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THE GEORGE-ANNE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

A lifetime of sculpting students

Exhibit celebrates career of retiring art professor

GSU News Service

"Metal Legacy: The Sculpture of Pat Steadman and His Students," is currently on display in Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts Building at Georgia Southern. The exhibition will run through March 23.

The exhibition is a tribute to Pat Steadman, an art professor who is retiring this year after sharing his talents and wisdom with thousands of art students in the Betty Foy Sanders department of art for 32 years. Former students of Steadman's are displaying their sculptural artwork alongside Steadman's work.

Included in the exhibition are works by Elizabeth Barksdale, Charles Burch, Cleve Davis, Roger Finch, Heather Hajdukiewicz, Jeff Hensley, Brian Lee, Tony Mann, Darlene Miller, Michael Morrison, Linda Whitt Smith, Matt Toole and Julie Ward.

Former student Tony Mann, who received an MFA from GSU in 1999, writes, "Professor Pat Steadman is unique and special in many regards, in his knowledge—breadth of subject and field; in his instruction—technique, technical expertise, methodology; in his philosophy—assisting the development of the individual; in his leadership—strong, on course and task, and future bound."

Brian Lee, who received a BFA 1996, says, "Pat was the finest 'teacher' I have ever had in all my years of school. ... he would allow you to make a mistake and learn more than you ever would from just telling you the right way to do something. While I have forgotten most of what I learned in college I can never forget the wisdom Pat bestowed."

"Pat Steadman was a prominent



Professor Pat Steadman speaks to a group of his current and former students at Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

figure in my need to create. He was supportive without begin protective. He allowed us to experiment with our thoughts and imaginings," writes Heather Hajdukiewicz, BFA '96.

Jane Hudak, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, comments, "Pat Steadman is one of the finest sculpture professors in the Southeast. He was instrumental in the design of the Georgia Southern's outstanding Sculpture and Ceramic Studio. Many of his students have successful and productive careers as noted sculptors. All Georgia

Southern faculty who have won awards for excellence in research, service, and teaching are honored to have a cast bronze medallion created by Professor Steadman. We congratulate Professor Steadman on his retirement."

Steadman earned his MFA at East Tennessee State University and is renowned for his sculptural work in metal. Patricia Carter, chair of the art department, reflects on his work: "Steadman's biography reveals a life operating machinery within farming roots. His sculpture reflects this experience in its

juxtaposition of hard-edged formal elements with natural forms. Inspired by sculptural processes, Steadman's work captivates us with its duality between crude material and eloquent form."

All events in Gallery 303 are free and open to the public. Gallery 303 is supported by GSU student activity funds.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information regarding this exhibition, call the Art Department at 912-871-1712.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

GSU students (l-r) Nick Evans, Jonathan Blankenship and Scott Pokorski play a hand of poker one evening.

Poker buddies think they know when to hold 'em

By Patrice M. Jones

Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO — The bond between buddies Craig Rabin and Jason Beck is obvious, particularly in the way they tend to finish the dangling end of each other's sentences.

The way Beck tells it, he called Rabin as soon as he got the idea in 2004 to start a business that would host free college poker tournaments at which students would compete for scholarships. It didn't matter that the pair was separated by more than a thousand miles, with Beck in college in Miami and Rabin at Illinois State University in Normal.

Rabin picks up the story: "I was like, 'This is a great idea.' So I had this business class that was on small business ownership. We had to create a fake company. But I was thinking, why create a fake hot dog stand when we have got this great idea?"

Since eighth grade, Beck and Rabin have talked about running a business together. Now, less than a year after graduating from college with business degrees, they are hosting free traveling Texas Hold 'Em poker tournaments at six universities. In April they will hold an online national championship with a scholarship prize pool of up to \$20,000.

The budding entrepreneurs have succeeded in avoiding the corporate 9-to-5, but they are entering controversial territory in bringing a "legitimized" version of poker onto university campuses.

"With any poker event, there are going to be some reservations about gambling," Beck said.

"But the students don't pay a cent to enter our tournaments, and everyone wins at least a small prize."

Beck and Rabin aim to ride the poker wave; there has been an enormous growth in the game's popularity in general and in college poker, in particular, during the past few years.

There are about 3 million young

people, between ages 14 and 22, who gamble at cards on a weekly basis, according to a recent study by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. About half of the males attending college gamble at cards at least once a month, the research showed.

Long a popular pastime, now poker events on television have glamorized the game and those who play it.

Beck, who worked in the University of Miami's intramural department and played poker in college, said he couldn't help but notice students' growing interest in the game. He said he thought scholarship tournaments—hosted mainly by university intramural departments and funded by local and national sponsorships—would allow students to enjoy the excitement of the game without the troubling aspects of gambling for money.

But as popular as it is, college poker is controversial, particularly when it comes to university-sponsored events. University officials have been criticized for being slow to recognize and react to problem student gambling in the same way they have to drug and alcohol abuse.

Legal gaming is heavily regulated and Internet gambling is illegal in Illinois, though anyone with a credit card, online access and a search engine can quickly find a place to play poker or other games.

Nelson Rose, a professor of law at Whittier Law School in California and a leading expert on gambling, said the Collegiate Poker Tour Events seem to fall within the letter of the law because students don't risk their money and don't have to pay an entry fee to participate in the games.

"If it is free, it is generally considered not gambling," he said.

But Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, disagrees.

"As far as I have learned, they are

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Noted hip hop educator here on March 2

GSU News Service

Jeff Campbell, executive director of the Colorado Hip Hop Coalition, will present his own unique brand of hip hop education and entertainment at Georgia Southern on Thursday, March 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the College of Education auditorium. His presentation, "Art for Activism: The Grassroots Transformation of Hip Hop," is free

and open to the public.

The mission of the Colorado Hip Hop Coalition is to provide education programs and community events that empower underserved youth and artists through hip hop culture. Campbell uses hip hop culture as a means of social change by creating a common language and framework within the coalition's three laws of leadership: unity, opportunity, and action. In 2000

he worked with Professor Shuiab Meecham of the University of Colorado Boulder to develop the educational programs offered by the coalition.

In addition to his work as a hip hop educator in schools and youth-based agencies, Campbell performs regularly at spoken word sets, hip hop shows, and on tour with his group. His presentation guides audiences through hip hop's cultural

origins to its current state, and looks at methods of bringing hip hop back to a social movement of cultural pride, economic empowerment, and self-awareness.

Campbell, who is also the MC and spoken word artist known as Apostle, has three solo albums to his credit: "The Chosen One" in 1994; "Dayz of Darkness" in 1997; and "Last of a Dying Breed" in 2000.

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Your ring is where?

An man in Alabama actually has a reason why he lost his wedding ring: a crocodile took it, along with half the man's arm. | OIA, p.5

Sheriff unjust when he fired 27 deputies in one day

By Errin Haines

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's Supreme Court on Monday upheld a lower court ruling that 27 deputies, most of them white, were unjustly fired by their county's new black sheriff.

The deputies were fired by Clayton

County Sheriff Victor Hill on Jan. 3, 2005, his first day in office. Some had supported the incumbent who had lost.

The deputies sued, alleging discrimination and political retaliation.

A lower court judge ordered Hill to rehire most of the employees within days, but he did not give them their

former jobs, instead demoting them to work as correctional officers. Four of the deputies have since retired, resigned or are otherwise no longer affected in the pending litigation.

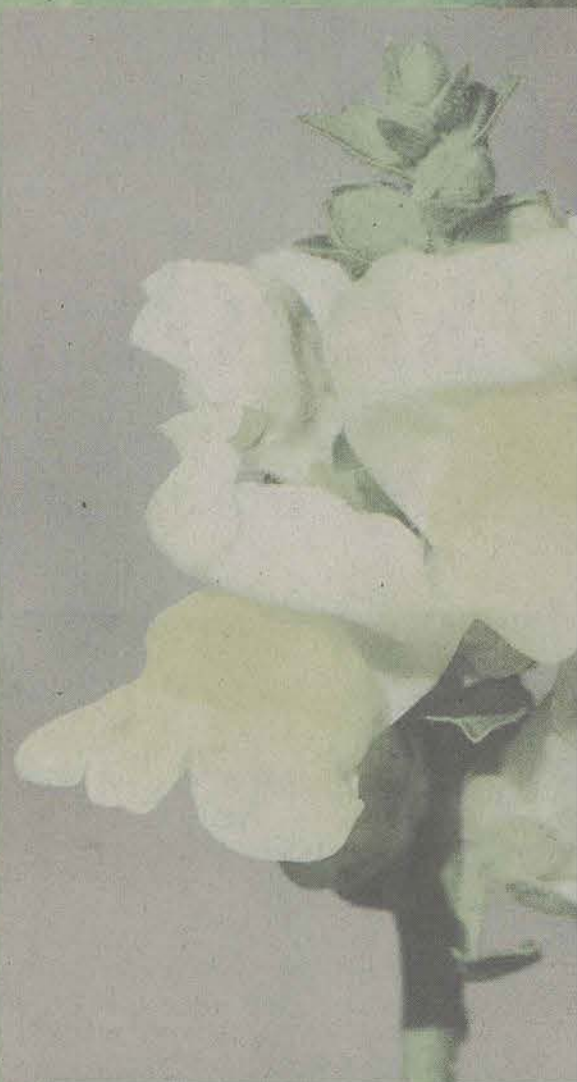
The high court ruled 6-1 on Monday "that the elected sheriff is not subject to the civil service system, but

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The Georgia Supreme Court ruled Monday that Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill (left) unjustly fired 27 deputies on Jan. 3, 2005, his first day in office.

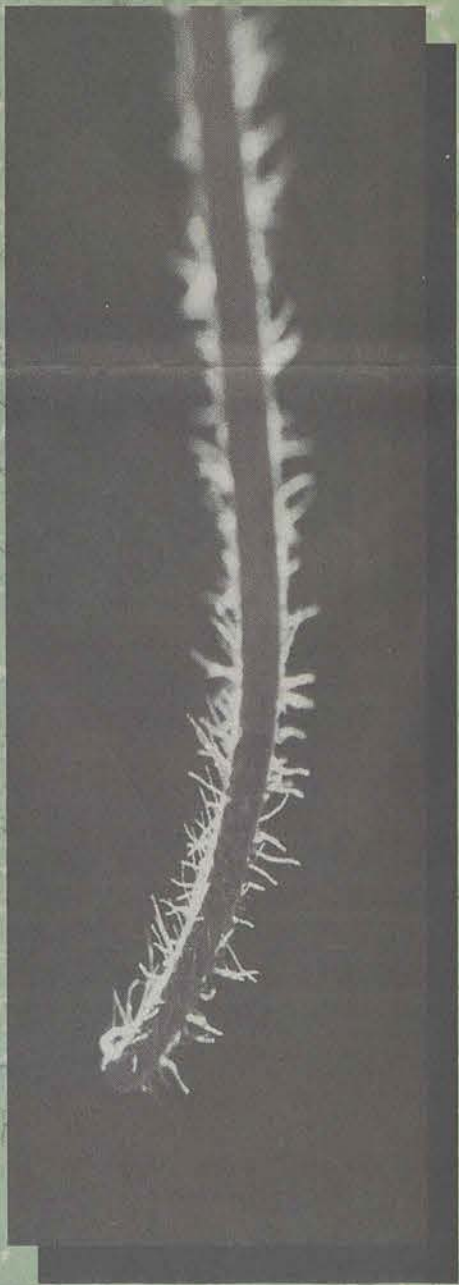
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Close-ups of nature

“Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.”
--Henry David Thoreau

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THE BIG STORY



AP Photo/Luis M. Alvarez

A boat passes the Port of Miami. Dubai Ports World has volunteered to postpone its takeover of significant operations at six major U.S. seaports, and the White House said on Friday the delay would help give the administration time to convince skeptical lawmakers the deal poses no increased risks from terrorism.

Warnings of intelligence gaps in recent ports deal

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press

Citing broad gaps in U.S. intelligence, the Coast Guard cautioned the Bush administration weeks ago that it could not determine whether a United Arab Emirates-based company seeking a stake in some U.S. port operations might support terrorist operations.

The disclosure came during a hearing Monday on Dubai-owned DP World's plans to take over significant operations at six leading U.S. ports.

The Bush administration said the Coast Guard's concerns were raised during its review of the deal, which it approved Jan. 17, and that all those questions were resolved.

The port operations are now handled by London-based Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

"There are many intelligence gaps, concerning the potential for DPW or P&O assets to support terrorist operations, that precludes an overall threat assessment" of the potential merger, the unclassified Coast Guard

intelligence assessment said.

"The breadth of the intelligence gaps also infer potential unknown threats against a large number of potential vulnerabilities," the assessment said.

The Coast Guard said the concerns reflected in the document ultimately were addressed. In a statement, the Coast Guard said other U.S. intelligence agencies were able to provide answers to the questions it raised.

The report raised questions about the security of the companies' operations, the backgrounds of people working for the companies, and whether other foreign countries influenced operations that affect security.

Sen. Susan Collins, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, released an unclassified version of the document at a briefing Monday. The Bush administration agreed Sunday to DP World's request for a second review of the potential security risks related to the deal.

Congressional leaders who brokered the arrangement for a second review hoped it would defuse a biparti-

san political uproar over port security and scuttle any push for legislation this week that would force such an investigation and could embarrass President Bush.

Senators introduced several bills Monday anyway, even though Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told reporters in Detroit, "I don't think it's necessary to legislate."

Criticism persisted from both Republicans and Democrats.

"This report suggests there were significant and troubling intelligence gaps," said Collins, R-Maine. "That language is very troubling to me."

Appearing before the Collins committee, administration officials defended their decision not to trigger a 45-day review of national security implications of the business transaction following their initial review.

"In this case, the concerns that you're citing were addressed and resolved," Clay Lowery, the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for international affairs, told Collins. "There were no national security concerns that were not addressed."

Poker

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providing pretty substantial prizes, and while it may not meet the legal definition of gambling, it is certainly gambling," he said.

"The concern we have is that they are sending the message that gambling is a good way to make money," Whyte said. "No university would support a college drinking or smoking tournament. So we find the presence of these tournaments odd."

Rabin said some university officials still say "no" to Collegiate Poker Tour Events, refusing to have their names and reputations associated with poker.

Others wanted to see how well the tournaments succeeded before they decided whether to climb on board.

Still, the idea is gaining acceptance: From six this year, the duo says they are planning to host between 25 and 30 tournaments in the next academic year.

The first tournament was held last November at Illinois State University and pulled in about 350 students. Nate Tierney, a junior marketing major, won the event and will compete with others in the April online championship.

"I surprised myself, that is for sure," 20-year-old Tierney said, calling himself a good, but not an expert

poker player. "When I told my folks about winning, they said, 'Put down your books and work on your poker game.' But of course, they were just joking."

Sam Kelner, coordinator of intramural sports at St. Louis University, said he believes the Collegiate Poker Tour Events have many positive benefits.

"When I found it was a non-alcoholic event and there is no exchange of money and no charge for students, I thought that it was the greatest bet," Kelner said. "Let's be honest. It is a Saturday night and students are going to go out and drink. We are always searching for ways (in which) students can be in an alcohol-free, safe environment."

These days, Beck and Rabin spend most of their days in Rabin's parents' basement in Buffalo Grove, Ill., looking for additional companies to act as sponsors to provide everything from scholarship money to food and prizes for the events. The biggest challenge for the fledgling entrepreneurs has been the scholarship prize, which was once promoted to be as much as \$85,000 — an ambitious sum they never reached.

Every cent they make is being poured into their business venture, and they both still live with their parents.

"I have the shortest commute of anyone in Buffalo Grove," joked Rabin.

Sheriff

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those occupying positions in his office are."

It said the sheriff's employees can only be fired "for good cause and in accordance with civil service system rules and regulations."

It was not immediately clear how the Supreme Court ruling will affect the deputies, said their attorney, Harlan Miller.

The sheriff "has to treat them with the dignity and respect they've earned over many years of service," Miller said.

Hill had said the firings were part of a plan to reorganize a dysfunctional department.

The deputies had been summoned to the jail, stripped of their guns and badges and handed letters of dismissal.

Snipers stood guard on the roof of the jail as the workers were escorted out.

In a statement after Monday's ruling, the sheriff said: "Unfortunately, we are stuck with the administration of the past sheriff."

"We will move forward with this team that we have been dealt instead of the team of our own choosing as past sheriffs have been allowed to do."

Hip hop

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Every week he hosts "The Jeff Campbell Show," a weekly talk show on Denver Community Television.

Campbell's lecture is sponsored by the College of Education and by CLEC, the Campus Life Enrichment Committee.

For questions about Campbell's presentation, call the College of Education at 912-681-5648.

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Amnesty International comes to GSU

By Kristen Hillis
Staff writer

A new group on campus has formed to inform the public about serious human rights issues such as freedom of speech, wrongful imprisonment and torture, genocide and violence against women.

According to the group's president, Danielle Smith, if you are concerned about such issues and wish to make a difference worldwide, then Amnesty International is the organization to join.

According to members, Amnesty International frequently makes its presence known in world affairs and influences decisions made by government officials on the subject of human rights. Concerned students have managed to bring this organization to Georgia Southern.

"Amnesty International is a human rights organization with no political or religious affiliations," said member Jamie Steele. "We're striving to better



Special Photo

People demonstrate against the death penalty wearing white mask as they lay on the floor of the Concorde square in Paris, July 2, 2005, during a demonstration organized by Amnesty International.

the world and create a more peaceful and coherent social status for all global citizens."

The GSU chapter of Amnesty International has a variety of events planned. A lecture series and panel discussions are future events. The group is also working with the Hillel Foundation on a "Day for Darfur" in response to the ongoing crisis in

Sudan. Day for Darfur will be held April 25. Amnesty International's most effective campaign method is writing letters to world leaders encouraging them to make humane decisions when dealing with their citizens, and the GSU chapter is no exception. According to Danielle Smith, the group has several upcoming letter campaigns.

"The point of Amnesty International is to raise awareness about human rights issues on a global level," she said. "We're not asking anybody to change their political or religious beliefs, just to enhance their knowledge of current issues."

The GSU chapter of Amnesty International meets every Monday at 5 p.m. in the Forest Drive Building.

High school scholars visit campus

GSU News Service

Two hundred outstanding students were invited to come to Georgia Southern for the opportunity to interview for the university Honors Program, as well as other academic scholarships.

Students were chosen based on superb SAT scores, excellent grade point averages, creativity and the desire for future academic success.

Not only have these students excelled academically, but they have enhanced their high school experience through involvement in extracurricular activities, tutoring, leadership and

community service.

Scholar's Day allowed students to interview for scholarships, as well as meet faculty, student leaders and current GSU students.

Scholarship applicants began the weekend with a reception held in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on Friday evening, followed by a banquet to honor their achievements.

To close the evening's festivities, students were invited to attend a performance of Hamlet. Scholarship interviews began on Saturday morning, along with presentations from the

university Honors Program, University Housing, Student Life, Engineering Studies and Study Abroad.

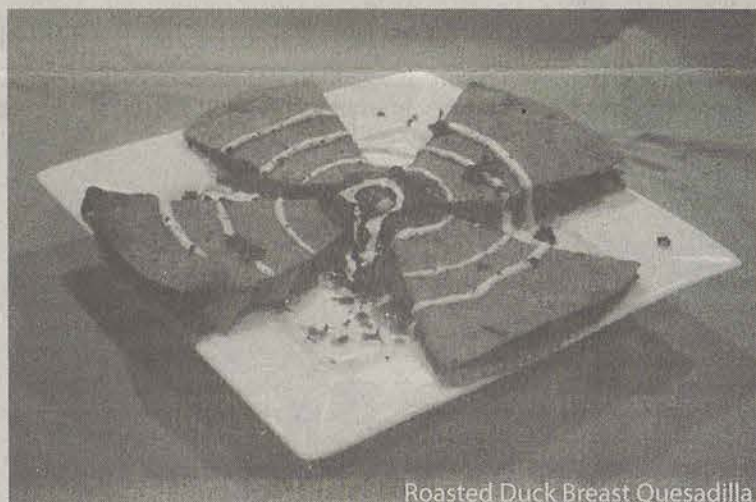
Students also met with representatives from Student Government, Religious Ministries, and Student Media. Interviews were followed by a luncheon with faculty and campus leaders.

"We are very proud of these students' accomplishments thus far," said Janna Gilmer, graduate student at the Office of Admissions. "We were very pleased to honor their achievements while giving them the opportunity to learn more about what GSU has to offer."

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Splash into spring

GSU offers swimming lessons for kids and parents at Hanner pool

GSU News Service

It may still be winter outside, but it's not too early for parents to think about swimming lessons for their children.

Georgia Southern will offer spring swimming lessons at the Hanner Fieldhouse Pool for kids age six months to 14 years old.

"It is vitally important for everyone to know how to swim," said Aquatic Director Bridget Melton. "It's a matter of safety. Even very small children can learn to be comfortable in the water."

The lessons are given in an indoor pool, where the water temperature is 81 degrees.

GSU will offer a range of classes, depending on the swimmer's age and ability. Three sets of classes will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday

afternoons and run for four weeks.

The swim sessions will run Feb. 14-March 9; March 21-April 13 and May 4-May 11. Saturday morning classes will run from Mar. 4-April 29.

Parents can join their infant or toddler (six months to four years) in the Parent-N-Tot class. Pre-school classes will also be available for children ages four to five years old.

Older children will be tested to determine their swimming ability and then placed in one of seven classes. Classes for all levels will be held at 4 p.m. during Tuesday-Thursday sessions and at 10 a.m. during the Saturday session.

The registration fee is \$50 per session for any lessons. Parents or adults can register by calling the aquatics office at 912-871-1973. Class space is limited.

CALENDAR

People of Faith Week

Tuesday, Feb. 28

7 p.m.
"The Cost of Discipleship"
Baptist Student Union

9 p.m.
Campus Outreach meeting
Biology Building Room 119

Wednesday, March 1

11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Blood drive
Russell Union Ballroom

12 p.m. and 1 p.m.
Free luncheon
Baptist Student Union

12 p.m. and 1 p.m.
Reformed University Fellowship meeting, Russell Union

8 p.m.
"Model Seder," presented by the Hillel student group
Pittman Park United Methodist Church gym

Thursday, March 2

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
People of Faith Fair
Faith groups from campus and the community will be on hand with displays and information.
Russell Union Rotunda

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Praise Fair
Campus faith groups will present dramas and musical performances. There will be free food and giveaways between the Russell Union and University Bookstore

7:30 p.m.
Night of Praise
RAC Pavilion

POLICE BEAT

02-25-2006

• A tackle box was taken from a vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

02-26-2006

• Ryan Robert Simons, 20, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
• A domestic dispute was reported at Hendricks Hall.

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Tomorrow's teachers at GSU

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's College of Education hosted "A Day on Campus for Teachers of Tomorrow" recently, and more than 200 junior and senior students from 12 regional school districts attended.

The gathering, designed to share inspiration and information with future teachers, included a keynote address from Tammy Davis, an eighth-grade teacher at Langston Chapel Middle School and 2001 Bulloch County Teacher of the Year. Davis used examples from "Fish!" to encourage students to choose a positive attitude and motivate others.

Students participated in sessions with GSU professors, academic success counselors, and student teachers. Following lunch, they visited the Wildlife Education Center for a "Birds of Prey Flight Demonstration," and took a tour of the College of Education Building.

Killer takes romantic getaway

1 Athens, Tenn. - A convicted killer and the dog trainer accused of helping him escape from prison in an animal crate spent part of their two weeks on the run in a Tennessee cabin where they appeared to be on a "romantic getaway," a federal marshal said Monday.

John Manard, 27, and Toby Young, 48, waived extradition in separate court hearings and will be returned to Kansas, where authorities say Manard escaped from Lansing Correctional Facility on Feb. 12 by climbing in a dog crate that was driven away by Young, who ran a dog rehabilitation program at the prison.

They were captured in an interstate highway chase late Friday that ended near Athens after officers spotted them outside a Chattanooga mall more than 90 miles south of their cabin in Alpine on Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Danny Shelton said a search of the cabin turned up loaded handguns, cash, a laptop computer, a PlayStation, an adult DVD, two new guitars, a mandolin and sheet music to the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Man loses wedding ring to crocodile

2 Lowpoint, Ala. - Pieter Abrahams has an original excuse for a lost wedding ring: a crocodile ate it, along with the arm it was attached to.

"He took my wedding ring, I suppose he ate it up," Abrahams said by telephone from his hospital Monday as he recounted his life-or-death struggle with a man-eating reptile.

The 47-year-old farm manager had the lower part of his left arm torn off in the attack last Thursday on a citrus plantation in South Africa's northern Limpopo province.

But he's counting his blessings as he could easily have lost his life.

"I took my horse for an evening swim in one of the farm dams. There are lots of crocs in the area but they move around all the time, from dam to dam and into the river and out again," he said.

He was standing belly-deep in water when he felt a biting jolt in his left hip. He said thought it was a hippo but quickly realized it was a crocodile.

"It pulled me under the water for a few seconds and I knew this was his biggest advantage. I realized if I didn't stand up my wife will never find me again," he said.

Mardi Gras parades mock politicians and agencies

3 NEW ORLEANS, Lou. - The crowds are smaller at New Orleans' first post-Katrina Mardi Gras parades but there is no shortage of fiendishly satirical wit on floats lampooning public figures and agencies with any connection to

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the devastating hurricane.

One float on Thursday was festooned with the seal of the "Department of Homeland Insecurity," poking fun at the Department of Homeland Security that oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA has been blasted for its slow initial response to the disaster.

Another was called "Chocolate Divinity," featuring a bust of Mayor Ray Nagin in a send-up of his comments last month about wanting to rebuild New Orleans as a mostly African-American center, or "chocolate city."

"It's fabulous. It's great to see and, as some people would say, only in New Orleans can you take a tragedy and have fun with it," said Allen Fandal, an airline employee trying to catch beads along St. Charles Avenue, a main parade route.

Psycho Path voted wackiest street

4 LOS ANGELES - Far from poopen Road, the only road to Constipation Ridge, lost to Divorce Court and Psycho Path, which placed No. 1 in an online poll of the nation's wildest, weirdest and wackiest street names.

Mitsubishi Motors sponsored the poll and more than 2,500 voters cast their ballots during a week of voting that ended this month. Winners were announced Friday.

"Our readers really stepped up with some insane street names," said Web site publisher Paul Eisenstein. "Our panel had a difficult time narrowing several hundred down to the 10 our readers voted on."

In first place was Psycho Path in Traverse City, Mich., followed by Heather Highlands, Pa.'s, Divorce Court in second and Tennessee's Far from poopen Road in third. Eisenstein said all the roads were verified, although some are private and hard to find.

The complete top 10 list included Tater Peeler Road in Lebanon, Tenn., the intersection of Count and Basie in Richmond, Va., Shades of Death Road in Warren County, N.J., Bucket of Blood Street in Holbrook, Ariz., Divorce Court in Heather Highlands, Pa., Psycho Path in Traverse City and the intersection of Lonesome and Hardup in Albany, Ga.

Man loses probation card in stole purse

5 STEVENS POINT, Wis. - A woman didn't have to look far to figure out who likely broke into her home and took a camera from her purse. Police said the burglar left behind his probation and parole card.

The woman was going through her purse after the burglary earlier this month to make sure nothing other the camera was taken, Detective Sgt. Tony Babl said.

She found the man's probation and parole card, which had a date and time stamp on it for his next appointment, he said.

"He must have had the card in his hand when he went into her purse," Babl said. "He doesn't even know how it got there."

The man had not yet been charged as of Saturday, though police plan to request burglary charges in the next week for at least eight incidents over the past three years, Babl said.

Black cat credited with saving owner

6 MCKENZIE, N.D. - Bernice McDowall says she never thought black cats were unlucky. Now her own black cat, Joey, is her hero. McDowall, 87, said she was taking a nap when Joey woke her up early Friday afternoon and probably saved her life.

"He was having a fit, running around the bedroom," she said.

Then she saw smoke in the bedroom, got up and saw smoke coming from the basement. She and Joey got out safely.

Joey had found a home with the McDowalls after he was dumped off at a nearby mailbox awhile back. On Friday, he "really came in and sent the alarm," Bernice said.

Later, the black cat was rolling and romping in the yard near smoldering mattresses that firefighters had dragged up from the basement while his owner stayed in the warmth of a vehicle.

Sterling Fire Chief Dwayne Frederick said firefighters contained the blaze to the basement, but there was smoke damage throughout the ranch-style home. He said the cause likely was electrical.

Cheryl McDowall, Bernice's daughter, told firefighters they had a place to stay.

Weekly Eagle Buzz



Today

7pm in Russell Union-Room 2052- Committee Meeting- SOUNDSTAGE PRODUCTIONS-Eagle Entertainment

Wednesday, February 28th

Campus Recreation and Intramurals is sponsoring a Tennis Doubles Tournament. Entries due: Feb.28, Play starts: March 3. Time is TBA. Contact the CRI main office at 681-5436 with any questions.

Campus Recreation and Intramurals is sponsoring Softball intramurals. Entries due: Feb.28, Play starts: March 6. Time is TBA. Contact the CRI main office at 681-5436 with any questions.

It's back again!! Eagle Entertainment presents First Wednesday Coffeehouse series. Come join them in a night of relaxation as musician Patrick Blanchard and GSU poets, spoken word artists and singers grace the audience with whimsical presentations of art. This month's series will be held in the GSU Museum from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Coffee, hot chocolate, cappuccino and desserts will be served. Be there! Sponsored by: Eagle Entertainment



Thursday, March 1st

Women's Awareness Month Read-In - Come and hear students, faculty and staff read the book entitled Revolutionary Tales a book of short stories with such authors including Zora Neal Hurston, Alice Walker and Terry McMillan. There will be a raffle to win tickets to the theatrical production of "A Piece of My Heart" 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM in the circle connecting the College of Business Administration, The College of Information Technology and the College of Education.

Friday, March 2nd

Women's Day Reception - Share in the experiences of women in their 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's, 60's and 70's and see how opportunities for women have evolved over the decades. Dress is business casual. 4:00 PM in 2080 Russell Union

Saturday, March 3rd

Car Care for Women - Come and learn basic car care from the mechanics at Cleve White's Nissan Dealership. 11 AM-12 PM, 1 PM-2 PM, 2 PM-3 PM Union Visitor's Parking Lot

Club Sports is sponsoring the Georgia Southern Cycling Race Weekend - From March 3-5, 2006 at 5-10pm. Friday reg. at RAC Pavilion Center, 7 am Saturday (1hour before race). Saturday: Near the RAC Pavilion, Sunday: Road Race starts at Mill Creek Park. Contact Tim Coleman with any questions at (404)310-0198 or roadbiker255@hotmail.com. Racers must have a NCCA Collegiate License to race. One day permits are available for \$10(check to USAC). Athlete release form and GSU release form required at registration. NCCA rules apply-helmets mandatory. No pets allowed. Trainers will be on site for the events. Please call for directions. Sponsored by: Georgia Southern Cycling. Cost: All events cost \$12 per event per person. the TTT cost \$40 for the team. (Checks payable to GSU Cycling). Event T-shirts available for \$10 at registration.

Sunday, March 4th

Club Sports is sponsoring the Georgia Southern Cycling Catered Pasta Dinner at 6pm in the RAC Pavilion. Contact Tim Coleman with any questions at (404)310-0198 or roadbiker255@hotmail.com. A catered pasta dinner Saturday night at the RAC Pavilion for anyone interested. It is a good time to get to know each other. Drinks and snacks will be sold during the events. water will be provided at no charge. \$5 per person

Ongoing events:

The 2006 Leadership Awards Packet is now available at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/awards.htm>. We encourage you to read through the descriptions of the each award. Consider each category and nominate individuals or groups whom you consider to embody the spirit of the award. Individuals and groups may nominate themselves. Groups may nominate more than one individual or program for any of the awards. Nomination forms are due by Friday, March 24, 2006. Questions? Contact the Office of Student Leadership at 871-1435.

Be on the Homecoming 2006 Steering Committee! Applications are now available. You can stop by the Office of Student Activities (RU 1056) and get an application or you can download one off the website at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com. Be a part of GSU tradition! Join in on the fun!

Southern Ambassador Recruitment will take place from 02/13/06-03/10/06. Contact Robert Meguiar at 681-5467 or robeme@georgiasouthern.edu with any questions. Southern Ambassadors are currently recruiting new members for the 2006-2007 academic year. Applications may be picked up at the Student Activities Office- Union Room 1058, Eagle Village Clubhouse Information Desk, Greek Life Office in the Union, or at the Office of Admissions in Lewis Hall. Application deadline is Friday, March 10, 2006. Applications must be delivered to Lewis Hall on Sweetheart Circle by 5 pm. Apply online at <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/southernambassador>

Campus Recreation and Intramurals provides Personal Training sessions. You decide the date and time. Contact Michele Martin at 681-5436 for more information. 1 session \$15, 3 sessions \$45, 5 sessions \$55. Check out our website at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu>

Theatre & Performance presents, "A Piece of My Heart." It will open on Friday, February 24th and will run through Saturday, March 4th. All shows will begin promptly at 8:00 pm, except for a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday. The show will take place in the BlackBox Theatre - CommArts Room 1001. Contact the main office for any questions at 912-681-5379. Ticket prices are \$3.00 for GSU students with ID, \$6.00 for GSU faculty/staff, seniors, and local students, and \$10.00 for general admission. In honor of the veterans that have served our country, there will be a reduced ticket price of \$6.00 for all veterans and members of the armed services.

Upcoming events:

Eagle Entertainment Spring Break trip!! Sign up today. March 12-17, 2006 in sunny Miami Beach, Florida. Call 486-7270 for more information. \$350.00 includes five nights in oceanfront hotel and roundtrip bus transportation.

CRI/Southern Adventures is sponsoring a Climbing/Caving Mt. Yonah, GA trip from March 3rd-5th. Contact Southern Adventures at 486-7227 for more questions. Enjoy caving and mountain climbing in Mt. Yonah, GA for only \$25.00.

Volunteer Services is sponsoring, "Mud Volleyball" on March 25, 2006. Application Deadline is March 8, 2006 at 5pm. Mud Volleyball will take place at the RAC. Contact Volunteer Services with any questions at 871-1435. Help with Hurricane Katrina Relief and get dirty in the process!! Georgia Southern Students and staff can form co-ed teams of 6-10 members to participate in this Mud Volleyball Tournament! A \$25 participation donation will go towards Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Stop by The Office of Student Leadership in the Union, Room 2022 for more information. Sponsors: Volunteer Services, Honors Program, Eagle Entertainment, CRI. <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/volunteer/>

Leadership Programs is sponsoring a Leadership Workshop Series from 5:30pm-6:30pm in RU 2084 on March 7th, 2006. Contact the office at 871-1435 for more information. Does your organization have an event coming up? Then the Leadership Workshop Series "Been There, Should Have Done that- Program Planning that Works!" can help you make it a success! You will learn how to assess your audience, brainstorm effectively, make a to-do-list, create publicity, save money, & innovative programming techniques. Sponsored by: Leadership Programs & INSPIRE Student Leadership Consultants

Office of Student Leadership is sponsoring the 2006 Leadership Awards on April 27, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Russell Union Ballroom. Call the office with any questions at 871-1435. Nominations for the 2006 Leadership Awards are now being accepted. Forms may be picked up at the Office of Student Leadership, Russell Union room 2022 from 8am-5pm or are available on our website <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/awards.htm> All nominations are due by Friday, March 24, 2006 at 5pm. Nominate student leaders today!

Georgia Southern University Sexual Assault Awareness Week: March 6 - March 9, 2006 - Clothesline Project. Survivors of sexual and domestic violence are invited to decorate an appropriately colored shirt that will then be displayed on the clothesline in the University Rotunda. Previous years displays can be viewed in the RAC and Russell Union.

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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (02-28-06). You have amazing powers this year. You're smart and imaginative. Your fame will travel far and wide. Take on challenges.

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 a 4 - For a very independent person like yourself, it may seem strange to have others taking care of you. Relax and enjoy it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Let your friends give you a push in the right direction. Don't wait... ask for help. They'll be glad to do it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - You'll fully understand the reason you've played by the rules, and soon. If you've cheated, even just a little, that will be noticeable, too. Confess, all ends well.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 9 - If you can go now, that

would be grand. Odds are in your favor. Also, begin new projects and send your short story to the publisher.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - The more debt you pay off, the more the bank is willing and eager to loan. Stay ahead of the curve by staying within your means.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - It's OK to let your partner call the shots for a little while. Relax, and let somebody else do the serious thinking.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - It's important to remember the advice from a wise elder. You can increase your productivity and your income dramatically now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - You are loved, there's no doubt about that, in direct proportion to the love you spread around. Enjoy, 'cause now it's everywhere.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Sell high, buy low. That's your motto now, no matter what it is. This could mean

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - You could merrily bury your head in the books for a while. Let the machine answer the phone, and catch up on your reading.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5 - You could make a fortune now, or lose one. It's up to you. Listen to a Capricorn who only wins when you do.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Although you're kind, you're also very strong in your opinions, especially now. Let other people know exactly where you stand.

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Brokeback Chanting

A few weeks ago an Associated Press article appeared about Gonzaga fans and a certain cheer directed at opposing players. The chant referenced the movie "Brokeback Mountain," a film about the lives of two gay cowboys and their struggle with society's acceptance of that life. Apparently the Bulldog fans were implying an opposing player from St. Mary's College was gay.

The article explains how boosters and administrators stepped in to implore the student fans to quit the cheer and show some class and respect. Classroom debates were at a fever and the student newspaper was filled with letters to the editor debating the issue.

How does that have anything to do with Georgia Southern?

Plenty, actually. GSU's infamous Hanner Hooligans have been known to chant (or yell) some despicable phrases in the confines of Hanner Fieldhouse. They too have drawn their share of criticism from the generation gap that is athletic boosters, older fans and administration (don't get me wrong, the Hooligans have done more to help Eagle basketball than can ever be measured). There's even a certain song the Hoop Troop and Southern Pride are forbidden to play.

What's the issue? That gays are offended by certain chants? That the authorities are trying to do "the right thing?" That old fogies are trying to take the fun out of student fan-dom?

No. The issue here is one all too common in today's testosterone saturated sports world. Males today are petrified by the possibility of an athlete being gay, or even worse, that that gay athlete is highly talented. The worst insult a homophobic fan can think of is to imply the opposing athlete is gay, or that he participates in homosexual activities.

What they fail to realize is that there may be gay athletes on their own teams. Chanting "Broke-back Mountain clap-clap-clap-clap-clap" may seem harmless at the time, but what about the player on the home team who loves their own sex?

This is why the issue is a tough one to debate. The rightest of the right will tell you there's no place for the gay athlete on the team. It's the same argument bigots used in the mid-20th century. The students would probably tell you it's just a joke, not meant to offend anyway. That excuse usually works as a simple apology and everyone moves on.

Will the fans at Gonzaga, or GSU, or anywhere else for that matter stop the homophobic insults? Not likely. Why? Because many of the players, coaches and administrators of this school subconsciously ignore the highly offensive comments.

Call a black player a nigger, you'll get thrown out of the game. Call a player a faggot, you'll be surprised if anyone says anything at all. We're all to blame.

We can't relate racism to gender orientation discrimination, though. The point is it's time as college students to take an initiative to move into the 21st century and be known as the learned fan, not the vulgar fan.

No one wants to go back to the '50s and yell, "We got spirit yes we do! We got spirit how about you?!" What we should learn here is that we're evolving into a more complex and diverse society everyday, and that society encompasses athletic competition.

Yes, someone will always be offended at something. And no one will ever truly be happy in our politically correct world. And this isn't even about gay rights. It's about the freedom of athletes in our country to compete without the fear of oppression.



Chad Bishop is a senior English major from Snellville, GA.

NHL regular season resumes

After a two-week break for the Winter Olympics, the NHL regular season resumes Tuesday night with six games.

Some teams will have their Olympians in the lineup, some won't.

The Detroit Red Wings, who have a league-best 83 points, will be without their five Swedish players against San Jose.

Cox's spring schedule a hit with players

Bobby Cox is an old-school manager, but he takes a new-school approach to spring training: Get in early and get it done quickly. Veterans in their first season with the Braves, including Todd Pratt and Edgar Renteria, are big fans of Cox's approach. Cox says he remembers a lot of extra work, especially in drills not related to baseball, never made sense to him as a player, so he keeps it simple with no wasted time.

Eagles named 'Player of the Week'

Baseball player Greg Dowling and Basketball player Nicole Newton each named 'Player of the Week' for last week's efforts

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern first baseman Greg Dowling was named Southern Conference 'Player of the Week,' as announced by the league office on Monday.

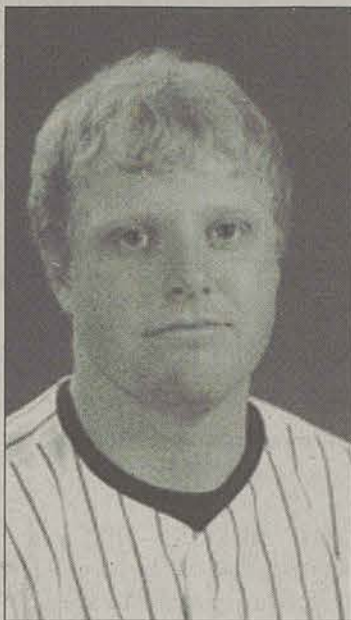
It marks the first time this year he received the award and second time in his career. The first time was in February 2004.

Leading the Eagles (7-5 overall) to a 3-1 mark last week, Dowling batted .636.

He drew six walks, scored five runs and drove in three while posting a .778 on-base and .818 on-base percentage. He did not commit an error in 38 total chances.

On the season, Dowling leads the Eagles batting .500 with 17 runs scored and 10 RBI. He has walked a team-leading 12 times, including five intentional passes.

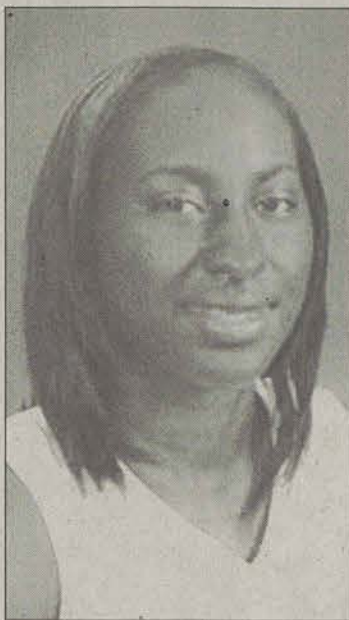
After playing the last of nine consecutive home games this past weekend, the Eagles hit the road for just the second time. On Wednesday the Eagles travel to Mercer and the first pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.



Greg Dowling

LAST WEEK

.636 batting average
Six walks
Three RBI, five runs scored
No errors in 38 total chances
.818 on-base percentage



Nicole Newton

LAST WEEK

15 points
17 rebounds *
7 for 7 on free throws *
Two assists and two steals
*Eagles' season highs

World Baseball Classic begins Friday

By Will Adams
Staff writer

be played in Anaheim and San Juan, California, and the finals will be in San Diego, California.

The idea for the tournament came from MLB Commissioner Bud Selig when baseball was dropped from the Olympics. At first, not everyone was on board.

George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, is not looking forward to the event.

"We don't like it that well," Steinbrenner said. "If a player gets hurt, he's risking a lot."

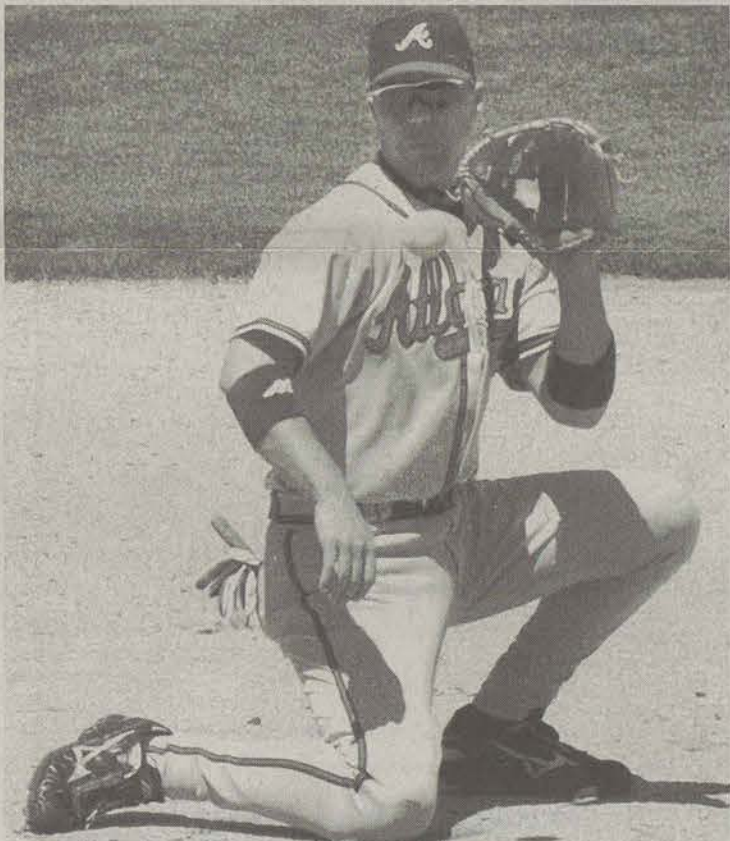
The WBC features a blend of talented upstarts like Jeff Franceour of the Atlanta Braves and seasoned veterans like Derek Jeter of the Yankees.

"I'm looking forward to it," says Jeter. "I never had a chance to play for my country before."

Big names such as Barry Bonds and John Smoltz backed out due to some age and injury concerns. Players such as Jason Varitek and Derrek Lee were committed from the beginning.

For pitcher Roger Clemens, the tournament has become an opportunity to determine if last year's World Series run with the Houston Astros will be his last season or not. "I'll see how my body responds and I'll make my decisions accordingly, after the fact," Clemens told the Associated Press.

After this year's tournament, the WBC will take place again in 2009 and then every four years afterwards.



Karl Mondon/KRT

Braves third baseman Chipper Jones fields a grounder in a game last July. Jones will play for the US in the World Baseball Classic.

Braves playing in the tournament are Francour, Chipper Jones and Andruw Jones.

Leblang feels that "seeing Cuba finally getting a chance to compete will be interesting. I think they will

be the most formidable opponent for the United States."

The WBC starts Friday and will air on ESPN and ESPN2.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Rugby rampages over Southern Florida, 14-7

By Marcy Thornton
Haitus editor

The Georgia Southern Women's Rugby team hosted the University of Southern Florida on a very wet and cold Saturday afternoon this past weekend. USF had many large and aggressive players, and given the weather conditions, a tough forward tussle ensued. Melissa Mazany, Rachel Christensen and Jamie Faulkner were highly involved early in the forwards. Strong tackling and turnovers dominated the early play as the players acclimated to the playing conditions. GSU exhibited excellent mauling and rucking skills as they continuously drove deep into USF territory. Unfortunately some impatience and subsequent poor handling saw many scoring opportunities go wanting.

Eventually the superior technique and commitment to breakdowns by GSU saw Brittany Winston score a well deserved team try after several decisive runs by Nikki Josey, Jenny Powers and Jen Cruz. Christensen converted

the try and GSU led 7-0. Continued forward pressure by Sheridan Bushey, Urian Booze, Lakeshia Oliver and Kate Baska saw GSU maintain the territorial advantage as Powers, Cruz and Pauline Lafuente made several determined runs. Eventually the continued pressure saw Christensen crash over for another try, which she converted. GSU went to half time leading 14-0.

Weather conditions continued to deteriorate as the second half started. USF returned with renewed enthusiasm and capitalized on GSU's handling errors to make several strong runs. A series of penalties against GSU saw USF continue to pressure them and finally scoring a strong converted try to reduce the score to 14-7. USF had renewed enthusiasm and attacked GSU in both offense and defense. Mary Sawyer lead by example from fullback and became an extra forward to inspire and thwart numerous USF forays into GSU's end of the field. Powers, Christensen and Josey continued to tackle and run strongly. Penalties and poor decision-making



Brian Prusa/STAFF

GSU Rugby players practice their scrum techniques during practice. GSU defeated Southern Florida Saturday, 14-7.

saw several promising inroads into USF's defense end.

GSU plays the College of Charleston at home this weekend to complete

their regular season league matches. A win against Charleston would see GSU at the top of the league table, and into the playoffs.

First woman among 17 elected to HOF

By Travis Reed
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Effa Manley became the first woman elected to the baseball Hall of Fame when the former Newark Eagles co-owner was among 17 people from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues chosen Monday by a special committee.

"This is a historic day at the Hall of Fame," shrine president Dale Petroskey said. "I hoped that someday there would be a woman in the Hall. It's a pretty proud moment!"

This year's Hall class — 18, including former reliever Bruce Sutter — is by far the biggest in history, breaking the record of 11 in 1946. There are now 278 Hall members.

Mule Suttles and Biz Mackey were among the 12 players selected, along with five executives.

Buck O'Neil and Minnie Minoso, the only living members among the 39 candidates on the ballot, were not elected by the 12-person panel.

Manley co-owned the New Jersey-based Eagles with her husband, Abe, and ran the business end of the team for more than a decade. The Eagles won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946 — one year before Jackie Robinson broke the major league color barrier.

"She was very knowledgeable, a very handsome woman," said Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who played for the Eagles while the Manleys owned the team, as did Don Newcombe and Larry Doby.

"She did a lot for the Newark community. She was just a well-rounded influential person," Irvin said. "She tried to organize the owners to build their own parks and have a balanced schedule and to really improve the lot of the Negro League players."

Manley was white, but married a black man and passed as a black woman, said Larry Lester, a baseball author and member of the voting committee.

"She campaigned to get as much money as possible for these ballplayers, and rightfully so," Lester said.

Manley used baseball to advance civil rights causes with events such as an Anti-Lynching Day at the ballpark. She died in 1981 at age 84.

"She was a pioneer in so many ways, in terms of integrating the team with the community," said Leslie Heaphy, a Kent State professor on the committee.

Ray Brown, Willard Brown, Andy Cooper, Cristobal Torriente and Jud Wilson were the other former Negro League players elected. Five pre-Negro Leaguers — Frank Grant, Pete Hill, Jose Mendez, Louis Santop and Ben Taylor — were also chosen.

Willard Brown was the only person among them to play in the majors — he hit .179 in 21 games with the St. Louis Browns in 1947.

Alex Pompey, Cum Posey, J.L. Wilkinson and Sol White were the other executives elected.

The new inductees will be enshrined with Sutter — elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America last month — on July 30 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Only 18 Negro Leagues players had been chosen for the Hall prior to this election.

The election was the culmination of a Hall of Fame project to compile a complete history of blacks in the game from 1860 to 1960.

More than 50 historians, authors and researchers spent four years sifting through box scores in 128 newspapers of sanctioned league games from 1920-1954. The result was the most complete collection of Negro Leagues statistics ever compiled, according to the Hall, and a database that includes 3,000 day-by-day records and career leaders.

"What we're proudest of is the broadening of knowledge," Petroskey said. "When we started five years ago, we had 20 percent of the stats. We've got 90 percent of the stats now."

Candidates needed nine of 12 votes — 75 percent — from the committee of researchers, professors and baseball historians for election.

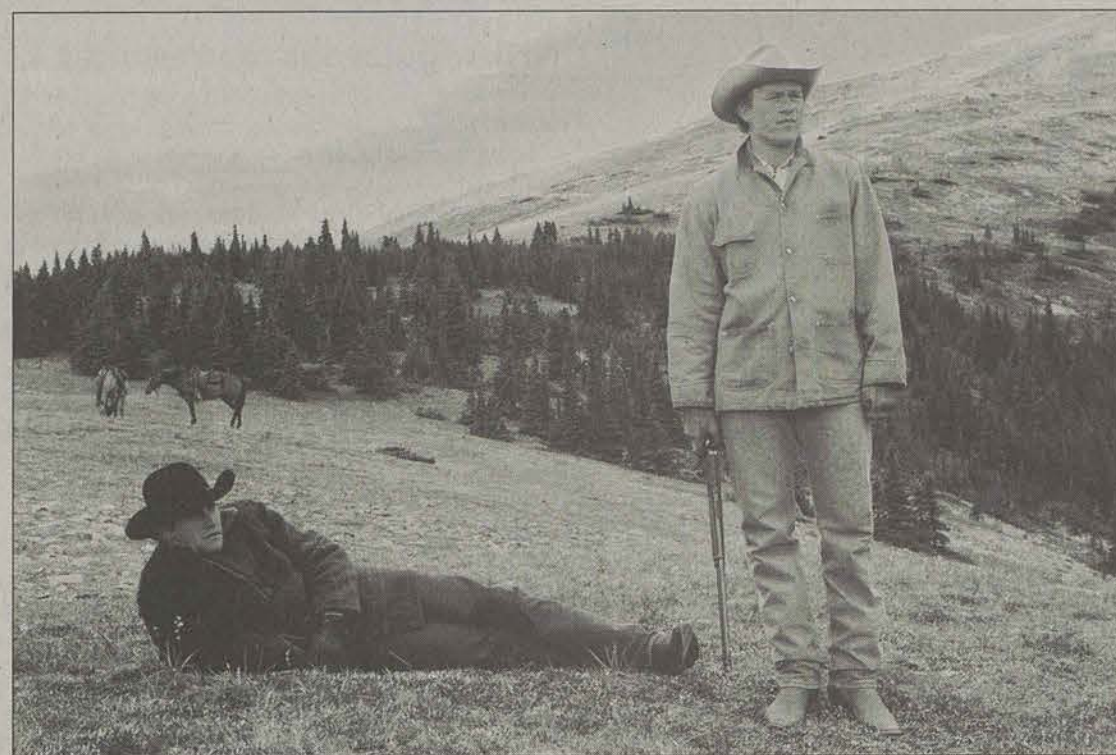
Former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent chaired the committee, which voted by secret ballot.

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This undated promotional photo shows actors Jake Gyllenhaal, left, and Heath Ledger in a scene from "Brokeback Mountain." The movie about a gay love affair between cowboys was nominated for a best picture Oscar.

Love is back in Oscar fashion with gay romance on 'Brokeback Mountain'

By David Germain

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's been seven years since a love story won the top Academy Award. Back then, it was a romance between a woman pretending to be a man who falls for Shakespeare. This time, it's two men in cowboy hats.

Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain" is positioned to become the first movie with such explicit gay overtones to win best picture, though the film faces tough competition.

Also nominated are Bennett Miller's "Capote," the story of author Truman Capote's years of anguish creating the true-crime novel "In Cold Blood"; Paul Haggis' "Crash," a drama about a huge cast of discordant characters intersecting and colliding over a chaotic 36-hour period; George Clooney's "Good Night, and Good Luck," the saga of newsman Edward R. Murrow's stand against communist baiting by Sen. Joseph McCarthy; and

Steven Spielberg's "Munich," a thriller following a Mossad hit squad targeting Palestinians implicated in the massacre of Israelis at the 1972 Olympics.

In a year of daring drama, though, "Brokeback Mountain" has resonated most widely, the top-grossing film among the best-picture lineup, a standard-bearer for gay and lesbian groups and a pop-culture sensation that has prompted endless gay-cowboy jokes.

Adapted from Annie Proulx's short story, "Brokeback Mountain" stars Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as Western men swept up in a torrid summer fling while tending sheep together in 1963 Wyoming.

Declaring they are not "queer" and that what they have is only a summer thing, the two part ways, marry and have children, then are drawn back into a lusty affair they conceal from their families for years.

"It was an opportunity to tell a story that hadn't been put on the screen," said Ledger, a best-actor nominee for his role as Ennis del Mar, a rugged

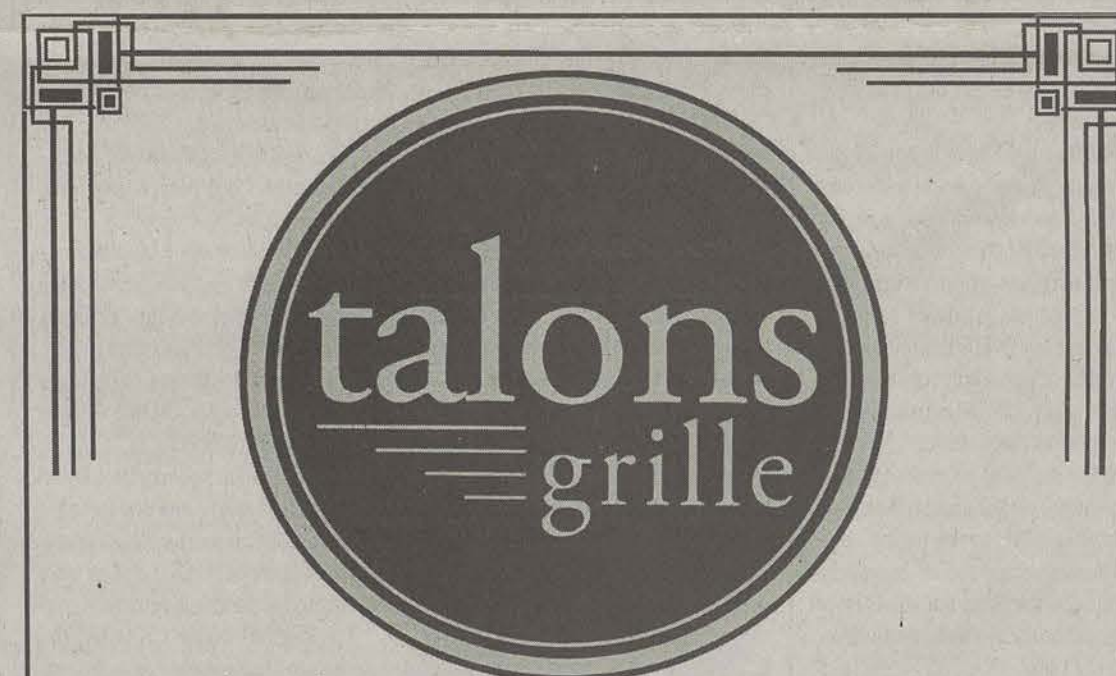
husband and father who's helpless to explain or deny the love he feels for Gyllenhaal's Jack Twist.

"The character is so tragic. I really enjoyed how little words he had to express his battle and express his inability to love."

"Brokeback Mountain" leads the Oscar field with eight nominations, including best director for Lee, supporting actor for Gyllenhaal, supporting actress for Michelle Williams as Ledger's despairing wife and adapted screenplay for Larry McMurtry ("Lonesome Dove") and Diana Ossana.

The film earned honors from key critics groups, won the Golden Globe for best drama and received top prizes from Hollywood guilds representing directors, writers and producers.

"Brokeback Mountain" did lose the Screen Actors Guild competition for best overall cast performance to "Crash," establishing the latter as a potential longshot best-picture winner on Oscar night.



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NASCAR 2006 SEASON PREVIEW

Sizing up the rookies

New batch of Nextel Cup drivers bring wealth of talent and experience

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The 2006 Nextel Cup Series rookie class could be the most talented in NASCAR history. It will definitely be the busiest.

Not only is the seven-member class rich in talent, but more than half of its members plan to run full time in both the Cup and Busch series.



Reed Sorenson will race the No. 41 car in 2006.

Chip Ganassi Racing will field rookies Reed Sorenson and David Stremme in the Nos. 41 and 40 Dodges, respectively. Joe Gibbs Racing will pair two rookies — Denny Hamlin and J.J. Yeley — with defending Cup

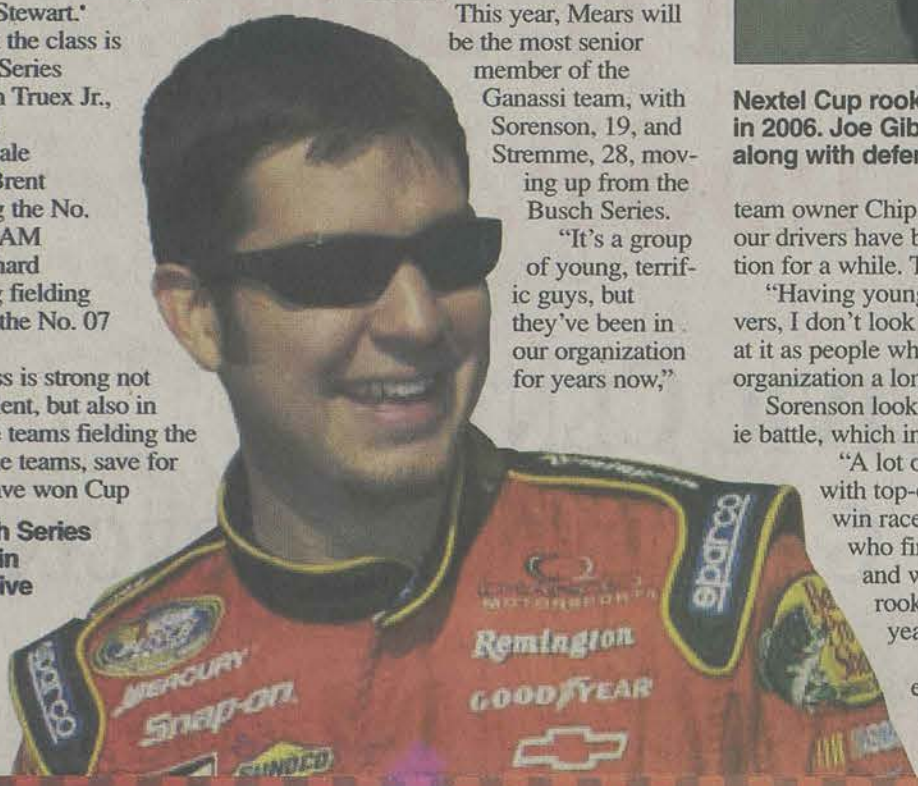
champion Tony Stewart.

Rounding out the class is two-time Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr., driving the No. 1 Chevrolets for Dale Earnhardt Inc.; Brent Sherman, driving the No. 49 Dodges for BAM Racing; and Richard Childress Racing fielding Clint Bowyer in the No. 07 Chevys.

The 2006 class is strong not only in racing talent, but also in the quality of the teams fielding the rookies. All of the teams, save for BAM Racing, have won Cup

Two-time Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr. will drive the No. 1 car for Dale Earnhardt Inc.

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champion Tony Stewart.

Will that make the rookie battle even tougher? Truex thinks so.

"It makes it a lot more difficult. It also gives everybody the same opportunity to win the thing," said Truex, 25. "It's going to be an exciting race for all of us. I think we're going to make a race inside the race."

"I'd hate to say it but the Cup series is just so competitive that you can't expect us to go out there as a Raybestos rookie and race for the championship."

Two teams — Ganassi and Gibbs — will each be fielding two rookies this season, but this is actually Ganassi's second go-around in that area.

In 2003, Ganassi fielded then-rookies Jamie McMurray and Casey Mears in the same season, with McMurray winning the series' rookie of the year honors.

This year, Mears will be the most senior member of the Ganassi team, with Sorenson, 19, and Stremme, 28, moving up from the Busch Series.

"It's a group of young, terrific guys, but they've been in our organization for years now,"



Nextel Cup rookie J.J. Yeley will drive the No. 18 car for Joe Gibbs Racing in 2006. Joe Gibbs Racing is fielding another rookie driver, Denny Hamlin, along with defending Cup champion Tony Stewart.

team owner Chip Ganassi said. "All of our drivers have been in the organization for a while. They know the system."

"Having young drivers or old drivers, I don't look at it that way. I look at it as people who have been in the organization a long time."

Sorenson looks forward to the rookie battle, which includes his teammate.

"A lot of guys are running with top-of-the-line teams that win races," said Sorenson, who finished fourth in points and with two wins in his rookie Busch season last year.

"It's not going to be easy, but at the same time that's probably

my main goal in the Cup car this year. I want to get better as we go along and to learn as much as I can and to win rookie of the year."

Stremme, who takes over for veteran Sterling Marlin in the No. 40 Dodge, said he expects to be able to compete for race wins this season.

"It's a lot more relaxed than it's been in years past. I'm going to be able to showcase what they hired me for," he said. "It's phenomenal, the sponsors they're bringing in and the equipment they give us."

Hamlin, Yeley and Truex have several Cup starts to their credit already, while Sorenson, Stremme and Bowyer have only a handful, and Sherman has none.

All of the rookies, save for Sherman, are driving for established teams with a history of winning races.

Bowyer, one of the four driving both series, believes his experience in Busch will help this season, considering he raced against several of the Cup rookies last season.

"It definitely was a huge advantage racing with those guys almost week in and week out. It's not that huge culture shock when you look over and you see Mark Martin to your side now," Bowyer said. "I think that will go a long ways as all of us rookies go into this Cup series this year."

Hamlin agrees.

"Well, I kind of got a little experience with that with my seven (Cup) races being in the Chase so I had double the eyes watching me, dealing with Tony (Stewart) and that kind of stuff," he said. "You definitely want to respect these guys around you."

Yeley said it would be important to pick and choose when to battle for a win, or just a good finish.

"You just have to decide if you want to go out there and put the car on the edge, give yourself that position to win a race or if you want to go out and make sure that you finish," he said.

"Starting out, I just need to make sure that I just take things easy, work my way up and be consistent."

Sherman, who has the least experience of anyone in the rookie class, knows he and BAM Racing team will have their hands full.

"I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't think we were going to be successful. We may have, you know, we may stumble at times," he said. "It's a new deal for me."

"It's a new crew chief in the program and we're definitely going to have our challenges, but I really feel like we can be successful and hopefully we can get into a good groove early on in the season."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, February 28

Midway: Between Slavery and Self-Sufficiency-The Remaking of a Black Community, 1860-1875 in the Museum Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building

Pat Steadman Sculpture Exhibition in Gallery 303. "Metal Legacy: The Sculpture of Pat Steadman and his students. The exhibit runs through March 23 and honors retiring professor Pat Steadman.

6:30 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity Meeting
Russell Union Room 2042

7 p.m.

FYE Success Series
Russell Union Room 2080

9 p.m.

Swing Cats
Williams Center Room 2034

Wednesday, March 1

Deadline for receipt of Graduate Assistantship applications to have priority for consideration for Fall Semester

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11 a.m.

SGA Elections Candidate Meeting
Russell Union Room 2041

11 a.m.

Treat Her Like a Lady
Multicultural In
Russell Union Room 2084

3:30 p.m.

FYE Success Series
Russell Union Room 2080

4 p.m.

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