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Only In America

Cockroach 'come-hither' scent could conquer them

WASHINGTON - The sexy scent used by female cockroaches to attract males could be the best tool yet against the creepy pests, U.S. researchers said on Friday.

They made an artificial version of the mating pheromone used by the bugs and hope it could be used to lure them into traps.

Other insects are often trapped using pheromones - pantry moths, for example - but the cockroach's rare aroma has eluded scientists for years. Many animals use the chemicals to communicate over distances.

Writing in the journal *Science*, Webster and colleagues described how they used a 600-megahertz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer to break down the precise chemical formula used by *Blattella germanica*, or the German cockroach.

Now it can be synthesized and used against them.

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Quote of the Day

"One is tempted to define man as a rational animal who always loses his temper when he is called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason."



- Oscar Wilde
from *The Critic as Artist*, part 2

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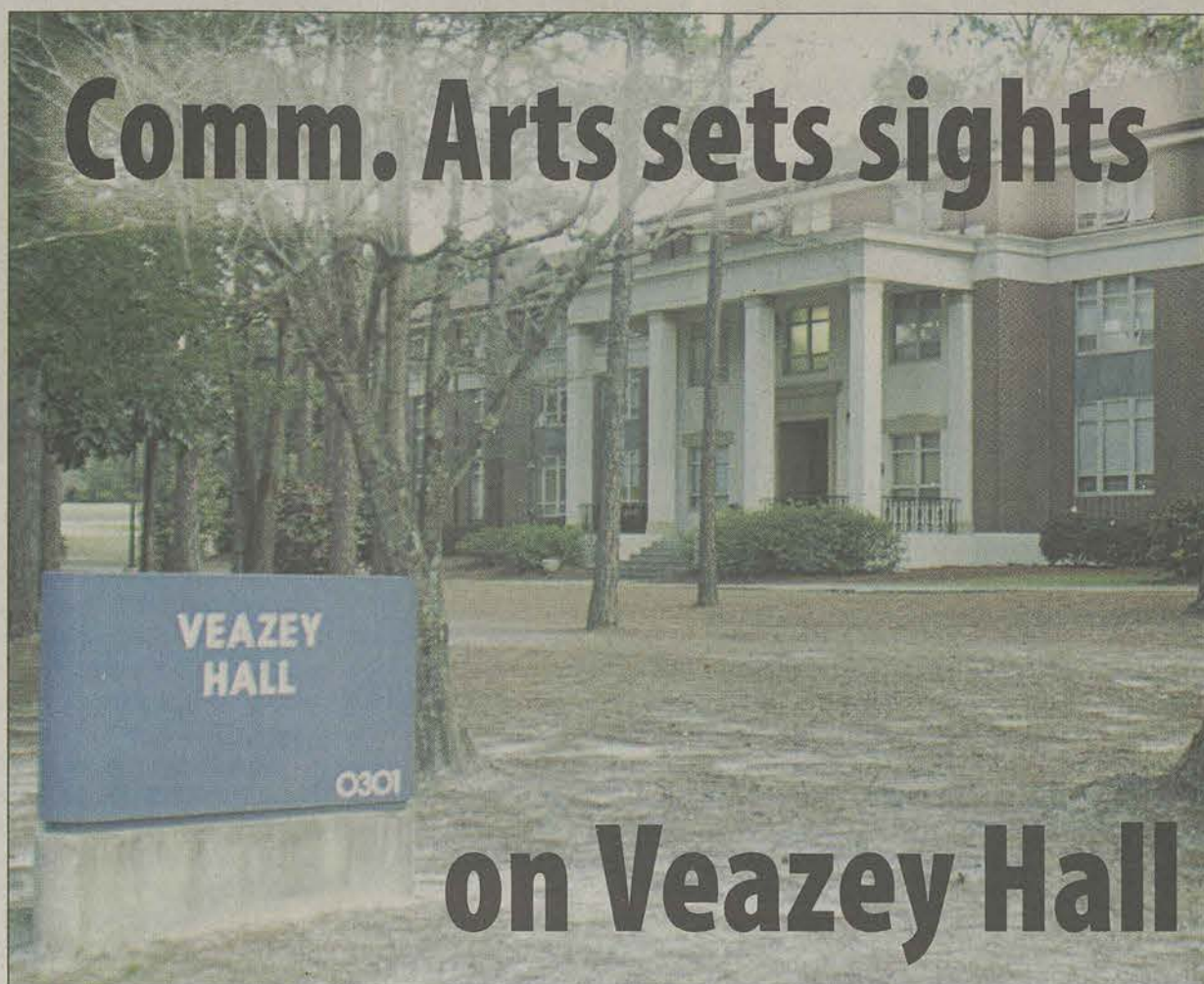
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Comm. Arts sets sights



on Veazey Hall

Katie Anderson/STAFF

Communication Arts is working on plans to move from their current trailer into Veazey Hall. This is only a temporary solution, with plans to build a Multi-discipline Academic Building where the current Communication Arts trailer and Academic Success Center are located.

By Rachel Weeks

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Students and faculty who often visit the Communication Arts trailer can look forward to a brighter future at Veazey Hall, where renovations are scheduled to begin after feasibility studies are completed. Veazey Hall is expected to house the Communication Arts Department, the Academic Success Center and Graduate Studies upon approval.

"We've got our fingers crossed and we're approaching the project with cautious optimism," said Pamela Bourland-Davis,

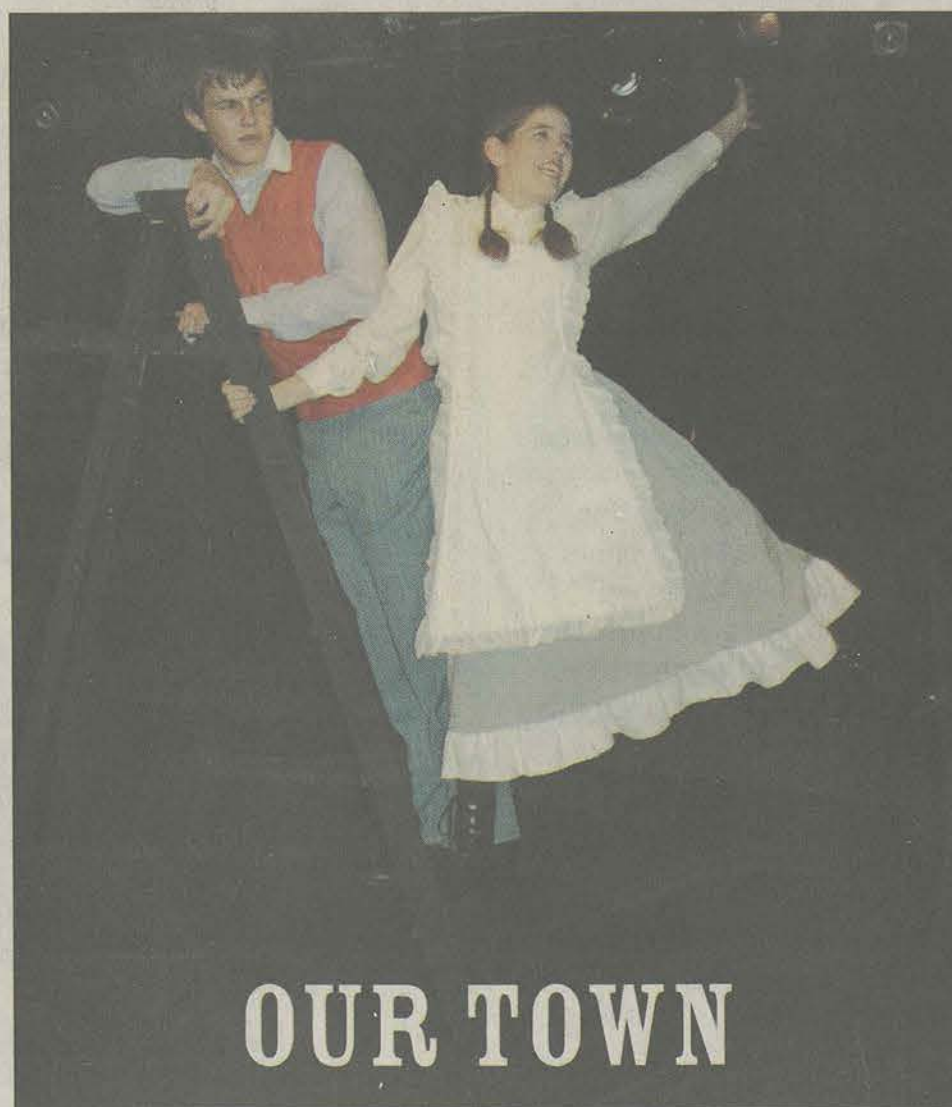
Chair of the Communication Arts Department. "The nice thing is that we'll be able to have computer lab space, which will really help build up our programs tremendously. We're very excited but we also want to make sure it will work for us."

The time frame for the Veazey Hall renovations depends on a number of factors. Bob Delaar, Director of the Physical Plant, explained the process of approval and planning. Architects must assess Veazey Hall's potential and determine how many small and medium-sized classrooms, offices and computer labs the building

can hold. Then the University System of Georgia Board of Regents must award their choice of architect with the contract before work can begin.

"There are too many unknowns in the approval process to project a date with any accuracy, but the moving-target date for completion of the project is Summer 2007," said Delaar. "The structure of the building does not lend itself to large classrooms, and we will have to make sure the building is fully handicap accessible, including restroom renovations, automatic doors

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The University's Theatre & Performance program will present "Our Town" Tuesday, March 1, in the Black Box Theatre located in the Communication Arts Building Room 1001. "Our Town" tells the simple story of George and Emily, children in Act One, journeying toward marriage in Act Two, and dealing with death and beyond in Act Three. It is described as play of immense compassion and wisdom.



Hillary Jones/STAFF
Sheryl Robinson, RN, performs a heart examination on Erica Colbert.

School of Nursing provides free heart disease screenings

By Marcy Thornton

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February is National Heart Month. Jeff Foley, the Communications Director of the American Heart Association (AHA) brought attention to the fact that so many Americans have common misconceptions about who is at risk for heart disease.

"Heart disease and stroke kill one in every 3.7 men, and one in 2.4 women lose their lives to heart disease and stroke," he said. "The best way for anyone, regardless of gender, to prevent heart disease is to know if they are at risk."

The best way to find out if you are at risk

for heart disease is to get screened for heart disease warning signs. The Community Nursing Center offers free screening services, including cardiovascular, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings, as well as nutritional counseling for those at risk for heart disease. All of these heart disease prevention measures are highly recommended by the AHA.

Other services offered by the Center are laboratory screenings for hemoglobin, blood glucose and liver function; osteoporosis screenings; glaucoma screenings;

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1918 • Ernest Vandiver • 2005

Former Gov. Vandiver dies at 86

By Dick Pettys
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Former Gov. S. Ernest Vandiver, who won office vowing that "no, not one" black child would integrate a Georgia classroom, but went on to preside over peaceful desegregation, has died at age 86.

He died Monday evening, the family said Tuesday through Gov. Sonny Perdue's office.

Governor from 1959 to 1963, Vandiver had been elected on an anti-integration platform but at a critical moment persuaded lawmakers to repeal a law requiring schools to be closed rather than desegregated.

His stand was credited with sparing the state the turbulence that swept much of the rest of the South in that period, but at the time it cost him political support. He left office in 1963 when his four-year term ended, and said later that keeping the schools open was "my political suicide."

His "no, not one" phrase had been devised by Vandiver's strategists to counter criticism from pro-segregation voters after he had said integration of Georgia's schools should "evolve."

Vandiver quickly found himself facing a series of federal court rulings that forced the integration first of Atlanta public schools and then of the University of Georgia. On the books was a 1955 statute that required state funds to be cut off to any segregated college or school that admitted a black student.

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House votes to cut HOPE eligibility

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Hundreds of college students would lose HOPE scholarship eligibility near the end of their studies under a cap approved by the Georgia House Tuesday.

In a close vote, 93-76, legislators decided to limit the scholarships to 127 semester hours. Most majors already have that cap, but a few programs require more courses. HOPE, a lottery-funded scholarship for "B" students, currently pays for those extra courses when they're required for a degree.

The cap would start with freshmen this fall and could one day save "millions and millions," said Rep. Bill Hembree, R-Douglasville, who sponsored the cap.

"This bill is about fairness and equity for all college programs and all HOPE scholars," he said.

Democrats fought the plan, and may yet derail it. Because of the close vote, they could ask for a reconsideration vote Wednesday. House bills require 91 "yes" votes, so the Democrats would have to peel off just three votes. If they fail, the bill will proceed to the Senate.

Dozens of majors at state universities require more than 127 semester hours for bachelor's degrees. Hardest hit would be Georgia Tech, where 13 undergraduate engineering degrees require more courses than that.

Hembree said that most undergrads would get a one-semester grace period after hitting the hour cap, taking care of most of those students. But that grace period wasn't part of the bill; it is a policy of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which assured lawmakers the grace period would continue.

Sponsors said the measure was mostly aimed at students in dual bachelor's/master's or doctoral programs, including about 200 pharmacy students at the University of Georgia. Those students could lose up to a year of HOPE eligibility.

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GSU Volunteer Services offers students chance to get involved

Special to the G-A

As the weight of the everyday stressors of college life have begun collecting on the shoulders of students nationwide, Georgia Southern students haven't forgotten their civic duty to make a difference in the community.

During this young semester, Eagles have already been active as reading tutors for local elementary school students and have raised hundreds of dollars for the tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.

By connecting with the Volunteer Services Office on campus, students are able to find volunteer opportunities that suit their interests as well as fit into their busy schedules.

Ranging from working with the raptors in the Wildlife Center to playing board games with local retirement community residents, getting involved in the spirit of volunteerism has never been easier.

Not only is participation in community service beneficial to those who are receiving the help, but students are also able to translate their volunteer service into potential careers and to use their experience for resume building.

Each year many GSU students become eligible to receive a service transcript once they have performed over 200 hours of service.

Along with the service transcript, students will also receive and become eligible for awards like the Presidential, Congressional or Volunteer of the Year awards by continuing their community service and turning in their volunteer logs into the Volunteer Services Office.

"Many individuals volunteer for intrinsic reasons. These awards allow the university and the community to recognize the important contributions the student volunteers provide every-



File Photo

Students volunteer to spend time with shut-ins at Willow Pond Retirement Home as part of 'Step Into Statesboro,' an event sponsored last fall by the GSU Volunteer Services Office.

day," said Theresa Beebe-Novotny of the Center for Leadership Development. "The services and programs student volunteers work with are made possible because of their commitment and dedication. The services and programs would not or could not exist without the use of volunteers from the campus or community."

Through combined efforts, GSU students are also in the process of creating many new programs on campus.

A student board is being formed to organize an Alternate Break program, where service projects would be worked on during the various breaks during the school year.

Campus clean-ups are being scheduled to help beautify GSU.

The Greek community has continued its place as an active participant in volunteer activities by organizing poker tournaments to promote breast cancer awareness and softball games to benefit local youth shelters.

Student Service Organizations have

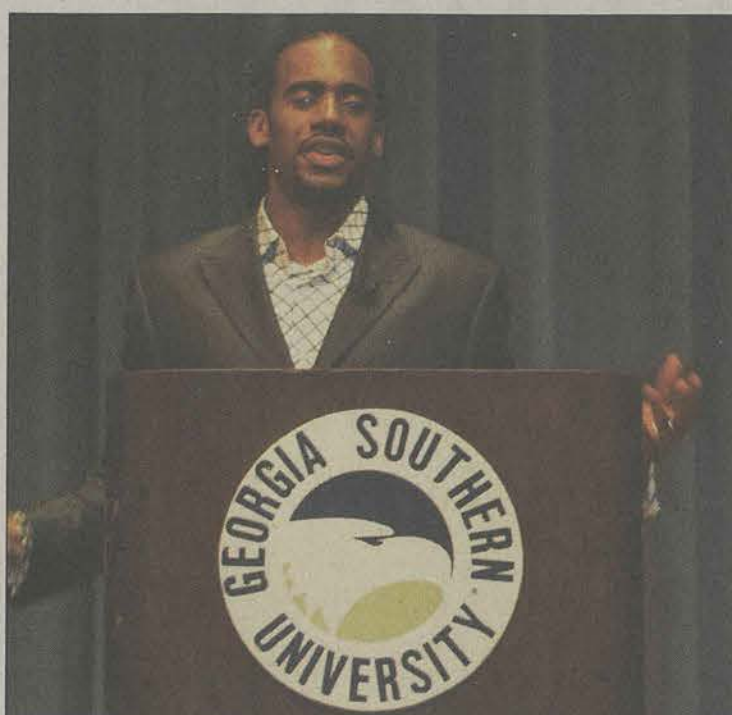
been tremendously active as well, with tsunami relief fundraisers and their continued commitment to being an organized entity of student volunteers through a myriad of avenues. Many residence halls have contributed money to this cause.

The beauty of community service and the spirit of volunteerism is that it is an ongoing process with limitless potential.

"Volunteering is important because it gives students a chance to help benefit their surrounding community," said A.J. Stramaski Graduate, an Intern for Student Leadership and Development. "It helps students learn outside of the classroom while giving them a chance to make a positive impact on their own lives and the lives of those around them."

For more information on Volunteer Services at GSU, contact Eric Powell at 912-871-1435, or visit the department's web site at <http://students/georgiasouthern.edu/volunteer/>.

Black history beyond February



David Caselli/STAFF

Jeffrey Johnson shares his beliefs about honoring black history and taking an educated leadership role to help the less fortunate.

Staff and Wire Reports

Jeffrey Johnson, known as "Cousin Jeff" on BET's Rap City, spoke to an attentive crowd Tuesday night at the Russell Union Ballroom. His theme was "Black History Beyond February," and he spoke about how it is important to recognize black history throughout the year and not just one month each year.

A social activist, public speaker and leadership trainer, Johnson is the new face of BET. A powerful and fiery orator, Johnson is currently responsible for the administration of a company dedicated to the empowerment of communities through the empowerment of youth across the country.

Raised in Cleveland, OH, Johnson attended the University of Toledo on a track scholarship. Johnson gave up his scholarship to devote his time to campus activism. He served two

terms as President of the Black Student Union and then became the first, and only, Student Government President that was a person of color at the University of Toledo.

Formally the National Director of the NAACP Youth and College representing over 60,000 young people, under his leadership the Youth and College Division created the Phoenix Units, chapters dedicated to provide encouragement to incarcerated youth.

Johnson has been seen on CNN, BET Tonight, MTV and C-Span and featured in USA Today and The New York Times. Johnson also sits on the Board of Directors for Upliftment International, a youth development organization in White Horses, Jamaica, and Hip Hop Cares. He has lectured at colleges and universities all over the country and conducts countless leadership training sessions.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 23

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive**
10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Williams Center Dining Hall

• **Zeta Phi Beta sorority presents**
'I'm Every Woman' by actress
Teresa-Michelle Walker
7 p.m.
Union Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 24

• **Black Empowerment Reception**
7 p.m.
Union Ballroom

• **GSU Department of Music**
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Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, Foy
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POLICE BEAT

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- Robert Lee Harris, 45, of Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with wanted person.
- A Johnson Hall resident reported that someone poured pizza sauce on her vehicle.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted five motorists and one sick person.

02-19-2005

- Katie Allison Gosnell, 20, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with DUI and operating an unsafe vehicle.
- John Patrick Kipe, 20, of Hawthorne Court Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane, failure to yield and driving without a license on person.
- A Kennedy Hall resident reported receiving harassing emails.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning and assisted two motorists.

02-20-2005

- Christopher Lee Crouse, 24, of East First Street, Grand Island, Neb., was charged with public intoxication and simple battery.
- Seven articles of clothing were taken from the Southern Pines laundry room.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings and assisted one motorist and one sick person.

02-21-2005

- A university employee reported a computer missing from the College of Information Technology Building.
- Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted three motorists and one injured person.

- All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

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Only in America

Flatulent footwear annoys customers

Sanford — There's no tiptoeing around the problem. Call it flatulent footwear.

Customers complained that with every step, their shoes made the sound of someone passing gas.

"They were whoopie cushions for the feet," said Bryan Thomas, an officer with shoe maker Goosebumps Products Inc.

The Orlando-area company on Wednesday sued a supplier, accusing it of delivering the wrong chemical for an insole gel, giving the shoes an unwanted sound effect.

Goosebumps' largest distributor complained as well, and the company tossed at least 35,000 pairs at a cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000, said attorneys Robert Anthony and William Beaver II.

Man flashes cars on chilly highway

Bay Minette — Chilly weather hasn't kept a naked man from flashing traffic on Interstate 65 in north Baldwin County in Alabama.

Sheriff's spokesman John Murphy said yesterday morning's incident was the ninth time since July 2004 that someone has flashed passing motorists on the interstate between the Stockton and Perdido exits.

State Trooper Sgt. Tommy Waters said motorists have described the flasher as a tall, thin, dark-haired man who is bald on top and has a ponytail.

There have been no wrecks or injuries as a result of the man's antics. Waters said officers, who rushed to the scene several times, have never spotted the naked man.

Supreme Court saves dog's life

Lincoln — The state Supreme Court granted clemency Friday to a dog sentenced to death for fighting with a neighbor's pet.

The high court ruled unanimously that Murphy, an Alaskan malamute-shepherd mix belonging to Doug and Lorelei Dittoe, should not be killed for causing

"relatively minor injury" to the other dog after slipping out of the couple's fenced-in yard in 2001.

"We conclude that the order for the destruction of the dog was not reasonable," wrote high court Judge John Wright.

He noted that the other dog's owner waited two days to have the dog seen by a veterinarian, and the bill was only \$34.06.

Litter bug burns own SUV

San Francisco — No ifs, ands or butts about it, Jonathan Fish learned an expensive lesson about the dangers of littering.

The 20-year-old was cruising Thursday morning smoking a cigarette. He rolled down the window of his white 2004 Ford Expedition SUV and tossed out the butt, authorities said.

Instead of bounding along the pavement, however, the still-lit cigarette blew back in and set the interior of Fish's \$30,000 SUV ablaze, he told police.

Fish had his hair singed but was otherwise unharmed.

Tossing a burning cigarette onto the road is a misdemeanor, and even though this particular cigarette never actually hit the road, Fish will probably be cited all the same, the California Highway Police said.

The fine could be as much as \$1,000.

President for sale

Columbus — An Ohio State University student has put school president Karen Holbrook on the online auction site eBay, saying in the ad that she will ruin the undergraduate experience.

Timothy Rosman, a sophomore from St. Augustine, Fla., said the ad is a joke but he really doesn't like Holbrook.

"I'm not trying to stand up and be the voice of the people. This is just a little gag between my friend and I. It just got big," said Rosman, who uses the identification "thatsmruckeye" on eBay.

Bidding started at a penny on Saturday. Rosman, an international studies major, had 64 bids topping out at almost \$10 million Sunday night.

A message seeking comment was left at Holbrook's office on Monday. School spokeswoman Elizabeth Conlisk said Sunday that the joke "was a little mean-spirited."

National News Briefs

Kournikova's accused stalker pleads innocent to charges

Miami, FL. — A homeless man accused of stalking tennis star Anna Kournikova pleaded innocent Tuesday to battery and other charges stemming from his arrest on her neighbor's pool patio.

William Lepeska, 40, has been jailed in a psychiatric unit on \$250,000 bond.

He could face 30 years in state prison if convicted of two counts of battery on police officers, resisting

arrest and burglary, all felonies.

He also faces misdemeanor charges of stalking, indecent exposure and criminal mischief.

Circuit Judge Diane Ward set a trial date for May 2 for Lepeska, who sat in court with his arms handcuffed behind his back.

Lepeska is accused of swimming nude across Biscayne Bay, boating for Kournikova's \$5 million Sunset Island estate Jan. 30.

He was arrested when he turned up at the wrong house and started yelling, "Anna! Save me!"

Lepeska, who has the name Anna tattooed on his right arm, has served a prison term in Wisconsin for stabbing a man sleeping in a university student union coffeehouse.

In the Milwaukee case, he cited Old Testament sacrifice and told police that he needed to sacrifice his victim "to appease the power of evil."



Associated Press
Anna Kournikova's accused stalker pleaded innocent to battery and other charges Tuesday.

Emergency stay issued in right-to-die case

Dunedin, FL. — The case of a severely brain-damaged woman remained locked in a legal stalemate Tuesday after an appeals court cleared the way for her husband to remove her feeding tube only to see a judge promptly block the removal for at least another day.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal offered no specific instructions in a one-page mandate issued in the case of Terri Schiavo, who was left brain damaged 15 years ago.

That meant her husband, Michael Schiavo, could order his wife's tube be removed.

Mom, son's bodies found; ex charged

Fort Worth, TX. — The bodies of a missing pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son were found Tuesday, hours after an ex-boyfriend was arrested and charged with murder, authorities said.

Bagel shop owner Lisa Underwood and her son, Jayden, were reported missing after she failed to show up at her baby shower Saturday.

A pool of blood was found in her home, but there was no sign of forced entry, police said.

Man in uniform falsely tells Army wife husband died in Iraq

SAVANNAH — Military police are investigating a cruel hoax in which a man wearing an Army dress uniform falsely told the wife of a Fort Stewart soldier that her husband had been killed in Iraq.

Investigators are trying to determine why the man delivered the false death notice and whether he was a soldier or a civilian wearing a military uniform.

"We're taking it extremely seriously. Whatever motivation was behind it, it was a sick thing to do," said Fort Stewart spokesman Lt. Col. Robert Whetstone.

Fort Stewart officials would not identify the Army wife who reported to military police that a man posing as a casualty assistance officer came to her

door Feb. 10.

"Right off the bat, she noticed some things were not right," Whetstone said.

"The individual's uniform wasn't correct — there were no markings or name tags. Plus, the person was alone, and she knew one person does not make (death) notifications."

Retired professor gets 14 years for shooting

Pittsburgh, PA. — A retired university professor twice convicted of shooting at two police officers was sentenced Tuesday to 14 1/2 to 29 years in prison.

Edward Constant II received the same prison sentence when he was convicted the first time for shooting Mount Lebanon patrolman Daniel Rieg in the chest with a .44-caliber revolver and for firing at Rieg's partner during a May 2002 domestic dispute. Rieg was saved by his bulletproof vest.

The first conviction and sentence, handed down in April, were overturned on appeal when it was discovered that a judge's staffer had inappropriately communicated with the jury.

Earlier this month, an Allegheny County jury again convicted Constant, 61, of Mount Lebanon, of attempted homicide and aggravated assault.

On Tuesday, Allegheny County

Judge Jeffrey Manning also ordered Constant to serve 10 years' probation following his prison term.

Parents to enter mediation on evolution sticker issue

ATLANTA — A suburban Atlanta school district under fire for placing evolution disclaimers in biology texts is expected to enter into mediation talks with the parents who have sued them.

Attorneys for the Cobb County School District and the parents involved in the lawsuit are expected to meet

Tuesday with an official from the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals' mediation office, said Gerry Weber, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia.

Last month, U.S. District Court Judge Clarence Cooper ordered the district to remove the stickers that called evolution "a theory, not a fact" from science textbooks. Six parents previously sued the district to have the stickers removed.

The school board then voted to appeal Cooper's order last month. The school district also requested a stay from the judge's order that the disclaimers be removed immediately.

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Editorials from Around the Nation
New Journalism, old demons

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, Feb. 22:

One of the great phenomenons of the 2004 presidential campaign was the rise of "The Daily Show," a cable TV satire that exposes the hypocrisy of American politics with a mix of fact and fiction and steady laughs.

Brilliant, yes. Entirely new, no. Anyone who read the "gonzo" journalism of Hunter S. Thompson from the 1972 presidential campaign could recognize the original.

Thompson, who committed suicide at his Colorado home on Sunday, was his own best character. He thrust himself into events, be it a presidential campaign, a car race or a ride with the Hell's Angels. Over the years, though, the character dissolved into caricature. Thompson's embrace of gambling, boozing, drugs, firearms and his utterly bizarre personality drew more attention to him than his writing did.

That's apparently the way he wanted it. After all, how many people get to see Johnny Depp play them in a movie? Thompson did.

Thompson was one of the original, brilliant practitioners of New Journalism, that hazy blend of the techniques of the reporter and the novelist that, at its best, found truths that standard journalism couldn't draw out. Thompson, for a time, had a rightful place alongside Tom Wolfe, Truman Capote, Norman Mailer and other pioneers of the craft.

"In Washington, the truth is never told in daylight hours or across a desk," Thompson once said in an interview with Playboy magazine. "If you catch people when they're very

tired or drunk or weak, you can get some answers. You have to wear the bastards down."

Yes, that was Thompson, profanity and all.

In his work for Rolling Stone magazine and in the subsequent book, "Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72," Thompson was extraordinarily insightful. In between some colorful language (I was bored from bad noise on the radio and half-drunk from doing off a quart of Wild Turkey between Chicago and Altoona ...) he spelled out all the manipulations and cynicism of a national political campaign.

It was utterly new and immensely entertaining, and it fed confirmation to a readership that was already growing more disillusioned about American politics.

At his best, Thompson could work a sentence like Jerry Seinfeld working a room: The music business is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like dogs. There's also a negative side.

The tragedy for Thompson, though, was that the caricature turned out to be too close to the truth. While Wolfe and some of the other stars of New Journalism continued to be creative, Thompson stopped. You have to go back three decades to find his best work.

In recent years he wrote a column about sports for ESPN.com. On rare occasions the writing was close to a revelation, but mostly it was a ghostly imitation. It was painful to see that Thompson had consumed himself.

TV show cultivates the princess fantasy

By Eric Edwards
The Orlando Sentinel

Cinderella set a bad example for women. The fantasy of being swept from the shadows into the arms of a handsome prince gives women the idea that the main occupations of a man are to be endlessly charming and to live in a castle.

Actually, the castle is our saving grace. Even little girls growing up on the romantic fantasy realize there aren't too many princely castles in the suburbs. On a personal level, they can't relate to Cinderella. Although women still want to be swept off their feet, the man doing the sweeping is likely to be behind the wheel of a Honda Accord and not atop a white stallion.

ABC's "The Bachelorette," on the other hand, provides today's women with a very real version of a princess fantasy.

For men, it is the most dangerous show on television.

The show's concept is simple: One pretty woman is chased by 25 hunks, winnowing them down over a course of weeks until she ends up with Mr. Perfect.

Sounds great if you are that pretty woman. Who wouldn't like that kind of attention?

Unfortunately, it doesn't work, and this season's bachelorette, Jen Schefft, is all the proof I require. For those who may not recall, Jen was a contestant on the first episode of "The Bachelor" (same thing as "The Bachelorette" except replace the pretty woman with a rich doofus and exchange the 25 hunks for pinup girls).

But Jen was not only a contestant, she was the victor. She outwitted, outplayed and outlasted her opponents to win the heart of bachelor Andrew Firestone.

He proposed. She accepted. They lived happily ever after... until they broke up before they ever made it to the altar, that is.

Having already proved to the world that a romance sparked in a cattle show does not translate well into real life, Jen decided to try again. This time she's not the suitor-she's the suited. As the pursued maiden in this love story, Jen is forced to endure such hardships as dates on helicopters, champagne atop the Empire State Building, private jazz shows and even a joy ride around the city in the back of a fire truck.

In accordance with their genetic ties to fairy tales, women everywhere ask their boyfriends or husbands why their courtships did not include such amenities as yacht cruises and private concerts by Vanessa Williams.

Mostly, we will "aw shucks" that comment away, but, in fact, we want to say that if a major television network ever decides to start picking up the tab, the quality of dates will dramatically improve.

The thing is, none of these men stands a chance in the long run. Relationships built on the foundation of mass entertainment are fraught with peril.

After the show is over, the couple, once fueled by high-octane romance, will find that life is more about trips to the grocery than to the spa.

Unfortunately for Schefft and her network television-anointed boyfriend, the whole world is going to be watching to see how long these two lab rats stay together. The good news is that whenever they split, ABC is unlikely to prop her up with another prime-time fiasco. More likely, she will have to meet her prince the old-fashioned way—her mom will fix her up.

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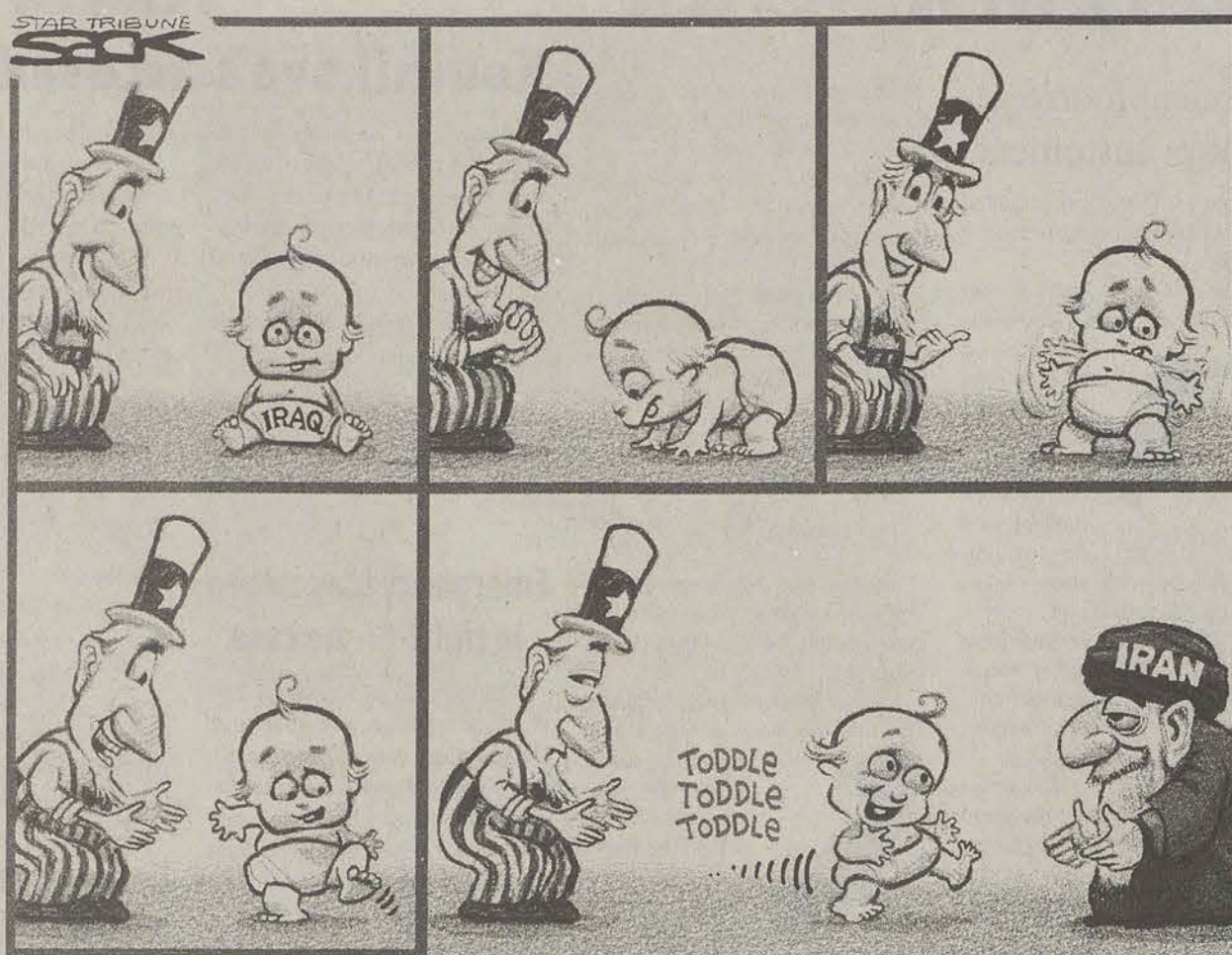
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- 1649 John Blow, composer of first English opera (Venus & Adonis)
- 1817 George Watts, painter
- 1868 William E B Du Bois, civil rights writer (Souls of Black Folk)
- 1883 Victor Fleming, director (Wizard of Oz, Gone With Wind)
- 1931 Tom Wesselman, US sculptor
- 1960 Naruhito, crown prince of Japan
- 1972 Jamie Watson, NBA forward (Utah Jazz)
- 1980 Yvonne Tousek Kitchener, Ontario gymnast (Olympics-96)

DEATHS

- 1468 John Gutenberg, German inventor
- 1704 Georg Muffat, French/German organist/composer
- 1821 John Keats, Romantic poet
- 1848 John Quincy Adams, sixth U.S. President
- 1924 Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th U.S. President
- 1965 Stan Laurel, comedian
- 1976 L.S. Lowry, painter
- 1996 George Alan Dawson, jazz drummer/teacher



Extremism tips the scales again

Not much annoys me more than when people ruin potentially good concept with overzealous politics.

Last Thursday we ran an article about a bill introduced into the Georgia legislature by democratic Rep. Stephanie Stuckey Benfield that would require school children to be weighed each semester. As if that isn't undignified enough, the weight would then appear on each student's report card.

As our copy editor Anne McGuire put it, "Let's learn to read, kids! A is for anorexia!"

By the day after we ran that article, the representative who proposed the idea had publicly decided to drop it. Outraged calls and e-mails poured in by the hundreds, and she took the not-so-subtle hint.

Good move on her part. Unfortunately, it can't be denied that obesity is still a problem in this state. Even more unfortunately, reactions to the faulty law she dreamed up will probably prevent her or other lawmakers from proposing healthier, more feasible solutions to it any time in the near future.

Now, I'm not a hefty girl. I've weighed in at about a buck fifteen, soaking wet, since I was a pre-teenager. So, it's possible I'm talking out of my element. But, hear me out. I might be a surprising example of what the right kind of nutritional education could do.

I come from a long line of buxom women. That's a nice way of saying almost all the ladies in my family

over the age of 20 have weighed over 200 pounds at some point in their lives. The risk with this is not cosmetic, it's medical, since things like asthma, diabetes and heart failure also run in my family.

The women who've gone before me have something else in common - they all look at their weight with the same attitude. It's a negative, quantitative, self-defeatist attitude that relies on scales and everyone's perceptions but their very own 24 hours a day.

The common bathroom scale is the worst invention since the Yugo. One of the first things students are taught in a good college exercise course is not to measure their success quantitatively. Individual circumstances and progress must be taken into account over time.

I'm lucky - I made health a hobby at an early age and figured this out on my own. But most kids don't. Why must so many children get to college before they begin to get the right messages about body image? By that time it's far too late to change their habits.

I attended grade school in Virginia, which seems to be a world away where all this is concerned. History shows that Georgia lawmakers have only prodded at the childhood obesity problem by attempting to ban soda machines at school and force more physical education classes. I am all for the first idea. We had

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Amanda Permenter
editor-in-chief

Fat phobia could be making us all sick

By Kathleen LeBesco
KRT Campus

During National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (Feb. 27-March 5), we hear a lot about the devastation that anorexia, bulimia and compulsive overeating can wreak on the lives of our citizens. However, in the midst of our everyday media messages, what we often miss is a sense of how our hostile attitudes toward fatness and fat people fuel disordered eating.

Today's media, for instance, point to the values of our culture, and make examples out of those who conform and those who transgress. A host of programs centered around bodily transformations - from "The Biggest Loser" to "The Swan" to "Extreme Makeover" - remind us that fat folks, those icons of the obesity epidemic, should not exist as anything but the ghosts of "before" pictures.

There's a certain logic here: "Epidemic" is one of those words that seems hard to argue with; it instantly confers the status of seriously ill health on all those it affects. But after a lifetime of being fat, I have begun to wonder whether obesity itself is always the plague it's been made out to be. There's a creepy way in our culture in which hype about the obesity epidemic feeds anti-fat prejudice: "Not only are these people choosing to be unhealthy, but they're costing the nation billions in insurance costs and lost days of work in the process!" If we can tell a different story about fat lives, one that takes into account the contradictions, we might end up creating better health for everyone.

I started getting fat around puberty, although I started to diet two or three years before that time. My father was fat, and my parents worried that I, his spitting image, would suffer the same indignities he had experienced all his life. I attended my first Diet Workshop meeting at age 10; it felt odd being the only child among so many anxious adults. They let me be the first to sample the diet ketchup and rigged the raffle so that I would win the Diet Workshop canvas tote.

When I was brave enough to carry the tote to school the next day, I was promptly "outed" as a dieter by a rowdy boy in my fourth-grade class and mocked relentlessly. I took away a strange lesson. Nobody made fun of my body - it wasn't really fat yet, after all - but they did make fun of my attempt to change it by seeking support from fretful grown-ups. Dieting became embarrassing.

Embarrassment did not stop me from intense weight-cycling for the next 10 years. When I started to gain weight in early puberty, my well-intended parents researched my options. I tried Overeaters Anonymous in seventh grade (too religious, and the language of addiction didn't seem right for me, though I did lose 15 pounds) followed by Weight Watchers in ninth grade (25 pounds lost, but then gained back when I stopped teetotaling and tried to live normally).

During high school, I went to Weight Loss Clinic, which required thrice-weekly weigh-ins, and lost 40 pounds, all of which I gained back. By my first year of college, I was over 200 pounds and, awed by Oprah, began a liquid diet. For three and a half months, I consumed 505 calories a day in the form of powder mixed either with water or diet pudding. My teeth seemed about as useful as my appendix. I lost enough weight - 70 pounds - to be classified as "normal." When I started eating actual food again, the weight came back within a year. Finally, at 22, I became a vegetarian and an obsessive devotee of the Stairmaster, and lost a hundred pounds.

I started grad school at 23 with a slimmed-down body and a new interest in fatness, the force that had shaped so much of my energy. Remembering what I had learned from my Diet Workshop days, I wanted to know more about people who were strong enough to cast aside diet mentality and live in the present. I did research on NAAFA (the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance) and other groups

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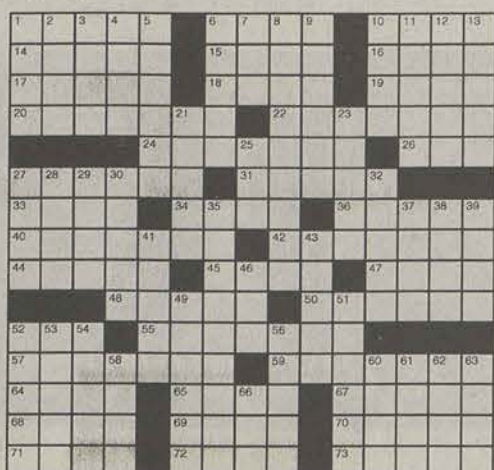
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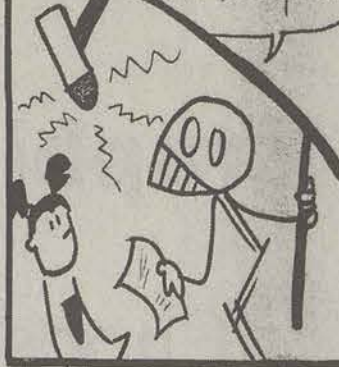


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physicals; and children's wellness checks.

The Georgia Southern School of Nursing has a long history of helping the rural communities of Georgia with health care issues. The Rural Nursing Outreach Program is designed to provide nursing care services to an underserved rural area while generating practice, service, and research opportunities for faculty and students in the School of Nursing.

These programs include the Rural Nursing Community Center in Portal, GA; migrant care services in Tattall, Toombs, Evans and Screven counties; as well as partnerships to provide care in schools and industries. The Community Nursing Center was established January 23, 2004, right

here on the GSU campus.

"We are excited to think that the Center has the potential to provide healthcare not only to the GSU faculty and staff, but the community as well," said Elaine Hapshe, Director of the Rural Nursing Outreach Program.

School of Nursing Chair, Dr. Jean Bartels, said, "The students have the Health Services Program. We are blessed to have gotten the grants to be able to provide free health care to a larger group."

The Center is located in the Nursing and Chemistry Building, in room 1004. The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by phone at 681-5166, however walk-ins are always welcome.

VANDIVER, FROM PAGE 1

Vandiver appointed Atlanta banker John Sibley to head a commission that eventually recommended that voters in each district be allowed to determine whether their schools would remain open.

Days after the courts ordered the desegregation of the University of Georgia in 1961, Vandiver called a special nighttime session of the Legislature and persuaded lawmakers to repeal the 1955 antidesegregation law and adopt the Sibley Commission's recommendation.

The commission had had the intended effect of providing a cooling-off period. Former Gov. Roy Barnes said Vandiver's actions made him one of the state's unsung heroes.

"His decision in the early 1960s to keep the University of Georgia open, when overwhelming public sentiment was to close it because of integration, was an act of courage. And it set the stage for Georgia's reputation as a pro-

gressive state," Barnes said Tuesday.

Vandiver ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1972, and he blamed his defeat on the "No, not one" statement of 14 years earlier.

"When I ran for governor, I made some intemperate remarks," Vandiver said in 2001 at a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the University of Georgia's integration. "They shouldn't have been made."

Vandiver also was governor when the federal courts ordered the state to abandon its "county unit" system of voting, which had enabled rural politicians to control the state for decades.

Under the system, votes for governor and other statewide officers were cast based on who had won a majority in each county, much as the Electoral College selects the U.S. presidents.

After leaving the governor's office, Vandiver served as chairman of a Lavonia bank and farmed cattle.

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"HOPE was never intended to pay for master's degree or doctoral degree programs," Hembree said.

The bill was supported by several college presidents. University System Chancellor Tom Meredith wrote lawmakers a letter in favor of it.

"A small number of students may have to pay for between one and 21 hours themselves, depending upon their degree program, but they have years to plan for that modest expenditure," Meredith wrote.

On the other side were college students, who said they don't make the course requirements and shouldn't be punished if their major requires more hours.

"I don't think a student should be punished because they're studying something that the university, or the state of Georgia, has decided requires a couple of more classes," said Will Childs, student body president at UGA, who sent lawmakers a last-ditch letter Tuesday pleading with them to vote against the cut.

House Democratic Leader DuBose Porter, who argued against the bill, said it was unnecessary to preserve the scholarship's fiscal health and that it would hurt the ablest students.

"This is not abuse when you enter a harder career track and it requires more work than others," he said. "You want to get them to the last few semesters and snatch the rug out from underneath them?"

The hour-limit bill came a year after lawmakers made other trims to the popular program, fearing that one day HOPE would outstrip lottery revenues if changes weren't made. Hembree said the 127-hour limit would be the only HOPE cut considered this year.

"In my opinion, this should settle the issue," he said after the vote.

Hunter S. Thompson takes his last trip

By Mark Layman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

COLUMBIA, SC - You didn't really expect Hunter S. Thompson would let age, illness or infirmity slowly sap the life from him. Did you?

After all, in "What Lured Hemingway to Ketchum?" which he wrote for The National Observer in 1964, Thompson concluded of Papa: "He was an old, sick and very troubled man, and the illusion of peace and contentment was not enough for him. ... So finally, and for what he must have thought the best of reasons, he ended it with a shotgun."

It wouldn't be accurate to say Thompson had a death wish. Just the opposite: He was the self-described "champion of fun."

As Paul Perry, one of his biographers put it: "He rides the edge at high speed while engaging in a mix of raucous verbal and gestural antics: hoax, legerdemain, gargantuan exaggeration, buffoonery, conscious alteration, threat, insult. ... He gets people hooked on him because he's fun, irresistible, liberating, infectious."

In a BBC documentary included with the "collector's edition" of the "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" DVD, he discusses plans for a giant monument on the back 40 of his ranch in Woody Creek, Colo. A hundred feet tall, it would include a cannon to fire a canister containing his ashes out over the valley. All to the tune of Bob Dylan's "Mister Tambourine Man."

Like Hemingway's, though, it was a quieter end that Thompson chose Sunday afternoon, alone, at his ranch. Thompson "took his life with a gunshot to the head," his wife and son said in a statement released to the Aspen Daily News. He was 67.

No other information was made public Monday, though some specu-



Kathy Willens/AP Photo

Author Hunter S. Thompson stands in a pile of popcorn after hurling a bag of it at Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro, at the New York premier of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," in May 19, 1998.

lated that Thompson's four or five decades of unrepentant smoking, drinking and drugging must finally have taken an irreversible toll on his iron constitution. ("About every two years my doctor tells me I'm going to die," he said in that BBC documentary.)

Thompson's best work was years in the past, but you could say the writer went out on top. After years of attempts, his most famous book, "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," finally had been made into a movie, and a good one, at that. Monty Python's Terry Gilliam directed; the movie starred

Johnny Depp as "Raoul Duke" and Benicio Del Toro as "Dr. Gonzo," the character based on Thompson's fellow traveler, attorney Oscar Zeta Acosta.

Two volumes of his letters, covering the 1950s through the 1970s, have been published, with an introduction by respected historian Douglas Brinkley. In 1996, Thompson was feted in New York on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Vegas book, which was republished in a Modern Library edition in 1998.

Many found it hard to take Thompson seriously. Garry Trudeau turned him into "Uncle Duke" in Doonesbury, but a roll call of his friends and acquaintances includes many others who did.

After all the ESPN.com columns and slap-dash collections of later years, it's also easy to forget that Thompson was, for much of his career, a careful writer of considerable skill. He paid his dues as a roving correspondent in South America in the early '60s, wrote a well-regarded book about the Hell's Angels and deeply admired F. Scott Fitzgerald, to the point that he copied, by hand, "The Great Gatsby," to try to internalize the rhythms of its sentences.

Thompson took it a big leap with "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," which originally appeared in back-to-back issues of Rolling Stone. What began as an assignment to cover a desert motorcycle race for Sports Illustrated turned into a drug-crazed book that defined a generation and made Thompson a star.

Many will remember Thompson with the epitaph he bestowed on Acosta: "Too weird to live, too rare to die." And always, dancing beneath the diamond sky, with one hand waving free.

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and an elevator." Because of the structure of the building, large classrooms and auditoriums are not likely to be part of the renovations.

The building offers plenty of space for faculty offices, as well as medium and small sized classrooms as well and computer labs which will provide students with essential resources.

According to President Grube, inspiration for the move came from the successful renovation of Lewis Hall and other buildings on campus. Grube recognized the need for a better learning environment and realized that construction of an entirely new building would take almost a decade.

The move to Veazey Hall will be a temporary solution for those in Communication Arts and Academic Success Center, but plans are on the horizon to remove the two old trailers and construct a Multi-discipline Academic Building in their current location between the Information Technology Building and the Carroll Building.

Veazey Hall is a three-story building that was completed in 1959. It is currently housing students and has served as a residence hall for decades, but that could change before next semester.

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Swimming and diving finishes fifth in NEC Championships

GSU Athletic Media Relations

LANDOVER, Md. - The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team finished the Northeast Conference championships Saturday in fifth place with a total of 468 points. Gardner-Webb (715 points) ended up winning the team championship for the second year in a row.

Although they were unable to capture the league title, the Eagles did not close their season quietly, as they set one new school record and claimed



Special photo
GSU freshman Kimberly Morris finished the 2005 season with a record-setting performance.

four top-three finishes on the final day of competition.

Freshman **Alison Cochran**, already owning a second-place effort in the 100-yard

breaststroke, turned in yet another strong performance Saturday. Cochran set a new school record in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing second with her time of 2:23.31 in the event finals.

That performance gave Cochran her second school record of the year as she beat the previous record of 2:23.98 set by Stacey Scheible in 1992. Earlier this season, Cochran had established a new school mark in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:05.42).

Fellow freshman **Katie Dierkes** also posted her second second-place finish of the conference championships in the three-meter diving finals. She finished with a mark of 431.50 after capturing second in Thursday's one-meter diving finals.

Jody Johnston established a new season-best with her score of 310.30, good enough for sixth. Dierkes and Leslie Williams both look to continue

competition next month as they have qualified to compete in the NCAA Zone B diving regionals, scheduled for March 11-13 in Atlanta, Ga.

Senior **Florrie Cunningham** closed out her Eagle career in fine fashion, as she posted a second-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle event with a time of 52.63. In earlier preliminary heats, Cunningham established a season-best effort as she clocked in at 52.50. Cunningham was also a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that finished fifth with a season-best time of 3:35.81. Joining her were **Jen Clayton**, **Britney Simons** and **Kimmy Morris**.

Morris, fresh off her record-setting performance during Friday's 400-yard individual medley, was the top Eagle finisher in the 200-yard backstroke, placing eighth in the finals with a time of 2:12.85. In the preliminaries, she recorded a season-best time of 2:11.29 and, in the process, edged teammate **Kelli King** (2:11.61) out of the event finals. King, who was just squeezed out of the 200-yard individual medley finals Thursday, came back to finish second in the B final of the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:12.43.

GSU placed three swimmers in the top 20 in the 1,650-yard freestyle finals, while seeing each swimmer finish with a season-best time. **Kaleigh Kenyon** led the way, as she placed 11th with her time of 17:58.02. She was followed by **Weber** (14th; 18:37.50) and **Ali Lota** (20th; 19:05.45).

Saturday's competition brought to a close a very successful 2004-05 season for the Eagles. Under the guidance of interim head coach **Nate Kellogg**, they finished the regular season with a mark of 6-4 and a conference record of 5-2, with both losses coming to eventual league champion **Gardner-Webb**.

Over the course of the year, GSU swimmers were able to establish six new school records - three within the past two days - and also set four new pool records at Hanner Natatorium.

Lady Eagles bounce back against ASU

By **Bryan Metcalf**
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The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles came back from a seven point deficit to beat the Appalachian State Mountaineers 56-52 at Hanner Fieldhouse Monday night, extending their winning streak against ASU to 14 straight.

The first half was extremely slow. Neither team could make a basket for the first two minutes of play. Things finally began to get interesting when, trailing 13-6, a **Kellie Tiller** free throw sparked an 8-0 run that covered six minutes of play and had the Lady Eagles up by one late in the first half. The Mountaineers responded with eight unanswered points of their own to reclaim the lead at 21-14. GSU answered with a 6-1 run to end the first half trailing only 22-20.

ASU's **Lindsay Smith** led all scorers at the break with nine points and two rebounds. GSU was led by senior forward **Dana Benemon**'s six points and six rebounds.

After some halftime adjustments, the Lady Eagles came out much sharper for the second half. After giving up a quick four points to the Mountaineers, Benemon made a lay-up followed by back-to-back treys from starting guard **Tiffany Brown** to put GSU back in the lead 28-26 three minutes into the half.

Four consecutive free throws made by ASU had the Mountaineers back in the lead, but it was the last time they would be there. GSU extended their lead to eight with just under five minutes to play when the game got interesting. Another 8-0 run by ASU had the game tied at 50 with 1:57 left to play in the game.

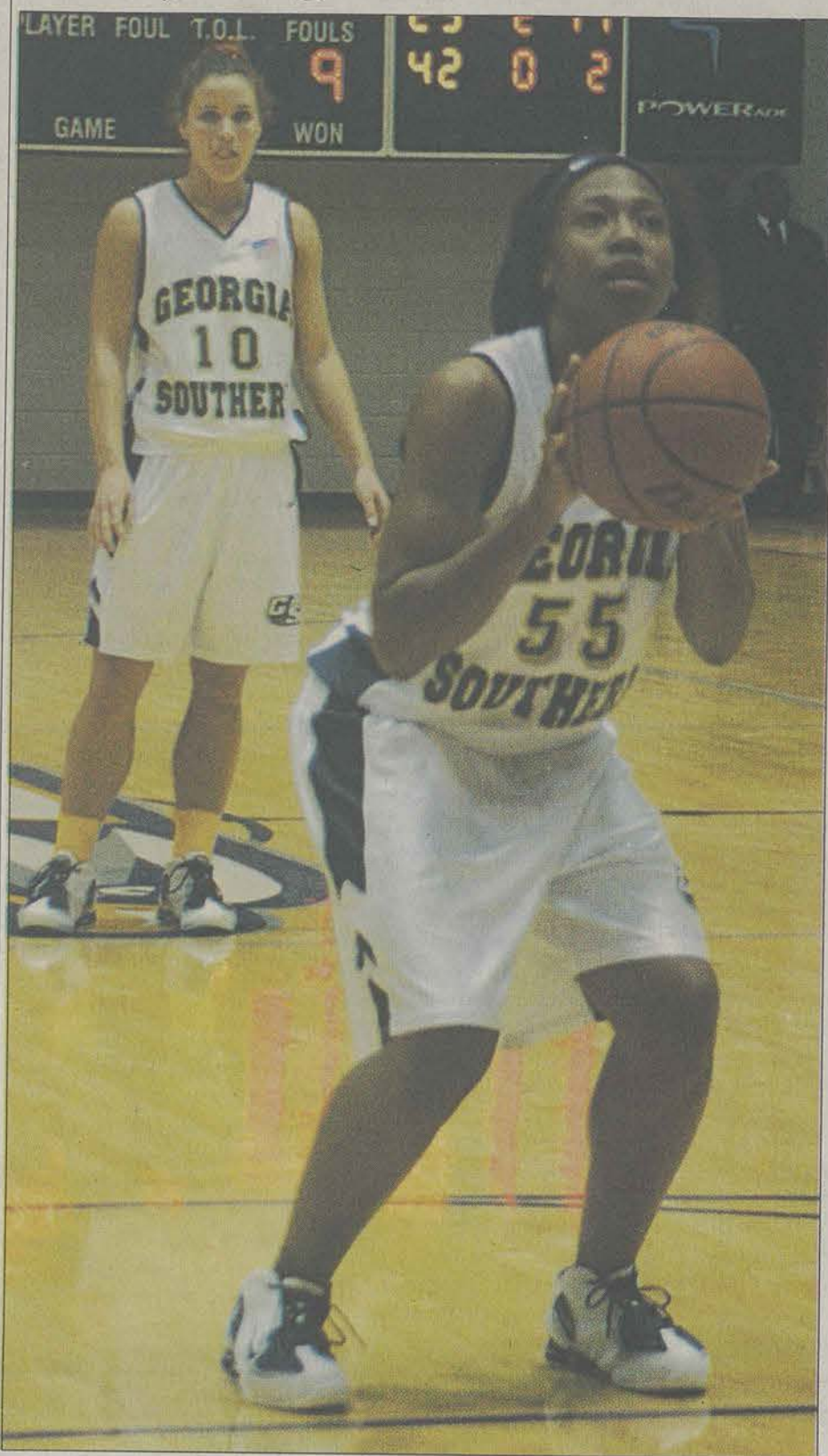
After a Benemon jumper that put the Lady Eagles up by two, junior **Lee DuBose** grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled by ASU's **Jessica Jank**. DuBose made both free throws one-on-one to extend the lead to four with 1:21 remaining.

Kiki Conyers made it a two-point game with a short jumper. DuBose grabbed another defensive board with 19 seconds left and was fouled again. She made both free throws and put GSU up by four with only eight seconds remaining.

Conyers missed a last second three that would have made no difference, as GSU was victorious 56-52.

Smith led all scorers with 15 points. Benemon finished with a game high nine rebounds and led the Lady Eagles with 14 points. Brown added 10 points and DuBose had six rebounds for GSU.

The Lady Eagles' (13-13, 10-9 SoCon) last regular season game is this Saturday at noon in Hanner against East Tennessee State. The Lady Eagles will head to Chattanooga for the Conference tournament on March 2.



GSU senior guard Kellie Tiller shoots a free throw earlier in the season. The Lady Eagles' final game of the regular season is this Saturday at noon as they host East Tennessee State.

Katie Anderson/STAFF

Eagles fall in overtime against Wofford Terriers

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC - Wofford's **Tyler Berg** tallied six of his 22 points in overtime to lead the Terriers to an 81-79 victory over Georgia Southern Monday evening in Southern Conference action in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Eagles (16-12, 9-6 SoCon) opened the game with a 9-4 spurt, including a dunk by **Louis Graham**, before the Terriers (14-12, 7-8) went on a 6-0 run, taking the 10-9 lead with 15:21 remaining in the half. **Jean Francois**' jumper less than a minute later gave the Eagles the lead once again. Wofford retook the lead with 13:01 to play on a Berg layup, sparking a 13-8 run by the Terriers, giving them the 23-19 advantage with less than seven to play in the half.

Elton Nesbitt swiped the ball from the Terriers, going in for the easy layup and collecting his 1,000th career point. His basket began a 9-0 run by the Eagles, that gave them 24-23 lead with under five to play. The Eagles extended their lead to eight, at 35-27, but Wofford went on a 6-0 run to end the half, cutting the Eagles lead to two at the break.

The Terriers dominated the first part of the second half, going on a 22-3 run over the first nine minutes, holding the Eagles to one field goal and a free throw. GSU fought back, cutting the deficit to five at 51-46 with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

Francois and the Eagles clawed their way back into the game, as he hit a basket and a pair of free throws,

putting the Eagles within three with 6:10 to play, at 57-54.

GSU used a 7-0 run, capped by a Nesbitt trey to tie the game with less than four to play before Wofford used a pair of shots from the charity stripe from Berg and a jumper by **Sean Daniels** to retake the lead, 67-63 with under two to play. Nesbitt sent the game to overtime as he hit a three-pointer with 50.8 seconds on the clock.

The overtime period saw Francois and Berg match each other shot for shot over the first three and a half minutes before a Daniels layup sparked a 5-0 spurt by the Terriers, sealing the game.

Nesbitt finished with a game-high 24 points, while Francois poured in 22 points, two shy of the 1,000-point pinnacle. **Donte Gennie** tallied 13 points, while Graham recorded his second straight double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Berg led the Terriers with 22 points and 14 rebounds, while **Adrien Borders** contributed 19, **Eric Marshall** tallied 14 and Daniels had 12.

The Eagles shot 44.6 percent on 33-of-74 shooting from the field, while Wofford shot 49.2 on 30-of-61 from the floor. GSU was plagued by poor free-throw shooting all night, finishing at 50 percent, connecting on a mere 8-of-16.

GSU returns to Hanner Fieldhouse on Saturday, Feb. 26 as it honors its seniors before hosting East Tennessee State in the final game of the regular season. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. and can be seen nationwide on ESPN2.

Men's tennis falls to USC 6-1

GSU Athletic Media Relations

COLUMBIA, SC - The Georgia Southern men's tennis team suffered their sixth straight loss Sunday afternoon, falling 6-1 to the 42nd-ranked Gamecocks of South Carolina. **Germano Knorr** accounted for the lone Eagles point with his win at the No. 6 singles spot.

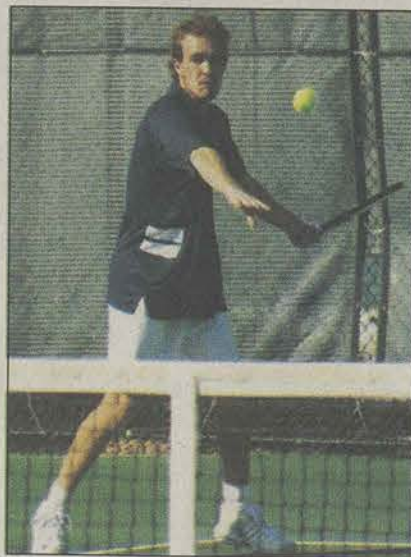
The Eagles dropped all three doubles matches and the first four singles matches as they were blitzed by a South Carolina squad (9-1) that captured its fifth straight win and second of the day.

In doubles, **Vincent Patry** and **Danie van den Heever** fell 8-5 at No. 1 doubles to **Geraldo Knorr**, brother of **Germano**, and **Pedro Rodrigues**. **Lasha Janashia** and **Knorr** lost 8-5 to **Jaime Cuellar** and **Tom Eklund** at No. 2, and **Tom Green** and **Charles-Henri Trotter** suffered an 8-2 setback against **Ben Atkinson** and **Dmitry Babenko** at the third slot.

With a full array of healthy players, head coach **Justin Miles** shuffled his singles lineup but could not produce the desired results.

In the first singles match to be completed, **Green** made an unsuccessful return from an injury that had sidelined him for the past two matches, losing 6-2, 6-2 to **Babenko** at No. 4.

South Carolina went up 3-0 when **Rodrigues**, currently ranked No. 110 by the ITA, defeated **Janashia** 6-2,



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GSU tennis player Vincent Patry sets to hit a forehand in singles' play.

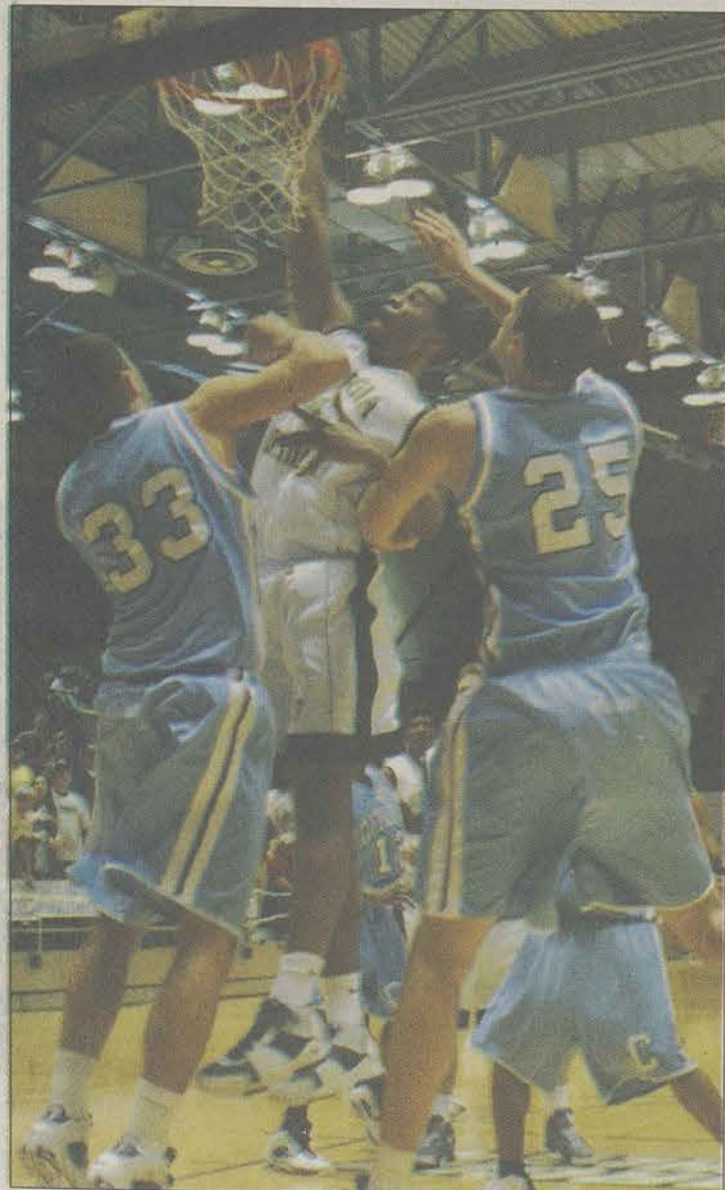
6-2, playing his first match at the second position. The Gamecocks then clinched the match when Patry was beaten 6-2, 7-5 by Knorr, who was less than eager to provide assistance to his brother's team. A 7-5, 6-3 loss by van den Heever to Cuellar at No. 3 increased the lead to 5-0.

The Eagles were able to avert the shutout when Knorr disposed of **Kazuya Otani**, winning 6-3, 6-2 at the sixth spot. The win was Knorr's second of the season. In the last singles match to be completed, Trotter could not overcome **Adam Adler** and lost 6-2, 6-4 at the fifth spot, providing the final margin of 6-1.

The loss drops the Eagles' record to 1-7 and is their fifth straight setback on the road. Fortunately, GSU plays its next five matches at home as they will be presented with an opportunity to get things turned around.

The Eagles' next match will be against Winthrop on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. GSU will play their Southern Conference opener against Davidson on Feb. 27 at 10 a.m.

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GSU junior Sean Olivier scores on two Citadel defenders during their record breaking high point game on Feb. 14.

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