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Hopes for an extravagant Y2K celebration come crashing down for a Georgia State professor

Staff Reports

George Beasley, head of Georgia State's sculpture department, and a team of iron workers in collaboration with Beasley's friend and medieval expert, Hew Kennedy, had planned to usher in the new millennium with a display of fire and ore.

It was to be a metaphorical celebration of "the end of the Iron Age and the beginning of a new era."

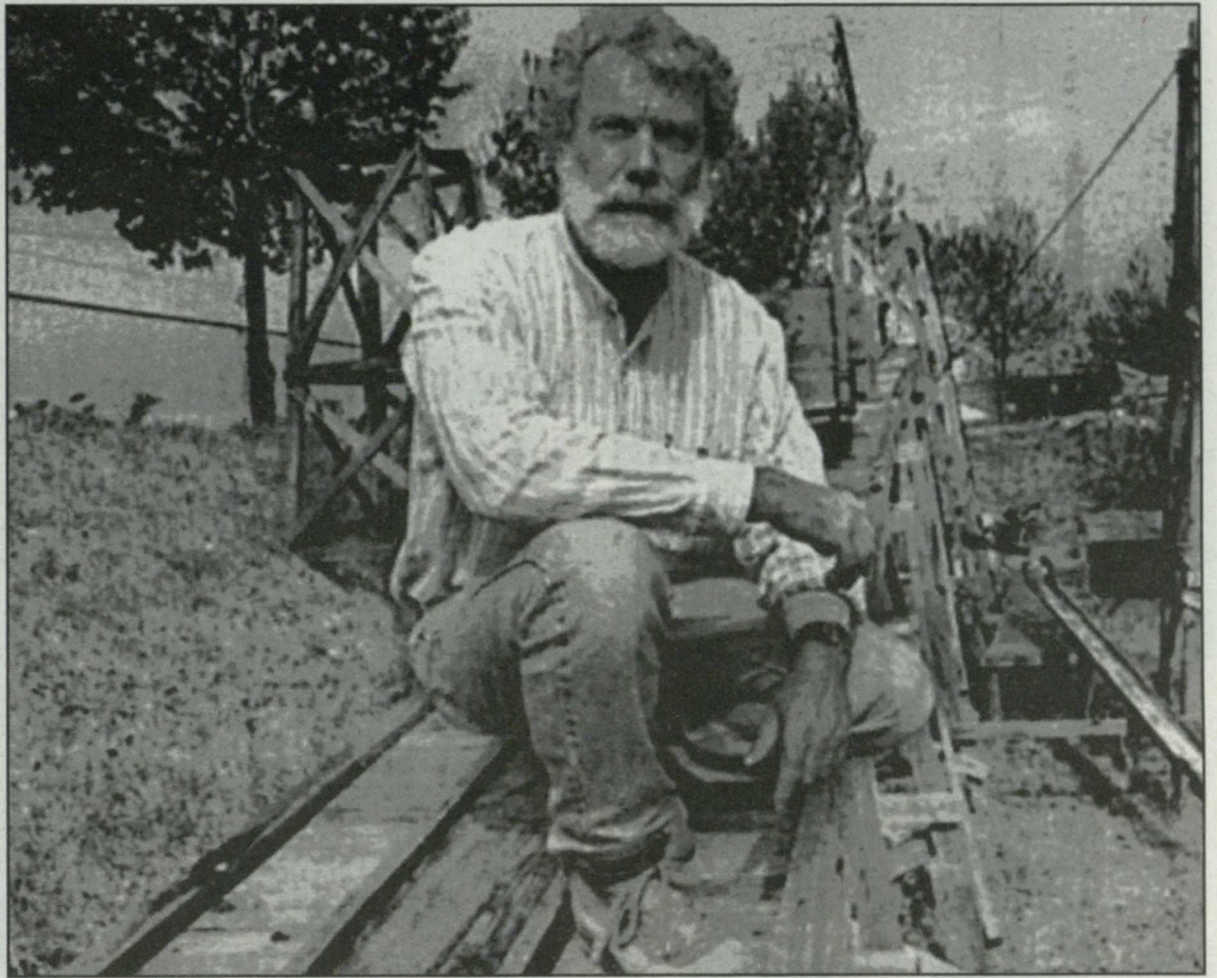
Iron melted in a traditional furnace made of wood and stone was to travel down a trough to a 40-foot

medieval catapult, also known as a trebuchet. Wooden timbers holding the trough would then have ignited the iron and hurled it into the harbor of Portsoy.

But on the morning of Dec. 28, a few days prior to the planned event, the celebration came to a crashing halt as the trebuchet was destroyed during a trial test.

Constructed by Beasley and Kennedy, who is an expert on the construction and use of medieval war devices, the trebuchet was to launch 1,000 pounds of iron into the harbor.

Beasley, in an interview with the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, said, "We miscalculated something. It was



George Beasley, sculptor and professor, put three years of preparation into the Millennium Project.

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This aerial view of the harbor at Portsoy, Scotland would have been the launching place of the project.

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distinguishes the edge between the beginning and ending of a day.

Beasley and his team, instead of slinging the molten ore into the harbor, planned to carry it to the water's edge by buckets and pour it in.

"One way or the other, the iron is going back to the earth," said Beasley.

The project, which was the result of three years of planning and four and a half months of building, was to have been documented on film by Commotion Film Company, a sponsor of the event.

The project was also sponsored by the Scottish Sculpture Workshop, Georgia State University, other private support and Beasley's own money.

Beasley concluded that the event may have been connected with the end of the millennium.

"Maybe there's something going on here that I don't quite understand," he said.

running very smoothly. We made a mistake testing it without the proper weight, and it all just came apart. Fortunately, nobody was hurt, and nobody was killed."

The celebration was to have taken place in the town of Portsoy, located on the north coast of Scotland.

The site was chosen for its symbolic value, given its proximity to the Greenwich Meridian Line, which



This catapult is a smaller version of the one that was to be used on the eve of the execution of the project. Shown here from left to right is Walt Stevens, a Georgia State student, and Beasley.

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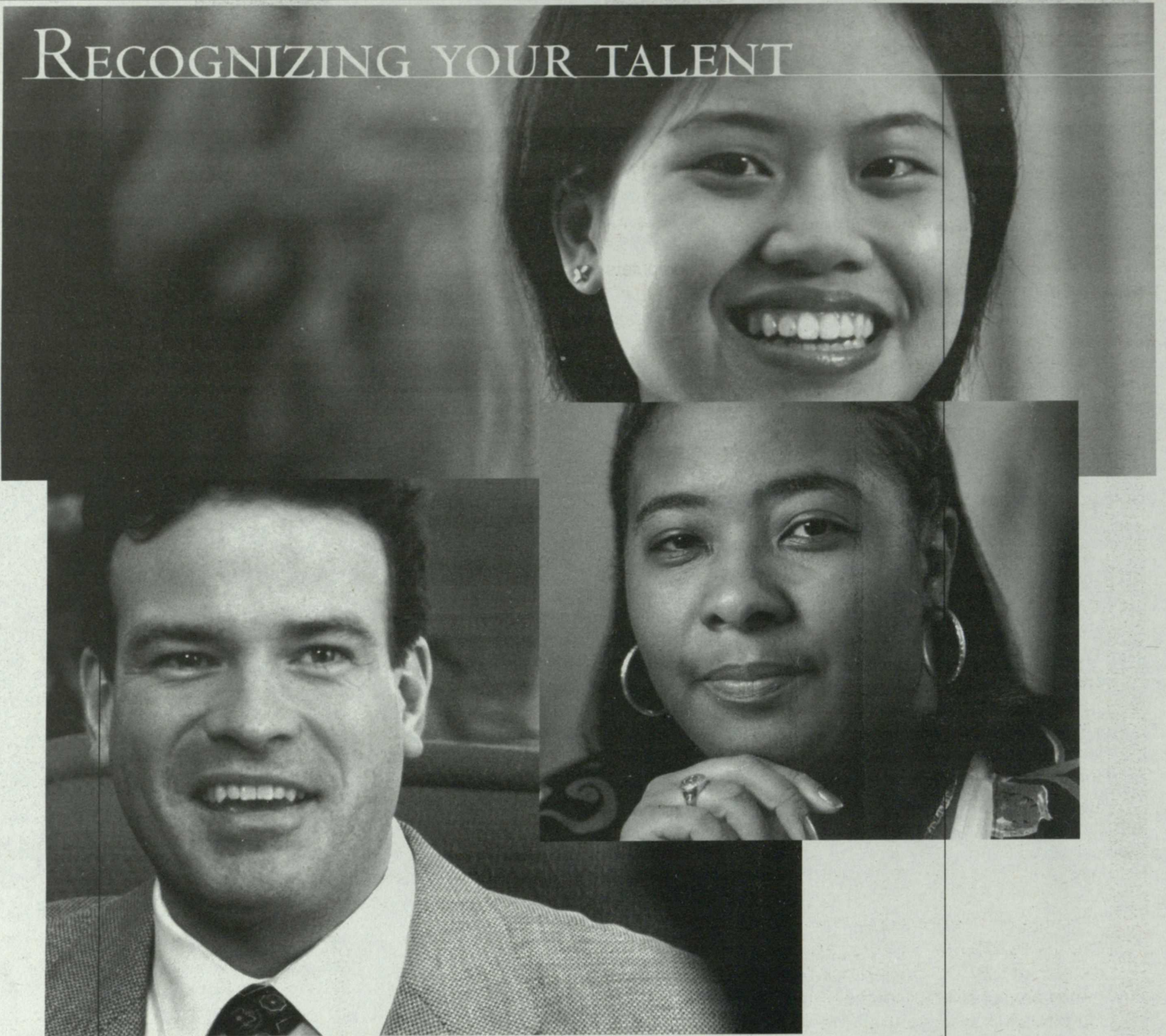
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The wrong contact number for the East Timor Action Network in Atlanta was given in "Alan Nairn." The correct number is 404-898-0697.

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Events Calendar

11 Tuesday

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday, the Office of Diversity Education Programs will sponsor its annual MLK Convocation. The event will be held at 6 p.m. in the Recital Hall on the corner of Gilmer Street and Peachtree Center Avenue. The featured speaker is Clarence Page, renowned journalist and regular contributor of essays to the MacNeil News Hour. For more information, please call 404-651-2204.

21 Friday

The Colony of Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority will be hosting their White Rose Masquerade Ball in the Student Center Ballroom beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is the donation of a new toy or a child's item which will benefit Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. All Georgia State students are invited to attend. For more information, please send an e-mail to gss_gastate_social@hotmail.com.

28 Friday

A lecture on "The Universe Through the Eyes of the Hubble Space Telescope" by Dr. David Leckrone, senior project scientist for the Hubble Telescope, will be held in the Speaker's Auditorium of the Student Center at 4 p.m. The event is free. For more information, please call 404-651-1870.

30 Saturday

Homecoming -- Basketball and Barbecue Bonanza at 6 p.m. in the State Ballroom of the Student Center. Admission is \$17 for alumni association members. Games -- Sports Arena (4:30 p.m. - women's game and 7:30 p.m. - men's game) \$20 for both games. Call 404-651-3979 for ticket information.

Crime Reports

Dec. 15

Theft by Taking

At 4:00 p.m. a faculty member stated two computers had been stolen from a locked room on the first floor. The complainant stated the computers were last seen on 12/08/99. There were no signs of forced entry. The value of the computers was unknown at the time of the report.

Dec. 16

Forgery

At 3:30 p.m. a staff member stated that someone had attempted to cash another individual's check on the fourth floor in One Park Place. The area was checked with negative results.

Dec. 17

Battery

At 6:25 p.m., a non-GSU student reported that a man had been attacked by three male subjects in Woodruff Park. When officers arrived on the scene the suspects had already left the area. Paramedics were notified and arrived on the scene. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment of lacerations above his eye and forehead.

Dec. 21

Carrying a Weapon in a School Zone, Building, Grounds or Functions

At 8:00 a.m., a university officer was dispatched to the Physical Education Building for a suspicious male subject. The officer made contact with the subject. A criminal history check was made with negative results. During a search of the subject a four inch pocket knife was found on him. He was placed under arrest, processed, issued a criminal trespass warning and transported to Fulton County jail.

Jan. 7

Public Drunk/Criminal Trespass

At 2:13 p.m. a security officer stated that a male individual had urinated in front of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business Administration Building. A criminal check was done with a previous criminal trespass warning. He was arrested and transported to Fulton County Jail.

Greek Life

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Happy Founder's Days

Sigma Nu (January 1)
Alpha Omicron Pi (January 2)
Phi Beta Sigma (January 9)
Delta Sigma Theta (January 13)
Alpha Kappa Alpha (January 16)
Zeta Phi Beta (January 16)

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Events on the Greek Calendar

Dance Marathon 2000 -

February 19-20

ΠΚΦ War of the Roses - February 7-11

ΑΞΔ Bear Affair February 21-26

Spring Break

March 6-11

ΚΣ Gator Games - March 14-19

ΔΖ Turtle Race - March 28-April 1

Greek Week - April 17-22

Cathy Huynh and Kim Malham
 Greek Life Co-Editors

WEEK AT A GLANCE

What Greeks are doing around and about campus:

Tuesday- Panhellenic meeting
 Wednesday- No events scheduled
 Thursday- ΔΣΘ Founder's Day
 Friday- No events scheduled
 Saturday- No events scheduled
 Sunday- AKA and ZΦB Founder's Day
 Monday- Martin Luther King Holiday

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31.6 gallons per adult | Beer Consumption in 2000

58.8 gallons per adult | Beer Consumption in 1900 | U.S. News & World Report

48.9% | Voter Turnout in 2000

73.7% | Voter Turnout in 1900 | U.S. News & World Report

2.62 | Average size of household in 2000

4.76 | Average size of household in 1900 | U.S. News & World Report

6, 356 | Books published in 2000

65, 800 | Books published in 1900 | U.S. News & World Report

A m p e r s a n d

"The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby." | Natalie Wood

CHARA Array gets back first results

Amy Reece
Staff Writer

The CHARA (Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy) Array telescope, designed and operated by astronomers at Georgia State, recently received its first results at the Mt. Wilson Observatory, which is located in the San Gabriel Mountains of California.

Two of six telescopes spread out on the site combined light to find details as small as one 10-millionth of a degree in angular extent (about the size of a personal computer on the moon). The remaining four telescopes are to be installed this winter.

The telescope was first aimed at the bright stars Gamma Eridani, alpha Canis Majoris (also known as Sirius) and alpha Hydrae.

The point of light was combined and focused more than 200 meters from the two telescopes. This allowed

astronomers to record interference fringes moving on the screen on an oscilloscope and check the necessary optical, mechanical and electronic subsystems, as well as the computer software that controls them.

Dr. Harold McAllister, the director of CHARA, said, "This is the major milestone we've been working toward since ground was broken in 1996. We now have evidence that the array will live up to our expectations."

Dr. McAllister is also the contact for the American Astronomical Society's 195th meeting, which will be held in Atlanta Tuesday through Saturday of this week.

When fully operational in early 2001, the CHARA Array will be one of the most powerful instruments available to astronomers in the world.

Funding for the center has totaled \$13.5 million and has been provided by the National Science Foundation, Georgia State University, the W.M. Keck Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Hot jobs for Generation X

Kelly Kaufhold
CPNet.com

Four years of hitting the books, sleepless nights, stumbling to those 8 a.m. classes -- all in search of a career that will fulfill dreams and pay back all those student loans. If that sounds familiar, you're in luck. The timing is excellent for Generation X -- especially for 2000 graduates. There are four career fields out in the real world that are just screaming for qualified applicants. Students with the right skills could hit pay dirt, while others may find out they just blew 120 credit hours.

Right now unemployment nationwide is at a 29 year low; for college grads it sits at an incredible 1.7 percent. So a degree should land a graduate a gig in the workforce -- and for those with knowledge of computers and the Web, a high-paying gig in the tech field. By the year 2008, the U.S. Labor Department says the number of technology and Internet jobs will more than double, which will put salaries through the roof.

A systems analyst running a company's network can make \$54,000 a year, while entry level programming aides will crack the \$30,000 mark. These jobs aren't only available with companies that make their bread and butter solely off of the Internet (like Yahoo! and AOL). Businesses across the board are going online and opening up new departments, which is creating new employment opportunities.

In order to locate which companies are hiring for these tech positions, students are logging on to the Net. "Right now it's just a seller's market for job candidates,"

says Steve Pollock, president of the job hunter's online resource, WetFeet.com.

"Most people have an abundance of opportunities to consider, even compared with a couple of years ago. The job market is much stronger. That's changing people's attitudes about the whole process," he adds. "In the mid '90s the focus was on finding a job, now it's about finding the new job."

So what's changed? You're looking at it. "We actually did start our business in '94, and one of the changes we've seen is there was no Internet, so that's a totally new category for people coming into the job market," if they have the right skills. "People have to have a strong understanding of basic software, business software, application software like MS Office, a basic knowledge of the Internet," Pollack explains.

If you are a student who still can't tell your mouse from your mailbox, there's still hope. There are four other growth industries that have been around for a while, but are also setting employment records: Biomedicine (especially drug research), engineering, nursing, and business, especially if you're an MBA.

Those careers are all on the Labor Department's top ten list for the number of openings and pay scale. A medical lab technologist, electrical engineer, registered nurse, and MBA grad could all reach close to \$40,000 a year to start. But remember, some of those degrees involve five and six year programs and lots of math and science classes.

Students have tough job decisions to make long before graduation, and colleges can help. "Most people who come to me are unhappy with a major or are undecided about a career, and

they need some guidance with what major to choose," says Nancy Sheets, a career counselor at the University of Toledo. "Our office is career development, so our focus is helping students decide on a major and on a career."

Sheets sometimes sees pharmacology students overwhelmed by the science and math curriculum who want to make a change. Her staff helps by doing "inventories," an assessment of a student's skills, interests and personality type.

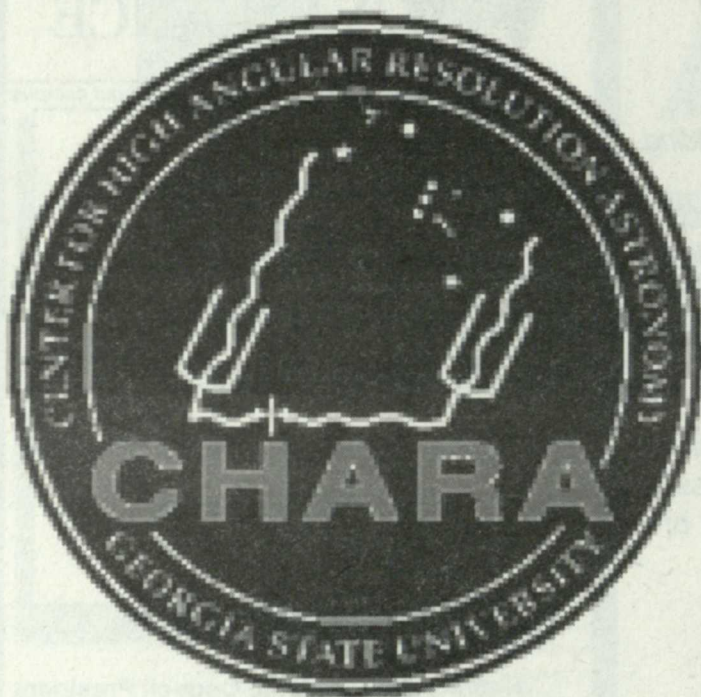
That can mean the difference between getting a job and launching a career even if you have a great education, something one 1998 MIT alumnus learned the hard way*. "I ended up consulting," says the 25-year-old Electrical Engineering/Computer Sciences grad. "The kind of technology I'm working with -- databases -- it's dry, not real challenging." She learned that a degree and good grades aren't enough, but she did score on part of the equation -- she's in technology.

The experts are quick to say don't let your wallet drive your decision. Sheets says students tell her, "Sure it would be nice to be comfortable, but I really want a job that I can enjoy."

Toledo junior Rachel McCreary tells a different story. "I see a lot of students here doing it majorly for money, like engineering. You see them striving for the higher jobs, striving for money. Lawyers, doctors, engineering, anything to do with a lot of money."

That's not for her. "I think it all depends on your personality," says the Public Relations major. "I did a couple of internships, I just wanted to see if it was the right thing for me. I think it's the perfect career for me, 'cause I'm nosey."

*Name withheld to provide anonymity



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President Clinton leaves his mark on the collegiate crowd

Kelly Kaufhold
CPNet.com

Bill Clinton swept into office seven years ago with a lot of campaign promises. One in particular aimed at the youth of America - Clinton promised to be the education President. So has he followed through? On some of those promises - yes, they've taken root and blossomed into new chances for students.

Americorps, a national service program that puts up to \$4,725 in tuition in the hands of students working in their communities. The 1996 Student Reform Act, which makes it easier to repay student loans, covers about half of those debts.

Pell Grant money also made a healthy jump under Clinton/Gore, up \$700 to \$3,000 per student per semester. Federal Pell grants

(which don't have to be repaid) now go to almost four million undergraduate students a year.

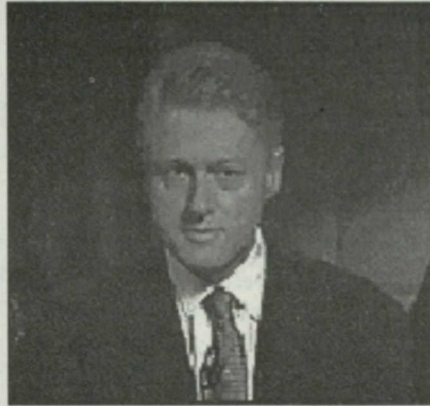
The President even tried to throw students a break by way of their parents, offering a tuition tax credit as high as \$10,000 a year for some families. The tax breaks alone could help 17-million students.

Programs like these have all been implemented since 1996, which means classrooms on campuses all over the country are filled with people targeted, and helped by the President's plans. But ask a one of them what they think when they hear the name Bill Clinton and they're likely to tell you, "He can't be trusted."

"I don't really care about his personal life, but the fact that he lied about it... He can't be trusted in public office," says Colleen*, a senior communications major at the University of Cincinnati. "I don't think anybody will think of him as a positive public

figure."

Of course, she's talking about the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal that led to Clinton's impeachment in



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1998, and she's not alone. Several interviews uncovered students who liked Bill Clinton, even voted for him, but who don't much care for him now. Most of those students also didn't know what he'd done to try to help them get an education.

"I've never been affected by anything the President has

ever done. I didn't know they (Presidents) even had power to affect students directly," says Kris Blahnik, a Corporate Communication senior at the University of Texas. "He seems to be like a pretty good guy, unlike Reagan with Reaganomics, and with Bush the same thing. ...I think because of all the scandals that's how things are gonna go."

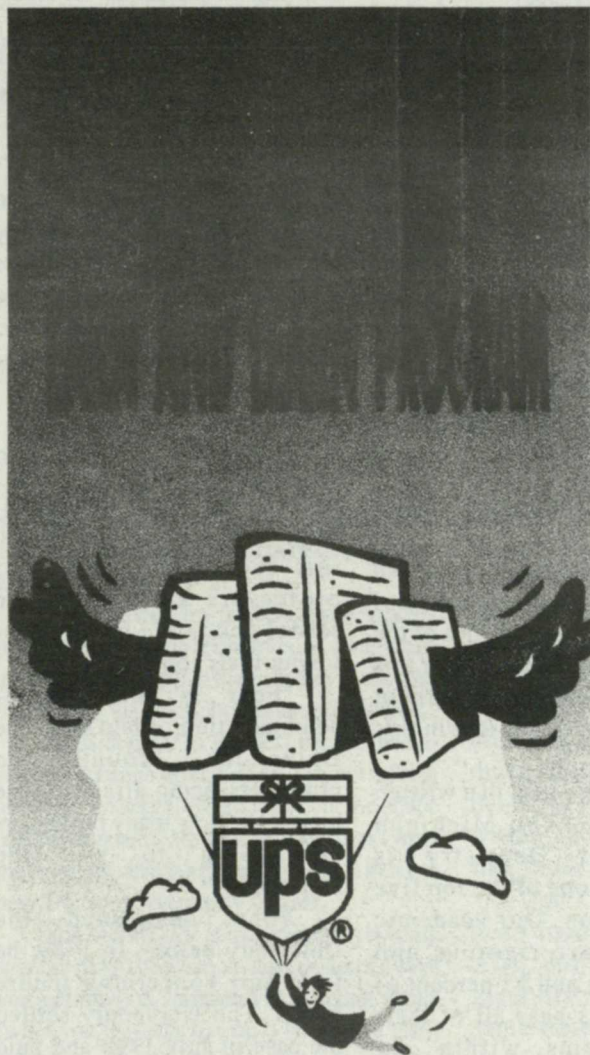
The President also has Capitol Hill critics who never liked the idea of spending more on college tuition programs. In 1996, Kansas Senator Bob Dole ran against Bill Clinton, as the Republican nominee for the White House. He pointed out that under Clinton the Department of Education budget doubled to \$33 billion. Implying that the money was being misspent, Dole pointed out that some students who still couldn't read were being graduated on to college.

There are even harsher

critics in those colleges. "He left a pretty bad legacy," chimes Christin Cardillo, a senior in economics at the University of Colorado. "Oh no, I'm not impressed with him at all. I never really was, and it just leaves a worse impression on me after that. I don't think he's a good role model to have in office." When asked if she know any other students who still support the President, she answers, "No, I don't actually."

So maybe it's back to the future for the man who wowed young voters by sporting shades and playing his sax on late-night TV in 1992. "I don't know, I think the younger generation kind of looks up to him - the MTV generation," says Brandon Vonahlefeld, a criminal Justice Senior from the University of Cincinnati. "He's an embarrassment if you ask me, really."

*Last name withheld to provide anonymity



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Computer glitches keep Northwestern U. students from finding new classes

Rebecca Orbach

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(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. -- Winter Quarter brings a new set of professors, books and courses -- at least for Northwestern University students who could find their assigned classrooms.

Although students registered for Winter Quarter with CAESAR, Northwestern's new online registration system, many were unable to find their classrooms on the first day of class Wednesday because the locations weren't updated on the system. Students were also unable to add, drop or register for classes until 5 p.m. Wednesday, and when they could, only a limited number of users could gain access.

When CAESAR was first implemented, students were unable to pre-register from their personal computers because user overloads prevented the system from working properly.

During winter break, students received an e-mail message from the registrar warning them that some classroom locations had been

changed during the break. Administrators also urged students to check their schedules online before attending classes on Wednesday. But when students logged on, many encountered error messages because of a system overload. Most discussion sections didn't have locations posted on the system, and several professors canceled the sections this week because they were uncertain that they would be assigned rooms in time.

When students registered in November, there was a controlled number of users, said Rebecca Dixon, associate provost for undergraduate enrollment. But since November, student financial accounts and admissions were added to CAESAR, adding to Wednesday's overload.

"It's frustrating because there is plenty of hardware there," Dixon said. "When there is a lot of load, the system is saying 'enough already.'"

Faculty and staff members met Wednesday to solve the user-overload glitches and add classroom locations. After NU Information Technology altered the route to the Web site, the system was up and running immediately.

"That kind of fine-tuning will need to go on in the upcoming weeks," Dixon said. "It's almost unavoidable. Northwestern is doing everything humanly possible to minimize the difficulties for students."

But that fine-tuning prevented some discussion sections from meeting this week.

Prof. Peter Hayes, who teaches History of the Holocaust, said he normally receives the discussion locations when the schedules are printed out. Hayes addressed the confusion during his Wednesday lecture, advising students to check CAESAR later in the week for discussion section details.

"I told my class each person would have to figure it out for him and herself," Hayes said.

Prof. Lane Fenrich also canceled his U.S. History discussions. He told his students that they might be happy that they didn't have class, but he said discussions are important and students are missing out.

Dixon said that when students check only their class schedules, they should use a different link to the system to decrease the overload. When accessing CAESAR from NU's registrar Web site, students should click on "Class Schedules for Winter 2000."

Microwaves may cause memory loss

Rachel Tullio

The Daily (U. Washington)

(U-WIRE) SEATTLE -- Microwaves, similar to those emitted by cell phones, contribute to long-term memory loss. That is the conclusion of a study recently completed by Henry Lai, a research professor in the University of Washington's bioengineering department.

According to Lai, the microwaves caused chemical changes in the brain by depleting acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter used by the brain to transfer information between cells. Acetylcholine is essential to memory function. Lai explained that the amount of energy absorbed into the tissue is the biggest factor in damage.

"The rats in the study had a lower level of energy absorption because they had their entire bodies exposed. Humans however are likely to absorb higher levels of energy,

"When using a cell phone, the closer an antenna is to your head, which is highly susceptible to the energy, the more absorption," Lai said.

In this study, rats were exposed for one hour to microwave radiation prior to training sessions, where the rats were taught to swim to an underwater platform in clouded water. Repetition was important, Lai explained, because it allowed the rats to store the task in their long-term memory.

The six training sessions were more effective with the unexposed rats, who overall were more likely to find the platform than the irradiated rats. Lai noted that this could be indicative of microwaves causing problems with the learning process.

"The microwave-exposed rats were much slower in finding the platform during the training sessions," Lai said. "They tended to spend much more time attempting to climb the wall of the pool or swimming along the wall."

When asked if cell phones posed a danger, Lai said at this point there is no need for too much concern.

"One study does not mean a lot. Science depends on putting all the information together before drawing a conclusion," he said.

"One study doesn't mean a whole lot, science depends on putting all the pieces together to form a conclusion," Lai said.

Dental professor sues U. Michigan for refusing to fail students

Hanna Lopatin

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Dental School associate Prof. L. Keith Yohn filed a lawsuit against the University of Michigan last month after it refused to fail two sophomore dental students.

Acting as his own attorney, Yohn filed claim in the U.S. District Court in Detroit and charged the University with the "deprivation of 'freedom of speech' and 'property' right to protect the 'health care interest' of the public and their children."

Dental School Dean William Kotowicz, associate Dean Robert Fiegal and course directors Merle Jaarda and Kenneth Stoffers were also named as defendants in the lawsuit.

The students in question failed a pre-clinic class during the 1999 winter term and failed a remedial class the following summer. Yohn said it is Dental School policy that students who fail these classes are dismissed from the program.

Kotowicz proposed in September that the two students be allowed to repeat the course for a third time. The school's executive committee upheld this decision and created a course for the students to complete.

Yohn, who has worked at the University for more than 36 years, said the course consisted of two tests, the first of which took place in October. He and three other professors were chosen to grade what Yohn referred to as "independent practical projects."

"We knew the situation of the students," Yohn said. "So we tried not to be biased. After two-and-a-half hours we came to a unanimous decision that they

had failed the project. The scores were so low there was no way they could pass the course."

Yohn said that upon reporting this message to Fiegal, he and the three other professors received a belligerent e-mail from the associate dean informing them that the grades would be disregarded.

In a new examination administered by co-defendants Jaarda and Stoffers - and, according to Yohn, not approved by the executive committee - the two students passed with C and C-plus grades. "The administration did not honor our grades," Yohn said.

Yohn said he asked Kotowicz why the two students were receiving so many chances, adding that "he won't tell me why they're special."

One of the students, said Yohn, is a daughter of a part-time faculty member at the University. "It smacks of nepotism," said Yohn. "But we'll

have to let the court decide that."

University spokesperson Julie Peterson would not comment on the specifics of the case but said, "We consider this lawsuit to be utterly without merit and we expect to win this case."

Kotowicz said in a written statement, "The Michigan School of Dentistry is considered one of the top five in the nation. Our academic programs are rigorous and challenging and 95 percent of our students pass all of their board exams within six months of graduation."

In his suit, Yohn is asking that the University recognize and report the original grades and provide a monetary compensation for emotional distress as a result of the e-mail.

The other three faculty members who joined Yohn in failing the students have not

joined him in the lawsuit. Yohn said he attributes this to the fact that the other professors are new to the school and could be afraid of losing their jobs.

"Fear is the ally of administration," Yohn said. The University "counts on professors being afraid to lose their jobs. How many professors are going to sue the University?"

Yohn has sued the University before. In 1989, he filed suit concerning tenure issues. The University settled the case in July 1998 and paid Yohn an undisclosed amount.

This is not the first large lawsuit brought against the Dental School. In 1995, three black Dental School Instrument Technicians filed a suit claiming supervisor Linda Vachon fired them on grounds of discrimination. The 15th District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in 1997.

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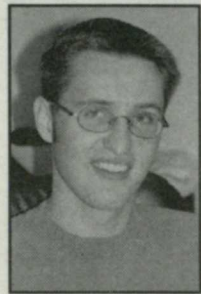
Bringing the predictions back down to earth

As Michael Stipe once crooned, "It's the end of the world as we know it."

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that means: predictions.

Now that we've slowly left the orgy of remembrance that was the last year, decade, century and even millennium (not that it's technically over with or anything), the media, pundits and crazed ones are making their bold predictions for the future.



Brad Pilcher

Some are humble enough, only making modest proclamations about the next 12 months. Some are quite bold, trying to tell us what the next century holds. Still more are just plain stupid, trying to tell us what's going to happen in the next 1,000 years.

Bah!

I've heard everything from the "smart home" will become mainstream within the next year to Elvis will be back this decade. One idiot even said that in the next 12 months, desktop computer sales will plummet. Why? Because cellular telephones will be able to do everything we now do with computers.

Keep dreaming bone-head.

So my point, if you're still reading, is that predictions have gotten a little bit out there. So out there, in fact, that you're not likely to gain anything of any value from most of them. That is exactly why I'm going to make some predictions of my own.

Now you wait, my predictions are decidedly more low key. Some are humorous while some are more serious. All of them, however, are way more likely than cell-phones-as-spreadsheets.

Prediction #1: In the next decade, television will change dramatically. I'm not talking about the content. I'm talking about the shape and signal quality. Now, I know you don't want me to tell you that you're going to have to buy a new TV. Sorry, eventually you are.

You see, HDTV is incredible. If you only saw the difference when an analog signal (what you get now) is compared to a digital signal (what you'll get then) you'd be buying them right now. They're shaped differently too. No longer will you be squared in by that 4x3 ratio.

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16x9 is in baby, yeah!

The added bonus here is that you won't have to complain about widescreen films that have those black bars. Everything will be widescreen!

Prediction #2: In the next year, Pokemon will go out of style. So will the United Boy Bands of America. I'm all for keeping Britney Spears and her other female compatriots around, but then again, I am a guy.

Just think about it. If the New Kids on the Block taught us anything, it's that we have a limited appetite for this crap. Unfortunately, in six or seven years, new crap will be back in style. Ugh!

Prediction #3: In the next century, Strom Thurmond, the Queen of England, Bob Barker, the Rolling Stones, Dick Clark, and if we're especially lucky, Elizabeth Taylor will all die. I know it seems unlikely, but these people are not immortal - I think.

Prediction #4: In the next century, we will have a President Boner. Think about it. We've had a President Bush. We've had a president whose nickname is Dick (Nixon). Technically Clinton has no sexual overtones in his name. He made up for it in other ways, and he always was a Slick Willy, so we'll give him an honorary mention. When you think about it, President Boner is not that far-fetched.

Prediction #5: In the next decade, people who can barely multiply numbers will be driving the car that won't get off your bumper. This is one of those guaranteed prophecies we don't like to think about, but it's true.

They may only be nine or ten years old right now, but give 'em a few years and a learners and they're good to go. In short, be afraid. Be very afraid.

Prediction #6: One of the predictions I've just listed won't come true. Sorry, I do not have a perfect record.

Prediction #7: The university's oft-touted Master Plan will not be realized in the next decade. It costs too much. It doesn't do a thing for the students. Let's face it, there isn't a place within 100 miles of this city that looks like those artist renderings.

Don't doubt that the school will raise loads of money in fundraising. Also, don't doubt that the school will gleefully raise your student fees at the same time. Progress, or the so-called variety, doesn't come cheap these days.

Insight/Out

by Rodney Carmichael
Perspectives Editor

A New Day's ReSOULution

Welcome to the first month of the first year of the rest of your life. Whether you planned to or not, you've made it this far. And there are at least 2,000 reasons why you shouldn't quit yet.

Many of us tend to look at a new year as nothing more than an arbitrary set of numbers picked by man to represent something he could never truly comprehend -- eternity. By superimposing a calendar upon the universal constant, we've attempted to simplify life. The irony is that in developing such a system, we've done the exact opposite. Our hopes of creating a rational universe almost brought us to the brink of millennial disaster. The resulting fear of facing the unknown sent us scrambling to develop a Y2K safety net.

And so here we are. Safe . . . for the moment. Basking in dawn's new day. The Age of Aquarius. We're mere babies now, all of us. Trekking into uncharted territory.

It's enough to make you want to take off all your clothes and leave that old baggage behind. Old attitudes, fears and frustrations with life just seem too constricting now. You feel like doing something you've never done. Something you said you'd never do.

You feel like flying straight through the sun's center because you're no longer afraid of getting burned. You feel like rising to claim destiny rather than merely dreaming about it. You feel more like yourself than you've felt in a long time and you don't understand why.

But you don't want to understand. You just want to live. Prove to yourself that you haven't forgotten how. Prove to the world that there's a reason why you didn't die in 1999.

Don't waste anymore time staring in the mirror trying to convince your reflection that it's time. Make the time. Take the time.

You can say that again

*"It's a new world order
A brand new day
A change of mind
For the human race"*

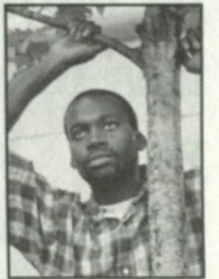
Curtis Mayfield (1942-99), *New World Order*

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Rodney Carmichael

Take it easy when you want to. Take a shower in the middle of the day. And sing. Sing loud enough to make your roommates wonder about you. And laugh, because everything is alright -- even when it's not.

Be crazy. Or, go crazy. The choice is yours. Give your heart the freedom to fall in love again. Not because you want to, but because you need to. Reacquaint yourself with passion's power. Fear not the probability of pain, but the numb void left by your hearts unfulfilled desires.

Find pleasure in the most tedious of tasks. Find peace within yourself. Find a way to communicate your innermost feelings to your best friend. Then make a new friend and tell him, too. Lay your prideful ego to rest. That way, it can never be hurt again.

Embrace the truth and walk in it. Fall down and struggle to get back up. Listen for the voice of your ancestors as they guide you toward glory. Defy death and sure disaster with each word you speak. Make amends with those you've offended, then forgive yourself for not doing so sooner.

Give a big piece of your soul away. And another. And another. Give it away as if you were born to do absolutely nothing less. And watch how you grow. Watch yesterday get smaller and smaller, and tomorrow greater and greater. Watch the universe expand with each conscious step you take toward forever.

Then lay down and get some rest so you can do it all again tomorrow. . . . And the day after that. And the day after that. .

OTHER COLUMNS

the views of our regular (and not so regular) columnists

Beware the Minus Men

Sharrell Luckett

Staff Columnist

Hey! This is a letter to all of the men who can't decide what and who they want to do. I mean, I am tired of all these lame boys giving ladies the run-around. Are ya'll confused about life or something? Well, the Infamous Rell is here to help you.

Let me classify your life for you. Ladies this is for you too, so that you can recognize these skunks and move them to the side. They are known as Minus Men. And they are just that. Ask yourself, "Do I have too many men or do I have too many Minus Men?" If you can say, "My life would be better minus *this* man!" then you have a Minus Man.

His traits are simple and easy to spot. Minus Men "just desire a *working* relationship." Can someone please explain to me what a *working* relationship is? All relationships are *workable* to me. My friendships are working, my family relations are working and most of all, my intimate relations are working. So Minus Men, when you speak of *working* relationships, you really need to specify your intents because business is not the first thing that comes to mind, at least not for me.

The second trait of Minus Men is that they are "in denial about liking you." Denial is a harsh habit. It will get you nowhere.

Confess your love for a sister now, because all that "just being friends stuff is bull." Pla-tonic...Pla-ton-ic. That's your only excuse. "I want a Platonic relationship." That's what you got your mama for fool. She's supposed to be your Platonic lady friend, not the girl that you are in love with.

Straighten your thoughts out now, cause' you will be sorry when your love meets that Ricky Martin or that D'Angelo that she was looking for all along. Yet she was willing to settle for you because you possessed intelligence and strength, which made her think about all of the good and succulent things that she could do with your big.... Platonic beliefs. Too bad.

The main thing a Minus Man will do is tell a lady that "there are differences between them that he can't exactly pinpoint." So what are we ladies supposed to do? Sketch ourselves on a map, give the Minus Man a compass, and see if he is able to locate the differences. The truth is, my hair is longer than yours. I have a different sex organ, and my chest is probably bigger.

Oh, and if you ladies *have* to take it to the extreme of drawing yourself on a map, please remind the Minus Man that his destination is south. He seems to forget those things.

One last tidbit, Minus Men, if you really just want a *working* relationship and feel there are *differences* between you and the lady you are *denying* your love for, your "platonic" friend, then I tell you like I tell all people with false hopes, "You got big dreams, man!"

Boy belongs with father

Staff Editorial

The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — Familial needs should be put before political moves, but the United States and Cuba were too busy playing "I've got him and you don't" with 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to notice.

Elian was found in an inner tube at sea after his mother and nine others drowned while trying to escape from Cuba. He was rescued Thanksgiving Day and was sent to live with relatives in Miami.

But the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service required Elian to return home to Cuba to live with his father this week. The action sparked debate and protests throughout Florida regarding whether he should stay with his relatives in America or be sent back to his father in Cuba.

The people fighting over Elian need to take a second and consider the trauma he must be going through.

This 6-year-old has just lost his mother, and now he has to see his picture splashed on the evening news and in the papers. Imagine being fought over by government officials when all you want is to be with loved ones, especially your father.

Elian should be with his father. It is not the jurisdiction of the United States or Cuba to decide how and where this child should be raised.

Exploiting this child simply to further countries' political motives is a disgrace. This boy was treated as a pawn in the continuing battle between capitalism and communism. News Flash — the Cold War has ended and if the United States and Cuba have problems, let the diplomats fight among one another. Let a 6-year-old child who has lost his mother heal.

Although Elian's parents were divorced, his father had visitation rights. Furthermore, INS investigated the father and found that he is a competent parent, that he had sole legal authority to speak on behalf of his son and that they had a close relationship.

Instead of the United States making him a poster child for deprived Cubans everywhere, and Cuba exploiting him as a product of the United States trying to take control, both countries should step back and consider the child's feelings. Politicians can bicker until they are blue in the face, but all their fighting won't raise the child and lead him to a happy, healthy life. The countries only are interested in political grandstanding, not the child's welfare and upbringing.

Next time the United States and Cuba want to wage a verbal war and protest, they should think of who they are really targeting, have some sensitivity and pick on someone their own size.

It's a wonderful life online

Emily Swartzlander

The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — In an effort to simplify my life, I've decided to abandon all of my personal human contact.

It's a decision that stems from an article I read earlier this week, in which a Dallas, Texas man officially vowed to live locked in his house and exist exclusively on-line.

For one year, he will order all food and necessities on-line. For one year, he will remove himself from the outside world and will exist in the confines of his house and back yard.

I think it's brilliant.

What better way to exhume the stress from my life than to stop dealing with it face-to-face? Think about it all the things I won't have to deal with. People who cut in line. Disappointment on someone's face. The people who stand on Court Street and pass out fliers. Over-attentive salespeople.

And everything I need is now available on the Internet. Movies, groceries, music, company, news, on-line classes. What else could a girl ask for?

In fact, I encourage all of you to try the same thing. Because a society based entirely in cyberspace could be the answer to all our problems. Think of all the negative topics it would eliminate...

Education.

Who needs equal funding and new textbooks if you have the world at your fingers? Our children would learn from the richest source available. Education worldwide would equalize. Language barriers would cease. Specialized subject matter would allow school-aged children to cater their own education. And the pressure for grades would be obsolete.

Intolerance.

There's no skin color on a computer. There's no sexual orientation or gender. All we would have to accept is what we want to keep on screen, and if we don't know about the differences between us we would certainly feel more connected.

Class systems.

By removing contact, we could establish a completely equal economic system. Without the need to one-up the neighbors, over-consumption has no place. There would be no need for products we buy solely to impress, and we would not feel the constant push to succeed monetarily. The result would completely equalize our feelings of economic stability.

Dysfunctional families.

Why worry about broken homes and the breakdown of the familial structure when you can eliminate the family entirely? Parents wouldn't have to worry about the responsibility of raising their children. Instead they could leave it to everyone else's Internet site.

Disease.

No contact equals no illness. Automatically, problems such as the AIDS virus would disappear — there would be no chance of catching it. Immunizations and healthcare reform would be unnecessary, which alleviates two giants from the political and social strain.

Dating.

Sexual pressure, be gone! No more awkward first dates or the terrible silences during the first phone conversation. If none of us ever meet, we relieve ourselves of the burden of finding that special someone.

The environment.

Likewise, the decrease in consumption also would help our environmental status. If we don't go anywhere, we don't use gasoline. If we use computers, there's no need for paper products. By capitalizing on one form of energy, we would save in all other areas.

And those are just a few of the numerous benefits that would, in time, elevate us all to a higher standard of living.

Of course, we'd have to give up a few things. Such as holding someone's hand for the first time. Embracing a friend or loved one after a long separation. Seeing the excitement in someone's eyes when they meet a challenge. Love, sex, exhilaration, real-life experience, comfort, attachment, individuality...

But, in the end, those are expendable when we look at the gains. Aren't they?

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Shift teaching back to the minds

Andrew Bernstein
The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — Much has been made lately of the anti-intellectualism that permeates American universities. Colleges are being criticized for junk courses such as “Vampires: The Undead” (University of Pennsylvania) and “The Biology of ER” (Purdue University). Other prominent schools have courses on juggling, witchcraft and UFOs. Increasingly, they also offer sensitivity training, encounter groups and other forms of emotional pap.

But the problem does not begin with universities. The de-emphasis on serious, intellectual training begins in elementary schools — and has been going on for decades. American children still fall short of the education goals set for 2000 and progress in teacher preparation has stalled or worsened, according to the 1999 National Education Goals Report, released Dec. 2.

We are a country where high school graduates often cannot read or write or make change. If they lack even such basic mental skills, then it is inevitable that the colleges will lower their standards and offer trashy, mindless courses. The sad fact is that too many of their students are incapable of intellectually demanding work. For a change in education to occur, it is at the elementary level that process must begin.

More and more of our schools de-emphasize subject-centered learning and concentrate instead on students’ emotional capacity and social activities. Encouraging self-expression is deemed more important than teaching the differences between objectively right and wrong answers. Many classes present little or no lecturing by the teacher, featuring instead group discussions in which all opinions — no matter how arbitrary — are held to be equally valuable.

Further, schools often oppose standardized testing, claiming that poor performance will hurt the child’s feelings. The importance of grades is similarly dismissed, as an alleged threat to the student’s self-esteem. Classes rarely are organized based on ability. Instead, slow learners are placed with the more intelligent ones, thereby holding back the more gifted and burdening teachers with a one-size-fits-all curriculum.

Why have our schools so tragically abandoned their mission to train the mind? The basic cause is the phi-

losophy of Progressive Education, which pervades today’s schools. The Progressive theory, originated by the American philosopher John Dewey, rejects the very idea that the purpose of education is cognitive training. Dewey and his followers believe schools are places where the child vents his emotions and, above all, is socialized.

“The school is primarily a social institution,” wrote Dewey. Its primary function is not to teach “science, nor literature, nor history, nor geography,” but to focus on “the child’s own social activities.”

According to the handbook of one progressive school, its goal is “to maintain a balance between spontaneous behavior and conformity to society’s standards.” And if the student is a budding Galileo or Darwin and his behavior consists of defending new truths, should he modify it to meet the ignorant demands of the group? The student — according to the handbook — must learn to “accept modifications of his behavior when the group requires it.”

Although progressive education has never been accepted in full, its main tenets have been widely incorporated into American schools. Our educators accept the premise that the target of education is not the student’s rational mind. Because they believe that their goal is not to teach the young how to think, they see no need to teach intellectually rigorous subjects. Rather, their goal is to guide students toward some happy medium between self-expression and obedience to the group — i.e., between mindless emotionalism and equally mindless conformity.

This is why a concern for shielding students’ feelings overrides any concern for cultivating students’ intellect and why standard lecturing has been replaced by egalitarian class discussions. Continuous exposure to these anti-mind policies is why so many high school graduates are illiterate and why colleges offer courses about MTV.

Nothing short of an intellectual renaissance can save our schools — a renaissance that will sweep away this pernicious anti-intellectualism and re-emphasize the need to train the child in the use of his most precious possession: his mind.

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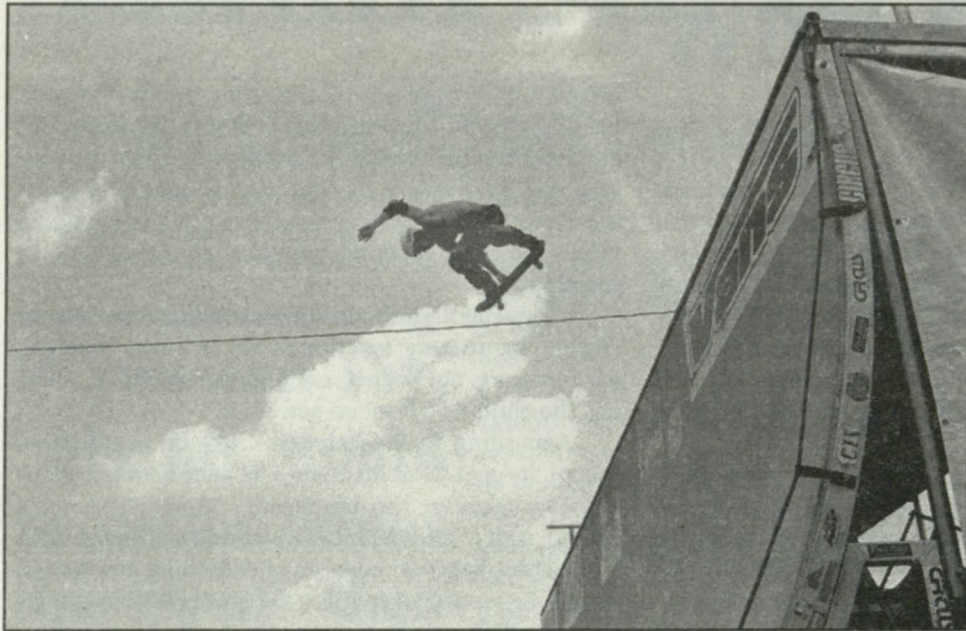
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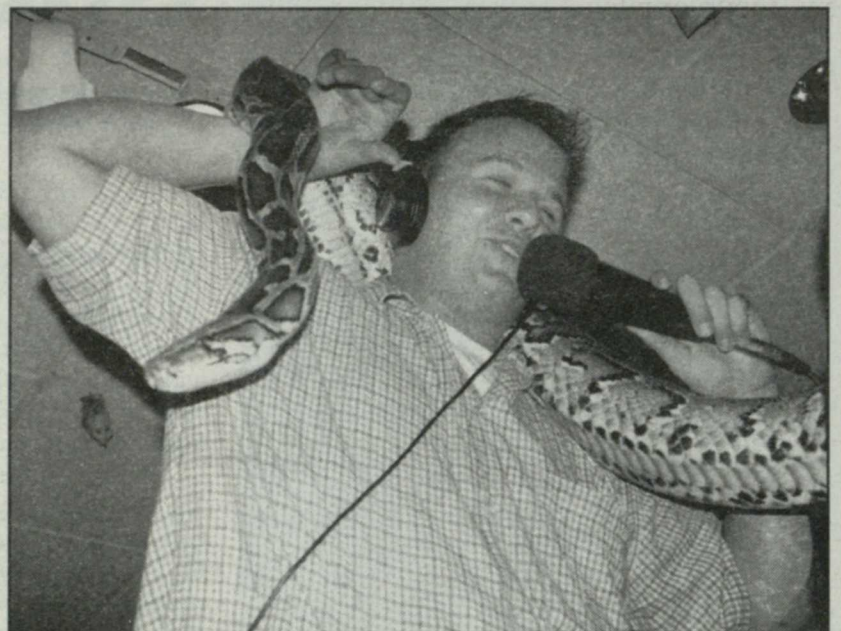
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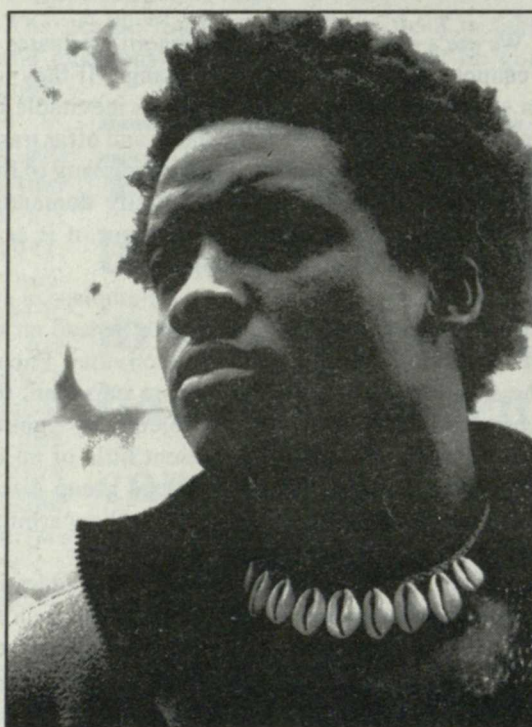


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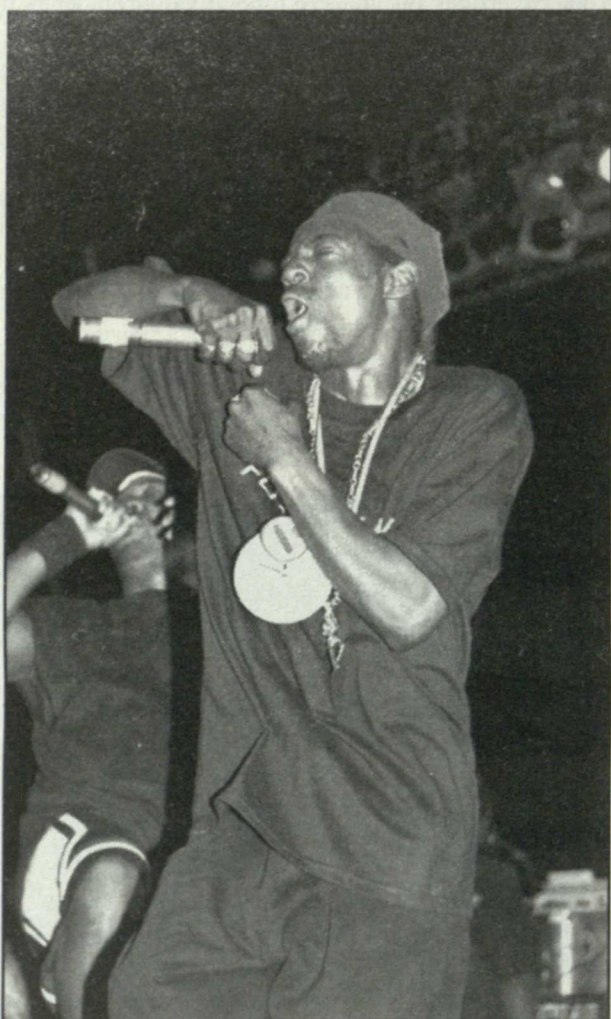
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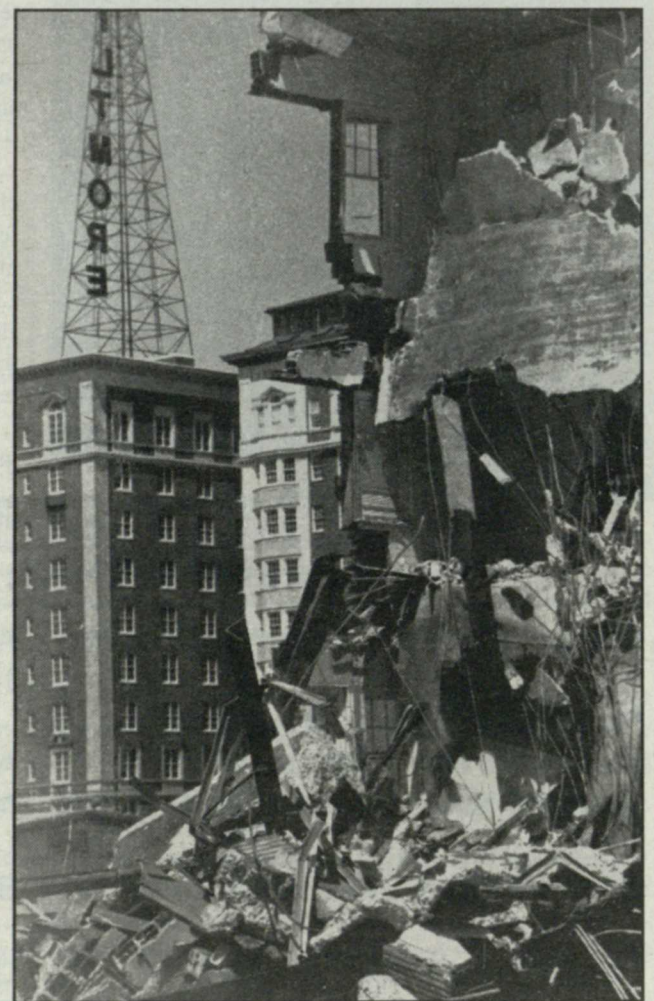
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Next Week's Panther Poll Question:

If you died tomorrow, what would you want to be remembered for?

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Panthers beat Jacksonville for first conference win

New lineup creates new result

Steven P. Ericson
Sports Editor

started two guards and three forwards. Coming off the bench, senior center Torquin Gresham has 10 points and grabbed three rebounds in 28 minutes of play. Georgia State also outrebounded the Dolphins, 33-31, but the rebounds were crucial as GSU had 38 points in the paint.

The shooting of junior guard Brandon Williams and senior forward Calvin Slaughter, who had 17 and 14 points respectively, held up Jacksonville.

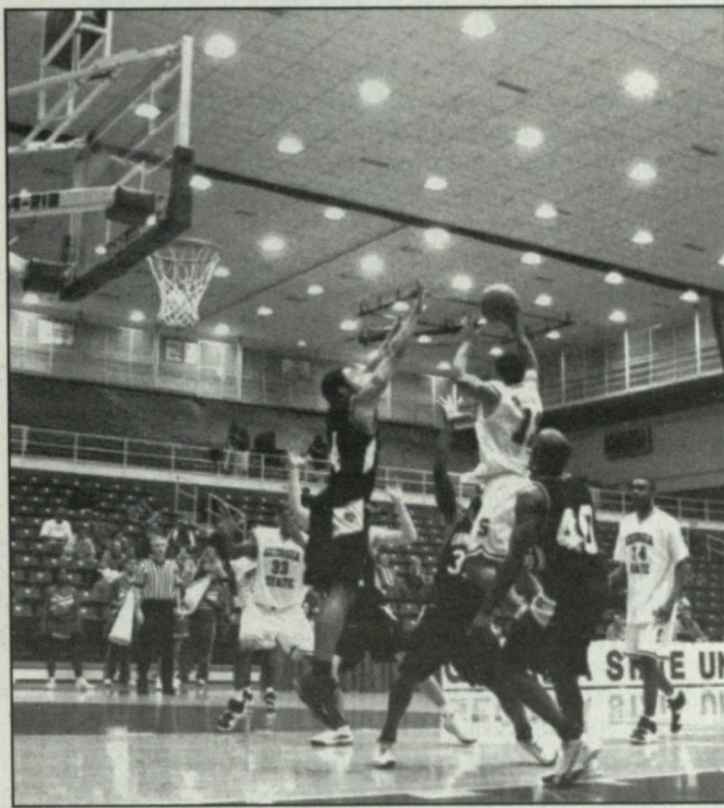
After falling behind by nine with almost 12 minutes left in the first half, Georgia State clawed back to tie the game at 23 with a little under six minutes remaining. JU was limited to only four points the rest of the half, as Georgia State took a 34-27 lead at halftime.

Following a quick three-pointer from freshman guard Kevin Sheppard, which cut the lead to four, Georgia State slowly began to pull away. JU

In a game that featured a vastly different starting lineup for the Georgia State men's basketball team, junior guard Kevin Morris led the Panthers to a 67-57 victory over the Jacksonville Dolphins as the GSU Sports Arena last Saturday.

In his best start of the season, Morris led all scorers with 21 points. He also had four steals and four assists in the game. Junior forward Shernard Long had 19 points for the Panthers, in a lineup without a starting center.

After poor rebounding from the center position the past few games, head coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell



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Shernard Long goes up for a shot during his 19 point performance against Jacksonville last Saturday.

coach Hugh Durham called a 20-second timeout at 15:54 to try and stop Georgia State from running away, after hold-

ing a 44-34 lead.

After a second 20-second timeout, JU slowly began chipping into the Georgia State lead. The Dolphins got the lead as low as five after two free throws from Williams, but would come no closer.

Playing tough defense, Georgia State kept the JU shooters in check, limiting them to only 38 percent shooting in the second half. Georgia State also forced Jacksonville into 21 turnovers, and took advantage of those errors by posting 20 points off turnovers.

The win gives Georgia State its first conference win of the season and improves their record to 3-8 overall and 1-2 in the TAAC. The victory was the 719th of Driesell's career, which ties him for tenth place all-time with former UTEP coach Don Haskins.

Driesell needs only five more wins to move into a tie for ninth with Ray Meyer.

Lady Panthers fall to Campbell

Winning streak snapped at nine

Jason Hanes
Staff Writer

Georgia State's women's basketball team saw its nine game winning streak come to an end last Saturday with an 81-72 loss to Campbell University at the Sports Arena.

Leading by a score of 35-33 at the half, Campbell went on a 9-4 run to start the second half and extend the lead 44-37 off a Stacey Hinkle three-pointer.

But the Lady Panthers would go on a run of their own to take the lead. Trailing by seven, senior Lawana Johnson made a layup and was fouled. Johnson missed the free throw, but freshman Evita Rogers grabbed the rebound and dished the ball to senior Ginny Brown for a layup and a foul. Brown converted the free throw, and the Lady Panthers trailed by just two at 44-42.

After consecutive layups by Rogers and a jumper by Johnson, Georgia State led Campbell 50-46.

Campbell would battle

their way back into the lead thanks to their three-point shooting. Usually a team that depends more on their inside game, Campbell instead rode the hot hand of Sarah Moore back into the lead.

Trailing, Moore hit from beyond the arc to cut the lead to two. Then with Campbell holding a slim three-point lead at 61-58, Moore connected on back-to-back treys to give Campbell a 67-58 lead. Then with the Lady Panthers trailing by four, Moore put the final nail in the coffin with her sixth three-pointer of the game to put Campbell up 72-65.

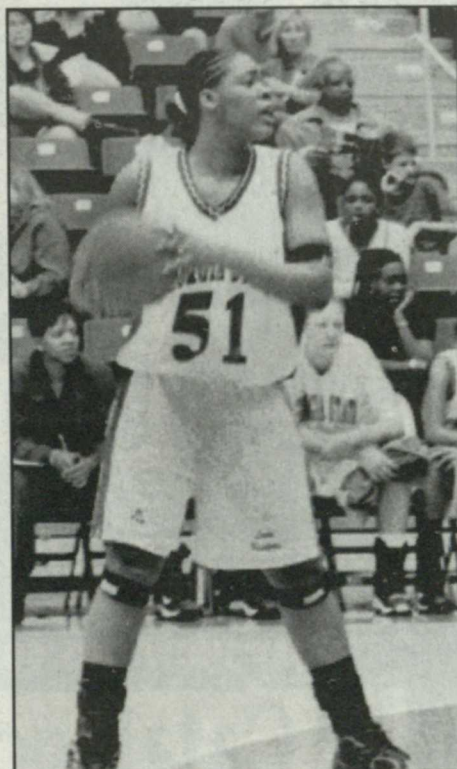
Moore finished with 22 points on the game, including going six of seven from the three-point territory.

Georgia State led Campbell in points in the paint on the game thanks primarily to the efforts of Rogers. Rogers scored a career high 28 points on 12 of 15 shooting from the field. Rogers also grabbed 12 rebounds, and had

four assists, three steals and one block.

The loss dropped Georgia State to 9-3 on the season and 2-1 in the TAAC. Campbell improved to 8-4 and 3-0 in the conference.

The Lady Panthers will return to action on Thursday when they host Jacksonville State at 6 p.m.



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Freshman Evita Rogers had a career high 28 points in the Lady Panthers loss to Campbell.

Panthers fall to the Camels

GSU drops to 0-2 in TAAC

Steven P. Ericson
Sports Editor

After getting stunned in their conference opener against Jacksonville State in Alabama, the Georgia State men's basketball team was hoping for better results when it took on the Campbell Camels at home last Tuesday. Unfortunately, the Camels dealt the Panthers another conference loss with a 69-64 upset win.

The Camels shot 65 percent from the field for the game and made 10 of 16 (62.5 percent) three-pointers. Sophomore guard Adam Fellers was perfect from three-point range - sinking five of five - and led Campbell with 15 points. Senior guard Matt Mardis was also crucial to the Campbell victory, shooting four of seven from the field for 14 points.

Georgia State was outrebounded by the shorter

Campbell team 12-9 in the first half, and were shell-shocked by Campbell's hot shooting (making 14 of 18 shots for 77.8 percent). The Panthers shot well during the first half - 44 percent - but made only one three-pointer on 10 tries. The combination of Campbell's excellent shooting and rebounding gave them a surprising 35-39 halftime lead.

The second half would be different though, as Georgia State started to pound the ball inside against the shorter team. The Panthers ended up with 34 points in the paint for the game. Another key to Georgia State's second half comeback was turnovers. The Panthers caused eight in the second half - four coming off steals.

Although shooting slightly better - making 56 percent during the second half and only 44.4 percent during the first - the Panthers were unable to connect on their three-point attempts. Georgia State made four of 10 three-pointers, with a crucial miss coming towards the end of the game.

Down 65-61, Shernard Long

Panthers fall to Kansas State

Missed three-pointers crucial for Georgia State

Steven P. Ericson
Sports Editor

In a game dictated by three-point shooting, the Panthers were not able to make theirs or stop Kansas State from making theirs. Despite a 17-2 run at the beginning of the second half, Georgia State was not able to defend the three-point shot as Kansas State made nine of 12 three-pointers en route to its 74-61 win at the GSU Sports Arena on Dec. 29.

Coming off a nine-day lay-off, Georgia State opened the game shooting well. The Panthers made four of their first eight shots (including two three-pointers), allowing them to take a 10-8 lead before an officials' timeout. Kansas State took its first lead of the game off a three-pointer by sophomore guard Josh Kimm. Unfortunately for Georgia State, their hot shooting cooled off quickly as Kansas State settled into a rhythm.

Junior transfer Shernard Long and senior Anton Reese each had eight points at the half, as Georgia State trailed 34-22 behind the team's 24 percent shooting. Long, playing in only his third game since transferring, was obviously still affected by the year layoff - making only three of 10 baskets in the first half.

Senior guard Cortez Groves

was leading the Wildcats' offense, with a five of seven shooting performance for 12 points at the half. K-State's other key contributor during the first half was sophomore guard Kenyatta Dix, who came off the bench to give the Wildcats eight points. Dix scored the eight points off three for three shooting, including two three-pointers.

Georgia State seemed to be a different team at the beginning of the second half, with a 17-2 run. Reese and junior guard Kevin Morris led the Panthers' attack during the run. Reese had 10 points and a steal, Morris had six points and two steals during the run. Junior guard Galen Morrison sunk a three-pointer for Kansas State, which tied the game and ended Georgia State's run.

Kansas State slowly built their lead up, extending it to 11 with 7:42 remaining. Although Georgia State battled back and sliced the K-State lead to six with almost five minutes remaining. The Wildcats' dominance on the boards in the remaining minutes kept Georgia State from mounting any chance at a comeback.

Reese finished with 26 points to lead all scorers and Long and Morris added 14 and 12 points respectively, but that was not enough for the Panthers to overcome the performance of K-State's Groves, who had 19 for the Wildcats. Forward Tony Kitt had 10 and Morrison, who made three of four three-pointers, had 13 points in the win.

The loss dropped Georgia State to 2-7, while the Wildcats improved to 7-3 on the year.

A game plan for success after college

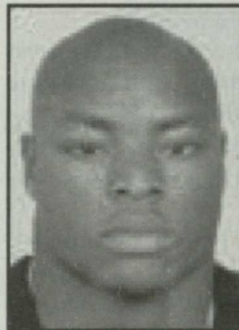
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Star athlete Tony Parrish remembers what it was like to hit the books and follow a dream at the same time. The current Chicago Bears safety had the advantage of getting on the right track at a young age. "I started playing football in eighth grade," said the safety during a charity appearance at the Special Olympics Sports Celebrity Carnival in Chicago. "I basically played every sport and kept playing as long as it was still fun, and it still is. I love meeting new people and signing autographs for kids that love the game and may be in a similar situation that I once was."

Later in life, Parrish headed for Washington State University, where he majored in psychology. He attributes his success in school to mental focus and discipline. Parrish was able to take his study skills from the class-

room and apply them on the playing field. "There is so much preparation before any game, just like you're studying for a test."

Parrish developed a deeper understanding of football by studying game films. In fact, his expertise earned him starting positions in seven games as a freshman and All-Pac honors status during his



Tony Parrish

giving Parrish the chance to prove his talent, and put into practice the skills he learned while training under the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The Chicago Bears picked him during the second round, making Parrish the

35th pick overall. "I always knew that I would achieve my goal of playing professionally. It's a matter of getting the opportunity and doing your absolute best."

As a rookie, Parrish got a starting role in his first 16 games with the Bears. He had 111 tackles and managed to lead the NFL with five forced fumbles!

Parrish is just one of many students who went straight from school into his desired profession. "Sometimes I just sit back and think, man, I am actually doing this. I've followed this dream since I was a kid and now here I am. No matter what you're into, it's all about putting your all into whatever you want to do. When success comes, it's just a feeling beyond words."


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Kevin Morris (shown taking the ball up court against Fresno State) posted 12 points in the Panthers loss to Kansas State.



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Georgia State beats Austin Peay to win seventh in a row

Free throws give Lady Panthers victory

Jason Hanes
Staff Writer

Georgia State used 23 successful free throws in the second half to defeat Austin Peay State University 69-64 in women's basketball action Dec. 30 in Clarksville, Tenn.

Georgia State converted on 23 of 21 free throws (74.2 percent) in the second half to overcome 31-26 halftime defi-

cit.

Junior Leslie McElrath led the Lady Panthers with 22 points in 40 minutes. However, it was sophomore Marica Maddox who scored all 13 of her points from the foul line, many of those coming down the final stretch, who helped GSU seal the deal.

Coming off the bench, freshman Evita Rogers hit seven of eight shots from the field en route to 16 points for the Lady Panthers. Rogers also made it a double-double by pulling down 11 rebounds.



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Marica Maddox (shown against Grambling) scored 13 points in the Lady Panthers win 69-64 over Austin Peay.



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Evita Rogers (51) (shown against Grambling) posted her first double-double as a Panther against Austin Peay.

No McElrath, no problem: Lady Panthers win

Layog posts 20 in rout

Jason Hanes
Staff Writer

Playing without junior forward Leslie McElrath due to a death in her family, the Georgia State Lady Panthers (9-2) got a 20-point performance from senior Carmelita Layog in a 64-48 victory over UNC-Asheville in women's basketball action last Tuesday in Asheville, N.C.

With the win, the Lady Panthers matched the previous best start by a Georgia State women's

basketball team, which came in 1978-79 under coach Rankin Cooter.

GSU took an early lead in the first half, but UNC-A went on a run to close the gap to 20-18 with 4:30 left in the opening frame. From there, the Lady Panthers went on a 10-2 run to open up a 10-point lead at the half, 30-20.

From there, sharp shooting from the field helped the Lady Panthers build a lead that was as high as 21 points in the second half. GSU shot 68.4 percent (13 of 19) from the field to close out the game while holding UNC-A to 29.4 percent shooting (10 of 34) earning a 64-48 victory.

Long's decision proves costly

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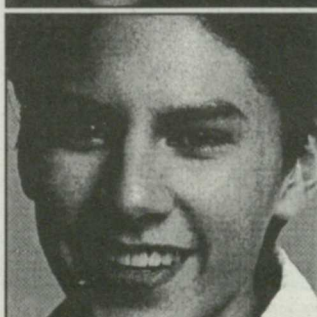
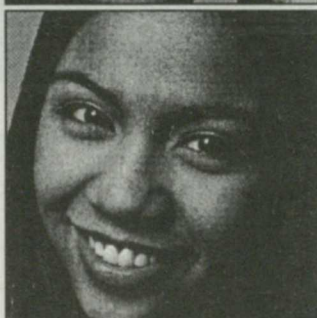
had stolen the ball and was ready to go for the easy layup. Instead of going for the layup, he stopped and took a step back and missed a three-pointer. Campbell rebounded the ball, which all but sealed the game for the Camels.

In spite of poor decision making, Long led the Panthers with 28 points. Guard Anton Reese also pitched in, getting 12 points.

The loss evened Campbell's record in the conference to 1-1 and improved their overall record to 3-8. The Panthers meanwhile dropped to 0-2 in Trans America Athletic play and 2-8 overall.

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I want my FSL (fantasy sports league)!

Minauti Dave

CPNet Staff

What could be more exciting than watching Monday night football on television? Try a fantasy sport - a decades-old hobby that has turned into a virtual reality thanks to the Internet.

Here's how to get started. For most leagues, players pay a standard, one-time entry fee, which runs on average from \$20 to \$500 - all of which ends up in a pool. There are a couple of leagues like the ones offered by Yahoo or Sandbox that have no entry fee.

The next step is the draft. This is when fantasy league players form their teams. Each chooses a group of players, which are made up of 16 to 20 real life athletes. Depending on just how well those athletes are playing on their current teams determines how many points a fantasy team gets. Once the team is in place, a commissioner is appointed. He or she will run the entire league. This includes managing the money and the statistics.

There are different rules for different fantasy leagues and there aren't any strict guidelines. You're allowed to pick up players, drop players and trade with different owners. In some leagues you might have to pay a dollar or more to trade a player. And the beauty of it is, it's all done via chat rooms and emails. There is even software out there that takes the place of a commissioner.

Now back to the pool... The team that wins all at the end of the season takes the cash.

"It (fantasy sports) has just risen in popularity for the past 10 years and because of the Internet," says Wayne Carlson, a junior at Minnesota State University at Mankato. Carlson is in a basketball league with Yahoo Sports Fantasy and in a private football league created by a bunch of college students on campus. "It really is a hobby, it gives you reason to look up the sport a little more. It's fun to watch football on Sundays because you have a fantasy team with a little bit of money on (the) line."

Managers of the fantasy teams are constantly checking on the status and performance of a player by going to Web sites such as CBS Sports and ESPN. "The sites give you updated information. How players are going to play, are they injured, predictions of what players are going to do - it can get very sophisticated," said James Serra, co-owner of FantasyInsights.com, a six-year-old company based in Houston, Texas.

"It's fun because it's an opportunity to socialize with friends. We talk trash about each other's teams within the league and who is going to win from week to week," said Soren

Erikson, a senior at MSU at Mankato, who is also a part of the college-based fantasy football league. "I also like it because it helps me keep track of players in fantasy football - I become a well-rounded football fan."

Fantasy football and fantasy baseball are the most popular leagues online followed by basketball and hockey, said Jim Lenz, co-owner of FantasyInsights.com. And because football is the top pick in the leagues, one has to wonder what the National Football League thinks about all of this fantasia.

According to Lenz, the NFL has been opposed to the leagues, but he says there is a rumor that it's keen on endorsing fantasy sports. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy puts that rumor to

rest. "The league does not endorse any of these Fantasy Sports Leagues, and doesn't have any affiliation. We don't have a position in regards to fantasy football leagues."

The NFL has for the longest time, called it gambling said Lenz. McCarthy responds to that, too. "Each of the (fantasy sports) leagues are different and you can create a scenario where it's seen as a form of gambling." He said that players can take it to the extreme by betting on games and performances, but adds that most of the leagues the NFL has observed are honest and that the players simply show a passion for the sport.

Wondering who is showing a passion for the sport? Serra said 95-percent of their league at FantasyInsights.com is made

up of males between the ages of 25 and 40.

But what about women - many of them are football fans too, right? Soren admitted that women are "quite a minority. Something about football and gambling attracts men." Case in point: MSU's fantasy football league has one female statistician, but Lenz said more and more women are eager to join. He gave an example of the only female team member and manager - among 11 males - who recently defeated another team.

Male or female, Serra said he has customers who have been in fantasy sports leagues for 20 years. He noted that six years ago there were four fantasy football magazines and now there are 30. Two decades ago the method of playing was very

different because today people have the advantage of the Internet, which gives them quicker and greater access to information about athletes. In addition, there are software applications that help people keep track of their fantasy teams.

JC Davis, a senior at the University of Missouri-Kansas City said he simply has no time to join fantasy sports leagues, but he understands why college students are so wild about them.

Greg Ambrosius, editor of Fantasy Sports Magazine says the future of fantasy sports will require more information and more timely statistics. He said there are Web sites out there that will post the stats for free. "The people who play this game are going to benefit from the technology," Ambrosius said.

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Lady Panthers trounce PVU

McElrath reaches 1,000-point plateau

Steven P. Ericson
Sports Editor

In the opening game of the Collegiate Sports Travel Tournament, the Georgia State women's basketball team dropped the Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers behind a terrific defensive effort in the second half. Leading 35-34 at halftime, Georgia State (6-2) limited Prairie View (1-5) to 28 percent shooting in the second half en route to a 66-52 victory.

Junior forward Leslie McElrath led the Georgia State attack, posting her third double double of the season with 32 points and 10 rebounds. With 1:28 remaining in the first half, McElrath became the sixth Georgia State player to score 1,000 points. Freshman center Evita Rogers posted career highs with 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Prairie View kept the game close during the first half with four three-pointers, but made only one during the second half.

Forward Letisha Washington's 15 points and nine from Pressy Elogado led Prairie View.

Georgia State pulled away in the beginning of the second half with an 18-6 run, giving GSU a 13-point lead with almost 10 minutes remaining. Although Prairie View would slice into the lead at times, Georgia State would respond with a point outburst.

Georgia State dominated the interior, outrebounding Prairie View 40-23 and scoring 28 points in the paint to 18 for Prairie View. PVU did take advantage of the Georgia State turnovers, posting 27 points off 26

GSU turnovers.

Prairie View could have taken advantage of a minor injury to McElrath, who went down midway through the second half after coming down hard on her ankle. After sitting out for a few minutes, McElrath came back and seemed to play better than before her injury.

Although they took advantage of the GSU turnovers, Prairie View also harmed themselves greatly with fouls. Washington and guard Tenopra Sheppard both fouled out, as Georgia State made 12 of 13 free throw attempts in the second half.



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Leslie McElrath gets her ankle examined by Head Athletic Trainer Marvin Trinkaus as assistant coach Liz Kennedy looks on.

Panthers snap losing streak, win first of the season

Long leads charge in first game as a Panther

Jason Hanes
Staff Writer

Shernard Long scored 25 points and dished out seven assists in his first game as a Panther, as Georgia State (1-6) defeated Central Michigan (3-5) 74-66 in men's basketball action Dec. 18 at the Sports Arena.

A native of Decatur, Long transferred to GSU after the resignation of Georgetown coach John Thompson. Playing his first collegiate game in almost a year, it took Long the entire first half to recapture his shooting touch as the junior went two of eight from the field for eight points in the opening 20 minutes.

On the flip side, Central Michigan held a 36-29 lead at the half thanks to double figure scoring performances from Dan Schell and Todd Schrottenboer, who had 12 and 10 points respectively.

The second half was a different story for Long and the Panthers. Long connected for 17 points, including a four-point play to give the Panthers

the win.

Long's four-point play turned out to be the turning point of the game for Georgia State. With about seven minutes to go and the shot clock down to three, Long was forced to heave up a three from the corner. Shoved into the Panther bench as he shot, Long's three sailed through the net. The following foul shout gave Georgia State a six-point lead they would not relinquish.

"Shernard came out a little bit rusty," said GSU head coach



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Anton Reese (31) shooting a three, scored 10 points for the Panthers in their win over Central Michigan.

Charles "Lefty" Driesell, "but he was able to get it going in the second half."

Senior Jarrod Hill scored 13 points and had six rebounds for GSU. Schell led Central Michigan with 18 points.



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Jarrod Hill (34) goes up for a block in the Panthers' 74-66 win over Central Michigan.



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Lady Panthers beat Grambling in OT for CST Tourney title

McElrath named
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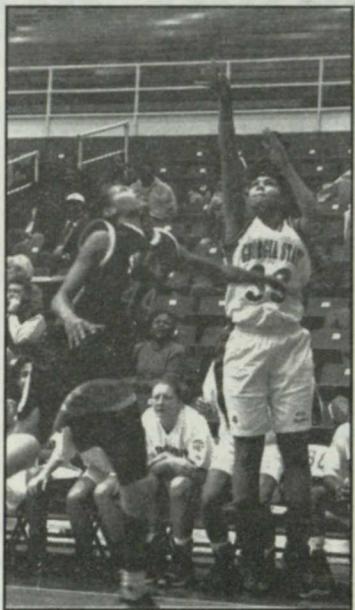
Georgia State (7-2) used a 10-0 run at the start of overtime to defeat Grambling State (5-3) 91-80 and win the Collegiate Sports Travel Tournament Dec. 18 at the Sports Arena.

A back and forth game throughout, Georgia State trailed Grambling State 41-37 at the half, but went on an 11-0 run to start the second half to take a 48-41 lead. However, after five straight points by Grambling's Nakesha Jewell during a 10-0 run, Grambling had regained the lead at 51-48.

The Lady Panthers fought back to take the lead, and after two free throws by sophomore Marica Maddox, Georgia State led 74-68 with 2:07 left in regulation. But Grambling State went on a 6-0 run to end regulation, with the tying bucket coming with 23 seconds to go.

The Lady Panthers had the opportunity to win, but senior Ginny Brown's jumper at the buzzer clanged off the iron, sending the game into overtime tied at 74-74.

In the extra period, the Lady Panthers again went on



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Leslie McElrath shot a three during the Lady Panthers' 91-80 OT victory over Grambling.

a run. This time, their 10-0 run to start overtime would give them an 84-74 win, and send them on their way to a 91-80 victory.

Freshman Evita Rogers led the Lady Panthers in overtime with nine points, en route to 13 for the game. Tournament MVP junior Leslie McElrath led the Lady Panthers with 31 points and 12 rebounds, while All-Tournament team member and senior Lawana Johnson had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

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Grambling advances to CST final

Evans got off bench for
Lady Tigers

Jason Hanes
Staff Writer

Grambling State University (6-2) took advantage of a porous South Carolina State University (1-6) to shoot 65.1 percent (28 of 43) in the second half of a 114-76 victory over SCSU in the opening round of the Collegiate Sports Travel Tournament at the Georgia State University Sports Arena Dec. 17 in women's basketball action.

SCSU hung tough in the first half, trailing by only eight at the half, 46-38. However, a fast

paced offense and stifling defense by GSU proved to be enough to turn the tide. Fourteen players took the floor for GSU, with all of them scoring at least one point.

Shreika Evans led Grambling with 22 points and eight assists in 19 minutes off the bench. Evans was one of five players for GSU to score in double figures.

SCSU committed a Collegiate Sports Travel Tournament record 31 turnovers in the game, which resulted in 36 points for GSU.

Atarsha Stinson led SCSU in the losing effort, scoring 16 points in 31 minutes.

GSU advanced to the finals to face Georgia State University, while SCSU went to the consolation game to play Prairie View A&M.

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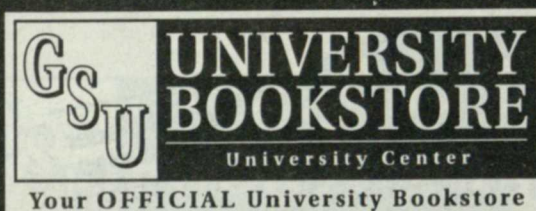
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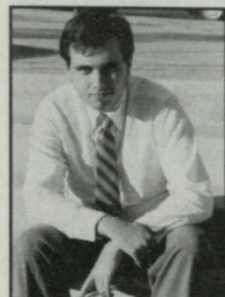
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Hanes His Way

by Jason Hanes
Sports Columnist

I've got a pocket full of bitterness



This is a friendly warning for those of you expecting some sort of positive, uplifting column to begin the new year. My column to start the new year is just dripping with what can be perceived as some very evil, sarcastic comments. You could say that I've got a pocket full of bitterness.

And yes, that is bitterness in my pocket and no, I am not happy to see you.

* One of the strange statistics in basketball, which I don't believe some people at this school who play basketball understand, is the assist. The thing about the assist is that it is given to the player who passes the ball to the player who scores. That is, as long as the pass was a significant

aid in the player scoring. However, while in the old days of basketball here at GSU (read: two years ago) we had players such as Rodney Hamilton who weren't afraid to pass the ball, today we have players who decide that GSU will not win unless they take every shot of the game. It's almost as if the Panthers have decided to play streetball instead of basketball. If you are interested in playing defense, do not apply to walk onto this team. Like that really matters anyway if you try to walk on, because you would probably get run off sooner or later.

*Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker was very wrong to say the things he said in a recent issue of *Sports Illustrated* about various groups of people. However, the fact remains that this is America, and no matter how wrong or how stupid Rocker may have sounded in making his comments, he has that right. And for that reason, I feel he should not be punished.

*Earlier this year, GSU Athletic Director Greg Manning had a press release issued to tell us about how a certain parking lot

would only charge \$2 to students on game days, and would also be open late on game nights for patrons to park. Well on the night of the Kansas State game, I decided that since the GSU lots weren't open as of 4 p.m., I would park at this highly touted lot. Of course, when I went to get my car out of the lot at 10:05, I found that the lot had already been closed up for the night (as of 9:45 as a point of interest) and there was no way for me to get to my car. So thank you very much Mr. Manning for making that suggestion via press release for me to park at said lot. If not for the fact that I found a worker at the lot who was off the clock and leaving, I probably would have had no way home that night.

*Recently, I have learned a lot about this thing that most people who are on the Internet have. That thing is called email. Now I don't know how many of you people realize it, but if someone sends you an email, and you want to send something back to them, you can simply hit this little button labeled "Reply", and you can compose a message right

back to them. Hence, why it is called a "Reply Button." I had no idea that this was possible and apparently, not very many other people do either.

*Okay, I think I pretty much have all the bitterness out for this week. This other stuff might just be characterized better as ranting and raving.

*No, I do not feel like a complete and total idiot for picking the Atlanta Falcons to go to the Super Bowl earlier this year. The two biggest personnel losses of the season for the Falcons had to have been those of Jamal Anderson (knee) and Tony Martin (free agency). Once the Falcons get Anderson back at 100 percent next year, and if the team can pick up a deep threat at wide receiver, I believe that they will definitely be a playoff caliber team.

*At least one basketball team at this school is winning, that team being the Lady Panthers. Granted, their eight game winning streak was snapped by a Campbell team picked to win the conference this year, but I believe that Lady Panther head coach Lea Henry is doing her best job of coaching in her six years at GSU. This year's team, I believe, will make a serious challenge for the TAAC title. Also, even if they do not win this year, can you imagine how strong this team is going to be next year?

*Speaking of women's basketball, the TAAC women's tournament is in Pelham, Ala., this year. For those of you wondering why the TAAC would choose Pelham, the reasoning is very simple: Boaz, Ala. was not available.

*In this world where it is becoming easier than ever to find lying in advertising, it comforts me to note that there is indeed one advertisement that is correct. I can gladly say that inside a Winterfresh mouth, it DOES taste much, much cooler.

*So you know, the preceding bullet was not paid for by Wrigley's gum. In fact, I don't even chew gum.

*And on a final note, I was just wondering about something. After the volleyball matches here at GSU, the GSU volleyball team is responsible for taking down the net. Yes, let's forget that they may have just played a grueling five-game match, they are expected to take down the net after the game. Now my problem is not the part about taking down the net. My problem is that THEY are the ones doing it. I mean, we do have custodians at this school who would do whatever was asked of them on behalf of the men's basketball team. But the volleyball team, and to an extent the women's basketball team, basically gets screwed over.

Prairie View slams S.C. State

PVU claims third in CST Tournament

Steven P. Ericson
Sports Editor

After losing in the opening round of the Collegiate Sports Travel Tournament against the host Georgia State Lady Panthers, Prairie View (2-5) rebounded to claim third place with a 92-66 victory over the South Carolina State Lady Bulldogs (1-7) Dec. 18.

With four players in double figures, the Lady Panthers ran away with the game. PVU's Letisha Washington led all scorers with 24 points off the bench. Forward Pressy Elogado and center Tanisha Lee each had 16 points, while Shonta Greenwood pitched in 14 for the Lady Panthers.

Despite 18 points from guard

Lushanna Burgess and 13 points from center Doriane Lezama, S.C. State could not overcome its horrific shooting performance. The Lady Bulldogs shot a paltry 20 percent during the first half and only a slightly improved 35 percent during the second half.

The only thing that kept the game close during the first half for the Lady Bulldogs was their foul shooting. S.C. State made 17 of 22 free throws during the first half, while PVU made only 12 of 21 foul shots.

The second half was much of the same, as PVU continued to pound the ball inside. The Lady Panthers got 30 points in paint — 20 of those during the second half. Prairie View's improved second half shooting allowed them to extend their lead to as much as 30, which they did twice.

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Lydell Gunsby	3/0	0.8	1.2	.05

Statistics through Sunday, Jan. 9

MEN'S BASKETBALL | STANDINGS

TEAM	TAAC	OVERALL
Jacksonville St.	4-0	9-3
Troy State	4-0	8-5
Samford	3-1	9-5
Campbell	2-1	4-8
Georgia State	1-2	3-8
Central Florida	1-2	3-11
Stetson	1-3	6-7
Jacksonville	1-3	4-8
Mercer	1-3	4-12
Florida Atlantic	0-3	1-11

Standings through Sunday, Jan. 9

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SEASON STATISTICS

PLAYER	G/GS	PPG	RPG	APG
Leslie McElrath	11/11	20.4	8.1	2.8
Lawana Johnson	12/12	9.1	7.5	2.0
Marica Maddox	12/12	4.7	2.4	4.3
Carmelita Layog	12/9	7.9	1.2	1.7
Yvette Tisdale	11/7	5.1	3.3	0.4
Ginny Brown	12/4	6.2	4.1	0.9
Rene Hines	11/0	4.5	2.2	0.5
Evita Rogers	12/2	8.6	5.8	0.9
Kristen Stack	11/3	1.9	1.3	0.1
Alicia Doherty	10/0	1.1	1.6	1.7
Angelina Miller	8/0	1.0	1.6	0.5
Kara Edwards	3/0	1.3	2.0	0.0

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Nov. 19	FRESNO STATE	L, 64-74
Nov. 24	at Tulsa	L, 73-100
Nov. 27	at Detroit	L, 65-79
Dec. 1	CREIGHTON	L, 54-58
Dec. 4	at Bradley	L, 73-89
Dec. 7	at Jacksonville State*	L, 79-81
Dec. 18	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 74-66
Dec. 20	at Southern	W, 83-73
Dec. 29	KANSAS STATE	L, 61-74
Jan. 4	CAMPBELL*	L, 64-69
Jan. 8	JACKSONVILLE*	W, 67-57
Jan. 10	STETSON*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Central Florida*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Florida Atlantic*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Troy State*	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	MERCER*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Samford*	8 p.m.
Jan. 29	TROY STATE*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	SAMFORD*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	ALABAMA A&M	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Campbell*	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Stetson*	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Jacksonville*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	CENTRAL FLORIDA	7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Nov. 20	USC-SPARATANBURG	W, 79-37
Nov. 23	GEORGIA TECH	L, 51-75
Nov. 27	Youngstown State	L, 62-64
Nov. 28	St. Francis (N.Y.)	W, 77-52
Dec. 2	at Jacksonville*	W, 47-45
Dec. 4	at Stetson*	W, 64-51
Dec. 9	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	W, 69-64
Dec. 17	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 66-52
Dec. 18	GRAMBLING STATE	W, 91-80
Dec. 30	at Austin Peay State	W, 69-64
Jan. 4	at UNC-Asheville	W, 69-64
Jan. 8	CAMPBELL*	L, 81-72
Jan. 13	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	SAMFORD*	1 p.m.
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Feb. 17	at Samford*	8 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Jacksonville State*	3 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Campbell*	Noon
Mar. 2	STETSON	6 p.m.
Mar. 4	JACKSONVILLE	1 p.m.

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The Spotlight Programs Board brings Internet radio to GSU with "The Spot"

Vonetta R. DeVonish
Staff Writer

The music scene is exploding all over the airwaves, permeating the final frontier of the Internet as music lovers can hear their favorite tunes on their computers. You can hear hits from your very own backyard or those in far off lands such as Brazil or Germany. The Internet is an amazing tool that connects us all. Starting with the new millennium, the Spotlight Programs Board presents their own Internet radio station called "The Spot." It officially began broadcasting over the Internet on Jan. 10, 2000. The radio station will have a virtual deejay play a wide variety of



The Spotlight Programs Board: (Left to Right) Jessica Williams, Rodney Carmichael, Pok Payattakool, Emory Edwards, Tracy Trent, Janea Johnson, Zinnia Martinez, Blake Myers, Marcelyn Linsey, Mark Henderson.

the music, you must have RealPlayer downloaded on your computer first. Besides checking out music on the site, students can find out what's happening on campus too. Mark Henderson, PR/Promotions Chairperson, said, "The main purpose is to inform students about current activities at Spotlight." In addition to guest speakers and seminars, stay tuned for more information about Homecoming 2000 from Feb. 18-26. "We will be promoting Homecoming on 'The Spot.' Stay tuned for giveaway contests and celebrity interviews," said

Henderson. In addition to Homecoming, "We want people to get information about various Spotlight events such as Cinefest, Women's Life and Development and Black Life and Culture. We had limited coverage prior to this." Spotlight hopes to change that and appeal to the diverse mix of people at Georgia State by offering them another way to find out about the activities that are available to them. They are also looking for enthusiastic students who want to get involved with Spotlight.

Getting the project up and running wasn't too difficult, said Henderson. "Basically we just downloaded software from MyCaster and used equipment we already had, such as microphones and speakers. We got the rights to play the music from BMI, who we talked to

about licensing Internet radio." Henderson also received some professional advice from Hot 97.5's Tawanna James as he was putting the radio station together. Henderson hopes "The Spot" will increase Spotlight's visibility by informing more people about it. The combination of music and technology are key factors in attracting GSU's student body since many students spend a lot of time on-line. "It's my job to handle all promotions for Spotlight. This radio station is another effective way of communicating with the student body."

Students will also get to know the Spotlight Board Chairpersons better as they will be serving as personalities on "The Spot" and discuss their particular committee. "The Spot" will be a one stop place to hear music and get information.

Become a part of student life at Georgia State, building traditions at this non-traditional campus. To find out more, stop by the Spotlight offices at Suite 380 in the Student Center, call (404) 463-9088 or send an e-mail.

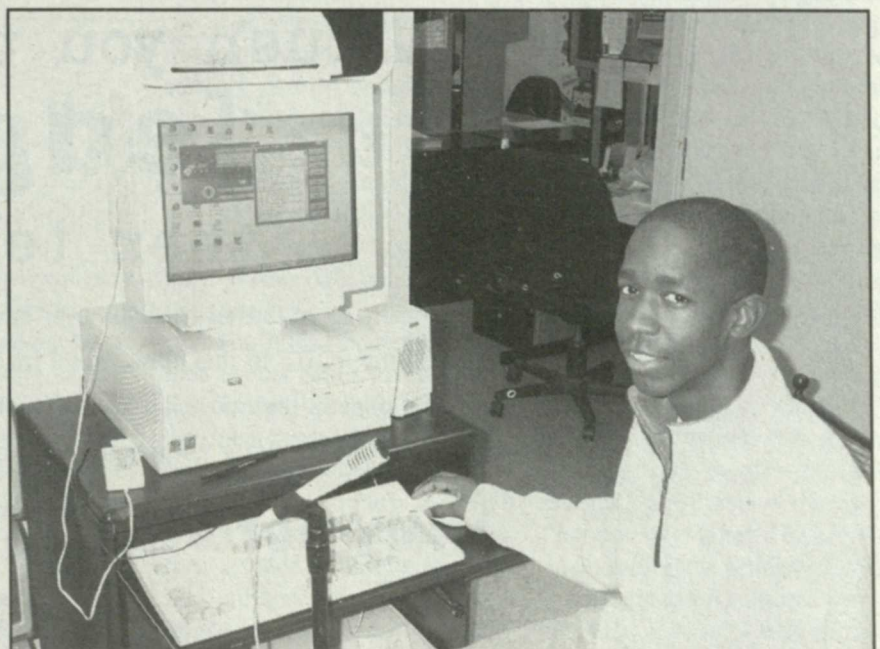


The RealPlayer display that Internet listeners will bring up to access "The Spot."

songs from oldies to current hits. Students can send requests and dedications via e-mail to gsuspot@mail.com to get their favorites added to the playlist. Going to www.gsu.edu/spotlight and clicking on the icon can access "The Spot". To access

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"The Spot" is funded using the same money Spotlight is allocated from Student Activity Fees, so there is no added cost for the radio station.



Spotlight Public Relations Director, Mark Henderson, working on "The Spot."

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Billionaire ascends in rock

Amye Walters
Staff Writer

Atlanta is flourishing with prosperity. You probably have heard much scuttlebutt about the newest Billionaire to arrive in our city. You might have thought someone won the lottery or just did really well in the stock market; but this Billionaire's portfolio boasts 13 hard, powerful tracks, rather than dollars and commodities.

Billionaire's debut album, *ascension*, is a collection of straight-up rock and roll, true to its roots. The group is a classic composition; Marc Tompkins and Rick Beato share vocal and guitar duties, while Walter Busbee takes care of the bassline and Darren Dodd completes the quartet with his drum kit.

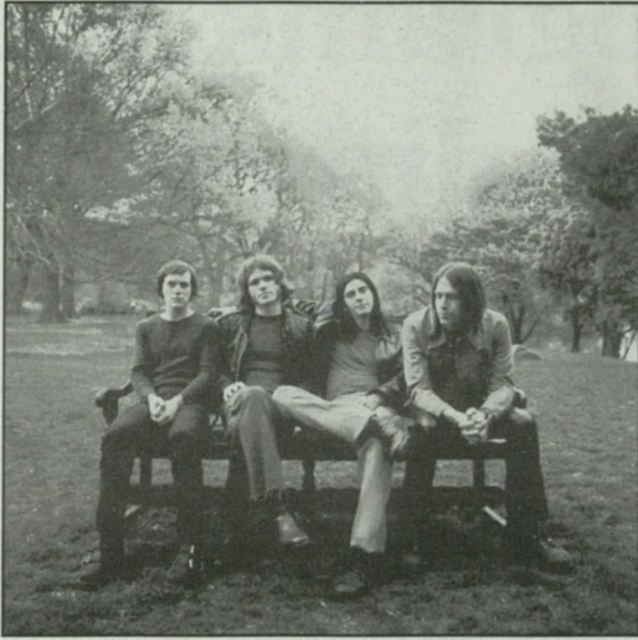
Listening to *ascension* brings out the black-leather-wearin', wanna-be-Harley-ridin' rocker in all of us. The unique el-

ement of *ascension* is that, while being very driven rock, the album as a whole is quite melodic and listenable. It contains the type of music that is perfect for stretches of a road trip when you need open-your-eyes music, yet want

Tompkins and Beato's haunting, electric voices and Billionaire's exotic instrumentation. Other winning tracks include "Joymaker," which starts off fast and loud and stays that way. As well as "The Jesus Train," which concludes *ascension* with a lingering message of one's lost love. "I Fell From Space" is being played on radio stations nationwide.

Billionaire has an extensive site at www.billionairemusic.com where you can download *ascension's* songs and view lyrics. The site is very user friendly and a great place to get a taste of what Billionaire has to offer. If you like what you see and hear, you can find a brief history of the band and its upcoming shows. Look for the quote from Satan on Billionaire while you are there. The red guy said, "I hope they get huge. I'll have a great time."

Billionaire will be at The Cotton Club on Friday, January 28, with Doubledrive and Lokomotiv. Tickets are seven dollars. Call 404-874-1993 for more information.



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Billionaire is: (Left to Right) Walter Busbee, Darren Dodd, Rick Beato, Marc Tompkins

to be able to carry on a conversation. In other words, *ascension* is not intrusive or overbearing. This rock leans far more towards music than noise. An unusual quality in its genre.

The best track is "The Jimmie Hale Mission," which sends chills up the spine with

FunkJazz Kafe returns

Vonetta R. DeVonish
Staff Writer

Experience a cultural event that will appeal to you on many levels, whether you like soulful rhythms or prefer smooth jazz, art, poetry, or just want to be around other vibrant things. The quarterly event known as FunkJazz Kafe takes over the Tabernacle this Saturday, Jan. 15 at 10 p.m. If you haven't been before, try something new in the New Year. Tickets are \$15 in advance with a food donation and can be purchased at Ear Wax Records at 1052 Peachtree St. Tickets are \$20 without a donation, but why wouldn't you want to help the less fortunate with a donation which will benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank? Tickets are also \$20 at the box office the day of the event so purchase your tickets now as only 1,500 will be sold. The Tabernacle is located at 152 Luckie St., near ample parking and Marta.

The last FunkJazz in Octo-

ber was filled to the brim around 11 p.m. with a cool vibe permeating into the wee hours. The upcoming FunkJazz will usher in the millennium with six levels of interactive experiences. Included will be the main performance space with live bands and deejays, the poetry suite where patrons can take in the knowledge spouted by spoken word poets, the Tanqueray Vintage Jazz Suite, an Independent Film Suite (actress Sheryl Lee Ralph was one of the featured directors at October's FJK with her film short which will soon be seen as a major full-length feature), the Interactive Art Gallery to express your inner creativity, a Healing Suite with massages and aromatherapy to soothe those stresses away and vendors and tribal drumming in the Marketplace.

This event is unlike the typical Saturday night at the club. Make no mistake, you can dance the night away downstairs or chill upstairs in the various rooms; there's plenty to keep you occupied throughout the night. No doubt, it'll be an enjoyable experience. The choice is up to you so come out and feel the vibe.



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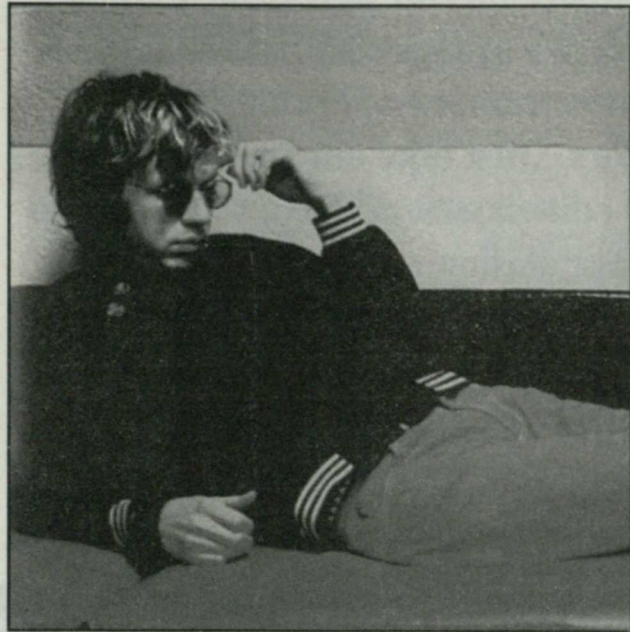


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Beck continues to bend genres with *Midnite Vultures*

Larkyn Simony
Contributing Writer

Coming on the heels of his 1998 album *Mutations*, Beck's latest effort, *Midnite Vultures*



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seems to be more of a follow-up to his 1996 release, *O' Delay*. Moving away from the mellowness of *Mutations*, with *Midnite Vultures*, Beck elaborates upon the funk, soul, and numerous other influences that were already

present on *O' Delay*. Once again, Beck melds a dizzying array of musical styles into a sound that's all his. He's one of the few artists today

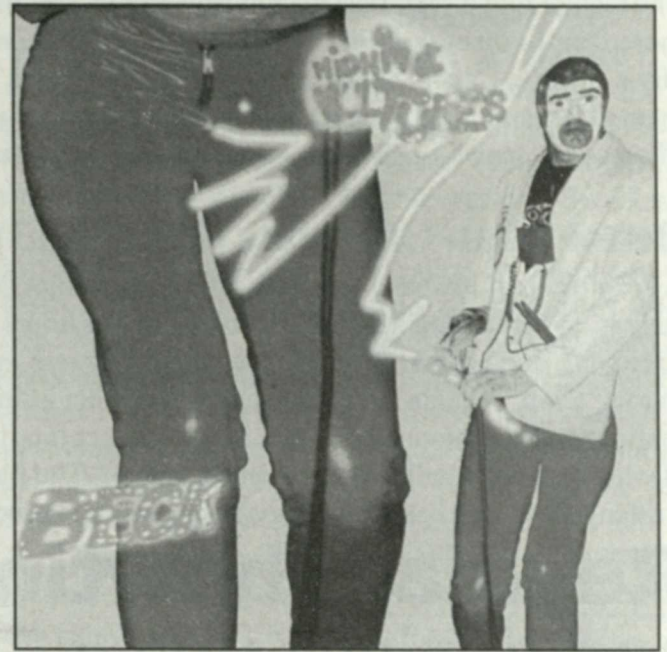
who has the courage to stick a banjo solo smack in the middle of an unabashedly smooth and groovy Motown track, as is the case with the album's first song, "Sexx Laws."

Drawing from smooth R&B, soul, 1970's funk, and even country, blues, and just about any other genre name you can think of, Beck melds his influences and his own songwriting abilities to create an album that Prince (or The Artist Formerly Known as such) wishes he had made. He kicks the impassioned slow jams, all the while lightly poking fun at the "I wanna do you, baby" fixations of R&B. And it is Beck's walking of this fine line between sarcasm and sincerity that makes the album such a groove-laden experiment in both paying tribute to and dissolving his influences.

His tightrope expertise is evident with the song's fourth track, "Get Real Paid," in which Beck soulfully croons in falsetto: "I want to know if I'm worth your

time/ There's so much to do before you die/ Thursday night, I

you're qualified. With *Midnite Vultures*, Beck gets in touch with



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think I'm pregnant again/ Touch my ass if you're qualified."

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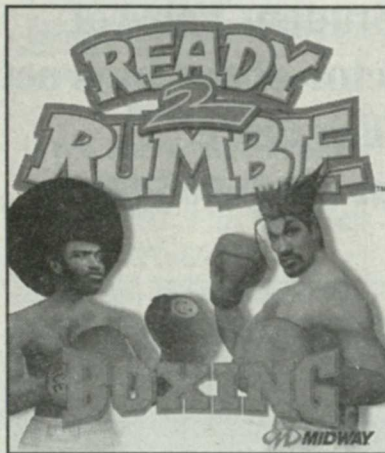
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"Ready 2 Rumble" puts the fun back into boxing



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Brad Pilcher
Editor-in-Chief

Format: Playstation

Let's face it. When you play a boxing game, it's nice to have unmatched realism and the drama of the sport. It's better to be able to punch an opponent silly and then watch as he wobbles through a dance and falls flat on the mat. With that in mind, Midway and Michael Buffer bring you "Ready 2 Rumble," a console puncher that brings back fond memories of Mike Tyson's Punch Out.

It isn't supposed to be realistic. It isn't supposed to force you

to duck and move and jab only strategically. It's supposed to let you go in there against some outrageous opponents and punch the bejesus out of them.

Sure, you can duck and move and block. You can back away and time your punches like you would in a real boxing match. Why you would want to do that in this game is, however, beyond comprehension. It just isn't what this game is about.

So what is the game about? Good ol' fashioned, arcade beat downs.

It succeeds by injecting humor into the mix while still preserving a solid gameplay and overall look to the game. Whether you're playing with ex-cabbie "Afro Thunder" (and this guy really lives up to his name) or "Boris Knockimov" (that should be a Bond villain), you'll be laughing.

You'll also be smiling with glee as your boxer, given enough practice, will literally send your opponent flying all over the place. It's just too satisfying to land about five punches and then watch your opponent keel over, turn a shade of blue in the face, and collapse in a heap, all the while trying to keep their legs from wobbling.

The basics of the game are simple. You've got an arcade

mode where you pick your boxer and beat your way through ten opponents on the way to a title. You've got a sweet championship mode where you take control of an entire gym. Starting with a few boxers, you put 'em out there in prize fights to raise the money you'll need to train them and work them up to the gold. Win titles, get more boxers, continue the cycle.

The championship mode is really the most engaging aspect. You'll find it isn't easy to field a credible boxer with only a \$1000 to start. The trick? Sharpen your skills in arcade mode, and then go in with a few prize fight wins. As you build up your cash, you can train your boxer and make them better. Over time, you'll have one unbeatable S.O.B., and since you're fielding more than one boxer you can always use the money you make from your champions to groom future contenders.

The game just doesn't go wrong. It is a bit shallow, but it does what it does very well. The load times are barely noticeable, the addictive nature of the punch 'em out style keeps you coming back and even Michael Buffer sounds good (if a bit repetitive). This title is easily worth a purchase. If nothing else, you and your friends will have a blast beating each other stupid.

Student Media

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All The Rage (Jan. 7-13)

The feature film directorial debut of Roland Tec. The film first screened to an audience of more than 1,500 at the 1997 San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Festival in the city's historic Castro Theater. "All the Rage" is one of the most widely-viewed gay-themed films ever. "All the Rage" was hailed by the Los Angeles Times film critic Kevin Thomas as "one of the sharpest, sexiest and most amusing satires of gay life ever filmed!"

Better Than Chocolate (Jan. 10-13)

A sexy romp of love and lust with surprising results. Maggie (Karyn Dwyer) meets the woman of her dreams Kim (Christina Cox) just hours before her mother, Lilia (Wendy Crewson), and brother, Paul (Kevin Mundy), move in with her. When the four end up sharing a loft, Maggie believes she must keep her affair a secret but it is Maggie's clandestine romance that inadvertently introduces her family to a host of new experiences, all of which are potentially "better than chocolate." The film was directed by Anne Wheeler, written and co-produced by Peggy Thompson and produced by Sharon McGowan.

Regular showtimes:

12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00,
10:00

Lead Georgia State's New Student Media Group

The Committee on Student Communications has approved the formation of an Internet-based student media group and is looking for a student leader to organize and launch "The On-line Student Voice of Georgia State University." The director of the Internet media group will receive a stipend. For more information, contact John Bennett at (404) 463-9040 or johnbennett@gsu.edu.

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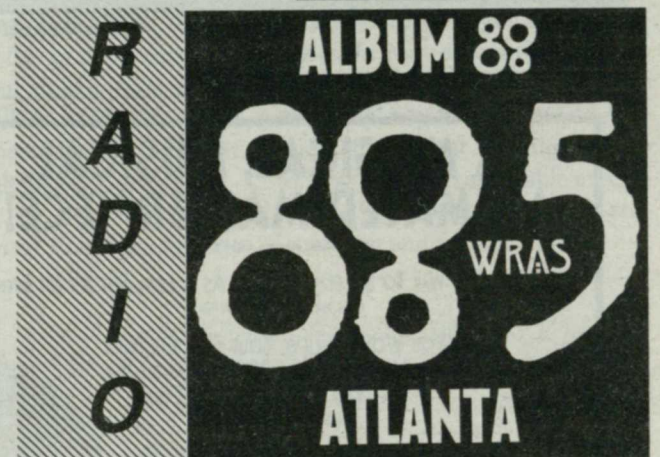
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- 660 | Jobs: Entrepreneurial

700 | SERVICES

- 710 | General Services
- 720 | Typing Services
- 730 | Writing Services
- 740 | Tutoring Services
- 750 | Financial Services
- 760 | Legal Services
- 770 | Insurance Services

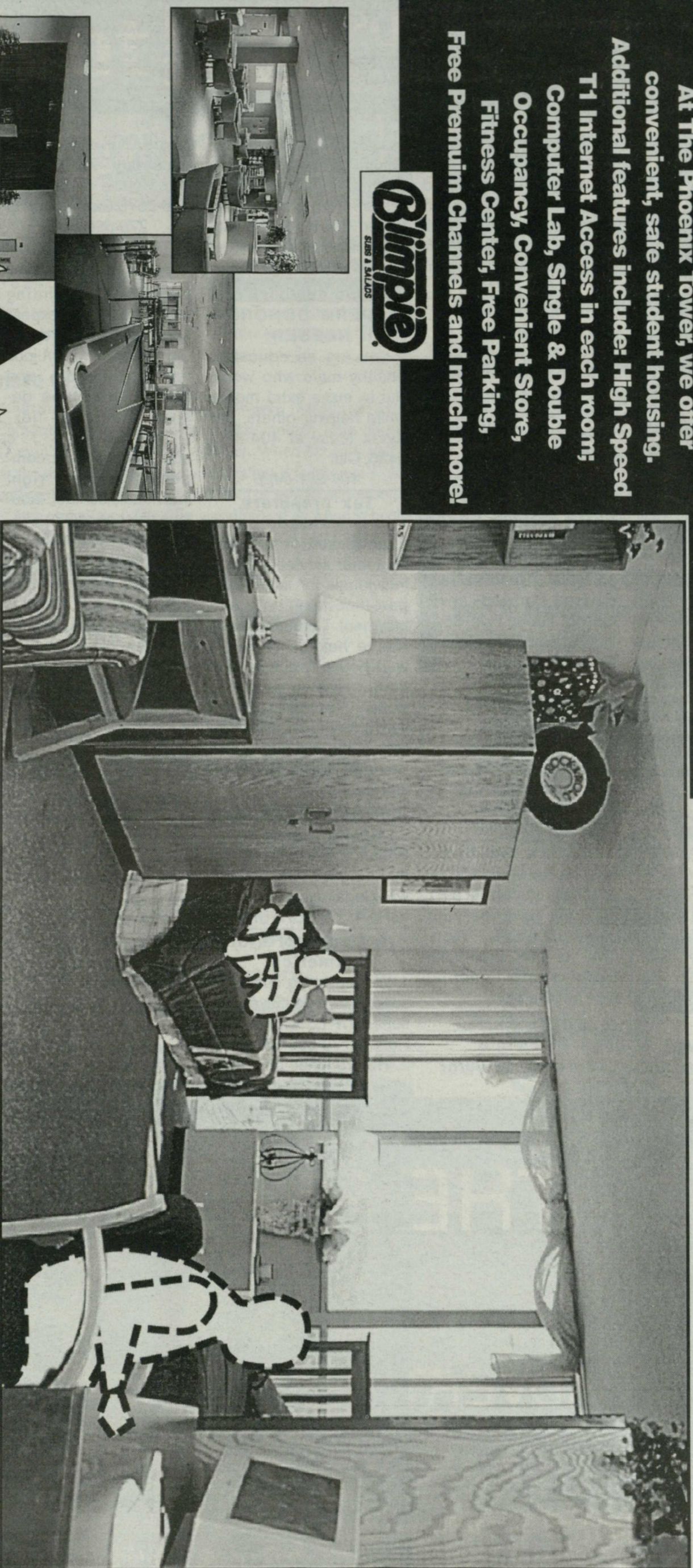
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- 810 | Seasonal
- 820 | Discounted
- 830 | Get Away

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