11:30 a.m. Most of the calls supported Knight, she said.

Officials inside the athletic department tried to maintain their routine. It was almost impossible. Media outlets from all over called Chris Cook, Tech's assistant athletic director for media relations. Cook estimated taking 30-35 calls, not counting repeat calls.

"All wanted to know what was going on," Cook said.

Students who arrived early for the Baylor game said Knight was the day's No. 1 topic.

Travis Hanby, a sophomore, said his history professor talked about the Knight-Smith situation for the first 30 minutes of class.

Others were more creative. One student held up a sign that read, "Smith. Got Salad?" A handful of fans wore red shirts blaring "Lettuce Support Coach Knight." Security confiscated several signs during halftime, though.

Senior Kyle Clifton of Midland said the incident, regardless of the outcome, gives Tech a black eye.

"It makes us look pretty bad," Clifton said.

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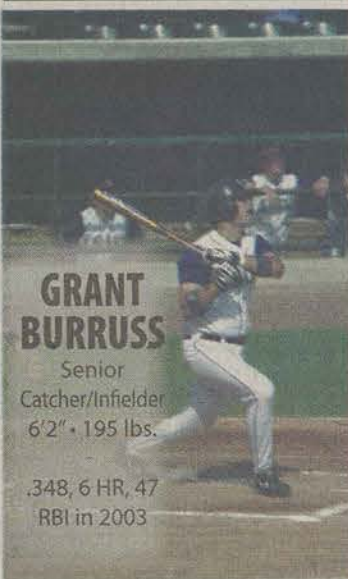
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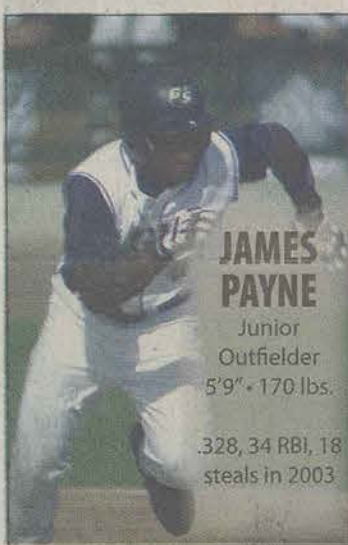
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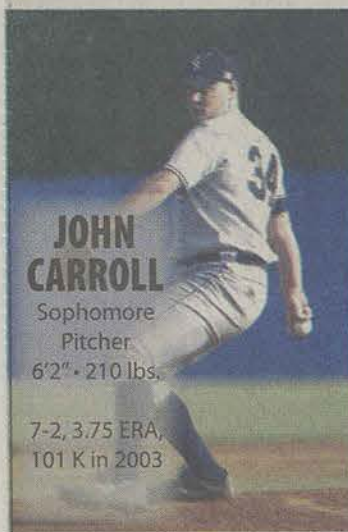
**GRANT BURRUSS**  
Senior  
Catcher/Infielder  
6'2" • 195 lbs.

.348, 6 HR, 47  
RBI in 2003



**JAMES PAYNE**  
Junior  
Outfielder  
5'9" • 170 lbs.

.328, 34 RBI, 18  
steals in 2003



**JOHN CARROLL**  
Sophomore  
Pitcher  
6'2" • 210 lbs.

7-2, 3.75 ERA,  
101 K in 2003

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## Eagles enter spring with familiar faces, new names

By Eli Boorstein  
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Georgia Southern has a long tradition of having a winning athletic program.

When it comes to looking where the success comes from, one should point a keen eye at the Eagle baseball team. Under the tutelage of such baseball men as J.I. Clements, Ron Polk, Jack Stallings, and, for his fifth season, Rodney Hennon, the program has had only six losing seasons in over a half-century of baseball.

### 2003 In Review

Last season, the Eagles continued their winning ways with a 39-21 finish. The squad ruled their home turf at J.I. Clements Stadium, going 22-6, but could not muster a winning record away from home, going 17-17 in road and neutral contests.

Arguably the masterpiece of their 2003 run was the Eagles' 8-7 victory in Atlanta over fifth-ranked Georgia Tech, a team they had not beaten 20 times straight. A ten-inning, 6-4 win over Georgia in Athens was another high point.

However, an agonizing loss to Western Carolina in the Southern Conference Championship, Georgia Southern was kept at home, missing out on the NCAA Regional for the first time in four years.

After winning nine of 11 entering the double-elimination SoCon Tourney, the Eagles topped VMI and Charleston before falling to Western Carolina. Wins against UNC Greensboro and against the Catamounts set up a final grudge match between Western Carolina and Georgia Southern for the title.

The Eagles seemed to have the title in reach, scoring three in the tenth inning

against the Catamounts, who squashed GSU's hopes with a three-spot of their own. Then, in the eleventh inning, Western Carolina clinched the championship when Denver Edick singled in the winning run.

Hopes are to make a return to post-season play, but to do so, Hennon and his club will go with a visibly different roster.

Offense was a big part of the Eagles' successes, led by infielder Grant Burruss. The Marietta native batted a team-best .348 with six homers, 20 doubles and 47 runs batted in. Along with the .333 and .329 averages of Carlos Love and Brendan Gilligan, respectively, infielder Rocky Baker hit from a .315 clip with four homers and 44 RBI, while also stealing 18 bases.

### 2004 Schedule

One thing Georgia Southern is never accused of is having a powderpuff schedule. That will prove itself in the first month of the season.

After opening at home this weekend with Big South member High Point, perennial national power Georgia Tech. The fifth-ranked Jackets will come to Statesboro for a pair of games Feb. 14-15. Two mid-week games with Georgia State follows before the weekend, when Georgia will come to J.I. Clements Stadium.

It doesn't get much easier for the Eagles as they will travel to Greenville, N.C. for the Keith LeClair Invitational Feb. 27-29. They will face host team East Carolina, often an NCAA Regional visitor, and national power Clemson, who Georgia Southern lost a pair to last season.

"It's a good measuring stick, playing

two teams in the top 10 in Georgia Tech and Clemson," said the Eagles' Hennon. "The Georgia tradition is strong, too, and East Carolina has been in the Regional the last few years."

Other non-conference action for Georgia Southern will come win in-state foes Mercer and Georgia State, as well as Coppin State and Jacksonville.

The all-important SoCon season will begin on March 6, when Appalachian State visits for three games, followed the next weekend by a three-game set with East Tennessee State.

Other home conference series will include battles with UNC Greensboro, The Citadel and Western Carolina. The middle game of the series with the Catamounts will mark the second annual Clements Crazy's Tailgate.

Road conference series will include trips to Furman, league newcomer Elon, Wofford, Charleston and Davidson.

"The conference has gotten better each year," said Hennon about his league competition this year.

### 2004 Roster

If the Eagles hope to return to the NCAA Regional, they will do so with a large share of new talent.

Behind the plate will be a test as the Eagles lost Brendan Gilligan to graduation and A.J. Zickgraf to a possible season-ending shoulder injury. Zickgraf's nine homers and 37 RBI will be missed, but he'll have two capable replacements in true freshman Luke Gordon and junior transfer Flint Wipke. When not in the infield, Grant Burruss will take some time catching.

There will also be some questions in the infield. While senior Brandon

Burnsed is the likely choice at second base and sophomore Greg Dowling at first, third base and shortstop are up for grabs. According to Hennon, Travis Adkisson, a transfer from Middle Georgia will get the first chance at third, while short could see a group of freshmen Cam Caldwell and Brandon Ponder, transfer Logan Phillips.

In the outfield is where the Eagles will be at their strongest with most of the familiar names and faces returning. Junior James Payne, after redshirting in 2002, had a breakthrough 2003, batting .328 while swiping 18 bases. The Adel native's ability to steal bases and hit through the holes of the infield has drawn him comparisons to former Eagle Chris Walker, now a farmhand with the Chicago Cubs. Walker also had the abilities to hit and run, while also playing strong defense.

"Coming up, I modeled myself after him and over the summer, we worked out together," said Payne about Walker. "It's a compliment to be compared to him."

Also returning from last year's outfield are Brent Stephens and Brandon Long, who both transferred in from SEC schools in Kentucky and Georgia, respectively. They proved they belonged at GSU as Stephens batted .302 with eight homers, while Long hit .315 with 13 stolen bases. Mike Economos and Trey Hunter also come back after receiving less playing time. Jason Hurst will be an intriguing story, as he started strong last year, but suffered a season-ending injury two games into the season.

"Jason's excited and healthy. He'll make us better this year," said Hennon.

Justin Klinger, a transfer from Samford rounds out the outfield.

## Former Eagle Lewis returns to helm young pitching staff

By Brian Saxton  
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The GSU baseball team will have to replace three quality pitchers this season with young talent.

Dennis Dove, Brian Rogers and Kevin Culpepper were all drafted and have signed minor league contracts.

Dove was tied for the team lead in wins last season with seven, and Rogers recorded four wins and no losses coming out of the bullpen and as a starter. Another seven-game winner, Scott Tolbert, transferred to another school after originally entering the MLB amateur draft.

The Eagles will also be without team ERA leader Steve Cogswell who was deemed academically ineligible. Cogswell made 30 appearances last season posting a 3-1 record and a paltry 1.51 ERA.

All but three pitchers from last season

have left the team in one form or another.

The young GSU pitching staff will be anchored by right-handed sophomore John Carroll. Last season Carroll posted a 7-2 record with a 3.75 ERA in 18 appearances. Carroll's most impressive feat was his 101 strikeouts in 81.2 innings. Junior Brian Harrison and senior Mike Thompson will be the only other returning pitchers. Harrison went 3-3 last year with a 5.13 ERA in 18 appearances. Thompson made only eight appearances last season, but did record one win.

The Eagles will also welcome the return of Jared Comstock who missed all of last season after under going Tommy



Lewis

John surgery. Comstock will be brought along slowly with hopes to ease him back into the rotation by late February.

"I'm not changing anything," said Comstock. "I'm just going to throw strikes and let the defense work behind me."

New pitching coach Brett Lewis faces quite a challenge. Lewis, a former Eagle pitcher, was named to that position in August of last year. As a player he was named the 2002 Southern Conference Tournament MVP. He also spent a season and a half with the Evansville Otters of the Frontier league.

Lewis will be replacing Sean Teague, who spent four seasons at GSU before taking the pitching coach job at Tulane University. Head coach Rodney Hennon believes that Lewis' youth will help the team's young pitchers.

"[Hiring Lewis] is big for a team of young pitchers. He knows what it was

like to be a player here."

Lewis will have only five pitchers with collegiate experience, including sophomore transfer Joe Maley, who transferred from South Georgia College. The rest of his staff will be filled out with seven true freshmen. Though they are young Lewis believes they are "quality freshmen."

"They've come a long way since showing up in August."

If GSU hopes to win their seventh SoCon championship since 1993 they will need their young pitchers to step up quickly.

On Saturday, true freshman Dustin Evans will have the opportunity. The 6-foot-4, 200-pound Taylorsville native will start the first game of the season against the High Point University Panthers. Brian Harrison will start the second game of the double header, followed on Sunday by another true freshman, Everett Teaford from Alpharetta.



### 2004 EAGLE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
7	Sat.	HIGH POINT (DH)	1:30
8	Sun.	HIGH POINT	1:30
14	Sat.	GEORGIA TECH	1:30
15	Sun.	GEORGIA TECH	1:30
17	Tue.	GEORGIA STATE	4:00
18	Wed.	GEORGIA STATE	4:00
21	Sat.	GEORGIA	1:30
22	Sun.	GEORGIA	1:30
24	Tue.	MERCER	6:00
27	Fri.	#at East Carolina	1:00
28	Sat.	#vs. Clemson	1:00
29	Sun.	#vs. Clemson	12:30
29	Sun.	#at East Carolina	4:00

MARCH			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
6	Sat.	*APPALACHIAN STATE	4:00
7	Sun.	*APPALACHIAN STATE	4:00
8	Mon.	*APPALACHIAN STATE	4:00
12	Fri.	*EAST TENNESSEE STATE	7:00
13	Sat.	*EAST TENNESSEE STATE	4:00
14	Sun.	*EAST TENNESSEE STATE	1:30
16	Tue.	at Georgia	5:30
17	Wed.	at Georgia	4:00
19	Fri.	*at Furman	7:00
20	Sat.	*at Furman	6:00
21	Sun.	*at Furman	1:00
24	Wed.	COPPIN STATE	6:00
25	Thu.	COPPIN STATE	4:00
27	Sat.	at Georgia Tech	1:00
28	Sun.	at Georgia Tech	1:00
30	Tue.	at Mercer	6:00

APRIL			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
2	Fri.	*UNC GREENSBORO	7:00
3	Sat.	*UNC GREENSBORO	4:00
4	Sun.	*UNC GREENSBORO	1:30
6	Tue.	at Savannah State	7:00
9	Fri.	*at Elon	3:00
10	Sat.	*at Elon	1:00
11	Sun.	*at Elon	1:00
16	Fri.	*WESTERN CAROLINA	7:00
17	Sat.	*WESTERN CAROLINA (CCT)	4:00
18	Sun.	*WESTERN CAROLINA	1:30
23	Fri.	*at Wofford	7:00
24	Sat.	*at Wofford	1:30
25	Sun.	*at Wofford	1:30

MAY			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
1	Sat.	at Georgia State	6:00
2	Sun.	at Georgia State	2:00
4	Tue.	JACKSONVILLE	6:00
7	Fri.	*at College of Charleston	7:00
8	Sat.	*at College of Charleston	7:00
9	Sun.	*at College of Charleston	1:00
12	Wed.	at Jacksonville	7:00
14	Fri.	*THE CITADEL	7:00
15	Sat.	*THE CITADEL	4:00
16	Sun.	*THE CITADEL	1:30
20	Thu.	*at Davidson	7:00
21	Fri.	*at Davidson	4:00
22	Sat.	*at Davidson	1:30
26-29	Wed.-Sat.	SoCon Tournament (Charleston, S.C.)	

Home Games in ALL CAPS

# Keith LeClair Invitational (Greenville, N.C.)

\* Southern Conference Games

(DH) Doubleheader

(CCT) Clements Crazy's Tailgate



STAKING  
OUT THE  
SOUTHERN  
CONFERENCE

**APPALACHIAN STATE MOUNTAINEERS**  
Boone, N.C. • Red Lackey Field  
Head Coach: Troy Heustess  
2003 Finish: 14-36, 8-22 SoCon

### THE CITADEL BULLDOGS

Charleston, S.C. • Joe Riley Park  
Head Coach: Fred Jordan  
2003 Finish: 32-25, 19-11 SoCon  
Players to Watch: 3B Chris Ard (.396, 5 HR, 44 RBI), 1B/P Chip Cannon (.335, 12 HR, 60 RBI/3-4, 2.95 ERA, 38 K)

### COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON COUGARS

Charleston, S.C. • Patriots Point Field  
Head Coach: John Pawlowski  
2003 Finish: 31-27, 17-13 SoCon  
Players to Watch: OF Mark Lyons (.313, 4 HR, 16 RBI), OF Brett Anderson (.284, 5 HR, 23 RBI), P Matt Soale (8-2, 2.93, 58 K)

### DAVIDSON WILDCATS

Davidson, N.C. • Wildcat Park  
Head Coach: Dick Cooke  
2003 Finish: 18-27, 12-17 SoCon  
Players to Watch: OF Sam Navarro (.329, 2 HR, 27 RBI), 2B Eli Benefield (.301, 3 HR, 26 RBI), P Andy Carter (3-6, 5.40 ERA, 57 K)

### ELON PHOENIX

Elon, N.C. • Latham Park  
Head Coach: Mike Kennedy  
2003 Finish: 34-23-2, 12-7 Big South  
Players to Watch: OF/1B Chris Price (.311, 6 HR, 24 RBI), DH Mike Fratoe (.302, 6 HR, 32 RBI), P Matt Garner (8-5, 3.05 ERA, 74 K)

### EAST TENNESSEE STATE BUCCANEERS

Johnson City, Tenn. • Cardinal Field  
Head Coach: Tony Skole  
2003 Finish: 15-36, 9-20 SoCon  
Players to Watch: INF Andy Howdeshell (.354, 10 HR, 33 RBI), OF/P Tim Turner (.301, 3 HR, 13 RBI/2-7, 5.44 ERA, 97 K)

### FURMAN PALADINS

Greenville, S.C. • Furman Baseball Stad.  
Head Coach: Ron Smith  
2003 Finish: 32-24, 17-13 SoCon  
Players to Watch: INF Dominic Franky (.324, 4 HR, 46 RBI), OF Sam McLain (.320, 3 HR, 32 RBI), P Kyle Funk (7-3, 5.28 ERA, 33 K)

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES

Statesboro, Ga. • J.I. Clements Stadium  
Head Coach: Rodney Hennon  
2003 Finish: 39-21, 19-10 SoCon  
Players to Watch: INF/C Grant Burruss (.348, 6 HR, 47 RBI), OF James Payne (.328, 0 HR, 34 RBI), P John Carroll (7-2, 3.75 ERA, 101 K)

### UNC GREENSBORO SPARTANS

Greensboro, N.C. • UNC Baseball Stad.  
Head Coach: Mike Gaski  
2003 Finish: 39-21, 17-13 SoCon  
Players to Watch: OF/P Ryan Gordon (.416, 5 HR, 50 RBI/4-2, 2.59 ERA, 55 K), OF Jay Maule (.318, 9 HR, 38 RBI), P Jarrett Santos (11-5, 3.30 ERA, 106 K)

### WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS

Cullowhee, N.C. • Hennon Stadium  
Head Coach: Todd Raleigh  
2003 Finish: 43-21, 22-8 SoCon  
Players to Watch: C/3B Denver Edick (.286, 3 HR, 35 RBI), 3B Chris Davis (.331, 1 HR, 34 RBI), P Derrick Hawk (10-2, 2.86 ERA, 49 K)

### WOFFORD TERRIERS

Spartanburg, S.C. • Russell C. King Field  
Head Coach: Steve Traylor  
2003 Finish: 9-40, 7-22 SoCon  
Players to Watch: 1B/OF Steve Casey (.341, 6 HR, 25 RBI), C Scott Holloway (.326, 4 HR, 16 RBI), P Jarrod Rampey (3-10, 5.36 ERA, 53 K)

### 2004 GEORGIA SOUTHERN BASEBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	B/T	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
2	Luke Gordon	C	R/R	5-10	185	Fr-HS	Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)
3	Cam Caldwell	INF	R/R	6-1	185	Fr-RS	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
4	James Payne	OF	R/R	5-9	170	Jr-2L	Adel, Ga. (Cook)
5	Brandon Ponder	INF	R/R	5-10	192	Fr-HS	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes County)
7	A.J. Zickgraf	C	R/R	6-1	205	Sr-3L	New Castle, Del. (St. Elizabeth's)
8	Flint Wipke	C	R/R	6-0	198	Jr-TR	Gainesville, Fla. (Tallahassee CC)
11	Brandon Burnsed	INF	R/R	5-10	175	Sr-3L	Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine)
12	Josh Lairsey	LHP	L/L	6-2	165	Fr-HS	Waycross, Ga. (Ware County)
15	Brian Harrison	RHP	R/R	6-1	220	Jr-2L	Dalton, Ga. (Dalton)
16	Jason Hurst	OF	R/R	6-1	190	Jr-RS	Thomasville, Ga. (Jacksonville)
18	Dustin Evans	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	Fr-HS	Taylorsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
19	Thomas Turner	RHP	R/R	6-2	225	Fr-HS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
21	Kyle Goff	LHP	L/L	5-11	184	Fr-HS	Hahira, Ga. (Cook)
22	Jared Comstock	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	Jr-2L	Gainesville, Fla. (PK Yonge)
24	Everett Teaford	LHP	L/L	6-0	145	Fr-HS	Alpharetta, Ga. (Centennial)
25	Brandon Long	OF	R/R	5-11	185	Sr-1L	Columbus, Ga. (Georgia)
26	Rhett Barber	LHP	L/L	6-0	200	Fr-HS	Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County)
27	Grant Burruss	INF/C	L/R	6-2	195	Sr-3L	Marietta, Ga. (Tulane)
28	Greg Dowling	INF	L/L	6-3	220	So-1L	Marietta, Ga. (Pope)
29	Brent Stephens	OF	L/L	6-0	200	Sr-1L	Decatur, Ga. (Kentucky)
31	David Cogswell	RHP	R/R	6-1	180	Fr-HS	Toccoa, Ga. (Stephens County)
32	Mike Economos	OF	R/R	6-4	215	So-1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Marist)
33	Trey Hunter	OF	R/R	5-11	184	Jr-2L	Guyon, Ga. (Effingham County)
35	Mike Thompson	LHP	L/L	6-1	200	Sr-2L	West Chester, Pa. (Charlotte)
36	Joe Maley	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	Jr-TR	Midway, Ga. (South Georgia)
37	Logan Phillips	INF	R/R	6-0	180	Jr-TR	Candler, N.C. (Blue Ridge CC)
38	Justin Klinger	OF	R/R	6-2	205	So-TR	Hatfield, Pa. (Samford)
39	Travis Adkisson	INF	R/R	6-0	207	Jr-TR	Guyton, Ga. (Middle Georgia)
42	John Carroll	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	So-1L	Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)

Head Coach: #10 Rodney Hennon, fifth season (Western Carolina, 1993)

Assistant Coach: #17 Mike Tidick, fifth season (Western Carolina, 1994)

Pitching Coach: #34 Brett Lewis, first season (Georgia Southern, 2003)

Volunteer Coach: #9 Craig Clarkson





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A break for your brain



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# The 46th Annual Grammy Awards



## Diverse stars and styles dominate awards in an undefinable year

By Brian McCollum  
KRT Campus

Need a dominant theme for the 2004 Grammys? Try this one: There is no dominant theme for the 2004 Grammys.

Reflecting a year that saw a far-flung array of sounds and styles decorating the pop charts, the world's premier music awards show will be packed Sunday with a wild assortment of acts. From the Converse sneakers to the Manolo heels and Uggs, there'll be a diverse fleet of feet on the red carpet leading into Los Angeles' Staples Center.

No sweeping trends this time around – no Year of the Woman, no Yet Another Comeback For Rock 'n' Roll. No juicy head-to-head battles among nominees. No poetic story lines awaiting a heartwarming ending, like we saw last year when young Norah Jones snuck in and gracefully kicked the competition's butt.

It's hard to even make fun of the Grammys anymore. After years of complaints that the ceremony was stuffy and out-of-touch, the show's bigwigs overhauled the balloting process, revamped the voter base, and steadily brought back the event's credibility in the late '90s.

As the record industry continues to consolidate – it's down to three big corporate players – America's artists and fans seem more capable than ever of

navigating their own way through a buffet table of musical styles. And that state of affairs has produced one of the most diverse slates of Grammy nominees in the glitzy gala's 46-year history.

Four artists – Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Outkast and Pharrell Williams – are heading into the Grammys with six nominations apiece. Nine acts are going in with five; several others have four. The number of Grammy categories has grown to 105 – another sign that the real story of contemporary music lies not in some easily defined mainstream, but down among the nooks and crannies.

Still, it's the big categories that grab the attention: album, record and song of the year, along with best new artist.

Want diversity? Have a look at contenders for album of the year: In addition to the White Stripes, the leading ambassadors for the back-to-basics branch of rock music, there's Missy Elliott, at last getting high-profile recognition for a body of consistently excellent dance-hip-hop. There's the dark orchestral rock of newcomer Evanescence. There's Outkast and its carnival of funky rap. And after years of Grammys' neglect of the once-ubiquitous teen pop trend, there's Justin Timberlake, vying for an award 'N Sync never even got a chance to win.

When nominations were unveiled in early December, many observers decided this was the year the Grammys finally discovered hip-hop. While that's a convenient analysis, it's not entirely accurate. Rap was a Grammy anomaly

years ago, in the same way that street trends have always been overlooked by the stately event. But Lauryn Hill fixed that situation in 1999, when she left the New York ceremony with an armful of trophies.

And hip-hop will probably make more big news Sunday. Smart bettors will put their wagers on Outkast, the colorful Atlanta duo whose stock continues to rise – at the perfect time. Big Boi and Andre 3000 have been making groundbreaking music for more than a decade – 1998's "Aquemini" remains their best record – but the current confluence of critical and commercial success for Outkast makes an ideal recipe for Grammy triumph.

The group's double album "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" was released in late August. That means it not only made the Grammys' eligibility period in the nick of time, it was the reigning buzz album as the 15,000 music-industry voters cast their ballots. Outkast's hold on the pop world has been one of domination. Their album remains the nation's best seller, while the singles "Hey Ya!" and "The Way You Move" have held down Billboard's No. 1 and 2 spots for two straight months.

Outkast and funkateer George Clinton are part of a live lineup that will include sets from the White Stripes, 50 Cent, Timberlake and others. The evening's emotional highlight will likely come courtesy of Celine Dion, Richard Marx and Alicia Keys, who will pay a musical tribute to the ailing Luther Vandross.

## This day in history...

### Holiday

Mexico – Constitution Day



### Birthday

Hank Aaron, 1934,  
Baseball player with  
record 755 home runs;  
1957 NL MVP



### Event

1969 – US Population  
reaches 200 million



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## Thursday February 5th

### Senior Recital

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

### Bulloch County Eagle Club Baseball Pre-Season Rally & Cookout

Wiggins Baseball Complex, 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## Friday February 6th

### Women's Tennis

GSU vs. Gardner-Webb, 2:30 p.m.

### Student Success Conference

Nessmith-Lane Building, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

## Saturday February 7th

### Handmade Paper for Your Valentine Workshop

Botanical Garden, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

GSU vs. Florida A & M, 11 a.m.

### Men's Tennis

GSU vs. Gardner-Webb, 3 p.m.

### Carnevale Masquerade Ball

Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.

### Men's Basketball

GSU vs. Furman, 7:30 p.m.

### Deeply Rooted Dance Theater

Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

## Sunday February 8th

### Baseball

GSU vs. High Point, 1:30 p.m.

### Faculty Recital

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

## Monday February 9th

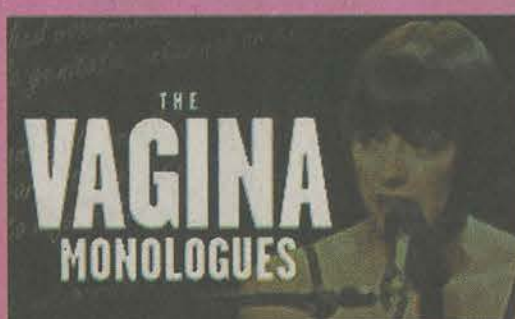
### Bram Stoker's Dracula

Russell Union Theater, \$2, 7:15 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

GSU vs. Western Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

## The Sure Thing



Tuesday, Feb 10th &  
Wednesday, Feb 11th

Foy Fine Arts Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### Advance Tickets

\$3 students/\$5 faculty and  
community

### At the Door

\$5 students/\$7 faculty and  
community

## In Theaters

Barber Shop 2: Back in  
Business



Starring - Ice Cube,  
Cedric the Entertainer,  
Eve, and  
Queen Latifah  
Rated PG-13  
1 hour, 56 minutes

Calvin, Eddie, Terri, Jimmy,  
Isaac, Ricky, and Dinka are  
open for business again at  
Calvin's Barbershop. Gina, a  
sassy stylist at the beauty shop  
next door, is trying to cut in on  
his business while urban devel-  
opers threaten the store with a  
big chain establishment.

Miracle



Starring - Kurt Russell,  
Patricia Clarkson,  
and Nathan West  
Rated PG  
2 hours, 15 minutes

The true story of how  
coach Herb Brooks took the  
U.S. Olympic hockey team  
to victory over the dominat-  
ing U.S.S.R. team in 1980 at  
the Winter Olympics at Lake  
Placid.

Catch That Kid



Starring - Kristen Stewart,  
Sam Robards,  
and Jennifer Beals  
Rated PG  
1 hour, 42 minutes

A girl and two of her friends  
devise a plan to rob a bank to  
pay off an expensive debt  
for her father's operation fol-  
lowing a mountain-climbing  
accident.

## Top 10 @ The Box Office

1. You Got Served
2. The Butterfly Effect
3. Along Came Polly
4. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
5. The Perfect Score
6. Big Fish
7. Mystic River
8. Cheaper by the Dozen
9. Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!
10. Cold Mountain

## New DVD Releases

02/03/04

- Lost in Translation
- Under the Tuscan Sun
- American Splendor
- My Boss's Daughter
- Blade II
- Secondhand Lions
- The Fighting Temptations

## New DVD Releases

02/10/04

- In the Cut
- Party Monster
- Intolerable Cruelty
- Wonderland
- The Heart of Me

## New CD Releases 02/01/04

- When the Sun Goes Down - Kenny Chesney
- Only You - Harry Connick Jr.
- A Crow Left of the Murder - Incubus
- The Battle for Everything - Five for Fighting
- Forget Yourself - Church
- Start Something - Lost-prophets
- The #1's - Diana Ross & The Supremes
- Two Horizons - Moya Brennan
- 50 First Dates (Soundtrack) - Various Artists

## New CD Releases 02/08/03

- Feels Like Home - Norah Jones
- Lucky - Melissa Ethridge
- Keep It Simple - Keb' Mo'
- Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (Soundtrack) - Various Artists
- College Dropout - Kanye West
- Body Language - Kylie Minogue
- America's Sweetheart - Courtney Love

## Billboard 200 Top 10 Albums 02/07/04

1. OutKast - Speakerboxxx/The Love Below
2. Sheryl Crow - The Very Best of Sheryl Crow
3. Evanescence - Fallen
4. Various Artists - 2004 Grammy Nominees
5. Ruben Studdard - Soulful
6. Toby Keith - Shock'n Y'all
7. Various Artists - Now 14
8. Josh Groban - Closer
9. Alicia Keys - The Diary of Alicia Keys
10. Britney Spears - In The Zone

## Billboard Hot 100 Top 10 Singles 02/07/04

1. Hey Ya! - OutKast
2. The Way You Move - OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown
3. Slow Jamz - Twista feat. Jay-Z and Kanye West
4. You Don't Know My Name - Alicia Keys
5. Me, Myself And I - Beyonce
6. Yeah! - Usher feat. Lil John and Ludacris
7. Milkshake - Kelis
8. Someday - Nickelback
9. Here Without You - 3 Doors Down
10. It's My Life - No Doubt

## Top Ten Television Shows

1. American Idol (Wed)
2. American Idol (Mon)
3. American Idol (Tues)
4. Golden Globe Awards
5. Friends
6. CSI
7. Friends
8. My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance
9. CSI: Miami
10. 60 Minutes

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## Sexual Responsibility Week Is February 8-14

Monday, February 9, 2004

STD? Who? Not Me!!!

10am-1pm

Russell Union Commons

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Alcohol and Sex:

Do they Mix?

10am-1pm

Russell Union Commons

Thursday, February 12, 2004

Safer Sex.....What's That?

10am-1pm

Russell Union Stage

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## LOCAL BREW: A taste of the 'Boro's music scene

**This Week's Featured Band:**  
Gut House  
**Flavor:**  
Underground Hip-Hop

By Eric Haugh  
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I had a chance to interview three of the members from Gut House and ask them what they thought of their demo, the music business, and life in general. This is what they had to say.

**Eric Haugh:** I guess I'll jump in and ask, how did all of you meet?

**Skinny:** Me and Slim go way back, to junior high. We knew each other since we were nine or ten years old playing basketball. We got real cool like around junior high in eighth grade. And we met Shotime our first year down here.

**EH:** When did you all start rapping? When did you start writing music together?

**Slim:** I think it was our first year down here, freshman year, that's when we hooked up.

**Skinny:** It really became like a group, second semester. That was what... 2001, you think?

**Shotime:** Yeah, like 2001.

**EH:** So, what are you influenced by?

**Shotime:** My influences are a group called L.O.A. They are this underground group from Atlanta - It was that, and my friend Malcolm. Malcolm inspired me when I was junior. I mean, he was already rapping, and started rapping around me. And that's what got me into it, ya know what I'm sayin'?

**EH:** So, you got really into rapping around your junior year of high school. Then, when you came down here for college, you met these guys (Slim and Skinny) and figured it would be good thing to hook up. Right?

**Skinny:** I mean we were already a group before we came down here - us

two. (Pointing to himself and Slim)

**Shotime:** Yeah, I had some friends back home I would do stuff with; but I wasn't taking it seriously till I got down here.

**EH:** So, what about you Slim?

**Slim:** Man, ever since I was small I was influenced by rap period. I remember when I was small my pop would drop a little Slick Rick in the tape player - this was back in like 88'. Truthfully everybody has influenced me. Everybody like Pac, Bone, Slick Rick, LL cool J, I mean everybody, ya know what I mean?

**Skinny:** I don't know, in high school. It was like - Me and him (pointing to Slim) we used to skip class, go home an freestyle.

**EH:** What do you mean when the two of you would freestyle?

**Skinny:** Like we used to skip class and freestyle. And we would record on a little tape recorder like this (pointing to recorder) and went back to class the next day so everybody would hear it. And they said, "Y'all need to take this seriously". So, I guess you could say my peers influenced me to do it, ya know what I'm sayin'? I don't know. As far as right now, I think a real musical influence would be like, Outkast or Jay-Z.

**EH:** A real good question to ask is what it you guys listen to as of RIGHT NOW. Like the music you listen to today - I should say, what is that you're really into these days?

**Skinny:** 70's music.

**EH:** Really? 70's music?

**Skinny & Slim:** Yeah 70's music like Al Green, Marvin Gaye - Earth, Wind, and Fire, The O-Jays, the Isley Brothers.

**EH:** What is it about the classic stuff that you like? Is it the melody? The beat?

**Slim:** Its just mellow music; music you can sit back and chill to.

**Skinny:** Yeah, its REAL music you can listen to.

**Shotime:** It like takes you out of that aura of the constant steady beat.

It actually has a "change" in it.

**EH:** Interesting. Let me ask you, what is it that is going to make Gut House unique? I mean what is it that will make you distinctive, in a musical world that is dominated mostly by rap.

**Shotime:** Hopefully that we'll be able to change when hip-hop can't change. Not necessarily changes our whole style, but I think try to be somewhat different, ya know what I mean.

**EH:** If you take all these influences your talking about, and there are certain qualities about this music that will mix together and make you distinct?

**Skinny:** I mean that's part of what will make us different. I mean there are a lot of people that are either or. I mean there are a lot of people out there with good beats or whatever. However, they're not saying anything with it. Then there are some people who can rap but the beat isn't there. I think we got both, good beats AND vocal talent. There are only a few people out there who can really do both.

**Shotime:** Also, everything is in the album is our own material. Like for example, Jay-Z and them [production crew], when they started out, they weren't making they own beats. Even Outkast just started making their beats. Likewise, Slim and Reggie make most of our beats - I might do a beat every now and then, but it is our original own stuff. That's what will make us different

**EH:** Ok so your music is original, you do not just sampled.

**Skinny:** We don't just use a producer; our producer is part of Gut House.

**EH:** I think that's a wrap guys. I appreciate letting me interview you.

*If you would like to hear the demo, GUT HOUSE Vol. 1, then call Skinny or Slim at (404) 483-3422 or (678) 923-2588.*

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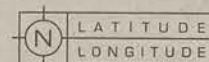
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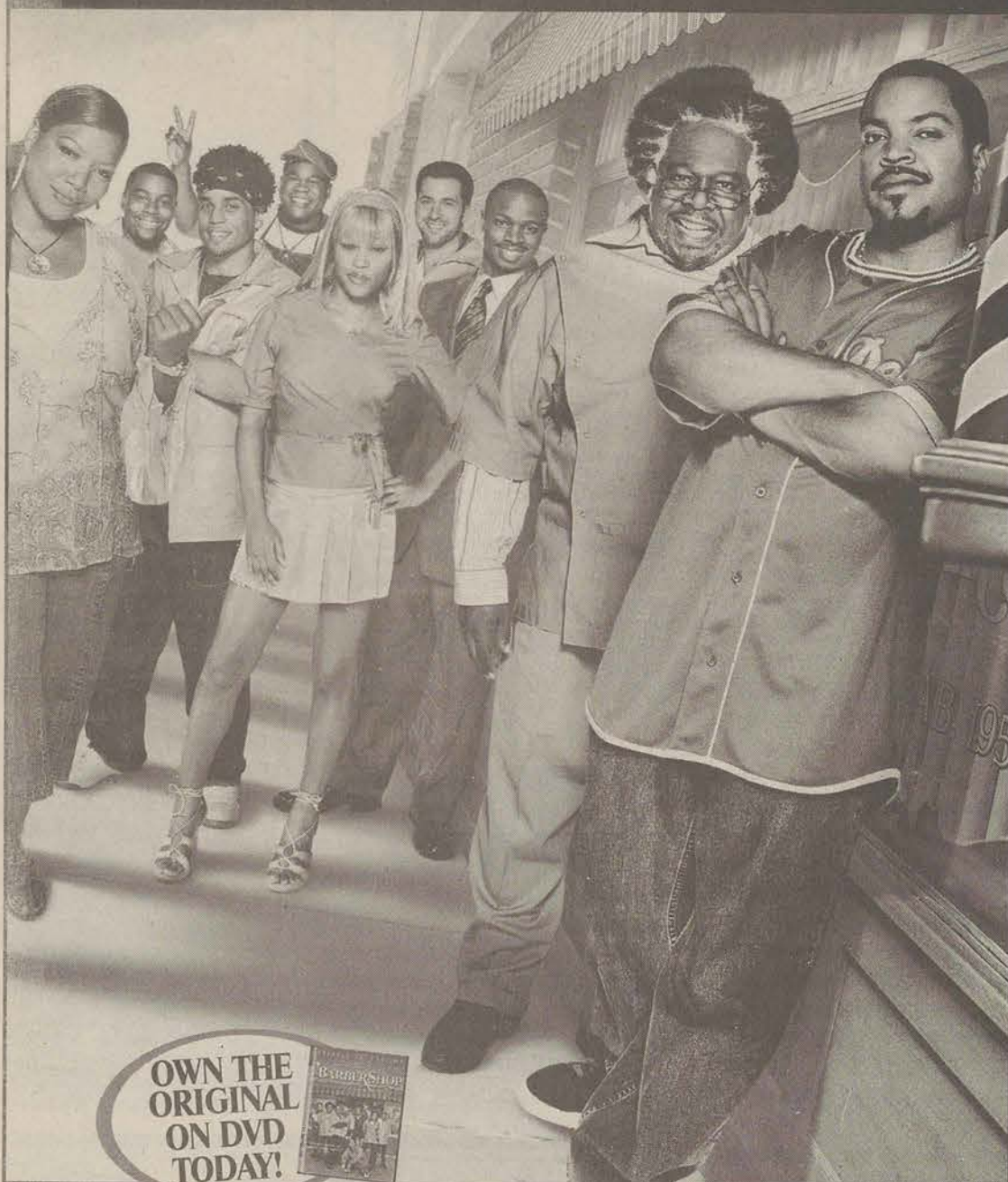
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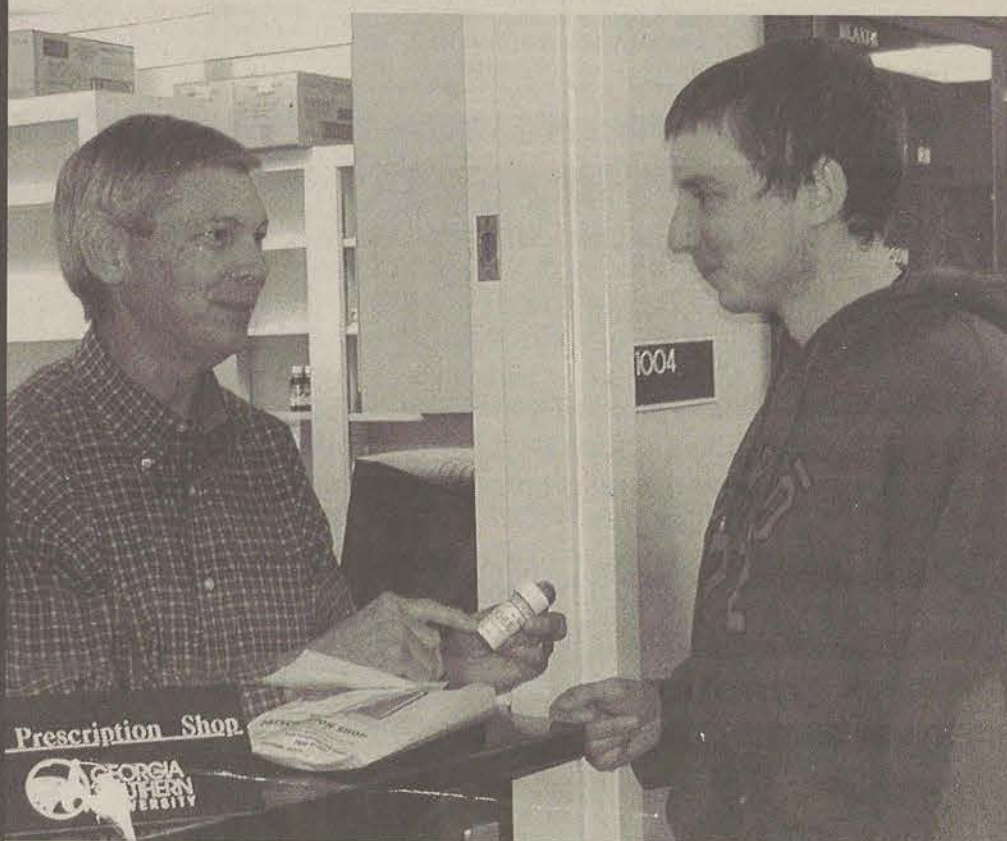
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# Jackson's Super Bowl performance: Taking shock to a new level

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody  
KRT Campus

NEW YORK -- Suddenly, Britney and Madonna's smoochfest seems G-rated.

Janet Jackson's boobylicious performance with Justin Timberlake at the Super Bowl halftime show on Sunday has sparked a federal investigation and set new standards for raunch in an entertainment industry that seems to be setting new highs -- or lows -- every day.

When Timberlake snatched off part of Jackson's bustier, revealing a breast clad only in a sun-shaped "nipple shield," the barrier was not broken, it was shattered before 89 million viewers.

In a statement released Monday night, Jackson apologized and said it was a last-minute stunt that went awry.

"The decision to have a costume reveal at the end of my halftime show performance was made after final rehearsals. MTV was completely unaware of it," she said. "It was not my intention that it go as far as it did. I apologize to anyone offended -- including the audience, MTV, CBS and the NFL."

Jackson's official Web site was bombarded with angry postings. Her spokeswoman, Jennifer Holiner, said a red lace garment was supposed to remain when Timberlake tore off the outer covering.

Holiner said she was not sure whether Jackson's medieval-looking nipple decoration was meant to be seen.

Although Timberlake issued a statement shortly after the show blaming the debacle on a "wardrobe malfunction," in comments to the syndicated show "Access Hollywood" right after the incident, he didn't seem too sorry.

"Hey man, we love giving you all something to talk about," he said, laughing.

Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell said in a statement, "Like millions of Americans, my family and I gathered around the television for a celebration. Instead, that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

Powell promised an investigation, with potential fines of up to \$27,500. If applied to each CBS station, the fine could reach the millions.

In response to multiple phone calls from the public, acting Houston police chief Joe Breshears reiterated that no criminal charges would be filed.

Despite the apparent premeditation -- the display coincided exactly with Timberlake singing, "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song" -- all involved denied that the peep show was planned.

"This was done completely without our knowledge," said Chris Ender, entertainment spokesman for CBS, which was deluged with angry calls. "It wasn't rehearsed. It wasn't discussed. It wasn't even hinted at. ... This is something we would have never approved. We are angry and embarrassed."

The NFL said it was "extremely disappointed." Several members of Congress, the Parents Television Council and the Traditional Values Coalition expressed outrage. Even halftime producer and CBS corporate Viacom cousin MTV -- the network that has given us "Jackass," Diana Ross fondling Lil Kim's pastied breast and Madonna kissing Britney Spears at last August's MTV Awards -- was contrite.

"Unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional," said MTV.

But the display still raised questions such as: If it was an accident, why did a choreographer promise "shocking moments" in an interview with the Web site MTV.com prior to the show? And how could it be a coincidence with the timing of the



Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake perform during the AOL half-time show of Super Bowl XXXVIII at Reliant Stadium, Sunday, February 1, 2004 in Houston, Texas.

words to Timberlake's song "Rock Your Body"?

MTV Networks Group President Judy McGrath says the shocker was supposed to be Timberlake's appearance -- and not what he did afterward. McGrath was sitting in the audience and didn't see the flash, but said the pair "looked upset" afterward.

While she praised Jackson and Timberlake as artists, she said: "I don't appreciate someone who doesn't communicate what their plans are. I think it was misguided move on their parts."

Whatever the intent of the stunt, it is not the first time Jackson has used her sexuality to grab an audience. Over the years, Jackson, 37, has evolved from a shy innocent who barely showed her ankles to a vamp who has bared almost all on regular basis.

And of course, Jackson has a new album, "Damita Jo," due out in the spring. The single, "Just a Little While," hit radio late last week. Already, the hype for the album promises a disc in which Jackson explores -- what else? -- her sexuality.



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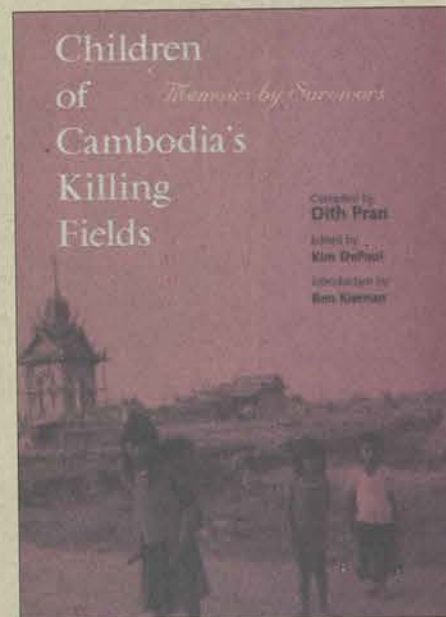
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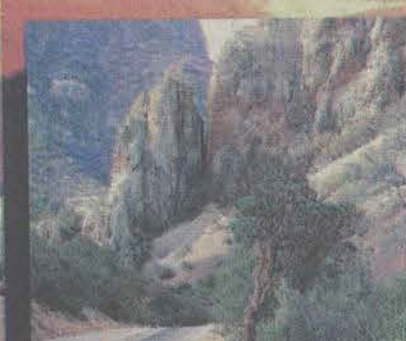


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