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Student's letter of concern reaches department head in effort to clarify variation of grade dispersal

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Mathematics is one of the greatest unifying themes of modern culture. However, this may not seem true to some students who are seeking mathematics degrees at Georgia State.

Recent questions have arisen in regards to the grading distribution by the mathematics department.

The recent development was brought about after a student sent an anonymous letter to Dr. Charles Darby, associate dean in natural and computation sciences.

In this letter the student allegedly stated that he helped another student in studying for an exam. The students were not

in the same class, nor did they have the same professor, but they were taking the same



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Students like these who study hard may also consider studying their professor's grading habits, a factor that can influence their test scores.

course. According to the letter, the student who had received assistance in studying received

an 'A' on their exam, while the other student who was giving the assistance, who was also the

one who wrote the letter, received a 'C' on their exam. Though this may seem like a

common occurrence to many students, this is the first time that it has been openly expressed.

There are approximately 56 professors and instructors that teach in the math department at Georgia State.

Of those 56 faculty members there are as many as 23 instructors with a one-year contract that are on a tenure plan, 11 regular or full-time instructors and 12 visiting instructors.

So what does this have to do with the matter at hand? According to Dr. Jean H. Bevis, head of the mathematics department, this diversity in staff members educational backgrounds can effect how one teacher might grade versus

## March on D.C. reviewed

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The Atlanta Aug. 17th organization, a metro-Atlanta coalition group fighting to receive reparations from the federal government, met last Wednesday night to discuss the march on Washington, D.C. and their plans for the future.

Those involved in the push for reparations believe compensation is a way for all of America to put the past behind them and look toward the future. For them it is not about money, but healing.

The grassroots organization's immediate goals are to educate and inform the public on the issues surrounding reparations for the enslavement of African-American descendents.

On Aug. 17th of this year, African-Americans from around the country and their supporters marched on Washington, D.C. to demand reparations from the government for the enslavement of their descendents.

"People think that we are out there to get money to buy bigger houses and get newer shoes," said Candice Epperson, a senior majoring in African-American studies at Georgia State. "What we're trying to do is set up education funds for our children so that they don't have to go through what we are going through right now. So they don't have to take out \$20,000 in loans to go to school."

The reparations movement took off when the United Nations declared the Trans-Atlantic slave trade a crime against humanity at the World Conference Against Racism last year in South Africa. That sparked the movement for reparations and brought about the

## New foreign language class gains popularity

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"¿Cómo está usted hoy?", "Comment allez-vous aujourd'hui?" To most people who have taken one of the more common language classes offered at Georgia State, they would easily know that both phrases translates to "How are you

today?" in Spanish and French, respectively. However, if the phrase "Como são você hoje?" was said to them, they may not understand, even though it means, "How are you today?" as well.

The reason some people may not know this terminology is due to the fact that it is in Portuguese, a commonly-spoken language around the world, but ironically not a language taken at Georgia State.

With the assistance of inquiring students and staff, Georgia State has joined many other colleges and universities in the quest to remain educationally

## Georgia State's 'eye in the sky' doing fine

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Georgia State owns the largest telescope owned by a single institution. The telescope is more than 2000 miles away from Atlanta on top of Mount Wilson in California.

The 15 million dollar project, CHARA Array, is primarily funded by Georgia State and the National Science foundation and allows the surface of stars and their environs to be studied from a close visual proximity.

The CHARA Array consists of a series of 6 telescopes grouped together. It will permit scientists to measure surface temperatures of stars, detect near-by orbiting stars and measure the masses of these binary systems.

The 6 telescopes act as if the

entire mountain is covered with a mirror. The telescopes link beams

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Georgia State owns and operates this telescope, a part of the CHARA Array in California.

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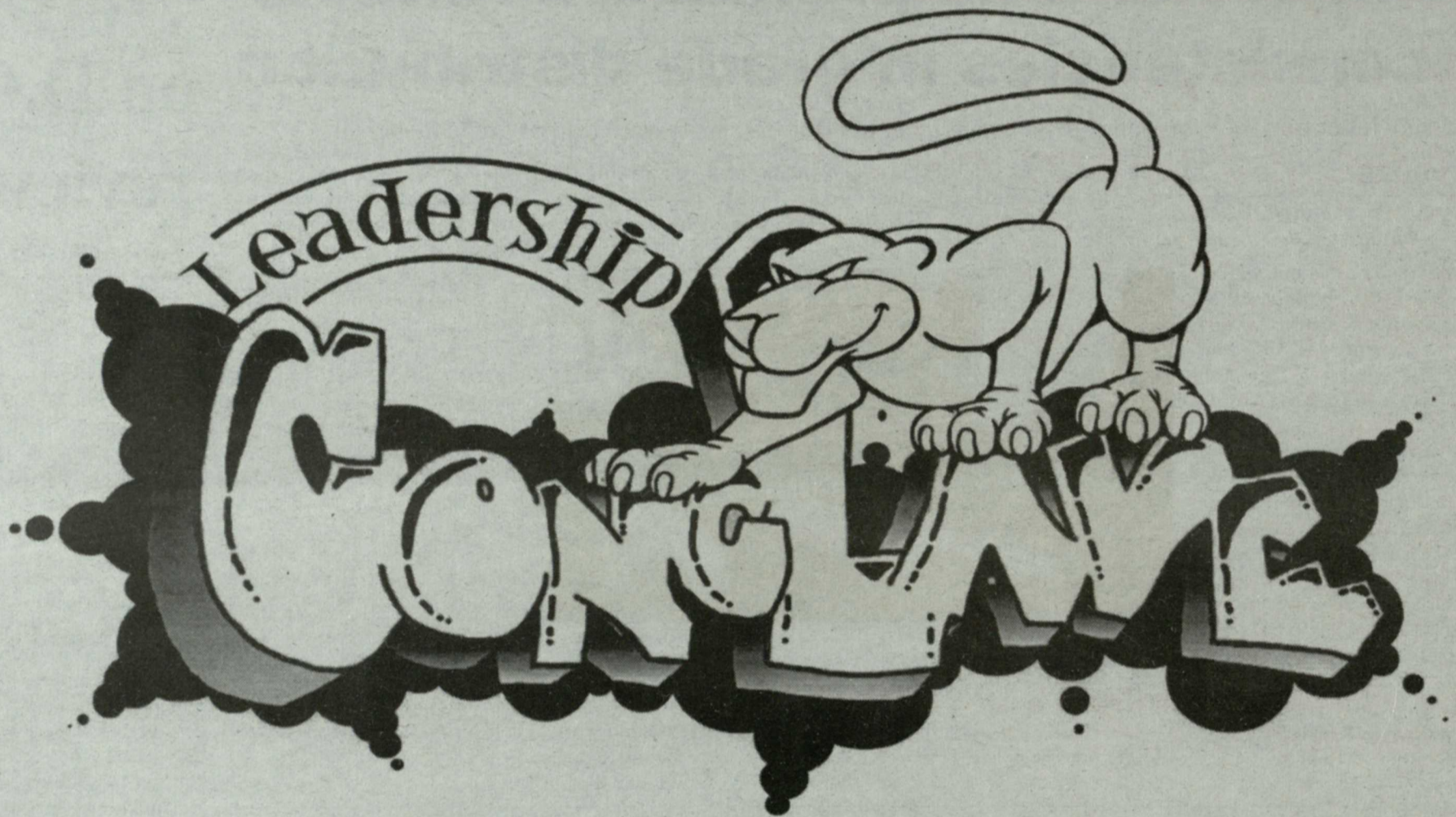
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## calendar of events

If you have information for the calendar of events or any other section on this page, contact the Associate News Editor, Amanda VanFleit, at [events@gsusignal.com](mailto:events@gsusignal.com). Find more online at [www.gsusignal.com](http://www.gsusignal.com).

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### October:

**8** Theta Nu Xi will be hosting a bake sale in the Plaza. Halloween cookies and other goodies will be sold. For more information contact Leticia Simmons at 404-931-9849.

Golden Key will be hosting an interviewing skills workshop conducted by Mr. Carl McNair of Career and Job Search Services from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Also a general meeting will take place from 4 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

The Office of Diversity Education Programs will host "Diversity and Dating in the New Millenium" in collaboration with Atlanta Magizine with moderator Calvin Hughes, news anchor for WGCL-TV CBS Atlanta. There will be a

**10** panel discussion, door prizes, giveaways and a reception to follow.

Randall L. Kennedy of Havard Law School will present, "Revisting the Case of Leo Frank: Racism, Anti-Semitism and the Perversion of Justice" at 6 p.m. in the Speaker's Auditorium. For more information contact the college of law at 404-651-2040.

**To submit an event, e-mail the location, date, time, and nature of the event to [events@gsusignal.com](mailto:events@gsusignal.com) or stop by the Signal office in room 203 of the Urban Life Building and fill out a Calaender of Events form. All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. the week before the events.**

**\$176, 462** | Average price for a 30 second commercial in prime time on NBC.

**Advertising Age**

**\$118, 850** | Average price for a 30 second commercial in prime time on ABC.

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**1** | Rank of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" among TV's most offensive shows, according to the Parent's Television Council.

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**1** | Rank of "Doc" as the most family friendly show on TV, according to the Parent's Television Council.

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**45 million** | Number of homes that will have DVD players by the end of the year.

**Wall Street Journal**

**24.7 million** | Number of copies of "Spider-Man" that have been ordered by retailers for its November 1 release.

**Wall Street Journal**

**\$28.96** | Price for Spider-Man on DVD.

**Wall Street Journal**

**\$2.39 million** | Average major league baseball player salary this season.

**USA Today**

**\$3.228 million** | Average major league baseball pitcher salary.

**USA Today**

**23 million** | Number of viewers who watched the final "American Idol" broadcast on FOX.

**Fortune**

**66 percent** | Percentage of small companies still in buisness two years after launch.

**Small Business Association**

"The torment of precautions often exceeds the dangers to be avoided."

**Napoleon**

"Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting."

**Christopher Morley**

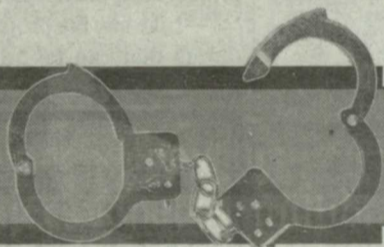
"If men can rule the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?"

**Linda Ellerbee**

"The press must be free; it has always been so and much evil has been corrected by it. If Government finds itself annoyed by it, let it examine its own conduct to find the cause."

**Thomas Erskine**

## campus crime



### October 2

#### Theft by Taking

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a faculty member in the Urban Life Building. The complainant stated a painting was stolen from the hallway on the ground floor. The area was checked with negative results.

#### Driving On Suspended License/ Right Of Way At Crosswalk

A Driving On Suspended License/Right Of Way At Crosswalk report was filed by an officer on Decatur Street and PCA Avenue. The officer stopped a vehicle for not yielding the right of way at a crosswalk. The subject stated that he did not have his driver's license on him because it was suspended. A drivers history check was done with positive results. The subject was arrested, processed, and transported to jail.

### October 3

#### Theft by Taking Report/Loitering and Prowling/Terrorist Threats

A Theft by Taking/Loitering and Prowling/Terrorist Threats was filed by an officer at Interpark Inc. The officer stated that he observed a male subject illegally parking vehicles on a private lot. A victim stated that the subject charged him to park his vehicle. The officer apprehended the subject at which time he threatened the officer with physical harm. The subject was arrested, processed, and transported to jail.

#### Theft by Taking

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a student in University Village- Sparta. The complainant stated that the following items were stolen form the laundry room: two shirts valued at \$25, two pairs of jeans valued at \$110, a scarf valued at \$10 and a tank top valued at \$10. The area was checked with negative results.

## Greek Life Advisor resigns after four years of service

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It is time for Jennifer Smith Kardian to move on from Georgia State University. Kardian was the Greek Life Advisor and says that her leaving is "bittersweet."

"It was a great experience working for the university," she said, and that she is happy that she was here. Yet Kardian feels like it is time to move on in order for her to have new challenges and gain professional growth.

Kardian's main job at the university was maintaining the organizational and school guidelines for the associations that she advised. Her job was designed to aid in "positive, student involvement," and she acted as a go-between for the organizations and the school administrators.

Five organizations have been added since Kardian began working at Georgia State. Three of the organizations are sororities and two of them are fraternities. Kardian has been at Georgia State for over four years.

The Four Star Chapter Enrichment Program makes up a

greatest focus during her tenure was on academics.

There are currently 600 members of Greek Life Organizations on campus.

Kardian grew up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. and went to Wootton High School. While in high school she was the editor of her school newspaper. After graduation she went to the University of Maryland and got her undergraduate degree in journalism with a public relations concentration. Strangely enough, she reflects, the last class she took before she got her degree was a philosophy class at Georgia State.

Kardian was also a part of Greek Life when she was at the University of Maryland as she is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She also met her husband of eight years at a traditional fraternity party. She dated him through college and married him when she was 23.

Kardian graduated from UM with her bachelor degree in 1992 and worked for four years at a consulting firm. She then returned to UM in 1996 to get a masters degree in higher education administration.



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The office of Jen Kardian will soon be vacant upon her resignation as Greek Life Advisor. It is uncertain who will replace her position.

considerable part of her work at Georgia State.

The program is set up similar to a restaurant rating system. An organization can acquire a total of 500 points throughout the year. If the organization gets 90 percent of the points they achieve a four star status, 77 percent yields three stars and 64 percent equals two stars.

Kardian said the mission of this program is "to create and maintain a manageable administrative process that will assist Greek chapters in reaching their fullest potential."

The program evaluates the areas of academics, citizenship, campus involvement, and membership programs. The former Greek advisor believes that the

As soon as she had graduated with her masters she came to Georgia State.

Kardian has been here ever since and even though she is leaving Georgia State, she said she will probably always stay in Atlanta.

Her new job will be working as a staff development and training specialist for a corporate travel firm. She will be working with the human resources department in staff management and team building skills.

She said that she will be doing what she did at the university, but "in a corporate atmosphere."

According to Kardian there are no current plans for her replacement.

## CHARA did not exceed budget, despite recent stories of turmoil

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of light together precisely and act as one giant telescope.

Dr. Hal McAlister, director of the program, said, "We can probe into a realm of magnification in a way never been done before."

Georgia State provides a yearly operating budget for the staff at the control center, The Center for High Angular Resolution, where, via the

expected," said McAlister. "This vendor from whom we ordered special cameras from was three years late. They discovered they couldn't make them, so we negotiated a means that delivered cameras that work. Our estimates with how long it would take to construct were inaccurate."

At this time, no new discoveries have been made. The telescope is only beginning to take

Both undergraduates and graduate students seeking degrees in astronomy can work on the telescope. A few undergraduates will be able to participate on the project this summer.

"There are four similar projects, ours included, that will not be superseded by anyone for the next 25 years," said McAlister.

In reference to the effects of CHARA Array on Georgia State

"Like any big project, there are things that can take longer than expected...our estimates with how long it would take to construct were inaccurate."

Internet, the staff will operate CHARA Array.

"This is a relatively large program for any university to take on. Dr. Patton's already been to Mount Wilson six times, and I hope he will continue to visit," said McAlister. Georgia State is the only university in the world that has a project like CHARA Array.

A problem in the initial setup slightly delayed progress, but the project itself did not exceed budget.

"Like any big project, there are things that can take longer than

scientific data.

"We will be taking a conservative start," said McAlister.

McAlister explained why he did not choose to run the project from Georgia, by saying there are twice as many clear nights west of the Mississippi.

"If you are going to spend 15 million bucks, you want to put it in the best site with as many clear nights as possible," he said.

Georgia State has both an operating center located on campus and one on Mount Wilson.

University, McAlister said, "It puts us on the map in physics, astronomy and astrophysics. Even if students do not have an interest in astronomy, they will think of Georgia State as a serious university."

The other three projects similar to CHARA include the Naval Research Lab, located in Flagstaff, Ariz., the Keck Interferometer, located in Mauna Kea, Hawaii, and The Very Big Telescope VLTI, located on the Chilean Andes.

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# Robinson School of Business assess new MBA certification test

Students and faculty express opposing concerns regarding mandatory \$450 exam

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The International Certification Institute (ICI) has developed a test that they believe will allow recruiters to compare MBA candidates and graduates of unranked and lesser-known schools.

The test will present questions based on standard material of most first-year MBA programs. The institute hopes the test will gain widespread acceptance as an aid in evaluating job candidates.

The ICI, a for-profit organization, will charge test takers \$450 for the exam.

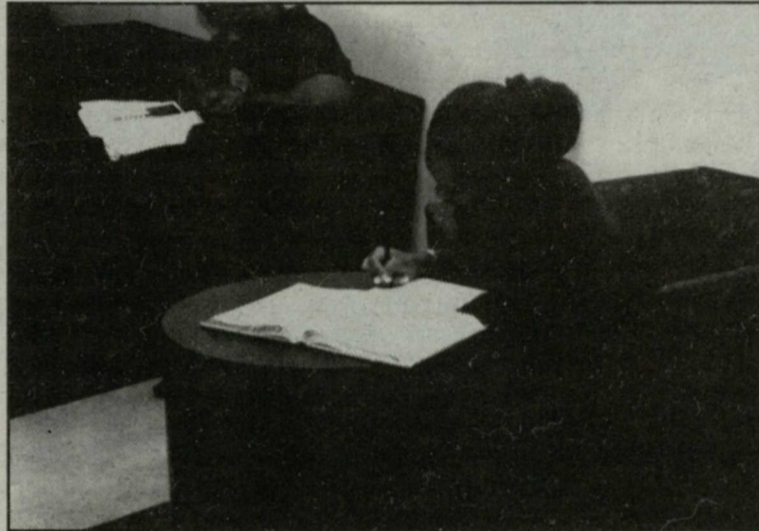
Ritch Overton, a MBA student and president of the Georgia State Graduate Business Association, reacted positively on hearing about the idea of a test.

"Grade inflation in many universities has created a lot of high GPAs," he said. "I believe that an accurate, comprehensive test will help to distinguish between students that simply 'got their grade', and those that actually learned the material."

universities generally aren't doing it so well."

Tyrus Underwood, also an MBA student, was unenthusiastic

The MBACSC was the organization responsible for developing the standards in which MBA schools report salary and



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Students with the Robinson College of Business may be studying more than usual if approval of an MBA certificate exam goes through.

about the test because of the cost. "It seems like a waste of money," he said.

Fred Jacobs, professor of accounting at Georgia State, voiced the same opinion and saw no reason

placement information of its graduates, according to Shiflett.

"These are the same standards that were adopted by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Business Week* rankings," he said.

Without an endorsement by MBACSC, Shiflett believes that the ICI will probably fail to achieve their goals, as business schools would be less likely to encourage their students to take the tests.

Some would argue that MBA candidates and graduates could enhance their professional status by passing an exam like this that is similar to the bar or medical board tests. Jane Mutchler, associate dean of RCB, agreed to this belief.

"The bar exam, the CPA exam and the medical board exams all test for a specific body of knowledge to

**"I'd be willing to [take it] if an employer requested it -- and paid for it."**

Keith White, another MBA student, had reservations about the test.

"I'd be willing to [take it] if an employer requested it -- and paid for it," White said. "Universities might consider certifying their graduates through a graduation exam, but I wouldn't jump at a national certificate. This is the university's job -- apparently some people think

for a test.

"I think that the market for MBAs is pretty efficient and judges students just fine right now," he said.

Barry Shiflett, director of MBA career services at Robinson College of Business, said the test would need the endorsement of the MBA Career Services Council before it gained widespread acceptance.

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# Artists asks what it means to be a 'girl'

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From Nov. 4-Dec. 6, Georgia State's School of Art and Design Galleries will present, in collaboration with the Youth Art Connection Gallery, a unique project exploring cultural, societal and gender-related issues of the teenage girl phenomenon.

"Girl" is a photography and video-based show made possible by Cathy Byrd, director of the school of Art and Design Gallery. The exhibit will present a mixture of collages, films and other depictions of young women in contemporary settings in order to interpret the subtle complexities of the beauty and culture of the female gender.

Byrd says these representations are meant to contrast a girl's sense of beauty and emotional fragility with views of young women caught doing "boyish" things.

"It's been awhile since we've dealt with feminine issues," said Rondi Scott, gallery coordinator and student at Georgia State. "But feminine issues usually show just women. We're trying to focus more on adolescents."

The Fulton County Arts Council and the Georgia State College of Arts and Sciences make "girl" possible. The display is a part of this year's "Atlanta Celebrates Photography."

The show, according to Scott, will focus on adolescent females, what it is like being a girl and how the media projects females growing up in modern-day society.

Brown, Wendy Phillips, Angela West, and Julie Moos. She also spent time reading reviews and networking through local and national artists and gallerists.

"I was looking for a diversity of viewpoints about what defines a teenage girl," said Byrd. Some are emerging artists and some are established artists.

The female artists of "girl" approach the idea from a variety of angles and distinct perspectives, from their childhood experiences to observations made on girls' behavior throughout their life.

Justine Kurland is one of the featured artists who has a band of teenaged girls participating in her large-scale symbolic photos. Her work can be viewed at [www.gblgallery.com](http://www.gblgallery.com).

The director explained how Ellie Brown displays the poignancy of the private rites of passage of her pre-adolescent sisters in her photos. Her artwork can be found at [www.elliebrown.com](http://www.elliebrown.com).

Some artists tap into the traditions of their heritage. Wendy Phillips collects artifacts and images of the Quinceanera, a coming-of-age ceremony for Latino girls in Atlanta.

Korean-born Nikki S. Lee, whose works can be seen at [www.tonkonow.com](http://www.tonkonow.com), adopts the dress and attitude of subculture representations such as the punk, the yuppie and the skateboarder to create her snapshot-style photos.

"Nikki Lee puts a lot of thought behind her works where there's not a lot of thought at first glance," said Scott, giving a short overview of



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Some "girl" artists depict the many facades of young women, such as this snapshot here of a girls on prom night, a piece that will be featured in the Nov. exhibit.

The show will look at how various artists take stereotypes of girls and address them in connection with culture, beauty and identity in modern-day society.

"Students will have an opportunity to see extremely unique works of artists from around the country," said Scott.

Byrd visited exhibitions in Atlanta, New York and Philadelphia last year to hand-select works by such artists as Sadie Benning, Elizabeth Fleming, Sarah Hobbs, Amanda Kingloff, Justine Kurland, Nikki S. Lee, Nzingah Muhammad, Ellie

some of the artists. "She dresses up as different characters and assimilates their roles. She becomes friends with different people and photographs herself with them and the things they do."

Sadie Benning began exploring her identity at 15 by using a Fisher-Price Pixelvision toy camera to animate her diary.

According to Scott, Benning is a lesbian video artist from Chicago who uses the toy camera to project images of a teenage girl and the

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# Georgia State hosts women's conference

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On Oct. 10 and 11, Georgia State will be hosting one of only two pilot conferences for the American Association of University Women.

The AAUW is a membership organization that helps empower women faculty through generating awareness regarding the importance of excellence and equity between women.

The conference is being held in the Veterans Memorial Hall at Georgia State at an invitation-only status.

The object of this conference is to assist women

“What makes this project so unique is that it...will help them strive for excellence in education and equity.”

scholars. The AAUW empowerment training will identify barriers that might make it difficult for women, including women of color, to survive and to achieve in academe.

The conference also intends to help develop strategies in dealing with these barriers.

The other important factor that plays a role in this conference is the networking that women will be doing with each other.

This training will provide time for participants to communicate with each other on personal and professional levels.

“What makes this project so unique is that it gives women a chance to tell their stories and look for solutions that will help them strive for excellence in education and equity,” said Dr. Pauline Rose Clance, Professor of Psychology at Georgia State.

The second school that was picked for this pilot testing is Washington University, a private university.

For more information on the American Association of University Women, visit their website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

# Online video library ships over 22,000 hard-to-find movies to students' doors

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Each semester, students miss important class assignments that they eventually come to regret. For example, a film student will oftentimes miss viewing an important video that most likely ends up being 30 percent of the final exam.

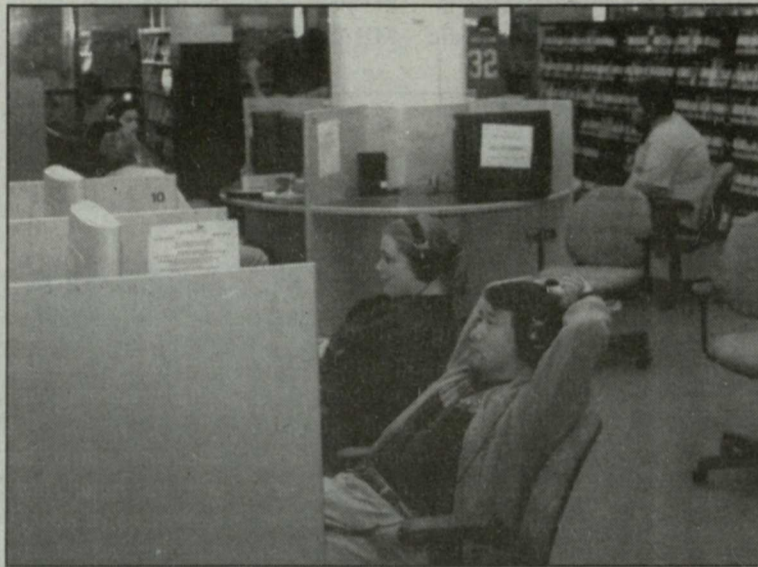
At times like this students rush to a friend to borrow the notes from the video, while the more industrious students trek to the library to see if, by chance, their instructor had the forethought to show a movie from the Pullen Library's arsenal of over 9,600 films.

Often turning up empty-handed, students look to their friends for a less dramatic reenactment and interpretation of

the missed film.

The search does not have to end there. The Video Library in

Philadelphia is likely to have the ever-elusive movies students search for.



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Students can kick back and watch the movie of their choice at Pullen Library for free with over 9,600 movies to choose from. The Online Video Library offers more variety for a small rental fee.

The best part is that the movies can be ordered and sent simply by going online.


The movies are delivered to the customer's door and can be returned by dropping them in the nearest mailbox.

Non-students who are interested in renting a large array of movies quickly and easily can also take advantage of this service.

The online service provided by the Video Library began in 1990. They now have over 22,000 movies and they add new movies to their long list of titles monthly.

The categories of the movies they have in its collection include a number of genres, from documentaries, to Hollywood classics, foreign films, African American films, mysteries, musicals, documentaries, family, adventure and even silent movies.


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# Classes starting soon!

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# August reparations march small in number but large in impact

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march on Washington, D.C. Thousands of people from all over the country attended the march, including members from the Atlanta Aug. 17th Coalition. According to them, the bus ride from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. and the march was a joyous occasion for all who attended. Although turnout was

education and the use of public forums to mobilize people for their cause.

The goal of N'COBRA and Atlanta Aug. 17th is to receive a formal apology from the federal government and monetary payment to the descendents of African slaves.

In their corner is Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) who has introduced legislation since 1989 to form a commission studying

pay first. We have to admit that we haven't always treated people in our own country fairly. I want to do everything I can to make sure that the programs and policies that have helped generations of African-Americans have a better life in this country continue. I think we should be focused on the present and on the future. We owe an apology to African-Americans for hundreds of years of slavery."

Some critics have questioned

**"If you admit slavery did occur, then there is no way you can tell me that reparations aren't needed."**

considered small, the march was perceived a success by the grassroots movement.

"I expected every city to be like us, so if every city had one bus then we accomplished something," said Shaka Barrett, co-chairman of Atlanta Aug. 17th.

To Barrett and her colleagues, the process is important, not the destination. The reparations march was part of that process, not the paramount event.

"The theme for the night was unity. Unifying, coming together. It was beautiful," said Tashiya Umoja, a sophomore also majoring in African-American studies.

From Barrett's perspective, there was something missing from the march.

"I don't think a lot of energy was put into, 'where do we go from here?' A lot of it was focused on what has happened and what is over, but not many people said, 'Where do we go from here?'" Barrett said.

A supporter of reparations and one of the leading organizations in the fight is the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), which seeks an end to laws and practices that infringe on African-American rights, such as racial profiling.

N'COBRA, which formed a coalition with Atlanta Aug. 17th, is trying to gain support through

reparations.

He has not been able to push the bill through.

It has been noted that Hillary Clinton has also showed sympathy toward the reparations debate and has expressed her support.

In a senate debate in 2000, Clinton's opinions towards civil rights were reflected as being behind the struggle of organizations such as the Atlanta Aug. 17 coalition.

the way in which reparations might be handled. The most obvious form of monetary reparations would come from a settlement from the government, but the logistics on who would pay and the exclusion of African-Americans from those taxes would cause logistical problems.

From this standpoint, Barrett says there is a double standard when it comes to what Americans are willing to pay for.

"Everybody's money that goes to taxes goes to pay the national debt; my money goes to the national debt, your money goes to the national debt," he said. "Americans have a problem dealing with reparations for the simple fact that no history class, no anything, has admitted the fact that slavery did occur and there are negative effects to it. If you admit slavery did occur then there is no way you can tell me that reparations aren't needed."

If a settlement does come from the government, Atlanta Aug. 17th, along with most of the groups fighting for reparations, do not feel that a check to individuals would do much good. They feel that the money would be best utilized if given to groups that are devoted to building the African-American community.

The Atlanta Aug. 17th organization's next meeting will be held on Oct. 17.

"We have mental, emotional and psychological reparations to



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Reparations demonstrators were in Washington, D.C. last August to voice their opinions to the federal government.

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Candice Epperson is a senior at Georgia State who spoke at the Atlanta August 17th Coalition meeting on last Wednesday on behalf of the Sankofa Society as an attendee of the Millions for Reparations rally in Washington D.C. last August.

**Signal:** Why were you asked to attend the meeting?

**Epperson:** I was asked to come and report about the recent rally in DC, the Millions for Reparations march. I spoke about the purpose it served, what could have been done better and what should we do now.

**S:** You were there to report about the rally. Tell me, were you pleased with how things went?

**E:** The rally served its purpose. It grasped people's attention. There are now people who are aware of reparations and what is.

**S:** Describe your experience [at the march].

**E:** The rally was an emotional and spiritual gathering. It was important to me to be in a setting where there were thousands of people of African descent to unify and come together for a positive purpose. It was moving.

**S:** How was it moving?

**E:** It gave me a sense that there is still hope for us. A great deal of our people have been lead astray and they lose hope, but being at the rally made me aware that I am not fighting a hopeless battle; it gave me validation.

**S:** what were some of the things that could have been done better?

**E:** I would have liked to have seen

more outreach, more people attending, media coverage, however. They portrayed as a small rally with few numbers they made it seem as if it was less than it actually was, that wasn't the case. They downplayed the issues and made it seem, as though reparations didn't have many supporters.

**S:** Define reparations

**E:** There is no single definition; however, it is a way of repairing what has been done to African-Americans throughout history. There are a few things that contribute to what we call reparations: distribution of land, reestablish monetary funds, the creation of centers and institutions that can help African-Americans cope with the mental anguish they suffer from.

**S:** How do you think Georgia State plays a role in the issue of reparations?

**E:** In my opinion, I think it is pretty much a small issue among students and the University as a whole. However, certain departments, like the African-American Studies department, have definitely been involved in supporting and making students aware of reparations.

**S:** What was the overall tone of the [Oct. 2] meeting?

**E:** The biggest topic was the role of elders and youth in the reparations movement. The elders are there for our guidance and provide us the skills and we need to continue.

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# AIDS Walk Atlanta celebrates 12 years of support

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For the 12th consecutive year Atlanta is hosting the AIDS walk this month on Oct. 20.

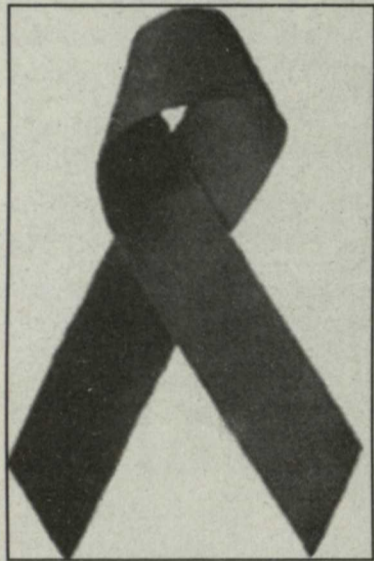
The 10K route winds through midtown Atlanta where participants act as sponsors and raise money to fight this growing disease.

This year's walk plans to be the biggest and best so far, with various planned events such as the musical talent of Stephanie Mills and prestigious participants such as Atlanta's own mayor, Shirley Franklin, who is this year's honorary chairperson.

Some of the walk's sponsors this year include Cingular Wireless, Delta Air Lines, ActSys Medical, Earthlink, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Publix, WSB-TV Family 2 Family, Deloitte & Touche, U.S. Health Advisors, Abbott Laboratories, American Management Systems, Starwood Hotels and BellSouth.

As usual, the AIDS walk is expected to find strong support amongst the students of Georgia State who have over the years made their presence known and their support for this cause evident.

"The expected attendance for this year's walk is between 16,000 and 17,000 participants, which is larger than last year's crowd of around 15,000 that was stifled by bad weather and the fact that the event took place shortly after the World



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# Professors take English classes to better communication

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another teacher.

Bevis also explained that there are two different types of systems that are used for grading.

"One is the fixed grading system which is most common and is used by most faculty and staff," said Bevis.

"The second is the bell curve system, which curves according to the highest grade

professors is their ability to communicate to their class.

According to Bevis some teachers are from other countries, "who are and have been taking English classes to improve their grammar so they can be understood better and express their thoughts more clearly."

She believes that this alone should help to ease the minds of many students who have

"[English classes] improve their grammar so they can be understood better and express their thoughts more clearly."

in the class."

Dr. Bevis also stated that her department are and have been aware of exactly which teachers distribute higher grades and which ones tend to give lower grades.

Despite this, however, "for the most part people are pretty consistent," said Bevis.

Another debilitating factor that exists among this mix of

expressed concerns about language barriers.

Derby also assured that he and the rest of the department are working to create more full-time staff and faculty.

Derby believes these improvements will lead to more consistency, providing a beneficial environment for both students and the department.

# Online rentals may be easier but cost more than Pullen videos

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Under each category hundreds of hard-to-find titles are ready for rental.

The staff at the Video Library is enthusiastic about the service they provide.

"I myself am a film enthusiast," said Frank Chism, Marketing Director for the Video Library's website. "At the end of the day, I'm getting good movies to the people who like them."

Of course, both methods of obtaining the movies that Georgia

State professors assign and that students need or want have advantages and equally have drawbacks.

The Pullen Library's video collection, located on the second floor of Library South is free to use for all students.

Students may check out a limit of two videos or DVDs for up to three days.

Students should beware that movies on reserve by an instructor can all be found at the Pullen Library, but they cannot be checked out.

Students must arrive at the library with enough time to watch the reserved movies. Students can access the movies immediately.

The cost of rentals at the Video Library is \$8 for the first movie and \$6 for each additional movie.

Initially, renters will have a limit of four rentals at a time. The rental period is seven days.

The shipping fee for renting videos or DVD's through the Philadelphia-based company is up to around \$5 and includes round trip for one video or DVD.

Shipping takes about three days. Rentals can be shipped back in the box that they were received in.

The Video Library can be accessed online and there is a simple registration process. Payments are due when the student returns the movies and can be paid for through checks or charge cards.

"I'm getting good movies to the people who like them."

A large number of the titles held on reserve can be found at the Video Library, but not all.

Depending on the need or desire of the student, access to obscure movie titles is not a problem.

There is no membership fee for joining the Video Library.

The website also offers special offers to its regular customers. For instance, for every 10 movies rented at a somewhat consistent basis, Video Library will offer an additional rental for free. Members are also notified via e-mail of additions to the Library.

For more information on The Video Library or to rent movies go to [www.vlibrary.com](http://www.vlibrary.com).




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Students can rent movies at Pullen for up to three days, as opposed to Online Video Library rentals that last up to seven days.

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# Student Center becomes haunted house for nearby community trick-o-treaters

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While ghosts and goblins roam the halls, storytellers and palm readers will entertain the expected 250 Trick-or-Treaters at Georgia

State's Trick-or-Treat Fest.

On Halloween the Student Center will be converted into a haunted house in which students from surrounding elementary schools and after-school programs will be invited to Trick-or-Treat safely.

Lynell Hodge, director of the

program, explained that in order to "coordinate more outreach programs to connect the community to Georgia State," the office of Service-Learning is holding the Trick-or-Treat Fest.

"This is the first year we've coordinated the Trick-or-Treat fest, but hopefully it will become a tradition," said Hodge. "The fest is to create a safe zone for Trick-or-Treaters in the surrounding community. This will hopefully put parents at ease to know their children will be in a controlled and safe environment."

Accompanied by an adult, children will make their way through the haunted house while participating in activities such as balloon artists, pumpkin decorating, mask decorating, ghost stories and fortune telling. There will also be a Trick-or-Treating pit stops in which candy will be handed out from student organizations in decorated rooms.

"I have about 11 student organizations confirmed to participate to date," said Hodge. "However, I am expecting more people to sign up. The groups range from Greek organizations, international student organizations and student activity fee funded groups." Hodge is responsible for planning the project, getting students and student groups interested and reaching out to surrounding after-school programs and elementary schools.

"I also had some help planning this project from Makela Willis and support from Dr. Stout and Mr. Lemons," said Hodge. All students, faculty and staff can participate by filling out a form available in the Office of Community Service-Learning.



Justin Libby | Signal

The Student Center will soon be transformed into a safe and spooky Halloween hang-out for trick-o-treaters this year.

# Class introduced due to varying population

From LANGUAGE | Page 1 diversified.

One of the main reasons why this class is now being offered at Georgia State is due to the varying population of the school.

With students that reside from every state in the U.S. as well as the many nations of the world, the faculty of the foreign languages department felt that it was time to

here at Georgia State that are widely spoken throughout the world, such as Chinese and Spanish," said Diniz, "but we felt that we should bring another widely spoken language here as well."

Although the class consists of 28 students, they all learn to read, write, speak, and listen to Portuguese by interacting in pair work, role-play and oral enunciation.



Chris Martz | Signal

Luciana Diniz is the professor of the new Portuguese class that holds 28 students in its first year at Georgia State.

take initiative and offer a new endeavor for student, and they found the perfect teacher to instruct the class.

Luciana Diniz is one of the teachers from the Department of Applied Linguistics and ESL. Even though she is a busy woman with many responsibilities around campus now, she plans on doing everything she can to assist her students in achieving their foreign language goals.

She was able to sit down and explain the course in a few, brief statements in her subtle Portuguese accent.

"We offer many languages

"In fact," said Diniz, "many students that have never seen Portuguese are learning to speak it."

Diniz believes that this goes to show that even though Portuguese is new at Georgia State, it seems to be catching on rather quickly.

The main objective of the linguistics staff is to inform the student bodies of the recent addition to the curriculum, but with dedicated teachers like Diniz assisting along the way, there is no doubt in the professor's mind that her new class will grasp many students' attention.

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## Monetary donations not required to walk

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Trade Center tragedy," said to Greg Richane, the community organizer for AIDS Walk Atlanta. AIDS Walk 2001 still managed to raise over 1.1 million dollars to fight this disease.

"There is no minimum to walk," Richane said, "and it's never too late to walk. Any type of participation is appreciated." Walkers who bring in larger donations, however, will be rewarded.

People who donate \$250 or

Walk cards from any of the many AIDS Walk boxes that have been placed around Atlanta or can sign up over the web by going to [www.aidswalk.net](http://www.aidswalk.net). From there, click on Atlanta and go to the "register now" box.

According to Greg Richane, "there will be various checkpoints for food and water, as well as jugglers and various other forms of entertainment." There are many unannounced local bands and performers who will be playing along the way to keep the walkers

**"It's never too late to walk. Any type of participation is appreciated."**

more will receive an AIDS Walk hat and walkers who bring in \$125 will receive an AIDS Walk t-shirt.

A volunteer crew of 800 to 100 people will also support the events. The crew will take on activities such as directing the walk, making sure any walkers don't take wrong turns and supplying walkers with water and food. The volunteer crew will be credited for completing the walk and can bring in money from their sponsors without having to complete the actual 10K walk.

People interested in signing up to be either a volunteer crew member or a sponsored walker can sign via mail by filling out the AIDS

entertained and make sure everyone is not only doing their part to help a good cause, but are also enjoying themselves along the way.

At the culmination of the evening's events, there will be an exciting closing ceremony, where guest speakers such as Shirley Franklin will speak, and Stephanie Mills will entertain the crowd with her singing.

At the end of the night, the total amount of money raised by this year's AIDS walk will be announced and all of these years' participants will be thanked for their help in raising money to help insure an ending to this world-

## ICI test to be reviewed at upcoming board meeting

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determine if the graduate has the knowledge necessary to perform in a professional manner,"

be considered an 'MBA professional'.

She said there are some aspects that all programs will cover, but

of that knowledge, and if MBA program leaders, MBA faculty and recruiters all agree that it is valid, then yes, it may be a good idea to

**"If MBA program leaders, MBA faculty and recruiters all agree that it is valid, then yes, it may be a good idea to have the MBA certificate exam."**

said Mutchler. "Each of those areas has agreement on the body of knowledge that is necessary."

To her knowledge, there is no agreement on what the necessary common body of knowledge is to

there are many subject areas that differ across programs.

"So if we can all agree on what that common body of knowledge is for MBA graduates," Mutchler said, "and if the exam is a valid measure

have the MBA certificate exam."

Shiflett noted that endorsing the ICI test would most likely be a topic discussed at the MBACSC's board meeting later this semester.

## Local teens from Boys and Girls Club contribute their artwork

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complexities with finding her identity as a teenager.

Other artists feature Elizabeth Fleming, whose films and photographs capture emotional conflicts in a young woman's emotional response to loss.

"Elizabeth Fleming focuses on the loneliness and longing a female faces in her teenage years. Her work is very 'atmospheric,'" said Scott, who indicated that Fleming focuses mostly on environmental scenes with very little dialogue.

"It's a gritty sort of film that talks about the girl who doesn't fit in with her friends," said Scott. The 15-minute film is also an atmospheric video.

"Girl" will run in correspondence with "girl perfect," a compilation created by 12 teenage

girls at the Youth Art Connection, which is located one block away from the Georgia State galleries.

Scott said average girls creating art based on how they feel in society form the display in "girl perfect". "Girl perfect" will be the final

Youth Art Connection Gallery come primarily from the G.W. Carver Boys and Girls Club.

"The difference between 'girl' and 'girl perfect' is that 'girl' feature artists' works about girls, and 'girl perfect' features works of girl artists themselves," said Scott.

"There's no way that one show can totally describe the phenomena we call a 'girl,'" said Byrd. "but the images begin to reveal fragments of her nature as seen through rites of passage, relationships and the self-portrait."

Contributing artist Angela West's work can currently be seen this fall at shows at Agnes Scott College and the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center.

Opening receptions for "girl" and "girl perfect" will be held on Nov. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. during First Thursdays Downtown Arts Walk.

**"There's no way that one show can totally describe the phenomena we call a 'girl.'"**

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## Volleyball continues winning ways

2-1 week finds team near top of A-Sun

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Coming off a 3-0 weekend, the Georgia State volleyball team found themselves at the top of the Atlantic Sun, a familiar place for the two-time defending conference champions.

In taking on Mercer, UCF, and Florida Atlantic, the team found themselves back at home for a crucial three-match homestand against some of the toughest competition in the conference.

With victories over Mercer and Florida Atlantic, and despite a tough loss against UCF, the team moved to 4-1 in Atlantic Sun play, good enough for fourth place in the conference.

On Wednesday, the Lady Panthers' first match of the week against Mercer helped keep their momentum, as Georgia State rolled to an easy 3-0 victory by the scores of 30-15, 32-30, and 30-19.

In moving their winning streak to five matches, the Lady Panthers shut down Mercer's main offensive threat, Katie Plummer.

Despite being in fourth place in the Atlantic Sun Conference with almost four kills per game, the Lady Panthers held Plummer to only seven kills all match.



Marvin Evangelista | Signal

Randi Van Dam (left) goes for the kill as UCF's Kristen Dell (3) and Amanda Stoutjesdyk (8) look for the block during the Golden Knights' 3-1 victory last Friday.

Jennifer Smith picked up the slack for Plummer, finishing with 15 kills in the match.

She was matched by Georgia State's Lisa Lykins, who tied Plummer with 15 kills for the high total of the match.

April DeCoste picked up a double-double for the Lady Panthers, as she notched a match-high 45 assists to go along with her 14 digs.

Kumi Ishiyama also picked up a match-high 23 digs for the Lady Panthers.

On Friday, a large home crowd was ready to greet the Lady Panthers in their most important match of the season to date, as they hosted the UCF Golden Knights, who were picked to finish first in the Atlantic Sun Pre-season Poll.

Despite the large crowd and a valiant effort, the Lady Panthers fell to UCF 3-1, behind the efforts of Leyre Santaella-Sante, the two-time Atlantic Sun Player of the Week.

Santaella-Sante's 22 kills led the way for the Golden Knights, who now sit alone atop the Atlantic Sun with a 5-0 conference record.

Her kill in the third game sealed the 33-31 game for UCF. Despite having two game points, the Lady Panthers fell behind two games to one, opening the door for the UCF victory.

In the clinching game, a 36-34

marathon, Santaella-Sante's two kills during extra time kept the Golden Knights alive twice, as the Lady Panthers could not put UCF away.

Unfortunately, a mishit by the Lady Panthers sealed the match, giving UCF the 3-1 victory.

The next afternoon, Georgia State redeemed themselves, beating Florida Atlantic 3-0, and handing the Owls their first conference loss.

A Lady Panther comeback in the first game was led by Molly Sapp, who notched six kills in the game that Georgia State went on to win 30-28.

Those six kills were the first of her match-high 23 on the day. Her .488 hitting percentage was a team-high as well.

Natalie Coley, a freshman who has worked her way into the Lady Panthers' rotation, came up with 10 digs on the day, one less than Ishiyama's team-high 11.

April DeCoste also accounted for 46 assists, which led both teams.

At 4-1 in Atlantic Sun play, the team looks to move up further in the conference standings, as five road matches await the Lady Panthers over the next two weeks.

Three matches this week, including two at conference rivals Jacksonville State and Stetson will be crucial if the Lady Panthers hope to wind up at the top of the conference once regular-season play is over.

## Wonderful weekend for Panther athletics

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On a weekend that was called "one of the greatest weekends in Georgia sports history," the teams of Georgia State athletics added to that, thanks to winning performances from four different Panther athletic teams.

While many fans and critics will point to victories by the Georgia football team and the Atlanta Braves, victories by the Georgia State men's and women's soccer teams, the men's cross country team, and the Lady Panther volleyball team all made for one of the most successful weekends in recent Georgia State history.

After dropping a hard-fought 3-1 decision to UCF on Friday, the Georgia State volleyball team roared back with a 3-1 victory on Saturday.

With the victory, Georgia State now finds themselves in fourth place in the Atlantic Sun, behind undefeated UCF, Troy State, and Stetson.

Despite dropping two games the previous weekend, the streaky women's soccer team, coming off a 4-1 victory at Belmont on Tuesday, defeated Mercer 3-1 on Saturday, giving them a two-game winning streak heading into Monday's contest against Troy State, who are buried in the Atlantic Sun cellar with a conference record of 0-6 and an overall record of 1-10.

The two tough losses against UCF and Florida Atlantic the week before came after a 1-0-1 Alabama trip the previous weekend that saw the Lady Panthers tie the previously unbeaten and un-

ted Samford Bulldogs.

Although the Georgia State men's soccer team went almost two weeks without competing, their 2-1 victory over Belmont helped them open their delayed Atlantic Sun Conference schedule with a victory.

After having their conference opener against Gardner-Webb rained out the previous week, the Panthers showed little signs of rust in Nashville on Saturday. With another Atlantic Sun game coming up this week, a tune-up at Birmingham Southern on Wednesday should help the team get back into shape before resuming their conference schedule on Saturday at Mercer.

Also on Saturday, the Georgia State men's cross country team turned in a dominating performance at the Georgia Collegiate Invitational.

With four runners placing in the top 10, the Panthers easily defeated Georgia Tech by 14 points.

The women's cross country team also nearly added to the victory tally this week after their second-place finish in the Georgia Collegiate Invitational.

The Lady Panthers fell to the nationally-ranked Georgia Tech Lady Jackets, but not without a fight, with two runners finishing in the top six for Georgia State.

Following a plethora of Georgia State victories this weekend, all teams will travel out of town this week, with the women's soccer match on Monday being the only home game for any Panther team this week.

All of the teams will look to keep their momentum going as the teams all near their respective Atlantic Sun Conference championships.

## Suspensions overturned on the eve of start of practices

UGA, Tech players also cleared; full practices to begin on Friday night with Midnight Madness at Sports Arena

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After receiving good news from the NCAA this past week, the Georgia State men's basketball team is ready to get back on track this week.

On Wednesday, the National Collegiate Athletic Association overturned the suspension of seven Georgia State men's basketball players for their unsanctioned play in the Kenny

Smith Pro-Amateur League this past summer.

The decision came one day after the NCAA reversed its decision for two University of Georgia players who participated in the same tournament.

Also cleared were two unidentified players from Georgia Tech.

The decision also comes just one week after the the suspensions were announced, keeping the would-be distraction at a minimum.

Georgia State Assistant Coach Travis Williams commented on the decision, saying that he was in total agreement with the



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Lamont McIntosh (2) and the rest of the Panthers will start practices on Friday at the Sports Arena.

committee's action.

"It was totally unfair to the kids," he said.

Williams also took the time to chide the league, who started the mess by submitting the wrong dates for the league, provoking the suspensions.

"Things should have been handled the right way," he said.

With the team starting practice on Friday, he also remarked that despite the controversy, his team will be ready to begin working towards a third-straight Atlantic Sun regular-season

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## Midnight Madness set to invade Sports Arena

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championship.

"At first it was distraction, but I don't think it is now," he said.

On Friday night, the team will begin regular practices at Midnight Madness at the GSU Sports Arena.

The Panthers have been running drills with coaches with four players at a time, following NCAA rules which state that regular practices may not commence until the Saturday closest to Oct. 10.

The event will mark the first time Georgia State will hold Midnight Madness since the 2000-01 season, when the Panthers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, and finished with a school-record 29 wins.

This will also be the first chance for Georgia State fans to see five new players on the court, as well as five returning players from last year's 20-11 team that advanced to the National Invitation Tournament and finished as the Atlantic Sun regular season co-champion.

The return to Midnight Madness will be nothing new for Panthers head coach "Lefty" Driesell.

In 1971, when he was coaching at the University of Maryland, Driesell began the annual event, which marks the earliest time that a team may begin practice for the upcoming season. Midnight Madness is now celebrated around the country by most schools, with the larger schools celebrating the event as a campus-wide party.

The Georgia State women's basketball team will also join the men's team at Midnight Madness.

The event will begin a journey towards the Lady Panthers' chance at reaching the postseason for the fourth-straight season after two-straight NCAA Tournament bids and a NIT berth.

Midnight Madness will also be the first introduction to Lady Panther basketball for the team's six new players.

Before the Panther teams take the court, the event will be kicked off by a three-on-three tournament sponsored by the athletics department.

With a \$500 prize for the winners, the event should feature some of the best amateur players from the student body.

Both events will be free for all Georgia State students to attend.

# Women's soccer streaks back

2-0 week follows two tough losses at home; three Atlantic Sun matches on tap this week for Lady Panthers

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The streaky play of the Georgia State women's soccer team has once again taken an upturn.

After two tough losses to UCF and Florida Atlantic at home two weeks ago, the Lady Panthers rebounded to win two Atlantic Sun games this past week, 4-1 over Belmont on Wednesday, and 3-1 against Mercer last Saturday.

The team, still playing without goalkeeper Alexa Pasquarelli, scored a sufficient amount of goals to relax their defense, but were also provided with great goalkeeper play.

At Belmont last Wednesday, the Lady Panthers used the coin toss to their advantage on a rain-soaked field.

By choosing to attack in the dryer end of the field, the choice resulted in three first-half goals that gave the Panthers a halftime lead of 3-0.

Sophomore midfielder Laura Walls tallied the first goal of the afternoon for the Lady Panthers in the 28th minute.

Her first goal of the season came on an assist from sophomore defender Kalli Forster.

Just two minutes later, Sarah Feske scored her first goal of the season as well, giving Georgia State a 2-0 lead.

The sophomore midfielder, who scored six goals last season, gave the Lady Panthers a two-goal advantage on a goal assisted by Brooks Daniel and Lindsey Griffin.

An unassisted goal by Tamara Pissott off a corner kick in the 39th minute gave Georgia State a 3-0 lead going into the half.

Lauren Corley, substituting in goal for Pasquarelli, allowed only one goal, an unassisted tally from Belmont's Kerry Powell in the 62nd minute.

The goal cut Georgia State's lead to 3-1, but a change in goal would allow Corley to make up for the Belmont goal.

After Kim Forrest took over in goal, Corley returned to the Lady Panther defense, and in the 87th minute, she notched her first collegiate goal.

In the 4-1 victory, Georgia State outshot the Bruins 23-5, while taking a plethora of corner kicks, 17 on the afternoon.

The Lady Panthers were also called for 15 offsides on the afternoon, a statistic reflecting the tenacity of the Georgia State offense.

On Saturday, the Lady Panthers moved under the lights of Pinckneyville Fields in Norcross where they defeated Mercer 3-1.

Sarah Feske led Georgia State once again, as her goal in the 29th minute gave the Lady Panthers a 1-0 lead. Senior Ashley Edwards assisted on the goal, as she and Feske were constantly feeding each other for scoring opportunities.

In the 33rd minute, the Lady

Panthers took advantage of one of their 12 corner kicks on the evening, with Laura Walls knocking the ball in for her second goal of the season.

Shanna Stricklen, who took the corner kick, was credited with an assist.

The Lady Panthers dominated the first half, taking 10 shots to Mercer's two, and Georgia State kept up the pressure early in the second half.

In the 50th minute, Stephanie Fidanza found Edwards who got in past Mercer goalie Lauren Burch and put home the final goal on the evening for the Lady Panthers, giving them a 3-0 lead.

Georgia State couldn't keep the shutout, however.

Mercer's Helena Fock scored her fourth goal of the season on a free kick in the 56th minute, pulling Mercer within two goals at 3-1.

Despite Corley's effort, the ball went just under the crossbar to deny the Lady Panthers the shutout.

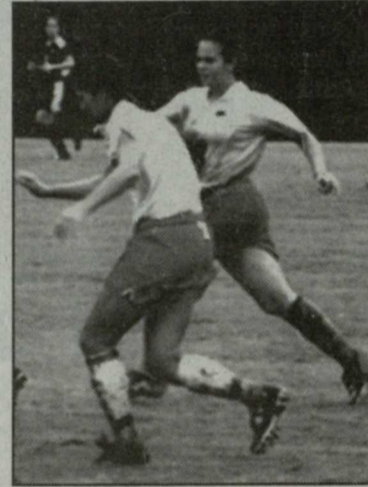
Georgia State head coach Domenic Martelli would later say that it didn't matter that Corley was in net instead of Pasquarelli.

"That would have been a goal no matter who was in net," he said of Fock's goal.

Once again, the Panther defense made it easy on Corley and Kallen

Forster, who played the last 14:21 in goal.

The Georgia State defense only allowed two shots on goal all night, both by Fock.



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Senior Ashley Edwards (right) scored her second goal of the year against Mercer.

The Lady Panthers, on the other hand, tallied only four shots on goal, with three of them getting past Burch.

Martelli was quick to complement his team on their well-rounded play.

"We finally dominated two matches, and we came out on top in both," he said.

He also talked about his team's

play without Pasquarelli.

"The team has learned to play without her, and if we can play this way with Alexa, we're going to be a very tough team to beat," he said.

"We're trying to be consistent with our play," he added.

All 23 players for Georgia State played in both matches this past weekend, which was "a big complement to our players," Martelli added.

The Lady Panthers will have one more game at home before hitting the road this weekend for two key Atlantic Sun matches.

Monday's game against Troy State should prove to be another easy matchup for the Lady Panthers, as the Lady Trojans are 0-6 in conference play this season.

Stetson and Jacksonville will host Georgia State this weekend, as the regular season winds down for the Lady Panthers.

With Pasquarelli off crutches and walking around, the timetable for her return is drawing ever closer.

"We're shooting for the Stetson game," Martelli said.

Monday's game against Troy State was not completed in time for this edition. Check out [www.gsusignal.com](http://www.gsusignal.com) for a complete game story.

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# Club football team moves to 3-1 with victory over North Carolina

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Two weeks after thoroughly dismantling the Duke club football team in Durham, N.C., the Georgia State club football team gave their local following their money's worth Sunday against North Carolina.

The Panthers blitzed the Tar Heels after a scoreless first half, opening a 13-0 lead en route to a 20-6 victory at Adams Stadium.

Georgia State (3-1) had a great opportunity early in the third quarter when Brett Curry broke through the North Carolina (3-2) defense and scampered for 89 yards, getting tackled on the UNC one yard line.

After a false start penalty, a GSU option went awry when quarterback Steven Williams fumbled the ball and the Tar Heel defense pouncing on the ball.

The Panthers started the scoring with 3:01 left in the third quarter on a three-yard touchdown run by Craig Phillips. His third touchdown of the season was set up by a 54-yard pass from Williams to

Aaron Trammell.

Georgia State padded its lead early in the fourth quarter when Curry went on a dramatic 40-yard touchdown run with 10:20 left. After running into a wall of North Carolina players on a sweep to the left, Curry reversed his path and ran all the way across the field and, with the help of some key blocks, sprinted into the end zone.

After an 11-yard touchdown pass helped North Carolina pull within seven points at 13-6, Curry sealed the game with a 25-yard touchdown run with 1:15 left in the game.

Curry led all rushers with 167 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries. The potent Panther ground game finished the game with 232 yards total on 28 carries.

Defensively, Marcus Lee and Gil Hernandez were once again the standouts.

Lee totaled eight tackles, blocked an extra point, and assisted on a sack.

Hernandez finished with seven tackles and 1.5 sacks.

The Panthers will have another week off before returning to action Saturday, Oct. 19, at Georgia Mason.



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Brett Curry scores on a 40-yard touchdown run in the 4th quarter as Reggie Scott (4) and Preston Stancil (55) celebrate.

## Panthers set to join fellow programs at Coke Football Kickoff

### STAFF REPORTS

For one day at least, the Georgia State club football team will take their place next to the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, players and coaches from Georgia State will represent the club football team at the Coke Football Kick-

off in Woodruff Park.

The event will run from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature representatives from the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Clark Atlanta, and the Atlanta Falcons, in addition to Georgia State.

Panthers head coach Ted Bahhur will also be speaking at the event at 12:30 p.m.

A representative from each team will be speaking as well.

Players and coaches from Georgia State and all other teams will also be in attendance.

The event is being publicized on local sports talk radio, with Georgia State being mentioned in the same breath as the aforementioned teams.

The event is free for the public to attend.

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# Panthers come back with victory

## Men's soccer wins first game in 13 days

### STAFF REPORTS

An almost two-week delay gave the Georgia State men's soccer team time to heal their wounds, yet also left their fans wondering if they would work themselves out of playing shape.

Fortunately, the Panthers showed no kind of rust, as they defeated Belmont 2-1 last Saturday in Nashville.

The victory moved Georgia State to 1-0 in Atlantic Sun play and 4-4 overall on the season.

The team's conference opener, set for Sept. 25 at home against Gardner-Webb, was cancelled due to heavy rain, leaving a large gap in the team's schedule.

The team hadn't played since a 2-1 victory over Air Force on Sept. 22 in Albuquerque.

Fortunately for Georgia State, the Panthers came out and grabbed the lead, thanks to two goals midway through the second half.

A scoreless first half featured two penalty kicks that were stopped, one by each goalkeeper.

In the 35th minute, Georgia State's Justin Towns was fouled in the box, setting up Stephen Adams for a penalty kick.

Despite having notched two goals on two penalty kicks in Georgia State's previous two matches, Adams was stopped on this occasion by Belmont's Matt Renfrow, the Sept. 9 Atlantic Sun Defensive Player-of-the-Week, keeping the match scoreless.

Just three minutes later, the Bruins found themselves with a golden opportunity, as Jon Mareco lined up for a penalty kick.

Once again, the kick was stopped, this time by Georgia State goalkeeper J.B. Wood, as he knocked away Mareco's try.

After the halftime intermission, the Panthers came out more determined to score, and in the 60th minute, they did just that, with Adams making up for his earlier missed opportunity.

A one-on-one opportunity for the junior midfielder gave him the chance to make up for his penalty kick miss, and Adams buried it for his third goal of the season, his first that was not scored on a penalty kick. His three goals lead the Panthers on the season.

Ryan Carroll and Brian Mitchell were credited with the assists.

A little more than 10 minutes later, the Panthers put the game out of reach on a goal by

Jason Rivers.

The sophomore forward's second goal of the season put Georgia State ahead 2-0 with less than 20 minutes to play.

Rivers took a throw-in from Brendan Minors, who was credited with the assist, and beat two defenders before putting it in the net for the Panthers.

After the second Georgia State goal, Belmont stepped up the pressure, and notched a goal in the 77th minute, keeping Wood from notching his second shutout of the season.

Belmont's Channing Twyner took a shot that hit the crossbar, and Fernando Castellanos was there to notch the goal for the Bruins.

Castellanos, the Atlantic Sun Offensive Player-of-the-Week for Sept. 16, also nearly tied the score for Belmont in the 82nd minute, after his shot sped just wide of the goal.

After the match, Panthers head coach was quick to credit both Adams and Rivers on their goals.

"The two goals from Adams and Rivers showed great composure to go one-on-one and to finish," he said.

The match was a rough one for both teams.

A total of six yellow cards were issued, with four of them being handed out to Georgia State. Also, 37 fouls were called in the match, with Georgia State leading once again with 19.

Despite taking only three corner kicks to Belmont's 11, the number of shots were even at 13 apiece.

The victory marked the Panthers' first Atlantic Sun win of the season.

The Panthers are now in a tie for first place in the Atlantic Sun with Mercer, who is also 1-0 in Atlantic Sun play.

With only seven more conference games, the win was important for the Panthers, as only the top four teams in the conference will advance to the conference tournament.

Georgia State's win also was the first home loss for the Bruins on the season, and dropped Belmont to 3-4-2 on the season and 1-2-1 in Atlantic Sun play.

The Panthers will now head to Birmingham to take on Birmingham Southern on Wednesday, before traveling to Macon to take on Mercer on Saturday for first-place in the Atlantic Sun.

The Panthers' next home match will not be until Oct. 18, when Jacksonville comes to town, and Georgia State is also awaiting the rescheduling of the cancelled Gardner-Webb match.



## THIS WEEK IN GEORGIA STATE ATHLETICS...

### Women's Soccer:

**Thurs., Oct. 10:**  
GSU vs. Southern Mississippi  
at DeLand, Fla.  
4 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 12:**  
GSU vs. Jacksonville  
at Jacksonville, Fla.  
1 p.m.

### Volleyball:

**Tues., Oct. 8:**  
GSU at Jacksonville State  
8 p.m.

**Thurs., Oct. 10:**  
GSU at Bethune-Cookman  
6 p.m.

**Fri., Oct. 11:**  
GSU at Stetson  
7 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 12:**  
GSU at Jacksonville  
7:30 p.m.

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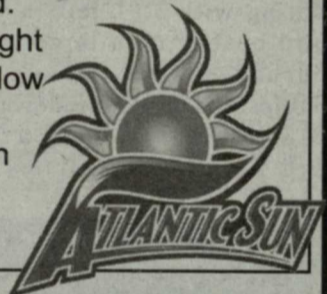
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GSU at Birmingham Southern  
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# Cross country comes away with first, second place

STAFF REPORTS

Another successful home meet saw the Georgia State cross country teams place highly, with the men's team taking first place and the women finishing at second at this past weekend's Georgia Collegiate Invitational.

The men's team ran away from the field, finishing in first place among Division I schools with 25 points.

Georgia Tech finished in second with 39 points.

Kennesaw State took the Non-Division title, as they finished with 22 points.

Junior Paul Rickard led the way for the Panthers with his second-place finish among Division I runners.

Georgia Tech's Rob Kuhn finished in first place with a time of 27:02, and Rickard finished

just less than two seconds behind Kuhn.

Freshman Matt Cameron also placed highly for Georgia State, as his third-place finish was just over two seconds behind Rickard.

Junior Andrew Campbell came in fifth place for Georgia State, with fellow juniors and Panther teammates Matt McMaster and David Rath finishing in seventh and eighth, respectively.

Freshman Chris Walker finished in 10th place for the Panthers, rounding out the team's runners, and placing every Georgia State runner in the top 10.

The Georgia State women's team also fared well, finishing in second place behind the nationally-ranked Georgia Tech Lady Jackets.

The Lady Panthers finished with 47 points on the day, 26

points behind Georgia Tech.

Leading the way for the Lady Panthers was junior Nigisti Negussie.

Her time of 18:25 was good enough for second place behind Georgia Tech's Katie Griffin.

Griffin's time of 17:51 blew away the rest of the field, enabling Georgia Tech to take home honors.

Freshman Andrea Smith finished sixth overall and second among Lady Panther runners with a time of 19:23.

The always-busy cross country teams will both make their way to Greenville, N.C. for the East Carolina Southeast Regional Preview meet on Saturday.

With the Atlantic Sun Championship Meet on Nov. 2 less than a month away, both teams will be looking to keep their stellar ways about them as they have only two more meets until then.

## In Our Modest Neighborhood...

by Chris Martz

# Remembering the fun part of the job

Back when my term as Sports Editor began, all that I could say during these long nights of layout was "when basketball season comes around, this will all be worth it."

After coming back from Mexico severely in debt (just like all of my fellow students that went,) and having to settle for less hours at my other job (yes, I do count this as a job,) I've been reminded over the past couple of weeks why there's no better job than sports journalism.

With the "Low Fuel" light constantly on in my truck, I trudged out to Pinckneyville Fields in Norcross last Saturday to see the Georgia State women's soccer team play Mercer.

Despite having seen the Lady Panthers lose every match I had attended this season, I was deter-

mined not to let the curse of my attendance last forever.

After the Lady Panthers disposed easily of Mercer 3-1, I talked with Head Coach Domenic Martelli, as I always do.

I thanked him for moving the game from Panthersville. (Since I live in Roswell, the journey down to Panthersville is considered a road trip,) and he replied by adding that the team is thinking about playing four or five times there next year.

On any given weekend, you'll see me at two or three different Georgia State athletic events, all on a very small budget and even smaller amounts of sleep.

What I'm getting to is not the fact that I'm complaining, it's the fact that I wouldn't give this up even if someone fired me.

Every Sunday I come in here with less and less work done, and the size of my section ever-varying.

I leave here well after deadline, sometimes leaving me only a couple hours of sleep before I must head all the way back down here for my favorite class with Miss Luciana.

In between class, my other job, and sleep, this job comes next, although at times it certainly does not feel like it.

I found out about the men's basketball suspensions on a Friday afternoon when I was at work.

I promptly left work, came home and was on the phone immediately with anyone I could talk to.

After spending two days talking to anyone who would talk to me, I had finally emerged with a story I had worked on harder than I had worked on any other story I've written for this newspaper.

After I read a copy of *The Signal* this week, I got back to thinking about how I didn't even think before jumping into the story, that I knew it was my responsibility to cover the actions the best and most thoroughly that I could.

It just came as a first instinct, as I left my homework and all other responsibilities behind me.

The only thing that made it worthwhile was the praise I got about the article from my father, a newspaper man with 30 years experience.

But yet, the praise wasn't the best part.

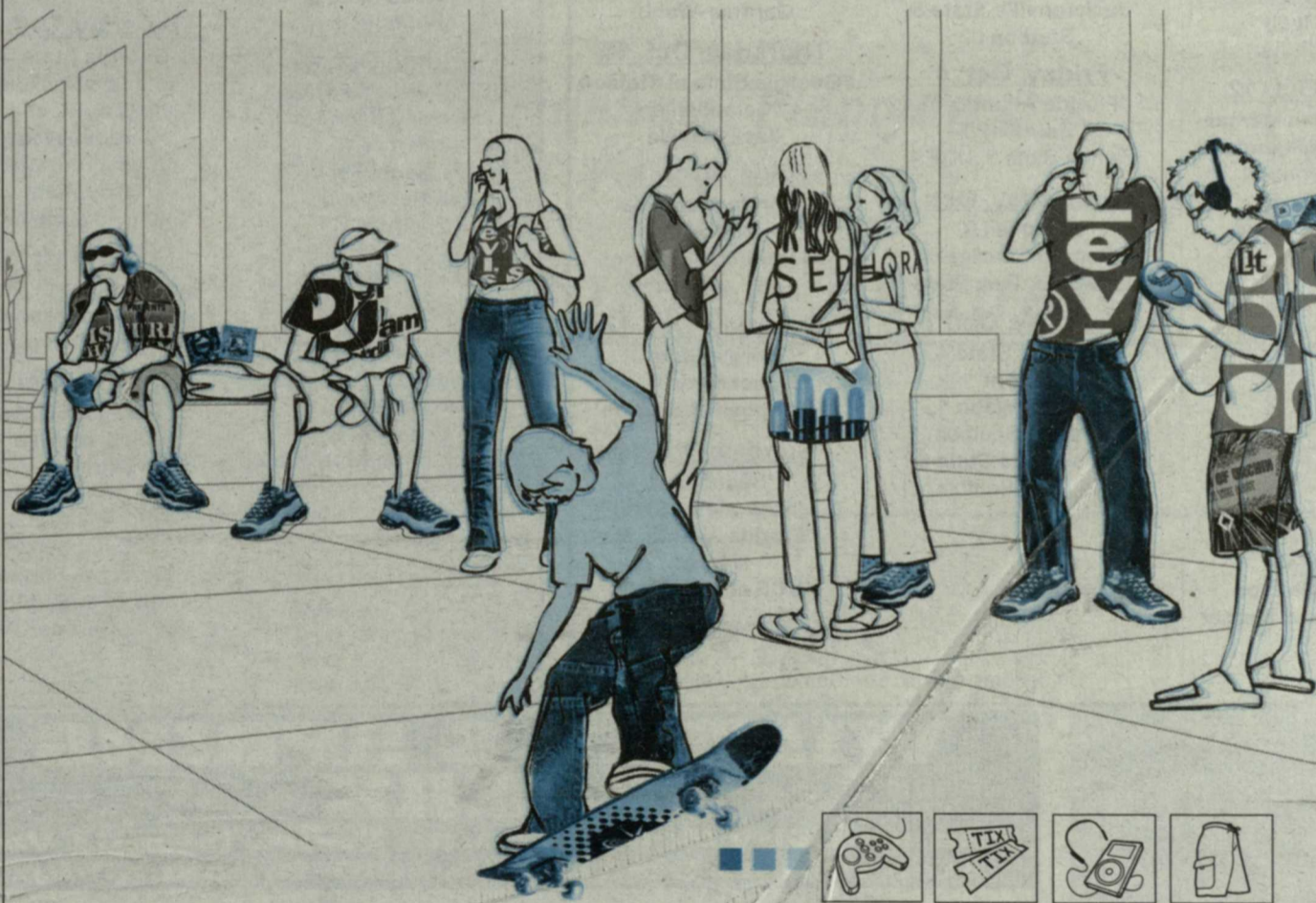
It was knowing that without all the resources available to a writer at a larger newspaper, I still wrote the story and researched it to the best of my abilities.

And if that's not fun, then I don't know what is.

Sometimes I think I've lost track of my life, that I have no time for myself anymore.

But then I remember what my life has turned into: Georgia State Athletics. And all I can do is smile.

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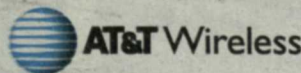


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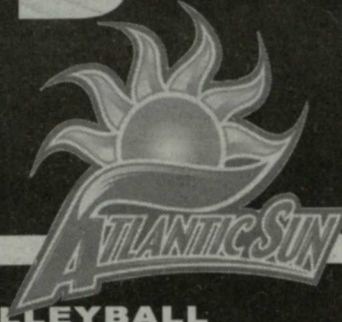
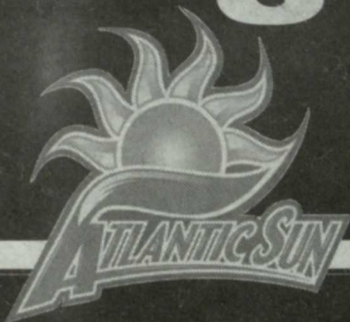
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| UCF              | 2-1        | 4-4-1   |
| Jacksonville     | 1-1        | 5-3-1   |
| Gardner-Webb     | 0-0-1      | 0-7-3   |
| Belmont          | 1-2-1      | 3-4-2   |
| Campbell         | 1-2        | 2-6     |
| Florida Atlantic | 0-3        | 3-6-1   |

Standings through Sunday, Oct. 6

#### Results

##### Saturday, Oct. 5

- \*Georgia State 2, Belmont 1
- Mercer 6, Lipscomb 1
- \*Stetson 2, Campbell 1
- \*UCF 2, Florida Atlantic 1, OT

##### Thursday, Oct. 3

- Charleston Southern 3, Gardner-Webb 0

##### Wednesday, Oct. 2

- \*Stetson 2, Jacksonville 0

##### Tuesday, Oct. 1

- UNC-Wilmington 3, Campbell 2

##### Monday, Sept. 30

- \*Belmont 2, Gardner-Webb 2

#### Leaders

Through Sunday

#### Points

- F. Castellanos, Bel - 13
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- R. Blackburn, JU - 12
- Del Olaoye, Mercer - 12
- Bjorn Totland, FAU - 11
- Mark Donnelly, Mercer - 10
- Shaun Elbaum, Cam - 9
- Carlos Serrano, JU - 9
- Steve Command, JU - 8

#### Schedule

##### Monday, Oct. 7

- \*Mercer at Belmont
- \*Stetson at Gardner-Webb

##### Tuesday, Oct. 8

- North Florida at Jacksonville
- South Florida at UCF

##### Wednesday, Oct. 9

- Georgia State at Birmingham-Southern

##### Thursday, Oct. 10

- \*Campbell at Florida Atlantic

##### Saturday, Oct. 12

- \*Georgia State at Mercer
- \*Campbell at Jacksonville
- \*Gardner-Webb at Florida Atlantic
- Lambuth at Belmont

##### Sunday, Oct. 13

- UCF at Oneonta State

##### Monday, Oct. 14

- \*Gardner-Webb at Jacksonville

##### Wednesday, Oct. 16

- Campbell at Duke

##### Friday, Oct. 18

- \*Jacksonville at Georgia State
- \*Belmont at Stetson
- \*Florida Atlantic at Mercer

#### Standings

| School             | Conference | Overall |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Jacksonville       | 5-0        | 10-1    |
| UCF                | 4-0        | 9-3     |
| Jacksonville State | 5-1        | 8-2     |
| Samford            | 4-1-1      | 10-2-1  |
| Florida Atlantic   | 3-1        | 6-4     |
| Georgia State      | 3-2-1      | 5-5-2   |
| Stetson            | 2-2        | 5-5     |
| Gardner-Webb       | 2-3        | 4-6-1   |
| Campbell           | 1-4        | 3-6-2   |
| Belmont            | 0-4        | 0-11    |
| Mercer             | 0-5        | 0-9-2   |
| Troy State         | 0-6        | 1-10    |

Standings through Sunday, Oct. 6

#### Results

##### Sunday, Oct. 6

- \*UCF 9, Belmont 0
- South Florida 2, Florida Atlantic 1

##### Saturday, Oct. 5

- \*Georgia State 3, Mercer 1
- \*Campbell 5, Troy State 0
- \*Jacksonville 3, Samford 0
- \*Jacksonville State 5, Stetson 0

##### Friday, Oct. 4

- \*Florida Atlantic 10, Belmont 0
- Florida State 3, UCF 1

##### Wednesday, Oct. 2

- Campbell 0, Coastal Carolina 0
- \*Stetson 2, Troy State 1

##### Tuesday, Oct. 1

- \*Georgia State 4, Belmont 1
- Gardner-Webb 1, Charleston Southern 1
- Jacksonville State 8, Birmingham-Southern 0

#### Schedule

##### Monday, Oct. 7

- \*Troy State at Georgia State
- \*Jacksonville at Jacksonville State
- \*Mercer at Campbell
- \*Stetson at Samford

##### Wednesday, Oct. 9

- UNC-Asheville at Gardner-Webb

##### Thursday, Oct. 10

- \*Georgia State at Stetson
- \*Campbell at Jacksonville

##### Friday, Oct. 11

- \*Florida Atlantic at Troy State
- \*Samford at Belmont
- \*UCF at Mercer

##### Saturday, Oct. 12

- \*Georgia State at Jacksonville
- \*Campbell at Stetson

##### Sunday, Oct. 13

- \*Belmont at Jacksonville State
- \*Florida Atlantic at Mercer
- \*UCF at Troy State

\* denotes Atlantic Sun Conference game

#### Standings

| School             | Conference | Overall |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| UCF                | 5-0        | 10-9    |
| Troy State         | 3-0        | 12-6    |
| Stetson            | 3-0        | 7-9     |
| Georgia State      | 4-1        | 14-11   |
| Florida Atlantic   | 3-1        | 8-12    |
| Jacksonville       | 2-2        | 7-9     |
| Mercer             | 1-3        | 9-10    |
| Gardner-Webb       | 1-3        | 2-17    |
| Jacksonville State | 0-2        | 5-9     |
| Samford            | 0-3        | 7-9     |
| Campbell           | 0-3        | 2-11    |
| Belmont            | 0-3        | 3-11    |

Standings through Sunday, Sept. 29

#### Results

##### Saturday, Oct. 5

- \*Georgia State 3, Florida Atlantic 0
- \*Jacksonville 3, Campbell 0
- \*Stetson 3, Gardner-Webb 1
- Troy State 3, Lipscomb 0
- \*UCF 3, Mercer 2
- Arkansas State 3, Belmont 1

##### Friday, Oct. 4

- \*UCF 3, Georgia State 1
- \*Florida Atlantic 3, Mercer 1
- \*Jacksonville 3, Gardner-Webb 0
- Samford 3, Alabama State 0
- \*Stetson 3, Campbell 0
- \*Troy State 3, Belmont 2

##### Tuesday, Oct. 1

- \*Georgia State 3, Mercer 0
- \*Gardner-Webb 3, Campbell 0
- \*Stetson 3, Jacksonville 2
- \*Troy State 3, Samford 2
- \*UCF 3, Florida Atlantic 2

#### Schedule

##### Monday, Oct. 7

- \*Belmont at Stetson

##### Tuesday, Oct. 8

- \*Georgia State at Jacksonville State
- Bethune-Cookman at UCF
- Florida A&M at Jacksonville
- \*Troy State at Mercer

##### Thursday, Oct. 10

- Georgia State at Bethune-Cookman
- \*Florida Atlantic at Gardner-Webb
- Morris Brown at Troy State
- \*Samford at Belmont

##### Friday, Oct. 11

- \*Georgia State at Stetson
- \*Mercer at Jacksonville
- \*UCF at Campbell

##### Saturday, Oct. 12

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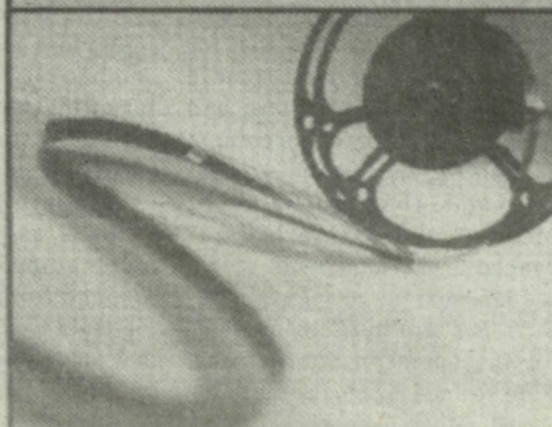
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## Panther tennis teams start off shaky

Runs by Mitchell and Ormaza, Bernard's injury highlight opening weekends of play

### STAFF REPORTS

With new head coaches in place on both the men's and women's side, the Georgia State tennis teams opened their fall season over the past two weekends.

As two of the few teams that compete in both spring and fall seasons, the Panthers must remain in shape year-round for their tough schedules.

On the women's side, new head coach Andy Smith saw his teams compete twice over the past two weekends, with mixed results.

The Lady Panthers began their fall season in Chattanooga, Tenn. at the Steve Baras Memorial Collegiate Classic.

The team's play was highlighted by the semifinal run of the Georgia State doubles team of juniors Rebecca Mitchell and Karmelina Rivera.

Every singles competitor and all but one doubles team failed to notch a victory on the opening weekend, with Mitchell and Rivera's three victories leading the way.

Junior Anna Maria Forgacs and freshman Anna Breiholtz led the singles charge for the Lady Panthers, as both advanced to the quarterfinals, before bowing to conference foes Luisa Lopez of Troy State and Sally Pearson of Jacksonville State, respectively.

Last weekend, the Lady Panthers traveled to Winston-Salem, N.C. for the Deacon Classic, hosted by Wake Forest.

On this weekend, Rebecca Mitchell advanced all the way to the finals, where she was defeated 6-0, 6-0 by Kyle Montgomery of Virginia.

Also placing highly for Georgia State on the singles side were Anna Maria Forgacs, Anne Breiholtz, and senior Karine Etienne, who all qualified for the semifinals in their respective flights.

Breiholtz and Etienne wound up finishing in third place in their flights, while Forgacs lost a tough 6-4, 6-4 match to Jen Tuchband of Virginia to finish in fourth place.

In doubles play, the team of Rebecca Mitchell and Karmelina Rivera qualified for the semifinals as well, before bowing out to Lori Stern and Kyle Montgomery of Virginia 8-3, marking the second straight weekend that the duo of Mitchell and Rivera had advanced to the semifinals.

Up next for the Lady Panthers is a trip to Clemson, S.C. for the Clemson Tournament. The tournament, hosted by

Clemson University, will be played from Oct. 11-13.

The Lady Panthers will only compete in two more tournaments before the end of the fall season gives way to another long break and the eventual start of the spring season.

For the Georgia State men's tennis team, inconsistency marked their play, as the defending Atlantic Sun Champions opened their season with only one player advancing past the second round.

On the first day of the Icy/Hot ITA Men's All-American Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., only sophomore Matias Ormaza came away with a victory, as juniors Albano Franco, Nicolas Lupica, and sophomore Chris Magnone all dropped their first-round matches, and sophomore Luka Bernard retired with an unspecified injury.

Saturday brought the second day of play for the Panthers, with the disappointing results continuing.

Aside from Ormaza, the men's team failed to win a match on the court, with the doubles teams of Albano Franco and Nicolas Lupica as well as Miha Lisac and Chris Magnone advancing to the second round after receiving byes.

The team of Luka Bernard and Matias Ormaza was forced to default their match due to Bernard's injury.

Matias Ormaza provided the only highlight for the team in Chattanooga.

As of press time, he has breezed through to the Round of 16, with his next match coming on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

His only real test came in the Round of 64, where he overcame losing the first set to Mark Roberts 4-6 before coming back to take the next two 6-2 and 7-5.

With his run, Ormaza qualified for the Icy/Hot ITA All-American.

After completing his play in Chattanooga, Ormaza will return to the team as they will next travel to city rival Georgia Tech for the Georgia Tech Tournament this week, which will be held from Oct. 11-13.

The team will compete in four more tournaments before another rest will prepare them for spring season and the chance to defend their Atlantic Sun Championship.

Hopefully for the men, Ormaza can keep his magic touch going, and Bernard can rebound from his injury so that the team can return to the form that made them the 2002 Atlantic Sun Champions.

## California bill calls for inquiry of Title IX in school athletics

NOAH GRAND

*Daily Bruin  
U. of California-Los Angeles*

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - California will hire an independent evaluator to investigate whether women and men have the same opportunity to participate in California school-sponsored athletics, as the national debate over Title IX continues.

Authored by Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza, D-Long Beach and signed by the governor Sunday, Assembly Bill 2295 requires the state to determine if California schools and universities are complying with Title IX.

This federal law provides that men and women will be given the same opportunities to participate in all school sponsored activities, and is credited with the growth in women's sports.

The bill faced little objection in the assembly, where it passed 75-2.

Oropeza's bill requires an independent evaluator to study whether men's and women's programs receive equal facilities, travel budgets and coaching salaries, among other concerns.

Both 7th through 12th grade and state university athletic programs will be studied by the evaluator, who has yet to be named.

All universities are required to report data regarding their compliance with Title IX, but Oropeza's bill will require universities to release more information.

"When we looked to see if Title IX was being properly implemented, we really couldn't tell," said Kristal DeKleer, Oropeza's press secretary. "The legislature needs some kind of accurate look at Title IX."

The University of California is neutral on the bill, said UC press aide Brian Rivas.

Title IX has been the subject of a renewed national debate this year as some coaches claim it is harming smaller men's sports such as wrestling and gymnastics.

Meanwhile, arguments will be heard Tuesday on a lawsuit against the Department of Education arguing the enforcement of Title IX unfairly harms certain men's athletic programs.

The suit, filed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, alleges that the current enforcement of Title IX results in a gender quota.

"No other place in society is held to this standard," said Mike Moyer, executive director of the NWCA.

One way for a school or university to comply with Title IX is to have a similar percentage of female athletes and sports spending as the

school has female students.

The Oropeza bill cites studies indicating that inequalities still exist in California, where 58.7 percent of interscholastic athletes are men while a majority of students are women.

For this reason, groups such as the National Women's Law Center are trying to maintain Title IX as it currently exists and work toward what they consider a more equal system.

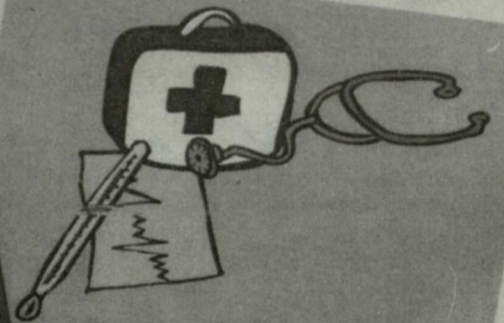
NWLC Senior Counsel Neena Chaudhry said she is not terribly concerned about the suit because federal appellate courts have rejected arguments that Title IX requires quotas in the past. This is the first time that the Department of Education has been sued over enforcement. All prior suits have been against universities.

With the renewed debate over Title IX, President Bush created a 15-member commission in June to study its effects.

The commission -- comprised mainly of advocates for women's sports -- is supposed to make recommendations on how to strengthen enforcement of Title IX in January.

Chaudhry said the commission is not necessary and that changes do not need to be made to Title IX.

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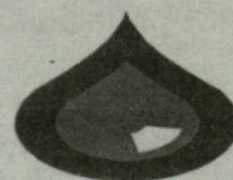
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# Iowa guard Pierce charged with sexual assault, suspended from team

TONY ROBINSON

*The Daily Iowan  
University of Iowa*

**IOWA CITY, IOWA (U-WIRE)** - Pierre Pierce, a rising star on the Iowa men's basketball team, allegedly performed unwanted sexual acts on an acquaintance at his residence by physically holding her down and stifling her attempts to scream for help, authorities said.

Pierce, a sophomore guard, was suspended from the team last Tuesday, hours after surrendering to police on the third-degree sexual assault charge.

His attorneys, maintaining his innocence, promised a vig-

orous defense.

The alleged assault took place on Sept. 6 at Pierce's 725 Orchard St. residence, police said.

The woman, who sources identified as a UI athlete, was at the house with some friends on that Friday night, police said.

Pierce and the woman had been acquainted.

"During contact with the victim, the defendant began performing unwanted sex acts," police reports state.

"When the victim tried to push Pierce away, he held her hands over her head.

"When the victim tried to scream, the defendant held his hand over her mouth."

Police said the woman was later treated at Mercy Hospital, where the incident was reported, for injuries she allegedly sustained in the assault.

The woman, whose name will not be made public, gave authorities "the blessing" to move forward with charges on Monday, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said.

Pierce, 19, of Westmont, Ill., faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine in connection with the class C felony.

Although the investigation is ongoing, Iowa City police Sgt. Bill Campbell said, the bulk of it is complete.

Authorities do not expect further arrests or charges.

Over the objections of defense attorneys, UI Athletics Director Bob Bowsby suspended Pierce from all basketball games and training pending the outcome of the case.

He said in an interview that because Pierce faces a felony charge, the university took immediate action.

"While our typical procedure is to allow the legal processes to run their course, the severity of the allegations necessitates the recession of privileges until the matter is brought to a close," he said.

He added: "This has been a very difficult process for everyone.

"We want to do everything to accommodate a fair, thorough, and appropriate resolution."

Bowsby said Pierce will remain on scholarship, and officials expect him to continue to attend classes.

Men's basketball coach Steve Alford, who attended Monday's court hearing, said in a statement that he "understands the serious charges that have been made towards Pierre" and supports him 100 percent.

"Our entire basketball family stands behind Pierre as we hope for a very fair outcome to this charge," he said, adding later in an interview: "Unfortunately, right now there's only one side of the story that's been heard.

"There'll be that other side coming out shortly, and I think that's what we're confident about."

Dressed in an orange jumpsuit, Pierce made his initial court appearance alongside defense attorney Eric Parrish via closed-circuit television from the Johnson County Jail, where he turned himself in at 4 a.m. Tuesday.

District Court Judge Stephen Gerard issued Pierce a no-contact order with the alleged victim and restricted his travel to Iowa and Illinois.

He was released on his own recognizance approximately an hour later; he declined to comment to a throng of reporters gathered outside the jail.

Defense attorneys said they would challenge any suspension, as well as the travel ban, so he could play at away games.

They spoke before Bowsby announced the suspension.

"He should not have his life crushed by one allegation," said attorney Maggi Moss.

"He should be presumed innocent until proven guilty." She hinted that the defense

strategy will focus on Pierce and the woman knowing each other before the incident and that any sexual contact was consensual.

"This was not a stranger-to-stranger assault," said Moss, whose Des Moines firm was hired by Pierce's family to represent him.

Defense attorneys waived a preliminary hearing Tuesday, giving prosecutors 45 days to file a formal complaint.

After that, Pierce is expected to plead not guilty.

Tuesday's charge ended weeks of speculation among Hawkeye fans and on campus, which started shortly after the alleged incident.

On Sept. 13, police executed a search warrant at the townhouse in which Pierce lives.

The file number matched the number of the sexual-assault report.

Several news organizations reported on that link, naming both Pierce and teammate Chauncey Leslie as occupants.

Results of the search warrant were returned to the Johnson County Courthouse on Sept. 19; they were sealed for 60 days by the county attorney's office.

The suspension leaves the Hawkeyes with only eight scholarship players 11 days before practice begins.

Iowa's first regular season game is Nov. 24, against Florida Atlantic.

Pierce, a 6-foot-4, 195-pound guard, came to Iowa last year after a stellar high-school career that earned him second place in voting for Illinois' Mr. Basketball and made him the seventh highest scorer in the state's history.

Known for his quickness and ball handling, he immediately became a staple on the court for the Hawkeyes at both point guard and shooting guard.

Pierce played in all of the Hawks' 35 games last year, starting 32.

He averaged 7.1 points per game and 3.3 rebounds and led the team in assists.

This summer, Pierce commented on a string of problems that hit the team, including criminal charges against teammates.

In that interview, he looked forward to playing on a better team this winter.

"We've been through a lot of adversity, but that's only going to make us tougher," he said.

"We've had a lot of pats on the back, but this is like a slap in the face. It's for real now."

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# U. Mississippi basketball player turns self into authorities

EMERY CARRINGTON

*Daily Mississippian  
University of Mississippi*

**OXFORD, MISS. (U-WIRE)** - University of Mississippi basketball's leading scorer and rebounder, Justin Reed, turned himself in to the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department Sept. 23 in connection with assault charges related to the arrest of his teammate, Emmanuel Wade, on Sept. 21.

Terry Prestage, a sheriff's department investigator, said he did not know why Reed turned himself in.

Donna Marquis, owner of The Skate Place, where the incident took place, said one of her security guards, Kelvin Goliday, filed assault charges against Reed after he threatened the guards and Marquis during a private college party.

Prestage said an individual signed an affidavit on Monday against Reed, but he didn't know who it was who signed the charges.

"The individual signs an affidavit against the person, and it's reviewed by a judge," Prestage said. "Then, it's decided if a warrant is issued."

Reed was charged with simple assault, a misdemeanor. Wade was

charged with simple assault on a police officer Sept. 21, a felony charge.

Marquis said one of her rules is that there will be no loitering on her property. She radioed to one of three security guards who constantly patrol The Skate Places' parking lot to ask if the lot was clear.

When the guards said the lot was clear except for a group of five or six people, including Wade and Reed, Marquis said she was assured they were not causing problems and were waiting on friends to arrive.

Once Wade and Reed's friends arrived and the group did not move, Marquis said they were asked to leave or come into the building.

"We asked them very professionally," Marquis said. "They just exploded. There was no reasoning with them. They kept saying we are basketball players and we are this and we are that."

Marquis said her biggest problem with the group was verbal abuse, and said Reed threatened her and a security guard's lives. In the five years The Skate Place has been open, there has been only one other problem, in 2000, that also involved basketball players.

After Marquis said she realized

there was a problem with basketball players once again, she asked other staff inside The Skate Place to call the police.

"The police were right down the road," Marquis said. "When they got there, they got into a little tiff."

Marquis said Wade then slapped Lafayette County Sheriff's officer Timmy Pruitt on the arm. Reed and another basketball team member, Mario Joyner, left before police arrived, Marquis said.

The next day, Ole Miss basketball Coach Rod Barnes met with Marquis for two hours and said he wanted to handle the matter in a professional manner.

"I appreciate him talking to me," Marquis said. "I'm not finished with it yet. I haven't heard from Rod Barnes since, though."

Marquis said she knows of two other people who are considering pressing charges. Marquis said she is waiting to see how Barnes resolves the issue before she presses charges, but said she has not received an apology or any other notice from the players or Barnes.

Prestage said Reed will have a hearing in at least two weeks, but wasn't sure of the exact date. Wade will face the grand jury during its next session.

# Athlete graduation rates steadily improve nationwide

ABBY FOX

*Cavalier Daily  
University of Virginia*

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (U-WIRE)** - College athletes are graduating at a higher rate than in years past, both nationally and at the University of Virginia, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported Friday.

At Division I schools across the country, 60 percent of athletes are graduating within six years of entering college -- the highest rate since the NCAA started tracking the incoming classes in 1984. By comparison, 58 percent of all students nationally are graduating within six years.

At the University of Virginia, however, athletes still take longer to graduate than the rest of the student body, and the percentage of athletes who graduate still is lower than the percentage in the entire student body.

Although the average graduation rate of all University students has remained at a high of 92 percent since 1992, the average graduation rate of athletes has increased only slightly, from 80 percent in 1992 to 82 percent in 1995, the Chronicle reported.

While 93 percent of all University women and 90 percent of all University men graduate, 85 percent of female University athletes and 77 percent of male University athletes graduate.

The University generally graduates both black and white basketball and football players at a higher rate than the national average. The only exception is white male basketball players, 50 percent of whom graduate, compared to the national figure of 53 percent.

At the University of California-Berkeley, by comparison, 15 percent of male basketball players graduate within

six years, while the University graduates 44 percent of male basketball players.

University Athletics Director Craig Littlepage said he could not account for differences in graduation between schools or between races, but he knew the University continually has given student athletes a plethora of resources.

"We are grateful to academic coordinators and mentors -- University Career Services, the admissions office and (College Dean Edward L. Ayers)," Littlepage said. "But graduation rates are small measures of the quality of programs and the success of students."

Although other measures of student achievement such as GPA and honor roll data are private information protected by the athletic program, Richard McGuire, athletic department director of academic affairs, said in a brief statement that such figures have improved.

Despite the University's virtually static athlete graduation rate, the University continues to offer academic assistance, McGuire said.

"I can say with complete confidence that the graduation rate for U.Va. student athletes has been consistently high for many years," McGuire said. Part of that reason, he added, is the seven-member staff in the athletic department, three of which the University hired in the last three years.

University Career Services Director Jim McBride said the department recently added an assistant director of career outreach services in 2000. Career planning courses also have aided many athletes in their work towards graduation, he added.

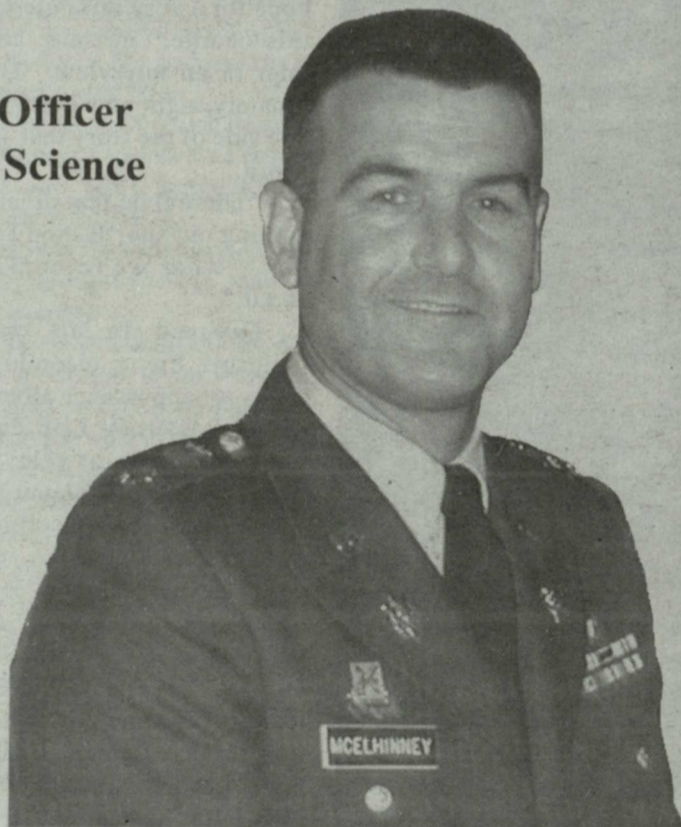
"The athletic department is never content to sit on our laurels. We are striving to have the top graduation rate in the country," McGuire said.

## Bret McElhinney Lieutenant Colonel Military Intelligence Officer Professor of Military Science

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It is an exciting time to be in Army ROTC. We have several activities such as Ranger Challenge, the Color Guard Team, and a fundraising event at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

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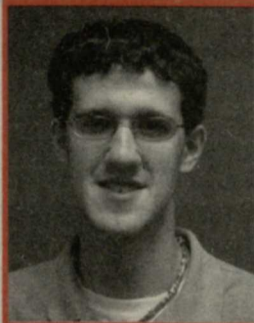
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## Obvious Subtleties



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## But That's Just Me



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## Respect your elder fellow students

# Is there too much freedom of the press?

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A poll released recently by the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center shows a dangerous American trend.

A significant portion of the population feels the media, the cornerstone of American democracy, has too much freedom.

This comes after the Sept. 11 attacks, when public information suddenly disappeared from government websites and officials became tight lipped about even the most obscure topics. Suddenly everything became a matter of national security.

In the poll, over 20 percent of the respondents felt newspapers should not be allowed to publish without some type of government approval. The same number of people also felt newspapers should not be allowed to criticize public officials. And, most disturbingly, over 40 percent felt the media had too much freedom.

Apparently, the "unity" everyone spouted off in the wake of the attacks is going a little too far. Now, it is "unpatriotic" to criticize the president and his policies in a time of war. Suddenly, it's all right for people to be termed "enemy combatants" and locked up without a trial or legal advice. This is all fine now because apparently Americans feel that it is respectable to give up civil liberties in exchange for protection from possible future attacks.

Granted, the media may deserve some cynicism from the public. As the memories of the Sept. 11 coverage fades, we are faced again with

the house fires that each 11:00 newscast brought to our television screens first. Instead of seeing hard news on the front page of our city's daily newspaper, we often see soft "feel good" stories in an increasing attempt to sell papers. We'll always remember the media stumbles around the 2000 presidential election, when news outlets tried to beat each other to what turned out to be bad information.

The media has never been perfect and at times has deserved the negative public attitudes. But in an era where questions go unanswered because of "national security" and the public is ready to accept whatever comes from the White House, the role of the media as a watchdog is even more important.

This country is headed towards another war with Iraq. Already, journalists have had to push for what little information they can gather. They're not doing it to pester those in authority. They're doing it because they need to provide the public with the information necessary when it decides whether to support a war. Indeed, truth is normally the first casualty of war, but it doesn't have to be that way if we have talented reporters asking the right questions.

As I sat in my English class a few weeks ago, my professor pondered over whether Thomas Jefferson would be dismayed at how the founding ideals of American democracy have been trampled over the past year.

Students in the class eagerly shook their heads in agreement. Then the professor asked, "Then why aren't you guys doing anything about it?" No one had an answer for her.

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I consider myself to be a busy person.

I take classes four days a week, driving from Conyers and back. I work part-time. Oh yeah, and I also have this Perspectives Editor gig at your local student newspaper.

I'm having one of the busiest semesters I've ever had, as evidenced by the complete lack of sleep and utter malnutrition to which I have subjected myself over the last seven weeks or so.

I was thinking about all this the other day, as I was looking around the room in my various classes and watching people on campus. I started to notice a few things amid the growling of my stomach and increasing heaviness of my eyelids.

Namely, I began to notice the strong presence of older students.

There's the older, white-haired gentleman in my political science class who always has something interesting to say, the 40-something mom in a couple of my journalism classes or any of the non-traditional students that one can see on campus on any given day.

I listen to their stories of past experiences that led them to return to school or, perhaps, begin college for the first time. They do all this while raising a family or, in some cases, enjoying retirement.

The more I think about that, the more I realize that I've still got it pretty easy.

Many of these students did not have to return to school. They chose to.

Certainly, there are the ex-

ceptions – the career businessman who, after being laid off, is forced to reevaluate his life and start over; or the single mother trying to make a better life for

tive that we "kids" haven't thought of yet because we haven't been through the things they have.

When I started college my-



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Two of Georgia State's many non-traditional students are hard at work when they could be at home with their families.

herself and her young children. But many times, older students are there because they have a lifelong love of learning.

They're not like a lot of "regular students," either. Let's face it – some students are taking classes because Mom and Dad are paying for them to do so. Some of them care nothing about the classes they're taking, and their only concern is what bar or club they're going to hit on the weekend.

You won't get that from the older students. It's like someone – perhaps my brother – once told me: "You want to find a good study partner? Look for the oldest person in the class."

That makes a lot of sense. The older students that I've met are serious about their education and can often provide a perspec-

self, I was 22 years old and thinking about how out-of-place I would look. I can't imagine what it must be like for some of these non-traditional students to be in college after they've already done some of "real world" thing. They have my utmost respect and admiration.

We hear a lot of talk from our professors, warning us against learning material just for the tests and then tossing it aside.

But to me, some of the most valuable lessons we can learn in college aren't found in books and aren't taught by professors. They're taught by non-traditional students.

Just watch them. Listen to them. You'll learn about them, and you might even learn a little about yourself in the process.

## THE GROWL



Murphy's Law Entry #65937: I was on time for class, and the Braves had a day game. I got rerouted in downtown traffic, got lost and was late anyway.

So my professor tells me THIS WEEK that we're not gonna be using the textbook. Need I say more?

Why do people insist on parking in the middle of the road outside Sparks Hall? I didn't come to college to play dodgeball with my car.

Seven weeks down, eight more to go. Who's excited?

Don't you hate it when you work all night on an assignment, only to realize it's NOT actually due the next day?

I thought I heard the rumbling of thunder, and then I realized it was just my stomach...again.

I should just tell the homeless people I don't have any money because I used it all on parking.

Send all your growls to the Signal at [growl@gsusignal.com](mailto:growl@gsusignal.com). They don't have to be sweet, but they do need to be short.

## Another Freak in the Freak Kingdom



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I saw an article on the website for *Salon* magazine about the death of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Jann Wenner, the founder of *Rolling Stone*, has hired FHM Editor Ed Needham as the new Managing Editor.

I think this move will put the final nail in the coffin of a magazine that has been on the decline for the last 15 years.

A magazine that once contained interesting news on rock n' roll and other national and world news issues written by the likes of Hunter S. Thompson and P.J. O'Rourke has developed into, as the *Salon* article says, "a tricked-up men's magazine with the classic *Rolling Stone* logo on the top" with some crappy music sprinkled in.

Jann Wenner, co-founder of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, has made his biggest mistake with this move, although the downward trend in quality was put into motion long before this. He moved the main offices from San Francisco, where

writers would come in and out and work in a laid back atmosphere, to New York where everyone sits behind computers in rows of cubicles.

He also treats his best writers like crap. In 1975, while covering the end of the Vietnam War in Saigon, Hunter S. Thompson had his credit cut off and his insurance canceled by Wenner. While it is rare to see anything of his in the magazine, you can still find Thompson's name next to the title of National Affairs Correspondent, which I like to see. I'm sure this will change under the new leadership.

Changes have already been made as investigative writer Robert Love has been asked to leave. His odd non-music stories were one thing that made the magazine worth reading.

I was looking for a copy of *Rolling Stone* on the newsstands the other day, but I had a hard time finding it.

After looking for a bit, I found it with most of the title covered up with some woman half naked.

Just a great indication of how dead rock n' roll really is when a

## Pull the plug on *Rolling Stone*

decent band can't even grace the cover. The same people that buy *FHM* and *Maxim* are the ones that will find that kind of cover story "intriguing." It's as if they're trying to dangle car keys in front of a baby. The eye candy on the cover just distracts the person from how bad the music really is.

But why even make this argument? Once the new format has taken full hold, no one will care about or read what articles are left because the people that buy the magazine will be the ones who buy other men's magazines.

Nobody "reads" *Playboy*, *FHM*, or *Maxim*. They just look at the pictures.

I yearn for the days when bands like The Who or Led Zepelin graced the cover and the articles were actually, God-forbid, thought provoking!

*Rolling Stone* is a disgrace to journalism and everything music (especially rock n' roll) used to stand for.

Someone, just please pull the plug. The joke isn't funny anymore.

## Merging Left

# Coupon clipping: A nasty side effect of being a college student

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I told myself I would never clip coupons.

Clipping coupons was a task for the weary, the poor, and the disgruntled.

It was last weekend when I

early, but when it happens repeatedly, week after week, I figured I might as well find something nice about it.

There are some nice things about waking up on Sunday morning.

There's no traffic. It's quiet. The homeless people are

Granted we do get the remaining stragglers from Level 3, but they can be dealt with quickly.

It's a quiet morning and it's nice.

This is where I realized that my coupon obsession was beginning.



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realized just how sad my life had become.

I was weary. I am poor. I have been continuously disgruntled.

Rewind to last Sunday...

Sunday morning has become something of a tradition for me.

I wake up at the crack of dawn. Not because I want to, but because I have to when coffee duty calls.

I don't like waking up this

just waking up on Juniper, so they don't have enough energy just yet to run after your car while squawking like a pigeon.

And lastly, and of course most importantly, it's quiet at work.

Nothing happens at Peachtree Center on Sundays.

Everything, except Starbucks, is closed on Sunday in that part of town. So everyone pretty much avoids it altogether.

Flipping through the Sunday edition of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* was innocent enough.

Reading the articles certainly didn't take long, and the pictures only hold my attention for so long.

My co-workers worked on the coupon section with such diligence.

I laughed at them at first.

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## Sugar and Spice



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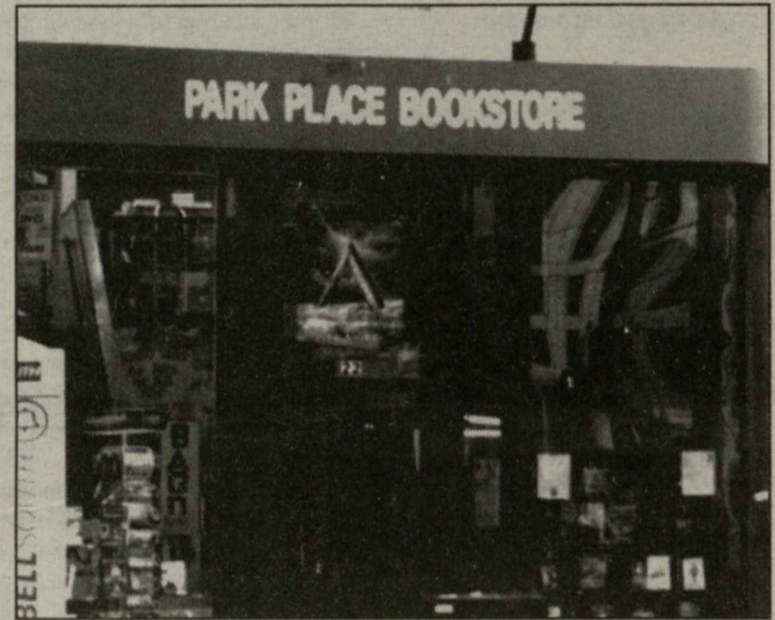
## Bookstore troubles continue for students at Georgia State

BY KHRISTINA NEWMAN  
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Park Place Bookstore.

Upon shopping at another bookstore, she found one of her purchased books for significantly less and bought it. The student backtracked to Park Place to return the text. With the Park Place original receipt in hand

Although we have been in school for over a month now, I am sure none of us have forgotten the joy of purchasing books that first



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Is this a sight of relief or frustration for the average Georgia State student?

week. Nothing surprises me more about the college experience than the typical bookstore ordeal. When purchasing a book on the first week of classes, the cashier hands you your receipt and a flyer, detailing when your last day for a full refund will be available.

What happens if you drop the class or find the book cheaper at another location? According to the three main bookstores around campus, Georgia State Bookstore, Georgia Bookstore and Park Place, this should not be a problem.

Both the Georgia State Bookstore and the Georgia Bookstore claim that if you wish to return your book, you may do so before Sept. 3, as long as you bring your original receipt.

Both stores warned students that new books must be unmarked, and wrapped books must be wrapped in original packaging.

The Park Place Bookstore hands out a similar flyer, but the last day for a refund was Aug. 30.

But even with these clear instructions, problems and misunderstandings still take place. For example, the first book-buying week of school, a sophomore at Georgia State, purchased three books from

and before the last day for refunds, the store owner still refused to fully refund her, accusing that she had taken the price tag off one of the other books she had purchased and placed it on the this book.

The owner finally agreed to refund the student, but not only was this entire situation a nuisance, but also the storeowner was extremely rude. After personally witnessing this blatant rudeness towards a customer, I will never shop at nor promote Park Place Bookstore.

What's a student to do with only two decent bookstores to choose from? There are numerous websites where you can search for textbooks including [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [classbook.com](http://classbook.com), and [follet.com](http://follet.com). On the later two, you can seek out new as well as used books.

It is also a good idea to keep your eyes open for flyers posted around campus listing books for sell by individuals. And, of course, you can always wait to buy that \$100 book in hopes the professor never refers to it or uses it so rarely you can make photocopies of the text from a fellow peer. However, I would not suggest you hold off like that. One thing's for sure. Whatever you do, stay away from Park Place.

**A Chick With Issues**



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First and foremost, I am an educated, democratic, African American woman sensitive to the many issues that affect my people and our culture. After years of taking courses pertaining to American history, civil rights and African customs, my historical foundation has been firmly set.

Nothing and no one, short of a sign from God, can change my view of the hardships, which generations of African-Americans faced during slavery and the civil rights movement.

Nor shall the respect that I have for those trailblazers, who led the way during those trying times, diminish because of my exposure to entertainment media.

No amount of parody or humor can reverse years of education, especially not a comedic blip on the screen in the movie "Barbershop".

On Sept. 13, MGM released the hilarious comedy, receiving

mostly rave reviews. "Barbershop" was No. 1 during the first two weeks of its release, and is currently No. 3 at the box office. The fact that a film with a cast consisting almost entirely of African-Americans can dominate the box office while competing with higher budget productions deserves some praise.

However, the success of the film has been tempered by the words of some overzealous, African-American, civil rights "leaders" who need to get in touch with the younger generation of African-Americans in order to accurately represent them.

Rather than support a highly successful movie written, produced and acted out by other African-Americans, these "leaders" have sought to censor the content of the film. And censorship by anyone -- no matter their race, status or motives -- is a direct threat to the creative process.

Both Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks fought so that we

# No apology is necessary for 'Barbershop' jokes about MLK, Rosa Parks

are able to freely express ourselves, not so that we could remain silenced.

Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse

film about Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. According to statements made by Rev. Jackson, and in response to the controversy he

should not be the focus of jokes, even jokes made by other blacks.

If we are free to joke about the Pope, the president and even GOD, what makes King and Parks any different or more sacrosanct?

Come on people...there are other issues Rev. Jackson and Rev. Sharpton and others are better equipped to discuss: these issues include, but are not limited to, infidelity, having a child with one's mistress and what to do when caught on film in a supposed drug deal.

But for these men, who probably have been inside a black-owned barbershop and/or beauty salon, to DEMAND an apology is complete hypocrisy.

Anyone who's gone into such establishments knows that the depiction made by "Barbershop" is accurate.

As a result, many younger African-Americans, appreciative of past tribulations, but tired of camera hungry "leaders" who presume to speak for them and not to them, have had enough.

These were simply jokes. No apology is necessary.



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Some of the humor in Barbershop has created a controversy among black leaders.

Jackson and others have publicly denounced statements made in the

helped to create, he believes that King and Parks are "sacred" and

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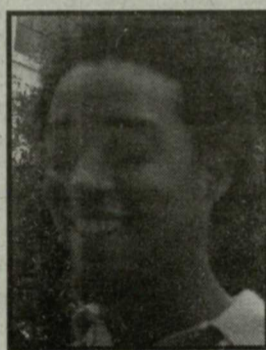
Q:

Are your student fees spent wisely?



Abigail Swire/  
Junior/  
English

"Yes. I used the Rec. center for the first time this morning."



Manuel Greene/  
Sophomore/  
Spanish

"I don't think I have enough information."



Chad LeMon/  
Junior/  
Health & P.E.

"Yes, it's fair. I use the sports facility."



Farzad Moghadd/  
Sophomore/  
Biology

"No. I do get my buff on at the 'rec c.' but I feel I only use 22% of the services."



Cassie Heslin/  
Graduate/  
Public Administration

"I'm not sure. I do use the rec center, which is really nice."



Chanda King/  
Senior/  
Psychology

"Sort of. I use the Rec. center."

tell us what you think...

Q:

for next issue

If you could live in or near any city in the country, except the one you live in or near now, what city would you choose and why?

## Chick and the City



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On Sept. 26, the Cobb County School Board – showing once again that brilliance lies within the confines of local government—declared that it is now okay to teach alternatives to evolution in the local public schools.

Alternatives to evolution? Therefore, that means they will be teaching creationism, and that is it; it's not as if any other theories are involved. Unless, of course, they start teaching about how aliens came to our planet millions of years ago, ate some bad cheese, threw up, and in their bile were the necessary components to start life.

I hope that it will never get that far.

So, they want to teach creationism. Watch me fume.

I am from Cobb County, which is a suburban, predominantly middle-class, "work in Atlanta by day, shop at the local mall on Saturdays" part of Georgia.

But Georgia is firmly planted in the Bible Belt, and when in the Bible Belt, perhaps more so than in any other part of the United

States, the local, churchgoing, holier-than-thou crowd has a voice. And that voice, loud and clear, wants our kids to know that God created the world in six days, rested on the seventh, talked with Adam about Eve, talked with Eve about the apple, and, well . . . we all know the story.

Well that's terrific, if they want to do it in their homes, on church pulpits, in Sunday schools sponsored by the church, or in private religious academies.

However, our constitution, last time I checked, separated church and state.

In addition, as much as I respect the rights of Christians to believe in creationism, I don't want it shoved down the throats of impressionable young kids in public schools because teaching this theory is dancing dangerously close to religious storytelling.

Moreover, to do that is to defeat the purpose of separating church from state; a world dominated by Christian theory from one that recognizes that children in public schools are not just Christian but Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and even athe-

## What should classes teach young people about the origin of life?

ist or agnostic. Simply put, religion has no place in a public classroom, whether it comes in the form of a morning prayer or an afternoon lecture on creationism.

I'm not going to argue the merits of evolutionism.

I'll just say that the scientific community has completed endless archeological digs creating an evolutionary timeline that dates back several millions of years, while there has been nothing to support the religious belief that Adam and Eve magically appeared in the Garden of Eden.

When in doubt, I'll stick with science where the public classroom is involved.

However, Cobb County's School Board doesn't see things that way.

I would hope some parents would be so angered by this decision that they hire a lawyer to protect their children's constitutional rights.

If I had children, I know I would.

So, sometimes you have to wonder why it's so crucial for fervent Christians to be so, well, fervent.

## Born to be Wired

# McKinney's politics: follow the money

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Voters of the 4th District recently booted Cynthia McKinney, perennial national embarrassment, from Congress.

However, proving that, yes, the Green Party is as loony as everyone suspected, McKinney was asked to join Ralph Nader in his 2004 presidential bid. The proposed alliance is more than just a joining together of disparate edges of the lunatic fringe: as a political maneuver, it makes perfect sense for the Greens.

It is no secret that the leadership of the Green party is largely anti-American.

Its founders, here and in Europe, included many former Marxist agitators and socialists. The party's core is comprised largely of disgruntled, anti-capitalist, anti-U.S. extremists: the occasional democrat-protest vote cast for Green candidates is negligible.

Few would argue that McKinney fails to qualify as an extremist, but that is not the primary reason why Greens want her support.

McKinney personally absolved Arab/Afghani terrorists by blaming America, Israel, President Bush, and, likely, white Americans for the Sept. 11 at-

tacks.

In the past several years, her rhetoric has seemed specifically tailored to deliberately pander to Arab/Muslim extremists.

Of course, McKinney is not the first black public figure to resort to such underhanded demagoguery.

Farrakhan, Rev. Jackson, Sharpton, Mfume, and many others, have regularly, disingenuously preyed upon the sympathies of a national populace already ridiculously skittish about matters of race and foreign policy.

After Sept. 11, several black leaders gathered in Atlanta at a leadership/racism conference. To enthusiastic applause, the good Rev. Sharpton stated that the war against terrorism in Afghanistan was not a fight that black Americans should at all support because Arab/Afghani terrorists are "people of color." Afterward, the pious Rev. Jackson told the audience that the black leadership would be "targeted," here at home, in an extension of the war on terror.

Why all the very public race baiting, and why the claim of black leaders scrutinized? Could the answer have anything to do with money?

Most black Americans now ignore all the hackneyed, racially

divisive rhetoric commonly used by the old black leadership.

To counter that lost support, the old hate speech has been repackaged so as to appeal to the anti-Israeli, anti-American sentiments of many Arabs and radical Muslims, both here and abroad.

It seems apparent that McKinney and her colleagues have been courting the Arab-American vote for years now (which is fine), but, true to their exploitative natures, have really only done so in hopes of gaining access, even if indirectly, to overseas petrodollars.

Self-serving anti-Americanism, and a willingness to pander to anyone with funding, regardless of source, seems to be the latest stage in the sad evolution of the old black leadership's ongoing race hustle in this country.

Where does the Green party fit in?

McKinney's colleagues and strange constituency are the very stuff that Greens would love to co-opt, and any links to (preferably laundered) petrodollars funneled in by America's enemies might provide much needed funding.

Some eager young reporter should follow the money here.

An entire journalistic career could be launched on this one.

## The Heat



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# The dilemma of the white man in America

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It isn't easy being white.

At any moment they will either be blamed for doing something wrong or ignored for doing something right. How tough it must be to be white in America.

Poor white folk.

Can they not get a break in this land or what?

I take pause whenever I think about the woes of white people in this country. As I walk about the streets, the streets of a city run by a black woman,

You might say this issue can be seen from a variety of viewpoints and examples, but the one most hotly-contested is over the use of the "N" word. Yeah, the Word of Words.

If you think I'm going to get in trouble and debate the use of that word, think again --I ain't touchin' the matter.

Instead, I will discuss the question I get from many of my white friends: "Why is it okay for you to use the 'N' word but not for me?"

Well, I can't really answer that. But I will say that if you

**"Whatever a white person does, automatically it's going to be seen as a bad thing. Plain and simple."**

legislated by a majority black city council and spear-headed by black artists, one cannot help but conclude, yeah it is tough for white people.

It's especially tough when the issue is about race.

Try as they might, white people just can't seem to win this argument for anything in the world.

When Bill Clinton moved his office to Harlem, the New Black Panther Party was up in arms.

As reported by William Raspberry in the *Washington Post*, the party contended, "Poor blacks and black businesses are being pushed out of Harlem by elite whites." As for Clinton, all he's doing is "opening the floodgates" for a complete takeover of Black Harlem. (!)

Wow.

Even our "first black president" can't get a break! William Raspberry (also black), said it best:

"If whites abandon our neighborhoods, we say they are segregationists who want us confined to a ghetto.

If they move in, we say they're taking over. What's a poor white guy to do?"

There you have it.

Whatever a white person does, automatically it's going to be seen as a bad thing. Plain and simple. But this issue doesn't just extend to, say, gentrification.

use it -- without our consent -- you're in trouble. It may seem unfair that I can use the word and you can't use the word, but that's life.

So, don't go and use it because you'll only find yourself in a whole mess of trouble and wind up either in court, suspended from school or looked at funny by your black friends.

Eminem is pretty much the only white person seemingly allowed to use the word, so there!

And speaking of Slim Shady...

This column came into being after I watched an interview with America's best hip/hop artist on MTV.

Slim lamented black artists just didn't seem to "respect" him.

Sure, he sells millions of albums; his friends are black; his boss is Dr. Dre; and his fan base runs across ethnic lines, but he still just can't seem to get the "props" he so desperately wants.

If Eminem and Bill Clinton, two white people few would argue are racists, can't get any love from black folk, you can't help but feel a little sorry for white people in general.

If they embrace our culture we see them as "acting black," if they ignore our culture we say they "don't get it."

Poor white people.

I guess it really is tough being white in America. Who'd a think it?



**The Straight Dope**



Jonathan likes ice cream and rollercoasters. He doesn't like people who don't try to learn more about themselves and their world, especially when those obnoxious people drown out the voice of reason with their inane opinions.

**More food options needed for vegetarians**

BY JONATHAN PUTNAM  
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Each year over one million Americans become vegetarians. Many more are taking steps to cut their intake of meat in an effort

necessary. Most importantly, because not enough people abstain, and I can.

It's really not that hard. I like plenty of foods that don't come from animal flesh. I haven't even tried many recipes and products.



Justin Libby | Signal

There's nothing like a taco to quell that craving for clogged arteries, as students take a not-so-healthy lunch break. At least you can still get a smoothie.

to improve their health. Unfortunately, the University FoodServices seems to be doing little to provide healthy, meatless meals despite the overwhelming medical evidence that eating meat is the leading cause of heart disease and a significant contributing factor to many cancers.

An institution of higher learning should promote wholesome nutrition as a fundamental building block for a complete education.

Once students have a greater understanding of their own health, they are more equipped to tackle larger problems such as the health of our society and our global environment. Catering to old habits ensures the continuation of stagnant thought.

I have slowly changed my diet to exclude meat over a period of a couple of years. Once I started seriously researching the subject earlier this summer, I became convinced that I could be a vegetarian and survive.

Why would I want to do a silly thing like that?

Because eating meat supports an industry rooted in cruelty and barbarism; because the negative environmental impact that raising animals for food creates is unacceptable to me; because killing 25 billion animals a year just so I can have some chicken nuggets that will eventually give me heart disease is not

When I eat out, there is almost always something tasty for me to chow on. Around campus, however, the options seem unusually limited.

I ask myself: Where are the avocado sandwiches? Why can't you buy a Caesar salad without chicken on it? When will the university add more international options?

I assume other vegetarian students are wondering the same thing. It would be great if a vegetable buffet could be nestled among the burger grills and hot dog stands.

Imagine an offering of sweet potato casserole, steamed squash, mashed potatoes, green beans and cornbread. Maybe a counter with pasta cooked to order or a stand serving falafel. Some curried potatoes and nan bread or some kind of stir-fry would be a welcome relief.

There are many vegetarian options which, if properly prepared, would be very popular among students and faculty alike.

To its credit, our cafeterias do serve waffles, muffins, donuts and fruit.

We have the option of a veggie taco, and the Sky Ranch Grill has a garden burger. You can order a vegetarian sub, but don't expect sprouts or carrots. And of course you can always choose

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**Where Am I?**



Rahul is a returning post-graduate student in the Business School. He is taking a few classes to get his GPA up for graduate school applications. He was a Perspectives writer as a GSU undergraduate (class of 2000).

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Last week, politicians running for re-election toured around the state celebrating the "10th anniversary" of the lottery-funded HOPE scholarships even though the anniversary for the first scholarship is not till September 2003 (ahhh.... election year politics).

Since 1993, nearly 700,000 students have received HOPE grants for tuition, books and other fees at University System of Georgia colleges and technical institutions. Students at private schools, such as Emory University, receive grants of \$3,000 per semester under the HOPE program.

Census figures show Georgia as one of the faster growing states in America, which includes three of the fastest growing counties (Forsyth, Henry and Paulding). While the University System of Georgia is adding students at nearly

double digit percents, eight percent of the state's population is under five years old and 27 percent is under the age 18.

Are you seeing where this is going?

If not, then answer this: What happens when the demand for HOPE funds overtakes the lottery funds?

It is time for the State of Georgia (Legislature, Governor, Board of Education, etc.) to make some hard decisions on what to do with HOPE. Here are some options that the State of Georgia should or probably will consider:

- Raise the needed GPA from 3.0 to 3.5;
- Students at private institutions, like Emory, will no longer receive HOPE;
- Implement a quota system for each university based on student body size (This allows each university to decide on how the money would be doled out);
- Provide financial means

**University Wire Column From Elsewhere**

**Depression: All the cool kids are doing it**

BY EVE KIDD  
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. - Depression is a funny thing these days. Not funny "ha-ha," of course. It's just weird, the way this once-stigmatized condition is becoming sort of a trend, the thing to have, like slap bracelets or capri pants.

Every day, America seems to be in a more precarious global position, and Newsweek chooses to run a cover story this week on teen depression. (The cover story in Time was about

America's most-watched shows, is seeing a shrink or popping happy pills.

When I think of my friends, I can name at least 10 who take some sort of antidepressant or anti-anxiety drug.

And, when I think of myself, I know I've struggled with depression off and on ever since I came to college.

In high school, sure, I had times when I was unhappy. When my adorable blue-eyed boyfriend of 47 days called me on Valentine's Day to say

wasn't even anything that happened to set me off.

My first winter, when I was trapped in the residence halls with no car, few friends and an incompatible roommate, there were times when I couldn't stop crying, and I didn't even know why I was crying in the first place.

Depression runs deep in my family; my grandmother and mother struggled with it, my brother committed suicide and my dad spent the better part of a year too depressed to get out of bed.

Alcoholism runs in my family, too, so I generally try to avoid alcohol. I've seen what it can do, and I don't want that to happen to me.

It's easy to turn down a Jell-O shot or to order a Coke when everyone else is drinking beer.

But how do you say, "No thanks" to depression?

I've never been so depressed that I attempted suicide. I've never even been so depressed that I stopped going to work or class. But those feelings of hopelessness and helplessness and emptiness that all the depression checklists list as symptoms -- I know those, all right.

I usually am not a big follower of trends. I never had a Furby or a Jennifer Aniston haircut or a belly-button ring, and I don't think I've ever set foot in a Starbucks.

But like it or not, if depression is a trend, I'm an occasional follower.

And it's nowhere near as fun as slap bracelets.

headaches, which isn't much better. I might be oversimplifying here, but maybe we'd have fewer bouts with depression and headaches if our president weren't so intent on bombing everything in sight).

But politics aside, depression -- teenage and otherwise -- is making its presence known in the mainstream media.

You can't watch more than 10 minutes of network television without seeing that stupid hopping Zolof blob or a commercial for Paxil or Prozac or Celexa. Practically everyone on "The Sopranos," one of

he'd fallen for a tuba player at his weekend band retreat, my 14-year-old heart broke into a million pieces on the floor. I crawled into bed and listened to Weezer's "World Has Turned and Left Me Here" for about 10 straight hours, and then I dragged myself to some dumb party where I drowned my sorrows in two Zimas and rendered myself alcoholically incapacitated.

But a few days later, I was dating a track star, and everything was right with the world.

In college, I found, it wasn't so easy to bounce back, and often there

## University Wire Column From Elsewhere

## Convict finally gets what he deserves, sort of

BY MICHELLE JEW  
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(U-WIRE) SAN JOSE, Calif. - A guilty verdict, a dismayed prosecution, a judge with misgivings and a 21-year-old defendant.

Mix these elements together, and you get the conclusion to the Al Deguzman saga. According to the Mercury News, Deguzman was found guilty of plotting a Columbine-style attack on De Anza College on Tuesday and was sentenced to seven years in a state prison.

For those who don't remember, on Jan. 29, 2001 Kelly Bennett, a San Jose State University student, was working at a photo lab and saw pictures of Deguzman posing with all kinds of weapons. She called the police.

The next day, De Anza was shut down, evacuated and roped off because of a bomb scare.

That evening, the San Jose Police Department searched Deguzman's home and found his arsenal: a sawed off shotgun, a rifle, 30 pipe bombs and 20 Molotov cocktails. Also found in the search was an audio tape with his intentions on it.

OK, rule No. 1 for potentially suicidal, crazy, going-to-kill-the-world people: Don't commit your maniacal ideas to print, computer, photos, or anything audio. All of that equals evidence.

Or in Deguzman's case, photos meant early prevention. Let's hear it for planning.

Nothing was found during a search at De Anza.

Bennett became an instant hero

and was showered with gifts, talk show appearances and a scholarship to help pay her tuition.

But we never really heard anything about Deguzman after that.

We knew they were probably holding him in custody until his trial was over.

We knew he was the yearbook editor for his high school in East San Jose.

We heard from law enforcement officials that he was determined to carry out a Columbine-style attack on the Cupertino campus.

The words "filled with hate" were also heard.

Heck, in the pictures he took of himself he had a shirt with "natural selection" written across it. Apparently he was going to do the selecting, forget nature.

Personally, I hoped they would put him in a nice, dark cell and throw away the key.

The prosecution said the attack was going to be focused on the cafeteria, where Deguzman could have killed as many as 50 people.

At SJSU, some feared a similar attack. The campuses are about 10 miles apart.

But now, more than a year later, Deguzman read a statement expressing his remorse during his sentencing hearing.

In the statement, he said he had received psychological help while in custody.

"Most of what I felt and thought revolved around my hatred for myself and the world around me," he said. "For what it's worth, the person I am now is completely different from the person I was at the time of my

arrest."

The prosecution had sought and won convictions against Deguzman for each bomb or weapon in his possession, the Mercury News reported.

So why was the prosecution disappointed?

If Deguzman had a shotgun, a rifle and 50 bombs in his possession, and had the intent to kill people, how did he only get seven years?

The judge handling the case, Robert Ahern, said he "was bound by appellate court decisions to reduce the counts against [Deguzman] to just two," the Mercury News said.

In April, Deguzman was found guilty of 108 out of 116 felony counts.

Had Deguzman been sentenced for all the counts he was originally convicted of, he could have served as much as 100 years in jail, the Mercury News reported.

Judge Ahern said he was making his ruling with misgivings and told Deguzman, "I consider you to be a grave danger to society. I consider you to be a grave danger to this community. I consider you to be a grave danger on your release."

What was his first clue?

And while we're talking about his being released, not only does Deguzman have plans for his future, he could be released in as little as 27 months. What does he plan to do with his freedom?

He says he wants to organize a community volunteer network to help his community.

"I do obviously have a reputation for detailed and meticulous planning," he said.

I'm not even going to go there.

## University Wire Column From Elsewhere

## Whatever they say, it's still all about politics

BY MARIAM DURRANI  
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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. - They say it's not about politics. But last week, the Washington Post quoted President George W. Bush as saying, "Democrats are not interested in the security of the American people." Come again?

If you didn't know, Georgie, it has become an important fact since Sept. 11 that we are one nation, one people, one America.

Upon deeper research, our suave and powerfully articulate president's comments were actually in reference to the bill creating a Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, which includes removing standard governmental-job protections from the proposed department's employees.

Some Senate democrats want to restore those civil-service protections, which Dubya believes would undermine the effectiveness of the proposed department. Our eloquent leader commented in New Jersey last week that "the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people."

of every joke. The media interrogated every nook and cranny of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, and rightly so.

However, between the time Bush made his comments and this week, it seems we have forgotten about it.

The White House made some statements regarding the context of when the comments were made, it somehow has been swiftly swept under the rug.

I guess it's not about politics.

So what does Bush do next? Duh.

He sends his dad's old buddy, Colin Powell, to persuade the Senate that we are together in this, and that our brilliant president needs support.

Powell is now trying to get support for a resolution on Iraq that would give President Bush "all means that he determines to be appropriate," including the use of force, to deal with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

America and Britain are trying to pass a new U.N. security resolution for the same freedom of power, but Powell has said that if the United Nations does not approve, they might have to take matters into their own hands. Just what I was hoping to hear.

Our ever-so-gifted president is

"During Clinton's presidency, his private life was questioned a million times and became the butt of every joke."

So the question arises: Should the president be held accountable for every statement, however vague, he makes, despite the context?

Of course he should. He is our leader, after all, and any vague or specific statement should be scrutinized to the last syllable. We have made him one of the most powerful men in the world (regrettably) and it is absolutely our right to hold him responsible for every stupid, ignorant comment he makes.

Senate majority leader Tom Daschle took a similar interpretation of the comment last Wednesday on the Senate floor when he blasted the president for politicizing the Iraq and national security issues by suggesting the democrats don't care for our security.

"You tell those who fought in Vietnam and World War II they are not interested in the security of the American people because they are democrats," Daschle said. "That is outrageous."

It sure is.

During Clinton's presidency, his private life was questioned a million times and became the butt

gaining the flexibility to do as he pleases when he pleases to do so. Three of the congressional leaders, excluding Daschle, have agreed with the resolution to give Bush the flexibility to figure out what to do next. As a gesture of love and affection to the democrats, Bush promised to inform the Senate, at the latest, 48 hours after attacking Iraq. Gee whiz, what a nice guy.

The new version of the resolution takes away the previous deference to the United Nations and upholds the sovereignty of the president to determine what to do next for the safety of the American people.

Some Senate republicans said Mr. Daschle's unwillingness to sign on to the agreement is a sign of trouble ahead on the Senate floor next week. Others believe that bipartisanship will not affect the question of war this time, similar to Desert Storm and unlike Vietnam.

Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., predicted eventual victory in the Senate.

He said, "Mr. President, we delivered for your father. We will deliver for you."

Gee whiz, isn't that lucky for George Jr.?

## University Wire Column From Elsewhere

## Respect women regardless of how they dress

BY NELI LALANNE  
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(U-WIRE) CORAL GABLES, Fla. - For centuries women have had to conform, bow down and abide to whatever ludicrous rules of the highly patriarchal society were imposed on them.

Decades went by, protests were held, time went by before "society" loosened up and accepted females voting, running for offices and wearing pants.

One would think that after so many trials and tribulations women today could finally wear shorts and step out of their houses without worrying about their status as ladies being jeopardized. Well one would be wrong.

I recently came across an article, a rather interesting one I must admit, which advised females to cover up a bit more if they wanted true respect from their peers.

This certainly blows to galactic proportions the simple question: "To wear a mini or not to wear a mini?"

Picture it: you are walking when you suddenly stop dead in your tracks, remembering that you are wearing the hot Brazilian pants

you got at the mall for your birthday.

Oh dear!

Does this mean that you woke up this morning and left your self-respect in your closet along with all your conservative blouses? Will your guy friends see you and assumed that you've mutated into a first class raging trick who lacks taste and thus doesn't deserve to be treated with respect?

Oh and don't forget that to complement the pants you also wore a tank top which reveals the abs you've been slaving on for months to get tight; double trouble, now not only have you no "class" left, you are also a disgrace, a pale and faded representation of what a woman should be. You might as well find the nearest cave and hide in there until night falls.

Now is that how things are supposed to be? Does wearing tight shirts and having skirts more than 2 inches above the knee suggest a lack of self-respect from your part? I think not! The 17th century is long gone!

Wanting to look decent and attractive is not a flaw. If the tight tank top is what best compliments one's chest then where's the harm in wearing it?

The fact that a girl wears skin-tight jeans doesn't mean that she delegates more importance to her looks than to her books. After all, she is in college isn't she?

That's proof enough of her commitment to her education. So she chooses to wear spandex to class; the sight she offers might not be all around pleasing to some, but the fact is she goes to class. The length of her skirt shouldn't measure the level of respect she ought to expect from her peers.

If a guy indulges for too long in staring down a girl's blouse it just reflects how far his thought process goes. If the mere sight of breasts hypnotizes him to the point where his brain shuts down thus putting to a halt his ability to register the words coming out of her mouth then really the opinion of such a guy doesn't hold that much weight. If the belly shirt is what makes a girl feel comfortable then by all means she should wear it.

Life is short; it's impossible to please everyone. No matter how long your skirt is somebody somewhere will find it inappropriate, so how about you start by pleasing yourself.

Those who matter respect you already.

# The things people will do to save a few bucks

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"Silly girls," I scoffed as I pretended to flip through the *New York Times Magazine* with intelligence.

They had me after a month.

We spread out in the back room, over the pastry case, and on the coffee bar, scissors in hand – slight grins on our faces. We paused only slightly for customers.

When I realized how lame we actually were...

When picking up the Sunday paper yesterday at work, I reached directly for the coupon section.

I skipped right through the Living Section, and the front page. I didn't even look through the *New York Times* first.

It is not just the mere fact that I reached for that section alone. There was also the fact that when I did it was filled with holes.

Someone had already gotten to the coupons.

I sighed loudly, looking at

my co-worker who quickly glanced down avoiding my gaze.

She busied herself with a latte, muttering quietly to herself, "a girl's got to do what a girl has got to do." So I put that paper down.

I then picked up another two-pound stack of newsprint that was sure to have a coupon section that had yet to be tainted.

I went in the back and devoured the paper. Newsprint was flying everywhere.

And when I was finished, I had a neatly cut, stack of coupons. I put my paper back in the stack.

...I saved \$10 at Kroger the other day.

For a saving bonus, college kids: invest in one of those red, white and blue Kroger Plus cards.

Marketing scam?

Maybe, but when you can save one dollar on five boxes of Velveeta Shells and Cheese, who can argue?

# Tougher standards would curb HOPE problems

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testing for the HOPE scholarship is a political hot potato that will lead to needless fights leading to no solution, or worse, an inequitable solution.

Finally, is it really the responsibility of the taxpayer of the State of Georgia to pay for higher education?

Here is what I propose.

First, raise the GPA requirement for the HOPE scholarship from 3.0 to 3.25.

Second, for students who lose HOPE, they need a minimum of two semesters above the requirement to regain the HOPE grant.

Third, there needs to be a rationing of the monies that are given to private institutions (schools not in the University System of Georgia).

We simply cannot allow the bill for HOPE to fall onto the taxpayers of Georgia. The taxpayers already gave \$165 million to Georgia State University.

I know that these are unpopular solutions, but I believe these are issues that need to be debated and decided NOW, not when we hit the end of the road and the decisions fall into hands of politicians who can't even tell that ten years after 1993 is 2003, not election year 2002.

# You can't eat healthy if there's nothing to good to eat

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whether you want waffle fries from Chick-fil-A or regular fries from the Sky Ranch Grill.

These options do not go far enough. I believe the university should take a leading role by exclusively serving vegetarian foods. By doing so, they would serve to educate students that there are many delicious, nutritious and meatless meals. The school would be a pioneer in the nascent animal rights movement and could serve as a model for other institutions.

I am convinced that such a switch would not be that hard to implement.

Sure, there would be some kicking and screaming. There are clearly many people who absolutely love meat that would abhor this idea. "Let the laws of supply and demand dictate the menu," they would say.

It seems reasonable enough, but by this logic, pornography should replace philosophy as a basic requirement for graduation (hmmm . . .).

I imagine the reason most students eat so much meat is because they don't know much about nutrition or the history of agriculture.

Until more students learn and voice their opinions then, I guess, I'll be old school and stick to packing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

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| <b>100   NOTES</b><br>110   Self Improvement<br>120   Announcements<br>130   Lost & Found<br>140   Freebies & Goodies<br>150   Miscellaneous<br>160   Pets | <b>200   LIVING</b><br>210   Roommates<br>220   For Rent<br>230   Moving Services<br>240   Furniture Sell/Buy<br>250   Furniture Storage<br>260   Real Estate | <b>300   PERSONALS</b><br>310   Male to Female<br>320   Male to Male<br>330   Female to Male<br>340   Female to Female<br>350   Dating Services | <b>400   FOR SALE</b><br>410   Self: General<br>420   Self: Autos<br>430   Self: Books<br>440   Self: Computers | <b>500   FOR BUY</b><br>510   Buy: General<br>520   Buy: Autos<br>530   Buy: Books<br>540   Buy: Computers | <b>600   EMPLOYMENT</b><br>610   Job Services<br>620   Jobs: Full time<br>630   Jobs: Part time<br>640   Jobs: Pt and/or FT<br>650   Jobs: Childcare<br>660   Jobs: Entrepreneurial | <b>700   SERVICES</b><br>710   General Services<br>720   Typing Services<br>730   Writing Services<br>740   Tutoring Services<br>750   Financial Services<br>760   Legal Services<br>770   Insurance Services | <b>800   TRAVEL</b><br>810   Seasonal<br>820   Discounted<br>830   Get Away |
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