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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006

9 A.M. MONDAY*

THE CALL COMES IN

Bulloch County 911 receives a call that someone may have taken Statesboro lawyer Michael G. Hostilo hostage.

10 A.M.

POLICE TAKE CONTROL

Law enforcement asks business owners to leave their shops. Police rope off several blocks around the Bulloch County Courthouse.

11 A.M.

RUMORS CIRCULATE

Business owners say they saw a man and woman enter Hostilo's office with bags and something strapped to the man's chest.

4 P.M.

CONFIRMATION

Police say Robbie Brower is holding Hostilo hostage with an improvised explosive device. Agents from the local police, GBI, FBI and ATF work the scene, and negotiate with the Browers.

6 A.M. TUESDAY

SCARE THWARTS END

Robbie and Connie Brower exit Hostilo's firm but when they make a threatening gesture, shots are fired and the couple retreats. More negotiations ensue.

10 A.M.

STANDOFF ENDS

Police announce that the couple has exited the office and that Hostilo is safe. The couple was charged with a single count of kidnapping with more charges possible.

*Times are approximate

Hostage standoff grips Statesboro

Statesboro lawyer held with explosives for 25 hours; couple charged with kidnapping

By Rachel McDaniel
News editor

A hostage standoff in downtown Statesboro ended peacefully Tuesday morning, 25 hours after Robbie and Connie Brower took lawyer Michael G. Hostilo hostage in his Courtland Street office.

No one was injured but national attention, a vacated downtown and questions about the case had the normally sleepy 'Boro abuzz with rumors.

According to court documents, Robbie Brower was represented by Hostilo during a 1996 aggravated assault case. According to Statesboro Police Chief Stan York, Brower was upset with the outcome of that guilty plea and was seeking justice.

In the end, the Browers gave up their stand after police promised the couple their day in court, said York, who wouldn't elaborate whether Robbie Brower would get a new trial or if he would simply face this current set of charges.

The hostage situation attracted national media attention, garnering new coverage from all three major cable networks and live reports from Atlanta and Savannah outlets. The police cordoned off several blocks of downtown Statesboro and rerouted traffic. Businesses were allowed to return around 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The Martin Luther King Jr. parade, which was scheduled for Monday, has been rescheduled for Saturday Jan 21, at 2 p.m. in downtown Statesboro.

The Browers were taken into custody and have been charged with a single count of kidnapping. Hostilo was reunited with his family later Tuesday afternoon, said York.

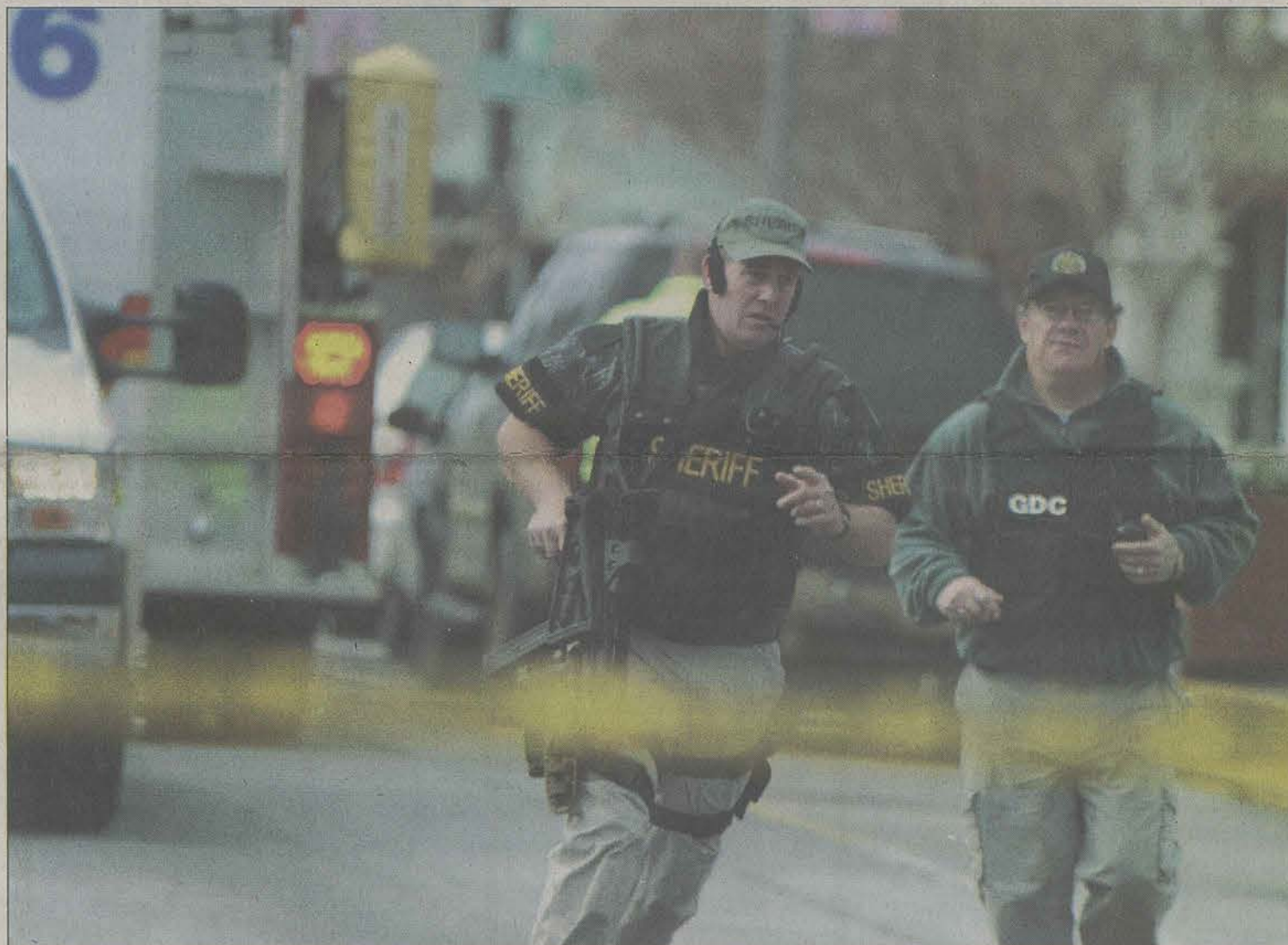
The end came around 10 a.m. Tuesday, but according to Larry Schnall, spokesman for the Georgia State Patrol, the standoff erupted into gunfire around 6 a.m. The two suspects, while walking out of the building reportedly to surrender, suddenly became apprehensive and made a threatening gesture toward law enforcement officers that prompted the firing of two shots.

York said the couple needed reassurance from hostage negotiators and once they were comfortable, all three — including the hostage — walked out of the office without incident.

Attorney for the City of Statesboro Sam Brannen said he felt officers handled the situation well.

"We see people who are under a great deal of stress and pressure as lawyers everyday," he said. "Officers had the situation completely under control. They did a super job and I'm sure Mike Hostilo is very happy today."

Business owners said the standoff was an inconvenience, but expressed see **HOSTAGE**, page 3



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Local law enforcement, including police officers and sheriff's deputies, worked with the FBI, GBI and ATF to negotiate a peaceful end to a hostage situation that lasted 25 hours. In the end Robbie and Connie Brower were arrested for holding Statesboro lawyer Michael G. Hostilo captive with pyrotechnic explosives.

Evers-Williams gives MLK address

Civil rights activist talks about the future of racial equality

By Jessica Martin
Staff writer

Students and faculty rose to their feet in a standing ovation to welcome the renowned civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams.

Evers-Williams is the widow of activist Medgar Evers, who was assassinated by a sniper on the doorstep of their Mississippi home in June 1963. She would go on to tirelessly pursue his killer, Byron De La Beck, and finally in 1994, after numerous trials throughout the decades, he was sentenced to life in prison for the murder.

This triumph opened the doors to



Jared Siri/STAFF

Myrlie Evers-Williams

many racial crimes of that decade to be taken to court and the guilty finally punished. Evers-Williams remained active in civil rights after the murder,

see **ADDRESS**, page 8

Our birds get yearly exam

Raptor center birds examined by UGA vet students

By Darren Jones
Staff writer

Caroline seemed a bit agitated as the doctor-in-training took a close look at her one good eye by holding a small but bright medical flashlight an inch away from it. The intention was to check for inflammation or scarring, but that didn't seem to matter to the red-shouldered hawk fidgeting and flapping about on a student's gloved hand.

Of course, it may be understandable to be a little irritable when you're just coming out of a chemical gas



Jared Siri/STAFF

Vet workers from the University of Georgia work with a GSU eagle.

induced sleep state with a flesh prick in your skin from where the doctor took a sample of your vital fluids, only

to be flashed in the only eye you have left. Seems a doctors' visit, no matter how beneficial, can be a something of

a bother whatever the species. Just ask Caroline.

see **BIRD**, page 8

TODAY



High: 65 | Low: 39
Sunny

FRIDAY



High: 70 | Low: 52
Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY



High: 75 | Low: 52
Isolated T-Storms

SUNDAY



High: 72 | Low: 51
Few showers

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OUR PRINT SCHEDULE

Look for your regular paper four days a week starting Monday. We've missed you and we're sure you've missed the best paper in the 'Boro.



Special Photo

These six Georgia Southern students won fourth at the National Intercollegiate Construction Competition in Orlando, Fl.

Construction Management students win fourth in nation

Special to the G-A

A six-student Georgia Southern team took fourth place in the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Residential Intercollegiate Construction Competition. Members of the team included, Tom D'Aleo, Daniel Hall, Barry Fransen, Scott Mathis, Matt Schultz, Justin Strickland.

Each team represents a local operating division of a large national home building company. The team presents their new project to upper level management for consideration of funding and acquisition. Simulating real world situations where companies compete for construction projects, the Construction Management teams compete with other operating divisions within the same corporation for project approval and funding. This year's project involved the development of a residential property in Addison, Texas, named "The Townhomes of District A, a Condominium Community."

"Placing fourth in such a challenging competition is phenomenal," said Professor Richard Clarke, the team's coach. "The team did a fantastic job and I'm extremely proud of them."

The competition is sponsored by Centex Homes and it gives students the

opportunity to apply the skills learned in the classroom to a real construction project. This year's project proposal mapped an entire business plan. It included a complete land acquisition, land development, multiple-home cost estimates, development of building construction schedules, a marketing plan, an assessment of the local political climate, a project budget, cash-flow forecast and financial performance analysis.

The actual contest took place between Jan. 10 and Jan. 13, but preparation took all of December. GSU students worked on the project over Christmas break and on Christmas Eve, they submitted their written proposal to a panel of judges. The judges are a group of construction company executives, including the actual Centex Project Manager for the "The Townhomes of District A."

Once the written portion of the challenge was submitted, the team began work on building their formal presentation. This timed presentation was made at the National Association of Home Builders "International Builder's Show" in Orlando, Florida. Over 100,000 building industry professionals attended the show.

Theatre & Performance breaks ground

Prisoner of Second Avenue first play featuring all-student cast and crew

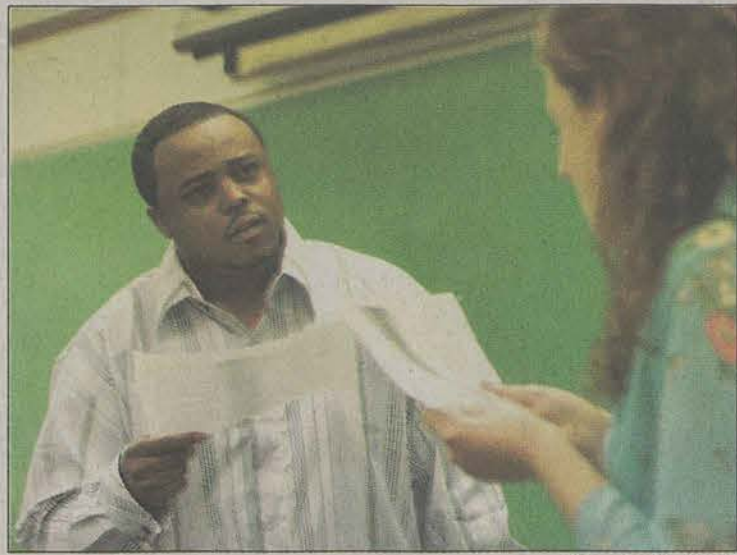
By Emily Haymans

Auditions were held Tuesday and Wednesday for *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, a play by Neil Simon, which marks a groundbreaking step for Georgia Southern's Theatre and Performance Department.

The show, a dark humored story set in 1970s New York, will be directed by the Theatre & Performance Club's president, Sean White, and will feature an all-student cast and crew, including original lighting design by Eric Linebarger, original music by Marion Dean Patterson and costumes by Mary Bush.

"This is the first time GSU has put on a fully-done student production like this. This is a monumental step for GSU and an extremely important learning opportunity for us," said White.

Performances will take place



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Students audition for parts in *Prisoner of Second Avenue*.

on March 9-11 at the Averitt Arts Center in downtown Statesboro. Ticket prices will be \$8 for students and \$10 general admission.

According to White, this production will be devoid of any professor's

help whatsoever. Funding for the show will come from Theatre & Performance Club fundraisers. The auditions will take place tonight in the Communication Arts Building from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Award-winning poet to read his works on campus Monday

GSU News Service

America's most prolific modern poet, Albert Goldbarth, will read from his work on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at Georgia Southern. His presentation will take place in Room 1124 of the College of Business Administration, and it is free and open to the public.

Goldbarth's most recent book of poetry, "Saving Lives," earned the



Albert Goldbarth

National Book Critics Circle Award for poetry in 2001.

A decade earlier he earned the same award for another book of poetry, "Heaven and Earth, A Cosmology." He is also the author of "Pieces of Payne," a fiction work published in 2003.

Reviewer David Clewell remarks that Goldbarth's "poems are full of snap, wit, humor, wisdom and unabashed love for the people and things that this writer will not let go unspoken--unsaved--in his world."

His work ranges from poems of a few tight, resonant lines to long,

story-telling pieces.

Some center on familiar cultural icons, some on little-known topics, some on family histories, but all demonstrate an energetic mind eager to share observations of all kinds.

In addition to writing more than twenty collections of poetry, Goldbarth is Distinguished Professor of Humanities in the Department of English at Wichita State University.

For more information about Goldbarth's presentation, contact the department of writing and linguistics at 681-0739.

ON THE STREET

Where is the best place to hang out on campus?

"Lake-side; it's central to campus and I like the ducks."



Bryant Richards,
Freshman

"The RAC because you can have fun and get in shape at the same time."



Colby White,
Junior

"Lake-side; I'm always there if I'm not in class."



Jessica Alday,
Sophomore

"My apartment, where I can go to relax."



Jessica Lister,
Freshman

"The RAC, because of all the things to do there."



Larry Cloud,
Junior

"Hendricks Hall, my dorm, because we know how to party."



Savannah Clark,
Freshman

■ HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

If you have a question you'd like us to ask, e-mail our managing editor at gamed@georgiasouthern.edu.

Be the Newest RA in Our Group!



PROFILE:

University Housing seeks energetic individuals for Resident Advisor positions. The Resident Advisor (RA) is a vital, live-in member of the University Housing staff. The RA position allows you to grow as a leader and individual while having fun and making a difference on campus! The RA works with groups of students in the residence halls or apartment complexes on campus. The RA is primarily involved in creating a positive community environment. In order to accomplish this, the RA is expected to play a variety of constantly changing roles. The RA must be flexible and creative in meeting residents' needs by serving as a counselor, advisor, activity programmer, educator and campus resource. The position requires a serious time commitment and willingness to be available and accessible to other students. The RA position allows you to grow as a leader and individual.

BENEFITS:

RAs receive a stipend each semester. The annual stipend has recently increased to \$3,750 for first year RAs and \$4,000 for RAs after successful completion of their first year of service (budget pending). RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing, for which they are financially responsible. Resident Advisors are allowed a single room at double occupancy rates when space is available. Equally important are the non-tangible benefits: the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and the chance to develop skills such as leadership, communication, organization, time management, and group dynamics.

PARTIES:

Toppings Tuesdays:

January 10, 2006

9 pm in Brannen and Johnson Halls

January 17, 2006

9 pm in Eagle Village and Southern Pines

Come to one of these ice cream sundae extravaganzas and learn more about the life of RAs at Georgia Southern. The RA selection process, timeline, interview format and much more will be covered. Bring your questions, your energy and have a good time with staff and students.

FAVORITE QUOTES:

"Becoming a resident advisor is truly one of the best leadership experiences you can have at GA Southern. The experience will lead residents to become more involved with various activities on campus. You also have the opportunity to create a great community by openly communicating ideas as well as upcoming programs to residents."
-Matthew O. Bryant, Kennedy RA

"I enjoy my job as an RA because I get a chance to meet and exchange thoughts with a large diverse group of students."
-Kandayce Lee, Johnson Hall RA

INTERESTS:

RAs at Georgia Southern are involved in many clubs, organizations and activities on campus. Some of those involvements are:

SOAR leader, Greek Life, Baptist Student Union, NAACP, Student Government Association, Intramurals, Tutoring, Eagle Entertainment, Talon Club, Camp Eagle, Circle K, Golden Key, Black Student Alliance, International Student Club, Student Wellness Council and many, many more!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 27, 2006

Applications are due to the University Housing office in Watson Hall

February 2-4, 2006

RA applicant interview process (required of all applicants)

February 10, 2006

RA offers extended

February 16, 2006

Mandatory meeting for all 2006-07 RA staff



GEORGIA SOUTHERN
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For more information and applications go to www.gsuhousing.com



SWAT team members arrive on the scene and assess the situation from the corner of North Main Street and Courland Street.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Hostage

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appreciation to the police.

"Originally we were asked to leave for 2 or 3 hours," said Manager of WPMX, Eagle 102, Jeff Anderson. "Nobody told us what was going on, the officers led us to believe they were starting to block things off for the parade. I saw a car parked sideways on the sidewalk and a little later and I saw a short fellow running down the street with a box of files."

Though some had praise for the police, at least one business owner was perturbed.

"This has impacted us in a huge way. MLK day is one of our biggest selling days of the year because of prom sales," said Sandra Hodges, owner of Frills N Fancies. "We heard from our customers that the hostage situation was ended. They never knocked or called to say when we could reopen. The officers could have informed us a little better."

Crowds gathered during the afternoon Monday, most expecting to see the MLK parade, others watching the officers and an assortment of equipment that was brought to the scene to diffuse the situation, including snipers, SWAT teams and an automated bomb retrieval device.

"I saw a sniper on the building next to the child support recovery building," said Carla Bessey, who watched the proceedings through police barricades.

President of the Young Democrats, Riley Wells, was planning on taking part in the parade.

"We were going to be in the parade today, we already made signs," said Wells. "I hate that they had to cancel the parade, it's too bad this had to happen on MLK day."

Court records reviewed by the Statesboro Herald show that Brower has claimed mistreatment at the hands of the courts for almost a decade, and in 1996 he held a six-day hunger strike in front of Savannah City Hall to protest. His record includes a conviction for beating his brother-in-law with a hammer and Hostilo was his lawyer in that case. Brower also has convictions for burglary and driving under the influence.

"It's crazy. This is unheard of for Statesboro. It's just scary to think something like this could happen here."

-Lacy Richardson
on the scene

"A lot of people say that any publicity is good publicity, but that's not the case for Statesboro, the last time we were in the news it was about date rape in Statesboro."

-Riley Wells
on the scene

"A black car pulled up on the sidewalk at one of the smaller law offices. A man and a woman got out of the car carrying bags and he had something strapped to him. Mike Hostilo had two office workers and they let them go."

-Keith Brown
nearby business owner



View of Main Street Monday morning from a nearby rooftop as the first SWAT and fire department vehicles arrived.

Grayson Hoffman/STAFF



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

American Red Cross workers provided drinks and refreshments to last the 24 hour standoff.



James Hall/STAFF

Camera crews from national and regional news stations converged on the Statesboro City Hall for scheduled press conferences.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Police chief Stan York announces the standoff is over.

OPINION

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"The nine most terrifying words in the English language: 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

- Ronald Reagan
Former U.S. President

OUR VIEW

Brower's standoff incomprehensible

Robbie Brower wasn't thinking Monday morning when he decided to take Michael G. Hostilo hostage in his downtown Statesboro law office. Brower apparently held up Hostilo because he was unhappy with law service Hostilo provided him in a 1995 court case in which Hostilo was his court-appointed attorney.

Where's the logic in that? If Brower was seeking justice to try and clear his record, holding a man hostage for 25 hours wasn't a smart way to do it.

It occurred to more than one person waiting outside the cordoned off area that Brower screwed up royally.

But his criminal record doesn't suggest he's going to be nominated for any scholarly awards any time soon.

According to records on www.lawskills.com, the case Brower was most upset over involved an incident in which he struck his brother in the head with a hammer. After denying hitting his brother with the hammer in court, Brower inexplicably asked "After all this is over with, can I get my hammer back?"

Defending Robbie Brower surely isn't the highpoint in Michael Hostilo's law career. In fact, after such a courtroom admission, Hostilo deserves an award for sticking with this guy at all.

But instead of showing appreciation, Brower harassed his former lawyer and then held him hostage, seeking what authorities characterized as a second trial.

Yet another bright move since Monday was Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day and state and federal offices were closed.

Now, after everyone turned out to be unharmed, it's funny to look at this standoff as being perhaps one of the biggest "stupid criminal" cases on the books. But it wasn't that at all.

To Michael Hostilo's family, those 25 hours had to be pure torture. We know it was for his law partner who was visibly emotional as she waited for any word on her partner's condition.

Aside from those who knew Hostilo, think of all the police hours and expense this standoff consumed. Being that Brower made his move on MLK day, surely fathers and mothers were called away from barbecues and family time.

For tiny Statesboro, calling up a large portion of the police force on a holiday is surely an expensive proposition. Holiday pay and overtime could cost the city into the tens of thousands of dollars. We won't even talk about all the FBI, GBI and ATF agents who had to drive to get here.

But what's the most poetic is that this event began on a day when we remember a man who stood for non-violence. Even when the cause was exponential larger and more important, MLK was never violent.

No matter what Brower's reasons, he didn't need to take these steps. His guilty plea seems to be just and his time had already been served. He should have gotten on with his life rather than disrupting our city, our lives and our peace.

Brandon Smith
AGAINST THE GRAIN

Values and morals not just Christian

Values, morals and ethics are important aspects of our society. This is where many Christians step in and automatically take the high ground. From business to politics to everyday life — none of us are strangers to Christian intervention.

Take, for example, companies like the fast food chain Chick-fil-A, a company who has glorified itself through its "Christian values." Or look back at polls taken before and after the 2004 elections. The majority of poll responses showed that voters picked Bush not because he had a better plan for war or a better social security plan or health care benefits, but instead because he had better Christian values.

Even in debate over issues like church in the government or prayer in public schools, the argument of Christian values always comes up. The idea of Christianity brings up the automatic assumption of good values.

But why is this? Why are Christian values superior to good values? Why is a "Christian" boy better than a "good" boy? While many people claim Christianity is an important aspect of our country from the ethical standpoint, I completely disagree.

Values are an important aspect. Not Christianity. It doesn't take a Christian to be against things like dishonesty, theft and murder. Many people don't understand this. It's to the point where if people don't vote the Christian way, they feel they're not voting the moral way.

Christianity and morality are completely different things. It didn't take a voice from the sky or commandments in stone or a burning bush for human beings to understand things like this are wrong. And it doesn't take weekly sermons or prayer in school or the fear of Hell to teach children that these things are wrong.

It's time for Christians to stop claiming moral high ground simply because of their religion. We didn't need Christians to create good morals — and we don't need Christians to teach good morals.

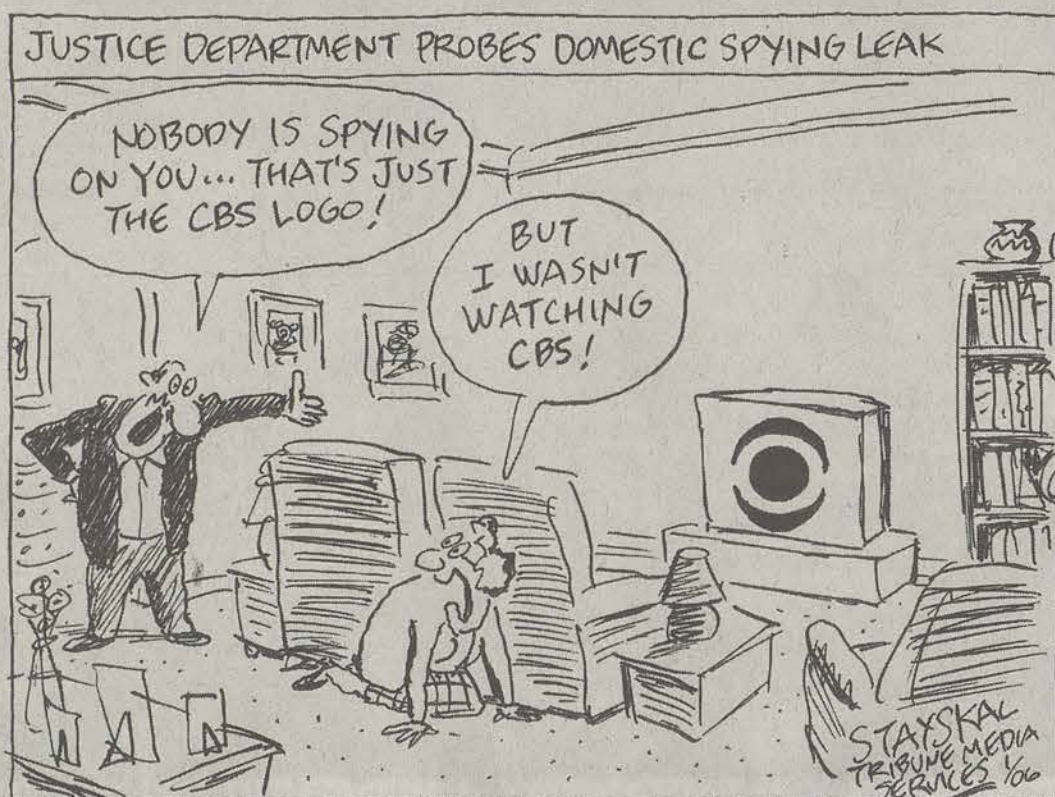
I know many people find this hard to believe, but it's possible to be a nice, loving, morally and ethically sound person without being Christian! As a matter of fact, most of the people I know who meet these criteria are not Christian. I agree that the golden rule says it best: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. But even something as simple as this — a rule Christians take claim for — is not original to Christianity. This rule is also found in the Talmud, the Koran, the Analects of Confucius and among the works of many philosophers like Socrates.

Christians also often take claim that their Christian values helped found this very nation, and that Christianity should be recognized even to this day. While I do believe values were important in the creation of this country, I find it hard to understand why they claim their religion had a part.

George Washington fought for the freedom from religious intolerance. Thomas Paine disbelieved all religions. John Adams often claimed this world would be better off with no religion. Thomas Jefferson believed all intelligent men would become Unitarian. James Madison viewed Christianity as an institution of superstition, bigotry and persecution. Benjamin Franklin openly rejected the dogma of Christianity and instead looked to other means in finding truth. Ulysses S. Grant called for Americans to "keep the church and state forever separate."

So the next time you form an opinion on an issue, understand that values are very important to our country. But Christianity is not.

Write Brandon at Audi143@hotmail.com.



James Hall: YOUR TURN

Abortion battles: the slavery of our time

Back in the early 1800's, slavery was legal. Not every farmer was a slave owner but many did own slaves; they saw them simply as a way to increase productivity.

In those days, a black person was viewed as another piece of farming equipment. When challenged by an abolitionists, supporters of slave ownership would cry, "you're not a farmer," his property, his choice, and "keep your laws off!"

Today, abortion is legal. When this practice is challenged, the big money "pro-choice" political action groups such as the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) and Planned Parenthood defend this gruesome practice by making arguments along the lines of "you're not a

woman," "her body, her choice," "keep your laws off!"

The problem with both of these practices is that they reduce a human life to someone else's property.

Since the early 1800s America has seen the abolition of slavery (the original "right to choose") as well as the Civil Rights movement which resulted in the breakdown of legal discrimination, which in turn gave all Americans the opportunity to live out their American dream.

This past week, we as a nation recognized that we have come a long way in granting political rights to all our citizens.

This coming week, we must recognize that we still have a long way to go in regards to securing the most fundamental right of all: the right to live.

Write James at jb-14@juno.com.

Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times, on Iran:

Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has renewed his anti-Semitic ranting with another absurd accusation of European genocide against the Jews.

This is the same man who distorted history last month when he claimed that the Holocaust was a myth.

The United States and the European Union have been pressuring Iran to abandon its nuclear program.

The Iranian president's remarks were followed last week by an announcement from the country's atomic energy agency that Iran would resume research into nuclear fuel production next month.

President Ahmadinejad's outrageous diatribe might be given less attention if it apparently did not have some support from within his country, and if he were not the head of a country feared to be developing nuclear weapons

San Francisco Chronicle, on assisted suicide:

Making decisions over life and death is never easy, or comfortable.

But in 1994, the people of Oregon voted for the Death with Dignity Act -- the only one of its kind in the nation -- empowering terminally ill patients to make that decision for themselves.

Both the Bush administration and then-Attorney General John Ashcroft challenged the state's law and invoked an unrelated federal drug law to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die.

But on Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court rightly decided, with a 6-3 ruling, to uphold Oregon's assisted-suicide law.

The idea of allowing doctors — or anyone — to help end one's life has, understandably, outraged many Americans. But it is a decision that

must be made by an individual, not by the government.

Oregon's law includes rigorous safeguards, ensuring a thoughtful and reflective process between patients and their doctor before making the deeply personal decision.

Still, critics argue that the law will encourage an easy way out for patients. There's nothing easy about death, as evidenced by the small number of people who have used the law to end their lives. In Oregon, where the law has been in effect since 1998, about a third of the 325 people who requested lethal drugs never used them.

The Supreme Court recognized that the government has no place at the bedside of terminally ill Americans who have made firm decisions on the level of care they will or will not receive in their final days.

Editorial round-up provided by the Associated Press

Garrison Keillor
THE OLD SCOUT

Pants on fire? OK with me

It's good to know how to lie, and lie effectively, so you can go backstage after the high school production of "The Crucible" in which your friend's daughter mumbled her lines and stood like a fencepost, trying to look horrified and looking drugged instead, and now here she is, fluttery, ashen-faced, perspiring, and you say, "It was fascinating to watch. You were so in the moment, Lindsey. So believable. It really resonated with that audience, there was so much intensity." The truth is that she has no more talent than the average cocker spaniel — but so what? There's no need to face the truth all at once.

People ask you how you are, you say fine, even if you have a grinding headache. People congratulate you on having done a fine job raising your children, you say thank you, even though you know the truth.

On the other hand, one should not lie to oneself. If the book you've been working on for two years is a leaking boat that needs to be scuttled, this is not to be denied. You look in the mirror and it's clear: The zero-dessert policy must now go into effect. Your wife says your drinking is a problem. That means it's a problem.

On the third hand, self-deception is useful. Some things are better endured by ignoring them. Old age, for one. The whining sound under your seat on the 727 flying over Lake Michigan, for another. And when you're feeling overwhelmed by your obligations, it's better just to put on your blinders and haul the beer wagon forward.

But everyone needs a few friends with whom one can be honest. I quit smoking twenty-some years ago because my friend Butch Thompson and I promised each other that we'd try to quit, and that before smoking another cigarette, we would call up the other one and tell him. This worked like a charm. I dreaded having to make that call, so did he, and we each trusted the other to be honest. This is what friends are for. If you go and do a shameful thing, such as shoot your parents so you can inherit their estate, you should have at least one friend to whom you could confide the cheesy details.

I have not been that sort of close confidante to my friends, alas. They don't reveal the seamy underside of their lives to me, perhaps because I am a writer who might exploit their shameful story, or perhaps because they have no shameful secrets to share. Or because they believe you're supposed to say "Fine" when someone asks how you are.

But who tells the truth to the man who is driving straight into the setting sun and thinks he's heading due east? His wife murmurs that, uh, maybe we should look at a map, and he accuses her of being a defeatist who tries to tear him down any way she can in order to conceal her own lack of ideas. The man is heading the wrong way and speeding and the idiot light is flashing — low oil pressure — and the idiot is trying to be manly and authoritative but everyone can see he's faking it, hoping for God to rearrange the landscape for his convenience. Someone ought to speak up, and yet he is fascinating. As the administration is these days, so resonant and believable.

The Arctic icecap melts and the Chinese finance our tax cuts and someday we will have spent six years and trillions of dollars to bring democracy to Iraq, whatever that may mean, and the SUV of state turns toward the setting sun, driven by cocker spaniels.

And there is so much intensity there, and they are so much in the moment.

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THE BIG STORY

Gift of Civil War relics treasure for Atlanta History Center

ATLANTA — The Atlanta History Center has acquired nearly 1,000 Confederate relics, including rare munitions and the bloodstained jacket of a slain Georgia teen, and experts are praising the collection in world-class terms.

With the addition of items collected by the late Atlantan George Wray, the center now has the world's finest Civil War collection, said John Sexton, an Atlanta historian and dealer who helps collectors worldwide determine the value of their artifacts.

The number, quality and "richness" of Wray's items make the collection unique, Sexton says. Some are so rare, no one even knew they existed.

There are dozens of weapons, including sniper rifles smuggled into Southern ports from Europe, pistols, saber bayonets, rifles made in the South, a bazooka-sized cannon and other big guns that demonstrate Georgia's importance as a Confederate arsenal.

The trove also includes the blood-stained uniform of Ben Schumpert, 17, shot through the head at Chickamauga in September 1863. He was buried near the spot where he died, but his unusual striped uniform, carefully stitched from pillow fabric by his mother in Americus, was retrieved by a cousin in his unit. It eventually made it home to Georgia.

His uniform is "one-of-a-kind," said Gordon Jones, the center's chief historian, because it is knee-length and hand-sewn of beige, brown and yellow cotton ticking.

Another important item is the flag of the 1st Georgia Infantry, which flew over Battery Wagner near Charleston during the famous attack on July 18, 1863. The futile charge, led by the all-black 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, was the centerpiece of the 1989 movie "Glory."

History center director Jim Bruns said it would be months before the ob-

jects were available for public viewing.

"We now have the finest collection in the world," said Bruns. "There now are two (Civil War) pilgrimage sites ... Gettysburg and us. And ours is the best." He said cost of the acquisition was in the "multimillion-dollar" range, but would not reveal a precise figure.

The Confederate uniforms are especially significant because most soldiers who survived the war wore theirs until they fell apart. The few uniforms that remain mostly belonged to those who died, treasured for sentimental reasons, or to high-ranking officers.

Wray, who died last year at 68, wanted his personal collection to be sold to the history center.

Wray retired as an International Silver Company executive and bought



Gordon Jones, left, a historian at the Atlanta History Center, and Jim Bruns, Director, look over the ensign of the Confederate blockade-runner Pocahontas, Jan. 12, 2006, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Joey Ivansco) ** NO MAGS, NO SALES, INTERNET OUT **

or traded for items only after painstaking research on their provenance and authenticity. Wray's wife, Anne, 64, said he kept it all in the room over the garage because she didn't want it in their house. She's delighted the collection has found a permanent home at the history center.

Pair wins beer pong championship

1 ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A pair of recent University of Michigan graduates are each \$5,000 richer for being the best at a national tournament involving a campus drinking game popular among many college students.

Jason Coben and Nick Velissaris are the champions of the "World Series of Beer Pong," which took place earlier this month near Las Vegas. The two beat out more than 160 other competitors to split the \$10,000 grand prize.

Beer pong has made the transition from house-party game to being a featured event in bars that host tournaments. Companies sell custom-designed beer pong tables and related products. A merchandiser of beer pong paraphernalia held the "World Series of Beer Pong."

Coben and Velissaris picked up the game several years ago. Coben was a swimmer at Michigan, Velissaris was a wrestler, and they got to know each other through the athletic community.

When they were old enough to go to bars, they brought the game with them and played among friends.

At the national tournament, Coben and Velissaris were sponsored by a campus-area bar, The Brown Jug, which paid the \$550 entry

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fee. The bar's owner, Perry Porikos, agreed to put up the money.

He said Coben and Velissaris are regular customers who have helped out in a pinch at the bar. The two paid their own airfare and plan to pay back Porikos from their winnings.

Wallet returned after 56 years missing

2 BLACKFOOT, Idaho — A woman who lost her wallet 56 years ago has had it returned to her after it was found behind a movie theater concession stand during cleaning.

The wallet belongs to Vestle Wixom, but Larry Christian had a hard time locating the wallet's owner, who was then known as Vestle Michelson.

The wallet contained a Blackfoot High School student activity card from the 1949-50 school year and some photos, but no cash.

Christian said he found the wallet about two months ago when a work crew was cleaning out the area behind a concession stand to install new wallboard at the Nuart Theater.

The wallet probably fell through a crack into a storage room behind concession stand, Christian said.

He turned in the wallet to the sheriff's department, where he works as a deputy, but said he was determined to find its owner. He consulted friends, and with some help, found out that Vestle



Michelson had married Darwin Wixom.

Horse winds up in swimming pool

3 GENESEE, Wisconsin — A horse that got loose and broke through a fence wound up taking a January dip in a neighbor's ice-covered swimming pool. Fortunately for the horse named Dancer, the pool also had a cover over it when the accident happened Sunday.

"He was caught up in the pool's cover which was probably a good thing because it kept him from going to the deep end," said horse owner Gayle Loiselle, of the town of Genesee.

The pool's owner called for help, and local firefighters used netting to hoist the horse out.

The horse, believed to have been in the water at least an hour and a half, was treated for scrapes and sore muscles at the Wisconsin Equine Hospital in Oconomowoc before being released.

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Road Warriors?

Only the 1985 New England Patriots have ever gotten to the Super Bowl by winning three games on the road. Now the Pittsburgh Steelers and Carolina Panthers are poised to do it. Surprise? Not really. Both were among the preseason favorites and both specialize in winning away from home.

Renaldo Stover STAY ON THE GRIND

Down to four teams and a few other questions...

Ah yes, what a week in sports. I was somewhat disappointed that the basketball team had their home-winning streak snapped on Tuesday but hey, at least their season isn't over yet.

The same can not be said of the Indianapolis Colts, who raced out to a 13-0 record before finishing 1-3 in the last four weeks. Pathetic.

Don't get me wrong; Peyton Manning has some serious football skills but isn't the "I'm going to change the play ten times at the line so announcers can talk about how cerebral I am" routine a bit old?

I've already begun to hear grumblings of Manning being the next John Elway but I have to disagree with this. Elway, although he was bashed early on, was known for being bashed in the Super Bowl.

Manning has yet to even get there and now Elway's old club may return if they can make it past the upset-minded Steelers who lost to the Bronco's in the 1997 AFC Championship.

The Colts were not the only team hosting a playoff game to get a reality check on Sunday though. The Bears failed to contain Panther's receiver Steve Smith who found his way into the end zone on the second play of the game on his way to a two touchdown, 218 yard receiving day.

Although the Panthers got the win, I think that their decision to put running back Stephen Davis on injured reserve before the playoffs changes the complexion of this week's NFC Championship now that DaShaun Foster is out with an injury.

The Seahawks have their own running back issues to worry about before Sunday's game though. I'm still waiting to get word as to whether or not Shaun Alexander will be able to play after getting a concussion in last week's win against an over-achieving Redskins squad.

That's not a knock against the Redskins, but it seems like there was more stock being put into teams like the Falcons who were shellacked by the Panthers in week 17 in a game that resembled a varsity versus pee wee league contest.

For the sake of argument, isn't Vince Young a better all-around quarterback than Vick? No seriously, in a head to head matchup, wouldn't you feel more secure with Vince directing the team?

I believe Young would give Vick and the Falcons a run for their money.

I know Vick got the playoff win at Lambeau against Brett "I'd rather lead the league in interceptions than retire" Favre, the NFC Championship appearance against Donovan "did I really say Westbrook was our main guy" McNabb and well, that's about it.

The Saints won't pass up on Young in April and the move will provide excitement for the two NFC South bottom dwellers.

I guess Falcons fans are just happy to have Vick on the team and as long as he's making the top ten plays every night that's good enough.

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Lady Eagles come out on top in rematch with Western Carolina

Sophomore records first career double double in the win

GSU News Service

This time Georgia Southern was determined not to go into overtime... again.

Unlike last year's double-overtime thriller in the Southern Conference Tournament finals, in which Western Carolina prevailed 97-95, the Lady Eagles came out on top as WCU missed a layup at the buzzer and GSU came out on top 72-70 Monday night at Ramsey Center.

Sophomore Chequilla Jessie notched her first career double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds and senior Nicole Newton had 19 points and nine boards, as GSU upped its mark to 7-9 overall and 4-3 in the SoCon. Western Carolina falls to 2-13, 2-4.

"We felt like if we were going to win, it was going to have to be inside," said GSU head coach Rusty Cram.

"I thought Christa and Concella did a good job in the first half. In the second half, I thought we were a step slow, but we found some things that were working."

GSU held a 70-63 lead with 1:36 to go after two free throws from



freshman Ashley Rivers. Western's Chevon Keith and Monique Dawson combined to cut the deficit to two with just under a minute to play.

GSU missed on its end of the floor and the Lady Catamounts were unable to capitalize, missing twice on the other end and were forced to foul.

Freshman Ashley Melson made the first but missed the second, and Keith hit a layup with five seconds remaining to trail 71-70.

Senior Lee DuBose also split two from the stripe, giving WCU a chance to tie. Teshymia Tillman went the length of the floor, but her layup just rimmed out at the buzzer.

Western placed four in double figures, led by Keith who had 15 points and Dawson who chipped in 13.

After scoring the first bucket of the game 41 seconds in, the GSU offense hit a lull, going over four minutes without a basket while Western Carolina built a 10-2 lead.

The Lady Eagles answered with five quick points, the first three from DuBose at the 15:02 mark.

The Lady Catamounts extended the lead to seven (14-7), but six unanswered points from three different players cut the margin to one.

A three-pointer by Keith kicked the lead back up to four, but GSU

proceeded to go on an 11-2 run, with five points coming from Melson and four from Newton.

GSU went five and a half minutes between field goals late in the half, relying on free throws after a shot by Newton at the 6:17 mark.

Newton closed the first half scoring with a three-point play with 19 seconds on the clock and the Lady Eagles went into the break up 35-26.

The Eagles returns to action Saturday, traveling to Appalachian State.

Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

UP NEXT

Who: App. St. (7-9)

When: Sat. 2 p.m.

The Lady Eagles are staying competitive despite having only played two home games this season.

Terrance Williams/STAFF

Eagles' home streak ends at 18

GSU News Service

George Brozos' three-pointer with 36 seconds to play in the game proved to be the game winner, as Furman defeated Georgia Southern 66-63 Tuesday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The loss snapped the Eagles' 18-game home winning streak and their eight game win streak.

Furman (10-6, 4-1 SoCon) took the early 2-0 lead on a jumper by Robby Bostain, but the Eagles (12-5, 3-1 SoCon) answered, going on a 12-1 run, giving GSU the 12-3 lead with 15:59 to play on back to back three-pointers by Elton Nesbitt.

Both teams traded baskets over the next four and a half minutes before Furman went on its own 18-2 run, retaking the lead at 33-23 with 3:18 on the clock.

Back to back jumpers by Nesbitt and Dwayne Foreman pulled the Eagles within six at 33-27 with two minutes to play in the half.

A pair of free throws by Eric Webb gave the Paladins the 37-30 lead at the break.

Shooting was nearly even at the break, with GSU going 12-for-28 (42.9 percent) and Furman going 14-for-34 (41.2 percent).

Nesbitt hit a jumper with 15:30 on the clock, pulling the Eagles to within three at 39-36. A fast break layup by Foreman cut the Paladin lead to one at 45-44 with 11:17 to play in



Jared Siri/STAFF

The Eagles will look to regroup after dropping Tuesday night's contest at home to arch-rival Furman.

the game.

GSU fought back, going on a 10-2 run to retake the lead at 56-50 with 6:42 remaining. Furman's Diagne tied the game at 59-59 with 3:12 to play in the game.

A free throw by Nesbitt put the Eagles back on top, 60-59 but Brozos' jumper at the 2:11 mark gave the Paladins the one point lead, 61-60, with a little over two minutes remaining.

Donte Gennie hit a three-pointer with one minute to play in the contest to give GSU the two point lead at 63-61.

Brozos connected on a three pointer of his own to give Furman the lead for good, 64-63.

Gennielled all scorers with a season high 18 points while Nesbitt added 15 and Foreman had 10.

Diagne led the Paladins with 15 points and added seven rebounds. Carter finished with 12 and Bostain chipped in 11.

Furman edged the Eagles in rebounds, 38-31, but committed 14 turnovers to the Eagles' 13.

The Eagles return to will head to Davidson, N.C. this weekend, taking on Davidson on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Appalachian State on Monday, Jan. 23.

Tip-off from Davidson is set for 2 p.m. and will be aired live on Fox Sports Net South.

The game will be broadcast on 106.5 FM and 107.3 FM in Statesboro, with the pre-game show with GSU play-by-play announcer Ricky Ray and color analyst Frank Kerns beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Season tickets now on sale for baseball

GSU News Service

Season tickets are on sale for the upcoming Georgia Southern baseball season. The Eagles are scheduled to play 30 games on 29 dates at J.I. Clements Stadium.

A reserved chairback season ticket is \$100. An adult general admission season ticket is \$70; GSU faculty/staff and senior citizens is \$55 for seating in general admission and youth general admission (ages 3-12) is \$35.

The athletic department is also offering a season ticket flex plan with seating in general admission, giving fans the opportunity to choose which games they want to attend. A 20-game flex plan costs \$50 while a 10-game flex plan is \$30.

GSU hosts three teams that participated in the 2005 NCAA Regionals: Georgia Tech, Michigan and Coastal Carolina.

The game against Michigan is part of the inaugural Georgia Southern Invitational on March 3-5, which also includes LeMoyne and UNC Asheville.

The Eagles open the 2006 campaign on Feb. 4-5 hosting North Florida, with first pitch scheduled for 1:30 p.m. each day.

A link to the full schedule is located on the baseball home page of the GeorgiaSouthernEagles.com website.

Fans can purchase season tickets by calling (912) 681-0123 or (800) GSU-WINS.

Mortensen flies the coop

Associated Press

Instead of transferring to Georgia Southern, quarterback Alex Mortensen has changed his mind and decided to continue playing at Arkansas, the player's father, Chris Mortensen and Arkansas coach Houston Nutt, said.

On Jan. 6, Chris Mortensen said that his son would transfer to GSU for next season. But on Thursday, Alex Mortensen had a meeting with Nutt and the coach said he could rejoin the Razorbacks.

On Jan. 13, the player decided to switch back to Arkansas.

"Coach Nutt was gracious enough to allow Alex back into the Razorback family," Chris Mortensen said. "Alex

is very humbled by that act."

Mortensen, a redshirt freshman, played in four games for the Razorbacks last season, coming off the bench in each of them. He finished the year behind Casey Dick and Robert Johnson on the depth chart.

Nutt said he felt Mortensen made a hasty decision.

"We wouldn't do this for everyone," Nutt said. "But

Alex is a very good person who has excellent character and excellent work ethic. He's the type of guy you'd always like to have in your program."

Chris Mortensen said his son apologized to Nutt and GSU coach Brian VanGorder for the change of decision.

TIAA-CREF awards two Lady Eagles

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern women's soccer players Laura-Ashley Harris and Megan Macdonald were named to the TIAA-CREF Fall Academic All-Southern Conference team, the league announced.

Harris, a sophomore goalkeeper, has a 4.00 grade point average in pre-sport management.

In her freshman season, she led the team with a 2.13 goals against average and two shutouts, and her 97 saves ranked second in school history. In 2005, injuries kept her out for a month, but she still collected 69 saves with one shutout.

Macdonald, also a sophomore goalkeeper, split time in the field and

in goal the past two seasons, totaling 119 saves, two goals and one assist.

Last season she led the team in both goals against average (2.45) and in saves (71), and had one shutout. In GSU's 3-0 win over The Citadel, she became the third player in school history and the first since 1995 to play in net and score a goal in the same match. She has a 3.41 GPA majoring in justice studies.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and have competed in at least one-half of their team's competitions during the fall.

The All-Academic teams are made possible by a grant from the Southern Conference's Education Partner, TIAA-CREF.

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Charleston	
Wofford	6 p.m.

Appalachian St.	
UNC Greensboro	7 p.m.
Western Carolina	
Elon	7 p.m.

Austin Peay	
Chattanooga	7:30 p.m.

WOMEN

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Furman	
Wofford	1 p.m.
Charleston	
Elon	2 p.m.
Appalachian St.	
UNC Greensboro	2 p.m.

Chattanooga	
Western Carolina	4:30 p.m.

SoCon Men Standings as of 1/18

North Division		
STANDINGS	W-L	W-L
Elon	4-0	8-9
Western Carolina	3-1	9-10
Chattanooga	2-3	10-9
UNC Greensboro	1-3	8-10
Appalachian State	1-3	7-10

South Division		
STANDINGS	W-L	W-L
Davidson	4-1	10-6
Furman	4-1	10-6
Ga. Southern	3-1	12-5
Coll. of Charleston	2-3	10-7
Wofford	1-4	6-12
The Citadel	0-5	6-11

SoCon Women Standings as of 1/18

	W-L	W-L
Chattanooga	7-0	13-3
Davidson	5-2	9-7
Ga. Southern	4-3	7-9
Charleston	4-3	6-8
Elon	3-4	7-8
Appalachian St.	3-4	7-9
UNC Greensboro	3-4	7-9
Furman	3-4	7-10
Western Carolina	2-5	2-14
Wofford	1-6	5-11



Laura-Ashley Harris



Megan Macdonald

Conference championships this weekend

Associated Press

Not every Super Bowl quarterback is super.

We've been spoiled by Tom Brady and his late-game heroics in three of the previous four. But in 2001, the year before Brady arrived on the league's biggest stage, the matchup was Dilfer vs. Collins. And the hiccup in the Patriots' dynasty produced the equally forgettable Johnson vs. Rich Gannon showdown in 2003.

Look at the leaders of the NFL's final four teams this season: Denver's Jake Plummer, Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, Carolina's Jake Delhomme and Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck. With personnel turning over faster than ever and exotic defensive schemes all the rage, we may be ushering in an era of the quarterback-as-caretaker.

They're praised as quarterbacks who've learned to minimize their mistakes and "manage" the game, to do just enough and turn over the heavy lifting to the running backs and linebackers.

In 39 previous Super Bowls, quarterbacks took home the MVP award more than half the time (20), and nearly three times more often than the next-closest position player (running backs, seven). Joe Namath became a legend by guaranteeing a win beforehand; Brady by engineering two in the final minutes. Joe Montana, the most accomplished quarterback in Super Bowl history, burnished his legacy with an impossibly cool comeback.

"Sometimes a guy's just a normal guy, but he's got a Microsoft brain," teammate Ronnie Lott once said about Montana, by way of explanation.

Among this year's contenders, who would you drop into the same spot?

Delhomme is an adequate regular-season performer with a nose for the playoffs. He's 5-1 in six postseason starts, the sole loss coming against Brady in the Super Bowl, and his quarterback rating is a revealing 24 points better in the playoffs.

He may need every one of them, though, after losing tailback DeShaun Foster because of a broken ankle suffered in Sunday's road win over the Chicago Bears.

Roethlisberger is the only other QB in the final four with a winning postseason record. He's 3-1 after

dispatching the Colts and Peyton Manning, the league's other marquee quarterback.

Playing against type, Roethlisberger and the Steelers came out firing early against Indianapolis. He completed six of seven passes in the opening drive, then hooked up with receiver Hines Ward for 45 yards after a masterful play fake on a gutsy third-and-10 call on the second drive en route to a 14-0 lead.

"In a lot of respects, we are going to be able to go as far as he is going to take us," coach Bill Cowher said.

But for all the kind words, Cowher still put Roethlisberger on the familiar diet right after halftime. He threw just five times after intermission as the Steelers loaded up on the run.

Hasselbeck already had his Namath-like moment in the 2004 playoffs. He played a brilliant second-half against Green Bay, completing 15 of 22 passes for 195 yards, including a TD throw to Shaun Alexander to force overtime, and kept the roll going by correctly calling heads on the overtime coin flip.

Then, a microphone picked up Hasselbeck telling referee Bernie Kukar, "We want the ball, and we're going to score."

Instead, on Seattle's second possession in the extra period, Hasselbeck called an audible and his pass for Alex Bannister was grabbed by the Packers' Al Harris and returned 52 yards for the winning score.

Throwing interceptions at inopportune moments was practically a Plummer trademark until Denver coach Mike Shanahan convinced his quarterback he was trying to do too much. Shanahan could make the case that John Elway didn't win the big one until he was surrounded with a supporting cast that was good enough to earn his trust.

"It was a group of people playing together and playing extremely hard," Shanahan said after the Broncos sent New England packing.

He got no argument from Plummer. Bailed out several times by Denver's defense, the quarterback didn't sound as though he was in a hurry to be tested.

"I kind of don't like grades. We got a 'W,'" Plummer said smartly, "and that's all that matters."



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New law may allow Bible classes

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Georgia public school students would be allowed to study the Bible under a plan proposed by Democrats in the state Senate on Wednesday.

The bill authorizes the state school board to approve an optional course that would teach about the Bible's influence on literature, art, culture and politics.

"As a history major, I understand very clearly the impact the Bible has had on society," said Sen. Tim Golden, of Valdosta, chairman of the Senate's Democratic caucus and the bill's sponsor. "It's had a huge impact."

The bill would allow for "nonsecular, nonreligious academic study"

of the Bible and would require it "be taught in an objective and nondevotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate students as to either the truth or falsity of the biblical materials."

Sen. Doug Stoner, D-Smyrna, a co-sponsor of the plan, said the Bible was a major influence on works from Shakespeare's plays to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter From a Birmingham Jail," which quotes several Bible passages.

"If you're not familiar with those Biblical references, you miss a lot of what that letter's meaning was," Stoner said.

The bill would not require school systems to teach the course, which would be an elective in grades 9-12.

Civil liberties activists said there are ways to teach the Bible in public school without violating the U.S. Constitution, but that such a class would create potential problems.

"There need to be many safeguards when this happens," said Maggie Garrett, legislative counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union's chapter in Georgia.

Dana Tofig, a spokesman for state schools Superintendent Kathy Cox, said local school systems may create classes studying the Bible or other religious texts without specific permission from the state school board or the Legislature.

"There is nothing that stops them, except the separation of church and state — you can't be proselytizing," he said.

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running unsuccessfully for congress, making an impact in the business world, and being the first full-time, no salary female president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) serving that position from 1995 to 1998.

Her presentation, called "Tomorrow's Leaders: Their Voices, Our Journey," was preceded by the movie "Ghosts of Mississippi," a film about the quest to bring Evers' killer to justice, which was shown on Monday in the Russell Union and was attended by over 250 students.

On Tuesday, the presentation was started by a power point presentation of the racial battles in the 60s with Martin Luther King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech playing in the background.

Evers-Williams' speech was filled with many topics and points, keeping the audience of all races and ages mesmerized by her words, which were often interrupted her with applause. She went through the small memories she found in returning to the south for the speech, like warm greetings, pecans and sweet tea.

For the first half, she spoke about life during MLK's time and paid tribute to him. Though she never formally met King, who worked with her husband, she had spoken to him on the phone and attended his funeral.

"He was a truly exceptional human being. He was called to do what he did," she said.

She also paid tribute to Coretta Scott King, MLK's widow, posing the notion that if it weren't for her, this holiday would most likely not exist. She said she didn't know what Martin Luther King would think of the nation today, but she believes that he would still be active and would want us to "never become so weary that we stop" fighting

against the injustices of today.

She spoke up about the nation today and how everyone is satisfied with the way things are and are not speaking up to change it. She called for people to use their right to vote and addressed many of the important issues facing our country, like the war in Iraq, Medicare, and the corporate financial scandals.

"I hope I made an impression," said Evers-Williams, "We can't lose the dedication."

Evers-Williams was brought to GSU by the Multicultural Student Center and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management as the start of the offices' plan to bring the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday celebration to the "next level," according to Consuela Ward-Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

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Hawks, owls, eagles and other raptors were the focus of Saturday's exams. The birds were gassed to place them in a state of anesthesia while everything

from their eyes to their talons were checked for irregularities and problems. Blood samples were taken and examined under microscopes for any unusual white blood cell count. A count that is too high is an indication of an infection. All this and more information, such as weight and treatment options, are compiled into a comprehensive report that is then given to the director of the Wildlife Center.

Welcoming veterinary students of UGA works to the benefit of both schools. GSU gets quality health care exams for the tenants of the Wildlife Center at a reduced cost. In turn UGA

students get valuable hands-on experience with live animals.

Jason King, a senior UGA vet student, recalls some of the knowledge he gained from the exams. "You learn how to handle raptors and interpret blood work in here," he said. "Being here also gave him a rare opportunity to deal directly with birds of prey. "We're usually handling cats and dogs."

The room was set up in stations: two sections for actual examination, three microscopes for blood analysis, and a laptop for collecting, organizing, and preparing the data to be filed in a formal report. All the students present worked in rotations, so that everyone got a chance to do everything at some point.

"By and large the animals are healthy," was the assessment given by Dr. Stephen Hernandez-Divers, associate professor of exotic animal, wildlife, and zoological medicine at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, who could be seen pacing about the room from the microscopes to the examination tables making sure everything was in order.

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CD REVIEW

'We Are Scientists' off to a good start

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff writer

At first glance one may dismiss this New York band as just another group of hipsters pretending to play smart, stylish indie music.

However on closer examination, the many hypotheses one may have about this band are washed away, revealing the true nature of this band.

We Are Scientists' debut album, "With Love and Squalor," does many things for the band, including making an exceptional first impression on the listening audience.

The band's sound is a good array of music, from post-punk, pop and alternative rock. They borrow elements from modern bands like Franz Ferdinand, Bloc Party and The Killers, as well as from classics like The Buzzcocks and The Cure. With these influences it's obvious that We Are Scientists is anything but average.

The album starts strong with the first single "Nobody Move, Nobody Gets Hurt." The song has a fast beat and fun chorus which gives enough sing-along value.

It's followed by "This Scene is Dead," which might not seem as good at first, but it quickly picks up the pace and, in a way, proves superior to the former song.

"Callbacks" is another great song, which has strong vocals and even stronger guitar chords. In contrast, "Lousy Reputation" uses much softer sounds.

"Textbook" has a mellow, quasi-ballad aspect to it; singer Keith Murray almost sounds like an American Robert Smith in this song. Another of my favorite songs was "Worth the Wait," which has a good hook to it.

There is nothing wrong with the rest of the songs; most of them are almost as good as the ones I've men-



Special Photo

'With Love and Squalor' We are Scientists

Record Label: Virgin Records
Release Date: Jan. 10, 2006

Prices:
amazon.com - \$10.99
barnesandnoble.com - \$10.38
samgoody.com - \$12.98

Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

tioned. However, songs like "Can't Lose" are not as interesting. Also the last song of the album, "What's the Word" seems a bit too dry, and is definitely not the best choice to finish the album.

We are Scientists has created incredible songs, not only with their sound, but also with their lyrics, which linger in wit and philosophical thought.

Yet I have to admit that not many people will find this album as outstanding the first time they hear it. Even I had to listen to it a couple of times before I could truly grasp the splendor that this album.

This album is just like a good movie: you need to see it more than once to catch all the things you might have missed the first time around.



THE FOOD CORNER

The perfect non-diet

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

This time of year, people start counting carbs, cutting calories and taking out the flavor in their meals.

For all of you who want to shed a few pounds this new year here's a suggestion: learn how to love food. There is nothing wrong with food itself. When cooked properly, food can provide vital nutrients essential to any diet.

If you learn how to cook smart, you can enjoy food and keep the pounds off. Also, if you learn to appreciate how good food tastes, you won't want to eat unhealthy food.

So this year, take the time to truly appreciate food. Learn how to cook it, learn the science behind it and most importantly, learn how to love it.

Here are four sources you can use to start loving your food:

1.) The Internet: If you have a question about food, the Internet will have the answer. Here are some of the best websites for food information:

- www.foodnetwork.com: Complete with food encyclopedia and recipes, this site is a great place for beginning and experienced cooks.

- www.epicurious.com: From "How To" columns to reference guides, this site has everything you need to know about cooking.

2.) Books, books, books: If you are new to the world of cooking I would highly recommend buying yourself some good cookbooks.



Special Photo

Learn how to be your own chef with help from The Food Corner.

Here are my top two picks:

- Alton Brown's "I'm Just Here for the Food": Brown's book teaches basic cooking methods as well as the science behind food.

- "How to Break an Egg." This book, written by the editors of Fine Dining magazine, is basically a cooking encyclopedia that has everything from basic cooking techniques to a troubleshooting section entitled "When Things Go Wrong."

3.) Magazines: Subscribing to a magazine is a cheap way to learn about food. One of my favorite food magazines is "Everyday Food." This monthly magazine has great recipes and food facts that will broaden your knowledge about food and cooking.

4.) The Food Corner: If you need recipes, cooking advice or even suggestions about cooking tools, write into the Food Corner at ahowe1@georgiasouthern.edu and I will answer your questions.

Top cookbook picks...

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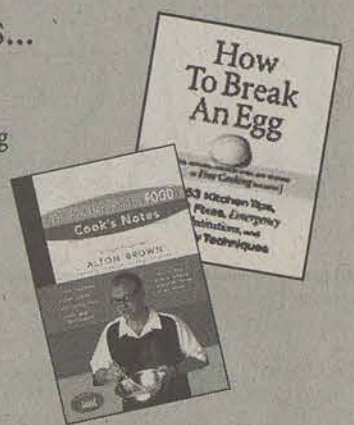
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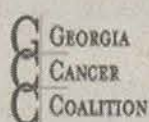
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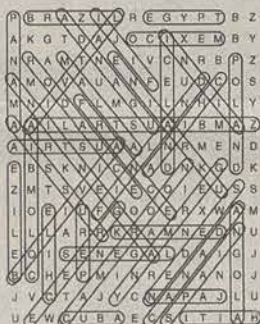
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Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Listen to all the advice that anyone wants to offer. You'll soon be into the action phase,

and you'll appreciate it all.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're doing well, so it's about time to take on a new challenge. Start studying. Pick a new project. Do you want to die of boredom?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - Don't let a minor disappointment throw you off your stride. Keep your wits about you; you're going into a profitable phase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Drudge along another day, doing the difficult stuff. By tomorrow you'll be in a phase that'll be much more fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Team effort is required, but they'll get nowhere by themselves. Focus their attention and point them in the right direction.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - The cash cow won't be producing quite as much after tomorrow. Don't let yourself get distracted from the job at hand until then.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - All ends well, so go ahead with plans as soon as you can. Earlier is better; complications will arise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Today is a 6 - Finish up your project, a new phase is coming soon. Gather provisions, you may want to take off on a new expedition.

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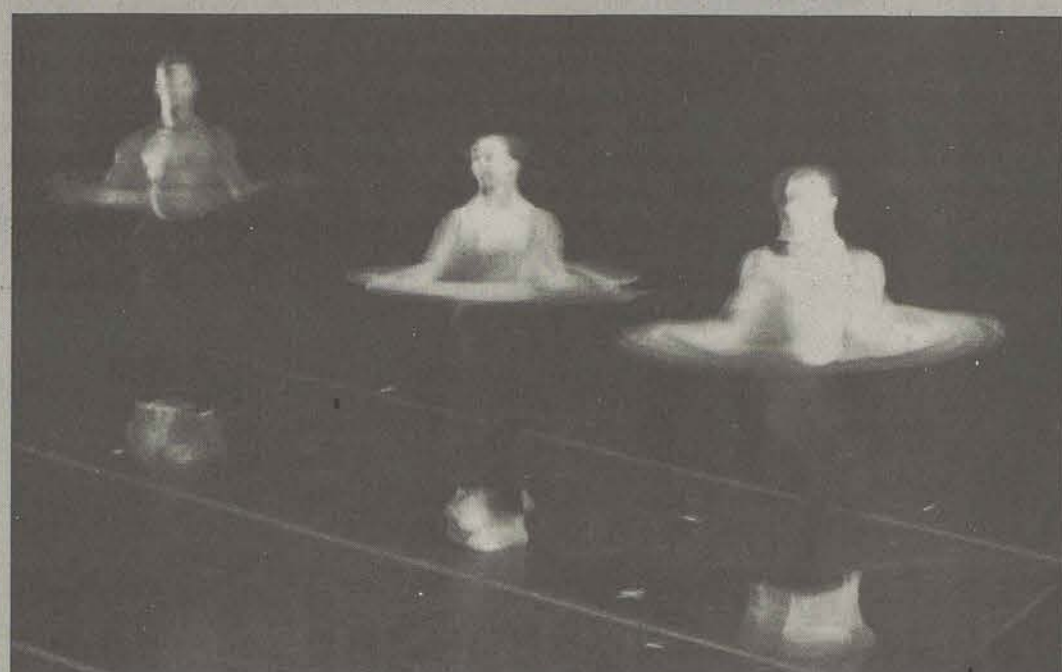
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Ileana Yustis/STAFF

GSU News Service

"Ailey II can be counted on to deliver high-energy dancing made even more electric by the push of youthful ambition," a reporter for *The New York Times* said in a review of a performance by the group.



Ileana Yustis/STAFF

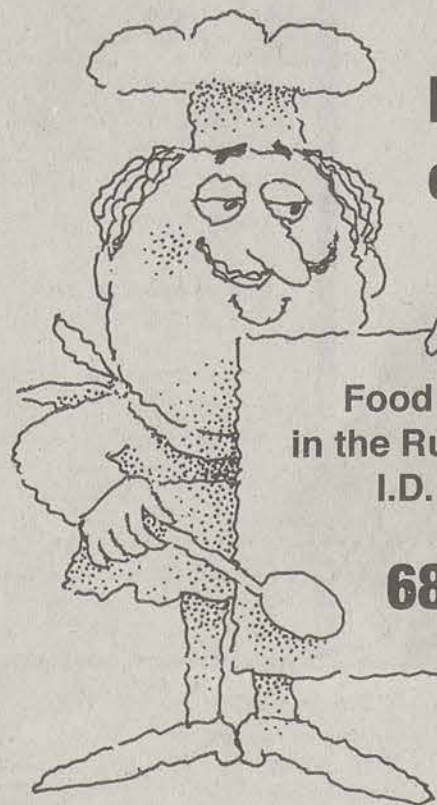
By Ashley Ferguson
Staff writer

A lucky shopper can get away

Accessories have become such a necessity to fashionistas that the prices of belts have reached \$12 and scarves are \$4. Having them come with clothes now is a blessing. So buy those jeans with the belt on sale for \$16 and pick up a sweater with a

It is a wonderful feeling to leave a mall with six bags knowing you spent less than \$100. But remember to save some money because another shopping season is creeping around the corner.

January 20th



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Weekly Eagle Buzz



CRI / RAC are sponsoring Fitness Instructor Training for students interested in being aerobic instructors, weight trainers, etc. CALL FOR DETAILS. Contact Michele Martin at (912) 681-5436 or mmartin@georgiasouthern.edu.



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Committee Meeting - RU 2075 - 8 PM

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"Wedding Crashers" - Russell Union Theatre - 8 PM - \$2.00 Admission - Eagle Entertainment

(Eagle Entertainment) Maximum Exposure Committee Meeting – RU 2071 from 7pm-8pm on January 25th, 2006.

The Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) reminds all students served by their office about early registration between February 13th-February 17th. Please do so by appointment only. You can contact Julie Kozee at 871-1566 or jakozee@georgisouthern.edu for more information.

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"Saw 2" - Russell Union Theatre - 8PM - \$2.00 Admission -Eagle Entertainment
(January 29th, 2006)

"Saw 2" - Russell Union Theatre - 8PM - \$2.00 Admission -Eagle Entertainment
(January 30th, 2006)

SPRING 2006		March 25	Comprehensive Exams for M.Ed. students
January 23	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period	March 30	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
February 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission	April 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission
February 20	Deadline for M.Ed. Students to register to take the comprehensive exams during Spring Semester 2006	April 5	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, thesis or dissertation defense
February 20	Early Registration for Summer Semester 2006 and Fall Semester 2006 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time.)	April 5	Honors Day, 8:30 a.m.
February 24	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due	April 8	Annual Alumni Awards Dinner
March 1	Priority deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	April 12	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
March 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	May 1	Last day of classes
March 1	Deadline for receipt of Graduate Assistantship Applications to have priority consideration for Fall Semester 2006	May 2-5	Final exams
March 6	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	May 5	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies
March 13-17	Spring break for students - Administrative offices open - Residence halls open	May 5	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2006 graduation
March 15	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission	May 6	Residence halls close, 12:00 p.m.
		May 6	Commencement
		May 11	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Registration for Summer 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosewald Building, Second Floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.
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SUMMER 2006		June 17	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
May 5	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Summer 2006 graduation	June 17	Comprehensive Examination for M.Ed. Students
May 11	Employee Tuition Assistance Program registration for Summer 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosewald Building, second floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	June 18	Residence halls open for Term B check in at 12:00 p.m.
May 11	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.	June 19	Classes begin for Term B
May 14	Residence halls open, 1:00 p.m.	June 19	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, thesis or dissertation defense for Summer graduates
May 15	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m.		
May 15	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar) for specific registration times.	June 24	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Education Graduate Evening Session June 26 Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
May 16	Fee payment deadline for Summer Semester 2006	July 1	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission
May 16	Classes begin for Long Term and Term A (First Day of University Classes)	July 3	College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session ends
May 16	Classes begin for College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session	July 4	Independence Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes
May 16-19	Drop/Add	July 6	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty for Term B
May 19	Deadline for M.Ed. Students to register to take the comprehensive exam during Summer	July 11	Final exams for Tuesday/Thursday Evening classes, Long Term
May 29	Memorial Day - Administrative offices closed - No classes	July 12	Classes end, Long Term
May 30	Classes begin for College of Education Graduate Evening Session	July 12	Final exams for Monday/Wednesday Evening classes, Long Term
May 30	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period	July 13	Reading Day, Long Term
June 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Fall 2006 admission	July 13	College of Education Graduate Evening Session ends
June 2	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Term A	July 14-15	Final exams, Long Term
June 9	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, College of Business Administration Graduate Evening Session	July 16	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for students attending* Long Term
June 15	Classes end for Term A	July 19	Classes end, Term B
June 16	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty, Long Term	July 20	Final exams, Term B
June 16	Term A exams	July 20	Final exams for Evening Classes, Term B
June 16	Final exams for Evening classes, Term A, 6:00-8:00 p.m.	July 20	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertations to College of Graduate Studies
June 17	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. for students attending Term A	July 20	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Fall 2006 graduation
		July 21	Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m. on August 4 Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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Thursday,
February 19, 2006

A B R E A K F O R Y O U R B R A I N

OUR PICK

GET BROKEBACK

Following the gay western's sweep of the Globes, we're recommending the movie for this week's pick. It's playing in Savannah at the Carmike Wynnson behind Savannah Mall.



THE BASICS

TREAT YOUR FEET RIGHT

When you decide to start running, get off on the right foot. Running requires very little equipment, so don't economize when you're buying running shoes. Buy the best shoes you can afford, keeping in mind that the most expensive shoe may not be the shoe for you. Shoes are designed for different running styles.

If you head to a specialty sporting-goods store or a shop that caters to runners, someone there should be able to analyze your running style. Then you'll know what kind of shoe best suits your feet.

Some buying tips:

- Buy your shoes at the end of the day, when your feet are somewhat larger from the day's walking.

- Make sure there is about a finger's width at the front of the shoe. This will help prevent runner's (black) toe.

RUNNER'S GLOSSARY

If you're going to buy running shoes, you've got to know the lingo. Here are some definitions:



PRONATION
occurs as foot naturally rolls to a flat position

Pronation: The rotation of the foot as you run. Everyone pronates, but some people roll their foot too much in one direction or the other. The right shoe can help compensate for over- or under-pronating.

Stability: The level of support and motion resistance a shoe provides.

Toebox: The part of the shoe where your toes go. When buying shoes, make sure there is plenty of room in the top of the shoe.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET ...

If you've never run before, take it easy during your first few jogs. After stretching, start with a short distance, perhaps a half mile, then walk a half mile briskly. After several days of this routine, you'll be able comfortably to add an additional quarter mile. In no time you'll be running a mile! You'll be surprised how quickly you'll be ready to try the starter schedule.

The key is to start slowly and pace yourself. Remember, this is a distance run, not a sprint. After the run, cool down with a walk and muscle stretching.



STARTER SCHEDULE

Everyone has to start somewhere. Here's a running schedule for beginners (for starters, run on flat ground):

- Day One: Three miles.
- Day Two: Rest. Stretch.
- Day Three: Walk three miles briskly.
- Day Four: Two miles.
- Day Five: Rest. Stretch.
- Day Six: Two miles.
- Day Seven: Rest. Stretch.

Running seven miles a week will help you achieve fitness without taking too

RUNNING ETIQUETTE

When you're ready to run a road race, keep these tips in mind:

- Slower runners should start near the back of the pack.
- Pin your bib number on the front of your shirt.
- If you need to stop for any reason, move to the side of the road.
- Run no more than two abreast, and if someone wants to pass, let them.
- If stopping at an aid station, grab what you want then move on.

SOURCES: "Running" (FODor's); Runner's world; USA Track and Field (www.usatf.com); Running USA (www.runningusa.org)



RUN FOR IT

Lace up your shoes and hit the road with our guide to running

BY RAY WALKER | KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE

Some people are born to run. Then there are the rest of us. But lucky for us, when it comes to running, motivation and desire can overcome lack of talent. In fact, motivation, desire and a good pair of running shoes are really all you need.

Let's get one thing straight: anyone can be a runner. Not long ago, sports pages referred to cross-country runners as "thinclads." One look at the photo and you knew why — the runners were thin and lean.

That was then. Today, running trails and sidewalks present a nonstop parade of young professionals, soccer moms, paunchy middle-age men and grandparents pounding the pavement and loving it.

And runners' reasons for hitting the road are just as varied: some want to lose weight, others want to build their endurance and cardiovascular health,

and some just want the satisfaction of knowing they can cross the finish line.

According to 2001 research by American Sports Data Inc., 33.7 million Americans run more than one day a year. Almost 10 million are frequent runners, lacing up their shoes 100 or more days a year. Vermont has the most runners per capita — 29.1 for every 100 people in the state.

And for the record, what's the difference between a "run" and a "jog"? According to Jill Geer, director of communications for USA Track and Field, "The difference between a jog and a run is definitely subjective. Generally, it's a difference in pace and/or effort. A slow, easy run is often called a 'jog'; a run of moderate pace and above is largely considered a 'run.' Of course, slow and moderate depend on the person!"

Whatever your pace or your reason for hitting the road, go for it.



ALL AROUND TOP TEN

SONGS, MOVIES, TV, DVDS

DVD RENTALS

- Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Brad Pitt
- Fantastic Four, Jessica Alba
- Cinderella Man, Russell Crowe
- The Dukes of Hazzard, Johnny Knoxville
- War of the Worlds, Tom Cruise
- Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo, Rob Schneider
- The Polar Express, Tom Hanks
- March of the Penguins, Luc Jaquet
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Johnny Depp
- Stealth, Josh Lucas

MOVIES

- Glory Road
- Hoodwinked
- Last Holiday
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
- Hostel
- Fun With Dick and Jane
- King Kong
- Tristan & Isolde
- Brokeback Mountain
- Cheaper by the Dozen 2

ALBUMS

- Mary J. Blige, The Breakthrough
- Jamie Foxx, Unpredictable
- Carrie Underwood, Some Hearts
- Eminem, Curtain Call
- The Notorious B.I.G., Duets: The Final Chapter
- Mariah Carey, The Emancipation of Mimi
- Nickelback, All the Right Reasons
- Chris Brown, Chris Brown
- Black Eyed Peas, Monkey Business
- Johnny Cash, The Legend of Johnny Cash

Source: Entertainment Weekly

WHAT IS NOW PLAYING

Carmike Cinema 12
(912) 489-4492

Cheaper by the Dozen 2
(4:40), 7:00, 9:20

Chronicles of Narnia
(4:00), 7:00, 10:00

Fun With Dick & Jane
(4:50), 7:10, 9:30

Glory Road
(4:10), 7:05, 9:45

Hoodwinked
5:00, 7:00, 9:15

Hostel
5:25, 7:45, 10:05

Last Holiday
(4:20), 7:15, 9:50

Producers
(4:00), 7:05, 9:55

Rumor Has It
5:05, 7:25, 9:45

Tristan & Isolde
(4:25), 7:10, 9:55

Underworld: Evolution
(4:15), 7:00, 9:30

Parenthesis denotes matinee

THE BOTTOM LINE

by ADAM CRISP

Plan for spring break now

The financial aid office is supposed to disburse the excess from our financial aid Jan. 25. For those of us who get something back, we

think of next Wednesday like the second Christmas. For once we can pay off credit cards and not just "pay on" cell phone bills.

But once you've paid the essentials, plan for the future. Now is a good time to book trips for

spring break. Do it up right this year: do it with the government's money. I found a good site with super cheap airfare: www.studentuniverse.com seems legit and has tickets that other sites can't touch. Check it out.

BOTTOM LINE

- Use your financial aid for your spring break trip. Plan ahead and get a better deal.



'Brokeback Mountain' takes home most Globes

Homosexual and transsexual themes dominated Monday's Golden Globes, followed closely by politics and music

By David Germain
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — "Brokeback Mountain" is moseying along the Academy Awards trail, its four Golden Globe wins — best drama among them — positioning the cowboy love story for Oscar glory.

Homosexual and transsexual

themes dominated Monday's Golden Globes with the key wins by "Brokeback Mountain," plus acting honors for the film biography "Capote" and the gender-bending "Transamerica."

But politics and music ran close behind at the Globes, second only to the Oscars in the hierarchy of Hollywood film honors.

Top prizes went to the corporate

and government corruption thrillers "Syriana" and "The Constant Gardener," the terrorism drama "Paradise Now" and the White House series "Commander in Chief," while the Johnny Cash film biography "Walk the Line" won three honors.

The four Globes for "Brokeback Mountain," the story of old ranch-hand buddies who conceal an ongoing homosexual affair from their families, included the directing award for Ang Lee.

The fact that "Brokeback Mountain" has found eager audiences across the country, including the conservative heartland, shows that Americans are willing to embrace stories of love in all forms, Lee said.

The Globes position "Brokeback Mountain" as a solid front-runner for the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Jan. 31, with the Oscars handed out March 5. The film also won Globes for best screenplay and song.

Acting winners Felicity Huffman, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, George Clooney and Rachel Weisz solidified their Oscar prospects.

Huffman won the best dramatic actress award for her remarkable transformation in the road-trip tale "Transamerica," in which she plays a man preparing for sex-change surgery.

Hoffman was honored as best dramatic actor for his role as gay author Truman Capote in "Capote." Phoenix as country legend Cash and Witherspoon as the singer's soul mate, June Carter, earned the lead-acting prizes in a musical or comedy for "Walk the Line." The film also won for best musical or comedy.

Political thrillers picked up both supporting-acting Globes, Clooney winning for the oil-industry saga "Syriana" and Weisz for "The Constant Gardener," a tale of government and corporate corruption in Africa.

With other Globe-nominated tales such as "Munich" and "Good Night, and Good Luck," the latter directed by Clooney, 2005 proved practically a throwback to Hollywood's golden age of political films in the 1970s.

Both of Clooney's films, "Syriana" and "Good Night, and Good Luck," have been viewed as critiques on the current state of U.S. policy domestically and overseas. Backstage, Clooney said the films were just dealing with issues he felt important.

The Palestinian film "Paradise Now," a dark tale of two Arab friends enlisted to carry out a suicide bombing in Israel, won the Globe for foreign-language film.

Among television winners, Mary-Louise Parker of "Weeds" beat out the four lead actresses of "Desperate Housewives" — Emmy winner Huffman included — for best actress in a comedy series. But "Desperate Housewives" did win for best musical or comedy series.

"Lost" won for best TV drama series, while "Commander in Chief" won the dramatic actress TV honor for Geena Davis, who plays the first female president.



Left: Sandra Oh poses with the award she won for best supporting actress in a series, mini-series or television movie for her work on "Grey's Anatomy," at Golden Globe Awards Monday.

Below: Director Ang Lee, right, is joined by producer James Schamus, left, and co-writer Diana Ossana, center, as they pose with the award they won for best dramatic motion picture for "Brokeback Mountain," at the Golden Globe Awards Monday.



AP Photo/Kevork Djansezian

S. Epata Merckerson, who won best actress for her work on "Lackawanna Blues," is flanked by actors Jesse L. Martin and Alfre Woodard at the HBO after-party following the Golden Globe Awards Monday.



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

'Brokeback Mountain' leads Globes

The cowboy romance "Brokeback Mountain" won the best drama and three other Golden Globes, including the directing honor for Ang Lee.

	FILM	TELEVISION
Drama	"Brokeback Mountain"	"Lost" (ABC)
Actor	Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"	Hugh Laurie, "House"
Actress	Felicity Huffman, "Transamerica"	Geena Davis, "Commander in Chief"
Musical/Comedy	"Walk the Line"	"Desperate Housewives" (ABC)
Actor	Joaquin Phoenix, "Walk the Line"	Steve Carell, "The Office"
Actress	Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line"	Mary-Louise Parker, "Weeds"
Supporting Actor	George Clooney, "Syriana"	
Supporting Actress	Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"	
Director	Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"	

SOURCE: Hollywood Foreign Press Association

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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 19

Legends Series
Sculpture & Drawings presented
by Bruce Little.

Legends Gallery, Averitt Center
for the Arts

Midway: Between Slavery and
Self-Sufficiency-The Remaking of
a Black Community 1860-1875
Museum Rear Gallery

Art Exhibit
Foundation: Form and Content
Foy Fine Arts Building

5:30 p.m.
International Club Meeting
Russell Union Room 2042

6 p.m.
African Student Association
Meeting
Russell Union Room 2047

7 p.m.
Mr. Debonair

Russell Union Room 1042

Friday, January 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Hour
Russell Union Room 2080

Sunday, January 22

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bridgeway: The Church on Cam-
pus
Russell Union Room 1085

Monday, January 23

Fee payment deadline for regis-
tration or changing registration
during Drop/Add period

6 p.m.
Hispanic Student Association
Meeting
Russell Union Room 2075

6 p.m.
Financial Program for Freshmen
Russell Union Room 2047

8 p.m.

Cinema Arts Film- Talk to Her
Admission is \$2
Russell Union Theater

Tuesday, January 24

8 p.m.
Movie: Wedding Crashers
Russell Union Room 1085

9 p.m.
Swing Cats
Williams Center Room 2034

Wednesday, January 25

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Blood Drive
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m.
Mr. GSU Information Meeting
Russell Union Room 2042

7 p.m.
Pillow Talk-What Mother Didn't
Tell You
Russell Union Room 2075

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