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Thursday

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Heart Awareness Month holds special meaning to GSU staff member

Observance targets young adults as being at risk

By Maria Folsom
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For most Georgia Southern students, finances, internships, and grades occupy most of their time and worries.

However, health-related issues are now coming into the forefront of young people's daily lives. A serious problem that is affecting more and more people under the age of 30 is heart disease. To further educate the public – and specifically young adults – February has been observed as National Heart Awareness Month. Commercials, printads, ribbons, and speeches are just some of the many strategies used to spread the importance of heart awareness. Friday will be another day of commemoration through Wear Red Day.

Amy Williams, Assistant Director of Career Services, plans on displaying her red ribbon on Friday. Last year, at the age of 29, Williams was diagnosed with having heart disease after experiencing episodes of severe chest pains. Williams knew of a family history of heart disease, but the problem grew to be even more personal. Eventually, doctors found that there was a 95 percent blockage of blood to her heart.

"I didn't think that it could happen to me," she said. "At that age, you feel invincible."

Williams, who could have suffered a heart attack, is avoiding that problem by eating a balanced diet and exercising a minimum of five days a week. Williams' lifestyle changes in diet and exercise are coupled with

extensive treatment and medical fixtures to aid in the heart's functioning.

She eventually had to have a stent placed inside her heart. A stent is a wire mesh tube used to prop open an artery that has recently been cleared using angioplasty, the surgical repair of a blood vessel. Williams has to wear the stent and take medicine for her heart for the rest of her life.

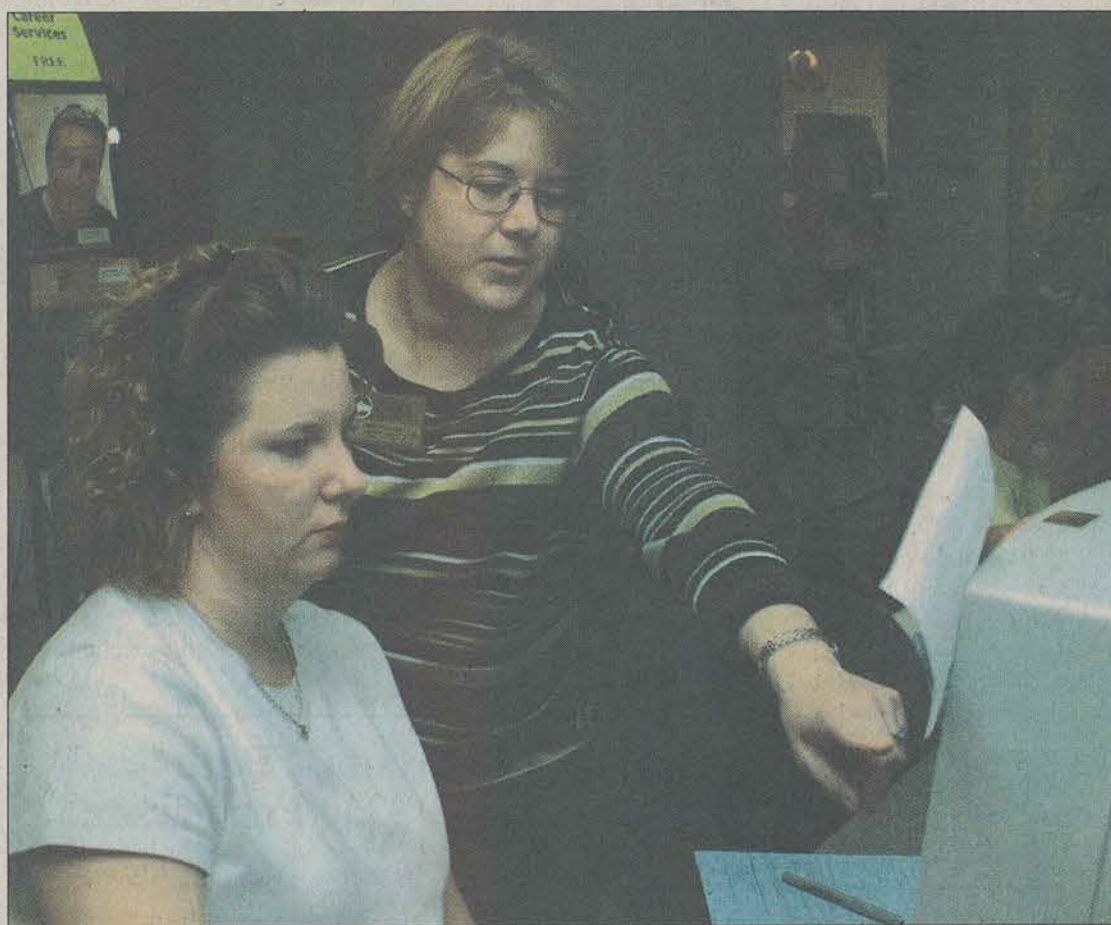
"Even though I have to visit the doctor, take medicine, and exercise regularly," Williams explained, "I would not be alive if I had not made those changes in my life."

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of adults in this country, bringing in a total of 960,000 deaths annually. Factors such as smoking, obesity, an unbalanced diet, and a non-active lifestyle will increase an individual's chances of developing heart disease. Considering that each of these factors are on the rise for people under the age of 30, this age group is now at a higher risk of developing heart disease.

Last month, GSU student Melissa K. Harris died at the age of 20 because of heart failure. Even though Harris' condition was due to natural causes and not an unhealthy lifestyle, her death is a reminder that being young does not guarantee immunity.

That belief is one of the main reasons younger people do not take their health seriously, according to GSU Health Center physician Dr. Curtis Hames. Dr. Hames attributes the lifestyles of younger adults to their alarming rates of heart disease.

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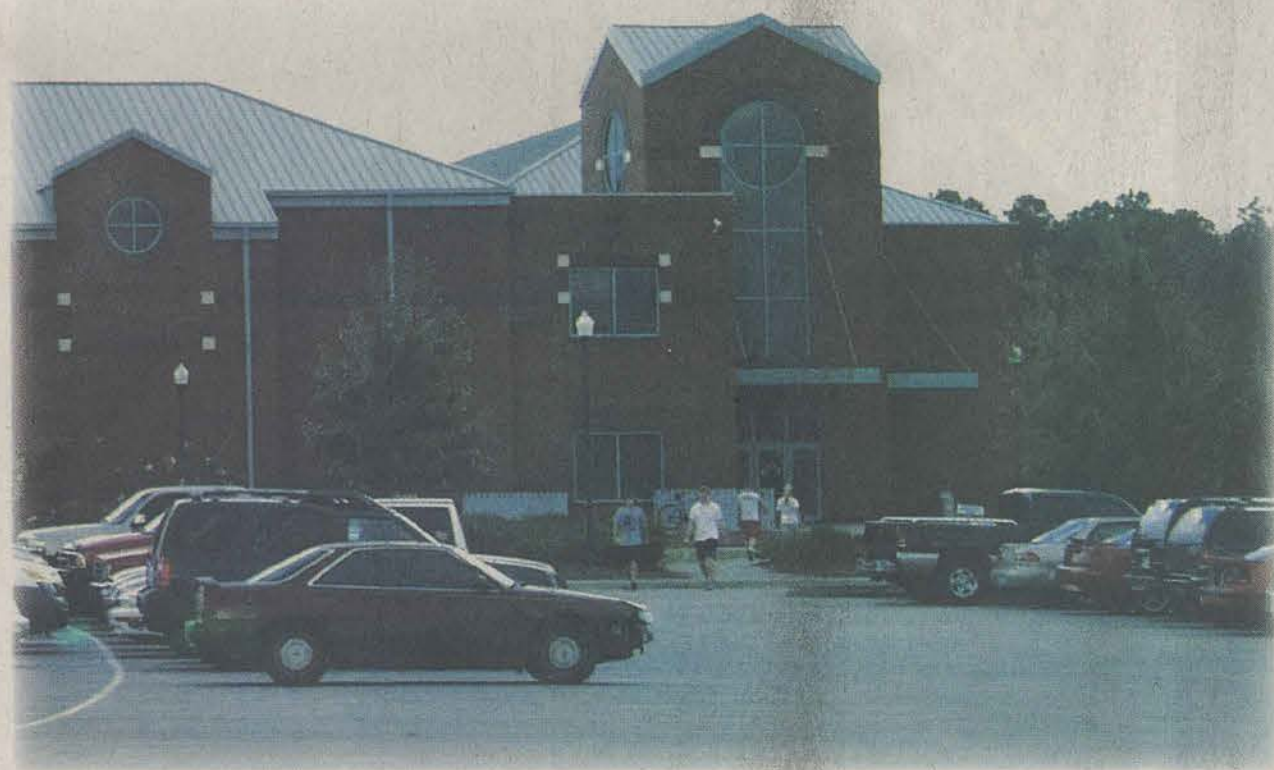


LaVene Bell/STAFF

Assistant Director of Career Services Amy Williams was diagnosed with heart disease at age 29 after experiencing chest pains. While heart disease ran in Williams' family, she never thought it could strike her at such a young age.

'Growing Pains'

RAC expansion set to begin in September



By Sarah Frey
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By January 2006, the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) will have doubled in size.

Plans are currently underway to build an extension to the RAC, with construction expected to begin this September. The committee in charge of the expansion met last Thursday with representatives of approximately 13 architectural firms. These firms have until February 19 to turn in a resume showing why they should be given the job of designing the RAC extension. Using these resumes, the committee will narrow their choices down to the top four or five. These top choices will create potential plans for the expansion, and will be presented to the committee in late March, at which point one firm will be selected. Construction will begin in the fall, and the extension will, barring delays, open its doors in 2006.

Despite the change in student recreation fees that will take place when the extension is completed, the positive response to

improving the RAC has been overwhelming. Over the last year, students have been surveyed to find out exactly what additions they would like made to the RAC. Among students polled, 91 percent were in favor of having new indoor facilities, and 76 percent wanted new outdoor facilities. Although the student fees will go from \$30 per semester to as high as \$110 per semester, pending approval of the Board of Regents, 77 percent of the students polled indicated that they were willing to pay the higher fees.

Steve Sanders, the Associate Director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals, explained that the expansion will help with the over-crowding being experienced at the current building. The loss of other recreational areas on campus, such as several outdoor areas and a great deal of indoor space in the Hanner complex, has left the RAC as the main recreational resource on campus.

"The RAC was never meant to hold everything," Sanders said, explaining that it had been built as an auxiliary athletic facility.

Although plans are not yet finalized, the additions will include a new weight room and an outdoor pool.

SGA to assist in providing free legal services to students

By Teresa D. Southern
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In need of free legal advice?

As of Monday, February 16, students will have access to free legal advice from practicing attorney Troy Marsh.

According to Student Government Association (SGA) proposal, "The goals of this program are to effectively provide legal consultation to Georgia Southern students, allow students access to a legal expert in order to gain what otherwise would be very costly information, to improve the quality of life for GSU students and to use SGA

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Teresa Southern/STAFF

Under the SGA proposal, Attorney Troy Marsh would assist students in legal consultation free of charge.

Students may underestimate dangers of mixing medications

By Natasha Hartry
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Most people don't think about liver damage, stomach bleeding and kidney failure when they take more than the recommended dose of Tylenol or Ibuprofen, or when they mix Tylenol Cold and Sinus with Nyquil.

However, this is what consumers could be dealing with if they exceed the recommended dosage of their over-the-counter medication, or if they mix two different kinds of medications together.

Thousands of people are rushed to the emergency room each year due to acetaminophen and over-the-counter drug overdoses.

Acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol and other over-the-counter medications,

is present in more than 600 different products. Most of these products can be purchased over-the-counter, while some can only be purchased by prescription only.

Many people take extra pills or mix two different types of medicines containing acetaminophen together in hopes of relieving their symptoms more quickly.

Some consumers are unaware of the risks they are taking when ingesting high quantities of these drugs.

According to a local pharmacist, the problems often stem from consumers being misinformed. Other problems come from taking too high of a dose within a small time frame.

"Acetaminophen is in a lot of products and people who aren't informed may not know that

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Weekday Weather

Thursday



Rain

HIGH
56°
LOW
38°

Friday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
62°
LOW
42°

Only in America

- Massachusetts rodent control office catches the big one – at a cost
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Police Beat

02-10-2004

- Jonathan M. Anderson, 20, of P.O. Box 91, Brooklet, Ga., was charged with giving false information to an officer.
- A folder containing exams was

- taken from the Herty Building.
- Two textbooks were taken from the Interior Design Building.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings, investigated four traffic acci-

dents, assisted 12 motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

- All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

Campus News

World-renowned acrobats to appear at PAC

Special to the G-A

A troupe of China's most gifted tumblers, contortionists, jugglers, cyclists and gymnasts is bringing its 2,000-year-old tradition of acrobats to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at GSU.

The world-renowned Peking Acrobats will appear at the PAC on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The Peking Acrobats are in the midst of a 50-city tour of North America.

The Peking Acrobats are the latest in a long line of elite acrobats from China. An art form that dates all the way back to the Ch'in Dynasty (221 B.C.-207 B.C.), acrobatics originated from the people's daily life, drawing from their experiences in work, war and sacrificial rites.

Tickets for the Peking Acrobats are

\$20 plus tax per person. GSU faculty, staff and students will receive a 10 percent discount. To purchase tickets, visit the PAC box office at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive, or call (912) 486-7999. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.



The Peking Acrobats, who have amazed audiences across the world, will be at the PAC on Feb. 19.

Flower workshop takes place at Botanical Garden

Special to the G-A

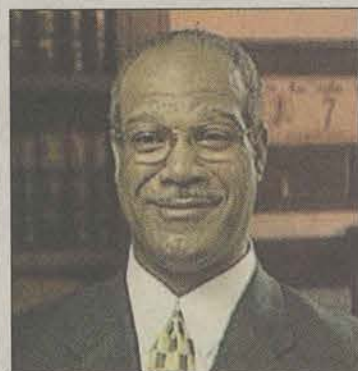
Join veteran workshop leader and camellia expert Dr. George Rogers for the annual workshop on everyone's favorite winter flower. Dr. Rogers will talk about camellia growing and care, and will demonstrate grafting techniques. This event will be on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. until noon at the GSU Botanical Garden. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Corrections

In Wednesday's paper, the article entitled "What to Eat?" Director of Food Services Tom Palfy's full name and title were omitted. We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

News Briefs

Democrats scoff at state smoking ban



Special Photo

ATLANTA - Democrats had sharp words Tuesday for Republicans who want to ban smoking in all public places including restaurants.

"It's an overreach," said House Rules Chairman Calvin Smyre, a Columbus Democrat. "People are always talking about intrusion by government, and this is another one. It's another way of denying local rule."

The smoking ban, introduced by Republican Sen. Don Thomas on

Tuesday, could set up another battle between the

Democrat-controlled House and GOP-controlled Senate.

Twenty-five of the state's 56 senators signed on to the bill, but House leaders hinted the measure would have no chance in their chamber. Even Republicans in the House said they had wanted to tread slowly on a measure to ban smoking even in bars and restaurants.

Humane Society turns away raccoon killers

ATHENS, Ga. - The University of Georgia fraternity members involved in the killing, skinning and eating of a raccoon were ordered to do community service as part of their punishment - but one organization doesn't want

their help.

The Athens Area Humane Society didn't want the students working alone with animals, said executive director Lisa Klein.

"We're not comfortable because there has been an incident where one of the gentlemen committed animal cruelty and the other two undertook an act of violence with the animal," she said.

Erik Zimmerman has been charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty charges for shooting and killing the raccoon. A fellow Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brother skinned it, and another ate some of it.

Claudia Shamp, director of Greek Life at UGA, said she did not arrange the community service, which was ordered by the fraternity, but she said working at the Humane Society would be a good idea.

"It would be ideal to have the young men do this type of educational community service," Shamp said.

French lower house of parliament votes to ban religious apparel in public school



Special Photo

PARIS - France's lower house of parliament on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to ban students from wearing Islamic headscarves and other religious apparel in public schools. The measure, which would outlaw

conspicuous religious clothing and symbols in schools, was approved 494-36. It now goes to the Senate, where little opposition was expected, in early March.

The bill stipulates that "in schools, junior high schools and high schools, signs and dress that conspicuously show the religious affiliation of students are forbidden." It would not apply to students in private schools or to French schools in other countries.

Sanctions for refusing to remove conspicuous religious signs and clothing would range from a warning to temporary suspension from school to expulsion.

Two Afghans sentenced to death for killing U.N. worker

KABUL, Afghanistan - Two Afghans were convicted and sentenced to death in a Kabul court Tuesday for the murder of a French U.N. staffer last year, officials said.

Bettina Goislard, 29, was shot dead Nov. 16 as she sat in a white U.N. vehicle in a bazaar in the eastern city of Ghazni, 130 kilometers (80 miles) south of the capital, Kabul.

The defendants were sentenced to death in a Kabul court, Ghazni Gov. Haji Asadullah Khalid said. Khalid said he expected the men to appeal.

Goislard's killing shocked the international aid community and forced the evacuation of U.N. international staff from southern and eastern Afghanistan. It also caused the suspension of refugee aid for Afghans returning home from neighboring Pakistan, but the U.N. refugee said Tuesday that assistance would resume next month.

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

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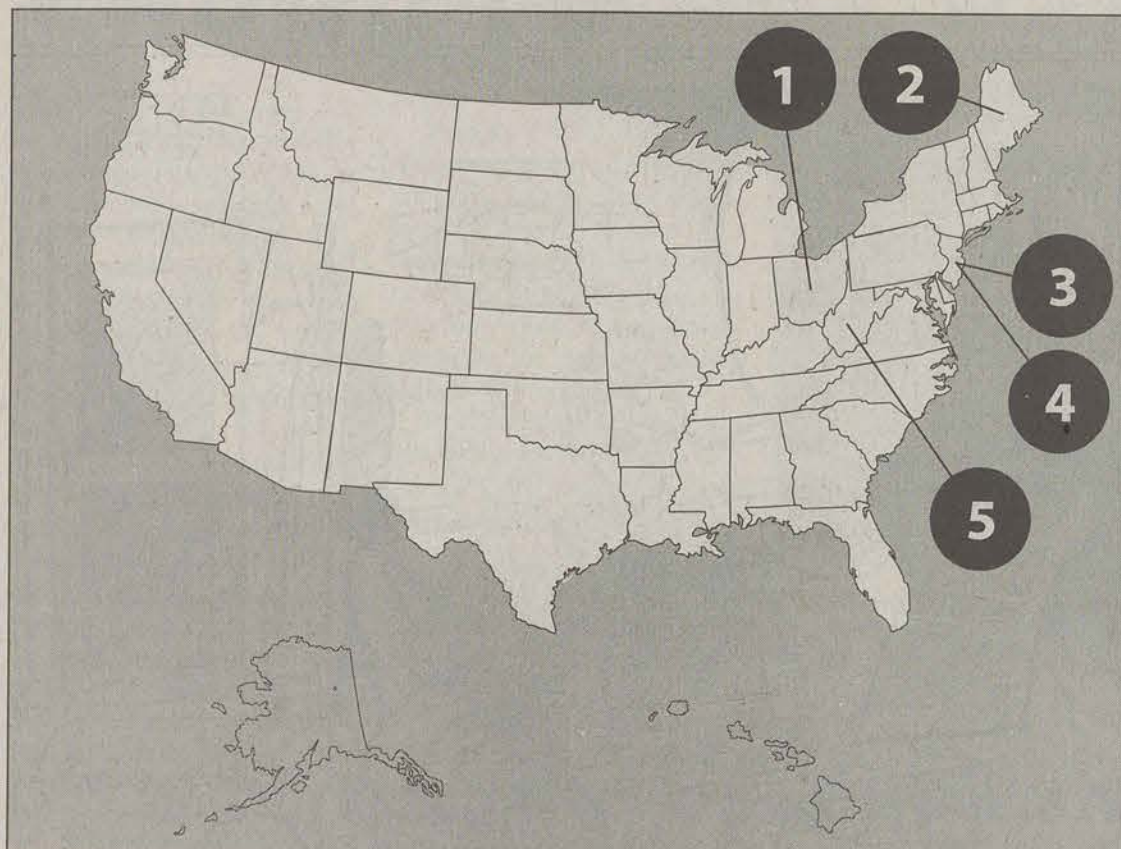
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1 Massachusetts

Rodent control office buys giant inflatable rat

EDGARTOWN — The rodent control officer on Martha's Vineyard wants to make his services more visible. And he figures you can't miss a 12-foot rat.

T.J. Hegarty raised \$5,000 in private donations to buy a 12-foot tall inflatable rat that he plans to bring to parades and other local events to increase public awareness of his rodent control program. He expects to take delivery of the bulky beast in six weeks.

A summer playground for the well-to-do, Martha's Vineyard is thought of more as a vacation spot for presidents and Hollywood celebrities than a breeding ground for vermin. Though Hegarty says there isn't a major rat problem on the island now, rats have

proliferated on and off for years, aided by an abundance of food sources and a lack of natural predators.

After borrowing a similar blow-up rat for the island's 2002 July 4th parade from the Carpenter's Union of Brockton, Hegarty decided to buy a rat of his own to spread word about his services.

"We all have this in common," he told the Cape Cod Times. "The rodents don't care who you are. We give people the knowledge and materials to keep a check on out-of-control conditions."

2 California

Sea lion found traveling road 65 miles from sea

LOS BANOS — A sea lion that apparently swam upriver from the ocean into the inland canals of central California was captured Monday after

motorists spotted it flopping along the roadway, 65 miles from the sea.

The 300-pound animal, first reported Monday morning, basked in the sun on the back of a highway patrol cruiser while officers waited for a marine rescue team to fetch him.

The adult male was expected to be held several days for observation before being released into the ocean, said Cynthia Schramm, a spokeswoman for the Sausalito-based Marine Mammal Center.

"We don't think anyone grabbed him. We just think he went all the way through the San Joaquin River, into some canals, and probably got out and started wandering around," Schramm said. "Maybe he was going after fish, and there are far fewer sea lions to compete with in the delta."

Sea lions have also been found in the Sacramento and Stockton areas, more than 50 miles inland, Schramm said.

"Sometimes they follow the prey until they are so far away and don't know how to get back," Schramm said.

3 Arkansas

Man's Hawaiian shirt helps police solve robberies

LITTLE ROCK — A man who failed in an attempt to rob a convenience store and successfully held up a bank 20 minutes later was caught after TV images of the robbery showed off his taste in loud clothes.

Police say Undra Williams, 24, of Little Rock, was wearing a bright-orange Hawaiian shirt when he visited an E-Z Mart and Arvest Bank last Wednesday. Security camera video of the incidents was shown on local television later in the week and Williams was arrested Sunday.

"Once we saw the video, we thought it would be fairly easy to catch him," Little Rock police Sgt. Terry Hastings said Monday. "We prefer that criminals wear bright-colored clothes."

Williams was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of theft. He was being held in the Pulaski County jail.

4 New Jersey

Hypnotic restaurant fights to keep show going

TOPEKA — When a restaurant owner invited a hypnotist to perform at his steakhouse, he expected hysterical laughter, maybe one or two people strutting like roosters.

What he didn't expect was for a sheriff's deputy to show up later that month telling him the performance was against a Kansas law that prohibits hypnotism for entertainment purposes.

Faced with the possibility of breaking state law or losing money from customers who wanted to see a hypnotist at his restaurant, owner Kansas Walker chose to take his chances — and fight.

The Larned businessman described his frustration Monday for the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering a bill to repeal the statute against hypnotism as entertainment.

The hypnotism ban was instituted in 1903, when legislators made it a misdemeanor to hypnotize anyone under 18. That same year, lawmakers also banned exhibitions in which someone ate or pretended to eat snakes, lizards, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas or other reptiles.

5 Iowa

Police salvage money spilled from armored car

DAVENPORT — Police spent almost an hour retrieving about \$87,000 which spilled out the back of an ar-

mored car into a snowy field.

"It was a field of green," said police Sgt. Mike Colclasure, who was wearing a stocking cap to protect himself from the wind and cold.

A bag containing the money spilled across U.S. 61 just south of Interstate 80 after it fell out the rear door of an armored car heading south on the highway about 8 a.m. Thursday, police said.

The driver of the armored car, owned by United Armor, told police he looked in the rearview mirrors and saw all this fluttering, Davenport police spokesman Lt. Don Gano said.

Eight Davenport police officers and Scott County sheriff's deputies spent more than 45 minutes plucking wads and single bills out of a weed-filled field next to an interstate entrance ramp.

Gano said that the wind blew the cash into a ravine west of the highway, preventing it from traveling much farther.

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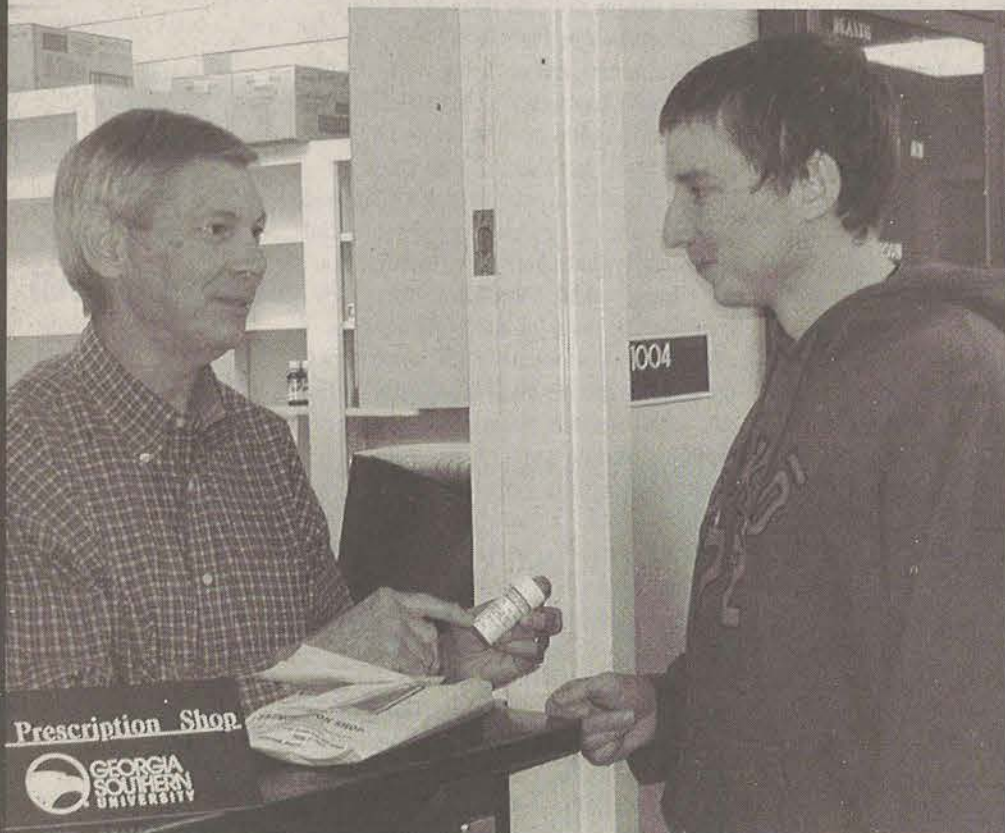
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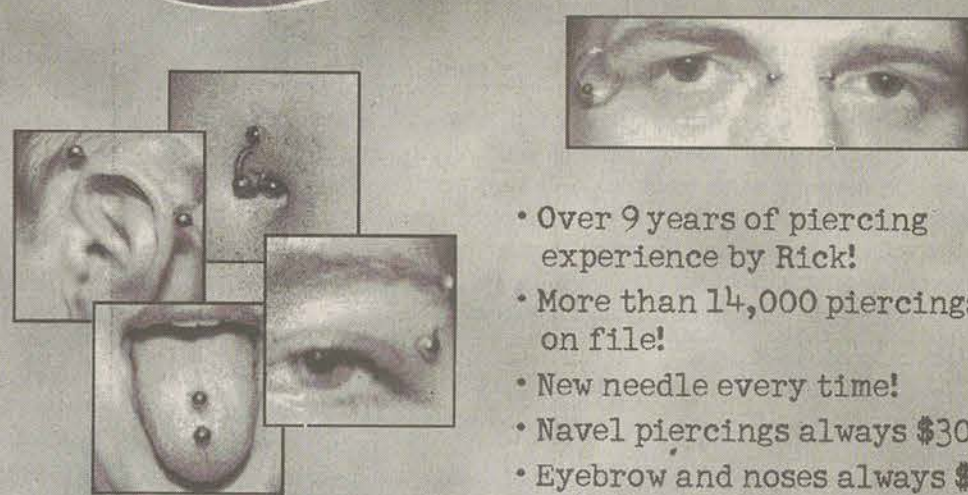
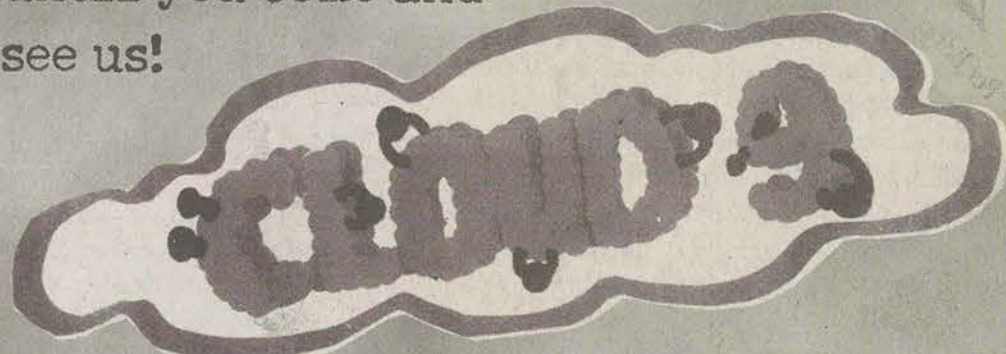
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Our Opinion

Think outside the heart-shaped box this Valentine's Day

Pink and red roses, chocolate hearts, candy professions of love and sappy cards: All the makings of a traditional Valentine's Day.

Or is it? As far back as 498 AD, Valentine's Day has been celebrated as the Christian holiday of St. Valentine, the patron saint not only of lovers, but also against fainting, beekeepers, epilepsy, greeting card manufacturers, greetings, plague, travelers, and young people.

There are currently three St. Valentine's known in the Catholic Church, but the most common legend that most people know is the one of Valentine of Rome. Valentine was a priest at the same time that Emperor Claudius II was in rule of Rome. During this time, Claudius II had decided that men with wives and children would make poor soldiers due to the fact they would not be as willing to go into battle. So, Claudius II made a law banning marriages of men under a certain age, the target age of his desired soldiers.

In defiance, Valentine continued to perform these marriages, eventually getting caught and thrown in jail. According to legend, while Valentine was in jail, he met and fell in love with the jailer's daughter. Shortly before he was martyred, he wrote her a letter, confessing his love, and signing it 'From your Valentine.'

That line has now become, dare we say, the catch phrase of Valentine's Day. We celebrate this day on the fourteenth of February because that is the day most people estimate he was martyred. This is where most people assume the story ends.

This can be debated. Historians believe that the church placed Valentine's Day in February to "christianize" the pagan Roman holiday of Lupercalia, which was the pinnacle of the weeks of cleaning that Romans did at the beginning of spring, which they believed started in February. Lupercalia was a celebration that honored the god of agriculture, Faunus; and the brother founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. To start the celebration, Roman priests would go to the cave in which Romulus and Remus were supposedly found and raised by the mother wolf also called a lupa. As part of the ceremony, Roman priests would sacrifice animals for purity and fertility, from which the young males would then take the blood-soaked hides to be used to gently slap both women and fields for fertility in the next year.

The merriment was concluded with all the young women in the city putting their names into a pot. Then the young men would choose a name from the pot and he would be paired with that woman for the year. This was one way that the young people could meet their future husband or wife, being that most of these pairings ended in marriage. Christians later on deemed this action "un-Christian," and placed St. Valentine's Day on the fourteenth of February, the day before the festival concluded.

What does this have to do with the way we celebrate Valentine's Day in 2004? Everything.

As you are buying your cards and candy for the one that you love, remember where this holiday came from: Not only the Christian side of love and devotion, but also the pagan celebration of new life and love. There is no real need to focus on the corporate aspect of the holiday. Just use the day to celebrate love in general.



A Valentine's Day rock opera

Whenever you have a day focused on any one thing, it cannot help but draw negative attention to its opposite.

Being single on Valentine's Day is akin to being Muslim on Christmas, ungrateful on Thanksgiving, British on President's Day, a lumber company on Arbor Day, or John Ashcroft on April Fool's Day. On Valentine's Day, being without an oppositely-sexed companion engaging in prominent public displays of affection is akin, in the public mind, to being a loser, a prude, or gay.

Okay, I admit it. Allow me to come out of the closet and say it proudly to the world: I'm a loser.

To be single on that day, that heart-saddled day, that sappy, drippy, soaked-in-sentiment (and other liquids) day, by choice or no, is to invite pity. Don't believe me? Would you believe me if I told you that no fewer than four people have tried to convert me to Christianity since I started attending school here, even though I don't think I look particularly atheist? I'm not talking about hanging around churches, I'm talking about sitting at Lakeside, eating at the Russell Union, walking to class, in all cases strictly minding my own business. Mind you, I'm not saying that if you're walking alone on February 14 that people will come up to you and ask you if you've accepted Carmen Electra into your heart, but I consider it only a matter of time.

Valentine's Day began as one of those Catholic

saint's days, though judging by information found on newadvent.org, none of the three saints variously attributed to the day seem to have had anything to do with love. Which is just as well, considering what seems to happen to priests when they uncork those long-checked passions, oy. According to the same source, St. Valentine's Day became associated with love when people noticed birds pairing up on that day, and the association grew from there.

But these days, Valentine's Day is one of the big corporate money-makers. Would the George-Anne be running Valentine's Day features today if the holiday hadn't been built into a merchandising juggernaut by the likes of Hallmark and American Greetings? All holidays are like this in the United States.

Mother's Day, which was created by Anna Marie Jarvis as a personal expression of appreciation for mothers, so sickened Jarvis by the time our nation's vaunted machinery of profit got through with it that she wished she had never started the thing. Why don't we just call it "Corporate Money Day #2" and get it over with?

It's true, I hate Valentine's Day, or "VD" for short, but not really because of the expectation that people have to smooch in public and copulate vigorously in private (hopefully), but because the concentration of it all into one day carries with it the implication that these things are somehow less okay the rest



John Harris
feature writer

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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Using sex as a tool

Columnist Note: Welcome to the newest incarnation of my "Speaking Of..." column. Don't worry, as I'll still be talking about and dealing with the same issues I always have, just now I want to attempt to do it from a slightly different point of view. I hope you all enjoy this new format.

Before we begin, let me introduce some new key player's in this week's drama, and then we can look back at the issue at hand. This week's column deals with Toothy and Lashes. Both friends of mine, and both slightly neurotic, they tend to be in the "on again, off again" and slightly dramatic relationship that isn't really a relationship at all. Personally, I think they've seen that Ike and Tina Turner movie just one time too many. They honestly do care about each other, that goes without saying, but they care about their own self-serving interests even more. Therein lies the problem.

If ever there was an odd couple, they are it. Toothy is very laid back and non-chalant about almost everything. That's part of his charm. Footloose and fancy-free, if you will. Toothy takes things in stride, and rolls with most of the punches that life throws. Lashes, on the other hand, tends to be somewhat more rigid and inflexible – exponentially more so than Toothy. Lashes is a perfectionist. Precise. Calculating. So, as you can probably imagine, their ideas, ideals, not to mention ethical and moral bases tend to vary a little more than "slightly."

One of the major battles that Toothy and Lashes tend to constantly drag out involves smoking. Toothy likes to smoke. Granted, mostly for recreational, as well as

medicinal purposes, and far too sporadically to be considered a habit. Still, the issue is still there.

Lashes has a problem with Toothy's recreational activities, and not being one to readily compromise, Lashes has taken the initiative to try and make Toothy a better person... by using sex as a "tool" to fix a broken situation.

Call it positive reinforcement. Call it good peer pressure. Call it whatever you want to call it. Basically, what it boils down to is this: You can't force someone to do something they aren't willing to do for and by their own accord. Granted, occasionally this option works, but rarely without some consequences. What is occurring in this situation is a good old-fashioned bribe. "I'll do this, if you do that." Using what you've got, to get what you want.

The moral of this story is simple, yet extremely effective. If you care about someone, accept them for who and what they are. No more, no less. I mean, sure, it's ok to want to encourage people to better themselves. That's perfectly natural. But in this instance, positive reinforcement is a good thing. The point is that you can't reinforce something in someone that isn't already there. There's a big difference between watering a garden, and planting the seeds.

Relationships are about mutual trust, respect and understanding, not about making someone the perfect accessory. You can't honestly expect to be respected if you don't respect others, and yourself.



DeMarc Campbell
Columnist

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On this day in 1964, The Beatles gave their first New York City concert at Carnegie Hall.

Students take out frustrations at CCF's 'Smash a Car'

Tiffany Shaw
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Sounds of metal being smashed by a sledgehammer could be heard as far down the campus pedestrian as the Carruth Building on Tuesday.

The Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF) hosted, "Smash a Car."

CCF members were yelling, "Smash a car for a dollar," in an event to raise money for their Spring Break Mission Trip.

CCF is a non-denominational student ministry organization dedicated to providing opportunities for Christian worship, service, fellowship and study to the Georgia Southern community.

"Smash a Car" took place near the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost was one dollar

for two swings or two dollars for five swings.

Members of CCF convinced several students to donate money to their cause in exchange for "frustration relieving" swings at an old, rusted car.

Many students walked by the fundraising event with curious looks on their faces, wondering what all of the commotion was about, while others stopped to take a few hits.

After hitting the car eight times, Brittany Sanders commented that it "felt great," and recommended it to other students as a "great stress reliever." Another student commented that hitting the car "made her day."

The money raised from this event will help send members of CCF on a Spring Break mission trip to Mississippi.



Tiffany Shaw/STAFF

GSU student tries her best to do some damage at CCF's fundraiser on Tuesday. Many saw this as an opportunity to relieve stress.

Clark officially quits White House bid, promises to stay in politics

By Dana Hull
KRT Campus

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark ended his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday but vowed to remain in politics and work to defeat President Bush and his "fatally flawed" foreign policy in November.

"This soldier stands ready for duty, and I need every one of you to join me in this battle," said Clark in a teary-eyed but composed concession speech in a Little Rock hotel ballroom. "I have one bit of advice for our party's nominee: Give them hell and don't retreat!"

Clark's presidential campaign had many shortcomings, but it may end up being only a trial run. Many have speculated that Clark, 59, would be a good secretary of state if the Democrats retake the White House. Others envision him running for governor of Arkansas or for a Senate seat here, or even becoming a candidate for vice president, perhaps in 2008 with New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

When Clark entered the race on Sept. 17, he shot to the top of many national polls and had no trouble raising money. The war with Iraq was a consuming issue for Democratic Party activists, and many swooned at the notion of nominating a Southerner with military and foreign policy credentials and liberal domestic stands to tackle Bush. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was the front-runner at the time, and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's campaign was being written off for dead.

But Clark was starting late, with no money, no staff, foggy positions on domestic issues, a record of voting mostly for Republican presidents, no campaign experience and no cohesive campaign strategy. Experienced

operatives from the Clinton White House and idealistic novices from the Internet-driven "Draft Clark" movement flocked to Little Rock, but a campaign manager wasn't hired until late November, and the staff was riven by factions.

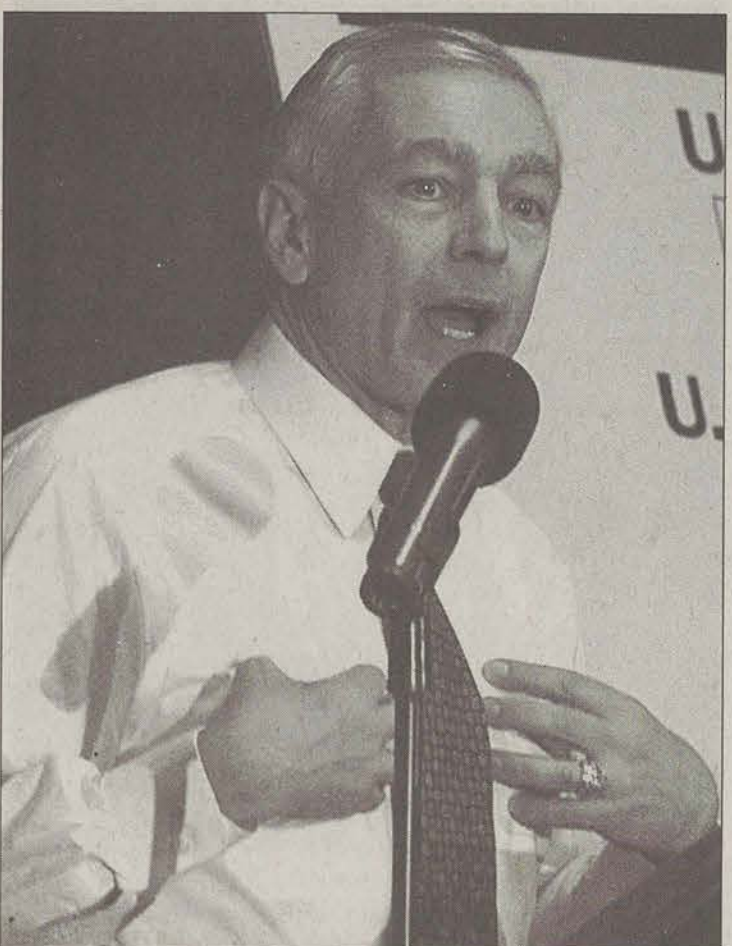
In a long interview as he flew to Ft. Lauderdale on his first full day on the trail, Clark said he "probably" would have voted for the Bush-backed congressional resolution authorizing war with Iraq. A day later, he insisted that he never would have voted for the war. The out-of-the-gate flip-flop dogged him for weeks. He said he didn't realize that he was speaking on the record, and later acknowledged that he'd "bobbled" the question.

Clark's strategists decided to skip the Iowa caucuses, citing a lack of money and time, and planted the campaign's first flag in New Hampshire. For a while, it worked: In January, while the other candidates fought it out in Iowa, Clark had New Hampshire largely to himself. He drew crowds to his "Conversations with Clark" town hall meetings, and many were progressives who were starting to worry that Dean, then anointed the front-runner by the media, couldn't beat Bush.

Clark began climbing fast in New Hampshire polls. His zenith came on Jan. 17, when filmmaker and antiwar activist Michael Moore introduced Clark to a roaring overflow crowd of 2,000 at the Pembroke Academy.

But Kerry stunned the pollsters and pundits with his win in Iowa two days later. Clark, who'd campaigned as the anti-Dean, lost the central rationale for his campaign, for Kerry was also a decorated war veteran and, unlike Clark, had spent a lifetime fighting for Democratic policies.

"Once John Kerry established himself as a credible candidate, Clark



KRT Campus

Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark makes a campaign stop at the UNITE headquarters in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Clark dropped out of the Presidential Primary on Wednesday after a series of low poll showings over the past month.

had the ground pulled out from under him," said Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution, a center-left think tank in Washington. "Everyone else made a contribution to the Democratic debate, in terms of putting issues like poverty on the table. Clark didn't put anything on the table."

Clark was a tireless campaigner who seemed to enjoy interacting with voters and their children as he raced from state to state. He often rose before dawn for a morning swim and then exhausted his staff by working throughout the day and late into the night.

But the rigors of a national campaign and the finicky views of voters were new to him. He seemed stunned that more people didn't realize that he was a veteran of Vietnam as well as a four-star general, and in recent weeks he all but dropped Kosovo and his experience negotiating the Bosnian peace accords from his stump speech.

"Most Americans have only dim recollections or connections to the Kosovo war," said Peter Feaver, a political scientist and the Director of the Triangle Institute for Security

Studies at Duke University. "Those who do remember it realize it was an ambiguous victory. It simply was not a great springboard from which to launch a presidential campaign."

Clark refocused, talking mainly about his humble Arkansas roots and patrols he led through the jungles of Vietnam. At a bar in Bristol, Tenn., last Friday, he staggered around on stage as if reliving each shot as he talked about taking four rounds to his leg, shoulder, hand and behind.

But it was too late. His staff points out that Clark not only won in Oklahoma but also finished second behind Kerry in Arizona, New Mexico and North Dakota results that they argue showed that Democratic voters want candidates with strong foreign policy and national security credentials.

"He will be very much in demand in public life and in the Democratic Party," said Chris Lehane, a top strategist who quit Kerry's campaign in the fall to join the Clark campaign. "There are not a lot of four-star generals who count themselves as Democrats, and national security has always been a vulnerability for Democrats."

HEART, FROM PAGE 1A

"Even though heart problems can start at an early age, factors such as smoking, drinking, and a lack of exercise can increase one's chances of having cardiovascular problems as he or she gets older," said Hames.

Dr. Hames suggests that students eat balanced meals, exercise regularly, and refrain from drinking and smoking as much as possible.

"The habits you have today will

affect your health in the future," he said.

For more information on heart disease, visit the American Heart Association webpage at www.americanheart.org. To check your risk for heart disease, just log onto www.ministryhealth.org. To participate in an activity for National Heart Awareness Month, log onto (fill in) or wear a red ribbon for Friday's Wear Red Day.

ATTORNEY, FROM PAGE 1A

funds to offset the cost."

A survey conducted in Spring 2001 found that GSU students have a need for legal services. A revamp of a proposal submitted by Dayna Solomon and Jason Thibodeaux has brought this service to fruition for GSU students.

"We found this trend of wanting legal services has continued by meeting with different student organizations this past spring and fall of 2003," Reginald Brown, SGA president stated in a proposal to Linda Bleicken, vice-president of student affairs and enrollment management.

"With the help of Lee Davis, GSU's attorney, Linda Bleicken, and members of a SGA committee this was made a reality," Brown said.

Marsh will be available to students on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Russell Union; each student will be given 20 minutes with Marsh to discuss their questions concerning legal matters.

In the past Marsh has assisted GSU students with legal matters pertaining to drunken driving, drug possession, tenant and landlord disputes and other criminal and civil crimes.

"GSU students are in need of legal help but they can't pay legal fees," Marsh said.

Marsh will not be responsible for court representation and will not advise a student on any matter that is against GSU.

Students will be allowed to sign up for the six slots for the allotted time Marsh will provide legal advice. They will be required to fill out an information sheet giving a brief description of the legal advice they are seeking. Confidentiality will be stressed with all information provided by students.

Marsh said in the allotted 20 minutes with each student, given their situation he will discuss the specific laws that pertain to them and the course of action they should take based on the law.

"In the past students would like to know the worst case scenario of what could happen to them in the situation they were in," Marsh said.

SGA is requesting an additional \$2250 to be allocated from the Activity Budget Committee to cover the Marsh's fee of \$75.00 an hour, which will total \$1800 for the period of February 2 through April 30.

If students wish to have Marsh represent them they may hire him during his personal business hours. Marsh will also provide students a list of attorneys who could represent them in a court of law.

HARRIS, FROM PAGE 4A

okay the rest of the year.

The same thing happens with Christmas; our family gave gifts once a year, and none at all at any other time. I always feel like Ebenezer Scrooge at Christmas, and I'm starting to feel that way about Valentine's Day as well. To be honest, I always liked ol' Ebbe D. better before his conversion to Christmas mascot at the hands of meddlesome ghosts, throwing out tuneless carolers, muttering over gruel, scowling at all seasonal proponents of artificial happiness. I'd even say we need a new version of *A Christmas Carol* for our upcoming sap-fest, but with a better ending.

I can imagine it now. It'd be called *A Valentine's Day Rock Opera*. Dwight Eisenhower will be visited by three cupids representing the various forms of love: solo, couple, and ménage-a-trois. After their three dream-like sex ed classes, he gets fed up with the whole business and is elected president, ensuring cold showers for the nation-at-large for years to come, abolishing sex entirely except in the context of a loving, correctly mated, congressionally approved, officially sanctioned, properly policed, professionally medicated marriage.

Bah humbug!

MEDICATION, FROM PAGE 1A

that large doses are toxic to the liver," she said.

She also advised consumers to always read the active ingredients and if they are still unsure, they should contact a local pharmacist or their doctor. She also advises consumers to follow the directions when taking medication and don't think that more pills mean faster relief.

When students were asked if they knew about the side effects of mixing together certain over-the-counter drugs containing acetaminophen, there were several who didn't know of the extreme side effects.

Courtne Strickland said she doesn't really think about the side effects when she takes medicine. She just knows she wants to feel better.

"Sometimes, I take more than I am supposed to because it seems like one pill doesn't work fast enough," she said. "I never realized that taking too much Tylenol could have these kind of effects on the body."

Damalia Williams, a nursing

major, said that she has learned about different side effects through her major. She said she always takes the recommended dosage because she knows what kinds of things can happen if she takes more than she is supposed to.

"I study these kinds of things everyday. It's scary learning what they can do to your body if they are misused," Williams said.

Williams said she thinks the misconception comes from people just wanting fast relief, thinking it takes more medication to get there.

Williams also states that a common misconception is people thinking that only prescription medication pose a danger, and not over-the-counter drugs.

"It is very dangerous for anyone to think this. There are so many adverse effects that can come from mixing drugs together and taking too much of any drug, whether it is prescription or over-the-counter, is dangerous," Williams said.

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Sewak hires VMI grad Curtis to lead defensive ends

By Eli Boorstein

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As the old adage says, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Andre Curtis, a former player and assistant coach at VMI, was introduced as the Eagles' new defensive ends coach by head coach Mike Sewak on Wednesday.

He replaces Levorn Harbin, who, along with former defensive coordinator Rusty Russell, was let go by Sewak on Jan. 14.

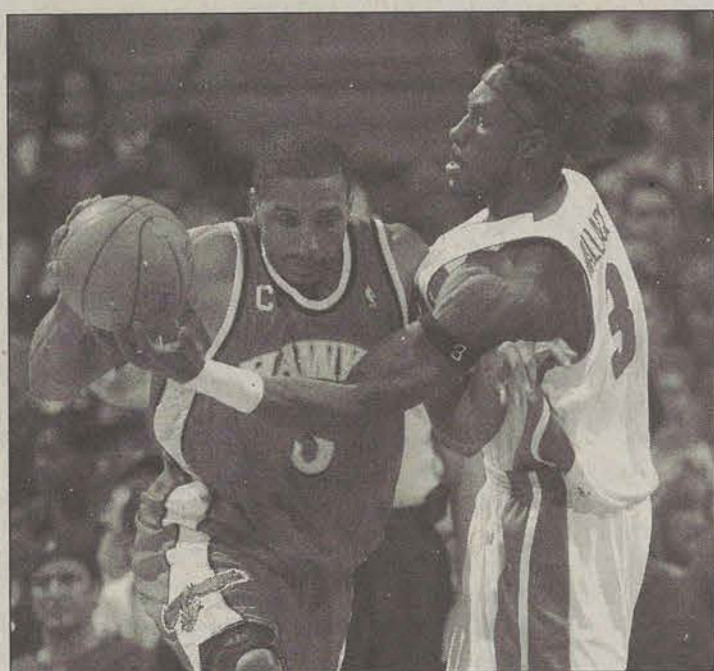
Curtis most recently served as linebackers coach at Virginia Military, who were rivals of Georgia Southern until they departed for the Big South Conference prior to the 2003 season. In his first three seasons on the Keydet coaching staff, he took care of the outside linebackers before being handed the reins of the inside linebackers this

past season. His assistance helped to guide the historically underachieving VMI program to a pair of six-win seasons over the last two years.

Prior to joining the Keydet coaching staff in 2000, Curtis was an all-conference linebacker at VMI, where he finished sixth in the program's history with 354 tackles. In 1998, Curtis notched 106 tackles, led by a 23-stop total against Wofford. For his performance that year, Curtis was named to the all-league team by the Southern Conference media.

Since graduating with a degree in economics, Curtis took part in the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program, spending time with the New York Jets and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He accompanied the Buccaneers to Tokyo for an exhibition game in August 2003.

IN		OUT	
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR			
	JOE TRESEY • Was defensive coordinator at I-A Akron. • Formerly an assistant at past SoCon foe VMI.		RUSTY RUSSELL • Spent seven seasons as GSU assistant. • Son of Eagle coaching legend Erk Russell
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	ANDRE CURTIS • Most recently the linebackers coach at VMI • Totaled 354 tackles as a VMI linebacker		LEVORN HARBIN • Spent two seasons as GSU assistant. • Was an offensive lineman for two different schools.



KRT Campus

The Atlanta Hawks sent Shareef Abdur-Rahim and two others to the Portland Trail Blazers. In return, the Hawks got Rasheed Wallace and Wesley Person, in what many are calling a cost-cutting move for Atlanta.

Hawks send three to Trail Blazers in blockbuster deal

By Keith Parsons

Associated Press

ATLANTA - The Portland Trail Blazers' problems off the court are well documented, and no one symbolized what was wrong with the franchise more than bad boy Rasheed Wallace.

So the Trail Blazers finally did something about it.

Portland sent the volatile forward and reserve Wesley Person to the Atlanta Hawks late Monday night for Shareef Abdur-Rahim and two other players.

"This trade helps the franchise in many ways," Trail Blazers president Steve Patterson said. "We get a younger core of players and can remain competitive in both the Western Conference and the league."

"Another factor in the deal is that we are also acquiring three players of good character."

The same probably can't be said of Wallace. He drew the ire of NBA commissioner David Stern this season when he told The Oregonian newspaper that the league's white establishment is exploiting young black athletes to enrich itself. Wallace later issued an apology.

Last season, he was suspended by the league for seven games for threatening an official on the loading dock at the Rose Garden Arena after a game. It was the longest suspension ever handed down by the NBA that did not involve physical contact or substance abuse.

In the 2000-01 season, Wallace set the NBA record with 41 technical fouls. He is set to earn \$17 million in the final year of his contract, and already indicated that he did not want to re-sign with Portland.

"What you do in this situation is very clear, you start with a clean slate," Hawks general manager Billy Knight said. "You judge people on the way they are with you. I'm not going to go on what someone else said."

The announcement of the trade came about 90 minutes after the Hawks beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-96. Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 10 rebounds in the victory, and is averaging 20.7 points and 8.4 rebounds this season.

Stephen Jackson had 11 of his career-high 30 points during an early fourth-quarter rally for the

Hawks, who improved to 8-7 over their past 15 games. They've won three of four, including a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, another top team from the Western Conference.

But Knight still wasn't convinced the team was headed in the right direction.

"I didn't think we could continue to do that for the rest of the this year," Knight said. "What this does is accelerate the process of rebuilding. This was a deal that gets us financially healthy and makes us a player in the free-agent market."

Abdur-Rahim goes to the Trail Blazers along with center Theo Ratliff and little-used point guard Dan Dickau, a first-round pick of the Sacramento Kings in 2002, who was traded to the Hawks on draft day. Ratliff is averaging 8.3 points and 7.2 rebounds, and Dickau is averaging 2.1 points.

Abdur-Rahim is owed \$28.1 million, and Ratliff gets \$21 million over the next two seasons.

"I can't explain enough how tough a trade it was for me personally, because of Shareef," Knight said. "He's a class guy and the consummate professional."

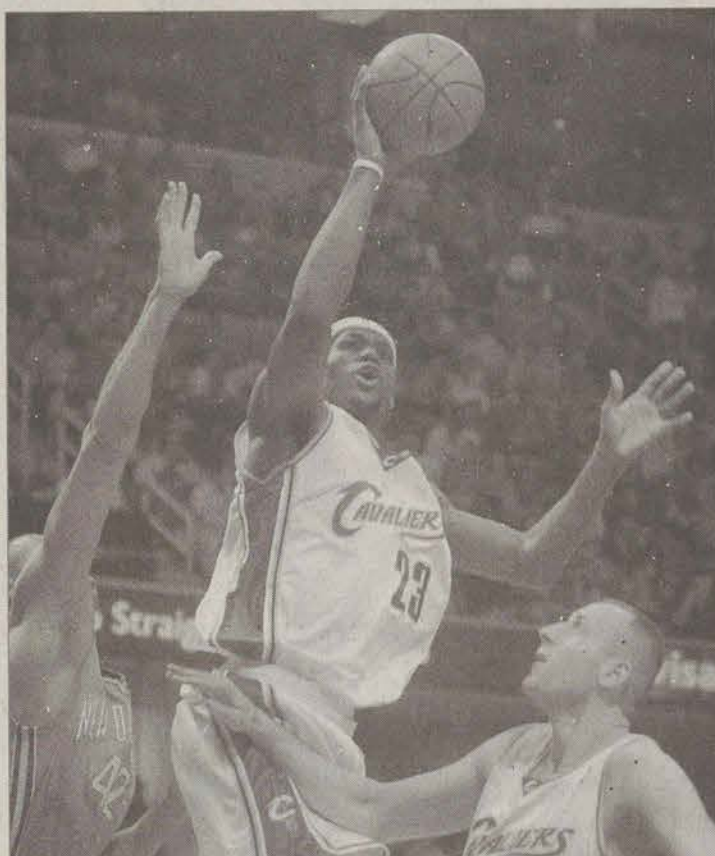
"It's just unfortunate that he's got the highest salary on this team and he's the best player on the team. In order to do anything, he's the first guy everybody talked about."

The contracts for Wallace and Person end after this season, clearing up salary cap room for the Hawks. They are right at the luxury tax threshold. Person makes \$7.7 million in the final year of his contract.

Person, a guard, averages 6.1 points and 1.9 rebounds. The Blazers acquired him and a conditional 2004 draft pick from the Memphis Grizzlies in exchange for guard Bonzi Wells earlier this season.

Patterson called Monday a "watershed day for the Trail Blazers, because for the last eight years, this team has been associated basically with Rasheed and Bonzi as the face of the franchise, and it indicates we are moving into a new era."

The Blazers have won seven of their last eight games and are tied for ninth in the Western Conference with Utah, four games behind Denver for the final playoff spot.



KRT Campus

LeBron James originally said he would not participate in the NBA All-Star Weekend Slam Dunk Contest this Saturday, though he has not ruled it out completely.

Rookie phenom James may still compete in dunk contest

By Tom Withers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND - LeBron James plans to watch the NBA's dunk contest, for now.

James was not among the four players the league announced Tuesday will take part in the event during All-Star weekend in Los Angeles. But the Cleveland Cavaliers' star rookie has been hinting at a possible surprise appearance.

Citing a sprained right ankle that sidelined him for three games, James recently turned down the NBA's invitation to be in the dunk contest. James could reconsider, however.

"I don't know," he said. "I'll think about it. There are a lot of people who want me to do it."

If James does decide to participate, the league would probably welcome him.

Golden State's Jason Richardson will try for a third straight dunking crown against Boston's Ricky Davis, Denver's Chris Andersen and Indiana's Fred Jones. No player has won three slam-dunk contests since the competition began in 1984.

While James remains noncommittal, there are signs that he might be ready to show his stuff.

Neat the end of warmups before Monday night's game against Boston, James twice practiced a twisting, two-handed dunk that teammate Kedrick

Brown couldn't match.

Also, this year's event is sponsored by Sprite, which signed James to a six-year marketing and endorsement deal in August.

James said he'll decide whether he participates.

"Ain't no pressure on me," he said. "I don't feel pressure. There are a lot of people who want me to be in it, but it's no pressure like it's a life or death situation."

James, 19, is scheduled to play in Friday's Rookie Challenge, and the dunk contest would be yet another appointment on a busy itinerary for the No. 1 draft pick, who Monday night became the youngest player in league history to score 1,000 points.

In addition to fulfilling league obligations, James has commitments with Nike, which signed him to a six-year, \$90 million deal in May.

"He's got a lot on his plate," said his agent, Aaron Goodwin. "But the dunk contest will be LeBron's decision. He said no before, but if he's healthy enough, he could change his mind."

James had several big dunks in Monday night's game before straining his left calf muscle late in the third quarter. He returned in the fourth period and scored five of his 24 points in Cleveland's 97-89 win.

James was limited in practice Tuesday, but he expects to play Wednesday night against New Jersey.

Son of NBA great Ewing suspended from Indiana for academic reasons

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Indiana forward Pat Ewing Jr. will not play against Penn State on Wednesday for academic reasons.

The school did not give additional details in a statement released Tuesday, but said Ewing will not travel with the team to Pennsylvania.

Ewing, a freshman and the son of former NBA star Patrick Ewing, is averaging 2.8 points and 3.3 rebounds in 20 games this season for Indiana

(11-9, 5-4 Big Ten). He has started six games.

Indiana coach Mike Davis issued a statement saying Ewing will be missed, but academics take precedence.

"Since the start of Big Ten play, Penn State has been one of the top rebounding teams in the league, so we will miss Pat's presence inside," Davis said. "But this decision hopefully sends a message to our entire team that their classwork is, should and always will be the top priority at Indiana."

Men's tennis cruises past Charleston Southern

GSU Athletic Media Relations

CHARLESTON, S.C. - The Georgia Southern men's tennis squad captured its third consecutive victory of the season, rolling past Charleston Southern 6-1 in a non-conference match Tuesday afternoon.

The Eagles posted straight-set wins in five of six singles positions and garnered the doubles point, thanks to victories by Stephen Dubiensi/Doruk Baglan (8-6) at the No. 2 position and Tom Green/Germano Knorr (8-2) at the No. 3 slot.

Georgia Southern (3-4) got singles triumphs from Vincent Patry (6-2, 6-3) at No. 1, Danie van den Heever (6-4, 6-2) at No. 3, Green (6-2, 6-3) at No. 4, Lasha Janashia (6-1, 6-1) at No. 5 and Charles-Henri Trottet (6-2, 7-5) at No. 6.

Charleston Southern (0-2) used Jean-Pierre deLange's 6-3, 2-6, 10-7 decision over Baglan at the No. 2 singles position and an 8-5 No. 1 doubles win by Quentin Guichard/deLange over Patry/van den Heever for its only victories of the afternoon.

GSU will return to action for a pair of matches Friday when they host Jacksonville at 10 a.m. before facing off against Bethune-Cookman at 2:30 p.m. at Hanner Courts.



David Casselli/STAFF

Charles-Henri Trottet was one of five Eagles to claim singles wins as Georgia Southern topped Charleston Southern.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS VS. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Singles

No. 1 - Vincent Patry (GSU) def. Quentin Guichard (CSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 2 - Jean-Pierre deLange (CSU) def. Doruk Baglan (GSU) 6-3, 2-6, 10-7
No. 3 - Danie van den Heever (GSU) def. Lebo Jacobs (CSU) 6-4, 6-2
No. 4 - Tom Green (GSU) def. Kutlwano Lephuthino (CSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 5 - Lasha Janashia (GSU) def. Babar Ali Khan Akbar (CSU) 6-1, 6-1
No. 6 - Charles-Henri Trottet (GSU) def. Lee Schuttler (CSU) 6-2, 7-5

Doubles

No. 1 - Guichard/deLange (CSU) def. Patry/van den Heever (GSU) 8-5
No. 2 - Stephen Dubiensi/Baglan (GSU) def. Lephuthino/Jacobs (CSU) 8-6
No. 3 - Green/Germano Knorr (GSU) def. Schuttler/Akbar (CSU) 8-2

Erk Russell enlisted to 'coach' the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Associated Press

MACON - The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame has enlisted the help of a state football legend to raise its profile and increase attendance to the financially struggling museum.

Erk Russell, former University of Georgia defensive coordinator and Georgia Southern University head coach, has been named the hall's volunteer spokesman in a new advertising campaign.

Officials are hoping the campaign will increase attendance and fund raising at the Macon museum, which is suffering from low turnout and state budget cuts that have left it about \$17,000 in the red this fiscal year.

The hall will kick off the \$76,000 advertising campaign on April 2 by announcing that Russell's "coming out of retirement" to coach at the sports hall, officials said in a meeting Monday.

Russell, 77, a member of the Hall of Fame, was the architect of Georgia's "Junkyard Dawg" defenses for 17 years under Vince Dooley. He gained notoriety for his fiery speeches and his habit



Special Photo

Erk Russell has been many things, such as a high school tennis coach and civics teacher, but the Eagle coaching great is now a spokesman of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

of headbutting helmeted defensive players during practice, causing his trademark bald head to bleed.

He left Georgia after the 1980 National Championship season and resurrected the football program at Georgia Southern University, winning three national titles before retiring from coaching in 1989 with a record of 83-22-1.

Texas crash kills two, injures seven on junior college basketball team

Associated Press

PARIS, Texas - A tractor-trailer slammed into a van carrying Navarro College basketball players, killing two and injuring all seven other people in the van, including a player from Tennessee.

Justice of the Peace Ernie Sparks said the van was "busted to pieces" in the Monday night accident, which happened as the van was making a U-turn.

"The ones who were in there, I don't know how they survived, but they crawled out," Sparks said. "All the windows were gone. It was lying on its side with the top side up."

The players were returning in two vans to Corsicana from Paris, where they had played Paris Junior College earlier in the evening.

The first van had made a U-turn on U.S. 271 just inside city limits and the second was turning to follow when it was struck broadside, police spokesman Todd Varner said.

Varner said investigators had not yet been able to interview everyone involved, but a preliminary investigation showed that the vehicles had missed a turn on the

two-lane highway and the second driver, a graduate assistant coach, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when he made the turn.

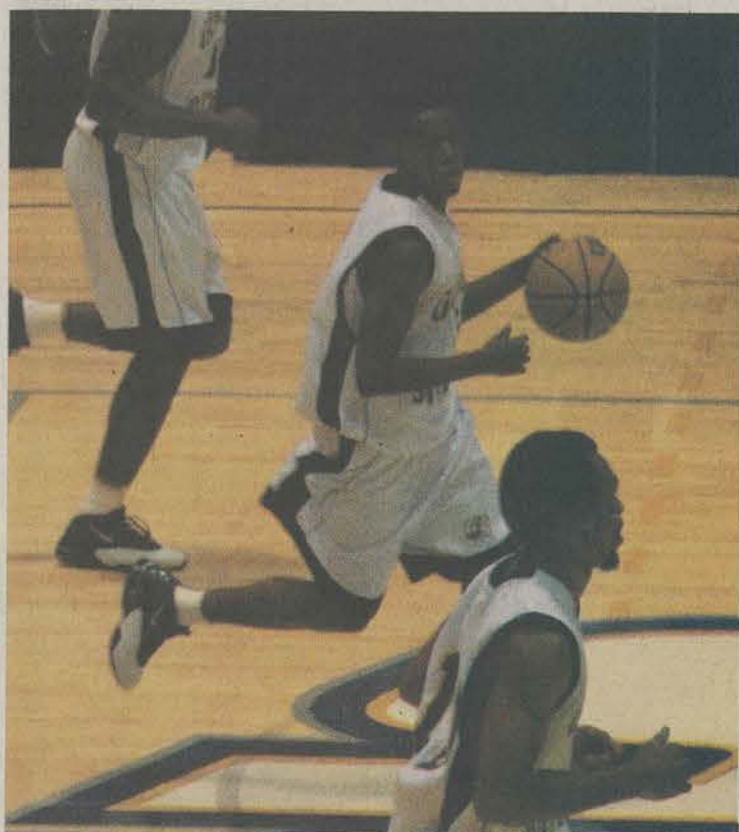
Varner identified the dead as players Par Sarr, 21, of the African nation of Gambia, and Jason Rashard Trier, 18, of Giddings.

Charles Dotson of Humboldt, Tenn., was admitted in fair condition.

Hospital spokesman Derald Bulls said one person was in critical condition, four were in serious condition and two were in fair condition. The critically injured student, who was flown to Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, was identified as Chris Gonzalez, a freshman from Chicago.

At the campus in Corsicana, some 60 miles south of Dallas, students gathered early Tuesday to pray and get updates about the crash.

"They're a good group of guys; that's why it's so shocking something like this would happen," said Sasha Ybarra, an 18-year-old freshman. "They were good students, good people, guys from all over - Tennessee, Africa, New Orleans."



Special Photo

Senior guard Prentice Mobley has become a key member of the Eagle backcourt since joining the Georgia Southern program before 2002-2003 season. Quiet-natured at heart, Mobley is on pace to fulfill a promise to his late grandmothers of earning a college degree.

Eagles' Mobley leads through grace and heart

By Andrea Morrison
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Senior guard Prentice Mobley is one of the more reserved and quiet players on the Georgia Southern men's basketball team.

He doesn't say much of anything because most of the time he lets his game do the talking for him. And, this year his play on the court has said a lot.

Mobley has been valuable to the team this year because of his versatility; he has the ability to drive to the basket or take the outside shot. And, on a team where there are a lot of guys that can score, being able to add something extra to the game is all-important.

Being a valuable team member is nothing new for Mobley. At Spanish River High School in Delray Beach, Fla., he was on the varsity basketball team his freshman year, and by his junior and senior years he was leading the county in assists and scoring, respectively.

After being unable to qualify for Division I basketball right out of high school, he decided to attend Florida Community College in Jacksonville. His sophomore year with the Stars he led the nation in scoring, averaging 28 points per contest.

Refusing to limit himself to sports (he also played football during high school) Mobley has found a genuine interest and talent in music. Prentice Cutta, as he is known through his music, has been rapping professionally since he was 14. A self-proclaimed writer first, he began writing poetry when he was eight and was soon freestyling with his friends, rapping over the instrumental versions of their favorite rap singles. He saw the opportunity to make his own music when an older friend offered to put him in the studio.

"I was different than all the other guys in the studio because I could actually write my own songs, and I could write different styles of music. Rap, R&B, inspirational, whatever it was I could do it," Mobley said.

With so many talents and ca-

"Everybody's askin' what's that business about Prentice, but they'll know the word once the story's finished."

—Prentice Cutta
(a.k.a. Prentice Mobley)

reer options, Mobley will probably have a tough time deciding the next path he will take after his graduation in December 2004.

His dream?

"All I want to do is try to repay my mom for everything she has done for me and to make her and my grandmothers proud."

Without a strong male figure in his life while he was growing up, Mobley depended on the support and guidance he received from his mother and both of his grandmothers. Then, when he was just 10 years old, tragedy struck.

Mobley's maternal grandmother passed away, and five years later he lost his fraternal grandmother. Because no one in his immediate family had ever been to college, he had promised both of them that he would graduate from high school and play college basketball. After their deaths he was more determined than ever to fulfill his promise, and he has been drawing on their memory for inspiration ever since.

Now Mobley finds himself on a Georgia Southern team that, with five more regular season games and the conference tournament left to play, has already eclipsed last season's win total. And, after limited playing time last season, Mobley is averaging 15.4 minutes and 4.8 points per game, highlighted by a couple of key three-pointers in the Eagles win over conference rival College of Charleston.

When asked what makes this year's team so different and why he has had such an impact, he thought a while before answering.

"Personally, I'm a lot more focused this year. I realized that I'm grateful just to be in school on a basketball scholarship, and I'm just trying to help the team out any way I can," he explained.

Enough said.

Health problems forcing Majerus to step down prematurely at Utah

By Mark Thiessen
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Rick Majerus said Tuesday he will not coach the University of Utah again this season, ending his 15-year association with the school he brought to national prominence.

"No, I won't come back this year, and I won't coach next year for sure," Majerus told ESPN.

He also ruled out coaching Utah in the future.

"They need to hire a coach," Majerus said. "I've divorced myself from this."

Apparently, the decision was not Majerus' alone.

"His doctor told him that under no circumstances was he coming back this year," Majerus' attorney, Bob Henderson, told The Associated Press.

Majerus did not immediately return a phone message to the AP

left through Henderson.

Majerus left the team on Jan. 28 because of heart problems.

He had said he would retire at the end of the season, however, both he and the university left open the chance he would still return to coach this season.

Majerus has not told the university that he would not return, athletic director Chris Hill told The Associated Press on Tuesday. However, he said officials have been in contact with some of Majerus' closest friends.

"We have every indication that is what he was planning," Hill said of Majerus' decision. "That fits in line with conversations we've had."

Assistant coach Kerry Rupp has led Utah (18-5) to a 3-0 mark since Majerus left.

"We're going to leave everything the way it is," Hill said. "We've won three in a row, and we don't want to

interfere with that success."

Majerus came to Utah in 1989. In the 1990s, Utah ranked eighth among NCAA Division I programs in both wins, 250, and winning percentage, .767. The team has made 10 trips to the NCAA tournament including advancing to the 1998 NCAA Final Four, losing to Kentucky in the national championship game.

Majerus' health problems have forced him to take extended leaves in two other seasons since he started at Utah.

He coached just six games in his first season before undergoing heart bypass surgery in December 1989. He coached one game in the 2000-01 season before leaving to deal with health issues and care for his ailing mother.

Rupp coached the team in one game last season, filling in when Majerus left to attend the funeral of the stepfather of a former player.



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Continued health problems have forced Utah men's basketball coach Rick Majerus to step down immediately, instead of retiring after the end of the season.

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2003-04	22	1	339	34-70	.486	10-23	.435	27-36	.750	21	15	40	105	4.8
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Valentine's Day

Origins, Traditions and Myths

By Michele Belge
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February is known as the month of romance. That very romantic holiday known as Valentine's Day has with it certain traditions, like exchanging heart-shaped cards and boxes of chocolate.

So, who is St. Valentine? And how has he become associated with this ancient rite? There are three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus that the Catholic church recognizes. There are also three different legends for each saint.

One contends that a priest named Valentine served during the third century in Rome. After the Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for single, young men because he thought that single men made better soldiers, Valentine continued to perform marriages for young couples in secret. When Claudius discovered Valentine's actions, Claudius ordered for Valentine to be put to death.

Another legend says Valentine was put to death because he was discovered helping Christians escape Roman prisons where they had often been beaten and tortured.

Perhaps the most widely known legend was about Valentine

being the first person to send a 'valentine' greeting. It has been told that a young man named Valentine, while in prison, fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before his death, he apparently wrote her a letter signed 'From your Valentine', an expression still used today.

Although the truth behind these legends are unclear, Valentine still remains a heroic figure of romance.

Another widely known figure of romance is Cupid. Although we know him as a pleasant little cherub who shoots arrows at people to make them fall in love, the myth behind this creature depicts him in a rather different way.

According to Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Venus (known as Aphrodite in Greek mythology). Venus was so jealous of the beauty of a young mortal named Psyche, she ordered her son to punish her. Cupid, however, fell in love with Psyche and married her. Being mortal, Psyche wasn't allowed to look at him. Everything was peaceful and happy until the young mortal looked at Cupid. Cupid was so angry that he left her alone in the middle of the field where their beautiful castle once stood.

Psyche began wandering, determined to find her true love; and stumbled upon the Temple of Venus. Venus, wishing to destroy Psyche, gave her a series of dangerous tasks to complete.

The last and most difficult of the tasks required her to go to the underworld and steal some of the beauty of Proserpine (wife of Pluto) and put it into a box. Before she left, she was warned not to look into the box, but curiosity soon overcame her. When she looked inside the box, she found a deadly slumber instead of beauty. When Cupid found her lifeless body he put the sleep back into the box. The gods were so moved by Psyche's love for Cupid, that they made her into a goddess.

With every holiday comes certain traditions and superstitions.

In Wales, love spoons were carved into shapes like keys or keyholes and given as gifts on February the 14.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names out of a bowl and wore the names on their sleeves for a week. Now, to wear your heart on your sleeve means that it is easy for people to know how you're feeling.

In some countries, if a woman accepts a gift of clothing from a man, it means she will marry him. If a woman sees a robin in the air on Valentine's Day, she will marry a sailor. If she sees a sparrow, she will marry a poor man and be very happy. If she sees a goldfinch, she will marry a millionaire.

'Hearty' factoids

The U.S. Census Bureau determined the following Valentine's Day statistics, last revised February 13, 2003.



There are 24,197 florists nationwide.



There are 995 locations that produce chocolate and cocoa products and 3,961 confectionary and nut stores in the US.



There are 29,303 jewelry stores in the US.

• 24 lbs.- Per capita of candy consumed by Americans in 2001.

• There are 2 places in the United States named Valentine: Valentine, Texas and Valentine, Nebraska.

• There are 9 places nationwide with the word 'love' in their names.

This day in history...

Holiday

Georgia - Georgia Day/
Oglethorpe Day



Birthday

Christina Ricci, 1980,
Actress starring in
'Addams Family,' and
'Casper'



Event

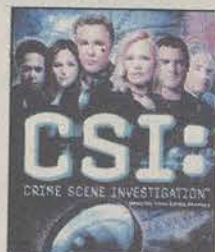
1997 - Fred Goldman
says he will settle for a
signed murder confession
from O J in lieu of \$20.5
million judgement



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THURSDAY February 12th

**Ladies Night
Charity Auction**
Nessmith-Lane
Assembly Hall,
7:25 p.m.

FRIDAY February 13th

Men's Tennis
GSU vs. Jacksonville,
10 a.m.

Men's Tennis
GSU vs. Bethune-
Cookman, 2:30 p.m.



**Symphonic Wind
Ensemble**
PAC, 8 p.m.

**"Blues for an
Alabama Sky"**
Black Box Theater,
8 p.m.

SATURDAY February 14th

**The Camelia
Winter Rose**
Botanical Garden,
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Baseball
GSU vs. GA Tech,
1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY February 15th

Baseball
GSU vs. GA Tech,
1:30 p.m.

**"Blues for an
Alabama Sky"**
Black Box Theater,
2 p.m.

**Women's
Basketball**
GSU vs. Wofford,
3 p.m.

Band du Soleil
Trinity Episcopal
Church, 7 p.m.

**"Blues for an
Alabama Sky"**
Black Box Theater,
8 p.m.



MONDAY February 16th

**Women's
Basketball**
GSU vs. Furman,
7 p.m.

TUESDAY February 17th

**Focus on
Excellence**
CIT, 4 p.m.

**Children's
Literature at the
Dawn of the 21st
Century
Lecture**
College of
Education
Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.

**The Killing Fields:
Surviving the
Khmer Rouge
Lecture**
Union Ballroom,
7 p.m.

**GSU Choral
Homecoming
Performance**
Carol A. Recital Hall,
8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY February 18th

**Off-Campus
Housing Fair**
Union
Commons, 10:30
a.m.- 2 p.m.

Baseball
GSU vs. GA State,
4 p.m.

**Phi Mu Alpha
Musical**
Carol A. Carter
Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

@ the Club

Tonight
Hip Hop Night @ Apex
Jupiter Coyote @
Woodin Nikel
Ladies Night @ Baja
Radio Theory @
Dingus

Friday
Ladies Night @ Apex
Silly with Willy @
Woodin Nikel
Echo Radio @ Baja
Jive Soul @ Dingus
Loose Change @
Retrievers
Dave Mathews Cover
Band @ Legends

Saturday
Champagne and Roses
Valentine Dance @ Apex
Drink-N-Drown @
Woodin Nikel
Dj Garrett @ Baja
Chris Cates @ Dingus
80s Night @
Retrievers

Top Ten Box Office



**Barbershop 2: Back In
Business** takes the No. 1
spot at the box office this
week.

Barber Shop 2: Back in Business

Miracle

You Got Served

Along Came Polly

The Butterfly Effect

Catch That Kid

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of
the King

Mystic River

Monster

Cold Mountain

Top Ten TV Shows

1. CSI
2. American Idol (Tues)
3. American Idol (Wed)
4. Friends
5. Grammy Awards
6. E.R.
7. CSI: Miami
8. Survivors: All-Stars
9. American Idol (Special)
10. Everybody Loves Raymond

THIS WEEK IN THEATRES



Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler star in this Romantic-Comedy. The story follows the story of veterinarian Henry Roth (Sandler) and Lucy (Barrymore), his love interest. They meet and fall in love at a local Hawaiian restaurant, only to have the short-term memory impaired Lucy to forget about their meeting. Everyday, Henry must get reacquainted with her and remind her of the love they share.



DITH PRAN

The Killing Fields



Monday, February 16
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**Russell Union
Theater**
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FILM

"Surviving the Khmer Rouge: A Photojournalist's Perspective"

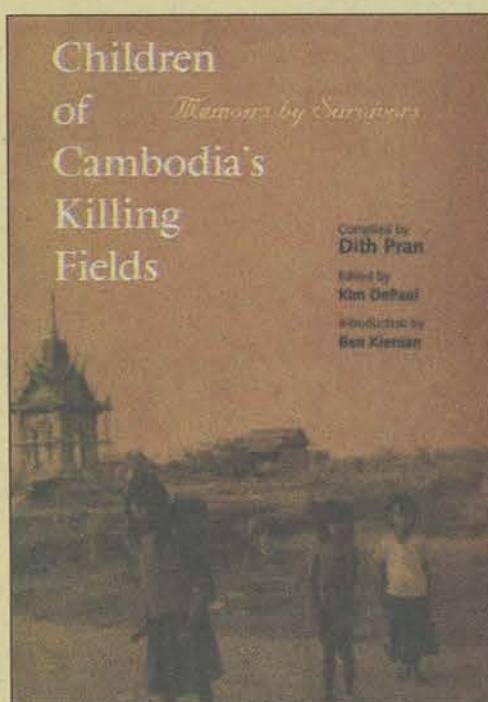
Tuesday, February 17
7:00pm
**Russell Union
Ballroom**
Light reception to follow.

LECTURE



Dith Pran will share his own story of life under the Khmer Rouge, and update us on major events since he escaped to Thailand in 1979. He has recently compiled *Children of Cambodia's Killing Fields: Memoirs by Survivors*, based on the experiences of children during the Khmer Rouge's reign of terror.

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'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton' isn't so formulaic

By John Harris
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Rating: Two and one-half stars.

I went into this film expecting little more than complete brainlessness. I wasn't entirely disappointed, but there are moments of genuine wit here interspersed between the typical teenage-girl formula plot.

"Win A Date With Tad Hamilton" may have those little flourishes here and there, but they don't redeem what is essentially a film-by-numbers, a pattern filled by actors, dialogue and sets.

Let's get the formulaic aspects out of the way right now. Yes, there's a plucky girl protagonist. Yes, there's a poor schmo who pines away after her and is unable to find words. Yes, the guy finds unexpected competition from a world-wise film star who can, in a sequence we've already seen in countless other shows, do almost everything better than he can.

Almost everything, of course, but love the protagonist, which is illustrated by some random nugget of romantic observation that the schmo confides to the star, which he then presents as his own. At the end, after a series of false endings that wouldn't be happy but would be much more realistic, they end up in each other's arms, the end, fade out, and roll credits.

There is more to the film than this, but it's mostly in the style of the telling. The star's handlers both have the same name. When the girl arrives in Los Angeles, and takes a limo ride to the hotel there is a series of little pictures of L.A. life that I thought were clever, if expected. Her father starts reading Variety, and is soon almost as showbiz hip as the star's handlers. It's entirely those little things that are the soul of the film. Yes, it does indeed have one, though it's hard to find sometimes.

There's banter between the schmo, the girl and her friend that sounds a little more accurate than required by the formula, although there are a few lines that made me wince. I'm thinking particularly of something the schmo shouts out to the girl, before her plane trip to meet the star, which made me twist inside. And there is a woman bartender who longs for the schmo that I didn't find particularly convincing. Her unrequited love is supposed to strike us as tragic, except that I couldn't help wondering why we're supposed to care for schmo and girl's relationship, while forget about the bartender.

Notice that I've not used any names in this entire review, except in the title. Despite that the bartender has a speech in which the name Tad Hamilton figures prominently, the name could easily be switched out and replaced with another. (In fact, another name would have been better. "Tad" does not suggest, to me, a virile Hollywood film star, but the opposite. His parents might as well have

named him "Stinky.") These are generic characters, ignorant of film history and thus doomed to repeat it. Rest assured the writers weren't so ignorant.

Probably the most positive thing I can say about the film is that it does have heart. There must have been a great temptation to make the star character a rapacious ogre, but all his moral transgressions cancel out by the end. Even his handlers, identified by the IMDB as "Richard Levy the Driven" and "Richard Levy the Shameless," aren't evil, just, well, driven and shameless.

By the end there turns out to be no real villain in this film, and I do have to respect it for that. There's just not a whole lot else to respect it for. Teenage girls will probably like the film, probably with dates in tow. In fact, the film opens with a scene in which the girls are "aww-ing over just such a film, and the schmo is rolling his eyes at it. See? Wit.

Oh, one more thing. There is a place in the film where the term "shake-a-doo" is presented as teen lingo, meaning "Wow." A Google search for that phrase turned up about 378 hits that all have to do with "Win A Date With Tad Hamilton." I submit to you that the writer probably made it up, despite the fact that I know of no teen who would be caught dead saying something like that.

Still, I suppose this is way better than certain other gnarly pieces of rad teen lingo. Aight?

Apartment 26: A house divided



Special Photo

Apartment 26 is releasing their next album 'Music for the Massive' on February 24th.

By DJ Fox
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Some things just go well together. Hamburgers and mushrooms. Cars and gasoline. Swing and hard rock.

Wait, what? Yes, Apartment 26 has officially created a new hybrid, swing-metal. Does it work? Surprisingly, yes.

The band, fronted by Biff Butler (son of Geezer Butler, of Black Sabbath fame), is set to release "Music for the Massive", their sophomore effort, on February 24th. The album features more sonic exploration a la 2000's Hallucinating, including some 70's funk and the aforementioned swing. Being that swing and metal are both generally faster-paced forms of music, the band manages to blend the two genres together rather seamlessly on songs such as "Give Me More" and "Book (Be My Friend)". The only bad thing about these songs is that you don't know whether to Lindy or Headbang.

However, these songs only represent a handful of the songs on Massive. The rest of the album feels like a cover of "S.C.I.E.N.C.E."-era Incubus; overall unoriginal, with the same formulaic experimentation (yes, you read that right!) that completely made up Hallucinating. Most of the other combinations, like the funk-inspired "5 Day Rental", feel forced and thrown together. The contrast between the two sets of songs really makes the whole album feel unbalanced.

However, this doesn't kill the album, it's just upsetting because of what could have arisen had they given the swing elements more air time, and the other influences some more thought. I suggest giving it a try online first. I give it:



6 1/2 out of 10 kits

Buy it or Burn it: Kanye West

By Erik V-A Howard
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With the world of hip hop riding high as ever with its recent Grammy awards showing, it is fitting that this week's Buy it or Burn it is a review of the next hip-hop classic. Without further delay, on to the always-entertaining – and yet so opinionated – B.I.B.I.

Artist- Kanye West

Album- College Dropout

N producer has ever really been considered a true emcee.

Pharrell does more singing than rapping. Timbaland just can't rap, and P-Diddy doesn't write rhymes – he writes checks. That is about to change with the debut of the hottest producer and rapper in the game: Kanye West.

"College Dropout" is a certifiable hit from beginning to end and that includes the skits. Kanye got his start in the game by taking soul samples and speeding them up, thus creating a sound that was new and innovative. Kanye has done production for artist such as Jay-Z, Ludacris, and Alicia Keys. It was his work on Jay-Z's

classic album "The Blueprint" that put him on the map; artists were dying for that soulful sound that Kanye made so popular.

On his debut effort Kanye gives you a sound and style that is authentic hip-hop and is reminiscent of the days of A Tribe Called Quest and Leaders of the New School.

He is able to deliver a lyrical flow that is not borrowed or stolen but simply his own unique style.

Kanye is not your usual producer. He has a story to tell, and he tells about growing up in Chicago, or the tragic accident that nearly took his life.

The entire production of College Dropout is done by Kanye himself and is as good if not even better that he does for other artist.

With this debut album Kanye West shows us two things. Producers can be true emcees, and he answers the question of who will carry on the Rocafella Flame now that Jay-Z has retired. The answer is, simply, The College Dropout, Kanye West.

Verdict- Buy It (The CD might be titled College dropout, but his album surely graduates with honors.)



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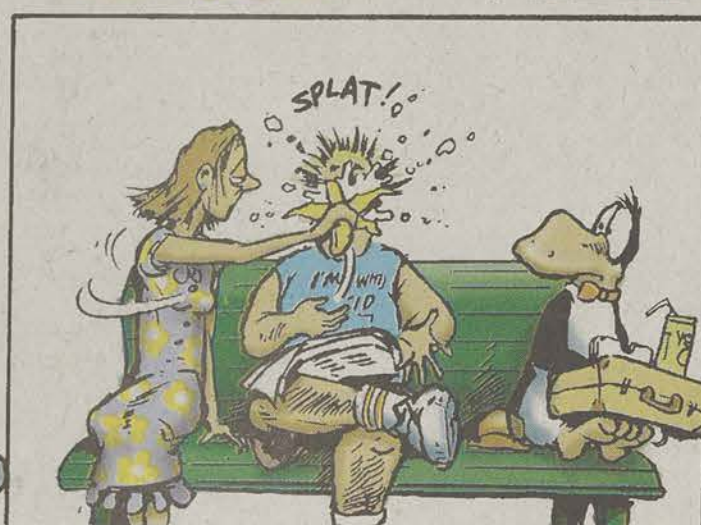
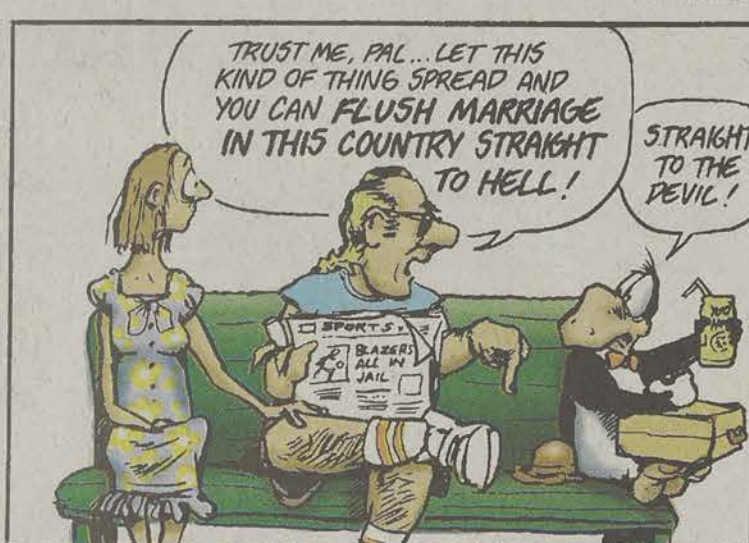
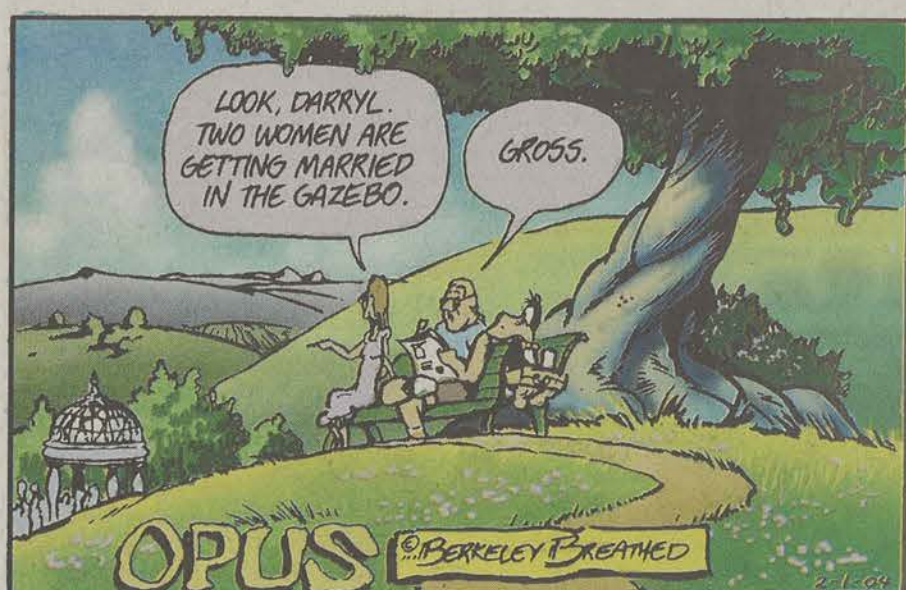
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Blues

for an Alabama Sky

By Christina Calloway
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GSU's Theatre and Performance will perform Atlanta playwright Pearl Cleage's "Blues For An Alabama Sky" Friday February 13, 14 and 15.

The play, set in 1930s Harlem, portrays a showgirl, costume designer, social worker, doctor, and Southern gentleman who all intertwine into a complex story about love, friendships, and dreams.

Mical Whitaker, masterfully directs this showcase of modern African-American drama.

GSU Theatre and Performance veterans Kristyl D. Tift, V. A. Patrick Slade, Francesca C. Bishop, and Maurice Thomas portray the roles of Angel, Guy, Delia Patterson, and Dr. Sam Thomas respectively.

Newcomer to the GSU stage and former SGA president Jonathan Perkins portrays Alabama native Leland Cunningham.

The close quarters of the Black Box Theatre help create a tone of intimacy within the play, allowing the audience to grasp the full impact of the performance and its characters.

Ms. Cleage weaves historical figures such as Josephine Baker, Margaret Sanger, and Rev. Adam F. Powell into the play's plot without them being too overt. The background of the jazz and blues nightlife of the time brings the whole play together. The actors have adapted well to being so close to their audience.

The cast also interacts well, and their individual performances bring each character into a reality beyond belief. Especially Tift, who is in the lead role as Angel, with her realistic language and voice, as well as her alluring blues songs renditions.

Slade, in his role as Guy, gives the character a blend of comedy and comfort within a vibrant personality.

Thomas gives Dr. Sam Thomas a strong presence that fills the stage whenever he appears.

The costumes, by Brenda Dartt, are a spectacular representation of the period especially Guy's bright pink shirt and Delia Patterson's sophisticated yet up-tight tweed suit.

Siau Yee Ho, GSU student, created an impressive set with period furniture and modest colors, which illuminate under the light design by Kelly Berry, Theatre professor.

"Blues For an Alabama Sky" is an intriguing play that is sure to capture audience attention from beginning to end, as well as enhance any theatre-goer's awareness of African-American drama.

Each show will start promptly at 8 p.m., but there will be a Sunday matinee on February 15 at 2 p.m. All performances will be presented at the Black Box Theatre in the Communication Arts Building on the GSU campus.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for faculty, staff, and seniors, \$3 for general admission, and can be purchased by phone by calling (912) 681-5379.



Left & Above: Kristyl D. Tift, V. A. Patrick Slade, Francesca C. Bishop, and Maurice Thomas rehearse their roles in the decidedly blue Black Box Theatre.

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