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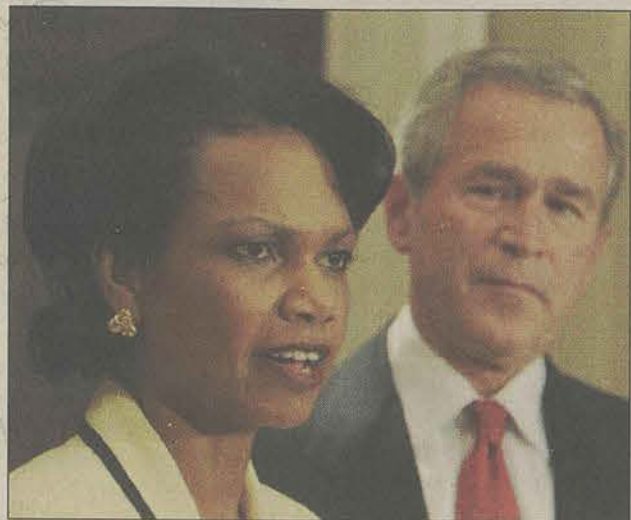
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## America's new 'face to the world'



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP Photo

President Bush, right, looks on as National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, left, speaks to the press.

Bush announced Rice was his choice for Secretary of State on Tuesday in Washington. Bush turned to his most trusted foreign policy adviser, Rice, to lead U.S. diplomacy during his second term, replacing Secretary of State Colin Powell.

## Bush names Rice secretary of state

By Scott Lindlaw  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Tuesday picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who once tutored him on global affairs, to be his top diplomat, saying her foreign-policy experience and struggle against racism uniquely qualified her to be America's "face to the world" as secretary of state.

"In Dr. Rice, the world will see the strength, the grace and the decency of our country," Bush said.

Rice will face major challenges across the foreign policy spectrum, trying to advance peace between Israel and the Palestinians, foster democracy in Iraq and persuade North Korea and Iran to step back from suspected nuclear-weapons programs. She is considered more of a hard-liner than Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was out of step with more hawkish members of Bush's national security team.

In a Roosevelt Room announcement, Bush made plain that terrorism and the Middle East conflict topped his list of foreign-policy priorities. Rice's eyes welled with tears as the president cited her "deep, abiding belief in the value and power of liberty, because she has seen freedom denied and freedom reborn."

Bush also chose longtime domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secretary, administration officials said. Spellings helped shape Bush's school agenda when he was Texas governor and again when he assumed the presidency.

Rice, who would be the first black woman to serve as secretary of state, was somewhat sheltered as a youngster in Alabama from the racial conflicts and segregation of the South. Her school teacher parents guided her into ballet, piano and French studies; her mother bought all her Girl Scout cookies so she wouldn't have to go door-to-door. But when she was 9, a bomb exploded at a Baptist church a few miles away, killing four black girls, one of them a schoolmate.

"As a girl in the segregated South, Dr. Rice saw the promise of America violated by racial discrimination and by the violence that comes from hate," Bush said. "But she was taught by her mother, Angelina, and her father, the Rev. John Rice, that human dignity is the gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

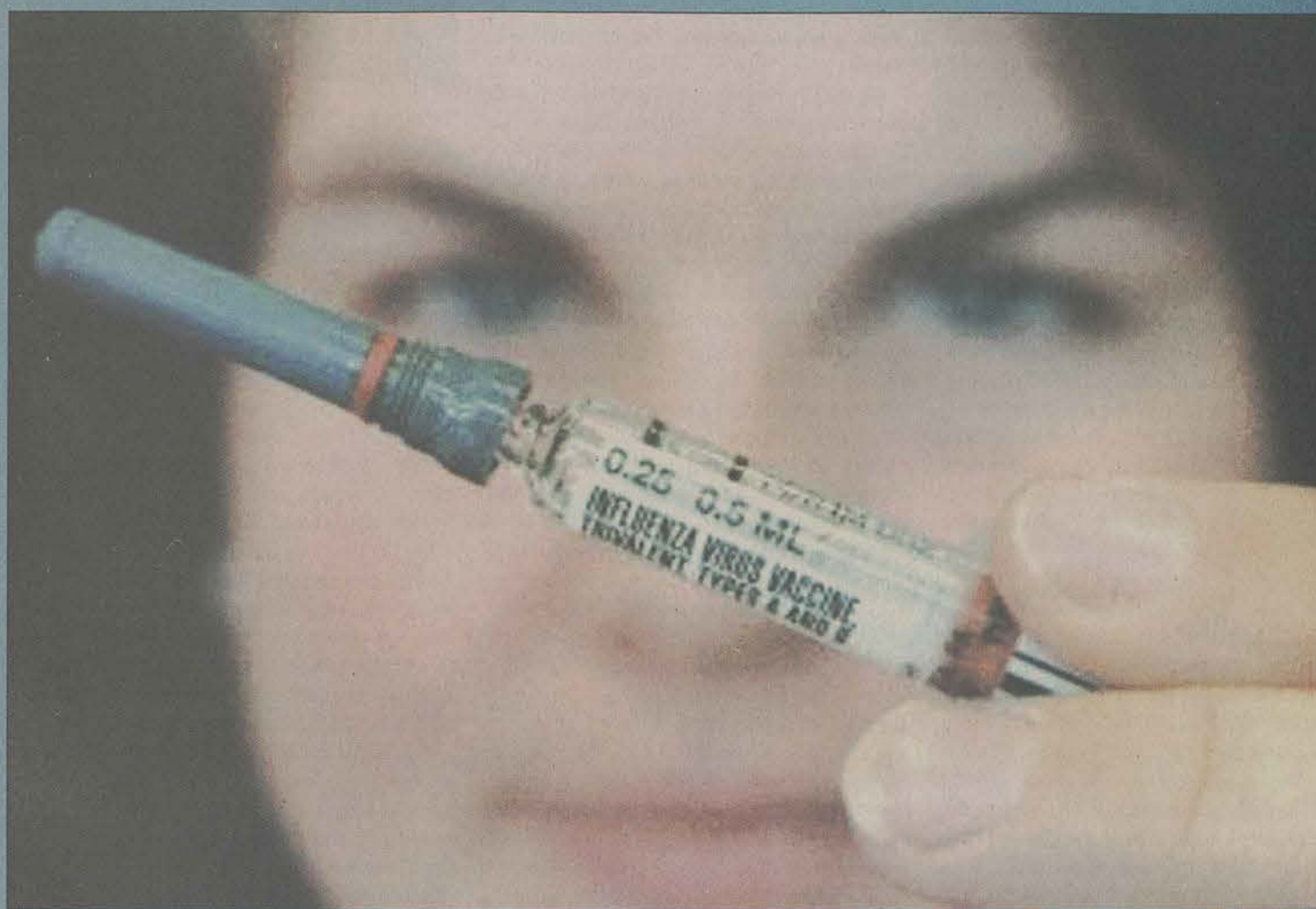
Rice was careful to say nothing about how she would oversee the State Department, its nearly 30,000 employees and its 265 posts around the world.

In a statement read from a prepared text, she confined her remarks to heaping praise on Bush and Powell.

"It is humbling to imagine succeeding my dear friend and mentor, Colin Powell. He is one of the finest public servants our nation has ever produced," Rice said.

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## Flu season in full force



Special Photo

An unexpected shortage of flu vaccines has caused some concern at the CDC during this year's flu season.

The CDC is asking that the shots be administered first to adults over 65, babies younger than 24 months and their care takers, health care workers, children on aspirin therapy, and anyone with a chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes. GSU has received 100 shots to be administered to students who fall into these categories.

## GSU receives flu shots to be distributed by CDC guidelines

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Georgia Southern may be receiving flu shots, and high-risk patients will be the first recipients.

Earlier this year, Chiron Corporation, a major vaccine manufacturer, notified the Center for Disease Control that they would be unable to produce any flu vaccines due to improper storage.

The resulting flu vaccine shortage has affected hospitals, nursing homes, schools, colleges and universities across the nation. Because of the urgent shortage, the CDC Advisory Committee for Immunizations Practices (ACIP) has issued guidelines for distributing influenza vaccinations to high-risk, priority groups.

According to the CDC, another vaccine provider, Aventis Pasteur, is expected to supply the United States with its influenza or flu vaccinations, but over 35 million of the total 58 million doses have already been distributed.

Georgia Southern's Health services may receive 100 injectable doses of

the influenza vaccine later this week. Because there are so many students and so few shots, Health Services will have to abide by CDC guidelines and distribute the flu shots to high-risk patients. They will also be getting Flumist, an inhalable vaccine, but this vaccine is not effective for people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory problems. Influenza Virus Vaccine Live, Intranasal also known as FluMist is a live vaccine nasally inhaled and intended for the prevention of influenza.

Paul Ferguson, Director of Health Services said that Maxim Health systems, the health care service that is providing GSU with the vaccines, has done a terrific job assisting GSU and keeping prices low.

The CDC recommends that high-risk groups be the first provided with the vaccine. Members of the high-risk group include adults over 65, children up to age 18 with chronic asthma, women who will be pregnant during the flu season, anyone with underlying chronic

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## Preventive measures for flu are available without vaccine

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Although influenza vaccinations are in short supply this year, there are a number of other preventative measures that we can take here at Georgia Southern to combat the flu bug.

To ensure the health and safety of our campus, Carol H. Turknett, Head Nurse at the GSU Health Center, has devised a number of preventative steps for GSU students to follow during the flu season.

### Wash your hands

It may sound elementary, but washing your hands can greatly prevent the spreading of illnesses. Using warm water and soap, preferably one containing an anti-bacterial agent, vigorously rub your hands together for approximately 20 seconds. Follow up with a rinse, and you're one step closer warding off the flu.

### Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

Think about all of the communal objects that you come into contact

with on a normal school day. Computer keyboards, desks, doorknobs, hand railings- all of these things are swarming with germs. According to Turknett, it is a good idea to save a place in your book bag for a water-free hand sanitizer, such as Purell or Germex.

### Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing

The next time you feel the urge to cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose. It is imperative that we do not spread flu germs to others. Barbara James, a nurse at the GSU Health Center, suggests carrying a travel-sized pack of tissues with you at all times. Also, the new Kleenex brand anti-viral tissues may help to fight influenza.

### Avoid contact with someone who is sick

A person infected with influenza has the ability to remain contagious up to seven days after initial contraction. Because we are

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## Changes to HOPE Scholarship affect students

### Qualification requirements and retention guidelines change

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With tuition going up in Georgia colleges soon, the HOPE Scholarship will come in handy for many college students.

However, many students do not know that several changes have been made to the scholarship, including qualification requirements and guidelines for maintaining the scholarship.

Since the HOPE program began in 1993, more than \$2.3 billion in HOPE funds have been awarded to more than 800,000 students attending Georgia colleges, universities, and technical colleges. GSU is number two in the state for the number of HOPE scholars since its inception, with 30,788 students receiving the scholarship. GSU disbursed over \$17 million in the 2003-2004 academic year to over 6,300 students. This fall, 84 percent of first-time freshman that

are Georgia residents received some form of the HOPE Scholarship.

William Flook, who was at Lewis Hall Wednesday to discuss the changes made to the HOPE program said that since the scholarship is helping so many students, "changes had to be made to ensure HOPE funds will be available in the future."

There were several changes made in the HOPE program. The book allowance for fiscal year 2005 will remain at \$300 for full time students, but if the lottery's year-end balance is less than last year, the book allowance will be reduced to \$150 for the academic year. The state's fiscal year ends June 30.

In order to apply for HOPE you must fill out a financial aid form. To fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). For more information on the hope scholarship you can visit your financial aid advisor.

### HOPE FACTS

- HOPE stands for Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally
- In 2002, 196,002 eligible Georgia college students were awarded \$323 million in HOPE scholarships.
- The HOPE program increased the total number of first-time freshmen in Georgia colleges, relative to their Southern Regional Education Board counterparts, by nine percent, or roughly 4,100 per year.
- Based on current projections, lottery revenues will fall short by \$39 million in 2006 and by \$221 million in 2007.
- Just a decade ago, Georgia universities drew only 23 percent of the state's high school graduates with SAT scores above 1,500. Now, 76 percent of those students remain in Georgia.
- Starting in 2007, Georgia students will have to have an A/B-average, rather than a B/C-average, to qualify. About one-third of Georgia's current HOPE recipients would not qualify under that standard.

### Weekday Weather

Wednesday  
HIGH 72°  
LOW 45°  
Sunny

Thursday  
HIGH 75°  
LOW 50°  
Sunny

### Sports

- Eagle Volleyball set to defend their SoCon title
- Men's Basketball forecasted to take second place in SoCon season
- Women's Basketball announces two signees to start playing Fall 2005

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## Former chief of Cherokee Nation speaks at GSU

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Last Wednesday night, Georgia Southern welcomed a former chief of the Cherokee Nation to the Performing Arts Center.

Wilma Pearl Mankiller, the first woman to be elected Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, shed light on the beauty behind the Cherokee value system, spoke of the challenges that are faced by many Native Americans today, and offered insight into her own awe-inspiring life.

Although she faced some gender-related resistance during her campaign, Mankiller ultimately won the hearts of the Cherokee Nation. "Mankiller" is now a name that has come to represent unparalleled leadership and respect among the Cherokee people.

Over the years, the Cherokee people have been forced to leave their land, salvage what they can of a life left behind, and start anew. With undying perseverance and determination, the Cherokee have always banded together to rebuild their community, as well as their tribe.

"We are a revitalized tribe," said Mankiller. "After every major upheaval, we have been able to gather together as a people and rebuild a community and a government. Individually and collectively, Cherokee people possess an extraordinary ability to face down adversity and continue moving forward. We are able to do that because our culture, though certainly diminished, has sustained us since time immemorial. This Cherokee culture is a well-kept secret."

Although the former chief believes that one should acknowledge the tribulations of the past, she also believes that they should not be dwelled upon. Mankiller quoted an old Mohawk maxim, saying, "It is hard to see the future with tears in your eyes." At the core of the Cherokee value system is a strong sense of community, one that built upon interdependence and helping one's neighbor. Mankiller said that, although the Cherokee people are fragmented today, the more traditional communities embrace the concept of interdependence. "I can still motivate people in communities to do something because it helps their neighbor, or helps

the person down the road, or helps the community much more than I can motivate people to do something just because it helps themselves."

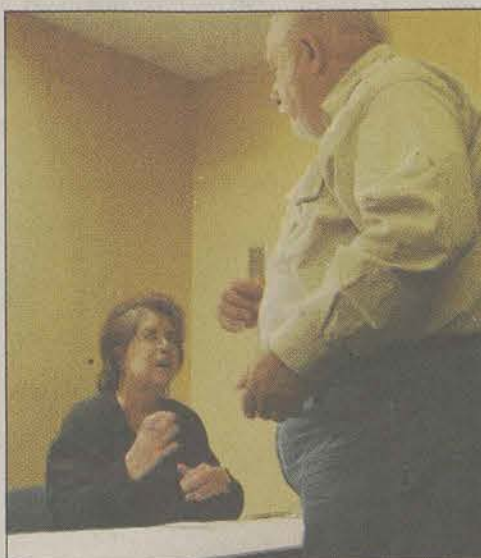
For example, when speaking to college recruiters that travel to traditional Cherokee communities, Mankiller offers this advice: "Don't go out and tell them that if they get a college education, that the college education will help them accumulate great personal wealth, or great personal acclaim, or help them get a BMW. Tell them that they can use their skills to help rebuild their community, and help their family, and help their tribe, and you might get their attention." It is this unwavering desire to build upon one another that Mankiller wants to see the Cherokee Nation to hold onto forever.

In the Cherokee Nation, the highly respected people are not necessarily the most attractive, but they are those who help others. In addition, economic wealth does not define richness. According to Mankiller, the knowledge and interdependence of the Cherokee makes them the wealthiest people on earth.

Mankiller, an Oklahoma native who grew up in a low-income family of thirteen, believes that the poor have a special affinity for both problem solving and leadership. "What I learned from my experience in living in a community of almost all African-American people," she said, "is that poor people have a much, much greater capacity for solving their own problems than most people give them credit for."

Mankiller takes a great deal of pride in her ability to serve as a role model for women and young girls. "Prior to my election," said Mankiller, "young Cherokee girls would never have thought that they might grow up and become chief."

Mankiller acknowledged the false illusion that the men are responsible for the workings within the Cherokee Nation. However, the wise and experienced former chief states that it is actually the women who run things within the tribe. "The women are the ones who select the boys who will become chief," Mankiller said. "They are the ones who train them. And the women are the only ones who can remove them from power."



Former principle chief of the Cherokee Indian tribe Wilma Mankiller (left) talks with an audience member after her speech at the PAC last week.

Many Natives Americans have become acculturated with regard to the American way of life. Mankiller believes that the American people are not entirely welcoming to cultures and customs that are different from their own. "I want America to stop trying to force people to think like them, act like them, and be like them," Mankiller hopes that one day we will not only be able to accept each other's cultural differences, but celebrate them as well.

Although the name "Mankiller" is a Cherokee military term for a village protector, the Cherokee leader often jokes about her named being "earned." In addition to her career in the political arena, Mankiller is also the author of the book entitled Mankiller: A Chief and Her People.

Mankiller has been recognized and honored by various organizations for her distinguished work with the public and for the empowerment and strong sense of leadership she brought to the Cherokee Nation. Mankiller now lives in Oklahoma with her husband, Charlie Soap, and stepson Whinterhawk.

## Mentality harms minorities

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Some think there is an epidemic in the black community known as "the crab-in-a-bucket mentality."

This epidemic focuses on mental instead of physical health. The NAACP and the Black Student Alliance feel that it's time to address this problem by having a debate November 18 at 7 p.m. at the Russell Union.

The name for this dysfunction is derived from the obstructive behavior of crabs in captivity. As soon as one crab tries to climb the walls and become liberated, there is always one crab to pull them back down.

The crab-in-a-bucket mentality has been around for many years, but many people want to eradicate this problem, so that the black community can unite and progress as a whole.

Marco Pitts, who is the graduate assistant for the Minority Advisement Program and the faculty advisor of Georgia Southern's chapter of the NAACP said, "We need to begin a dialog addressing the issues within the black community and devise plans to combat the problems that are tearing us apart; which is why I suggested this program to the NAACP and the Black Student Alliance."

Pitts is referring to a debate co-sponsored by the BSA and the NAACP. The debate, will feature several faculty members and various student organizations, who will address various social, economic, and political issues concerning the black community. Program organizers encourage everyone to attend.

## Police Beat

11-12-2004

- Hendri Francis Lee, 21, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with furnishing alcohol to persons under the age of 21.
- James William Martin, 21, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with furnishing alcohol to persons under the age of 21.
- Aubrey Lyndon Smith, 18, of Veazey Hall, was charged with underage drinking.
- Flores Daniel Vega, 18, of Veazey Hall, was charged with underage drinking.

11-13-2004

- David Carol Shaw, 21, of Spindlewheel Drive, Thomasville, Ga., was charged with DUI and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.
- A cell phone was taken from the Landrum Center.
- A cell phone was taken from Southern Courtyard.

11-15-2004

- Donald Horatious Grooms, 18, of Sanford Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- James Darryl Mangrum, 44, of Prather Road, Statesboro, was charged with four counts of financial transaction card fraud.
- Justin Alexander Watson, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with underage drinking.
- A case of harassment was reported at the Physical Plant.
- A case of simple assault was reported at Kennedy Hall.

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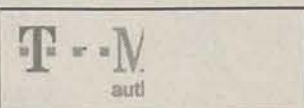
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## Only in America

### Mashed potatoes now in a bottle

SEATTLE, Wa. — Jones Soda Co. takes the idea of a liquid diet to a new low. How does Green Bean Casserole Soda strike you? And how about an aggressively buttery-smelling Mashed Potato Soda?

This week Jones Soda Co. launches a full meal deal of five Thanksgiving soda flavors, from the bile-colored Green Bean Casserole to the sweet — but slightly sickly — Fruitcake Soda. Last year's Turkey & Gravy is also back on the menu.

This year Jones plans to produce up to 15,000 five-packs of the 12-ounce bottles, which come complete with utensils (a straw and a toothpick). The sodas may not be as satisfying as a real holiday meal, but they can boast being both calorie- and carb-free, not to mention vegan and kosher.

Beginning Thursday, they'll be on sale at some Target Corp. stores throughout the country, and at other retailers, for between \$14.95 and \$16.95, with proceeds benefiting Toys for Tots.

Washington

### Man wins \$100,000 lottery - again

SOLON, Ia. — An eastern Iowa man has beat extraordinary odds by winning \$100,000 from the Iowa Lottery's Cash Game a second time.

K. Morris Richardson picked up his second jackpot on Tuesday.

Richardson first won \$100,000 in 2000 through the same daily game.

Richardson, 79, a member of the Solon American Legion Post 460, bought the \$100,000 Cash Game ticket at a Hy-Vee Food store.

Lottery officials said the odds of winning the game twice are one in 324,632.

### Men attempt to swap pot for tires

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Two men unsuccessfully tried to barter with marijuana at a Sears Auto Center, said police spokeswoman Dee Dee Gunther.

Joshua Dean Williams, 20, was arrested for stealing two auto tires after the deal was rejected, Roseville police said.

When the sales clerk refused, one of the men swung at the worker with a baseball bat. The worker avoided being struck and threw a rock at the car, shattering a window.

The duo returned to the store about an hour later looking for the worker who broke their window.

The two fled after workers recognized them, but police were able to nab Williams. Williams was being held in the Placer County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

The second suspect was still at large.

### Inmate returns to jail carrying drugs

SANTA CRUZ, Ca. — A jail inmate allowed to attend a family funeral returned to the jailhouse 12 hours later with a stash of drugs and syringes in his stomach, authorities said.

Joshua Robertson, 30, had been in jail since Oct. 18 on charges of selling and transporting heroin and resisting arrest.

Laxatives and an enema were used and Robertson "gave them up within five hours," Carney said. Robertson expelled 17 grams of blacktar heroin, 20 grams of marijuana and four hypodermic syringes.

Robertson was already facing up to 12 years in state prison, plus two parole violations, said Assistant District Attorney Thanh Ngo. Officers seized 50 grams of heroin and \$1,500 from Robertson when he was arrested in October, investigators said.

Additional drug charges will be filed this week, Carney said.

### Woman enjoys home full of rats

ELYRIA, Oh. — Oh rats! Jennifer Mitchell's apartment is full of them. But she's not calling an exterminator because Mitchell runs a rat rescue mission. She's caring for dozens of the rodents in her Ohio apartment.

They're mostly from people who took a fancy to pet rats, but got overwhelmed by too many baby rats.

Mitchell feels keeping rats isn't as strange as you might think. Mitchell says rats are misunderstood. She adds there's a whole underground secret society of rat lovers.

And a pet rat can live a life of luxury. The Internet is filled with companies selling everything from rat toys to fleece-lined hammocks for rats.

### Vibrating ducky sponge not sex toy

SPRING HILL, Tn. — Town officials have restored a woman's business license weeks after accusing her of trying to sell a sex toy — a vibrating yellow-ducky sponge — at a flea market.

The Nashville suburb agreed Monday to allow Katherine Williams to keep the license for her Passions & Pleasures intimate gifts business if she does not display her wares in public.

Williams typically sells her lotions and adult novelties at home parties.

Town officials had threatened to cite Williams for violating the sexually oriented business ordinance after she set up a table at the flea market last month, but they could find no witnesses who would testify to seeing her display. A week later the town told Williams it was suspending her business license.

Williams said the vibrating yellow-ducky sponge was a child's toy, and she sued the town.

Tennessee

## National News Briefs

### ABC Apologizes for steamy intro to 'Monday Night Football'

NEW YORK, N.Y. — ABC apologized Tuesday for a steamy intro to "Monday Night Football" after receiving complaints from viewers and the National Football League.

The spot featured a naked Nicolle Sheridan jumping into the arms of Terrell Owens.

Before the game, ABC showed the actress and the Philadelphia Eagles star in an empty locker room in an attempt to spoof the network hit "Desperate Housewives." Sheridan, who stars in the show, was wearing only a towel and provocatively asked Owens to skip the game for her.

After she dropped her towel, he agreed to be late for the contest and hugged her. Then the shot cut to two more stars of "Desperate Housewives," Teri Hatcher and Felicity Huffman, watching the scene unfold on a television and commenting on desperate women.

The NFL called the intro "inappropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience."

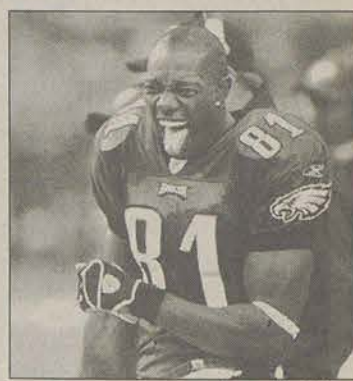
"While ABC may have gained attention for one of its other shows, the NFL and its fans lost," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

The Eagles said they appreciated

ABC apologizing for the segment.

"It is normal for teams to cooperate with ABC in the development of an opening for its broadcast," the team said. "After seeing the final piece, we wish it hadn't aired."

ABC has broadcast "Monday Night Football" with a 5-second delay this season, a precaution after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at February's Super Bowl halftime show — when Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Jackson's outfit, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million.



Associated Press  
**Philadelphia Eagles Terrell Owens** was featured with Nicolle Sheridan in the steamy intro to 'Monday Night Football.'

### Saddam sent U.N. cash to bombers' kin

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Saddam Hussein diverted money from the U.N. oil-for-food program to pay millions of dollars to families of Palestinian suicide bombers who carried out attacks on Israel, say congressional investigators who uncovered evidence of the money trail.

The former Iraqi president tapped secret bank accounts in Jordan — where he collected bribes from foreign companies and individuals doing illicit business under the humanitarian program — to reward the families up to \$25,000 each, investigators told The Associated Press.

### Boys found dead, mother arrested

KENT, Wa. — A woman with a history of child neglect complaints was arrested in a drunken stupor after her two young boys were found dead in their apartment of malnutrition and dehydration, authorities said.

Police entered the apartment of Marie G. Robinson, 36, in the Seattle suburb of Kent after the children's paternal grandmother said she was unable to contact Robinson.

Officers found the bodies of Justice W. Robinson, 16 months, in a crib, and Raiden A. Robinson, 7 weeks, in a bassinet.

Their mother was passed out from alcohol intoxication, lying in bed with covers over her head, prosecutors said.

Another of Robinson's children, a 2-year-old boy, was hungry and

skinny, said Officer Paul A. Petersen. He was checked by emergency technicians and placed in the care of the grandmother.

Robinson was arrested for investigation of child mistreatment and second-degree murder. A judge set her bail at \$2 million Tuesday. Prosecutors have until Thursday to file charges.

Medical examiners classified both deaths as homicides. Authorities have not said how long the children had been dead.

The agency said it has pursued illegal immigrants more aggressively since it learned that terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks exploited the immigration system.

"We know that other dangerous criminals have sought illegal entry by similar means," said Michael J. Garcia, the Homeland Security Department's assistant secretary for immigration and customs enforcement. "We are bringing to bear the

full force of our authorities to locate and remove those in the country illegally," he said in a statement.

Of the deported undocumented immigrants, the vast majority, 71 percent, were returned to Mexico, with Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Brazil rounding out the top five countries.

— All News Briefs compiled by Morgan Marsh.

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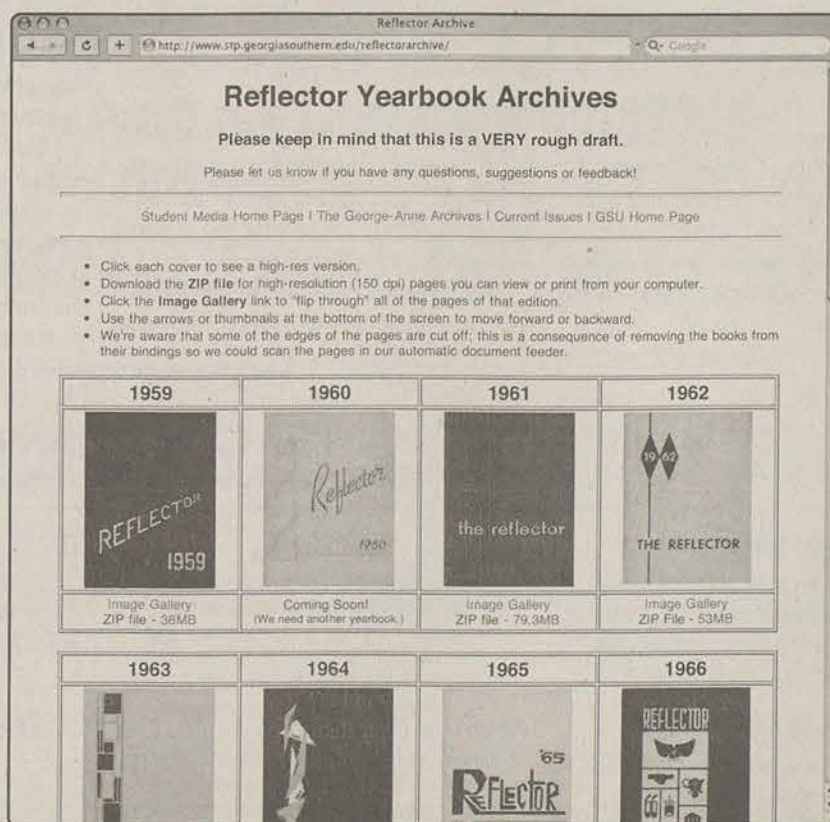
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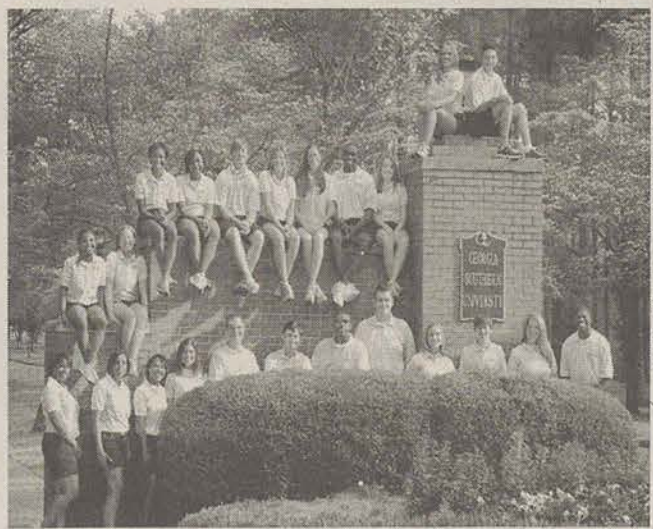
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## our opinion

## Quack

Here at *The George-Anne* we have this inside, running joke about "happy news." In short, we were once asked why there isn't more of it. Well, folks. Here's your answer: When happy things happen, it seems people just aren't as anxious to talk about them.

After receiving reports earlier this week that a duck had been let loose on the fourth floor of the library during the wee hours of Sunday morning, our roving reporters were eager to get the worm... er... scoop. Now, that was news if we'd ever heard it. The sanctity of a quiet floor was placed at risk!

But, to our extreme dismay, no one on duty at the library that night could say a peep about the duck incident.

As is usually the case with news involving our fine athenaeum of volumes, we were referred to our very talented library dean, Bede Mitchell. But, Dr. Mitchell is a busy man. What, with all the construction going on over at Zach S. Henderson's namesake, how could we expect him to comment on a waddling midnight prank? He might dismiss such an event as simply for the birds. And how could we blame him?

But what really cooked our goose was the fact that it could've made for a fantastic investigative piece. Did the duck drive anyone to distraction? Were any books harmed during the recapture of the anatine invader? What about trauma to the duck – the mallard's subsequent mental state?

Was it even a mallard?

We could've questioned the experts over at the Raptor Center about the lasting effects of sudden confinement on our feathered friends from Lake Wells and Lake Ruby. Sure, they normally focus on birds of prey over there. But they must know a thing or two about our other beaked buddies.

We could've asked the health professionals at the Counseling Center what might've led someone to lash out in such a way. Was the daft ducknapper some kind of bibliophobic zoomaniac?

Our point is that news surrounds us. It's everywhere, and it doesn't always have to disappoint us. We encourage our readers to report to us immediately with any "happy news" they might witness. We'll do our best to follow up... even if it tastes like chicken.

## letters to the editor

## Parking ticket theft: Fact or fiction?

I am a concerned student writing to inform the rest of the student body of a serious problem brought to my attention by a parking services clerk today. Evidently there has been rash of thefts involving parking tickets! A classmate and friend received an e-mail telling her in great detail just what would happen to her if she did not pay a parking ticket *that she never received*.

Evidently, she received this "mystery ticket" the middle of September, and she was disenfranchised from being able to appeal the ticket (you can only do so five days after receiving the ticket) due to the fact that no form of actual notice was ever given to her.

Are students to be disenfranchised in this manner due to alleged theft by another student? I was amazed to hear that a parking services clerk admitted that these thefts occur, but after five days of the ticket, you have to pay it regardless. Especially when you do not receive any other form of notice until two months later. Is the student made to suffer twice for a ticket that would of been appealed if they only received that little yellow slip under their windshield wiper?

I am amazed at the length parking services will go to squeeze money out of the students. Also, how much is a parking ticket going for these days? I didn't realize there was such a market for them... Just think, I could have

retired to a life of crime, stealing parking tickets and laundering them and God only knows what else. Or maybe someone gets some perverted pleasure out of stealing parking tickets and rolling in them bare-assed.

There must be some reason for this idiocy. Maybe... maybe... it just isn't true. Maybe, just maybe, let's think outside the box... maybe someone in parking services screwed up big time and they are covering themselves.

We all see it all over campus. Parking spaces that once were free and open to park in, all the sudden painted with stripes, barrels put up in the forest drive lot taking up spaces that they already oversold. Now this. The "Great Parking Ticket Theft Conspiracy."

You would think if it were really happening they would come up with an alternate way to contact the students. They seem to be able to e-mail you fine two months after the incident, after all hope for an appeal is gone, and your graduation is being threatened. But no, I suppose it brings more money in for them.

So beware GSU students! There is a dirty parking ticket thief on the loose! And no one, no one wants to help you. So grab your purses and wallets guys... It's time to pay the piper.

**Laura**  
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## Offensive redneck joke not worthy of newspaper

While reading the Nov. 3 edition of *The George-Anne* I noticed a joke in big black letters on page 12 underneath the comics. It was a redneck joke. This got me to thinking.

What exactly is a redneck? And how would those super intelligent, highly sensitive, ultra liberal editors at *The George-Anne* describe a redneck?

Now I know that to many people the term redneck is not exactly the worst thing you can call somebody. It is not always a condescending and negative term. To some it may simply mean someone who is a rebellious individual, who doesn't always do things by society's norm. Or it is a person who enjoys certain pastimes and who has certain characteristics that are usually involved with outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, mudboggling, etc. But I don't think that is what the G-A was trying to imply.

No their joke implies that rednecks are too stupid to remember or to dumb to know how to brush their teeth.

Everyone knows that Jeff Foxworthy has made a career off of redneck jokes. But you see Foxworthy is a comedian. While *The G-A* is often laughed at, it's not because it is supposed to be funny. No, it's supposed to be a professional newspaper ran by students preparing for professional careers. I'm not sure, but I don't think jokes using derogatory terms are very professional. Apparently those masterminds that run *The G-A* find it perfectly acceptable. It seems that they would rather use a stereotypical term to negatively blanket a whole group of people into one dumb lump instead of judging each person by the content of their character.

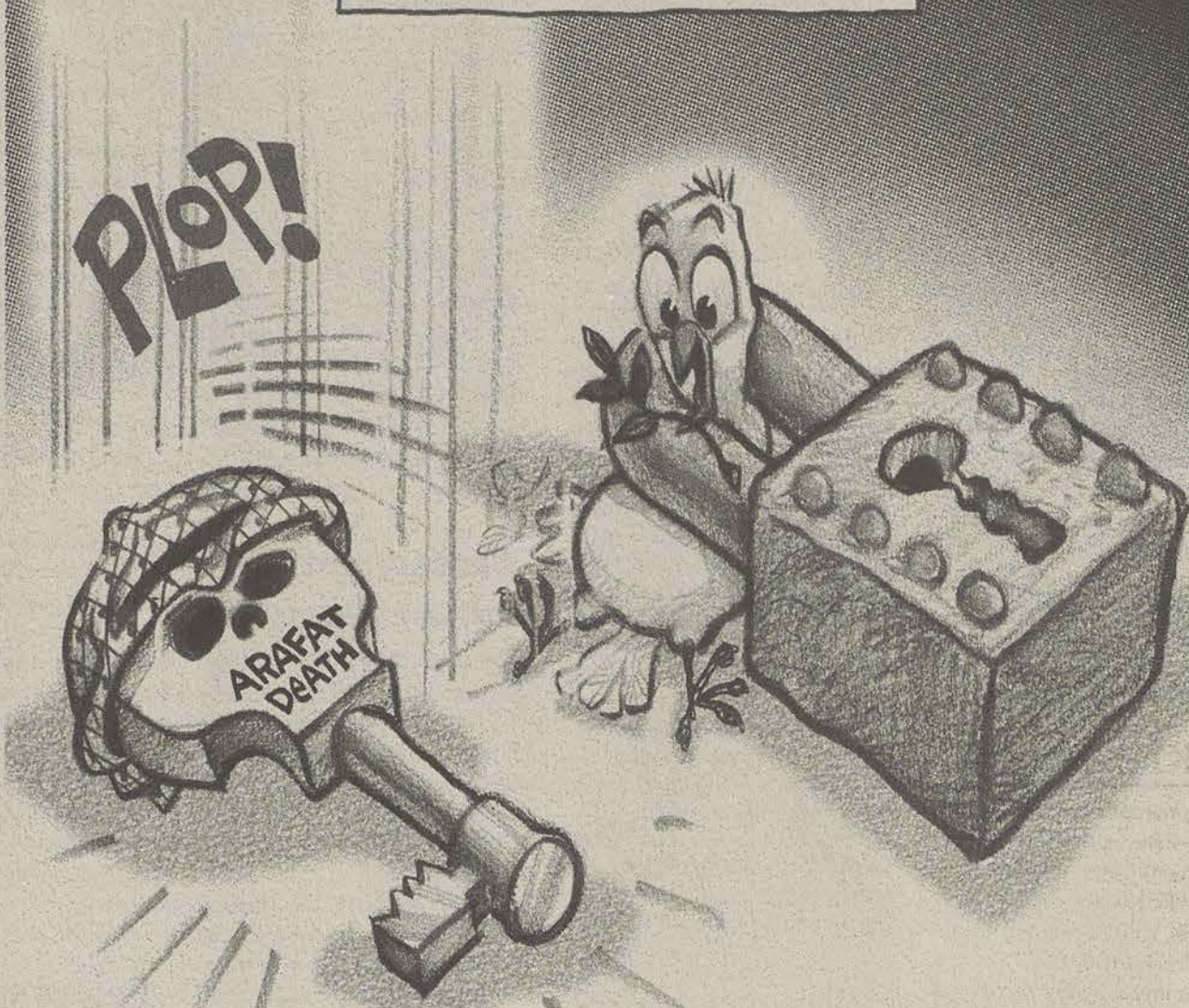
Probably, if it was a derogatory term used to describe another race or another type of people, they would not think it so appropriate. But I guess since they're just making fun of dumb country folk it's perfectly kosher.

Maybe you have to know the editors as well as I do to understand why this bothered me so

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## It's more than just Turkey Day

Thanksgiving has to be the most underrated holiday.

For one, eating is really important to me. Since I stay busy with school and work, when I do eat, it's usually junk foods. Unhealthy stuff like french-fries, potato chips, candy, and other things that aren't at all healthy, or really good for that matter, they're just cheap and fast.

But on Thanksgiving, I get to eat a lot of good stuff, cooked by loved ones who can't hear enough about how good the cheese broccoli tastes. Besides the gluttonous amounts of turkey and dressing that I scarf down over the Thanksgiving holidays, there's lots of other good stuff, too, like mashed potatoes, beans, sweet-potato soufflé, corn, cranberry sauce... and the list goes on and on. Then there are ridiculous amounts of orgasmic desserts that I devour even though my stomach is already stretched to uncomfortable proportions.

But there is another reason I love Thanksgiving: It gives me a time to remember to be thankful for the good things in life. Sure, I try to be thankful all the time, but at least there is one day of the year when we can put aside the outside stresses and focus on what makes our lives great.

I am blessed in so many ways, and often times forget to give thanks like I should. But Thanksgiving gives me that chance. I'll save the boredom of listing these things, but I think we're all in the same boat.

I think we should all really think about what we are thankful for over the next week. We should think about those special in our lives and let them know how much we appreciate them.

We should be thankful and feel lucky that we live in a country that is free (well, mostly free) and not in some terror-torn country like Israel, Iran or Afghanistan.

We should be thankful that we are able to attend college and have some control over what we want to do with our lives.

The list is endless. But, no matter what you do on Thanksgiving, just be thankful. Whatever makes you happy in life, find the source of that merriment and be thankful for it.

And remember, this season is a great time to give thanks, but try to be thankful all the time. In our turbulent times, you never know when it may not be there anymore.

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## Lessons in living: Finding better ways to build healthy relationships

**By Randy Henderson**  
The Seattle Times/NEXT

My first roommate sat silently watching television. I sat at the table, eating cereal. Suddenly, he turns and yells, "Do you have to slurp your milk?!"

This followed weeks of growing tension over dishes, splitting bills and more.

Ah, relationships. Whether with your roommate, significant other, boss, friends or family, they can be quite the challenge.

So, too, is dealing with stress and anger. I've been driven to road rage once. OK, twice. I've even become angry enough to kick a hole in the wall.

But while sex education is common in schools, what about relationship and stress-management education? Unfortunately, such classes are few and far between.

Last week, Washington state officials drafted guidelines for a more standardized sex-education curriculum statewide. This is partly because some conservative legislators and Christian groups still oppose sex education and contraceptives in schools.

But both those who wish to protect students through sex education and those who

object to sex ed should be able to agree on the importance of healthy relationships and coping skills.

Yet when the question of relationship or "life skills" education comes up, many often say young people should learn such lessons at home or simply through experience. But many kids aren't raised in the healthiest environments, and expecting teens to learn from peers is inadequate and risky.

Ultimately, there's a big difference between the random, uncertain and often painful process of learning by trial and error, and someone handing you a guidebook up front.

And if avoiding unwanted pregnancies is worth providing a class, what about not getting stuck in a miserable marriage or not fighting with family?

A quick Google search delivers dozens of studies that show that healthy relationships and coping skills reduce substance abuse, eating disorders, suicides, job and unemployment stress, health problems, crime and violence.

While Washington state has some programs that address these issues, most are targeted at already "troubled" teens in school or juvenile corrections. A program called "Reconnecting

Youth," for example, was piloted in Seattle high schools, teaching about 600 "at risk" students to develop more personal control, communication skills, positive coping behaviors and better relationship skills. May sound like touchy-feely mumbo-jumbo, but we're talking basic life skills here, not group hugs.

The program had great results: a 20-percent increase in GPA, 60-percent drop in drug use, stronger and more positive relationships with family and peers, and better personal control and anger management.

But why limit such programs to "at risk" students?

We should push for such classes, ones that also cover commitments, finances, family crises, dating preparation and stress management as part of our state's high-school curriculum for all students.

The additional costs now will be far less than those paid in health- and crime-related costs later.

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## RICE, FROM PAGE 1

Her cautious remarks reflected the potential minefield she faces in Senate confirmation hearings, likely to come the second week of December.

"I think she'll get hard questioning. That's inevitable," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority whip.

But McConnell and newly elected Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada predicted Rice would win approval.

Rice should "be confirmed fairly easily unless there's something I don't know," Reid said.

Sitting silently in the first row at Bush's announcement was the president's pick to succeed Rice as national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, who served with Rice for four years.

Asked whether his family knew long hours were in store for him, Hadley quipped: "What's different?"

But Bush elicited a smile from Hadley when he said: "Steve is a man of wisdom and good judgment."

"He has earned my trust, and I look forward to his continued vital service on my national security team," Bush said.

National Security Council officials said they expected no change in the organization's direction, but a lower profile for Hadley.

Whereas Rice has granted regular interviews to promote the administration's foreign policy, Hadley is more

media-shy.

Aides describe Hadley as a multitasker and seasoned Washington insider with a good sense of humor, even when the news is bad.

Bush's Cabinet has been exceptionally stable, with only four departures in the nearly four years before the election.

But Powell's resignation put Bush on a course to have roughly the average turnover after re-election.

In all, six Cabinet officers have announced their departures, and more are expected.

Presidents Clinton and Reagan had seven Cabinet seats change hands after they won new terms, President Nixon nine, Presidents Truman and Johnson four each.








Administration officials say Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson may be next to go. Officials close to Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge say he is ready to return to private life, but may be willing to stay for a few months; Ridge and Bush are expected to talk soon.

Another member of Bush's Cabinet, budget chief Josh Bolten, is expected to stay.

Dan Bartlett, Bush's communications director, is likely to assume an expanded portfolio, taking on a "presidential counselor" or "deputy chief of staff" title, several administration officials said.

## Bush's second-term Cabinet shake-up

### Resignations in last two weeks

SECRETARY OF ENERGY	ATTORNEY GENERAL	SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	SECRETARY OF STATE	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	JOB CHANGE
						
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Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is a potential candidate	Replaced by White House counsel Alberto Gonzales	Bush campaign finance chief Mercer Reynolds a possibility	Replaced by domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings	Replaced by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice	White House adviser Chuck Conner is a possible replacement	Replaced by Deputy Security Adviser Stephen Hadley

The shuffling of President Bush's top advisers continued Tuesday with the promotion of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to Secretary of State.

## PREVENTION, FROM PAGE 1

in constant contact with so many people on a daily basis, this step is all too often easier said than done.

If you try your best to follow the steps outlined above, our campus is sure to be a healthier and happier one during this flu season.

A final word of advice comes from James: "When in doubt, check it out." If you begin to feel sick, do not wait until you are severely ill to go to the doctor.

According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, influenza kills an estimated 36,000 Americans each year and sends about 200,000 to the hospital. Although it is speculated that students will not be among the most severe cases of the flu, primarily because of our age and relative good health, it remains vital that we take every available precaution.

For further information about influenza, consult the official website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## FLU, FROM PAGE 1

medical conditions that might reduce their ability to fight the flu virus, and health care workers with direct patient contact.

Barbara James, Health Services Section Supervisor said that beginning

early in October, a waiting list was started for the flu shots. Each person had to undergo a CDC screening to determine they are at high risk. There are about 70 names on the list already.

## Clinton urges new energy policy in speech leading up to library opening

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Bill Clinton kicked off events leading up to the opening of his presidential library Tuesday by encouraging a new focus on energy.

In a speech before 2,000 members of the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Clinton predicted that energy policy would play a key role in the next elections. And by following the example of his new energy-efficient library, Arkansas businesses could be at the cutting edge, he said.

"One of the most underdiscussed issues in the last election that will have one of the greatest impacts on our future is whether we can continue to grow our economy and become less dependent on foreign oil," Clinton said. "I think that Little Rock, one of the things you ought to consider doing, is take this library and try to replicate the clean-energy aspects of it."

Clinton noted that his 150,000-square-foot library and museum, which opens Thursday, would use 34 percent less energy because of 306 solar reflectors, 10 miles of radiant tubing in the floors and ultraviolet protective glass, all of which was constructed by American companies.

Earlier Tuesday, he swore in 40 members of the City Year Little Rock program at Little Rock Central High School, the site of the seminal 1957 school desegregation crisis. There, he said the cure for a country divided is to remember our common humanity through energetic citizen service.

"I'm tired of looking at maps of red and blue states, and I didn't (even) like it much when the blue outnumbered the red when I was president," Clinton said. "City Year is a living rebuke to the current fashion,



AP Photo/Mike Wintroath

**Former President** Bill Clinton speaks to members of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce in Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday. Clinton is in his home state for the opening of his presidential library Thursday.

slow and powerful in this country and around the world, to divide us from one another."

City Year was the inspiration for Clinton's Americorps citizens service program, founded during his presidency, and is still its largest single program. Since 1994, Americorps has had more than 330,000 youth volunteers, more than the total in the entire history of the Peace Corps, Clinton said.

City Year is expanding to Johannesburg, South Africa, next year. Clinton said he wants similar programs in other places divided by racial, ethnic or religious conflict.

"The world is being torn asunder and terrorism is being supported by people who pray that our differences are more important than our common ground," he said.

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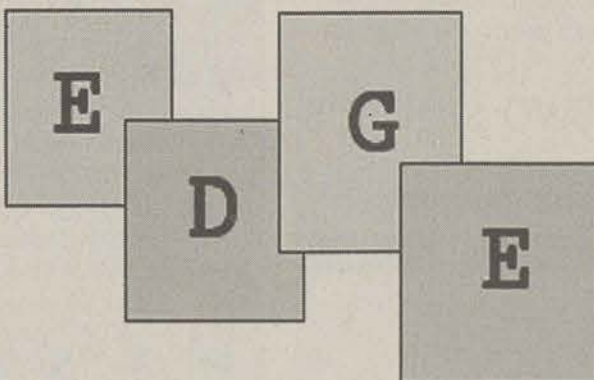
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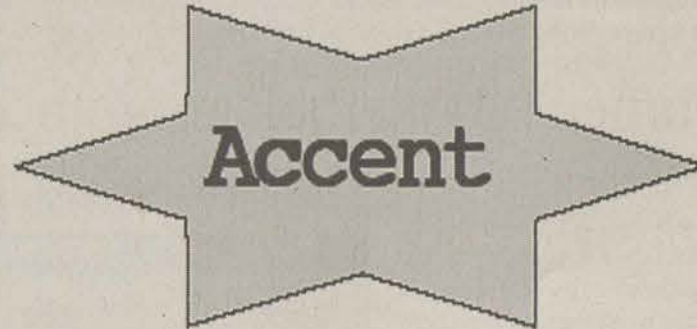
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# Eagle Volleyball set to defend conference title

GSU Athletic Media Relations

With hopes firmly set on defending their Southern Conference Championship, the Georgia Southern University volleyball team will enter the SoCon Tournament on Friday, opening with host Western Carolina at noon at the Ramsey Center in Cullowhee, NC

The Eagles finished the regular season at 19-9 overall and 13-3 in league play, securing the South Division's second seed. The Catamounts, the North Division's third seed, enter the tourney at 12-15 overall, 8-8 in league play.

In the two squads' only meeting this season, the Eagles came out on top, winning in four games (30-27, 30-27, 28-30, 33-31) on Oct. 22 in Statesboro.

For the Eagles to withstand the home-crowd advantage, they will count on the attack of junior Iulia Porumbescu and senior Kristen Kasprak.

Porumbescu, a two-time junior college all-America, has prospered in her first season as an Eagle. The outside hitter leads the team in kills

(486), digs (394) and service aces (48), while tallying double-doubles in all but three matches on the season. Among the league's leaders, Porumbescu ranks first in kills per game (4.91) and third in aces per game (0.48).

Kasprak has made great gains in the month of November, amassing a .394 attack percentage since the beginning of the month and raising her overall percentage to .306. Kasprak has reached the 20-kill plateau three times in her past five matches, including a career-high 25 at Georgia on Nov. 3.

Others expected to lend a helping hand at the tournament include the duo of juniors Natalia Galantini and Susan Winkelman, who have spent equal time anchoring the setter position for the Eagles.

Seniors Melissa Parana, with an attack percentage of .279, and Stefanie Peters, with a team-high 279 kills, will lead the Catamounts' offensive effort, as they look to pull a first-round upset in their home arena.

"It is tougher to play at their place," said head coach Kerry Messersmith. "But, in reality, it doesn't matter who we play - we just have to bring our best game onto the floor."

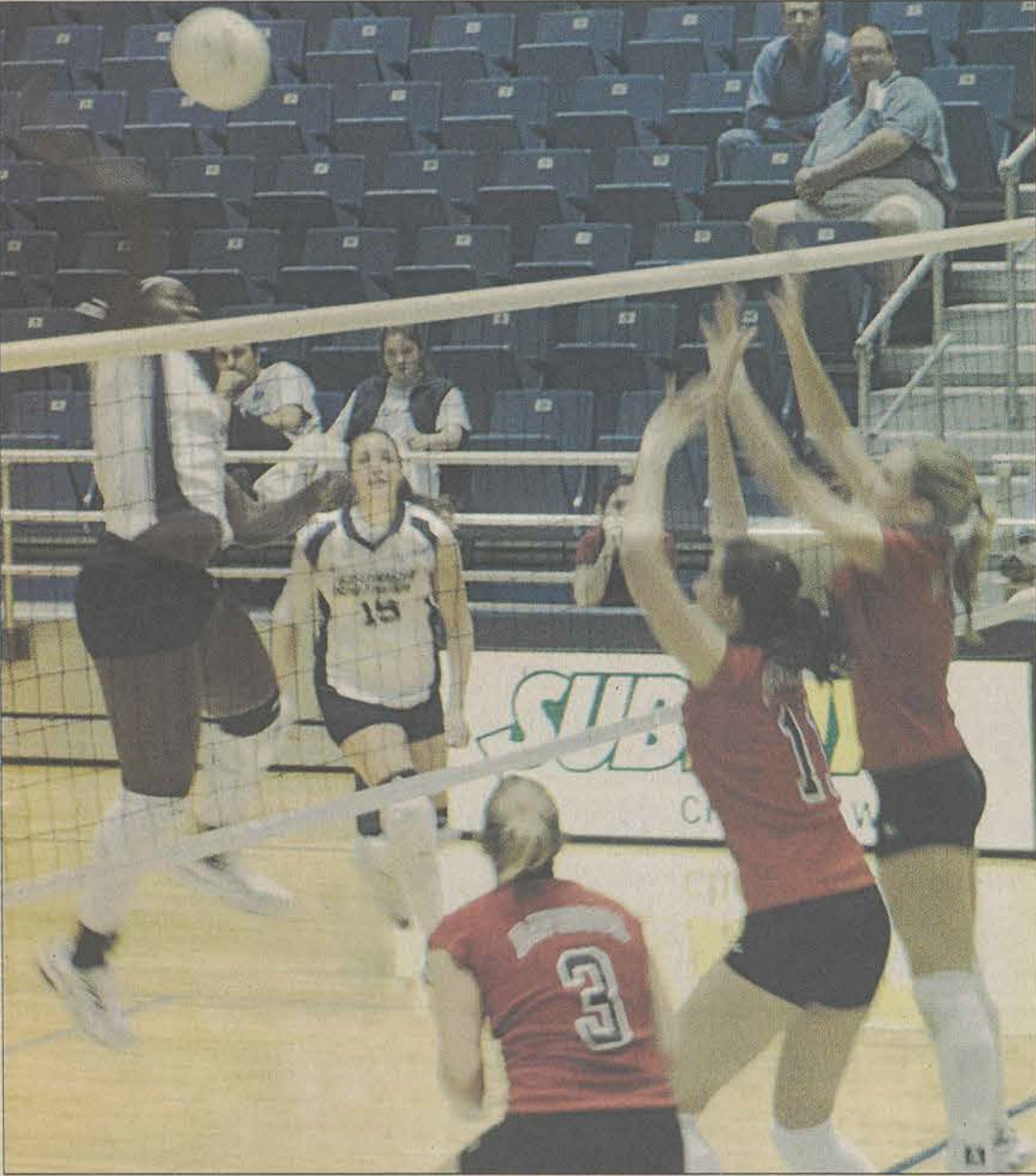
Georgia Southern and Western Carolina also opened last year's SoCon Tournament as opponents, with the Eagles eking out a five-game victory. The win was one of three five-game thrillers Georgia Southern had to battle through to secure its second conference title in three seasons.

The winner of the match between the Eagles and Catamounts will face off in the semifinal round against the winner with Appalachian State (#1 North) and Davidson (#4 South) on Saturday at 6 p.m.

In the other half of the bracket, the first round will see College of Charleston (#1 South) meet Chattanooga (#4 North) and Elon (#2 North) meet Furman (#3 South).

"As it has been before, the tournament has been anyone's to win," remarked Messersmith about the parity among the teams. "The way things lay out, no team is better than the other."

The championship match will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. A live broadcast of the match will be available via the Southern Conference Sports Network at the league's website [www.socnports.com](http://www.socnports.com).



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

GSU sophomore Jennifer Charles spikes the ball on a set of defenders earlier in the season. Charles and the rest of the Eagles volleyball team are set to take on Western Carolina Friday, as they march towards the SoCon title.

## Women's Basketball announces two signees

GSU Athletics Media Relations

Two student-athletes have signed national letters-of-intent to join the Georgia Southern women's basketball program, according to an announcement from head coach Rusty Cram on Tuesday.

Taylor Youngblood averaged 18 points and eight rebounds her junior year at Morris County High School. The 5'10" perimeter player was selected to the Area Super Six preseason squad earlier this year. She is the first athlete from her high school team to earn a scholarship.

"Taylor is a Georgia girl with great size," said Cram. "She has a super work-ethic and is going to be a great all-around player."

Sina Hilbert, from Westside High in Macon, averaged nine points and six rebounds in her junior campaign. Hilbert, a 6'2" post player, comes from the same high school as former Eagle Kristy McCorkle.

"Sina is a very strong, physical post player," said Cram. "She will add another big, strong body inside and will complement our style well."

Georgia Southern officially opens the 2004-05 season on Friday, Nov. 19 when it faces Jackson State in the opening round of the Comfort Suites Tip-Off Classic in Richmond, Kentucky.

### 2004- 2005 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 19	vs. Jackson State at Comfort Suites	4 PM
Nov. 20	Tip-Off Classic at Eastern Kentucky or vs. Radford at Comfort Suites	TBA
Nov. 24	Tip-Off Classic	
Nov. 27	SAVANNAH STATE	7 PM
Nov. 30	DAVIDSON	5 PM
Dec. 04	at Georgia	7 PM
Dec. 05	MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST	5 PM
Dec. 11	at College of Charleston	4 PM
Dec. 15	MERCER	5 PM
Dec. 18	WESTERN CAROLINA	3 PM
Dec. 21	at Appalachian State	5 PM
Dec. 28	at East Tennessee State	7 PM
Jan. 4, 2005	CHATTANOOGA	7 PM
Jan. 08	at UNC Greensboro	3 PM
Jan. 10	at Elon	6 PM
Jan. 15	WOFFORD	1 PM
Jan. 17	FURMAN	5 PM
Jan. 22	at Western Carolina	4 PM
Jan. 24	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	5 PM
Jan. 29	at Davidson	2 PM
Jan. 31	at Chattanooga	7 PM
Feb. 05	UNC GREENSBORO	1 PM
Feb. 07	ELON	7 PM
Feb. 12	at Wofford	1 PM
Feb. 14	at Furman	7 PM
Feb. 17	at Savannah State	7 PM
Feb. 21	Appalachian State	7 PM
Feb. 26	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	12 PM
March 02	at SoCon Tournament Chattanooga, Tenn.	TBA

# SPORTS

## Eagle Men picked to place second in SoCon

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The Georgia Southern basketball team enters this season with a tough schedule and high expectations. The Eagles, coached by experienced head basketball coach Jeff Price look to be a big factor in the Southern Conference this season. The Eagles were picked to finish second behind Davidson and ahead of College of Charleston by both the coaches and media polls.

The Eagles return two of their top three leading scorers from last season in junior guard Elton Nesbitt (15.7ppg) and senior guard Terry Williams (12.4ppg). Both were also named to the preseason all Southern Conference team. They are led in the front court by senior forward Jean Francois, who at 6' 6", 240 pounds, provides an imposing presence in the middle. Francois is coming off a season where he led the team in blocks and averaged ten points per game.

Last season the Eagles finished at a 21-8 clip, and 11-5 in the Southern Conference. They were halted in the Southern Conference tournament semi-finals by eventual champions and NCAA Tournament invitees, the Chattanooga Mocs.

Coach Price has high expectations of his young squad. "As a group, our new guys are really improving," said Price. "Playing against the older, more experienced player is making them a better and making them realize what has to be done to succeed. This learning curve will be even more exaggerated in the coming weeks as we hold a few scrimmages."

Last year's success and this season's high expectations are a tribute to the job Coach Jeff Price has done building Georgia Southern into a winning and respected program.

The Eagles tip off this season No-



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GSU senior guard Terry Williams moves down court against Furman, February 7, 2004. The Eagles look to avenge last season's 77-72 loss to the Paladins when they host them at Hanner on February 5, 2005.

ember 18, in Fairbanks, Alaska, for the BP "Top of the World Tournament". They will face tough weather conditions and even tougher competition. They will face Utah St. in the opener, who last season was considered a shoe-in for the NCAA tournament until being upset in their conference tournament. Utah St. has ranked fifth nationally in winning percentage over the last five seasons.

Preseason all-conference guard Elton Nesbitt had this to say regarding the trip and the competition, "Everyone has been talking about the trip to Alaska. You can tell everyone is getting excited, both to make the trip

and to begin the season. It's time for us to go out and see how we compete against some of the nation's better mid-major teams"

The Eagles will then face off against UCF or division two power, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. It doesn't get any easier as they travel to take on Washington State before coming home to face Brewton-Parker November 27.

The Eagles winning ways have created an electric atmosphere at Hanner in recent years and last year the Eagles finished 11-2 at home. Look for more of the same this season as the Eagles look to bring home a championship.

## MLB names 2004 MVP award winners

### Bonds walks away with seventh MVP

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

Barry Bonds won his record seventh National League Most Valuable Player award in a walk.

Capping a season filled with suspicion and success, the San Francisco Giants left fielder became the oldest player to become the MVP of a major North American professional league. The 40-year-old received 24 of 32 first-place votes and 407 points Monday in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to earn the award for the fourth straight season.

"I don't know if one is better than the other. I think they're all overwhelming," Bonds said. "You almost get lost for words, the kind of things that are being accomplished in my career."

Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 311 points, followed

by St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols with 247 points.

Bonds is the only baseball player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell previously was the oldest baseball MVP, sharing the 1979 NL award at 39 1/2 with Keith Hernandez. Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record he set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season. His 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, also set by Bonds in 2002.

Bonds hit 45 homers in 373 at-

bats, while Beltre hit a major league-leading 48 in 598 at-bats and Pujols had 46 in 592.



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San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds

### Guerrero brings home first MVP award

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

Vladimir Guerrero had such a huge impact during the final week of the season that voting for the American League Most Valuable Player award wasn't even close.

Guerrero easily defeated his competitors on the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees on Tuesday, becoming just the fifth player to switch leagues and earn the honor in his first season with his new team.

The Anaheim Angels right fielder received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 354 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Yankees right fielder Gary Sheffield finished second with five first-place votes and 254 points. Boston players split the remaining two first-place votes, with left fielder Manny Ramirez finishing third with 238 points and designated hitter David Ortiz winding up fourth with 174 points.

"I was in no way expecting it to be the way it came out," he said through a translator during a conference call

from the presidential palace in the Dominican Republic.

Guerrero, 28, signed a \$70 million, five-year contract with the Angels last January after eight seasons with the Montreal Expos. He hit .337 with 39 homers and 126 RBIs as Anaheim won the AL West, and led the league with 124 runs and 366 total bases.

He batted .371 in September with 10 homers and 23 RBIs, and went 14-for-30 (.467) with six homers and 11 RBIs in the last six games of the season, helping the Angels finish one game ahead of Oakland.

Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said Guerrero was "at times carrying our team single-handedly." Guerrero became the second Angels player to win, joining Don Baylor (1979). He became the ninth straight player from the AL West to win.

"Vlad has got such a great temperament. For as talented as he is, he's probably the most unassuming superstar you'd ever be around,"

Scioscia said. "He's got probably the smallest ego of anybody that has accomplished what he has."

Anaheim was swept by Boston in the first round of the playoffs, Guerrero's first time in the postseason, and he hopes to get back every year.



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Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero