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#### Freshman set enrollment record

By Peggy J. Murrell Staff Writer

There is a record-setting number of students in this year's freshman class. Reasons for this year's increase of new students varies from availability of university housing to better school publicity, according to campus sources.

The class of the year 2001 has swelled to 2000, as opposed to slightly over 1700 last year and 1280 five years ago.

"There are four reasons for the increase, and t hose are housing, the Hope scholarship, the fact that there are more high school seniors than in past years and the fact that GS U has had plenty of good publicity lately," said Dr. Kurt Keppler, Assistant Vice President of Student Life.

Since 90% of the incoming class are of traditional age, meaning that they are coming directly from high school, the Village housing development is a big draw for students who want the experience of attending a residential college.

"The HOPE Grant is a wonderful attraction to keep students in Georgia and at GSU," said Dean Keppler. He said that three fourths of t he entering students are Hope scholars.

Also, there are many more high school seniors than there were a few years ago," Dean

Keppler added: "It's a postbaby boom sort of a thing."

The good publicity GSU has been enjoying is due to an aggressive student recruitment marketing plan implemented by the Admissions office that targets traditional students with information about GSU and its programs.

For example, new brochures touting the lure of experiential learning at GSU are being sent to high schools in the state, and a multimedia disc describing the college is available to high school guidance counselors.

A Panther Preview event was held on campus during which 1000 prospective students visited the campus and met with professors and others to discuss GSU's academic programs.

"We are also targeting honor students, such as the Presidential Scholars program," said Rob Sheinkopf, Director of Admissions.

Sheinkopf said that this year the top five students in that program chose GSU. The Admissions Office is anxious to interest students in GSU's academic programs, and is preparing a video of the school's offerings to be sent out to local and state high schools. Sheinkopf said that the Admissions Office expects the current growth trend to continue.

Some of the number of incoming students is due to other factors, like a heightened interest in sports said Sean Mack, an administrative assistant for Incept, a campusbased program that helps new students adjust to campus life.

Incept's orientation conferences during the summer were jam packed, said Mack, and new students mentioned that they were also attracted by GSU's intended move from the quarter system to the semester system.

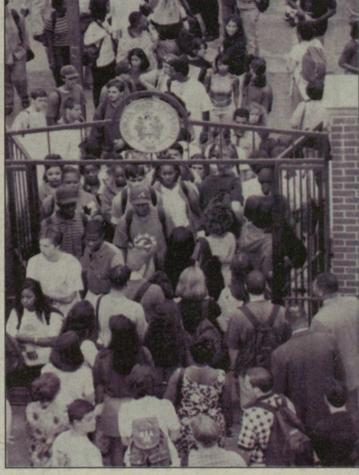
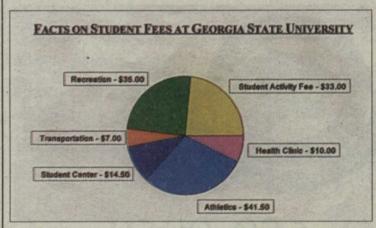


Photo by Preston B. Price

Georgia State opens the 'flood gates' to incoming and returning students yesterday the first day of Fall classes.

#### Student tuition and fees rise for 1997-98



By Christopher Tabakian Staff Writer

As is predictable with the start of a new school year, student fees at Georgia State Univer-

sity have increased. Although matriculation for undergraduate students rose less than \$3.00 to \$50.00 per quarter hour and costs for the graduate programs slightly increased as well, quarterly mandatory fees for all students increased \$54.00 for the 1997-1998 academic year, except for students enrolled in the College of Law whose fees rose relative to the semester system.

A newly added recreation and transportation fee accounts for much of the increase, however, the activity and athletics fees rose while the health fee remained constant.

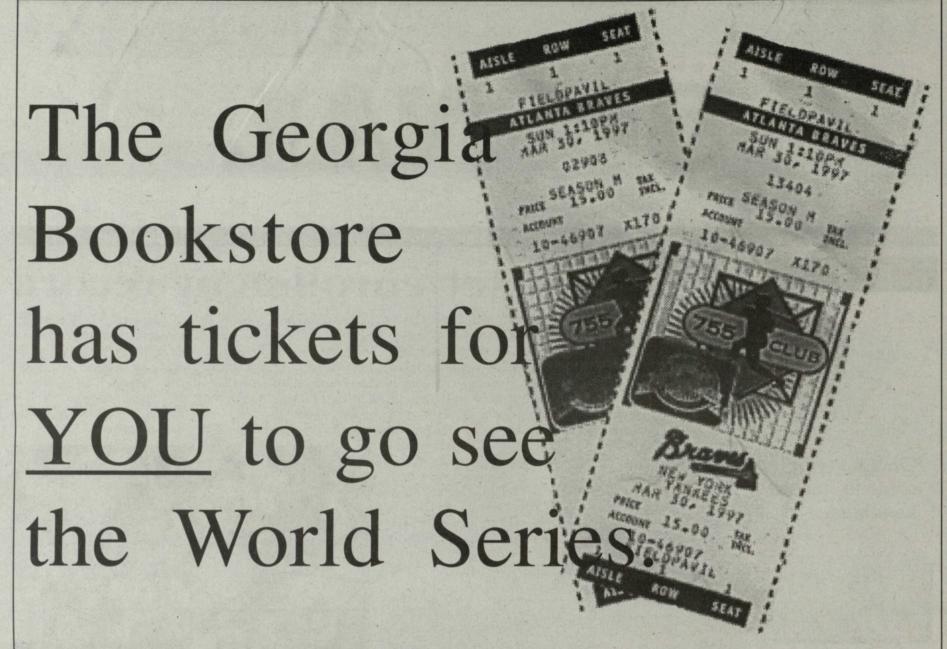
The Student Activity Fee rose from \$42.00 to \$47.50 and funds several of the university clubs and organizations such as the day care center, debate team, SGA and WRAS. The Signal receives its printing budget from this fund. Dr. Keppler, assistant vice president of student life, said

\$14.50 of the activity fee is allocated for the new student center which is scheduled to open in spring of 1998.

The Student Athletics Fee, which increased from \$35.00 to \$41.50, has not risen since 1994. Athletics Director Orby Z. Moss said, "I recommend that the athletic fee be increased every year, a small amount, to keep in step with at minimum, tuition increases. Students then would not have such a big jump every three or so years."

The fee automatically admits students to Georgia State athletic events including prime seating at the men's basketball

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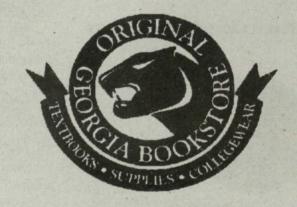


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NATALIE THOMPSON

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**MATT OWEN** Music Industry, Freshman

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#### Ampersand



A weekly collection of the curious, out-of-ordinary and just plain weird.

Number of tissues Americans are expected to buy this year: 199 billion or 743 for every American, or enough to cover half of New Jersey (U.S: News & World Report)

Percentage rise in twin births in the U.S. since 1980: 42%

(Playboy's Raw Data)

Personal wealth of Zaire's (now Congo) President Mobutu Sese Seko at his death: \$5 to \$8 billion

Percentage of roads in Zaire that were paved before he took power and that are still paved: 10%

Percentage of children in Zaire who die before age 5: 50%

(Time)

From the Mass. Bar Assoc. Lawyers Journal... Actual questions asked of witnesses by attorneys during trials

Q: "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?"

A: "No."

Q: "Did you check for breathing?"

Q: "So, then is it possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?"

A: "No."

Q: "How can you be so sure, Doctor?"

A: "Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.'

Q: "But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?"

A: "It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere."

Q: "How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?"

Q: "You were there until the time you left, is that true?"

#### Crime Reports

Compiled by Jennifer Johnson

Criminal incidents reported to the Georgia State University Police for September 14, 1997 to 7:00 a.m. September 17, 1997

TIP OF THE WEEK: Do not be afraid, ashamed or hesitant to call GSU police. They can be immediately reached from any emergency phone located on campus or by dialing 1-3333 on any campus courtesy phone. They are here to serve and protect YOU.

#### LIBRARY REPORT

9/15/97, 2:10 p.m. Criminal Trespassing Library North, 5th floor

A plain clothes university officer observed a male subject performing a singular sexual act and peering into the restroom stalls on the fifth floor mens restroom of Library North. The officer made his identity known and a criminal check was made on the subject. The results of the check came back negative. The subject was issued a Criminal Trespassing Warning and was escorted off campus.

9/15/97

8:15 a.m.

Burglary

35 Broad Building, 11th floor

A faculty member reported that she had discovered damage to the entrance doors to the department suite upon arriving for work. A CD component system was missing from an inner office of the suite. The CD component system was valued at \$100.

9:17 a.m.

Theft by Taking

3rd floor Bookstore Office

A staff member reported that she had placed a laptop computer behind the door of a third floor Bookstore office on 9/11/97. The staff member returned on 9/13/97; the computer was gone. No signs of forced entry to the room were found.

9/16/97

3:00 p.m.

Possesion/ Distribution of Marijuana

Hurt Park

A university officer approached three individuals in Hurt Park and questioned them as to their possession of drugs. Two of the three individuals were arrested, processed and transported to Fulton County Jail. The third individual wass issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and was then escorted off campus.

## Reform proposed student code of conduct

By Jo Anne Burgoyne Staff Writer

GSU Student Government Association officers and faculty representatives must approve changes to the Student Code of Conduct and Policies before they become binding, said Dr. Jeanette M. Barker, a member of the sub-committee that drafted the revisions.

Therefore, the April 1992 code adopted by the Student

reflects the educational nature of the University, a more active student court, and more student involvement, Barker said.

The current student court system is modeled after a downtown civil court, with "guilty" or "not guilty" verdicts. The new system, Barker noted, will reflect the scholarly educational system of the University.

Judicial deliberations will result in "responsible" or "not

Green State University to a sub-committee charged with recommending appropriate judicial changes that would reflect the changing demographics of the University.

In 1992 the University had no resident students and fewer non-traditional commuter students. Since 1992 the nature of disciplinary actions has also changed.

"The (code) changes," said Vanessa Ross, SGA chief justice, "will make the court more productive and open the process to more students."

Other changes under consideration are procedures to ensure that vacant justice positions are filled quickly and that justices attend regularly scheduled meetings.

The sub-committee has also recommended on-going training to keep the justices abreast of campus issues, such as date violence, theft and dorm resident conduct so the justices can arrive at fair and impartial decisions.

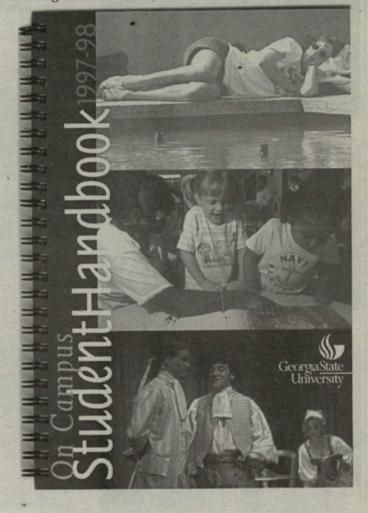
Under the new code and policy changes, accused students would be given a pamphlet which will simply and clearly outline their rights and responsibilities, Propst said.

During her research for this project, Barker found that most faculty deciding officials concurred with student recommendations.

The draft documents, Propst continued, draw heavily from codes and policies in effect at the University of Georgia and Marshall Uni-

versity, Huntington, W.Va.

In addition, Barker contacted colleagues at a variety of universities and used the Association for Student Judicial Affairs web site as source information.



## The new system, Barker noted, will reflect the scholarly educational system of the University.

Life and Development Committee remains in effect and is the code printed in the 1997-1998 "On Campus" student handbook.

This is a transitional year, Barker said. Although the recommendations are non-binding until approved and published, modifications can be made to the current procedures so they are not so confusing for students.

Proposed changes to the current code of conduct include a judicial system that

responsible" decisions coupled with appropriate sanctions.

Under the proposed system, student justice decisions will be binding, Barker said, with appeal rights available. Under the current system, the student justices can only make recommendations.

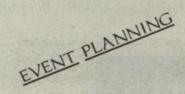
During the past spring quarter, Dean of Students Dr. Kurt J. Keppler appointed Barker, SGA advisor Dr. Kevin H. Propst, and Kevin Bailey, a doctoral intern from Bowling

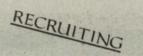
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#### Cars booted in alleged parking scam near campus

Researched by Staff Reporter Kenya King

Three Georgia State University students said Lanier Parking Systems ordered boots to be placed on their vehicles after they paid the \$2 parking fee. The students report leaving their cars at the Lanier parking lot at the corner of Piedmont Road and Edgewood Avenue on July 30 and returning to face \$90 boot removal charges.

Student Robin Cox said she returned to the lot in the early evening and immediately called CP Booting Service. Cox said a security guard arrived and said her vehicle had been booted because no money had been found in the pay slot corresponding to her parking space. Cox said the security guard carried a camera that allegedly photographed the empty pay slots.

Charles Akomolose, a graduate student, said he returned to the parking lot to find his car booted while Cox was talking with the security guard. He said the guard was speaking rudely toward Cox. Akomolose said he paid his fine and the boot on his car was removed.

Cox said she did not have enough cash to pay the

removal charges and the security guard left. Although Akomolose offered Cox \$40 toward her fine, Cox said she remembered she had a credit card and called the booting service again.

Cox said the same security guard returned and said the fine would increase to \$100 if a credit card was

Student Tefferi Araya said he found a boot on his car when he returned to the lot while Cox and Akomolose remained with the security guard. Araya said he used a credit card and paid the \$100 charge.

Araya said his mother witnessed him place the parking money in the slot.

Both Araya and Cox said they complained to Lanier Parking Systems in writing and requested refunds for the paid

Kevin Lindquist, Lanier Parking Systems City Manager, responded in writing and cited discrepancies found in various reports submitted by the parking attendants. Lindquist said the company would refund the money.

Lindquist said that a company investigation found that a new employee failed to record which slots had been paid. He said the attendant opens the slot and takes a photograph that records the time and date. Glass covers the slots, allowing the attendant only to see the money. He said the attendant turns a lever that drops the money leaving the slots empty for the next customer. Lindquist said only he could retrieve money from the

"Boots are last results." said Lindquist, "but are the most effective at getting people to pay." He said 90 percent of the fines are waived when a discrepancy exists.

"Usually they paid the wrong slot, so we'll give them the benefit of the doubt, but when someone gets a boot, we can't play the nice guy," he

Lindquist said Lanier Parking Systems is the only parking company in Atlanta to use time and date stamps.

Cox said she has received her refund but Araya is still waiting. He said the company promised the refund last month.

"I just wish I had the time and energy to take them to court," Araya said.

Lanier Parking Systems has nearly 45 lots in the Atlanta area and Lindquist says they all operate by the same standard.



Lanier Parking Systems lot with which GSU students have complained about its service is located at the corner of Piemont Road and Edgewood Avenue.

# Get with the Action in the Oel

#### What is WebExchange?

WebExchange is a new project in Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) TeamWeb to assist faculty members in transferring their class materials to the web. Student hiring begins this Fall and projects for faculty will start this Winter Quarter.

#### What would I do as a WebExchange student staff member?

As a member of WebExchange, you will help transfer class materials to the web. This will require knowledge of Netscape Navigator, HTML, word processors, FTP, and more. In addition, all members of the WebExchange will interact with the faculty to help them publish their material on the web.

#### What are the Qualifications?

WordPerfect, and Netscape. Applicants must also be able to work 20 hours a week and attend the initial training courses on Oct. 7, 9,14,16, 21, & 23 as well as pass the prescreening on Oct. 2.

#### How do I get the job?

Step One: Fill out this questionnaire and take it to the prescreening on Oct. 2 between 10 am and 1:30 pm CS-403. Please allow 30 minutes to take a computer skills test. A copy of your resume at this time will be helpful.

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- You will get an interview.

#### If I pass the interview?

· You will get a job.

#### If I get the job?

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#### GSU, merchants discuss Fairlie-Poplar district

Georgia State University made a strong commitment to the business growth and vitality of the Fairlie-Poplar district during the first meeting of the Fairlie-Poplar Business RoundTable Sept. 4.

The College of Business Administration and the School of Policy Studies sponsored the RoundTable, said Center for Executive Education Director David Forquer, because the University saw an opportunity to bring together business leaders and owners in a forum that would facilitate the discussion and resolution of issues they face when managing growing businesses.

Business owners will set the RoundTable's agenda based on their needs, Forquer said. The College of Business Administration and the School of Policy Studies will coordinate meetings and provide meeting space.

"The College is not a capitol shop," Forquer said. But, he pledged, faculty members will help locate and enlist appropriate resources. And, he added, the College can help with outreach pro-

There is a lot of talent,

Center, and informational programs such as how to develop a business plan, how to market a business and how to ad-

During the next meeting of the RoundTable, scheduled for Oct. 2, business owners will have the opportunity to meet GSU President Carl V. Patton

partment. Prior to the meet- social problems in the area. ing she contacted most of them and told them about this new initiative.

Topics such as how to improve public safety, how to locate the appropriate city department for vending and other license information and information on services available from Georgia State University will be on upcoming agendas.

Don Little, owner of the Seville Shoe Shop located across the street from the College of Business Administration Building, said alcohol and drug abusers continue to be a problem in the area.

"If you have security police," he urged the business owners, "walk their butts off. Get them on the street. Have them walk around the block. Have them check doors."

He suggested job skills training and employment opportunities to help solve the And, he said, liquor store clerks in the area contribute to the problem when they sell alcoholic beverages to persons already intoxicated.

Marsha Brinkman, Mayor Bill Campbell's representative, suggested the formation of "block watches."

Forquer said a third meeting of the Fairlie-Poplar Business RoundTable is planned for December.

Sponsorship of the Fairlie-Poplar Business RoundTable is possible, said David Sjoquist, executive director of Research Atlanta, School of Public Policy, because of a HUD community outreach partnership grant. This is the third year of the three-year \$100,000 grant, he said. The University, he told the business owners, is planning to apply for a one million dollar Fanny Mae community outreach grant.

#### About 80 small businesses are

#### located in the Fairlie-Poplar district.

experience and knowledge in the community. Forguer stated during the meeting. Business owners can help each other and the new business owners who are moving into the area. Georgia State University, he said, is willing to provide technical assistance, such as student interns, the services of the Small Business Development

and a member of the Purchasing Department who will discuss how to do business with the University. The University, Forquer reminded, is the largest industry in the area.

About 80 small businesses are located in the Fairlie-Poplar district, said Erin Ouzts, an instructor of business strategy and entrepreneurship in the Management De-

#### \$30 million class GSU proposes new building

By Jo Anne Burgoyne Staff Writer

classroom building.

The proposed \$30 million state-of-the-art classroom building continues to elicit questions and concerns from Georgia State University students about accessibility for wheel-chair students, shuttle service from parking areas

and Peachtree Street traffic.

A two-page letter to the Signal editor, signed by "The Forgotten GSU Student," advocates building the proposed classroom over the "G" parking deck, which, the writer stated, was designed to support a conference center.

A member of GSU's design and construction services staff

confirmed that "G" deck was designed to support a structure, but not classroom space because of column placement and other structural features.

Both the anonymous letter writer and student leaders suggested that Kell Hall be demolished and a new classroom building erected. But GSU President Carl V. Patton explained during a question and answer period with student leaders Sept. 13, that the severe shortage of classroom space precludes eliminating existing classrooms before additional space is built.

"All existing buildings meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and all buildings to be constructed will

meet the requirements," said GSU Director of University Relations and Creative Services Sandra Carnet during a telephone inter-

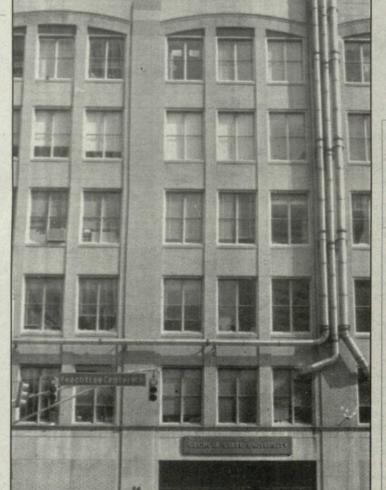
The proposed classroom is not the first building, Carnet pointed out, located away from the university plaza area. Expressing concern and respect for persons with disabilities, she noted there are curb cuts for wheelchairs at every intersection.

The six university buildings already located west of Peachtree Street in the vicinity of the proposed building are served by the GSU campus police.

An architect for the classroom building project will be announced in October, Patton said.

Current plans do not include a parking area. No decision, Patton said, has been made regarding shuttle service for the Fairlie-Poplar district, the proposed site for the new building, and the current location of the College of Business Administration, the School of Policy Studies and the School of Music.

The new five-story structure is the first GSU building proposal in 10 years to be included in the Board of Regents' capitol expenditures. The new classroom which is second on the list of recommendations will be presented to the Georgia General Assembly as part of Gov. Zell Miller's budget this January. Public hearings will be held.



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#### Early Childhood Program Makes Changes

Fall quarter 1997 marks the beginning of transition for the College of Education, Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. New statewide ECE admission and teacher certification requirements take effect summer quarter 1998. GSU College of Education faculty and staff have already begun implementing procedures for a smooth transition.

All students who have declared ECE as their major received a memo this past summer from Stephanie R. Harrell, program coordinator, which outlined the changes mandated by the State of Georgia.

Students registered for this fall quarter will take ECE block classes at a Gwinnett County location under the "old" requirements. They had enough credit hours to register and receive one of the 45 available slots, had a 2.5 average and met all the "entry into teacher education" and other program requirements. Fall quarter classes are now closed.

The process of selection for winter quarter students is underway based on these same criteria.

Registering for those block classes is all important to ECE majors because their status then changes from "intended" or "declared" majors to "in-the-program, I made it" ECE students.

Getting into the program has been frustrating for many qualified students because the registration schedule was based on their number of credit hours. Those with more credits registered first. Adding to the frustration was the fact that some students, mistakenly, thought if they declared an ECE major they were in the program.

'That's not so," Harrell said. "Until they were registered for that first block of

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classes, they were not in the during walk-in periods. program."

During the past two years, Georgia State University has seen an increase in the number of students apply-, ing for the program, Harrell said. Two years ago, the University of Georgia, Athens, instituted a moratorium on ECE applications which will last until the semester system begins in fall 1998. Moreover, when UGA begins again to accept students into the program they must have entered the Athens institution as freshman.

"This has put a lot of stress on Georgia State," Harrell said. "Early Childhood Education is an over-subscribed major."

Cynthia L. Day, academic advisor for the department, emphasizes this fact to the 560 students she sees during prearranged appointments or

Beginning summer quarter 1998, instead of accepting 45 students, the department will select 135 students, the first class under the new requirements. Thereafter, summer semester will mark the beginning of the selection and admission cycle.

have at least a 2.75 GPA. The registration process will not be based solely on the student's accumulated credit hours. Before acceptance into the program, students will go through an interview process which will include submission of a writing

These students must sample. The candidate must also pass the PRAXIS I examination.

The PRAXIS I examination (and PRAXIS II which is taken later in the course of study) is a State of Georgia requirement. The test information

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games, which according to Moss, have a ticket value of \$120. Additional athletic funding provides for scholarships and personnel costs.

A \$35.00 recreation fee has been added to the student services list for the new school year. Bruce LaBudde, business manager of the recreation department, said the fee is being applied toward the development of a new recreation center that may open in 2000, pending the approval of finance bonds. LaBudde said the first project for which this fund will provide, however, is additional parking in lot "M" located behind Alumni

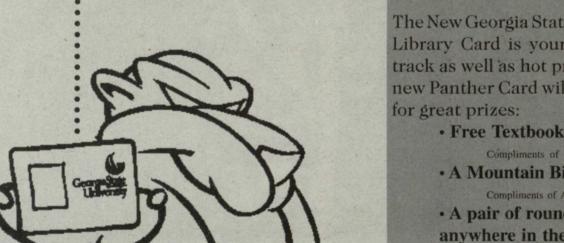
The Student Health Fee will remain at \$10.00 for the academic year and allow students unlim-

ited quarterly office visits. Yet, Health Services charges additional fees for allergy and immunization vaccines and for lab tests related to such areas as women's health.

A transportation fee of \$7.00 has been added as well and replaces the \$60.00 stadium parking charge. The fee also provides for a campus shuttle. In addition, the fee further subsidizes MARTA cards for GSU students.

Students who feel they should not pay the mandatory fees are instructed to contact the Dean of Students. However, according to the Dean's office, waivers are typically reserved only for students taking courses off the downtown campus.





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#### Emergency loans assist needy students



Students were waiting in line at as early as 3 a.m. to recieve an emergency loan.

By Shannan Cutler Staff Writer

The Georgia State University Emergency Loan Fund became available to students day one of Phase II registra-

Early morning Friday, September 12, more than a hundred students lined the first floor corridor of Sparks Hall along with lawn chairs, pillows, televisions and radios.

The loan money is made available to students who without the fund would not be able to enroll in classes. Money for the emergency loan a first-come, first-served basis.

Arriving as early as 4 a.m., students like new GSU enrollee Robert Belcher did not want to miss out on the opportunity to receive the emergency money. A list of 30 students had arrived by 5 o'clock.

First-in-line, Nicolee Saulsbury, had learned the day before that her financial grants would not be awarded in time for Fall quarter classes. She asked her financial aid advisor if she had another option to pay for classes.

He suggested the GSU Emergency Loan Fund, but

is limited and is distributed on warned that people "camped out" over night. Heeding to the warning, Saulsbury said she decided to be at school at 3

The emergency money will satisfy up to 60% of the student's in-state matriculation fees. The student is obligated to pay the remaining percentage of fees by the last day of Phase II registration. Failure to pay the balance will negate the loan and the student's classes will be dropped.

By 7 a.m. the line stretched the entire length of the corridor and began to extend up the stairs. Arriving slightly after seven, Jabbar Thomas was not concerned with there not being enough emergency funds. Having left his prior institution because of problems with the financial aid office, Thomas overall commends Georgia State's financial aid department.

"In any system you are going to have problems," said Thomas, GSU's Emergency Loan Fund is a great assistance to students.

This quarter's emergency loan repayment is due by the end of November.

As detailed in the rules and regulations for the Administration of the Georgia State University Emergency Loan Fund, failure to repay loan money can result in cancellation of enrollment, refused release of diploma or copies of transcripts and jeopardized opportunities to receive future loans from the University.

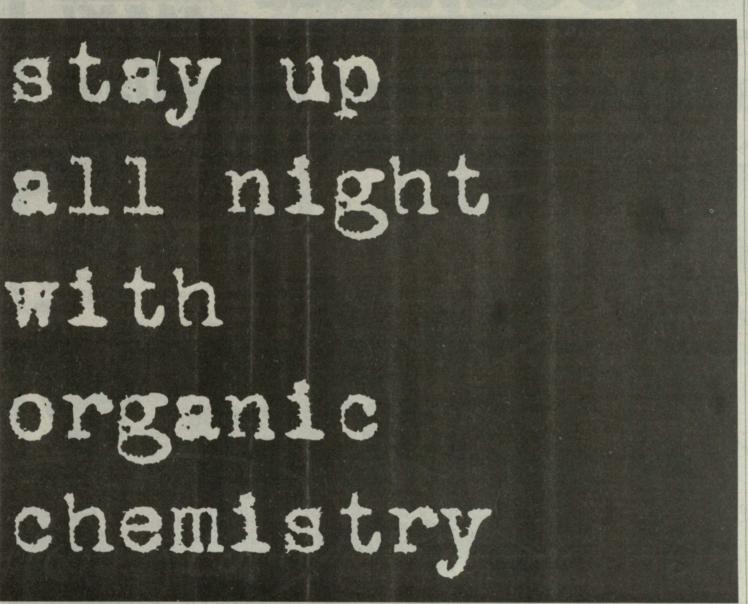
#### ECE requirements changed

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booklet and application are available on campus, but all questions, comments and suggestions regarding the examination should be directed to the Professional Standards Committee of the State Department of Education, said Clarelle Sauls, director of the Office of Academic A Assistance, College of Education.

For those students who are not "declared ECE majors, but would like more information about the program, the department conducts informational meetings the first Thursday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the College of Education Building, Decatur and Pryor Streets. Information is also available throughout the year at the front desk of the Academic Assistance Office, third floor of the building.

Students concerned about their interview and writing skills can obtain assistance from Learning Asssistance Center.



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#### Website to help students get employment info

Staff Writer

A new website is available to students seeking on campus employment. The site, www.resumeexpert.com/gsu, posts listings for on campus job opportunities including federal work study openings and student aid positions.

The website, which has been in operation approximately three weeks, consolidates information which was previously obtained from two separate offices. Until the development of the site, federal work study job listings were obtained through the Financial Aid Department, and student aid position information was available at the Human Resources Department.

Though the information has been combined, there are still differences in the two types of employment. Federal work study positions are available only to students who have qualified through financial aid and been notified of eligibility in an award letter. The award letter will include information on the website.

Student aid positions are open to any student meeting the qualifications for an announced opening. Applications for student aid positions are handled by human resources.

B.J. Yeargens, of the Human Resources Department, said that

it was "silly to have jobs posted all over campus." Yeargens said the Office of Career and Job Search Services, which is responsible for posting off campus job listings, was contacted regarding a better method of posting on campus opportunities...

The Office of Career and Job Search Services offered Resume Expert as a possible solution. Though the new site serves a similar function to the site used by Job Search Services to post

off campus job listings, these two sources of information are found at separate web addresses.

Each job description within the site contains specific information on job type, location, qualifications and responsibilities. The descriptions also contain information on how interested persons may apply.

Deborah Thomas of financial aid said the site can be accessed from anywhere on campus or even from home.

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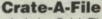
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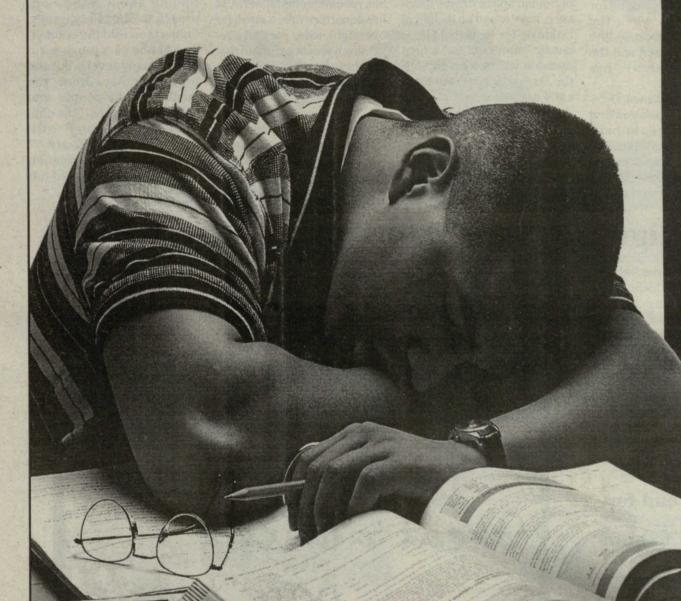
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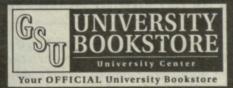
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#### Skeptical lawmaker questions Mir's safety

By Kathy Sawyer The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee, Thursday challenged NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin to stop sending Americans to the trouble-prone Russian space station Mir or "put his reputation on the line" and explain why not.

Sensenbrenner's comments, his strongest on the topic so far, seemed to push the issue further into the realm of politics - as opposed to strictly technical and safety concerns - one week before the scheduled departure of a shuttle carrying astronaut David Wolf as the sixth American to live aboard Mir. Wolf is to replace astronaut Michael Foale, who has been aboard the station since May and was one of the crew members who survived a serious collision in June.

Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., outlined his position following a four-hour hearing on Mir safety. During the hearing, Frank Culbertson, a former astronaut and Navy aviator, now NASA's manager of joint U.S.-Russian space flight operations, offered extensive technical arguments, as well as emotional personal testimony, defending the safety and usefulness of the Mir flights. "I take the safety of my friends very seriously," he told the committee.

Culbertson and Marcia

Smith, an aerospace policy expert with the Congressional Research Service, both suggested that the media has exaggerated the dangers of life aboard Mir, making it hard for the public to understand a NASA decision to press forward with the flights.

Sensenbrenner, who generally supports human space flight but has raised numerous objections to the Russian partnership, told reporters, "I think there has been enough evidence that has been put before this hearing to raise sufficient doubt as to the safety of continued longterm American presence on the Mir, and to force NASA to reevaluate whether to send David Wolf up on the shuttle' next week.

He said the decision should not be made by Congress. But he added, if Wolf goes on board, Goldin will have "some explaining to do and I will give him the opportunity."

Sensenbrenner said he favors continuing to dock shuttles with Mir, but without leaving Americans behind for long-term stays when the shuttles depart, because "the risks have increased and the science (research) has dropped off."

Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., the committee's ranking Democrat, agreed, in part, saying, "The administrator has been forewarned that he makes that decision at his own risk." But Brown added

later that he has not yet con- hearsal for the construction cluded that Mir is unsafe and will wait for a report by an outside panel headed by former astronaut Tom Stafford.

Goldin's spokesman, Peggy C. Wilhide, said, "Mr. Goldin holds very heavy the responsibility for the lives and safety of NASA's astronauts.

of an international space station in orbit late next year, using some of the same systems and strategies.

NASA Inspector General Roberta Gross said her chief concerns, based on comments from unnamed current and former NASA employees,

include "the chilling impact Culbertson told the committee that he gets tough scrutiny at many levels, but the toughest comes from

"the families of the people who fly

these missions.

But he also has extreme confidence in the abilities of our people and our processes."

She said NASA's multiplelayer safety reviews have been "exhaustive and thorough." NASA's flight operations team, "cumulatively representing hundreds of years of human space flight experience, have found no technical rationale for believing Mir is unsafe," she said. But a final decision will be held off until the Stafford report is in hand early next week.

NASA is paying the Russian space program \$472 million to allow U.S. astronauts to live and work aboard Mir, which Culbertson and others regard as a valuable dress re-

on free discussion and criticism caused by the pivotal role of the Johnson Space Center." In other words, she said, these employees suggest that astronauts, for example, are afraid to speak out because it would cost them the opportunity to fly in space. She recommended that NASA headquarters take a stronger oversight role, partially reversing a recent overhaul that sought to hold individual program managers more directly accountable.

She also questioned the independence of the outside safety reviews conducted for NASA, which are heavily staffed with people associated in some way with the space agency.

Among the ongoing concerns cited by Gross and James Oberg, an expert and author on the Russian space program who testified: the cause of a February fire aboard Mir has not yet been determined; the Russians have not yet completed their report on Mir's collision with a Progress resupply ship in June; a decline in the amount of resources devoted to science experiments as a result of the problems; and a lack of emergency training.

Some NASA representatives objected that parts of Gross's report were misleading or out of context. For example, Gross quoted Shannon Lucid as questioning the design of the Soyuz escape craft.

But Lucid, who attended the hearing, as well as Wolf and others, took issue with Gross's implication that the Soyuz lifeboat is not safe or that the astronauts' training has been lax.

Under extensive questioning about NASA's approach to Mir safety issues, Culbertson told the committee that he gets tough scrutiny at many levels, but the toughest comes from "the families of the people who fly these missions." His children attend school with their children, he said. "I would not send anyone on something that I would not do myself."

#### Teamsters' Campaigners Plead Guilty in Election Scheme

By Stuart Silverstein and John I. Goldman

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK - Signaling the expansion of an already farreaching investigation into Teamsters President Ron Carey's re-election campaign last year, the union leader's

jury scrutiny into possibly improper financial dealings between the Carey campaign and leading Democratic Party fund-raisers as well as with top AFL-CIO officials. In separate court appearances, two of the three figures who pleaded guilty cited connections between their efforts

doubts about his ability to cent re-election victory in late hold on as president of the Teamsters, the nation's biggest private sector union. Carey's 52 percent to 48 per-

1996 over challenger James P. Hoffa was voided last month by a federal election overseer, Barbara Zack Quindel.

She currently is considering for a second time whether Carey should be disqualified

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Thursday's guilty pleas also raise legal questions about Carey and further doubts about his ability to hold on as president of the Teamsters

former campaign manager and two outside consultants pleaded guilty Thursday to federal charges in an election finance scheme.

The development points to an intensified federal grand and the Democratic National Committee, the Clinton-Gore campaign and the AFL-CIO labor federation.

Thursday's guilty pleas also raise legal questions about Carey and further



#### Turner Pledges \$1 Billion for United Nations

By John Goshko
The Washington Post

NEW YORK – Media mogul Ted Turner pledged Thursday night to give a total of \$1 billion over the next 10 years to the financially hard-pressed United Nations to assist in its worldwide peace-making and development activities. and vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., made the announcement to a stunned but obviously pleased audience of some 500 people at the annual fund-raising and awards dinner here of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, a non-partisan organization devoted to furthering public support of the world body.

Turner, 58, merged his Turner Broadcasting System operations with Time Warner Inc. in October 1996 when the latter bought Turner Broadcasting for \$7.5 billion. Turner's wealth is tied overwhelmingly to the stock value of Time Warner, the New Yorkbased media conglomerate.

At the time of the merger,

Warner, of which he became owner of 11 percent in the deal, was valued at \$2.2 billion. But since then, its worth has soared just over 50 percent, to about \$3.3 billion.

A longtime, outspoken supporter of the United Nations, Turner made his pledge Thursday night as he was being given UNA's Global Leadership Award. He made the pledge of \$100 million a year for the next decade in the presence of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan; John Whitehead, a former deputy secretary of state and the president of the UNA; and Gerald Levin, chairman of Time Warner.

He did not specify how the money might be used or whether it would be earmarked for specific U.N. programs in the developmental or humanitarian fields.

Instead, in his very brief remarks, he said only that the idea came to him within the last 48 hours and he vowed that he would do more fundraising for the United Nations.

"Everyone who's rich in the world can expect a call from me," he said.

The United Nations has been on the verge of bankruptcy primarily because severe strains in relations with the United States, the largest financial contributor to the organization, have caused Congress to refuse to pay substantial back dues and other obligations. The United Nations estimates the current U.S. arrearages at \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, although Congress contends that the amount is closer to \$825 mil-

Legislation pending in Congress would pay that amount to the United Nations provided it agrees to meet a number of "benchmarks" that would involve various reforms sought by congressional conservatives and allow close congressional scrutiny of U.N. activities and spending. Whether the United Nations is willing to meet these conditions is still an open question, and the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, is seeking to broker an agreement between Congress and the United Nations by the end of the year.

Turner alluded briefly to the problem of U.S. arrearages but confined the bulk of his brief remarks to talking about private support. After making one of the largest individual charitable commitments ever, he cited the more than \$500 million to charity that has been pledged by Bill Gates, the computer software magnate, as an inspiration for his own move.

Turner has been a vocal advocate of increased philanthropy among the nation's wealthiest people.

"Bill Gates has given a lot more away," he told CNN talk show host Larry King after the awards dinner here, and added that "the world is a lot better off" as a result of



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#### Researchers link gene to cause of blindness

Gene discovery may eventually give insight into a cure for blindness

By Thomas H. Maugh II Los Angeles Times

Researchers have identified a gene that causes agerelated macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

Identification of the gene, reported in Friday's edition of the journal Science, should eventually lead to the first treatments for the disorder, possibly including gene therapy, but it may produce more immediate benefits, experts said.

The course of the disease is known to be accelerated by exposure to smoking, sunlight and high-cholesterol foods, and screening for the gene would identify individuals who should avoid such risky behavior.

As many as 1.5 million Americans have severely impaired vision caused by agerelated macular degeneration, or AMD, and more than 10 million others are thought to be in the early stages of the disease.

The gene, called ABCR, was first identified earlier this year as the cause of Stargardt

disease, a familial form of the disorder in which blindness usually develops by age 20.

Now, a team from the National Cancer Institute and the University of Utah have found that at least one in every six elderly people with macular degeneration carries a defective form of the gene.

"This exciting discovery is the first solid evidence that AMD is, at least in part, a genetic disease, contrary to the common misconception that it is purely a consequence of aging and undetectable in early life," said Gerald J. Chader, chief scientific officer of The Foundation Fighting Blindness

"This finding has farreaching implications for current AMD patients and their families, as the door has been opened for the further discovery of treatments and methods of prevention," he added.

AMD damages the macula, the center portion of the retina that enables the eye to look straight ahead and see fine detail. As people with AMD lose the ability to read small print and distinguish other visual details, they have

to rely on their peripheral or side vision.

Approximately 80 percent of AMD cases are the "dry" form, which begins with white spots – formed by bits of debris called drusen – on the retina. As the drusen accumulates, it causes a slow, progressive loss of vision. This form cannot be treated with medication or surgery, but magnifying and telescopic lenses can help salvage eyesight.

The rest of the patients have the "wet" form, which is more severe. In wet AMD, abnormal blood vessels grow under the retina and uproot it. The detached retina and blood leaking from the vessel impair central vision.

Laser treatment, if performed early, may stop the blood-vessel growth and minimize or delay the loss of eyesight.

Dr. Richard A. Lewis of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has been looking for the AMD gene since 1985. Because the disease occurs so late in life and has a complex genesis, he concentrated on Stargardt disease, which affects about 25,000 Americans. Its symptoms are virtually identical to those of the dry form of AMD, but it develops about 50 years earlier in life.

Lewis, geneticist Mark Leppert of the University of Utah and molecular geneticist Having found the gene in Stargardt, they then tested 167 AMD patients – 96 from Utah and 71 in Boston. To their surprise, they report in Science, they found that 26 of the patients, or 16 percent, had a mutation in their

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Michael Dean of the National Cancer Institute's Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center in Frederick, Md., reported in March that they had found the gene, which is called ATP-binding cassette transporter-retina or

Although they do not yet know its precise function, they believe the protein produced from the gene carries substances across membranes in the retina, the light-sensitive portion of the

ABCR gene. That was "mind-blowing," Leppert said.

Twenty-five of 134 patients with dry AMD had a mutation in the gene, compared to only one of 33 with the wet form.

The researchers now believe that individuals with two copies of the mutated ABCR gene – one from each parent – develop Stargardt disease, while those with only one copy develop AMD.

Clearly, there are other genes or environmental agents that can cause the disease as well, Dean said.

#### Election process victimized

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from an upcoming rerun election because of his possible involvement in campaign finance wrongdoing. Carey has denied any knowledge of improprieties.

Pleading guilty in New York Thursday to conspiring to illegally divert Teamster funds into Carey's re-election treasury were Jere Nash, the former Carey campaign manager, and Martin Davis, a Washington political consultant. In a federal information, they admitted to funneling funds to the Carey campaign through a complex of political groups.

Michael Ansara, the owner of a Massachusetts telemarketing firm that did business with the Teamsters, pleaded guilty to creating a shell company that served as a conduit in the scheme. All three have agreed to cooperate with prosecutors, and all also are expected to help Quindel in her separate inquiry.

"These defendants have victimized the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the election process," charged Mary Jo White, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York at an early evening news confer-

ence. "The crimes are very serious and galling because of their potential to undermine union democracy."

"You can't use union funds to help the candidacy of a union officer," she added.

In the revelation with the broadest political implications, the court papers stated that in June 1996, Davis proposed a mutual-assistance pact between the Teamsters and the Democratic National Committee.

Davis, with the agreement of Nash, sought to use potential contributions from the union to induce the Democratic National Committee, in exchange, to raise money for Carey's campaign.

According to the court papers, Davis had several conversations with a former official of the Clinton/Gore 96 Re-election Committee and with an official of the Democratic National Committee, who agreed to find a donor for Carey's campaign in return for Davis' help. The Democratic officials were not identified.

After that scheme fell through, court papers charged that Davis spoke with others, including the former official of the Clinton/ Gore campaign and the DNC official about finding other donors for Carey in exchange for Teamsters Union contributions. It was not indicated if any of the plans with the Democrats ever were carried out.

DNC officials Thursday distanced themselves from the illegal contribution scheme. "No plan to raise money in exchange for Teamsters' contributions to the DNC was approved or implemented by the DNC," said DNC spokesman Steve Langdon.

The White House said Thursday that it was following the court matter but found no connection to any of its officials. "As best as we can determine no one in the White House knew of or participated in any of the alleged plans in this matter," said White House special counsel Lanny J. Davis.

If the growing grand jury and election officer investigations lead to Carey's disqualification to run in the new election, Hoffa, son of the legendary Teamster leader Jimmy Hoffa, is considered a near-certain bet to win. Hoffa lawyer George Geller said Thursday's developments mean that, "Ron Carey has one foot on the grave, and the other foot on a banana peel."

## Associates completely suprised by Turner's bid

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Gates's example.

Immediately affer the dinner at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, Turner left New York for Los Angeles. Howard Polskin, vice president for public relations at Turner Broadcasting, said the announcement had come as a complete surprise to Turner's associates.

In addition to CNN, Time Warner owns magazines such as Time and Sports Illustrated, cable networks such as HBO and the Warner Bros. movie and TV studio. As vice chairman of Time Warner, Turner serves as the second-ranking executive to Levin.

The voluble Turner has long been involved in environmental causes and efforts to promote international understanding. Among his entrepreneurial ventures was the Goodwill Games, an international sports festival for Western and Eastern bloc athletes, created in the waning years of

the Cold War.

Turner and his wife, Jane Fonda, are the largest private land owners in the western United States, holding more than 2 million acres in New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana, where Turner maintains a bison ranch and vacation home. Western environmentalists have praised Turner's commitment to protecting his acreage from development.

For several years Turner has underwritten small environmental projects by community groups around the United States through his own philanthropic organization called the Turner Foundation. He has said in the past that he intends to leave much of his accumulated wealth to the foundation.

"Ted has always been very impassioned about the United Nations," said Edward Adler, a Time Warner spokesman. "We support our vice chairman, but this is Ted the person who's giving the money, not the corporation."

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Wales votes to create its own assembly

By Dan Balz
The Washington Post

CARDIFF, Wales, Sept. 19 – Britain's march toward constitutional restructuring continued Friday in Wales, where voters followed Scotland and narrowly endorsed a self-rule plan that calls for creation of elected assembly to oversee the operations of government here

The result, which was not clear until final returns were counted from the last of 22 voting districts, represented a victory for Prime Minister Tony Blair, who staked his personal prestige on the outcome. But the margin of victory was a disappointment for proponents of the plan, who had hoped for another strong show of support here to go along with last week's overwhelming affirmative vote in Scotland.

The dramatic night of counting affirmed the second step toward completion of the most far-reaching constitutional changes in Britain in modern times. The results from both Scotland and Wales put Britain on a course that, over time, is expected to reduce the power of the central government in London and give greater authority over local and regional affairs to elected bodies throughout the United Kingdom. Such

bodies are at the heart of Blair's agenda to modernize the country.

"I am very pleased that the people of Wales have said 'yes," Blair said in London Friday morning. "We were elected on a pledge to modernize our constitution and, thanks to the people of Wales and Scotland, we have taken two big steps along that road."

But the combination of the narrow margin of victory in Wales and the lackluster turnout here robbed Blair's Labor Party of some of the moral authority it had hoped to harvest for its constitutional agenda. It also led Conservative Party opponents of the government's decentralization program to raise questions about whether the country should undertake such significant constitutional shifts without a stronger mandate from the people.

With all 22 local districts reporting, results showed 50.3 percent of the voters in favor of the new assembly and 49.7 percent opposed – a margin of 6,721 votes out of more than 1.1 million cast. A similar plan for limited home rule in Wales in 1979 was defeated by a margin of 4 to 1.

The results were historic, and the tense hours of counting packed enough drama to make up for a referendum campaign that was virtually devoid of it – a campaign that lacked the enthusiasm and expressions of national pride that were so evident in Scotland.

Officials of Blair's government spent the last days of the campaign stumping through Wales in an effort to stir up support and swell the turnout. They appeared most successful in traditionally strong areas of Labor support, while in areas closest to the English border, the assembly plan was soundly rejected.

Nonetheless, the government counted the result as a further endorsement of its constitutional agenda, and officials plan to press ahead with other changes. The next major proposal calls for a vote on whether to give London its own regional government and, for the first time, an elected mayor, who instantly would become one of the most powerful politicians in the country. That test will come next year.

The close vote reflected the ambivalence of voters in Wales, which occupies an unusual niche in Britain – it lacks the distinctive national identity of Scotland but still has its own cultural identity and traditions. It is a land better known for poets and writers than conquerors or politicians. It also boasts a thriving

The result, which was not clear until final returns were counted from the last of 22 voting districts, represented a victory for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

language that enjoys equal status here with English. In parts of northern Wales, Welsh is the first language, and in Anglicized southern Wales, there is growing demand for Welsh language training.

The assembly proposal represented a compromise designed neither to encourage a sense of separatism here nor to discourage demands, after 18 years of Tory government in London, for a greater voice in domestic affairs. "In Wales, we share so much with England – more than Scotland does," a Welsh Office spokeswoman said. "This system has been tailored to Wales's needs."

The vote creates an assembly of 60 members, but it will not have taxing power – which voters in Scotland approved for their parliament. Nor will the Welsh assembly be able to legislate for Wales;

that power remains with the government in London.

But the new assembly will assume powers now vested in the office of Britain's Secretary of State for Wales to determine spending priorities on such matters as education, health care, transportation and the environment.

Assembly proponents argued that the new body also will be able to chart an overall economic growth plan for Wales, whose economy is in transition. Once heavily dependent on coal mining, the region has moved toward service industries and high technology. But it has not kept pace with other parts of Britain and still receives a sizable subsidy from the central government.

Elections to fill the assembly will take place in 1999, and the body would become operational in 2000.

#### Jiang tightens grip on power by ousting political rival

By stocking the Central Committee with a mix of allies, Jiang swung governmental favor in his direction

By Rone Tempest
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING – Overhauling the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and ousting a key rival, President Jiang Zemin firmly established himself Thursday as China's undisputed top leader and built a loyal political base for his critical program to restructure struggling state industries.

"I hereby declare that the 15th congress concludes victoriously," a beaming Jiang, 71, announced in the Great Hall of the People, site of the national party convention that is held once every five years. Jiang, a former Shanghai mayor who rose from relative obscurity eight years ago to succeed the late Deng Xiaoping at the helm of Chinese power, had plenty to smile about.

By stocking the Central Committee with a mix of allies from his Shanghai days and younger regional political and military officials who have risen in the party ranks under his eight-year reign, Jiang – once dismissed as a political lightweight – finally put his personal signature on the ruling party. The full extent of Jiang's moves will be known Friday, when the composition of the party Politburo is announced.

When the new 193 member Central Committee was proclaimed at the conclusion of the weeklong party congress, it contained an unprecedented 109 new members, most of them slightly younger and more educated than their predecessors. Left out were several important political rivals to Jiang, most notably Qiao Shi, 72, chairman of the National People's Congress, China's parliament. A former secret police chief, Qiao was expected by some to challenge Jiang for power in the world's most populous coun-

Instead, he was "retired" under a new guideline that

requires party leaders – Jiang Zemin being the glaring exception – to leave the central committee when they surpass 70 years of age.

Another departure was 80-year-old Gen. Liu Huaqing, vice chairman of the powerful central military commission. Liu is expected to be replaced on the standing committee of the Politburo by Jiang military ally Gen. Zhang Wannian.

In July, Jiang, who also serves as party secretary general, passed a major test of his power by successfully managing the handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese sovereignty. The next step in Jiang's political apotheosis is expected to come next month, when he is scheduled to visit Washington for his first formal summit with President Clinton.

Jiang, a university-educated engineer by profession, had signaled his intent to professionalize the ruling party once dominated by aging In July, Jiang, who also serves as party secretary general, passed a major test of his power by successfully managing the handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese sovereignty.

revolutionary Marxists in his keynote address to the party congress. average age of the new Central Committee is just under 56, compared to a previous aver-

"In accordance with the principle of making our cadres more revolutionary, younger, better educated and more competent professionally," Jiang said when the conference opened Sept. 12, "we should foster a contingent of highly qualified cadres who can meet the requirements of the socialist modernization drive."

According to the official New China News Agency, the Committee is just under 56, compared to a previous average age of 57. The proportion of those who had attended university or technical schools rose by nearly 10 percentage points to 92.4 percent.

Economic reformers in the 58-million member party were ebullient about Jiang's changes. "This is a group of young, energetic competent people who are not just time servers," said

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#### Door to economy ajar, India can't stop shivering

Indians have grown so accustomed to government controls, they have trouble grasping the concepts of a market economy

By Kenneth J. Cooper The Washington Post

NEW DELHI, India — When media baron Rupert Murdoch beamed the first private television shows into India in 1991, breaking a government monopoly on the small screen, foreign ownership of satellite TV networks was unrestricted. Murdoch led a boom in the broadcasting market and now owns an interest in six channels available in India.

But a new coalition government is moving to cap ownership by the brash Australian American and other foreign broadcasters. Last year, a draft of comprehenabroad. Judging from emotional parliamentary debates on foreign investment, during which distressed critics have warned that an influx of international capital will put India's sovereignty and security at risk, a million anxieties have gripped this nation of 950 million and stalled economic change.

The amount of direct investment that has stirred those fears is relatively low. In each of the last six years, less than \$2.5 billion from abroad has flowed into a \$1 trillion economy. Still, xenophobia has been directed at multinational companies, primarily ones based in the United States, India's biggest

control every aspect of the economy.

"These are all imaginary fears, a byproduct of the old command type of economy, the Soviet type of thinking," Manmohan Singh said last year just before leaving the finance minister's post.

"Partly, they are rooted in the experience of India – how the East

India Company came here as a trader and ended up as a ruler. ...

But I think over a period of time, as our people get more self-confidence, this fear will disappear."

Gujral, as foreign minister last year, urged formulation of an economic strategy suited to India's circumstances, just as neighboring China made its way into the global market with its own brand of capitalism. But since becoming prime minister in April, Gujral has not outlined a distinctive Indian strategy.

Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, asked to describe the government's strategy for attracting and deploying foreign investment, responded instead with a lengthy recitation of bureaucratic procedures for reviewing such proposals, giving the impression that parliamentary ambushes have put him on the defensive. "There are enough checks and balances to ensure that foreign investment does not affect India's national interests and is channelized into core areas of the economy," said Chidambaram, a self-styled reformer who graduated from Harvard Business School.

Last month, when support for legislation to enable private insurers to compete with government companies collapsed right before a scheduled vote in Parliament, Gujral angrily withdrew the proposal. Critics had called for an amendment to bar foreign insurers, from India – even though its nationalized companies do business in several other countries.

Pramod Mahajan, a senior leader of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said he opposes the entry of foreign insurers because it would put Indian capital – the premiums collected – "into foreign hands."

But an American analyst said the government could require that a share of premiums be invested in India. "It's a game you could play to your advantage," the analyst said.

India was thought to have reached a political consensus in favor of foreign investment except in consumer goods, but that consensus has apparently broken down since the defeat of the Congress party government of Minister P.V. Prime Narasimha Rao in last year's election. It was Rao, confronted with a shortage of foreign currency to pay for essential imports in 1991, who opened the economy wider to trade and foreign investment. Since then, many American companies have shown interest in selling their products to India's middle class of 250 million.

But disagreements about foreign investment have emerged among partners in

the 13-party coalition that formed the last two governments. The coalition's shakiness has also created opportunities for other parties to score political points by appealing to nationalistic sentiments. At times, this approach has been taken by both the BJP, the main opposition party, and the Congress party, which helped vote Gujral to power and, before him, H.D. Deve Gowda.

The voices of anxiety roared during Parliament's recent debate on the state of the nation after a half-century of independence.

Sushma Swreformers such as Singh and Chidambaram of "yearning to return to the non-freedom we had 50 years ago."

Outside the political realm, Indians have grown so accustomed to government controls that they have difficulty grasping how a market economy actually works. Several affluent Indians at a Delhi dinner party at first refused to believe an American guest who told them foreigners wereny newspaper in the United States?" he asked in With disbelief. few expections, since 1955 India has prohibited foreign companies from owning an interest in periodicals published in the country.

"On one hand, they say no to foreign media in print. On the other hand, they allow foreign media to invest in electronic media here," complained Aveek Sarcar, a Calcutta publisher. Last years from their cultural roots. "All they do is watch MTV (and buy) jeans, Coca-Cola, hamburger," he said.

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sive broadcasting legislation set a limit on the share of channels that can be foreign-owned at 25 percent; the proposed limit has since been raised to 49 percent. Some lawmakers across the political spectrum have pushed for a complete ban.

India has made a similar reversal on civil aviation. Following a 1993 court decision overturning the 40-year monopoly of the state-owned domestic airline, the government let two Persian Gulf airlines own a combined 40 percent stake in what has become the nation's most successful private carrier.

But under a new policy adopted this year, Kuwait Airlines and Gulf Air will have to divest their holdings in Jet Airways next month, and Singapore Airlines will not be permitted to join India's oldest and largest industrial conglomerate in financing a new airline. The current policy of Prime Minister I.K. Gujral's Cabinet does allow foreign investors to own as much as 40 percent of a domestic carrier - as long as those investors are not other airlines.

In the six years since India officially abandoned a socialist path and opened its door wider to private capital from abroad, that door has creaked back and forth in the political gusts blowing here in the capital, producing inconsistent policies that have bewildered prospective investors from India and

trading partner and largest foreign investor.

"Slowly, you are giving away everything to the multinational companies," Chandra Shekhar, a former prime minister, warned Parliament last month. "The way the (financial) capital of the country has been sold to foreigners, the way they have captured our industry is enough to hang our heads in shame. ... The country is compromising its sovereignty."

What is it that has bred so much insecurity here – a developing nation of immense proportions, one with extensive natural resources, more skilled technicians than any country except the United States, the capacity to make nuclear weapons and one of the world's largest armies?

In the opinion of the two finance ministers who have guided the economic changes, India remains haunted by the British East India Company. There is a recurrent nightmare that wily foreigners will come here under the guise of commerce but take control as exploitive rulers - just as the British did when they came to trade in 1609 but did not leave until 1947. Many older Indians also have difficulty breaking a habit of mind formed during decades of Soviet-style central planning - the idea that terrible disruptions will occur if government does not

## New leader's changes ignite hope for ecomomic reformers

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one party veteran. "I feel hopeful for the first time in years."

Removed from the power elite were an assortment of aging party hacks, unreformed Marxists and loyalists to previous Chinese Communist Party leaders Mao Tse-tung and Deng Xiaoping, the father of China's economic reform period who died last February at age 92.

Most visibly disappointed over Thursday's snub was Qiao Shi, leader of the national parliament. The evening national television news showed Qiao – who has been praised overseas, especially in Europe, for his legislative reforms of the criminal code – scowling as Jiang announced the "victorious" conclusion of the party congress.

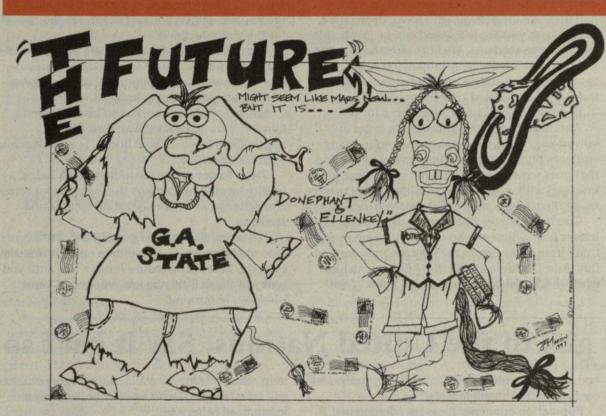
Qiao appeared nervous, his hands shaking slightly as he was shown depositing his computerized ballot for the new central committee. As he walked away from the red enameled ballot box, however, he managed a smile and a farewell salute. While installing his own team, Jiang also used the congress to enshrine Deng in the pantheon of party sages. In his keynote address, Jiang elevated Deng's pragmatic writings and speeches - "Deng Xiaoping Theory"-to the same level as Marxism-Leninism and "Mao Tse-tung Thought."

At the congress, however, Jiang showed himself to be more "Dengist" than Marxist or Magist

Echoing previous Communist Party reformers, Jiang declared China to be in a "primary stage of socialism." In the parlance of the Chinese Communist Party, "primary stage" is a code used by supporters of-economic liberalization to permit capitalist, market-oriented behavior without, in theory, abandoning the longterm dream of a socialist state. In practice, it means an economy where practically anything, including private ownership, is possible.

Opinions Editor
Jennifer Smith

## Opinions



#### Introduction of a new cartoonist and cartoon

Hello! My name is Julie Martin and I would like to welcome you to "The Future."

Let me begin by saying that what yoù are about to encounter is based solely on my interpretation of "the issues," my not-so-humble opinions, a splash of some way-out ideas with a twist of humor.

I don't proclaim to know every issue. I do, however, have some very strong beliefs.

I don't expect to be agreed with all the time; I enjoy a lively debate. So, whether you love or hate my work, I hope you will enjoy it on some level nonetheless.

To best describe the cartoon, aside from the characters' artful representations, I *am* my characters... or they are me.

In other words, I am the chicken and they are the eggs. Wait a minute - am I the egg and they are the chickens?

Well, whether or not we create our thoughts or they create us, I've got you thinking, my friend, and that's the point!

A very important person in my life once suggested that I should question authority. I'm not advocating lack of respect, or disobedience, but rather - question the status quo.

Just because it has been that way for a thousand years doesn't mean we can't come up with a better method.

In order to express my philosophies, I created "The Future." The characters are "Ellenkey" and "Donephant." (Donkey and elephant flip-flopped, get it?)

Ellenkey wants to grow up to be a lawyer, because she believes there is a difference between right and wrong.

She believes in a pragmatic approach to things and that only the strong survive.

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As a disseminator of news, the Signal will assertively, responsibly and fairly pursue the truth

The Signal's duty is to its readers; to inform Georgia State University's students, faculty,

The Signal will provide an outlet for aspiring journalism, business, photography, graphic

staff and surrounding downtown community of current events, entertainment information, sports

design and English majors to gain hands-on training and real life experience in a newsroom capacity.

We at the Signal shall tell the truth to the best of our ability.

without fear of any special or private interest, and with favor to none.

Donephant wants to be a famous artist when he grows up. He believes that you should follow your heart and that the meek shall inherit the earth.

I have a third character, "Pickles" - a petite cat with a half tail and a whole lot of sense. She is the voice of reason.

Pickles is a character in progress and gets her name from the only omnipresent thing in my father's refrigerator.

Among the more concrete issues, I will address hotbutton topics like corruption, gun control, abortion, racism and crime.

I hope to entertain and influence you to think of more proactive ways you can solve the problems of today, tomorrow. . . and "The Future."

#### Ted's gift

CNN founder and Time Warner Vice Chairman Ted Turner announced Thursday that he is planning to donate \$1,000,000,000 (yes,

that's one **billion**dollars) over the next
decade to various
United Nations programs.

Turner made the announcement at a dinner honoring him in New York by the United Nations Association - USA. He was presented with the Global leadership award for his



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"contributions to the international community."

I wonder if they included footage of him stripping and swilling beer at (his) Braves' games? Maybe not.

Speaking about his gift to Larry King later, Turner said, "This is not going to go to administration. This is only going to go for programs, programs like refugees, cleaning up landmines (Diana would be happy.), peace-keeping, UNICEF for the children . . . the money can only \*go to U.N. causes."

The donation will reportedly be made in 10 annual installments of \$100 million in Time-Warner stock, according to USA Today.

Forbes was supposedly about to name him to their list of 25 top richest Americans, and Turner joked with King about how "I'm going to push myself down the list with this."

Who needs lists when you're feeding the hungry and clothing the needy?

During his typically irreverant, down-home speech, Turner said that he made the decision to donate the money just two nights before. He said it was based on the increase of his net worth from January through August (\$2.3 billion to 3.3 billion in nine months - not bad.) "I thought I could afford to donate nine month's earnings." said Ted.

Asked by King how he came to choose the figure, he responded, "A billion is a nice round number."

Last year, Turner gave away \$28 million to dozens of environmental groups, including The Bat Conservation Society and Friends of the Wild Swan. You know, there are a lot of animal groups in Atlanta, too, Ted. . . you could always throw some money our way. As for the much-maligned U.N. and it's financial future, Turner said he plans on becoming a fund raiser. "So, everyone who is rich can expect a call."

The most important issue - what did Jane think of all of this? "She got tears in her eyes and said she was proud to be married to me."

I think that's kind of nice.

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#### Georgia State's campus contains many not-so-hidden treasures

Anyone who could think of a thousand places to be, with none of them being school, can rest



Ronell Smith's Opinion

assured that there are many a souls, including myself, who shared that sentiment. But being the true knowledge-seekers (more like degree-seekers) that we are, here we are.

Fortunately for us, GSU is a happening place; a school teeming with endless opportunities.

Many of us who work and

have little time to spare see the campus on a surface level: Commuter U. But for those of us who have taken it upon ourselves to discover what else the university has to offer, we haven't been dissapointed.

Did you know that we have some of the best professors at their respective positions in the country. Did you know that we have some of the strongest programs - - business, psychology, computer info. - - to be sought, period. And did you also know that GSU is moving forward in an

active push to become a research-based, instead of a teaching - based, institution.

So where do you start?

A good place would be to get to know your professor(s). I'm sure many cringe at that thought, but lets fact it, these aren't some robotic creatures who lecture on command.

These are individuals who have, themselves, been where you are today and can be invaluable resources to students. We hurt ourselves by not actively seeking the help and advice of our teachers, becoming somewhat hardened against them and intimidated by their presence.

Be realistic. No one is born with a Ph.D.

Another of a myriad things to do is get involved with one of the clubs on campus. Many students often complain about every little thing that goes wrong on campus, but come time to get involved with correcting the ailment, and they've made themselves scarce. Get involved, or shut up!

Goodness knows, the Signal gets enough letters from whiners who complain about everything from petty errors to "Why isn't my work in this issue?" Where are all these English majors when the Signal has an opening? I know - "Not

enough time."

Well, if I could stop the vociferous rambling long enough, I'd also tell you about the great facilities on our campus. For everyone who isn't locked into a lifetime contract with Bally's, there is a gym replete with all the equipment one could imagine. There, located in the same building, is the aquatic center, housing several indoor pools for the water-inclined.

Not to be left out by any means is the counseling center which does everything from provide student counseling to offering classes on speed-reading and studying techniques.

My personal favorite has to be the Pullen Library. This expansive structure, housing hundreds of thousands of books, is a readers and studiers delight.

Don't forget about the Indian Creek lodge, a facility located off campus that serves as a retreat and activity center for GSU staff, faculty, and students.

The many facilities, organizations, and events - too many to name - - should be enough to satiate
even the heartiest treasure hunter. But until you
seek out these little nuggets, you won't know
what you're missing.

#### Ted Turner's socialist gift to the United Nations: Say it isn't so

Ted Turner's recent 1 billion-dollar gift to the UN should be viewed not just as surprising but also discouraging.



Adam Jone's Opionion

That a man worth an estimated 3.2 billion dollars would literally give away one-third of his wealth seems absolutely incredible to many of us.

The fact that he is contributing the money in what appears to be the prime of his life is even more astonishing!

It has been reported that Turner was pushed

into the gift by his concern over the growing resistance in the fight against global warming and population concerns.

So, why should such a genuine out pouring of obvious compassion and humanitarianism discourage you?

Well, the global warming hysteria has been falling off for several years now. Most scientists (except those working for the UN) now believe that the earth is neither heating up nor cooling down.

They have simply concluded that the temperature fluctuates, some years are hot, and others are not. Interestingly, on March 5, 1990 most scientists agreed with the findings that the earth

had actually cooled of 1/10 of a degree in the last century. (Grab those jackets.)

Population concerns have also diminished greatly in the last two decades. Again, as in the case of global warming, there was never really a problem or concern to begin with.

Unless you include the perceived needs for more government intervention and regulation of our lives!

Despite all the improvements in life extension, increased food production, etc. - you can still fit everyone in the world into Australia, and give each person a full 1,600 square feet of property to call their own.

Not a lot of room, but have you looked at Australia on the world map? It's not that big! Turner has decided let a new foundation distribute his donation to various U.N agencies. Now, I'm just guessing, but I'd bet everything I own that this organization will be tax-exempt.

Now, this isn't a new concept. John Rockefeller, Ford, Carnegie and other billionaires have set up tax exempt foundations also. Doing this allows you to pass on wealth, and it's obvious counterpart, power without having inheritance, estate, and death taxes eat away at your fortune.

So basically Mr. Turner gave away a billion dollars to a world government. Think that's an overstatement? Not according to the U.N.Charter. Sure, some of that money will trickle down and

help remove some land mines, and many children will be immunized who would not have been immunized otherwise.

But this can't possibly be where most of the money will end up being spent. If that were the case, there are hundreds of charities, better equipped to handle the task.

By the way, the U.N.'s policy on world population is to "stabilize" it. To date, their programs have included both sterilization and, forced/compulsory abortion.

The U.N. policy on human rights is that government grants them and can therefore also take them away. You won't find any mention of God, or any other higher authority in the U.N. charter.

This stands in dark contrast to the God-given rights and freedoms that we Americans enjoy today.

The U.N. policy on the right to gun ownership? You have to be kidding; they support FULL national and personal disarmament.

So, thanks a lot, Mr. Turner, for your contribution to the U.N. I truly hope that your money does help those that need it most.

However, I fear that your agenda is two-fold. It will be interesting to see if the legacy of your donation is the expansion of U.N. power, control and dominance over nation-states - i.e. world government - or the actual help and benefit to the millions of poor and needy who truly need the charity.

The world will be watching.

#### Attention: GSU Artists and Writers!

Want to be part of a winning Fall line-up? The *Signal* is currently taking applications for political cartoonists and guest editorial writers. Come exhibit your true talents in an educational, resume and portfolio-building atmosphere. Call the Signal office at (404) 651-2242, or stop by the University Center, Room 200, for more information.

#### Letters to the Editor

#### Yerkes should use care when placing chimpanzees

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see Jennifer Smith's editorial on Yerkes Primate Research Center in the August 5 issue of the Signal.

I am an active animal rights activist and have participated in various demonstrations and letter writing campaigns with regards to Yerkes. It is suprising to hear that Yerkes has finally

#### It's time that researchers stop using animals to find cures for human diseases.

decided not to use chimpanzees in tests for AIDS vaccines anymore.

In January 199, Yerkes researchers championed the fact that Jerome, a 15-year-old chimpanzee, was the first chimpanzee to contract AIDS. Shortly before killing Jerom, Yerkes researchers transfused his blood into another HIV-infected chimpanzee in the hopes that it would also

Hopefully, Yerkes is getting the message that there is no reliable animal model from which to extrpolate information to humans.

The failure to win the "war" on cancer is proof of this. For the past 25 years, \$30 billion has been spent annually on cancer research, detection, and treatment, even though cancer is still No. 2 on the list of causes of death in the United States.

Dr. Irwin D.J. Bross, a cancer research scientist at Roswell Park Memorial Institute in New York blames misleading animal studies for the public's lack of knowledge about cancer:

"Not a single new drug for the treatment of human cancer was first picked up by an animal model system. . .'

More emphasis needs to be placed on human clinical studies. Too muh money is being spent on treatment instead of prevention.

It's time that researchers stop using animals to find cures for human diseases and focus on more reliable methods.

Would researchers be foolish enough to use human models to try to find a cure for a primate

The difference between humans and others species is just too great. I urge Yerkes to please place the chimpanzees that they have in suitable sanctuaries instead of euthanizing them.

These animals, who are like humans in many ways, deserve at least that.

Chris Riggenbach

#### Ga. Democratic Party: "Let's compare records"

Opinion Editors' Note:

The following Letter to the Editor has been printed as a service to the student population of Georgia State, in consideration of the upcoming election season. The Signal editorial page is open to all individuals and parties with a legitimate concern or message for the GSU student population. We will continue to provide equal time and space allocations. All Letters to the Editor are welcome and will be given equal consideration under existing editorial policy.

#### Dear Editor,

Much has been written of late about the state of the economy in this country as well as Georgia. Maybe now is a good time to reflect where we have come from and what it means for the future. Anyone who has kept up with politics and the economy knows that democrats, in general, and on the national level, have always been viewed as incapable of handling economic affairs.

On the other hand, when President Clinton took office in Jan. of 1993, the national economy was stagnant at best, after 12 years of republican

Since that time, the national deficit has been reduced by 85%, or by some 245 billion dollars! The economic machine is percolating along at unprecedented rates, unemployment is at record lows, taxes have been reduced, and a new law creating a balanced budget has been passed.

This has come about because of a bipartisan ffort in Washington. We know it took both sides to get some of this accomplished.

The republicans, however, seem reluctant to give credit. Let us remind you that it was the policies of this president that set the machinery in motion to put the economy in a position to have a balanced budget offered.

When the president launched his first set of initiatives some 5 years ago, here is what some leading republicans in Washington had to say about them.

Sen Phil Gramm, "I believe this plan is going to make the economy weaker." Rep. Dick Armey, "This will mean the government will grow and sh rink the economy." Speaker Gingrich, "This plan will lead to a recession and the rec ession will

force people off of work and onto unemployment and will increase the deficit."

Well, guess what?! They were wrong and no amount of hot air can change your opinion of them because you now know the effects of this vibrant economy. Just remember what they said come elections next year.

Not near enough credit has been given to the

#### In Georgia we have been blessed with a growing economy, a balanced budget, and the 5th lowest tax rate.

efforts of a lot of people who have brought about our good economy. Of course, in Georgia we have been blessed with a growing economy and a balanced budget with a low tax rate (5th lowest). We've had a strong economic engine for several decades. This has been accomplished because we have been under fiscally conservative democratic rule for that time.

For many years republicans in this state have tried to convince new voters that democrats here in Georgia were like those in Washington. There is a big difference, however. Because our economy was strong, it never had the desired effect; hence, they never have won the state offices they most

Now, with similar indicators on the national lefel, they are becoming even more frustrated. That is why they have resorted to religion, race, and other wedge issues to try and weaken our position. Do not be deceived. Democrats have been good for our state and if the republicans want to replace us, ask them what they would do different and better. We gladly will meet anyone at anytime and place to compare our records.

Steve Anthony, Executive Director, Democratic Party of Georgia www.mindspring.com/~gaparty

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**Shannan Cutler Editor-in-chief** 

reasons for opening these pages, the Signal staff and I hope to meet your inquiries with

The Signal has a tremendously fresh and eager staff that welcomes the challenge of pleasing you, our reader. If you have any concerns regarding the paper's coverage or lack of coverage of a certain issue or event, please feel free to call these instances to our attention.

We welcome you to drop by the office and ask for the section editor of which an article appeared that sparked your concern. You should feel free to bring your concerns directly to me and we can sit down and discuss them.

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#### Ban Landmines?

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#### Nathan's Response

1 Far better, then, to concentrate on cleanup activities. We can provide technical assistance to countries that really want it, as opposed to pouring money down holes like Cambodia, where 50 new mines are being deployed for very one we "clean

<sup>2</sup> Since when must we act simply because the socalled "international community" demands it? The same feel-good international law hacks thought Versaille would end all wars, and if not that, the United Nations. Our diplomats need to act in America's interests.

3 It's worked for 40 years. What's changed?

<sup>4</sup> Does anyone believe the Genocide Convention ended genocide? That the Chemical Weapons Convention ended chemical warfare? Raise your hand. OK, those whose hands are up: I've got a bridge to sell you...

#### Kevin Kelley: Yes! Landmines are an Outrage.

For virtually every war in this century, landmines have been used as a weapon designed to halt advancing troops. Mainly invented to stop heavily armored tanks, the last fifty years has seen a proliferating use of so-called "antipersonnel" mines, which when activated set off a charge just strong enough to blow off an arm or leg. In conflict-ridden zones, literally millions of mines are deployed, and most are never cleaned up after the peace treaties have been signed.1 The result is a form of never-ending war, where innocents including children are for decades afterward maimed or killed as they wander into mined territories. This is an outrage, and the international community of nations has been mobilizing support for a treaty to simply outlaw the use of landmines.2

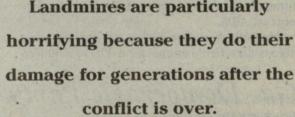
The potential success of the landmines talks was looking good until Wednesday last week. The untimely and shocking death of Princess Diana, on her way to speak at the conference in Oslo, seemed to be mobilizing support for the treaty. The British Government which, under John Major, had been an outspoken opponent of the treaty, had shifted to support with the election of Tony Blair. And Clinton appeared to be softening under the pressure as well. Rumor had it that he was being pressured by Hillary and Chelsea to advocate a full, no-exceptions treaty. But last week, caving to pressure from his generals at the Pentagon, who are still fighting the last war, Clinton announced that the United States would not be signed the agreed-

on treaty, and would stand virtually alone while a hundred other countries agreed to do the right thing. The Clinton approach was, not surprisingly, a classic bob-and-weave. First the Administration announced opposition, then support. Then at the conference, while talks were winding down, the United States sprang a new negotiating position on everyone, calling for a Korea exemption. Understandably, Oslo negotiators opposed Clinton's proposals. And so Clinton has announced his opposition, flanked by Pentagon chiefs.

One irony of these developments is the arguments Clinton bought are so weak. Most neutral observers agree that the landmine age is over, and that given new precision munitions they are unlikely to work horrifying because they do their in battle. And the idea that three million landmines will prevent North Korea's million-man army from tens of thousands of American troops is laughable.3 Surely they've figured out what airplanes are by now.

America's commitment to international legal norms designed to reduce the horrors of war has so far been mixed but positive. We adhere to most of the international conventions on this issue, including chemi-

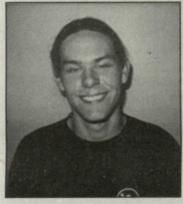
those which, like landmines, carry such heavy consequences for the innocent.



cal and biological weapons bans, and older treaties which govern the treatment of prisoners. It took us forever to do it, but America now adheres to the convention outlawing genocide.4 Now, having accepted intrusive verification schemes in other difficult areas (like nuclear testing and chemical weapons), Clinton has flip-flopped, suddenly finding persuasiveness in hackneyed claims about rogue states. We have a moral imperative to outlaw, or even temper, the excesses of war, especially

## Kevin Kelley is a frosh, major undeclared.

#### Nathan Horsley: No! Treaties Can't Regulate



**Nathan Horsley** is a sophomore majoring in philosophy.

Let's start by conceding that landmines are brutal weapons of war, and that they exact dramatic and horrifying costs on those who encounter them.1 What I oppose is the naive assumption that a simple international tantrum can end their use. As long as generals fighting wars find use in using landmines they will use them, treaties be damned.2 They are inexpensive and there is decent evidence that their heavy deployment can deter massive conventional escalations.

The idea that the United States should be ashamed of its own track record on this issue is plain wrong. We've taken the lead in shifting from landmines that never go away to the production of so-called "smart mines," which after some decent period of time can either be detonated or deactivate themselves. We've played a leadership role at the international talks. But it's better to walk away from a flawed treaty than to sign on just because we like the symbolism. And that's what the President did. He was right.

Verification of a landmine scheme would be impossible, and far more so than other complicated issues like nuclear testing. Landmines are easy to produce. They're small in size, and require little or no mechanization. They cannot be detected, and their very dangerousness (which stems from the fact they can't be seen) makes it impossible to know when they've

Treaty advocates sing hallelujah about the 100 nations who've agreed to sign, as if Jamaican and Hong Kong signatures advance the death of the landmine one iota. What you don't so often hear is that countries like Russia, Iran, and Libya will not sign. International prohibitions are not advanced by feel-good actions like this.3

The Korea exception sought by President Clinton illustrates the reasonableness of a partial prohibition, which Oslo delegates refused to seriously consider. The demilitarized zone which separates North from South Korea is heavily armored, and filled with landmines designed to slow or deter a massive conventional surprise attack by the North and its million-man army. No civilians ever go there. The pictures of maimed children bear no weight on the Korea case. When Clinton stood

It's naive romanticism to think a treaty will stop the Pol Pots and Muammar Qaddafis of the world

from using landmines

with America's generals and declared the importance of protecting the lives of our soldiers keep the peace there, he had his priorities exactly

issues of life or death, freedom or tyranny. But that's a hard case to make when Americans' main knowledge of foreign policy comes from TV news pictures, which invariably tug at the heart and incline us to imprudent military adventurism, all conducted under the banner of "humanitarianism." That's not to say that there aren't some good treaties.4 But the landmine crusade defended by Princess Diana in faux-flak jacket and de-

We need to think with clearer heads when it comes to fundamental

#### Kevin's Response

<sup>1</sup> That concession gives away the case. It's exactly the horror of these landmines that has enabled the formation a genuine international consensus strong enough to outlaw them.

<sup>2</sup> Not true. International law has a pretty good track record. Biological weapons, for instance, are no longer a common weapon of war. And the nonproliferation regime is working pretty well

<sup>3</sup> Actually even rogue states have reason to comply. That's part of the reason Saddam didn't wage chemical war in the Gulf.

4 What does TV coverage have to do with the merits of the treaty, except that they have vividly brought home to millions of Americans the gruesome consequences of outdated military hardware? TV coverage here is on the side of the angels.

signer fatigues won't move the world one bit closer to eternal peace, and will come as small comfort to the hundreds of thousands brutally maimed by mines.

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## Sports

**Covering Georgia State University Sports** 

#### What's going on? Lady Panthers cruise to first home victory



**Shawn Haney** 

Sports Editor

Aaaaah....

This is certainly the perfect time of year to kick back and relax and focus our minds on baseball.

Fall is a beautiful time of year where the leaves swing down from the trees to decorate the grounds with a brilliant foliage of colors of red, orange, and brown.

But what would the fall be like without the fantastic month of October, a month when those who are drenched in baseball festivities can fully release themselves from the pressures of everyday life.

The Atlanta Braves are on a tear, winning six out of seven as of Sunday, showing signs that they are a club eager and determined to finish off the regular season in vibrant fashion.

As for the final week of the regular season, the Braves need to keep both their confidence and composure and concentrate on the things that sparked the club to a first place spot in the Eastern Division.

Atlanta's magic number to clinch the East remains at two pending the outcome of Sunday's Florida Marlins/New York Mets game this after-

Now it's up to the city of Atlanta to show their support for the team of the 90's in the month of October.

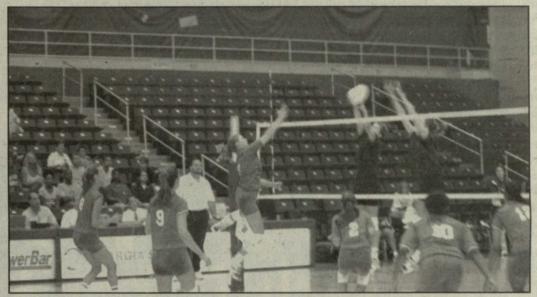
The playoff's are guaranteed. How well the Braves do is yet to be determined.

But if the fans live and die with the team with all their heart and soul, and scream to the top of the lungs when the Braves hit the field, get a hit, smash a home run or turn a double play, you better believe our player friends will be listening.

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Will this be yet again the year of the Atlanta Braves?



The Georgia State Lady Panthers volleyball team led by Tiki Anderson and Samantha Walker finshed off Jacksonville in a strong fourth game 15-7 in thier home opener Friday night.

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

The Georgia State Lady Panthers volleyball team finished the Jacksonville Dolphins off in impressive fashion after some early inconsistent play with a 15-11, 15-8, 3-15, 15-7 victory Friday night in front of it's home crowd of the season.

After taking the first two games smoothly, the Lady Panthers played sloppy in the third, only to come roaring back in the fourth to improve their season record to 8-2.

GSU led in the fourth game, a game that would prove to be a physical seesaw battle with side-outs lasting a period of ten or 15 minutes.

GSU led 12-3, then 13-5. and then 14-6 with an explosive kill by Virgin Islands outside hitter Vania Blake.

Tiki Anderson helped ice the match with the kill that gave the Lady Panthers sideout, setting up the winning the point.

"It was a good game for us because we were a little lackadaisical early on," remarked a pleased head coach Sandi Stein. "We did a lot of individual work all week that conditioned us well in preparation for today."

Tiki Anderson, GSU's starting middle hitter from Sarasota, Fla., provided strong enthusiasm and a dynamite performance that rubbed off on the rest of the

"I felt we played with a lot of intensity. The team's play flowed really well," said Anderson, confident at the direction this team is going.

Tampa Bay junior Beth Van Fleet sparked the fire for

the Lady Panther attack, motivating the team before, after and during each and every

"We played with a lot of enthusiasm," said Van Fleet.

Although the Lady Panthers slid downhill in the third game, the turning point of the match came at the final point of game two, as GSU took the 15th point on the longest rally of the match.

Blake and teammate Anderson led the Lady Panthers in kills in the match with 11 and 10.

Setters Missy Stawick and Quan Vong combined for a total of 33 assists to fuel the Lady Panther attack.

Five GSU players recorded six or more kills.

The Lady Panthers served the ball fiercely, scoring six aces including two each by Walker and Anderson. Walker led the team in digs with 15.

The Lady Panthers will continue their success on the road with matches at Mercer Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and against Jacksonville and Florida Atlantic (both at Jacksonville) at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

GSU's next home game will be Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7:00 p.m. against the Samford Bulldogs.

#### Lady Panthers undefeated in last 7

By Jason Hanes Staff Writer

Georgia State's Lady Panthers (5-2-2) rallied from a 1-0 deficit to take a 3-1 victory over Campbell in a key Trans America Athletic Conference matchup.

An even contest throughout, Campbell took an early lead on a goal by Jenn Stephenson just after the ten minute mark. The goal was Campbell's first in 463 min-

Nine minutes later, the Lady Panthers responded when Michelle Sacco stuck the ball in the upper right corner of the net, tying the score

The half ended with the score the same.

It wasn't until the 71st minute of play when Anna-Kaisa Moilanen scored on a crossing pass from Chandra



The Georgia State Lady Panthers soccer team improved to 2-0-1 in the TAAC East Division, going undefeated in their last seven contests with a 3-1 victory last Wednesday over Campbell.

Yorgason that the Lady Panthers took the lead for good.

Eight minutes later, Yorgason scored a goal of her own with an assist from Sacco, to give the Lady Panthers a 3-1 win.

Statistically, the game couldn't have been more even. Campbell outshot GSU 14-12, but corner kicks and

goalie saves were dead even. Perhaps the bigger key was the fact that the Lady Panthers had less fouls than Campbell, keeping a 13-9 edge.

GSU improved to 2-0-1 in the TAAC East.

The Lady Panthers resume action in what should be a competitive matchup today against Belmont at 4:00 p.m. at Panthersville.

Friday GSU will focus their attention on TAAC conference rival College of Charleston at 2:00 p.m. at the fields of Panthersville.

Sunday, the Lady Panthers round off the week with a 1:00 home game with Radford.

#### Volleyball '97: Lady Panthers off to smooth start

By Tim Gearon Staff Writer

At the beginning of the 97-98 season the Lady Panther's volleyball team was looking to devour their opponents and to continue their success by winning the Trans American Athletic Conference and gaining a birth into the NCAA tournament.

Their confidence was backed up when they were chosen to win the Eastern Division of the TAAC.

With a strong winning record of 8 wins and 2 losses (as of this past Saturday) they are fulfilling their promise.

Eight returning veterans, who are called "crafty", and three strong freshman provide the basis for such a positive outlook.

Last season's team Most Valuable Player **Samantha Walker**, junior, will anchor the team as she proves to be a dominant force in the league.

Walker will team up with

a strong supporting cast that will include All Tournament team member Vania Blake, Tiki Anderson, both sophomores, junior Beth Van Fleet, and seniors Missy Stawick, Quan Vong, and Nicole Lee.

As Coach Sandi Stein puts it, the teams success won't be limited to their talent, but also to "staying injury free. We have also worked hard in the off season and our girls are in their best overall physical shape."

The talent and the conditioning of the team means that finding playing time will be difficult as **Amber Davis** will vie for a starting spot with Lee. Incoming freshmen **Kristy Barrett**, **Kelly Kidd** and **Nikki Rhodes** are all expected to challenge the veterans for playing time.

Coach Stein also believes that the strongest asset of the team will be their relentless defense that will be supplemented with their depth and quality hitters.

The start of the season bodes well for the Lady Panthers as they placed second with a 4 and 1 in the Eugene Stone III Invitational, which was held at the beginning of the season August 29-30.

Both Vong, who is expected to surpass the 1000 mark for assists in just her second year, and Van Fleet, who is expected to be the Lady Panthers second all time career leader in assists, played well enough in the tournament to be elected to the all-tournament team.

Coach Stein had said about her outlook for this season, "With the addition of our freshman and with the added year of experience for our returns we feel confident about the year ahead. We should receive strong leadership from our captains in Stawick and Van Fleet and last year's standout Walker."

With an 8-2 start Stein has a good reason to feel confident about her team's chances of winning the TAAC championship and making their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Panthers were picked to finish first in the TAAC East Division over Mercer, College of Charleston and Campbell in a preseason poll conducted by all 12 of the TAAC head volleyball coaches.

The Lady Panthers played recently against Georgia Tech and Southern Methodist at Georgia Tech. The squad hopes to carry the momentum on the road at Jacksonville and Florida Atlantic before coming backing home to play College of Charleston Sept. 26.



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The Georgia State Lady Panthers celebrate after a spirited 15-8,15-11,3-15,15-7 victory over the Campbell Lady Fighting Camels Friday evening in its 1997 season home opener.

#### 1997 Lady Panther Volleyball Roster

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- 7 Samantha Walker Jr. OH 5-9 Fort Wayne, Ind.
- 8 Amber Davis Sr. MH 6-2 Key West, Fla.
  - 9 Beth Van Fleet Jr. OH 6-0 Tampa, Fla.
- 10 Vania Blake So. OH 5-9 Virgin Islands
- 11 Nikki Rhodes Fr. OH/S 5-8 Brooks, Ga.
- 12 Tiki Anderson So. MH 6-1 Sarasota, Fla.
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#### Men's Soccer '97: Panthers set sights high in TAAC

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

This fall, the Georgia State Panthers soccer team is confident it can open the eyes of players and coaches in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Experience will prove to be the key factor towards the Panthers success as they roll into the season.

Eleven players will return from last year's campaign which resulted in a 7-11 record, and don't be fooled by the talent of the youth on this club.

With a solid eight-man recruiting class summoned for this fall and the maintaining of one of the best recruiting classes in the nation last year, the Panthers are eager and ready to add the tremendous talent of their youth to the experience of their upper-classmen.

Brett Teach, beginning his fourth year as head coach of the Panthers, has added three perennial Division I powerhouses to the 1997 schedule, and he and the Panthers are confident that they will be able to tackle the challenge.

Those three teams are North Carolina, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and Clemson. The Panthers are eager to play aggressively against their new rivals in order to make a statement: that they will be a force to be recognized with in the TAAC.

Besides the challenging non-conference matchups, the Panthers will be getting ready to face a challenging schedule in the TAAC, which produced two teams that enjoyed NCAA Division I postseason tournament appearances last season.

The Panthers conference schedule will be highlighted by two meetings with the College of Charleston, an NCAA tournament participant last season.

With a demanding schedule knocking on their door, coach Teach and the Panthers hope to reach their potential and play on a new level in order to achieve and enjoy the success they so strongly desire

The players returning from last season will round out a 21-man roster for the Panthers this fall. These returning players, complemented by another of Teach's stellar recruiting classes, could move the Panthers into the national spotlight.

Last season, GSU had little problems scoring goals; however, on too many occasions they allowed late goals that resulted in devastating losses.

Leading the scoring punch this season are forwards **Keith Gispert**, **Jimmy Nardello**, and **Ben Wood**. These three players combined for a total of 25 goals and 17 assists.

Gispert received All-TAAC honors in his first season as a Panther after transferring from West Virginia, scoring 11 goals and 31 points and tallying nine assists.

Nardello was the Panthers' second leading scorer

#### 1997 Men's Soccer Roster

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last year with 10 goals and 25 points, tallying five assists with 45 shots.

With the return of three veteran scorers, it will be up to the midfield to create scoring opportunities and the defensemen to keep their opponents in check.

Scott Mackenzie will continue to control the midfield along with the team's most consistent player, Brian Boerstler.

Mackenzie has been selected to the All-TAAC second team three times.

David Prescod and Jay Denslow will provide speed and creative play at the midfielder position.

The Panthers are hoping

that these four individuals will provide a boost to the rest of the team at the midfield positions, creating scoring opportunities for the forwards as well as giving support to the defensemen. The squad must also face the task of replacing Brandon Jenkins, who is now playing professionally in Florida.

Josh Towns and Neil Howe are the two players returning to the defensive this season who hope to bring leadership and a much needed tenacity to the team.

Their play, which last year shut down counterattackers and opened up scoring chances, will set the tone for this fall.

The competition for the starting goalie position continues to heat up between **Darren McKune** and **Erich Wendt** and should be decided as the season rolls along.

Last year, McKune led the Panther keepers with a 2.14 goals against average between the pipes. He was also recognized as an All-TAAC Honorable Mention.

Wendt's hard work this past spring has given him the added confidence he needs to contend for the starting goalie position.

Last year, GSU was honored by Soccer America as having the 13th best recruiting class in the nation.

Teach is confident that this year's recruiting class is just as talented, if not better.

The heralded class includes two-time All-American Matt Steakley from DeKalb College, Brookwood High School teammates Josh Littleton and Paul Leyva, Cobb County Player-of-the-Year Kyle Uhlis, Stephen Woods of Griffin High School, Scott Mora of Lakeside-Evans High School, Augusta College transfer Denny Faircloth, and Ben Keiss of Berkmar High School.

The 1997 recruiting class should provide added depth to the Panther roster and provide a much needed scoring punch and aggressiveness off the bench. The talented newcomers should provide the "spark that lights the fire," giving the Panther soccer program the opportunity to make strides as the 1997 season progresses.

#### GSU men's soccer pounces off to good start

by Jason Hanes Staff Writer

Georgia State's Men's Soccer team will be going for another Trans America Athletic Conference win with a matchup against Charleston this Friday at Panthersville.

The Panthers opened their 30th season with a 2-1 victory over Emory University August 29 at the Rockdale Youth Soccer Complex.

Senior Scott MacKenzie's got the team on the board first with a goal almost 25 minutes into the first half, with assists coming from Brian Boerstler and Keith Gispert.

Emory tied the game just after the 58 minute mark, as Dan Segelin scored on a penalty kick.

But the game belonged to the Panthers, as junior forward Jimmy Nardello scored off a corner kick from Jay -Denslow with just under seven minutes left, giving the Panthers the lead and the win. Two consecutive losses did nothing to help the Panthers, as GSU lost to North Carolina-Asheville August 31, and North Carolina-Greensboro September 5.

The game against UNC-Greensboro was especially difficult for the Panthers, getting shut out 5-0.

The Panthers only managed seven shots on goal, compared to 17 for UNC-Greensboro. GSU also committed 13 fouls in the contest.

The Panthers trip into the Carolinas wasn't a complete loss, however, as GSU defeated North Carolina in Chapel Hill by a score of 2-1.

GSU jumped out to an early lead, scoring two goals in the first 19 minutes.

Freshman Kyle Uhlis put the Panthers on the board, scoring on a counter-attack with an assist form Boerstler.

Twelve minutes later, the Panthers struck again, as freshman Josh Littleton put a free kick in the back of the net from 20 yards out.

From there, the Panthers went into a prevent defense. The Tar Heels scored just shy of the 88 minute mark, but the Panthers put nine men on defense, and did not allow a goal from that point on.

Sophomore goalie Darren McKune had a big game for GSU, saving 9 Tar Heel shots.

GSU opened their TAAC schedule with a thrilling 4-3 overtime win over Mercer, as Littleton had three assists on Panther goals.

A seesaw battle throughout, Littleton's first assist came on a goal by Gispert just before the 27 minute mark.

Robin Nilsson countered for Mercer two minutes later with a goal.

GSU managed to get the lead before the celebrating ended off the Mercer goal, with sophomore Denny Faircloth netting a goal less than three minutes later off an assist from Littleton.

Nilsson scored Mercer's

second goal 3:57 into the second half, evening the score at 2-2. Littleton scored at 57:29 to make it 3-2 on a penalty kick.

Yet again, Nilsson scored the equalizer at 63:52, making it 3-3.

That's how the score stood until 1:31 into overtime, when Denslow put the ball in the net, making it 4-3. The Panthers were able to hold off the Mercer charge in the final moments, giving GSU their first conference win of the season.

September 15 wasn't the best day for the Panthers, as GSU took their first conference loss against Campell 5-

Though the Panthers outshot Campbell in the first half 9-7, the team still trailed 1-0. In the second half, Campbell poured on the offense, scoring four goals in less than 15 minutes to cap the scoring and send the Panthers home in defeat.

The Panthers traveled to Statesboro to take on Division I-AA rivals Georgia Southern.

However, the Panthers came back singing the Statesboro Blues, losing to Georgia Southern by a margion of 3-0 at the Georgia Southern Invitational this past Saturday.

Kevin Hanfman and Chris Skiar scored first-half goals and Tony Brown added another in the 68th minute in the second half.

Georgia was outshot throughout the contest 17-12 but finsihed the game with less fouls (14-15) that their in-state rivals.

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#### Lady Panthers shoot for TAAC Championship

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

The Georgia State Lady Panthers soccer team is striving for a new meaning of success this 1997 fall season.

While the newcomers hope to come in and do their share and contend on a new level of soccer, the Lady Panthers are proud to have their first senior class ever.

In the fourth year of this young but talented program, the Lady Panthers are focused on two if not several things: rapid improvement and success in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Jodie Smith, entering his third year as the Head Coach of the Lady Panthers will present a total of seven starters that will return to the lineup.

The nucleus of the team will be held up by forward Kara Fitzgerald, a three-time All-TAAC selection and TAAC tournament MVP, along with Second Team All-TAAC member Michelle Sacco, and Honorable Mention All-TAAC pick Christine Wolff.

The depth should be vastly improved, especially if the 1997 recruiting class lives up to expectations. According to Smith, his largest recruiting class to date (a total of eight signees) is the "most experienced in the program's history with each newcomer having the potential to make an immediate impact."

The midfield showed remarkable improvement in the '96 season, as Sacco (15) and Wolff (14) led the attack in assists.

how well they start off and how much confidence and momentum they can take from their victories to march farther into the season.

Among the successes from last season the team can build upon are the early 3-3 tie with Mississippi State and key late-season conference victories over Mercer and Centenary

How quickly the returning players and recruits develop a winning chemistry as well as staying away from injuries will be key to the team's success.

The Lady Panthers must play strong and intense in hopes of capturing some victories in a tough early season schedule

In the second year of play under coach Smith's guidance, the Lady Panthers ended their season one goal away from their first ever TAAC championship game appearance. GSU's first ever postseason appearance was a shoot-out loss to Florida International in the semifinals.

This past year marked the program's first winning season at 10-9-2 and the Lady Panthers are eager to improve on that and make a statement that they would like to be a strong contender in the TAAC conference.

Susanne Bobel will take on the duties of midfielder in her senior season at GSU. Bobel has started all but three of the 59 games played in the program's history. In '96, she tallied a career high in goals and points for the season with 4 and 9 respectively.

While starting 18 of the 21 games she played in last season and totaling 32 shots on

goal, Bobel should be a very active presence in the midfield this fall.

Nikkie Potterbaum of Peachtree City, Ga. will fill in a midfield spot as a backup after being plagued by injuries her freshman season. Potterbaum is a member of the Dean's List and an All-TAAC Academic team member

Sacco and Wolff will round off the starting midfield positions as they prepare to help the squad's starting forwards with some big-time assist. Sacco started in all 20 games she played in last season, taking a total of 51 shots, scoring seven times and collecting 15 assists.

Wolff played exceptionally well during her freshman campaign, playing in every game during the '96 season and taking 45 shots for 7 goals and 28 points. Wolff, who also tallied 14 assists, was awarded a spot on the TAAC All-Tournament Team and won Honorable Mention All-TAAC.

Heather English will provide depth and experience as a backup in the backfield in her senior season this fall after starting her first six games of '96 in the goal. A native from Clemson, S.C., English

was the Most Valuable Player at Daniel High School in the first year of the school's program.

Although hampered by injuries early in the '96 season, Ontario, Canada's Mary Feistl played impressively down the stretch, allowing fewer goals than her stint as a freshman. Feistl hopes to improve and make an immediate impact in the backfield along with sophomore Jamie Rushing.

Rushing, a native of Wildwood, Mo. who showed much talent before being plagued by injuries, is healthy and will backup the starting backfielders for the Lady Panthers.

Fitzgerald, from Rockford, Ill. will play her senior season at the position she plays best at (foward), doing the thing she does best: scoring.

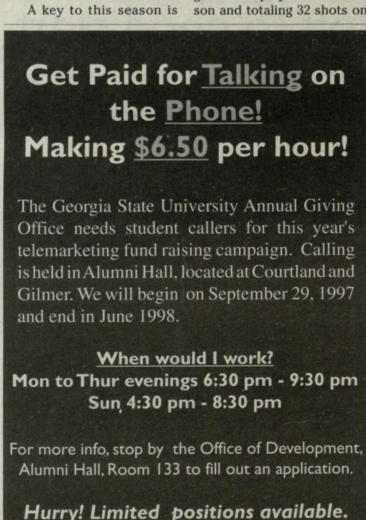
In '96, Fitzgerald scored 24 goals and tallied up 54 points to lead the TAAC in both offensive categories. For her leadership and talent, Fitzgerald was honored this past spring as the Georgia State Female Student Athlete-of-the-Year. She also was credited with five game-winning goals last season and was voted TAAC tournament MVP.

Fitzgerald has the talent and the potential to be honored as an All-American this year.

Also starting as a defender for the Lady Panthers will be returning sophomore **Jill Mayotte** of Naperville, Ill. In her first career game against Mississippi State last season, Mayotte got off to an aggressive start with two goals. Taking 44 shots and scoring five goals with 12 points, Mayotte started in 19 of 21 games played in '96, and hopes to improve her talents this fall.

Jennie Hinson will share time this season as goal-keeper, backing up freshman Sarah Crawford. A sophomore and native from Sante Fe, N.M., Hinson played a pivotal role as a freshman down the stretch of last season in '96, helping the Lady Panthers earn their first TAAC tournament berth. Hinson shutout her opponents 4.5 times last season and gathered 79 saves in 1348 minutes.

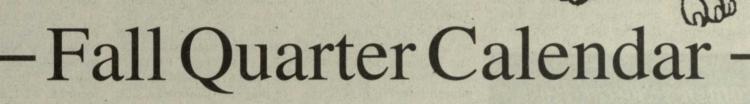
In order to compete strongly for the TAAC Championship this fall, these leaders must motivate and guide the crop of nine young freshman that will prove to be the force of the future in an vastly improving conference.





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#### Women's Soccer '97:major business to take care of

By Marcelle English Staff Writer

After being one game shy of the 1996 Trans American Athletic Conference Championship, the Georgia State Lady Panthers are coming back this season to claim what's rightfully theirs:the title.

With ten returning players, and nine new fresh faces, senior Kara Fitzgerald and the Lady Panthers have started the season off with a promising forecast.

Aug. 30 was the first game of the regular season against the Lady Eagles of Georgia Southern in Stone Mountain.

Being part of the Second Annual Atlanta Cup Challenge Youth Soccer Tournament, Georgia State outshot Georgia Southern 19-6, and dominated most of the game. Althogh they gave a valiant effort, Georgia State was unable to capture a lead, giving the Panthers its first loss of

the season 0-1.

Unfortunately, this was not the first time Georgia State saw defeat to the Lady Last year in Statesboro, Georgia State lost 2-3 in double over-time.

From the Eagles, Georgia State moves on to the Lady Bulldogs of the University of Georgia, in their home opener in Athens. Early in the game, UGA fell behind, 0-1, following a goal made by freshman Anna-Kaisa Moilanen, and assisted by Kara Fitzgerald after only six-minutes of play. The Bulldogs came back to score two goals in a sevenminute interval, making the score 1-2. GSU's second goal of the game came from another freshman, Alisa Thwing, and assisted by Gina Decker, to tie the game.

However, GSU was unable to hold on to the tie when UGA came back to score two more goals, having the ending score 2-4.

Next, the Lady Panthers traveled to the Huskie International to play Northern Illinois and the University of lowa. In the first game, GSU tied Northern Illinois 2-2, with goals from Fitzgerald, and a second by Moilanen assisted by Jill Denslow.

In the second game, GSU went on to have a victory over the University of Iowa, 3-0. In the first half, the only goal was made by Fitzgerald, the 100th point of her collegiate career. By the second half, GSU was on a roll by scoring two more goals. The first by Chandra Yorgason, assisted by Denslow, and Illinois native Michelle Sacco.

The second was made by Fitzgerald (also from Illinois) and assisted by Sacco. GSU outshot Iowa 28-11, making the Panthers record 1-2-1. On Sept. 9 the Lady Panthers traveled to Jacksonville State to play the Gamecocks. GSU also came out of this game victoriously by winning 4-2.

Fitzgerald scored two goals and had one assist, and Moilanen came in to score the other two goals of the game. On the 11th, the Lady Panthers started a three game home series, which began with Jacksonville. Eighty-five people on hand to see GSU win 3-2. The Lady Panthers ended regulation time tied at 2-2.

Nevertheless, GSU still had some pouncing to do and scored one again in the second overtime to bring their record to 3-2-1.

Even with all three goals

scored by Moilanen on Tuesday's game against Mercer, the Panthers still had to settle for a 3-3 tie. The Bears gave onlookers a great show by scoring all three of their goals in a five-minute span in the second half.

This game is the first of two regular season meetings between the in-state TAAC Eastern Division rival, the second of which will be in Macon Sept. 30.

With the Lady Panthers playing Tennessee-Chattanooga at the halfway mark of the season, GSU was able to improve their dynamic record to 4-2-1, after blowing out Tennessee 5-1.

Two winning goals came from Fitzgerald, and singles from Gina Decker, Yorgason and Sue Bobel. GSU outshot their visitors 34-4, but the Lady Moc benefited greatly from outstanding goalkeeping by sophomore Iva English, who had 17 saves.

The Lady Panthers capped off a 5-2-2 start in the first half of the season with a 3-1 victory over Campbell Saturday afternoon.

GSU took the lead for good with a goal by Moilanen in the 71st minute of play to capture the win.

#### 1997 Women's Soccer Roster

00 Jennie Hinson 5-6 GK So. Sante Fe, N.M. 1 Sarah Crawford 5-11 GK Fr. Snellville, Ga. 2 Christine Wolff 5-6 MF So. Arlington Hts., Ill. 4 Jamie Rushing 5-5 D So. Ballwin, Mo. 5 Michelle Sacco 5-6 MF Jr. Rockford, Ill. 6 Heather English 5-6 D/MF Sr. Clemson, S.C. 7 Kara Fitzgerald 5-5 F Sr. Rockford, Ill. 8 Anna-Kaisa Moilanen 5-7 F Fr. Vantaa, Finland 9 Gina Decker 5-5 MF Fr. Alpharetta, Ga. 10 Jill Denslow 5-6 MF Fr. Norcross, Ga. 11 Alisa Thwing 5-6 MF/F Fr. San Diego, Ca. 12 Sue Bobel 5-8 MF/F Sr. Marietta, Ga. 13 Jenny Grimsley 5-7 MF/F Fr. Lilburn, Ga. 14 Nikki Potterbaum 5-6 MF Jr. Peachtree City, Ga. 15 Chandra Yorgason 5-7 F Fr. Snellville, Ga. 16 Mary Feistl 5-6 D Jr. Pickering, Ontario 17 Sabrina Buchanan 5-7 F So. Lilbrun, Ga.



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#### Newcomers ready for memorable season

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

Speak to anyone on the roster of the '97 Georgia State women's soccer team and you will find out that they want to achieve many goals.

One of their main goals is to sharply improve their style of play, especially in competition with teams in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

In the short history of the women's soccer program here at the concrete campus, third-year head coach Jodie Smith has chosen the biggest and what he hopes to be the most exciting recruiting class yet.

One thing is for sure.

These ten Lady Panther newcomers are certainly young, talented and full of energy and should make an incredible addition to a roster that will only bring back seven starters from the previous season.

Sarah Crawford should be a very helpful presence playing the backup role in goal behind Jennie Hinson this fall.

The freshman from Lilburn, Ga. led Brookwood High School to the class AAAA state championship

game and helped them qualify for the state tournament for three years.

A three-time All-Gwinnett County selection Brookwood coach Anita McLaine, Crawford holds the school record for goals against in a season.

A four year starter out of Salem High School in Conyers, Ga., Amy Tolliver was a twotime All-Rockdale County selection and could see time either at the defender position or in the midfield.

Alisa Thwing arrives all the way from San Diego, Ca. with ambitions of improving the midfield of the Lady Pan-

A freshman from Mira Mesa High School, Thwing was named to the All-Eastern League Team for all four years and was named Mira Mesa's Offensive Most Valuable Player the last three years.

Thwing was also a member of the California South Olympic Development Pro-

Bethany Robinson also hopes to give the Lady Panther midfield an offensive boost this fall.

A three-year starter from Snellville's Brookwood High School, Robertson helped her team reach the class AAAA to both the Georgia-Tennesstate championship game her senior year.

Brookwood made three straight appearances to the state playoffs and marked two national rankings. Robinson is a member of the Georgia Olympic Development Pro-

Gina Decker, a two-time all county and all metro performer at Chattahoochee High School, hopes to step in big at the midfield position and see some playing time.

Decker was one of the main reasons why the Lady Cougars got to the semifinals of the class AAAA state championship.

In her high school days, Decker was named to the Georgia-Tennessee All-Star team as well as the Georgia Senior All-Star Team, were she was honored as the game's Most Valuable Player.

She is also a part of the Georgia Olympic Development Program.

Rounding out the midfield recruits is Norcross High School's Jill Denslow, a fourtime All Gwinnett County pick where she led her team in assists all four years.

Like her teammate Decker, Denslow was named see and Georgia Senior All Star Teams.

She is also a member of the Georgia Olympic Development Program.

Four newcomers will battle it out for playing time at the forward position and should each show improvement and make a positive impact on the attitude of the Lady Panthers as a team.

Jenny Grimsley, a freshman out of Parkview High School from Lilburn, Ga., led her team to the 1997 Georgia class AAAA state championship and a national ranking of 7th her senior year.

In the playoff run to Parkview's championship, Grimsley scored in each and every game.

She was also named to the Georgia-Tennessee and Georgia Senior All-State teams.

Ethleen Howell, a sophomore transfer from LaGrange College was an All-Georgia Athletic Conference performer.

She was a three-time All-County performer at McEachern H.S. and could see time at either forward or in the midfield.

Chandra Yorgason, an-

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other member of class AAAA runner-up Brookwood High School, led the Lady Broncos to two national rankings during her highschool days.

She led the team in scoring and was the offensive MVP her senior year.

A member of the Georgia Olympic Development Program, Yorgason hopes to give some quality play at the forward position when she is called upon.

All the way from Vantaa, Finland, Anna-Kaisa Moilanen hopes to display her talent at the forward position and see some playing time this fall.

Moilanen her led highschool team, Hameenkyla High School, to five National Junior Championship games, winning one.

She is GSU's second international signee on the Lady Panthers' soccer program.

All of these newcomers should come in this year and make a strong contribution and positive impact on the success of the team.

This group of nine freshman make up half of the Lady Panthers squad and will be the starters of the future, hoping to continue the success of GSU women's soccer.

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#### Pursuing the dream; making it a reality

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer -

The big question everybody is buzzing about is: Will this year be the year?

The men's cross country team did it two season's in succession and are shooting for a third consecutive title this fall.

The Lady Panthers, returning with senior All-TAAC runner Shelley Price and five standout sophomores are ready to compete for its' first Trans America Athletic Conference Championship this decade.

The Lady Panthers are excited to cap off its experience with two new additions to the roster, transfers Laurie Phelan and Traci Robinson, runners who should prove to add even further depth to an already talented and enthusiastic team.

This is a team which should improve tremendously with each and every stride this fall, especially after the Lady Panthers finished third in the TAAC Championships only two points behind second place Florida International.

Head Coach John Rowland and assistant Jessica Graham, who have developed successful coaching abilities during their tenure at GSU, are hoping to bring the Lady Panthers to a new level of competition.

Shelley Price, the lone senior on the roster, was responsible for much of the success and growth of the Lady Panthers since she joined the team from her hometown of Elmwood, Ontario in 1994.

The psychology major was honored as GSU's Runner-of-the-Year in 1994 led in every race her freshman year. She was also a part of the 1995 All-TAAC team with an eighth place finish at the TAAC Championships with a 5K time of 19:54. Price posted her personal best of 19:43 as a sophomore.

Price placed 1996 season best times of 20:05 (Districts at Furman) and 20:06 (Florida State Invitational), as well as 17th at the TAAC ChampionJuniors Katy Kline and Kim Hoyle will bring added experience to the program this season.

This past fall, Kline finished ninth at the TAAC Championships, giving her a welcome place on the All-Conference team.

Kline, a native of Villa Rica, Ga. out of Alexander High School, transferred from West Georgia after competing on the Gulf South Conference Championship team in 1995. In her first year as a Lady Panther, she posted fantastic times of 19:04 (Auburn Invitational) and 19:17 (Georgia Collegiate Championships at Panthersville).

A co-recipient of the Most Improved Runner Award at GSU, Kline is majoring in exercise science.

Hoyle, the second of three juniors on the team, attended Lovejoy High School in Jonesboro, Ga and led her team to a second place finish in the state championships her senior year.

In 1996, Hoyle posted her season best times of 22:19 (Georgia Collegiate Championships, Panthersville) and 22:28 (Florida State Invitational). Hoyle, who received the High-Five Scholarship Award for the rising senior athlete with the highest GPA, is majoring in physical therapy.

Phelan, the first of two transfers on the squad should provide an added spark and motivation.

The Brighton, Ontario native ran for the East North Cumberland Secondary School, finishing 37th in the 1994 Canadian Cross Country Championships.

Phelan also finished an excellent ninth in the 1996 NJCAA Cross-Country Nationals and posted a season best 5K time of 19:19.

Phelan was named Senior Female Athlete of the year at Macombe College before arriving at the concrete campus of CSU

Sarah Howard is here at GSU to have her most outstanding year of her collegiate career as a sophomore after finishing first place at the TAAC Championships and capturing the overall individual title in 1996.

Named Top Senior Female Athlete at Barrie North High School in her hometown of Ontario, Canada, Howard posted her 1996 season best times of 18:21 (Auburn Invitational) and 18:44 (at the Florida State Invitational). A major in biology, Howard was the recipient of the Most Valuable Runner Award for the 1996 season.

Howard, along with the other four sophomore runners, the core of the roster, should be effective in providing much inspiration and developing a strong sense of team spirit.

Sophomore Jenna Hoffman was seventh in the state as a senior at Evans High School in Martinez, Ga. and surged into the forefront as a strong force on the Lady Panthers.

During her freshman season at GSU in 1996 Hoffman placed sixth at the TAAC Championships, giving her an All-Conference selection.

A co-recipient of the Most Improved Runner Award, she posted cross country season best times of 19:03 (Furman Invitational) and 19:17 (Georgia Collegiate Championships, Panthersville).

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Hoffman is pursuing a major in Chemistry.

Coming out of Salem High School as the Most Valuable Runner for three years, sophomore **Jennifer Ewert** joined the squad as a walk-on in 1996 and received the Coach's Award from Coach Rowland.

Ewert posted season best times of 20:38 (Georgia Collegiate Championships, Panthersville) and 20:39 (Districts at Furman).

Hoping to improve this fall after placing 35th in last season's TAAC Championships, Ewert is pursuing a major in biology.

Brandie Carter, a sophomore from Sequoyah High School in Woodstock, Ga. posted season best times of 20:16 (Furman, Districts) and 20:32 (Florida State Invitational).

Also placing 32nd at the 1996 TAAC Championships, Carter hopes to be an influential part of the Lady Panthers success this season.

Beth Hall, a sophomore out of Brooklyn, Conn., was an All-Conference and four-year varsity runner at Killingly High School.

During her freshman campaign, she posted season best times of 21:01 (Auburn Invitational) and 21:16 (Furman, Districts).

Placing 40th in the conference championships last fall, Hall is pursuing a major in

criminal justice.

Traci Robinson rounds off the Lady Panthers as the second transfer who hopes to make her presence felt this fall.

From Valdosta State, she was a four-year letter winner from Brookwood High School and ran her cross country personal best of 19:47 for the 5K

Born in Pasadena, Tx., Robinson is majoring in criminal law

The Lady Panthers hope to bring home the coveted TAAC Championship and continue success this season and fulfill its dream to go above and beyond.

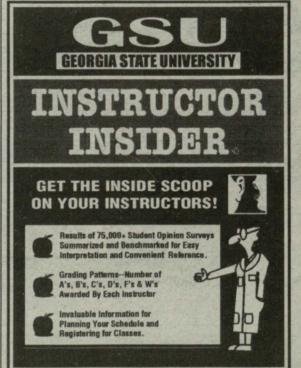
With a roster full of talent, spirit, enthusiasm and hard work ethic, coach Rowland should see nothing but positive things from his runners this fall.

A realistic goal for the Lady Panthers in the 1997 season is for a number of runners to finish in the top thirty of the TAAC Championships.

#### 1997 Women's Cross Country Roster

Brandie Carter So. 5-3 Woodstock,Ga./Sequoyah
Jennifer Ewert So. 5-5 Conyers,Ga./Salem
Beth Hall So. 5-3 Brooklyn,Conn./Killingly
Jenna Hoffman So. 5-6 Martinez,Ga./Evans
Sarah Howard So. 5-2 Barrie, Ontario/Barrie North
Traci Robinson So. 5-5 Snellville,Ga./Brookwood
Kim Hoyle Jr. 5-8 Jonesboro,Ga./Lovejoy
Katy Kline Jr. 5-8 Villa Rica,Ga./Alexander
Laurie Phelan Jr. 5-7 Brighton,Ontario/MacComb JC
Shelly Price Sr. 5-3 Elmond,Ontario/Diefonbaker

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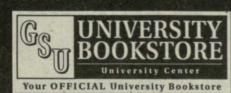
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#### Panthers run for third consecutive title

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

Depth and determination.
Those are certainly the two most significant words that stand out when describing the Georgia State men's cross country team this fall.

The focus of the team is to yet again finish at the top of the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Their ambitions are high and each and every runner on the Panthers squad hopes to make a positive and significant impact on the season.

The one thing every runner counts on is establishing a direction for his or herself and momentum going on into the final races of the season.

An aspect that the Panthers can look back on from 1996 and be proud of is that they found the right direction and stayed with it.

They stayed with the direction that led them all the way to their second TAAC championship in as many years.

The Panthers hope to carry the momentum they gained from last fall over towards the new season and obtain the ultimate team goal: three-peat as TAAC champions

Returning from the 1996 conference championship team will be All-TAAC seniors Andrew Letherby, 1995 TAAC-runner up and 1994 and 1996 TAAC champion, Jimmy Sinkoski, fourth in the conference championships last fall and its first American finisher, and Jeff Clayton, 14th in the conference championships last fall and 10th as a sophomore.

The outstanding 1996 freshman recruiting class of Jesse Blanton, Spencer Edwards, and Chris Richards will be key to the success of the Panthers this season and their chances to capture the TAAC championship trophy for the third year in a row.

Blanton placed 15th in the TAAC championships last fall and was the second freshman finisher.

Edwards did a remarkable job last season, showing true consistency with top five finishes for the team in each race. Richards improved in every race leading up to the TAAC championships.

Brian LaBudde and Jeremy Cook return from their redshirt years last fall to help add to the team's depth.

LaBudde and Cook were 15th and 27th respectively in the conference championships during the 1995 season and helped the Panthers claim their first ever conference title. Now that Georgia State has gotten to know the talents of people such as Letherby, Clayton, Blanton and LaBudde, the fans realize that this team is loaded with ability and the desire to improve in each race.

But that's not all.

The GSU coaching staff has also added another outstanding recruiting class for this fall season.

The two new additions to the Panthers' roster are **Tee Mott** and **Min Cha**.

Mott is a three-time class AAA state champion from Douglass County H.S. in Douglasville. Mott won the 1996 class AAA cross country championship as well as the 800 meters and 1600 meters at the track championships.

Cha is a standout from Meadowcreek H.S. who finished eighth at the 1996 class AAAA state cross country championships.

Both Mott and Cha hope to make a positive impact on the team this fall and fit in nicely. The two will be essential to the team in achieving depth and experience coming down the stretch of the cross country season.

With the front running abilities of Letherby and Sinkoski and depth being the trademark of the Panther runners over the past two years, Georgia State should remain among the elite in the TAAC.

Take it from the words of head coach John Rowland who is thinking what a third consecutive TAAC title could mean for GSU: "Another conference title could solidify the Georgia State cross country team as one of the best the Trans America Athletic Conference has ever seen."

#### 1997 Men's Cross Country Roster

Jesse Blanton So. 5-10 135 Social Circle, Ga.
Jeff Clayton Sr. 5-7 130 Lilburn, Ga.
Min Cha Fr. 5-10 135 Lawrenceville, Ga.
Jeremy Cook Jr. 5-8 110 Douglasville, Ga.
Spencer Edwards So. 6-0 145 Jonesboro, Ga.
Brian LaBudde So. 5-11 145 Smyrna, Ga.
Andrew Letherby Sr. 5-6 120 Crestmeade,
Autralia

Tee Mott Fr. 5-7 125 Douglasville, Ga. Chris Richards So. 6-0 160 Jonesboro, Ga. Jimmy Sinkoski Sr. 5-11 145 Fayetteville, Ga.

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#### GSU Cross Country soars to a blazing start

#### Teams produce strong finishes at Western Carolina Meet and Georgia Regional Hospital

By Shawn Haney Staff Writer

Another year of high hopes and strong expectations began early in September for a bright, young cross country team that has many dreams to bring to life during the 1997 fall season.

The Panthers, led by senior Andrew Letherby, started off it's first meet in good fashion, producing a fourth place tie with crosstown rival Georgia Tech (141 points) at the Western Carolina Invitational on a brisk Saturday morning in Cullowhee,

Panther All-American candidate and two-time Trans America Athletic Conference champion Letherby nearly missed his tenth career individual title by two seconds, finishing the course with a second place time of 25:23.

Jimmy Sinkoski put on another fantastic finish, placing 12th with a time of 26:08.

Clemson's Joe Gibson captured first place with a 8K (8000 meters) time of 25:21.

Clemson University finished first in the men's competition with a meet low 37 points, while host Western Carolina University finished. second with a score of 76.

In the 5K (5000 meters) women's competition, the Lady Panthers finished in a disappointing tie for ninth of 254 points.

Sarah Howard provided a much needed spark of confidence for the Lady Panthers, who hope to gather momentum as the season rolls along.

The GSU sophomore who is seeking to reach a higher level of achievement this fall season, was the top in-state finisher, placing sixth with a time of 18:38.

Senior Katy Kline was the second GSU finisher, placing 36 with a 5K time of 19:32.

The following weekend, the men's squad improved to finish in second place with a total score of 43 behind Georgia Tech (first place with 50 points) at the 25th Annual

with host WCU with a score GSU Invitational at Georgia Regional Hospital.

> Letherby was the highest collegiate men's finisher in the 8K race with a superb time of

> The victory marked Letherby's 10th career collegiate championship, leading the Panthers to a second place finish overall.

Sinkoski finished in eighth place with a time of 26:05.

Jesse Blanton was the third Panther to cross the finish line with a respectable time of 26:29, 16th overall.

Jeff Clayton finished 23rd with an overall time of 26:42.

Freshman sensation Tee Mott was the fifth Panther to cross the finish line with a time of 27:16.5, good for 35th

The University of Memphis put out a remarkable effort to place above TAAC contender College of Charleston with a third overall score of

The Lady Panthers were led by Sarah Howard, who finished tenth overall with a time of 19:05.

Katy Kline finished not far behind in the pack with a time of 19:40, good for 23rd over-

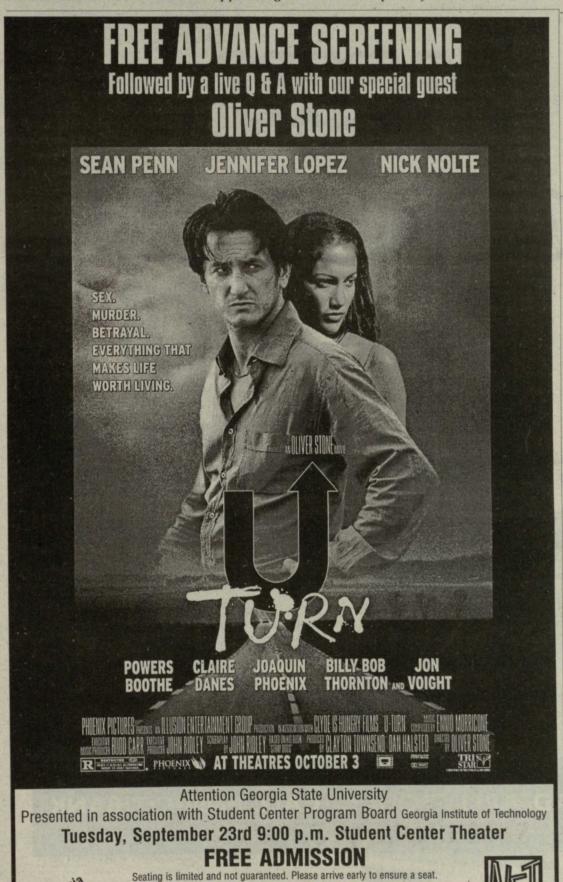
Shelly Price came in 38th place with a solid time of 20:29, and Jennifer Ewert finished close behind at 20:45, good for 45th overall.

In the 5K women's race, Georgia Tech captured the championship with a total of 18 points.

University of Tennessee took second place (63 points), followed by the College of Charleston (77) and a fourth place finish by the Lady Panthers with 107 total points.

The men's and women's cross country teams will continue to build positive momentum during the Pre-TAAC meet this Saturday in Birmingham, Ala.

The Panthers and Lady Panthers hope to then surge to the forefront of the TAAC Conference with a strong finish against other teams throughout the Southeast at the Georgia Collegiate, Oct. 4, with the Furman Invitational following Oct. 11.



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At Georgia



## Panther volleyball team off to successful start

by Kristy Conrad Staff Writer

In the Trans America Athletic Conference Volleyball preseason poll, Georgia State University was picked to win the Eastern Conference.

The Lady Panthers have lived up to this honor by starting the season with a 8-2 record (as of Friday the 19th).

Returning to the team this year are former TAAC players of the week Vania Blake and Samantha Walker.

Power setter Quan Vong—ranked as the number one setter in California during her junior college years also rejoined the team.

Kicking off the season at the Eugene Stone III Invitational tournament, the Panthers powered through the tournament with a second place finish and 4-1 record.

Team high in kills for this went to Beth Van Fleet who had 19 in the match against Towson University. In the same match, Quan Vong had 57 assists.

The first official match of the season was against Alabama State University. The Lady Panthers smashed Alabama 15-7, 15-3, 15-7.

Missy Stawick, who scored double digits in assists 15 times last year, had 18 assists on the day.

Next two matches up for GSU were Jacksonville State and Florida A & M, and both were victories.

The match against Florida A & M was close, with match scores of 15-11, 15-12, and 15-12. Beth Van Fleet—well on her way to surpassing her 205 kills last season—once again led the team in kills with 11.

Samantha Walker and Amber Davis each contributed nine kills. Vania Blake had 16 digs for the match.

Florida State University, who is off to the program's best-ever start at 9-0, handed the volleyball team their second loss of the season 11-15, 4-15, 6-15.

The GSU team was leading in the first game 11-10 when the FSU coach called a time out. After this break, the Seminoles went on a tear that GSU was not able to over-

Next up for the Panther volleyball team will be road games at Georgia Tech, Southern Methodist, Mercer, and Jacksonville.

#### TAAC eighth in NCAA baseball ratings

MACON, Ga. – The Trans America Athletic Conference is listed eighth in the NCAA Baseball Ratings Percentage Index for the second consecutive season.

The RPI, used by the NCAA to grade the 30 Division I Conferences, gives a ranking to a team's Division I winning percentage, its opponents Division I winning percentage

and its opponents strength of schedule.

"The league membership believed that TAAC baseball was a substantial force on the national level and the RPI ratings reinforce that belief," Commissioner Bill Bobb stated.

"The TAAC coaches and players should be complimented for striving to maintain their level of excellence and we look forward to having them considered among the nation's best in 1998."

advanced Conference while both at large bid at-large bid

The TAAC, for the first time in league history, had three teams advance into NCAA postseason play in 1997.

The University of Central Florida, winning its fourth straight TAAC Championship,

advanced via the Conference's automatic bid while both Stetson and Florida International earned at-large bids into postseason action

In the final team-by-team RPI rankings, Stetson was 19th followed by UCF at number 20 and FIU 23rd.

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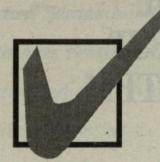
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| Sept. 4    | at Alabama State                     | 7:00  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Sept. 9    | at Jacksoville State*                | 7:00  |
| Sept. 12   | at Florida A&M                       | 7:00  |
| Sept.13    | at Florida State                     | 7:00  |
| Sept. 19   | JACKSONVILLE                         | 6:00  |
| Sept. 20   | at Georgia Tech                      | 11:00 |
|            | Southern Methodist (at Georgia Tech) | 3:00  |
| Sept. 25   | at Mercer*                           | 7:00  |
| Sept. 27   | at Jacksonville                      | 10:00 |
| Sept. 27   | Florida Atlantic (at Jacksonville)   | 2:00  |
| Sept. 30   | SAMFORD*                             | 7:00  |
| Oct. 3     | at Campbell*                         | 7:00  |
| Oct. 5     | at College of Charleston*            | 1:00  |
| Oct. 10-12 | GSU COMFORT INN CLASSIC              | TBA   |
| 10         | NORTH CAROLINA A&T                   | 7:00  |
| 11         | AUBURN                               | 2:00  |
| 12         | DAVIDSON                             | 3:00  |
| Oct. 18    | CAMPBELL*                            | 1:00  |
|            | JACKSONVILLE STATE                   | 7:00  |
| Oct. 22    | MERCER*                              | 7:00  |
| Oct. 31    | COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON*               | 7:00  |
| Nov. 2     | TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA                | 2:00  |
| Nov: 4     | at Georgia                           |       |
| Nov. 8     | NORTH CAROLINA-ASHEVILLE             | 1:00  |
| Nov. 9     | TROY STATE                           | 2:00  |

Nov. 21-22 TAAC Tournament at West Division Winer TBA

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#### 1997 Georgia State Cross Country Schedule

Sept. 6 Western Carolina Invitational Cullowhee, N.C.

Sept. 13 GEORGIA STATE INVITATIONAL Atlanta, Ga.

Sept. 27 at Pre-TAAC Championship Birmingham, Ala.

Oct. 4 GEORGIA COLLEGIATE

Atlanta, Ga.

Furman Invitational Oct. 11

TBA

Oct. 25 at Troy State Invitational

Troy, Ala.

TAAC Championships Nov. 1

Birmingham, Ala.

Nov. 15 NCAA District IX Championships

Birmingham, Ala.

Nov. 20 NCAA Division I Championships

Greenville, S.C.

Home meets at Georgia Regional Hospital (Panthersville)

#### 1997 Georgia State Men's Soccer Schedule

| Sept. 26 | College of Charleston* | 4:00 |
|----------|------------------------|------|
| Oct. 2   | CENTENARY*             | 4:00 |
| Oct. 5   | at Berry               | 2:00 |
| Oct. 8   | MERCER*                | 4:00 |
| Oct. 15  | at Clemson             | 7:00 |
| Oct. 18  | at Campbell*           | 7:00 |
| Oct. 22  | at Charleston*         | 4:00 |
| Oct. 26  | at Centenary*          | 2:00 |
| Oct. 31  | BELMONT                | 4:00 |
| Nov. 2   | SOUTH ALABAMA          | 2:00 |
|          |                        |      |

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\*Trans America Athletic Conference match HOME MATHCES AT PANTHERSVILLE (UNLESS NOTED)

TAAC Tournament at East Division Winner

#### 1997 Georgia State Women's Soccer Schedule

| Sept. 23 | BELMONT                   | 4:00 |
|----------|---------------------------|------|
| Sept. 26 | COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON*    | 2:00 |
| Sept. 28 | RADFORD                   | 1:00 |
| Sept. 30 | at Mercer*                | 4:00 |
| Oct. 3   | at Troy State             | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6   | at Tennessee Tech         | 5:00 |
| Oct. 16  | CAMPBELL*                 | 4:00 |
| Oct. 18  | SAMFORD*                  | 4:00 |
| Oct. 22  | at Middle Tennessee State | 5:00 |
| Oct. 25  | at College of Charleston* | 7:00 |
| Oct. 26  | at at Jacksonville*       | 1:00 |

Nov. 4-5 TAAC Tournament @ Central Division winner

NCAA Tournament Play-In Nov. 11 @ Conference USA Champion

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#### Lady Panthers name assistants

ATLANTA, Ga.-Georgia State Women's Basketball Coach Lea Henry has restructured her staff for the 1997-98 season with the naming of three new assistant coaches and a public relations specialist.

Joining Henry's staff are Susan Montgomery, Elizabeth Kennedy and former Lady Panther assistant Stephany Raines, as well as Kristie Cowan, who will serve in the public relations role.

Montgomery and Kennedy replace Terese Allen and Susan Stoddard, who were GSU assistant coaches the last three years and one year, respectively.

A native of nearby Marietta, Montgomery received her bachelors (1983) and masters (1989) degrees at Valdosta State University and was head coach at Kennesaw State from 1992-95.

She was also a Division I assistant coach at South Florida in 1995-96 before spending the last year in private business in Colorado Springs, Co.

Kennedy comes to GSU

## PANTHERS ESTABLISH NEW SEASON TICKET POLICY

ATLANTA, Ga.—In an unprecendented move, Georgia State University announced recently that it's men's basketball team would refund 1997 season ticket holders for those games for which the team does not win.

"The average fan is fed-up with big-time athletes who don't care if they win or lose," said head coach "Lefty" Driesell. "When fans buy tickets, they want to get their money's worth. Well, now we're all in this toghether. If we lose, they don't pay. It's that simple."

Commenting on the announcement was Tom McMillan, a former All-American from "Lefty's" coaching days at Maryland, a former 3-term U.S. Congressman, Olympian, and Co-Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Education and Sports.

"This is an exciting landmark in sports," said McMillan. "It really goes a long way in renewing important values like fairness, fan appreciation, and player motivation."

Coach Driesell looks to achieve a record of 700 career wins this upcoming fall season.

Georgia State will be the fourth Division I head coaching job for Driesell, whose current overall record stands at 683-335 (.671).

from the University of Colorado, where she was an administrative assistant this past year. Prior to that, she was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Southern Colorado (1995-96) and assistant coach at Centre College in Danville, Ky. for three years (1992-95). She's a graduate of Mercyhurst College (1991) in Pennsylvania and got her masters degree from the University of Kentucky (1995).

Raines, who starred at point guard for Henry's back-to-back conference championship teams at Mercer University in 1991 and 1992, the year she graduated, rejoins the Georgia State staff after a year in private business.

Previously the native from Thomaston, Ga. was in

charge of conditioning and scouting during Henry's final two seasons at Mercer (1992-94) and remained on her staff through her first two years at Georgia State (1994-96).

Cowan, who spent the past year at Georgia State as a graduate assistant for development while finishing work on her masters degree in sports administration, is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. and a 1992 graduate of Duke University.

Henry, a former Olympian and Gold Medalist with the 1984 U.S. Women's Basketball Team and a former star for Pat Summit at Tennessee, is beginning her fourth year at the helm of the Georgia State women's basketball program.

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#### 6 p.m. starting time hopes to build better fan base at basketball games

In recognition of Georgia State student support along with the student activity fee, weekday games have been moved to a 6 p.m. starting time.

This change was made in order to make it easier for students, faculty, staff and fans to stay and attend more basketball games soon after classes end during the day.

The move was made with the encouragement of Panthers head coach Lefty Driesell who had experience with that kind of schedule in the past during his three previous coaching jobs at Davidson, Maryland and James Madison.

Students should be able to attend more games now that they will begin shortly after classes in the early evening.

The first five rows near the floor on both sides of the gym have been reserved for students to get them closer to the action.

GSU, located in the heart of dowtown Atlanta, is second largest university in the state with an enrollment of nearly 25,000 students.

The university competes in 14 sports in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

The Panthers made its only NCAA tournament appearance in 1991.

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## Features

Covering Georgia State University Student Life

Steffin with On Thursday, September 11, the Atlanta Arts Festival and 99X hosted the "Annual Membership Party" at Centennial Olympic Park. Lasting from 6 p.m. to midnight, the night featured art, food and music. The main attraction was Tony Bennett, though the numerous other acts proved quite as entertaining.

Photo By: Eveline Vingerling

Tony Bennett sings sweet lullaby to a young admirer.

The opening musical act, the Continentals, performed a vibrant array of "swing dance" mu-

sic for the crowd to shuffle to. In the spirit of the event, some guests wore traditional "swing attire," providing a nostalgic atmosphere to

dance in.

Atlanta natives, singer Amy Pike-Taylor, drummer Michael Wray, bassist Johnny Cowan and guitarist Jeff Passifume played before a bustling crowd for two hour long sets in support of their forthcoming album *Moonshine & Martinis*.

Throughout the Continentals' performance and the rest of the night, partygoers were joined by the dancing art pieces, the Pedestrian Projects and Buoys. The Pedestrian Projects, characters taken from "school zone" signs, were brought from New York to prove that communication can be expressed through sight alone.

They portrayed social issues. Part of the Arts Festival was to give guests a taste of Atlanta's restaurants. They enjoyed delectables from various food purveyors lining the east end of the park such as Mumbo Jumbo, Rio Bravo, Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza as well as pastries from Publix Supermarkets.

Midway through the event, the crowd was entertained by a water show from the park's Olympic water fountain.

The fountain, shaped in the design of the Olympic Rings, spouted its eight foot streams to a light show and Olympic theme music.

The fountain was one of the factors in moving the Arts Festival from Piedmont Park to Centennial Olympic Park.

The enchanted night progressed to its final stage as the masses relocated to the 99X stage to see Tony Bennett. As the masses impatiently waited, a dancing cross-dresser enthralled them with a short set of lip-synched oldies.

Around 10 p.m., the concert was underway as fans welcomed the aged singer with a standing ovation. Along with the Ralph Sharon Quartet, Bennett captivated the crowd with a sea of old favorites: "I Left My Heart In San Francisco," "Fly Me To The Moon" and "Rags To Riches." Bennett also dedicated a portion of his set to cover the great chanteuses of past.

During a rendition of Judy Garland's "Somewhere Over The Rainbow," Fiona Pike, daughter of Continentals singer Amy Pike, danced her way onto the corner of the stage. Bennett took heed of the crowd's beguiled reception of the baby and followed the spotlight to the little girl. The crowd wooed as Bennett serenaded his young visitor.

Bennett himself displayed a touch of youth twirling around and joking with the audience. Moreover, he proved to everyone he could still belt out rousing renditions of "Steppin' Out With My Baby" and "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" to get the party jumping.

Spectators in the park, as well as onlookers from the street, were drawn to grab their partners and dance as Bennett and Co. made sure there was not a lull throughout the performance.

As the night winded down, Bennett attempted to end the show, but was enticed by the clamor of applause to do two encores.

The night ended moving a plethora of flabbergasted spectators from the sounds of Bennett's songs of romance into the arms of loved ones.

#### Smith's metaphors reflect personal struggle

By M.A. Ercin Staff Writer

In a country where modern poetry and fiction do not sell unless they have the draw of a big name author, millions of former English majors must be rereading the classics. Art majors end up working in offices more often than hanging in galleries. Film makers may be the only artists that enjoys widespread attention, and even then the Hollywood standard is the popular standard. The arguments against public funding for the arts challenge the skill of modern artists and question the relevance of their work. Fine artists create work for an elite, while popular artists dismiss them as snobs and gain the popular market at exhibits like the Piedmont Arts Festival.

In an atmosphere where the fine arts are not appreciated, one wonders what goal compels a student of the fine arts. Though paintings and prints may seem overpriced, the market is too small, and the chances for fame too discouraging, for artists to be in it for the money. Stephanie Smith, a graduate of the Atlanta College of Art who went on to receive her masters of fine arts in printmaking at the University of Georgia thinks it is about the universality of experience and the communication of those common experiences.

Stephanie Smith's wood and linoleum cuts are a look at social interaction within the family, at personal views of self, and at the alienation

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inherent in trying to communicate. Smith considers her art a personal expression. that is open for universal interpretation. The viewer brings their own experiences into the gallery and interprets the artists metaphorical expression of experience into their own understanding. Common symbols of freedom and restriction such as the flying bird and the cage are mixed in with metaphors for more complex experiences. The reoccurrence of the symbol of people wearing the "Elizabethan collar," the lampshadelike collar given to animals who have injured themselves to prevent them from gnawing at their wounds, is

a striking example. In Ath-

ens, Smith lived next door to

a veterinarian, the origin of

the "Elizabethan collar," symbol that she describes as a "perfect metaphor."

Smith's linoleum and wood cuts create scenes of distortion and oddness. The artists prints are highly textured, with patterns from the wood and linoleum cuts running over faces and bodies. In "Familiar Relations," the cut faces and the unnatural proportions evoke a sense of domestic life gone bad under the surface. In "Blame," another disquieting scene is created. Three figures, static and stiff, pose as if for a portrait with one blindfolded and another holding two eyes growing from a thorny stem. Throughout Smith's works are images of lifelessness, of confinement and of power and control reflected through distortion. People are bound by their own choice; sometimes ribs appear as a cage. Smith's works are reminiscent of the drawings of a child, of a child's distorted viewpoint recreated through printmaking.

Smith's bleak world of alienation and personal struggle, her universal rendering of personal experience, is on display at The Callanwolde Fine Arts Center through October 10.



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One of Smith's works on display at the Callanwolde Fine Arts
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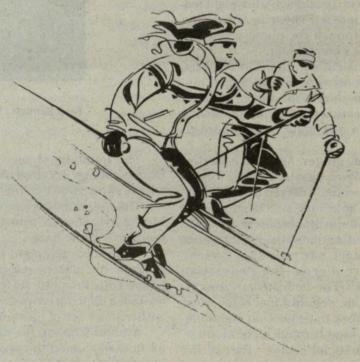
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## Grand Opening great night for star gazing

There was something very special about the stars that appeared in downtown Atlanta last Tuesday. The celestial bodies that illuminate the night sky were no match for the stars that emerged from limousines to welcome the All Star Cafe to Atlanta. This grand opening celebration was truly one that the thousands in attendance will not soon forget.

Spectators who arrived early enough were treated to a preshow by local talent to prepare them for what was to come in a matter of hours. They were entertained by Hot 97.5 FM disc jockey and local comic Ryan Cameron, who kept the crowd of onlookers enthralled by giving away hundreds of All Star Cafe hats and shirts. Cameron was accompanied by local sports mascots Homer and Rolly from the Braves, Freddy the Falcon, Harry the Hawk and Georgia State's own "Pounce". Also, the Atlanta Hawks dance team showed off a few smooth moves to maintain the attention of the anxious crowd.

As the stars' limos finally arrived, CNN/SI anchor Vince Cellini took over the duty of emcee to announce each celebrity's arrival on the red carpet, which had been unfurled hours earlier. Once the

stars completed their stroll down the "royal" carpet, which had an immense number of fans pleading for autographs and/or pictures on both sides of it, they made their way to a stage erected at the corner of Peachtree and Baker streets directly in front of the sports-themed restaurant. There the stars introduced themselves to their admirers and talked encouragingly about their daily dealings with being in the spotlight. Most also remarked on how exciting it was to be in Atlanta, home of the 1996 Olympics. Some of the notables included Braves players Chipper Jones, Kenny Lofton, John Smoltz and Andruw Jones, Falcons players Terrence Mathis and Michael Haynes, Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens, 1996 Olympic track medalists Michael Johnson and Gwen Torrence, R&B songstress and Atlanta native Monica, hip hop artist and producer Lisa "Left-Eye". Lopes of TLC, actor James Caan and actor/comic Jeff Foxworthy. Three time heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield received an enormous ovation from the crowd once he arrived. He

made note of the fact that his ear has completely healed from injuries sustained in the second Holyfield-Tyson fight. The crowd was hardly able to contain their excitement once a few of the restaurant's shareholders appeared. Hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis superstar Andre Agassi aroused the already exhilarated crowd with their arrival. When golf icon Tiger Woods became visible, he evoked an indescribable response of excitement from not only the fans that lined the red carpet, but also the other celebrities that were in attendance. His presence made for a very poignant moment. After all the celebs made their way to the stage and introduced themselves, their next destination was an invitation only party inside the All Star Cafe.

restaurant's The menu is comprised of a wide variety of appetizers, salads and entrees, which include many of the celebrity shareholders' favorite dishes. If people living in and visiting Atlanta were not already tempted to check out this welcome addition to our burgeoning downtown eateries, they definitely will not be able to resist now. The All Star Cafe is located at the corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets in the Southern Com-

of Peachtree and Baker Streets in the Southern Company Center.

Photos By: Denise Puckett A few of the megastar athlete owners of Atlanta's newest addition (left).

The All Star Victories wall containing sports facts on athletes such as Tiger Woods and Monica Seles. (above)

## The Panther Palette

#### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

By Denise Puckett Staff Writer

The Official All Star Cafe opened Saturday, August 30, with an Olympic athlete ribbon cutting. It marked the opening of a new restaurant on the corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets (several blocks north of GSU). Anxious cooks, waitstaff, management and pedestrians awaited the ribbon cutting by Mayor Bill Campbell and Olympic athletes Gwen Torrence and Teresa Edwards. The Mayor welcomed the restaurant opening as another opportunity for the people of Atlanta. Olympic swimmer, Steve Lundquist was also a guest athlete for this opening. The owners of the All Star Cafe are: Andre Agassi, Wayne Gretzky, Ken Griffey Jr., Joe Montana, Shaquille O'Neal, Monica Seles and Tiger Woods.

Equipped with a \$1.1 million dollar sound and t.v. system, the All Star Cafe is a sound and light show while you dine. The General Manager, Kevin Enderle, stated the goal of the restaurant is to provide for guests, "an atmosphere of being at the game." The atmosphere was very loud and fast paced. Recordings from sports events, edited with music, speeches and commentary, flooded the room. Flashing strobe lights as well as giant television screens play sports event coverage, mixed with celebrity appearances, movie clips and of course, advertising. The walls of displayed sports memorabilia provide a fun dining alternative for the sports fan with family or friends. Champion bats from the Braves, Evander Holyfield's gloves, Wayne Gretztky's hockey stick and Joe Dimaggio's jersey are just a few of the sports memorabilia to see. While this is not an ideal place for a quiet lunch or dinner, it is a novelty restaurant for out of town guests, tourists or a group of sport enthusiastic friends.

The fare ranges from sandwiches, salads and burgers to pasta, pizza and main entrees. The Chicken Caesar Salad, a favorite of Monica Seles, was one of the novelty salads offered. The soggy vegetarian burger had been prepared incorrectly. Another sandwich tasted was the Buffalo Chicken Sandwich. It would have been much better if some of the grease had been blotted before it went on the bun. This dish was very heavy, but after pulling off most of the batter, the sandwich was much better. This fried chicken sandwich would be best when followed by some antacid.

Patrons more aware of their health may find it interesting that this menu from professional athletes disregards low-fat options. The entrees primarily consisted of heavier and more fattening food. It was very disappointing to see a new restaurant opening these days without enough delicious alternatives.

The servers were fantastic. They were very pleasant and did not "hover" over the tables. The servers' training was apparently complete because they were educated about ingredients and preparation of each menu item. Item prices ranged from \$8.95 for Chili and Cheese Nachos to \$8.50 for the Cuban Pork Sandwich. Specialty drinks ranged from Monumental Martinis for \$5.95 to \$2.95 for a Latte. As the menu states, "large enough to share," the Apple Pie is a hit for \$6.95. Prices were higher than average for lunch selections, but patrons must consider the atmosphere.

Overall Rating:

Atmosphere: \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 Food:

Prices: Moderate to High

Service:

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B 3 paws
C 2 paws
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This is the first article in a new series of restaurant reviews appearing in the Signal. Please contact Vonetta R. DeVonish, Features Editor, with comments or suggestions.

# Big Top: A concert for the

The self-proclaimed "largest American electronic music tour" hit the Masquerade Friday, September 5.

By Gail Fountain Staff Writer

Expecting Big Top to include only keyboard based bands and DJs was the wrong thing to expect. Of course, those things were present but Big Top offered more. Masquerade pitched in its own spin, upholding Freaky Foam Friday for the event. Dancers aged eighteen and older could dance in Masquerade's dance club, Hell to famous DJs on the bare floor in front of the DJ booth or in the plastic-coated pit filled with Freaky Foam.

Dancers in the Freaky Foam area got covered with foam at least hip deep. Dancing in the pit looked much like a giant communal bubble bath, except people had clothes on. If someone really liked it, they could get under the bubbling dispensing bucket, which would fill up and then dump foaming bubbles on those under it. People under that bucket would practically get immersed in the stuff. After dancing in Freaky Foam, dancers had to be hosed off before leaving.

The party downstairs didn't get good until about midnight. When DJ Derek May played around 10 p.m. there were only a few people on hand to enjoy him. Regardless, he enjoyed himself dancing in the DJ booth while the records were spinning.

By the time DJ Grooverider came on, the dance area was packed. He thrilled the audience with his jungle sounds.

Although the dance area was popular later in the night, the majority of the audience attended the concert held upstairs in Heaven. The concert featured notable electronic bands like Moby, Banco de Gaia, System 7, and Eat Static. DJs Jamie Smart and Michael Dog kept the beat going between bands.

Medicine Drum, one of the first performers on stage, put on a low-budget performance compared to the rest. They used minimal lights and were not very enlightening. Perhaps the groove was not happening yet. They had one of the least appreciated time slots around 9 p.m. when about 20 or 30 people were in attendance.

The next performers, Eat Static, were notable for their "Brain" on the wall of the stage that had lights inside it and various templated lights shone on it. Eat Static's members are Merv and Joie, formerly of Ozric Tentacles. The twosome wove musicscapes that were dreamlike. Most of the instrumental pieces began slowly and minimalistically, building up to psychedelic, trance techno that rectified the Brain prop. Eat Static's music created a mindpath leading the listener in, then expanding the sound to take the listener to another dimension of thinking. Although some of the other bands were more well-known, Eat Static are true artists and

System 7 played straightahead techno. The beat was repetitious with hardly any room for transitions or melody. They were the least interesting of the bands performing.

DJ Eamonn Dog spun a short set before Headrillaz per-

Headrillaz had the promotion thing going on with free stickers and free plastic party hats being passed out plentifully. They backed up the hype with a cool hip hop set that livened the crowd up. Headrillaz combined tribal beat drums with bass or electric guitar, a rapping singer and keyboard as bongos between the drummers. Moby's band also included an electric bass player. The music combined tribal beats with pop dance music and singing samples. It was not your everyday techno. Moby wore a t-shirt which pronounced "Vegan" and is known for being a "straight" Christian. He was very energetic. The only time he stopped dancing and running around on stage was when he was playing drums or keyboards or singing. It was obvious that he loved the music he was making. Moby was just as friendly as he was enthusiastic. Besides shaking hands with people in the audience, he also announced many of the songs. Moby is determined to make a name for himself with his music and his personality. His music has become plentiful lately. Albums out this year include "Animal Rights," which was released earlier this

tronic drum set up front as well

Moby, given to him by his fam-Banco de Gaia is also inter-

ested in image and personality. Banco de Gaia is basically the music of Toby Marks, a man who supports the International Campaign for Tibet. As would be guessed, his music has a world beat. Atmospheric keyboards are orchestrated with techno beats. In concert, two jazz saxophone players added a new dimension to the techno sound. Another contrasting factor was present when gothic keyboard sounds turned up in a couple of songs.

Generally, throughout the evening the audience seemed relaxed when they weren't working up a sweat dancing. Amazingly, many of the dancers were talented, expressive males. This was quite a different scenario than a rock concert, as were the Mariah Carey and Spice Girl look-alikes in the audience.

Surprisingly, audience's attire was fairly normal except the Asian guy dressed in cellophane butterfly wings and white furry pants. Of course, he was outdone by the female stilt performer who first dressed as a bug-part machine creature with an astronaut type mask, walking on all fours on stage during Eat Static's performance, then later dressed as a 12 foot giant black butterfly walking through the audience during Banco de Gaia's set. Her costumes perfectly depicted the bands' themes of space and

Big Top was definitely a success. The bands were a real surprise except System 7. It is good to see electronic bands becoming more adventurous with their music. The world is ready for some fresh new sounds.



melodies that ranged from funk to gothic influenced sounds. The band interacted with the audience well. The atmosphere was much different from when System 7 played.

Later, Moby upheld the audience excitement and participation with his act. He opened with a drum beat. This may not sound significant unless you consider that he had four drum sets on stage. There were two drummers with drum kits and Moby had an elecyear, "I Like to Score" due later this month with a James Bond theme song cover, and a U.S. release of last year's album by pseudonym Voodoo Child. Other pseudonyms for Moby include Barracuda, Brainstorm, Mindstorm, UHF, DJ Cake and Lopez. Obviously, the man has many musical interests. Moby's 'artistic nature may come from his heritage. His real name is Richard Melville Hall. He is related to Herman Melville, hence the nickname

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## Goldfinger serves up an eclectic mixture



Photo By: Kimberly Watkins

Goldfinger blends elements of ska, punk, pop to deliver an energetic performance.

Unrestrained anarchy arrived at the Masquerade last week under the guise of Goldfinger. Die-hard fans of Agent 007, the group borrowed its moniker from the James Bond film of the same namè. Leaping onstage to the James Bond theme, Goldfinger played full-throttle for two animated hours.

Goldfinger's mixture of ska, pop and punk music creates a sound as heterogeneous as the diverse group of concert attendees. Those in attendance were an interesting fusion of the multiply pierced and the buttoned-up conservative. Ages ranged from those you would expect to see at a Hanson concert

to those who grew up listening to the Beach Boys.

The venue was less than half full, but the audience compensated by being louder than a crowd three times its size. The flock became increasingly stimulated as the concert progressed. When the band exploded into the song, "Mable," several enthusiastic fans joined the band onstage. It was immediately apparent that lead singer John Feldman thrives off the audience's verve.

"We are definitely a live band. We're all about playing and getting that immediate response, whether it's "Fuck you!" or "You guys rule!" said Feldman.

An amalgamation of Elvis Costello, Social Distortion, Dead Kennedys and the Specials, Goldfinger is a divergent sound in this era of Nirvana tribute bands. The lyrics are not deeply moving or intensely cerebral — just an energetic blend of noise that yields a good time for all.

The inspiration for Goldfinger's lyrics is openly autobiographical. "I'm not a fiction writer. I shouldn't say never write fiction, but ev-

said, "They're hyperactive love songs for people on Ritalin."

Goldfinger is currently on tour to support the recently released, *Hang-Ups*, their second LP.

Goldfinger presented a healthy mix of crowd favorites from their first LP, Goldfinger, as well as new material.

Goldfinger's music is fast and hard-hitting; the band has invented new and creative uses of feedback in their live show. The infusion lodic bass line.

Goldfinger's rendition of Led Zeppelin's, "Stairway to Heaven," was a real crowdpleaser. Lead singer Feldman's version is titled, "Stairway to Hell." The indisputable highlight of the evening was the band's finale, "Miles Away." Several members of the audience were invited to join the band onstage and well over four dozen obliged. This raucous ending was most appropriate.

If energy and earsplitting

music is what an extraordinary concert consists of, then Goldfinger delivers. If pulsing drums and heavy bass are

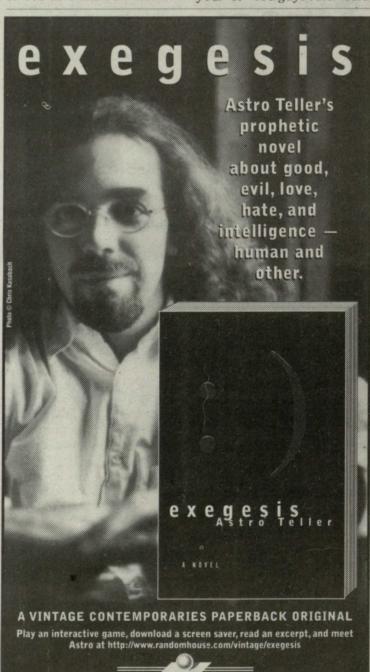
the basics of good music, then Goldfinger delivers. If knowing how to revel and frolic onstage makes a concert a show, then Goldfinger delivers.

## Shaken not stirred

erything so far has been about getting dumped by chicks," laughs Feldman.

Guitarist Charlie Paulson explained Goldfinger's songs most succinctly when he

of songs from Hang-Ups mellows the musical selection a bit. Many of the songs on the new release have an island influence — introducing steel guitars and a more me-



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## The Peacemaker is anything but peaceful



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Explosive scene from riveting action thriller starring Nicole Kidman and George Clooney.

Please don't allow the title of this energy-filled drama to drive any misconceptions into your head. Buckle your seatbelt and, if you are a paradigm of sensitivity, bring along a few Kleenex. Director Mimi Leder has already gained recognition for her exceptional talent of combining dynamic action and heart-wrenching emotion on the series "ER." These attributes are also the hallmarks of The Peacemaker starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. Set in a remote area of Rus-

sia, two trains are bound for an imminent disaster: a head-on collision with one another. One carries passengers while the other carries nuclear weapons ready to be deactivated. The world's governments are put on high alert after the trains crash and a nuclear weapon detonates. The first to realize this wasn't an accident is Dr. Julia Kelly (Kidman), who ascertains that terrorists are responsible for this disaster. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Devoe (Clooney) counters that it was actually part of a conspiracy. Who's right? As Kelly and Devoe come to the realization that a terrorist named Dusan (Marcel lures) has smuggled a nuclear bomb into the United States, the fundamental element of the riveting suspense is provided.

Clooney and Kidman are a winning combination in The Peacemaker. Clooney is successful as a military expert who is used to doing things his own way. Devoe makes it known that he is someone who prefers to live on the edge yet will adapt to Kelly's mode of operation. Devoe has booming confidence. Actually, he comes off to Kelly as downright cocky in their initial stages of getting to know one another. Kelly stands her ground but knows that there is a worldwide emergency at hand, which leaves little time for back and forth, tit for tat with Devoe about whose theory has the most merit. She is very impressive with her blend of compassion and scientific knowledge.

Do not anticipate romance evolving from the built up emotion in this film. Luckily, *The Peacemaker* lacks the capricious romantic drivel that is characteristic of many action dramas. There is more time to appreciate the underlying purpose of Leder's film which is to provide suspense in a provocative nature while portraying the very real dangers that the free world is facing today.

The Peacemaker opens in theatres on September 26.

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## A one in a million

By Vonetta R. DeVonish Staff Writer

Interview with singer Aaliyah

Atlanta was host to a hiphop, R&B musical explosion earlier this month. The lineup included some of today's hottest artists who came together on the Budweiser Superfest tour.

One of the featured performers was Aaliyah, who definitely put

on a sizzling show complete with four dancers, a rapper, D.J. Kid Capri and a full band.

Talking with Aaliyah was like conversing with a cool buddy. Being a pretty easy-going person, she usually "plays video games, goes to the movies and just likes to chill" when she's able to fit the time into her busy schedule. She currently grooves to the sounds of Faith, the Wu-Tang Clan, Busta Rhymes and Mary J. Blige. Blige, who isn't known as one of the most cordial people in the world, was given a lighter description by Aaliyah who revealed that she's never had any problems with her and has always admired her. She continued that it's fortunate there's no rivalry between the artists on the tour; "it's a lot of fun when everyone on tour is cool." Aaliyah responded to a question on many people's minds

just friends...there's nothing romantically going on there." She doesn't currently have a boyfriend as she is very much focused on her career, working non-stop.

Having her family involved in her career is important to Aaliyah. It's a family affair with her father and mother as manager and co-

star shines bright

manager, respectively, and her brother as creative consultant. He came up with the concept for the video for "4 Page Letter," which was directed by Danny Pearl, and is currently in college studying film and video. Aaliyah wants to attain her degree and might transfer to Hofstra University with her brother. Fresh out of high school, this 18 year old is involved in every aspect of her career and looks to concentrate on her music for now.

Working with other talented people definitely helps. For instance, her first four singles flew up the charts thanks to the collaborative effect between Tim "Timbaland" Mosley and Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot. "Tim sent me a demo...I liked the track and we clicked" said Aaliyah. A great chemistry and friendship developed among the three as they began working together. One of her video directors, Paul Hunter, was also great to work with she said. The shoot for "One in a Million," which took

two days, went much more smoothly with the positive vibes flowing. Aaliyah's choreographer, Fatima, who did the "Remember the Time" video, was responsible for her whole show on the tour. Some other people Aaliyah would like to work with in-

clude Dallas Austin and Puff Daddy, who she had started working with but didn't really finish anything yet. Aaliyah added, "I would love to work with Maxwell and D'Angelo."

The clothing on Aaliyah's tour was provided by several designers. "I love Tommy [Hilfiger] and I like Polo...Cybertech is hot." Her fashion stylist often finds a lot of different stuff from Todd



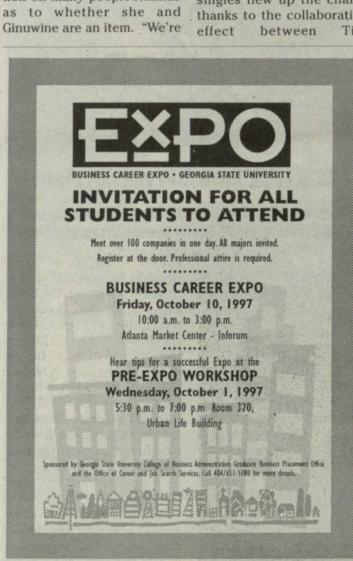
Photo By: Marc Baptiste

R&B star Aaliyah takes time out of her busy schedule for a candid interview.

Oldham also.

As for the future, Aaliyah plans to do a couple of soundtracks and begin work on

her third album. Her double single, "Hot Like Fire/The One I Gave My Heart To" is the latest release in a long string of hits.





## Raw Breed personifies Blood, Sweat and Tears



Photo By: Cynthia Wiggins -- Warner Bros. Records Inc.

Raw Breed consists of three members: Burna (Blaksun), Alexander Da Great (Smokey Robason) and Marc Live.



By Vonetta R. DeVonish Staff Writer

Raw Breed interview with D.J. Exit on WRAS

Blood, Sweat and Tears are words that definitely describe what it takes to even attempt to make it big in today's oversaturated music market.

Warner Bros. Records introduces its newest hip-hop artists, Raw Breed, who are just trying to do what they have always enjoyed doing for years.

This trio is comprised of Bronx natives, Burna (Blaksun), Alexander Da Great (Smokey Robason) and Marc Live. Currently on a promo tour for their new album, they have performed at local clubs such as The Atrium and The Warehouse.

"The flava out here is tremendous... we love the vibe... people are really into hip-hop so we're having a good time out here" commented one group member about hip-hop fans in Atlanta. These fellas' future plans include performing on the EPMD reunion tour.

Their stage show is described as "twenty minutes of straight energy, just raw tracks-it's what a real show should be," said Marc Live. "A real live story put on wax," this album is hardcore without resorting to the use of profanity commented Alexander Da Great.

Raw Breed's in-house production team is made up of the Ultramagnetic MC aka T.R. Love, Slej (Tha Ruffedge) and Ommas Keith as well as one outside producer, Jesse West.

Blending East Coast and West Coast influences, their producers give them a raw edge by making music the masses can enjoy.

Some of T.R. Love's credits include working with Tha Alkaholiks, Ice-T and King Tee.

An early attempt with Relativity that didn't turn out so lovely had Raw Breed trying again, successfully getting on with Warner Bros. Records.

They definitely have rugged talent, displayed on tracks such as their current singles "Everything's Lovely" and "I Want In" as well as upcoming releases "Ghetto" and "Mind Made Up."

GSU's radio station WRAS, 88.5 FM was host to Raw Breed on their hip-hop show, Tha' BOMB.

Listen up for selections from Blood, Sweat and Tears on Saturdays from 9-11pm as well as checking out the album, which hits stores today.

#### **Arts Around Town**



Georgia on my mind

By David Hagan

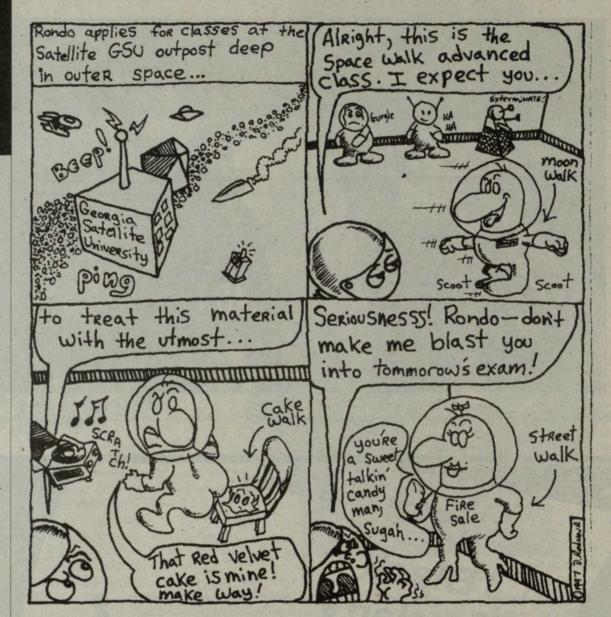
Alas, the 44th annual Arts Festival of Atlanta is over, after two fun-filled weeks of exotic exhibits and maddeningly large crowds cascading through the welcoming streets of downtown Atlanta. I must say I really like the festival being downtown. The urban atmosphere just seems so much more festive than the pastoral Piedmont Park setting. I particularly enjoyed the colorful multi-ethnic decorations adorning the streets and storefronts around Woodruff Park, and the inviting bustle of Broad Street. Thankfully, the potential human gridlock was better managed than with either of the city's previous Freaknik celebrations.

While wandering amiably amongst the renovated facades of the Fairlie-Poplar district, I stepped into the recently re-opened Rialto Theater just in time to watch *Artists on Film*, one of several video productions provided by the Independent Media Artists in Georgia, Etc, better known as IMAGE. As I stepped out of the sultry afternoon heat into the air-conditioned screening room of the Rialto, *Artists on Film* was just about to start.

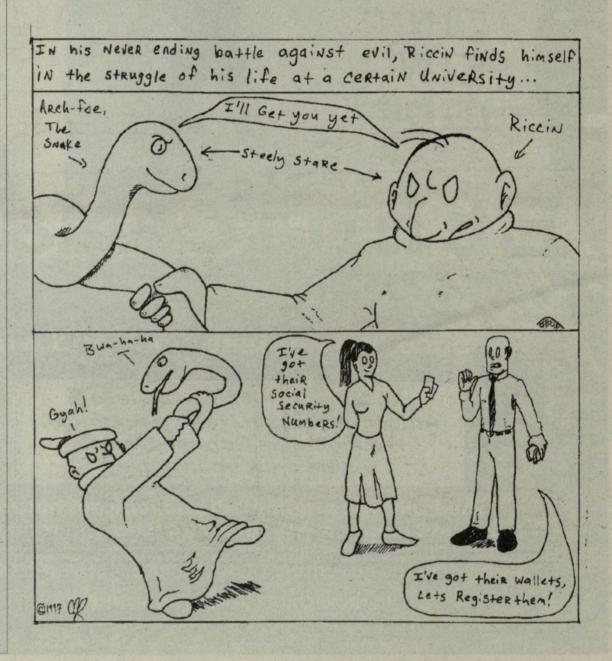
Artists on Film is a delightful documentary, and is comprised of five short segments. Each section is an insightful mini-biography of a different local artist. The first story is R.I.P. Ray, and is a tribute to the late painter and photographer Ray Herbert, popularly known around town as "Panorama Ray." Ray captured the heart and soul of Atlanta with his uniquely personal panoramic paintings. Merrily guiding us through his makeshift outdoor art gallery, Ray imparts humorous anecdotes one after another as he explains the deeper meaning behind some of his favorite paintings. Part stand-up comic, part know-it-all historian, Panorama Ray says "he wanted to take all the pictures of Atlanta. The ones he couldn't photograph he simply painted." His paintings imaginatively portray famous oddities of local yore such as the origin of Cabbage Town, the flight of the Zell Miller blimp, and the coming of the Olympics. Sadly, Ray died shortly after this video was completed, robbing us of a truly original folk hero. The next piece is entitled Lord Love You, which introduces us to 87 year-old Gainesville preacher, R.A. Miller. A passionately spiritual man, Miller sits comfortably in his porch swing, recalling how as a young man he prayed fervently for some particularly troublesome thoughts to subside. The resulting clarity changed his life forever. In fact, Miller felt so good after praying he wanted to do nothing but shout from the hilltops about the new faith and good fortune he had discovered. So he became a faith healer. After several successful decades as a holy man, Miller took up art as yet another way to infuse the world with healing energy. He has carved and painted animals, signposts, portraits, and landscapes out of everything from wood to scrap metal. At one point, Miller constructed over 300 windmills in his front yard, a sight so extraordinary that a then little-known Athens rock group called R.E.M. filmed one of their earliest music videos at his house. The next stop in our tour of notable Georgia artists is the darkroom of photographer Karekin Goekjian. A native of Armenia, Karekin moved to Georgia to attend UGA. In time he became fond of taking pictures of forests and ruins across the Georgia countryside. Karekin's specialty is taking pictures at night by the light of the full moon. Although this may seem unorthodox, the colorful brilliance of his pictures must be seen to be believed. Details emerge that would have remained hidden in a traditional daylight photo, revealing that, as the title suggests, there truly is Light After Dark.

While Artists on Film won't be hitting theaters anytime soon, I wouldn't be surprised if it turns up one day on PBS. The handful of intrepid filmmakers responsible for this touching assortment of biographies are to be commended for bringing these unique Georgia artists to life for the rest of us.

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## The Last Word



By Mandi Albright

#### IT AIN'T EASY BEIN' TEEN

Let's talk teens. Since they're all safely tucked away in fourth-period woodshop, planing and sawing and screaming for directions to the nearest eyewash station after they didn't wear their safety goggles, they won't have a clue (not that they already do, anyway, about much of anything). We're okay; they won't see this and roll our houses. We hope.

I never, ever want to be a teenager again. Never. Ever. Unless those whiz-kid SciGuys up at the University of Wisconsin, or at the research institution of your choice if you're not particularly a Big 10 fan, who cloned tomatoes back in the day start getting out the Testor E-Z Bake Bunsen Burners again in preparation to cook up more good, wholly unnatural stuff, I doubt me or you or anyone who cares has any worries about someday having the chance to be re-teened. When they start setting Must See TV dates for "A Very Special Mr. Wizard's World," I think it would definitely be high time to worry a lot, especially since most of the people nearest us in age were teens in either the '70s or the '80s.

If the '90s adults/'70s teens were allowed the opportunity to regress back to disco days, there would be far too many people than there already are walking the streets these days with no earthly knowledge whatsoever of how platform shoes are capable of complementing one's wardrobe; the '90s young adults/'80s teens would once again try their hand at parachute pants and would yet again find that regardless of how cool that one kid back in junior high who wore them looked breakdancing, the majority of us just can't carry off the "Shabba Doo/Electric Boogaloo" street style. The majority of us can't breakdance, anyway, which probably isn't such a bad thing.

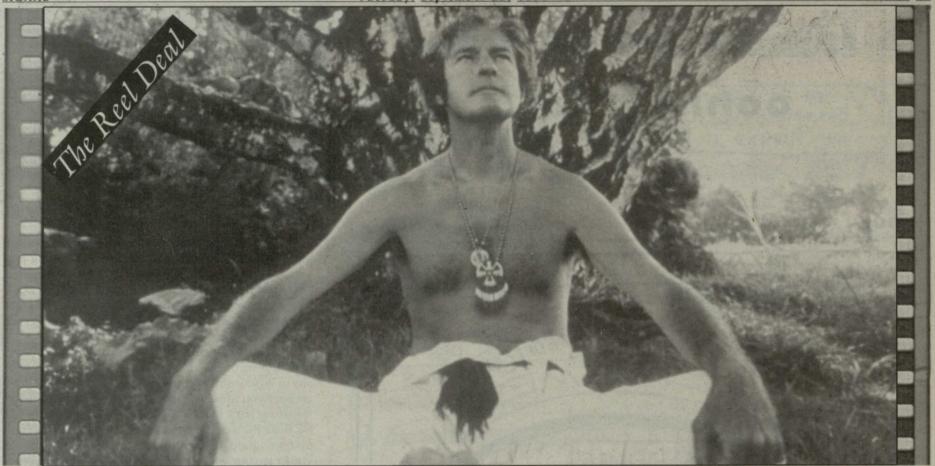
Words to live by: Being a Grown-Up is cool. Yeah, Roger Daltrey sounded all macho and subversive and generally snotty when he belted our the lyric, "I hope I die before I get old," in The Who's classic anti-establishment/pro-youth rock classic, "My Generation," but I have yet to hear of his scheduling any meet-and-greets with Dr. Kevorkian, either. Perhaps once The Who learned a thing or two about adult stuff like investment portfolios and tax brackets and royalty checks they figured being old wasn't so awful. And Pete Townshend could already attest to the fact that being fitted for hearing aids was relatively swift and painless.

Teens are essentially Oxy10morons. The only people who can stand teens are other teens and it's not as if even they really like them. That's just because they don't know any better—like the person who orders chardonnay with prime rib. Parents, don't lie and say you think your teens are groovy; you and I both know the kids wouldn't reciprocate and frankly, that they'll head off to the mall and laugh their Tommy Hilfigers off because you still say stuff like "groovy." Teens who possibly unwittingly picked this up, read it thus far and find yourselves thinking, "Hey, man, you're, like, nuts or something, y'know? Like, this is all, like, so not true, y'know?," riddle me this: Have you ever *once* been invited to sit at The Cool Table during lunch? That's what I thought. Now get back to boning up on cosines and tangents. You'll use them later on in life.

Freshmen, don't get me wrong. If you've yet to hit 20, don't take this personally; you're no longer a teen. You now rank as a Grown-Up by proxy since you're totally expected to turn in 10-page papers with a minimum of 15 sources. You'll fight with people twice your age for the last parking space in K Deck. You'll scream bloody murder over tuition increases. And you'll do it all before you're 21, the age when you can legally drink to forget if you so desire.

Parachute pants alone can suck up a whole happy hour.

Sorry, no e-mail until January, kids. Submit written comments to: Signal, room 200, University Center.



## Timothy Leary's Dead is an informative "trip"

By Daniel Pulliam Staff Writer

Director Paul Davids walks a very fine line in this film. It never becomes clear whether he intends to give us a biography of Timothy Leary (a leader of the psychedelic drug revolution of the 60s), a documentary on the effects of drug use, or an exploration into mental possibilities. What sets this apart from other films is that it blends these three characteristics into one without losing the overall feel of the picture.

It is apparent early on that this movie's purpose is not to preoccupy us with Leary specifically but to present him as a symbol of an era and a mentality. What I found so intriguing about this film was its ability to immerse one in a time and place. It precisely shows how the 60s were not only about how one lived through being different but how such a life could open windows in the soul. Leary is appropriately downplayed as merely a representative of this philosophy.

"Drugs are a means of opening the mind." With this idea, Leary pursues an iconoclastic life of drug experimentation attempting to obtain new levels of human perception (the descriptions of which, while confusing, are very well detailed). If there is a negative here, it is that drugs are somewhat glorified in this film as a kind of shortcut to a "dissociative experience," or a state of heightened self-awareness. Only brief, casual

statements are made to the contrary. Still one must consider the audience toward which this picture is aimed. The irony of Leary's frankness about a subject so controversial is a testimony to his adherence to his message of non-conformity.

I found that this film worked best as the exploratory work. Some of the in-depth discussions on how we ascertain our world through senses that can, with the proper stimulus, prove comparatively inadequate are sure to interest the more philosophical viewer. *Timothy Leary's Dead* is inherently limited to a specific audience but seems content to revel in its eccentricities.

The most distracting thing about this picture is its ending which, as the film's title implies, documents the death of Leary himself. As these scenes went by, I felt both disappointment and confusion. Confusion because I had just viewed an hour of a compelling journey into the mind of a man who viewed death as "the graduation," or the last great adventure only to see that portrait book-ended with something so disturbingly final that it must be seen to be believed. This was not an appropriate ending for a man who did not believe in endings at all. Perhaps

even the title of this film is misplaced and should instead reflect Leary's philosophy of the eternal spirit of man.

By Scott Teems Staff Writer

Subtlety certainly was something that Dr. Timothy Leary was never accused of. Yet, it is the gentleness and care with which Paul Davids presents his documentary *Timothy Leary's Dead* that ultimately gives this film, about such a controversial man, a unique wit and a biting sense of humor. Dr. Leary's incomparable life is explored to reveal a man who was at total peace with himself, yet never content to settle with the life he had. He pushed the limits of the mind and body, as well as society.

The film uses archival footage and present-day interviews to trace Leary's rise from controversial Harvard professor to counter-culture icon. It follows his firing at Harvard to his time at the Millbrook "compound" in New York (which included a 2500-acre fenced-in area in which people would frolic around naked and high) to his San Francisco hippie days. It also examines his unwarranted jail term in the early 1970's and his rise to LSD guru and sometimes god. The film attests to his extreme popularity and immense influence that is quite often, in more ways than one, mind-boggling. This is not to say, however that this influence is all positive.

Paul Davids (director/producer) and Todd Easton Mills (writer) have painted a rose-colored landscape in which a life on drugs is blissful and freeing. Leary claims in an interview done in 1970 that he had taken LSD over 500 times, but how many of those trips were bad? We're never told.

How many of his friends or colleagues were negatively effected by their drug use? We're never told. How many died?

Perhaps Davids and Mills felt no need to explore that side of Dr. Leary's life. Perhaps they felt that their film was a tribute to the positive contributions that Leary made to society, of which there were many. One of the reasons I enjoyed this film was that it showed me that Timothy Leary wasn't the "freak" that the media so often portrays him as. In *Timothy Leary's Dead* we see Dr. Leary as a human being, a man with feelings and a big heart. He was someone who loved his friends and family and tried to help people experience life more fully

What you will ultimately remember about this film, however, are the final moments.

Leary's dream was to have his brain cryogenically frozen, and, well, he gets his wish, and we get to see it. Some have called it the most shocking scene ever in a film. I think that's a bit of a stretch (*Faces of Death*, anyone?), but it will leave you a bit bewildered.

Timothy Leary's Dead is a solid, well-made film. Paul Davids' directorial debut is a definite winner. It has a purpose and makes it's points very well. Go see it, because Timothy Leary was a

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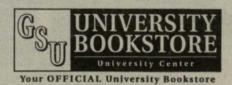


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