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Only In America

Dressed for success?

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—Howard Goldstein, 47, was charged with murdering his landlord and fellow Orthodox Jew, Rabbi Rahamin Sultan, in October during a rent dispute. The police said that when they knocked on the door to investigate Sultan's disappearance, Goldstein answered dressed in a gray blouse "with a plunging neckline," slacks and pink high-heeled shoes, and wearing bright red lipstick and blue eye shadow "that clashed with his long beard." A search of his room turned up pre-beard snapshots of Goldstein in an array of fashions and wigs.

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Learn about managing your money and spend your financial aid checks wisely



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Quote of the Day

"We should manage our fortunes as we do our health—enjoy it when good, be patient when it is bad and never apply violent remedies except in an extreme necessity."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1600s French classical author

Weekend Weather

Friday



Sunny

HIGH
58°
LOW
32°

Saturday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
50°
LOW
35°

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Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Staff members of Lakeside's newest addition, Wrapsody, prepare fresh wraps to order. Wrapsody delivers a healthy, low carb alternative for those students who want to try something new while watching their weight.

Wrapping it up at Lakeside

Wrapsody provides low carb meals for GSU students

By Jessica Luber

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On Jan. 10, 2005, Leigh Ann's Café made its way into Lakeside Café via its franchise name, Wrapsody.

Keeping with the trends of current diet excursions, the Wrapsody wraps are a healthy, low carb meal that are made to order from only the freshest ingredients. A variety of over 30 different wraps and salads now allow for students to try something new when dining at Lakeside.

While most of the usual customers do consist of faculty and staff, Wrapsody is by no means discouraging the student crowd.

Café owner Leigh Price explained that the name for the new restaurant didn't come easy. "The name actually came about after six tries. Each name and logo that we came up with was turned down after we found out

they were already registered with the state. Finally, we were looking up names and trying to see what would fit us best and we came up with Wrapsody. It means both exuberant and a feeling like no other and that is exactly how we feel about our menu and what we have to offer," she said.

Wraps served at Wrapsody range from hot to cold, chicken to shrimp and fajita style to teriyaki.

Wrapsody is now the second franchise restaurant on campus. As of right now, they do not yet take the Georgia Southern Meal plan. Being a separate entity, Wrapsody has brought in its own employees allowing for their menu items to be paid for right at its own counter.

Opening its doors only a few weeks ago, they have already begun to see a growing customer base among students, faculty and staff. Wrapsody is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. inside Lakeside Café.

Rice wins nod from Senate

By Anne Gearan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Condoleezza Rice won confirmation as secretary of state Wednesday despite blistering criticism from Senate Democrats who accused her of misleading statements and said she must share the blame for mistakes and war deaths in Iraq.

The tally, though one-sided at 85-13, was still the largest "no" vote against any secretary of state nominee since 1825.

Separately, a Senate committee narrowly voted to send Alberto Gonzales' attorney general nomination to the full Senate. And Jim Nicholson and Michael Leavitt won confirmation as the new secretaries of veterans affairs and health and human services respectively as President Bush's second-term Cabinet began to fill out.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser for four years and perhaps his closest adviser on the war and terrorism issues that dominated his first term, becomes the first black woman to be America's top diplomat. She succeeds Colin Powell, a former Army general who clashed privately with some of the strongest hawks in Bush's inner circle.

Although Rice's nomination was never in doubt, Democrats mounted a lengthy and biting protest that showed she will not immediately match Powell's collegial relationship with Capitol Hill.

Democratic senators denounced Rice's job performance and truth-

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Bush seeks patience from Americans on deadliest day for U.S. in Iraq

By Terence Hunt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush urged Iraqis to defy terrorists and vote in Sunday's election, and sought patience from anxious Americans as a Marine helicopter crash Wednesday pushed the U.S. death toll above 1,400.

"The story today is going to be very discouraging to the American people," Bush said on the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the Iraq war began. "I understand that. It is the long-term objective that is vital - that is to spread freedom."

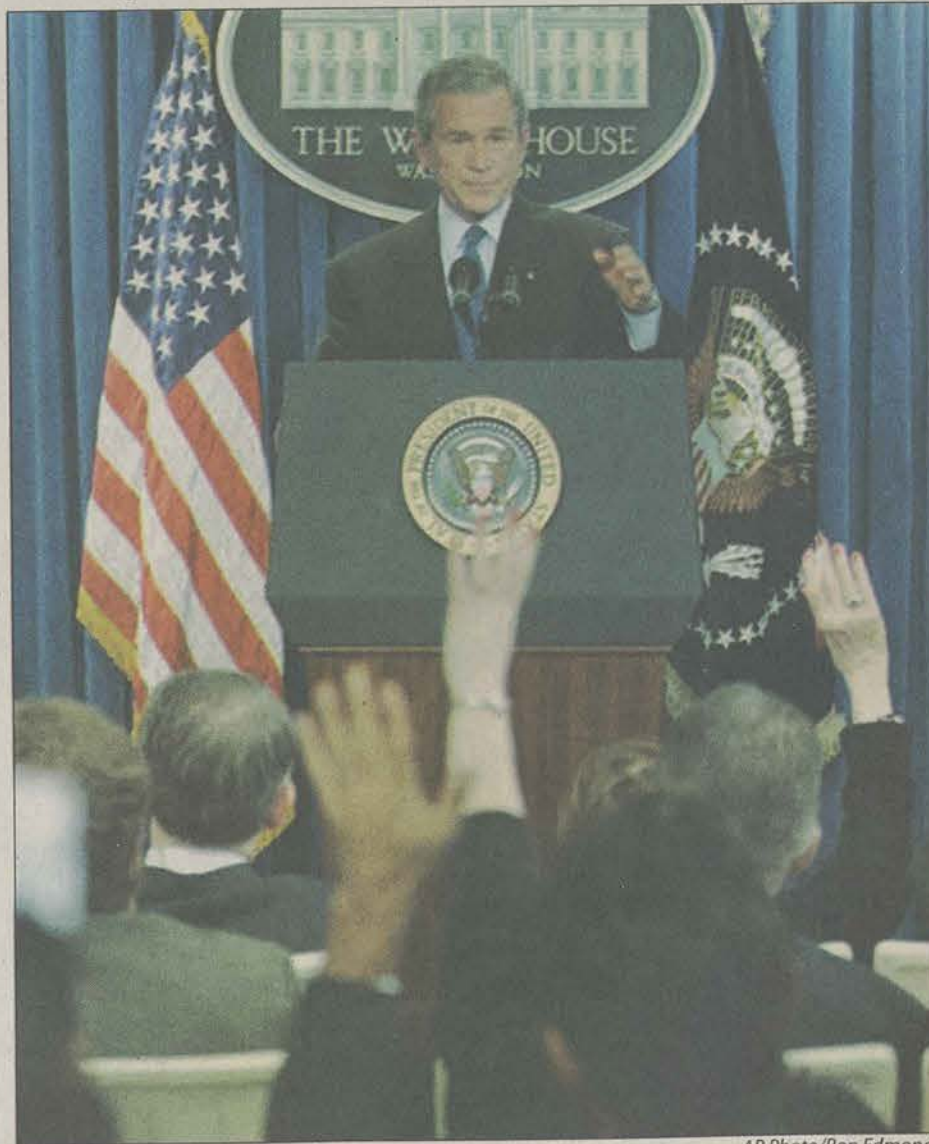
He lashed out at critics who say Iraq has become too costly and deadly, suggesting that such second-guessing could hurt the U.S. mission. The administration plans to seek \$80 billion to pay for war costs, bringing the total since the Sept. 11 attacks to more than \$300 billion.

"I think the Iraqi people are wondering whether or not this nation has the will necessary to stand with them as democracy evolves," Bush said. "The enemy would like nothing more than the United States to precipitously pull out and withdraw before the Iraqis are prepared to defend themselves."

More than half of Americans think it's unlikely that Iraq will become stable and democratic, according to an Associated Press poll. Undeterred, Bush said he is leading the nation toward an honorable goal - in Iraq and across the world. "I firmly planted the flag of liberty," he said.

To the Iraqis who face daily attacks from insurgents, he said: "Clearly, there are some who are intimidated. I urge people to vote. I urge people to defy these terrorists."

Conducting the 18th full-blown news conference of his presidency, the first of his second term, Bush touched on a wide spectrum of topics, including his proposal to overhaul Social Security, the budget deficit, shaky U.S. relations with allies and Demo-



AP Photo/Ron Edmonds

President Bush calls on reporters during a news conference Wednesday in the press room at the White House.

cratic complaints about his top Cabinet picks.

Bush acknowledged that some Republicans are nervous about his plans to revamp Social Security, long known as the third rail of American politics.

"What you're hearing a little bit is whether or not it is worth the political price," Bush said. "I

think it is." He has called for legislation that will extend the program's financial stability while including an option for personal accounts for younger workers.

Half a world away, news from Iraq dominated the day. Bush said he did not know the cause

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Target to open new distribution center in Midway

New jobs could benefit GSU students, Statesboro community

By Jennifer Maddox

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Target Corp. is currently working to bring a new distribution center to Liberty County.

The site for the new center is located just off Interstate 95 in Midway (which is approximately 60 miles from Statesboro), and is expected to bring about 500 new job openings to the area.

Once it opens, it will become Target's 26th distribution center in the country and the second in Georgia. The Target chain at present consists of 1,308 stores nationwide, with 40 of them located in the state of Georgia.

There are many logistics majors here at GSU, and distribution centers are often their primary place of employment.

As of right now, GSU is the only university in Georgia to offer this major. According to Dr. Karl Manrodt, a logistics professor at GSU, logistics is currently one of the fastest growing industries today.

Logistics involves the moving and storing of goods, and is very important in making trade possible. Those that work in this field determine how to get exported goods from all

over the globe transported from their producers to the market place. They work out the finest details—shipment cost, how to transport them, where to ship them, among other things—in order to make them available to the consumers. Without this process, trade with other nations would be impossible.

Many graduates from GSU have already made great contributions to this field.

"Former logistic students of GSU have done extremely well and have shown better than average performance," Manrodt said.

The companies that have recruited logistics majors in the past include Wal-Mart, FedEx, and Georgia-Pacific.

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Reporter's Notebook

Notes from the Jan. 26 Student Government Association meeting

By Jamie Galvin
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• GSU Life Savers for Tsunami Relief is a donation program formed by all Georgia Southern organizations in attempt to raise money for the victims of this recent natural disaster. Each participating group has agreed to collect money through different fund-raising activities such as a bake sale or car wash and then compile their earnings into one large check. Several charitable organizations, such as the Red Cross, are in mind for the donation though one has not yet been

decided upon.

• As of Feb. 14, every student will receive a student ID number in place of their social security number. This nine-digit code will be available on wings as of this date and will need to be recorded into all students' all ready existing GSU identification card account. This procedure can be done at the Russell Union, the Health Center, Lakeside Café, Landrum, and the RAC free of charge.

• The "Face Book" is a web site designed to allow students of the same school to meet online, and is a way to

keep in touch with friends from high school. GSU has been added into their program and SGA wants to make sure students are being smart about what information is revealed over the Internet. In the profile sign-up it asks for address, cell phone number and class schedule. Listing one might be okay, but giving out all three could land you with a stalker.

Jamie Galvin covers the Student Government Association for The George-Anne. Her notes appear each Thursday.

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of the deadly helicopter crash. In addition, insurgents killed four American troops in an ambush and carried out a flurry of attacks on sites linked to this weekend's elections.

A suicide car bomber attacked an office of a major Kurdish party, killing or injuring at least 20 people three miles southwest of Mosul.

Despite the unrelenting violence, Bush said, "I anticipate a grand moment in Iraqi history" with Sunday's elections. He seemed to be lowering expectations when asked how big of a turnout was needed to declare the election a success. "The fact that they're voting in itself is successful," he said.

Less than a week after his inaugural address, the president reiterated his pledge to wipe tyranny from the globe but seemed to scale back on expectations.

"This will involve the commitment of generations, but we're seeing much progress in our time," the president said.

Bush spoke as the Senate prepared to confirm his nomination of Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice, one of the architects of Bush's Iraq policy. "She is going to make a wonderful secretary of state," he said.

It was the deadliest day for U.S. forces since March 2003, when Bush led a fragile coalition against Saddam Hussein in search of weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found, and now Bush is making the spread of freedom the cause of

U.S. troops.

The previous single deadliest incident for U.S. troops was also a helicopter crash: a November 2004 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that were trying to avoid ground fire, killing 17 service members.

Bush was asked if he would condemn human rights abuse by the Jordanian government, a U.S. ally, which arrested a man and charged him with slander after he delivered a lecture called "Why We Boycott America."

Bush said he was unaware of the case, but urged King Abdullah II to "make sure that democracy continues to advance in Jordan."

"As I said in my speech, not every nation is going to immediately adopt America's vision of democracy and I fully understand that," Bush said. "But we expect nations to adopt the values inherent in a democracy, which is human rights and human dignity, that every person ought to have a voice. And his majesty is making progress toward that goal."

Bush mixed up the budget and deficit numbers when asked about money requests he would make in his budget proposal Feb. 7.

"It turned out that the budget was \$412 billion for last year," he said. That's the figure the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office cited for the deficit last year.

"Now, the budget is projected to be at \$427 billion," he added. Again, that's the figure the White House projects for this year's deficit.

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fulness. Most criticism focused on Rice's role planning for war and explaining the threat posed by Saddam Hussein.

Some accused her of avoiding accountability for the absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Others said she seemed unwilling to acknowledge errors in planning or judgment.

"In the end, I could not excuse Dr. Rice's repeated misstatements," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said of his vote against Rice.

Durbin said Powell had been "a voice of moderation," and he expressed "hope that the responsibility of leadership will inspire Condoleezza Rice to follow his example."

The 11 other Democrats who voted against Rice included some of the Senate's best-known names, such as Massachusetts Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and John Kerry.

Independent Sen. James M. Jeffords of Vermont also voted no.

Thirty-two Democrats voted to confirm Rice, although several said they did so with reservations. Rice won support from all 53 Republicans who voted. Two Republican senators did not cast votes.

"My own view is she is a forthright person," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said after the vote. Lugar chairs the Foreign Relations Committee that questioned Rice over two days of contentious confirmation hearings last week. He said that trust will come with time.

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Along with the 500 jobs that this new distribution center is expected to bring, it is also anticipated to bring an additional 300 employment opportunities within the first five years of operation. According to Mitch Stover, Target's senior vice president, the wages provided by these jobs will be extremely competitive in the marketplace, although he would not specify on what the salary ranges will be.

The new distribution center is especially good news to the residents of Liberty County, where the unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in November. John McIver, chairman of the Liberty County Board of Commissioners, hopes that this development will lower the unemployment rate in the area. "I think it will be a great impact economically for our community," he said.

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Firefighters suspended for sex on duty

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. — Four Sacramento, California firefighters who admitted to having sex while on duty have been suspended pending an investigation, a spokesman for the city's fire department said on Tuesday.

The three men, including a captain, admitted to having sex with a fourth firefighter, a woman, while on duty. Superiors put all four on administrative leave on Monday, marking the second recent sex scandal to hit the sleepy state capital's fire department.

"The four individuals have admitted to having sex in the firehouse," said Captain Niko King, a spokesman for the department. "They even conspired to keep it secret by putting one person on watch so they wouldn't get caught."

Mold fungus shuts down post office

OTHO, Ia. — Rain, snow and sleet won't keep the mail from being delivered. But mold?

The post office in this small northern Iowa town has been closed since Dec. 8 after a black mold fungus called *Stachybotrys* was found in the building.

Now, the town's 575 residents must travel eight miles to Fort Dodge to get their mail.

Postal officials are looking at solutions, but they say the Otho post office won't open anytime soon.

"Cleaning black mold is near impossible," said Cathy Ellett, manager of post office operations. "Once we walk away from black mold, the chances of going back are slim."

Texas cops undress to catch prostitution

HOUSTON, Tx. — Some suspects in prostitution investigations are confronting naked justice. A prosecutor says police are now allowed to undress in an effort to persuade suspected prostitutes to negotiate sex acts.

During a four-month sting operation that ended with 56 arrests in November, some undercover vice officers dropped their covers altogether.

Police Chief Harold Hurtt has changed a long-standing, unwritten department policy to allow undercover vice officers to disrobe in certain cases.

But Hurtt and other Houston police officials declined to discuss the new policy.

"I'm not going to comment about the strategies and tactics that we use," said Hurtt last week.

Man fakes chest pains to avoid paying tab

MACHIAS, Me. — A 54-year-old homeless man who routinely complained of fake chest pains to avoid paying the tab for restaurant meals may have gotten his just desserts.

A judge sentenced Elias I. Elias on Friday to 90 days in jail after he pleaded guilty to theft of services.

The sentence followed the recommendation of District Attorney Paul Cavanaugh, who said the Aug. 5 incident at the Townhouse Restaurant marked the 13th time that Elias tried to skip out on the check by pretending he had trouble breathing and was having a heart attack.

Authorities said Elias would order dinner and drinks, eat and enjoy, then fake his need for medical assistance when the check arrived.

He would be taken to a local hospital but usually left before police arrived.

Town to use pig on 'Groundhog's Day'

LEXINGTON, N.C. — A 65-pound pot-bellied pig will be called into forecasting duty when Lexington celebrates "Groundhog's Day" on Feb. 2.

"Lil Bit" will be looking for her shadow to help determine how soon spring will arrive.

"We're doing this event because of the heritage of barbecue," said Liz Parham, executive director of Uptown Lexington, which is planning the celebration. Lexington is famous for its pork barbecue in a tomato-based sauce.

Lexington Mayor Pro-tem Larry Beck will lead the celebration, and local group "Whistlepig" will perform a Groundhog Day jingle.

Man buys \$17,000 ad to save marriage

JACKSONVILLE, Fl. — When five dozen roses didn't work, an estranged husband took out a full-page newspaper ad to ask his wife for forgiveness.

Larry, who declined to give his last name, sent the \$17,000 apology to Marianne, his wife of 17 years. She left him almost two weeks ago, he said.

A relative told him that Marianne saw the advertisement.

"She said my wife read the ad and started crying. But so far I've had no response from her," Larry said.

National News Briefs

10 dead as train hits SUV, collides with another train

GLENDALE, Ca. — A commuter train smashed into an SUV left on the tracks by a suicidal man early Wednesday, sending the train careening off the rails in a wreck that killed 10 people and injured about 200, authorities said. Dozens of the injured were in critical condition.

After the Metrolink train hit the SUV, it derailed and crashed with another train going in the opposite direction.

Both trains landed on their sides, sending passengers tumbling down the aisles, authorities said.

The SUV driver changed his mind about suicide, and left the vehicle before it was hit, Police Chief Randy Adams said. The man will be charged with homicide, he said.

The man, identified as Juan Manuel Alvarez, 26, of Compton, stood by as the train hit the SUV, Adams said. Alvarez had also tried to slash his

wrists and stabbed himself, authorities said.

Firefighters picked through twisted wreckage and carried injured passengers from the trains to a triage center set up in a nearby parking lot.

The accident happened a little after 6 a.m.

Nearly 300 firefighters were at the scene and 35 ambulances were taking injured passengers to hospitals, officials said.



Associated Press
Firefighters transport a crash victim Wednesday. Two commuter trains crashed into each other when a suicidal man drove an SUV onto the tracks.

Bush urges Iraqis to vote, defy terrorists

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"I understand that. It is the long-term objective that is vital — that is to spread freedom."

Astronauts install robotic arm on station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fl. — Leaving the international space station unattended while they stepped outside, the two crewmen hooked up a robotic arm Wednesday and found some kind of gunk on the spacecraft's vents that might explain the frequent breakdowns in its air-supply equipment.

Spacewalkers Leroy Chiao and Salizhan Sharipov did not make all of the electrical connections on the experimental mini-arm tight enough and had to redo part of the job, but managed to get full power flowing with just minutes remaining in their 5 1/2-hour outing.

NY radio station suspends crew over tsunami 'parody'

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The host of a New York morning radio show and the rest of her on-air crew were suspended indefinitely Wednesday for airing a tasteless song parody that mocked victims of the catastrophic south Asia tsunami.

"What happened is morally and socially indefensible," said Rick Cummings, president of Emmis Radio, in announcing the disciplinary action.

The song, a parody of the charity single "We Are the World," aired last Friday on Emmis station WQHT-FM, known locally as Hot 97. The station was subsequently flooded with thousands of angry phone calls demanding the firing of morning show host Tarsha Jones, known on air as Miss Jones.

The disc jockey offered an on-air apology, and the station initially announced that she and a half-dozen other members of the morning team would donate a week's salary to tsu-

nami relief. The station, in a statement posted on its Web site, said management later decided "stronger action was necessary to demonstrate the severity of the situation."

The decision to suspend the DJ and her crew was immediately hailed by groups upset over the song.

The death toll in the tsunami is estimated at anywhere from 144,000 and 178,000, with upward of 140,000 more people still missing.

Police officer faces 10 years for beating man

RICHMOND, Va. — A former Petersburg police officer pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal civil rights charge in the severe beating of a black man pulled over during a traffic stop. The man spent more than two months in a coma.

Michael Tweedy pleaded guilty to deprivation of rights under color of law. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 when sentenced April 28.

The Oct. 13, 2003, beating, which involved at least four Petersburg police officers, left Lamont Koonce hospitalized with a fractured skull, collapsed lung and other injuries.

Tweedy's attorney, Jennifer Newman, declined to comment.



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Our Opinion

Where'd everybody go?

Last semester was the best in recent memory for *The George-Anne's* editorial section.

It wasn't because we had particularly good columnists or more amusing editorial cartoons. It wasn't because the page design was better. It wasn't even because Amanda Permenter was in charge of it. In fact, it didn't have much of anything at all to do with the staff of this paper.

It had everything to do with you.

We got scores of letters to the editor in the fall. At least one appeared on our desks or in our inboxes every single day. Such proactivity from the campus community motivated us to work harder for you and allowed us to make the section tangibly better for you in at least two other ways.

For one, we were able to more accurately choose interesting themes for editorial content. When you respond passionately to topics, we know we're on the right track. When you don't, we can't tell whether we turned you off or simply satiated you.

Letters to the editor, even when directed at content from other sections of the paper or wire columnists who don't even work for us, provide us with invaluable feedback. They also provide your fellow students with a forum for discussion, provoke thought in your classmates and earn you some notice (if not sure-fire respect) amongst your peers.

Secondly, letters to the editor have allowed us to present more diverse opinions, and even expand the editorial section to accommodate opposing viewpoints more frequently. Demand comes around to supply. Thanks to more conservatives writing in with letters and columns, we now have room for an Op-Ed page at least once a week where we can present more opinions that challenge our typical editorial stance. We want these. The more you send in, the more room we'll get to create for debate.

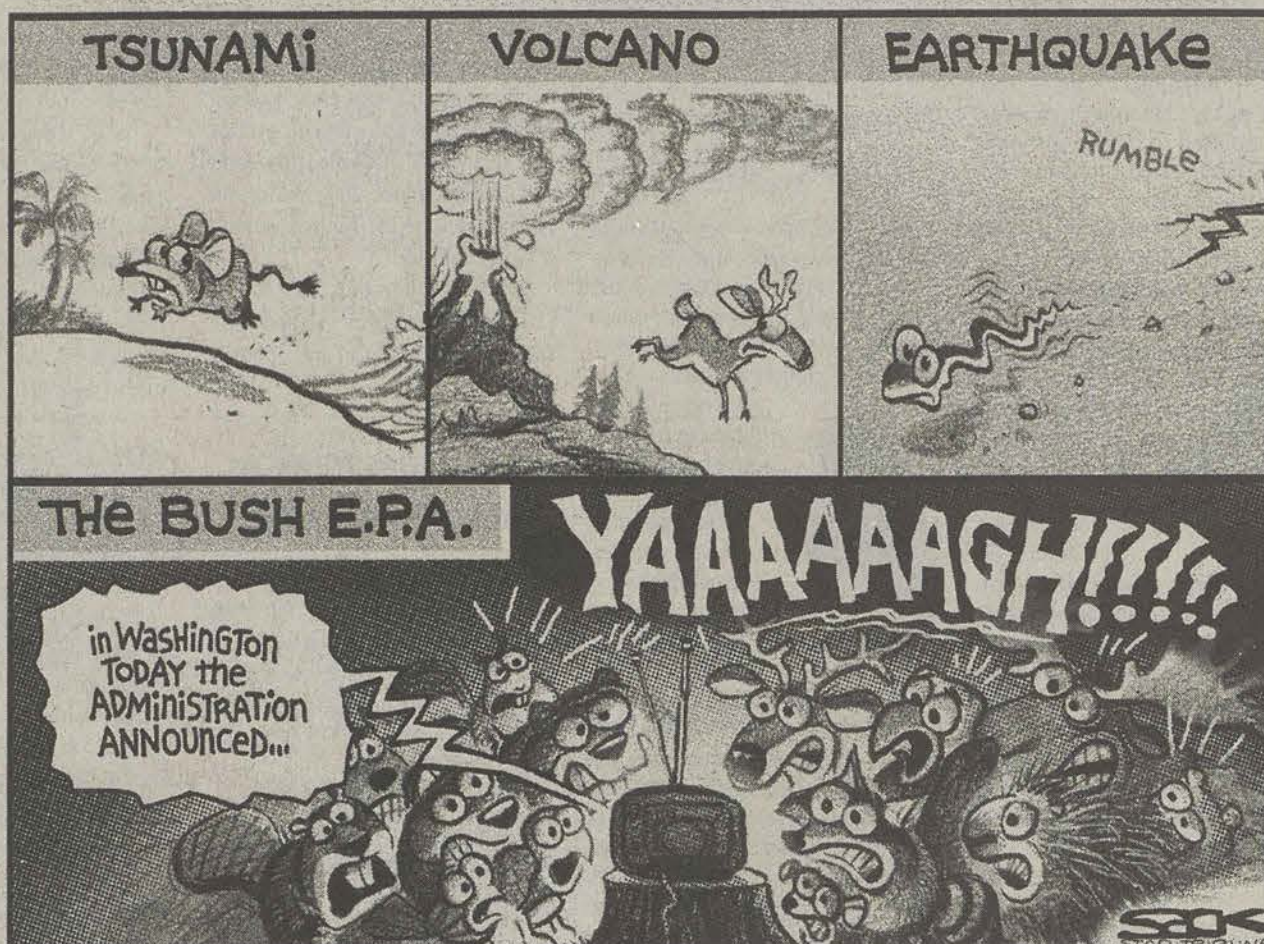
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CAN ANIMALS SENSE DISASTERS?



Campus cowards: GSU's most ineffective critics

There are some cowards on this campus.

I know this may sound crazy, but they're out there. Working here at *The George-Anne*, we hear from a lot of people with diverse opinions on a variety of topics. Usually these people are pretty up front with their opinions: they'll send us a letter stating what they have to say and then they'll sign it and the process is through.

Based on space, relevancy of opinion, etc., we may choose to publish that opinion. These people get my props for sharing with us how they feel and for letting us know in a mature way.

There are others, though, who feel the need to give us their opinions in ways that are immature, anonymous and otherwise stupid. Take for instance the person who called and threatened the lives of two of our editors because his name was published in the Police Beat—which is a list from the Campus Police Department provided to us each day. In so many words in two messages on our answering machine, this guy made several graphic and obscene threats. He left no name or any other contact information, thus resulting in me crowning him "King of Cowards" at Georgia Southern.

It only seems logical to me that if you threaten someone's life and you really mean it, you'd back it up somehow. This wuss didn't do that. Trying to scare us resulted in nothing but laughter. I was one of those threatened, and haven't felt that way for one second.

Another coward put flyers up at our office insulting one of our staff members for a column that she wrote. Being too big of a baby to respond to

her column in a way that suggests intelligence, this person put up the flyer, which was, by the way, full of very elementary grammar and spelling mistakes. It's people like this I feel sorry for. I really don't think this particular coward was offended by the nature of our staff member's column more than he or she was jealous of her ability to write coherently.

One more type of coward is the type of person who, like the one above, instead of responding to anything in the paper via a letter to the editor, likes to send nasty e-mails to our editors, not in the form of a letter. Often these e-mails are a little threatening and demeaning. Now granted, we can handle these e-mails. Actually we often find them hilarious considering their subject nature and the whininess of the writer, but that's not the point here.

We're a newspaper, for crying out loud. We have in every edition an opinions page that is open to just about any letter about anything that makes you mad, sad, happy, glad, hopeful, etc. We always want these letters, not just to fill the page, but for people to be able to express their individual views to the GSU community at large. That's one thing this paper is proud to serve as: a forum for educated discussion of topics and ideas. And if we piss you off with anything, let us know. Consider it your duty.

So the next time you feel the need to express an idea, don't be a big baby and leave us some anonymous and obscure message. Tell us clearly how you feel and be proud to let us know who you are. Regardless of what your opinion is, we want to know.

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Luke Hearn
news editor

This day in history

BIRTHDAYS

- Blues musician Jonny Lang - 1981
- NFL tight end Reggie Johnson - 1968
- Actress Bridgette Fonda - 1964
- US Comic book writer (Batman-The Dark Knight Returns) Frank Miller - 1957
- North Irish Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Corrigan-Maguire - 1945
- Actress Donna Reed - 1921

DEATHS

- Actor Joe Mays - 1994
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- Novelist and founder of the Church of Scientology L. Ron Hubbard - 1986
- Astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and Roger B. Chaffee - 1967
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HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

- Mauritius : Cavadee
- Vietnam : Vietnam Peace Day (1973)
- Australia : Australia Day (1788 - 1993)

If they wanted to be effective, protesters should have skipped Inauguration Day

By Mary Sanchez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Inaugurations are for the winners. The day doesn't belong to those who think themselves the losers.

So the protesters who appeared during George Bush's inauguration ceremonies missed their mark. They picked the wrong day to show their disdain for Bush and the administration's policies.

Worse, they likely turned off the very people they need to reach. By protesting on Inauguration Day, they painted themselves squarely into the "losers" corner.

Sore losers at that.

To an administration that thinks in right/wrong, good/bad terminology, the most ineffective move would be to cast yourself as the loser. That is an opinion surely to annoy.

But grass-roots Democrats, progressives, liberals—whatever name is used—must drop the loser/victim role if they want to voice their opinions effectively during the next four years.

Some Democrats have wisely shifted their discussions since the November elections. They are dusting themselves off and figuring out how to re-approach the issues that concern them.

"Framing" is the buzzword. As in, "how to frame a conversation," which words are chosen and emphasized.

A book emerging as necessary reading is "Don't Think of an Elephant!" George Lakoff's brilliant way of explaining how

conservatives speak and reach people, versus the approach often taken by liberals. As the book explains, Democrats would like to believe that if you give people tons of facts, opinions will magically shift. But people don't.

Some people hear those facts like oh so much blather. Kind of like the teacher's voice in a "Peanuts" TV special.

These people are not stupid, immoral or wrong. They simply are not hearing the information liberals want to give. That is also why Inauguration Day was a poor choice for the protests.

Inaugurations are the moment when the country, at least in theory, steps behind the newly elected leader. Here is how protest scholar James Hudnut-Beumler of Vanderbilt University explained it:

"The beauty of our democracy is that someone wins and someone loses, but the president, the governor, the mayor, is the leader of all of his or her citizens for the term."

Protesting on Inauguration Day spits on that democratic principle.

As Hudnut-Beumler said, the image that stuck of the protesters was one of rage. The Inauguration Day protests were of outrage, and not of transformation or galvanizing the public, he said.

Wrong moment, wrong message.

Only one image from the protests was not offensive and therefore damaging to what the protesters wanted to accomplish: the cardboard-shaped coffins, draped in American flags, that were carried.

The coffins became the focus, not the angry protesters.

And so an important point was put across; amid all the pomp of Inauguration Day, soldiers and civilians are dying in Iraq. Which leads to the question of when can protests surmount being simply an outlet for rage?

When the attention is drawn, and protesters can then offer another viable answer or option, Hudnut-Beumler said.

So people who found themselves annoyed by the festivities of the inauguration should mull this question: "Do you want to be effective, or just angry?"

Another matter is the David vs. Goliath mentality surrounding some liberal conversations these days; with Democrats casting themselves as David. That can also explain why people will toss a snowball at a presidential motorcade while holding a handmade sign.

Change can be influenced from the outside position. But real change never happens without a few seats at the table as well. For those who insist that the protesters had every right to be there, yes, they did. Protesting is a constitutionally guaranteed right.

But the protesters didn't have enough insight to realize that Inauguration Day was not the time. And Pennsylvania Avenue was not the place.

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Philadelphia Eagles injured receiver Terrell Owens is all smiles as he watches from the sidelines at the NFC Championship game against the Atlanta Falcons.

Owens not planning on a T.O. from the Super Bowl

Eagles trainer says Owens plans to try to play, despite doctor's advice

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Terrell Owens is treating his doctor's orders the way he deals with pesky cornerbacks: shrugging them off and forging ahead.

Philadelphia Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday that Owens started jogging and plans to continue rehabbing his injured ankle in an attempt to play in the Super Bowl.

Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on the All-Pro receiver in December, said Tuesday he would not clear Owens to suit up against the New England Patriots on Feb. 6.

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, coach Andy Reid and the team's medical staff.

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NHL lockout reaches day 133

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

There is no secret that time is running out to save the hockey season. How the NHL and the players' association are working to prevent that has become a very big mystery.

Representatives from both sides met for more than five hours in small groups for the third time in a week on Wednesday. All that is known about the meeting is that it took place somewhere in Toronto. The location was kept secret, and neither side would reveal what was discussed or if any progress was made.

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Empty nets

An update on the status of the NHL lockout as of Wednesday:

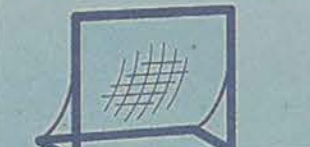
► The NHL and the players' association resumed talks Wednesday, though neither side planned to make a new proposal

► Teams affected: 30 (24 in the United States and six in Canada)

► Days lost in the season: 106

713 games missed

1,230 games in the regular season



SOURCE: NHL

AP

Francois named SoCon Player of the Week

GSU Athletic Media Relations

STATESBORO - Helping Georgia Southern University to its sixth straight win, senior forward Jean Francois was named Southern Conference's "Player of the Week." He joins Elton Nesbitt as Eagles to receive the award in consecutive weeks.

The Eagles improved to 6-2 in the

SoCon (12-7 overall) and have sole possession of second place in the South Division. GSU also won for the 10th time in its last 12 games.

Picking up his first SoCon weekly award this year and second of his career, Francois averaged 21 points and eight rebounds in two games.

While averaging 32 minutes per game, he recorded two blocked shots and five steals while committing just two turnovers.

Most recently against Wofford, he matched his personal-high of 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds - his sixth double-double this season

and 12th of his career - as GSU won 79-76.

Last Saturday, Francois hit 9 of 12 field goals, including all seven attempts during the second half, as the Eagles won at Elon 72-64.

He hit three key baskets during the final 4:30, finishing with 19 points and

career-high tying four steals.

Another important SoCon game is on tap this Saturday when the Eagles travel to third place College of Charleston.

GSU defeated the Cougars 90-72 on January 10, the game which started the current six game winning streak.

Eagles basketball looks for seventh straight win



By Matt Rapp
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Things could not be looking any better for the Men's basketball squad here at Georgia Southern University. With their sixth win in a row this past Monday against in-conference foe Wofford, the Eagles seem to be flowing better than Jay Z's last mixed tape. Starting off this season slow, GSU has managed to win every game since their impressive 90-72 win over their seasoned rival College of Charleston.

"I said from day one that this team would take a while to get together. Things are happening just as I thought they would," said head coach Jeff Price after practice on Wednesday.

GSU will travel to Charleston, SC this Saturday to face the Cougars for their second meeting of the season.

When asked about the importance of the weekends game, coach Price said, "I don't think it do or die, more importantly it's a statement game and I think seven wins in a row will show everyone that we're for real."

Donte Gennie

Position: Guard
Number: 2 Class: Sophomore
Height: 6'2" Hometown:
Weight: 180 Tallahassee, Fla

Quote: "We just have to come out and step up this weekend and play hard against their guards like we did earlier this season. All we need to do is keep our chemistry going."



Jean Francois

Position: Forward
Number: 23 Class: Senior
Height: 6'6" Hometown:
Weight: 235 West Palm Beach, Fla
Quote: "It's real important to get a win in the chase for first place and at the same time we want to maintain second place behind Davidson."



Sean Oliver

Position: Center
Number: 4 Class: Junior
Height: 6'9" Hometown:
Weight: 240 St. Cloud, Fla

Quote: "As a team we're starting to realize what it takes to win. Teams in the SoCon don't quit. You got to play hard every night."



Elton Nesbitt

Position: Guard
Number: 10 Class: Junior
Height: 5'8" Hometown:
Weight: 165 Deerfield Beach, Fla

Quote: "I feel good about our teams performance. Everyone's getting along on and off the court and we're just feedin' off each other."



Terry Williams

Position: Guard
Number: 12 Class: Senior
Height: 6'3" Hometown:
Weight: 175 Gainesville, Fla

Quote: "This weekend's very important because we're a game ahead the Cougars so we have to win. This will be a big win."

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Carlos Delgado signs with Marlins

New addition should help Marlins challenge Braves in NL East

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI - With the addition of Carlos Delgado, the Florida Marlins may be ready to end the Atlanta Braves' reign in the NL East. Then again, the Braves are pretty good at turning back challenges. They've won 13 consecutive division titles.

"The way to the title is through Atlanta," Washington Nationals general manager Jim Bowden said Wednesday. "That being said, I don't think there's any question that the Marlins' offense has been upgraded dramatically. They're going to score a bunch of runs, and it's going to be a real fun offensive team."

Delgado, who hit at least 30 home runs each of the past eight seasons with Toronto, agreed Tuesday to a \$52 million, four-year deal with Florida

and took his physical Wednesday. Assuming he passes, he'll anchor the Marlins' most potent lineup since 1997, when they won the first of their two World Series titles.

There's no assurance the Marlins will be better than last year after losing ace Carl Pavano (18-8) and closer Armando Benitez (47 saves) to free agency.

General manager Larry Beinfest signed veteran Al Leiter to take Pavano's spot in the rotation. Guillermo Mota is slated to become a first-time closer as part of a revamped bullpen.

A left-handed power hitter has topped manager Jack McKeon's wish list ever since he took over in 2003. Delgado's one of the best.

"Sometimes patience is a virtue," McKeon said. "Delgado gives us that ingredient we didn't have."



Aaron Harris, CP/AP Photo
Toronto Blue Jays' Carlos Delgado hits a two-run homer against the Boston Red Sox during fourth inning AL action in Toronto in this May 16, 2004 file photo. Delgado agreed Tuesday to a \$52 million, four-year contract with the Florida Marlins, who added the left-handed power they've lacked.

OWENS, FROM PAGE 5A

On Monday, before hearing Myerson's bad news, Owens said: "Spiritually I've been healed and I believe that I'll be out there on that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19. By not clearing Owens to play, Myerson should be absolved of any blame if Owens goes against his wishes and winds up re-injuring the ankle.

After a checkup Tuesday in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

Burkholder said Owens worked out on a treadmill when he returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

"We will continue to see whether he can jog and see how he does day in and day out, see if he can change direction," Burkholder said.

"If he passes all those tests, then we'll start talking about practice time. Right now, the game isn't even in our vision right now. If he has any setbacks in his rehab, then the whole idea of playing in the Super Bowl is probably off."

NHL, FROM PAGE 5A

The only news that came out was that more talks will be held soon.

No time or place for the next meeting was set up by Wednesday night, but the sides were leaning to a New York session on either Thursday or Friday.

Daly told The Associated Press on Tuesday that discussions were at a critical stage and that only days

remained to reach a deal that would save the season. The fact that more talks have been set up provided at least a glimmer of hope that the NHL won't become the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

The lockout reached its 133rd day Wednesday and has wiped out 713 of the 1,230 regular-season games, plus the 2005 All-Star game.

The structure was successful in producing discussion, but it did nothing to close the gap in the philosophical differences.

The NHL still wants cost certainty, a link between player costs and team revenues. The players' association wants a free-market system.

No proposals have been made since early December, when the players offered a 24 percent rollback on existing contracts as part of a luxury-tax and revenue-sharing system. The NHL turned that down and made a counterproposal five days later that was rejected in a matter of hours.

Messersmith earns collegiate Coach of the year honors

GSU Athletic Media Relations

STATESBORO - Georgia Southern head volleyball coach Kerry Messersmith has been honored by the Georgia Women's Intersport Network (GA-WIN) as the state's Collegiate Coach of the Year, an award presented for a coach's athletic and charitable contributions.

Messersmith, who in November completed her fourth season at the helm of the GSU volleyball program, was honored by GA-WIN for her contributions both on and off the court. She will be honored Feb. 9 at the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Atlanta before being honored with other winners and nominees in a press conference at the State Capitol the next day.

In 18 years as a collegiate volleyball coach, Messersmith has built an overall record of 453-241, including a mark of 95-41 at GSU. Since joining the Eagles prior to the 2001 season, she has guided the program to its first two Southern Conference championships and is the winningest coach in team history. In 2004, she guided the team



File Photo

Kerry Messersmith, GSU head volleyball coach

to a 20-10 finish and has never won fewer than 20 matches since arriving at GSU.

Messersmith was also lauded for her efforts away from the court, including her work as a parent volunteer and volleyball coach at the Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology in Statesboro and for her support for various charitable causes, including the American Cancer Society.

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ON THE SHELVES THIS WEEK

DVD/Video Releases

'Alien vs. Predator'

Monsters from space go head to head in this crass hybrid that exists solely to wring a few more bucks out of two moribund sci-fi franchises. The premise: The extraterrestrial hunters of "Predator" are using Antarctica as a proving ground for young bucks, who must battle beasts from the "Alien" series in a rite of passage. Writer-director Paul W.S. Anderson tosses in some puny humans as appetizers. Anderson and co-stars Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan team for one commentary track, while visual- and creature-effects overseers provide separate commentary. The DVD also has deleted footage and a making-of featurette. DVD, \$29.98. (20th Century Fox)



'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow'

With this sci-fi tale that's part spectacle and all debacle, writer-director Kerry Conran clearly sold Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Angelina Jolie a bill of goods that they were getting into an edgy new action franchise. This incomprehensibly stupid throwback to old-fashioned heroic serials surrounds the actors with computer-generated props, backdrops and effects to present a World War II-era world threatened by robots created through a mad utopian's vision for a better future. Conran and the effects crew offer commentary, and the DVD has deleted scenes, a collection of behind-the-scenes featurettes and the filmmaker's original six-minute short film that inspired the feature-length version. DVD, \$29.99. (Paramount)



'Monster,' 'Head in the Clouds'

A Charlize Theron double feature. Her Academy Award-winning turn in 2003's "Monster" gets a DVD update, while last year's romantic drama "Head in the Clouds" debuts in a single disc. "Monster" earned Theron the best-actress Oscar as Aileen Wuornos, a highway prostitute who was executed for murdering some of her tricks. In "Head in the Clouds," Theron co-stars with Penelope Cruz and Stuart Townsend in the story of a 1930s-era temptress trying to maintain her hedonistic ways as Europe tumbles into conflict. The two-disc "Monster" set has commentary from writer-director Patty Jenkins, plus deleted and extended scenes. The "Head in the Clouds" DVD includes a making-of featurette. "Monster" DVD set, \$24.96; "Head in the Clouds" DVD, \$24.96. (Sony)



'Warner Bros. Pictures Gangsters Collection'

James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart and Edward G. Robinson lead a crime-ridden wave of DVD debuts featuring six titles from the 1930s and '40s. Cagney stars in his most memorable street-thug roles with "The Public Enemy," "Angels With Dirty Faces," "The Roaring Twenties" and "White Heat." In secondary roles that put him on the road to stardom, Bogart co-stars in "Angels With Dirty Faces," "The Roaring Twenties" and "The Petrified Forest," whose cast is led by Bette Davis and Leslie Howard. In 1930's "Little Caesar," Robinson plays the brazen, despotic crime boss that helped set the pattern in Hollywood gangster flicks for decades to come. Each DVD has commentary from cinema historians, vintage short films and background featurettes. The titles are available separately or in a six-disc set. DVD set, \$68.92; single DVDs, \$19.97 each. (Warner Bros.)



-Associated Press

Financial Frustrations

Financial planning key to student aid management, say officials

By Jeffrey Allen • nellaj11@hotmail.com

The GSU Financial Aid Department issued over 7,575 financial aid checks to students over this past week.

For many students, this will come as a relief. The financial burden of college is a lot for anyone to handle, especially for full-time students. Thanks to educational funding through programs such as the HOPE scholarship, the Federal Pell Grant and the Stafford loan, GSU students are able to receive the financial support necessary to fund their college educations.

A large percentage of GSU students received financial aid funding last year. Sixty-eight percent of GSU undergraduate students received an educational loan for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Another 6,330 students received the HOPE Scholarship during the 2003-2004 academic term.

According to Elise Boyett, Associate Direc-

tor of Financial Aid at GSU, the average amount being refunded to students January 26 is \$1,802.

Students are able to apply for the Stafford educational loan any time throughout the semester and disbursements are coordinated to fulfill students' needs. Emergency loans are even offered to those who have exhausted all other financial resources. Both the Financial Aid Office and the Student Government Association offer emergency loans. Boyett says that this is done on a "case by case basis" and the loan must be repaid in full by the final day of classes for the semester in which the loan was awarded.

Once students receive their financial aid checks, it is up to them how they choose to spend the money. Whether myth or reality, you've probably heard stories of students spending a

see FINANCIAL AID, page 3

Credit card offers tempt students, financial experts warn of the consequences of mismanagement

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For many college students, the allure and sparkle of a rectangle of plastic is equal to that of the Hope Diamond.

Credit card offers bombard undergraduates from every direction each semester, and for some these offers prove too tempting to resist. With promises of reduced annual fees and bonus awards, such as chances to win cars or vacations to exotic locales, credit card companies like Citi, Discover and Visa have student plans that appeal to both parents and their college students.

Credit card companies portray credit card use as an easy way for students to build a good credit history and develop responsible spending habits at a young age. More often than not, the reality is a bit more complicated than that, say banking officials.

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'The Aviator' gets a leading 11 Academy Award nods

By David German
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" led Academy Awards contenders with 11 nominations Tuesday, including best picture, plus acting honors for Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett and Alan Alda and a directing slot for Martin Scorsese.

The boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby" and the J.M. Barrie tale "Finding Neverland" followed with seven nominations each, among them best picture and acting nominations for Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Hilary Swank and Johnny Depp.

Eastwood also got a directing nomination for "Million Dollar Baby."

The other best-picture nominees were the Ray Charles portrait "Ray" and the buddy comedy "Sideways."

Along with Eastwood, Jamie Foxx also scored two nominations — as best actor for the title role in "Ray" and supporting actor as a taxi driver whose cab is hijacked by a hit man in "Collateral."

The best-actress category presents a rematch of the 1999 showdown, when underdog Swank won the Oscar

INSIDE

Get the breakdown on who won what in an easy-to-read graphic. See page 2.



AP Photo/Miramax Films

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio portrays Howard Hughes in a scene from Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator." As Oscar nominations were announced Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2005, the epic led Academy Awards contenders with 11 nods including Best Picture, plus acting honors for Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett and Alan Alda and a directing slot for Martin Scorsese.

for "Boys Don't Cry" over Annette Bening, who had been the front-runner for "American Beauty."

"I knew when I read the script that it was special. It was a rare find," said Swank, whose career had languished somewhat since her Oscar win for "Boys Don't Cry."

"It was the best experience I've had

in my career to date," she added.

Also nominated for the best-actress Oscar: Catalina Sandino Moreno as a Colombian woman imperiled when she signs on to smuggle heroin in "Maria Full of Grace"; Imelda Staunton as a saintly housekeeper in 1950s Britain who performs illegal abortions on the

see OSCAR, page 3

Lesbian sorority seeks tolerance, acceptance

By Emily Haymans
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A new sorority on campus promises to stir up some controversy.

Georgia Southern has its own chapter of Gamma Ro Lambda, a sorority that originated in Fall 2003 at Arizona State University. But this isn't just any sorority.

This is one of two lesbian Greek organizations at GSU. While primarily started as a lesbian group, they do accept straight people too, according to Ashe Tuck, primary contact of Gamma Ro Lambda.

The seven members of Gamma Ro

Lambda have a busy semester ahead of them. Among events planned are a visit from Karen Danskin, a Gamma class from the Alpha chapter, and recruitment activities beginning in late January. Events planned for recruitment include Twister matches, movie nights, billiards, coffee, football and a camping trip. GRL is also working in conjunction with the Gay Straight Alliance to present the Red Ball, an AIDS awareness dance, on Feb. 12. Pay attention to the GSA for more details.

The goal of GRL at the moment is to become a thriving group. Started as a social sorority, philanthropy is not in the creed, but the girls do intend to do their part.

The goal of our group is "promotion of tolerance and uplifting of the GLBT community," said Tuck.

Napa Valley in Your Backyard

Read about a GSU alumnus and his Statesboro vineyard and winery.

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29 Handmade Lampshades workshop, Botanical Garden.

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Changing Faces' Family Funshop, Museum, 2 p.m.

Miss GSU Pageant, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.

30 Southern Exposure, Union Ballroom, 5 p.m.

Prestige Meeting, Union RM 2043, 4:30 p.m.

31 Debate Meetings, Union Conference Room, 7 p.m.

Voices in Ministry Choir Rehearsal, Williams Center Dining Hall, 6 p.m.

Tai Chi, Nessmith Lane RM 2908, 5:45 p.m.

Young Democrats Meeting, Union RM 2042, 6 p.m.

02 Red Cross Blood Drive, Union Rotunda, 9 a.m.

'The Godfather II,' Union Theater, 8 p.m.

03 Focused Bible Study, Union RM 2084, 6 p.m.

Christian Campus Fellowship Bible Study, William Center Dining Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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French Quarter Café offers taste of New Orleans at a Statesboro price

By Katie Anderson
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My first destination as a *George-Anne* food critic was New Orleans. Well, kind of. After seeing the new beautiful building in downtown Statesboro and hearing the praise of the French Quarter Café, I was ready to taste a bit of Louisiana; and I must concur with the praises, for the French Quarter lived up to the acclaim.

When I walked into the café, I felt as though I was no longer in Statesboro. Bayou-infused smooth jazz met my ears — this music was not that of a typical restaurant. The hostess sat us immediately and within about one minute, a friendly-faced server took our drink

orders. As I looked over the menu, I was a bit distracted. Although the menu looked nice, it was very busy. When the server brought us our Shirley Temples and coffees, I presented her with a few questions about the extensive menu, as I had never before eaten in a Cajun restaurant. She was very helpful and knowledgeable about the selection of food. After a few moments of pondering, I placed my order.

Our fried okra finger appetizer arrived within about five minutes. They were delicious. They were seasoned perfectly and served with a side of a spicy Cajun mayonnaise. After we ate all of the okra fingers, my grilled chicken po-boy arrived. I was surprised

by the portions. I didn't expect such big portions since the prices were so reasonable. The large sandwich was great. The chicken was juicy and was seasoned just right. Although I do love carbs, I thought that the bread on my po-boy was a little too thick. It seemed that there was too much bread and not enough sandwich. Besides the bread over-load, I was pleased with the sandwich.

However, the side of mashed potatoes failed the taste test. They were a bit crusty on the top and they were lacking flavor. There was not enough salt in all of Statesboro to help this side item with its taste problem. I thought that maybe it was just a bad batch of potatoes, but my

diner companion, Heidi, informed me that one of her other friends had them before and was also disappointed.

The attentive server came to retrieve our plates and to refill our drinks. She was very helpful and fast when separating our checks and taking our payment. On our way out, the hostess gave me a to-go menu and informed us that the café offers take-out options and free lunch delivery (from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.). The French Quarter also offers live entertainment. Many different musical acts from all around the Southeast perform throughout the week. (To see the café's complete live music schedule, visit their website at www.frenchquarterstatesboro.com).

French Quarter Café
 Located at 106-B Savannah Ave. in Statesboro, one block west of the Bulloch Co. Courthouse. Call (912) 489-3233.

Full bar	Yes
Live entertainment	Yes
Credit cards	Yes
Handicap accessible	Yes

Overall Grade - 3 of 4 ★★

It is refreshing to know that I can escape my favorite college town without leaving Statesboro. This café offers a wonderful atmosphere where the young and old can dine peacefully (and inexpensively!) together.

OSCARS

from the front

the side in "Vera Drake"; and Kate Winslet as a woman who has had memories of her ex-boyfriend erased in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Joining Eastwood and Scorsese among directing nominees were Taylor Hackford for "Ray"; Mike Leigh for "Vera Drake"; and Alexander Payne for "Sideways."

"The Aviator" won the Golden Globe for best-dramatic film, but Eastwood beat out Scorsese for the directing prize at the Globes. Eastwood is a past Oscar winner for best picture and director with 1992's "Unforgiven."

For supporting actress, academy voters picked Blanchett, who plays Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator"; Laura Linney as the title character's sexually adventurous wife in "Kinsey"; Virginia Madsen as a deceived lover in "Sideways"; Sophie Okonedo

as innkeeper Rusesabagina's wife in "Hotel Rwanda"; and Natalie Portman as a gutsy stripper in "Closer."

"This is, like, crazy. My mom called and said, 'I'm so proud of you. I can't believe it,'" said Portman, who won the supporting-actress Golden Globe for "Closer." "I ask, how did I get so lucky to have an amazing experience — have a film I'm really proud of — and then also get recognized by our own community?"

It was the best year ever for black performers, who had five of the 20 acting nominations.

The most previously was three, including the 2001 Oscars when Halle Berry and Denzel Washington both won the lead acting prizes.

Mel Gibson's religious blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" missed out on main categories, but did pick up nominations for cinematography, makeup and original score.

The Aviator flying high with 11 nods

The Aviator led all nominations for the 77th Annual Academy Awards.

Actor	Don Cheadle, "Hotel Rwanda"; Johnny Depp, "Finding Neverland"; Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Aviator"; Clint Eastwood, "Million Dollar Baby"; Jamie Foxx, "Ray"
Actress	Annette Bening, "Being Julia"; Catalina Sandino Moreno, "Maria Full of Grace"; Imelda Staunton, "Vera Drake"; Hilary Swank, "Million Dollar Baby"; Kate Winslet, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"
Supporting Actor	Jamie Foxx, "Collateral"; Morgan Freeman, "Million Dollar Baby"; Alan Alda, "The Aviator"; Thomas Haden Church, "Sideways"; Clive Owens, "Closer"
Supporting Actress	Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"; Laura Linney, "Kinsey"; Virginia Madsen, "Sideways"; Sophia Okonedo, "Hotel Rwanda"; Natalie Portman, "Closer"
Director	Martin Scorsese, "The Aviator"; Clint Eastwood, "Million Dollar Baby"; Taylor Hackford, "Ray"; Mike Leigh, "Vera Drake"; Alexander Payne, "Sideways"

SOURCE: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences



Picture
 The Aviator, Million Dollar Baby, Ray, Finding Neverland, Sideways

The fairy-tale comedy "Shrek 2" and the superhero adventure "The Incredibles" will duke it out for the animated feature film Oscar, along with the undersea romp "Shark Tale."

Nominees in most categories are

chosen by specific branches of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, such as directors, actors and writers. The full academy membership of about 5,800 is eligible to vote in all categories for the Oscars themselves.

ABC will broadcast the Oscars live Feb. 27 from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. Chris Rock is the show's host, the first time since 1996 that either Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg or Steve Martin has not been master of ceremonies.

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Movies

1. Are We There Yet?
2. Coach Carter
3. Meet the Fockers
4. In Good Company
5. Racing Stripes
6. Assault on Precinct 13
7. Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera
8. White Noise
9. The Aviator
10. Elektra

Albums

1. Green Day-American Idiot
2. Eminem-Encore
3. Shania Twain-Greatest Hits
4. John Legend-Get Lifted
5. Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz-Crunk Juice
6. Kelly Clarkson-Breakway
7. Usher-Confessions
8. Jay-Z/Linkin Park-MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents Collision Course
9. Ludacris-The Red Light District
10. Various Artists-Now 17

Singles

1. Let Me Love You-Mario
2. 1, 2 Step-Ciara
3. Lovers and Friends-Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
4. Soldier-Destiny's Child
5. Drop It Like It's Hot-Snoop Dogg
6. How We Do-The Game
7. Disco Inferno-50 Cent
8. Boulevard of Broken Dreams-Green Day
9. My Boo-Usher
10. Over and Over-Nelly

DVD & Video Rentals

1. Troy
2. Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
3. Open Water
4. Collateral
5. The Manchurian Candidate
6. The Little Black Book
7. I, Robot
8. Harold & Kumer Go To White Castle
9. Napoleon Dynamite
10. Resident Evil-Apocalypse

Books

1. The Da Vinci Code-Dan Brown
2. State of Fear-Michael Crichton
3. The Five People You Meet in Heaven-Mitch Albom
4. Life Expectancy-Dean Koontz
5. Night Fall-Nelson DeMille
6. Black Wind-Clive and Dirk Cussler
7. A Salty Piece of Land-Jimmy Buffett
8. London Bridges-James Patterson
9. By Order of the President-W.E.B. Griffin
10. Hot Target-Suzanne Brockmann

Eagle Entertainment's 'Laugh Out Loud' draws crowd

Just under 1,000 show up for well-known comedians, student acts at Russell Union performance

By Christina Calloway
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While some students chose to cheer on the Georgia Southern Eagles against Savannah State, many others opted for some laughs.

Last Wednesday night's "Laugh Out Loud" comedy show was presented by Eagle Entertainment and featured two emerging comedians, Michael Blackson and Redbone.

Brandi Stone, Eagle Entertainment team leader, had high expectations for the show, the comedians and the audience.

"I'm excited. The show is going to be high energy and with the promotion we had for the show I can only expect that the students are going to be receptive to it," Stone said.

The show, which was held in the Union Ballroom, was free to all students with a student ID.

The show began with a hilarious and enthusiastic opening from Redbone. Mike "Redbone" Alcott is

from Savannah and has appeared on BET's "Comicview" and in comedy tours across the country. His comedic style is described as "colorblind" comedy. Redbone's routine proved a perfect way to set the tone for the performances.

The show also featured student comedians Biscuit and Big Chris. Biscuit performed standup comedy for the first time to a receptive crowd. Big Chris, a regular comedian on campus, was welcomed with a huge response and great energy from the audience.

Audience participation was also a part of the show as Redbone called for a "white guy" and "a fine big girl" to come perform for some Eagle Entertainment giveaways. The intermission created a fun atmosphere for the audience as well as for the performing members, who received a "Dave Chappelle Show" DVD and a gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

The co-headliner was Michael Blackson, who is known as the "The African King of Comedy." The audience gave him a huge welcome as he introduced himself with sayings and mannerisms that were familiar to the audience.

Blackson has also appeared on BET's "Comicview" as well as HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and the motion picture "Next Friday." His snappy delivery and unpredictable physical comedy were accompanied by a comedic look at his home country of West Africa.

The comedians talked about every

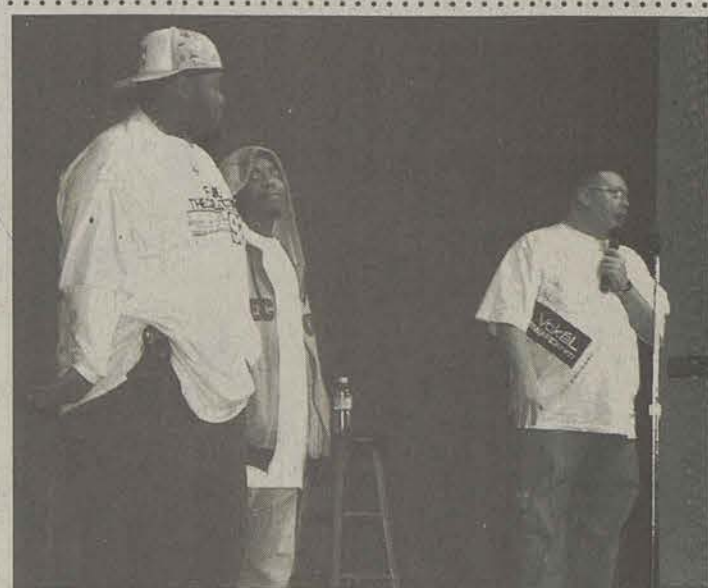
subject from cultural differences to relationships.

Nearly 700 students attended the event despite the basketball game that was taking place at the same time.

Overall, Stone is proud that the show was a huge success.

"Eagle Entertainment is expected to 'do it big' and this show was no exception. Students should expect quality programs like this one throughout the semester," Stone said.

To become a part of Eagle Entertainment, contact the Student Activities Center at 486-7270.



STAFF/Leon Wimberly
Student comedians Big Chris (left), Biscuit (center) and comedian Redbone onstage in the Union Ballroom at Eagle Entertainment's 'Laugh Out Loud'.

CREDIT CARDS

from the front

According to Cliff Wilds, assistant vice president at First Southern National Bank, there is not really a hidden trick to staying out of debt. The best way to maintain good credit is to pay off the card's balance each month. Students can keep out of debt as long as they "discipline themselves to not spend more than they can write a check for at the end of the month," Wilds said.

However, with a relatively low spending limit of \$500 to \$1,000 on the typical student card, according to Bankrate.com, this seemingly simple rule of thumb is not always so easy for students to uphold. Often, credit cards are used to make impulse purchases of expensive or unnecessary items that exceed the spending limit, plummet-

ing the card holder into debt. Because student cards often have rather high interest rates of 10 to 18 percent, this debt may take years to pay off and the cardholder may pay \$1,000 or more than the original balance in interest. This means that the flat screen television you decided to buy one questionable night at Wal-Mart could haunt you for the next fifteen years.

Experts with Bankrate.com advise that, while many college students graduate with over \$3,000 in credit card debt, a student can avoid building up any large fees. To ensure that he or she does not fall into debt, the student should map out a spending plan and try to use the card only in emergencies or on previously planned purchases.

FINANCIAL AID

from the front

large chunk of their money on non-necessity items, such as new rims for cars, shopping sprees or lavish vacations.

Before students start spending their financial aid money or making large purchases, Boyett insists, "Students need to plan a budget and save enough money to pay for necessities before spending it on other things."

For those who depend on financial aid to pay bills and buy necessities, frugal spending is easier said than done. The GSU Financial Aid Office offers programs to help students learn techniques on managing their money properly. One such program, Peer Financial Counseling, allows students the opportunity to meet with a financial aid counselor to discuss options for managing money, as well as informing students of the financial aid alternatives offered at GSU.

Financial Aid counselors also participate in SOAR to inform parents and new students of the many programs offered through the financial aid office, as well as advice on financially supporting students' educations.

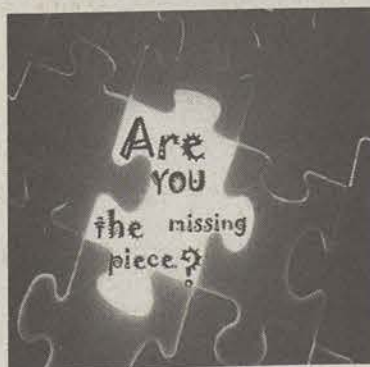
The upcoming month of February

is highlighted as GSU Financial Aid Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Financial Aid Office, programs will be offered throughout the month informing students on various financial aid options and money-managing tips. Boyett says that students should be on the lookout around campus for financial aid programs being offered during the month of February.

Students should also be aware that the new HOPE scholarship regulations require students' GPA scores to be reviewed following every spring semester, as well as the standard 30, 60 and 90 credit hour checkpoints. Students that fall under a 3.0 GPA at the end of spring semester will lose their HOPE Scholarship privileges, according to Boyett.

For students interested in tips for budgeting money there is a website offered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. The website offers four different learning modules centered around student finance. One such module is titled, "Making it on a College Budget." For more information you can go to http://www.gsfc.org/GHEAC/Peer_Counsel/index.cfm.

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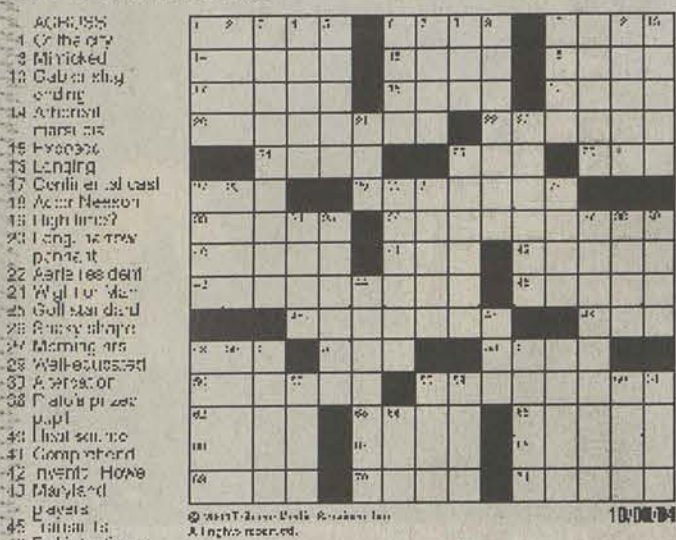
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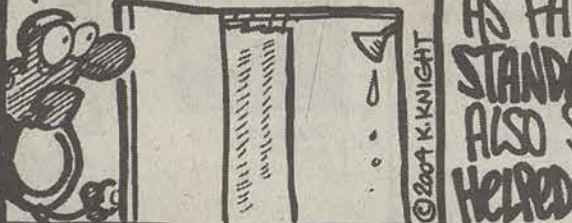


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Sliding in the ratings, Fox says it needs to lay off a little on reality

By David Bauder
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The sagging Fox network's chief executive admitted Monday it had leaned too heavily on reality programming this TV season, including the disastrous "Who's Your Daddy?"

Fox has been caught on the wrong side of audience taste in the past few months. Scripted series like ABC's Golden Globe-winning "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" are hot, while viewers seem to have little patience for new reality series.

There were others, but Fox's problems were symbolized by "Who's Your Daddy?," the Jan. 3 show where an adopted daughter picked her birth father out of eight strangers and won a \$100,000 prize.

Adoption advocates were appalled; the public didn't seem to care. Only 6.3 million people watched, according to Nielsen Media Research. Five other "Who's Your Daddy?" episodes already filmed will be shelved, Fox entertainment president Gail Berman said Monday.

At its best, Fox is a mix of scripted and unscripted, high-brow and low-brow. "The Simpsons" can comfortably co-exist with "COPS," she said.

"In the case of this fall we drifted to too much on the unscripted side," Berman said. "But I think the audience expects loud things from Fox. Sometimes they work...and sometimes they don't."

Fox is averaging 5.9 million view-

ers in prime-time this season, down from 6.5 million at this point last year, Nielsen said. More importantly for the youth-obsessed Fox, it is solidly in fourth place among viewers aged 18-to-49. It finished last season second behind NBC in this demographic.

So worried is Fox about audience trends that Berman was lowering expectations for its most popular show, "American Idol," which debuts this week. She said she expected ratings to decline in its fourth season.

Fox loudly proclaimed an all-season strategy last year, promising to debut new series all year round, including summer. Viewers rejected that, too, but Berman isn't giving up.

"There's no question that the audience, in our mind, is ready, willing and able to accept new programming in the summer," she said.

Fox will tweak the strategy this year, debuting some new shows in May instead of June, she said.

One new series will be the animated "American Dad," which is given a sneak peek after the Super Bowl. It's from "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, who is also making new episodes of that cartoon after the cancelled series became an unexpected hit on DVD. Both new shows launch May 1.

Fox also announced that "That '70s Show" has been renewed for an eighth season, even though series stars Topher Grace and Ashton Kutcher aren't returning. Both stars will make occasional guest appearances, Berman said.

Goodnight, Johnny

Star of late night remembered fondly

By Lynn Elber • Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Carson didn't invent the late-night TV talk show but he made the most of it. His "Tonight Show" monologues, celebrity banter and the corny but winning skits all had the Carson touch of heartland charm and humor that remained on the polite side of risque.

When he died Sunday, his quiet retirement of nearly 13 years hadn't dimmed the memory of his three decades as king of late-night or the admiration of entertainers and others.

President Bush described Carson as "a steady and reassuring presence in homes across America for three decades. His wit and insight made Americans laugh and think and had a profound influence on American life and entertainment."

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"All of us who came after are pretenders. We will not see the likes of him again," said David Letterman, host of CBS' "Late Show."

The boyish-looking Nebraska native with the disarming grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who managed never to distance himself from his audience.

"Heeeeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage.

America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in May 1992. McMahon said Sunday that Carson was "like a brother to me."

"No single individual has had as great an impact on television as Johnny. He was the gold standard," said Jay Leno, who replaced Carson.



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"He doesn't dye his hair, he bleaches his face." -on Ronald Reagan

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'Phantom' brings Broadway to the big screen

The play has been stunning audiences worldwide since 1986 and the movie version was a long time coming.

Speaking as someone who has never seen the play, and as someone who doesn't like musicals (much less movies about musicals), it's amazing that I actually found myself enjoying it somewhat. Directed by Joel Schumacher (Lost Boys) and produced by Webber himself, the film strives to emulate the play's majesty and manages to succeed for the most part.

Part of the charm of the play is the gothic overtones of the story and everything in this movie version screams ambience. The costumes, the sets, the harsh organs that scream when the Phantom arrives; all of it combines to accentuate the morbidity of the tale.

Some very obvious CGI was used at times when showing the opera house from the outside, but everything else looks great. The scene in the cemetery is particularly effective, as Christine's feelings towards the Phantom are more revealed amidst the gravestones.

The only casting problem I really had was Gerard Butler (Dracula 2000) as the Phantom. For the title role, Butler just doesn't have the strength behind his voice to fully encompass the Phantom's longing and barely controlled insanity. Also, he is very noticeably off on his lip-synching which takes away from the experience. He isn't terrible, and he otherwise does a good job portraying the tragic nature of the Phantom, but something is nevertheless lost.

Other than Butler, the casting was spot on; young Emmy Rossum (Day After Tomorrow) performs wonderfully as Christine, and Minnie Driver (Grosse Pointe Blank) is great for comedy relief as the bigheaded, overblown Prima Donna who annoys her way to center stage.

If you are familiar with the play's music at all, then you won't encounter any surprises here. With the exception of the new song "Learn To Be Lonely," which plays over the end credits, all the music is from the stage version. Some events have been changed, as the

famous chandelier scene that begins the play is placed towards the end of the film, and there are a few nods towards Leroux's original book.

Other than that, this is the stage version put on the big screen. If this interests you in the slightest, I recommend checking it out at least once.

Broadway gone Hollywood

Highs: The costumes, the sets, the acting of the supporting cast

Lows: The Phantom's noticeably off lip synching

★★★ 2.5 out of 4



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Gerard Butler stars as 'The Phantom' and Emmy Rossum stars as the object of The Phantom's obsession, Christine, in Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage adaptation of 'The Phantom of the Opera.'

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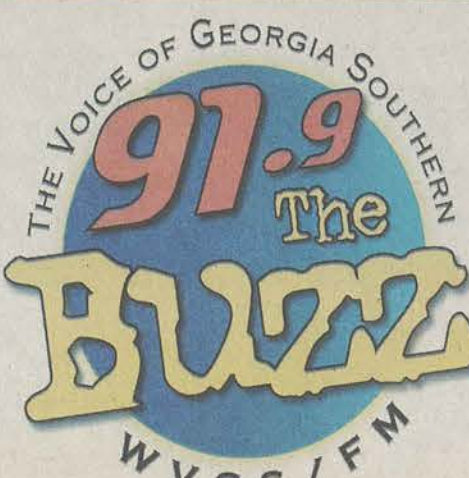
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