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Attempted rape of GSU student brings Public Safety warning

Students encouraged to use campus escort service, be aware of surroundings

By Voloria Pettiford
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After the attempted rape of a GSU student over the weekend, the University's Department of Public Safety reminds students to exercise caution when walking at night.

A female student was abducted near campus and taken to a remote location, as she attempted to return to her residence hall from a local nightclub early Saturday morning.

The case is being investigated by the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office.

"We urge all of our students to be extremely careful when they're out at night," said Capt. Buddy Peaster of the University's Office of Public Safety. "The number one thing is to make sure you have a safe way home before you go out."

Awareness and education prevents crimes. Students can help themselves in avoiding and preventing crimes.

"Nothing is a cure-all against being victimized, but everything you do will help," said Mike Russell, assistant director of Public Safety. Russell reminds students to do the basics: be aware of your surroundings at all times, never walk alone, and report all suspicious activity.

In addition, Peaster and Russell advise students to utilize GSU's escort service. "Students need to take advantage of the escorts that are provided by the university," said Russell. "If a student needs to go anywhere on campus alone at night, call the escort service."

The university's escort service is available all hours and is a service designed specifically to serve students.

According to Peaster, the suspect in the assault is described as a white male in his late 20's or early 30's with short, light brown hair and sideburns. He is between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet 2 inches, and between 180 and 220 pounds. He was driving a light-colored, possibly silver, Dodge extended-cab pickup truck.

Anyone with information about the crime should contact the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office at 912-764-8888 or GSU's Office of Public Safety at 912-681-5234.

Wolfe named Professor of the Year

Special to the G-A

Lorne Wolfe was presented with the Wells/Warren Professor of the Year Award at the Georgia Southern University 2004 Honors Day Convocation held at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 7.

Wolfe is an associate professor in the Department of Biology, which is housed in the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology.

The first Award for Outstanding Service as a Temporary Faculty Member was presented to Michelle Cawthorn, a temporary professor in the biology department.

Wolfe teaches courses in the biology of plants, environmental biology, evolution, scientific presentation and the research of Charles Darwin. He is the faculty advisor for the Student Alliance for a Green Earth.

Wolfe's research focuses on plant evolutionary ecology and biological invasions. He has given presentations at a number of schools across the country, including Duke University, Emory University, the University of Florida and Indiana University. He has also given presentations in several foreign countries, including Canada, Denmark, Israel and the Netherlands.



Special Photo

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Wolfe's research has been published in the American Naturalist, the American Journal of Botany, the Canadian Journal of Botany and the Israel Journal of Botany.

Wolfe has degrees from the University of Illinois (Ph.D.), the University of Toronto (M.Sc.) and McGill University (B.Sc.). He conducted post-doctoral

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Blue vs. White

Adrian Peterson to coach at yearly scrimmage

By Eli Boorstein
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Mike Sewak may be the official head coach of the Georgia Southern football program, but this Saturday, he'll be taking a backseat to a group of his former players.

Four former Eagle greats, led by two currently in the NFL, will serve as honorary coaches in the annual Blue-White Game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Paulson Stadium.

Current Chicago Bear Adrian Peterson and Kiwaukee Thomas of the Jacksonville Jaguars, will head the White squad while Robert Baker and Fred Stokes, members of the glory days in the 1980s under Erk Russell, will guide the Blue squad.

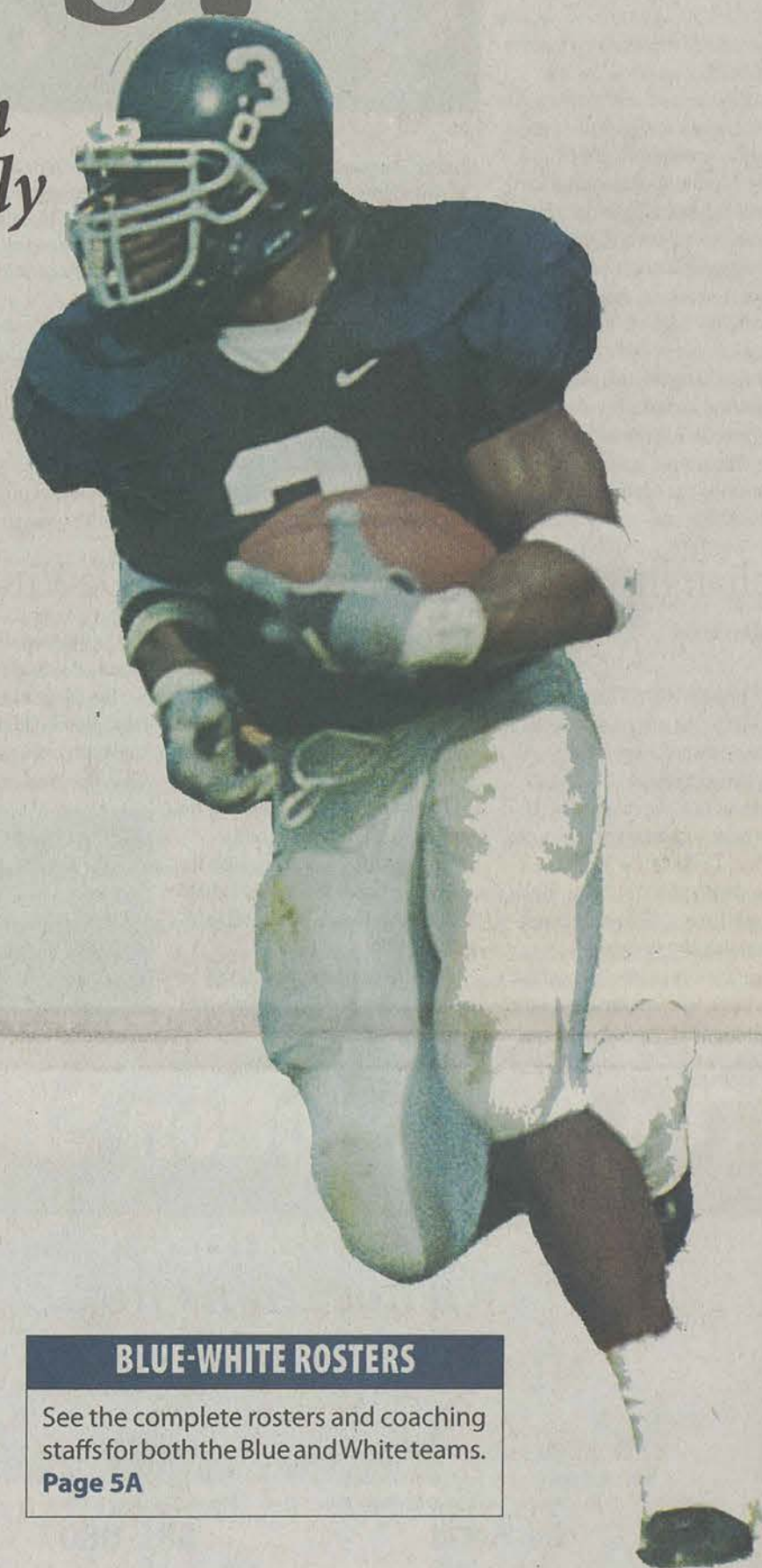
Just three years removed from his days as an Eagle fullback, Peterson racked up record after record, as he was an All-America first-team selection in each of his four collegiate seasons. One of two past GSU players to have their number retired, the Alachua, Fla. native finished his career with scores of awards and achievements, ranking him among the best players ever to grace the gridiron not only at Georgia Southern, but in the Southern Conference and NCAA.

Though he was the go-to guy as an Eagle, Peterson has had trouble carving a niche as a pro in Chicago, getting lost in the shuffle of the Bears' running back corps. He managed 75 yards of total offense this past season, before suffering a season-ending injury.

Thomas, a four-year veteran of the Jaguars, patrolled the Eagle defense as a cornerback from 1996-1999, helping guide Georgia Southern to a I-AA title game win in his senior year. As a pro, Thomas has been a reliable force in Jacksonville, and is in line for a starting job next season after a series of offseason moves opened up a spot at cornerback.

The two former teammates in Peterson and Thomas attended last year's Blue-White Game, signing autographs for fans, but will obviously have a much larger role this time around.

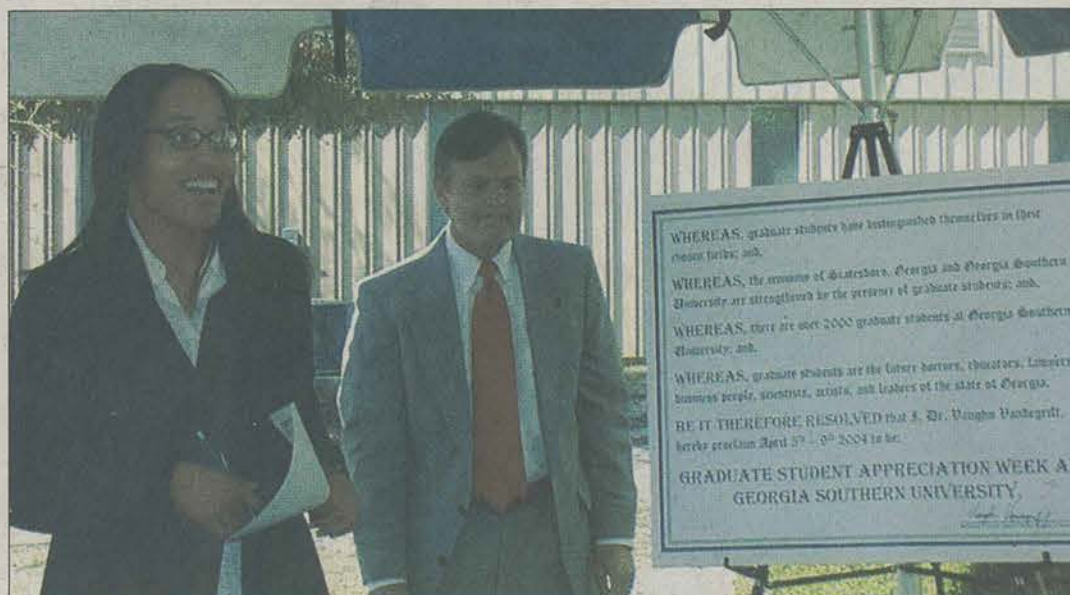
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BLUE-WHITE ROSTERS

See the complete rosters and coaching staffs for both the Blue and White teams. **Page 5A**

GSU celebrates 2nd Annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week



President of the Graduate Student Organization Aldorian Chaney and Acting Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Dr. Charles Hardy kick off the 2nd Annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week in front of the Administrative Annex Monday, April 5.

By Teresa D. Southern
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The second annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week was celebrated at GSU this week with the kick-off event beginning with the proclamation of the purpose of the week and the presenting of the title of Dean Emeritus to Jack N. Averitt, for whom the College of Graduate Studies (COGS) is named.

When asked his thoughts on the progression of the COGS, Dr. Averitt said, "It has been a splendid opportunity to witness [COGS] grow from its embryonic stage to a plateau. I am pleased at the full range of programs. Academically it has continued to grow."

Averitt retired from GSU in August

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Weekday Weather

Thursday



Scattered Thunderstorms

HIGH 77°

LOW 54°

Friday



Sunny

HIGH 82°

LOW 55°

Only in America

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Campus News

Lackey, Shuford take top student awards at annual Honors Day Convocation

Special to the G-A

Dennis E. Lackey and Sommer Groover Shuford captured the top student awards at the Georgia Southern University 2004 Honors Day Convocation held at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 7.

A senior management major from Woodstock, Ga., Lackey received the GSU Alumni Association Award and the University System Academic Recognition Award.

Lackey shared the Alumni Association Award with Shuford, a senior education major from Statesboro.

The Alumni Association Award is presented annually to the graduating senior or seniors who have applied for graduation, completed all course work in residence and attained the highest grade point average.

The University System Academic Recognition Award is presented annually to a Georgia resident at each system institution on the basis of outstanding academic achievement.



Special Photo

GSU students Sommer Groover Shuford and Dennis Lackey flank Mike Cummings, the president of the University's Alumni Association. Cummings presented Shuford and Lackey with the Alumni Association Award at the Georgia Southern Honors Day Convocation on Wednesday, April 7. Lackey also received the University System Academic Recognition Award.

Lackey also received the Delta Sigma Pi Award and the University Tire Award and was recognized for excellent scholarship as a graduating senior with a GPA of 3.9 or higher at Georgia Southern.

Shuford also received a Leadership/Service Award and was

recognized for excellent scholarship as a graduating senior with a GPA of 3.9 or higher at Georgia Southern.

More than 200 Georgia Southern students were recognized during the Honors Day Convocation.

Inductees into a number of honor societies were also recognized.

Italian history expert to discuss 'The Da Vinci Code'

Special to the G-A

The popular novel "The Da Vinci Code" will be the subject of a talk by a GSU associate professor who specializes in Italian history.

Kathleen Comerford of the Department of History will present "Da Vinci Code or Da Vinci Con?" on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building assembly hall.

Free and open to the public, Comerford's talk will focus on how

"The Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown combined history and fiction in his book.

"Scholars have pondered the contrast between history and fiction in Brown's historical novel, which has stayed on the best-seller list for nearly a year," Comerford said.

"In my talk, I will share with the audience some of the history behind the fiction that has so captivated readers," she said.

Comerford's presentation will be the first in the new "Hot Topics" series

that is sponsored by the Humanities Forum at Georgia Southern.

The Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building is located on the University campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive.

Corrections:

Georgia Rep. Bob Lane of Statesboro is a Democrat, not a Republican, as was reported in yesterday's edition of *The George-Ann*.

News Briefs

Hans Blix: War in Iraq worse than Saddam



Special Photo

Former chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Iraq is worse off now, after the U.S.-led invasion, than it was under Saddam Hussein, Hans Blix told a Danish newspaper Tuesday.

"What's positive is that Saddam and his bloody regime is gone, but when figuring out the score, the negatives weigh more," the former chief U.N. weapons inspector was quoted as saying in the daily newspaper *Jyllands Posten*.

"That accounts for the many casualties during the war and the many people who still die because of the terrorism the war has nourished," he said. "The war has liberated the Iraqis from Saddam, but the costs have been too great."

Blix, whose inspection team didn't make any significant weapons finds during months of searching Iraq before the war, has sharply criticized the United States and Britain for their invasion of Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein's regime.

The primary reason given for the invasion was to rid the country of weapons of mass destruction. None were found during or after the invasion.

The former Swedish foreign minister currently heads a newly created Stockholm-based independent commission on weapons of mass destruction.

Georgia evolution lawsuit sent to trial

ATLANTA — A federal judge has ruled that a lawsuit that seeks to have Cobb County remove disclaimers about evolution from its textbooks should go to trial.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper ruled the issue should go to trial, probably later this year.

"We're very excited about this," said attorney Michael Manely, who

represents Jeffrey Selman and five other Cobb County parents who sued the system in August 2002 after the stickers were placed in the science books. Their lawsuit claims that the placement of the stickers restricts the teaching of evolution, promotes and requires the teaching of creationism and discriminates against particular religions.

Cooper weighed the constitutionality of the issue by applying a three-pronged test handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1971. In order to get the lawsuit dismissed, the Cobb school board had to show that the sticker was adopted with a secular purpose; that its primary effect neither advances nor inhibits religion; and that it does not result in an excessive entanglement of government with religion.

In an 18-page order signed last Wednesday, Cooper said the school board satisfied him on the first — secular purpose — prong of the test.

The suburban Atlanta district became the center of national attention in September when its school board unanimously approved a policy on evolution that allowed science teachers to include "disputed views" on the origin of man.

Report: Days after terror attacks, Bush told Blair of need to deal with Iraq



Special Photo

British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

LONDON — President Bush made clear at a dinner with Prime Minister Tony Blair nine days after the Sept. 11 attacks that he wanted to confront Iraq, the former British ambassador to the United States reportedly told a magazine.

The president raised Iraq at a White House meeting on Sept. 20, 2001, Christopher Meyer, the former envoy, told *Vanity Fair*. The magazine, published in New York, released an advance copy of its story to *The Associated Press* on Sunday.

"Rumors were already flying that

Bush would use 9/11 as a pretext to attack Iraq," Meyer, who attended the dinner, reportedly said. "On the one hand, Blair came with a very strong message — don't get distracted; the priorities were al-Qaida, Afghanistan, the Taliban."

Meyer's statements appear to echo claims by Richard Clarke, the former White House counterterrorism chief who said Bush was preoccupied with Iraq before and after the terror attacks at the expense of fighting al-Qaida.

The White House has dismissed Clarke's allegations, saying Iraq was considered one of many possible terror threats and in planning retaliation for Sept. 11, a map of Afghanistan, not Iraq was put on a table at Camp David.

A spokesman in Blair's office declined to specify whether the two leaders discussed Iraq at the Sept. 20 meeting or give any details of the dinner.

Adrian soldier killed in Iraq loved being in military, family members say

ADRIAN, Ga. — Friends and family of the soldier killed last week in Iraq say the young man loved being in the military.

Pfc. William R. Strange, 19, of Adrian died Friday when an improvised explosive device detonated in Baghdad where he was setting up an observation point.

"You could have given him a million dollars and I don't think that would have made him as happy as being in the military," his sister, Tawanna Davis, said Monday.

For Strange, being in the military was the first step to success. His girlfriend, Teri Peebles, said he had a plan to serve in the military, then go to college and eventually marry her.

The Swainsboro High School graduate wanted to join the military because he wanted to make something of his life, said Adrian Police Chief Daniel McCoy.

Strange was an outgoing person who loved people and looked out for his family.

Davis said she believes her brother is "with God."

"The Bible says the greatest thing you can do is lay down your life for somebody," she said. "He gave his life for us."

Arrangements are being handled by Mosleys Funeral Home in Swainsboro. Services have not been announced yet, funeral home officials said Tuesday.

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

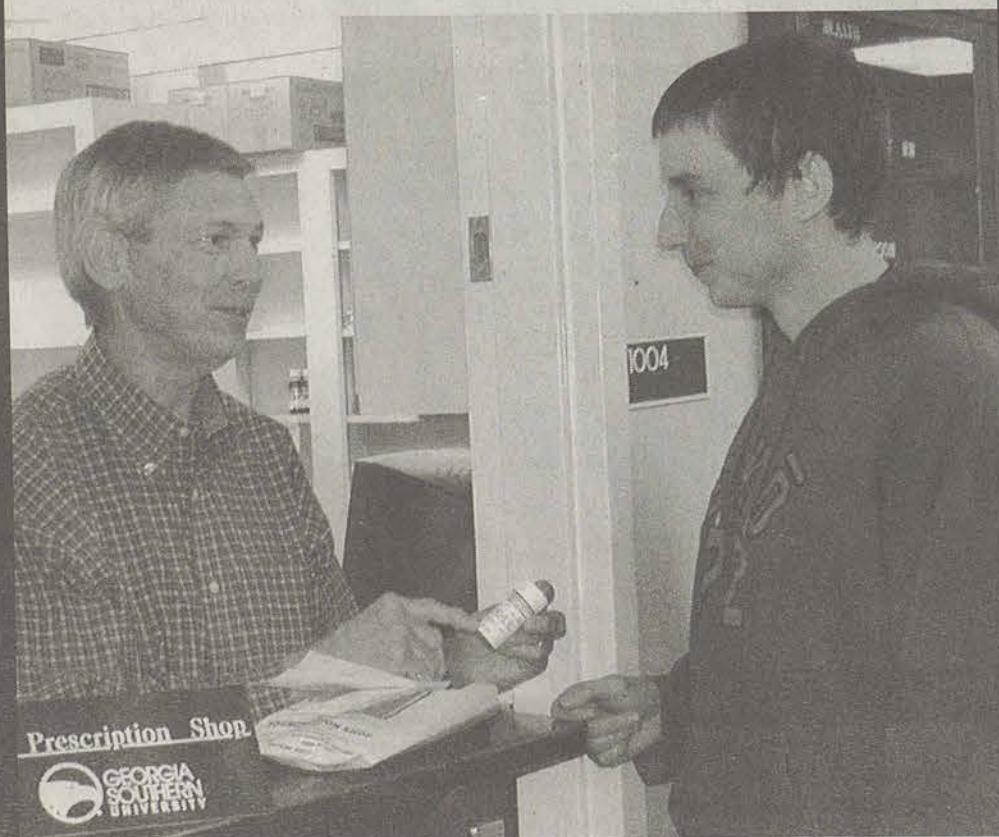
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1 Missouri College to benefit from sell of bricks

COLUMBIA — Students and alumni awash in beery nostalgia may now own a chunk of a favorite tavern near the University of Missouri at Columbia that burned down last summer.

Dick Walls, owner of the Old Heidelberg across the street from the main campus, found that he couldn't recycle the charred bricks into the facade of the rebuilt bar as he had hoped.

So Walls donated about 4,000 bricks to the university's Hotel and Restaurant Management Program, for sale as fund-raising memorabilia.

The bricks will have brass plaques commemorating the roughly 40-year run of the bar, along with a certificate of authenticity, and may be purchased for a \$30 tax-deductible donation.

Walls said he wanted the management program to benefit because he strongly supports its mission. His

son, Richard Walls Jr., is a graduate of the program.

"Knowing finances aren't the best at the university right now, I thought it'd be a way we could help," Walls said.

Walls hopes to open the new Old Heidelberg in time for fall classes at the same location.

2 California

Mom visits soldier son in Iraq

SAN FRANCISCO — A 26-year-old Army Ranger never expected an ambush quite like this one while stationed in Iraq — and the only warning he got was when fellow soldiers paged him over the 2-way radio.

"Hey, Nick. Your mom's here," they said.

Susan Galleymore, 48, of Alameda, went against the warnings of military officials and showed up for the surprise visit Feb. 1, seven days after leaving with a group from the Bay Area.

Galleymore was reunited with her son for 90 minutes. He gave her a tour of the base and accompanied her to see the view from a guard tower.

Galleymore chose not to reveal Nick's last name to protect him from potential harassment from colleagues for her anti-war views.

Galleymore was also using the trip to gather information for a book she plans to write on the views of some Iraqi and U.S. parents on the war. She said she simply wanted to see for herself how her son was doing since he was sent over in December.

Galleymore's 10-day trip, which was also spent visiting hospitals, orphanages and politicians, was arranged by the peace activist group Code Pink, which has led about a dozen parents to Iraq over the past few months.

U.S. military officials have strongly discouraged parents from visiting soldiers in Iraq because of the dangers involved.

"I'm a mother, too, so I know how she feels," said Sgt. Pam Smith, an 82nd Airborne spokeswoman. "But it is extremely dangerous over there."

HOPE negotiations in final stretch

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Just when it looked like Georgia lawmakers were close to agreement on the HOPE scholarship, a flurry of last-minute fights flared up about the fairest way to cut costs from the program.

A group of House Democrats and Republican senators were trying to settle their differences Tuesday, just one day before the session ends.

Tensions were high at several rounds of talks, and the six negotiators left in the evening with no agreement.

The lottery-funded scholarships have been wildly popular since they were created in 1993, and politicians concede they're scared to tinker with the fund.

But economists warn the scholarship program could go bankrupt if changes aren't made because the cost of scholarships is growing faster than lottery receipts.

The main sticking point has to do with the books and fees allowance. Currently the fund pays for all mandatory fees and gives students \$150 per semester for textbooks.

Last year, after studying the fiscal problems of the scholarship fund, lawmakers planned to cut the books and fees payments, saving more than \$125 million the first year alone.

But after fresh sales reports earlier this year indicated the lottery was doing better than anticipated, politicians from both parties wanted to ease up on that change.

Republicans and Democrats pitched rival plans for phasing in those cuts only if lottery receipts stop growing. The HOPE negotiators still have not agreed which plan to use.

Many lawmakers who have studied HOPE cuts for nearly a year, insist that voters will scoff if lawmakers can't settle the matter.

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of 1979 ending a 34-year career at GSU. He organized the graduate school in 1966 under university president Dr. Edison.

Averitt said programs were implemented in science, biology and many in education.

"We developed programs by where our strengths were. In 1958, I projected we would have a Ph.D. in History by 2000. I usually made 10-year projections. Your vision should exceed what you really do," Averitt said. Currently, there are doctoral programs in education; however there is no Ph.D. program here at GSU.

In 1998 the college was named after Averitt, due to his many contributions to the development of graduate studies.

Today the school boasts 42 degree majors ranging from fine arts to nursing, and instructional technology to music.

Aldorian Chaney, president of the Graduate Student Organization, said the program hasn't expanded since last year and took about a semester to coordinate. She said the day she is looking forward to is Scholarship Day.

"We [graduate students] are so into our own programs we don't get to see the other departments or student's work," Chaney said.

Charles J. Hardy, acting dean of the COGS, said he really hoped graduate students feel appreciated.

"I have a saying that students don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. Students

in the program bring a seriousness of purpose, a want to learn and an energy that is contagious," Hardy said.

Tuesday, April 6 was the second event of COGS Appreciation Week, which was an open house especially for graduate assistants. There are over 250 graduate assistants on campus.

On Wednesday, there was a reception held for international graduate students.

Graduate Scholarship Day will be held Thursday, in which graduate students will have poster presentation that exhibit their research, internship experience and creative scholarship. This event will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym at the R.A.C.

The week of events will culminate with a social with GSU's own Jazz Band performing, courtesy of the Master of Music program. This event will be held at the Administrative Annex from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Urkovia Jacobs, a graduate student pursuing a Master's of Public Health, said she enjoys Graduate Appreciation Week.

"It gives all graduate students the opportunity to visit and meet their colleagues, help them with career advancements and to show their contributions to the Georgia Southern community," Jacobs said.

Dr. Averitt is currently more than busy. He is currently working with Dell Pressely, a local historian, on the history of Georgia Southern and also compiling history of the COGS.

WOLFE, FROM PAGE 1A

research at the University of California at Santa Barbara and Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The winner of the Wells/Warren Professor of the Year Award is selected by the University's Students. Members of the Gamma Beta Phi honor society interview the department heads of the finalists and look at student evaluations of the professors.

The group then conducts a blind interview of the finalists before selecting the winner of the award, which is endowed by former Gamma Beta Phi advisors J. Norman and Rosalyn Wells. The award is named in honor of their parents, Nolan and Audrey Wells and Hartwell and Lucile Warren.

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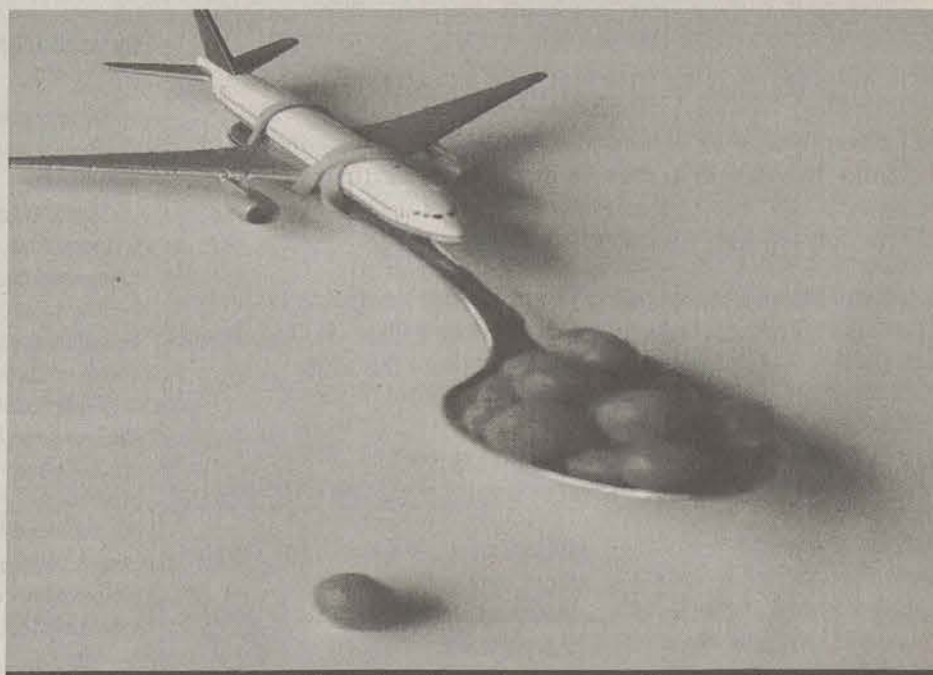
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Our Opinion

No excuse for sexual assault

It seems an attempted rapist is on the loose in Statesboro. Fortunately, the victim, who alleges she was abducted while walking home from a local club in Saturday's early-morning hours, managed to escape before the heinous attempted crime ensued.

On a Friday night near the end of the semester, any woman on campus could've decided to venture out and forget schoolwork stresses for a few precious hours. The young woman, a GSU sophomore, was simply trying to get home safely after enjoying a night of perfectly typical weekend fun.

Maybe she chose to walk rather than risk lives by driving after a tiring night out. She was alone. Maybe she was dressed for a night out. Maybe she was intoxicated.

Whatever the case, there is absolutely no excuse for what nearly befell her.

While it's true that the escort service offered after dark by university police is under-used, and that all people – not just women – should exercise caution when traversing campus, we should not have to live in fear.

At the heart of this issue is a series of deeply rooted misconceptions about everything from gender roles to the definition of rape.

For one thing, the legal definition of rape in Georgia leaves too much room for authorities to skew the records by filing any and every sexual assault incident as "sexual battery." Additionally, under this state's law, only women can be "raped," as rape is defined as "forcible penetration of a woman by a man against her will."

Is there really room in situations of sexual violence to split hairs regarding gender specificity and what constitutes "penetration" of a victim? Doesn't such a stipulation further the concept that women are in a separate category; declassified, in a way, from the "human" category in which we should all fall?

The truth: All people should have the right to security in her or his own person, no matter where they are, what they're doing, what they're wearing, or how dark it is at the time.

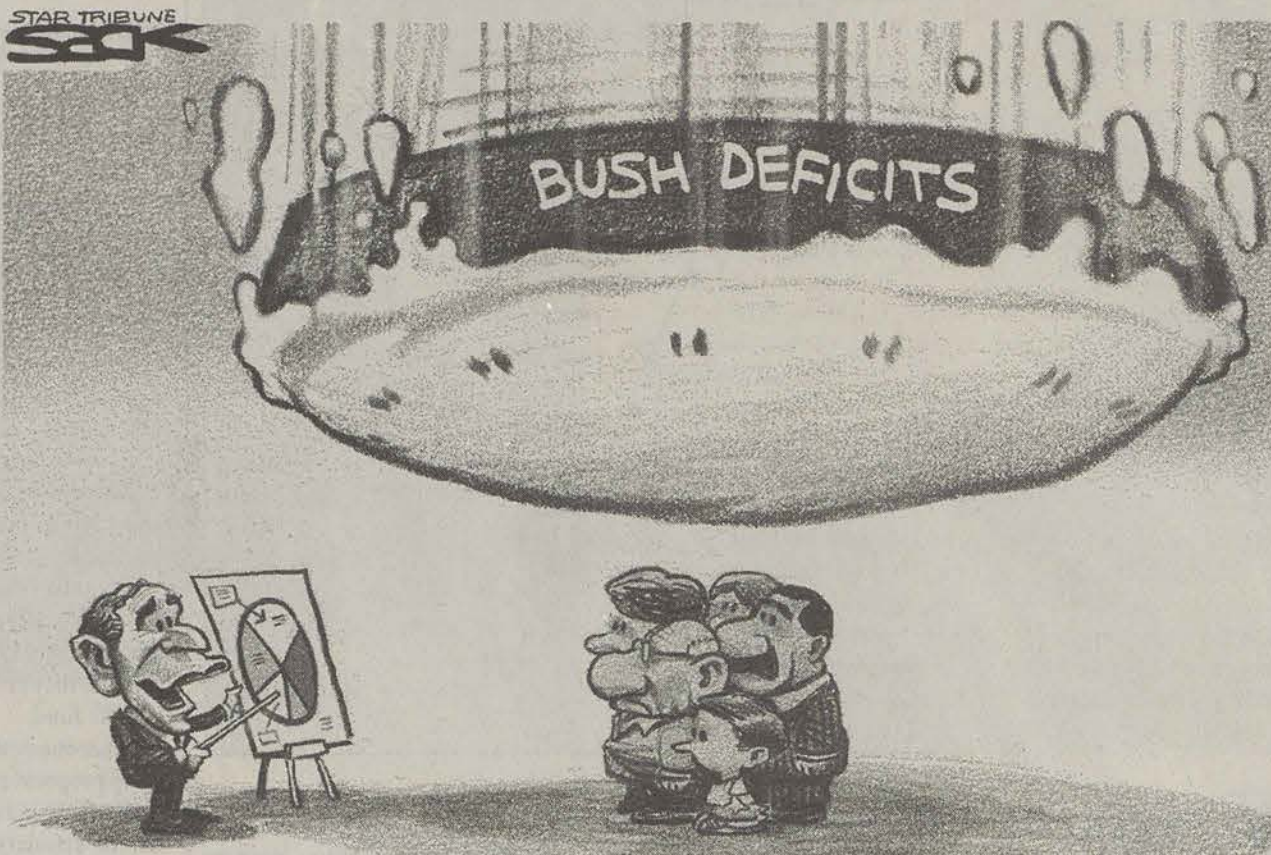
Perhaps it's a hopelessly idealistic view, but it really seems all people deserve to live confidently and safely.

Unfortunately, we still live in a society where women are the most frequent targets for sexual predators. Women must help educate and protect each other. Take self-defense classes. Become confident in your ability to protect yourself. And, most importantly, watch out for your fellow humans.

Until we find ourselves closer to this utopian vision of a world in which we need not fear the threat of those who use sex as a weapon, we can only take the utmost care to protect ourselves, and each other.

Stay in groups. Don't hesitate to use the escort service provided by the university, regardless of your sexual identity.

Live – not in fear, but in awareness.



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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF...

Mood music

Some of us like hearing music while we screw.

It can set the mood and add to the excitement, ease the way into sex with a stranger, or relieve us of the responsibility of having to recite porn-video clichés just to break the silence. But, as with tastes in partners, tastes in music vary.

"I remember going over to this trick's house," says one someone. "I'd met him online, and he'd seemed really butch on the phone. He turned out to be even hunkier than his picture. But when we started to screw, he reached over and turned on his CD player. Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Cher, all these divas -- not the best background for an S/M scene. I would have asked him to turn it off, but it was too damn funny. Good sex, though."

People have very personal connections to specific pieces of music. Your favorite bouncy up-tempo number may remind your sexbuddy of a tragic lost love. Movie soundtracks can be fun, unless your partner simply hated the movie. There's a growing library of world music, New-Agey-type recordings from groups like Deep Forest, Loop Guru, and Enigma that may serve well as a background for sex, especially if played at a low level, with the CD changer set to "shuffle."

There was half a year, though, when it seemed I couldn't go anywhere without hearing the same Enigma song -- and there's something about most of Enigma's songs that make me want to go to the bathroom more than they turn my crank. Classical music can be good.

As a friend (a music major, no less) of mine pointed out, "It can be very tricky, but rewarding to time a session to Ravel's Bolero," which famously builds to a loud climax. But some pieces may produce problems: Do you want to roll over for a post-orgasmic snuggle, only to have the 1812 Overture start blaring

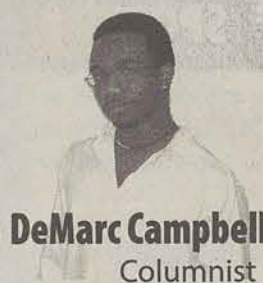
through the speakers? Once again, pieces that are relatively unobtrusive will probably work best. Gregorian chants can be pleasant, especially for at-least-mildly-kinky scenes, but may be iffy if your trick's a lapsed priest.

Opera recordings are best reserved for the true connoisseur. Vocal pop music is always a bit risky, since it can plant distracting thoughts in a sexed-out brain. It's disconcerting to blow a load while Alanis Morissette is singing her revenge fantasies. And hip-hop, with its nonstop rapping, seems a matter of specialized taste, sexually. Of course, lyrics can be used to set an intentional mood. The sound-savvy sadist may want to hear Nine Inch Nails growling about effing like an animal or Depeche Mode suggesting we play Master and Servant. Such sonic special effects are easily arranged with a custom-made, home-burned CD. Avoid the radio.

There's nothing worse than getting... close, only to have great music give way to a spate of grating ads for soft drinks and SUVs. Free-form college radio is commercial-free but unpredictable; you can undress to Kelis but end up screwing to Limp Bizkit. If you're the kind of person who sets up sex scenes like Martha Stewart does dinners (from whatever cell block you live in), carefully arranging candles and laying out condoms in a crystal candy bowl, by all means throw a half-dozen suitable choices in the CD changer before that special someone arrives (though asking "Do you mind music while we play?" can't hurt).

Likewise, if you're at someone's house and they don't even seem to notice the nonstop ABBA in the background, it's okay to politely but firmly inform him that if "Dancing Queen" plays one more time, you're outta there.

Unless, of course, you love ABBA, too.



DeMarc Campbell
Columnist

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Christian gays face unique persecution and hardship

By Issac J. Bailey
KRT Campus

Disappointed. That's what the woman on the phone said -- after she questioned my sexuality.

"Are you gay," she said, with no hint of malice. I imagine she was trying to find any reason to explain away the position I've taken on homosexuality and gay marriage.

The question surprised me only because it took about two months before I was asked it directly, about two months after I wrote I wasn't convinced homosexuality was a sin.

She asked it before saying she enjoyed my writing and was impressed the lone time we met.

She asked it after saying her daughter's friends used to harass gay students.

She asked it after telling me, "We shouldn't give those people any reason to believe their lifestyle is OK."

I told her I didn't see anything wrong with a committed, dedicated, God-based homosexual relationship.

"I'm just disappointed," she said.

We exchanged a couple of pleasantries and hung up. I was waiting for that question because every other one about my motives have already surfaced.

I've been asked, in so many words, if I'm a tool of Satan. I've been asked if I believe there is a right and a wrong, if I believe in societal standards, if pedophilia should be legalized.

I've been asked if I'm a Christian or just pretending to make a point.

I've heard from others who said I'm trampling on God's word to make people feel good. If I wanted to make people feel good, I'd declare homosexuality a sin, say gay marriage would be our downfall.

Because that is the prevailing belief. When the Supreme Court shot down anti-sodomy laws, almost 80 percent of Americans surveyed said they were against gay marriage and other rights. About two-thirds of the country still feels that way. That's in line with most of the clergy members I grew up listening to -- though not nearly all of the clergy members I've heard from since.

And it's in line with a majority of readers, if the typed and handwritten pages-long letters I've been receiving from throughout the country are an indication.

See Bailey, Page 6A

Today's celebrations

Buddhist: Kambutsue, Buddha's birthday (Japan, Taiwan, Hawaii, Korea)
Christian: Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday
International: Feng Shui Awareness Day
U.S.: Vote Lawyers Out of Office Day

Today in history

On this day in 1994, smoking was banned in the Pentagon and on all United States military bases.

On this day in 1986, Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel, CA.

Eagles top Tigers at Grayson Stadium

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SAVANNAH – Grant Burruss collected three hits, three runs batted in and a pair of runs scored to lead Georgia Southern to a 10-5 non-conference win over Savannah State in Grayson Stadium Tuesday evening.

Georgia Southern (17-17) opened the scoring in the bottom of the second inning as Burruss sent a 2-2 pitch from Savannah State starter Carlos Markyna over the fence in right-centerfield, his 11th home run of the season, for a 1-0 Eagles lead.

The Eagles added two runs to their lead in the fourth inning as they claimed a 3-0 lead. Brandon Burnsed walked to open the inning and stole second before moving to third on an infield single by Brandon Long. Burnsed appeared to be out on a run down after a ground ball by Greg Dowling, but Tiger third baseman Terrick Smalls dropped the relay throw, allowing Burnsed to score and Long to safely move to second. Burruss followed with a single to right to drive in Long.

Georgia Southern increased its lead to 5-0 in the fifth inning. With one out, Brandon Ponder singled and moved to second on a wild pitch. James Payne followed with a double to right-center, moving Ponder to third allowing him to score when the throw in from Brandon Pope eluded Tiger shortstop Rafael

Blanco. Burnsed's fly out to left-center moved Payne to third, allowing him to score on Long's single to right, giving the Eagles a five-run lead.

Savannah State (19-14) got on the board in the top of the sixth inning. With one out, Blanco doubled to center field and moved to third on a James Willis ground out. Jeremiah Fielder drove Blanco in with a single to left, cutting the Tiger deficit to 5-1.

The Tigers added three more runs in the seventh to cut their deficit to a single run. Pinch hitter Tim Paige greeted Eagle reliever Thomas Turner with a single through the left-side of the infield and moved to second as Thomas Lonon drew a walk. After a strike out, Fabian Small tripled to left-center, driving in both Paige and Lonon. Barry Mincey walked to put runners at the corners prior to a sacrifice fly by Blanco which scored Small, cutting the Eagle lead to 5-4.

Georgia Southern answered with five runs of its own in the bottom of the inning to push its advantage back to six runs. Payne opened the inning by reaching on an error by Blanco at short and stole second before moving to third on a Burnsed base hit. Eric Alvarez relieved Markyna and struck out Long and appeared to have Payne picked off third, but a throwing error by Fielder on the play allowed the Eagle centerfielder to score. Dowling followed with a walk and Burruss a single to right, scoring Burnsed, before



Luke Renfro/STAFF

Designated hitter Grant Burruss batted 3-for-4 with three RBI as Georgia Southern handed Savannah State a 10-5 defeat. Burruss also knocked out his 11th home run, tying him for the conference lead.

fore a Mike Economos triple made it 9-4. Paige, who stayed in the game at third, booted a Flint Wipke ground ball, allowing Economos to score the final run of the inning.

Savannah State used a pair of one-out singles wrapped around a stolen base to score the final run of the evening.

Economos finished the night two-of-four with a pair of RBI while Long was two-of-five.

Eagle starter Mike Thompson struck out a career-high eight batters while allowing seven hits and one run in six innings of work to

improve to 1-1 on the season. Brian Harrison entered the game with bases loaded and recorded the final out of the evening to record his second save of the season.

Markyna allowed eight hits and seven runs, four earned, while striking out three in six and a third innings in falling to 4-5. Blanco finished the night two-of-three at the plate while Willis was two-of-four.

Georgia Southern returns to action Friday, when it travels to face Southern Conference foe Elon at 7 p.m. to open a three-game league series.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Adrian Peterson (right) and Kiwaukee Thomas (second from left) pose with one of last year's honorary coaches, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, at the 2003 Blue-White Game.

BLUE-WHITE, FROM PAGE 1A

Baker, one of the original Eagles when the program was restarted in 1982, was one of the program's first deep threats, holding the team record for receptions in a game with nine.

Stokes was an All-American first-team selection at offensive tackle, as he provided the protection that helped guide Georgia Southern to their second championship in 1986. He spent 10 years journeying through the NFL as a defensive end with four different teams, winning a Super Bowl with the Washington Redskins in 1991.

Prior to the beginning of the Blue-White Game, the four former Eagles will participate in an autograph session on the concourse of the student

section from 11 a.m. until noon. Current Eagle players and coaches will be available for autographs following the game. A complimentary buffet, as well as door prizes, will also be provided for visitors from 11 a.m. until a half-hour prior to kickoff.

The rosters that the four past greats will take to the field were compiled on Wednesday as Sewak and his assistants led a draft of approximately 100 players. Senior Derrick Butler was the first pick for the Blue team while senior defensive tackle Eric Hadley served as the White team's top selection. Quarterback Trey Hunter will also join Butler on the Blue side while Chaz Williams will quarterback the other side of the ball.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SPORTS UPDATE

BASEBALL

TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Charleston	9 0 1.00	23 5 .821
The Citadel	11 1 .917	19 9 .679
Ga. Southern	8 4 .667	17 17 .500
Elon	9 6 .600	15 17 .469
*UNC Greensboro	7 5 .583	20 7 .732
Davidson	7 8 .467	12 16 .429
Furman	4 5 .444	10 16 .385
W. Carolina	4 8 .333	14 17 .452
E. Tennessee St.	5 10 .333	14 18 .438
Wofford	3 9 .250	9 14 .391
Appalachian St.	2 13 .133	4 24 .143

*UNC Greensboro also has one tied game

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting: Matt Kirkpatrick, COFC, .500
GSU Leader: Brandon Long, .361

Hits: Byron Barber, COFC, 56
GSU Leader: Greg Dowling, 49

Runs: Byron Barber, COFC, 40
GSU Leader: James Payne, 38

Runs Batted In: Brett Anderson, COFC, 44
GSU Leader: Greg Dowling, 41

Home Runs: 2 players with, 11
GSU Leader: Grant Burruss, 11

Stolen Bases: Brett Gardner, COFC, 15
GSU Leader: Brandon Burnsed, 12

Pitching: Brian Ebert, ELON, 0.00
GSU Leader: Mike Thompson, 2.08

Strikeouts: Everett Teaford, GSU, 66
GSU Leader: Brian Harrison, 53 (2nd on team)

(records and statistics through games of April 6)

SOFTBALL

TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Charleston	5 1 .833	29 20 .592
Chattanooga	4 2 .667	28 15 .651
*Elon	6 3 .667	23 13 .635
Furman	4 2 .667	9 30 .231
E. Tennessee St.	3 3 .500	21 20 .512
Ga. Southern	2 4 .333	18 500
Appalachian St.	2 7 .222	12 22 .353
UNC Greensboro	1 5 .167	20 16 .556

*Elon also has one tied game

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting: Amanda Cone, COFC, .474
GSU Leader: Aurora Johnson, .350

Hits: Amanda Cone, COFC, 63
GSU Leader: Shanita Black, 41

Runs: Amanda Cone, COFC, 49
GSU Leader: Aurora Johnson, 24

Runs Batted In: Amanda Cone, COFC, 50
GSU Leader: Kim Griffin, 21

Home Runs: Amanda Cone, COFC, 12
GSU Leader: 3 players with, 3

Stolen Bases: LaKerah Barr, FUR, 21
GSU Leader: Shanita Black, 5

Pitching: Tiffany Urena, GSU, 1.34
GSU Leader: Cary Moore, 1.69 (2nd on team)

Strikeouts: Lacey Swarthout, UTC, 231
GSU Leader: Cary Moore, 129

(records and statistics through games of April 6)

Softball sweeps Mercer in twinbill

Special to the G-A

MACON – The Georgia Southern softball team out-hit Mercer 22-5 Wednesday evening as the Eagles swept the Bears with scores of 6-0 and 12-3.

Eagle pitcher Logan Free (6-4) tossed a one-hitter in the first game and only allowed two walks on the way to her complete game shutout.

In Game 1, Mercer (25-22, 8-2 A-Sun) hung tough with Georgia Southern (20-18) through five innings as they only trailed 1-0. However, the Eagles were able to put the game out of reach in the sixth by scoring five more runs.

Katie Rosentreter (16-8) got the loss, but only allowed one run in her five innings pitched. The sophomore allowed four hits and struck out five batters. Liz Hall pitched the last two innings, giving up six hits and five runs, four of them earned, while striking out three.

The second game got off to a bad start for the Bears as Georgia Southern's

Maria Laurato hit a three-run home run in the top of the first to put the Eagles up 3-0.

Mercer was able to battle back in the bottom of the second with three runs of their own. With the bases loaded, Crystal Pardue got an easy RBI as she drew a walk to bring home Meghan Clark. Kelley Bretscher then sent a single to right-center allowing Amanda Cosson and Rosentreter to come home to bring the score to 3-3.

After a scoreless third, the Eagles put the game away in the fourth as they scored nine runs off of six hits and three Mercer errors to take the lead at 12-3.

Mercer couldn't close the gap after five innings so the game was called due to the eight-run mercy rule.

Tiffany Urena (5-4) got the win, allowing three hits in 3.1 innings pitched.

Chris Mattice (4-5) suffered the loss as she allowed nine earned runs and 10 hits in 3.1 innings pitched.

BLUE-WHITE GAME ROSTERS

BLUE TEAM

7 Steve Steele, SB	33 Dan Jordan, P	76 Clint Barbour, OT	– Andrew Huffingham, DL
9 Rico Zackery, SS	34 Brandon Andrews, FB	85 Teddy Craft, WR	– Sam King, DB
11 David Willingham, LB	39 Lance Turner, FB	90 Victor Cabral, DT	– Tyler Kucera, DL
13 A.J. Bryant, FS	41 Eric White, LB	92 Charrod Taylor, OT	– Henri Lee, WR
14 Trey Hunter, QB	42 Tim Gehrsitz, FB	*96 Matt Rio, DT	– Johnny Los, WR
*15 Darius Smiley, QB/SB	43 Derrick Butler, LB	97 Theven Harris, DE	– Matt McCown, OL
*18 Wes Turner, WR	56 Lance Watkins, OL	– Justin Brown, DB	– Ken Middleton, FB
19 P.J. Cantrell, WR	62 Russell Orr, OT	– Matthew Burgess, OL	– Renard Montford, DB
27 JaBre Scott, SB	67 Lance Wayne, C	– Bryce Carter, FB	– Terron Pullen, LB
28 T.J. Anderson, SB	70 Eric McIntire, NT	– Marcello Estrada, OL	– Chris Riffey, DB
29 Jonathan Wilkerson, CB	73 Albert Turner, OT	– Jayson Foster, QB	– Matthew Wade, OL
31 Lynon Jefferson, SB	74 Joseph Tuttle, OL	– Bo Galvin, PK	– Chris Williams, DB
32 Terence McBride, CB	75 Eric Selbach, DR	– Pierce Gibony, OL	

HONORARY HEAD COACHES: Robert Baker, Fred Stokes; COACHING STAFF: Mitch Ware, Scott Sloan, John Pate, Mark Williams, Chad Lunsford, Tom Melton (* indicates player is injured and will not play)

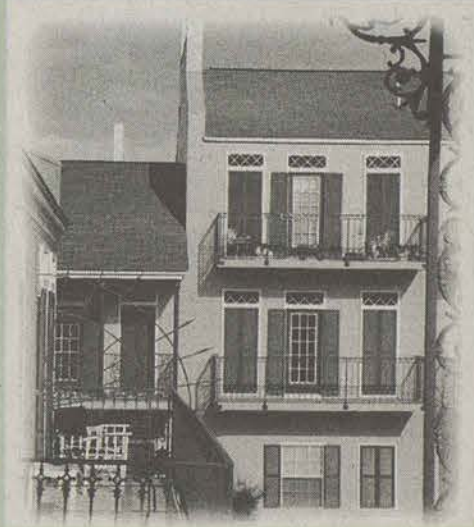
WHITE TEAM

1 James Young, FS	*45 DeShawn Jude, DE	79 Leonard Daggett, OG	– Jason Hawkins, DB
2 Lewis Barr, DB	*46 Erskine Jude, LB	81 Marquice Maynard, SB	– Fredrian Kelley, OL
*5 Deon Palmer, QB	*47 John Mohring, LB	82 Sean Holland, P/PK	– Champ Kleeman, OL
6 Jermaine Austin, FB	*48 Larry Long, FB	86 Reggie McCutchen, WR	– Stevie Knight, DB
10 Chaz Williams, QB	52 Jason Earwood, LB	87 Jonathan Dudley, PK	– Brian Kranz, DL
*12 Michael Thompson, LB	54 Cortez Reed, DE	88 Shaheen Solomon, DE	– Sylvester Lake, WR
20 Kevin Anderson, SB	57 Reginald Thomas, DE	94 Jack Sherman, DE	– Vicarrio Mills, DB
23 Tariq Muhammad, SS	59 James Bouie, C	98 Eric Hadley, DT	– Kenya Moore, SB
25 J.T. Nash, SB	64 Charlie Hopkins, OT	99 Shannon Williams, NT	– Richard Murphey, WR
36 Kevin Davis, SB	68 Jesse Suarez, DE	– Richard Bashlor, DS	– T.J. Rutledge, LB
37 Shannon Higdon, DB	69 Dane Jensen, OL	– Osmond Brinson, WR	– Victor Sandi, LB/DE
38 Devron Jefferson, LB	71 Chad Motte, OG	– Chris Dickerson, LB	– Travilis Sims, OL
44 T.J. Watkins, DE	77 Paul Collins, OT	– Jayson Foster, QB	

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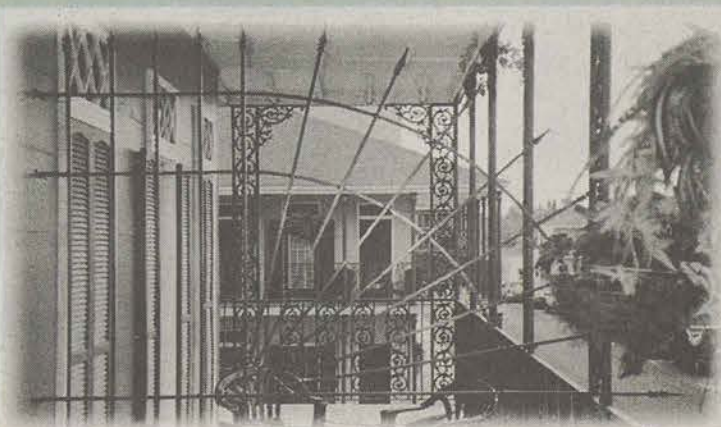
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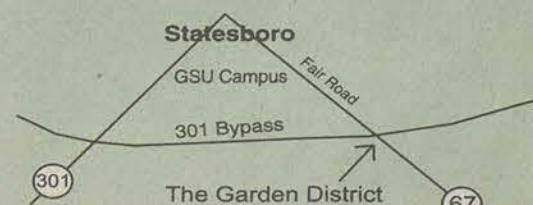
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thoughts and prayers to
his daughter Kristal.

BAILEY, FROM PAGE 4A

If this was just about making people feel better, I've certainly chosen the wrong side.

The irony is this: All I'd have to do to convince people I've heard from God about this topic is stop listening to Him and change my stance.

I could stop doing all the things I'm doing - reading the Bible more consistently, learning about its origins,

taking in the opinions of conservative and liberal clergy - and I'd be back in many people's good graces.

I could stop asking God for guidance as long as I come up with the answer so many believe I should.

Then that woman would be disappointed no longer.

She hinted her disappointment is rooted in her belief that I'm disobeying

God, though I can't help but wonder if it's really rooted in my disobeying her.

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Amtrak train derails in rural Mississippi; one dead

Associated Press

YAZOO CITY, Miss. - An Amtrak train derailed in rural central Mississippi late Tuesday, killing at least one person on board and injuring dozens.

Dan Stessel, a spokesman for Amtrak, said nine of the train's cars left the tracks about 25 miles north of

Jackson and toppled onto their sides. He said the train's manifest showed 72 passengers and 12 crew members.

Besides search teams, portable lights and other equipment was being rushed to the scene, she said. Red Cross staffers were on hand to assist passengers.

Yazoo County sheriff's dispatcher Mary Whisenton said at least five

ambulances had also been sent to the scene.

Stessel said he had no information on what caused the accident.

The train was traveling from New Orleans to Chicago when it left the tracks at about 7 p.m. near the Yazoo-Madison county line, authorities said.

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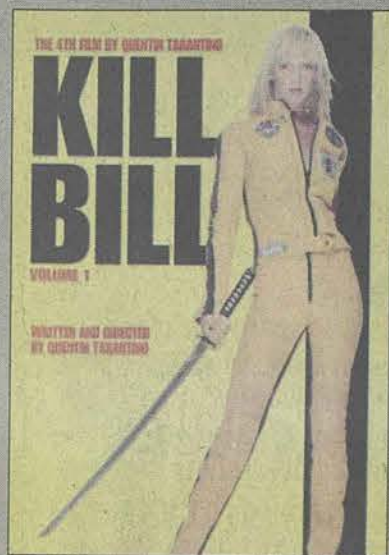


Hiatus

A break for your brain

the girl next door

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'Kill Bill Vol. 1'
comes to DVD
next Tuesday

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'Hellboy' takes
the No. 1 spot at
the box office

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DJ Fox talks with Fear Factory

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THURSDAY

April 8

Studio Honors Recital
 Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
 8 p.m.



Graduate Scholarship Day
 RAC
 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

FRIDAY

April 9

Blue-White Spring Football Game
 Paulson Stadium
 1 p.m.

Turkey Shoot
 Rappelling Tower
 9 a.m.

Softball
 GSU vs. Elon
 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

April 10



Softball
 GSU vs. Elon
 1 p.m.

Free Practise LSAT
 Nessmith-Lane Building
 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUNDAY

April 11

Women's Tennis
 GSU vs. Florida A&M
 Noon



MONDAY

April 12

General Student Recital
 Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
 1 p.m.



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

TOP TEN

Top Ten Movies
 (04/04/04)

1. Hellboy
2. Walking Tall
3. Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed
4. Home on the Range
5. The Prince & Me
6. The Passion of The Christ
7. The Ladykillers
8. Jersey Girl
9. Dawn of the Dead
10. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Top Ten DVD & Video Rentals
 (04/10/04)

1. Mona Lisa Smile
2. Dr. Seuss' Cat In The Hat
3. School of Rock
4. Missing
5. Cold Creek Manor
6. Matchstick Men
7. Runaway Jury
8. Duplex
9. 21 Grams
10. Good Boy

Top Ten Albums
 (04/10/04)

1. Usher--Confessions
2. Various Artists--Now 15
3. Guns N'Roses--Greatest Hits
4. Carl Thomas--Let's Talk About It
5. Norah Jones--Feels Like Home
6. N*E*R*D--Fly or Die
7. Evanescence--Fallen
8. Kanye West--The College Dropout
9. Jessica Simpson--In This Skin
10. Kenny Chesney--When The Sun Goes Down

Top Ten Singles
 (04/10/04)

1. Yeah!--Usher
2. One Call Away--Chingy
3. Topsy--J-Kwon
4. I Don't Wanna Know--Mario Winans
5. Dirt Off Your Shoulder--Jay-Z
6. This Love--Maroon 5
7. My Immortal--Evanescence
8. Hotel--Cassidy
9. Splash Waterfalls--Ludacris
10. Burn--Usher

Top Selling DVDs
 (04/06/04)

1. The Cat In The Hat
2. Schlinder's List
3. Kung Fu: The Complete First Season
4. 21 Grams
5. The Villain
6. Black Hawk Down
7. Honey
8. Original Sin
9. The Fog of War
10. Shiri

TUESDAY

April 13

Digital Copier Expo
 Nessmith-Lane Building
 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This will be a good opportunity for anyone considering a copier purchase or lease in the near future to see the newest technology available and determine what is best suited to their needs. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. Registration is not required.

WebCT Vista Showcase
 COBA Building RM 1124
 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Come out and view the latest version of WebCT. These showcases will highlight the features and improvements of WebCT Vista. Light refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY

April 14

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Lecture
 Nessmith-Lane Building
 7 p.m.



The lecture will discuss a number of important environmental issues and his most recent book.

Percussion Ensemble
 Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
 8 p.m.

The Misadventures of Celebrities

By Ashley Stevens
 danny2325@hotmail.com

Basinger takes a new approach to breaking up

Actress Kim Basinger is selling her engagement ring, which she received from ex-husband Alec Baldwin, to charity. Proceeds from the sale will go to Performing Animal Welfare Society, which provides refuge for abused circus and exotic animals. The 3.7 carat Tiffany ring is valued between \$30,000 to \$40,000. The one thing that is not for sale, according to Basinger's reps, is the wedding ring.



Homer loves something more than donuts

The actors that give voice to Homer, Marge, and a host of other characters skipped out of "table reads" for the sixteenth season of "The Simpsons." The impromptu skip day was the result of salary negotiations hitting an impasse. Reportedly, the actors want a salary upgrade from \$125,000 to \$360,000 an episode.



Pink gets to sing

The recording artist Pink is set to play the title role in the upcoming movie "The Gospel According to Janis." The movie will cover the life of



legendary artist Janis Joplin from the age of 19, when she came to California, to her death at age 27. This movie is not to be confused with another Janis film starring Renee Zellweger.

Kelly's a chip off the old block

Kelly Osborne, middle child of the Osborne family, has entered rehab. She, reportedly, was addicted to painkillers. She was taken to Malibu's Promises rehab center by younger brother Jack, who will be celebrating a year's sobriety from marijuana and alcohol.



Watch Bobby in Being Bobby Brown

Following on the heels of the reality craze, Bobby Brown is discussing the possibility of a reality show starring himself. Reportedly, the show will follow his day to day activities. The topic of whether or not Whitney will be in it is in deep discussion.



The Olsen Twins exist no longer

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, the soon-to-be billionaires, reportedly want people to refer to them separately rather than as "The Olsen Twins."



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A teen comedy for a new generation

By Adam Brady
that_guy@stouthouse.org

If the next generation of high school graduates were desperately searching for a movie to define themselves like "American Pie" did for the current generation of college co-eds, "The Girl Next Door" could easily fill the need.

Starring Elisha Cuthbert and Emile Hirsch, "Girl" takes audiences through the life of a high school senior on his way out to bigger and better things at Georgetown University.

Matthew Kidman (Hirsch) plays out the life of the promising but mundane honor student who, following a montage of what other students will remember about their experiences in high school, decides he has nothing to

recollect. His situation changes when the stunning Danielle (Cuthbert) moves in next door.

What follows is a roller coaster ride of love, pornography, betrayal and an ecstasy-induced speech on morality not worth missing.

The story itself may seem a bit jaded to those connoisseurs who have enjoyed quirky teenage romances like "Road Trip." But the engaging acting, quick and clean camera style and plot turns will keep even the most intuitive and expert buffs engaged and questioning "what can possibly happen next?"

The trailer sells the movie short as nothing more than a simple teen romantic comedy, or a coming of age flick. But in reality, "The Girl Next Door" goes much deeper than simply "teeny-bopper" love.

Hirsch gives his all to be the boy in love, and goes beyond the boundaries of the film to convince audiences of his truly deep and passionate love for Cuthbert, the girl next door. The transformation from mundane honor student to life-learned graduate doesn't occur all at once, and Hirsch paces the changes in his performance leaving the audience without questions after his conversion. Cuthbert allows her character to evolve as well, going from a tough and tumble bad girl to a loving girlfriend.

Not since Jennifer Jason Leigh's performance in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" has a female role involved so much change through only an hour and a half of film. Cuthbert has a gift for showing affection and sensuality on camera, and the limo love scene towards the end of the movie proves it.



PR Photo
20th Century Fox's new release 'The Girl Next Door' displays teen angst mid the backdrop of high school graduation.

She is not the next Tara Reid, but she is the model in a new school of stunning females in movies that are not afraid to show true and raw emotion.

"The Girl Next Door" is a great movie to take your girlfriend, your blind date and believe it or not, the boys too. It serves in all three capacities.

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE PREVIEW



Alamo

The greatest American battle for independence is brought to life in the new Touchstone Pictures release, "The Alamo." Starring Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton and Patrick Winston, the film explores the legend of this historical battle.

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Ella Enchanted

Anne Hathaway from "The Princess Diaries" stars in this tale of a young woman who has been given a magical gift. Ella (Hathaway) must outwit many fairy tale characters to obtain her birthright.

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The Whole Nine Yards

Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry are back in the outrageous sequel to the wildly popular "The Whole Nine Yards." This time around Jimmy "The Tulip" and Oz are on the run from Lazlo, the brother Yanni, the villain of the last film.

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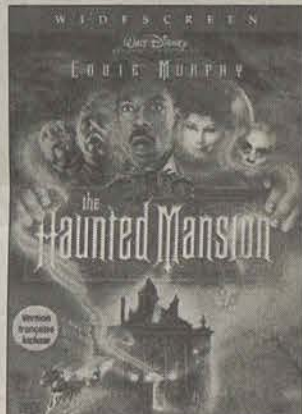
Johnson Family Vacation

When the annual family reunion comes around, Nate Johnson (Cedrick the Entertainer) and his family embark on a road trip. What ensues is chaos as the family, including Vanessa L. Williams, Bow-Wow, and Solange Knowles, can't seem to get along.

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New on DVD

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Hellboy takes top box office over the weekend

By John Harris
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It was my turn to play comic geek, sitting in Mugs & Movies watching "Hellboy." At last, I am able to join the club of people arguing about whether Wolverine looked right, or whether Magneto can control the iron in blood corpuscles, or other such trivia.

For while I've been spared reading "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," "X-Men," "Spider-Man," "Batman" or even "Superman," I have read a compilation of the first "Hellboy" series, "Seed of Destruction," upon which this film was loosely based.

I still have it even, it being left in my possession when a friend moved away to Texas, thus making it mine *de facto*. I'm not what you'd call a fan, but I liked what I saw. It had a nice, "Lovecraftian" tone, with a decrepit old house and even more decrepit old family who are wholly absent from this film, and an extremely likeable protagonist in "Hellboy" himself.

I mean, here we have a story that tells us even a demon, brought up the right away, can be a basically decent guy. (A weirdo might take that as an argument for environment over genetics. A weirdo like me.) His weary, working-stiff tone just carried the comics, or at least the ones I read, in my opinion.

Not unkind, incredibly tough but gets all the hard knocks because of it, but with a sense of humor about it. Not immune to pain. The movie didn't get that tone exactly right, but it's close enough in my opinion.

This film could have ruined the story. (You're thinking to yourself right now, *could have, that means it didn't*? And you'd be right, but shut up and read the rest of the review anyway.) They changed some important bits in the obligatory origin prologue, and the story itself hangs on to the original in only a referential fashion.

The film works, however, because the character of Hellboy, despite some minor changes (he seems a little more cocky to have a tiny bit more attitude here), is ultimately the same. It was kind of like a serious, smarter version of "The Tick."

There's a scene from the trailer, maybe you remember it, in which Hellboy is falling down a long shaft fighting a monster. Since the shaft is constantly moving, and the completely CGI monster and Hellboy are engaged in a full-on brawl, we can assume the scene was created entirely in a computer, and looks it. "Computer-assisted masturbation." I like to call it. There's a lot of it in action film these days.

What the trailer didn't reveal is that, in the actual movie, Hellboy is cursing out his opponent as they fight

and fall. *That is what I mean by "character."*

That's the important element of the film, that we never lose track of the fact that Hellboy, while very tough, is *vulnerable*, a hell of a lot more vulnerable, at least, than X-Men tend to be, or Batman, people who tend to get hurt only when the story demands it. While Hellboy, despite being inhuman, is engagingly vulnerable. Vulnerable and likeable. I like that in a character.

There's one scene where "Hellboy" and a kid are spying on H.B.'s love interest (yes, he has one) and a suitor from the top of a building.

To watch his playful pettiness, tossing a pebble at the poor dope from the fifth story, with the kid complementing him on his throw... there's certain rightness there, a realism to the character despite the comic-book premise.

Anyway, that's why I'm giving "Hellboy" three stars, not because of heroic exploits against mad sorcerers attempting to destroy the world, but because of tossing rocks at guys from buildings. And complementing a co-worker on his hair implants. And



Internet Photo
'The Passion of the Christ' falls to the No. 5 position, as 'Hellboy' reigns supreme at the box office in the No. 1 spot.

liking-cats, that's cool.

Most action films have worlds that are basically about Good Guys, who either literally have super powers or are skilled enough in combat to effectively have them, and Bad Guys, who are the same. Hellboy's world contains kitten-saving and hair implants, and despite the absence of the "Lovecraftian" elements of the original series, that's good enough for me. Thumbs up.

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Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, friends and lovers may react strongly to new opinions or social changes. Group expectations and romantic passions are high before midweek. Take extra time to explain last-minute cancellations and long-term intentions. Tuesday through Friday, business restrictions will be temporarily lifted. Pay special attention to minor financial details or revised payment schedules. Late Sunday, contact a distant or forgotten friend. Your emotional support is needed.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Financial facts, permissions or paperwork are vital to the success of business ventures. Before Thursday, carefully research new ideas and check sources for misinformation. At present, workplace partnerships and complex projects will benefit from cautious planning and a relentless commitment to small details. Friday through Sunday, loved ones may ask for added private time. Contemplation and rest will have a strong appeal. Enjoy quiet, cozy moments in the home.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Before midweek, new romantic proposals are passionate but unreliable. Enjoy compliments from potential lovers but wait for valid promises, public displays of affection or firm commitments. Love affairs and sensuality will be ongoing distractions. Remain determined and respond quickly to sudden reversals. Thursday through Saturday, financial delays are unavoidable. Clarify expectations and finalize all legal definitions. Authority figures may be moody or unresponsive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Love relationships will challenge your need for privacy. Someone close may wish to bring greater spontaneity into his or her lives. Creativity, romantic expression and group behavior may be key issues. Welcome all social changes. Before June, emotional progress will be fast and rewarding. Wednesday through Saturday, older relatives may be unusually confrontational. Take none of it personally. At present, deep feelings of loss or doubt may require special attention.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Family decisions are unnecessary over the next few days. Although loved ones may press for quick home revisions; this is not the right time for newly established routines or heated group discussions. Encourage patience and opt for light social encounters. Close relatives will soon follow your example. Thursday through Saturday, business officials may offer misinformation or vague instructions. If so, remain silent but expect complex workplace changes before mid-June.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social habits and repeated emotional patterns are sources of private tension. Group

activities may provide the needed relief. Plan outdoor events or explore new forms of entertainment. Over the next few days, loved ones will adopt renewed optimism and challenge unproductive behaviors. Go slow and wait for obvious signals. After Friday, vitality returns. Expect minor ailments of the lower abdomen, stomach or digestion to steadily fade.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listen closely to the social needs and family expectations of loved ones. Over the next eight days, a long-term friend or relative may require added group support. Areas affected involve addictive behaviors, complicated relationships or unusual power struggles between friends. Stay focused and offer sincere opinions. Your guidance may prove invaluable. After Thursday, ask key officials for special permissions. Added skills, education and job promotions will soon be top priorities.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Romantic partners may demand increased access to private family decisions. Community involvement and group awareness are key concerns for loved ones. Encourage a fresh perspective. Important relationships will eventually require dramatic emotional growth and serious choices. Wednesday through Saturday also highlight new communications between colleagues. Revised job roles may create minor tensions. Remain at-

tentive to group politics.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Younger relatives may be temperamental or quick to anger. Don't be derailed. Over the next few days, close friends and family members will need extra time to explore a fresh social perspective or new family behaviors. Provide optimism and reassurance. Calm home relations will soon be re-established. After Thursday, a minor flirtation may quickly become passionate. Avoid social triangles, if possible, and respond honestly to unusual group announcements.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Friendly or innocent flirtations deepen. Over the next eight days, expect rare complications between business partners or long-term friends. Although new attractions are rewarding, minor delays concerning dates, times or romantic promises may still be bothersome. Wait for an obvious display of public affection before taking emotional risks. Your patience will prove worthwhile. Late Saturday, home relations may be strained. Go slow and ask subtle questions.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Someone close may reveal a powerful need for social or romantic change. Before midweek, boredom, emotional withdrawal and long-term doubt may need to be publicly addressed. Loved ones need your continuing support. Offer constructive ideas and watch for steady changes. Wednesday through Saturday, romantic attraction is difficult to resist. Vivid dreams, sudden invitations or passionate overtures are accented. Trust your first impressions.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Important business decisions are best avoided over the next eight days. Authority figures may feel briefly threatened by public announcements, probing questions or changing routines. Remain cautious, but respond quickly to valid opportunities for candid discussions. Your suggestions and needs will eventually be taken seriously. Thursday through Sunday, romantic and social planning may be difficult. Expect lover or long-term friends to avoid new commitments.

If your birthday is this week... Almost 14 months of slow business progress and social indifference is now ending. Over the next three to four weeks, friends, relatives and close colleagues may ask to participate more fully in your personal life. Welcome all such changes and expect expanding social involvement over the next eight months. Some Aries natives, especially those born prior to 1978, will also encounter a remarkable romantic attraction before the end of July. If so, expect marital proposals or new lifestyle decisions to arrive throughout the summer months. Emotional, romantic and spiritual progress is no longer blocked. Make sure loved ones understand your decisions and appreciate your unique talents.



"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation."

-George Washington

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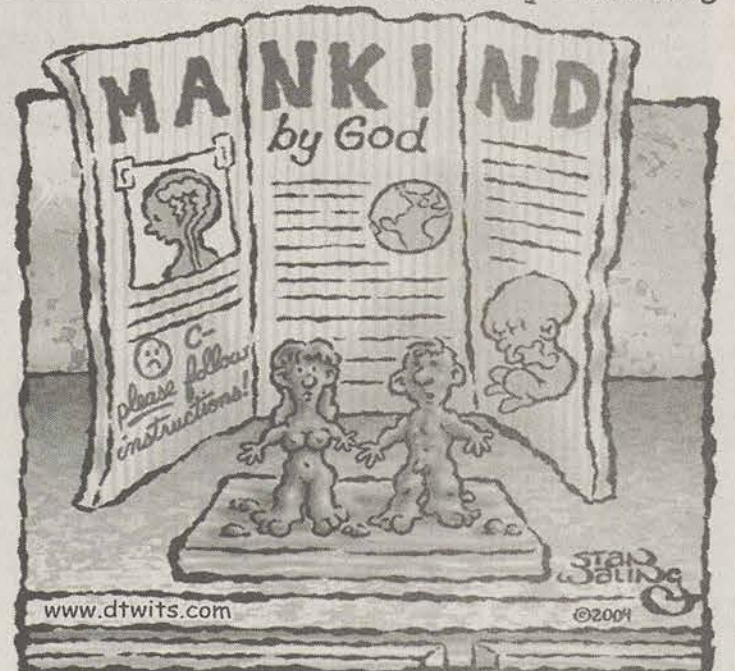
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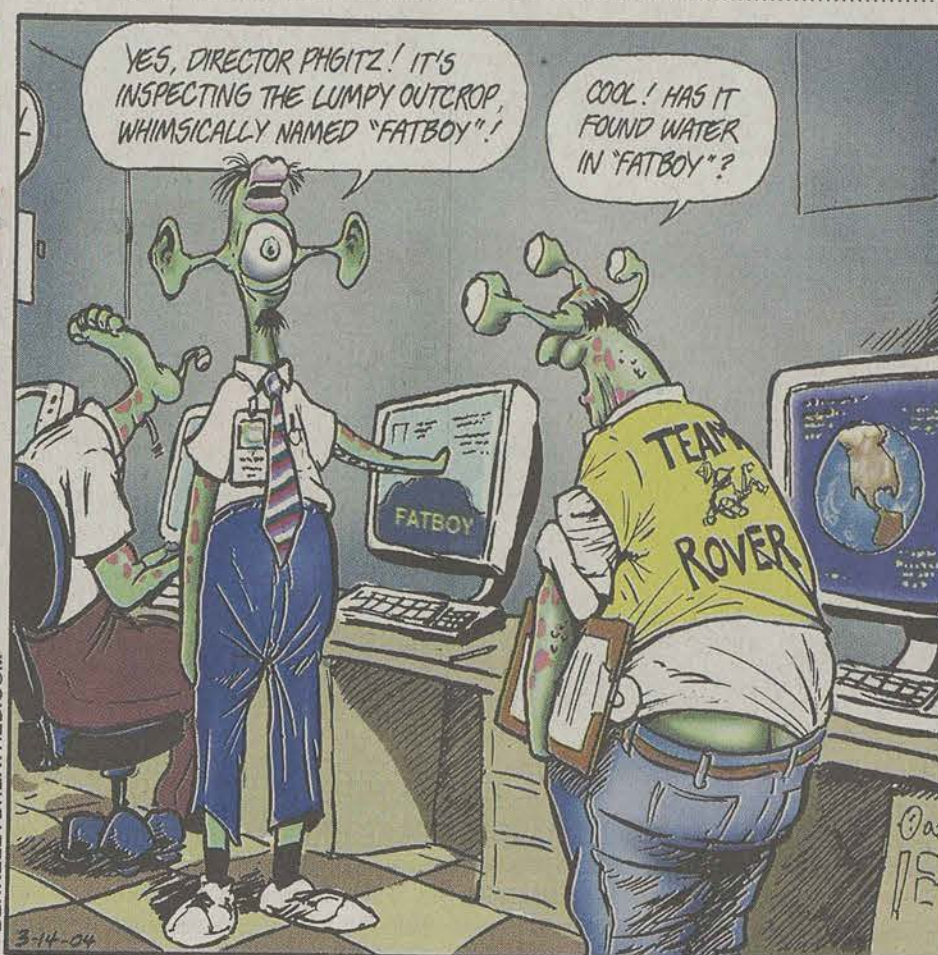
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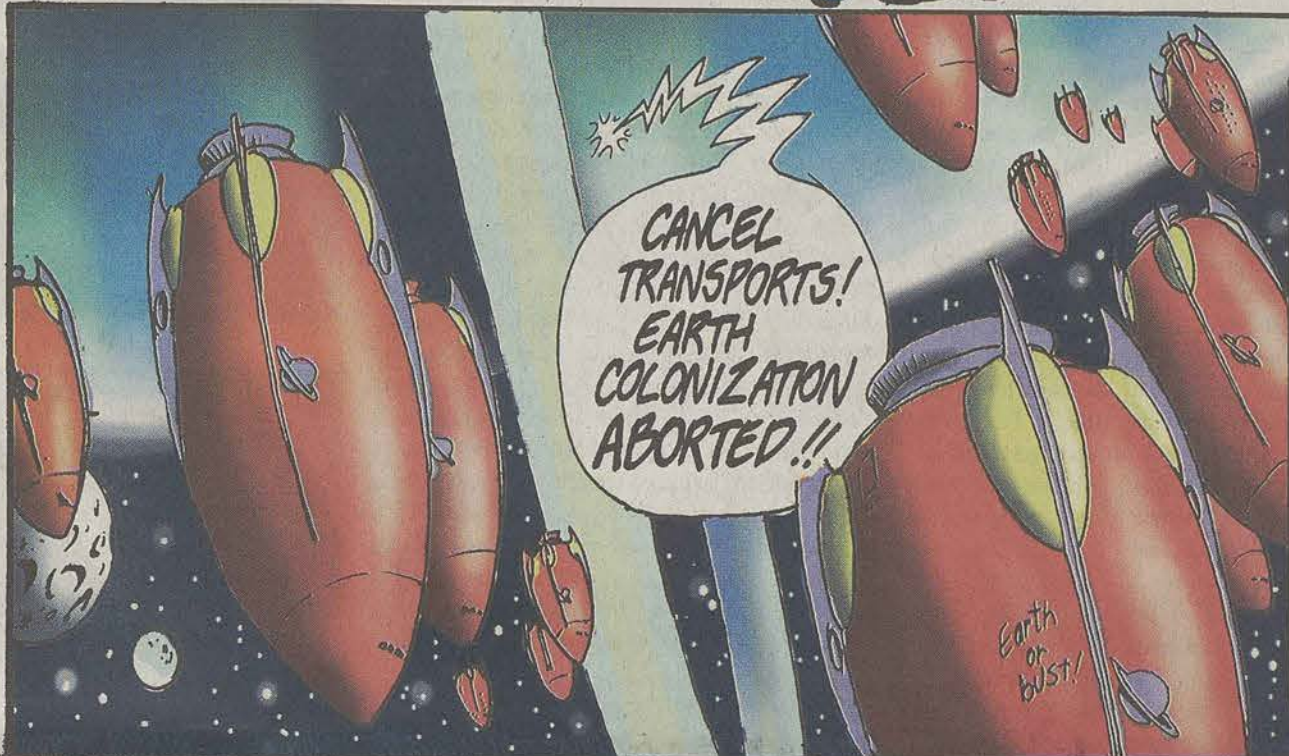
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230 Roommates

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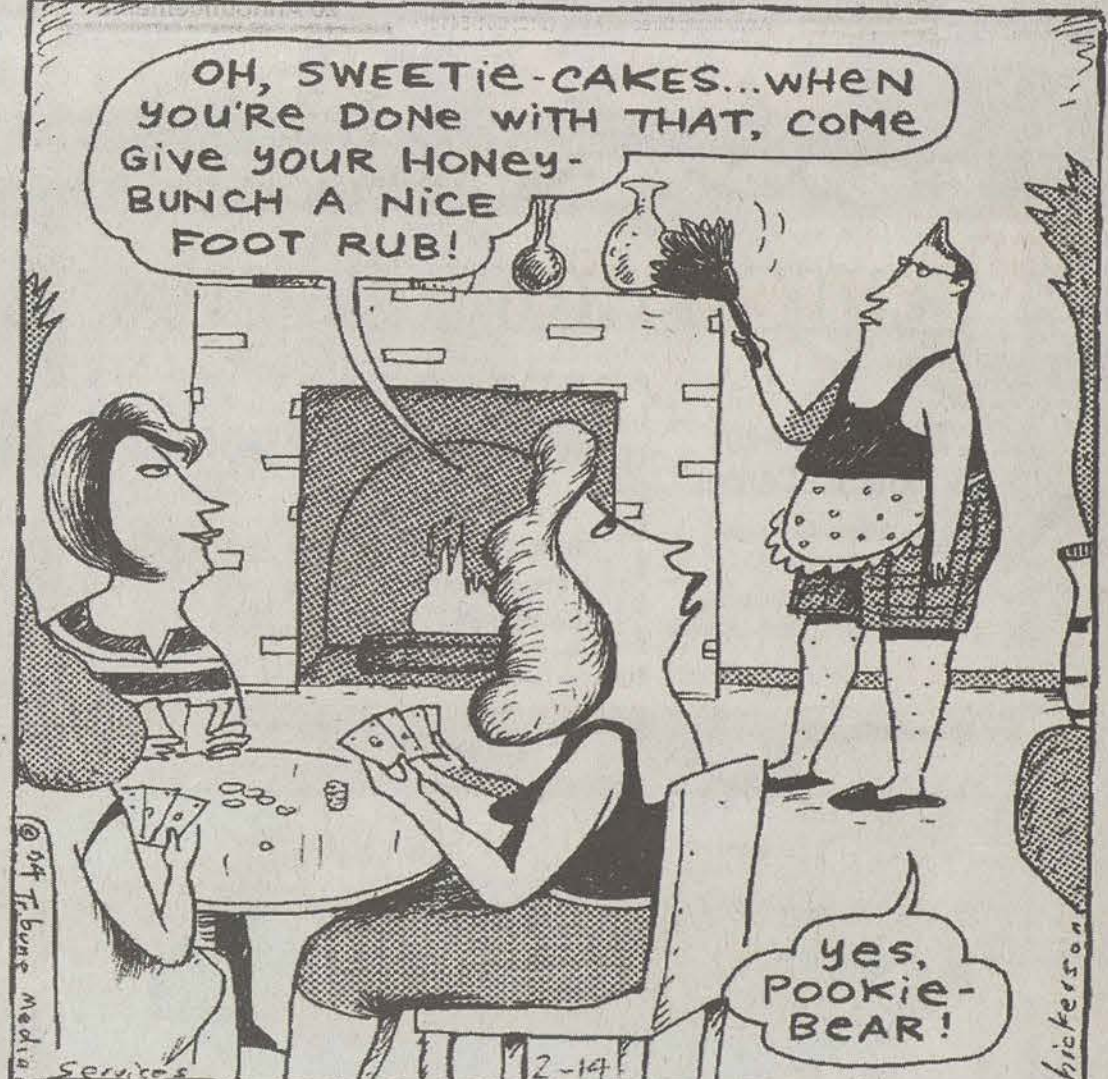
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An Interview with

FEAR FACTORY

Part I in a two part-series.

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Since their inception, Fear Factory has slowly grown a name for themselves with their hard-hitting rhythmic metal and relentless touring. Despite a roadblock in 2002 in the form of a break-up, the band reunited to continue their legacy as one of the forerunners of the underground metal scene. The Tranquil Aggression crew caught up with lead singer Burton C. Bell before the band was set to play at the Tabernacle in Atlanta, where he talked about the brief hiatus, the new album, and The Carpenters:

Fox(WVGS): You just got back from touring in Australia. How was it?

Burton Bell: Australia was amazing. For some reason, Australia really likes Fear Factory, and has ever since our first record came out over there, and we've been touring there ever since. We've been there at least ten times. We've got two gold records down there. It's nice to go to a foreign country and be so well received.

FW: I know it's still early, but how's this tour going?

BB: It's the fourth show, and it's go-

ing really well. Slipknot, Fear Factory, and Chimaira together is just a powerhouse, everyone's getting along, we're all hanging out, it's a lot of fun so far. It's a positive tour, and it's the perfect tour for us, with the new record coming out in two weeks. We're stoked.

FW: For anybody that doesn't know about you guys, describe the band by defining Fear Factory and using it in a sentence.

BB: You could take the title, Fear Factory, and those two words, the connotation they bring out, the vision it creates; first of all, what is a fear factory? Many things; obviously, something that produces fear. What is a factory that produces fear? A military organization can be a fear factory, because it produces death as well as disorder. Public education can be a fear factory. The Catholic church, any organized religion can be a fear factory. Basically, something that makes you feel uncomfortable, something that produces a certain type of unrest in you is a fear factory. And that's what our music is, it produces unrest, it taps the soul of what is already in you, and that's fear. It touches the things you already fear in life, and you don't have to make it up, because there are so many things we already fear.

FW: 2002 was a fateful year for

music fans all over the world, when we all heard Fear Factory was no more. Now, regrouped, how has the experience with Dino no longer in the group, and Christian taking over guitars been; was it an easy transition?

BB: 2002 was a big year for me as well; stepping away from the band was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do in my life. No one was more shocked than me, but I got to a point where I couldn't deal with certain aspects of this band, so I left the band. Time went by with everyone doing their own thing; suddenly there's this contract with Roadrunner [Records] that became evident that it never ended. So, it was due to contractual obligation that Fear Factory reformed. Due to the reformation, writing music for Roadrunner for a demo, doing that made us realize that us three working together made it work really well. That's the only reason that we continued. And Christian was the most obvious choice, actually so obvious that we didn't see it at first that Christian would play guitar. We were thinking of other guitar players, and we thought of a few, but we weren't sure, and we were going to have to teach the new people the songs, blah blah blah. So meanwhile Christian is sitting there playing guitar, so we said, "Why don't you play guitar?" And he

said, "Ok." So 2002 and 2003 was all about change for this band, and if it wasn't for those changes, we wouldn't be sitting here right now.

FW: We got a copy of the new album "Archetype" in, and it definitely kicks ass. You want to talk about it; any new experiences recording it, some of the directions you took?

BB: This record was probably one of the easiest we've ever recorded. We had intent in going to the studio; we knew what we were doing. All the music was already done, and everything was just ready to go. Everything was changed; the songwriting changed, the way we structured everything just kind of changed, but kind of changed into what we already were. "Archetype" is the title of this record, and the definition of archetype is the actual model of what everything else is copied from or emulated. And that's true for Fear Factory, because this is what this record is, it's archetypal of what the band has always been. I think it's a more focused, more direct, more mature approach than we've ever taken before. The last record, "Digimortal", it's not a bad record, but it's not one of my favorites. A lot of external infections came through there, and infected the band in a lot of ways. There were internal things infecting the band that

affected the record; in a lot of ways, we were just kind of going through the motions. So I think it's obvious that this is the record.

FW: Was there any particular reason why "School" (Nirvana) was chosen to be covered on this album?

BB: We do covers a lot, starting with "Demanufacture". Actually on the first tour we were doing a Depeche Mode song live, "I Feel You," that was on the Obituary tour, and Obituary fans were like, "Huuuh?" But it was fun, you know; we've done Ministry songs live. I knew that on this record I wanted a cover song. So in cover mode, listening to my entire record collection, and I pulled out "Bleach". And I love that album; I was a Nirvana fan before I was even in Fear Factory. And I was listening to that and I heard "School," and I thought we could screw that song up so bad. (laughter) I knew we could totally add our flavor to it, so I presented it to Raymond and Christian, and they both knew the song, so they said, "Sure, why not?" Tomorrow (April 4) will be the ten-year anniversary of his death, and we didn't realize until a few weeks ago. I remember where I was; we were on the Sepultura tour, in Denver, when I found out.

Check out next week's Hiatus for more Q&A with Fear Factory.



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Capt. Cool, DJ Fox and Anger all pose with Burton Bell, lead singer of Fear Factory before the show.

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