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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006

GSU delivers relief to Gulf coast



A Georgia Southern group takes a trip to Biloxi, MS, for hurricane relief. Pictured left to right: John Bussert, Angela Byrd, Moniquea Stanley, Jonathan Martinez, Bill Pickett, Kellie Pickett and Adrien Stallings.

University group travels to help victims of Katrina

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's Office of Student Activities and Volunteer Services organized efforts to collect items to be distributed to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. More than 40 organizations, businesses, churches and schools from the Statesboro community and the university collected more than 60,000 items, which included non-perishable food items, clothing, water, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

"I am so impressed by how the community came together in support of one purpose," Bill Pickett, director

of student activities, said.

From Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, a group from the university traveled to East Biloxi, Miss., to distribute the items and assist with cleanup efforts.

The group worked with Hands On USA, a volunteer-staffed, non-profit organization dedicated to timely disaster response and relief. "We contacted them prior to taking the trip," Kellie Pickett, assistant director of student affairs, said. "They coordinated with us a place to drop off the donations and also gave us some volunteer opportunities."

The Picketts were joined by five

GSU students on their relief trip: Angela Byrd of Metter, John Bussert of Savannah; Jonathan Martinez of Dacula; Adrien Stallings of Augusta, Ga; and Moniquea Stanley of Augusta.

Once the group arrived in East Biloxi, their first stop was bringing the donated items to the community center. "We all spent about two hours unloading the truck and then our group broke up," Bill Pickett said. "One student stayed with me to finish unloading and Kellie took the others to do volunteer work at a house."

"When we arrived at the home we were assisting with mold removal; the house had already been gutted and the

drywall removed. We worked with a special chemical on the framing and the baseboards," Kellie Pickett said. "The neighborhood that we were working in was devastated, but a lot of the structure was still there."

The Picketts and students were touched in many different ways by this experience. "There were a couple of things that stood out to me as most powerful. One was seeing the steps and knowing that had once been someone's home," Kellie Pickett said. "The other was when we arrived with the truck and seeing the faces of the people we were helping."

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Exhibit explores Georgia slavery

Museum exhibit discusses slavery in rural Georgia

By Darren Jones

Staff writer

Those with the social status of slaves aren't thought of as individuals with lives outside of their masters' control, but that's exactly what the black community of Midway was: a

group of autonomous people with aspirations and achievements even within the horrific and often brutal constraints of slavery and subjugation. Their remarkable story would be largely unknown to the students of Georgia Southern were it not for "Midway: Between Slavery and Self-Sufficiency, the Remaking of a Black Community, 1860-1875," the museum exhibit which opened Monday, Jan. 23.

"Midway" is curated by Peggy Hargis, a professor in the GSU's department of history.

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Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Students wait for a table in the newly renovated Talons Grille, which replaced the 19-year-old Educated Palate.

Better food lands in Union

Talons Grille replaces Educated Palate, gets high acclaim

By Laurence Lewis

Staff writer

Along with the changing of the semester and years 2006 brings a unique change in the dining experience for Georgia Southern students. Talons Grille opened in place of The Educated Palate this semester. This change was more than a change of name; the entire idea of the Educated Palate morphed into a completely different dining experience.

According to Director of Food Services, Tom Palfy, the \$20,000 renovation was prompted in part because since the Educated Palate opened in 1986, it has strayed from

its original intentions to provide a unique dining experience unparalleled by any other in Statesboro.

The new Talons Grille offers a new menu with specialty salads, which include shrimp, duck and salmon and an array of other dishes including panini sandwiches, shrimp and steak. Similar to the Educated Palate, Talons Grille offers a modified breakfast buffet.

In addition to the changes in the food served, Talons Grille has made changes to improve the level of service provided. Palfy said new kitchen equipment allows customers to be served with better efficiency. Employees completed

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Talons Grille cleanses our palate

A REVIEW

By Andrés Garcia

Restaurant reviewer

The buffet is gone. So is the meat loaf. And thank God, so are the bad attitudes and empty drink glasses.

Yes, it's a new day for on-campus dining; Talons Grille is open and The Educated Palate has closed.

Talons Grille opened to

Talons Grille
Located on the first floor of the Fielding D. Russell Union.

Credit cards/meal plans Yes
Handicap accessible Yes

Service - 3.5 of 4 ★★★★★
Atmosphere - 2 of 4 ★★★★★
Price - 3 of 4 ★★★★★
Food Quality - 3.5 of 4 ★★★★★

much acclaim this semester and the place has been packed ever since.

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An exhibit at the GSU museum discusses early life of freed slaves.

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A flight of his own

A man jumped from a Florida jetliner as it was taking off. He hit the tarmac and was later subdued by authorities | **OIA, p.3**

Relay for Life rallies to raise money

By Jessica Martin
Staff writer

In 1985, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., walked around his local university's track for 24 hours to raise money to fight cancer. This event was the birth of the Relay For Life, which is now an annual event all over the country. The Relay for Life, a product of the American Cancer Society, is an all-night event in which teams circle a track to raise money.

On Jan. 23, Relay for Life made its appearance on Georgia Southern's campus. The newly formed GSU chapter of the student organization Colleges Against Cancer held a kick-off event in the ballroom to launch the fundraising effort for the Relay.

At the event, representatives from student organizations across campus had the chance to sign their teams up for the Relay or gather information to bring back to their groups.

Teams have until March to sign up for the Relay, which will be held on April 21, from 7 p.m., to 7 a.m.,



Jared Siri/STAFF

Students and faculty met Monday at the Russell Union to discuss this year's Relay for Life and fundraising efforts.

at the Bulloch County Kiwanis Fairgrounds.

The Colleges Against Cancer group is working together with the Bulloch County ACS to put on this event, keeping GSU together with its community.

The next meeting for the Relay for Life will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and any student is invited to come to the meeting and join. The exact

location is not yet known, but it will be held in the Russell Union.

For any further information about the Relay for Life, students can contact community manager for the ACS, Betsy Millsap, at bmillsap@cancer.org or call (912) 764-3089. Students can always find out more about cancer and the ACS at www.cancer.org or by calling 1-800-ACS-2345.

LET US INTRODUCE...

Jon Simpson, sophomore, stays involved

Name: Jon Simpson, 19
Hometown: Kennesaw, GA
Major: Logistics
Classification: Sophomore

Why did you choose GSU?
"It's far enough from home."

What does Statesboro need most?
"A good bookstore and better food, like wings."

When you aren't in class, how do you pass the time?
"I spend time with friends, I spend time in meetings and checking facebook."

Where do you see yourself in five years? "Working somewhere



Jon Simpson

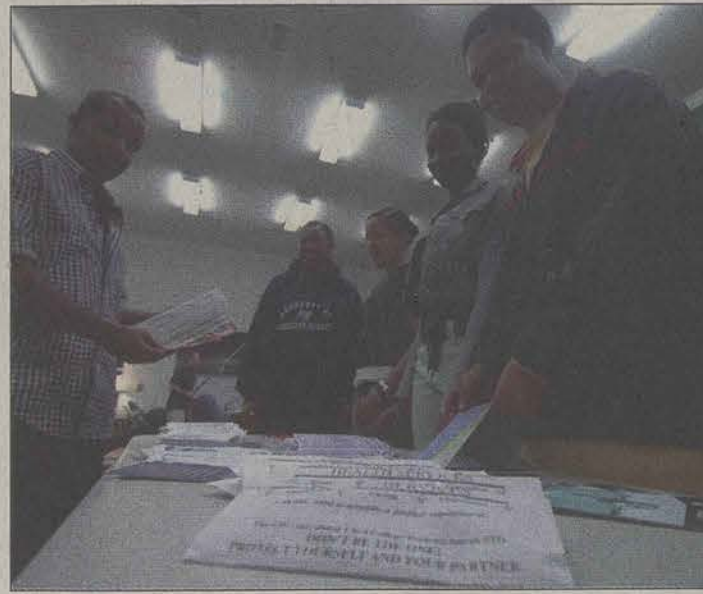
near the beach, with a degree from Georgia Southern."

What's the best cheap thrill in the area? "Mill Creek Park."

What's the best meal in Statesboro? "Longhorn."

What is the one thing every student needs to know about GSU or college? "If you look, there is always something new to learn about GSU."

Are you involved in any clubs? "Student Government Association, Watson Action Team, College Republicans, First Year Experience, Phi Eta Sigma and Delta Epsilon Iota."



Daniel Flanders/STAFF

RAs from Southern Pines meet to organize a program on sexually transmitted diseases.

Help out as resident advisor

By Robert J Greene II

Staff writer

The world of a resident advisor isn't simply about looking after yourself, it's also about looking out for others. Students who care about helping as part of the RAs world must fill out the proper paperwork by Jan. 29.

For some the RA may be the foreboding, police-like figure watching over everyone in the residence halls, just waiting for a resident to slip up and cause trouble.

But resident advisors are more than that. They put on programs, meet new and interesting people every day and develop leadership and personal communication skills that are indispensable over a lifetime.

"I love it," said Ashlee Perry, RA at Southern Pines. "I like the people, love the staff, and it's not like a job. It's something I enjoy doing."

Programs and events take place within the communal areas of a residence hall and bring people together for fun, education or for a combination of the two. RAs put on programs like watching the Super Bowl with residents, having guest speakers talk about Black Awareness Month or an ever-changing list of activities designed to get people together and out of their rooms.

"Being an RA introduces you to a unique cross-section of the Georgia Southern student body," said Perry.

There are days when the job can be difficult, but every day also offers the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. The biggest job RAs face is offering advice to their residents on a myriad of issues. That is the biggest aspect of the job, being able to help others in a time of need.

Student RAs have to figure out the best way to manage their time and activities. "I deal with time management by writing down what I have to do, and I make sure as an RA to do things ahead of time," said Victoria Parrish, RA who balances work, sorority life and 16 hours of classes.

According to Curt Aust, building director at Southern Pines, there are many requirements to become a RA. "The student must be dependable, personable and have a willingness to help and volunteer on campus and on the job. That's what I look for in an RA," said Aust, who served as an RA for two years at the University of Northern Iowa.

For more information, check out gsuhousing.com to learn more about salaries for next year and important deadlines. Applications are due on Jan. 27, at the Housing office in Watson Hall.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 25

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

7 p.m.
Mr. GSU info meeting
Russell Union Room 2042

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

Thursday, January 26

9 a.m.
RUM team meeting
Russell Union 2073

5:30 p.m.
International Club meeting
Russell Union 2042

6 p.m.
United Caribbean Assoc. meeting
Russell Union 2044

7 p.m.
Southern's Next Top Model meeting
Russell Union 2084

Friday, January 27

6 p.m.
VGA Tournament
Russell Union 2041, 2047, 2048

POLICE BEAT

01-20-2006
• A door was damaged at the Pickle Barrel.

01-21-2006
• A stereo was taken from Winburn Hall.

01-22-2006
• A CD player was taken from a vehicle in the Southern Courtyard parking lot.

01-23-2006
• A computer was reported missing from Southern Courtyard

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Juniors and seniors, come enjoy one-on-one networking time with employers prior to the Eagle Expo to learn the rules of Dining and Business Etiquette!

Be a part of the Dining for Success Program by filling out a registration form and bringing it to Career Services, located in 1058 Williams Center with a deposit check for \$20. This deposit will be refunded if you participate in the event or cancel by Feb. 14th.

This event is only open to juniors and seniors, with seniors having first seating priority, First come first served!

**Deadline to secure a seat is February 14, 2006
no exceptions**

Visit us on the Web for more information
and download your registration form...

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**Career Services, Williams Center 1058
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THE BIG STORY

Judiciary Committee advances Alito nomination to the full Senate for vote

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Judiciary Committee favorably recommended Samuel Alito's Supreme Court nomination to the full Senate on a party-line vote Tuesday, ensuring prospects the conservative jurist will join the high court bench.

All 10 Republicans voted for Alito, while all eight Democrats voted against him. The partisan vote was almost preordained, with 15 of the 18 senators announcing their votes even before the committee's session began.

The full Senate expects to take a final vote on Alito's nomination before the end of the week. That vote is also expected to follow along party lines, with only one Democrat — Ben Nelson of Nebraska — coming out so far in support of Alito. Republicans hold the balance of power in the Senate 55-44, with one independent.

Senate Republicans say Alito is a good choice for the nation's highest court.

"Like America's founders, Judge Alito clearly believes in self-government, that the people and not judges should make law, and that judges have an important role but must know and stay in their proper place," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

But Democrats are fretting that the

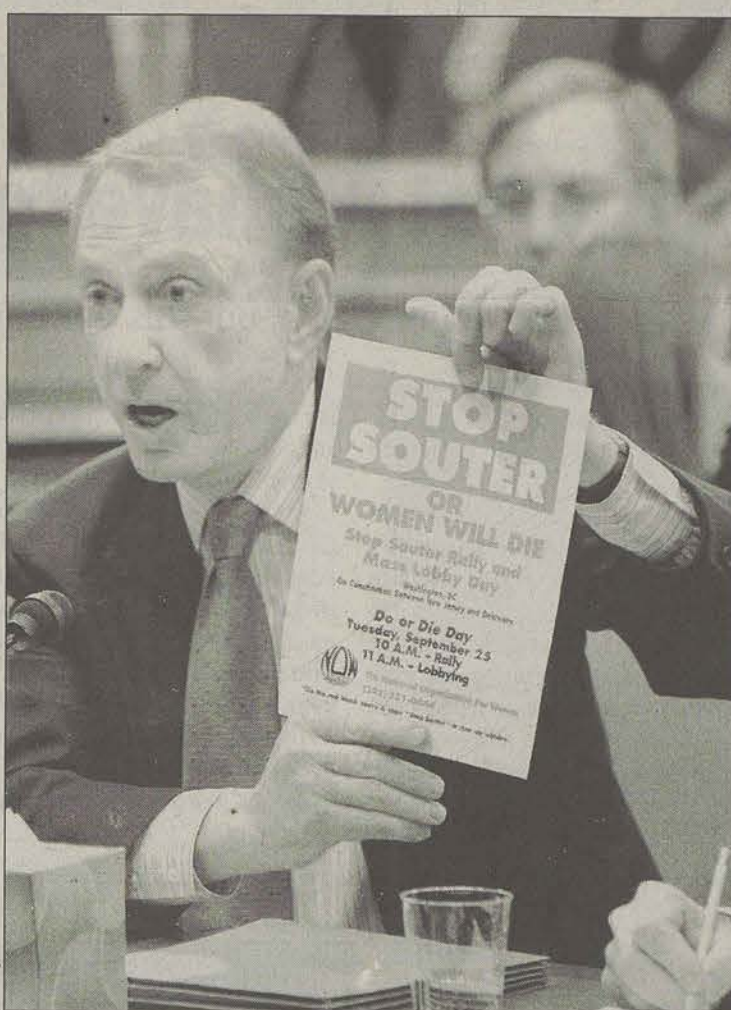
55-year-old jurist and former lawyer for the Reagan administration will swing the court to the right and help overturn precedent-setting decisions like *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court's abortion rights case, although he refused to talk about that decision at his confirmation hearing.

"He still believes that the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion, but does not want to tell the American people because he knows how unpopular that view is," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Alito was picked last October by President Bush to replace the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She was the high court's first female member, and a key swing vote on contentious issues such as abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty during her career on the court.

Alito was the White House's second choice for that seat. White House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew from consideration last year after conservative criticism of her nomination.

Republicans and Democrats are preparing to use the partisan battle over judicial nominations as a campaign issue in the midterm election this year. Republicans say the Democratic filibuster of a lower-court judge helped them knock off former Democratic Senate leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota two years ago.



AP Photo/I. Scott Applewhite
Trying to allay critic's concerns that Judge Samuel Alito would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., right, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, holds up a poster from 1990 aimed at then-Supreme Court nominee David Souter, on Capitol Hill Tuesday.

Quick, What's new

IN GEORGIA

Governor adding little money to back up ethics reform

ATLANTA — It was with fanfare that Gov. Sonny Perdue last spring signed ethics reform legislation into law, claiming he was fulfilling a campaign promise to clean up state government. But the governor is adding almost no new money this year to enact some of the changes his office pushed. The State Ethics Commission of Georgia had asked for \$1.1 million for the remainder of the fiscal year to handle the flood of new paperwork they were charged with overseeing beginning this month. Perdue's budget proposal gave them just \$17,179, or 1.6 percent of what they'd been seeking.

THE REGION

West Virginia governor presses federal government to follow lead on mine safety

WASHINGTON — Fresh from a legislative victory at home, West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin on Tuesday pressed Congress to follow his state's example and pass new federal protections for coal miners. "I never want to tell another child that I'm not sure if Daddy has enough air," Manchin said. "I don't want to tell another wife that we haven't found him yet but that we're still looking." Manchin joined West Virginia's congressional delegation in calling for new safety laws and demanding that the agency that oversees coal mine safety be more aggressive about enforcing existing laws.

Ten Commandments judge backs same-sex marriage ban in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Ousted Chief Justice Roy Moore, who is running for governor in the Republican primary June 6, is also encouraging Alabamians to turn out to vote that day for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages. Moore joined 16 ministers from across the state Tuesday to urge a strong turnout on the issue — which is expected to pass easily and could be a factor as he challenges GOP Gov. Bob Riley in the primary.

ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press

Man jumps from jetliner onto tarmac

1 FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — An airline passenger bit a fellow traveler Monday, then jumped out of a jetliner as it was moving to take off, authorities said. He was later subdued with a stun gun.

The man was taken to a hospital from the Fort Lauderdale airport, the Broward County sheriff's office said. It was unclear whether he was injured. The other passenger suffered minor injuries from the bite.

The Continental Airlines flight had been delayed for about 30 minutes, and as the Boeing 737 began to taxi, the man started yelling to get off, the sheriff's office said.

He ran to the front of the plane and banged on windows and the cockpit door, authorities said. As passengers and crew members tried to restrain him, he bit a passenger.

When the pilot depressurized the cabin, the man opened a door, jumped to the tarmac and ran toward the terminal. Deputies said they zapped him with a stun gun after he resisted arrest.

Teen says teacher made him sit on floor

2 BEAVER FALLS, Pa. — A 17-year-old high school student said he was humiliated when a teacher made him sit on the floor during a midterm exam in his ethnicity class — for wearing a Denver Broncos jersey.

The teacher, John Kelly, forced Joshua Vannoy to sit on the floor and take the test Friday — two days before the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Broncos 34-17 in the AFC championship game. Kelly also made other students throw crumpled up paper at Vannoy, whom he called a "stinking Denver fan," Vannoy told The Associated Press on Monday.

Kelly said Vannoy, a junior at Beaver Area Senior High School, just didn't get the joke. "If he felt uncomfortable, then that's a lesson; that's what (the class) is designed to do," Kelly told The Denver Post. "It was silly fun. I can't believe he was upset." Vannoy was wearing a No. 7 Broncos jersey on Friday, because he is a fan of John Elway, the Broncos' retired Hall of Fame quarterback.

Vannoy said he was so unnerved he left at least 20 questions blank on the 60-question test, and just wants out of Kelly's class because he's afraid the teacher won't treat him fairly now that the story reached the media.

Woman cited in Pa. for flinging lettuce

3 EASTON, Pa. — A woman fined \$173.50 for throwing salad greens out of her car says, lettuce not be too quick to judge her.

Dawn Higgins, 47, was cited Oct. 18 while parked outside a Wal-Mart in Lower Nazareth Township in eastern Pennsylvania.

"Lettuce comes from the ground, therefore it can go back

into the ground," she said. "It's biodegradable. I didn't think I was doing anything wrong."

Higgins said she took her daughters and a friend to the store, and they stopped at a McDonald's along the way. She said she pulled into a parking space to finish her meal but decided not to eat the half-dozen or so leaves atop her salad.

After failing to appear in court Dec. 22, Higgins discovered she had been convicted in absentia



and owed the state \$173.50. She has appealed to Northampton County Court, where she said she will call her children and their friend as witnesses.

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The A&E editor works about nine hours per week, with a bulk of that time being spent helping to design the Hiatus, The G-A's expanded Thursday edition. The newspaper uses the latest in digital technology, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator. Training will be provided in the areas of design, but we expect applicants to possess an eye for news and feature stories and to be able to spot grammatical, punctuation and style errors.

The A&E editor is one of seven editors on The G-A staff. Preference will be given to those applicants who have experience in journalistic writing — especially those who have served on the newspaper's staff. The job is open to any Georgia Southern University student.

If you meet these qualifications, please drop your resume, cover letter and any writing samples by The George-Anne Daily offices, Rm. 2023, Williams Center. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

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The George-Anne Daily is searching for a copy editor. Successful applicants must be able to spot a typo at 50 paces. The ideal candidate should be familiar with the Associated Press Style as well as standard grammar and punctuation usages.

The copy editor will work Wednesday evening from about 6 p.m. until 11 p.m., proofreading completed pages. The copy editor works under the supervision of a staff of editors, but often their eyes are the last to view pages before being printed.

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OUR VIEW

This is what we have to say

AT ISSUE: It may not be much, but this opinion says it

There's not much to say for today's "Our View." Typically, we like to verbosely give our opinion on anything happening on campus or in politics, and we like to take a very strong stance on the issue so that we can try and make a point to our readers.

Today, we don't have a strong opinion about anything.

We would love to write about how much we don't want Samuel Alito to be confirmed to an associate justice seat on the Supreme Court.

Was he up front and open in his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee? No, he wasn't.

Was he clear on how much his personal views would affect his interpretation of the Constitution?

No, he wasn't clear there, either. But the thing is, he will be confirmed to the high court, and in the end, none of us opposed to him will be able to do a thing about it.

So we won't talk about how much we hope the Democrats will filibuster his nomination, because Lord knows they won't; they seem to lack backbones.

We'd also like to write about how crazy our Governor is. His office announced this week that Sonny Perdue himself will be spaying and neutering pets the first weekend of February at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. What a guy!

As if he hasn't had Georgians by the balls the last few years with his sloppy financial decisions and insane political views, now he feels the need to handle our pets the same way?

We think it would be nice to say, "Hey, Sonny. Get your hands off my dog. He hasn't done anything to you. You need to get back and reform the ethics in Georgia, and put some money where your mouth is. Giving them less than two percent of what they asked for is pretty sorry." But we don't think it would work. We guess fondling animals for the weekend is better than reforming the state. But who are we to judge?

Finally, we'd like to speculate on the future of

our football program. But nobody knows anything, and won't tell us anything, so why bother? Athletics Director Sam Baker acts like it's just business as usual around his office, despite the fact that everything has changed.

So we'll keep our mouths shut here, and won't say anything about how ridiculous people are acting in regard to this new football coach, who, we might add, hasn't coached a day in his life at Paulson Stadium.

In closing, we'd like to restate our goal here: to say lots without saying anything at all. Maybe we've said something that has sparked you to think. If we haven't, though, at least we haven't failed you.

Adam Crisp
SCENE AND HEARD

Anonymous tipster, I checked your facts

For those readers who won't make it past the first third of this column, I should tell you that nearly every bit of these next few paragraphs is incorrect.

Recently I received a phone call from a concerned student who just wanted to let me know that Bulloch County was the very last county in the nation to ban slavery.

He went on to tell me that a Georgia Southern professor tried to include that bit of information in a GSU play about Bulloch history. Armed with the school's administration in their back pocket, the caller claimed that city leaders had the show cancelled.

The caller speculated that the county's reluctance to outlaw the practice of slavery, and then to cover up the deed 200 years later, is just another example of how our community can't shed the past and won't move into the future.

This column is to set the record straight.

Statesboro was not the last county in the nation to ban slavery. I'm no historian, but as it seems to me The Emancipation Proclamation, with the 13th Amendment, pretty much took care of that. There might have been lingering illegal slavery, but Bulloch County had no control over when it ended.

As for the bit about the play, that's nearly just as wrong. Statesboro was one of the last cities to hold a public lynching. That event garnered Statesboro national coverage in the early 1900s. A GSU professor did include that in a play that commemorated the 200th anniversary of Statesboro and city leaders opted not to include it.

The play's author was writing the play for the organizers of the anniversary and it was up to them what they'd like to include. They wanted an all-positive portrayal and the author agreed to remove the bit about the lynching. I doubt university administrators cared at all what was included the play.

The most thing about the caller's allegations is that some are grounded in truth. Others are distorted and the rest is just factually incorrect. These are the worst sorts of rumors. People who hear it remember hearing about some sort of horrible racial incident in Statesboro. They know this is a small town in the South and immediately assume that it's entirely likely that Bulloch was the last to ban slavery.

There's no great conspiracy to hold back Statesboro's growth. I'm sure when new businesses want to come to the 'Boro, leaders welcome them and their tax contributions.

But in every town, there are some who want it to stay like it once was and then there are others who want the city to grow into something new. Every town faces these struggles, and Statesboro is no different. There's a good argument that with the recent changes to Statesboro's liquor laws, our leaders seem to have their feet firmly grounded in the past. Someone else could argue that our leaders want our city to grow, but maybe not in the same way as others.

Eventually both sides of the growth debate will have to come to the table and decide if a compromise is workable or us young folks will just have to wait it out.

In the meantime, Statesboro's growth will continue to make our neighboring counties envious. For those folks from Atlanta and other big cities, this place will always seem small. But that's OK. Those who hate small town life would never live here after they graduate. Statesboro could triple in growth overnight and they'd still argue that their hometown is better.

Small town life isn't for everyone. But don't generalize about this community. Statesboro isn't as progressive as Atlanta or Jacksonville, but it's not Hazzard, Texas or Ludowici, Ga., either.

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Michael Smith: YOUR TURN

Abortion the slavery of our time? Huh? What?

You know, I really can't even begin to qualify James Hall's so called comparisons of abortion and slavery ("Abortion battles: the slavery of our time, Jan. 19, 2006).

All I can really say is that it's incomparable and abhorrent. I'm all for a good lively debate on this issue but don't dismiss the arguments of your opposition by linking them to slave masters. When you do that, you lose your credibility. I mean come on — are you trying to tell me that "pro life" groups aren't big money also? There is no doubt that both sides generate lots of money.

I know that I'm probably not going to change any minds out there, because most people tend to be inflexible on this issue, but please dismiss my words carefully.

Yes, I am pro choice, but I want everyone out there to understand that pro choice does not in any way mean pro abortion. In a perfect world, every child would be

planned and born into a loving family, but this is a world full of uncertainty and tough choices.

Women are raped, become victims of incest, can end up in abusive relationships, or can simply be too young and immature to become mothers. Men and women can use any number of contraceptives and still find themselves in that small percentage that ends up pregnant.

Is it fair to them that after going to such lengths that they be made to have a child when their intention was to not have one?

Of course, my opinion is just that: an opinion. I'm just a man, and as such my words on this issue aren't as relevant as a woman's. So here is my proposal to resolve this: let women vote on it. Let no man be involved at all on the matter. Why? Because it is her body and it is her decision.

Write Michael at sdm_sneed@hotmail.com.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2006. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

•Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 25, 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

On this date:

•In 1787, Shay's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Captain Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.
•In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.
•In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.
•In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.
•In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.
•In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.
•In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

•In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

•In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

•In 1990, actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

Ten years ago:

•With Republicans bruised by two government shutdowns, the House overwhelmingly approved legislation to keep federal agencies running through March 15, 1996.

Five years ago:

•A jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., found 13-year-old Lionel Tate guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a 6-year-old family friend (Tate had said he accidentally killed the girl while imitating moves by pro wrestlers).

One year ago:

•A videotape showed Roy Hallums, an American kidnapped in Baghdad the previous November, pleading for his life. (Hallums was rescued by coalition troops on Sept. 7, 2005.)
•A stampede during a Hindu festival in western India killed at least 258 people.

Brandon Smith
AGAINST THE GRAIN

No nuclear weapons is the best strategy

Ever since the United States created the first nuclear weapon during World War II, countries and their citizens have feared nuclear warfare. Virtually everyone is aware of the destruction a nuclear war could bring to our planet and its inhabitants.

Because of this, organizations like the U.N. have tried to make it clear that the development of nuclear weapons will be monitored closely.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, created in 1968, has since given the U.N. and first world countries the ability to contain and monitor nuclear weapons worldwide. This treaty has three pillars: nonproliferation, disarmament and the right to peacefully use nuclear technology.

While I feel this treaty helps out tremendously, it doesn't satisfy me. The treaty still allows five countries — the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China and Russia permission to own nuclear weapons.

While these five parties have agreed not to use their weapons against non-nuclear weapon states, there is no formal context laid out in the treaty which states this.

And because of this, the details of the treaty keep varying.

For example, both the United States and the United Kingdom have recently stated that they will use nuclear weapons against attacks by "rogue states." While this may be in the best interest of each individual country, it is definitely a step towards the worst as far as international relations go. Nuclear technology must be strictly enforced — even in our country.

Each day we prove that we are less and less worthy of holding this responsibility. By now we're all aware of the situation in Iran. Iran is a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty — many are members, but only the above five are allowed to own them — which means it has the right to peacefully use nuclear technology. However, the past couple of years Iran has been heavily monitored by the U.N. because of fear they are creating nuclear weapons.

While there is absolutely no evidence that they are doing this, it wouldn't surprise me at all if they were looking into creating nuclear weapons.

Just think how the treaty looks to other countries. Five countries are allowed almost infinite nuclear possibilities while other countries are restricted from even looking into this technology.

Countries like Iran also have citizens they wish to protect, and national security policies to enforce. How would we feel if countries with cultures and opinions contrary to our own were internationally allowed to create and use nuclear weapons, and we were given extreme restrictions? It's an unfair bias that should not be legal.

We need to stop focusing on pillar number three of the treaty: the right to peacefully use nuclear technology, and start focusing on pillar number two: disarmament. We have a responsibility to monitor suspected nuclear states like Iran, Israel and North Korea — but we have an even larger responsibility to try and rid this world of nuclear weapons. Countries like the United States must lead by example.

While keeping an eye on our neighbors and ensuring they don't secretly create these destructive weapons, we must also prove we are worthy of being the world leader and are helping to create a safer world.

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SPORTS

Will Artest be traded?

The trade to send Ron Artest to the Sacramento Kings may have stalled. A meeting with team officials has been scheduled for today.

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DAYS

Chad Bishop

THE WEDNESDAY SMACK

Take off that Georgia hat

The issue I'm about to discuss is an issue that has been argued, put to rest, argued and put to rest again. But it's time to drag a dead horse out of the barn and beat it.

Not literally of course, because who would want to beat a dead horse? But for our purposes, the metaphor is apt. APT!

It seems there are quite a few people on this campus who still find it necessary to wear that hideous red and black of a certain school in the northeast portion of this state.

How unfortunate. It is an eyesore to walk through this beautiful campus and see so many poor, lost souls, stricken with schizophrenia as to where they actually attend school.

This sickens me.

It brings me to my discourse as to why any and all objections to my entitled proposition are null and void:

No, the Educational Center for Poultry Studies in Athens is not in a different division than us. We are Division I, they are Division I.

We compete against them in volleyball, soccer and softball on an almost yearly basis.

We beat them so much in baseball they won't play us anymore. Our basketball team would wipe the floor with 'em.

It's a slap in the face to the student-athletes at this school who work their tails off in the off-season, have practice everyday while balancing schoolwork and compete their hearts out not only for themselves, but for their school. How do you think they feel when they walk on campus on any given Monday, and see those hats of the team they just played the previous weekend?

You can't cry that you were, "raised that way." That verb is past tense.

Now you have 'risen'. Grow up and think for yourself.

You're embarrassing both yourself and your school. When you wake up in the morning and put on that hat (or shirt, or sandals, or purse, or pants, or hoodie, or jacket), you're basically saying to the world, "Hey look at me, I didn't get in and I hate Georgia Southern. By the way, I'm gonna support the school that didn't want me and also spell dog incorrectly for the rest of my life." Get over it and have some self-respect.

And since you didn't get in, what made you choose to bring your sorry, no good hedge-eating face here anyway?

You do know that Truett-McConnell, Athens Tech and North Georgia would be glad to have you. It's only a few minutes away from that cesspool of Clarke County, and no one would care what hat you're wearing up there.

Now wait a minute. Put your phone down, don't rush to the computer to e-mail a letter to the editor, or rush to the sorority house to gripe to your sisters about the injustice of this column.

Put your pants on and turn off Munson for a minute and listen to me.

The problem is not me or the hundreds of other students who want to punch you in the face when they pass you on campus.

You're not really mad at us, you're mad at the admissions office. We don't hate you, we're just here to help.

Now take off that Georgia hat, and tell your friend to take off his Florida hat, and her friend to take off her Tech sweatshirt, etcetera, etcetera.

So in closing, a very wise person once said, "There is a reason, my friends and foes, that God made heaven blue and white, and hell red and black."

Thank you and goodnight!!

Do you have a sports-related story idea? E-mail our editor at gasports@georgiasouthern.edu or give us a call: (912) 681-5246.



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The 'Buzz Blitz'

Graham brings own style to sports talk radio show at GSU

By Renaldo Stover
Sports Editor

For those of you on campus who enjoy talking sports or just hearing other people talk about sports then you should check out 'The Buzz Blitz', hosted by Otto 'Tony' Graham.

The show airs at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings on 91.9 the Buzz and runs until noon.

The show is aimed at giving thoughtful and sometimes comedic insight into everything from Georgia Southern athletics and how teams are performing to national stories ranging from Kobe Bryant's scoring abilities to the Indianapolis Colts' collapse in the playoffs.

I had a chance to sit down with Graham to get his take on the shows direction and where he hopes it will be in

Q: How long have you been doing the Buzz Blitz?

A: I've been doing the Buzz Blitz since Fall 2005. I actually adopted the show from our previous sports director.

Q: What inspired you to continue on with the Buzz Blitz?

A: I love to talk about sports while also giving people a college

perspective on sports.

Q: What is the current format for the Buzz Blitz?

A: It's similar to Around The Horn and Pardon The Interruption style wise. Sometimes I'll award points

Q: Is there a chance that you may bring GSU athletes into the studio for on-air interviews?

A: I definitely want to bring athletes into the studio to get their views and to garner attention for their teams.

Q: What are some of the topics that you have covered within sports?

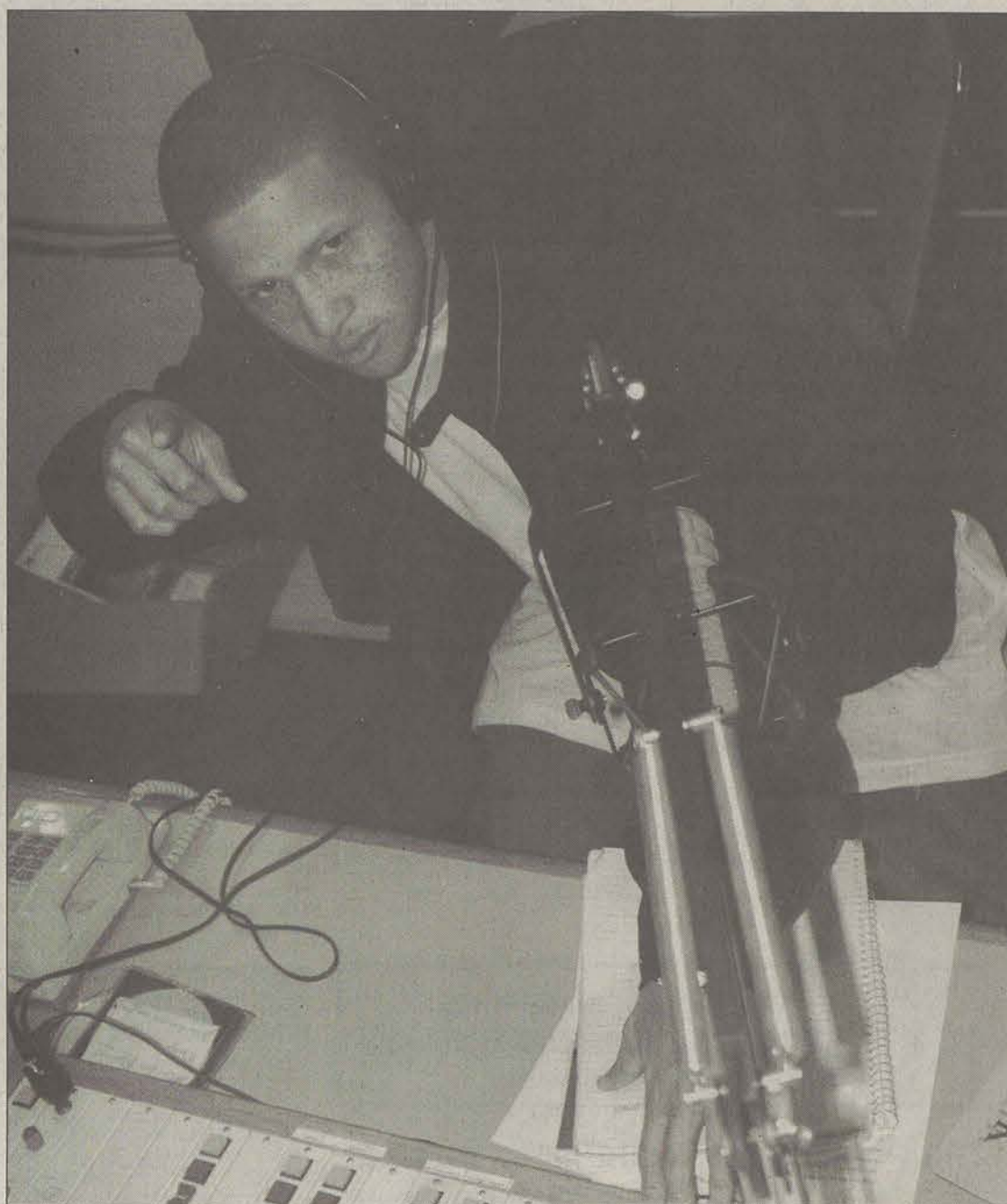
A: I've covered everything from the hiring of new coaches (Van Gorder) to playoff possibilities (GSU football) and just about anything else that gathers national attention.

Q: What is the next step for the Buzz Blitz to reach a higher level?

A: Definitely a primetime slot on The Buzz. Although the show is currently on at 11 a.m. a spot once a week during the evening rush would be great.

Q: Do you have any other plans concerning the Buzz Blitz and the type of sports talk show that you would like for it to eventually be?

A: I'm hoping to eventually have a style similar to that of Madd Sports with a little hip-hop flavor mixed with sports.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

GSU junior, Otto Graham hopes to expand the Buzz Blitz to include in-studio interviews with Georgia Southern athletes and coaches. The Buzz Blitz currently airs Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on 91.9 The Buzz.

AFL set for new season

By Joshua Nellums
Staff Writer

The Arena Football League's 20th season starts this Friday, January 27, as the Las Vegas Gladiators take on the Austin Wranglers.

The season also introduces two new teams to the league. The Utah Blaze and the Kansas City Brigade, bringing the total number of teams to 19.

The New Orleans VooDoo will not play in 2006 due to the continued effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Last season ended in Las Vegas with the Colorado Crush kicking a field goal in the final seconds to beat the Georgia Force 51-48 in Arena Bowl XIX. The official preseason picks for Arena Bowl XX are the same two teams, but the Force are picked to win.

Other teams that are picked as likely to reach the Arena Bowl

this year are the Dallas Desperados, Philadelphia Soul, and the San Jose SaberCats, winners of two of the last four Arena Bowls.

This year, the playoffs will change to the NFL-style 12 team tournament format.

Eight wildcard teams play in the first round, and the division champions having the first-round bye.

In previous seasons an 8 team tournament format with 4 wildcard teams was used.

Arena football is similar to outdoor football and uses many of the same rules, but is played on a 50 yard field, with 8 yard end zones, and padded walls that are 4 feet high.

Another important difference is that the goalposts are 15 feet high, and 9 feet wide (NFL goalposts are 10 feet high and 18 feet 6 inches wide).

Other notable rules include punting being illegal, and most players, with the exception of a few specialists,



Associated Press

The Arena Football League starts a new season on Friday.

play the entire game.

The National Broadcasting Corporation will again be the only network showing arena football games each week.

USOC makes decision on coach

Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

The U.S. Olympic Committee will not allow Tim Nardiello to coach the American skeleton team at next month's Turin Games, despite his reinstatement by the sport's national governing body after an arbitrator found no evidence to support claims he sexually harassed two team members.

The USOC said its investigation found that Nardiello failed to exercise appropriate judgment with his athletes, violated ethical codes and the USOC Code of Conduct.

It also said the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation initially planned to fire Nardiello after the Olympics, citing that as another factor.

"It is our belief there has been a pattern of conduct on the part of Mr. Nardiello that simply does not meet the standard of what is acceptable for a coach with the United States Olympic Team," said Jim Scherr, the USOC's chief executive officer.

In his letter to Nardiello, Scherr cited eight separate reasons for the decision, including Nardiello's admitted violations of three sections of the USOC's Coaches' Code of Ethics. Those sections discuss rules prohibiting sex between coaches and athletes.

Nardiello is dating Kelly Moffat of New Zealand, one of four international competitors whom he helped coach this season and who recently retired as a competitor.

Scherr also had harsh words for the USBSF, saying the federation's actions were "equally troubling" because it "could have taken steps to address and correct this situation."

Nardiello was suspended by the USBSF on Dec. 31 over allegations he sexually harassed two national team members.

When an arbitrator announced Monday he found those claims without merit, the USBSF allowed Nardiello's return.

Steelers make changes

Alan Robinson
Associated Press

To coach Bill Cowher, the Pittsburgh Steelers simply look right in white.

The Steelers will buck years of tradition and wear their white away uniforms in the Super Bowl against Seattle, even though they are designated by the NFL as the home team and could wear their more imposing black jersey tops.

Cowher made the choice by himself and without consulting with ownership, saying, "We're not playing at Heinz Field so, in my mind, it's an away game."

The Steelers' unprecedented success as a road team no doubt factored into Cowher's decision to wear white for the fourth consecutive game. They have won

in successive weeks at Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Denver.

The Steelers also will go against another tradition by not flying to Detroit until Monday. Normally, teams travel to the Super Bowl site on the Sunday before the game.

With Pittsburgh located so close to Detroit, Cowher said there was no reason to go any earlier since the first big Super Bowl-related event is Tuesday's media day.

Cowher became perplexed at the constant questioning about the issue at his weekly news conference, finally saying, "You want to know what shoes I'm wearing, too?"

"I didn't think it was that big a deal what jersey color you're wearing," Cowher said. "Maybe that's just me, OK? To me, if you're not playing at Heinz Field it's an away game. I

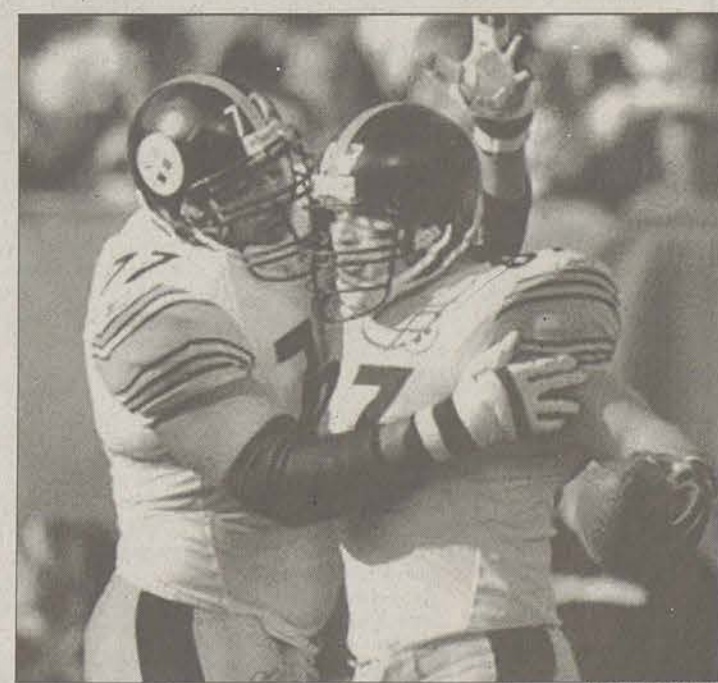
think anyone can understand that rationale. If it's a sensitive issue to people, I'm sorry."

Uniform issues aside, Cowher effectively revealed the Steelers' theme for the next two weeks, and it's a familiar one. We ain't done nothing yet.

"The deal isn't done yet," he said. "This is going to be our toughest challenge. Seattle is playing at an extremely high level, and we haven't accomplished anything yet. That's the thing to keep in mind."

The Steelers know all about that, having lost four AFC title games at home and a Super Bowl in the last dozen seasons, gaining them a reputation of being a team that can't stand up to the challenge of big games.

"They're just as hungry as we are," Cowher said. "It's a golden opportunity for us, but don't underestimate the challenge that's in front of us. ... You realize how hard it is to get there, but don't lose sight that the goal is to win a championship."



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Coach Bill Cowher has decided to go with white jerseys in the Super Bowl against Seattle.

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Bird's-Eye View

While the bald eagle may be the official bird of the United States, the cardinal is the most popular choice for state bird. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia all have the cardinal as their official state bird. Birds are the stars of this puzzle.

Yesterday's Solution

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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (01-25-06). You work well with groups, especially this year. Together, you can make amazing breakthroughs. You're the brains behind the operation.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Sometimes it's hard to see where reality ends and fantasy begins. On the other hand, who cares? Push ahead, as far as you can go. The odds are in your favor.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Important people are watching, and they think you're lookin' good. Don't try to impress them, just do the best job you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - It's OK to admit that you can't do it all by yourself. Let somebody else do the part that's easier for them.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't be afraid of trying something you've never done before. The odds are in your favor.

You have natural talent.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're lucky now, and it seems like you're getting pretty good advice. Go ahead and make a choice that you'll be happy to live with.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Frustrations at home have you wondering if it's time to make a big change. That's one option, but a renewal or renovation is also indicated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're a student and a teacher naturally, all the time. Continue to collect information, so you'll have the answers when asked.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - It's a good time to ask for a bonus, a raise or money somebody owes you. You might even get a surprise or find a few bucks under the couch cushions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're intent on finding the truth and this is a good thing. Dig through the stacks of data and clues, and you will.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Keep digging around in your closets and attic. There's something important you've saved and forgotten about.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - A friend comes up with a completely outrageous suggestion. Don't laugh—the odds are good that this will actually work.

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'American Idol' develops a mean streak in season five

By Lynn Elber

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Considering it's the biggest kid on the block, "American Idol" is becoming quite the bully.

Fox's talent contest regularly has made an art of mocking the untalented who expose their dreams of stardom on TV, but the show's fifth year has the stench of a mean season.

Vulnerable contestants are coming in for more ridicule; bounced contestants are unleashing more extended and expletive-laden attacks on the judges and, we are warned, the future will demonstrate how vicious singers can

be when they really want to win.

"We now have contestants who will not let anything get in their way of victory," host Ryan Seacrest told The Associated Press before the show returned. "Some contestants have thrown each other under the bus this season."

Much is at stake. Producers Fremantle Media North America and 19 Entertainment, who again have delivered the No. 1-rated show to Fox (last week's premiere drew a record 35.5 million viewers), are under pressure to keep the format a lucrative draw.

Would-be idols know this game can be about more than fleeting fame:

It may be 15 seconds or it may be big album sales and a shot at a lasting career, as with "Since U Been Gone" hitmaker Kelly Clarkson.

"Shows have to reinvent themselves to stay fresh and invigorated for all these years," said analyst Shari Anne Brill of New York-based Carat USA.

In the past, "American Idol" (airing Tuesday and Wednesday) upped the age for contestants to 28 and divided the finalists evenly between men and women. This year, it's trying a little anti-tenderness.

Weight and sexuality are favorite targets, as in previous seasons and just like around the typical school yard.

But there is new venom in everybody's blood, and emotional fragility be damned.

In last week's Chicago audition, a heavyset woman with an exceptional voice got a thumbs-up from the judges — and then chief provocateur Simon Cowell suggested the show might consider a bigger stage.

Also in Chicago, a man with a high-pitched voice got Cowell's brutal career advice: Shave your beard and try wearing a dress.

On Tuesday, GLAAD said it has started what it hopes will be a productive, ongoing conversation with Fox. The network declined comment.



AP Photo/Photo provided by NBC Universal
In this photo provided by NBC Universal, Randy Jackson, left, Paula Abdul, center left, and Simon Cowell, center right, talk with Jay Leno.

Relief

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"The most powerful for me was seeing the older historic houses and how they were destroyed," Bill Pickett said. "Also, seeing household items or children's toys scattered around in the

debris. It made me think about how difficult the upcoming holidays were going to be on these families."

Currently, Kellie Pickett is working to organize an alternate spring break trip for GSU students. The alternate break would take interested students back to the East Biloxi area.

Slavery

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ment of sociology and anthropology, who says she wanted to show Midway's residents' humanity in their own words through true biographies, manuscripts and documents.

"Although the Midway district is renowned for its white heroes, political figures, scientists, educators and religious leaders," Hargis said. "The bulk of its residents have been lost to history. This exhibit reveals the human face of a people who struggled to maintain their humanity within the confines of slavery."

Though recently freed, the blacks were still forced to labor for whites in the Task System, under which they were

given a set amount of work to complete each day. After the work was complete the rest of the day was theirs to do with what they wish.

Half of the plantations in Liberty County were occupied exclusively by blacks. Blacks created their own language. For example, Gullah words like "nuff" (enough) can be found uttered by Tom Sawyer in Twain's classic work, while some people of today still pronounce business as "bidness."

There is no admission fee for the Museum, which is located in the Rosendal Building on Southern Drive. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/museum> or call (912) 681-5444.

Radios abound in Columbus collector's home

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ga. - Touch anything in Ray Weaver's living room and it's liable to emit a broadcast signal.

The guitar hanging on the wall is a transistor radio. So are clocks. A small sewing machine, a pair of binoculars, a candy dispenser, a telephone, beer cans, model cars, picture frames, an Elvis figurine, a cigarette lighter -- all of them will pick up your favorite station. The toilet paper holder in the nearby bathroom is AM-FM.

"I have radios with batteries in them and batteries with radios in them," says the 73-year-old Columbus man, referring to a replica of a car battery.

Ask him just how many transistor radios are in his home and he gives the exact number.

"We're right at 1,122," he proudly says. All are novelty radios. "I love ones that look like something else," he says.



Ray Weaver is surrounded by items from his collection of novelty radios, Jan. 19, 2006, in Columbus, Ga. Weaver says his collection now numbers 1,122 pieces.

Now, 608 of his favorites are colorfully displayed in a 160-page softcover book published by Schiffer Books that sells for \$29.95. Currently, it's available from the publisher and

on eBay. The title is "The Novelty Radio Handbook and Price Guide." He finds the radios in catalogues and at flea markets and yard sales. Family members always know

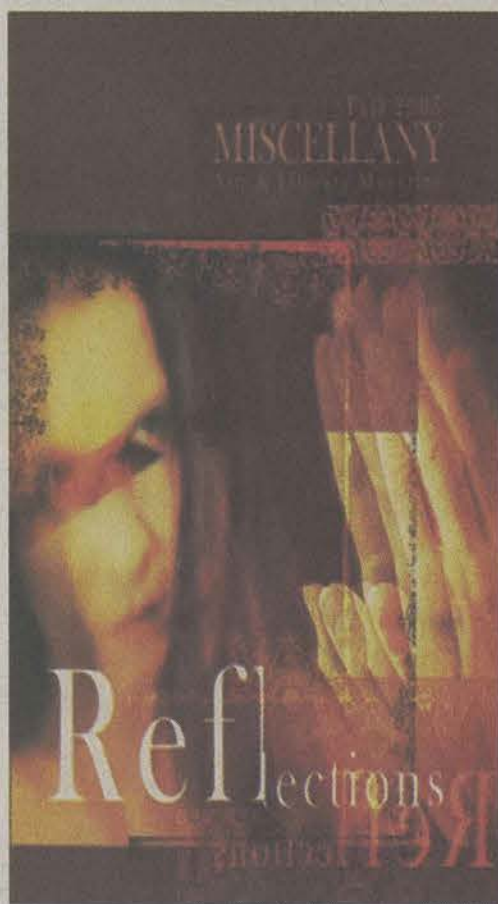
what to get him for a birthday or at Christmas.

But despite his collection, Weaver says he rarely listens to the radio. He said he finds it "boring."

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Talon

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most renovations including moving in furniture and painting the walls.

"This gives the employees a sense of self ownership and pride," said

Michael Price, assistant director of food services.

Palfy sees Talons Grille as the starting point for a new wave of food service changes to begin on campus. The idea of food services is to have the dining experience grow with the student, and in the next few years students should begin to see a change in all aspects of dining services, said Palfy.

So far students are enjoying the Talon's Grille enough to fill the restaurant every day.

"The food was different, but good and with the new opening the wait time is a little longer but hopefully it will get better," said freshman Jonathan Yates, who ate at the new restaurant this week. "Overall I like it and change is good sometimes."

Palate

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I've had the pleasure of dining there twice since it opened and I have yet to be disappointed. The menu includes a greatly improved selection and quality. Virtually overnight, the small dining room in the Russell Union went from barely a step above cafeteria to one of the nicer spots in Statesboro.

If you're looking to dine on the light side, the menu boasts six salads. There is more than just the popular chef's salad. Pan seared Portobello mushrooms and roasted red peppers are offered with a grilled chicken ceasar. The prices range from \$6-7, with three falling into the "meal plan friendly" category.

Paninis offer something a tad more filling and the variety is second to nothing else on the menu. The signature panini is the Eagle Club with apple wood bacon, turkey, ham, tomato and baby greens topped with Southern Pride sauce. These toasted sandwiches

range from \$6-7, with two falling into the meal plan category.

There are also quesadillas and pizzas on the menu, and for evenings there is a healthy representation of full-flavored, heavy meals that might tax your budget, but they'll surely make your pants a little more snug.

On a recent trip I tried out the Jacked Up country fried chicken with sweet onion pan gravy, mashed potatoes and steamed broccoli. It set me back \$7, but it was worth it. Served on creamy mashed potatoes with skins and rich gravy, the chicken was crisp and fried perfectly.

My companion enjoyed the veggie pizza with onions, tomatoes, broccoli and green peppers. The vegetables were melted in white cheese on a hand tossed pizza crust. Talons Grille offers first class meals with speedy service, all for the price of a meal plan.

We've had quite a few folks from the G-A venture over to the Grille over the past week. There hasn't been one complaint. There are only rave reviews for almost all the paninis, the pizza and the salads.

One area that could be improved is the noise level. It seems the restaurant is so popular that there has been a waiting list. The large number of boisterous students has made the noise hard to stand. Perhaps the waiters and greeters could do a better job of speaking over the noise as I had to ask my server to repeat himself a few times.

Students should respect that they are not in a barn and tone it down a few notches.

We heard complaints of long waits, but both trips to the Grille turned out to be quite quick. Don't go if you are expecting fast-food style promptness. With the real menu, real prices and real service comes real wait times as well.

Overall, Talons Grille is much improved over its predecessor. Just keeping my glass full and seeming appreciative of my business would have been enough to warrant a good review, but the restaurant is far more than just "better": it's entirely praise-worthy.

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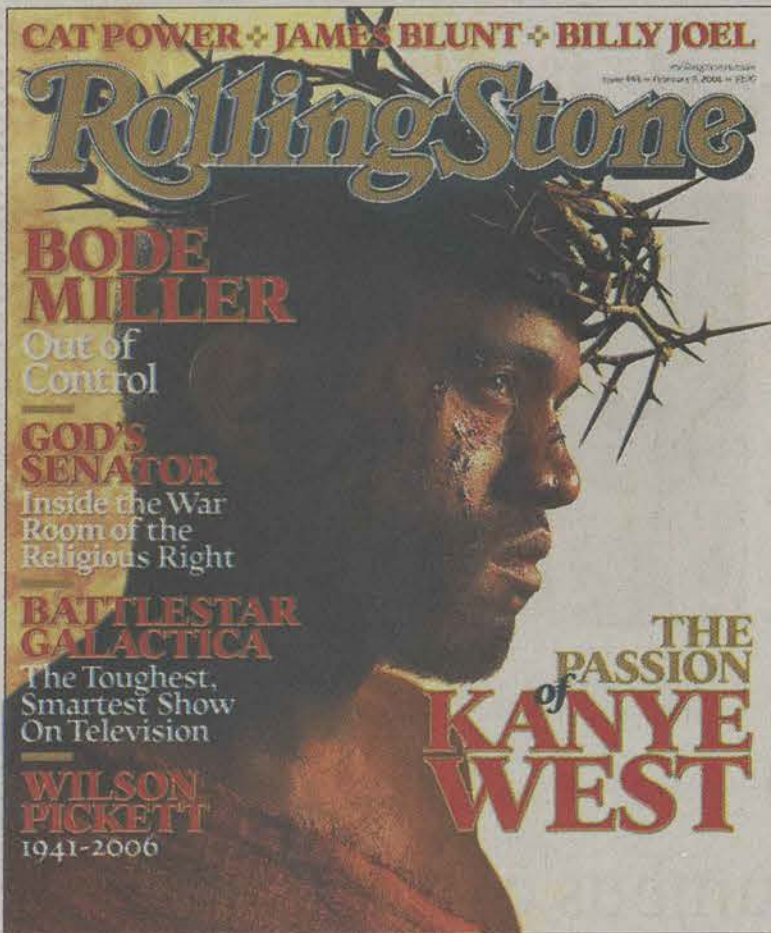
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Rapper Kanye West, shown with a crown of thorns atop his head, as Jesus Christ on the cover of the upcoming issue of Rolling Stone.

West poses as Jesus in Rolling Stone

By Ian James
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kanye West, with a crown of thorns atop his head, poses as Jesus Christ on the cover of the upcoming issue of Rolling Stone.

The outspoken rapper defends his brash attitude inside the magazine's pages, on newsstands Friday. He is also pictured posing as Muhammad Ali.

"In America, they want you to accomplish these great feats, to pull off these David Copperfield-type stunts," he says. "You want me to be great, but you don't ever want me to say I'm great?"

West also says his hit song "Gold Digger" was the best song last year and that it should have been nominated for the Grammy's best rap song category.

Nevertheless, the 27-year-old is

nominated for eight awards, including album of the year for his sophomore album, "Late Registration."

West has always been forthright in saying what he feels, most famously when he said "George Bush doesn't care about black people" during a telethon for Hurricane Katrina victims.

"If I was more complacent and I let things slide, my life would be easier, but you all wouldn't be as entertained," he says. "My misery is your pleasure."

The strangest tangent of the Rolling Stone story, however, is when West says he's addicted to pornography. He remembers first seeing his father's Playboy magazine when he was 5 years old.

"Right then," West says, laughing, "it was like, 'Houston, we have a problem.'"

The 'Illustrated Man' tells his story

Art Richards is your typical 75-year-old retiree — kind of

By Tony Hicks
Knight Ridder

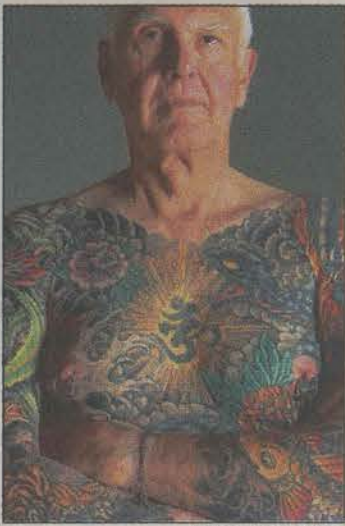
WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Art Richards blends into the suburbs just fine — so long as people don't ask him to take his clothes off.

On weekdays, it's morning coffee at Walnut Creek, Calif.'s Pacific Bay Coffee. Sundays it's church services at St. Anne's, just up the street from his home. The 73-year-old retiree also volunteers in the gift shop at San Damiano, the Catholic retreat house in the hills above Danville, Calif.

Richards is a quiet and modest man. He's religious. He attends the theater. He does aerobics.

He's also a man whose true colors stay hidden, literally, from the outside world. He is a walking suit of tattoos, none of which existed until he was almost 65.

"My friends told me I'm the last person in the world (who would) do this," he says, over lunch. His long-sleeved shirt conceals his right arm, until he lifts his fork to his mouth, revealing color where wrist meets forearm.



Bob Pepping/KRT

It took Richards nearly 65 years to gather his courage to get a tattoo. He now stands proudly in his suit of tattoos.

"I'm fairly conservative. I go to church. There was this lady at my church I socialized with who I never told. I thought she would faint. My pastor, he still doesn't know."

Richards takes another bite. The ink peeks out again and he smiles.

"Oh, well. What the hell?"

That's a big step for a guy who, for the first few years of his new hobby, went by the pseudonym "Sid," when the media came calling, wondering what a retiree was doing suddenly getting some of the most stunning tattoos in the country. And yes, his real name is "Art."

Though they still represent a certain amount of rebelliousness, tattoos don't carry the social stigma they once did. Lots of people have tattoos. But not like Richards'. Except for hands, feet and face, Richards' whole body is covered.

But he's not always been a walking mosaic. During his 35 years working at the Social Security Administration in San Francisco, he frequently walked by the shop of Lyle Tuttle, one of the country's most famous tattoo artists, where he became intrigued by a spider design in the window.

But he never worked up the courage until he saw a first-person newspaper account of someone getting a tattoo in 1997. He went to the now-closed Diversity store in Walnut Creek, Calif., saw the chair right there in the open, and fled, not wanting to cry out in pain in front of strangers.

"I didn't know how I'd react, whether I'd scream or what," he says. He soon found a more private shop in Martinez, Calif., where he had a small spider carved into his ankle.

"I guess the spider bit me, because I went back two weeks later and got a big dragon," says Art, who apparently underestimated his tolerance for pain.

Richards figures in eight years,



Bob Pepping/KRT

The 75-year-old Art Richards is nearly covered in colorful tattoos as he poses in Walnut Creek, California, in 2005.

he's spent about 200 hours getting inked at eight or nine different shops. He's connected with lots of different imagery, much of it from religion.

He's proudest of his back piece — a sprawling, vivid image straight from biblical revelations, where the Virgin Mother lifts the blessed child to the heavens, saving it from the beast. That piece alone took 23 hours.

Richards estimates he's spent \$20,000 on his body art. He's not spending anyone's inheritance; he has no children and is divorced (his ex-wife died a few years ago). Nevertheless, he's tried to balance his indulgence by doling out to charity. "I thought, 'Well, this is selfish.' So I matched it."

He admits that the drastic physical transformation has given him a new identity, encompassing a new education about various cultures now represented on his body. He regularly appears in tattoo magazines and at tattoo shows, where he's won awards. But it usually takes some convincing. It took more than six years for Richards to finally agree to this story.

People who get to see Richards' work wonder what a man his age is trying to say. He stops to think, and can't come up with a definitive answer. It's clear all those tattoos are



Bob Pepping/KRT

Richards started with a small spider tattoo in 1997 and has since spent probably 200 hours filling his body with colorful images.


for him alone.

"They say it makes a statement about yourself," Richards says. "Well, I don't know. They say it makes you a rebel. Well, I'm not a rebel."

He pauses and smiles again at what he just said. In all his travels among hard-core tattoo lovers the past eight years, he hasn't seen people older than their mid-50s get into tattooing. And certainly not to the extent he has.

"Or maybe I am," he says, with a laugh. "I'm an undercover rebel."

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