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Law professor awarded for pioneering Internet education

Tyler Hall
Contributing Writer

Dr. Patrick Wiseman, a law professor, was recently awarded the Tom Creed Compassionate Pioneer Award from the TLT Group (Teaching, Learning and Technology), an affiliate of the American Association for Higher Education. His innovative computerized learning devices and programs have been beneficial not only to the College of Law, but to the university and its staff as a whole.

Wiseman has devised software that allows teachers to post assignments on-line, hold on-line discussion sessions, and customize class rosters electronically, complete with a student photo ID file and e-mail list. These achievements help faculty members to not only get to know their students in greater depth, but also assists professors in giving students a more holistic learning experience.

Wiseman's technology has enabled the Career Services office to display employment opportunities on-line and his creation of a "Law and the Internet" course further demonstrates his constant effort to put technology and its practical uses into the hands of those who need it, specifically his students.

The Tom Creed Award, which Wiseman is the first to receive, is named after a technological innovator who taught at both the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University until his death in 1999. The TLT Group has awarded Wiseman with this prestigious award because of his efforts to improve student-teacher interaction through technology.

Dr. Missy Cody, an associate nutrition professor, originally nominated Professor Wiseman for this award. Students also supported Wiseman's nomination with countless e-mails indicating how his programs, including on-line tutorials, have helped them in their studies. Cody praises Wiseman for his efforts to make

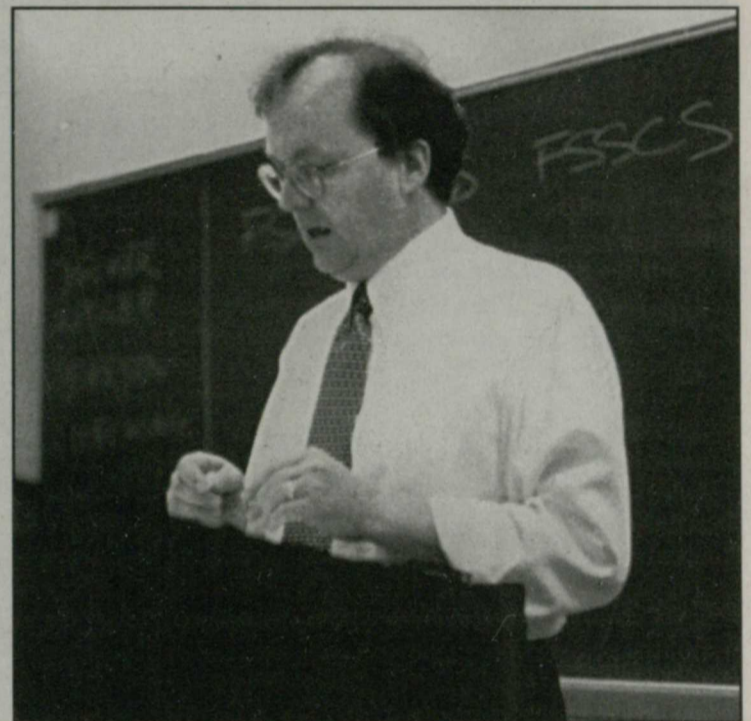
knowledge more accessible to his students.

"Patrick has used all of his talents and skills to create a true learning environment," Cody said, "and he has also made it possible for faculty to be involved in this environment."

Provost Ron Henry describes Wiseman as a "pioneer who exemplifies the philosophy and actions of Dr. Creed."

Wiseman confessed that although he was honored to receive this national award, he was most excited to be recognized by his peers and his students here at Georgia State. He was happy to see that all of his work was appreciated here and that it had helped students in the way he had hoped that it would.

Wiseman has been at Georgia State since 1984 and is well known for his trademark red hi-top sneakers and his knack for bringing class "outside of Room 170," as one student remarked. Prior to his career at Georgia State, Wiseman studied at the University of Colorado,



Richard Evans | Signal

Dr. Patrick Wiseman, a 16-year law professor, recently received an award for innovatively using technology in the classroom.

received his law degree at Columbia University, and worked in the Georgia Advocacy Office representing the disabled.

Due to Wiseman's work,

the Georgia State College of Law has been recognized as one of the twenty "most wired" law schools in the country in *The National Jurist*, a popular law publication.

Repairs to Library South back on track

Therra Cathryn Gwyn
Staff Writer

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 19 issue, the picture of Neal Boortz was incorrectly attributed. Ruthanne Prieschi was the photographer.

The contact information for Jimmy Muir with the water ski club was wrong. His phone number is 404-378-1686. People can also contact Coordinator of Sports Clubs Stephen Alphabet at 404-651-3440.

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There has been recent concern that Library South might actually be heading south, due to loose brick and cumulative water damage to its underlying structure.

Katherine Johnson, vice president for Finance and Administration, asserted that she would not term the situation with the building as "dangerous" and said, "The university has been continuously watching the exterior of the Library South building since last January. Precautions have been taken to protect pedestrians."

According to Gus Scheffer, Library South site supervisor from Williamson and Associates - the firm that was called in initially to access the situation - he found a "leak where the bridge connects from Library North to Library South." Since Williamson is a construction consulting firm,

they do not do actual structure repairs, but simply investigate problems such as the one at Library South and report solutions that may fix the problem.

Scheffer said he first became aware of the situation "about a year ago" when his company was called in to do a "leak investigation." He commented that the delay in their report to Georgia State and the actual reconstruction, in his opinion, may be due to "politicking" and the many committees and meetings called before any action is actually taken to rebuild.

In a statement released on last Tuesday, Johnson reported that, "The Board of Regents at the Sept. 13 meeting of the Facilities Committee, authorized Georgia State University to initiate immediately the repair of the exterior of the Library South

building. The project will be managed in two phases. First, the loose bricks in the Library South building will be stabilized. Second, the exterior will be removed and replaced."

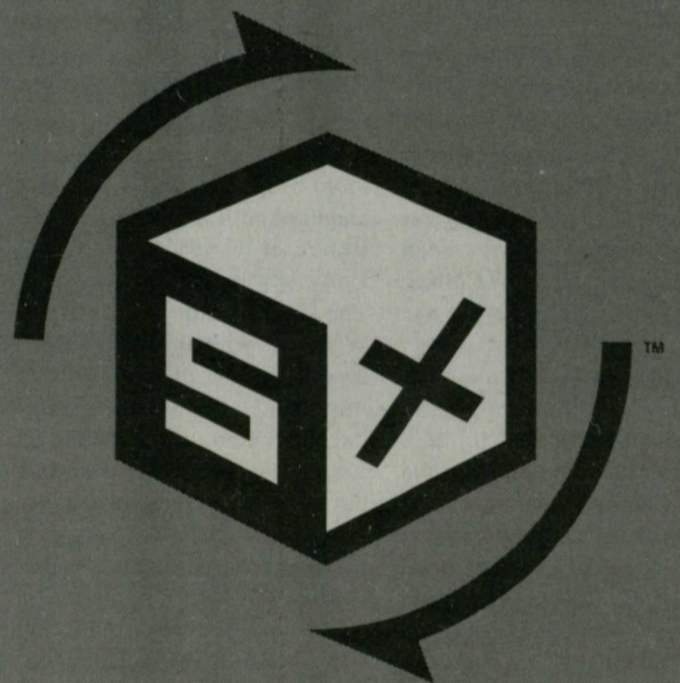
The statement goes on to say that the school will partner with the Board of Regents to coordinate both phases of the project with the university taking the lead in the first phase, stabilizing the bricks. The Board of Regents will head up the second phase and form a team to coordinate the removal and replacement of the current exterior.

The team that is formed to handle the management and execution will include the university, the Regents and a project management team that will be hired. The team that is formed will consider alternative materials to replace the bricks, the

statement continues, since "the structure under the bricks may have contributed to the instability of the exterior. A lighter but equally durable material might be a wise choice."

The total cost of the project is an estimated \$3.7 million. To fund the replacement of the exterior of Library South the university has submitted a proposal that normally would not be considered until the upcoming legislative session which begins in January. Due to an arrangement proposed by the Regents and Georgia State and approved by the Board of Regents, the project plans can instead move forward immediately.

Both the Board and Georgia State will defer current repair and renovation projects scheduled for 2001 and use the cash to finance the Library South repair project.



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Events Calendar

Crime Reports

Greek Life

3 Tuesday

The Music Industry Association will be sponsoring concerts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Gilmer Street as part of their membership drive and in an effort to promote local music. MTV's "Rock the Vote" will be on hand to promote voter registration.

4 Wednesday

The Chess Club will meet at 6 p.m. in the food court of the Student Center. Beginners are welcome.

The GSU College Republicans is holding a meeting in Room 135 of Sparks Hall. The meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., and will feature Sunny Warren, who is challenging Representative Cynthia McKinney for her congressional seat, as the speaker.

The GSU Young Democrats will hold a general meeting in Room 1004 of the General Classroom Building at 5:30 p.m. The group will discuss health care and the Bill of Rights.

The GSU Greens will hold their weekly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Dorchester Room on the second floor of the Student Center.

5 Thursday

The Campaign to End the Death Penalty will meet in the Sinclair Suite on the second floor of the Student Center. The group will be discussing "Mental Illness and the Death Penalty."

The GSU College Bowl will be holding quizbowl practice from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Dalton Suite on the second floor of the Student Center.

6 Friday

The University Group Alcoholics Anonymous will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in the Dalton Suite of the Student Center.

If you have any events you'd like added to this calendar, please stop by the Signal offices and fill out a Calendar of Events form. Thanks!

September 28

Agency Assistance

An Agency Assist report was filed by a university officer. At 5 p.m., a DeKalb County deputy sheriff was in search of prisoner who escaped from Grady Hospital. The university police were notified that the subject ran onto GSU property and was last seen near the playground of the Child Development Center. While searching behind Alumni Hall, a university officer found the prisoner in the bushes and took him into custody. He was turned over to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department without any further incident. Agencies assisting in the search were DeKalb County Sheriff's Dept, Atlanta Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Department, the Capitol Police and the GSU Police. All persons in the area were checked and were safe and secure.

Criminal Trespass

A Criminal Trespass Warning report was filed by a university officer. At 4:10 p.m., the officer observed a male subject drinking an alcoholic beverage in Woodruff Park. A wanted criminal check was made with negative results. He was issued a criminal trespass warning and escorted off the property.

September 25

Harassing Phone Calls

A Harassing Phone Calls report was filed by a student in the University Village-Olympia. At 5:02 p.m., the complainant stated she has been receiving harassing phone calls from unknown callers on her home and cell phone for more than a month.

Verbal Dispute

A Verbal Dispute report was filed by a student in the University Village-Ithaca. At 3:30 p.m. the complainant stated her male visitor became upset when she received a phone call from another male. She stated that he grabbed the phone from her and as she tried to get it back she caused bruises and scratches to his chest. She stated the male visitor later showed up at her job and threatened to speak to her supervisor if she didn't apologize to him. She was advised to notify the police when he returned.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Delta Zeta Sorority host, "Pink and Green Week"

Tuesday, October 3rd- MTV's "Rock the Vote" 11AM-3PM come and register to vote

Thursday, October 5th- Stress Management Seminar 7 PM, location TBA

Saturday, October 7th- AKA and ΔZ walk for American Cancer Society

The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Delta Zeta Sorority would like for you to come out and support our 1st annual, "Pink and Green Week". Our organizations want you to register to vote as MTV brings out the latest bands as well as refreshments for your entertainment.

Don't forget about our Stress Management seminar on Thursday. Come out and support AKA and ΔZ as we walk on Saturday, October 7 for the American Cancer Society's annual Breast Cancer walk. Together we want to make a difference.

Cathy Huynh and Lissa Brown

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

What Greeks are doing around and about campus:

Tuesday: "Day in the Park" Hurt Park 12 o'clock break, MTV, AKA and Delta Zeta Voter Registration 10-3, IFC/Panhellenic Chapter meetings

Wednesday: No events scheduled

Thursday: Greek Council Meeting @ 12:15, Stress Management Seminar sponsored by AKA and Delta Zeta @ 7 PM

Friday: No events scheduled

Saturday: AKA and ΔZ American Cancer Society annual Breast Cancer Walk

Sunday: Football Intramurals

Monday: No events scheduled

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SPECIAL FEATURE: PILMIGRAGE OF A LOST SOUL

Part Three of a Four-Part Series

For two weeks at the end of the summer, Brad Pilcher traveled to Poland, Bulgaria and finally, Israel. The experience was unique, as he visited historical sites as well as explored contemporary issues through meetings and other visits. In this four-part series, the experiences he had will be detailed. As a disclaimer, know that this is a feature piece and does not represent purely objective news reporting.

TEL AVIV

I arrived in Israel at 2 in the morning their time. The airport was like any other, with baggage claims and customs windows. It was the people who made this place distinct.

Orthodox Jews wearing all black with uncut curls walked amongst Arabs, some wearing kaffiyeh headdress. Coming from a society of conformist, media-induced quasi-clones, this was a refreshing mix of cultures and traditional garments.

After some much needed rest, I emerged from my hotel just around 11 a.m. Standing before me was the Mediterranean Sea, and a cluster of clouds perched above it. From the cracks, sheets of sunlight poured forth over the warm water. As children played and a damp breeze blew, the sight had an almost heavenly aura to it, as if God was present in the clouds, and his eyes were looking down in those sheets of sun.

We visited Army Radio first. Any American preconception of what this place would be is dead wrong. In Israel, service in the military is mandatory, and it comes before you would go to college. For that reason, the average age of a college student is higher than in the United States, and so this radio station looked just like a college station.

The young woman who gave us a tour was just a year older than me, and had already risen to be a top program manager there. Top political leaders, from the Prime Minister on down, are covered here. It was a bit surreal to see these

young people doing this, but that's Israel.

THE GAZA STRIP

As we drive south from Tel Aviv, we're heading towards one of the flashpoints of the Arab-Israeli conflict: The Gaza Strip.

We arrive at the Erez checkpoint, which is where you go into and out of Gaza. The rest of the border is fenced in, and while this has disturbing overtones of a prison, we quickly learn why things are the way they are.

After being waved through the checkpoint into Gaza, we arrive at a military base. It is from here that the joint patrols of IDF soldiers and Palestinian troops is coordinated. The flags of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority fly in the center of the base. It is a parallel split, with both sides being completely even to the other in manpower and layout.

Sadly, these patrols do not always go as planned. There have been more than a few incidents where the members of the patrols start shooting at each other out in the field. It hardly bodes well for the effort, and many in the chain of command are beginning to tire of these practices.

— More important to me, I ask why Gaza must be fenced in at all. Amazingly, the commander of the Palestinian soldiers here chimes in first.

"Not everybody has lived in peace. Security is a legitimate issue for all of us, and there were real concerns that people living in here were going into Israel and causing security problems," he said. "This I do not deny. It isn't a good situation, but it is necessary."

The IDF commander here, a Druze who has been assigned here because of his knowledge of Arabic, nods but offers an even deeper explanation.

"We don't want the fences. We want peace. We want people to be able to live together. It doesn't seem they've been able to, but these fences are still bad, and we don't like them."

His counterpart from the Palestinian side steps up again and says, "Living together is fine, but sometimes we see the need to live apart from each other. That is why we want our state. That is part of our reasons."

SDE BOKER

Sde Boker kibbutz is where David Ben-Gurion retired, and nearby he is buried. Ben-Gurion is called the founder of Israel, and was its first Prime Minister

Ben-Gurion was a strong supporter of the kibbutz movement, specifically the efforts to create hospitable communities in the Negev Desert and other arid areas of Israel. Upon his retirement from politics, he took his own advice and moved down to Sde Boker kibbutz. He is buried next to his wife at a memorial overlooking the canyons of the Negev.

It was in those canyons that I saw God. The experience wasn't a decidedly religious one, but it had a power to it that seemed to emanate from a world beyond our own, in a way only the experience can truly communicate. I walked into the Negev desert and among the canyons found the spring of En Akeb.

Inside these canyons is brush and sand, stones and little else. It is beautiful by every



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This sculpture, situated atop a hill of Jaffa (Tel-Aviv), depicts three biblical stories from the Hebrew Bible. The left pillar depicts the story of Abraham being required to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice. When he was about to strike, God stopped him and allowed him to offer up a ram instead. The top piece depicts the story of the spies sent into the Promised Land who brought back a false report.

measure, but when one walks through such a place and comes upon a beautiful blue pool fed by a little batch of overhanging vines, it is deeply moving.

My guide reminded me of a passage from Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's "The Little Prince." In it, the Little Prince says "The desert is beautiful."

His companion agrees, but doesn't understand what the Little Prince really means until he adds, "What makes the desert beautiful is that it hides a spring somewhere."

I doubt de Saint-Exupéry had En Akeb in mind, but as I watched the sun set against the cliff walls, with wild goats running nearby, I couldn't help but agree with his sentiment.

MASADA

During the Jewish War of the first century, when the Romans destroyed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the Roman forces besieged the mountain fortress of Masada.

The story of what happened here is both tragic and a point of at least mild controversy. The fortress was originally one of Herod's retreats, and when Jewish rebels took control of the site, it became a target of the Romans. As long as the rebels remained, the hope of their rebellion continued.

And so the Romans came, and laid siege to the fortress. First, they cut off its water supply while building a bridge



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The gold Dome of the Rock is the most prominent building as you overlook Jerusalem. It is also situated on the Temple Mount and represents a location literally at the crossroads of the Jewish and Islamic traditions. The rock inside is held to be the place where, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, Abraham was told by God to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, David made an altar from the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite after the three days of pestilence, and where Solomon later built the Holy Temple. According to Islamic tradition, the rock is where Mohammed arose to Heaven to receive the Quran before returning in one night. For all of these reasons, the site serves as an incredible sticking point between the Palestinians (and many other Muslims) and Israel.

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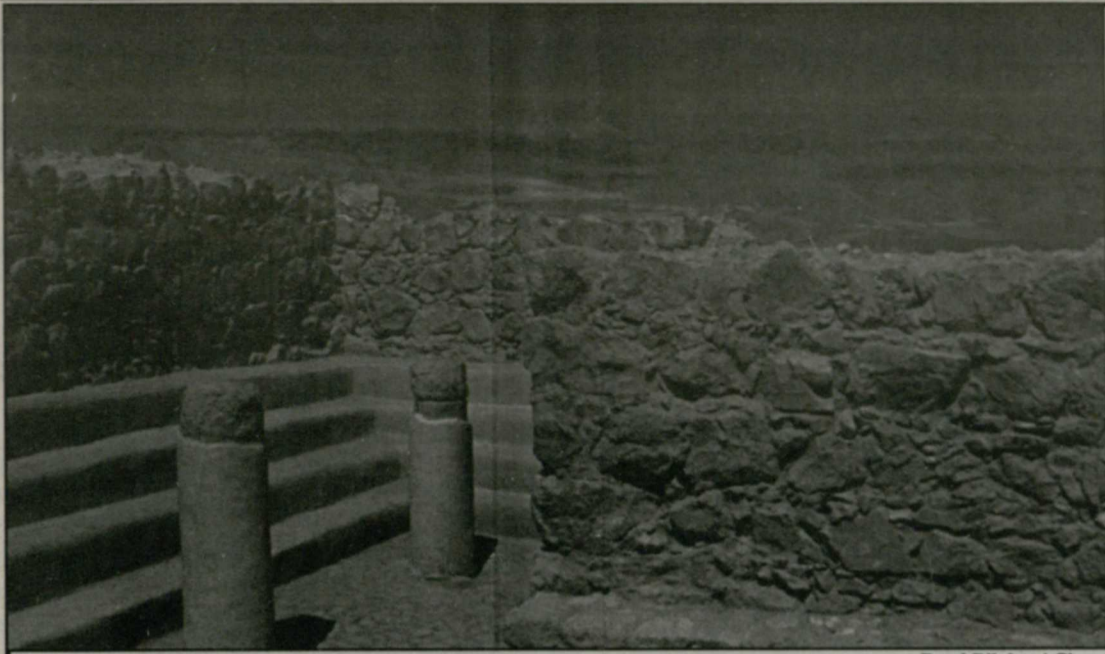
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These ruins from Masada are of a synagogue which existed during the time of Herod. It was destroyed, presumably following the defeat of the defenders of Masada by the Romans during the Jewish War of the late first century. Masada is famous for the defense by Jewish rebels against an overwhelming Roman force. When it became clear that hope was lost and the Romans would storm the fortress, the Jews inside decided to commit suicide rather than be taken and killed or humiliated (or both) by the Romans.

up the mountain. Their fortifications ran all the way around the mountain, and the siege began.

When it became clear to the rebels in Masada that the Romans would soon rise up onto the mountain and defeat them, they decided to take an unusual

action. Instead of being humiliated, killed, sold into slavery, etc. they committed suicide.

When the Romans came up the next morning, they found no resistance, only bodies. The story is a dramatic one, shocking in a way, and inspiring in another. To

say the least, it created mild controversy.

In Judaism, suicide is a big no-no, so the notion of a group of rebels taking their own lives had serious implications. At the time, there were also those Jews who did not support an open rebellion and thus did not take great pride

in the events at Masada.

In fact, the story of Masada, as it is recorded in Josephus' "The Jewish War," faded into history at first. The advent of a focused, organized Zionism, however, brought the story of Masada back to glory. To this day, "Masada shall not fall again," is a rallying cry for many Zionists.

THE DEAD SEA

One thing that Masada overlooks is the Dead Sea. It got its name for a reason. At the lowest point on earth, this body of water is full of minerals and salt. Nothing lives there, and even people can stay in it for only so long. I last exactly ten minutes.

As we walk down to the water, we notice the mudbaths. The mud is mineral rich, and if you lather it over your skin, let it sit for a while and then wash it off in the water, you'll be feeling silky smooth in no time.

I've come all this way, and while the thought isn't terribly appealing, I say, "What the hell?"

A few minutes later, I'm floating against my will while covered in dark mud. I don't feel so silky smooth, and the open

wound on my knee is screaming at me with some very choice language.

Still the experience is an amazing one. As I wash off the mud, my skin does indeed feel silky. I'm reminded by a friend that you can by this mud at a little stand up the beach. In fact, you can by this stuff all over Israel. I opt not to, but quickly decide that my time in the salt water is up. I move towards the shore and realize how much easier this is in a regular body of water.

When I finally reach shore, I move very quickly towards the nearby shower. Within a few minutes, I've showered, changed and feel much better off. The Dead Sea is an experience, but it is also a very slimy experience. Being clean is welcome. I'm forced to recall the description of one of the member of my group.

"It makes you feel very lubricated."

It isn't exactly the word I would've used, but if he knows what he's talking about, more power to him.

From here, I travel onward. I travel to Jerusalem.



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This soldier stands guard at a joint Israeli-Palestinian military base in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli soldiers of IDF join with members of the Palestinian forces to police the area and maintain a stable atmosphere of peace. This particular mission is by no means easy. In some cases, the soldiers have turned on each other, and there have been a few incidents of Palestinian soldiers opening fire on their IDF counterparts. This is to say nothing of the difficult task of maintaining peace in a region that flares up often with rock throwing and other violent outbreaks. This particular camp is unique in that it is split into two parallel parts, one for the Palestinians and one for the Israeli's. Both flags fly here, although this picture only captures the Israeli flag.

Student Government Association reaching out to all students

Rebekah Wortman
News Editor

In keeping with the spirit of democracy, the Student Government Association is urging students to become more involved by expressing their concerns about their daily lives at Georgia State.

"Every student is a member of SGA," said Andre Ledgister, College of Business senator, "and every student has an equal opportunity to speak out about whatever they want. Every student has an equal responsibility to serve the student body."

The Student Government Association is an organization of students working for students, with no majority of representation of one certain race or ethnicity. Legislation is focused on "promoting a healthy environment where the student feels satisfied and taken care of," according to the SGA's mission statement, as well as dealing with issues of budget and finance, academic affairs, public relations and student services.

The SGA is a powerful voice on campus for students, and one that can express their concerns directly to the faculty and the

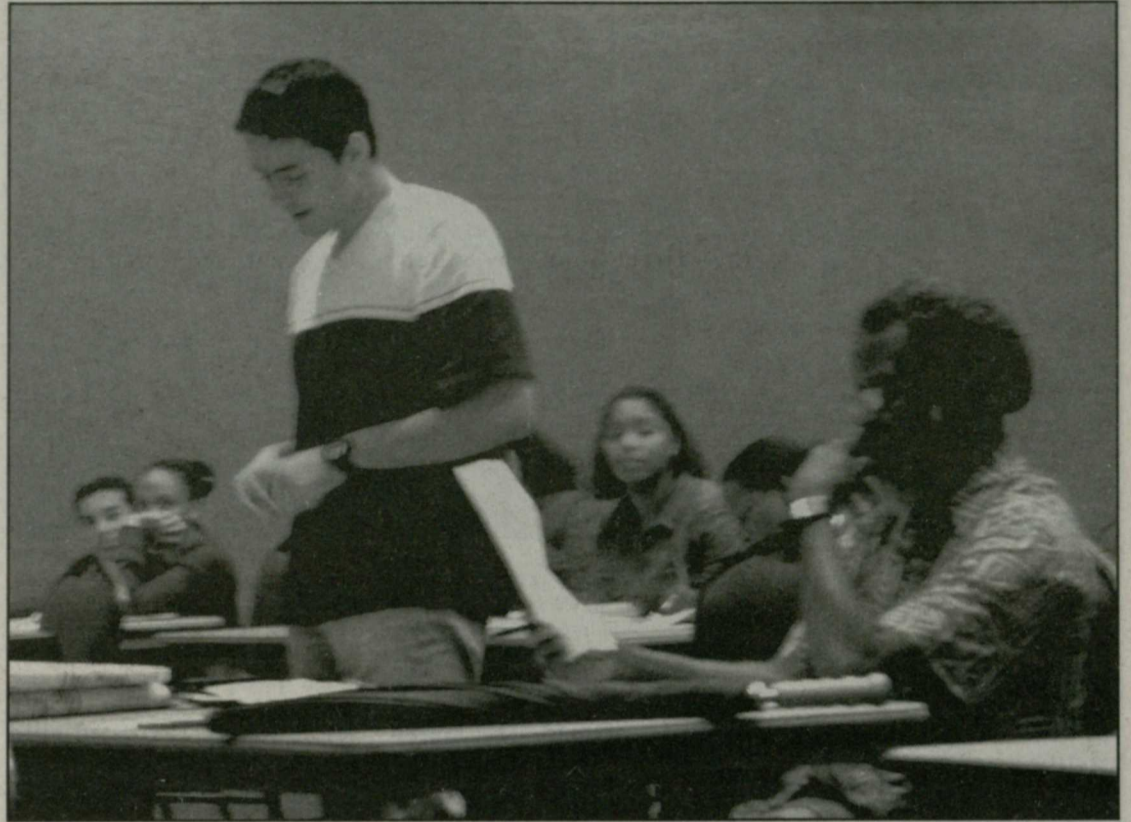
governing administrations. Any student with concerns or complaints of any kind can inform the SGA. The SGA will then work to find a feasible solution to every problem, whether through negotiation or by drafting legislation.

"The SGA is made up of students," said Daniel Maxwell, College of Business senator, "and we usually share the concerns that students present to us. We can then go and present these concerns to the administration as a student voice."

When a student files a complaint or concern, the SGA will discuss the issue, draft a solution, and present their solution to the appropriate university committee. Though the process can at times be lengthy, it is well worth the time. For example, last year the SGA stopped an effort by the school to raise the price of copies for students to 20 cents a page.

The SGA has also made available copies of teacher evaluations for student reference. This year the SGA has passed legislation to make technology on campus more accessible for persons with disabilities, and has also drafted plans to further improve the Student Center.

"The only limit on student power," SGA President Jerry Edwards said, "is the extent to



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The Student Government Association Senate bi-weekly Thursday meetings allow students the opportunity to see their elected representatives in action. The meetings also allow students the opportunity to voice their opinions.

which students want to exert their power. The SGA is the best resource the faculty has to get the student body involved. There is no real limit to what the students can accomplish."

The SGA will be sponsoring several events this month in their effort to further promote student involvement. The SGA Student Voter

Coalition will sponsor Platform Party 2000, a town hall style debate intended to increase student awareness of the issues being debated in the current presidential campaign. The SGA also hopes to register as many student voters as possible.

As well as the upcoming debate, SGA will also host SGA Day at the end of the month.

Breakfast will be offered as well as snacks throughout the day.

Various student organizations will be putting on demonstrations for the student body in the plaza and a raffle will also be held. At the end of the day, SGA will sponsor a costume ball, open to all students, and will award prizes for the best costume.

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Nobel Prize winner to discuss hunger at teleconference

Ruthanne Prioreschi
Staff Writer

On World Food Day, Oct. 15, Nobel Prize Laureate Professor Amartya Sen will be featured on an international teleconference. The event will take place in the Room 302 of the Urban Life Building from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Sen is a world renowned expert on nutrition and hunger. Sen won the Nobel Prize in economics in 1998 for linking how nutrition affects physical work, which directly affects a population's health and economy.

Patricia Young, national coordinator of World Food Day in the United States, commented on Sen, "We are deeply honored to have Professor Sen as our featured guest this year. He is unquestionably one of the world's most eloquent authorities on food and poverty issues."

George Washington University Television will air the three-hour program,

"Poverty and Hunger: The Tragic Link." The program will be available in English, French and Spanish. During the first hour, a video presentation prepared by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will explore the importance of secure access to land and other natural resources in helping the rural poor combat poverty and food insecurity. A special on-site program will follow the program with an hour of questions for Sen.

Dr. Missy Cody, an associate nutrition professor, explained that the seminar would be an excellent opportunity for students and staff because it may be the "only chance to ask a Nobel Prize winner a question."

Renita Graham, a senior nutrition major, is the only student in the country actively participated in the World Food Day event, sponsored by the U.S. National Committee for World Food Day. "Being a part of this committee showed government involvement in hunger issues, and how people from different disciplines — business, economics, agriculture, etc. — pulled together to solve this problem," she said.

The teleconference is one of many activities planned for World Food Day. Policy advocacy seminars, fundraising, food collections, educational events and other awareness endeavors are being sponsored by a wide variety of local, national and international organizations.

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Coping with hypertension in the elderly

Michael Koger Sr.
Staff Writer

Managing high blood pressure in the elderly population is facilitated by assessing fluctuations of blood pressure during ordinary daily activities. Simply measuring the blood pressure in the office is not adequate, and the physician's white coat may cause some anxiety thus raising the reading beyond what it usually is.

Twenty-four hour home blood pressure monitoring provides useful information that helps the physician to make decisions about medication adjustment.

In nursing homes blood pressure readings fall significantly after breakfast as elderly patients stand up. This is termed postprandial and postural hypotension and may result in falls and broken bones in the elderly. This condition can be prevented by advising the patient to get out of bed slowly and to sleep with the head of the bed

elevated. Drinking a couple glasses of water in the morning before standing up and eating small meals may help to prevent the drastic blood pressure drops when standing up. Isometric exercises and the use of compression or support hose are also beneficial in dealing with postural hypotension in the elderly.

Elderly people with hypertension must follow the usual lifestyle changes to lower their blood pressure including cessation of smoking, exercising regularly, reducing salt intake and losing weight. It should be remembered that elderly patients may be on other medications such as those used to treat arthritis.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs used to treat arthritis may interfere with the effectiveness of anti-hypertensive medication. Prescribing long-acting anti-hypertensive agents for elderly patients is helpful since these medications only need to be administered once daily.

Experts emphasize networking early during college years

A. Esther Suh
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday, four well-known Atlanta professionals visited students at the Student Center to emphasize the importance of building relationships with professionals during one's college years.

Stephanie Bransfield ("Good Day Atlanta," WAGA-TV Fox 5), David Pendered (*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*), Laura Gillig (Georgia Power Media Relations) and Nicki Creasy (Manning, Selvage & Lee Public Relations) agreed that

networking is very beneficial for anyone interested in getting their ideas published or seen on television.

"Reporters need public relations practitioners just as much as they need reporters, so networking is beneficial to everyone," said Gillig, who directed MARTA's Olympic media plan.

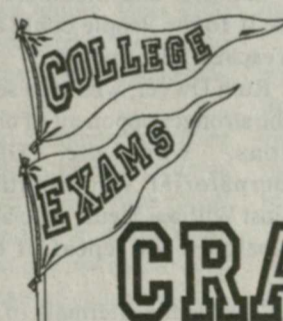
Aside from discussing how to "sell your pitch," students learned valuable information about how to handle crisis situations, how to get involved in the local and national media and how technology has impacted the journalism field.

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New York U. flying 'high': School ranks 3rd on list of pot schools

Edward Mann & Matt Murphy
Washington Square News
(New York U.)

NEW YORK (U-WIRE) — New York University slackers may be slacking off. In their recent annual college rankings, the Princeton Review ranked NYU third among schools with "Reefer Madness," a one-rung plunge from its "high" of last year.

NYU was second only to the University of Vermont in marijuana use among students in last year's Princeton Review rankings. This year, NYU ranks behind number-one Reed College and number-two Lewis and Clark.

The rankings, included in the Review's book "The Best 331 Colleges," are compiled from surveys of more than 59,000 students. At every college, a random sample of students is asked to fill out a 70-question survey covering 62 categories, including academics, politics and student life. Robert Franek, the Princeton Review's director for guidebook publications

and the lead author of "The Best 331 Colleges," said the average sample group is 175 students.

Franek said the book is a service to current and prospective students alike. "It's a great survey instrument," he said. "Students are generally pretty truthful."

University officials said they place little emphasis on surveys like the Princeton Review's.

"A lot of the goofiest information that makes the splashiest headlines comes out of nitwit surveys like this," University spokesman John Beckman said.

Jane Bowman of NYU's Office of Drug and Alcohol Education said she doubted the Review's study fairly depicted drug use at the University. "In my experience," she said, "it is quite a challenge to do thorough research on alcohol and drug topics because people may tend to either over- or underreport their behavior according to perceived norms about their peers' behavior."

Some students seemed to be in denial over the drop in the rankings. Chad Hull, a junior in the Tisch School of the Arts, said the

drop was probably just a mistake.

"I think it's a statistical error on the Princeton Review's part," he said.

But Tisch junior Paul Shin still believes.

"I think we've fallen a little bit in the rankings, but with a little hard work, we'll make it to number one," he said sarcastically.

All it will take is a little cooperation, he said. "If you take just one sack to a party and smoke everyone up, that's huge."

Some students were skeptical when told of the "Reefer Madness" survey.

"I know there's pot at NYU but I don't think it's really in your face at all," said Eli Mavros, a sophomore in the General Studies Program. "The numbers might have something to do with the availability in the city and our location near Washington Square Park."

NYU has climbed this year in the book's ranking of "party schools," jumping from 19th to 15th place.

"I usually think of NYU as more of a party school with kids going to bars instead of smoking pot," Mavros

said. Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) took top honors in this category.

NYU officials say they do not handle the drug issue lightly.

"We take the issue very seriously and we have a lot of programs trying to combat substance abuse," Beckman said. "When I see this issue trivialized, I'm inclined to think that the people who put this survey together probably shouldn't be operating machinery themselves," he said.

Bowman said the University conducts its own biennial survey of alcohol and drug use among students. The survey was last administered in April, she said. Bowman also reported that a campus Marijuana Anonymous group was founded in May.

Most schools do not react negatively to placement on the "Reefer Madness" list, Franek said.

"Schools don't think it's all that bad," he said. "Maybe if they're number one, but otherwise they don't mind that they're on it."

Though some students dwell on this year's drop, some choose to look forward to next year.

Lieberman goes to Florida to talk high-tech and education

Kathy Ford
Central Florida Future
(U. Central Florida)

OVIEDO, Fla. (U-WIRE) — With Florida up for grabs in the upcoming elections, both parties are working every angle in the state that they can.

The Democrats need to align themselves with both the Hispanic voters and the information technology industries that are a big part in the Central Florida economy. This is why vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman visited Orlando to speak at Cirent Semiconductors, formerly Lucent Technologies.

Lieberman touched on several topics that related to the Central Florida area and its economy to an auditorium of employees from Cirent and various local dignitaries from local unions.

The first topic mentioned was the need to address the gas shortage. This has now become an important political topic with Vice President Al Gore wanting to release strategic oil supplies and George Bush disagreeing.

He expounded on the fact that information technology is changing every aspect of people's lives from the way that they live to the way that their children learn. On that basis, he went on to explain the plans that Gore and himself have in store for the future of schools.

Among these are the need to bring every classroom into the 21st century, from computers at the fingertips of every student to testing and certifying that teachers have the skills to work with the students in these technological advancements.

Lieberman went on to say that we need to help people retrain for their jobs and allow for tax breaks for people to continue their education.

Another topic that is crucial in the presidential race is what to do with the surplus of funds that exist in the federal coffers. The Democrats goal would be to lower the debt ratios of both the government and consumers. They are looking at "making the United States debt-free by the year 2012."

The Democrats want the United States to lead the way technologically into the 21st century. They propose to do this by helping the research and development industries.

Lieberman pointed out that both he and Gore have taken steps in helping on this road by voting to sponsor high-tech research. This research also leads to such advances in the human biological technologies such as a vaccine for cancer.

Coalition protests Vermont's same-sex unions

Ritika Nandkeolya
The Dartmouth
(Dartmouth College)

HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE) — Take It to the People, which bills itself as "Vermont's grassroots coalition for traditional marriage," is just one of the anti-civil union groups that continue to protest the state's law which made Vermont the first and only state to allow same-sex couples to enter a legal institution similar to marriage.

"We, the undersigned, urge you to amend the Vermont Constitution, this session, to state that marriage in Vermont is exclusively reserved for unions between one man and one woman, only," reads the petition for a Vermont constitutional amendment being circulated by members of Take It to the People.

The debate over same-sex rights in Vermont still continues, with thousands of Vermont residents registering their opposition to the bill by displaying "Take Back Vermont" signs on their front lawns.

The signs, a brainchild of

Dick Lambert, a dairy farmer from Washington, are just part of the backlash against the law. In state Republican primaries on Sept. 12, a record number of voters, mobilized by anti-civil union groups, turned out and ousted five incumbents who had supported the bill.

Lambert and members of Take It To the People could not be reached for comment.

Ruth Dwyer, who was seen as the stronger opponent of civil unions, won the GOP gubernatorial nomination against William Meub, who also campaigned for repeal of the law.

"Like in the aftermath of all civil rights advances, things are going to get really ugly for a while," said Dorothy Mammen, coordinator for Vermont Freedom to Marry Action Committee — a volunteer lobby organization, "I've heard of a sign in Randolph, that read, 'save a deer, kill a queer.'"

"The Take Back Vermont slogan is really aggressive and threatening," Dartmouth history professor Annelise Orleck said.

Orleck and her partner, journalist and some-times Dartmouth professor Alexis Jetter, testified in front of the Vermont House and Senate Judiciary Committees in

defense of the bill earlier this year.

According to Orleck, who is a civil rights historian, the backlash against civil unions is a manifestation of class warfare caused by the deeper economic problems in Vermont — where many people have been left behind by the new economy.

"This is a campaign for scapegoats," she said. "And the sanctioning of the Republican Party makes the small minority feel like they are part of righteous movement."

"The people behind Take It to the People are trying to make it seem that this is a thing imposed by flatlanders (people from outside of Vermont) on them," Mammen said. "This ignores the fact that there are native Vermont residents who are gay or support gay rights."

"We are trying to talk to people and get them to hear our personal stories about our partners and our unions," she said.

Hundreds of volunteers from Mammen's organization have been speaking to their neighbors and trying to promote dialogue on civil unions, she said.

"I've been really impressed by the positive backlash against the backlash," said Christopher

LaBarbera, a philosophy major from Long Island who plans to write a thesis about the civil union debate.

"I've been driving around and seeing signs that say 'Keep Vermont civil,' and 'Take Vermont forward,'" he said.

Other organizations have been using their opponents' resources against them — by adding ".com" to Take Back Vermont signs. However, when people actually visit Takebackvermont.com website, they find a pro-civil union message.

Mammen and others on the pro-civil union side see this as a temporary reaction and expect that a decade from now civil unions will barely be an issue.

"I'm proud of Vermont and think we can move forward," Mammen said.

"I don't see this lasting," Orleck said. "Vermont is a historically progressive state, not a state of haters."

In fact, they don't see the civil union bill as going far enough.

"In a way it is Jim Crow law," LaBarbera said. "It makes gay people separate but equal and without full recognition under the law."

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'Not officially endorsed'

If you spend enough time at Georgia State certain phrases become familiar to you. If you have a computer problem, a coworker will probably tell you: "Call the Help Desk." Ask somebody at Financial Aid how to get your check to pay tuition: "I'll have to get back to you on that."

Ask Auxiliary Services if you can pick up your hanging tag: "Did you register it on the Web already?" And my personal favorite, "I'm sorry, but Macintoshes are not officially endorsed by the university."



Steven P. Ericson

Most people are more familiar with the first few phrases, but the last saying is one that people at the *Signal* and a few other places on campus hear. And why

do people hear that the university does not endorse the use of Macintosh computers? There's certainly a "logistical" reason that President Carl Patton or somebody else could give out, but that's not the point.

According to administrators, the university is moving onward and upward with great new professors, improved technology and computers, professional work environments on campus and loads of other goodies for all of Georgia State's 30,000 students. Unfortunately, the professional environments don't exist on all parts of campus.

Notably the *Signal* lacks some of the equipment it needs to be a truly "real world" environment. Whenever a computer glitch occurs, we spend hours attempting to fix a computer problem ourselves or call upon a friendly former coworker to help us out. We could call the Help Desk, but they may take up to two weeks to fix the problem. When you're attempting to put together a newspaper on a weekly basis and have to wait two weeks for a problem to be fixed, you don't have the leisure of waiting for somebody from the Help Desk.

Not to sound like a demanding tyrant, but most of the times when a computer error occurs we need the problem fixed ASAP. When WRAS-FM 88.5 has a problem with

its transmitter, somebody with the required skills and knowledge is available to fix the problem. When the *real* GSTV has a problem, nine out of 10 times there is somebody handy to fix the situation. When the Rampway runs into a computer error, there's somebody on staff or across the street who can come over in a reasonable timeframe to fix the glitch. At the *Signal*, when the negative scanner breaks or if a water valve cracks or if a software program creates problems it takes weeks and sometimes months to get the error fixed.

Another location that typically uses Macintoshes or has a need for them is the School of Art and Design. I'm far from a computer guru, but many of the people I have spoken to regarding graphic design continually extol the virtues of designing graphics on Macintoshes. And most importantly, our Perspectives Editor Brad Pilcher recognizes that many people favor Macintoshes. And as all habitual readers of the *Signal* know, Pilcher is never wrong!

But putting aside Pilcher's opinion, because opinions are like buttholes - everybody's got one and they all stink, several other graphic designers I have spoken to express their preference for Macintoshes. There are arguments as to whether Macs or PCs are better for graphic design, but a large portion of graphic designers support Mac systems.

And I'd willing make a safe bet and say that there are other locations on campus that use Macintoshes and send students into their fields dominated by Mac systems. So if there are two large programs that use Macintoshes and attempts to train students to step into the "real world," shouldn't the university be providing us with the proper equipment and technical support?

Or are we supposed to have students suffer through their four to five years of college dealing with outdated software and computers to face culture shock when they step into the "real world," assuming they can get a job in the real world with their outdated experiences?

So maybe the university should retool its "officially endorsed" of technologies list and add Macintoshes. Then, and only then, might we be able to provide a more professional environment for students and move into *entire* university into 21st century.

Blame this motherf@!%#\$

I give my apologies for the headline. The use of (slightly bleeped) foul language may offend some of you, and if it did, well I'm sorry.

But wait! I'm not sorry for running the headline or for offending you. I'm sorry you got offended at all, because it really isn't anything to worry about. It's just another example of how our media corrupts us, destroys our family bonds and turns us, or at least our children, into sex-crazed violent psychopaths.

Or not.

You see, the issue of violence and other naughty things showing up in the media has become something of a hot topic. The FTC released a report saying Hollywood markets its violent products to children. The candidates, particularly Gore and Lieberman from the Democratic ticket, leaped all over the report.

First of all, it's important to note that Hollywood should not be marketing violent material to an audience incapable of handling that material. Parents should be empowered, via a rating system, to select which media products their children may consume. Al Gore was right when, in a recent MTV Town Hall, he referenced Gandhi and said, "We should become the change we want to see in society."

But let's lay off just a bit here. The media did not turn your little rugrat into a class-act blow-hole who shot up his high school. You may not have either. More likely, and more reasonably, a myriad of factors contributed to your little rugrat, class-act blow-hole. Just the same, a whole myriad of factors contributes to the problem of violence in our nation, especially youth violence.

Those factors include the mass availability of guns in this country, an availability protected by a powerful, and incredibly well-funded lobby in Washington. They include the effects of poverty and mental illness, which we often ignore. Dear little Johnny couldn't be screwed in the head to begin with, because he was such a good little boy, right?

Social, racial and economic issues are a rampant, and hugely influential factor as well. The high number of kids who get off the school bus and go into an empty house every afternoon is just one more factor, and then there's the culture of aggressive success that many of our parents instill into our children from the time they can walk.

And yes, violence in our media and culture is another factor, but it can hardly be blamed as the main factor, much less the only factor worth holding Senate hearings on.

This is why I'm so frustrated and worried when I see the response. Lynne Cheney,

wife of the GOP's VP candidate has assailed the lyrics of Eminem and others. The Democratic VP candidate Joe Lieberman testified before Congress that Hollywood is a "culture of carnage." Al Gore even went so far as to say he'd make sure the government was empowered to deal with this kind of violent media content.

I doubt that Gore, or Bush for that matter, would go so far as to impose the kind of government censorship our First Amendment expressly forbids. The calls for this kind of action stink of the kind of campaign rhetoric we've all gotten tired of hearing, but still there is a reason to worry.



Brad Pilcher

There is a reason to worry, because some would like to enact just that kind of censorship. It is easier for them, and perhaps for all of us, to say that we have no blame in it. Marilyn Manson and Eminem made us do it. They must be silenced so that we won't ever have to endure another school shooting. As it plays on the nightly news, it almost sounds convincing, even true.

It isn't. No matter what you may think, or how you may feel, Hollywood did not make you do it. Eminem did not make your kid do it, and Marilyn Manson isn't to blame for the loss of your son or daughter at the hands of a psychopath.

Instead, we all are to blame. That may be the toughest pill to swallow, but it remains the truth. If we want to begin fighting youth violence, we've got to start tackling all of the factors, including media portrayal of violence. We've got to start talking seriously about the pervasiveness of guns in our nation, the impact of social, racial and economic factors on our young people and even the way we raise our own children.

The media is a mirror, you see, and it reflects upon us all. It isn't just a mirror, but the metaphor still remains accurate. If we really want to stop the violence, we've got to work on what's being reflected, and not just the reflection.

> QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence."

**- Laurence J. Peter,
The Peter Principle**

> UP NEXT WEEK

Mascot.com, a portal company, is coming on campus, or at least they want to. Next week, Brad will be writing all about this portal company that would cost us some of our fee dollars.

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Telling It Like It Is

Surgeon General warns: You may get dizzy

Josh Labrum
Staff Columnist

Smoking. It stinks. It's addictive. It causes bad breath. It makes your teeth yellow. It ruins your clothes. It makes you hack. It creates phlegm in your mouth. It's expensive. It makes others around you cough. It's hard to find a place to smoke. It makes your fingers smell. It causes cancer. It kills.

So why on Earth do so many Americans do it every year? How, if all these bad things are so evident, do people start smoking? If you know it's addictive and if you know it will kill you if you do it too often, why do so many people do it? Because it's cool. That's the only reason. It's just cool. It's cool to sit there and pose with a cigarette, bringing your hand to your lips, doing a sexy seductive inhale and exhale like you are the most carefree person in the world.

But it kills! It smells bad! It causes bad breath! It doesn't matter. It's cool. There's no doubt about it. No matter how many people die from it, it will always be branded as a cool trademark. Anti-tobacco people list a million things that are wrong with it. The smokers just puff, smile, and casually say, "But it's cool." And that's all that needs to be said.

Being cool is the most admirable characteristic a person can have. The anti-smoking lobbyists should give up. They're wasting their time. There is no possible way to convince a kid in high school that smoking is not cool. Do you know why? Because it's against the rules. And those who break the rules are cool. They're cool and you know it! In addition to being cool for breaking the rules, they're cool for smoking too.

I think a lot of people have given up the anti-smoking campaign already. I know the Surgeon General has. I remember a time when the warning on a pack of cigarettes said, "Smoking causes lung cancer." That's some pretty serious stuff. No one wants lung cancer. Quite a serious warning if you ask me. Then they changed it. "Second hand smoke can be dangerous to the health of others." OK. That's a pretty fair warning. If you have kids, you don't want to endanger their health. But not everyone cares about that like they do about lung cancer. What about those without kids? Then they dumbed it down even more, ever so slightly. "Smoking increases chances of birth defects." That's not too bad. You don't want to give birth to an infant with one arm and an oversized head. But on the other hand, what about the men? They don't have to worry about giving their child birth defects. They don't carry around the baby. Men, please smoke away, but not the ladies who are pregnant.

So now you have only the pregnant population being warned. The rest may indulge in being cool. But just when I thought they couldn't make the warning sound any less dangerous, they come out with the latest one, "Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide." Huh? Carbon monoxide? Who cares about carbon monoxide? I can handle carbon monoxide. Just as long as I'm not getting lung cancer, endangering the lives of my children around me and those yet to come. Carbon monoxide is a far cry from lung cancer. So now we have the entire population not caring about the dangers of nicotine, not counting the science nerds who actually know what carbon monoxide is and what it does to you. I'm sure a few people know what it is, but they aren't afraid of it, so long as you don't start your car in a garage with the door closed.

I can't wait to see the next Surgeon General's warning. I'm waiting for it to sound something like, "Smoking may cause a little dizziness for some people."

And what about me? Well, this may be a hard fact to face and to some very surprising, but I don't need a cigarette in my hand to be cool. I'm cool enough as it is. I'm cool because I know how stupid it is to get addicted to smoking. I know that it kills. I know that it causes bad breath and yellow teeth and phlegmy hacks and smelly fingers. But man oh man, if you can get past all of that, it's just so cool.

Common Sense

Home schooling: A Constitutional right

J. Daniel Maxwell
Staff Columnist

I guess I'm not surprised. It's not the first time that the Democratic National Committee (DNC), controlled by the vice-prevaricator Al Gore, has suggested legislation or ideas that encroach upon the rights of Americans. Only this time, it is an issue that I am very familiar with: home schooling.

The encroachment came from this webpage: www.democrats.org/gopwatch/bushwatch/accountability/home.html. Here, on the official site of the DNC, some of the suggestions are that only certified teachers should teach children and only state-certified curricula should be used.

If you haven't heard of home schooling, then this will not be the first time. It is the method some 1.3 million+ families use for educating their children—teaching them at home. I know of this method very well, because it is the only one I am personally familiar with. I never went to school outside my home before starting college.

First, the issue of home-schooled performance should be addressed. Are home schoolers really living up to the claims? The best way to answer this question is to compare their results with those of the public school system.

Study after study has shown the performance of the average home schooler to be well above the national averages. This includes all sorts of scholastic measures such as the SAT, ACT and Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

But even though almost any individual you come across who has a working knowledge of home schooling and its graduates will attest to its success, I think there's a bigger issue to be addressed. Where in the world does the DNC get this principle of government being the child's first parent?

Since I last checked, the federal government is limited in powers by the Constitution. And I see nowhere in the Constitution that the federal government is given power to usurp such extreme control. Of course, this is probably true for a huge portion of laws and judicial rulings that the DNC advocates.

This brings me back to a fundamental principle that I am saddened to see forgotten when I look around at my fellow Americans: our country was created with the idea of self-government as an underlying theme. However, because, as a whole, we have become so dependent on the federal government for everything from welfare to determining what is and is not art, the idea of self-government has greatly diminished. And we have accepted, instead, a huge babysitter that drains us of hard-earned money that could be better spent if it were in our hands.

And although home schooling does not directly address self-government, it does address another founding principle: parental control. Parents have a fundamental right to do what they think best for their child's welfare. And allow me to beat a rabbit trail here, but would somebody tell me how an ideology could support the choice of a mother to abort a baby (which I will address in an article in the near future) but not allow her to choose how her child is educated?

I could continue on that train of thought for hours, but I would like to address one more issue related to government usurpation, an issue I take very personally, because any opportunity that liberals take to suggest that the government would do a better job at educating me than my mom is an insult in my mind. My mom always has and always will know what's better for me than any "sociocrat" (a term I affectionately give to the majority of democrats) will. This is true because she has the highest care for my well-being and a deeper love than any other teacher ever would. And these two elements come together to create a vested interest in me that is unmatched by any learning institution.

And that says nothing of my dad who has not only done an outstanding job helping to teach my five siblings and me, but also has made great financial sacrifices by being the sole breadwinner for our family.

I don't expect to convince you that home schooling is the greatest thing since free speech but I am defending the rights of home schoolers all across America as an issue the government should not even think of trying to legislate. And I'd like to give a heart-felt thank you to George W. Bush for taking a stand in Texas (as the DNC article implies) on such an important issue.

Guest Column

Women who run like the wolves

Jasmine Gittens-Whitney
Guest Columnist

Who was it that convinced me that I could be, that I had to be or wanted to be a superwoman? Who made me believe that I needed and had to have it all? Who was it? Send that person over here so that I can renege on that deal that I made with them at some ungodly place at some ungodly time that eludes me right now. Maybe I am getting old, hell, I feel old. I am only 32 and feel as though I have lived several lifetimes, and I now want to stop the horse and get off the wagon.

Some might say that this type of thinking is characteristic of women, indecisive and flippant or maybe the word flaky comes to mind. After all according to some we are creatures of uncertainty. We are often accused of being too emotional and filled with hysterics. We are either too smart or we are airheads (as the too often dumb blond jokes suggest), we are too fat or too slim, too good, but not quiet good enough, we are ice queens or nymphos, let's not forget easy and hard to get. We are glamorous or not quite pretty enough or we are deceitful vixens or saintly mothers who's duty it is to tame the wild and uncontrollable human animal until it is urbane enough to take it's part among civilized society. What a job. What a load of crap!

Now I know that was not a nice thing to utter. Maybe it wasn't lady like, definitely not the words a writer would choose. But why not, why call it as I see it? As women we are required to do so much and then smile and say that it was wonderful. There is nothing innately graceful about having a family to care for while holding down two jobs. There is no charm in being a fulltime student and simultaneously trying to maintain ties to social organizations like your church, children's schools and your friends. Someone in my distant future must have told me that I was supposed to do it all.

It is time that that an award is issued for the capture and sanction of such a person. I no longer want to have to fulfill so many requirements to identify with the elusive ideal of the superwoman. Hell, I'll stay home. Let my husband bring home the bacon. I'll cook. I'll clean. I'll care for the children. Wait, I do that anyway. So why is it that I want to work again? Why is it that I want a career? What is it that I am supposed to do? I suddenly don't care anymore, especially when I am worn out and beat and still have 15 things to do at 10 p.m. I don't care anymore, when I have 10 chapters to read after that. I don't care anymore, when I am too tired to be the sex goddess (he wishes) to my husband at 3 a.m. when I am finally going to bed? Who said it? Show him or her to me now! I need to tell them that they mislead me, and I am quitting this club right away. I no longer want to be a member.

I once read a book entitled "Women Who Run With the Wolves." In it Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes, tell us the mythical tales of the wild women archetypes "who rises through the psyche regardless of how many times she is cut back and called unsafe, dangerous, useless or mad." I do admit that our struggles have been one filled with antagonism, but when can it come to an end? When will it? Even after the "Revolution Within" my favorite feminist Gloria Steinem has "Moved Beyond Words" to settling down with a "partner" possibly in search of a quieter more peaceful and non-frenzy kind of existence.

While I enjoyed the mythical tales of women who run with the wolves, I contend that in this day and age we are instead women who run like the wolves, wild and out of control with so many things required of us that America's 10 best women could not hope to fulfill them. We run hungry for something, maybe a career, maybe to be equal to the men in our society who are many times unconsciously our subjugators? We run ragged trying to live up to the unattainable ideal of the American superwoman. I concede. I am tired, and all I want to do is be quiet and be still and see if the world would stop spinning if I decided that I did not want to live up to this legacy. I wonder what would happen if we all did this? Who will be first? You? Me? I cannot, I have too many things to do. Maybe the best among us will and let the rest of us know what happens. Then we can decide, then maybe we'll do it and see what happens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Is Georgia State University apparel made in sweatshops?

Dear Editor,

Have you heard claims of Nike or Gap abusing "sweatshop labor" around the world to make their products? In Saipan, a U.S. territory in the Pacific, over 13,000 workers sew apparel for such major companies as Gap (Banana Republic and Old Navy), Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney, Sears and Target.

Over 90 percent of them are so-called foreign "guest workers," mostly young women from Southeast Asia. Lured by the promise of high pay and a better life in the U.S., they often agree to pay up to \$7,000 in "recruitment fees" deducted from wages. Upon arrival, however, they are often forced to sign "shadow contracts" - not to speak up, not to quit or marry, etc. - and then they are forced to work up to 12 hours a day, seven days a week for a mere \$3 per hour.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited over 1,000 violations of its workplace safety and health standards in Saipan over the last five years, including blocked exits, fire hazards, unsanitary restrooms, and exposed electrical wiring. The workers are forced to sleep in unsanitary, overcrowded housing surrounded by barbed wire. Guards often control the workers with lockdowns and curfews. Deductions for food and housing from their meager wages further prevent them from enjoying the human life we take for granted, let alone paying back the "recruitment fees." But, U.S. companies knowingly take advantage of these deplorable working conditions and violations of worker and human rights in order to gain quota/duty-free status and the coveted label, "Made in U.S.A." for their products.

It is in similar conditions that workers employed by J.H. Design Group in Los Angeles sew clothing for such institutions as UCLA, the University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee, the University of Florida, and Ohio State University. Eight former employees who were fired for speaking up just settled a lawsuit against the company this May.

I hope you've noticed that these "sweatshops" are in the U.S., not just in the "Third World," and these workers sew apparel and make other products for universities. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates at least half of the country's 22,000 apparel shops violate federal laws regarding working conditions.

Did you know that universities are benefiting from these sweatshops, even if unwittingly? They have contracts with a number of companies that make merchandise (such as T-shirts and caps) with university logos and trademarks.

Typically, they get 7-8 percent of the retail sale of their licensed products as royalties. For example, Michigan and Duke received, respectively, \$5.7 million and \$500,000 in 1998.

Responding to this immoral situation, a college student group, United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS: www.usasnet.org), has been urging administrations around the country to do the right thing. USAS believes that under no circumstances should workers be subject to such inhumane treatment, and that universities have the power to insist that merchandise with their logos must be made under decent and fair conditions.

Specifically, USAS has urged their administrations to adopt a strong code of conduct favoring basic worker and human rights that all licensees are supposed to follow. USAS has also urged administrations to join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC: www.workersrights.org) to ensure that manufacturers comply with codes of conduct. By June, 57 universities had joined WRC.

The USAS chapter at Georgia State University calls upon our administration to adopt an exemplary code of conduct and join the WRC as soon as possible. The WRC is the only viable and effective monitoring organization to find out what's really going on in workplaces suspected of abusing "sweatshop labor." GSU is a highly respected institution in the community - simply put, it shouldn't be associated with sweatshops in any way.

If you are a GSU student, staff, or faculty member, please let the administration know what you think by signing the USAS petition to urge our administration to adopt a strong code of conduct and join the WRC to enforce it. You can find us tabling at the library plaza. Check out our display case outside the main cafeteria. For more information and to join our campaign, please contact Taka at takaono@hotmail.com or 404-377-4542.

Taka Ono
Sociology graduate student

The real face of "compassionate conservatism"

Dear Editor,

The other day when I was posting flyers for the International Socialist Organization's meeting on the issue of racism, a member of the GSU College Republicans confronted me. The Republican told me that I was wasting my time talking about racism, because racism doesn't exist. RACISM DOESN'T EXIST!?!? Yes, this is what he asserted, though he admitted that it might still exist but it is almost gone.

If racism is almost gone, why do we see vast racial disparities in the criminal justice system, in the workplace, and on West Paces Ferry? From the College Republican's perspective, minorities are the ones committing the crimes, and people who do not have jobs are poor because they are lazy. Is this compassionate conservatism? Does anyone else see a problem here?

It should be apparent to anyone who looks at what is actually going on that minorities are not the only ones committing crimes. When looking at crime rates, you have to keep in mind that the numbers reflect reported crime and cases that have been solved. Due to issues like racial profiling and more cops in poorer neighborhoods, the rates of minorities being arrested are higher. Further skewing the statistics, the cases against minorities almost always end in a conviction, because minorities tend to be economically depressed and cannot afford legal representation, so they are more likely to have an attorney that is either uninterested, unqualified, underpaid or all of the above. To assert that minorities are the ones committing the crime implies that non-white people are genetically predisposed to committing crime. Wow! That's racist.

On top of that, to say that only poor people commit crimes implies that rich people never break the law, even though tax fraud, embezzlement, price-fixing, etc., are disproportionately committed by the rich. Are these crimes less harmful to society? These crimes effect the entire population!

And are people poor because they are lazy? That's true only if you think that people like George W. Bush work harder than any of us or our parents do. I don't think that people like George W. Bush work harder than the average factory line worker, or the single mother who has to work two jobs and take care of her kid(s). I don't think Bill Gates has worked harder throughout his life than the 14-year-old girls in Indonesia putting together Nikes. In fact, I think that if most of us worked only as much as these insanely rich men, we might find ourselves homeless and starving. Maybe then you could say that we are poor because we are lazy and don't work hard enough. Sure, you can always find a job at McDonald's, but even if you work overtime, that job won't pay the rent and keep you fed and clothed.

Nonetheless, back to my flyer about fighting racism. After my talk with the Republican, I went to class. After class, I found that most of the flyers that I put up were gone, and that some of them that were still up had Bush/Cheney stickers on them. At first, I was angry and wanted to take the rest down, but I didn't. I decided that I couldn't have said it better myself. What better way to show that the Republican ticket ignores the fact that racism exists in our society than to deface a flyer about fighting racism by putting a Bush/Cheney sticker on it? This is the true face of compassionate conservatism - the face that says racism is almost gone, the face that ignores what people live every day. Racism is not a thing of the past, nor is it almost gone. Ignoring social injustice does not make it go away. Ignoring it only reproduces it and leaves the problems for the next generation. The Civil Rights Movement is not over, and we cannot let the Republican rhetoric lull us into complacency, because complacency is the most powerful form of social control.

Jay Varner

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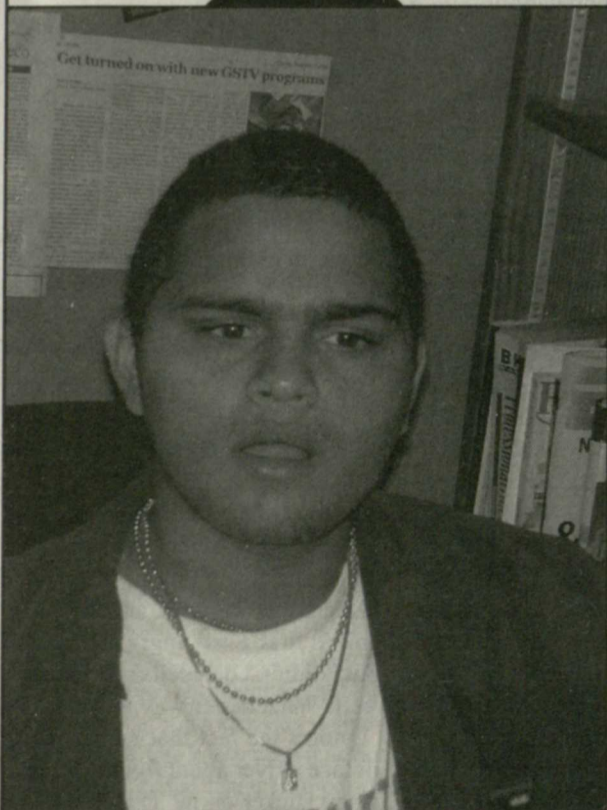
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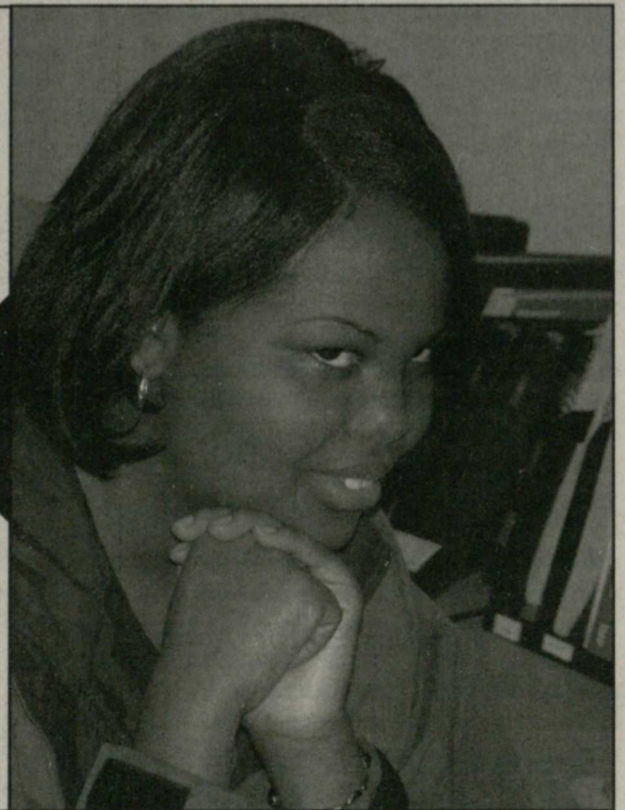
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Twice the talent: Twins excel in sports

Therra Cathryn Gwyn
Staff Writer

If you haven't yet heard of Molly or Amanda Sapp, chances are you could very soon. For two young women just eighteen years old, the sister Sapps racked up an impressive array of athletic honors in and after high school. Now the

twins from Plant City, Fla., are freshmen at Georgia State and show every sign of continuing that trend. Both play with the Lady Panthers volleyball team: Amanda (#8) is a middle blocker and Molly (#15) an outside hitter.

Both figured in the recent Wingate Inn-Gamecock Invitational win, where the Lady Panthers

ruled the weekend tournament. "Molly took All-Tournament honors," Amanda is quick to point out during a telephone interview when congratulated on the win. Their competitive spirit on the court obviously doesn't extend to sibling rivalry between these two. Molly said the weekend victory "felt pretty good," and that she was only slightly nervous when the match against Jacksonville State went five grueling games. "You have to think you are going to win," she continued. "You have to go into it thinking you will do your best."

The twins attended Durant High School, where they played volleyball and lettered in basketball, and Amanda was on the track team during her senior year. When trying to decide which college to attend, they had offers from schools close by in Florida and some as far away as Ohio. They decided on GSU since they had attended a volleyball camp of Coach Leonard's. "We liked him," Amanda said. Her sister echoed that sentiment, "We liked the teammates and thought we might fit in." Also important to Molly was the fact that Georgia State was in Division 1. "I wanted," she says in a serious tone, "to play the best volleyball I could."

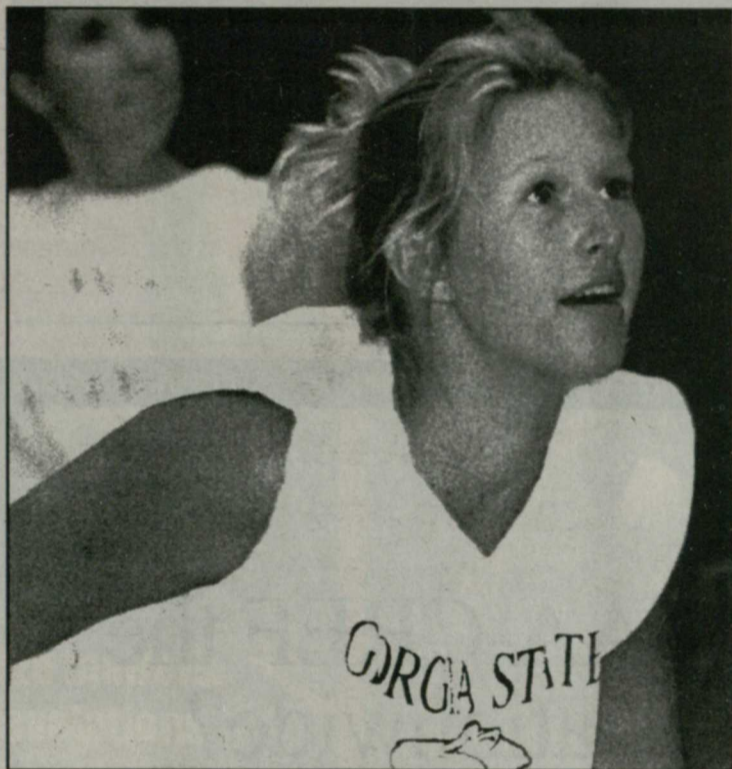
When not studying or on the court, Amanda and Molly spend time getting to know their new

home. The city of Atlanta is a much bigger and "crazier" place than Plant City, they say, a smaller town that sits on the gulf coast of Florida. They've made it point to catch the ESPN Zone and check out a few local clubs here. "I like it," says Amanda. "I'm getting used to it," Molly adds. "It's a big change from where we lived," and then, adding the common refrain of many former Floridians after moving to Atlanta, "I miss the beach!"

When they were very young, their mother dressed them alike, as mothers of twins tend to do, but as adults it's still sometimes hard to tell them apart. Amanda is a business major, is slightly taller and has a mole. Molly hopes for a career in law or education. They say they have many of the same tastes in movies, TV, music and guys. When people can't tell them apart, they will often, says Molly, refer to them by their last name or say "Hey twin!" Do they ever get tired of the constant hoopla of being a matching pair? "No," they both say, not at all.

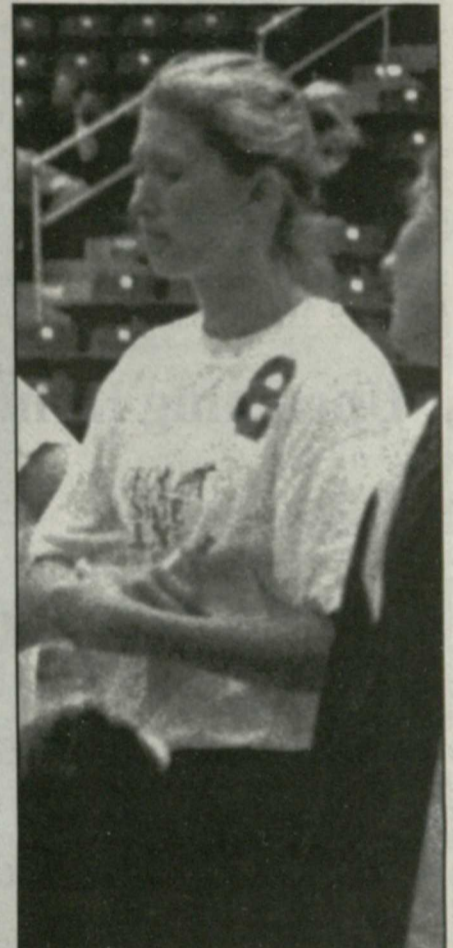
In explaining the best thing about being a twin,

Amanda says, "It's the thought that you always have someone there for you."



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Freshman Molly Sapp, named All-Tournament at the Wingate Invitational, is pursuing a career in law or education.



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Amanda Sapp, the taller of the two, has been a powerful asset to the volleyball team this season.

Panthers overcome FAU 3-2

M. Janelle Cambron
Sports Editor

The Georgia State men's soccer team defeated Florida Atlantic 3-2 on the way to its second Trans America Athletic Conference win Saturday.

"We played as a team today, with the boys putting in a 110% effort," said junior Matt Campion. "When we play as a team we can't be beat, and this is the start of the way we are going to play for the rest of the season."

Just 11:51 into the match, junior Stephen Williamson headed the ball to senior midfielder Scott Mora, who shot the ball past Owls' sophomore goalkeeper Jonas Kolstad for the first point of the game.

Mora factored into the next goal as well, coming less than fourteen minutes later when he fed the ball to freshman Terrance Johnson, who went on to score by way of a header.

"Mora played a tremendous half, making both a goal and an assist," said head coach Kerem Daser. "Johnson's goal shows how dangerous he can be up

front," he continued.

The Panthers extended their lead 3-0 ten minutes into the second half as Campion nailed an unassisted goal from 25 yards out. "Campion's goal was the best Panther goal of the year," said Daser.

The hopes to keep Florida Atlantic at bay failed 70:01 into the match as junior Federico Santana sent the ball past most of the Georgia State team, including

senior Darren McKune, on a free kick. With just two minutes remaining, the Owls found the back of the net again when sophomore Patrik Slattman got the ball off an assist from senior Marcus Henriksen and beat McKune at the goal. Time was not on the side of FAU, whose threat was ended shortly thereafter when the clock ran out.

"The second half we were very tired, and they scored two goals," stated Daser. "But in the end, we were able to get the big 'W'. We showed a lot of character against a very good team."

The Panthers now 5-5 overall and 2-1 in the TAAC, while FAU is 5-5 overall and 0-2 in the TAAC.

The Panthers play Birmingham-Southern Wednesday in an away match.



Robert

Senior Scott Mora figured himself into two goals Saturday, scoring one and assisting on another.

Men's golf finishes fifth to tee off their season

M. Janelle Cambron
Sports Editor

Shooting a tournament-low 289 in the final round of the PSINet Golf Invitational in Dellwood, Minn., the Georgia State men's golf team overcame an arduous first 36 holes (312-307) and finished fifth in its first tournament of the season Sep. 24-26.

Leading the Panthers was junior D.J. Fiese, who finished seventh overall after firing off rounds of 76, 76 and 70.

Tied for 16th was Henrik Sevegran with rounds of 76, 76 and 74, and Jack Croyle made it to the top 25 with rounds of 79, 78 and 72 that fit him in at 24th overall.

After rounds of 81 and 78, senior Dave Womack came back with a final round of 73 that placed him tied for 35th. Tying for 48th with rounds of 83, 77 and 76 was freshman Bradley Beverly.

Host Minnesota won the team title with rounds of 295, 298

and 290, just two strokes ahead of Virginia Tech, who saw rounds of 301, 289 and 295. Purdue rounded off the top three with rounds of 292, 298 and 301, while the University of Alabama followed close behind with rounds of 311, 294 and 291, 12 strokes ahead of the Panthers.

Finishing four-under par with rounds of 71, 71 and 70, Minnesota's Wilhelm Schauman claimed low medalist honors, inching out Purdue's Lee Williamson by two strokes. Williamson had rounds of 70, 72 and 72 to take second, while Alabama's Nick Rousey finished two strokes behind him in third after rounds of 78, 70 and 68. Tied for fourth at three-over par were Minnesota's Ben Meyers, Virginia Tech's Johnson Wagner and Alabama's Jan Are Larsen.

The Panthers, who were pre-season ranked 20th by *Golf World*, the first time a Georgia State team has been ranked in the top 20, will compete again at the Adams Cup of Newport hosted by Rhode Island Oct. 2-4.

Women's soccer snatches fourth win of season

Leigh-Ann Meek
Associate Sports Editor

The Georgia State women's soccer team outshot Middle Tennessee State University this past Wednesday for a 2-1 victory at Panthersville.

The Lady Panthers took 23 shots at the goal but only sophomore Ashley Edwards was able to find it. Edwards took the most shots out of anyone on either team, and her persistence paid off with one goal in both the first and second halves.

Other attempts by Georgia State came from Shanna Stricklen, Jill Denslow, Aja Picou, Chandra Yorgason, Stephanie Fidanza, Christana Peek, and Adilah Wazeerud-

Din. The only goal made out of just ten attempts by Middle Tennessee was from Allison Schultz, who had four attempts total.

The first goal of the game came off an assist from Aja Picou 20 minutes into the first half. Middle Tennessee came back to tie it up two minutes before the half when Schultz fired the shot out of Georgia State goalie Jennifer Espinal's reach.

During the second half Edwards scored her second goal off her left foot past Middle Tennessee goalie Jennifer Robb into the left corner of the net for the match-winning shot.

With the victory the Lady Panthers record improves to 4-8, while Middle Tennessee falls to 3-7.



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Sophomore Ashley Edwards scored the two goals on the way to overcoming Middle Tennessee State 2-1 Wednesday.

Upcoming Home Events:

Volleyball:

Friday	UCF*	7 p.m.
Saturday	Florida Atlantic*	2 p.m.

Men's Soccer:

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Lady Panthers take powerful fourth place finish

Leigh-Ann Meek
Associate Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers golf team was able to finish strong enough to hold onto fourth place in the Lady Rebel Intercollegiate in Oxford, Miss., which took place Sept. 22-24. Their final round of 313 was the best the Lady Panthers had fired off all season.

The University of Central

Florida, one of State's conference rivals, took home first place after a great showing of three consecutive rounds of 303. Arkansas State University came in five strokes behind UCF to clinch second place after the finest round of the tournament at 298. Ole Miss was not too far behind with a final total of 926 after three rounds of 305, 312, and 309. After firing off rounds of 321, 318, and 313 Georgia State came in fourth just ahead of New Orleans University who finished with

a final score of 962.


In a playoff, Tanja Arnold of the University of Central Florida won low medallist honors over Amanda Beeler of Arkansas State. Ole Miss' Teresa Brown finished with a final score of 226 to take third in the individuals. Olivia Hartly, also from UCF, came in at 12 over par to place fourth after rounds totaling 228. Finishing out the top five at 229 was Crystal Elliars of New Orleans University. Also placing in the top ten were Monica

Gundersrud of UCF, Amanda Phillips of Austin Peay State University, Elizabeth Hoffman of Ole Miss, Angie Green of Jacksonville State University, and Sarah Hardison and Leigh-Ann Jones of Arkansas State University.

For Georgia State Anna Molin finished 12th at 17 over par after improving her stroke by at least four strokes every day of the tournament. Nicole Wagner and Sally Bishop played almost simultaneous matches.

They tied for 19th with a final total of 240 each after both had a final round of 79. Mariana Hughes fired off rounds of 73, 83, and 82 to finish in a tie for 28th. Finishing up for Georgia State was Litzi Perea who shot a 252 for the tournament to finish in 45th place.

The Georgia State Lady Panthers will compete in their third tournament of the season Oct. 13-15 at the 2000 USF/Beacon Woods Invitational.



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Panthers fall to Jacksonville

Leigh-Ann Meek
Associate Sports Editor

Georgia State fell behind Jacksonville in the Trans America Athletic Conference during Thursday's men's soccer match as the Dolphins halted the Panthers' two-game winning streak 3-0, dropping them to a 4-5 record and 1-1 for the TAAC.

Both teams were not up to par for the game. During both the first and second halves they seemed to have a sluggish tempo, never really gaining many scoring opportunities. Most of the shots that Georgia State did have were from a long range and either went wide or sailed over the net. Georgia State did manage to outshoot the Dolphins 6-4 in the first half and 14-9 for the game. Their shots came up short though with the final score showing 3-0.

Late in the first half Panthers' midfielder Stephen Adams just missed putting State on the scoreboard when his short range kick was deflected by Dolphin goalkeeper Peter Popovic. Again in the second period the Panthers missed a scoring opportunity when Matt Champion went wide on a kick from just a few yards out.

The Dolphins capitalized on a shot late in the first half to break the scoreless tie when midfielder Mladen Dikic kicked his sixth goal of the season past Panther goalkeeper J.B. Wood.

Dikic then fired his seventh goal just eight minutes later of an assist from Hamdy Bonin, putting the Dolphins two ahead. Bonin then finalized the score off an 20-yard shot late in the second half.

"We didn't deal with adversity well," said Panthers' head coach Kerem Daser. "We had chances to finish and we didn't. We were very sluggish all day."

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Associate Sports Editor

The intramural volleyball and soccer teams are in full session this fall with over ten teams participating in each sport, while the flag football team is gearing up for a new season. Although it is mostly fraternities and sororities that participate, intramural activities are open to anyone who is interested.

Volleyball season began on Sept. 14th and so far has been a great season, yielding an exciting opportunity for associations to get together and become athletically involved. Georgia State provides the equipment and officials; individual teams only have the responsibility to show up. Games are played on the third floor of the Sports Arena Building. It only costs a \$35.00 forfeit fee to play and although it is too late to sign up now there is always room for spectators.

For the men, Pi Kappa Alpha is tied for first with a 3-0 record along with Kappa Sigma. Theta Chi holds second place alone with one win and two losses, while Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Phi are tied for last with zero wins and two losses.

On the women's side, Alpha

Omicron Pi holds first place with a 3-0 record. Following behind are Alpha Xi Delta and Phi Mu, while Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta are in last place with a 0-2 record.

Soccer is also a popular sport among Georgia State students. All games are conducted at Georgia State's Panthersville facility. The season consists of four weeks of play as well as one or two weeks worth of playoffs and finals. It also costs \$35 to play, but the deadline to participate was Sept. 5.

The season began on Saturday, Sept. 16 and will resume for its third week on Sept. 30.

The flag football season is the next sport that will take place in the Georgia State intramurals. The games start on Oct. 1 and will continue through the end of the semester. Once again, the sport is open to all Georgia State students, faculty and staff. The games are played on Sunday afternoons and evenings at the Panthersville recreational fields.

Intramural sports are a great way to get involved in recreation at Georgia State University. There are many other sports that will fit any interest. Check out <http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwrec/intramurals/intramurals.html> for more information.

Lady Panthers win first TAAC match of season at Stetson

Barbie Kinder

Staff Writer

The women's soccer team won their first Trans America Athletic Conference match of the season, with a 1-0 victory off a goal by sophomore Ashley Edwards in the fourth minute of overtime.

The team was engaged in a defensive battle for 94 minutes. Sophomore Shanna Strickland assisted Edwards on the match-winning goal, which slipped out of goal-keeper Genevieve Roy's hands.

Lady Panther's goal-keeper Jennifer Espinal recorded four saves in the match, and the women outshot Stetson nine to seven.

The match took place in Deland, Fla., and the temperature was recorded at 95 degrees.

"The heat and humidity were definitely a factor in our playing," Edwards said. "We used all of our subs and players in the first half of the game; everyone was just so

hot. We were just relieved to get a goal; it took us a long time to find the net."

The women have been faced with adversity most of the season. Many of the team's players have been fighting injuries.

"We have been battling injuries, but many are returning now, this will give our solid team added depth," Edwards said. "We are looking forward to the rest of our season and the remaining TAAC games. We are confident in our abilities and our performances should reflect this."

All of the players contributed to the win over Stetson, and it was a definite battle to the finish. The Lady Panthers controlled the ball most of the match and worked it well. There was just the matter of finding the net, and through perseverance they did.

The women look to be performing well this season and with this win have improved their record 3-7-1 and 1-2 in TAAC games.

Lady Panthers take the Eagles to five games, but lose

M. Janelle Cambron

Sports Editor

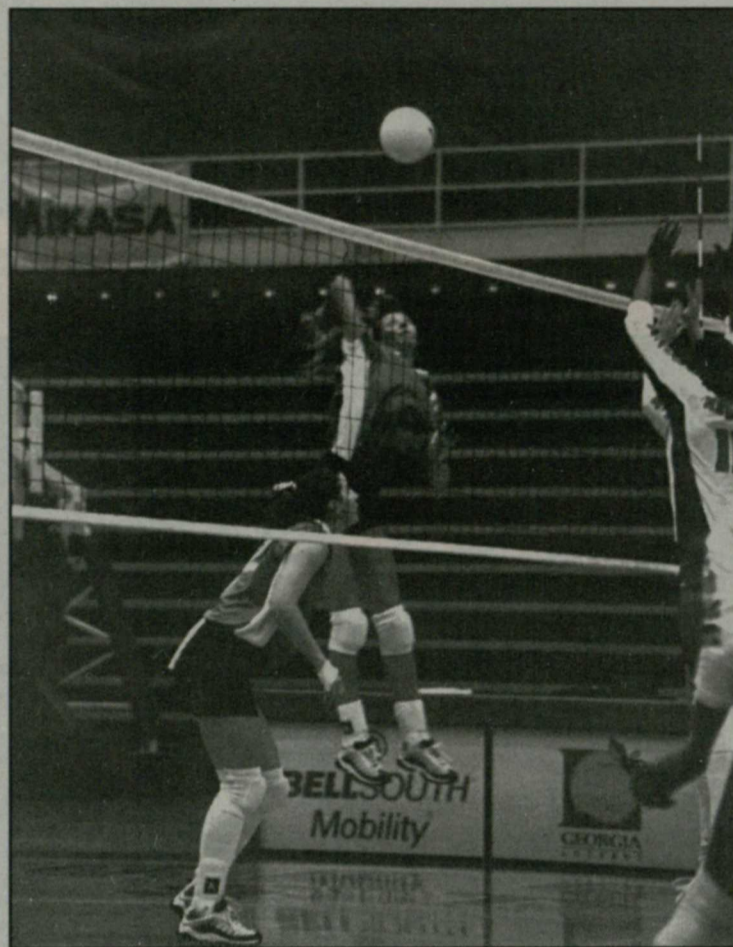
Coming off its victory at the Jacksonville State tournament last weekend, the Lady Panthers dropped a hard-fought away match to Georgia Southern in sets of 12-5, 15-7, 7-15, 15-13, 12-15 Tuesday night.

Georgia State was backed by the strong play of junior Anna Popenko, who turned in a match-high 25 kills, 18 digs and five block assists, and sophomore Janelle McVerry, who made 49 assists, 12 digs and three block assists.

Other key contributors for the Lady Panthers included freshman Molly Sapp with 12 kills and nine digs, senior Jill Thieneman with 10 kills and six block assists and sophomore Jennifer Rizzo with 10 kills and eight digs.

Freshman Amanda Sapp also had a solid performance, picking up eight kills for a .500 percentage and three block assists.

The Eagles were paced by Amanda Brooks, who made a match-high 69 assists and seven digs. Erin Martin made a team-high 24 kills and 21 digs, while Megan Lippi had



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Junior Anna Popenko makes an outstanding kill on her way to a match-high 25.

16 kills and a match-high 21 digs to carry Georgia Southern over the Lady Panthers.

With the loss, the Lady Panthers fall to 17-5, while the Eagles improve to 7-6.

The Lady Panthers will return home Friday Oct. 6 to

face Trans America Athletic Conference team UCF at 7 p.m. They will then play Florida Atlantic, another TAAC member, the next day at 2 p.m. before taking a road trip to Alabama Oct. 13 to face Auburn University.

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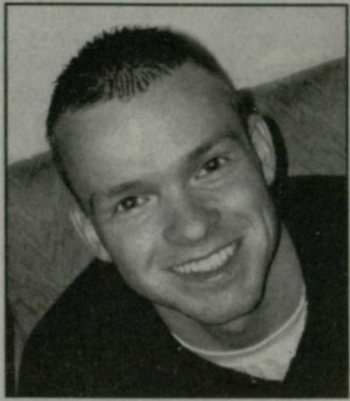
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Taking it Deep with Kevin Wandra

by Kevin Wandra
Staff Columnist

Hot shot Furcal is set for stardom



Kevin Wandra

One of the most talked about positions in major league baseball is shortstop. Derek Jeter, Nomar Garciaparra, and Alex Rodriguez are always mentioned as the best players at this position. One name that will quickly be added to this group of names is that of Rafael Furcal.

This hotshot shortstop for the Atlanta Braves is blazing a trail toward superstar status. In the minor leagues, Furcal started showing how much potential he truly has. *Baseball America* tabbed him as the best Braves' minor league

player after last season. Scouts were in awe of this kid's extreme talents. After excelling in spring training this year, Furcal quickly won a spot on the Braves' roster. That was one of the best things that could have happened for the Braves.

Since Quilvio Veras got knocked out for the year with a knee injury and Walt Weiss always seems to get hurt, Furcal has moved his way into the starting lineup. He can play second base, but his main position is shortstop.

The Braves had had a hole at the top of their batting order for quite awhile until Furcal arrived on the scene. Furcal is already being touted as one of the best leadoff hitters in baseball. He has quickly become a solid hitter who knows how to make contact with the ball. When Furcal gets a hit, outfielders know that they have to get the ball back to the infield as quickly as possible because his blazing speed allows him to easily turn a single into a double. Once he gets on base, look

out! Opposing pitchers absolutely fear Furcal. At the time this article was written, he had stolen 40 bases. It is pretty much a given that he is going to steal a base once he gets aboard. Forget Superman! Furcal is the real guy who is faster than a speeding bullet.

Not only is Furcal good at the plate and on the base paths, but he is just as good, maybe even better, in the field. There is not one play that he cannot make with his glove. Furcal has an extremely quick glove hand and a cannon for an arm. It is no surprise that Furcal is a mainstay on ESPN's "Baseball Tonight" highlight reel. Look for him to be in serious contention for a Gold Glove Award the rest of his career. Although this is only Furcal's first year in pro baseball, he is arguably the best shortstop in the National League. He also teams with Chipper Jones to field the best left side of the infield in baseball.

As for joining Jeter, Garciaparra, and Rodriguez on the list of elite shortstops in

the major leagues, Furcal has a great chance. There are two things that are keeping him from joining these elite players, inexperience and a lack of power.

Furcal has done an excellent job for the Braves this year, but he has to prove that he can consistently play great over a number of years. It is hard to judge a player who has yet to finish his first year, but Furcal looks like a lock to be a successful player for a long time. He is only 20 years old and has a ton of time to get even better, which has opposing teams losing sleep at night. When talking about power, Furcal has absolutely none at all. So far this year, he has a grand total of (drum roll please) one home run. Although that sounds pitiful, the Braves don't rely on him for power anyway. Why should they when they have Chipper Jones, Andres Galaragga, Andruw Jones, and Javy Lopez pounding baseballs out of stadiums? Home runs are one of the most overrated stats in baseball. Just

take a look at Sammy Sosa. He hits a ton of home runs, but he also strikes out way too much. His home run ability has not exactly made the Cubs one of the best teams in baseball either. As long as Furcal keeps hitting the ball the way he has, his power numbers will be a non-issue. Nobody questions his defense because he already plays the field just as well as Jeter, Garciaparra, and Rodriguez.

Furcal has a very bright future ahead of him. We have only begun to see the potential he has. When this season ends, he should wrap up the award for National League Rookie of the Year. Even if for some unimaginable reason he doesn't win, it won't stop him from joining Jeter, Garciaparra, and Rodriguez as the top shortstops in baseball. When his career ends, Furcal will go down as one of the greatest players to ever put on a uniform for the Braves. One thing is for sure: Furcal will not let anything stand in his way toward his quest for greatness.

Lady Panthers dominate match, but end up tied

M. Janelle Cambron
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers' soccer team tied Campbell University 1-1 Saturday in its fourth Trans America Athletic Conference match of the season.

After a scoreless first half, Georgia State finally got on board with just over 16 minutes left in the match as senior Chandra Yorgason settled a freshman Micki Stone pass and beat sophomore goalkeeper Jamie Olson from 18 yards out.

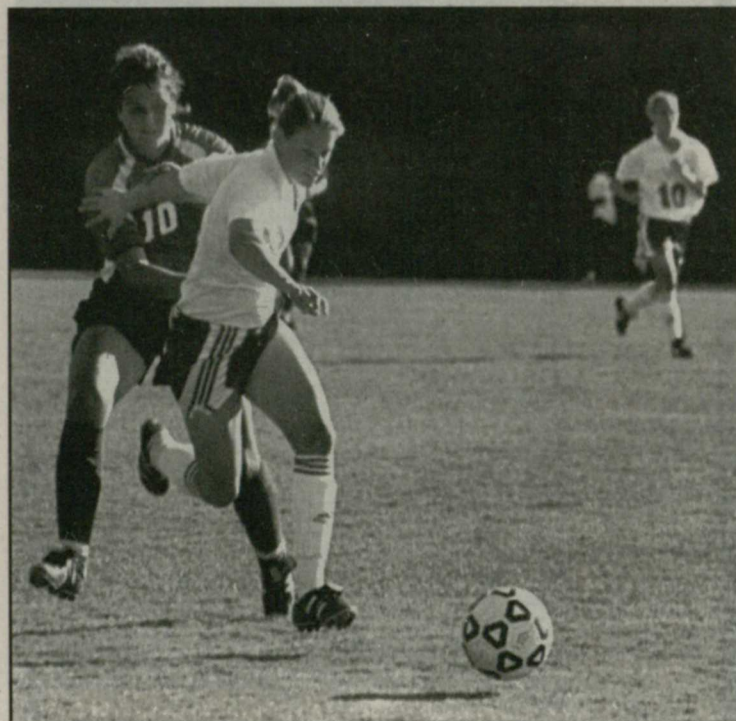
Campbell answered less than a minute later as senior Erika Cupo scored off assists by sophomores Jessica Dargle and Jennifer Feltis.

The teams continued scoreless for the next 15 minutes to send the match into overtime. After two scoreless overtimes dominated by the Lady Panthers, the match ended with a draw.

Georgia State overpowered Campbell, outshooting the Camels 25-6 in the match, including a 7-2 advantage in overtime.

"We played a tough game, and all the players did really well," said head coach Domenic Martelli. "But against a team that works really hard, you have to finish your chances."

The Lady Panthers move to 4-7-2 and 1-2-1 in the TAAC, and Campbell is now 2-5-1 and 0-2-1 in the TAAC.



Brittany Lunsford | Signal

Senior Chandra Yorgason fights off a defender on her way to making a goal.

Women's cross country wins the Campbell Invitational

Barbie Kinder
Staff Writer

The Lady Panthers dominated the Campbell Invitational with a team score of 42 points, a low for the season, this past weekend in Buies Creek, N.C., for the team's first win of the season. The win held great significance because it was a TAAC meet and many teams that the Panthers will be facing next week in the collegiate championship were there.

The team was lead by freshman Jenn Feenstra. In Feenstra's first collegiate victory, she ran 18:28, breaking her old personal best of 19:15 by 33 seconds. Finishing second for the Lady Panthers was junior Laurie Harris with a time of 19:00 flat. Harris was fifth in the overall standings. Junior Brittanie Hughes was third for the team and ninth overall with a time of 19:13, while junior Jenny Jones was fourth for the Lady Panthers and 16th overall with a time of 19:39. Racing fifth for the team was freshman Nigisti Negussie, who was 27th overall in the meet. Freshman Hayley Freeman was sixth for the Lady Panthers and 32nd for the meet. Tiffany McCall was behind Freeman, placing 38th in the overall standings. Sophomore Sara Keel was eighth for the team, placing 39th overall.

"I think we all ran very well, most of us broke personal bests.

We also beat rival Campbell, which was important," Feenstra said. "I personally finished well, and we will definitely be ready for next week. I think that we have a good chance of winning."

It was reported that the weather provided better racing conditions than last week. "The weather was perfect for racing. The only problem was the wind, but much of the course was in the woods so it was blocked," Feenstra said.

UNC Greensboro was behind the Lady Panthers with 50 points. TAAC rival Campbell was third in the meet with 59 points, while TAAC opponent Jacksonville finished with 62 points and was fourth in the meet. Mercer University finished fifth in the meet.

The team has been competing well, and the shattered personal records prove it. The team is predicted to place well at the



Jennifer Applegate | Special

Junior Brittanie Hughes had a strong ninth place finish last weekend at the Campbell Invitational.

collegiate championships this weekend. The solid performances of this weekend's meet are a good sign of the things to come for this young team. The women's team will compete this Saturday at Panthersville at 10 a.m.

Upset avoided as Lady Panthers improve record

M. Janelle Cambron
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers volleyball team, which was led by Anna Popenko's 30 kills, defeated Belmont in a Saturday away match in sets of 9-15, 15-3, 14-16, 15-13, 15-13 to improve their record to 18-5 on the season.

This victory did not come easy for Georgia State. They had to fight back on numerous occasions to avoid an upset by the Bruins, whose record was 6-11 coming into this match.

Freshman Molly Sapp contributed to the Lady Panthers victory with 16 kills, 14 digs and 3 serving aces. Setter Mary Hyland also provided Georgia State with a big advantage with her 70 as-

sists and 15 digs.

The Panthers' defense was on a roll on Saturday with amazing figures by Kumi Ishiyama, who picked up 15 digs in the match. The Lady Panthers are now on their way to start Trans America Athletic Conference play on Tuesday at Mercer.

The biggest threat to Georgia State came from a trio of Belmont players. Kristen Moore made 16 kills and 15 digs, while Britney Bagget picked up 16 kills and three block assists. Katie Nicholson had 53 assists, nine kills and seven digs. Also noteworthy was Kati Baumgartner, who had 14 kills and 14 digs.

The Lady Panthers begin Trans America Athletic Conference play this Friday as they play host to UCF at 7 p.m.



Head Coach Dr. Richard Leonard fires up his team during a time out.

Robert Singleton | Signal

Men's cross country team wins second straight meet

Barbie Kinder
Staff Writer

The men's team was untouchable at the Campbell Invitational this past weekend in Buies Creek, N.C., with a team score of 37 points, finishing first for the third time in their fourth meet of the season. This meet was their first Trans American Athletic Conference event of the season for the defending conference champs.

The team was led by senior Matt Barile, who finished fifth overall in the meet with a time of 26:09. Barile shattered his old personal best of 29:33 by three minutes and 24

seconds. Fall 1999 was Barile's first competitive running season, and he has shown tremendous improvement from last year's season, placing first for the team this meet.

Barile edged out teammate junior Giovanni Gentiluomo, who ran sixth in the overall standings with a time of 26:10. Gentiluomo also broke his old personal record of 26:16 by six seconds.

Junior Kenneth Martin was third for the Panthers and eighth overall with a time of 26:34, while Junior Min Cha finished fourth for the team and 13th overall with a time of 26:53.

Freshman Andrew Campbell was fourth for the team with a time of 27:06.

Senior Matt Oats was fifth for the Panthers and 19th in the overall standings.

Freshman David Rath was behind Campbell and was 28th overall in the meet, while junior Nick Stavropoulos finished 34th overall.

Tony Walsh was 46th overall, and sophomore John Kirchner ran tenth for the team with a time of 29:58.

"It was good to get a win on the course that will

be the site of our TAAC championship meet," said head coach John Rowland.

UNC-Greensboro finished a distant second behind the Panthers with a team score of 80 points, while TAAC rival and host Campbell finished third in the meet with 89 points.

One point separated the third, fourth and fifth place finishes. Coastal Carolina finished fourth in the meet with 90 points and Mercer University placed fifth with a team score of 91.

After the third first place finish of the season the Panthers look to be a strong contender in the collegiate championship. Many of the team's runners are starting to step up, and the improving times are a direct result of this.

The team will race this Saturday at Panthersville in the Georgia Collegiate Championship at 9 a.m.



Jennifer Applegate | Special

The men's cross country team won its third meet of the season this weekend.



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Senior Min cha finished fourth for the team at Campbell.




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Politics and folk invade the Fox

Marijane Ritter
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever been to an Ani DiFranco concert will tell you that she is one of the most awesome live performers you could ever see.

Knowing this, I went to my first Ani DiFranco concert at the Fox on Sept. 20. I expected a great show but the performance that Ani put on that night went far past what my expectations could have ever been.

Right from the start, when the announcer bounced happily on stage to announce the opening act, Kurt Swinghammer, the mood for the concert was set as one where everyone in the audience was destined to have a blast.

Kurt Swinghammer, who is on DiFranco's recording label, Righteous Babe Records, proved to be the perfect opening act. His quirky little folk songs had something a little amusing in them that caused everyone in the audience to laugh at least once during the performance.

Everyone had to at least find it amusing when, in the middle of a song, he forgot the words and was quickly able to make something up.

In between the opening act and the featured performance, a representative from the Southern Center for Human Rights got on stage and informed the audience of some of the atrocities that are going on in prison systems. A portion of the ticket sales for the concert went to the Southern Center for Human Rights.

Along with the Southern Center for Human Rights, Planned Parenthood, Free Mumia organizations, and groups against the death penalty had tables set up in the lobby.

Ani DiFranco is and always has been an activist. For every concert that she performs, a portion of the money from the ticket sales always goes to benefit a local charity that she supports and which shares her beliefs.

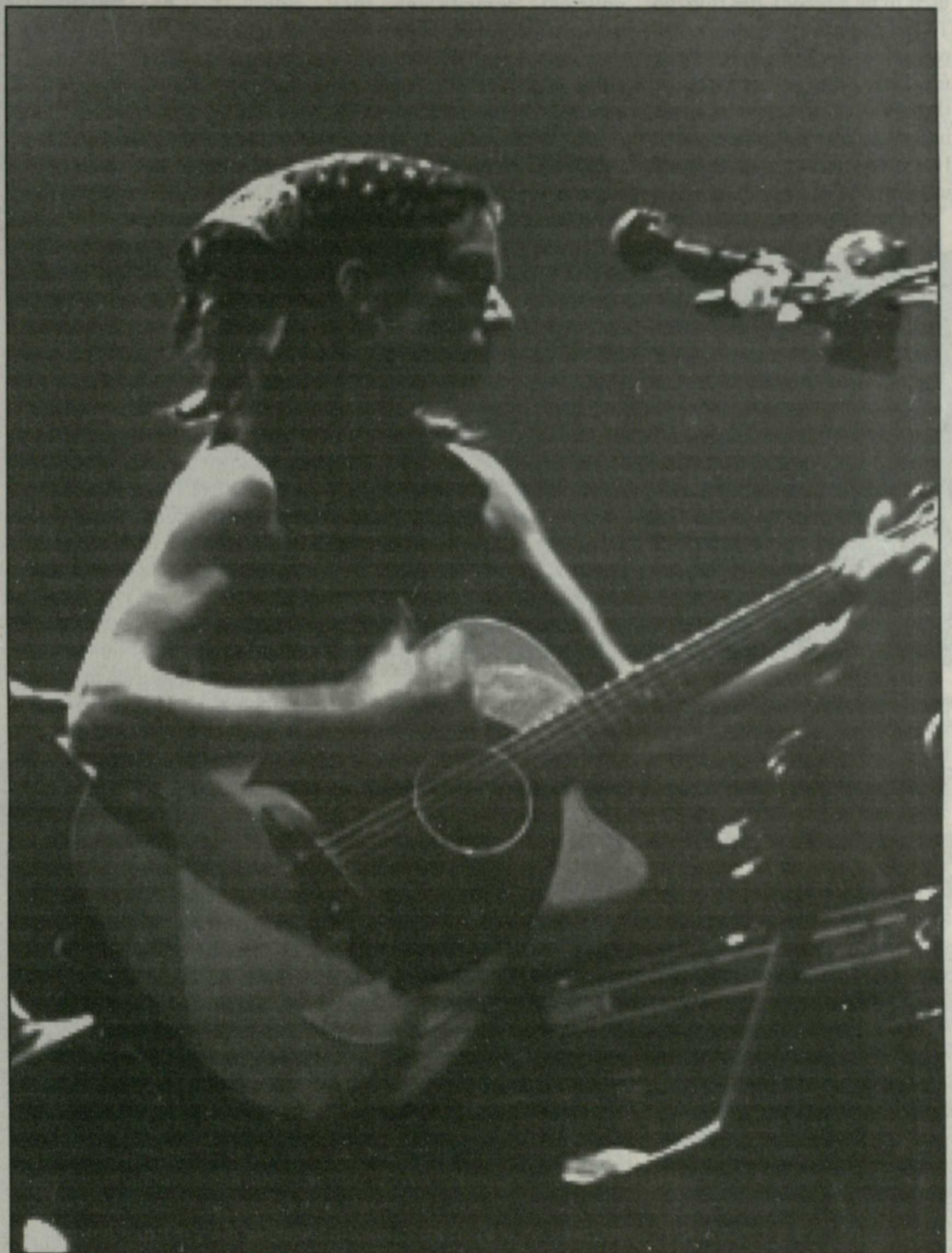
Just listening to the lyrics in her songs is enough to make one want to get up and do something good to change the world. DiFranco has never been afraid to say what she thinks in her music no matter how bold it is.

Early in her performance, DiFranco took the time to criticize the problems of capital punishment. She was able to easily make the transition from her criticisms to sing the song "Fuel," from the *Little Plastic Castle* album.

Ani DiFranco played songs mainly from her *Little Plastic Castle*, *Up Up Up Up Up Up*, and *To the Teeth* albums throughout the night.

For those of you who are familiar with Ani, you know that she is always releasing a new CD and writing new songs. During the concert, she also played many songs that were new to everyone.

Even



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Ani DiFranco strummed her guitar for the captivated audience.

though I was only one person in an audience consisting of at least a couple thousand other people, Ani was able to make me feel like a friend, as she was able to do with the majority of the other audience members. One concertgoer felt comfortable enough to yell out that she wanted to have sex with Ani. The response from Ani was a comment on what a strange and funny little job she had which was the perfect segue into her next song, which was about her strange little job.

It was very obvious that Ani feels comfortable performing and being herself in front of a large audience. She was able to joke around with the audience telling us how this was the first concert

in awhile that she and her band were doing straight. That night, they were just doing Smartees and she handed all the members of her "circus" some of the candy, which someone had thrown onto the stage.

As an end for the regular concert Ani let each of the members of her "circus" play a solo to show off their talents. Before she could get around to start introducing them, though, two people dressed up as a monkey and a bunny randomly came out onto the stage and started dancing. The randomness of this was hilariously funny and unexpected; it seemed as if even Ani was not expecting them to come out and dance.

As each band member

played their solo, Ani proceeded to lie on the floor of the stage and look up at the stars. She commented a few times on how beautiful the stars on the ceiling of the Fox are. She even suggested that everyone in the audience come up on the stage and lie down with her, but since there are probably fire regulations about having that many people on the stage at one time, we unfortunately could not.

For the encore Ani came back out by herself and sang the most ferociously soulful lullaby that I, personally, have ever heard. It was so lovely that it was able to bring everyone in the audience down from the high they had acquired throughout the concert.



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Ani DiFranco performed at the Fox Sept. 20.

Horizon Theatre presents hilarious comedy

Stage
the grade is **95%**

Stacey L. Evans
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Nestled in the back of what used to be a school, the Horizon Theatre may not seem like much on the outside. But once you step inside the Little Five-area theatre the funky atmosphere and intimate coziness that defines the Horizon Theatre reveals itself instantly.

The Horizon Theatre is

currently running "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," an off-Broadway musical comedy about the trials and pleasures of dating and mating in today's society. Written by Joe DiPietro, the play consists of short skits that are so hilarious one can hardly catch a breath between laughs. The talented cast enlivens the scenes with wonderful use of physical comedy as they "become" the characters.

Starring Jill Hames, Alan Kilpatrick, Eric D. Moore and Gayle Samuels in the various roles, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" covers every aspect of romance from the first date to looking for someone

to fill the void left in old age after the significant other has passed. Exposing the truths and myths of love and looking for Mr. or Mrs. Right is what makes this play so funny. "I Love You..." has something for everyone to relate to, whether it's the third date, insecurity, divorce or having children.

In the scene "Men Who Talk and the Women

Who Pretend They're Listening," two women are on dates with boring men who only talk about themselves. The women, who aren't listening, sing of the "Single Man Drought" they're experiencing. The men retaliate with "Why? Cause I'm a Guy," to explain their behavior. The witty lyrics of the songs are accompanied by a live piano and a fierce violin.

The funniest scene is "Scared Straight," which is similar to the MTV show that tries to convert delinquent kids by taking them to



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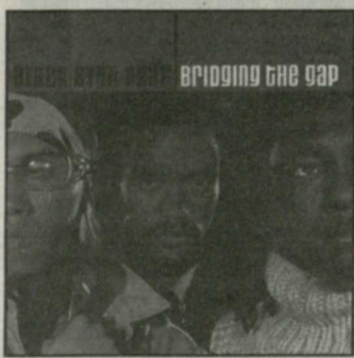
Alan Kilpatrick (left) wonders why he let his date (Gayle Samuels) choose the movie, a "chick flick."



Kathryn Kolb | Special

Eric Moore (center) portrays a single guy who visits his friends (Jill Hames, left; Alan Kilpatrick, right), who are new parents obsessed with family bliss.

'Bridging the Gap' between positivity and innovative hip-hop



Black Eyed Peas : Bridging the Gap

Tunes
the grade is **98%**

Stacey L. Evans
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Sometimes the best things in life are overlooked and under-appreciated. Such is the case with one of the most innovative and positive hip-hop groups to emerge in a while.

In 1998 Black Eyed Peas released their debut album, *Behind the Front*, to much critical acclaim but they didn't blow up all over MTV as many less-deserving acts do. Will.I.Am, Taboo and Apl.d.ap did, however, gain a reputation and following as one of the best live acts around. I've had the pleasure of

witnessing their explosive onstage energy four times, from the packed Yin Yang (the best of the four because its size makes it more intimate) to the larger and more impersonal stage on the Warped Tour. Backed by a live band and the mysterious Kim Hill, Black Eyed Peas managed to get the crowd moving and hyped no matter how close they were, physically, to the audience. It's almost indescribable the frenzied excitement BEP injects into the crowd (myself included), pumping up the atmosphere into a positive, elated high.

When a group excels so well in one area, whether it be live performance or recordings, they usually fall short in the other area. BEP join the Roots in their ability to produce the same quality and energetic vibe in the studio as they do in performance.

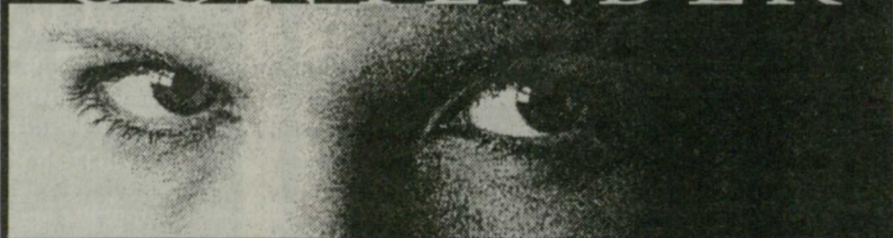
BEP's sophomore album, *Bridging the Gap*, is a perfect example of that ability. Like a breath of fresh air in the often polluted world of hip-hop (and all music in general), *Bridging the Gap* is a refreshing escape from the foul toxins clogging up the airwaves. The Cali trio breaks away from the traditional West

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"Dear Alice...Rejected Letters to Advice Columns From Completely Insane Idiots," the

first work by author Steven Ryniak, is a compilation of rejected letters to advice columns. It's a mysterious compilation, containing no forward or biography on the author, just a lot of "Dear Alice" letters.

The synopsis on the back cover claims the book to be "compiled from over 2,000 different advice column rejection

letters, from more than 60,000 newspapers worldwide, after 15 years of back breaking research and development." With all the oddballs roaming the earth it's definitely possible these letters are real, whether from "insane idiots" or sent to advice columns as a joke, but they seem more like the insane concoctions of Ryniak's mind. Most all of the

letters have the same style with absurd and profane content of edgy adult humor.

In any case, the letters are interesting if not always necessarily funny.

One passage from a letter by a bad driver who drinks before driving to "relax me a little bit, but sometimes I experience blackouts and don't even

remember the drive. Sometimes though, I think, 'Maybe...maybe...maybe I should drive more gooder.' Do you think if I mixed quaaludes with the hard liquor, it would calm me enough to drive safely to work?"

Another letter is from parents of a four-year-old who is in a gang called "The Unholy." The letter goes on to describe the boy's antics, then says "I think there's still hope for him, though, and that it may be too early to write him off as another statistic. We've tried grounding him, but that hasn't worked. What do you recommend?"

"Dear Alice" is mildly entertaining, but if it is only a fictional work Ryniak could have done much better with the humor. If you're a Beavis and Butthead fan, or if you like odd and profane stories and need something short to read on a car trip, this book's for you. It's available on MPC Press/Muse World Media Oct. 10 for \$8.95. Email mpcpress@pobox.com to order. Otherwise, "Dear Alice" can be written off as a rejected book written by a "completely insane idiot."

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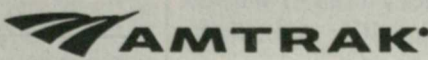
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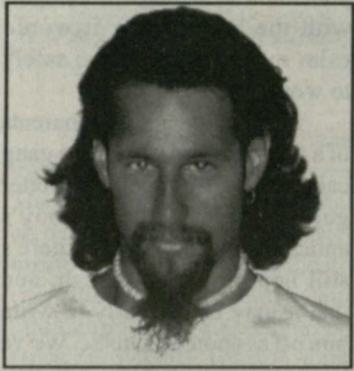
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Nate's European Adventures

by Nate Field
Staff Writer

Breezing through Venice, Milan, 'Cinderella's castle' and money troubles



Nate Field

Over the course of six weeks I had seen mountains, oceans, castles, rivers, great art, interesting people and traveled hundreds of miles. Now I was poised to do it all again in the span of two weeks.

I was sitting on the rocky shores of the Mediterranean in Pula, Croatia with a ticket for a plane out of Rome in two weeks and I still wanted to see things up near Frankfurt, Germany. So I took a deep breath and jumped in.

After hiking quite a ways out of town to the hostel (the one time my philosophy of "if the book says I can get there by bus, then I can get there by foot" failed me), I settled in at the seaside villa and had dinner with an Aussie and an Irishman. The next morning when I went to get money, I ran into trouble getting it for the first time.

Up until this point, as long as I had money in my ATM account (which wasn't the case a few times) I had no trouble getting to it. In fact, most people will tell you that ATMs are by far the best way to get and exchange money. Unlike here, most banks over there don't charge you for using their machine, so the only fee you'll pay is to your own bank. And the exchange rate you'll get is the current bank rate that is probably better than the rate at any exchange office. On top of all of this, there are no lines nor any stumbling over language difficulties.

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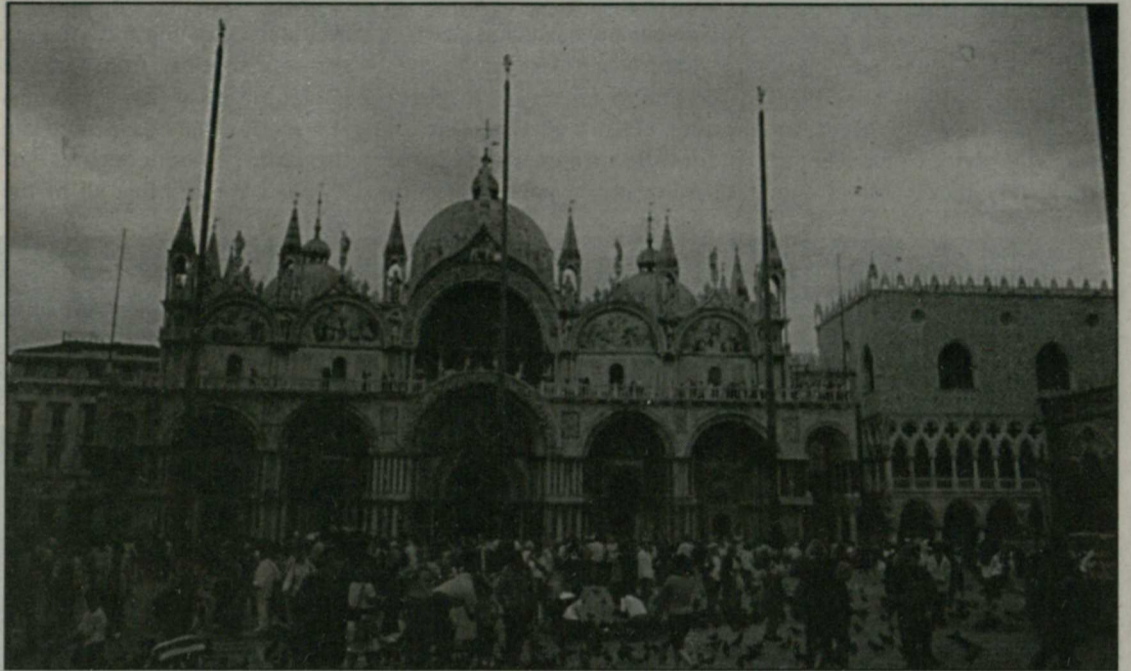
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Nate navigated his way through the beautiful city of canals, Venice.

I got things started with another beautiful bus ride from Pula to Trieste, just over the Italian border and still right on the Mediterranean. After all, like a recovering addict, I was going to have to take small steps in order to rid myself of those perfectly clear blue waters.

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The legendary cathedral of San Marco attracts thousands of tourists.

NOT include letters or is longer than six digits, since most ATM keypads in Europe do not include letters and sometimes do not except long PINs.

So, why did my card not work? Not sure. But apparently in Italy (the only country in which I had this problem), even if the machine says it takes your card it sometimes doesn't. It took a bit of trial and error, but I eventually figured out which machines my card would work in and which it wouldn't.

From Trieste I took the morning train to Venice and probably set the world record for the quickest visit to the city of canals. In less than three hours I rode through the canals, visited the legendary cathedral of San Marco and then successfully navigated my way back to the station through the maze of alleys, canals and bridges. And the reason for the short stay? Too expensive to spend the night and not enough time.

That night was spent in Verona, home to Romeo and Juliet and one of the largest

opera festivals in the world. Next was a full day of wandering in Milan, including seeing Da Vinci's famous "Last Supper." Then I boarded a night train and slept my way north to Munich, Germany.

Part of the reason behind my rushing through towns was not just because I was short on time, but also due to the actual day of the week. My day in

Milan was a Sunday. On Monday, practically all the museums and sites close, so there would be no reason to spend the day there. The same was true for Munich.

So what did I do Monday? Jumped right back on another train to the town of Füssen,

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Neuenschwangau, the last great castle of King Ludwig II, was Disney's inspiration for Cinderella's castle.

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'Billy Elliot' engages viewer with heartfelt story

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Amalia Maldonado
Staff Writer

The secret that Billy Elliot (Jamie Bell), keeps from his widowed father and his frantic brother is that he has been spending his boxing money on less than manly activities such as dancing. But, not just any kind of dancing. Billy stumbles upon a ballet

class after one of his weekly boxing lessons and is forever changed under the guidance of a quick tongued, chain smoking and very lovable dance instructor, Mrs. Wilkinson (Julie Walters).

Under the guidance of Mrs. Wilkinson, Billy is encouraged to try out for the Royal Ballet School in London, a place where he can polish and perfect his raw talent.

But upon learning that his son has been deceiving him, Billy's father (Gary Lewis) forbids Billy to continue any and all dance activities.

In the midst of oppressive surroundings during the struggle of the miners' strike in which both

his father and brother are involved and the diminishing mental capacity of his grandmother (Jean Heywood), Billy is torn between his responsibility to his family and to the gift with which he has been blessed.

For his irresistible desire to dance is more than a means of self-statement. It is his passion, and it is his destiny.

A poignant moment for Billy is during a non-verbal argument expressed solely in his deliberate, frustrated, and passionate dance asking his father to understand his talent, but more importantly his need to follow his dream. The boy is trying to communicate to his father the best way he knows how.

According to director Stephen Daldry, "most men do have an issue with their dads of one sort or another, whether it's good or bad," and this is a powerful insight at a delicate time for both father and son.

Daldry makes his feature



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Billy Elliot struggles with his desire to be a ballet dancer amidst his oppressive surroundings.



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Director Stephen Daldry (right) talks to actor Jamie Bell on the set.

film debut with "Billy Elliot" and introduces his audience to a boy at odds with his family and a community trapped against a larger, hostile world.

This heartfelt movie touches on the 1984 miner's strike, which "was one of the defining moment in British history since the war," recalls

screenwriter Lee Hall.

Daldry urges his audience to view the world of the village as a class war where the state was mobilized against a small group of people.

The impersonal attitude of the people of this mining village during their daily life towards the police in full riot gear, hanging

out and waiting for something to happen invokes a powerful emotion and statement.

"It was a final great strike. And, the strikers and miners knew that this was their last stand" adds Daldry.

"Billy Elliot" is an introspective and engaging film about a boy growing up in a tough mining town, whose overwhelming desires to dance help him pursue his dreams.



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home to the castles of the infamous king of Bavaria, Ludwig II. His last great castle, Neuschwanstein, is commonly referred to as the "Cinderella castle" since it is where Disney got the inspiration for the animated palace. The real thing is impressive to say the least. And as it is nestled at the foot of the Alps, the surrounding mountains provide some excellent hiking.

Eventually, I made it back up to Munich and happened upon three other travelers returning to the hostel where I planned on stay - The Tent. They offered me a ride with them in a cab and prepared me for what I was to find when I got there: lots of mud, a large circus tent and several hundred travelers all sharing the floor on a mix of cots and mats.

Definitely the sparsest accommodations of the trip, but plenty of good company. And an Internet connection as well. The stretch from Zagreb to Munich was the longest I went without checking email.

Email is by far the best way to stay in touch with those back home as well as those you meet along the way. It's cheaper than phone calls, most of the time easier as well and you don't have to worry about trying to remember what time it is back home. You can get connected just about anywhere in Europe from places like the world's largest Internet café in Amsterdam to hostels to kiosks in shopping malls. Sometimes it's free, but if not, it's always cheap.

Just remember to get yourself a good web-based email account (Hotmail, Yahoo) before you leave. Don't use AOL or other server accounts, because you will have more trouble than it's worth.

After emailing the parents and letting them know I was still alive, I explored Munich. I visited the concentration camp at Dachau, the science and technology museum (an incredible cross between the Smithsonian and SciTrek), the city hall with its dancing clock and the Olympic Stadium. But after two nights, it was time to ramble on.

'The world ain't enuff' for Tela

LaToya Vezia
Contributing Writer

Expecting a huge entourage, numerous groupies, and a meaningless conversation, I was instead given insight on the encounters, aspirations, and goals of Rap-A-Lot's artist Tela which didn't involve any of the above-mentioned but instead, the revelation that has changed his life for the better, fatherhood.

"I have a new daughter and she is the reason for the slowing of my lifestyle," said Tela. "I've slowed down tremendously and gotten in touch with my spirit with God, because of her."

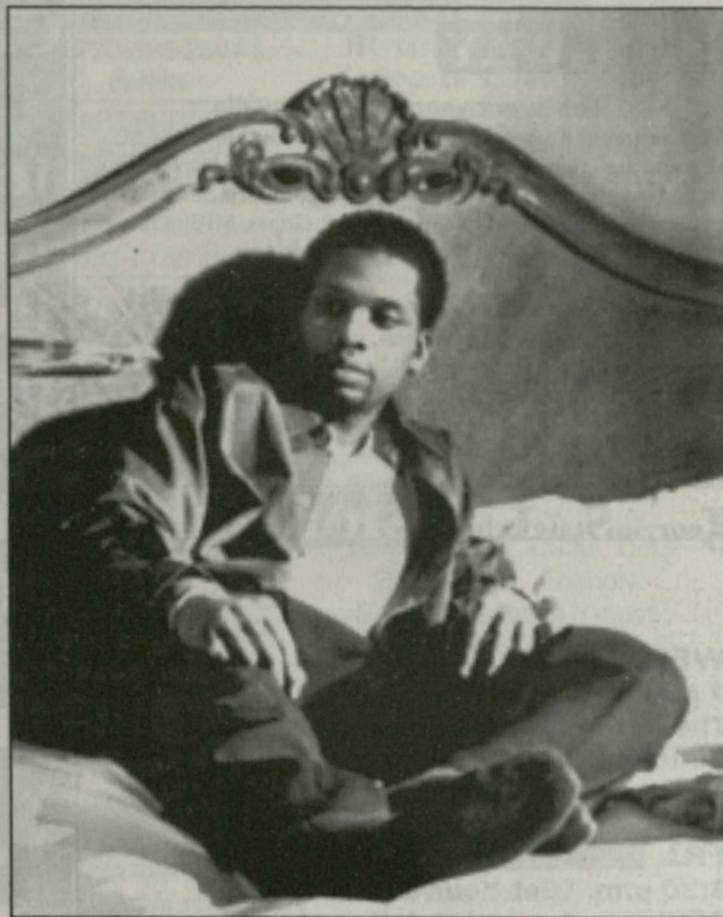
The Memphis, Tenn., native has definitely paid his dues by perfecting his craft and steering away from the pressures that come along with being in the public's eye. Tela also remembers his days in hole-in-the wall nightclubs.

"Hell, I used to perform for a box of chicken! I sh-t you not! Sometimes, I had nowhere to live. I was just trying to be heard. That's why when I go home and have to be escorted by police and people screaming my name, that is the defining moment in my life."

Tela's dream came true when he signed his second label deal with Suave House. The first deal was a local one. His first album, *Piece of Mind*, sold 400,000 copies. However, Tela found himself in a situation that often plagues artists.

"My money wasn't right, the people weren't right, the lifestyle wasn't right. I needed to get away, because I wasn't happy with this predicament. I was going too fast."

It was Lil J., founder and CEO of Rap-A-Lot Records who answered Tela's prayers. Presenting him with a record deal that would ensure creative control and security, *Now or Never* was the reemergence of this star-bound artist. Southern funk, bounce, and soul were incorporated into the album and spawned the classic "Sho-Nuff," which could be considered the "The Thong Song" of



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Rapper Tela released his sophomore album "The World Ain't Enough" in Sept.

the nineties.

Undaunted by the trials he has endured, Tela has hooked up with the same producers and collaborators from the previous albums such as Eightball & MJG, Gangsta black, Slice T., and Lo Key, to conjure up his third effort, *The World Ain't Enuff*. The album's first single, simply titled "Tela," is a short summary of his hiatus.

"I've been away for two years and it's like the rebirth of me," explains Tela. "The best way for me to come back was with this song to explain what I've been doing. It's not a song about me being infatuated with myself, but about me being back."

The album's next single, "Bye, Bye, Hater" makes one reminisce of the 70s with its melodic groove as Tela exploits the people who have brought negativity to his life.

With all the potential hits for die-hard fans, *World Ain't Enuff* offers a "Sho-Nuff 2000." I asked Tela about his goals for this album.

"Platinum, multiplatinum. Whatever! I have 12 solid cuts that I perfected. Man, this is my best work ever, that's for real. Right now I'm doing a 30 city promotional tour trying to get my name back into the streets. It is going down!"

Don't be mistaken about the capabilities of this rapper, because as he sat in the chair his eyes possessed a sparkle as he spoke about the future of Tela.

"First and foremost, I'm going to raise my daughter right and give her the things I never had. But on the business side, there are movies in the works. I could see myself playing a mafia type cat. I was trying to keep it in, but later I want to get into politics. I want to do something for the kids in Memphis, because who else is?"

Does Tela have any advice for aspiring artists?

"Don't let anyone beat you down. Don't do it for fame or money, but do what you feel in your heart. Stay focused because it's a hard business to break into. But it's worth it. Definitely worth it."

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Black Eyed Peas connect

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Coast sound with an intoxicating mix of multicultural influences. From soul inflections and guitar strummings of Wyclef in "Rap Song" to Latin-flavor on "Cali to New York" (featuring De La Soul) to jazz-influences on "Lil' Lil'" to straight hip-hop beats on "BEP Empire," produced by the irrepressible DJ Premier, *Bridging the Gap* incorporates the elements of various musical

styles in each song. Perhaps the lyrics on the R&B-ish "Bridging the Gap" say it best with "we be the connection to/ everything from calypso to/ hip-hop down to the bebop/ knocked the punk rock..."

Compared to *Behind the Front*, this album is a little less polished, a little more raw in sound, which produces a more live-sounding effect. *Bridging the Gap* also includes more guest appearances and less skits, a good move on their part. Macy Gray once again blesses track 14, singing the hook on "Request Line," a song

reminiscent of "Love Won't Wait" from *Behind the Front*.

Les Nubians harmonize their ethereal voices into "On My Own," while Mos Def shares his gift at the end of the track, making it one of, if not the, best song on the album. No disrespect to the Peas, but Mos Def definitely steals the spotlight as he spits fire of blazing enlightenment.

Without a doubt, the sophomore release of the Black Eyed Peas is a bridge connecting the diversity in both musical styles and audiences.

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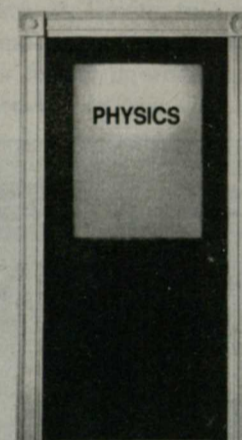
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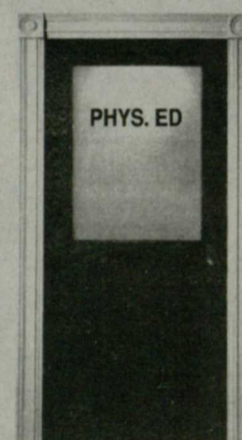
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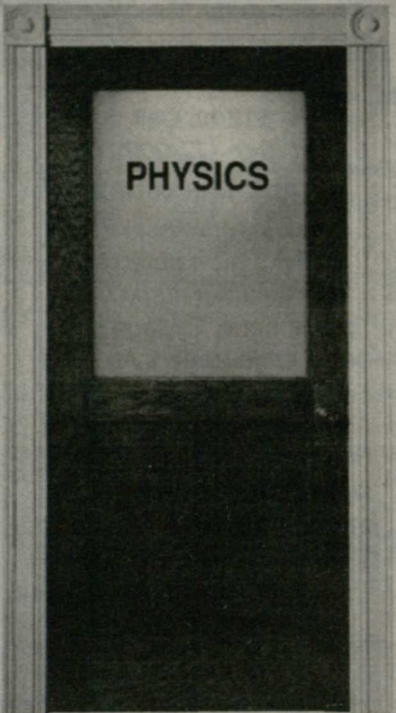
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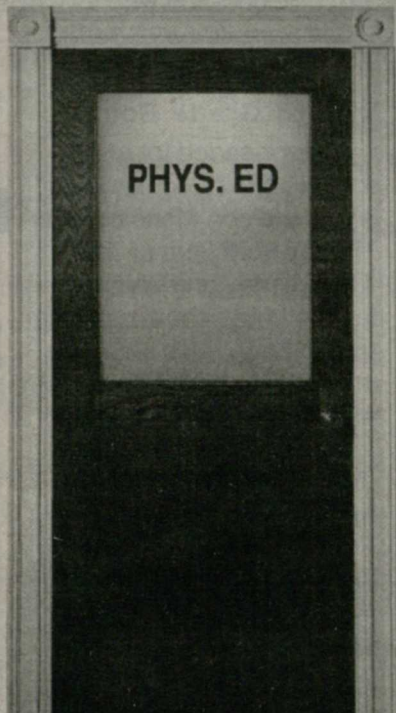
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