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## Alcohol Awareness

Students test out BAC goggles at the Russel Union today | **NEWS, p. 2**



## Students: remember safety over spring break

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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

## Five soldiers charged in gay man's beating

Associated Press

Police say five Fort Stewart soldiers severely beat a man outside a Savannah gay bar early Sunday.

Officers responded about 3:15 a.m. Sunday outside Blaine's Back Door Bar, 13 East Perry Lane.

Lying barely conscious outside the front door was David Bennett, 37. An initial Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police report indicates he was "bleeding profusely" from cuts near the eye and along his right side. Bennett was taken to the hospital, where he was discharged Monday.

Witnesses told police the soldiers, including one wearing a cowboy hat, attacked Bennett at the corner of Perry Lane and Drayton Street just after he'd left the bar.

Bennett attempted to run back to Blaine's, but the men caught him at the front door, police said. There, three witnesses said, the men beat Bennett with their fists and kicked and stomped him once he fell to the ground. The men then fled to the DeSoto Hilton, the witnesses said.

Police soon found the suspects, who range in age from 20 to 26 and are all members of the 3rd Infantry Division, and returned them to the scene to be identified. All were charged with aggravated battery.

According to the incident report, one of the men, Sidney Swift, boasted to police: "Yes, I beat that m---f--- f--- up."

The other soldiers, according to police, told Swift to be quiet because they were "one team, and it was one fight."

Kevin Clark, an advocate for the Savannah gay and lesbian community, said the incident highlights the need for hate-crime legislation, see **BEATING**, page 7



Special Photo

## North Carolina Dance Theatre to perform at GSU

The North Carolina Dance Theatre's "Under Southern Skies" features a diverse range of mu-

By Koelling Borneman  
Staff writer

The North Carolina Dance Theatre will perform at the PAC on Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m. Statesboro marks the organization's fourth stop on its national tour that began on March 2.

The program, "Under Southern Skies," will feature four dance segments that celebrate Southern music and artists and reflect the ever-changing landscape of the region. Each piece explores an aspect of what makes the

South, its artists, and the culture of the region unique.

"[The show] features bluegrass, country, pop, singing and dancing," said Carol Thompson, PAC assistant director. "It's an eclectic type of program."

The four dances include Shindig, I'm With You, Sweet Tea and City South. Live music will be provided for two segments of the show, I'm With You and Shindig. The performance features contemporary choreography and energetic dancing.

Tickets are \$31.03 for adults and \$27.93 for students. These prices include tax. For GSU students, tickets will also be sold for \$10.70 ten minutes before the show for any seats left.

Shindig, choreographed by N.C.

Dance President and Artistic Director Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux, is a ballet set to traditional bluegrass music provided by the band Greasy Beans, one of North Carolina's most popular bluegrass bands. The dance was performed to sold-out audiences in New York in 2004.

I'm With You, also choreographed by Bonnefoux, will feature live music from singer/song-writer Christine Kane.

Sweet Tea, a third segment, is performed to the music of jazz legend John Coltrane. In last month's issue, Dance Magazine described the performance of Sweet Tea as a "loose-hipped, jazzy work with a style as slick as Coltrane's music."

Finally, City South features music see **DANCE**, page 7



## Death penalty vote passes 5-4

The new resolution would create a commission to study all aspects of the death penalty

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A push to study whether the death penalty is administered fairly in Georgia narrowly cleared a Senate committee on Tuesday, just days before it must clear the full Senate to have a chance of passage this year.

The resolution, which passed the Senate Judiciary committee on a 5-4 vote, would create the Georgia Capital Punishment Study Commission to study all aspects of the death penalty, including whether it is used in a discriminatory way based on race, economic status or where the defendant lives in the state.

The vote comes after an American Bar Association report recommended a freeze on the state's use of the death penalty until flaws in its use are addressed.

The report said Georgia is the only state that fails to provide legal counsel to poor people once they are sentenced to death and the only state that requires defendants to prove mental retardation beyond reasonable doubt — the law's highest standard.

The study commission bill was one of two on the subject sponsored by Sen. Vincent Fort, D-Atlanta. The other, which called for use of the death penalty to be halted until the commission studies it, was not considered by the Senate committee.

Last week, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, a longtime advocate on mental health issues, endorsed the moratorium plan.

Georgia, which uses lethal

see **DEATH**, page 7

## Revived hate crimes law on way to Senate

By Doug Gross  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A revived version of Georgia's hate crime law is making its way through the Legislature, two years after the state's Supreme Court tossed out the old statute for being too vague.

The law, drafted in 2000, had called for stiffer criminal penalties for crimes where a victim is chosen because of "bias or prejudice."

The new bill, approved on an 8-3 vote by the Senate's judiciary committee on Tuesday, instead singles out people who commit a crime because of "the victim's race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation."

"This strong, law-and-order bill is designed to deal with the issue of terrorism," said Sen. Vincent Fort, D-Atlanta, sponsor of the 2000 law and the new bill. "Terror is not an attack on an individual; terror is an attack on a group of individuals."

The Supreme Court's 7-0 ruling came in the case of a white man and woman convicted of assaulting two black men in Atlanta's Little Five Points neighborhood.

Christopher Botts and Angela Pisciotta — who reportedly screamed racial slurs during the attack — were convicted of badly beating the two men in 2002 and were sentenced to six years in prison. A Fulton County judge added two more years to their sentences under the hate crimes law.

Pisciotta and Botts, who were panhandling before the attack, appealed the hate crimes law to the state's highest court.

Supporters of the bill at Tuesday's committee meeting included Georgia Bureau of Investigation director Vernon Keenan and advocates from Hispanic and gay-rights groups.

Chuck Bowen, director of Georgia Equality, the state's largest gay advocacy organization, cited an attack Sunday morning in which five Fort Stewart soldiers are accused of beating a man after he left a gay nightclub in Savannah.

According to the police report, one of the soldiers admitted to the beating and used profanity and a slur against homosexuals to describe the victim.

"That's why this legislation is

see **LAW**, page 7

## Grant wishes through 'Make-A-Wish'

Bulloch County now offers training to residents and Georgia Southern students to help 'Wish Children's' dreams come true

By Kevin Bell  
Staff writer

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama has recently formed an advisory committee in Bulloch County. The Georgia and Alabama chapter is in its 10th year and it granted 405 wishes in 2005 and expects to grant 425 wishes in 2006.

The goal of Make-A-Wish is to help grant wishes for children that have life-threatening medical conditions. The children are known as "Wish Children" and their ages range from two and a half to 18 years old.

The average cost per wish is \$5,000 and two volunteers are teamed up together in order to grant the wish. The wishes usually involve one of the four categories: meet someone, be someone, go somewhere or have something.

There are currently three children in Bulloch County who are in the process of having their wishes granted by wish volunteers.

"Many children make it into adulthood," said Carolyn Raines, the

see **WISH**, page 7



Special Photo

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama granted twelve-year-old Briona's wish to design a line of dresses and auction them off to fund the wishes of other local wish kids. Briona, middle, who was diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition, decided she wanted something that would benefit other children waiting for their wishes. The proceeds from her fashion shows totaled over \$6,000 — more than the cost of the average wish.



## CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 8

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Education Career Fair  
Russell Union Ballroom

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Graduation Gala  
Nessmith-Lane

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Simulated Driving Event  
Russell Union Parking Lot

4 p.m.  
Children's Vegetable Garden  
Botanical Garden

6 p.m.  
SGA Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2047

6 p.m.  
Artist Talk with Christopher Horne "I was dead, then alive"  
Foy Fine Arts Building Gallery 303

7 p.m.  
Talk on myths of Arabian women  
Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall

Thursday, March 9

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

6 p.m.  
United Caribbean Association Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2044

7 p.m.  
Alcohol Awareness  
Hendrix Hall

8 p.m.  
North Carolina Dance Theatre  
Performing Arts Center

Friday, March 10

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

# Dangers of alcohol overconsumption revealed

## Alcohol awareness events warn students of inhibitions

By Casey Altman  
Assistant news editor

Alcohol awareness events will begin today at 10 a.m. with a simulated driving event in the Russell Union parking lot.

According to LaShanda Johnson, the interim director of health education and promotion, BAC stands for Blood Alcohol Content, and the goggles simulate the effects alcohol has on a person's coordination.

Johnson said BAC goggles set at .08 would simulate visuals a person would experience if they took a breathalyzer and registered .08.

Johnson said the Bulloch County Sheriff Department will be at the event and there will be a golf cart that students can drive while wearing the

BAC goggles.

"This is meant to promote safe drinking and driving during spring break," said Johnson.

There will be free food and drinks available at the event until 1 p.m.

Along with simulated drunk driving there will also be an informative event Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Hall. The program will highlight the physical and psychological effects of alcohol.

The BAC goggles will be on hand at the event. "Students will be able to dance with the goggles on to know about loss of coordination," Johnson said. "They (students) will also try putting a condom on a dildo with the goggles on to demonstrate the dangers of drinking while having sex," she said.

On April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom, Chris Sandy will speak on harsh realities of drinking and driving.

According to Johnson, Sandy is an inmate at a Georgia Correctional Facility, who at the age of 22 was convicted of two counts of vehicular homicide. He is serving a 15 year sentence and travels to different schools to share his story.

"The reason we are doing this is because for graduation, people are going to be partying, and we just want to get that message out before parties begin," said Johnson.

The events are sponsored by the Office of Health Education and Promotion with support provided through a Young Adult Alcohol Education Grant from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety.



Photo Illustration/STAFF

BAC goggles simulate the effects of drunkenness through visual distortion, alteration of depth and distance perception and double vision.

# Public colleges ordered to allow military recruiters

By Gina Holland  
Associated Press

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that the government can force colleges to open their campuses to military recruiters despite university objections to the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

Justices rejected a free-speech challenge from law schools and professors who claimed they should not have to associate with military recruiters or promote their campus appearances.

The decision was a setback for universities that had become the latest battleground over the military policy allowing gay men and women to serve only if they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

The ruling does not, however, answer broader questions about the policy itself. Challenges are pending in courts in Boston and Los Angeles that could eventually reach the high court.

One case is in Connecticut, where a federal judge had ruled that Yale



Special Photo

In a scene from Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," Marine recruiters in Flint, Mich., approach teenagers on a community campus and encourage them to enlist in the military.

Law School had a right to bar military recruiters from its job interview program.

Forty-five Yale Law School professors signed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case and Dean Harold Koh said he was disappointed by the decision.

"Their ruling seems to require law schools to endorse the motto: Join the military, but not if you are gay

or lesbian," Koh said in a statement released Monday afternoon.

But he said it would take time to sort out how the decision would affect Yale, which allows recruiters on campus but doesn't provide access to the interview program.

Justices on Monday seemed swayed by the Bush administration's arguments that after the terrorist at-

tacks, and during the war in Iraq, the government had a responsibility to bolster its recruitment.

Chief Justice John Roberts said that campus visits are an effective recruiting tool. And, he said, "a military recruiter's mere presence on campus does not violate a law school's right to associate, regardless of how repugnant the law school considers the recruiter's message."

The 8-0 decision upheld a federal law that says universities must give the military the same access as other recruiters or forfeit federal money.

Justices ruled even more broadly, saying that Congress could directly demand military access on campus without linking the requirement to federal money.

"When you're in the middle of war, even if it's not a terribly popular one, courts are hesitant to tie the hands of the military," said Jon Davidson, legal director of gay rights group Lambda Legal.

Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the

American Center for Law and Justice, called the decision "an important victory for the military and ultimately for our national security."

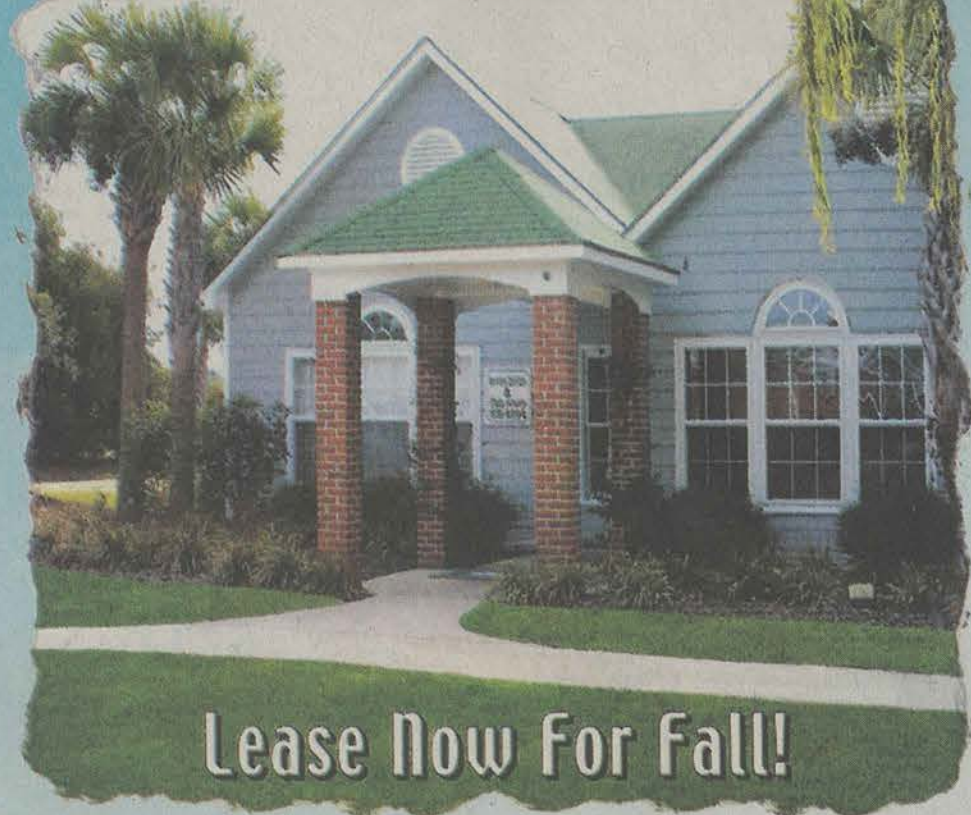
The military's policy had put college leaders in a thorny situation because of campus rules that forbid participation of recruiters representing agencies or private companies that have discriminatory policies.

Most college leaders have said they could not afford to lose federal help, some \$35 billion a year.

Roberts, writing his third decision since joining the court last fall, said there are other less drastic options for protesting the policy. "Students and faculty are free to associate to voice their disapproval of the military's message," he wrote.

Joshua Rosenkranz, the attorney for the challengers of the law, said that the case called attention to the military policy. "A silver lining to the Supreme Court's opinion is the court made it clear," he said, "law schools are free to organize protests."

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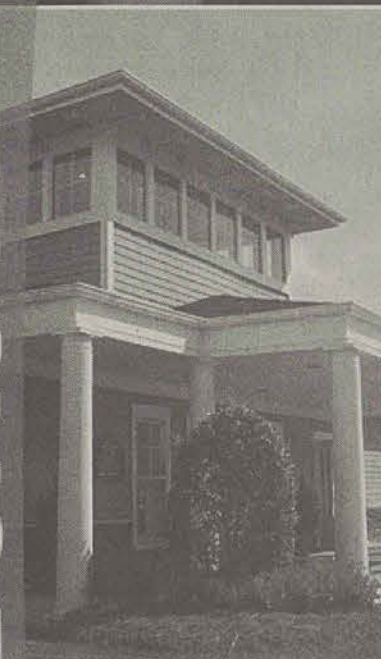
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# Good and bad news for Georgia's jobs

By Shannon McCaffrey  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue hoped to make a splash when he announced Monday that Gulfstream was bringing 1,100 jobs to coastal Georgia.

Instead, he was forced to hustle back to Atlanta to help explain why Georgia lost out on its bid to lure the NASCAR Hall of Fame to Atlanta. That became official on the day after AT&T announced it was acquiring Atlanta-based BellSouth, a deal that could mean thousands more job losses in Georgia.

Such has been the roller-coaster ride for Perdue lately. Seemingly each time he is able to roll out new jobs coming to Georgia it is offset by a news of other

jobs evaporating.

As job announcements go, Monday's was significant. Gulfstream plans a \$300 million expansion of its corporate plant in Savannah over the next seven years. The 1,100 new jobs will mark a 25 percent increase from its current workforce of 4,300. Gulfstream officials say the Savannah plant, which makes high-end business jets, experienced strong 12 percent growth last year and expects that growth to continue.

"These are very good jobs with high salaries in a growing industry that is very important to Georgia," Jeffrey Humphreys, an economist with the University of Georgia, said.

Also on Monday, Perdue announced that American Insulated Wire will spend \$26 million to open

a new facility in Douglas, Ga. which will create more than 200 jobs in the next two years in Coffee County. It plans to hire 250 people by its fourth year at the site.

Overall, the job picture has been less rosy for some of Georgia's marquee names.

Delta Airlines is in bankruptcy and has been slashing jobs. Georgia Pacific has downsized.

And Georgia has been hit with bad news on the automotive manufacturing front. Ford Motor Co. announced earlier this year that it was closing its plant in Hapeville. General Motors is shuttering its plant in Doraville.

Humphreys said that that employment figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics contain good and bad news for Georgia. Employment growth is up,

0.9 percent in 2005 and 1.2 percent in 2004. But it lags the nation.

"We're up but we're still underperforming the nation," Humphreys said.

Humphreys said that suggests that the problems are internal, not part of a national or global trend. New upstart companies are not adding jobs at a fast enough pace to make up for the loss of jobs from the state's corporate pillars.

But state officials say population is growing so fast in Georgia it has been hard for the jobs to keep pace.

Perdue spokesman Dan McLagan said that the state has no control over macro-economic decisions like the one made by BellSouth.

"And we did absolutely everything possible to get the NASCAR to come here," McLagan said.

## Ga. Senate approves study on voting paper ballots

ATLANTA - The state Senate on Monday unanimously approved a plan that could lead to paper ballots being added to Georgia's electronic voting machines.

"My hope is that this legislation will take us one more step forward toward having the most trustworthy, secure voting system in the country," said Sen. Bill Stephens, R-Canton, the plan's sponsor.

According to the plan, which passed 51-0, precincts in Bibb, Camden and Cobb counties would be outfitted with the paper balloting for November's general election.

If all went well, the state could add the receipts to all of its voting machines by the 2008 presidential election, Stephens said.

Under current Secretary of State Cathy Cox, Georgia switched to an all-electronic voting system in 2002 in the aftermath of the chaotic presidential vote in Florida.

Georgia previously had a mix-and-match voting system in which counties used punch card voting in some areas, optical scan machines in others and paper ballots in still others.

Under the Stephens plan, voters would not get to keep a copy of their ballot, but instead would be able to review the paper receipt under a clear, plastic cover before finalizing their vote.

The paper ballots could be used in the event of a recount or other challenge to an election's vote total.

### ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press

## 75 year-old woman accused of robbing bank with pistol

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. — A 75-year-old woman accused of robbing a bank with an unloaded pistol was arrested after a tow truck driver blocked her in after a short chase, police said. Marilyn Divine of Baldwin said after her arrest that she acted "to help people who are starving to death and nobody cares about them." She didn't specify to whom she was referring.

Police said the robber walked up to the National City Bank inside the Shop n' Save supermarket in West Mifflin at about 10:30 a.m. Monday and demanded money from two tellers, brandishing a 9mm handgun. She was wearing a gray sweat suit, a Steelers tassel cap, and had a scarf pulled around her face, police said.

A former bank employee chased the woman's car until police took over and arrested her after a short, low-speed chase when the tow truck blocked her path. Police said they recovered all the stolen money, which totaled about \$5,000.

Divine was in the Allegheny County Jail unable to post bond Monday night on charges including armed robbery and reckless endangerment.



Jarrett said Eunice Manders has been paid a survivor's benefit, which he said is now considered an overpayment she will be responsible for paying back, although she will have a right to appeal.

Manders, who describes himself as an almost-retired architect, sought to clear up the problem by showing up at a Social Security office. The in-person appearance did not help.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, recognizing that Manders served in the Army during World War II, notified Eunice that she is a beneficiary on his Veterans Affairs life insurance policy and that Social Security had notified the VA of Myron's death.

The latest correspondence from Social Security came Monday addressed to Eunice, advising she is entitled to monthly widow's benefits. Myron Manders would not say exactly what was going through his mind. "Curse words," he hinted.

## Mummified woman found in chair in front of television

CINCINNATI, Pa. - No crime was committed and no charges will be filed in the death of a woman whose mummified body was found in her home 2 1/2 years after she died, the county prosecutor said Wednesday.

The county coroner already had ruled that Johannes Pope, 61, died of heart disease.

"Ms. Pope died of natural causes," Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said Wednesday.

Her body was placed in a chair in front of a television and was slowly mummified by a running air conditioner, the coroner said.

Pope had told her daughter and her caregiver that she expected to come back to life, and instructed that she not be buried.

Some family members continued to live downstairs in the house after Pope's death in August 2003. Friends and relatives who visited were told that she was upstairs but ill.

The body was found by police on Jan. 4 after another family member asked for an investigation.

## Ohio man to Social Security: I'm Alive

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Eighty-one-year-old Myron Manders wants the Social Security Administration to know that he still is alive. The problem is, it doesn't seem to be listening.

Last November, Manders was preparing to leave a hospital where he was treated for pneumonia when a social worker said his insurance company would not pay the bill because it believed Manders died on Sept. 1.

William Jarrett, a Social Security spokesman in Cleveland, said Friday the mistake was due to an erroneous document. He could not disclose the error's source.

## Bobcat survives arrow through head

CAMARILLO, Calif. - A young female bobcat was recovering from being shot through the head with an arrow that lodged between the animal's eyes and out through the skull, wildlife officials said.

The projectile managed to miss the brain and other vital organs and caused some sinus and bone damage, leaving veterinarians and those who caught the cat Feb. 19 optimistic about its chances of returning to the wild.

"If you're going to get an arrow through the head, that is probably the best place to have it," said Nicky Thole, director of Camarillo Wildlife Rehabilitation.

The 8- to 10-month-old bobcat was believed to have wandered for more than a week with the wound before it was captured. The emaciated animal, which weighed just 8 pounds — half the weight for a cat her age — underwent surgery and was showing signs of normal neurological function, said veterinarian Peregrine Wolff.

The arrow was likely shot by a hunter, said state Department of Fish and Game warden Grant Oggel.

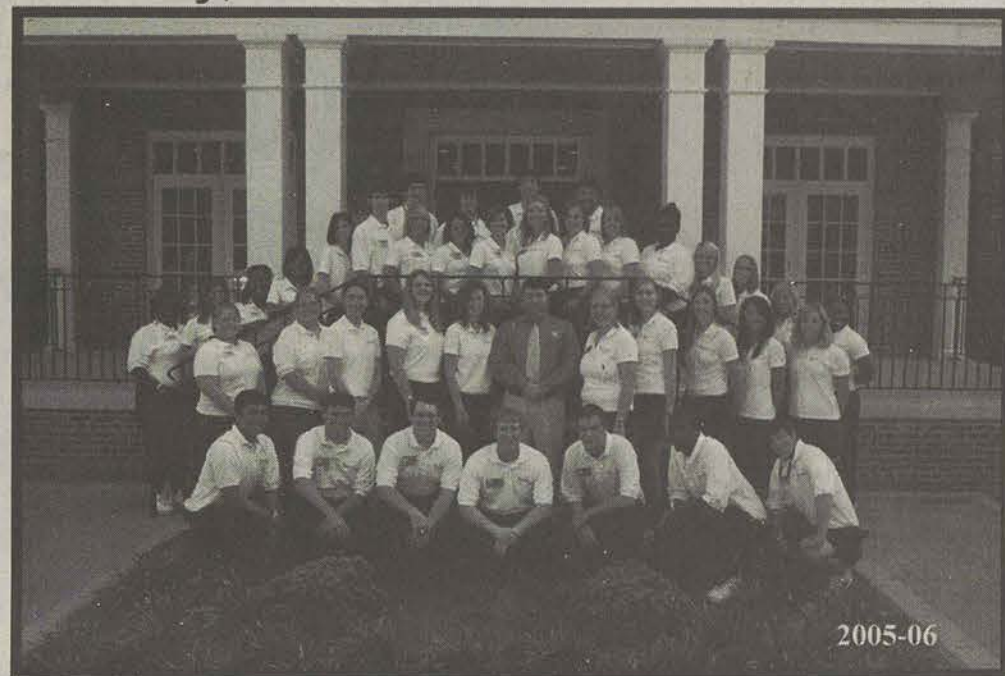
"Either somebody had a very bad shot or a very good shot," he said. "It was a one-in-a million shot."

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- Ernest Hemingway  
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## OUR VIEW

# Spring Break should be fun, safe

AT ISSUE: No matter how you spend the break, it's important to remember to be safe

Spring Break is almost here.

If you can just hold out for two more days after today, a week of freedom will be yours.

Many of you will be going home or staying in the 'Boro to catch up on schoolwork and other projects. Some of you, on the other hand, may not go anywhere exciting, but will spend the week relaxing and refueling for the remainder of the semester after the glorious break.

And then there's the third group, the group that will spend the week in some paradisiacal place, enjoying the sunrises on the beach or relaxing on the deck of a cruise ship.

Those of us here at The George-Anne all fit into one of the above categories. Some of us have big plans, others of us don't. Some of us will be studious, spending many hours in Henderson Library, and some of us will just sit here and chill.

Regardless of what you do over the break, we ask that you be safe, use your head and be responsible. If you're studying, don't overdo it. Take breaks often, and try to pace your studies. Remember, you have all week, so don't wear yourself out too quickly.

Also, remember that this is a break, and while it is a good time to catch up on some studying, it's important

to remember that it's also a time to take a little breather. Give yourself one day, or at least one evening, to relax and have fun. You'll thank yourself.

If you're just chilling out, don't just be lethargic and immobile. Find something to entertain you. Go to a bookstore and buy a cheap book to entertain your mind. Get a book of "sudoku" puzzles and try all the hard ones. While you can still relax, at least you will have something to keep your mind working.

And finally, on a little more serious note, if you're headed out of town and plan to have a week of partying and fun, remember to be responsible: everyone out there

isn't as nice as you are. Watch your drinks when you're at the bar, and be cautious of those around you.

Make sure you always have a friend close by so you won't be stranded if trouble arises or if someone tries to take advantage of you. Be mindful of the things you learned in health class and in high school about strangers and those you don't know too well: always be cautious, and definitely don't drink and drive.

Whatever you do this break, remember to drive safe and be safe in general. We want to see you back here when school resumes on March 19.

Have a great Spring Break.

Eric Swanson  
GUEST COLUMNIST

## Being 'great' takes a lot of hard work

As midterms challenge our knowledge and our final days to withdraw are past, let's take a minute to question ourselves.

I've noticed in a very opinionated school, people have sculpted their personality to fit an image. We engage in conversation and conflict every day of our lives. It is believed in this country that we are striving to become the most successful, or what we view as being so.

Many of us don't know what we want in our future.



Eric Swanson is a junior history major from Atlanta, Ga. He is a guest columnist for The George-Anne.

Many of us don't stop to listen to ourselves or others because we don't know any better. I see us playing fools to entertain each other just to feel some self-worth that we couldn't find by being ourselves.

Friends, we are at a time now where at our age, our decisions are creating what we are to become in the future. Ask any student what they wish to achieve, and many will say to be successful in life.

Does being successful mean \$60,000 a year with a company car, or sacrificing 65 hours a week to teach basic knowledge to children? Sure. Does it

mean wearing a pink polo shirt, or \$100 jeans to look a certain way? No.

Image has become more important than the things we want to represent. We indulge in vanity, whereby looking a certain way creates a personal idea of importance.

Great people have always achieved through understanding others. Being "great" doesn't mean what kind of car you drive, how much money you can spend to impress those around you. Instead, the key to being "great" is found in helping life around you through understanding what you perceive.

A great life is not measured by money, political standing or even what you look like. Life is only measured by the effect you have on the people around you and how you affect their daily lives.

You may hope one day to become the CEO of a major economic corporation, earning millions a year in income, but with power comes the responsibility to the people that you effect.

As our government continues to become secretive in its intentions with people in foreign countries, we the people are left in the dark, only to believe what others are telling us.

Even now, after studying the Quran, I do not know what my brothers in Iraq are facing with civil war. I do not know what my brothers in Russia are feeling as their lives change, wondering if Communism was better or worse for their lives.

Equally, we do not understand what people all around the world are thinking. We barely even know what each other is thinking in our own country.

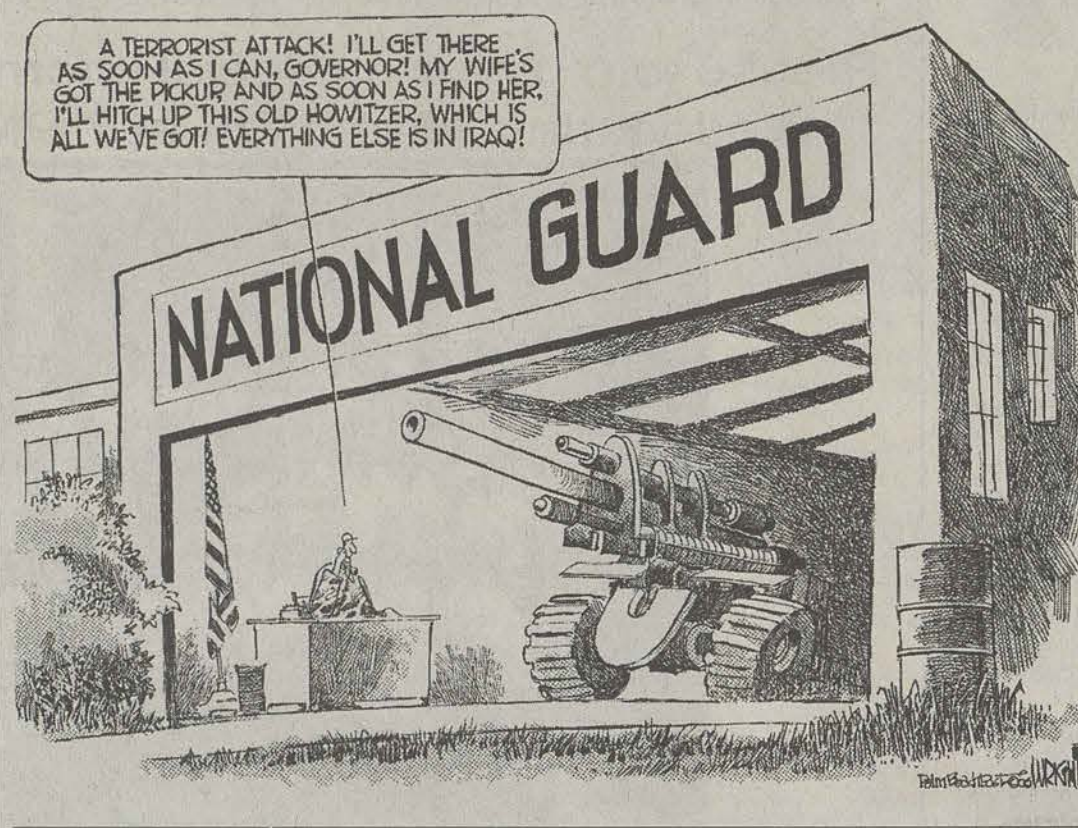
We are all different, every single one of us. This doesn't give us the right to believe we are better or worse than anyone else.

Before we jump to become what we think is successful, remember that everything around us is trying to live just as hard as we are.

Caring to understand other people around us is the first key to becoming successful in a world where we hardly take enough time to know the facts before we jump on the chance to prove someone wrong.

Let's just step back and enjoy what we can offer each other, not what we can take.

Write Eric at [wolf1284@yahoo.com](mailto:wolf1284@yahoo.com).



Adam Johnson: YOUR TURN

## Education needs standards, tests on standards

I read Luke Hearn's column "Standardized tests compromise students" (Monday, March 6) looking for one phrase, and found it towards the end of the article:

"teach the test." Mr. Hearn's column unknowingly comes out in favor of the End of Course Test (EOCT) exams he seems to despise.

By complaining that he didn't know what the GRE was looking for, Mr. Hearn was complaining about a lack of standards. How could he have known what the GRE was looking for? There's not a list of topics he should have learned during his undergraduate career.

Students subject to the EOCT exams, in Georgia at least, have numerous resources from which to glean information about the contents of those exams.

First of all, they've been sitting in a class that has been, or should have been, based on a set of concepts adopted in July 2004 known collectively as the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). Second of all, the GPS have their own Web site, with standards for every

grade level and content area not only outlined, but also detailed for anyone in the state to see. These standards detail topics that should be taught in the classes they were meant for.

Teaching a set of standards makes sense. It's the only way educators can ensure that students at least have the opportunity to learn the same content as students across the state.

Mr. Hearn and everyone else who went through the core curriculum here at Georgia Southern sat through two years worth of classes that were fairly standard across the University System. He then sat through an exam that apparently didn't test the knowledge he should have acquired in the classes he took.

I don't understand why "teach the test" is such a dirty phrase, especially if the test and the classes are based on the same standards.

It only makes sense to test what the student should have been taught.

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Carole Brown: YOUR TURN

## Education needs standards, tests on standards

After 18 years of working with tutoring at Georgia Southern, I was delighted finally to see the words "Academic Success Center" in the front-page article about the AM tutors, even though the information is incorrect ("Live-in AM 'tutors' offer free academic help to freshmen," Monday, Feb. 27).

Ms. Goldwire commented, "AMs can [help a student pass her class] because they are able to spend more time tutoring than just 10 minutes or so like at the Academic Success Center..." The writer has misrepresented our 10-minute guideline, which applies only to math tutors with more than one student at a time. Tutors must manage their time in order to help those who haven't been helped at all and often return to the same student for further assistance. Even with a 10-minute guideline, we have helped many students pass their courses.

Several of our tutors were surprised by this negative

reflection of the ASC. They maintain high academic standards and complete a certification process to retain their positions. They take pride in their work and enjoy helping fellow students succeed. The tutors will spend as much time as possible with a student dependent on the number of students present.

Some students frequent the center to pass classes and others to maintain As or Bs. After reading the article, Mark King, a calculus student, responded, "ASC tutors have definitely helped me improve my grades." Christine Stewart asked, "Why would The George-Anne say that? I come for tutoring, stay as long as I like, and always get help."

The Academic Success Center offers free tutoring in many subjects to any student currently enrolled at GSU. We are open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday.

Write Carole at [cbrown@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cbrown@georgiasouthern.edu).

Dave Barry  
COLUMNIST

## Little girls have all the right answers

So I was pedaling along on my bicycle, towing a little kid-die trailer that contained my daughter, Sophie, and her friend Sofia. I like to tow Sophie when she has a friend with her, because they quickly forget that I'm up there pedaling, so I can listen in on their conversations and find out what is on the minds of 4-year-old children. Usually it's something like this:

FIRST CHILD: You're a tree head!

SECOND CHILD: No, YOU'RE a tree head!

FIRST CHILD: You're a pine-cone head! (Wild giggling)

SECOND CHILD: No, YOU'RE a pine-cone head! (Wild giggling)

And so it goes, for mile after insight-filled mile. But sometimes they have serious discussions back there, and on this particular bicycle ride, the topic turned to religion.

Dave Barry is a columnist for the Miami Herald. He is taking a leave of absence from writing his weekly humor column. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

I should explain that my wife is Jewish, and I am not. We celebrate Hanukkah, but we also celebrate Christmas, which means that each year we open presents, sing songs and eat high-carbohydrate foods for roughly 137 days in a row. It's a good deal for Sophie who, as children do, has adapted effortlessly to her parents' different religious heritages. We've told her that Mommy's family comes from one place, and Daddy's family comes from another place, but the important thing is we all love each other.

So anyway, on this particular bicycle ride, some story from preschool bubbled into Sophie's brain, and she and Sofia had the following conversation, back there in the buggy:

SOPHIE: Do you want me to tell you a story I learned about the Jewish people?

SOFIA: What is the Jewish people?

SOPHIE: That means they're Jewish.

SOFIA: But what IS Jewish?

SOPHIE: Well, it means you're the Jewish people, and you're Jewish. My Mommy is Jewish, but my Daddy isn't Jewish, because his family didn't come from the same place. My Mommy comes from Miami, so she's Jewish.

SOFIA: But what IS Jewish?

SOPHIE: It means you're the Jewish people, and you come from Miami. My Daddy didn't come from Miami, but he lived in Miami for a long time. So maybe now he could be Jewish.

SOFIA: But I live in Miami. Am I Jewish?

SOPHIE: Well, if you live in Miami, you could be.

SOFIA: But what IS Jewish?

Unfortunately, just at that point we reached our destination, so the buggy conversation didn't come to any definitive conclusion. But what I liked was the relaxed and open attitude they had about the issue of what religion everybody was, in contrast to the way this issue is often dealt with among adults:

FIRST ADULT: God says I'm right!

SECOND ADULT: No, God says I'M right!

FIRST ADULT: You're a pine-cone head!

SECOND ADULT: No, YOU'RE ...

And so on. What's my point? Just this: if people of all different faiths — Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Yankee fans — spent some time together, talking AND listening to each other, maybe — just maybe — we'd all begin to see that, despite our differences, deep down inside, all of us, except for some of the Yankee fans, are human beings, riding together in the buggy of life. Is that being too naive?

Ha ha! I'm an idiot. Of COURSE that's being too naive. So I'll just close with my auxiliary backup point, which is: little girls sure are cute.

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IN GEORGIA

NFL players among alleged victims of Atlanta-based hedge-fund group

ATLANTA —The federal government and several professional football players want to know what happened to the hundreds of millions of dollars the players and hundreds of others poured into an Atlanta-based hedge-fund group. But before they can find the money, they have to find Kirk Wright. Days after Wright and his company, International Management Associates, were sued in federal and state court, neither he nor the money has surfaced.

THE REGION

Prosecutor says garden center knowingly sold iodine to make methamphetamine

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — For three years after a drug agent warned garden store owner Joseph Swafford that people were buying iodine to make methamphetamine, Swafford sold it in huge quantities to save his failing business, a federal prosecutor said at Swafford's trial Tuesday. Justice Department attorney Paul Laymon told jurors in closing arguments that Swafford, 63, knew that customers from Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama who purchased more than 2,500 gallons and another almost 3,000 pounds of iodine flakes and pellets were making the addictive stimulant.

THE NATION

Gulf Coast governors press for additional hurricane relief

WASHINGTON — Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who holds George W. Bush's former job, told Congress Tuesday the federal government has turned its back on the Lone Star State. He demanded an additional \$2 billion to repair damage and other hurricane-related costs in Texas. Perry was among four Gulf Coast governors in Washington Tuesday to press for funding for relief and rebuilding.

THE WORLD

Israel defense minister: Hamas prime minister not immune from targeted killings

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister warned Tuesday that Hamas leaders, including the incoming Palestinian prime minister, will not be immune from pinpointed Israeli killings if the Islamic militant group were to resume its attacks. Hamas, which is sworn to Israel's destruction, swept January parliamentary elections and is in the process of forming a Cabinet. It has rejected international calls to renounce its violent, anti-Israel ideology, but has maintained a year-old moratorium on suicide bombings. The minister, Shaul Mofaz told Israel's Army Radio that Israel's policy of targeted killings has proven to be effective, and will continue.

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THE BIG STORY

Widow of 'Superman' actor dies of lung cancer

By Jim Fitzgerald  
Associated Press

Dana Reeve, the singer-actress who married the strapping star of the "Superman" movies and then devoted herself to his care and his cause after he was paralyzed, has died of lung cancer, a year and a half after her husband. She was 44.

Dana Reeve

Although Reeve had announced her cancer diagnosis in August, to an outpouring of sympathy and support from admirers around the world, her death seemed sudden. As recently as Jan. 12, she looked healthy and happy as she belted out Carole King's "Now and Forever" at a packed Madison Square Garden

during a ceremony honoring hockey star Mark Messier, a friend. "Unfortunately, that's what happens with this awful disease," said Maggie Goldberg of the Christopher Reeve Foundation, where Dana Reeve had succeeded her husband as chair. "You feel good, you're responding and then the downturn." Reeve, who lived in Pound Ridge, died Monday night at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center in Manhattan, said foundation president Kathy Lewis. Officials would not discuss Reeve's treatment or say when she entered the hospital. But Lewis said she visited her there on Friday, when Reeve was "tired but with her typical sense of humor and smile, always trying to make other people feel good, her characteristic personality." "The brightest light has gone

out," said comedian Robin Williams. "We will forever celebrate her loving spirit." Christopher and Dana Reeve married in 1992. In his autobiography, "Still Me," Reeve wrote that he suggested early on to his wife, "Maybe we should let me go." She responded, "I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you and I love you." Those were "the words that saved my life," Christopher Reeve said. For his remaining nine years, Dana Reeve was her husband's constant companion and supporter during the ordeal of his rehabilitation, winning worldwide acclaim and admiration. With him, she became an activist in the search for a cure for spinal cord injuries. "Something miraculous and wonderful happened amidst terrible

tragedy, and a whole new dimension of life began to emerge," she wrote in a 1999 book, "Care Packages: Letters to Christopher Reeve from Strangers and Other Friends." "What we had yet to discover were all the gifts that come out of sharing hardship, the hidden pleasures behind the pain." After her husband's death in October 2004, Reeve said she planned to return to acting. She had appeared on Broadway, off-Broadway and regional stages and on the TV shows "Law & Order," "Oz" and "All My Children" and she'd had to give up a Broadway role when she was widowed. "I am an actress and I do have to make a living," she said. Survivors include the Reeves' 13-year-old son, Will; two grown stepchildren, Matthew and Alexandra; her father, Charles Morosini; and two sisters.

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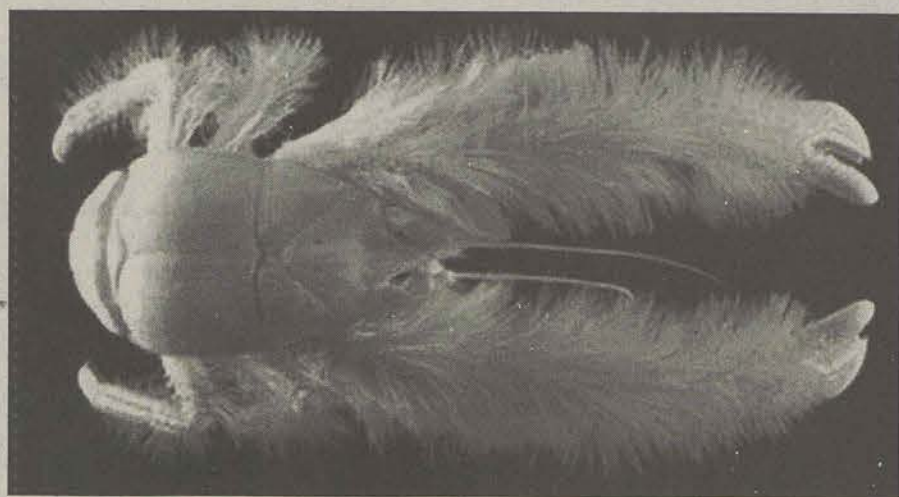
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A new species of crustacean, named Kiwa hirsuta, was discovered in the South Pacific.

## Divers discover a new crustacean

By Omar Torres  
Associated Press

PARIS - Divers have discovered a new crustacean in the South Pacific that resembles a lobster and is covered with what looks like silky, blonde fur, French researchers said Tuesday.

Scientists said the animal, which they named Kiwa hirsuta, was so distinct from other species

that they created a new genus and new family for it.

A team of American-led divers found the animal in waters 7,540 feet deep at a site 900 miles south of Easter Island, according to Michel Segonzac of the French Institute for Sea Exploration, or IFREMER.

The new crustacean is described in the journal of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris.

The animal is white and 5.9 inches long, about the size of a salad plate. The underwater creature's claws are covered with white feather-like growth.

Segonzac described the "surprising characteristic" of the animal's pincers, which are covered with sinuous, hair-like strands.

The eyeless shellfish was discovered in March 2006 during a diving mission led by American

researcher Robert Vrijenhoek in hydrothermal vents of the Pacific Antarctic Ridge, south of Easter Island.

Crustaceans are among the most widespread and diverse group of invertebrates, and the larger ones are economically valuable globally.

The diving expedition was organized by Robert Vrijenhoek of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in California.

## Wish

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volunteer and fundraising manager for the south Georgia region of the foundation. "This is not their last wish, but their favorite wish."

Dr. Jerri Kropp, the director of the Family Life Center at Georgia Southern, is one of the members on the advisory committee in Bulloch County. Kropp attended the training to become a wish volunteer, along with 15 other Georgia Southern students.

"It takes you into the broader community to see what people are experiencing," Kropp said in regards to being a wish volunteer for the Foundation.

Ashley Williams, a student at GSU

also took the training to become a wish volunteer and finds the experience to be very rewarding. "I love children. I don't know why I'm drawn to children with illnesses," Williams said. "It takes a lot of work and time, but it's very rewarding."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has several upcoming events planned for the south Georgia region. On Saturday, April 8, there will be a "Walk for Wishes" in Savannah that everyone can attend.

There will be a "24 Wishes in 24 Hours" Golf-a-thon in Savannah on June 23 and 24, where volunteers can help raise \$5,000 per wish by golfing. The event will take place at Crosswinds Golf Club.

There are currently plans to hold an event here in Bulloch County later

in the year during Nov. They are currently looking at holding a Casino Night for students to come support the Foundation.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a wish volunteer must attend a 5 hour training session where they will be taught how to grant wishes.

The next two training sessions are planned to be held on March 11 at 9 a.m. in Columbus at the Columbus Civic Center and in Macon at 9 a.m. on May 13. If enough interest is generated here on campus, a training session will be conducted in Statesboro.

For more information on how to help, attend the events or become a wish volunteer, contact Carolyn Raines at 912-330-0467 or speak with Dr. Kropp at the Family Life Center at 912-681-5537.

## Beating

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something he and the Georgia Equality board he sits on have been pushing for several years.

"This is quite disturbing to hear, and is a classic example of why we need more severe penalties for those who choose their victims because of

who they are," Clark said. "We need to send a message to these creeps that we won't put up with it."

State Sen. Regina Thomas, D-Savannah, has co-sponsored a bill that stiffens sentences for defendants found to have selected their victims based on "race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation."

The bill will be heard in committee today, though Thomas thinks

strong opposition is likely to kill the bill.

"It's a common sense thing, and something I think should pass, but don't believe will," Thomas said.

"We cannot allow people to go around hurting someone just because we don't like what they stand for."

"I cannot imagine why anyone would be opposed to legislation that protects human beings in general."

## Law

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needed," Bowen said. "We need to send a clear message that hatred of any kind of someone who is different ... will not be tolerated in our state."

Fort pointed out that the law would not just protect minority groups.

"It's a two-way street," he said. "If an African-American attacks a white per-

son because of their race, that person would be guilty of a hate crime."

Under the law, there must be an underlying offense such as assault before the hate-crime charge could be used.

It allows a judge to increase the sentence of anyone convicted of a hate crime by up to 50 percent, as long as the total sentence does not exceed the maximum allowed for the underlying crime.

To stay alive, the bill must now be placed on the Senate's calendar and passed by Monday — currently scheduled as the Legislature's unofficial deadline for a bill to pass at least one chamber.

The three committee votes against the plan were cast by Republicans, who control the Senate.

Among them was Sen. Mitch Seabaugh, R-Sharpsburg, the Senate's majority whip.

## Dance

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from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, a band whose music blends jazz, funk, and bluegrass.

Choreographer Mark Diamond said, "I wanted to do a piece that had music from musicians who either are Southern or have Southern influences. Bela Fleck and Victor Wooten have that and more."

The North Carolina Dance Theatre is based in Charlotte and was founded in 1970.

Since then, the company has received a number of awards for its cutting edge choreography and artistic talents.

The N.C. Dance Theatre is presented as part of the PAC's performance series this year, which will feature 12 shows.

## Death

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injection, has executed 39 people since 1976 and now has a death row population of 109, according the Washington D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center.

Many state Republicans, who control both chambers of the Legislature, have defended the state's current application of the death penalty.

The bill was approved Tuesday with one Republican and four Democrats voting for it and four Republicans voting against.

The bill must pass the full Senate by Monday, which is currently scheduled to be the unofficial deadline for legislation to pass in at least one chamber or be declared dead.

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## Alcohol Awareness

**Simulated Driving Event**  
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The Bulloch County Sheriff's Department will be here to assist students with the drunk/impaired driving simulation. Students will be able to participate in various activities and obstacle courses while wearing the BAC goggles. Free mocktails and beer (root beer) will be provided along with food from local restaurants!

**Alcohol Awareness**  
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## SPORTS

## United States beats Mexico 2-0 in first WBC game

Derrek Lee and Chipper Jones homered, Jake Peavy and six U.S. relievers had a four-hitter as Team USA beat Mexico 2-0 Tuesday in the World Baseball Classic.

Lee connected off starter Rodrigo Lopez and Jones homered on the first pitch he saw in the tournament — off Oscar

Villareal in the seventh.

Peavy allowed one hit — an infield single by Karim Garcia to start the game. The 24-year-old San Diego Padres right-hander struck out three, throwing just 23 pitches.

No Mexican hitters got beyond first.

## Reddick named ACC player of the year

J.J. Redick was named The Associated Press league player of the year for the second straight time Tuesday, capping a season that saw him become the ACC's all-time scoring leader despite being the focus of every defense he faced.

Redick earned 105 of 108 votes from members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association to become only the 10th player to win the honor in back-to-back seasons.

## Coach VanGorder talks about new season

By Bert Noble  
Sports editor

New Head Football Coach Brian VanGorder sat down with The George-Anne for an interview recently. Our questions are in bold and his responses follow.

**How long have you been in Statesboro?**

We have been here almost two months. The people [of Statesboro] have been great to us. We've put together a fine coaching staff. On a daily basis they have been enjoyable to be with and organize our program. I think our players are adapting well at this time. The players are starting to understand our standards and expectations a little bit better.

**Do you think the recruiting class went well?**

I think it went well. We handled some obvious needs that we had either because of scheme change or graduation. I think we were fortunate to recruit the players that we did.

**What kind of offense will GSU be running next year?**

That's a hard question to answer. I'd look for a multiple type offense — a pro-type offense that involves multiple personnel groupings and a lot of formation changes and an offense that is balanced between the run and pass. I want an offense that is prepared to handle all situations in a ball game. If that means we've got to run out the clock, we are capable to do that. That means if we are down with two minutes left, we are able to run a hurry up

offense. We want to be efficient in the red zone, and short-yardage. I want a well-prepared offense.

**Do you have an idea as to who the starting QB will be?**

I don't have an answer. Every position that we have needs to be prepared to compete [for their spot] this spring. They need to be prepared to compete in the fall. Right now we are going into the attitude that its wide open for all of our athletes.

**Where will Jayson Foster play?**

That is one I get asked often. We are going to work him out at receiver, but he's a guy that could play a number of different positions. Its important we get the ball in his hands. He is the kind of guy who can make big plays.

**What do you think about the fall schedule, with four away games and seven home games?**

I haven't put a lot of thought into it. I take it on a daily basis. I try to win every day. There are a lot of intangibles that are out there that we have to take here at home, and we are not really trying to concern ourselves with those kinds of issues where in most cases we like to talk about, but do not really mean a lot.

**How much do you think the recent loss of 5.43 scholarships hurt the team?**

Its hard to tell. It will have some effect, since we will have fewer players. I don't want to make it something that will destroy our chances, or not even give us a chance. I do not think it is significant enough at this time to disrupt where we want to go. We will have to wait and see what the effects will be. We have to

turn it around.

**What are you doing to improve academics?**

We have some guys in 13 hours of study time a week. We are working with the academic center and making sure our guys are taking advantage of the resources available to them that are set up through the academic center. We are getting progress reports, checking classrooms and study tables. We are trying to teach our players that they are here for academics number one — to get a degree from GSU. We cannot say that to them enough. We want them to develop as an all-around student athlete. It has been my desire from the beginning. It is not something that they will hear some of the time; they are hearing it all the time. We have cut some players loose for academic reasons.

**Are we changing our uniforms?**

We are looking at a few different uniform situations. I haven't decided yet. If we do change it will be minimal. **With the construction of a new locker room where the Lupton building used to be, will the team still ride in the yellow buses to the games?**

We will still dress and then bus over to the locker room. I say that a little bit reluctantly. I want to see the locker room in the end and how much space it will have. Right now my thought is that we will dress and then bus to the stadium.

**How has the transition from NFL to GSU been?**

Its been difficult. Getting back and adapting to the student, the youngsters

and checking study halls, and academic records. We have to keep track of our guys. Dealing with those kind of situations that all university students have. It just takes time. The motivational factor of a student versus a pro is different. With the pros, it is their living. The amount of time that we have with players is different.

**How different is working at GSU from UGA?**

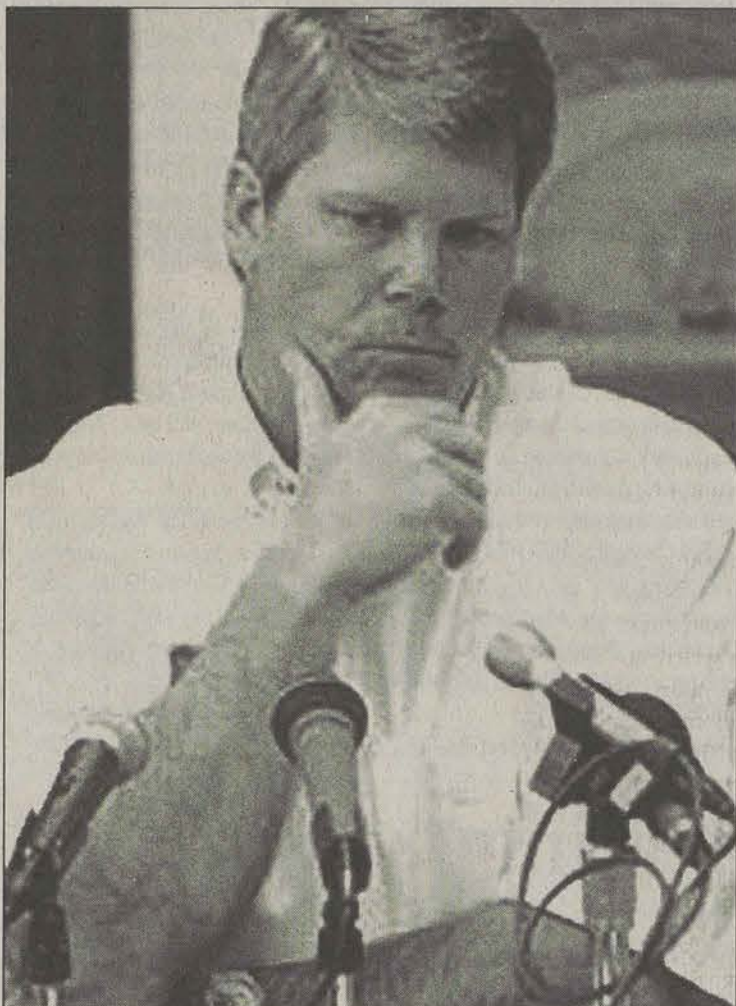
I'm basically making the decisions now that affect the entire program. As GUA I made decisions that affected the defense, and there were times where that wasn't even true. Sometimes the coach made the decisions. I was directly affected by those decisions.

**At a basketball game during football recruiting, most of the gym stood up and gave you a round of applause. What did that mean to you?**

It means a lot. I am glad they are excited about the opportunity GSU has given me. I look forward to giving back to the university and the students and trying to create a program that they can take pride in and enjoy these years.

**Whispers have been heard that after going to Sanford Stadium to play UGA in 2008 that GSU will travel to the University of Florida to play in the Swamp in 2009. Is this true?**

There are a lot of options out there and we are looking at them. I would expect that we would have a Division I game of that magnitude. Nothing has been etched in stone at that time. We have to look at what they do offensively and defensively, and see if they go way



File photo  
Coach Brian VanGorder listens to a question from a reporter during his press conference upon taking the job as head coach at GSU in this photo from December 9, 2005.

out of the ordinary in those areas.

**Do you think GSU will move to I-AA soon?**

I haven't put a lot of time into it. We have to get our house in order here. Right

now we are in I-AA and we need to do things in I-AA that make us special in I-AA. Those conversations are for the future, and they need to be based on what we are doing at this point in time.

## Report: Bonds began using steroids in 1998

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds used a vast array of performance-enhancing drugs, including steroids and human growth hormone, for at least five seasons beginning in 1998, according to a book written by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters.

An excerpt from "Game of Shadows," which details the San Francisco slugger's extensive doping program, appears in the March 13 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"I won't even look at it. For what? There's no need to," Bonds said Tuesday at Giants camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bonds, who testified before a California federal grand jury looking into steroid use by top athletes, repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I've read what was reported," Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris said. "Barry is looking forward to playing this year and the improved health of his knee, and being as productive as he's ever been."

Phone messages left by the AP seeking comment from Bonds' attorney and publicist were not immediately returned Tuesday.

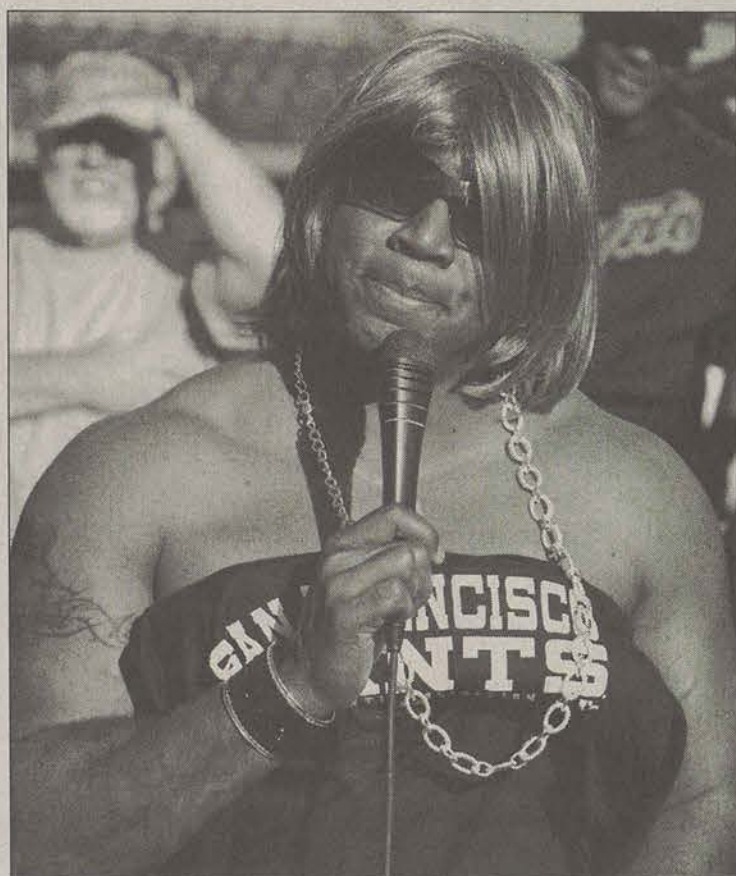
Baseball did not ban performance-enhancing drugs until after the 2002 season.

Authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, who led the newspaper's coverage of the BALCO scandal, recount in remarkable detail the specifics of Bonds' drug regimen, which they write started in 1998 with injections of Winstrol, a powerful steroid also linked to Rafael Palmeiro.

According to the book, Bonds was using two undetectable designer steroids, informally known as the cream and the clear, plus insulin, human growth hormone and other performance enhancers by 2001, when he hit 73 home runs for the Giants to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 set in 1998.

The seven-time NL MVP enters this season with 708 homers, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Game of Shadows" is scheduled to be published March 27 by Gotham Books.



AP Photo/Ben Margot

Dressed in drag portraying Paula Abdul on "American Idol," San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds participates in a spoof on Feb. 28, in Scottsdale, Ariz. A new book accusing Bonds of using steroids and other drugs is scheduled to be released March 27.

BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative run by Victor Conte, kept track of Bonds' drug use in detail, with folders and calendars that chronicled everything from schedules and quantities to his testosterone levels. Much was obtained by federal agents when they raided the lab in September 2003.

According to reports in The Chronicle, Bonds testified to the grand jury in late 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, who pleaded guilty in the BALCO case last July to steroid distribution and money laundering. Bonds said he didn't know that what he was using was a steroid, the newspaper reported.

According to the book, Bonds used several substances in various forms — by injecting himself with a syringe, taking injections from Anderson, gulping pills, putting liquid drops under his tongue or rubbing cream on his skin.

Bonds became so experienced and

well-versed with the regimen that he occasionally overruled Anderson and took control of his own doping schedule, the book says.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig had not reviewed the material and had no comment, spokesman Rich Levin said. Selig was en route from Milwaukee to Phoenix for the World Baseball Classic.

Bonds, who will turn 42 in July, played in only 14 games last season, all in September, following three knee operations. He showed signs of his old self in his brief return, hitting five homers in 42 at-bats.

He caused a stir before spring training this year with contradicting interviews in February. Bonds told USA Today that his knee bothered him so much he would probably retire after the season, with or without the home run record. Then he told MLB.com that his knee brace felt good enough for him to possibly play 10 more seasons.

## Softball to play North Florida

The double header is the last homestand for the Eagles this month; Senior Gina Sterchi voted to 'All Buzz Classic Team'

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern softball team wraps up its home March schedule Wednesday, welcoming North Florida to Eagle Field for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

GSU does not return home until an April 1 date with Chattanooga to kick off the Southern Conference season.

The Eagles (8-15) went 1-3 at the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic last weekend, losing two games in heart-breaking fashion. But in the win, the offense exploded for 16 runs, featuring back-to-back-to-back homers.

Senior Gina Sterchi, who hit a team-best .529 last weekend, was named to the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic All-Tournament team announced Tuesday.

In addition to her batting average, she also led the team with two doubles and a 1.000 slugging percentage. She also totaled six RBI, two homers and

nine hits.

Sterchi had multiple-hit games three times in four outings, including four in the team's 16-7 win over Gardner-Webb. In that game, she went 4-for-5 at the plate with four RBI, three runs scored, a double and a home run. She hit the last of back-to-back-back homers vs. Columbia and drove in the game-tying run, completing a seven-run comeback.

The Eagles hit .355 as a team during the tournament, second-best among the 25 schools participating.

North Florida (11-7) in its first season at the Division I level and is looking to continue a run of seven consecutive postseason appearances. The Ospreys host North Carolina State Tuesday before heading to Statesboro.

GSU boasts four players hitting .335



Gina Sterchi

or better, led by senior Gina Sterchi who holds a .375 average and a team-high 11 doubles, five home runs, 22 RBIs and a .764 slugging percentage. She has four multi-hit games in her last six outings and twice over that span drove in four runs in a game.

Pitching was on display the last time the Eagles took the field in Statesboro. Sophomore Melissa Laliberte and junior A.J. Street each tossed no-hitters in a sweep of South Carolina State. It was the team's first no-no since junior Logan Free against St. Francis last season.

As successful as the Eagle hitters have been this season, the North Florida offense has been even more prolific, batting .330 as a team through 18 games and has four regulars with a .390 average or better.

## Golf finishes sixth at Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiate

GSU News Service

DORADO BEACH, PUERTO RICO — The Georgia Southern golf team shot a final-round score of 277 to end with a three-round tournament score of 860 in finishing sixth at the third annual Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiate. No. 17 Texas Tech led wire-to-wire to win the 11-team event at the par-72, 7,064-yard Plantation Club hosted by Georgia State.

The Red Raiders fired the third-lowest final-round of the day with a 281 to end with an 843 total in posting an 11-stroke victory over second-place Kentucky. The Wildcats finished with an 854 total after shooting a 285 on the last day.

Charlotte and Louisville ended in a tie for third at 856. The 49ers carded a 282 in the final round, while the Cardinals shot a 283. Texas Tech's Oscar Floren and Andrew Dresser were co-champions finishing with a

## Final Standings

1. Texas Tech — 280-282-281—843
2. Kentucky — 282-287-285—854
3. Charlotte — 283-291-282—856
3. Louisville — 290-283-283—856
5. Georgia State — 288-283-287—858
6. GSU — 289-294-277—860
7. North Florida — 289-290-286—865
8. Old Dominion — 292-294-282—868
9. Southern Miss — 292-299-278—869
10. UNC Wilmington — 299-292-297—888
11. Mercer — 301-304-305—190

nine-under-par 207.

Freshman Jordan Johnston paced the Eagles as he carded a final round personal best 67 to finish with a total score of 210, and a fourth place finish. Junior Bryan Jones and senior Drew Bowen finished tied for 20th at 217. Jones fired a 1-over 73 in the final round.

Bowen shot a 4-under 68 to end

the tournament. Senior Jonathan Shaw carded a final round 70 to finish at 220, tied for 34th. Fellow senior Jon David Kennedy shot a 72 on Tuesday, finishing at 223 at 40th.

"This was the round we have been waiting for," said head coach Larry Mays. "This will hopefully give us some positive momentum heading into the next few tournaments. I am really proud of Jordan (Johnston) and the way he stepped up this weekend. It was a big step for him and it should give him some much deserved confidence. Drew (Bowen) also played really well for us this week, shooting a 68 in today's final round."

For complete tournament results visit: [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com). The golf team will return to the links on Saturday, March 18 to host the 2006 Schenkel E-Z-GO Tournament. The Schenkel, in its 26th year, will be held at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro.



## Some child actors have grown along with their celebrity status

By Ed Bark

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PASADENA, Calif. — Both use their full allotment of names and share a kid-star pedigree.

Neil Patrick Harris, 32, is half that many years removed from the premiere of "Doogie Howser, M.D." But he's only now shaking off his teen doc smock as tagline-spouting Barney Stinson in the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother."

Tyler James Williams, 13, is just starting out as a pebble-sized version of Chris Rock in UPN's "Everybody Hates Chris." How long will it take him to make a new name for himself after the show goes off? Right now he couldn't care less.

"I definitely get a strong reaction from kids in the stores, at the mall," Tyler says. "I have a new name now — That Kid From 'Everybody Hates Chris.'"

He shrugs and smiles agreeably. What's a kid to do when fame first calls your name? Fred Savage, who plays secretly gay Mitch Crumb on ABC's midseason series "Crumbs," is still cuddly, cute Kevin Arnold from "The Wonder Years" in many a viewer's memory bank. First question at a summertime session with TV critics: "Are the Crumbs Kevin Arnold's worst nightmare?"

The Crumbs are super-fractious, you see, whereas the Arnolds merely squabbled. But sigh, Savage gamely played along: "I wouldn't say it's Kevin's worst nightmare. But I don't think he really would have been able to even conceive of a family like this."

It's going a bit better for Harris these days. Flaunting a showy purple sport coat at a recent CBS "All-Star" party, he's reinventing himself on "How I Met Your Mother" as a cocksure party animal with a repertoire of repartee. Regularly deployed Barneyisms include "Denied," "It's going to be legendary" and "Suit up!"



"Right now I'm a jester," Harris says. "My job is to show up and make funny. If it means getting a drink splashed in my face, I'm all for it. It's the best job I've ever had."

He's says it's also the first post-"Doogie" role to achieve liftoff in its own right.

"People are coming up and not just recognizing me as a character I used to play. They're actually complimenting me on the work I'm doing in a current show, which is something I haven't really experienced before."

He tried hard to ditch Doogie in 1999's "Stark Raving Mad" sitcom, which co-starred a pre-"Monk" Tony Shalhoub. But "Mad" bombed in spite of its cushy, Thursday night slot between NBC's "Frasier" and "ER."

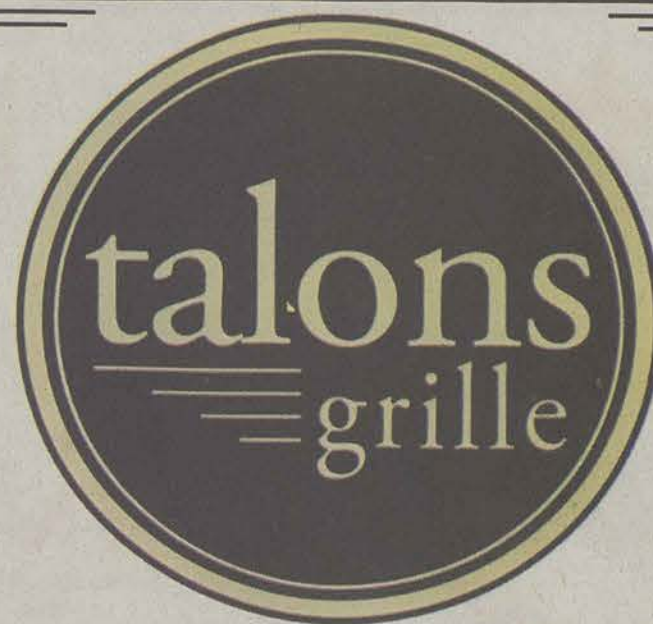
Harris licked his wounds with theater work, cartoon voice-overs, TV series guest shots and even taking a role as himself in the cult 2004 film "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle."

"I've been fortunate enough to keep living little chapters in between," he says. "It's not like I did 'Doogie' and then nothing and then 'The Surreal Life' because I desperately needed a comeback."

In other words, he's not Emmanuel Lewis of "Webster" fame, who did do "Surreal Life" in 2003 after long bouts of post-child-star obscurity.

Lewis was a teacup-sized 12-year-old when "Webster" premiered in 1983. At the height of his fame, he also became Michael Jackson's carry-on companion at awards shows. It's hard to envision anything like that befalling self-assured Tyler James Williams.

"He's a kid, but he's a little man," says Tichina Arnold, who plays mama Rochelle Rock on "Everybody Hates Chris." "I mean, he's more professional than we are at times on the set. It's like he's got to tell us, 'OK, guys, let's get serious.'"



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