

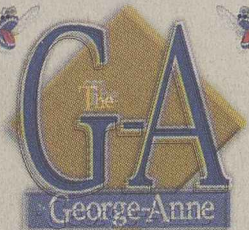
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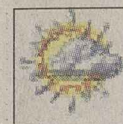
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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

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Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 90° F and a low of 56° F.

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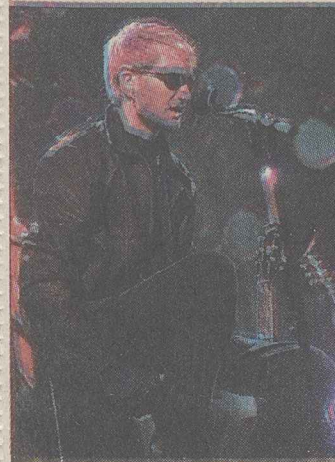
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- New diabetes testing equipment could improve the lives of diabetics.
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Southern Events

STUDENT RECITAL
• A General Student Recital will be held today at 1 p.m. in the Carter Recital Hall.

WINE TASTING
• An Annual Wine Tasting & Auction Gala will be held at the Botanical Garden at 7 p.m. on April 25.

Peterson drafted by Chicago Bears

• Former GSU star preparing for transition from Paulson Stadium to Soldier Field, Eagles to Bears

By Mathew R. Palmer
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The moment GSU football fans have been waiting for has finally arrived.

Adrian Peterson was drafted Sunday by the Chicago Bears.

Peterson was pick number 27 in the sixth round – 199 overall – in the 67th Annual National Football League Player Selection Meeting held in the Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Picking Peterson has already started the buzz in Chicago. Several posts on the teams message board showed great enthusiasm for overall draft picks.

"I was ecstatic when I saw Adrian Peterson ever since I saw that run where he broke almost eleven tackles, and I said we should get him," member *bmgas* said. "He could be great on special teams or three down back. The guy has great balance."

Bronko Nagurski, another member, was excited as well.

"Of course I like the Adrian Peterson pick. It's great to land someone like him in the sixth round," Nagurski said. "He should be a viable backup to Atrian and Leon. Within a year or two, he should be a solid player and contribute nicely."

Peterson follows his brother Mike, who graduated close to their hometown from the University of Florida, into the NFL. Mike plays for the Indianapolis Colts.

"It is every fathers dream to see their sons play in college and the NFL," his father Porter said. "But very few make it to that level."

While at GSU, Peterson made or broke multiple

school, Southern Conference and NCAA Division I-AA records. The talented back delighted Georgia Southern fans for four years, rushing for a collegiate record 100 yards in 36 consecutive contests and shattering the NCAA career-scoring record with 524 points.

His 40 total 100-yard performances during the regular season set another NCAA record for all divisions. Including playoff games, Peterson rushed for over 100 yards 54 times during his career. He also became college football's all-time leading rusher with 6,543 yards and set the Southern Conference career-record with 996 rushing attempts.

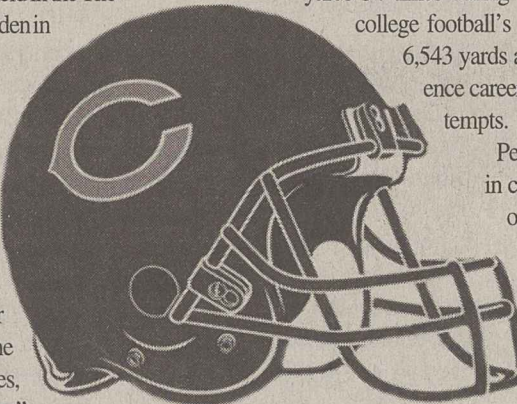
Peterson became the first player in conference history to rush for over 1,000 yards in four seasons. In 42 regular season games, he rushed for 85 touchdowns and averaged 155.8 yards per game. In 57 career contests, he carried 1,378 times for 9,145 yards, an average of 6.6 yards per carry, 111 touchdowns and an average of 160.44 yards per game.

Peterson owns the top-four season rushing total marks at GSU. He graduated in December and resides in Alachua, FL.

Peterson was not available for comment as of press time.

Peterson will be closest to GSU when the Bears play the Falcons in Atlanta on September 15 at the Georgia Dome. Game time is at noon. Fans may also want to take note of the Monday night Bears game in Miami on Dec. 9. The Bears will also battle the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte on Dec. 22.

Look for Adrian Peterson's player profile online at <http://www.chicagobears.com> under "Bears draft pick profiles."



Internet Photos

FROM THE RURAL SOUTH TO THE URBAN MIDWEST: Adrian Peterson, generally considered the best football player in Georgia Southern history, was picked up by the Chicago Bears yesterday in the annual NFL Draft. The 199th pick in the draft, Peterson will go from GSU's Paulson Stadium (top) to a new home stadium at Chicago's Soldier Field (bottom).

Thousands descend on Washington to rally for causes concerning Palestinians

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WASHINGTON - Carrying Palestinian flags and waving signs that likened Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to Hitler, thousands of demonstrators marched from the White House to the Capitol on Saturday to show support for the Palestinian people.

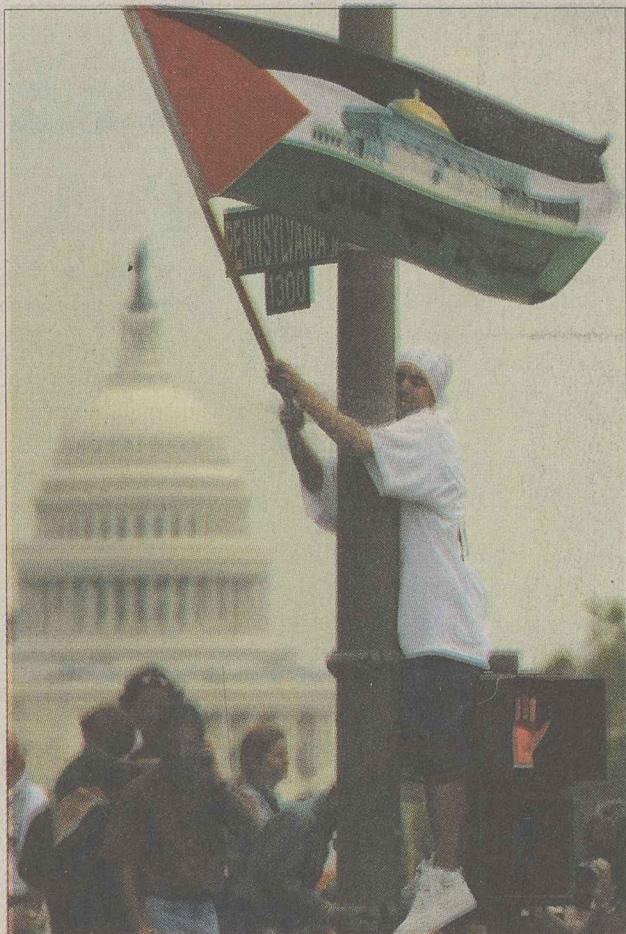
Demonstrators from all over the country stood on the Ellipse behind the White House and demanded that President Bush and Congress stop supporting Israel with America's money and political clout.

"As an Arab-American, I am ashamed of being an American because my brothers and sisters are being killed," said Joma Musman, 21, a dental student at the University of Maryland. "I don't want my tax dollars supporting a war criminal like Sharon."

The demonstration stretched for several city blocks as protesters carrying Palestinian flags and anti-Israel signs marched through a light rain from one symbol of power to another along Pennsylvania Avenue. The pro-Palestinian marchers gained the support of demonstrators from at least three other rallies protesting such issues as globalization and destruction of the environment.

Organizers and police estimated about 40,000 to 60,000 people were at the rallies. Washington metro police Cpl. Rob Moroney said there were no arrests and "everything went smoothly." The

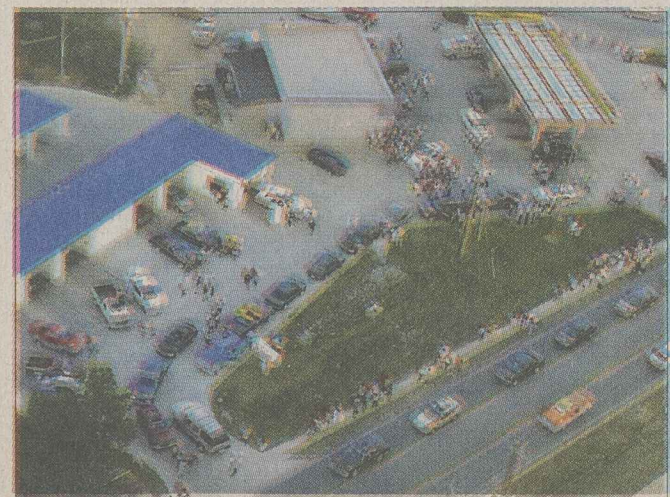
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PROTESTING LOUDLY: Pro-Palestinian protesters and a wide range of groups converge from different points in the city to march along Pennsylvania Avenue and hold a rally at the foot of the Capitol.

PARTYING ON THE 'STRIP' - Player's Ball 2002



PILING INTO THE 'BORO: This weekend, thousands of anxious students and other young adults united on Chandler Rd. and Lanier Dr. to celebrate the annual Player's Ball. The corner of Chandler and Lanier, pictured to the left, is a popular midway point along the 'Strip,' the name given to the main area of festivities in the massive block party.

Photo by Mathew Palmer/STAFF

Astronomy department examines asteroid dangers

By Todd Jewell
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According to theory, the dinosaurs were killed by an asteroid that was ten to twelve kilometers in diameter.

On Friday, April 19 in the planetarium professor of Astronomy Dr. Zellner gave a presentation on the dangers of asteroid impact with Earth. Dr. Zellner started off the evening with a brief recap on the death of the dinosaurs.

The impact of the asteroid that might have killed the dinosaurs is called a hypervelocity impact. The ejectra of this impact was vapor, minor melt, and mostly stone. Even

a 50-megaton nuclear explosion is confined to our local atmosphere; however this hypervelocity impact would break through the atmosphere.

A one million megaton explosion excavates 1000 times its own mass. A mushroom cloud would cover the whole earth taking about one and a half hours. The environmental effects of this would be devastation. At hour one you would have a firefall where the debris would re-enter the atmosphere at 11 kilometers per hour and 500degrees Celsius. Hour two you would have tsunamis one kilometer high moving at speeds of 500

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The RAC celebrates its fourth birthday since 1998 opening



Allison Bennett/STAFF

CELEBRATING FOUR YEARS: Prize giveaways abounded at the RAC's fourth birthday celebration.

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A crowd of GSU Faculty, staff and students gathered at the Recreation Activity Center on Thursday to celebrate the building's fourth birthday since its opening in 1998.

The two hour celebration consisted of free giveaways and a raffle for shirts, a gift certificate, a nine pound candy bar and the grand prize, a DVD player. The climbing wall inside the RAC was briefly available for students

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

April 18

• Joseph Frank Morin, 22, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident.

• Brandon Christopher Scarboro, 20, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol, possession of a fake ID and adult seatbelt violation.

• Matthew Wayne Jackson, 20, was arrested for DUI, underage pos-

session of alcohol and seatbelt violation.

April 19

• Robert Allen, 19, was arrested for DUI.

• Joy Christine Wilson, 24, was arrested for public drunk and disorderly conduct.

• Charliss Edward Williams III, 19, was arrested for wanted person and driving on a suspended license.

GSU Public Safety

April 18

• Felicia Renee Gibson, 29, was charged with theft by conversion.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Megan Mulcahy, staff writer.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

Georgia News

Students plan county's first integrated prom

Associated Press

BUTLER, Ga.-- Nearly 15 years before Gerica McCrary was born, recently integrated Taylor County High School stopped sponsoring a prom. Parents and students set up their own one for blacks and one for whites.

The tradition continued for 31 springs in this rural county of 8,800 midway between Columbus and Macon in central Georgia until McCrary asked her fellow juniors to "stand for what is right" and vote to hold one prom for students of all races.

"In the beginning, the students were afraid of change," the black 17-year-old said. "But the kids got together. The students tore down the Berlin Wall. Both sides were tired of it."

"Now, I walk through the halls of the school and people are smiling," she said. "It brings tears to my eyes. We are in unity."

The junior class is responsible for setting up each year's prom,

so next year's class could vote to go back to separate dances. But McCrary and others are hopeful that their May 3 bash at a hotel 50 miles away in Columbus will end the long history of segregation.

Taylor County High School has 420 students, 226 of them black. Nearly 75 percent of the juniors and seniors supported McCrary's proposal for one prom.

The decision upset a few parents, but only because they have a hard time adjusting to change, said Steve Smith, a high school algebra teacher who attended Taylor County schools during desegregation. He and his wife are assisting the junior class on behalf of their daughter and niece, both Taylor County students.

"We work together. We go to school together. Why is one night out of the year a big deal?" he asked.

Public schools in the rural South ignored federal orders to

desegregate for decades. Taylor County didn't allow blacks and whites to sit in the same classrooms until 26 years after the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kan., which declared segregated schools unconstitutional.

Many rural Georgia high schools didn't integrate until the 1970s. After that, many school officials stopped sponsoring proms, in part because of the fear of interracial dating.

In some areas, parents and students would hold their own proms -- often separated by race. Taylor County is among the last to cling to the practice. Vidalia city schools in east central Georgia still have separate proms.

Even today, Taylor County school officials don't like to discuss the prom, saying it is a private event. In some other south Georgia counties, students shun the school-sponsored proms and attend private spring dances at country clubs or meeting halls instead.

Ralph Noble, president of the 37,000-member Georgia Association of Ed "truly shows that children are wiser than adults many times."

McCrary, who has a 4.0 average and participates in several extracurricular activities, said she was inspired by a classroom slogan that said: "Stand for what is right, or stand alone."

"At first, I was standing alone," she said. "Some thought it was absurd. I wanted unity, diversity, equality. Now, when I walk through the school, people congratulate me."

McCrary and about a dozen fellow students were making prom decorations in the cafeteria this week. She rushed from table to table, encouraging and praising classmates who were stuffing invitations into envelopes and painting signs festooned with glitter.

"She's definitely a leader," said Jeremie Williams, a black junior. "I was for it all along. I saw how other schools were coming together and I thought we should come together and have one prom. I'll go and have a good time."

On-campus News

CHIEF JUSTICE TO ADDRESS GRADUATES

Georgia Southern University will conduct Spring 2002 Commencement exercises at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Paulson Stadium. A single ceremony will recognize all graduates, including students finishing degree requirements during the upcoming summer session. Georgia Southern does not hold summer graduation ceremonies.

Due to the anticipated large crowd, guests are encouraged to arrive at Paulson Stadium one hour before commencement.

An estimated 1,400 students are eligible to participate in the ceremonies.

Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher will deliver the commencement address. Justice Fletcher is a native of Fitzgerald, Ga. He was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in 1989 by Gov. Joe Frank Harris and was named Chief Justice in 2001.

In case of rain, commencement will move to Hanner Fieldhouse and be divided into three ceremonies.

The community is invited to attend graduation exercises.

COMEDY NIGHT

Georgia Southern's Public Relations Events Management class will host a comedy night on Thursday, April 25, from 8-10 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The event, titled "A Special Night of Comedy: Stand Up for High Hope," is a fund-raiser that will showcase national and local comedians. The comedy night will feature acts from Chris Kauffman, Ben Maraoney, Jay McKinney and Ben Freakley.

Proceeds from the event will go to the High Hope Center of Statesboro. High Hope is a facility that caters to those in Bulloch and Screven counties with mental retardation. It allows the adult consumers to learn every day living skills and on-the-job training.

Tickets for the event are \$5 and may be purchased at the door, at the Performing Arts Center box office, or by calling ext. 7999.

For more information on the event, contact Donald Panther-Yates at ext. 5801.

FAMILY LIFE OPENINGS

The Family Life Center has openings in the summer enrichment program for 3-, 4- and 5- year olds (entering kindergarten). There are openings for Short Term A, Short Term B and the Long Term.

The hours will be 7:45 a.m. to 1

p.m. For more information or an application, contact Julie Cochran at ext. 5537.

NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL

A Native American Festival will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sweetheart Circle and in the Georgia Southern Museum.

There will be crafts, music, activities and demonstrations focusing on American Indians, especially those native to the southeast.

There is no admission fee.

For more information, call ext. 0147.

RECEPTION

The Office of the Provost invites the campus community to a reception honoring the contributions of G. Lane Van Tassell, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, on Monday, April 29, at 4 p.m. in Room 1603 of the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

EARTH DAY EVENT

Don't forget that there will be a workshop to make Art out of trash and found objects, this Monday (April 22), from noon to 3 pm on the Henderson Library porch by the front entrance. You can drop in at any time during those hours. We will provide art supplies and trash with potential, although you are welcome to bring your own found objects, if you wish.

Tom Amettis, who makes wonderful works out of trash, himself, will be around to help us. Even if you think you have no art talent (you are probably wrong), look at it this way: you are doing the world a favor by subtracting at least one piece of trash and adding at least one piece of art.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

On Monday, April 22, Dr. Darin Van Tassell's Introduction to International Studies class will be hosting their International Cuisine Day.

Students prepare and bring a dish from the country of their choice and serve it during class time. The food represents regions from throughout the world.

The event will begin at 2:00 PM outside of Room 1313 in the Forest Drive Building at the Center for International Studies. All faculty and staff are invited to attend, but remember, the food is served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WINE TASTING

The annual "Wine, Moonlight and Magnolias" wine tasting and auction will be held Thursday, April 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the Botanical Garden. Tickets are still available at the Garden and at the door on the night of the event. The cost is \$30 for individuals and \$60 for couples.

Tickets include four tastings, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary wine glass. A jazz band will entertain guests during the evening. Auction items include a Day of Falconry, a week at a St. Simons beach condo, a long weekend at a private home on St. Simons, tickets to a Georgia Southern football game with passes to the President's Skybox, and much more.

To make your reservations, call ext. 1149 or 7817.

"IMAGINING EDUCATION"

An art installation titled "Imagining Education" will be on display in the library stairwell through Friday, April 26.

The installation consists of three panels in fabric representing current images of education in the United States, as well as construction of the past, and imagining the future.

This collaborative work of 70 Georgia Southern students in the College of Education and 15 teachers from varied school settings was led by Betty Smith Franklin, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Research.

JUDGING IN STAGE

This year 489 students from 17 area schools have submitted entries in the 17th annual Georgia Southern essay contest. Administered by the Department of Writing and Linguistics and funded by the Georgia Southern Foundation, the contest is open to all interested students in area public and private schools in grades 5-12.

Once all of this year's entries have been judged by the Georgia Southern English faculty, first-, second- and third-place winners will be announced in four levels of competition: grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

Additionally, there will be 10 honorable mentions for each of the four levels.

Winning writers will receive cash awards from the Foundation at the end of the spring semester.

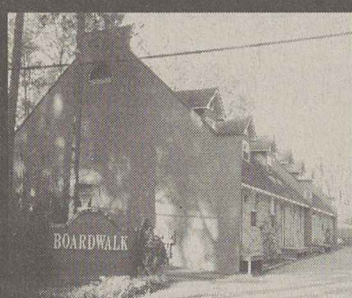
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- For Fall Semester 2002, financial aid refund checks will NOT be issued on the first day of class as they have in the past.
- Federal regulations now require the University to confirm your class attendance before financial aid can be released to your GSU Office of Student Fees account.
- Once the financial aid is applied to your account, if you are due a refund, a check will be cut and released by the Office of Student Fees on September 3rd.
- Many students have relied on their refund check to purchase textbooks and other supplies. If you are due a refund, you will be able to purchase books in the University Bookstore and the amount will be credited to your anticipated refund.
- HOPE Scholars who are eligible for the HOPE book allowance WILL have their checks on the first day of Fall.

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'Pack the Park' to be held Saturday

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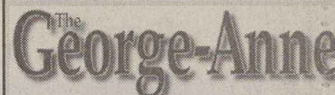
The Sports Business Operations class wants GSU students to turn out droves to 'Pack the Park' for the April 27 matchup against Western Carolina University.

Students may register for prizes at the game to be given away between innings. You must be present to win, Howard said. Prizes include, but are not

limited to: coupon book from Pizza Inn (\$30 value); Athletic Attic gift certificate; three month Gold's Gym membership; one hour massage from Healthy Touch; Dairy Queen gift certificates; Total Entertainment tanning package; auto detailing from Statesboro Auto; Pizza Inn gift certificates and a baseball glove.

Students may sign up before the game April 24-26 at Lakeside

Café and Russell Union from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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Emergency blood drive a success; blood donation center opens

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Nancy Martin is proud of GSU students, and she has every right to be.

The Senior Donor Recruitment Representative boasted highly of students who turned out for the Emergency Blood Drive held on campus last week. Fifty-seven units of blood were donated — a record number for the region. Their goal was just 30.

"It was awesome considering you guys had tests and finals," she said.

Several potential donors were turned away for health reasons, such as low iron or medication, she said. Still, some waited patiently in the shade to donate. There was even a waiting list of about ten when the drive was to end.

"I am so proud of Georgia Southern," Martin said. "It renews my faith in volunteerism to see those smiling faces willing to help."

Martin said that she realizes that many students had other obligations, especially with finals approaching. Nevertheless, Martin and the American Red Cross have a brand new option for the GSU and Statesboro community to consider.

A ribbon cutting and reception will be held Tuesday, April 23 at noon for the Statesboro Blood Donation Center at East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

The center, already in operation, is a more convenient way to donate blood, she said. Persons interested in donating blood and who cannot make it to a drive can call to schedule appointments on either Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Martin said that the new center would allow students or business people who cannot fit the drive into their schedule to make an appointment at their own convenience. In addition, donations usually take about 30 minutes at the center rather than an hour or more at a drive.

"With the opening of the Statesboro Blood Donation Center, it will be easier for residents of this area to make giving blood a part of their routine," said Southern Region Red Cross District Manager Jason Ferrell.

Persons may donate blood every 56 days.

In addition to being more convenient, Martin hopes that the center will bring in new donors to help keep blood on the shelf. April is usually a surplus month, she said, with high school and college drives. However, Martin said this is the first time in her career in the Southern Region that blood has been in a deficit in April.

One reason Martin said there is a decrease in supply is the Mad Cow Disease. Since the disease has come into play, donations have decreased at area military installations where the Red Cross holds monthly drives. There is currently no test for the disease therefore anyone who has been into countries affected by the disease cannot donate, drastically reducing regular donors.

Before the GSU drive, the blood bank was operating on a day or day-and-a-half supply.

"The Red Cross needs approximately 1,200 people to donate blood each weekday to meet the demands of more than 140 hospitals and healthcare facilities in our region," Ferrell said.

The Southern Region, which includes Statesboro, consists of Georgia, three counties in South Carolina, Jacksonville and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Persons interested in scheduling an appointment to donate should call 1-800-600-6401, extension 4218 and tell the operator they are willing to donate in Statesboro.

In addition to donating blood, individuals may take advantage of autologous or self-directed donations, donations for friends or family, therapeutic donations as well as bone marrow donor registry and information — services previously offered only in Savannah.

For questions or more information, contact Martin at 912-651-5200 or 912-663-6721.

Tracks cleared after Amtrak derailment

KRT Campus

CRESCENT CITY, Fla.—The stretch of railroad track destroyed during the derailment of Amtrak Auto Train 52 reopened early Sunday morning, and the first train passed through since the deadly wreck killed four people and injured more than a hundred last week.

Railroad crews with CSX Corp., the freight company that owns and operates the track, worked through

the night to finish installing temporary rails in time for a CSX coal train to rumble by shortly after sunrise.

Investigators with National Transportation Safety Board finished their work at the site, too, and began trickling out of town. An engineer and assistant engineer for the Auto Train told investigators that they both tripped the emergency brakes after seeing or feeling a piece of buckled

track. The NTSB won't say officially for days, weeks or months what caused nearly half the 40 cars to jump the track, but they have focused on the track misalignment the engineers reported.

Investigators are looking at a number of things that might have caused a section of track to bulge out 10 inches, including: a heavy CSX

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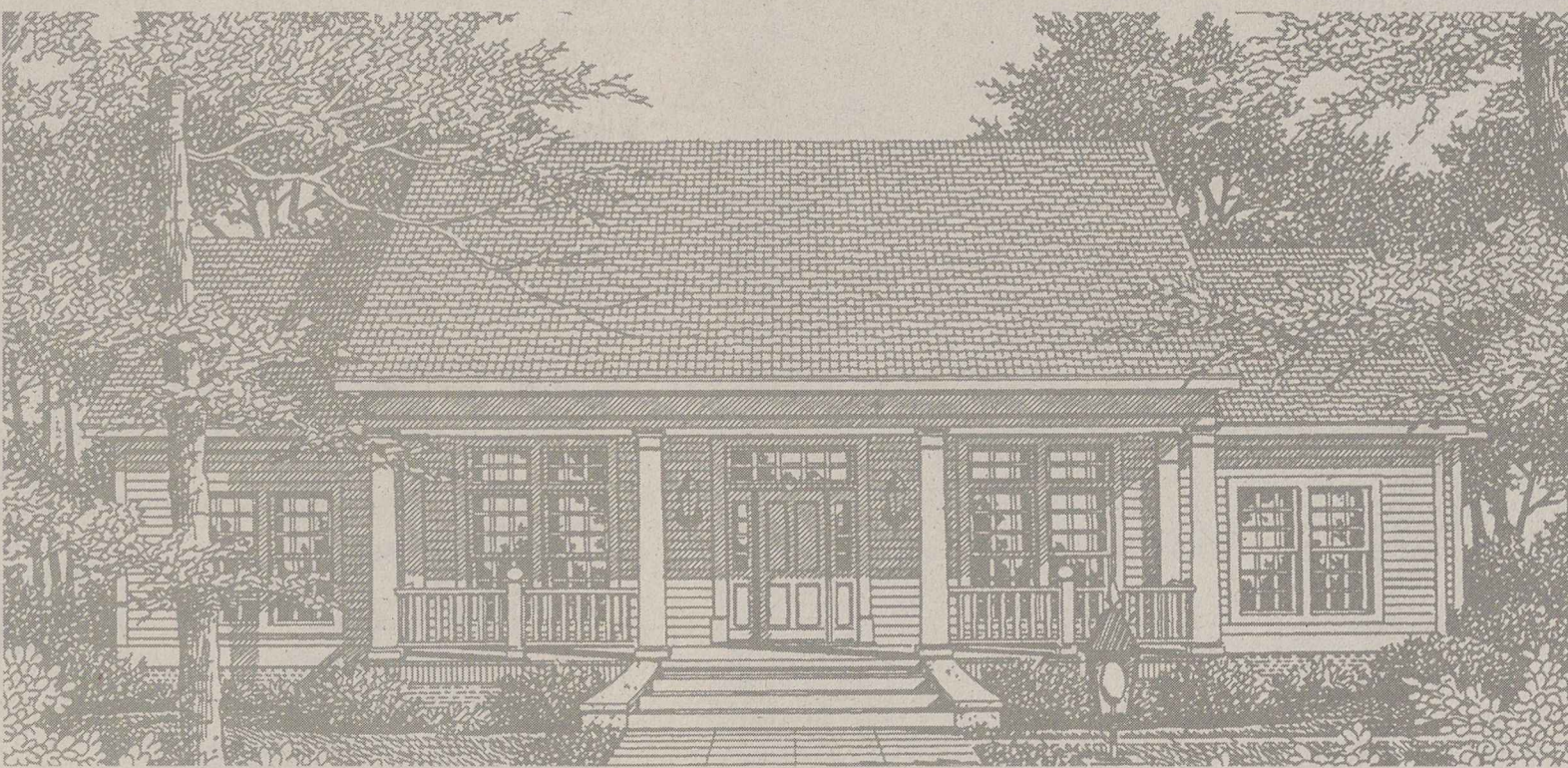
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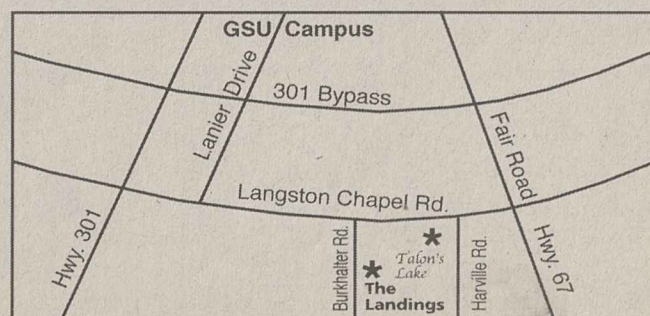
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Have you had your culture today?

Consider yourself lucky. Attending one of the larger universities in Georgia has its perks.

With the hustle and bustle of classes, upcoming finals and stress in general, people are asking, "Where can I go to get away from all of this, if only for five minutes?" Truth is, just look around.

We are fortunate enough to be surrounded with tons of culture. Have you had yours today?

Looking for some low budget fun? Perhaps you should consider swinging by the GSU Museum to play in the Bubbles Exhibit. It will be on display through June 2.

In a musical mood? Check out the General Student Recital in the Carter Recital Hall at 1 p.m. on April 22. Or, check out the Symphonic Wind Ensemble in the Carter Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on April 24, the Faculty Recital series again in Carter on April 25 at 8 p.m.

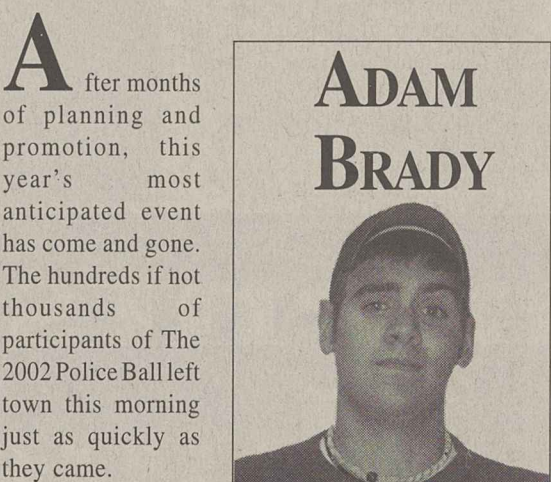
Maybe you are in the mood for a taste of a native America? Head over to the Native American Festival at the GSU Museum on April 27 at 10 a.m.

Also, there's always GSU Baseball and Softball games that are played regularly throughout the end of the semester.

The point is, whatever you're looking for to do at GSU, it's here. You just have to find it.

Expand your horizons and explore new things. You never know, you just may like it.

Police Ball 2002 a success



ADAM
BRADY

After months of planning and promotion, this year's most anticipated event has come and gone. The hundreds if not thousands of participants of The 2002 Police Ball left town this morning just as quickly as they came.

Descending upon our peaceful little town lying on the rolling plains of Southeast Georgia, this year's partygoers came from all over the state to enjoy a weekend of fun and excitement at the expense of the masses. Driving in flashy cars and blaring loud music, these brothers in profession arrived in force. At every corner, intersection and stop sign they sat to take in the sights.

Business boomed at the local hotels with all of the rooms completely booked by the merrymakers. This was not a weekend for parents and relatives to visit. Alumni trying to secure a room late can wait until next year's Blue and White game. This was the time to party.

Local restaurants saw more simultaneous business in these past two days than they will ever see during any other weekend out of the year. In fact, there was barely enough time to serve the other guests in town. But this was only for those eateries that chose to stay open. Several around town were afraid it would be impossible to dish up for so many different people at once. And besides, who has time to work when there's so much more fun to be had on the streets?

This year the party spilled farther outside the city limits than be can remembered. The off-ramp to Highway 67 was crowded with police looking to have a great time. Flashlights in hand and hats on head, they talked about old times while coaxing highway drivers to stop and chat next to the flashing

party lights. Some very lucky individuals were even extended the invitation to step out of their vehicles, put their hands on the hoods of their cars and join in the conversation. In fact, the police so desired some people's company that they even chased them down, party lights blazing. But with so many people in town for the festivities, it must have been hard to discriminate who should be extended the invite.

Local apartment complexes would not be left out of the fun this year. Year-round and temp staff turned out to let their hair down and have a great time around the blockades at the openings to nearly every community within a mile radius of GSU. And not just anyone was let into these parties. Without a specially made parking decal or your name on a list of VIP's you'd be out of luck.

The amount of traffic didn't seem to have any effect on the moods of the celebrators. After all, the crowded intersections were equipped with stop signs. If traffic does happen to back as far as the eye can see in every direction, there's no reason to get bent out of shape. That stop sign has the whole situation under control.

Besides, there was far better to do walking on the streets. The old pastime of placing barricades was one of the most popular events at this year's ball. Hundreds of officers turned out at locations scattered through the areas heaviest with traffic and most needed to be open for residents to travel on to close off both entryways and exits.

Closing down roads to vehicle traffic must have been great, but not enough to satisfy the hunger for fun. Pedestrian blocking went into full swing shortly after all the roads were closed. In a symbol of brotherhood, police joined hands and formed up into ranks to walk together down the street. What a moving sight it must have been.

And lest we forget the eye in the sky to watch over the whole event. Why, without those helicopters flying overhead, there would have been no way to coordinate the fun or put the spotlight on the most popular spots in town. It must be quite an awakening to have the ability to see the big picture.

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College binge drinking is not just in frats, not just on weekends

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on April 12, 2002.

Unhappy hour: College bingeing is no frat-party lark; it's killing thousands of students

For parents of high school seniors sorting through college offers this month, the final choice often boils down to picturing how a daughter or son might fit in at the new campus.

Studies, sports, social life - it's all in the mix at college-decision time.

What parent, though, would ever imagine this scene: their child falling out of a dorm window drunk, or dying in an alcohol-related car wreck? Maybe more parents should.

That's one lesson to be found in the troubling findings of the latest and most comprehensive survey of the impact of campus drinking.

The study, released last week by a federally-appointed task force of the National Institutes of Health, concludes that more than 1,400 college students die annually as a result of injuries and accidents linked to drinking.

Nor are the statistics on injuries and assaults any easier to swallow: More than 70,000 students are sexually assaulted or date-raped, and 500,000 are injured in accidents and fights due to drinking.

That's four students killed on an average day - what the nation's top education official rightly described as "alarming evidence of the devastating impact" of campus drinking.

So the study keeps up the drumbeat for remedies that can rein in a lethal campus drinking culture. Last month, a Harvard study showed that - while more students are abstaining - there are just as many who down several drinks at a sitting as in the early 1990s.

And when this school year started, the American Medical Association reported that 95 percent of parents viewed binge drinking as a serious threat to students. How right they were.

With its statistical analysis of fatalities, injuries, assaults and reckless drinking-related behavior like unprotected sex, the NIH task force casts a harsh light on undergrad boozing as merely a rite of passage.

The wreckage of young lives stands in sharp contrast to the gyrations of televised spring-break revelers, or the Animal House story line of the latest National Lampoon movie.

For every parent who reasons that they celebrated occasionally - and still graduated - today's college officials offer a portrait of a much different campus.

Binge drinking, where it occurs, isn't reserved for weekend nights. "Now it's Thursday night and Wednesday evening. There's a lot more of it around - occasions where drinking is the main thing," explains Graham Spanier, president of Pennsylvania State University, a leader in the fight for solutions.

The NIH study points to strategies that hold promise for coming to grips with the excesses of college drinking. Many are being tested at local colleges and around the nation: alcohol-free events, individual counseling, community partnerships to stem off-campus alcohol abuse, peer-to-peer assurances that most students drink moderately or abstain.

Note, those initiatives don't dwell ghoulishly on the dangers of drinking. Such warnings, say researchers, aren't effective with students too young to grasp their own mortality.

But as a community, let's not forget the stakes can be life-and-death.

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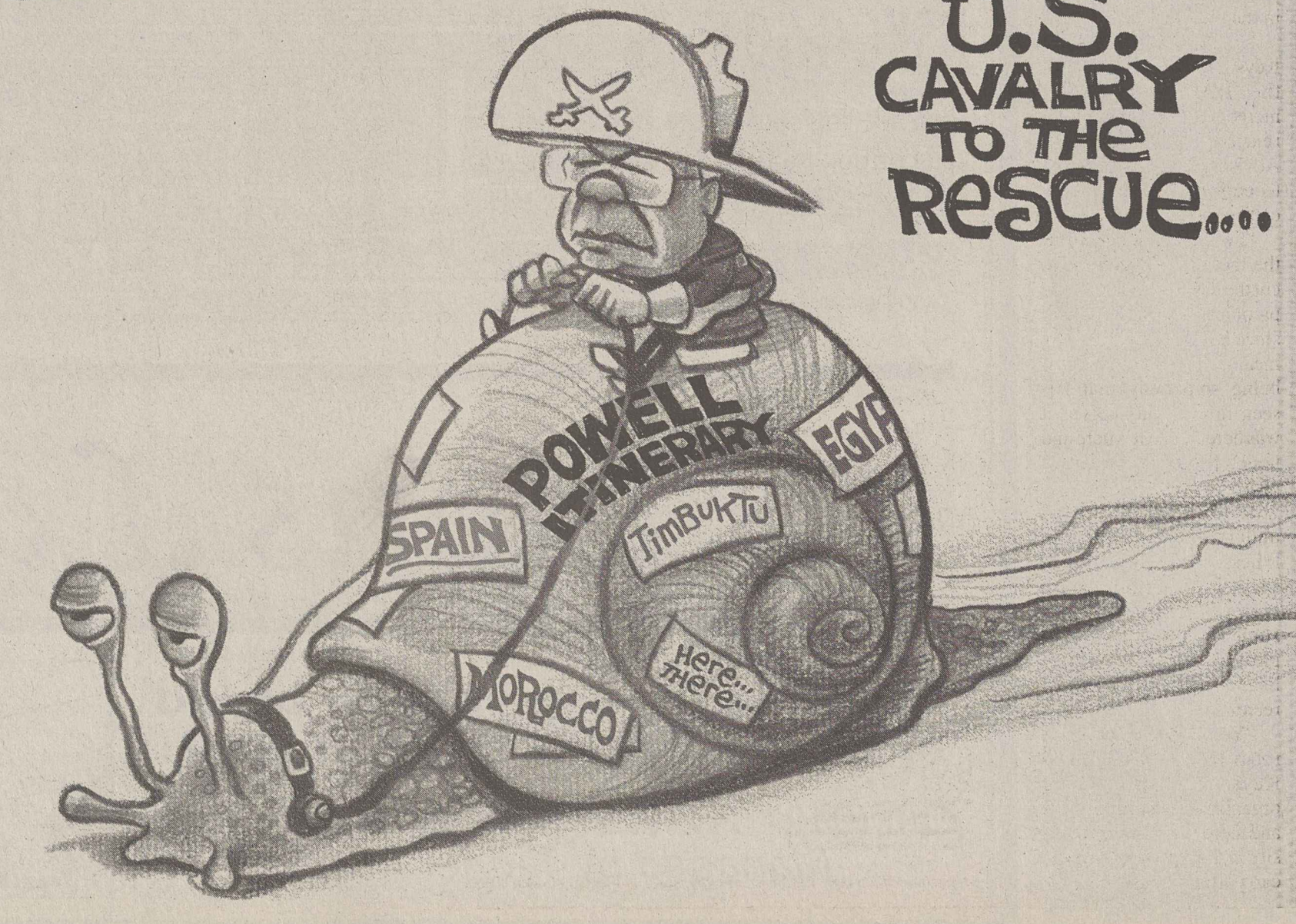
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miles per hour. The greenhouse effect would last for centuries to millennia due to the enhanced water and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Complete darkness due to the dust in the atmosphere would cause food chains to collapse and photosynthesis to be impossible. Acid rain stemming from an abundance of nitric acid in the atmosphere would destroy plant life. Dr. Zellner feels that, "The marvel of all this is that some life survived, not that the dinosaurs died."

Some snakes, lizards, turtles and birds made it. Purgatorius also made it, the only primate known to fossil record before and after the impact.

The Arizona meteor crater is one kilometer wide and was an iron impactor. Research has shown that it caused a 50-megaton explosion around 50,000 years ago.

A 10-meter object would cause a one megaton explosion which would destroy a city. The danger in this is possible misinterpretation by hostile powers thinking it is an attack. The odds of this happening are one per year.

A 100-meter object would cause widespread destruction and local tsunamis. The odds of this happening are one in 1000 years.

A one-kilometer object would cause global rain, dust, tsunamis, and crop failures. The probability of this is one in

50,000 years where millions of people would die.

A two-kilometer object would cause civilization extinction and would happen every 500,000 years. The chances of you dying to an asteroid are the same as dying in a plane crash, one in 5,000.

A 500-meter object is a threat to global civilizations and there are about 350 we know about and around 10,000 that we do not know about. With the nuclear power we have we could have destroyed Shoemaker-Levy that hit Jupiter.

The way to save our civilization would be to hit the asteroid and change its direction. The further away it is the less power you need to change the direction of the asteroid. This can be used for evil. Imagine a world leader redirecting an asteroid that wouldn't hit Earth, to a specific portion of Earth.

Carl Sagan states that, "A non-technological civilization of poets, artists, and musicians cannot survive. We need high-tech capabilities."

A concern right now among astronomers is Swift-Tuttle. It is predicted that this five kilometer nucleus asteroid will hit Earth on August 14, 2126. The probability of a direct impact is one in a 100; however the miss distance is calculated at zero. This asteroid would cause mass extinction. The main danger, according to Dr. Zellner, "is not from the ones we do know about, it is from the ones we don't know about."

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rallies coincided with meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

About 25 Black Panthers in black fatigues shouted, "Death to the so-called Jews" and "the state of Israel has no right to exist." Protesters against the World Bank burned American flags and sang, "We all live in a military state," to the tune of the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine."

The pro-Palestinian march came in a week in which journalists and a United Nations observer began reporting widespread devastation by the Israeli military in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank.

Israeli officials have said they invaded cities in the West Bank to root out terrorists who have supported repeated suicide bombings aimed at Israeli citizens. But Palestinians have said hundreds of innocent civilians were killed.

The march Saturday also followed by five days a demonstration at the Capitol in support of Israel. The contrast between the two events was stark, illustrating the different levels of political support for the two sides.

The deputy defense secretary from the Bush administration and Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress addressed the pro-Israeli rally. Numerous lawmakers also attended. The pro-Palestinian rally included no member of the Bush administration - organizers said none was invited - and just one member of Congress, Democrat Cynthia McKinney of Georgia, appeared before the crowd.

"We failed in Jenin," McKinney said. But in a speech in support of general civil rights, she stopped short of taking sides in the Middle East dispute.

The Israeli rally had such well-known speakers as Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and conservative author Bill Bennett. Their words were broadcast

Gaza Strip.

Many of them had stories of friends and relatives who were killed or injured with what they contended were American weapons.

"My grandmother died of asphyxiation because of tear gas dropped on her house in Jerusalem," said Amelia Khalil, 31, a substance abuse counselor from Oak Ridge, N.J.

"The tear gas was made in Pittsburgh... If Bush really wanted to do something, he could," said Khalil, whose T-shirt said, "We are all Palestinians." "We're supposed to be a superpower."

In his radio address Saturday, Bush reiterated his call on Arafat's Palestinian Authority to "act on its words of condemnation against terror." He said that Israel must continue to withdraw troops from Palestinian cities and that "all Arab nations must confront terror in their own region."

Although many of their signs were incendiary - several demonstrators carried mock Israeli flags that replaced the Star of David with a swastika - most of those interviewed said they opposed violence on either side. But, almost to a person, they added that the suicide bombers that have terrorized Israeli citizens have no alternative method of protest.

"We don't accept them, but they are desperate," said Hassan Naji, 30, who was born in the town of Jenin and now teaches math at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. He was carrying a sign that equated Sharon with Hitler and former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic, who is on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, for crimes against humanity.

That said, Naji added, "They should live in peace next to each other, two states helping each other out."

**"THEY SHOULD LIVE IN PEACE
NEXT TO EACH OTHER, TWO STATES
HELPING EACH OTHER OUT."**

— HASSAN NAJI, NATIVE OF JENIN

along the National Mall through a powerful sound system.

The Palestinian rally had speakers, too, but they were less well known and at times difficult to hear.

"I'd like to get a piece of Bush, a piece of Sharon, and let them answer to Allah," Sammy Ali, who said he was fired as a professor from Tampa University in Florida, shouted to the crowd behind the White House.

Many demonstrators said they voted for Bush, but were disappointed that he appeared to be siding with Israel in the conflict in the Middle East. They cited his statement two days earlier that Sharon was a "man of peace."

"Saying that Sharon is a peacemaker wiped out what little respect I had for him," said Miriam Hamdan, 23, a Palestinian-American who is studying fine arts at Northern Virginia Community College.

"I committed a big crime when I voted for him," said Hanna Darwish, 42, a Philadelphia homemaker from Ramallah, the West Bank city where Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat remains under house arrest in his compound.

Demonstrators said they came to the capital to send a message to Bush and to Congress to stop sending \$3 billion a year to Israel and to use America's political muscle to get Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and

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as well. Food and drinks were also given out to participants as they shared in the birthday cake.

Graduate student Anna Keys, a former supervisor at the RAC and current member of the Campus Recreation and Intramurals Advisory Board, was chosen to perform the ceremonial cutting of the cake.

"I was taken off guard by the fact they wanted me to cut the cake," she said. "I've participated at the RAC ever since it's been open, so it's meant a lot to me as far as being somebody that has seen how it was before it was here, while it's here and hopefully going onto a new phase."

Keys was attending as an undergraduate when the fitness and weight extension served as the main recreational center for students. She has been pleased that students have had a new building for recreation.

"You have a lot more room [at the RAC]," said Keys. "More student organizations can get in here and there is a lot more diversity in the activities that you can participate in."

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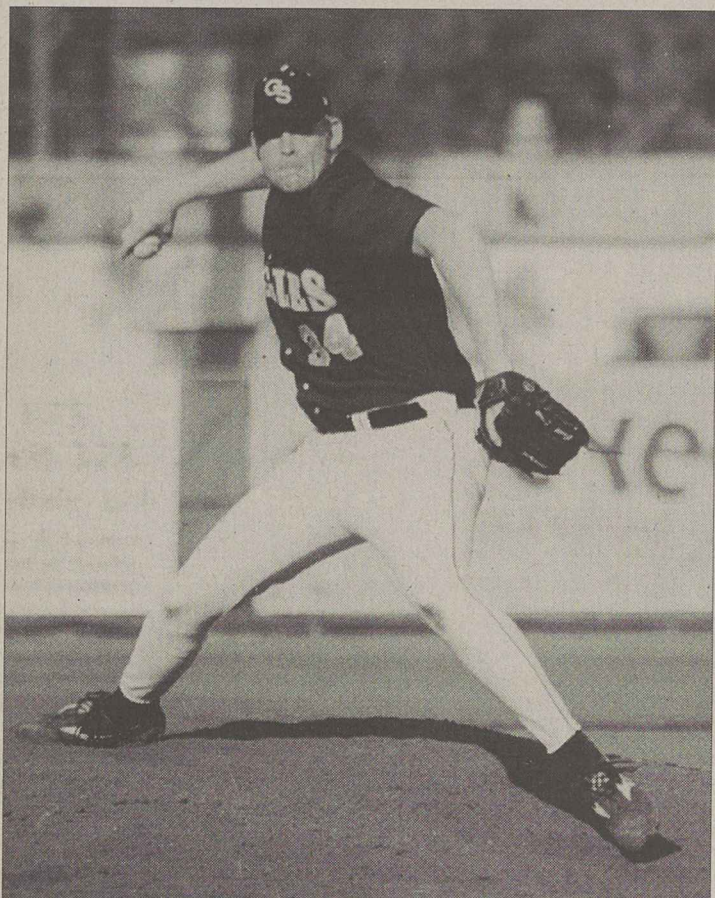
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Eagles win one of three vs. Citadel



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SERIES LOSS: The Eagles were victorious in one of their three SoCon matches against the Citadel this weekend.

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In a matchup of two of the Southern Conference's elite squads, the Georgia Southern baseball team lost two of three games against The Citadel at J.I. Clements Stadium over the weekend. The Bulldogs triumphed 9-2 Friday night with the Eagles winning Saturday's battle 12-3. The Citadel then won the rubber game of the series 16-4 on Sunday.

Georgia Southern (27-17, 13-8 SoCon) took the early lead on Friday scoring a run in the bottom of the first. Chris Walker led off the frame with a single and then stole second. In the next at-bat, Jemel Spearman was able to drive the run in when he singled into rightfield.

The Citadel (23-16, 16-5 SoCon) then grabbed the 2-1 lead, plating two runs in the fourth off a Josh Stackley two-run home run. After Matt Dean reached on a single, Stackley came up and drove the ball over the wall in left for his first collegiate homer.

The Bulldogs extended their lead to 3-1 after scoring a run in the top of the sixth inning. After Jason Randall reached on a Spearman error, he came around to score when Chip Cannon doubled down the line in right.

Georgia Southern was able to add a run of their own in the sixth, narrowing their deficit to 3-2. Spearman led off the frame when he reached first on an error from Cannon. Three batters later, Grant Burruss drove in Spearman on a sacrifice fly.

In the top of the seventh, scored three to extend the Citadel lead to 6-2. Chris Ard led the inning off with a bunt single before moving to second on a sacrifice. David Griffin then was hit by a pitch to reach first. Two batters later, the runners came around to score on Cannon's long ball.

The Citadel added another three insurance runs in the ninth as their lead grew to 9-2. After Ard led the inning off with a double, he came around to score on

a Brook Dantzler triple. Two outs later, Cannon gave a rude welcome to new Eagle pitcher Kevin Cuipepper, sending the ball out to center for a two-run home run, his second of the contest.

Herring was the offensive spark for Georgia Southern, going 3-for-5 from the plate while Spearman, J.R. Revere, and Brendan Gilligan each added two hits.

Cannon feasted on the Eagle pitching as he went 3-for-5 while driving in six runs. The two round-trippers were his sixth and seventh on the season.

T.A. Fulmer was the winning pitcher, improving to 5-1 on the year. Fulmer struck out seven while allowing just one earned run in six innings of action.

In Saturday night's game, Georgia Southern got on the board first, scoring two in the first. With one out, Jemel Spearman and Matt Herring reached on a single and a walk, respectively. After the runners moved up 90 feet on a ground out, Grant Burruss drove them both in on a single to right.

In the third inning, the Eagles added another run to extend their lead to 3-0. Chris Walker led the frame off with a walk before stealing second base. Walker then reached third on a Citadel error before coming home on a ball.

Georgia Southern was able to get the run back, plus three more, in the bottom of the fifth as they scored four runs to take the 7-1 lead. Chad Hall led the scoring off with a solo home run to left. Following a Walker strikeout, Spearman and Herring reached on a single and walk. Pinch-hitter A.J. Zickgraf then gave new Citadel pitcher Paul Williams a rude welcome, sending a three-run homer out to left center.

Two innings later, Herring and Zickgraf led off the seventh by hitting back-to-back solo homers to give the home team the 9-1 edge. Three more insurance runs came around to score in the eighth to put the Eagle lead at 12-1. With two outs and Hall and Walker on base, Herring knocked out his second

home run of the day with a drive to center.

Herring and Zickgraf were the offensive catalysts for Georgia Southern as each went 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs and four runs batted in. The power surge was nothing new for Zickgraf as 19 of his 29 hits this season have been extra base hits.

"My goal to hit line drives," said the sophomore from New Castle, Delaware. "But sometimes they carry into doubles and home runs."

Brett Lewis took advantage of a strong outing on the mound to get the win, improving his record to 7-5. Lewis tossed seven innings, striking out eight batters and allowing just one run.

Jenkins gave up six runs in just over four innings of work, lowering his record to 3-2.

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon, The Citadel took the initial lead with two runs in the second inning and never looked back. Chip Cannon led the frame off with a walk. Three batters later, Josh Stackley drove a home run out to center to score the runs.

The Bulldogs sent eleven batters to the plate in the fourth as they scored eight times to extend their lead to 10-0. Matt Dean reached base with one out with Stackley reaching on an intentional walk.

As Dean and Stackley pulled off a double steal, the pickoff attempt from A.J. Zickgraf went into the outfield and let Dean score. Will Coker then drove in Stackley on a double. After a Chris Ard single, Brook Dantzler singled to drive in Coker followed by a David Griffin double scoring Dantzler. Following a walk to Jason Randall to load the bases, Chip Cannon hit the ball over the fence in right for a grand slam.

Georgia Southern broke the shutout in the bottom of the fourth, plating two runs. With two outs, J.R. Revere doubled to score Brandon Burnsed. In the next at bat, Chad Hall singled to score Revere.

The Eagles narrowed their deficit to 10-4 after scoring a run in the seventh and eighth innings. A Matt Herring sacrifice fly scored Jemel Spearman in the seventh while a pinch-hit home run from Matt Hammond accounted for the run in the eighth.

The Citadel then pounded on Eagle reliever Kevin Cuipepper in the ninth as they scored six times to increase their lead to 16-4. After Griffin and Dantzler reached base, Randall homered to plate three. Two batters later, Jon Aughey doubled and then scored on a Dean single. Ard and Dantzler each added run-scoring singles for the last two runs.

Spearman, Revere, and Hall were the only Eagles to amass multiple hits as each went 2-for-4.

Dantzler led the Bulldog offense with a 3-for-6 day at the plate, followed by 2-for-5 days from Griffin, Dean, and Ard.

Brian Rogers took the loss for Georgia Southern, dropping to 6-2. Rogers allowed six runs off five hits before leaving one out into the fourth.

Eric Talbert got the win for The Citadel, allowing two runs off seven hits in six innings of action, improving his mark at 4-3.

Georgia Southern next travels to battle Jacksonville on Wednesday before welcoming Western Carolina to town this weekend.

Equestrian team heads to nationals in New York

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Georgia Southern University's Equestrian Team is headed to New York to compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's (IHSA) National Championship Horse Show May 3-5.

The three-day horse show, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on May 3, will consist several events including: beginner, intermediate and advanced western horsemanship, hunter seat over fences and walk-trot-canter.

At Cazenovia College, just 19 miles southeast of Syracuse, New York, two GSU equestrian team members coached by Elenor Ellis will more than 100 teams including: Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Florida, Stonehill College, Brown University, Virginia Intermont and Midway College.

In the English Division, there are six different equitation's. The equitation's, in descending order from highest ability level are as follows: open hunter seat, intermediate hunter seat, novice hunter seat, advanced walk-trot-canter, beginner walk-trot. Kerry

McGarvey will represent GSU's equestrian team in the novice hunter seat equitation over fences.

"I am very nervous yet excited about making it to nationals," said McGarvey. "Since there are only two riders that qualify from each college, the pressure is on."

In the Western Division, the highest class is open western horsemanship. Ashley Herrmann will represent GSU's team in this class. Other equitation in this division include advanced western horsemanship, intermediate western horsemanship and beginner western horsemanship.

"I have been waiting for this day to come," said Herrmann. "I recently found out that I was the overall high point open western rider for our team so I am more than ready to compete against the other riders in my class and am thrilled I get the opportunity to do so."

This is not the first time that Georgia Southern's equestrian team has made it to nationals. In fact, two years ago, nationals were held at Conyers Horse Park in Georgia and Jenny Lyndsey, a beginner western horsemanship rider competed for

GSU.

The winner in the English Division will receive a brand new English saddle from Miller Saddle Company and get the chance to ride with the United States Equestrian team for Lyndsey ended up placing fifth in her class.

According to the IHSA website, team members competing in nationals first had to place second or higher in zones. In order to advance to zones, they had to place third or higher in regionals. In order to qualify for regionals, riders had to earn a total of 35 points. First place is worth seven points, second place is worth five, third is worth four points, fourth is worth three points and so on.

"There is no doubt that the most talented riders are headed our way," said Marv Christopher, athletic director at Cazenovia College. "We feel honored to be hosting such a prestigious event." As for the Western Division, the winner will walk away with a new Western saddle.

Results from IHSA's 2002 National Championship Horse Show can be obtained by visiting the IHSA website at www.ihsa.com

GSU Golf in third at SoCon Championship

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Round one of the 2002 Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship is history, and the league is no closer to determining who will receive its automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. Furman and College of Charleston are tied after each fired a six-under 282 Friday at the 6,800-yard Furman University Golf Course, while Georgia Southern is five strokes back at 287 and Western Carolina rounds out the top four at 290.

Daniel Brunson recorded five birdies on the final nine holes Friday, including three in a row on holes 11, 12, and 13, en route to a five-under 67 on the day. He paced not only the Cougars, but the entire field, and holds a two stroke advantage over Western Carolina's Greg Lewis and Furman's David Sligh. All three of the top individuals birdied the 518-yard, par five 11th hole, with Lewis and Sligh each recording five birdies and two bogeys on the day, while Brunson finished with seven birdies and two bogeys.

GSU's Justin Kolumber fired a two-under 70 and is in a four-way tie for fourth place, three shots behind Charleston's Brunson. Eagle freshmen David Elmore and Aron Price continued their solid play with a pair of even-par 72's and are tied for 12th. Junior Travis Mobley is a shot back after a one-over 73 and tied for 21st, while sophomore Tyler McKeever is in a seven-way tie for 25th at two-over following a 74.

The defending Southern Conference Champion East Tennessee State Bucs fired a 291 in the tournament's first round and are

in fifth, nine strokes out of the lead, while Appalachian State is sixth after a 293 and UNC Greensboro and Chattanooga are tied in seventh at 298.

Round two of the Southern Conference Championship kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday with Davidson, The Citadel and VMI teeing off first. The tournament leaders will tee off last, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with Furman's Sligh, Charleston's Brunson, and Georgia Southern's Justin Kolumber in the final slot at 11:10 a.m.

Georgia Southern freshman David Elmore (Savannah, Ga.) matched his career-low round as a collegian Saturday, firing a four-under 68 to move into a tie for fifth place at the Southern Conference Golf Championships at Furman University Golf Course.

Tied with Wofford's Jon Stephenson at four-under 140, Elmore's play (72-68) helped the Eagles to a second-round score of four-under 284 and a two-round total of five-under 571, just seven shots behind tourney leader Furman. College of Charleston is in second place at nine-under 567, followed by the Eagles in third, five shots ahead of Western Carolina.

Four Eagles are among the top 16, including senior Justin Kolumber (70-73) and freshman Aron Price (72-71) in eighth place at one-under 143. Travis Mobley (73-72) is in a six-way tie for 16th at one-over 145, while sophomore Tyler McKeever (74-74) is tied for 28th at four-over 148.

Furman fired a second consecutive 282 to pull ahead of College of Charleston by three

strokes. The winner of the Southern Conference Championships receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals, slated for May 16-18.

For the second consecutive day, the Paladins were paced by junior David Sligh, who carded his second 69 and is tied for second at 138. Kirk Satterfield matched Sligh's three-under for the day and is in fourth at 139, while Vance Embry carded a 71 and is eighth at 143. Junior Noble Judy rounded out the Paladin scorers with a 73, while Matt Davidson, a senior who played number one for Furman in the first round, was the non-scorer on the day after firing 76. Judy is 16th overall, with Davidson in 27th.

In the race for medalist honors, C of C's Brunson (135) holds a three-stroke lead over Furman's Sligh and Western Carolina's Greg Lewis (138). The Paladins' Kirk Satterfield is in fourth with a 139 total, while Wofford's Jon Stephenson and GSU's Elmore are tied for fifth at 140. Stephenson and Chattanooga's Nick Bamber each fired a 67 to earn low round honors on Saturday.

Four Eagles are among the top 16, including Justin Kolumber (70-73) and Aron Price (72-71) in eighth place at one-under 143. Travis Mobley (73-72) is in a six-way tie for 16th at one-over 145, while Tyler McKeever (74-74) is tied for 28th at four-over 148.

The third and final round of the 66th Southern Conference Golf Championship will begin Sunday at 8 a.m. at the 6,800-yard, par 72 Furman University Golf Course. The tournament leaders will tee off last, beginning at 9:40 a.m.

Blue tops White in spring scrimmage

By Doug Kidd

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It looks like the battle for the starting quarterback spot will continue over the summer.

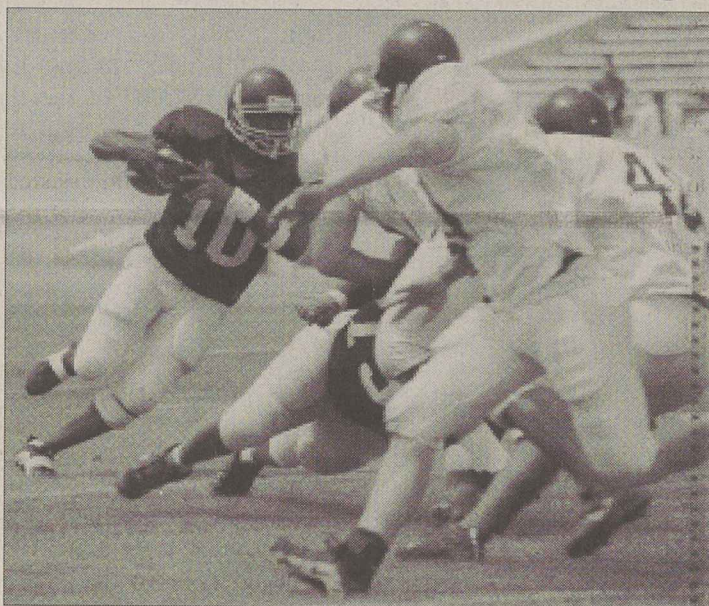
Sophomores Trey Hunter and Chaz Williams were impressive in Saturday's Blue-White game, combining for 362 yards of total offense in the Blue squad's 21-17 win.

"Both quarterbacks drove their respective teams to three scores each, and really, that's all I can ask of them," said GSU head coach Mike Sewak. "They've shown a lot of improvement since we started spring practice."

Williams and Hunter, both redshirt sophomores, are looking to replace J.R. Revere as the top signal caller. On Saturday it looked like the position will be in good hands regardless who's taking the snaps. Williams' 15-yard touchdown run culminated a 12-play, 65-yard drive that proved to be the game-winner. On the drive the redshirt sophomore and fullback Jermaine Austin provided all but seven of the yards.

Williams finished 88 yards rushing on 12 carries, while slotback Mark Myers added 68 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

Hunter led all rushers with 118 yards, and he connected on four-of-



LaVene Bell/STAFF

ONE LAST ATTEMPT: The Eagles finished their spring season with a scrimmage where they were able to showcase their talents one last time.

nine passes for 73 yards. He even hauled in a 39-yard reception from Kevin Davis on the game's opening play.

Hunter's catch took the ball to the Blue's one-yard line and set up a one-yard run from Hakim Ford. Sean Holland's extra point put the Eagles ahead, 7-0.

But on the very next play Myers took a pitch from Williams and scooted to the endzone to tie the score.

Zzream Walden would add a 14-yard run later in the quarter to give the White team a 14-7 lead.

After that points would be tougher to come by.

Playing without starters Freddy Pesqueira, Joe Scott and Mike Ward, both defenses started a little shaky, but came around.

"After the first quarter, the defense made some adjustments and it simply became a good, hard-nosed football game," Sewak said.

Defensively, linebacker DeShawn Jude led the White team with four tackles, while James Burchett (six), Victory Cabral (six) and Derrick Butler (five) paced the Blue squad.

GSU finishes third at SoCon Championships

G-A News Service

Johnson City, Tenn.— Amber Tiggs won Georgia Southern's first-ever Southern Conference outdoor event championship early Friday morning, securing the conference championship in the hammer throw with a toss of 162 feet. The mark set a new Southern Conference record.

Shaletha Lightfoot placed ninth in the event with a throw of 156 feet, 7 inches.

The individual title is the first for the Georgia Southern outdoor program, and the second overall. Lindy Petteway won the 55-meter hurdles event this year at the Southern Conference indoor championships.

Tiggs added a second-place finish in the shot put this afternoon, setting a new school record with a mark of 44 feet. The Eagles recorded 16 team points in the event, with Nikki Slocumb placing fourth and Jamila Minifield finished sixth.

GSU also scored well in the

long jump, with Kellie Mitchell placing second and Jacqueline Allen scoring third.

Georgia Southern finished third at the 2002 Southern Conference Women's Outdoor Track Championships that concluded Saturday at the Liberty Bell Track Complex.

Appalachian State claimed the team title while Western Carolina came in second.

Appalachian outscored Western Carolina 216-201.5. Georgia Southern scored 122 points to finish third.

ASU freshman Jennifer Claud was named the meet's Outstanding Freshman as she swept the women's sprints on Saturday. Claud won the 100 and 200 meters as ASU claimed seven of the 15 events decided on Saturday.

Two women's records were set on Saturday. Chattanooga's Elisabeth Sain set a conference mark in the 400 meter hurdles with a 1:00.22 clocking.

Two athletes, Western Carolina's Dana Anglin and Appalachian's Suzanne Makinson, broke the conference pole vault record at 12'5". Despite finishing with the same height, Anglin won the conference title by virtue of fewer misses.

Virginia LaCombe of Western Carolina was named the meet's Most Outstanding Field Performer. After having won the heptathlon on Friday, LaCombe won a second straight high jump title by clearing 5'8". She also took fifth in the javelin and sixth in the triple jump.

ASU's Ronda Wright was named the Most Outstanding Track Performer for winning the triple jump (42'0") and placing third in the 100 meters and second in the 200 meters. Head coach John Weaver of Appalachian State was named the conference Coach of the Year.

Overall, Georgia Southern had 12 athletes named All-Southern Conference.



GSU Softball splits doubleheader with Furman

G-A News Service

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Georgia Southern clinched at least a second-place Southern Conference finish by splitting with Furman Saturday at Pepsi Stadium, losing the first game 3-2 but coming back to take the nightcap. The Eagles move to 14-3 in the league, percentage points behind Chattanooga for first place.

Furman (16-20, 8-9 SoCon) got on the board in the bottom of the first after Kristin White singled with one out, catcher Jessica Matthews lifted a two-run homer to center to give Furman a 2-0 lead.

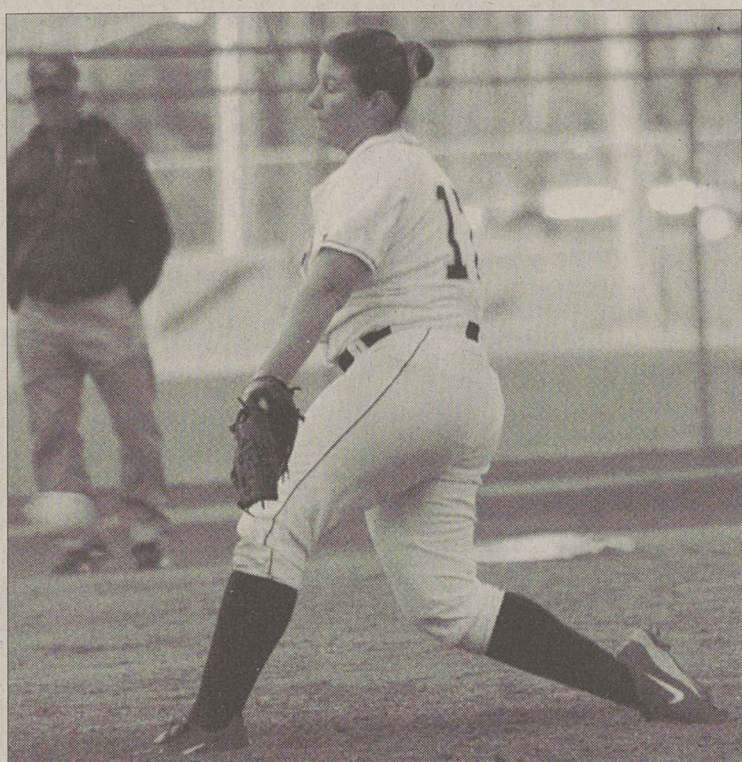
Georgia Southern (22-24, 14-3 SoCon) scratched for the first time in the top of the third inning. Kelly Blazi drew a two-out walk and moved to second on Kim Griffin's base hit through the middle.

Crystal Crews followed with a base hit of her own to center to chase home Blazi and cut the lead in half.

GSU tied the game with another two-out rally in the top of the fourth. Suzanne Pansulla coaxed a leadoff walk, and was replaced by pinch-runner Chrissy Kiefer. Kiefer moved to second and then third on two consecutive ground outs, then came home on Stacie Cooper's base hit to center.

The Paladins secured game one in the bottom of the seventh. Ali McNulty led off the inning with a walk, and moved to second on Matthews' sacrifice bunt. Kate Morrison followed by lacing a 0-1 pitch into right field, and McNulty slid home ahead of Kati Bush's throw to give Furman a 3-2 win.

Cooper, playing her school-record 234th game, led the Eagles with her 19th career three-hit contest, while Crews finished 2-4 with an RBI. Aimee Littlejohn earned the loss, allowing just four hits.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

GSU SOFTBALL will finish at least second in the Southern Conference after splitting two games with Furman. Furman won the first game 3-2, but GSU came back to take the second game 14-3.

The Eagles came back to jump out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth of game two. Meghan Correia led off the frame with an infield hit, and stole second on the first pitch to Blazi. Blazi then lifted a shallow line drive to center field, but La Kerah Barr made a diving catch to record the out, allowing Correia to move to third. Griffin then recorded her team-best 24th RBI of the year, lifting a sacrifice fly to right to plate Correia. Crews followed by drilling a warning track fly ball that Paladin right fielder dropped for a two-base error. Kiefer again pinch-ran for Crews and scored on Christi Aitken's base hit to left.

Furman answered with one unearned run in the bottom of the fourth. Kristin White slammed a one-out triple off the right field wall, and with scored with two outs on a Cooper error.

GSU exploded for five runs in the top of the fifth, assisted by

two Furman errors. Cooper drove in the first run of the inning on a double off the left field wall, scoring pinch-runner Bush.

After Correia reached on an error, new Furman pitcher Kristy Goodrich was greeted by a suicide squeeze from Blazi that chased home Cooper, followed by an RBI double from Griffin and two RBI singles from Crews and Aitken.

Furman pushed one run across in the bottom of the sixth on a triple, but Tiffany Urena was able to work out of the inning to finish the game.

Aitken and Cooper each recorded two hits for the Eagles, while Urena earned the complete game win to move to 4-5 on the season, scattering three hits and three walks while striking out a career-high eight over.

The Eagles and Paladins complete the three-game Southern Conference series tomorrow at 1 at Pepsi Stadium.

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Sex rumors damaging singer's career; many questions unanswered

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Most music fans know Chicago's R. Kelly for his uplifting Grammy-winning hit "I Believe I Can Fly" and singing "The World's Greatest" at the Opening Ceremony of this year's Olympic Games.

But recently, following a series of negative media stories swirling around his personal life, groups are boycotting his music, his record sales have fallen, a tour was canceled and he has been publicly shunned by star rapper Jay-Z and other members of the hip-hop community.

The source of all this is the recent emergence of one, or perhaps more, videos that purportedly show a man who looks like Kelly (according to those who have seen one of the tapes) having sex with young females who appear to be underage. Kelly has attacked the footage as fake, but in the wake of negative publicity surrounding it, sales of his new album with Jay-Z, "The Best of Both Worlds," slipped 60 percent between the weeks ending March 31 and April 14.

For another artist, having a gold album (500,000 sold) would be worth bragging about. But for Kelly, it's a major disappointment, given the triple-platinum success of his last album, "TP2.com." And while some in the music business say the new material simply isn't up to snuff, recent controversies swirling around Kelly aren't helping the cause either.

The media coverage of the tapes has left Kelly "devastated," according to his lawyer.

The R&B singer Stephanie Edwards (who goes by the stage name Sparkle) has claimed in a radio interview that her 14-year-old niece appears in the video. Edwards, a former Kelly protegee who has released at least two CDs, spoke earlier this month on Los Angeles station KKB-T-FM, program director Robert Scorpio said.

"We are still playing Kelly's music but we have debated," Scorpio said. "If he is guilty, we will probably come out and take a different stand."

Meanwhile, groups here and nationwide are boycotting the singer's

music.

Chicago police and the Cook County state's attorney's office refused comment on the sex scandal other than to say the matter is under investigation. No charges have been filed against Kelly, who grew up on the South Side and maintains residences and studios in the area.

"The fact is there is no tape of R. Kelly having sex," said John Touhy, Kelly's Chicago lawyer. "There have been reports in the media of different tapes, and none of them agrees with the other. If someone does say there is a tape out there, those claims are false - absolutely false."

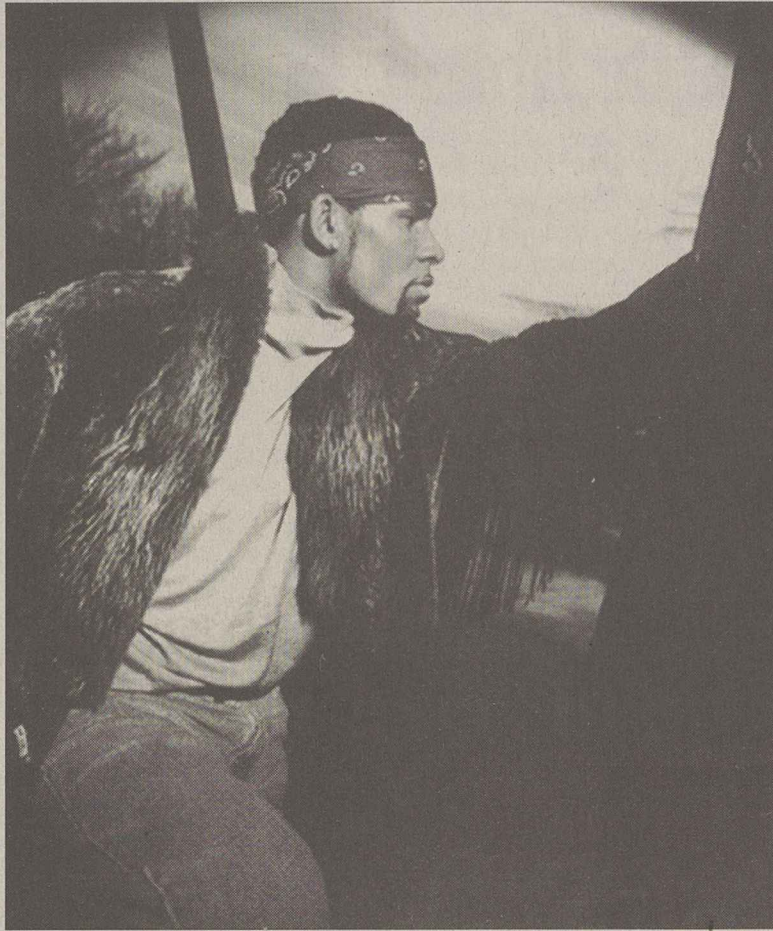
For his own part, Kelly has just issued a statement stating that he is the victim of a "smear campaign." "It seems that there are people who want to bring me down," Kelly said. "Nothing short of stoning would satisfy these people. Unfortunately, the recent attacks in the media have refused to discuss the motivations of the individuals engaged in the smear campaign."

Asked if Kelly planned to sue any media outlets for libel, Touhy replied, "We are considering all of our legal options."

Kelly's alleged sexual relationships with underage girls became news after one of the sex videos was sent anonymously to the Chicago Sun-Times in February. Since then, Kelly has hired Jack Palladino, a private investigator who worked on the FBI's Abscam probe in 1980. Palladino is investigating who might be bootlegging the tape and/or who might be behind a smear campaign to defame Kelly, Touhy said.

Several publications, including Time, Spin and Vibe magazines, as well as local TV stations have since reported the allegation that the man in the tape is Kelly. Even if police conclude that it is Kelly on the tape (or tapes), it may take months - perhaps years - before charges are filed, if at all. One reason is that such cases face many legal and investigative obstacles, experts say.

"They have to be able to establish



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SEX OFFENDER?: After a number of questionable relationships, R. Kelly has been accused of having sexual relations with minors taped on video.

it's really him," said Kimberly Hart, executive director of the National Child Abuse Defense and Resource Center in Holland, Ohio. "Then they have to prove she's underage. Sometimes it's pretty hard to tell. Then you've got the issue of whether the girl is cooperating with authorities. Any time the government does not have the (victim) on their side, they've got a headache."

"You're looking at something that's difficult for law enforcement, in terms of charging a crime," said Jay Howell, a Florida attorney representing sex abuse victims and a former prosecutor in Jacksonville. As for cooperation, minors have their reasons - however unfounded - for refusing to help.

Using videotapes "is not that unusual," Howell said. "The advent of video cameras put them within easy reach of everyone. And one thing we've always known about pedophiles is that

they are picture takers and pack rats. Twenty years ago it was still photos. Today, it is videos."

He also added, however, that it's possible to fake such a video using digital technology. "Technology allows people to alter identities," Howell said. "Sometimes, there's a difference between what you are seeing and what you are trying to verify."

Local attorney David Gleicher, author of the book "Criminal Defense," said: "My guess is that because this is someone who is very prominent, you don't want to just go out and make an arrest. You almost want to handle this like a federal case, where you've got all your ducks in a row and make sure that a conviction is signed, sealed and delivered." They probably want to be extra sure with someone who has resources to fight them if they make mistakes."

If charges are filed, the legal assumption is "innocent until proven guilty." But in the music world, many agree the accusations are dogging Kelly, and a conviction would end his career.

"I don't know if it's true," rapper-producer Dr. Dre told MTV News. "I haven't seen the video, nor do I want to see it because there's a kid involved. ... That's a no-no, you know what I'm saying? If he's guilty, he's over."

"Scandal tends to help records, just like death; singers tend to sell records after they die," said Bob Burke, vice president and managing director of the Friday Morning Quarterback, a radio industry trade magazine in Cherry Hill, N.J. "But this is where you draw the line. I would imagine that due to the nature of the allegations, this could be a problem."

Because Kelly is a musical giant of this era - his last album sold 3.5 million copies and his song "I Believe I Can Fly" won three Grammys - he is a target, Kelly's lawyers maintain.

"We very much believe there is a person or persons whose motivation is to destroy his career," Touhy said. "He's devastated by this whole series of events. ... In addition, there's the pain of knowing that people you formerly trusted are attempting to hurt you." Requests for an interview with Kelly were declined.

Earlier this month, Kelly settled out of court with former Epic Records intern Tracy Sampson, according to her attorney, Susan Loggans. Sampson alleged that between May 2000 and March 2001, Kelly induced Sampson "into an indecent sexual relationship," the suit stated. Sampson was 17 at the time, the suit said. Due to a confidentiality agreement, Loggans could not discuss the settlement between Kelly and Sampson.

In 1998, Kelly settled another sex-based lawsuit with Tiffany Hawkins, who was also represented by Loggans. That suit, also settled out of court, accused Kelly of engaging in a sexual

relationship with Hawkins while she was a minor.

And in 1994, Kelly was briefly married to a minor, Aaliyah Haughton, who reported her age as 18 on the couple's marriage certificate. The singer, who died last year in a plane crash, was just 15 at the time of the marriage, which was annulled a short time later, according to news reports.

"A lot of people have asked why the state's attorney's office didn't look into this earlier," Loggans said. "He married Aaliyah and she was 15 years old. If this was the common man, he'd be in jail now."

National boycotts in cities such as Philadelphia have joined the Chicago protest, and as news of Kelly's troubles has spread, consequences have apparently materialized at the cash register. "The Best of Both Worlds" has sold 502,000 copies, according to SoundScan, the Hartsdale, N.Y., which tracks album sales. Given Kelly's sales history, that's a dud and there's little chance sales of "Best" will rebound. Kelly and Jay-Z are no longer doing joint promotional appearances, largely because Def Jam is squeamish over Kelly's troubles, according to news reports.

"Best," which sold 138,000 copies on the week ending March 31, sold 82,000 copies on the week ending April 7 and 56,000 copies on the week ending April 14, according to SoundScan. Burke said other factors could be hurting sales, including Internet downloads and CD pirating.

While the stories that could be causing these falling sales numbers that might make for juicy reading, "Somebody needs to come up with some hard evidence and put it out there," Burke said. "Maybe people are giving him the benefit of the doubt. I think a lot of people are saying the same thing: 'He's being framed, how could this be true?' There's an obvious affection for R. Kelly."

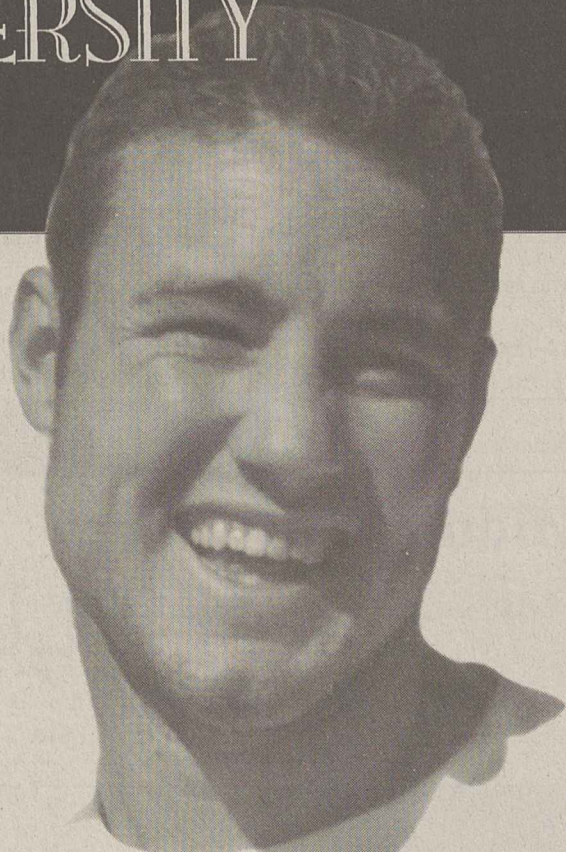
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Lead singer of Alice in Chains found dead at 34 in Seattle home

Associated Press

Layne Staley, lead singer and guitarist for the grunge band Alice in Chains, was found dead in his apartment, authorities said Saturday. He was 34.

Tests were required to establish the identity because the body, discovered Friday, had started to decompose. The King County Medical Examiner's office did not release his cause of death.

"It was natural or an overdose - that's the way it was determined by our investigators," said Seattle Police spokesman Duane Fish.

Police did not immediately release details on anything that was found at the scene, and a spokesman did not respond to several messages.

With Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, Alice in Chains was one of the most prominent bands of the Seattle grunge scene of the early '90s. The group was known for its dark, menacing sound, which combined grunge and heavy metal, and often wrote about heroin.

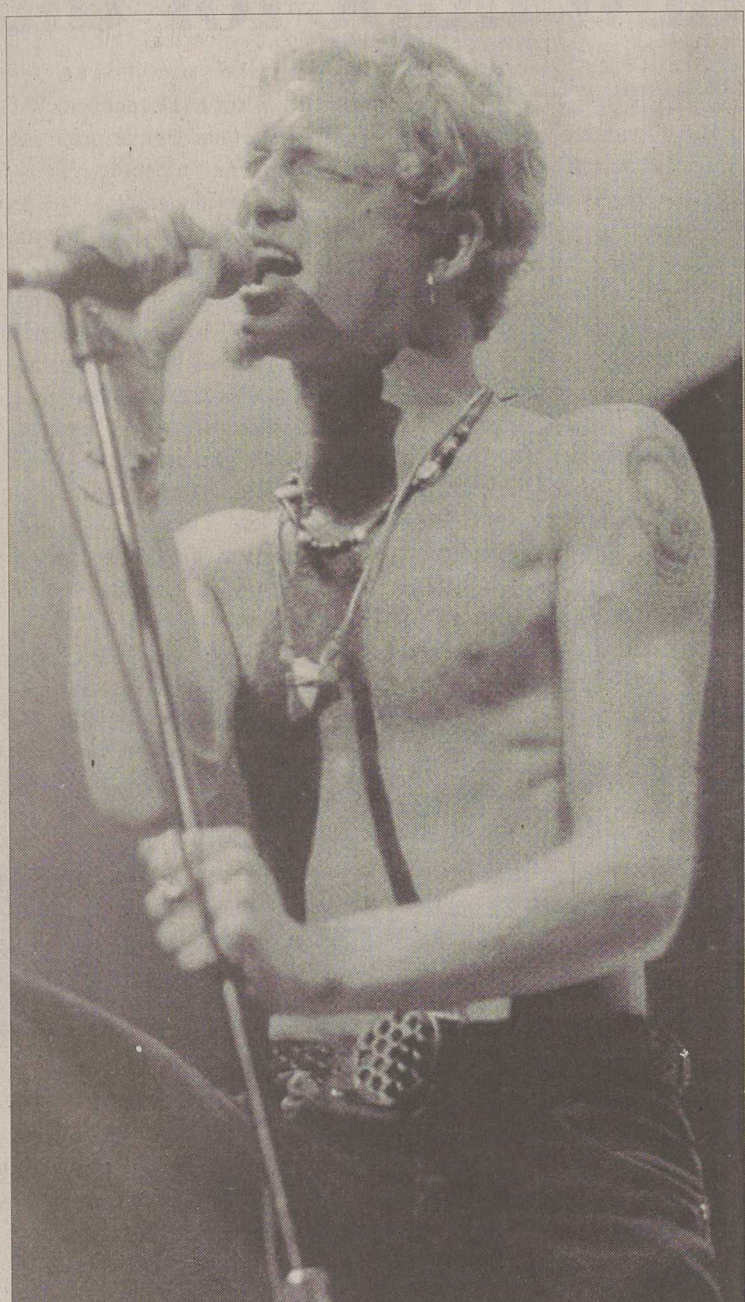
In a 1996 interview with Rolling Stone magazine, Staley spoke of how his drug use influenced his lyrics.

"I wrote about drugs, and I didn't think I was being unsafe or careless by writing about them," he told the magazine. "Here's how my thinking pattern went: When I tried drugs, they were (expletive) great, and they worked for me for years, and now they're turning against me - and now I'm walking through hell, and this sucks."

The group's first album, "Facelift," was released in 1990. It later released "Dirt" and "Alice in Chains." The group's hits included "Man in the Box," "Them Bones," "Rooster," and "Would?"

The latter song was partly inspired by the 1990 heroin overdose death of Andrew Wood, singer of the seminal grunge group Mother Love Bone.

Staley's body was found just over 8 years after Nirvana singer and guitarist Kurt Cobain was found dead in his Seattle home of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Heroin was found in Cobain's bloodstream, and his head had been so mutilated that he could not be immediately identified.



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DEAD ROCK STAR: Found in his home this past weekend, Alice in Chains front man Layne Staley's cause of death is still unknown

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In the 1996 interview, Staley reflected on Cobain's death: "I saw all

the suffering that Kurt Cobain went through. I didn't know him real well, but I just saw this real vibrant person turn into a real shy, timid, withdrawn person who could hardly get a 'hello' out. ... At the end of the day or at the end of the party, when everyone goes home, you're stuck with yourself."

Stress could be a good motivator to finish school, finals

By Jenni Ginepri
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Stressed out? Have no energy? Batteries dead?

With two weeks left to go in the semester, students are beginning to feel the pressure. Deadlines, upcoming commitments, papers due, tests, family responsibilities, job searching, or graduation preparation are often the causes of stress for students.

"School is stressing me out," said senior Jennifer Wilt. "For the next couple of weeks, the amount load is heavy. Teachers like to pile it up towards the end."

According to Dr. Gregory Hall, stress is a physical and psychological reaction to issues and events from one's environment. Obstacles such as goal achievement, environmental change, life alterations and transitions are common triggers of stress to students. Stress affects everyone on a regular basis. However, it is the way a person handles stress that matters.

Senior Megan Mulcahy said, "When I am feeling stressed out, I

try to keep it to myself. I usually make time for long breaks and try to manage my time wisely."

Millions of Americans are currently feeling stressed, but is all stress a bad thing? Stress can also be viewed as a motivator. Stress can motivate students to go to class or work, complete papers, learn new information or face situations directly and assertively.

Wilt said, "It is good sometimes to have stress because it forces you to do your work. It helps to keep you motivated if it is a small level of stress."

It is also common to hear phrases such as, "I work best under pressure" or "when the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Junior Mark Johnson said, "I usually pile everything on top of each other. This way, I can go out more than one night a week and get everything done at once. I always wait until the last minute. Sometimes I wait too long and it can be a little more stressful than anticipated."

Managing stress effectively is one characteristic of individuals who have a better chance of excelling at school

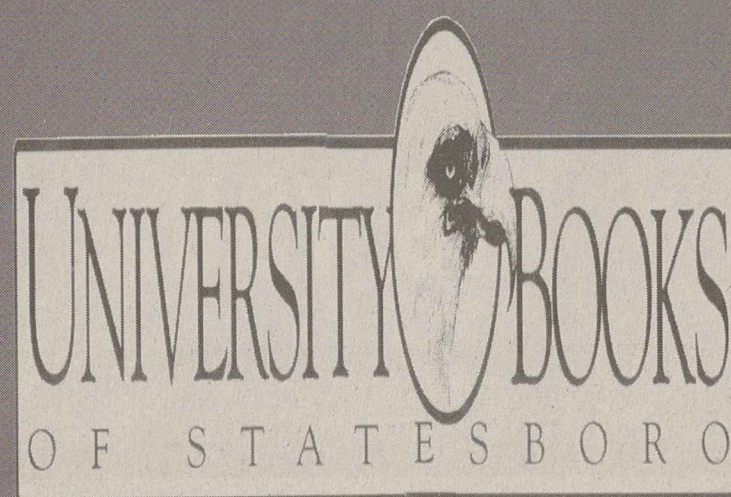
or work. The best students know how to get themselves in the mood to study as well as perform well on the tests. They can also go out and have a good time while not letting their school work suffer.

Stress is a necessary part of life. But it is important to know how to handle it. Common affects of stress include changes in sleep and eating patterns, taking longer to fall asleep, frequent headaches and muscle aches, a greater sense of persistent time pressure and increased frustration or anger. Students may get help from the counseling center or through friends.

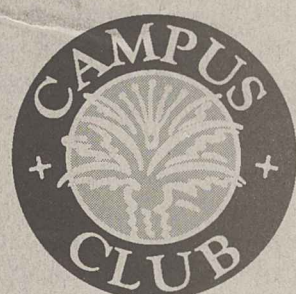
Over the next few weeks, as the stress begins to increase, work through stress by exercising, relaxation training, making time to sleep, talking with friends, setting goals and talking with a counselor.

"The RAC saves me every day from losing my mind. I go there at least once a day and run to relieve the stress in my life," said Tara Connors. "If I did not go there, I have no idea what I would do. Exercise keeps me sane."

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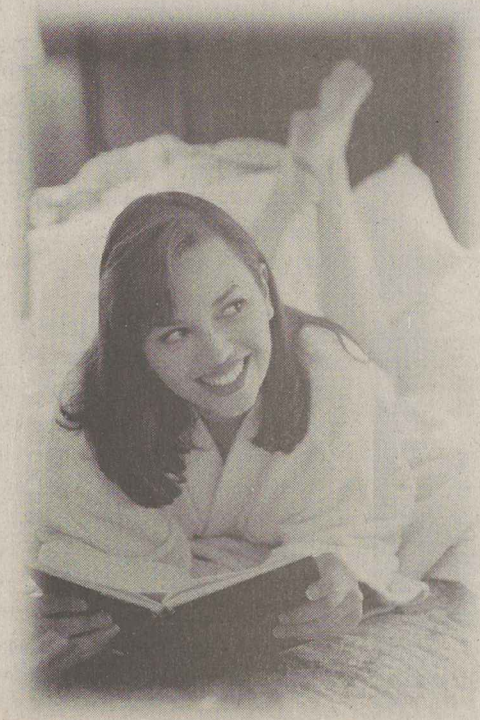
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Cary Gouldy wanted a nap more than a meal. Bad decision for a diabetic.

The snooze declined into a diabetic coma that lasted two days and ended only when her big sister, Kathleen, forced her way into the dorm room. A few more hours and Cary would have been dead at 19. Gouldy couldn't speak for days. She couldn't walk for a week. Even now, three months later, her rapid-fire speech is still slower and more slurred.

The disaster scared the family into action. Pushed by her parents, she got an experimental wristwatch-style device that monitors her blood-sugar level every 20 minutes and sounds a beeper-like alarm if it veers dangerously low or high.

"A couple times when I'm sleeping in the middle of the night, it goes off," Gouldy says. "It makes me feel safer. It definitely makes my mom and my sister feel better. When I first got home, my mom would wake me up like eight or nine times during the night to stick me for a blood test to make sure I was all right."

Gouldy finds herself among thousands of diabetics on the edge of 21st century science, testing dozens of investigational devices and drugs hoping to be the next big thing for a killer disease.

Inhalers, spray misters, pills and patches all are in testing to replace the needle in delivering insulin, the hormone that regulates sugar in the blood. New blood-testing devices, like the wristwatch, promise to eliminate the six- or eight-a-day finger sticks.

Trials are under way for more than 50 drugs aiming to help the body produce more insulin, to prevent the body from killing its insulin-making cells (the cause of juvenile diabetes), and to better handle blood sugar, carbohydrates and key hormones.

Eighty years after the first insulin injection in a 14-year-old boy, the hormone has been bioengineered to burn faster, slower or more precisely to offer patients better control over their bodies.

Diabetics who follow such developments have heard this sort of hype time and time again. So far, the big breakthrough has not materialized.

"It does in ways frustrate people," says Della Matheson, a diabetic and a clinical trial coordinator at the University of Miami's Diabetes Research Institute. "They say, 'I heard about this thing five years ago, why isn't it here yet?'"

"But, we haven't been stand-

ing still. A lot has happened. We really have made huge progress in products and technology."

Americans do great on technology and devices, but not on prevention. Diabetes keeps getting worse as the nation grows heavier and less active, two lifestyle choices that often bring on the disease. A brisk, 30-minute walk daily and losing 7 percent of body weight cuts the odds of diabetes by 58 percent in high-risk people.

Diabetes afflicts 6 percent of Americans - 16 million - compared with 1 percent in 1958. Every day, 2,200 new cases are identified.

Only about one in 14 diabetics were born with the juvenile

rolled, have a surface area the size of a singles tennis court to absorb the insulin.

Matelis has noticed no congestion, soreness, breathing problems or any side effects. That has not been the case everywhere. Small numbers of patients have had mild lung problems, and four times as many inhaler users developed antibodies against insulin as did those injecting it.

The lead drugmaker behind the inhaler, Pfizer Inc., ordered extra testing and delayed seeking approval from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. The company plans to decide by year's end when to apply, spokeswoman Vanessa McGowan says.

One more glitch. The lungs absorb only about 15 percent of the insulin inhaled, compared to almost 100 percent in an injection.

"I remain optimistic," says Dr. Jay Skyler, chief researcher for the inhaler study at the Diabetes Research Institute. "In the long run, we ought to be able to manage this disease for people without injections."

Without syringes, taking insulin would be less intimidating and people would not go so long with uncontrolled blood sugar that causes irreversible damage, he says.

"I hope it would persuade people to start on insulin earlier in the disease," Skyler says.

At the Gouldy home in Tequesta, Fla., near West Palm Beach, Cary wakes and takes the GlucoWatch off her wrist.

She's happy to be one of 10 people in South Florida chosen to test the device. A night without finger-sticks - Gouldy uses her toes - is a night of glorious, unbroken sleep.

"I don't think taking insulin by nose spray or patches will have that much impact on the daily lives of people with diabetes, but eliminating the finger-stick will," says Dr. Elliot Levy of Aventura, Fla., a diabetes expert.

The wrist device works by zapping the arm with low-level electric currents that draw glucose out of the skin and into a testing strip on the underside. It keeps an electronic record of 4,000 readings to make the blood-sugar patterns easier to manage.

Gouldy says she does not even feel the electric current. Matheson, who also is testing the device, describes it like a tiny ant bite.

The GlucoWatch still has its problems.

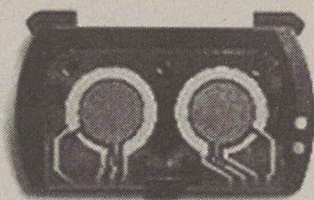
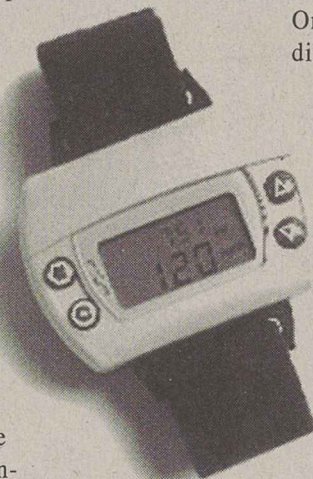
No one wears it all the time. It's designed only to replace a few finger-stick tests each day. The testing pad is sticky and itches. The device draws the skin to its surface to deliver the current, leaving marks on the wrist like octopus suckers. Gouldy and Matheson both developed rashes.

The device must calibrate itself to a finger-stick result every day, a three-hour process. A little sweat or water shuts it down, forcing a recalibration. And, the battery lasts only 12 hours at a time.

"If they were to come out with a new one that was a little more convenient, that would be so much better," Gouldy says.

The developer, Cygnus Inc., was supposed to start selling GlucoWatch last year, but manufacturing problems and other factors delayed the release until later this year, spokesman Joe Maw says.

The device is already on the market in England at a price of \$504 plus up to \$9 a day for test strips. By comparison, the newest test meters that use a pinpoint of blood from the arm sell for \$90 plus up to \$8 a day for test strips.



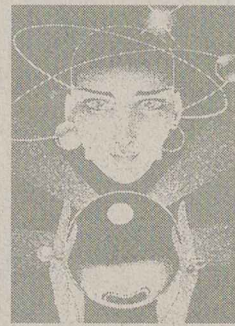
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Relatives of Flight 93 victims listen to cockpit tapes

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PLAINSBORO, N.J. - They came for different reasons - all of them personal.

Relatives of the 40 people killed aboard United Flight 93 on Sept. 11 gathered at the Princeton Marriott Hotel here Thursday to listen to the tape of the last 30 minutes inside the cockpit of the doomed jet.

It was an unprecedented event, a nod by the federal government to the heroism shown by the airliner's passengers and crew in taking on their hijackers before they could reach their intended target.

Many of the relatives avoided reporters afterward - before listening to the tape and perusing a transcript, they had signed forms acknowledging that the FBI wanted them not to talk to the press.

Kevin Marisay said he really did not know why he had driven down from Teaneck, N.J.

"I have to do something because she was my sister," he said. She was Georgianne Corrigan, and on Sept. 11 she was returning home to Honolulu after spending eight weeks with her brother antiquing in New England. He had dropped her off at Newark International Airport for the flight.

Alice Hoglan, a United flight attendant from San Francisco, hoped to hear her son Mark Bingham's voice.

"But we don't expect it," said Hoglan, who was accompanied by her brother, Vaughan Hoglan.

She said she was told families would hear a woman pleading for her life, and the last five to seven minutes would be filled with sounds of violence and yelling in Arabic and English. She did not speak to reporters afterward.

The unprecedented decision to allow families to hear the tape was



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CLOSER TO A MEMORY: Family members stand in Princeton, New Jersey on Thursday, April 18 and ready themselves to hear the black box recording from Flight 93, which crashed on Sept. 11 in Pennsylvania.

announced by FBI Director Robert Mueller last month. The plane hijacking remains under federal investigation, and a federal court has banned public release of the tape because of its possible use in court proceedings.

FBI officials provided two sessions, one in the morning for relatives of the crew, and one in the afternoon for passengers' kin.

Only four members of each family were allowed in for the four-hour sessions. Officials did not disclose how many families came, but before the afternoon session, several dozen people waited to pass through a metal detector to enter the ballroom.

Once inside, they were to be briefed by federal officials, and investigators were expected to take victim-impact statements from them. According to information provided to the families beforehand, they were to be allowed to examine transcripts of the tape and to listen to it twice.

Officials and counselors were on hand to answer questions and offer support.

During the flight, four passengers and two flight attendants made calls to say what was happening and reported at one point that passengers were headed up the aisle toward the cockpit.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has called the passengers' actions "the most dramatic of the heroic acts" of Sept. 11 and its aftermath.

"Our loved ones mounted a noble effort," said Hoglan. "But we know we're going to come away with more questions."

Hoglan and others said that whatever was revealed in the tape, they felt they had to be here.

"I don't expect to hear anything," said Kenneth Nake. "I just want to know how he spent the last 30 minutes of his life. ... They're all heroes. You can't take that away from them. It's not about us. It's about them."

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coal train that passed the spot a few minutes before the wreck and might have moved the weakened track; water runoff that has created soft spots in the track bed; excessive heat, and a speed limit that might have been raised too quickly after recent repairs.

Trains traveling over the temporary tracks can only go only 10 miles an hour, said CSX spokesman Gary Sease, though in the coming days the tracks will be strengthened to withstand speeds of 25 miles per hour.

"They meet all CSX and federal safety standards, but eventually we'll replace them with a more permanent track structure," he said.

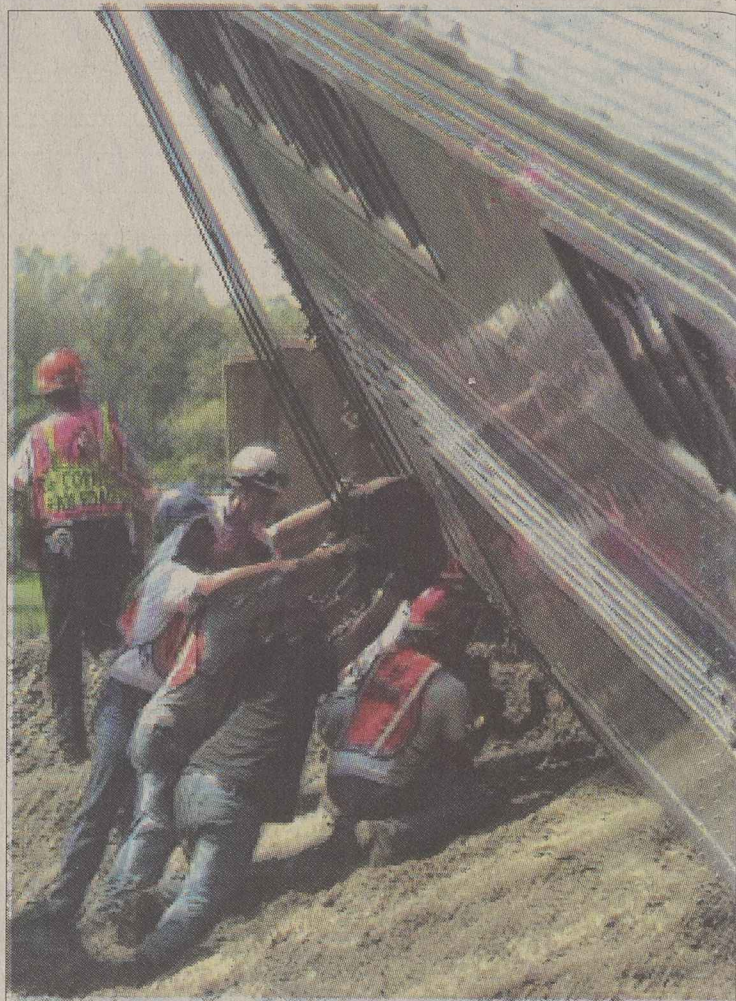
Three days after Thursday's crash, more than 75 percent of the original 418 passengers had left town - continuing their interrupted journeys by bus, plane, car, and in some cases, Amtrak trains departing from Jacksonville.

Those were the lucky ones. On Sunday afternoon, 25 of the more seriously injured passengers remained in hospitals throughout the region, one in critical but "not life threatening" condition, Amtrak spokeswoman Kathleen Cantillon said.

The first Amtrak passenger trains, the Silver Star and the Silver Meteor, passed through the derailment site shortly after the coal train Sunday, heading to Miami. Auto Train service both north and south is expected to resume Tuesday, Cantillon said, when many of the remaining 100 passengers will use the service to get home.

For now, they're resting, said Cecilia Cummings, another Amtrak spokeswoman.

"A lot of people are in church. On Saturday, a lot were in temple. You



Yahoo News

WAY OFF TRACK: Railroad workers attach a hook, from a crane, to one of the cars at the scene of a deadly Amtrak train derailment in Crescent City, Fla., Saturday, April 20 looking for possible causes of the tragedy. Investigators are looking into the possibility that the track was out of alignment.

can understand why," she said.

By Sunday afternoon, all but two of the 200 cars had been returned to Sanford from the derailment site, and more than 100 had been driven home by passengers eager to leave Florida. A train carrying most of the remaining cars rolled out of the Sanford Auto Train depot Sunday afternoon to be reunited with their owners up north. Though many feared their cars had been destroyed in the wreck, most of

the special auto carriers did not derail. Only five suffered any visible damage, Cantillon said.

Heather Sweet and her grandmother Gert Wolffe were not on the train that derailed, and they pulled into the depot Sunday afternoon ready to board the Auto Train heading north, unaware that it was not running.

"I think we'll just go up I-95 now," Wolffe said.

Israel continues to pullout from West Bank

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JERUSALEM - Israeli tanks rolled out of most West Bank cities Saturday, but the siege continued at two potential flash points - Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

In Gaza, a Palestinian shot and killed an Israeli border guard and was shot to death by other Israeli officers. The al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, linked to Arafat's Fatah political movement, claimed responsibility.

Six Palestinians and two Israelis were reportedly wounded in another clash, this one in the southern Gaza Strip near the Egyptian border. The Gaza Strip is a predominantly Palestinian territory on the Mediterranean Sea adjacent to Israel.

Palestinians charge that Israeli troops, tanks and bulldozers killed hundreds of people there, including civilians still buried under the rubble of their homes.

"We believe a serious war crime was committed, a serious massacre was created, and thus we believe that some people will have to be held responsible and maybe brought to justice," said Ziad Abu Zayad, a Palestinian negotiator.

Israelis say that the death toll in Jenin was in the scores and that nearly all the victims were gunmen.

"The fact-finding mission will have free access to the camp," said Mark Sofer, an Israeli spokesman. "What they will find there is exactly what we've been saying all along, which is, there was heavy fighting against armed terrorists, booby-trapped houses, booby-trapped cars."

"About 95 buildings out of 1,200 in the camp were damaged. The vast majority of the camp was untouched."

Representatives of some relief organizations halted body-recovery operations so evidence would remain intact for the U.N. investigators.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns visited the camp, Saturday and said: "It's very important that the United Nations is launching a fact-finding mission to determine exactly what happened here."

Arafat has been restricted to the compound since March 29, when Israel launched its military offensive in response to a deadly wave of suicide bombings and other attacks on Israeli civilians.

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