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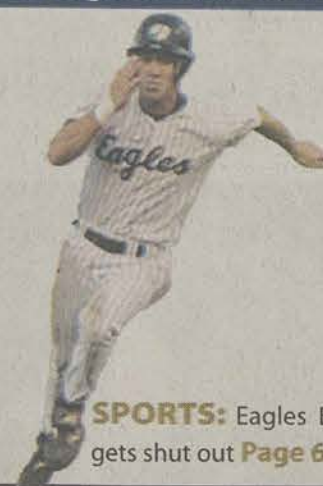
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Only In America

British tourist leaves \$8,700 at a Florida McDonald's

ORLANDO, Fla. - Carol Birmingham almost had a heart attack when she realized her Mac Attack had cost \$8,700.

The 62-year-old British tourist didn't notice until Sunday morning that she had left her cash-stuffed purse on a McDonald's counter when she bought lunch the previous day.

Inside was her down payment for a vacation home.

But the panic was short-lived since an assistant manager at the restaurant turned the money over to the Orange County Sheriff's Office for safekeeping.

Ilona Barattin, 23, said she found cash, mostly hundred-dollar bills, but no ID.

The Birmingham returned to McDonald's on Monday to give Barattin and fellow manager Aileen Norris an undisclosed reward.

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Follow our spring break destination guide to make the best of your time off

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Quote of the Day

"Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way...you become just by performing just actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave actions."

-Aristotle

Weekend Weather

Friday



Mostly Sunny

HIGH
59°

LOW
31°

Saturday



Mostly Sunny

HIGH
62°

LOW
41°

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Evolution exhibit opens at museum

GSU and Statesboro teachers share opinions on evolution debate

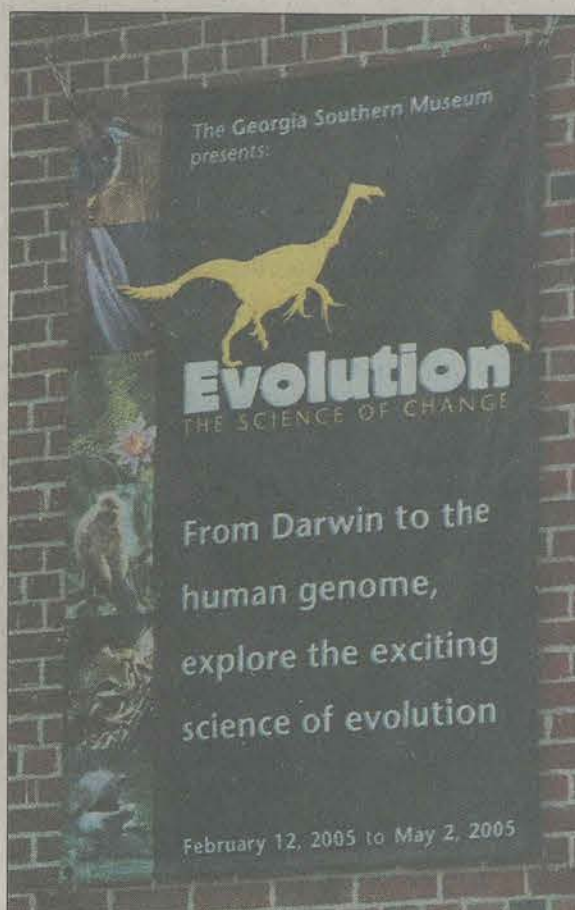
By Casey Altman
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The evolution debate has once again sparked interest in Georgia. Just a few weeks ago, a federal judge in Atlanta ordered a Cobb County school to remove disclaimer stickers from science books. The stickers called evolution a "theory and not a fact." Now a state lawmaker has proposed a new law that would allow the teaching of only facts and no theories to be taught in public schools.

In light of the recent controversy surrounding evolution, one can be sure that professors at Georgia Southern and teachers at Statesboro High have definite opinions on the matter.

"The way that the stickers were worded made evolution sound like something scientists made up and not something that has a lot of support backing it up," said Amy Holland, a biology teacher at Statesboro High

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The newest exhibit to reach the GSU museum, 'Evolution: The Science of Change,' may bring controversy to the campus.

Evolution exhibit reaches GSU, timing appropriate

Special to the G-A

The work of Charles Darwin, his theory of natural selection and the often misunderstood theory of evolution will be the subject of a special exhibit at the Georgia Southern University Museum beginning Saturday, Feb. 12, and running through Monday, May 2. It is called "Evolution: The Science of Change." The exhibit will be a colorful and interactive display, appropriate for all ages.

"Given the recent explosion in discussions about evolution in newspapers, school boards and legislatures in Georgia and across the nation, the timing is perfect for this exhibit," said Wendy Denton, acting director of the Georgia Southern Museum.

The exhibit will include hands-on activities to illustrate the key mechanisms of evolution, and visitors will get to view some of the crucial evidence for this cornerstone of modern biology.

"This exhibit was inspired by the recent and continuing public discus-

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Reading, writing and waistlines?

Georgia bill calls for kids to be weighed

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

ATLANTA - In perhaps the boldest attempt yet to reduce childhood obesity in Georgia, a bipartisan group of House members introduced a bill Wednesday requiring that schoolchildren be weighed twice a year, with their body mass indexes listed on report cards right alongside their marks in academic subjects.



Rep. Judy Manning

The tracking system is already used in Arkansas. New York and Texas lawmakers are considering similar plans.

"If your mama knew how much weight you were gaining, she might say, 'Turn off the Game Boy and let's go walk around the block or ride the bike,'" said one of the bill's sponsors, Rep. Judy Manning, R-Marietta.

The bill directs schools to add body mass readings on report cards at least twice a year, along with notification of whether the child is below, within or above normal range. Parents whose children tip the scales above a healthy body mass index would also be given health information about the risks of being too heavy.

The weight reports would be given to all school children, from kindergarten through 12th grade. It would be up to schools how to weigh and measure their pupils, and there's no requirement that it be done by a school nurse. However, there is a requirement that schools "respect a student's privacy."

Manning said the state's obesity problem proves that parents need to know more about maintaining a child's proper weight.

"If it's brought to the parents' attention, they might wake up and do something," she said. "They might not notice the problem when their child is gaining five pounds here, 10 pounds there."

The measure faces long odds, though lawmakers concede there is a child obesity problem. Rep. Brooks Coleman, chairman of the Education Committee, said he's worried the requirement might be a burden on schools.

"I want to make sure it's not an unfunded

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Textbook prices explained

By Jamie Galvin
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Students and faculty gathered in the Nesmith-Lane auditorium yesterday for the Textbook Forum put on by the Board of Regents. This meeting was the second of three meetings that will be held throughout the state of Georgia to discuss students' concern with overpriced textbooks.

According to Dr. Daniel Pappas, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academics and Fiscal Affairs for the Board of Regents, book stores across the country are being resisted by students because of the perceived and real high prices. Charisse Perkins, president of the Student Government Association of GSU, represented the student body on the panel of speakers and noted that in her four years of school, she has spent an average of \$400 per semester on textbooks.

So why are textbooks priced so high to begin with? Neatly organized pamphlets were given out at the conference, provided by J. Bruce



Katie Anderson/STAFF

SGA President Charisse Perkins (left) joins other panel members during the Textbook Forum. This open discussion of textbook pricing tried to explain to students why the prices are high.

Hildebrand, Executive Director for a Higher Education Association of American Publishers Inc., explaining books and the market economy. Hildebrand noted that the pricing of textbook is very complex because they're comprised of hundreds of years of research and presented in

a fashion allowing the reader to understand the discipline.

Hildebrand insisted that textbooks are a commodity and bookstores should be looked at as a "learning resource center."

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Race relations improving, much ground to gain

Racial Tolerance: Are we there Yet?

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Katie Anderson/STAFF
Saba Jallow heads GSU's Africana Studies program

African-Americans comprise 12 percent of the population of the United States. The issues of race and racism continue to pervade our society and this unquestionably raises policy implications for policy makers and society at large. The legacy of racism in American society has proved too ingrained to be cured in a single generation.

However, racial tolerance continues to be a clear trend in American society. This is a clear manifestation of the power of interaction, communication and understanding between groups, who only 50 years could not sit down at the table of equality and discuss issues of major import to both. During the past ten years, there has been a significant change in the perceptions of both African Americans and whites regarding the present state of race relations. Many of

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Racially blind, Race Conscious

By Dr. Marcia Jones, Ph.D. • mjones@georgiasouthern.edu



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The recent Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action answered fewer questions than it raised as to the future of affirmative action in higher education. While the rulings made it clear that state universities have a compelling interest in promoting diversity on their campuses, what is less clear is the extent to which race can be introduced as a factor in assessing college applications. So, why the fuss about race and what is the difference between affirmative action and racial preferences?

While the terms are often mistakenly used synonymously, there are major differences between the two, provincial among them being the role of race in decision-making. Under affirmative action legislation, recipients of federal funds, including state universities like Georgia Southern,

Marcia Jones heads GSU's office of institutional action compliance

Black History MONTH

Our two-week look at black history at Georgia Southern.

DAY 1

GSU professor Erik Brooks talks about his research into race relations over the university's 99 years.

DAY 2

Carolyn Hobbs, who was among the first black graduates at GSU, talks on her experience.

DAY 3

We examine the history of black entertainers who visited GSU and the discrimination they faced.

DAY 4

Aside from Georgia State, GSU has the largest minority enrollment of any major Georgia university.

DAY 5

GSU has had active minority groups and strong black leaders. We examine if that is still the case.

TODAY

GSU scholars talk on the current state of race relations. We get their take on what issues matter most.



Special Photo

Celtic Music performer Cathie Ryan to perform in Statesboro

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Singer Cathie Ryan, who was hailed by *The Los Angeles Times* as one of the leading voices in Celtic music, will perform at the Averitt Center in the Emma Kelly Theater Friday, Feb. 25.

Ryan, whose visit is sponsored by the Georgia Southern Center for Irish Studies, started her singing career in 1987 when she joined "Cherish the Ladies," a women's ensemble which sang traditional Irish music.

She left the group in 1995 to pursue a solo career.

Her first solo CD was released in 1997 to critical acclaim. Her second CD, which has been referred to as "a showcase of impeccable musicianship"

by *The Irish Voice*, was met with even greater success.

Ryan was named Irish Female Vocalist of the Decade by the *Irish American News* in 2000, and was also named one of the Top 100 Irish Americans by *Irish American Magazine*.

Tickets to hear Ryan's performance are \$18 for faculty, staff and the general public, and \$14 for students. The discounted student price was made possible by the GSU Campus Life Enrichment Committee.

After her performance, students interested in Club Gael, the GSU Irish Studies organization, are invited to meet with Ryan backstage.

For more information, contact the Center for Irish Studies at 912-681-5899.

Officials warn of future terrorist acts

By Katherine Shrader
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Speaking with one voice, President Bush's top intelligence and military officials said Wednesday that terrorists are regrouping for possible new strikes against the United States.

They said the best defense was for Congress to approve the president's military and anti-terror budget. But some in Congress, including prominent Republicans, were questioning some of that spending.

Offering few specifics on terror threats, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a House hearing that the government could reasonably predict attacks would come from terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and other means.

Meanwhile, new CIA Director Porter Goss told the Senate Intelligence Committee the Iraq war was giving terrorists experience and contacts for future attacks, and FBI Director Robert Mueller expressed worry that a sleeper operative in the U.S. may have been in place for years, awaiting orders for an attack.

"I remain very concerned about what we are not seeing," Mueller said in remarks he submitted to the senators.

Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee that the proposed \$419 billion defense package for 2006 would set an ambitious course to "continue prosecuting the war and to attack its ideological underpinnings."

Yet the Republican-controlled Congress may exercise its considerable authority over federal spending and reject White House requests to simply sign the checks.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., the new

chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said lawmakers were questioning billions in foreign aid and State Department spending that Bush requested in an emergency bill this week.

DeLay, R-Texas, said some of Bush's foreign aid proposals "probably do not qualify" for the expedited treatment he's seeking.

The current congressional debate over how to allocate billions of dollars on initiatives aimed at spreading peace and ensuring security follows three years of massive spending in response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Senior administration officials appearing at a series of congressional hearings Wednesday described a Muslim extremist threat that's become more diffuse, encompassing al-Qaida and like-minded associates.

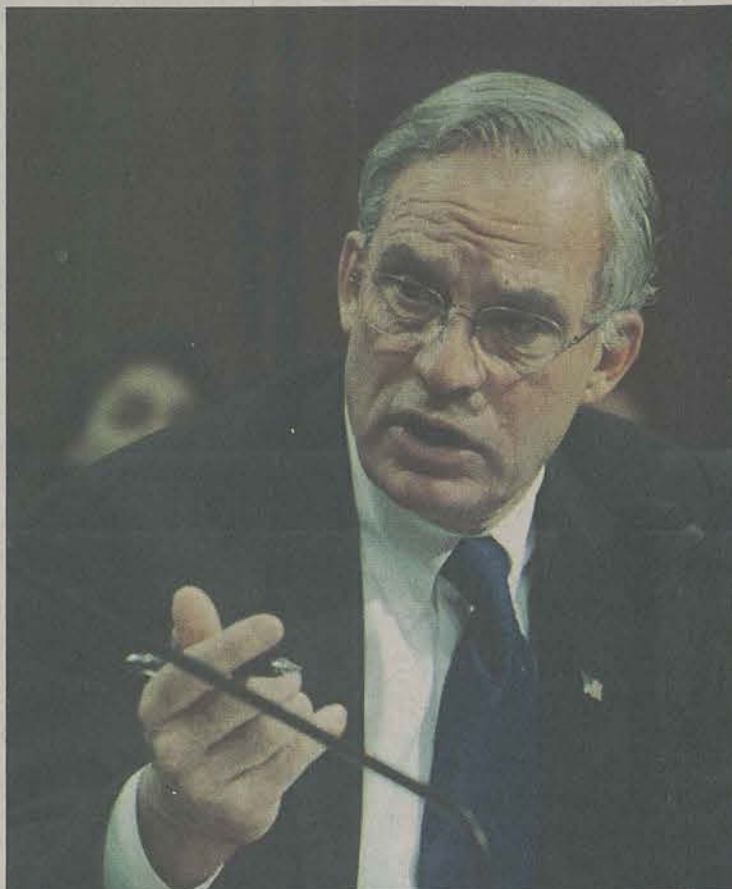
Goss said al-Qaida remains intent on circumventing U.S. security measures and attacking the United States.

In his first testimony as CIA chief, Goss said the Iraq conflict has become a cause for extremists.

Even as terrorism remained at the forefront, senior diplomatic and intelligence officials outlined a number of countries that pose conventional diplomatic, military and intelligence problems to the United States.

Goss said North Korea continues to "develop, produce, deploy and sell ballistic missiles of increasing range and sophistication." He said the secretive regime could "at any time" resume flight testing of a long-range missile capable of reaching the United States with a nuclear payload.

Iran, too, is further improving its Shahab-3 long-range ballistic missile, which has a range of more than 800 miles, Goss said.



AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta

CIA Director Porter Goss testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee during a hearing to examine the global threats against the United States on Capitol Hill, Wednesday in Washington.

In written testimony, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said he believes Iran will continue its support for terrorism and aid for insurgents in Iraq. "Iran's long-term goal is to see the U.S. leave Iraq and the region," he said.

Speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice blamed Syria for having undermined stability in neighboring Lebanon. On Monday, a massive car bomb explosion in down-

town Beirut killed former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Rice laid out a menu of spending initiatives, including \$658 million for a new embassy compound in Baghdad, \$1.2 billion for U.S. obligations to international organizations and \$5.8 billion in assistance to U.S. partners in the war on terror.

Grim at times, the appraisals on threats to the United States indicated the second Bush term would remain fraught with warnings but often short on specifics shared with the public.

POLICE BEAT

02-10-2005

- A gate arm at Southern Pines was damaged.
- A student reported his wallet missing from the RAC. The wallet was recovered, but some of the contents were missing.

02-11-2005

- A Kennedy Hall resident reported her vehicle was damaged.
- A Kennedy Hall resident reported losing a gold puzzle ring at the Landrum Center.
- A Southern Pines resident reported someone entered his vehicle and removed a CD player and several CDs.
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02-12-2005

- Steven Corey Harrell, 18, of 2075 Old Register Road, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Lane Evans Morgan, 22, of 2075 Old Register Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, open container, possession of marijuana and failure to yield roadway.
- A Johnson Hall resident reported someone entered her vehicle and removed her CD player.

02-13-2005

- Russell Thomas Bush, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Charles Quinton Rabun, 19, of 4196 Hedgerow Lane, Evans, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a fake I.D. card.
- A student reported a foreign substance on her vehicle while it was parked at Southern Courtyard.
- Officers discovered a vehicle with a broken window.

02-14-2005

- A wallet was reported missing from the Landrum Center.

02-15-2005

- David A. Glessing, 19, of Players Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, obstruction of an officer and giving false information to an officer.
- A door of a vehicle in the Kennedy Hall parking lot was scratched.

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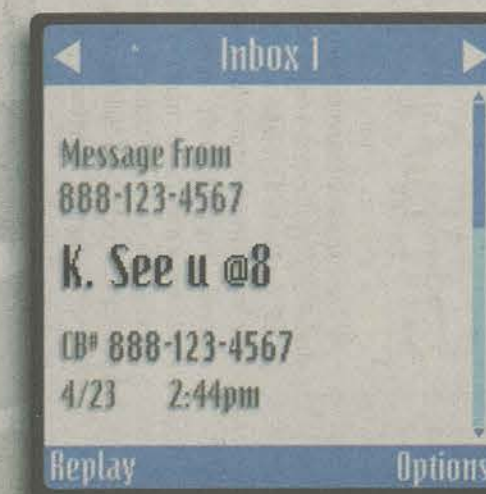
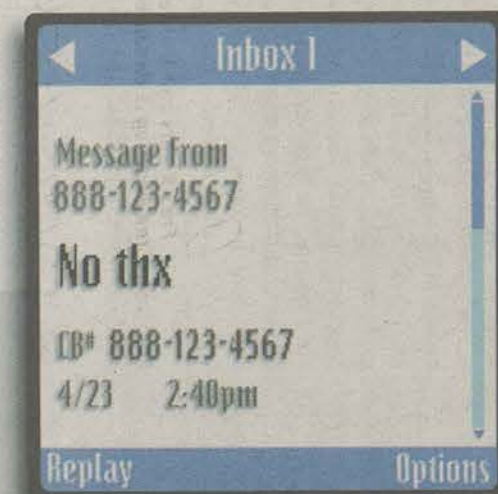
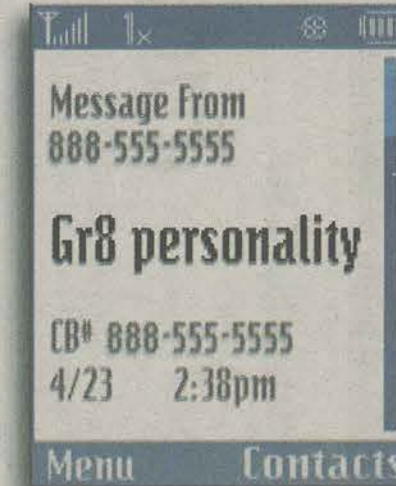
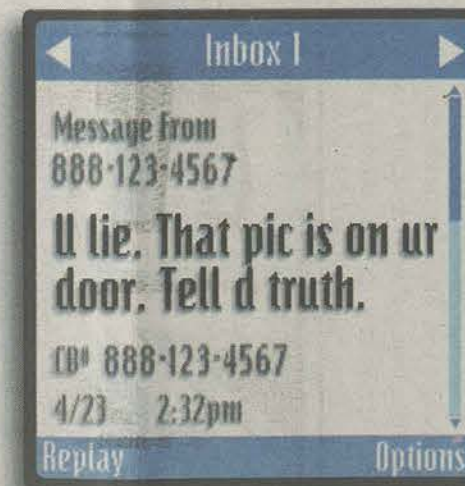


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Our Opinion

Remember the nameless heroes

February is the time when Americans reflect on the history of African-Americans. The month is a time to celebrate. It's a time to reflect. But, it's also a time to remember.

During the past two weeks, *The George-Anne* has highlighted the history of blacks at Georgia Southern with a six-part series on black history. We have highlighted the advancements of blacks.

Of the stories we shared was Carolyn Hobbs, one of GSU's first black graduates. She told of her part in a courageous struggle to integrate the school. Hobbs endured few physical threats during her time here, but the emotional toll was the hardest part of her ordeal.

Today, Hobbs has retired from a successful career in higher education. She looks back on her experience at GSU, but not with anger over the discrimination she experienced here. Instead, Hobbs takes pride in knowing that she beat the odds. She overcame the many obstacles of segregation and discrimination. Now in her 50s, Hobbs enjoys financial security and much success as a crusader for equal rights and freedom from social and economic barriers.

Hobbs story is truly a success. Like many blacks of her era, she grew up poor. But unlike many of her friends, she broke free from the chains of social oppression.

Hobbs admits that her story is remarkable because she made it. But in our eyes, the story is bittersweet because for every Carolyn Hobbs, there are countless other blacks who never made it.

Those who didn't make it are rarely mentioned in articles on black history. We didn't focus on the blacks who tried to get into GSU, but were denied admittance. We didn't tell you about the black students who enrolled but dropped out because they couldn't stand what Carolyn Hobbs endured. Their stories are rarely told, but like all history, poor outcomes are part of the bigger picture, too.

As we finish this series on black history, let's not forget that while blacks have come a long way, there are still many obstacles. There is still discrimination. There are still barriers and unspoken rules.

On occasions like Black History Month, it's important not to forget that black history isn't full of crusaders and success stories. While many blacks have scratched and pulled themselves from slavery and segregation, there are still many who have never enjoyed true, unfettered freedom.

So, don't forget about the Carolyn Hobbs'. Don't forget about the Charisse Perkins'. Don't forget about the thousands of black students who have gained entrance to GSU just 40 years after the school was integrated. But, to remember the true picture of black history, you must not forget about the nameless, faceless and unmentioned blacks who failed because racism had no mercy.

Editorials from Around the Nation

L is for 'loser,' not 'legendary'

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, Feb. 15:

Former star outfielder Jose Canseco's allegations of widespread steroid use among baseball's major leaguers isn't so much shocking as it is repellent. In his Sunday interview with "60 Minutes" and his newly published book, Canseco tries to make the case for steroids' natural place in the American pastime.

He's wrong of course. Steroids don't belong in sports, whether at the professional and Olympic levels or, more chillingly, among teenagers who may see what the stars do and try to gain an athletic edge of their own.

Although Canseco said he wouldn't recommend steroids or growth hormones for just anyone, he told CBS interviewer Mike Wallace, "I truly believe, because I've experimented with it for so many years, that it can make an average athlete a super athlete. It can make a super athlete incredible, just legendary."

His voice sounded almost dreamy as he uttered that last word, "legendary."

That show Canseco's appearance in this segment ended: a loopy product endorsement, unchallenged, on a television program that has earned, and maintained, its credibility by challenging the empty statements of fools.

That ending must have left many viewers with a sour taste. Yet it also permitted us to add our own postscript: Mr. Canseco, that's disgusting. But thanks for telling us so much about yourself, and your values, in so few words.

There are people in and outside of baseball who seek to portray Canseco as delusional and desperate, a guy with a criminal past who broke the sport's unwritten code of keeping dirty laundry within the clubhouse. The suggestion is that he's not credible.

Yet his story is compelling, but not for the obvious reasons of name-dropping about alleged steroid use among several future Hall of Famers.

The most alarming revelation in this sad saga is the one in plain sight: Canseco himself. The photos of a grossly muscled Canseco depict not a sporting god but a chemically enhanced freak of nature. His statements are even more outlandish. Canseco makes no excuses about his use of steroids, which he said began in the mid-1980s. His book is almost a reader's guide to bulking up. There are details about injection angles, types of steroids and disposal of syringes.

Canseco writes, "steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids." He boasts of "chemically" restructuring his body to give himself "one of the best physiques in the world and enabling myself to do things at 40 that most 20-year-old kids couldn't do. Best of all, I have prepared myself to maintain that body for years to come."

In the end, his body failed him, at least on the field. Canseco, thankfully, is out of baseball. The game may still have other cheats in it, if Canseco is to be believed, but earlier this year Major League Baseball and the players union took a tentative – if highly inadequate – step toward ridding the game of steroids by hammering out a somewhat stricter drug testing policy.

It's a start. And perhaps this off-season will mark the beginning of the end of one of the sorriest periods in baseball history, when the game allegedly became juiced.

Those who run the game and those who play it, though, should heed Canseco's unintended but enduring message: Steroids are for losers.

Iraqis ignored U.S. script; that may be OK

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday, Feb. 15:

The votes have been counted. And here's the most productive way to look at Iraq's elections, where the Shiite party won 48 percent, a Kurdish alliance finished second with 26 percent, and the U.S.-backed party finished third at 14 percent.

The election of a Shiite government isn't exactly what the United States had in mind.

When President Bush talked about democracy sweeping the Mideast, probably few Americans envisioned an Iraqi government led by the same Islamic sect that runs repressive Iran.

Democracy is democracy. You can't guarantee winners. The Iraqis got what the Iraqis wanted. And that's what an election is about.

Not all is lost.

The lack of a majority for any party will force compromise among Iraq's factions. That in and of itself is good. Michael Rubin of the American Enterprise Institute is right when he says it's remarkable we're talking about power-sharing in the Mideast. Coalition governments aren't the norm there.

Also, the Shiite leader in Iraq, the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, is not an incarnation of Iran's late Ayatollah Khomeini. This cleric wants a secular government, although Islam would have a role in Iraq.

And don't forget about the second-place Kurds. They are a fairly secular and independent bunch. The Kurds are highly unlikely to want any sort of link between Tehran and Baghdad, especially since many Kurds are not Shiite Muslims.

The fact that a coalition will lead Iraq could help produce a strong central government. Iraq needs a strong Baghdad to stave off a civil war over the next year.

The Jan. 30 election is not the last time voters will go to the polls.

The parliamentarians elected last month were selected to write a constitution, not lead the country for several years. Iraqis return this fall to ratify or reject the proposed constitution. And they will vote by Dec. 15 on a new parliament and government for the next five years.

America's candidates may have lost, but these results don't mean Iraq's gone over the edge.

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WHAT SAY WE ROUND OFF THE SHORTFALL TO
A JILLION KILLION SQUILLION DILLY-DILLION?
IT SOUNDS BETTER.



Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Judgement

I don't know about you, but I can speak for almost all of my friends when I say that we (as a group) tend to be a bit judgmental.

What is it about our mentality that makes us feel the need to judge and criticize others? Is it because of our own intrinsic misery and apprehension with ourselves that we try to define our inner selves by proving others wrong? Are we in fact so afraid, that we view others' differences as a threat instead of unique diversity?

Does everyone have to clean their room the same way, wear the same fake Armani Exchange shirts, like glazed donuts, or have sex in a certain way in order to be accepted? Do you think that if you were peaceful and happy with yourself and your own identity that you would care who's sleeping in whose bed? Is it really any of your business? You may ask yourself, "What difference does it make; aren't I entitled to my opinion?" I would like to respond by saying that absolutely, you are entitled to your opinion. It is, after all, what makes you, you! The problem arises when we hide behind our opinions in order to protect ourselves from experiencing our own negative feedback.

When we use our opinions as weapons aimed at another, then we're not actually doing ourselves any favors. Why is it that the human tendency is to take our own egocentric opinion and place judgment on our fellow man?

We criticize, assume and alienate one another because of our own fear to experience who we really are. I think that the majority of the population is guilty of judging others only to keep suppressing their own emotions. The more we need to suppress our emotions, the more judgmental (fearful) we become, until the point where we blow up in the physical in the form of such things like road rage, violence and abuse to name a few.

What we fail to recognize is the tremendous growth potential that is laid at our feet when we are confronted by another's diversity. Everyone in our

lives, even the guy who sleeps with everyone except the person he's dating, is an opportunity in growth just waiting to happen. Everyone in our lives who evokes in us a negative feeling is actually showing us something about ourselves.

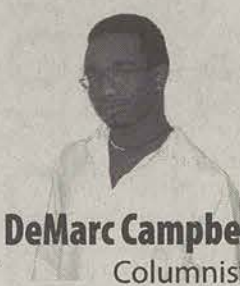
So, some of you were right: It is quite literally "all about you." Emotions are like these little messengers from our soul. You can be sure that you are getting in touch with "the real you" when an emotion surfaces. However, sociologically speaking, we are trained to stuff our emotions or make intellectual sense of them.

The reason someone else's actions "bug" you or the reason why you can't let go of the fact that your friend has "too much" sex is not about the physical experience, but the fact that we have underlying emotions that are clawing at you to be released. If we could control our environments or the people in our lives, then we wouldn't have to look at anything that might upset us. Not to mention the satisfaction of knowing we are right, and everyone else's way is wrong. We judge in order to control, and we control so we don't have to experience anything unpleasant. But, the downside to that is when we don't experience anything uncomfortable, we don't grow.

We only judge others and ourselves when emotions are controlling our decision-making. It is, therefore, imperative that we release our own emotions before we react to others who have triggered these emotions. The sad reality is that we live in a controlled society that has no clue or interest in dealing with or helping us with our emotions.

We are told to use antidepressants and other drugs to suppress our emotions. We are now a society of people erupting everywhere and are no longer capable of holding our emotions in check.

We need to stop supporting a reality that is based on judging and condemning one another. Not only does this separate us as individuals, it separates us from truly knowing ourselves.



DeMarc Campbell
Columnist

Remember: You don't climb out of a rut, you drive out

By Doug Worgul
KRT Campus

When a groove becomes a rut, remember this: A rut is a shallow grave with two open ends.

If you feel stuck, as if your career or even your life is going nowhere, here are some tactics for getting yourself out of that rut.

First, understand that change is going to be a part of the solution. In fact, change may be the solution. Think about it. If a rut is a shallow grave with two open ends, there's the one end, which is the way you got into the rut to begin with. And then there's the other end, which is the way out. Continuing the behaviors and thought patterns that got you to this place will not get you out of it. So you're going to have to change some things.

The main reason people resist change is fear. There are no five easy steps for conquering one's fears. But talking about your anxieties and concerns with a counselor or member of the clergy may help you understand them better and may help you begin to move forward toward meaningful change in your personal life and in your profession.

But, even after you've faced your fears, or at least glanced at them, it's important to realize that risk is going to be a part of any strategy to alter the direction of your life. You just can't be certain that trying new behaviors or working toward new goals will work out. However, you can be certain that doing nothing will result in nothing. You'll just continue to be stuck in your rut.

Another reason people don't try to get themselves unstuck is that they think they

lack choices. But there are always choices. Most people can change their jobs. Such change may have economic consequences, but the choice is there. And even if you can't change your job, you can change your attitude about your job. That is a choice.

Here are some other changes and choices you can make to help move you out of your rut.

Change your perspective. Stop thinking like an employee, and start thinking like a parent or a citizen or a friend or an athlete. Maybe all you need to feel differently about your job or your life is to change the way you define yourself. Maybe the primary way you think of yourself is as an employee of whatever organization you work for. Instead,

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School. "They were right in removing the stickers; they should not have been on the books."

Many religions other than Christianity believe that the world was created by God. Christians, however, are being credited for the recent effort to change the way evolution is taught. The problem in Cobb County started because religiously motivated individuals wanted evolution to be taught as a theory instead of being taught as a fact.

"I think that the biggest problem is that people don't understand how science works," said Lissa Leege, a biology professor at Georgia Southern. "Theories are well tested. If we can't teach theories, we can't teach anything."

Many people, including some scientists, want schools to teach intelligent design along side evolution. Intelligent design is a creation theory that says a higher being, God, must have created the universe.

"Is there a God? There's no scientific answer," said Leege. "If you try to teach religion side by side with science, you'll be doing the students an injustice. Surely, we should teach religion,

only not in a science classroom."

According to Jerry Johnson, the senior campus minister for the Baptist Student Union, the way one approaches the study of evolution affects what their study will conclude.

"If one chooses to discount the idea of God when thinking about how the world came into existence, then that person's ending solution is that God did not create the universe," Johnson said, including that his opinions are his alone, and not the views of all Baptists in general.

Johnson also explained that the same kind of solution works out when approaching the issue from the standpoint that there is a God, saying that the person could find facts that proves such a stance.

Overall, Johnson said that when teaching on a topic such as evolution, it is important for the instructor to state his or her bias.

If the proposed legislation banning the teaching of theories passes, neither of these theories, evolution nor Intelligent design, will be taught to Georgia students.

"I don't think that [the proposed law] will pass," said Holland.

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are required to provide equal opportunity to applicants, without regard to such factors as race.

That is, affirmative action requires race-blindness in decision-making unless consideration of race is being used under court order or to remedy the effects of past discrimination.

On the other hand, racial preferences require decision-makers to place race at the center of decisions. That is, racial preferences are race-conscious.

The Supreme Court's split rulings ignited anew the debate over race-blind versus race-conscious admission policies.

While GSU does not consider race as a factor in admissions, the

rulings certainly are significant in their potential impact on other areas such as financial aid and race conscious academic-enhancement programs.

The question remains as to whether or not the compelling interest argument extends to these other factors that could potentially impact GSU's ability to maintain or enhance its minority student enrollment.

While the jury is yet out on these issues, state universities, including GSU, should continue to explore race-conscious efforts that support their commitment to recruiting a diverse student body.

The educational benefit of diversity is far too important to ignore.

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start identifying primarily with the other important roles you play in your life.

If you're unhappy in your job, but you think of yourself mainly as a worker, you're setting yourself up for continued misery. But if you think of yourself mainly as a parent, or activist, or artist, or church member, unhappiness on the job loses much of its power over the rest of your life.

If the external circumstances of your life cannot be changed, change what's inside. As mentioned earlier, this may necessitate talking with a counselor or member of the clergy.

Change your internal dialogue - your self-talk. This is one of the fundamental principles of cognitive behavioral psychology. It has proven remarkably effective for many people. Buy a self-help book to guide you on changing the way you talk to yourself about yourself.

Learn something new. Take a class at the local community college. This will enhance your knowledge and your sense of self.

Invest in new relationships. Push yourself beyond your comfort zone, if need be, to make new friends at work or church, or with parents at your child's school. New relationships can provide valuable opportunities for laughter and social support. They can also provide perspective. When you learn about the problems and circumstances other people struggle with, your own life situation sometimes seems less dire.

Don't think less of yourself, but think of yourself less. Don't dwell so much on yourself and your own life. It's not all about you.

Do something for others. Volunteer to help others less fortunate than yourself. Churches and charities always need more help. And helping others is one of the more effective ways to feel better about yourself and to put your own problems in proper perspective.

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the salient issues of importance to African Americans are also issues faced by low income Americans particularly in the area of affordable health care and quality education. The platforms of both the Democratic and Republican parties addressed the question of racial inequality in health care and support for black and Hispanic educational institutions.

Race continues to be an important public policy issue, even though racial issues were not visible in the 2004 presidential campaign.

Cognizant of the concerted efforts to rectify past racial injustices in the past three decades, race still remains a crucial aspect of American society and certainly has policy implications in the 21st Century.

Racial issues historically involved African Americans, but immigration within the past 30 years overwhelmingly consisting of Hispanics and Asians brings in new issues associated with these groups, some similar and others different to issues facing African Americans.

Can we say today that substantial progress has been made in race relations?

No doubt, but we have a long way to go before race disappears from our vocabulary.

It is only when we accept what the individual can do for the human family and not what they look like based on a social construct.

An understanding of racial issues in America has to be viewed in a historical context. African Americans arrived shackled in chains as slaves and their social status was in essence defined by their captivity.

The Civil Rights movement of the 1960s helped to shape a national policy to address racial injustices, and in so doing created a complex uneven pattern of addressing discrimination in housing, education, employment, political participation and social recognition.

Progress under these legislative and executive mandates has been substantial. In 1960, for example, over 50 percent of African Americans were high school dropouts compared to 10 percent now.

The number of black elected officials has increased significantly. Since 1960, the rate of African Americans who attend college has improved by 300 percent, even the numbers in the prison system particularly for black males continue to rise.

Poverty in general has also declined and income purchasing power has dramatically increased.

Thus, there is more common ground now than three decades ago, even though issues of racial profiling, jury selection bias, punishment and sentencing guidelines pervade the criminal justice system.

A case in point, some people ar-

gue that far more stringent penalties apply to sellers and buyers of crack cocaine compared to users of powder cocaine. The sentencing guidelines should be fair and equitable.

In a survey conducted by the Gallup Poll in June of 2003 comprised of 1385 adults on the issue of race relations as to whether relations were very good, some what good, somewhat bad or very bad, the majority of respondents (68 percent) said that race relations were good; 69 percent for whites, 59 percent for African American, and 68 for Hispanics.

In the same survey, when Blacks and Hispanics in the sample were asked the question as to how often do they feel discriminated against in public or in employment, the majority of both groups revealed that they are discriminated daily, every week, once a month, few times a year or less than once a year.

Nineteen percent of African Americans indicated that they have never been discriminated compared to 41 percent for Hispanics.

In a synopsis, race relations have improved, but we have a long way to go.

A healthy discussion on the issue will inform rather than divide, because as long as we do not put ourselves in the next person's shoes, we cannot presume we understand where they are coming from, based on their life experiences.

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In response, students posed questions concerning the usefulness of books. "Why is it necessary for students to purchase a book merely for an access code?" was one question. Hildebrand responded that it is possible to purchase the codes with out buying the book, and said that his company will make an effort to make them more readily available. Another student asked, "What about useless graphics that waste an entire page to tell you you're in chapter one and the bundling of books?"

"Bundles must be valued to student's learning process and used by professors," Hildebrand's responded.

Changes from one edition of a textbook to the next are very acute and contain the same information though

publishers remain on professors back about using the new copy. Perkins noted that the faculty should make an effort to research the books that they are adopting. Papps agreed, and said that if professors cannot explain why the books are valuable to their course, they should not be required.

Dr. Jeanette Rice, also a member of the panel, said, "the faculty should encourage students to be active learners," and claimed she can teach chemistry without a textbook in a New York minute. All in all, it was decided that there needs to be better communication between the publishers and the professors and the professors and the students about textbooks.

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mandate," said Coleman, whose committee will hear the bill. "We ask schools to be all things to everybody and we need to look at the cost of that."

Supporters say the weight tracking could save the state money one day in lower health care costs for the overweight. The bill's author, Rep. Stephanie Benfield of Decatur, cited diabetes and other costly health complications.

"There's a lot of concern about obesity in children and the incredible health risks associated with that," she said. "Children who are obese tend to become adults who are obese."

The proposal comes as public officials around the nation explore creative ways to deal with the alarming trend in childhood obesity. Georgia lawmakers have also considered a ban on soft drink machines in public schools and requirements for more physical education classes, although none of those ideas has yet made it into law.

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sions on the theory of evolution, especially on how it should be taught in public schools," said Denton.

The curator team consists of GSU faculty members Jim Darrell, Jonathan Geisler and Fred Rich from the Department of Geology and Geography, and Alan Harvey, Jim Hutcheon and Lorne Wolfe from the Department of Biology.

The exhibit started on Darwin's 96th birthday, with a celebration including a special live program, cake and ice cream.

The Evolution exhibit will be at GSU until May 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free.

For additional information, contact the Museum at (912) 681-5444.

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Men's Tennis tabbed for fourth place finish by SoCon Coaches

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC - The Georgia Southern men's tennis team has been picked to finish fourth in the Southern Conference, according to an announcement made Feb. 11 by the Southern Conference. The Eagles, who received 58 total points in the poll taken by the conference coaches, will open conference play against Davidson on Feb. 27 in Statesboro.

Last season, the Eagles finished

with an overall record of 10-17 and a conference mark of 4-6 that placed them in a tie for seventh place. Following the regular season, the team advanced to the quarterfinals of the conference tournament, earning a tie for fifth place.

This season, head coach Justin Miles welcomes seven letterwinners back to what shapes up as an experienced squad. The team's lone senior, Danie van den Heever, has been a staple in the lineup from the time he

first stepped onto the courts in the fall of 2001. Joining him to form an impressive core of team leadership is a trio of seasoned juniors: Lasha Janashia, Vincent Patry (the 2003

SoCon Freshman of the Year) and Charles-Henri Trottet.

Also returning this season are sophomores Diego Flores (returning from a medical redshirt), Tom Green

and Germano Knorr, each of whom has experienced some measure of success on the courts during their tenure at GSU. The lone newcomer this year, sophomore Nathan Tingen, will lend the critical element of depth to the team.

Miles, now in his fourth season as the head coach at GSU, was pleased with the results of the preseason poll, but was quick to point out that he and the team are both aiming higher than a fourth-place finish.

"One of our goals for the upcoming year is defeating some of the teams that are ranked above us in the preseason poll and potentially finish as one of the top two teams in the conference," Miles remarked. "That way, we would receive a better draw in the postseason tournament and increase our chances of success."

In assessing the keys to success this year, Miles stressed the necessity

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2005 SoCon Preseason Men's Tennis Poll

1. College of Charleston (6) 94
2. East Tennessee State (5) 94
3. Furman 85
4. **Georgia Southern 58**
5. Appalachian State 56
6. Chattanooga 49
7. Davidson 37
8. Wofford 36
9. Elon 34
10. The Citadel 33
11. UNC Greensboro 30

Rugby holds annual Black Rose Tournament

By Russell Bush

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Every year on the weekend before Valentine's Day, rugby teams from around the south gather at Georgia Southern to play in one of the region's biggest tournaments.

Started in 1989, the Black Rose Tournament has grown from just four

or five teams playing rugby for one day to a two-day tournament that hosts up to 15 men and women's teams.

This year, teams traveled to GSU from Valdosta, Hilton Head, Augusta, Clemson, Central Florida University, University of South Carolina and Savannah.

Locally, the Statesboro Blues men's team played as well as the GSU Exiles,

a group of former Southern Rugby alumni ranging back from when the club was founded in 1976.

Winning the tournament in the women's bracket was the GSU women's team, easily beating South Carolina and Clemson.

In the men's bracket the Southern Exiles won after Augusta forfeited, citing too many injuries to play on.

GSU played well in the tournament, beating the Statesboro Blues 27-14, Hilton Head 28-14 and tying Augusta 30-30.

The Southern Rugby team will be playing Georgia Tech in a regional game that will decide home field advantage in the first round of playoffs this upcoming weekend at 1 p.m. at the rugby pitch behind the RAC.



Keri Sims/STAFF

A GSU player awaits a pitch during the Eagles home opener vs. GA Tech last weekend.

Eagles blanked at Jacksonville

GSU Athletics Media Relations

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Four Jacksonville pitchers combined on a shutout as Georgia Southern dropped an 8-0 decision Tuesday at Alexander Brest Field. The Eagles, shut out for the first time in 49 games, fell to 0-3 overall.

The Dolphins scored two runs in the first inning off a RBI single and sacrifice fly. Eagle starter Josh Lairsey gave up a one-out single and walked the next three batters, making it 3-0. Matt Lopez lined a double to the right field gap, scoring three runs.

While Jacksonville (5-0) put runs up early, baserunning errors hurt the Eagles. In the first Greg Dowling tried scoring from first base on Derrick Smith's double but was nailed at the plate. With two on and one out in the third inning, Dowling was picked off first base then Smith popped out to end the threat.

The Eagles stranded five runners in

the first four innings, 11 in all.

Thomas Turner pitched well in relief, allowing two runs in 4.2 innings. He avoided major damage in the sixth. JU loaded the bases with two bunt singles and a walk but Turner got a strikeout, allowed a RBI groundout and an inning-ending strikeout.

Lairsey (0-2) was charged for six runs in 2.1 innings. Turner walked four and struck out four. Mike Chiciak struck out two batters working the eighth inning.

Brett Pelfrey continued his hot start, going 2-for-4. Logan Phillips added two hits as GSU finished with eight in the game.

Kyle DeVries improved to 2-0, scattering five hits while fanning two. Jacksonville banged out 11 hits in the game.

The Eagles return to J.I. Clements Stadium on Friday, starting a three-game series against George Washington at 4 p.m.



Brian O'Connor/STAFF

GSU rugby players tackle an opposing player during the Black Rose Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Upcoming Eagles Baseball Games

Fri. Feb. 18, 4 p.m.
George Washington

Sun. Feb. 27, 1 p.m.
at Georgia

Sat. Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
George Washington

Tues. March 1, 4 p.m.
at Georgia Tech

Sun. Feb. 20, 12 p.m.
George Washington

Fri. March 4, 7 p.m.
Buffalo

Sat. Feb. 26, 3 p.m.
at Georgia

Sat. March 5, 4 p.m.
Buffalo

NHL season CANCELED

By Ira Podell

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A hockey season on the brink is now a season gone bust.

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule Wednesday after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap - the flash-point issue that led to a lockout.

It's the first time a major pro sports

league in North America lost an entire season to a labor dispute. The resulting damage could be immeasurable to hockey, which already has limited appeal in the United States.

"This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

To begin with, all momentum gained in the final days of negotia-

tions has been lost - late offers that appeared to bring the sides close to a deal are now off the table, and there's no telling when the NHL will get back on the ice.

No Stanley Cup champion will be crowned, the first time that's happened since 1919, when the 2-year-old league called off the finals because of a flu epidemic.

Without an agreement, there can be no June draft. The sport's heralded next big thing, Canadian phenom Sidney Crosby, won't pull on his first NHL sweater anytime soon.

Then there is the parade of aging stars - Mario Lemieux (39), Mark Messier (44), Steve Yzerman (39) Brett Hull (40), Ron Francis (41), Dave Andreychuk (41) and Chris Chelios (43) - whose playing days could be ending on someone else's terms.

Despite being the NHL's best-known star, there was never a chance that Pittsburgh's Lemieux, the first owner-player in modern American pro sports history, would side with the players.

"A few years ago, I thought the owners were making a lot of money and were hiding some under the table, but then I got on this side and saw the

losses this league was accumulating," he said Wednesday.

Hockey was already a distant fourth on the popularity scale among the nation's major league sports. The NHL lost the first season of its two-year broadcasting agreement with NBC that was supposed to begin this season, a revenue-sharing deal in which the network is not even paying rights fees.

Taking a year off, or more, will only push the league further off the radar screen.

Bettman said the sides would keep working toward an agreement.

"We're planning to have hockey next season," he said.

Goodenow stressed that the players had already given a lot of ground. "Every offer by the players moved in the owners' direction," he said.

"Keep one thing perfectly clear," Goodenow said. "The players never asked for more money - they just asked for a marketplace."

The league and players' union traded a flurry of proposals and letters Tuesday night, but could never agree on a cap. The players proposed \$49 million per team; the owners said \$42.5 million. But a series of condi-

tions and fine print in both proposals made the offers further apart than just \$6.5 million per team.

"We weren't as close as people were speculating," Bettman said.

Before Monday, the idea of a salary cap was a deal-breaker for the players' association but the union gave in and said it would accept one when the NHL dropped its insistence that there be a link between revenues and player costs.

That still wasn't enough to end the lockout that started on Sept. 16 and ultimately wiped out the entire 1,230-game schedule that was to begin in October and run through the Stanley Cup finals in June.

And now, those concessions are off the table.

The NHL's last game came in June, when the Tampa Bay Lightning beat Calgary 2-1 in Game 7 to win the Stanley Cup.

Since then, a lot of stars have moved on, going overseas to play. Jaromir Jagr, Vincent Lecavalier, Teemu Selanne, Joe Thornton and Saku Koivu are among the over 300 of the league's 700-plus players who spent part of

Season capped off

The NHL canceled the 2004-05 season, because it failed to come to an agreement with its players' union. The two sides were believed to be close to a deal, but were stuck over the amount of a salary cap proposal. They had agreed on a 24 percent salary rollback to save on costs.

Teams that would have been over the NHL salary cap last season

In millions

	Last years' team payroll	Payroll with salary rollback
\$42.5 million cap		
Detroit	\$63.0	\$82.9
Philadelphia	\$68.0	76.3
Dallas	\$66.5	74.4
Toronto	\$65.3	72.8
Colorado	\$62.4	68.9
St. Louis	\$62.0	68.4
NY Rangers*	\$45.4	59.7

* The Rangers would have been under the players' proposed salary cap of \$49 million

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NHL Players Association player representatives Vincent Damphousse, left, president Trevor Linden and Bill Guerin listen to executive director Bob Goodenow during a news conference in Toronto, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005. The NHL cancelled the 2004-05 season earlier in the day.

Martin gearing up for final Daytona 500

By Mike Harris
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Whether Mark Martin wins his final Daytona 500 or not, or finally wins a series championship, he plans to have fun, fun, fun this year.

People who know Martin find that attitude change surprising.

"Mark has always been a very, very intense person," said Matt Kenseth, who Martin mentored to NASCAR Nextel Cup stardom. "Since he began telling people 2005 will be his last season, there's been a real difference. He seems to be happier."

It's true, Martin says.

"I believe I have changed," Martin said, grinning. "I know for a fact I'm happier now than I was a year ago. I think it's because I understand myself more than I have in the past."

But Martin, who acknowledges he tends to be obsessive about whatever goal he sets, said this is all part of a master plan he devised six years ago.

"When I signed my last contract with Roush Racing in 1999, I had a plan," Martin said. "I didn't really tell

anybody, but I knew what it was. I wanted to be able to do things my way, a way that made sense to me."

That means walking away from Cup racing while he's still competitive.

Martin is coming off a season in which he finished fourth in the final standings and was in contention for the title up to the last race of the year. He goes into Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500 as one of the favorites - and certainly the sentimental choice.

And admiring is how Martin is feeling these days, although not necessarily about his racing.

"Looking at going to my last Daytona 500 doesn't phase me," he said. "It's all about relationships. Everything means more to me now; the people I've known and relationships I've had."

Martin has had a tremendous amount of success during a Cup career that dates to 1981. A 30-foot high wall of trophies and awards at his office on the outskirts of Daytona Beach attest to that.

There have been 34 Cup victories

and four series runner-up finishes, a record 45 race wins in the Busch Series and four titles in the all-star International Race of Champions series.

"I'm a fan first," he said. "I was a fan before I drove and I'll always be a fan. I want people who are interested to be able to see some of these things. I'm not doing it for any gain. I don't expect it to make any money, just to be someplace my fans can go to see some pretty interesting things."

The self-effacing Martin has rarely taken credit for his successes, usually pointing to the car or the team or some stroke of luck for his wins and titles.

But now, nearing the end of

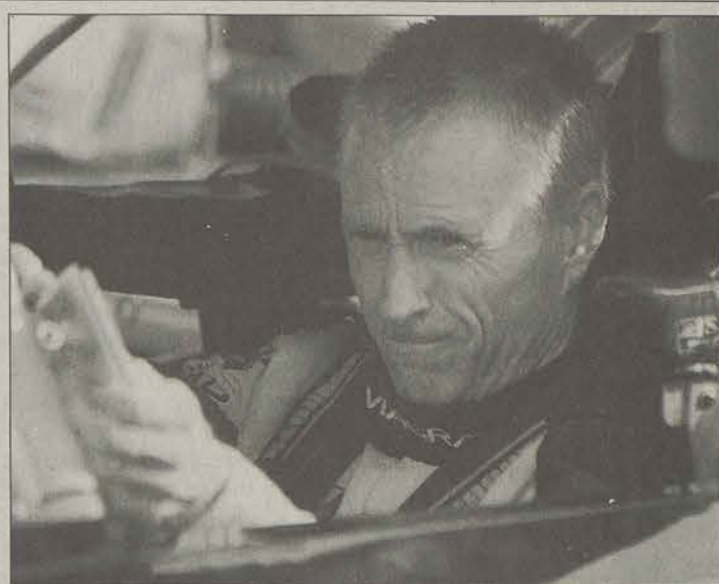
his career, he can at least admit he's "done OK."

"I don't know if I really truly believed I would be this much of a success when I was standing around those little dirt tracks in Arkansas. I know I'm not the greatest that ever was, but I'm proud of what I've accomplished."

Finishing up his Cup career won't be the end of his racing, either.

The plans haven't been finalized, but Martin said he can still see some truck racing, and maybe even a Busch race or two, in his future.

"The main thing, though, is I'm going to be doing what I want to do when I want to do it," he said. "I'm going to have some fun."



Alan Marler/AP Photo
Mark Martin adjusts his mirror during a break in practice at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. in this Aug. 22, 2003 file photo.

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this season playing in Europe.

Whenever a deal is reached, there won't be a clear-cut way to determine the draft order. Washington had the No. 1 selection last year and grabbed Russian sensation Alexander Ovechkin. No doubt the lowly Capitals would love to go first again to pick Crosby.

Shortly after Bettman took over as commissioner, a lockout cut the 1994-95 regular season to 48 games, still more than half the schedule.

The NHL began preparing for the possibility of another lockout in 1998 when each team contributed \$10 million toward a \$300 million war chest. The collective bargaining agreement, which expired on Sept. 15, was extended twice after it was originally signed in 1995. That allowed for the NHL to complete its expansion plans

without interrupting play.

A year ago, there were those who said at least one season was sure to be lost and that two was not out of the question. With the former now the reality and the latter a distinct possibility, both sides are regrouping for a longer fight.

"When emotions are high, things are said, things are done," Wayne Gretzky, now a managing partner with the Phoenix Coyotes, said on ESPN. "Ultimately, these players want to play. I know too many of them love the game too much, and I just can't imagine these players not playing in the National Hockey League for two years. To me, I hope that doesn't happen because I don't know how we would recover."

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of team cohesion and unity.

"To have the team unity and togetherness that we do right now is of tremendous value to us. It is very important for the guys to be able to pull together for matches and support every member of the team."

He also emphasized the role that leadership and injuries will play in determining the outcome of the Eagles' season.

"With Danie, Lasha, Vincent and Charles, we have a group of guys who have been together for three years and played in a lot of matches. Their ability to lead the team over the course of the year will be huge for us."

"Also, we simply have to stay healthy. It is amazing how quickly injuries can derail a season and, after staying relatively healthy during the earlier portion of our schedule, we have been hit with a few injuries

over the past week. Consequently, the overall depth of the team has been somewhat compromised."

The team currently sits at 1-5, but has been matched up against tough competition. They have already played No. 35 Georgia Tech and No. 48 Miami on the road, and will square off against No. 42 South Carolina this Sunday, Feb. 20.

In indicating his preference for scheduling quality opponents, Miles said, "Playing against top teams will only help the team once conference play begins. They get a taste of the best that collegiate tennis offers and they all enjoy the opportunity to match up with some of the biggest names out there."

The Eagles will open up Southern conference play against Davidson on Feb. 27.

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Only in America

Cheeseburger to get legal protection

St. Paul — It's not a "Cheeseburger in Paradise," but some lawmakers in Minnesota want to give the burger some legal protection.

A state House panel has unanimously approved legislation to prevent overweight people from suing restaurants, food companies or farmers for health problems.

The Minnesota legislators didn't seem too worried about their weighty bill or their waistlines. They munched on candy, cheese and ice cream while they voted.

Woman charged in cane attack

South Bend — A 79-year-old woman has been charged with using her wooden cane to strike police officers who arrived at her home to check on her welfare.

St. Joseph County prosecutors said the officers came to investigate a possible domestic abuse charge against Betty Chambers' live-in caretaker, Thomas Holleman, 57.

As the officers tried to handcuff Holleman, Chambers allegedly struck Officer Lonny Foresman over the head with her cane, prosecutors said.

Foresman suffered a mild concussion while Sgt. John Pavlekovich suffered a separated shoulder and hand injury, said Jaimee Thirion, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph County police.

Prosecutors charged Chambers and Holleman on Tuesday with resisting law enforcement and battery.

'Kindness cookies' put woman in hospital

Denver — Two teenagers whose anonymous gift of cookies sent a frightened woman to the hospital -- costing the girls \$930 in medical claims -- have gotten donations to cover the bill and vowed Thursday to "keep giving."

The pair, both 18, decided to bake cookies as a surprise treat for neighbors in July, placing them outside with big paper hearts

stating, "Have a great night," and signed, "Love, The T and L Club." Neighbor Wanita Renea Young, 49, said she heard banging on the

door and saw "shadowy figures" who didn't answer her calls. Frightened, she spent the night at her sister's, and then went to the hospital the next day with an upset stomach, still shaking from fear.

The case wound up in court, with a judge earlier this month declining to award punitive damages but ordering the girls to pay Young's medical bills.

In the aftermath, the girls became minor celebrities -- a cookie company even created a "kindness cookie" in their honor -- and received donations to pay the medical claims.

Woman drunk on listerine gets DUI

Adrian — A woman who pleaded guilty to driving while drunk on three glasses of Listerine was sentenced Tuesday to two years of probation.

Officials suspected Carol Ries, 50, was intoxicated after she rear-ended another vehicle at a red light in January. Police found a bottle of the mouthwash in her car.

She passed one breath test, but failed another that used different equipment. Her blood alcohol level was .30 percent, more than three times the legal limit.

According to Listerine manufacturer Pfizer Inc.'s Web site, original formula Listerine contains 26.9 percent alcohol, more than four times that of many malt liquors.

Man runs errand; unknowingly travels 180 miles

Goose Lake — A 91-year-old northwest Indiana man has been returned home after running an errand and finding himself at the end of a winding private driveway in eastern Iowa.

Joseph Horn drove about 180 miles through Illinois and stopped at the driveway, where he was found when homeowners called sheriff's officers about 9 p.m. Friday to report a suspicious car, Clinton County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Steve Cundiff said.

When deputies arrived and questioned Horn, he was so confused that he still believed he was in Crown Point (Ind.), Cundiff said. Officers discovered he was reported missing earlier Friday.

Horn spent the night in an Iowa hospital before being released to his family Saturday. He was not injured.

Robber goes to police station for lost wallet

Eules — A robbery suspect was caught after leaving his wallet on the store counter -- and then going to the police station to pick it up.

Joseph Fahnbulleh, 22, was jailed on a robbery charge, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday.

A few days after the Jan. 29 robbery, he walked into the police station in Eules, near Dallas, to pick up his wallet after a detective called to tell him someone had found it.

The store clerk said the man took about \$200 from the cash drawer after attacking him with pepper spray.

Doctor's office tells woman she's dead

Pleasanton — Mary Lawson says she's the healthiest ghost you've ever seen.

The 84-year-old Northern California woman was listed among the dearly departed on the computers records of the Social Security Administration.

Lawson found out about her digital demise after she went to her doctor's office. She says a billing clerk called her later that afternoon laughing hysterically.

The clerk told Lawson she had been dead for more than a month.

Uncle Sam has now acknowledged Lawson is alive and kicking, and her benefits are being restored.

Company president attacks reporter

Louisville — The president of a Kentucky company may be facing assault charges after a reporter tried to interview him.

The reporter, Eric Flack, of WAVE-TV in Louisville, was trying to question the president of a local company about

his business' role in an alleged pyramid scam.

But the man and two of his workers pushed the camera away. The owner started choking, punching and kicking the reporter.

The camera was running the entire time and recorded the altercation.

The president of the company could be charged with fourth-degree assault and criminal mischief.

National News Briefs

Fort Stewart honors man killed in Iraq

FORT STEWART — Army Spc. George Daniel Harrison helped his fellow military policemen break the tension of constant danger in Iraq with infectious laughter, water gun fights and his grizzled veteran schtick.

Harrison, 22, of Knoxville, Tenn., was killed Dec. 2 during a firefight in Mosul. But fellow soldiers and family attending a memorial service Wednesday at Fort Stewart remembered the young soldier for his fearless sense of humor.

"He would buy water guns from the Iraqi kids and come in guns blazing," said Spc. Joshua Curl, Harrison's roommate. "We acted like a bunch of kids on our downtime, but when it was time for

business, everybody was on it."

Harrison deployed in March with his unit, the 293rd Military Police Company, to help train and acclimate Iraqi police forces. It was hazardous duty, soldiers say, with troops under constant ambush from insurgents.

In Harrison's honor, Fort Stewart officials planted an eastern redbud tree with a granite stone engraved with his name at its root at the Army post's Warrior's Walk memorial.

The lane of trees was begun in 2003 as a living memorial to 3rd Infantry Division soldiers killed in Iraq. Harrison's tree marks him as the division's 46th casualty since the invasion of Baghdad.



Associated Press
A white rose lays at the base of a redbud tree after the tree was dedicated to 3rd Infantry Division Soldier Spc. George D. Harrison, during a memorial service at Fort Stewart.

Officials warn of future terror attacks

WASHINGTON — Speaking with one voice, President Bush's top intelligence and military officials said terrorists are regrouping for possible new strikes against the United States.

The best course, the Cabinet officials said, was for Congress to approve the president's military and anti-terror budget.

NHL cancels season over labor dispute

New York, N.Y. — The NHL canceled what little was left of the season Wednesday after a series of last-minute offers were rejected on the final day of negotiations.

A lockout over a salary cap shut down the game before it ever got a chance to start in October.

Now the NHL, already low on the popularity scale in the United States, becomes the first major pro sports league in North America to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

Armstrong returning to Georgia

ATLANTA — Lance Armstrong is coming back to Georgia on his way to France.

Switching gears from his original plans, Armstrong announced Wednesday he will race in April's Tour de Georgia — a major step in his pursuit of a seventh straight victory in the Tour de France.

Armstrong won the Tour de Georgia a year ago, helping lure crowds that were estimated at nearly 750,000.

Armstrong initially planned to spend April competing in one-day races in Belgium and the Netherlands. Instead, he entered the Georgia event, which begins April 19 in Augusta and culminates five days later in suburban Atlanta.

This year's race will cover 646

miles over six days. There's a time trial through hilly Rome, along with a mountaintop finish at Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia.

With Armstrong setting the pace, the Tour de Georgia should be able to maintain its popularity from a year ago.

Fed: Go slow on Social Security accounts

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress on Wednesday to take a go-slow approach in setting up the private Social Security accounts favored by President Bush.

The president said he wasn't ruling out taxing high-income workers more to help the retirement program. Bush, who has been stumping across the country for the personal accounts, kept up that effort in New Hampshire.

But his comments about levying Social Security taxes on more of big wage-earners' income got the attention.

CIA, FBI warn panel of top threats to U.S.

WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida and associated groups top the list of threats to the United States, leading government intelligence officials told Congress on Wednesday in a grim assessment that also highlighted Iran's emergence as a major threat to American interests in the Middle East.

Despite gains made against al-Qaida and other affiliates, CIA Director Porter Goss, in an unusually blunt statement before the mostly secretive Senate Intelligence Committee, said the terror group is intent on finding ways to circumvent U.S. security enhancements to attack the homeland.

Mother charged in house fire that killed two toddlers

Pittsburgh, PA. — A mother was charged with criminal homicide Wednesday in a house fire that killed her two toddlers 15 years ago.

Investigators said she and another woman had set fire to a dog, and the flames spread to her home.

Tequilla Fields, 34, was charged along with her friend, Lachan Russell, 29, and they were jailed without bail.

Investigators knew from the start that the 1990 blaze began when a dog was set on fire, and they suspected the two women, but could not connect them to the fire.

More recently, cold-case detectives re-interviewed about 20 witnesses and came up with new details.

Police said Fields wanted to get rid of the dog because one of her children was allergic to it.

In police reports, Fields and Russell accused each other of dousing the dog with kerosene or charcoal lighter fluid and setting the animal on fire while it was still tied to the home's porch.

Fields' grandmother threw water on the burning dog, but flames had already spread to the house, police said.

The dog ran inside the home and was later found dead, along with Fields' 2-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter.

Teen accused of making hundreds of fake 911 calls

St. Louis, MO. — A teenager has been accused of using a stolen cell phone to swamp dispatchers with hundreds of bogus 911 calls over a matter of weeks, at times talking of killing some of the responding officers he could see.

The 15-year-old boy sometimes called in new emergencies at the same address where officers already were standing, St. Louis County police spokesman Mason Keller said.

Such was the case Sunday, when the young suspect was tracked down only after dispatchers fielded 25 bogus calls within 75 minutes to the same area where the officer already had arrived, Keller said.

The boy has been referred to Family Court. Information on possible charges was not immediately available Wednesday. He was not identified because he is charged as a juvenile.

House approves stiffer indecency fines

WASHINGTON — Chafing over racy broadcasts like Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction" at the 2004 Super Bowl, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill Wednesday authorizing unprecedented fines for indecency.

Rejecting criticism the penalties will stifle free speech and homogenize radio and TV broadcasts, bill supporters said stiff fines were needed to give deep-pocketed broadcasters more incentive to clean up their programs and to help assure parents that their children won't be exposed to inappropriate material.

With no hockey to offer, Thrashers give freebies to fans

ATLANTA — With the rest of the NHL season canceled Wednesday, Atlanta Thrashers officials announced plans to expand efforts to pacify season ticket holders.

Team president Bernie Mullin said only about six percent of 8,000 season ticket holders have asked for a full refund thus far.

Mullin and Thrashers general manager Don Waddell said even before Wednesday's announcement, the team launched a campaign of letters, e-mails and telephone calls to fans.

"We're really going to have to work to keep them," Waddell said.

Season ticket holders have been offered free tickets to events at Philips Arena including concerts, NBA Atlanta Hawks games, and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus that begins Thursday and continues for 10 days.

"Everything has been offered free of charge, and we've gotten great response back from the season ticket holders," Waddell said. "We will reach out to everybody."

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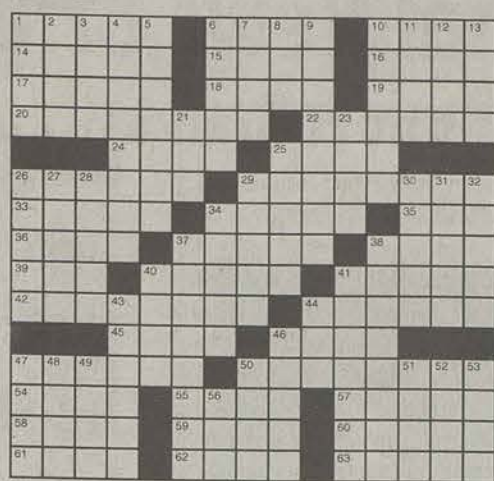
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Thursday,
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The Fashion File

We review the fashions that are all the rage on campus. Our reporter spotlights students with the best fashion sense and finds out where they get their inspiration.

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The traditional spots



Panama City, Fla.

Panama City, Florida is a city in the Sunshine State that will always be a Spring Break destination; then again, Florida will always be a favorite hot spot for Spring Breakers. Relatively closer for GSU students, Panama City epitomizes the spirit of Spring Break. With it being legal to drink on the beaches, expect the debauchery of

Spring Break to be endless. If Panama City doesn't appeal to you, the other popular Florida Spring Break hot spots are South Beach, Miami, Key West and Daytona Beach.

Attractions: Hooters, Latitudes, Spinnaker Beach Club and Paradise Grill, Holiday Inn Sunspree. For more information: www.visitpcfla.com

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Spring Break Guide

By Christina Calloway • jadah2001@yahoo.com

If you are still looking for something to do this spring break, we have a few ideas.

On the cheap

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For \$200, you can visit three hot Florida Spring Break destinations and experience Spring Break with your friends and other GSU students. The trip will be taking students to Tampa, Orlando and Daytona giving the students the option to develop their own activities within each city. For more information, contact the Student Activities Center at 486-7270.

Jekyll Island

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On the cheap



Tybee Island

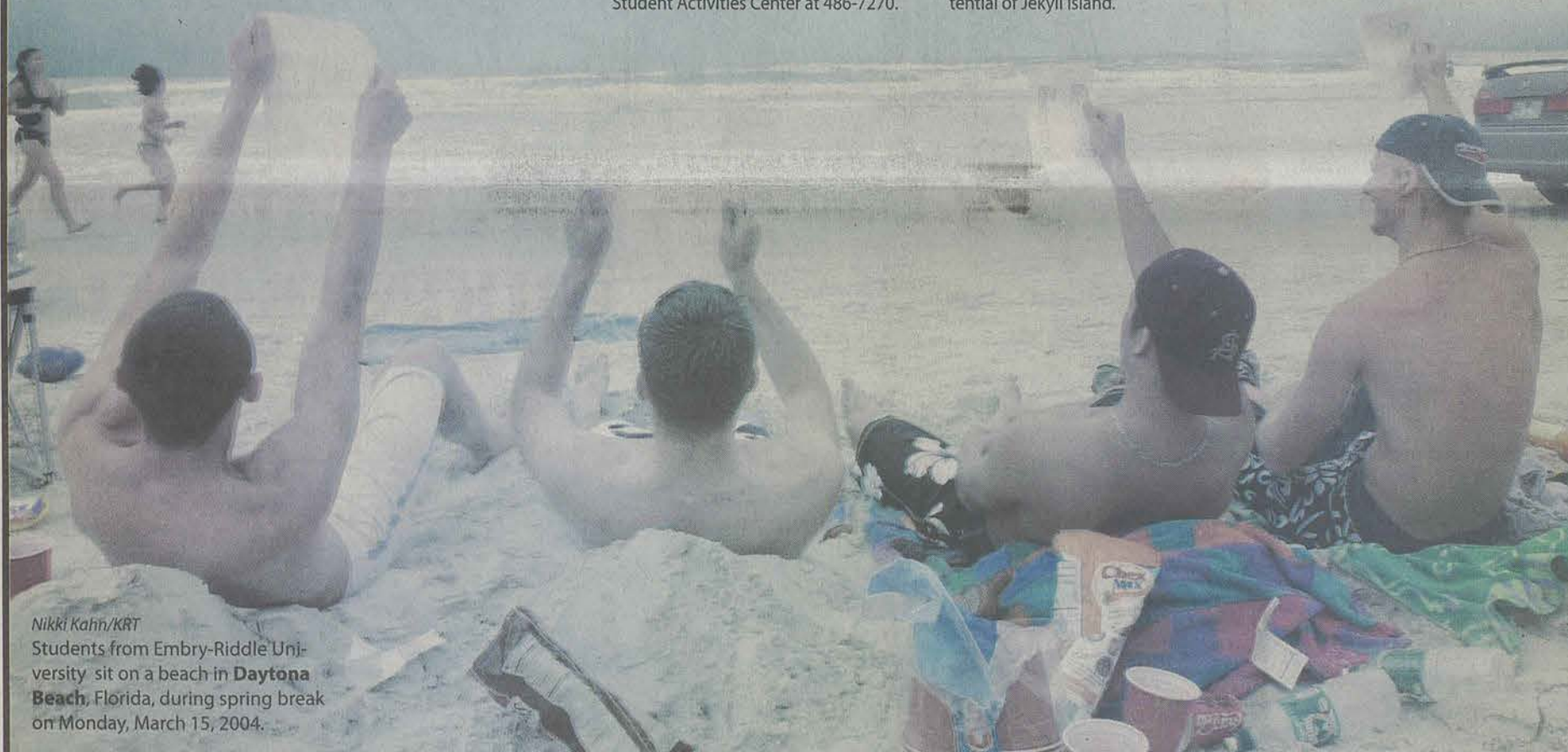
If you have just been to the beach at Tybee Island, you are missing the total experience that Tybee can offer you. The recreational activities at Tybee include many of the same activities listed at big Spring Break destinations such as Dolphin Tours and watersports. There are also many nightlife options such as Café Loco and Fannie's on the Beach. Nearly an hour away, Tybee Island serves as an alternative to GSU who have already splurged their refund check and still want to have a good time during Spring Break.

Cancun, Mexico

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Attractions: MTV at Fat Tuesdays, Señor Frogs, La Boom and Swim with Dolphins. For more information: www.cancun.com.

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Nikki Kahn/KRT

Students from Embry-Riddle University sit on a beach in Daytona Beach, Florida, during spring break on Monday, March 15, 2004.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPRING BREAK IS MARCH 14-18

'Porgy and Bess' to highlight the stage at Performing Arts Center

By Josh Kerr

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Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center (PAC) will be showing the acclaimed Broadway musical "Porgy and Bess" on this Friday, Feb. 18. The show will begin at 8 p.m., with the box office opening one hour prior to show time.

"Porgy and Bess" was written in 1934 by screenwriters George and Ira Gershwin.

with DuBose and Dorothy Heyward contributing. Because this classic play did so well in the box office, it was released as a movie in 1959, featuring entertainment great Sammy Davis Jr.

"Porgy and Bess is an acknowledged American masterpiece," said Albert Pertalion, Director of the Performing Arts Center. "At the time it came along, it's been called an operetta, musical opera. It speaks to the groups of people that like those art forms. It is a masterpiece because it achieves that universality. It opened the door for all sorts of new work in musicals."

Tickets prices for the show are \$39 for the public and \$33.25 for students, faculty and staff of GSU. Any unsold tickets may be purchased ten minutes before the show for \$10 to any GSU student. The box office at the PAC is open Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for ticket sales and information.



Special photo
The PAC will present 'Porgy & Bess' on Feb. 18.

Band with local ties makes a big name outside Statesboro venues

By Jennifer Maddox

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As it says in their biography (at www.thegreatunknowns.com), the experience of one particular band can be described as: "You will achieve success only when you have stopped seeking it."

This band is none other than the Great Unknowns.

The goal of the Great Unknowns has been to focus more on musical passion than getting publicity. Despite this, the Unknowns have performed in such places as the Echo Lounge in Atlanta and Sumter Collective in Sumter, SC., and have managed to get some attention.

the Great Unknowns

They might not be well known in the Statesboro area, but the performances they have given elsewhere have resulted in recognition from people such as Amy Ray from the Indigo Girls, who described their first album (released by Daemon Records in December), *Presenting the Unknowns* as "one of the best things I have heard this year."

The lead singer and songwriter, Becky Warren, currently works for

the museum here at Georgia Southern. Her fellow band mates currently reside in Boston. They are: Mike Palmer on guitar, Andy Eggers on drums and Altay Guvench on bass.

The band first got started when Warren and Palmer began sharing their roots in southern rock and started swapping song ideas. Backed by Eggers and Guvench, they eventually started performing their music on an occasional basis. Once the two songwriters of the group finally assembled ten songs they were proud of, the band recorded them in a basement studio with Guvench handling the recording controls.

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Contrary to their name, **The Great Unknowns** are enjoying much success in large music scenes. Their lead singer, Becky Warren, work at the GSU museum.

Contributed photo



CALENDAR February 17-23, 2005

17 Tryouts: "For Colored Girls," Union RM 2042, 6 p.m.

"Team America," Union Theatre, 8 p.m.

18 International Conversation Hour, Union RM 2080, 11:30 a.m.

NAACP Membership Drive, Russell Union, 2 p.m.

Baseball, GSU vs. George Washington, J.I. Clements Stadium, 4 p.m.

"Porgy & Bess," Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

19 Timeshop, Nessmith-Lane Building, 9 a.m.

Softball, GSU vs. Charleston Southern, Sports Complex, 10 a.m.

Softball, GSU vs. Tennessee, Sports Complex, Noon

Baseball, GSU vs. George Washington, J.I. Clements Stadium, 3 p.m.

21 "African-American - A Term for Debate," Union RM 2047, Noon

Keynote Address by Jeffery Johnson, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.

Women's basketball, GSU vs. Appalachian State, Hanner,

"Facing Windows," Union Theatre, 7:15 p.m.

22 Is a good (wo)man hard to find? Union RM 2044, 6 p.m.

DIVAS meeting, Union RM 2054, 6 p.m.

Black History Quiz Bowl, Union RM 2047, 7 p.m.

Chist Ministries Bible Study, Union RM 2048, 8 p.m.

23 Women's tennis, GSU vs. Charleston Southern, 2:30 p.m.

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Musical Morsels

It's a three-course meal on a compact disc

By Eric Haugh

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Artist: Colonel Claypool's Bucket of Bernie Brains

Album: Eyeball in the Sky

It has been about a month since I've reviewed anything worth noting in the musical wasteland.

The last few albums I've listened to were lukewarm at best, and to top it off, my wallet was strapped, making it impossible to buy any new music. One week later, a good friend of mine slipped me a copy of the collaborative efforts from Les Claypool and Buckethead.

I guess if I had to use a phrase describing this album, I'd say that it sounds like it came straight out of the amusement park from hell. The album features the talented, often unconventional Les Claypool and his caravan of musical freaks.

The collaboration between the musical giants of Buckethead and Claypool was entirely accidental, happening about three years ago. In 2002, when Primus front man / bassist Les Claypool was performing a festival show with his solo project "The Frog Brigade," the stage was shared with another group, the experimental funk montage, "Praxis."

The members of Praxis were all but stranded when leader of the group, Bill Laswell was a no-show, and a sympathetic Claypool strung them together to play an impromptu jam at the festival. The response from fans was incredible and a rehearsed

series of concert dates were scheduled later the following year. By 2003, the overwhelming response from the crowd prompted the release of "Eyeball" in 2005.

This strange, yet beautifully written eleven-track circus mixes funky acid grooves with well-crafted instrumentals. It's riddled with classic Buckethead guitar shredding, which has blossomed from the teachings of mentor Paul Gilbert and become a life of its own in recent years.

The album takes a step into the musical frontier, pioneering use of digital music computers and the Micro Korg* to produce a combination of chilling effects. Songs like "Elephant Ghost" have a showy, reggae inspired style, layered with strange background effects that create a creepy atmosphere.

Tracks featuring the innovative enterprise of Bernie Worrell on the keyboard add a new dimension Buckethead / Claypool sound, directing a more relaxed atmosphere than in past Claypool collaborations.

The album is lyrically poignant as well; songs like "Ignorance is Bliss" and title track "Eyeball in the Sky" are full of Les Claypool's volatile humor poking fun at the last generation of pop culture.

Most of the songs were written with all four members of the part-time ensemble writing different tracks and mixing them in Les Claypool's studio. After a year in the making, they have debuted this album to the pleasure of ravenous fans that were left feeling bummed after the disintegration of Primus.

VERDICT:

This album is essential Buckethead / Claypool magic. The duo has been in a string of compilations together, and their fellowship continues to mature to the amazement of fans everywhere. The best part by far about this album is that it is in stock right here, in the Statesboro Mall. The album is available for the modest sum of only ten to fifteen dollars, but it's worth every penny.

The Fashion File

Our look at GSU's hottest styles....



Lauren Owens

Age: 20

Major/Classification: Fashion merchandising; junior

Hometown: Greenville, SC

Where did you buy this outfit? Express

How much did each item cost? \$30 top; \$70 pants

What makes your style stand out? The lace trim on top of the tank top and the long, flared jeans.

What kind of comments/compliments do you get on your outfit? People love the style of the top.

How do you take care of this outfit? Machine wash and hang-dry top; Machine wash and hang-dry jeans.

When you are in this outfit, how do you feel? Classy, stylish, feminine.

If there is one thing that you could change to better your style, what would it be? Have a necklace to go with it.

Photo and text by Krystle Jackson

UNKNOWNNS

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The result was very pleasing for the Unknownns, whose tracks went up the Folk/Country charts on GarageBand.com. However, not even the band themselves expected the album to get that far.

In fact, it might not have if singer-songwriter Rose Polenzani (who also can be heard on the last track of the *Presenting* album) had not played it for some of her friends at her record label. About a week later, Palmer received a phone call from Amy Ray (who also happens to be the president and founder of Daemon Records) saying that she wanted to put out *Presenting the Unknownns*. Naturally, this news was a very pleasant surprise for the Unknownns.

Warren first became interested in music as a child. She started off taking piano lessons, and when she

was 13, she picked up a guitar for the first time.

"As a kid, listening to music made me feel better than anything else," says Warren. Thus, she believes, it motivates the need to share it with others.

She also draws motivation from traveling.

"Seeing how places are so different and being away from home," these are among the inspirations she turns to when writing music.

The music of the Unknownns has many elements that appear to appeal to many people. According to Warren, it may also be because it is "unusual for a woman to perform the music I do."

The Unknownns don't perform within the Statesboro area. But for more information go to www.thegreatunknownns.com.

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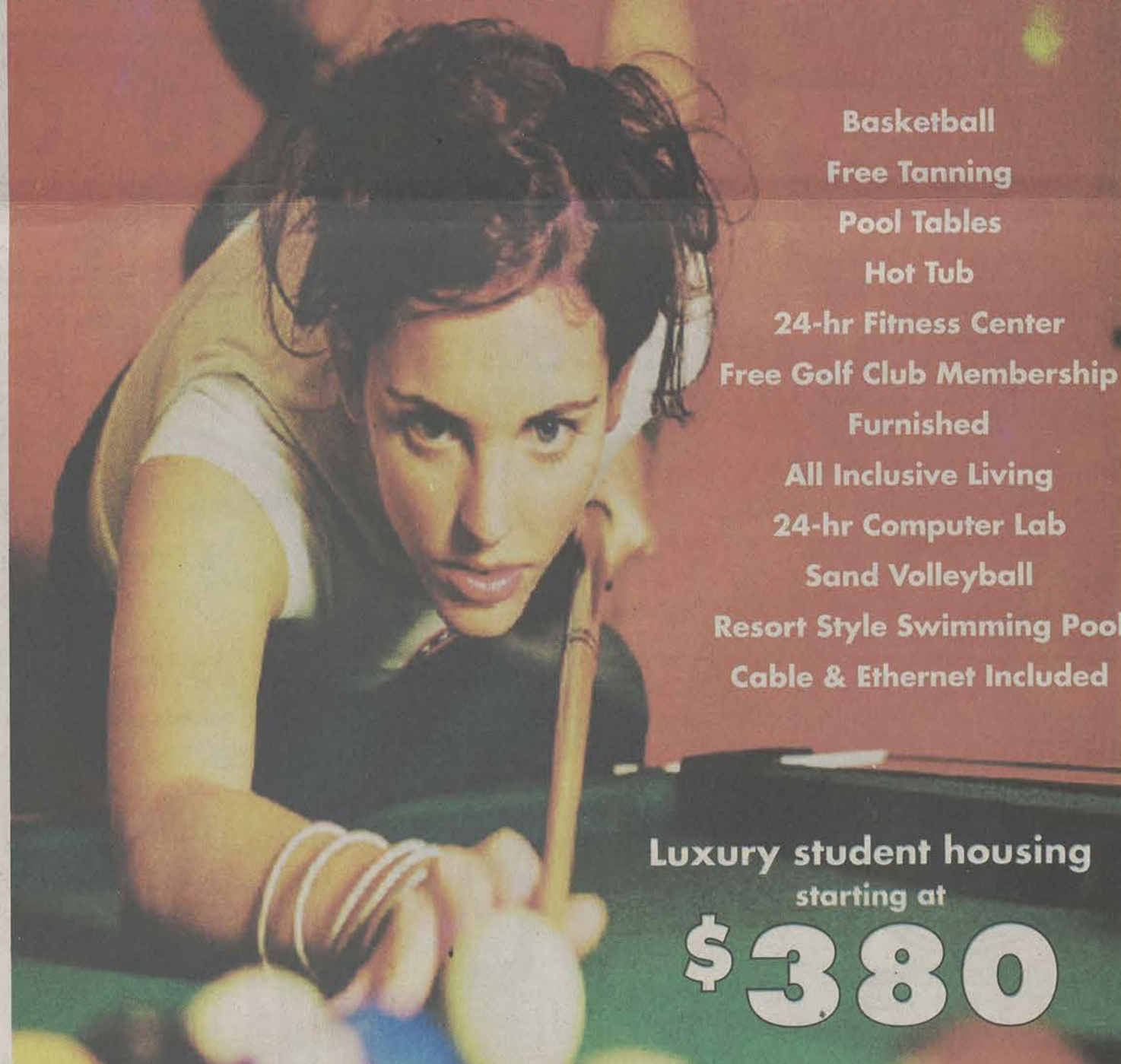
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By Chuck Thomas
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What if you were able to see demons and had the ability to send them back to Hell, but were close to dying yourself, bound to head for the same place as your antagonists? This is the core story of Constantine, starring Keanu Reeves as the self-centered, chain-smoking anti-hero.

As I have never personally read any of the "Hellblazer" comics in which the movie is based, I ended up doing some research after I watched the movie. Unfortunately, it looks like

a case of "Hollywoodization" of the overall story.

The main difference is that John Constantine is very blond and very British in the comic. Shia LaBeouf's character, Chas Chandler, is an older man with 2 kids, not the young punk as he is portrayed in the movie. The storyline was lifted from an actual storyline in the comic, with some changes done for time.

However, this is bound to happen. Fans of the comic will be disappointed at times. For the rest of us, how is the actual movie?

The effects are incredible, of course; it's standard for a slightly overblown comic book movie. The depictions of Hell and the brief glimpse of Heaven are astounding, accentuating the belief that those other realms are tightly woven through the realm of the living's fabric.

Bridges with endless cars and burning cities in the background,

everything on fire, people screaming below the surface as demons rip them apart; the visuals get the idea across that Hell is definitely not a fun place. Earthly visages are nice as well, with people sprouting wings and hideous demon faces everywhere John turns.

Director Francis Lawrence's previous work was mainly music videos, and is shown in this adaptation. Most shots of any dialogue are kept extremely close to the speaker's face, which leads to some claustrophobia, intended or not. This does lead to good depictions of characters' reactions to situations, and most action scenes are viewed from a good distance as to catch everything.

With some pretty powerful people in the movie to test his chops against, Reeves holds his own as the cynical Constantine. Wise-cracking endlessly, he comes off almost completely unlikeable, but there is always that small

twinge of humanity in him that makes you try to at least tolerate him. After all, he is saving the world, right?

Not that the movie is without its problems. Reeves comes off as over-acting for a bit of the film, and even Rachel Weisz (The Mummy) floats into that territory at times. There are some underused characters, such as Father Hennessy (Pruitt Taylor Vince, Identity) and even the Archangel Gabriel (a very sexually ambiguous Tilda Swinton, Adaptation), who is barely scattered throughout the movie but has a huge role in the last fifteen minutes or so.

Not everything is explained, and it seems that fans of the comics are the ones that will pick up on the nuances that will be confusing to others. Certain story elements don't even flow with the rest of the film, such as what exactly his tattoos on his arm do, even with a huge scene involving them near the end of the movie.



AP Photo

Sufficiently exciting

This isn't a movie that you go to for deep intellectual discussions, but if you're looking for a fun ride, check this one out.

★★★ 2.5 out of 4

Keanu Reeves stars as anti-hero John Constantine who helps Rachel Weisz's character police detective Angela. She enlists Constantine's help while investigating the suicide-like death of her twin sister. The movie is based on the "Hellblazer" comic book.

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