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## Village building structure criticized, rent expected to increase as costs rise

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Rumors have been floating about the safety of the Village.

Due to rising rent, many students are questioning the architectural stability of the facilities.

While some infer that rent has gone up to pay for repairs, others have gone so far as to assume that the Village will be torn down and replaced by dormitories closer to campus.

When the Village was originally built, controversy surrounded the site because the facilities began to settle much quicker than originally anticipated.

Evidence of the settling is visible in masonry cracks in front of the doors to the Ithaca building.

However, more serious concerns such as locks and elevators not lining up or fire

safety doors slipping and/or not opening have yet to appear.

"There aren't any safety concerns," said Andrea Trinklein, director of University Housing.

Annual checks are made to determine if and how much the

Village will continue to sink. As a "layman engineer," Steven Lester, associate director of Housing, estimates that the facilities continue to settle for the next 20 years. Lester insists that settling is normal. "Buildings are built to settle,"

he said. "They're built to expand and to breathe and to contract."

Rent, however, has gone up. From the 1996-97 school year to the 2002-03 school year rent has gone up \$890 per student per school year. Trinklein assures, however, that rent is not rising because of shoddy construction and repairs.

"We're preparing the budget for next year and [rent] will probably go up some," Trinklein said, indicating that the cost of goods and services, utilities, salaries and materials continue to rise. "As a result, we have to raise our rates in order to generate enough income to cover those rising costs."

Despite the seemingly expensive cost of living at Georgia State, prospective students and their families are encouraged by the privacy offered



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Current and upcoming residents of the Village should expect changes regarding rent in the near future.

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## Panel discusses sit-in

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A panel met to discuss and reflect upon a 1992 student strike and its importance in the larger movement for black studies programs last Tuesday.

Eric Bridges, a panelist, said in an earlier interview that the student sit-in was precipitated by the lackluster response of Georgia State's officials to racial incidents on campus.

He said that tensions swelled when he found a trashcan displaying "Nigers [sic] Enter" Nov. 4, 1992.

Felix Brown, another panelist, said in an earlier interview that students grew restless and took siege of the president's suite on Nov. 6. There would remain for eight hours negotiating a list of 11 demands.

However, he said the university remained unresponsive. Consequently, Brown and others met that weekend and planned to disrupt registration. Brown said their original plans were to pay student fees with pennies but agreed to conduct a sit-in in the lower hallway of Sparks Hall.

On Nov. 9, 1992, nearly 150 students blocked access to the offices of Financial Aid, Admissions and the University Registrar. They were joined by gay students and students from the Atlanta University Center who held similar demonstrations in the General Classroom Building and cafeteria, closing the campus after two hours of demonstrations.

The demonstrations ended when the university accepted eight of 11 demands which included the recruitment of more minority professors and the immediate

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## ROTC cadets take home first place at Ranger Challenge, commended by Patton

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The Army ROTC division at Georgia State received certificates of appreciation from President Patton last Tuesday. The certificates were for the outstanding achievements of ROTC cadets in the annual Ranger Challenge competition.

The Ranger Challenge competition is an annual event held in Fort Stewart, Ga. The competition is an eight-category event that lasted for three days. Georgia State's ROTC competed against 21 other colleges and universities.

Georgia State's Army ROTC placed third in the overall

competition.

The Ranger Challenge event is a major event that challenges the cadets in their army skills. The team members work together and put in equal effort to complete the job.

"All team members showed the same amount of effort and deserve equal recognition," said ROTC's Captain Tim Clark when asked about the performance of the team as individuals.

Ranger Challenge takes place every year in October. The eight challenges include an army physical fitness test, a patrolling exam, a grenade assault course, and a weapon disassembly and assembly.

Georgia State's ROTC cadets

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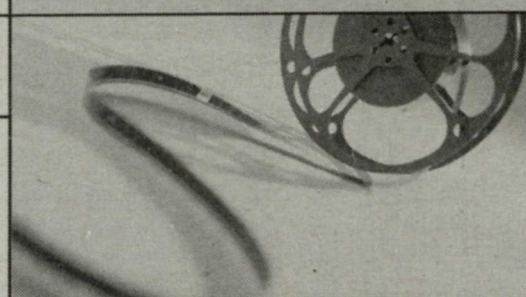
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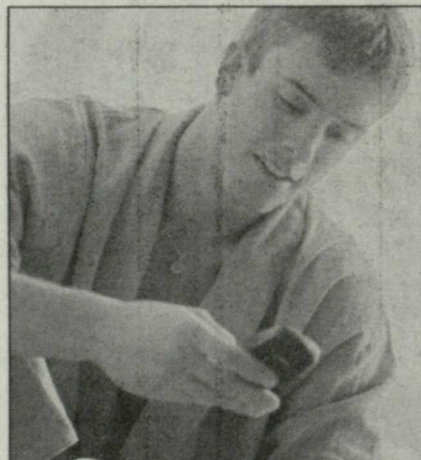
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## calendar of events

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### November:

**5** Cary Lewis' 25 Year Retirement Celebration featuring the Lanier Trio, William Preucil on the violin, Dorothy Lewis on the cello and Cary Lewis on the piano will perform Knoxs' 2002 Senordnelap No.2, Brahms' Trio in C Minor and Medelssohn's Trio in C Minor in the Rialto at 7:30 p.m.

**7** Elogeme Adolphi Christian Sorority presents "The Essence of True Womanhood" series at 12:15 p.m. in the Speakers Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Sheila Reynolds of New Birth Cathedral.

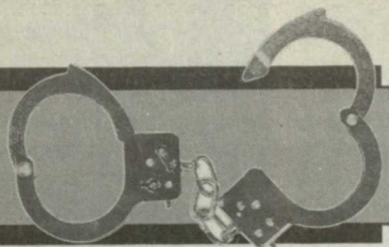
The opening of "Daughters," a play about a multiracial family with three daughters, will be sponsored by the Communications Department and will run through the 17th at Alumni Hall Theatre. For more

information call 404-651-3200.

**9** A "Peace March Against War on Iraq" sponsored by Interfaith Atlanta Coalition for Justice and Peace in the World will be held in the King Center and will march to Centennial Park. There will be music, speakers and a candlelight vigil from 3-6 p.m. For more information call 404-524-5999.

**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 Calendar of Events form. All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. the week before the events.**

## campus crime



### October 27

#### Theft by Taking

University Village, mail room  
A Theft by Taking report was filed by a staff member in the University Village. The complainant stated that she noticed several letters had been torn open at 10:30 a.m. Some of the letters contained checks and cash. There were no signs of forced entry.

### October 29

#### Theft by Taking

Student Center  
A Theft by Taking report was filed by a student in the Student Center. The complainant stated that he placed a book valued at \$87 on a counter at 12:30 p.m. When he returned fifteen minutes later, it had been stolen. The area was searched with negative results.

### October 28

#### Theft by Taking

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a student on 50 Gilmer Street. The complainant stated that he left his cell phone valued at \$100 in an unlocked vehicle at 7 p.m. When he returned at 8 p.m., it had been stolen.

### October 31

#### Agency Assist

An Agency Assist report was filed by an officer on Edgewood Avenue and Park Place. The officer observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way down a one-way street and initiated a traffic stop at 12 a.m. A driver's history check was done with positive results for an active warrant. The driver also had a suspended license. The subject was arrested, processed, and transported to Fulton County Jail.

38 | Average age at which an American believes his or her attractiveness peaks.

**Harper's Index**

88% | Percentage of U.S. adults who say they are at least "somewhat satisfied" with their physical appearance.

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70% | Percentage of U.S. adults who have undergone cosmetic surgery who say this.

**Harper's Index**

43,429,000 | Number of single American men.

**Men's Health**

50,133,000 | Number of women apparently waiting to be asked out.

**Men's Health**

43% | Percentage of single men who didn't go on a date last year.

**Men's Health**

47% | Percentage of men who think the dates they do go on are pretty miserable experiences overall.

**Men's Health**

46% | Percentage of women who agree.

**Men's Health**

32% | Percentage of increase in the chances of dying from a heart attack in people who skip annual vacations.

**Playboy's Raw Data**

1 in 100 | Chance that an eighty-year old American is left-handed.

**Harper's Index**

1 in 7 | Chance that a ten-year old is.

**Harper's Index**

"Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
You're not pleasing me at all;  
I know you cannot lie, forsooth,  
But can't you slightly bend the truth?"

**Nora B. Kathrins**

"Judge a man by the reputation of his enemies."

**Arabian Proverb**

"There are two things that are more difficult than making an after-dinner speech: climbing a wall which is leaning toward you and kissing a girl who is leaning away from you."

**Winston Churchill**

"Where annual elections end, there slavery begins."

**John Quincy Adams**

# President Bush makes his points to Georgia one last time

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President Bush paid a second visit to Georgia at the Cobb Galleria Center last Saturday.

Crowds arrived by cars and busses to show support for nominees running under the republican ticket.

Nominees such as Bob Barr,

Nations does not have the backbone to disarm Saddam Hussein like they said they would for the sake of peace, for the sake of freedom, for the sake of a secure future, the United States will lead a coalition to disarm Saddam Hussein."

As the President spoke, he received a numerous number of applause for his discussion on the topics that ranged from

**"Saddam has broken resolutions 16 times, and enough is enough."**

Matt Collins, John Linder, Sonny Perdue, and Saxby Chambliss were among some of the candidates that arrived to speak and show their support before the final elections to be held today.

Shortly after most of the candidates gave their speeches and thanked everyone for supporting the republican party, the president arrived.

President Bush, who was in full spirits, received a five-minute standing ovation by his supporters and seemed right at home in front of his fellow republicans.

The President talked about how he would like to see a strong voter turn out for the Nov. 5 elections, and that he felt it was a "responsibility of U.S. citizens" to make sure that this would be the case.

The President spoke highly of Saxby Chambliss, Republican nominee running for Congress. The President said he felt that Chambliss was "the right man for the job" and believed that Saxby would help in seeing that his bills are getting passed, such as the homeland security bill that was approved by the House but is still having trouble being approved by members of the Senate.

The President also talked on behalf of Georgia governor nominee, Sonny Perdue, who would be, if elected, the first republican to take office as governor in the state of Georgia in 130 years.

The President also discussed his concern for our current economic situation and said that he has hopes of making our economy stronger by "making tax cuts permanent" and by "doing anything that we can to create jobs for Americans."

Bush also talked about the need to form a coalition to disarm Saddam Hussein.

"Saddam has broken resolutions 16 times, and enough is enough," he said. "If the United

developing a modernized Medicare system, saying that the United States was "in need of medical reform at the federal level" to his talk of developing better homeland security.

The President left only moments after giving his speech to travel to Savannah, where he would give his final remarks on behalf of the Republican Party before making his way back to the White House.

## Major races Nov. 5

### Governor

- Roy Barnes (D/Incumbent)
- Sonny Perdue (R)
- Garrett Michael Hayes (Libertarian)

### Lieutenant Governor

- Mark Taylor (D/Incumbent)
- Steve Stancil (R)
- Herbie Galloway (Libertarian)

### U.S. Senator

- Max Cleland (D/Incumbent)
- Saxby Chambliss (R)
- Claude Sandy Thomas (Libertarian)

### Attorney General

- Thurbert Baker (D/Incumbent)
- Shannon Goessling (R)

### State School Superintendent

- Barbara Christmas (Dt)
- Kathy Cox (R)

### U.S. Representative, District 12

- Charles Walker, Jr. (D)
- Marc Smith (R)

### Secretary of State

- Cathy Cox (D/Incumbent)
- Charlie Bailey (R)
- Mike Pitts (Libertarian)

### State Senate, District 3

- Rene D. Kemp (D/Incumbent)
- Shaw McVeigh (R)

# New labeling policy for organic foods reflects European labels

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On Oct. 21, the United States Department of Agriculture implemented a long-awaited standard for the production and distribution of organic foods.

According to the National Organic Rule, only foods that have followed the strict guidelines specified will be able to receive the "organic" seal. This seal certifies that these products were grown without the use of antibiotics, hormones, chemical fertilizers, herbicides, germicides, germ-killing radiation, or genetic modification.

This new standard will help the U.S. to catch up with the

already strict food standards that Europe holds.

The U.S.D.A.'s Organic Rule applies to both agriculture and livestock and other areas of production. In order for a farm to produce organic foods, the land must be free of any harmful pesticides and fertilizers for a minimum of three years prior to the starting date of organic production. An inspector must first come out and survey the land to make sure that everything is run according to par. Once this approval is given, the production can begin.

The Organic Rule does not allow for any genetically engineered or modified seeds or crops to be planted for agriculture production. It prohibits the use of

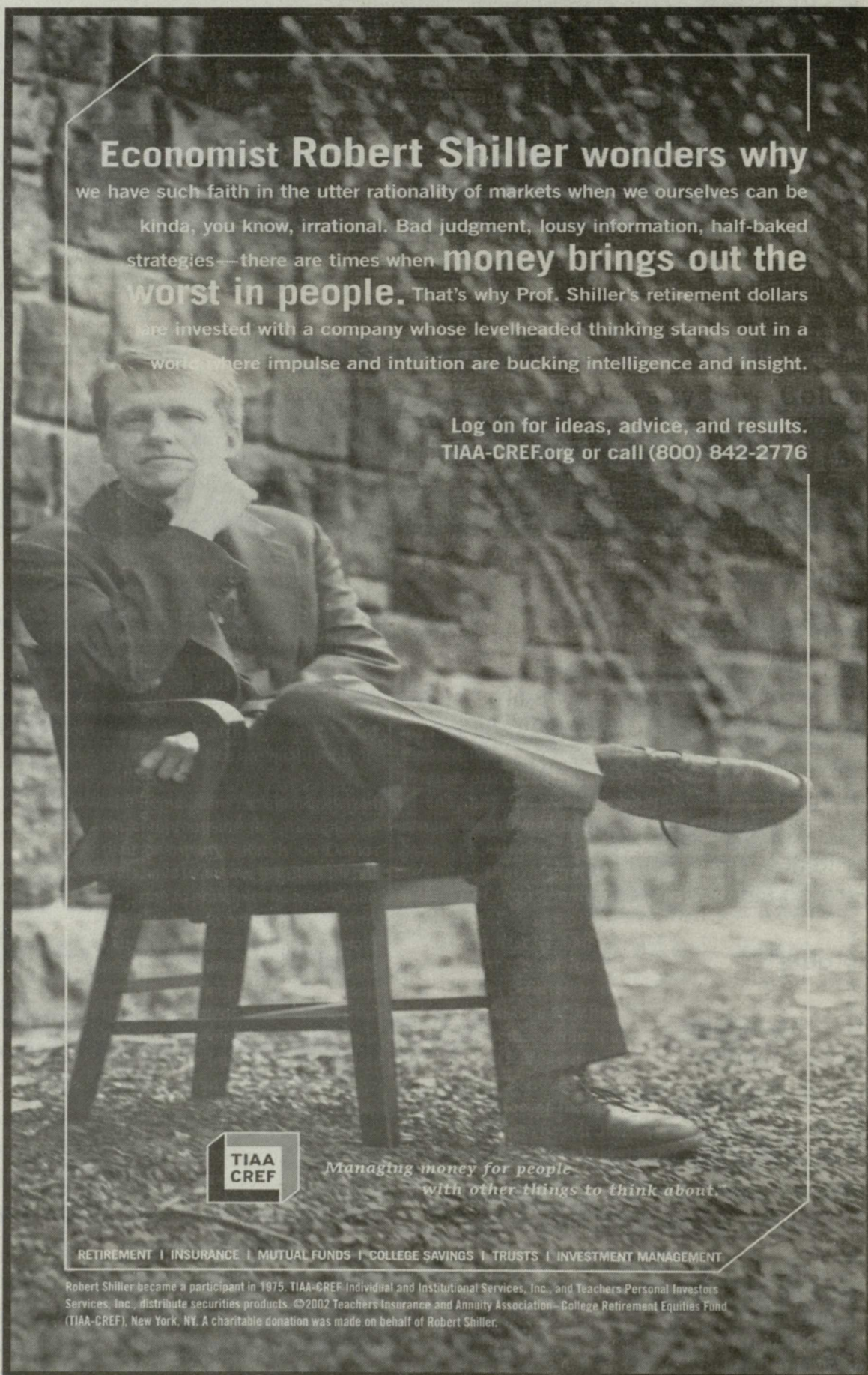
sewer sludge as a fertilizer, which is a popular and inexpensive method that many farmers use in the growth of their crops. They buy come from animals that have been treated humanely before ending up in the grocer. The U.S.D.A.'s standard states that all livestock being raised for organic food purposes must only receive organic feed. They also are to be given access to the outdoors and constant fresh air. This is a vast difference to the conditions that many animals designed for food consumption face. No use of antibiotics or growth hormones, such as steroids, is permitted to be given to the animals. All of these practices are designed to uphold the organic integrity and

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## Economist Robert Shiller wonders why

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# Funds generated solely from student-related fees

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by the Georgia State dormitory facilities.

"We've been by West Georgia, Valdosta, and North Georgia and [Georgia State's facilities] are far better than anything I've seen," said Terri Marder, mother of prospective Georgia State student Chris Marder said.

There have been unexpected expenses as well.

Recently, a master key was lost in the Athina building. All the locks in the Athina facility were subsequently replaced which Lester quoted as costing a little over \$20,000.

The money came from the reserve fund, which is similar to a savings account.

Each year money from student rent, parking fees and vending sales is set aside to deal with such unexpected mishaps.

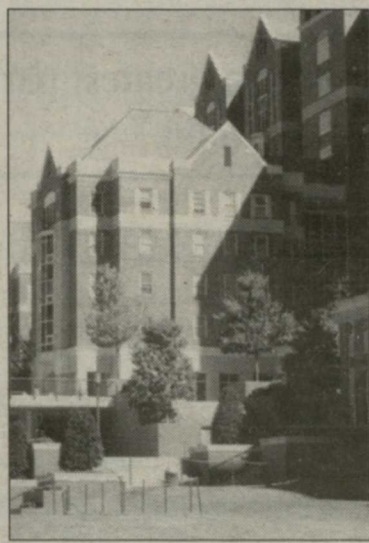
Furniture replacement also began this year, which has proven necessary earlier than originally anticipated and must be worked into the budget annually.

Campus rumors have also suggested that the Village may be torn down and replaced by dormitories closer to campus. Lester alleged having known

nothing of the matter.

"That's the first I've heard of that one," Lester said. "As far as I am aware, the Village is here to stay."

Another misunderstanding surrounding the Village is that the



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Contrary to popular belief, the Village was not an elaborate gift given by the university.

Village was given to Georgia State.

In fact, Georgia State is paying for the Village under a yearly debt service, with money primarily generated primarily by student rent and parking fees.

# Former protesters recall sacrifices made and progress achieved

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formation of an African-American studies department.

Dr. Charles Jones, chair of the African-American studies department, is appreciative of the sacrifices made by the students. His office co-sponsored the two-day session entitled "Looking back so that we may more forward" to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the student strike.

Jones invited Dr. James Turner to speak the second day. Turner, director of Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University, a leading center for the study of the African diaspora and history, began his address by saying that the movement to create black studies departments started 30 years ago.

His address, entitled "Black studies as a paradigm of knowledge: Telling our stories and living our truth", focused on the importance of having black studies at universities because of the biased Eurocentric perception of history.

"The critique of the university...imaging itself only out of a Eurocentric paradigm grows directly [from] the critique raised by the black studies movement," Turner said. "It is the most successful development at the institutional level because so much else has been blown away. All of the notions about self-identity and self-concept...self-worth and self-values seem to have evaporated," Turner said. "We [African people] perceive ourselves in someone else's...imagination. It is one of our most abiding legacies."

Turner said the creation of African-American studies programs across the nation has made education more democratic,

more inclusive and less racist. He said the movement for black studies at institutions aided the creation of feminist and Latino studies. Turner also said black students at predominantly white institutions saw the need for the revelation of truth and pioneered the creation of black studies.

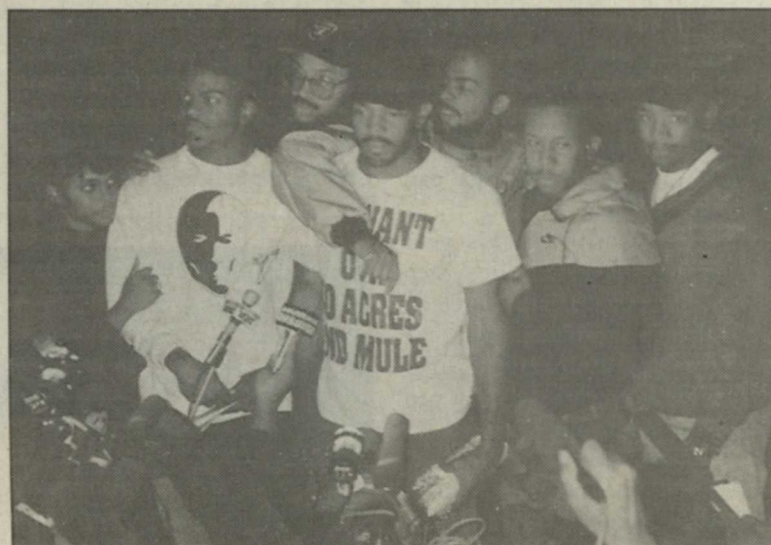
According to Turner, they risked their education knowing often times they were the first in their families to attend college.

"They had confronted education in America and realized there would be serious problems," he said.

spoke about African people without knowing much on the subject. He said it is the "arrogance of myth."

Turner said the movement for black studies in its struggle to change ideological views in higher learning coincided with the Civil Rights movement in its fight for social equalities.

The black studies movement, amongst other things, refutes the belief that Europeans discovered the New World when there were people there at that time. According to him, other misconceptions on African history resulted from the retroactive writing of history.



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Protesters such as Lavoid Carter and Lawrence Philpot, both shown wearing powerfully expressive clothing, were also panelists at last weeks discussion on the 1992 sit-in.

Turner candidly spoke about his life, saying he was reared in a government housing project and the things he encountered entering college. He said that when African people were mentioned in lectures, it was only in terms of pathology.

He recalled an incident where a white professor said 'the problem of the Negro...is that they have the incapacity for divert gratification.' Often times, he said, people

"The missing pages are at the beginning of [their] book," he says of Europeans' historical data.

Cameron Denson, one of the nearly 180 in attendance said, "I learned about the sit-in, which I was—kind of oblivious to. That's not something that is really discussed."

The discussions were followed by questions from the audience and a reception.

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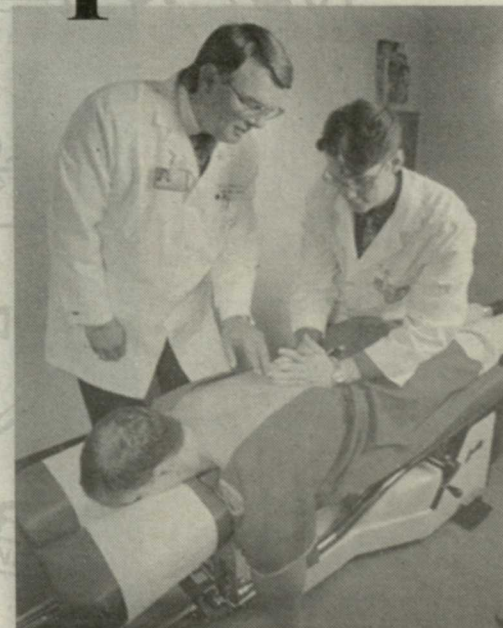
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# Spotlight planning for another winter homecoming

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While most colleges and universities across the nation are putting their homecoming festivities to rest, Georgia State is beginning to get its plans into gear.

Unlike other campuses, Georgia State does not encompass a nationally accredited football team, so homecoming celebrations are centralized around basketball season. Spotlight Programming Board is the leader behind homecoming events.

This year, homecoming will take place Feb. 9-15. Homecoming provides weeklong activities in which the entire campus can become involved.

So far, activities this year include Greek and non-Greek step shows, coronation ball, a three on three basketball tournament at the Village, spirit day, basketball games with tailgating beforehand, a pep rally, and movie night.

"We are trying to set some traditions to be carried on hopefully, such as the pep rallies, tailgating, and step shows," said Abby Wiggins, homecoming chairperson.

Last year Busta Rhymes, was the headline performer during homecoming week. Only a small percentage of Georgia State students attended the concert. However, this year Spotlight wants to ensure that the entire university has the opportunity to voice what entertainer they would like to see.

"We conducted a survey asking students who they wanted to see," said Wiggins. "We have gotten several suggestions and I would rather not mention names because we don't want to get any hopes up, but we will be deciding soon."

As for the amount of money that will be put towards the event, Spotlight prefers to keep their budget confidential. However, they are working on getting sponsors for the week.

The programming board is working with the dean right now on deciding on a theme and they are also encouraging the student body to help with theme suggestions.

According to Patrick Edwards, director of Spotlight, he needs to present the theme idea to the university homecoming board by Nov. 14th.

"You are all encouraged to submit ideas for our homecoming theme. In coming up with your ideas, please note that 2003 is the 90th anniversary for Georgia State University," said Edwards.

Along with encouraging students to become involved in idea planning, Spotlight also encourages students to become involved through promotion. The Public Relations/Promotions Board plans

to promote through banners, flyers and billboard just to name a few. The board plans to promote homecoming early, so students should be hearing more about events at the very beginning of spring semester.

"Right now, we need to focus on not only implementing, but executing all of our strategies. Nonetheless, to make all this work we challenge the student body to participate and spread the word," said George Dean, public relations chairman.

To become involved in Spotlight Programming Board or contribute ideas, drop by the Spotlight office at 380 Student Center or e-mail them at [GSUspotlight@hotmail.com](mailto:GSUspotlight@hotmail.com).

# Q100 hosts freakish Jack Q. Lantern Ball at Biltmore Hotel

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As Atlanta transformed into a scare of a sight, people in ghoulish costumes filled the ballrooms of the so-called "haunted" Biltmore Hotel. On Halloween night last Thursday, radio station Q100 and

figures dressed in antique costumes as motifs on the walls, which made this setting all the more appealing for Halloween.

The ballrooms were also decorated with terrifying skeletons, coffins, tangled webs, and horror figures. The interior decoration was frightful, just right for screams.

This was the second annual

of whom were dressed to fright and impress.

"We had to turn away more than 500 people. This should remind people to buy their tickets in advance," Rachael Frydman, director of Q100, said.

Some of the unforgettable costumes were the Three Amigos, the Smurfs, a joyful Christmas tree

"This event was one of the greatest parties Q100 has ever held."

sponsor Samuel Adams Light hosted the 2002 'Jack Q Lantern Ball.'

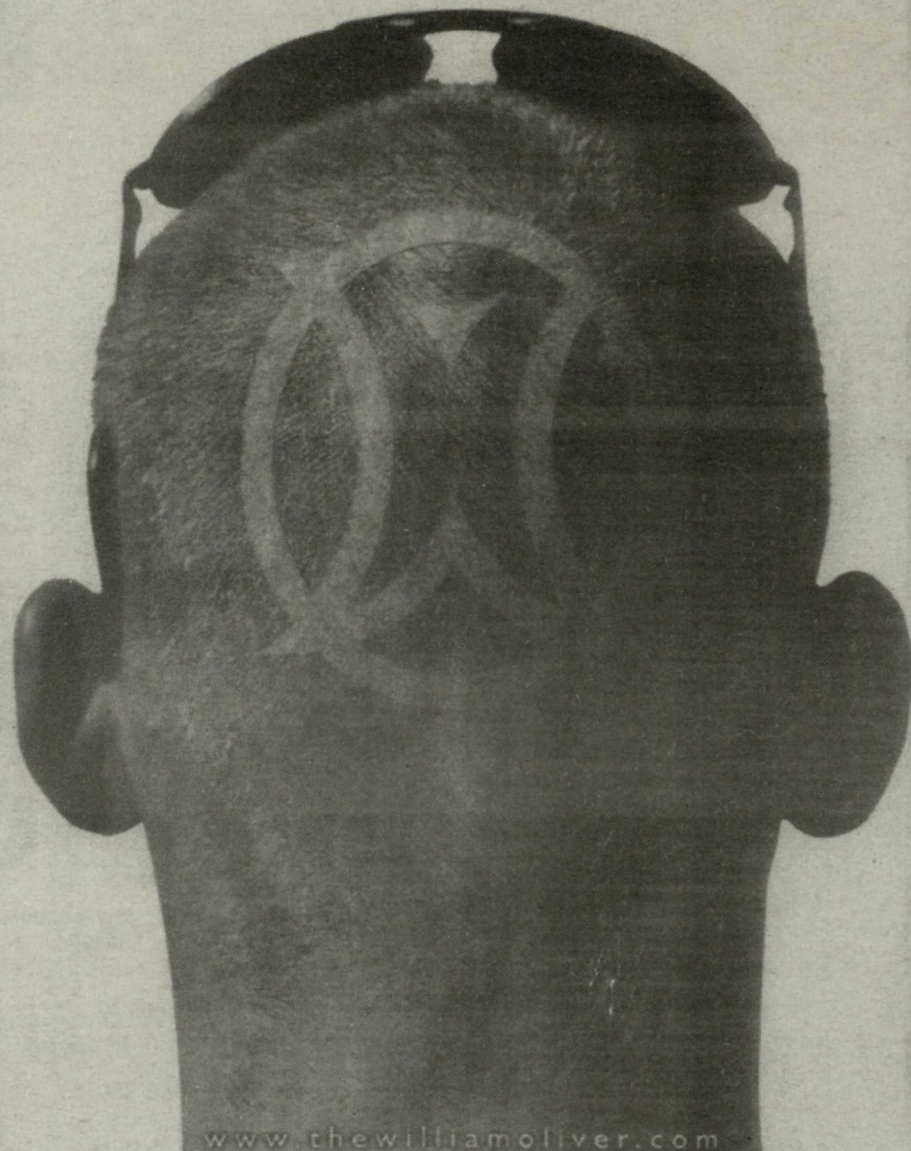
The Biltmore Hotel made the perfect setting for the Halloween party. The Georgian and Imperial style Ballrooms have mythological

Halloween party presented by Q100. The party had it all, from the huge range of music, spooky ballroom decore, and several bars to accommodate drinkers. Almost 2,000 Q100 listeners assembled at the Hotel on Halloween night, many

with glowing lights, Martha Stewart in stripes, geisha girls, Wilson of Home Improvement (accompanied by his fence), Dennis Rodman, Kid Rock, the Bee gees, and many more.

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# Garrett seeks 40,000 supporters to gain write-in candidacy

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Green party candidate for Georgia governor Nan Garrett spoke to Georgia State Greens to address issues pertaining to her candidacy for governor last Tuesday in the Lanier Suite of the Student Center.

A small crowd of about 30 people had what Professor Ian Fletcher called "a good exchange of views amongst audience members as well as between members of the audience and the speaker."

Garrett, not officially on the November ballot due to Georgia's regressive ballot access laws, stated the importance of college students in the process for change. According to Garrett, college students are becoming more active in politics.

"A college student was at the Marriott Marquis for the Bush rally and was passing out flyers of me," Garrett said. "He wasn't even a volunteer. He just printed the flyers off of my website."

Garrett believes citizens must find better ways to put some humanity back in our communities. As a former judge, state government law clerk and aid to the legislator, Garrett knows the problems that plague the state.

She also served as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention in 1984 and was the president of the Young Democrats in Clayton County, a party from which she later walked away because she alleges they moved away from important issues, such as

environmental, minority and women's rights issues.

"My voice, at least here in Georgia, was never listened to," Garrett said. "I was a judge for three years. They can listen to me."

As a write-in candidate, one of the tallest hurdles is the ballot access restriction.

According to Badili Jones, co-chair for the U.S. and Georgia Green party, Georgia has the most restrictive ballot laws in the country.

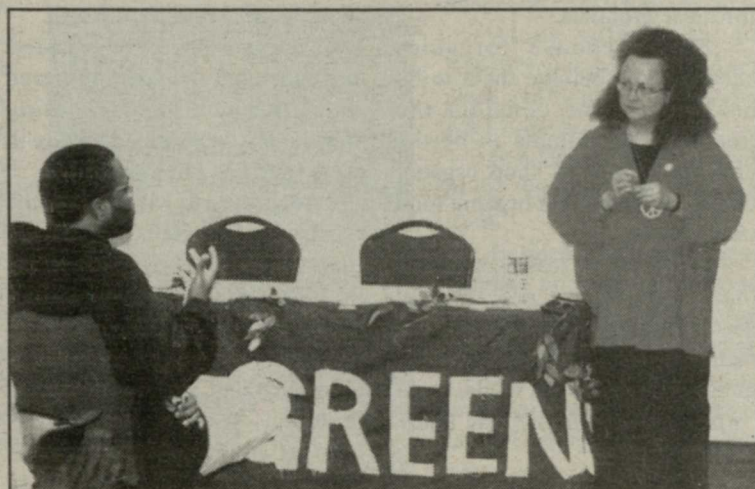
One would need 40,000 signatures on a petition in order to be a write-in candidate. Other problems, such as writing in

codes, and improper congressional districts," said Garrett.

Garrett highlighted the scope of issues covered by the Green party. She said the party platform consists of "The Ten Key Values," which include grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity.

"Don't sit on the sidelines of democracy," Garrett said. "The longer we sit quietly by, the more our lives will be run by big business, big money and big government."

According to Garrett, these platform values will ultimately create services such as more public



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Nan Garrett, the Green Party's candidate for governor, faces some difficulty in gaining a spot on the upcoming election's ballot.

"Nanette" instead of "Nan", will cause a vote to be discarded. "Nan Garrett" will need to be on the ballot in order for it to be counted.

"In one case over 65 percent of the ballots were thrown out due to bad handwriting, incorrect zip

transportation, do away with the death penalty, create affordable housing, and implement universal health care and the return of the community where "mom and pop" stores successfully cater to neighborhoods.

# Former Braves putt for education

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Athletes representing many sports came to Atlanta to play in the Brian Jordan "Back to the Future" Foundation celebrity golf tournament on last weekend.

Celebrities included the Welter-Weight boxing champion Vernon Forrest, baseball All-Star Cecil Fielder, former Atlanta Braves player Otis Nixon and Kenny Lofton of the San Francisco Giants.

The golf tournament was meant to raise money for the foundation and other charities.

Jordan, currently of the L.A. Dodgers, is the founder of the foundation which sponsors this event.

"God has blessed me with talents and great finances through the sports that I played. So, it's about giving back," Jordan said. "The kids are our future. I want to do all that I can do as a role model and as a

by the founder.

"I want [children] to know that education is number one and everything else is gravy," Jordan said. "I was fortunate enough to be a professional athlete but I have my education to fall back on. I think first and foremost that's what the kids should know about."

Jordan said his number one goal is to build a center for excellence here in Atlanta in the form of an athletic complex or a campus that is going to provide children with free college courses, tutoring programs and mentoring programs.

Through the money raised by the foundation, programs are put into action, which give children who may not have formerly had a chance to excel the chance.

The foundation often works in conjunction with other charities and foundations that also support the advancement of youth or who they refer to as "the future."

**"God has blessed me with talents and great finances through the sports that I played. So, it's about giving back."**

family man to give back to the kids. Give them some direction. Give them hope, so that they can be successful in life, not just sports but in education."

"Brian Jordan is such a great guy and it's for such a great cause... Anytime we're doing something for a foundation, especially for kids...we feel good," Lofton said.

"I have to come out and support. It's easy," Fielder said. "We played well. There were some folks that had some better scores than we did. This is my first tournament here playing for Brian Jordan. If I could play I'd really like it."

Charles Kelley, an Atlanta businessman, competed in the golf tournament for the first time. He said he gave his support because "it's a good and noble cause," Kelley said. "I'm a member of 100 Black Men of Atlanta and whenever another organization supports us and the children we support, I support them."

The Brian Jordan "Back to the Future" Foundation is an organization dedicated to the modeling and shaping of the minds of the future.

The program works to instill the values and ethics held

Two of the charities benefiting from Friday and Saturday's events were the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and the Safe America Foundation.

The 100 Black Men of Atlanta is an organization devoted to improving the quality of life in the African-American community.

The organization sees many of the challenges that African-American youths face daily and look for ways to improve them.

Members of the organization serve as role models to young people through mentoring and leadership programs.

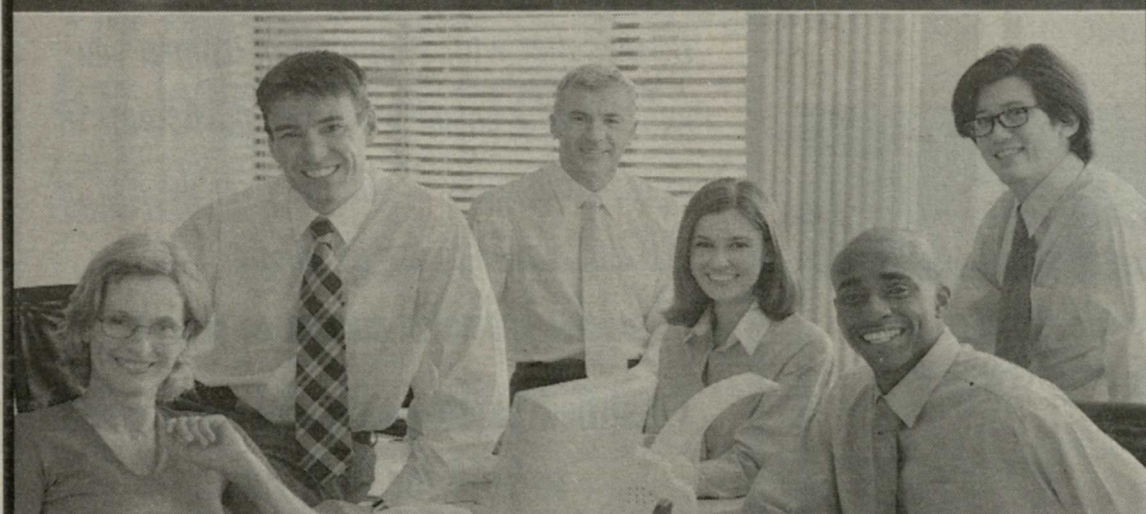
The Safe America Foundation is committed to facilitating the growth of American children by dealing with harmful behavior modification and safety skills.

The foundation has participated in the distribution of car seats nationwide during a three-year project called "Operation Baby Buckle."

The foundation has provided many teens with driver's education and safety instructions.

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If a product is labeled as "organic" then it contains at least percent organic ingredients. It may show the percentage of organic ingredients and it must show the same certification display as the previous one.

By the time these organic foods hit the stores they have another standard to follow. Organic foods must now be shelved separately from other foods where they will not be touching. They have separate handlers and separate storage areas.

According to Andrew Hoppen from Market One, one of the city's leading carriers of organic foods, the new policy has had little effect on their store, "except for giving us more labor. There hasn't been any difference

in our sales of organic foods."

But there has been an increase in the cost of organic foods by about 5-10 percent. So far this hasn't deterred the customers who shop for organic foods from continuing to buy their products. After all, they are paying for a peace of mind.

Since organic foods began to receive increased popularity in the late 80s many people have jumped on the organic foods bandwagon. Over the years the number of increase in the stores and restaurants that carry organic foods has increased.

With the Whole Foods giant as a leading retailer of organic foods, many people in Atlanta have more access and knowledge of their organic options. More and more companies are trying to improve the health value of their foods to cater to a hopefully more health conscious America.

Both McDonalds and Frito Lay have developing healthier alternatives to their junk food.

The most recent breakthrough for chains promoting health to consumers is the addition of an organic cookie selection in the 7-Eleven convenient stores in southern California. Some 600 7-Eleven franchises in the area have begun selling organic cookies that

are made with all organic ingredients and are free of cholesterol, hydrogenated oils and refined sugars. This trend of organic foods has even spread to the frozen food aisle with products, such as, Funny Bagels lunch kits.

This is an alternative to the popular called Lunchables.

Organic foods are a growing industry in America. While small companies have been producing organic foods for years, some larger companies want to jump on board to get their stake at the \$682.3 billion that Americans spend annually at the grocery store.

To the consumers of these organic foods there are several reasons to spend the extra bucks for these products.

Some choose organics because they believe them to be healthier; some consider the treatment of animals to be the primary reason to shop organic others just think that organic food tastes better.

Whatever the reason, it is clear that Americans are slowly becoming more health conscious in their food consumption; and where there is money to be made, large corporations will more than likely follow suit.

## Training began before sunrise, lasted over two months

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placed first in the grenade assault course event.

Nine cadets make up each Ranger Challenge team. Master Sgt. Craig McCamish was the trainer and leader for the nine cadets in this year's competition. According to McCamish, the cadets got up every morning at 4:30 a.m. to do pre-combat inspections before each event.

"There are certain items that you are required to carry and if they are missing your score will be penalize," said McCamish.

McCamish trained the cadets in August and the training lasted about two months. According to McCamish, they trained locally in places such as Phoenix Park.

According to McCamish, the events can be extensive and last all day.

"This is the only events where you get tested over a two-to three-day period on your physical endurance and mental capacity," he said.

McCamish also said he was hard on the cadets because to him, "yes, anything worthwhile is hard."

In 1998, Georgia State placed 15th in the overall competition. McCamish feels the hard training is one of the reasons they have risen so significantly in the past years.

"This is the best placing in the school so far," said McCamish.

On the last day of the Ranger Challenge competition, a closing ceremony was held in which the



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Cadets trained vigorously for months to compete in events such as the ropebridge.

Army ROTC was awarded a trophy for their place in the grenade assault event. The cadets received the award, but McCamish said being a part of the team was his award also.

## Nearly 500 partyers turned away due to bash sell-out

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"The costumes are awesome; I'm having so much fun. I'm glad I came," one Cat Woman said.

All of the Q100 personalities were in attendance, such as Bert Weiss, Lindsay Brien, Melissa Carter, Jeff Dauler and Tracey St George. A total of seven deejays rocked both of the ballroom dance

floors until 1 a.m.

Several of the deejays are well known to many Atlantans; they have been seen spinning at various dance clubs in and around Atlanta.

DJ Second Nature, DJ Madd Martin, and DJ Kevin Owens were some familiar faces at the Biltmore that night. From hip-hop to oldies, the tunes had the crowd on the floor

all night long.

"This event was one of the greatest parties Q100 has ever held. We plan on having many more for listeners. We have already started planning next year's bash," Frydman said.

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## Seven-year run ends

Cross Country fails to bring home a championship for first time since 1994

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For the first time since 1994, the Georgia State cross country teams were unable to capture a conference championship.

At the Atlantic Sun Championship Meet last Saturday, the men could fare no better than third place, with the women placing in fourth.

Belmont ran away with both titles, with Bruin runner William Kemey and Gardner-Webb's Sylvia Chelimo taking the individual titles.

After winning last year's meet, the Georgia State men's team entered the race without three All-Conference runners from last year.

Newcomer Matt Cameron led the Panthers with a second-place finish, coming in just four seconds behind Kemey.

Cameron was the only Panther runner to earn All-Conference honors by finishing in the top 10.

Junior Paul Rickard finished in 12th place with a time of 26:38 for the second-best Georgia State time.

Despite failing to walk away with the title, the Panthers continued their streak of high finishes in the meet.

Their third-place finish marked the 12th time in 13 years that the team has placed in the top three at the conference championship meet.

Belmont, who finished third in

last year's meet behind Georgia State and Samford, were led by Kemey, who captured his second-straight individual win in the event.

The Bruins had three runners finish in the top four, as well as five runners in the top eight.



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Matt Cameron finished in second place in the Atlantic Sun Championship Meet.

The Belmont women's team made it a clean sweep for the Bruins, capturing the team title.

Running without last year's

individual runner-up Jenn Feenstra, the Lady Panthers could not muster anything better than a fourth-place finish, after coming in second last year.

The Lady Panthers were led by freshman Andrea Smith whose third-place finish earned her top honors on the Georgia State team.

Along with Smith, junior Nigisti Negussie finished in seventh place and both were named to the All-Conference team.

In addition, Smith was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team.

Besides Smith and Negussie's fantastic runs, the next-highest finisher for the Lady Panthers was Jane Graves who finished in 33rd place.

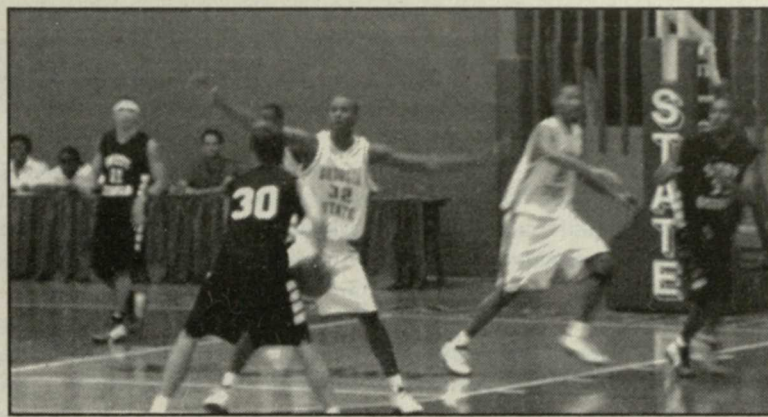
Belmont repeated as champions, marking the first time in Atlantic Sun history that a team has repeated as Atlantic Sun champions.

The Bruins placed four runners in the top ten and all of their runners in the top 27.

By comparison, Jacksonville State's top runner finished in 63rd place.

Gardner-Webb's Sylvia Chelimo came away with the first title for any Bulldog athlete in the Atlantic Sun with her individual title.

Her time of 18:25 was 10 seconds faster than second-place finisher Alicia Valtin of Campbell.



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Nate Williams (32) defends at the top of the key in the Panthers' exhibition opener.

## Panthers open exhibition season

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The Georgia State men's basketball team opened their exhibition season in exactly the same place they found themselves at the end of last season: in the middle of a close game.

This time, however, the Panthers found themselves on the winning end.

The West Georgia Braves fought mightily until the end, but Georgia State came out on top 77-76 at the Sports Arena last Saturday.

The anticipation level was high as five new players took the floor for the first time at Georgia State, and the new guys did not disappoint.

Trello Galloway, a transfer

from Allegany Community College, made two free throws with less than two seconds left to lift the Panthers to victory.

The lead changed hands four times in the final minute, with Galloway finally putting Georgia State ahead for good.

Galloway finished with eight points and 12 rebounds on the evening.

Juniors Nate Williams and Lamont McIntosh led Georgia State with 24 and 20 points, respectively.

Senior Cedric Patton was the only other Georgia State player to score in double figures, finishing with 12 points.

The Panthers jumped out to leads of 8-0 and 18-10, but were

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## Tie ends regular season for women's soccer

Daniel notches 10th goal as women finish 9-6-4

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In the second game of their "Revenge Tour," the Georgia State women's soccer team made amends for a 4-2 loss last season with a 1-1 tie against Georgia Southern last Wednesday.

The tie moved the Lady Panthers' record to 9-6-4 on the season, rounding out head coach Domenic Martelli's first winning season in his three years as head coach.

Scoring sensation Brooks Daniel put Georgia State ahead in the 27th minute with her 10th goal of the season.

The freshman stole the ball from Eagle defender Emily Churchill and scored on the breakaway, giving the Lady Panthers an early advantage.

Georgia State would take the one-goal lead into halftime, al-

though the team had numerous chances to add to the advantage.

The Lady Panthers outshot the Eagles 7-5 in the half, and held a 5-0 advantage in corner kicks.

The second half turned into a defensive battle, with Georgia Southern accruing only one shot on goal.

The Eagles made the most of it, however, tying the game in the 66th minute on a goal by Mary-Kate Talbott.

Both teams were unable to score for the rest of the match, including two overtime periods.

The Lady Panthers were lucky to hold off Georgia Southern, who outshot them 5-1 in the overtime periods.

The tie was the second consecutive game that Georgia State played against a non-conference opponent that beat them last year.

The Lady Panthers defeated Middle Tennessee State 4-2 on Oct. 22 after losing to them 3-0 last year.

### Atlantic Sun Women's Soccer Tournament

#### Thursday, Nov. 5

##### Game 1:

#4 Jacksonville State vs.

#5 Georgia State

##### Game 2:

#3 Jacksonville vs.

#6 Samford

#### Friday, Nov. 6

##### Game 3:

#1 UCF vs.

Game 1 Winner

##### Game 4:

#2 Florida Atlantic vs.

Game 2 Winner

#### Saturday, Nov. 7

##### Game 5:

Game 3 Winner vs.

Game 4 Winner

Game 5 Winner is Atlantic Sun Champion

Tournament Champion wins NCAA Tournament berth

## Lady Panthers ready for A-Sun Tournament

Women's soccer team looks for first title since 1997

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Trying to capitalize on their first winning season since 1999, the Georgia State women's soccer team will head to Buies Creek, N.C. this weekend for the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

With a 9-6-4 record, the team's first winning record in head coach Domenic Martelli's three years at the helm, the Lady Panthers will look to improve on their run to the semifinals in last year's tournament.

Heading into this year's tournament, the similarities between this year's tournament and last year's are striking for Georgia State.

The Lady Panthers are seeded fifth this year, as they were last year.

In 2001, Georgia State upset Jacksonville 2-1 in the first round before falling to top-seeded UCF 5-2 in the second round.

This year, the Lady Panthers will match up against Jacksonville State in the first round, and if they advance, will once again face top-seeded UCF in the semifinals.

History bodes well for Georgia State in the first round.

The Lady Panthers have never lost to Jacksonville State, going 11-0-1 all-time against them, including a 1-0 victory on Sept. 19.

Despite never having lost to the Gamecocks, Martelli stressed that his team is trying not to think about their past success against Jacksonville State.

"I think, superstitious-wise, we're not going to mention that,"

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# Men's soccer drops tough non-conference match

Loss to UAB precedes trip to Duke; two conference matches still on the slate

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With only one match last week, the Georgia State men's soccer team looked to rebound from a disappointing loss but ran into one of the toughest teams in the southeast.

Alabama-Birmingham, ranked seventh in the South Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, rolled over the Panthers 3-0 at Panthersville on Sunday.

The loss dropped the Panthers' record to 6-8-1 on the season, with only three matches remaining.

Georgia State must win all three matches to assure itself of not finishing with the first losing record in head coach Kerem Daser's three

years at the helm of the program.

The Blazers dominated the match, as Panthers goalkeeper J.B. Wood faced a barrage of shots.

Wood did his best, making eight saves on the afternoon, but a relentless Blazer attack combined with an ineffective Panther offense proved too much.

Jermie Frankson scored the first goal of the afternoon, beating Wood to his right in the 29th minute.

Just seven minutes later, a header from Oswaldo Gallegos scored off a beautiful pass from Chris O'Neal and put the Blazers ahead 2-0.

The Blazers dominated the first half, outshooting Georgia State 9-1. Wood made five saves in the half.

In the second half, UAB would keep the pressure on, eventually forcing a mistake by the Panther defense.

The mistake resulted in an own goal in the 88th minute, finishing the scoring at 3-0.

The Blazers held a whopping 13-3 advantage in shots, with neither UAB goalkeeper notching a save for the match.

Daser noted the numerous injuries to his team as one of the factors in the lopsided outcome.

"It's tough to play with all the injuries. Their strikers were a handful," he said.

With a 6-8-1 overall record and a conference record of 3-2-1, the impetus is now on the Panthers' last two Atlantic Sun matches.



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At least a win and a tie are needed for the Panthers to qualify for the A-Sun Tournament.

losses.

Fourth-place Stetson, who the Panthers beat 2-1 on Oct. 25, have finished their conference schedule at 5-3.

The only way that Georgia State cannot qualify for the Atlantic Sun Tournament is if the team loses one of its last two conference matches, which come against the seventh and ninth-place teams in the conference.

"It all comes down to our final two conference games," Daser said.

## Exciting week to conclude A-Sun season

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The Atlantic Sun men's soccer season is set to conclude this week with half of the four berths in the conference tournament still to be awarded.

Three games in five days will determine whether Jacksonville, Stetson, or Georgia State will take the final two seeds in the four-team tournament, to be held Nov. 15-16 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Jacksonville (4-2-1 in the Atlantic Sun) can wrap up one of the two bids Wednesday when they host Florida Atlantic. The Dolphins must beat the Owls (2-4-1) in order to assure themselves a postseason berth.

The Dolphins can also advance if Georgia State falters later in the week.

The Panthers (3-2-1) host Campbell and Gardner-Webb Saturday and Monday, respectively, with a chance to earn their first tournament bid since 2000.

The Camels (2-5) and Bulldogs (0-4-2) currently bring up the rear in the conference standings.

The Stetson Hatters (5-3) must sit idly and hope either Jacksonville or Georgia State trips up.

Mercer (5-1-1) and UCF (5-2-1) have already locked up berths for the tournament.

The Bears have already secured the tournament's top seed heading into their conference finale Tuesday against Gardner-Webb. They will head to Boca Raton seeking to defend their title from last year's tournament.

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# Tournament host Lady Panthers play strong

Meincke's eighth-place finish highlights play

## STAFF REPORTS

The Georgia State women's golf team hosted the John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate last week, with the Lady Panthers coming away with impressive results.

Georgia State finished in third place in the team competition, placing behind the University of Miami and tournament champion Western Carolina.

The Lady Panthers' play was consistent, as the team shot 304 on Monday and Wednesday, with a 309 on Tuesday.

The two low rounds of the tournament belonged to Western Carolina, as the Catamounts shot 292 on Monday and 295 on Wednesday to run away with the championship.

The only other team to shoot under 300 was Jacksonville State, who opened on Monday with 297 before slipping to 310 on Tuesday and 314 on Wednesday.

On the first day, Western Carolina jumped out to a five-stroke advantage, but slipped in the second round.

Going into the final day of competition, the Catamounts found themselves in second place, one stroke behind Miami.

The final day was the difference however, with Western Carolina outshooting the Hurricanes 295 to 308 on Wednesday, earning the victory by 12 shots.

Georgia State made a charge on the final day, moving up from

fifth place to tie for third with Southern Mississippi.

The Lady Panthers' final round score of 304 was the second-best on the day, behind only Western Carolina's 295.

The Lady Panthers were aided by the collapses of Jacksonville State and Southern Mississippi, who shot a 314 and 315, respectively.

Despite having the top two individual finishers, Miami suffered from unbalanced team play.

Camilla Hilland's 215 gave her the individual title, with teammate Jazmin Cataldo finishing just one stroke behind.

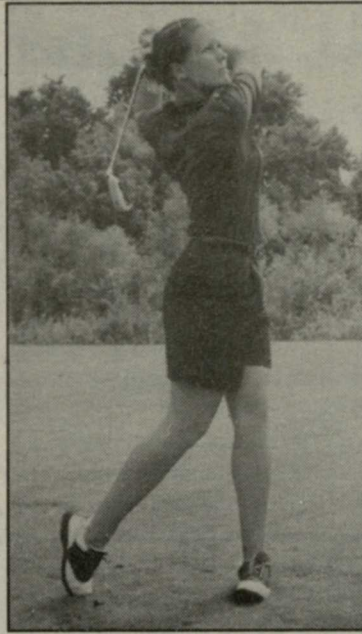
Hilland and Cataldo both shot 69 on the first day of the tournament, but thanks to their teammates' poor play, the score was good enough for third place after the first round.

Although the two Hurricane golfers finished in the top two positions, the rest of their teammates finished in 18th, 39th, and 50th places, allowing a consistent Western Carolina team to capture the title.

Hilland and Cataldo's 69 was matched on Wednesday by Western Carolina's Brandy Andersen as the low round of the tournament.

The Catamounts placed no golfer lower than 21st in the competition, featured by Andersen's fourth-place finish.

For Georgia State, freshman Lisbeth Meincke's eighth-place finish led the way, with teammate Sam White finishing just



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Lisbeth Meincke led the Lady Panthers with a 224, good enough for eighth place.

five strokes behind in 16th place.

Meincke's first and third round scores of 74 were the best individual scores for the Lady Panthers.

White's 75 on Tuesday, as well as Nicole Wagner's first and third-round scores of 75 were the next best scores for Georgia State.

Sally Bishop played exceptionally consistent golf, finishing in 25th place with a score of 234.

Bishop shot 78 in all three rounds of the tournament.

Elizabeth White rounded out the Lady Panther effort with a 242, placing her in 39th.

The event ended the fall season for the Lady Panthers, who gained valuable experience before heading into spring play.

The team will next compete on Feb. 10 in the Florida International Invitational.

With the spring season bring the important Atlantic Sun Championship, the strong fall season for the Lady Panthers should prove to be a nice building block for the team's future success.

# Do or die time for Lady Panthers on eve of tourney

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Martelli said.

He also noted that the record is a source of motivation for Jacksonville State.

"They really hate us," Martelli said.

But Martelli admitted that his team will focus on the fundamentals and rely on what got them back to the tournament.

"If we play our style of soccer, we should come out on top," he said.

A 1-1 tie on Wednesday against Georgia Southern capped off the regular season for the Lady Panthers, and Martelli remarked that the game was another case of his team failing to play a complete game.

"We need to play a whole game," he said.

"We need to figure out how to win every game. We paid them back in the first half," he said.

Despite a few nagging injuries, the team will fight through them in order to be ready for Thursday's match.

An injury to starting goalkeeper Alexa Pasquarelli has hurt the Lady Panthers all season, with Pasquarelli sitting out at intermittent stints during the season, but Martelli says that she should be ready to come tournament time.

"I think Alexa is back," he said. "She's played very well in the last few matches."

Another important player currently stricken by the injury bug is senior forward Ashley Edwards.

The team's motivational leader, Edwards sat out the Georgia Southern match but should be ready for the tournament.

"Ashley will probably play, but she won't be 100%," Martelli said.

Edwards was the only Lady Panther named to last year's All-Tournament team after scoring two goals in last year's tournament, including the game winner against Jacksonville.

The team will also rely heavily on freshman forward Brooks Daniel, who leads Georgia State with 10 goals on the season despite coming off the bench.

If Georgia State advances to face UCF in the second round, the game will be a rematch of one of the toughest games of the season for the Golden Knights.

UCF beat the Lady Panthers 1-0 on Sept. 26 in overtime on a rain-soaked Panthersville field.

Georgia State hung tough despite playing without Pasquarelli, the Atlantic Sun Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 23.

Despite three conference losses this season, the Lady Panthers played tough in each match, losing by a single goal in all three losses.

Against second-seeded Florida Atlantic, the Lady Panthers fell 2-1 on Sept. 28.

Georgia State made its way into the tournament with good results against the third, fourth, and sixth seeds in the tournament as well.

A 2-2 tie against third-seeded Jacksonville, a 1-1 tie against sixth-seeded Samford, and the win against Jacksonville State all point to the possibility of Georgia State pulling out a few upsets in the tournament.

"I'm very excited, and the girls are too," Martelli said.

Georgia State will kick off the tournament at 4 p.m. on Thursday against Jacksonville State in the first game of this year's tournament.



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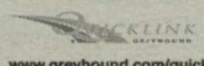
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# Fight breaks out during West Virginia U. football game

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**MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (U-WIRE)** - As Saturday's game slipped out of the West Virginia University Mountaineers' control, control was also lost in the student section when a fight broke out between fans.

A student was wearing a Miami jersey in section 110 of the WVU student section, said Department of Public Safety Sgt. Danny Camden, who was on duty in the section.

"There was back-and-forth yelling, but nothing out of control throughout the game when WVU pulled so tight to possibly winning.

"Then in the fourth quarter when Miami scored a few touchdowns and WVU couldn't answer back, the guy was rubbing it in and there was pushing and shoving," Camden said.

"In a flash of a moment, there were four or five, then six or eight fist fights," he said.

"Luckily, state troopers were right below them on field duty and saw me being swarmed."

No arrests were made by DPS. Fighting can merit a battery charge if a party chooses to press charges. If no one wishes to do that, the police just send them on their separate ways. If they keep fighting, they can be charged with disorderly conduct, Camden said.

He said he did force two or three people to the ground.

"Our goal is to break the fight up," Camden said.

He noted that it takes one or two officers to handcuff someone, which takes those officers away from stopping the fight.

He said earlier in his 12 years of duty, fights like Saturday's were more common. Although, students were ejected from this season's Maryland game for throwing ice at fans in the student section wearing Maryland apparel, Camden said.

"That's the nastiest little brew-ha I've been involved in in years," Camden said of Saturday's incident.

"This thing just erupted and people in the student section's voice was 'They're in a Miami jersey who do they think they are?' And my response is, 'Well, it's America and they're students too, and it's just a game.' We can't tell someone they can't go in there."

Camden said alcohol was involved in the incident.

"I know what it's like to be a student, and you get more intoxicated as the game goes on and emotions build because the game is so close. All of a sudden it's a huge emotional letdown, and with alcohol on top of that," he said. "I for one am just glad that those troopers were close."

"There were six officers stationed in front of the student section because bottles were being thrown onto the field," State Police Sgt. Charles Porter, a supervisor on the field, said, adding that it was the first large fight there in two years.

"We responded to break up the fight and for (Sgt. Camden's) safety."

Porter said he does not have enough information yet to know if the State Police made any arrests.

"We're not looking into it any further," he said.

"If someone would come forward with additional information, we'd work with DPS and try to piece something together."

# U. Arizona ticket sales incite mob

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University of Arizona*

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. - Basketball ticket sales were delayed yesterday after a riot team of 16 police officers broke up an uncontrolled crowd of over 2,000 people who were pushing and shoving from all directions to get to the ticket booth.

The ticket office had been giving out vouchers informing people when they could return to buy tickets for over an hour before police finally intervened. Originally, the ticket office planned to start giving out line vouchers at 7 a.m., but after crowds broke police tape, security guards entered the ticket office to hand out vouchers, leaving no crowd control.

"People were screaming. Your pelvis was against the wall. If you took your feet off the ground you were still standing. I wanted to call 911," said Kate Denevi, an undeclared sophomore.

At 5 a.m., security guards began setting up temporary barriers. By 5:20 a.m., the crowd had crossed the police tape, and the ensuing rush toppled the barriers. The line had no apparent order and each side of the crowd was pushing.

At 5:30 a.m., the ticket office opened up one-third of the booths, and the crowd mashed inward to get vouchers. Steam emanated from the crowd as people clamored for position.

Once people received their tickets, they had difficulty getting out of the crowd. Most resorted to crowd-surfing their way out of the mob, and as each person left, people rushed to fill the hole.

Women shrieked in pain and others pleaded for everyone to get back.

"Someone's under there. Move back," one person yelled out.

Though paramedics reported no serious injuries, several people walked away with minor injuries.

"It was terrible. The police didn't intervene one bit. I think I broke a rib," said communications sophomore Shannon Doss.

One police officer told a student it would not have been prudent for the few officers on hand to try to break up the crowd.

"Tell the ticket office they didn't organize this very well. We are not going to go into a crowd of 2,000 people with four police officers," said UA Police Department patrol officer Andrew Kisela, responding to an angry fan who saw people getting crushed.

Before the riot squad marched from near the football stadium, Kisela warned those around them to get their friends out. "If you have friends, tell them to get out. People are about to get hurt in five minutes," he said.

Fans who had already gotten their tickets also saw potential danger.

"(Police) aren't going to get devoted fans out of there without beating them," said Chris Wharam, a photography junior. Initially, fans hardly reacted to Kisela's PA announcement, even when police officers armed with "less-lethal" shotguns, paintball guns and pepper spray began approaching the crowd.

But when the ticket office closed its windows, fans walked west from the scene, disappointed they didn't get a ticket. Riot police never had to fire a

shot.

"It sucks. We were just at the window and then the cops are yelling on their megaphones for us to move west," said Kelly Spear, an education sophomore.

Trash littered the scene. Pillows, blankets and food leftover from people waiting littered the area in front of McKale Center. One dejected fan sat on a bench and shook his head. He arrived at 2:30 a.m. and didn't plan on having to fight for a spot.

"I originally had a good spot, but this girl got sick and I carried her out. When everyone rushed the front she got crushed against the wall and she fainted so I had to carry her out with a friend," said Ryan Davis, a mathematics senior. Davis lost his cell phone while battling for a spot.

Athletics director Jim Livengood was surprised by the events, and is unsure of how to best avoid future incidents like this.

"What we want to try and do is to work in conjunction with ASUA when coming up with a new method," Livengood said. "A lottery system was in place two years ago, and it was changed before last year based on the requests of what the student body representatives wanted for the students."

The ticket office had planned to give out line vouchers for four days. They went ahead and sold tickets to students who received a brown line voucher.


A statement released yesterday afternoon from the athletics department said they will release more information about ticket sales today.

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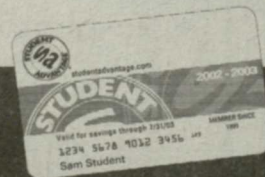
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# Atlantic Sun coaches, media tap Georgia State

Panthers picked to return to NCAA Tournament; McIntosh nabs individual honor

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Coming off three straight Atlantic Sun regular season titles, the Georgia State men's basketball team finds itself at the top of the preseason polls once again.

The Atlantic Sun released their coaches and media polls last week, with both finding the Panthers at the top of the North Division by wide margins.

In addition, Georgia State was tabbed by both polls to win their third Atlantic Sun Tournament and return to the NCAA Tournament.

With the conference splitting into North and South Divisions, the Panthers were the clear choice as the top team in the North.

Both polls placed the teams in both divisions in the identical order, with Georgia State on top of the North Division, followed by Jacksonville State, Belmont, Samford, Campbell, and Gardner-Webb.

The South Division is led by Jacksonville, who return two players found on the Atlantic Sun Preseason All-Conference Team.

Florida Atlantic, the 2002 Atlantic Sun Tournament Champion, follows the Dolphins, with Mercer, Troy State, UCF, and

Stetson rounding out the division.

The Panthers' margin in the polls is striking, especially in the media poll.

In the media poll, the Panthers accrued 154 points to second-place Jacksonville State's 96.

In the South Division, the margin between first-place Jacksonville and second-place Florida Atlantic was only seven points.

The fact that Georgia State was picked to win the Atlantic Sun Tournament was not surprising considering the events of the last conference tournament played at the GSU Sports Arena.

In 2001, the Panthers rolled to the NCAA Tournament behind the largest crowds to ever gather for the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

With the home-court advantage again, many teams are already conceding the tournament to "Lefty" Driesell and crew.

In addition to topping both the coaches and media polls, Panthers guard Lamont McIntosh was honored on the Atlantic Sun Preseason All-Conference Team.

The junior from Lithonia was also named the Preseason Player of the Year.

McIntosh finished last year as the only player in the Atlan-

tic Sun to finish with at least 100 points, 100 rebounds, and 100 assists.

His 12.2 points per game were tied for second on the team, behind Thomas Terrell's 20.5 points per game.

Terrell was last year's Preseason Player of the Year, as well as the regular season Player of the Year.

McIntosh is the third Georgia State player in the last three years to be named Preseason Player of the Year, after Terrell and Shernard Long.

Both Terrell and Long went on to be named the regular season Player of the Year as well.

Joining McIntosh on the Preseason All-Conference Team are Kevin Sheppard and Calvin Warner of Jacksonville, Scott Emerson of Mercer, and Adam Sonn of Belmont.

Sonn is the only member of the team to have placed on last year's All-Conference team.

Emerson will return to the floor this year for Mercer after missing most of last year with an injury.

He was named to last year's preseason team before missing all but six games. He was granted a medical redshirt and will return as a junior this year.

Emerson and McIntosh are the only juniors on the team, with the other three being seniors.



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Georgia State squeaked by in their exhibition opener, 77-76 over West Georgia.

## Galloway ices game for Panthers

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never able to pull away.

Their lead never reached double figures, and the Braves hung tough throughout the game.

The Division II Braves' largest lead was three points, in the first half, and West Georgia held the lead with 48 seconds remaining at 74-73.

West Georgia was led by Bryant Redd, whose 23 points included seven three-pointers. 18 of his points came in the second half.

As a team, the Braves hit 12 three-pointers on the evening.

The Panthers were plagued by poor shooting, hitting on just 39 percent of their shots on the evening.

The team also failed to take advantage of their free throws, hitting on only 61.5 percent.

Last season, Georgia State was second in the Atlantic Sun in free throw percentage, hitting on 72 percent of their attempts as a team.

Georgia State held the advantage in rebounding as well, owning a 45-36 margin.

Head coach "Lefty" Driesell was unimpressed with his team's play, letting his dis-

content be known after the game.

"Well, we won. But that is about the only positive I can find," he said.

Driesell was also disappointed in his team's play on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

"We took a lot of bad shots, didn't play defense worth a lick, and had trouble with our pressure defense," he said.

"For them to make all those three's, our outside defense wasn't much either," he added.

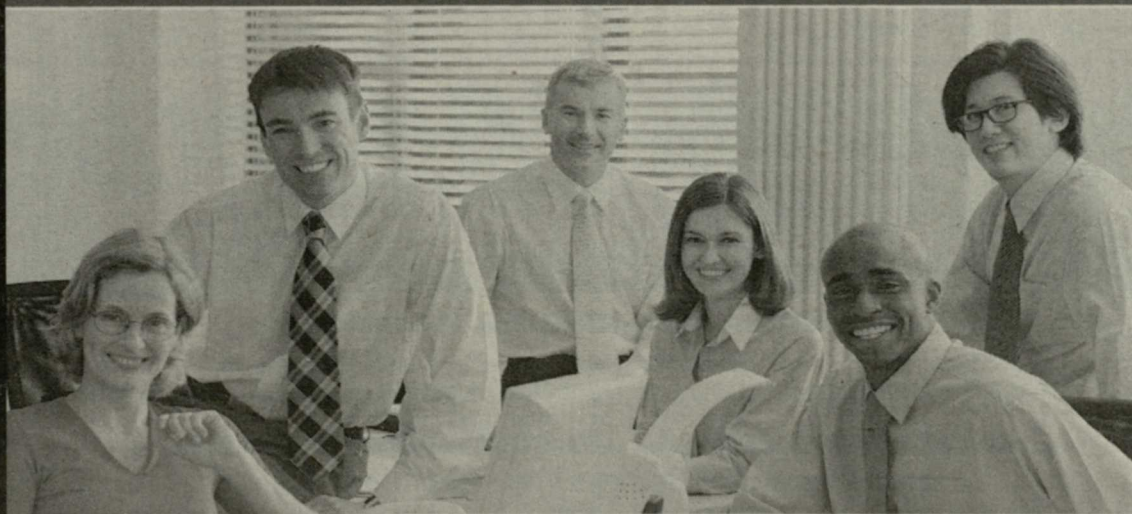
Last season, the Panthers routed both of their exhibition opponents, taking care of Clark Atlanta and Life College.

The Panthers will close out their exhibition season on Saturday as they take on Georgia College at 8 p.m. at the GSU Sports Arena.

With less than three weeks until the start of the regular season, the tight game should serve as a notice to the Panthers that a lot of work is still necessary if the team will once again be one of the powerhouses of the Atlantic Sun this season.

The team will open the regular season on Nov. 23 against North Carolina A&T at Morehouse College.

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#### Standings

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

\* - clinched berth in Atlantic Sun Championship Standings through Sunday, Nov. 3

#### Results

##### Sunday, Nov. 3

UAB 3, Georgia State 0  
Fla. Atlantic 3, Adelphi 2  
UNC-Wilmington 3, Stetson 1

##### Saturday, Nov. 2

\*UCF 2, Campbell 1  
Centenary 3, Mercer 2

##### Friday, Nov. 1

Florida Atlantic 2, Hartwick 0

##### Thursday, Oct. 31

\*UCF 1, Gardner-Webb 1

##### Wednesday, Oct. 30

Alabama A&M 5, Belmont 0  
Berry 3, Mercer 2, OT

##### Tuesday, Oct. 29

Wake Forest 10, Gardner-Webb 0

##### Monday, Oct. 28

Belmont 2, Cumberland 1, OT

#### Schedule

##### Tuesday, Nov. 5

Belmont at Memphis

##### Wednesday, Nov. 6

Georgia State at Duke  
\*Florida Atlantic at Jacksonville  
Georgia Southern at Stetson

High Point at Campbell

##### Friday, Nov. 8

Mercer at Florida International

##### Saturday, Nov. 9

\*Campbell at Georgia State  
Florida Tech at Stetson

##### Sunday, Nov. 10

Florida International at UCF

##### Monday, Nov. 11

\*Gardner-Webb at Georgia State

#### Standings

School	Conference	Overall
*UCF	10-1	15-4
*Florida Atlantic	10-1	12-4
*Jacksonville	8-1-2	13-3-2
*Jacksonville State	7-3-1	11-4-1
*Georgia State	6-3-2	9-6-3
*Samford	6-4-1	12-5-1
Campbell	5-5	7-8-2
Gardner-Webb	3-6	5-9-1
Stetson	2-7	5-10
Troy State	1-9	3-13-1
Mercer	1-9	1-14-2
Belmont	0-8	0-16

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#### Results

##### Saturday, Nov. 2

\*Belmont 1, Mercer 0  
\*Florida Atlantic 2, Gardner-Webb 0  
Troy State 2, Lipscomb 0

##### Friday, Nov. 1

Jacksonville State 3, Auburn-Montgomery 0  
Samford 2, Austin Peay 0  
\*UCF 2, Stetson 0

##### Thursday, Oct. 31

\*Campbell 3, Gardner-Webb 2  
Lipscomb 1, Mercer 0

##### Wednesday, Oct. 30

Georgia State 1, Georgia Southern 1  
Birmingham-Southern 2, Troy State 0  
Tennessee Tech 3, Samford 2

##### Monday, Oct. 28

Florida Atlantic 2, Miami 1  
\*Stetson 7, Belmont 1

#### Final Leaders

##### Goals

Maso de Moya, FAU - 19  
Montgomery, UCF - 15  
Cieslak, UCF - 12  
Heiremans, JU - 11  
Illanes, JU - 11  
Persson, Campbell - 10  
Daniel, GSU - 10  
Wagner, Samford - 10

##### Assists

Ferguson, FAU - 13  
Illanes, JU - 12  
Montgomery, UCF - 12  
Persson, Campbell - 8  
Woodworth, GWU - 8  
Castro, FAU - 7  
Heiremans, JU - 7  
Jones, FAU - 7

##### Points

Montgomery, UCF - 42  
Maso de Moya, FAU - 41  
Illanes, JU - 34  
Ferguson, FAU - 31  
Cieslak, UCF - 30  
Heiremans, JU - 29

\* denotes Atlantic Sun Conference game

## VOLLEYBALL

#### Standings

School	Conference	Overall
*UCF	9-0	17-10
*Georgia State	10-1	22-12
*Florida Atlantic	8-3	13-14
Troy State	6-4	17-10
Stetson	6-4	11-13
Jacksonville	6-4	13-12
Jacksonville State	5-4	11-12
Samford	5-6	13-12
Mercer	3-7	14-14
Campbell	1-7	3-18
Belmont	1-10	7-21
Gardner-Webb	1-10	2-24

\* - clinched berth in Atlantic Sun Championship Standings through Sunday, Nov. 3

#### Results

##### Sunday, Nov. 3

Chattanooga 3, Jacksonville State 2

##### Saturday, Nov. 2

\*Georgia State 3, Troy State 0  
\*Belmont 3, Gardner-Webb 1  
Mercer 3, Lipscomb 0  
UCF 3, UAB 2

##### Friday, Nov. 1

\*Campbell 3, Belmont 0  
\*Jacksonville 3, Florida Atlantic 1  
\*Samford 3, Gardner-Webb 0  
Troy State 3, Morris Brown 0

##### Wednesday, Oct. 30

Belmont 3, Middle Tennessee State 0  
Jacksonville 3, Bethune-Cookman 0

#### Tuesday, Oct. 29

Alabama 3, Georgia State 1  
East Carolina 3, Campbell 2  
\*Jacksonville State 3, Samford 2  
Mercer 3, Alabama State 0  
Miami 3, Florida Atlantic 0  
Stetson 3, Bethune-Cookman 2

#### Remaining A-Sun Matches

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
\*Jacksonville State at Mercer

#### Friday, Nov. 8

\*Jacksonville at UCF

#### Saturday, Nov. 9

\*Troy State at Campbell

#### Friday, Nov. 15

\*UCF at Stetson

\* denotes Atlantic Sun Conference match

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# Club Football set to end first season on Sunday

## STAFF REPORTS

With one game remaining on the Georgia State club football team's schedule, it's the one that they've been looking forward to the most since September.

The team will host South Alabama on Sunday at Adams Stadium in a rematch of Georgia State's first game in team history.

The Jaguars won the rain-soaked game 9-8, leaving Georgia State with one thing on their minds: revenge.

Despite the fact that South Alabama's program has been around longer, Georgia State came out and nearly stole the game, falling one point short in their inaugural game.

After losing their first game, Georgia State has gone on to run off a 3-1 record with victories over UNC-Greensboro, Duke, and North Carolina.

Oct. 19.

The team's Oct. 27 game against Appalachian State was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

Since the victory over Georgia State, South Alabama has gone 1-2 and will close out their season this Sunday.

After the close defeat on the Jaguars' home field, Georgia State has looked forward to this day for months.

Immediately following the loss, players were already talking about the rematch.

If the Georgia State players can remain fired up for the rematch, a heated matchup is likely with both schools fighting for respectability while building their programs.

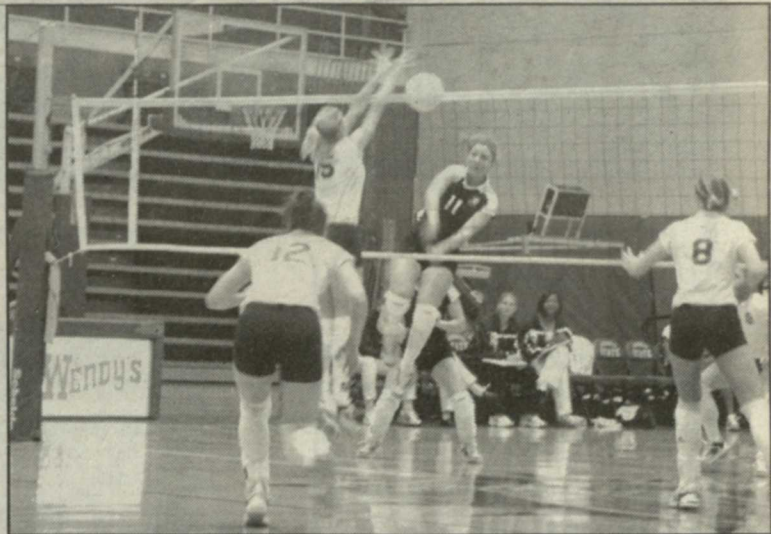


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The club football team hopes to be celebrating on Sunday as they host South Alabama in a rematch of the team's first game.

The team's only other defeat came at the hands of George Mason, who soundly defeated Georgia State 28-0 on

Oct. 19.



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The Lady Panthers rebounded with a win in their final Atlantic Sun match last Saturday.

## Lady Panthers finish with 10-1 A-Sun record

Eight-match win streak halted; team bounces back

### CHRIS MARTZ

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The Georgia State volleyball team finally met its match.

In keeping with tradition, the Lady Panthers fell to Alabama 3-1 last Tuesday.

Georgia State is now 0-12 all-time against the Crimson Tide, although the match started out in the Lady Panthers' favor.

The Lady Panthers jumped out to a 1-0 lead after winning the first game 30-28.

Alabama rebounded in the second game, and behind an impressive hitting percentage of .385, evened up the match 30-24.

From there, the Lady Panthers were unable to bounce back and lost the next two games each by a score of 30-24.

The loss ended the eight-match winning streak for Georgia State, whose record dropped to 21-12 on the season.

Molly Sapp's 10 kills led the Lady Panthers, who also had one player tally nine kills and two notch eight kills.

April DeCoste chipped in a double-double on the evening, contributing 35 assists and 10 digs.

Kumi Ishiyama's 14 digs were a match-high.

Erin Heffner of Alabama led both teams with 21 kills, with three other Crimson Tide players tallying double-digit kills.

Despite the loss, Georgia State was able to bounce back against another Alabama school in an important conference match on Saturday.

Returning home for their final Atlantic Sun match, the Lady Panthers soundly defeated Troy State 3-0, finishing their conference record at 10-1.

The team's good play at the net led to the victory, as Georgia State had 21 blocks on the afternoon.

Senior Randi Van Dam led the Lady Panther attack, as her 11 kills tied for the match-high with teammate Lisa Lykins.

Van Dam's seven blocks were

also a match-high, as were her five service aces.

Lykins' 11 kills led to her .357 hitting percentage.

The Lady Panthers dominated the match, with their hitting percentage improving considerably after the first game.

Although Georgia State notched an impressive .306 hitting percentage in game one, the team improved on that number, tallying an incredible .467 percentage in the second game.

The team's accurate hitting continued in the third game, when the Lady Panthers accrued a .412 hitting percentage.

The Trojans, on the other hand, had troubles all match long, and converted poorly on their attacking chances.

The team's high hitting percentage came in the second game, where it grew to only .150.

Rachel Hassan, the Atlantic Sun leader in kills per game and hitting percentage, was held to only 10 kills and a .179 hitting percentage for the match.

Janelle McVerry-Suarez came off the bench and performed beautifully for the Lady Panthers.

Her service ace sealed game one, and her ace in the second game proved the key as Georgia State pulled away.

Despite an impressive 10-1 conference record, the Lady Panthers will be rooting for Jacksonville and Stetson this weekend.

The Dolphins and Hatters will both matchup against conference front-runner UCF, who sits atop the Atlantic Sun with a 9-0 conference record.

With either a victory over Jacksonville on Friday or Stetson on Saturday, the Golden Knights will clinch the regular season Atlantic Sun title, as well as the top seed in the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

The tournament, which will be held at the UCF Arena, will be played on Nov. 22 and 23.

This week, the Lady Panthers will close out their regular season as they host Alabama-Birmingham on Tuesday and High Point and Alcorn State on Saturday.

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**Saturday, Nov. 9:**  
GSU at Atlantic  
Sun Tournament at  
Buies Creek, N.C.  
TBD

### Women's Basket- ball:

**Friday, Nov. 8:**  
GSU vs. West  
Georgia (Exhibi-  
tion)  
7 p.m.

### Volleyball:

**Tuesday, Nov. 5:**  
GSU vs. UAB  
at Sports Arena  
7 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 9:**  
GSU vs. High Point  
at Sports Arena  
3 p.m.

GSU vs. Alcorn  
State at Sports Arena  
5 p.m.

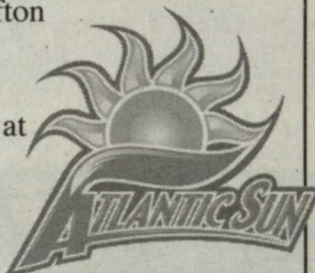
### Men's Soccer:

**Wednesday, Nov. 6:**  
GSU at Duke at  
Durham, N.C.  
7 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 9:**  
GSU vs.  
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Panthersville  
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### In Our Modest Neighborhood...



Chris likes learning languages and playing Simpsons Trivia. He doesn't like people who are overhyped about Georgia football, these stupid boxes, and when his truck breaks down.

## Flaws float to the surface in tight victory

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After a week of depressing events, the news I received on Saturday night was some of the most depressing.

Awakening from my daze, I was greeted by the news that the Georgia State men's basketball team had barely pulled out a win in their first exhibition game.

I'm just as speechless as you are. I mean, sure, West Georgia is no pushover.

This team made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Tournament last season, but still should have been a much easier opponent for the Panthers.

After dominating Clark Atlanta and Life College in last year's exhibitions, Georgia State went on to capture 20 wins and an NIT berth.

But as the shocking news came to light, I started to think about the problems that this year's team will encounter.

Despite the team's size, having two 6'11" players in Reo Logan and Nate Williams, the team's guard play is shaky at best.

As evidenced last season, Lamont McIntosh is probably better served as a shooting guard.

His ability to knock down 20 points a game is not out of the realm of possibilities, but the proper service of a point guard is to deliver the ball to the team's scorers.

With the team's best offensive threat running the point, the offense is severely hampered.

In that regard, the loss of Darryl Cooper hurts the team not only in the personnel department, but also in the leadership part of the game.

Cooper was a seasoned veteran of SEC play, one who could calm the nerves of the youngsters of the Panthers. His leadership abilities were seasoned under Georgia State legends Kevin Morris and Shernard Long during his first season at Georgia State, and they could have extended even further and done his team much more good than anything he could have served on the court.

Despite his ineffective play last season due to injuries, the inability of Thomas Terrell to be the team's emotional leader left a hobbled Cooper to take over, who found himself on the bench during critical junctures of many important games.

Now, thanks to Cooper's off-the-court troubles, the Panthers are left without a leader as well as someone who could effectively run the point.

As evidenced in last year's Atlantic Sun Tournament, when McIntosh was pulled by Georgia State coaches after countless turnovers, Cooper came in and calmed the team down.

But without a proven backup behind McIntosh, there is nobody on the Panther bench to come in to fill his spot, should he find trouble again.

Freshman Herman Favors is straight out of high school, without any college experience.

Newcomer Daniel Towns is also more suited playing shooting guard.

Beyond those three, Leroy Davis, Cedric Patton, and Trello Galloway, all listed as guards/forwards on the team roster, are incapable of running the point.

Without a true ball distributor, the team could suffer from a case of selfishness.

Galloway's eight assists led the Panthers on the evening, but can a 6'7" guy be your team leader in assists?

Unless he's Kevin Garnett, no. And when the times get tough, as they did against West Georgia, who will lead the team?

With McIntosh, the Preseason Atlantic Sun Player of the Year, the team's most viable offensive option, the question arises of "Who will get him the ball?"

With McIntosh running the point, if a game comes down to the final seconds, it would be inconceivable for the opposing team not to double-team him, leaving a handful of reluctant Panthers to take control.

Could Nate Williams be the guy?

Against Georgia and St. Joseph's last season, the two most important Georgia State victories, Williams was a monster who couldn't be stopped.

But in other games, he disappeared, sitting out during critical junctures.

His 24 points against West Georgia notwithstanding, his inside play needs to be more consistent.

If Leroy Davis has improved as much as we've heard, maybe he could be the guy.

In the second half against UCF last year, Davis busted off 24 points in the second half, helping the Panthers come back and win the important conference game.

But against Tennessee Tech in the NIT, he was held scoreless in only 15 minutes of action.

The bottom line: Somebody besides McIntosh needs to step up in the hard times. Without a second proven ballhandler, it could be a long season for a Panther team with so many expectations.



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# Perspectives

Housing the opinion of the Georgia State University community.

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### But That's Just Me



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## Vote for change and for choice

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Vote. Vote, vote vote vote vote vote vote vote.

Originally, I had intended to serve up a column comprised entirely of this important word. However, after a few "sentences" of typing, my eyes started to get blurry and I figured my editors would send me back

### 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.

## Wellstone memorial service a disgrace

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During a political campaign of any kind, we in this country have become accustomed to candidates from both sides of the aisle doing sneaky, deceptive things to get elected.

We've heard radio commercials, seen advertisements, and gotten phone calls from candidates telling us why we should vote for them, or rather, why we should not vote for their opponents. There is very little that is done in this process that shocks us anymore.

Last week, that changed.

Following the death of Senator Paul Wellstone (D - Minn.), a memorial service was held that turned into a gross display of everything that is wrong with American politics. What should have been a somber occasion to remember the fallen senator turned into a rally for the Democratic party.

I must confess that I did not watch the proceedings. I had never heard of Wellstone and didn't realize he was up for re-election. However, when I heard about various things that happened at this event, I was glad I didn't subject myself to such a despicable thing.

To those who might say that it was merely a show of solidarity and strength among Wellstone's supporters in a difficult time and a celebration of his life, I say only this: Open your eyes.

Does a celebration of one's life entail booing someone who has shown up to pay his respects, despite professional disagreements? That's what some people in the crowd did to Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), who didn't have to come but did so out of respect, something that the crowd didn't give to him or, in my view, to Wellstone.

Does a show of solidarity mean that someone should be told not to at-

tend the event, because of the organizers' not wanting to deal with security issues? That's what happened to Vice President Dick Cheney, even though former President Bill Clinton, a man with his own security forces at his side, was there at the memorial (cheering and applauding, no less).

During the memorial, Wellstone's close friend Rick Kahn begged the crowd (he actually did say, "I'm begging you") to help the Democrats win the election "for Paul Wellstone." His close friend is gone, and what matters most to him is that the Democrats don't lose their seat? Suddenly, I'm very thankful for the friends that I have.

Even Wellstone's own son got in on the act, saying that his father would want him to be on stage screaming for the Democrats to "Win, win, win!"

So, let me get this straight: A man perishes in a tragic accident with his wife and child, and the most important thing to him, if he had lived, would have been for his party to win an election? Somehow, I doubt that. Call me crazy.

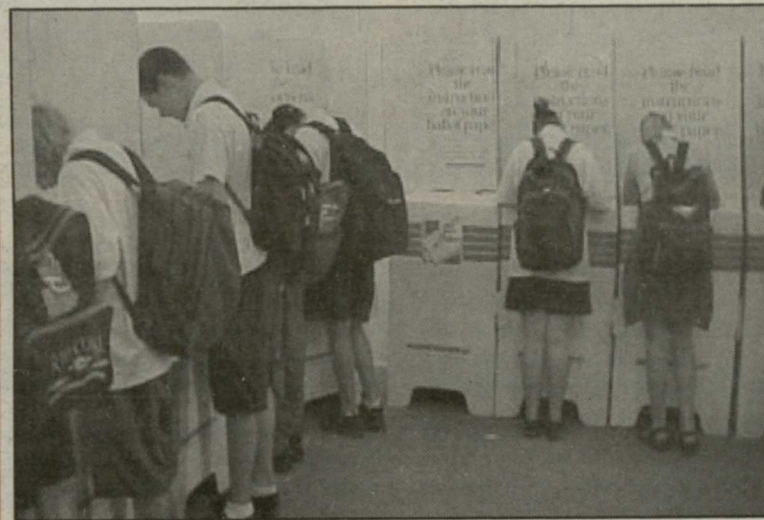
Let me be clear about something. This column is not meant to discount Wellstone and his legacy in the least. To be fair, I don't know much about his legacy at all.

There are probably a lot of people, like me, who never knew what the man was about.

To those people, he'll forever be known as the senator whose name was thrown around a lot at a political rally, in the name of memorializing him.

It's one thing to maintain a positive atmosphere after someone has died and to remember the life they left behind.

It's another thing entirely to tarnish the legacy of that person by putting politics ahead of that person's memory for the sake of a Senate seat.



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for a rewrite anyway (Uh, could you expand on this point a little bit . . .).

The word loses all meaning after you type it 25 times and judging from the declining voter turnouts in recent years, it has already lost its meaning to the majority of the public.

I find it frustrating to see so many people disenfranchised by the political system, but I can sympathize. Many citizens have relinquished their right to vote because they feel like their voice cannot compete with large moneyed interests.

To a certain degree, they are right. Politicians answer primarily to the people or corporations that coughed up some dough to pay for their campaign.

Smart ([www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)) and learn as much as possible so you can make the wisest choice.

A common complaint among those who don't vote is that "all politicians are the same."

This is simply not true. There are some people who run for office that truly care not only about the current voter base, but future generations as well.

Because they are generally not affiliated with either the Republicans or the Democrats, they do not get equal coverage by most news outlets.

Nan Garrett is a candidate that has the interests of humanity in mind. She is a certified write-in candidate for the gubernatorial race and a member of the Green Party.

She is committed to the environment, she opposes the death penalty and she believes that the two major political parties have become more interested in making a profit than in addressing the needs of the people.

A vote for her is a vote against the hegemony of our current political duopoly. Some people will balk that voting for a third-party candidate is throwing your vote away. In reality, supporting a political system that caters to the wealthy and colludes to keep alternative voices out of the election process is a much surer way to trash your vote. As she says on her website ([www.garretforgovernor.org](http://www.garretforgovernor.org)), "in order to make real progress we must demand better leadership and stop accepting the lesser of two evils."

Nan is a write-in candidate, which means she will not appear as a choice on the ballot. She IS a candidate however, and by voting for her you will help get the Green Party on the ballot for the next election cycle.

It is almost impossible for her to win the governor's race but if she can get about 40,000 people to precisely write her name in on the ballot, then Green Party candidates will be right up there with Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians.

The Libertarians were able to gain ballot access in the last election, guaranteeing their candidate, Garrett Michael Hayes, to participate in gubernatorial debates with Barnes and Purdue.

Hayes is a man with some good ideas and the Libertarian Party has a strong track record for advocating individual freedom. A vote for him is not a wasted vote, but it is not the most strategic. By voting for Nan Garrett, you will be voting for more change and more choice.

Get involved and encourage your friends to restore the power to the people. Refuse to be a citizen in the United States of Apathy.

Vote.

## THE GROWL



I saw a this guy in the Plaza yesterday, and it was all I could do not to remind him that Halloween was LAST week.

I'm convinced that every computer on campus has it in for me.

My teacher was actually using class time to do something productive last week. I thought maybe I was in the wrong class or something.

Why do people who are graduating this semester feel the need to tell me about it every time I see them? I get it, okay?

I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I hope it's not a train.

Election Day: The day candidates stop making promises and start breaking them.

I was almost able to doze off for a bit the other day. Then I had to get up and I was more tired than before. This is not good.

Somebody call a doctor! People are dying of boredom out here!

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.

## It's All Good



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Fast food. Better than the alternative, but is the poor service worth the trip?

Having been to several local establishments in and around the Atlanta area lately, I realize I have not been receiving exactly what I ordered. From getting hard tacos when I order soft, or a Big Mac when I order a Quarter Pounder, I am never satisfied at the end of my meals because I did not eat what I was craving.

It seems as though fast food customer service has never been advantageous, especially when drive-thru workers go on 10-minute cigarette breaks, allowing the line to back up with cars full of hungry, irritated customers. Just because the service is fast doesn't mean that customers should suffer.

In addition, I have noticed many customer service issues surfacing recently. Arby's, Burger King and even establishments such as Applebee's have

repeatedly botched order after order. Are the employees just not listening? Are they thinking about what they are going to have for dinner tonight or what they would rather do than wait on customers?

Sometimes it is an honest mistake. Maybe the kitchen staff adds a condiment when it is specifically noted that the sour cream should be left off the plate. Whatever the circumstances, the waiter or waitress should take some initiative. They have the final say while checking the food over one more time before it goes out to the customer.

People in America seem to have lost their desire to cater to their clientele. Details should be correctly taken care of the first time, especially when it pertains to customers and customer service.

Other countries thrive on their ability to create perfect products and make their customers as happy as possible.

Perhaps if Americans just took the time, customers would be satisfied and the workers would gain more gratifica-

## You want good service with that?

tion from their jobs. Simply taking pride in the work being done radically changes the overall attitude and appearance of the staff, and in turn, helps make the customer content.

Employees need to be reminded that when they are dealing with the public they are not only representing themselves, but their company as well.

Mistakes are not only heard at the lower level, some customers feel the need to report instances of poor customer service to a higher authority in order for action to be taken.

Such issues would never come about if each and every worker were focused on the common goal- putting the customers' needs first.

Of course everyone cannot be pleased all the time, but if an order is taken it should be the responsibility of the employees to make sure the customer comes first and is completely satisfied ALL of the time.

After all, when you go out to eat, you expect to get indigestion from the food, not the people serving it.

## A Chick With Issues



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## True diversity still unattained at State

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Nestled in the heart of a bustling city, whose population continues to grow by leaps and bounds, lies an institution of higher learning.

It is an institution whose student composition mirrors the diverse make-up of the city in which it exists; an institution whose diversity is as superficial as the overemphasized diversity of the city that shapes it.

When I reminisce about my formative teenage years, there are many people, places, and things that pop into my mind. My most memorable moments often revolved around my high school and the people I met there.

At my high school, African-Americans made up less than two percent of the student population.

The number of other minorities was close to nil.

It was in high school that I learned the real meaning of being a minority.

I experienced, firsthand, the uncomfortable environment a lack of diversity can create.

I swore that once I began actively investigating universities to attend, I would expand my horizons.

I would only go to a university that had a plethora of different people, personalities, and cultures.

In this ideal, diverse, multicultural university, I would finally see the inside the fabled melting pot.

No group would rise to the top leaving others behind. We would be homogenous.

So, imagine my excitement when I stepped foot on GSU's campus for the very first time. I was amazed.

The little black girl from Birmingham, Ala., a had finally hit the jackpot. I finally had my melting pot! Or, so I thought. Things were not as they seemed.

Now, imagine a yard with students at every turn, in every nook and cranny.

Along the wall students read quietly to themselves, and others compare notes.

A group of students play hacky-sack in the middle of the yard.

Couples hold hands as they stroll by.

A group of boys inspects passing girls.

Groups of students (dare I say, "cliques") huddle in ultra-exclusive groups, as if telling important secrets that only they are privy to.

Sound like high school?

Now take a real good look at GSU's yard. See what I mean?

After years of attending Georgia State, and after many treks across campus, I've lost



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Diversity is apparent at Georgia State, but cliques are just as obvious.

my initial enthusiasm.

Even though the campus is in the middle of Atlanta, and although it enjoys the same level of diversity, there is often little interaction between different racial, social, intellectual and economic groups.

Now, whenever I come to class, I would swear I'm back home in A-L-A-B-A-M-A.

Every time I walk through the courtyard, I'd swear I'm back in high school.

I see the same old cliques; the same old tricks.

I can almost hear someone say, "those are the jocks... those are the skaters... those are the nerds... those are the blacks... those are the whites", and on, and on.

The vision of campus life I had (intermingling groups of people from different cultures and nations holding hands and singing Kum-Ba-Ya) has since faded.

I'm not expecting a miracle. However, Georgia State can be a melting pot.

So let's become homogenous.

## The Thing Speaks for Itself

## America's freedoms are in jeopardy

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The chilled winds of fall blow through Atlanta perhaps highlighting the dread of another impending fall, though not a seasonal one. It is necessary, in radical times like these, to reflect on history for parallels and guidance. It is the only instruction manual available to governments writing their own page in history.

History is where this writer turns and shudders against the chill, for we are in dangerous waters now.

**"This week's national elections hold the frightening possibility that a single political party will control every branch of the government."**

In the 7th year of the 4th decade before the birth of Christ, the armies of the spectacularly successful general Octavian marched victoriously into Rome.

They promptly proclaimed their leader Augustus, supreme ruler of the Roman world, after pushing a weakened Senate aside following centuries of republican rule.

No champion stepped forward. All were dead or gone, victims of assassination or misfortune, or simply silenced by a war weary and irrational body politic who wanted only the rhetoric of stability, not the reality of it. Thus began almost five centuries of corruption and misgovernment by the

Augustii, at the expense of the freedoms and often the lives of the citizens.

The less perceptive among you are likely screaming "Relevance!" at the top of your lungs, so allow me to extrapolate.

At the expense of our freedoms and under the guise of national security, our own usurper is even now stealing the very freedoms that make this country what it is. For 50 years we have played empire, all the while failing in the same way the Romans did.

With our eyes spread across the world, we neglect to cast gaze on the

troubled foundation of our own country.

The very administration that now sits in office has drafted and published a plan to expand American hegemony across what parts of the globe it deems necessary to our continued dominance, written by our vice president among others.

In the meantime, they suspend or negate the very provisions outlined in the document that our country was founded upon, justifying it to a smiling public through a combination of distractions and patriotic horse manure.

Those with the power or inclination to fight for our treasured freedoms are dead or fading fast.

Kennedy and King were shot, and Vidal and Nader are growing old or being written off as extremists.

This week's national elections hold the frightening possibility that a single political party will control every branch of the government.

A conservative judiciary coupled with a united Congress and White House, can do damage that will take decades to fix, eroding our freedoms with glacial precision.

It is prudent to fear the day, perhaps not so far off, when Pasiphaë the moon rises above the sunlit paradise of a free American people.

In the name of optimism, let me say it is never too late to fight, but with the caveat that an uninformed public cannot fight a power so strong.

This is not a nation where firemen burn books.

They need not expend the effort, for few read them.

The first step in reversing this course is education on the part of all of us.

We must hack through the fluff with the machete of informed political participation.

It may only be a small start, but republican Rome, after all, was not built in a day.

This first step may prevent the day from coming when the armless, weather worn statue of Thomas Jefferson graces the corner room of a distant futuristic museum, the dusty relic of an all but forgotten and unmourned experiment in popular government.

The Heat



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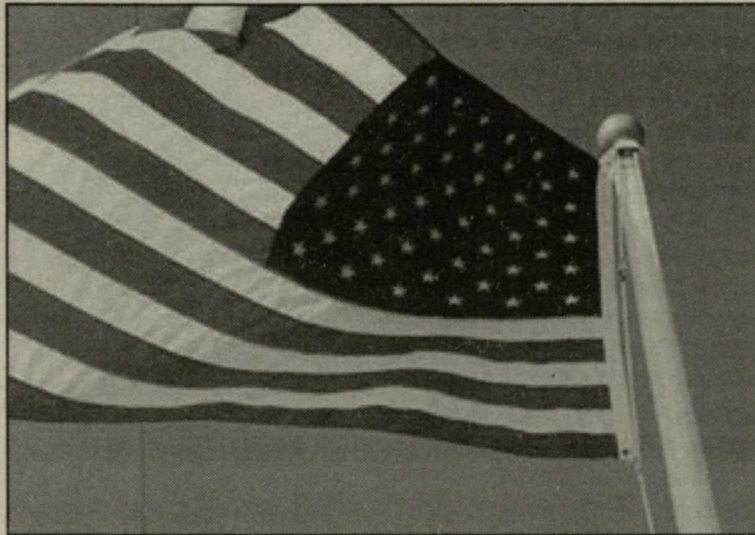
This column will not make me any friends, I know, but as one gets on in years, and begins to see modest changes in your way of life (the external changes), you conclude it is of no good to anyone if you should shut your mind to new realities. Now. The controversy: America must become isolationist.

The subject, as I've written here before, is all the more prevalent because el presidenté is looking to legalize lawbreakers by the millions.

If ever there was a man who desired power (and hollow gratitude), President George W. Bush is he.

I also proposed on these pages a brief moratorium on all immigration, a crackdown on businesses importing illegals to do their dirty work ("I ain't picking no stinking strawberries!"), and a military presence at our U.S./Mexican borders.

The response was disappointing. One reader hoped I was only kidding, and in his opinion thought we should



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"open our borders and allow immigrants [from Mexico] to come and go as they please." (!) Unfortunately, I didn't hear

thing, globalization deserves far more scrutiny.

Globalization, as defined by Webster's, means "to make [anything] worldwide in scope

from any supporters of my radical idea, but, on a campus so apathetic as ours, that should come as no surprise. The typical GSU student cares more about his or her "game" than about the world.

But looking back, I don't think I went far enough. If any-

or application;" by *New York Times* foreign affairs columnist Tom Friedman, "a new way of sharing American values with others and vice versa;" by radicals, "a method for capitalists to take more from those with little."

The truth is there is no "right" definition for a changing world. It's all about open markets, budding democracies, and brighter futures.

On the other hand, it's about overzealous capitalists, naïve Westerners, and superstitious Third Worlders.

It's about this and many, many other things. And as the world shrinks so, too, do our options in handling a complex issue.

As it stands, I believe the U.S. will begin that Texas two-step to Pax Americana. (The crown of Queen Victoria would look rather nice on Mrs. Bush don't you think?)

By taking control of Iraq, continuing our "nations building" in Afghanistan, and seeking out dangerous terrorists, or, for those with short attention spans (i.e., GSU students) "enemy combatants," we will only create more

chaos for ourselves, and all future generations in our never-to-be-won "war on terror."

In all this garble for Saddam's head, I've yet to hear an intelligent word on how we were going to confront the future of terrorism.

Surely that man-o-war Donald H. Rumsfeld doesn't think it ends with Saddam — or Osama?

The pervasive unknown... who knows?

I know what it isn't — feasible.

At some point the empire will collapse and what we once were — or, at least, ever hoped to be — will disappear in the quiet sands of the Middle East.

Just before returning to his farm in Mt. Vernon, to his wife, his slaves, and the American Pantheon, the first George W. (as in Washington) gave us a simple method by which to set all foreign policy:

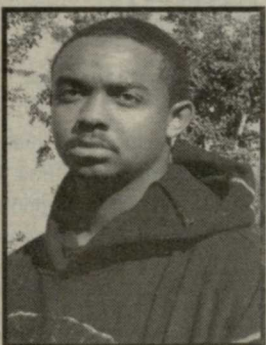
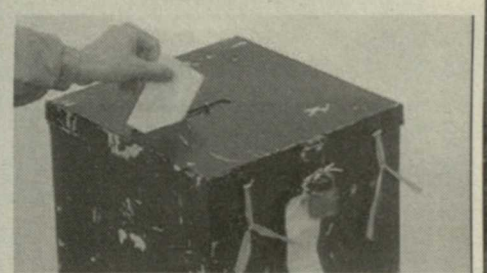
"[O]ur policy [is] to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world..." Quite simple.

George knew then, what our enemies know so well now: the more entangled we are, the better the catch. We had better realize that far sooner rather than later.

# PANTHER POLLS

Q:

What do you think is the most important issue regarding this week's elections?



Jamin Whatley/  
Freshman/  
Undecided

"Education reform."



Azmina Gilani/  
Freshman/  
Marketing

"Education."



Jennifer Storey/  
Sophomore/  
Psychology

"I don't know. They're all just nitpicking and mudslinging."



Kevin Coxwell/  
Junior/  
Journalism

"I don't know. Where's the beer?"



Monica Nelson/  
Senior/History

"Education."



Jennifer Skiba/  
Sophomore/  
Anthropology

"Candidates are slinging mud at each other. The issues they are fighting over are out of context."

tell us what you think...

Q for next issue

Did you vote? Why or Why not?

### The Ice Queen



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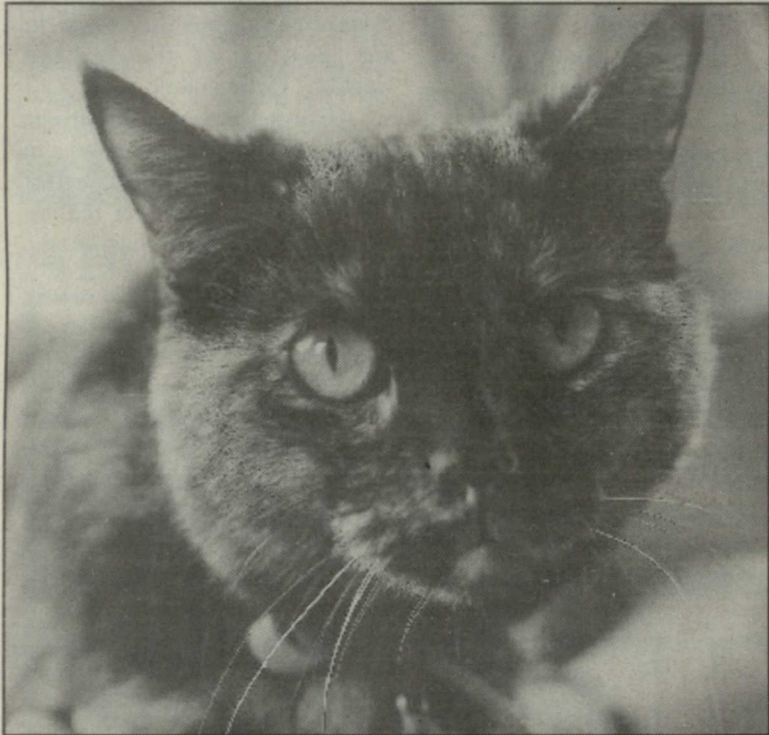
## PETA's vegetarian campaign lacks meat

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Close your eyes. Now open them again so you can read my column and imagine you are a 12-year-old boy at your preparatory school in Cheshire, England. One day, while sitting in the lunchroom with your friends, you get thirsty. You walk up to the milk bar, and reach out for the carton you have just purchased. But just as the lunchlady

wants to stop animal cruelty. These are the people who stand in front of Proctor and Gamble with "Stop Animal Testing" signs. They are the ones who spit on people wearing fur. Think "Animals Are People Too!" and anti-leather campaigns. Their slogan is "Animals are not ours to wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment."

Before you get defensive, let me just say that it's cool with



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is handing it to you, a 7-foot-tall cow with a sign reading "Don't be a milk sucker - dump dairy!" begins bouncing off the walls and screaming out in protest. In shock, you drop the milk from your hand, thereby sending its creamy goodness plummeting to the ground in a calcium-enriched mess.

No, I did not just share with you an excerpt from one of my recurring dreams in which I happen to be a 12-year-old British boy.

The cow was yet another of PETA's crazy schemes to strengthen its following. I must say that I consider the sending of a large faux cow to terrorize a prep school is bordering on ridiculous. Actually, it is ridiculous. PETA truly scraped the bottom of the barrel with this one.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is a group that promotes vegetarianism and

me if you are an animal rights activist. (I, myself, am not, but I am not bashing it.) I don't have a problem with people wanting to save animals. However, I do disagree with PETA's childish, bizarre, over-the-top campaigns because I think such tactics weaken the validity of their claims.

Are you aware that right now there is an overweight Elvis impersonator roaming the country in an attempt to convert people to vegetarianism? It's part of PETA's "Viva Las Veggies" campaign. The impersonator even carries around a toilet to remind us that Elvis died fat, constipated, and perched atop his porcelain throne. PETA-Elvis claims that overweight Americans "shake, rattle, and roll" because they love meat, just like the King did. Lately, PETA has been

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### Born to be Wired

## Soft money ban: The ultimate Democrat hypocrisy

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Republicans and Democrats have lately been raising and spending soft money as if there were no tomorrow, and, of course, there isn't. The new campaign finance laws take effect shortly, and, thereafter, all soft money will be forever banned.

Many think that the ban signals the end of undue corporate influence in American politics, and, indeed, it would certainly appear to lessen it. Problem is, now all the divisive, special-interest-group whackos have ever more influence in American politics.

Call me crazy, but, corporate scandals notwithstanding, I think I prefer the influence of hard-hosed, pragmatic capitalists to that of left- and right-wing polemicists.

Before soft money disappears forever, I think it is worth noting that most American businessmen and corporations have almost nothing to be ashamed of. Congresspersons and the parties regularly solicited such legal donations, and business would have been foolish not to take advantage of the opportunities to advance its own interests.

Republicans were relatively quiet on the issue of campaign finance reform. Democrats, on the other hand, busied themselves decrying the unfairness of soft money while simultaneously soliciting every last dime that they could get their clutches on. Because Republicans

failed to capitalize on the Democrats' hypocrisy over this issue, I will do it for them.

Democrats have always had a difficult time keeping up with funding available to Republicans.

The money advantage enjoyed by



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Republicans was something that Democrats desperately wanted to take away. The Democratic Party's call for reform was done for purely selfish reasons, i.e., to hobble a worthy opponent, and not at all for the noble purpose of returning political control to the American people.

Democrats absolutely had to ban soft money.

Never able to finagle enough dough to match Republicans, it was the Democrats who were forever in violation of U.S. campaign finance laws: ev-

ery one of the big investigations and fines levied by the Federal Election Committee was against Democrats, and mostly for seeking and accepting illegal contributions from foreign businessmen and foreign governments. What does that say about the Democratic Party, and why are Democrats always viewed as being in possession of some sort of high-minded moral authority when it comes to politics?

It tells me that the Democrat spinmeisters are so gifted at propaganda, that they can scam the public at will by repackaging their groping, naked self-interest into plausible (but non-existent) battles waged on behalf of the little people.

Republicans voted alongside Democrats for the upcoming soft money ban despite knowledge that their own votes would hurt them financially in the years ahead.

What does this say about Republicans? I think it says at least two things: the tide of public opinion was too strong to resist on the issue; and, as a result, Republicans alone acted in good faith, responding solely to vox populi, by voting to remove undue influence from the election process.

Apparently, Republicans care more about representative democracy, and capitalist free-enterprise, than they do about political power. I have come to realize that power alone, and not for the people, is what Democrats most covet.

### Another Freak in the Freak Kingdom



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As citizens of this country, it is our duty to elect representatives to Congress to speak for our needs. These representatives have a right to question the president and fellow members of Congress when they believe that something is not right. I believe that we have the right to disagree with anyone, even the president and our government.

These elected representatives have the duty to fight for what is best for their constituents, no matter if what they believe is not popular. That is why I am outraged at the remarks made by President Bush on Sept. 23 in response to the progress of his proposed Department of Homeland Security bill.

Bush said, "The House responded, but the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people."

Democrats in the Senate were outraged by these remarks because they felt that the president was refer-

ring to them in his statement. Press secretary Ari Fleischer tried to calm the situation by telling the press that the president was talking about the Senate as a whole and not the Democrats, which neither the Senate Democrats nor I believe for a second.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle demanded an apology from the president but never received it. Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a World War II veteran, welled up with tears as he said, "I'm concerned about the security of this country. I didn't vote for him, but he is my president, and it grieves me when my president makes statements that would divide this nation."

I feel the same way.

Sure, I wouldn't vote for him either, but he is the president. It's his job to keep both parties united. How does Bush expect to get anything passed if he has an entire party against him? Some Democrats clearly find that the Homeland Security bill is not what is best for the American people. (Don't they have a right to disagree?)

Now, Democrats are under constant attack for speaking out against

## President Bush's accusations are simply unacceptable

a war with Iraq. Republicans make these attacks because it is galling to them that anyone would dare oppose the president. Democrats disagree and have a right to question the president, just as Republicans do.

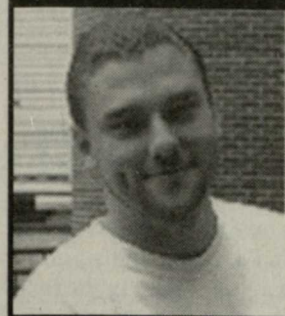
If the president makes remarks like this, then he might as well attack the patriotism of the senators too. What is more patriotic than working in Congress, trying to make a change for the better? It is their country too. They are just as concerned for the security of the American people as anyone else.

Things have gotten very nasty between the Democrats and Republicans in recent weeks. The president is going to have to unite the Congress.

While it is necessary to have unity, the party in power (Republicans) needs to have a check on their power at the same time. If the Republicans take control of the House and Senate on Tuesday, there will be no way to check the president's power.

The people of this country that don't agree with the president will be on the outside looking in, and those representing their needs will be drowned out.

**Off the Wall**



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# Criticism of Republicans full of unfounded claims

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Today will quite possibly be the first opportunity for many students at GSU to take part in a general election.

Because of the constraints of our dominant two-party system, citizens all across the United States will choose between the candidates from the Democratic and Republican Parties that will comprise the governing bodies of government, ranging from State Coroner (yes, in Alabama they actually elect a per-

son to examine dead bodies) to U.S. Senator.

son to examine dead bodies) to U.S. Senator. With such momentous and important issues such as homeland security and the impending conflict with Iraq, how should citizens, and in particular students, choose between the candidates offered by the two dominant parties?

Republicans offer the hope of possibly letting average citizens decide how to manage their own retirement.

Democrats think that the citizens of America are too stupid to save and invest their own money.

Furthermore, the Democrats want to hold sway over the standard of living for aging Americans so they can continue to frighten and manipulate seasoned citizens into voting for them. They will cloak their intentions by claiming that even a partial privatization of Social Security will be "risky."

The reality of Social Security is that the average American could get a rate of return that is five times higher than the benefits paid out under the current plan by simply putting their own money in a savings account.

Republicans choose not to target groups of people by pretending to pander to targeted segments of the population.

Democrats focus on group identity in order to create rifts between differing demographic groups; after all, they are the "party of the people."

But do not forget that the Democratic leadership embraces the reformed Ku Klux Klan member Robert Byrd (D-W.V.).

Byrd serves as the party attack dog that makes outlandish claims

about the president in order to create the impression that the other Democrats are more moderate, sensible leaders.

Since Cynthia McKinney, according to her bigoted and ignorant father Billy McKinney (D-Ga), was foiled by "J-E-W-S" in her reelection bid, Byrd received the "chalice of idiocy," and he drinks from that ignoble cup with the zealotry of a Dartmouth undergrad.

In the last presidential election, 93 percent of African-Americans voted for the Democratic Party. Many blacks in the United States

undoubtedly believe that the Republican leadership, most of who are white and wealthy, does not empathize or care about the troubles that plague inner-city children, most of whom are African-American. Not only is that notion false, but examine the leaders in the Democratic Party.

They are white too, and most of them are rich as well. Perhaps the slogan for the Democrats should be "Our white guys care more than their white guys."

President Bush appointed minorities to be the heads of the State Department and National Security, not because of their skin color, but because Colin Powell and Condolezza Rice are qualified individuals.

Republicans are often criticized for compromising the principles of their own party. Rarely do Democrats have to answer to critics for not adhering to principles because, quite frankly, they do not have any. Politically, the Democratic Party is devoid of character and ethics.

Tom Daschle's (D-S.D.) recent tirade on the floor of the Senate over the president politicizing the impending war with Iraq was a poorly disguised attempt at undermining the strong popular support of the president just before the upcoming elections.

Daschle and his minions are getting desperate and it shows.

The stark differences regarding character and honesty should be obvious, but unfortunately half the voting population either cannot or will not recognize the transparent nature of the Democratic Party. Take a good look. The reality is clear.

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We pay \$117 per semester hour to attend class. Since the average class equals three semester hours, we pay approximately \$351 per class. The expected exchange for this revenue is the knowledge you gain while attending class.

If you are taking 1000 or 2000 level courses, you anticipate receiving a general overview of the material. Enrollment in an upper level course has expectations involving a more detailed understanding of the subject. The objective of this system, or so I have been led to believe, is to give you a firm foundation in the material in which you wish to major in the hopes that this will aid you in obtaining a job.

With all this said, the true matter at hand can be addressed. I am currently taking a freshman level course and a junior level course that are truly frustrating me, although in different ways.

My dislike for my 1000 level class may stem from the

fact that my overall GPA is less than stellar, but I believe my feelings are not totally off mark. To begin, the professor's lecture consists of off-the-wall examples used to explain the material. It is, at times, difficult to distinguish between the professor's useful information and his personal chit-chat.

In addition, the tests are so ridiculously meticulous that the hours invested in studying seem wasted. Unless you memorize every word in both the text and notes, there is little hope of scoring a more than average grade.

A testament to how awful the tests are: the astronomical curve tacked onto everyone's test results.

Forgive me if I am wrong, but isn't this class supposed to provide me with the basics? This is not my major.

This course is not going to help me get a job. So why is this elementary course allowed to potentially drag my GPA down because the professor has unrealistic expectations of his students? I am never going to

# Some classes unnecessarily hard; others just a waste

take a class like this again.

On the flip side of the coin, I am taking a 3000 level course pertaining to my major that is a joke. We sit around in class each week bumbling over the same basics that were covered in the prerequisites for the course. The professor handed out a syllabus the first week of class. We have not referred to it nor used it to guide us in any way.

There have been no assigned readings from the text, which was required for the class. Furthermore, the lectures are minimal as well as the assignments. The class feels more like a study hall than a course that prepares students for the job market.

My \$351 is gone. I am sorry to rant, but this has been pressing on my mind. I find it difficult to believe that I am the only student who is frustrated in this way.

Hopefully by sharing my thoughts with the student population I will feel better, and other students will be glad to see some of their feelings being expressed in the school paper.

**University Wire Column From Elsewhere**

# Falwell's rhetoric hateful, inciting

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(U-WIRE) BALTIMORE - Looks like that purple Teletubby, Tinky-Winky, is finally off the hook. In an interview on 60 Minutes, Reverend Jerry Falwell indicated that his attention was no longer on closet homosexual aliens, nor the various liberal groups he tried to blame for the Sept. 11 attacks, when he announced that Muhammad, the founder of the Islamic faith, was "a terrorist."

A terrorist? I had certainly never heard the spiritual and political leader referred to by such a term, so I asked a Muslim friend, Zainab Cheema, about the life of the Prophet. What did I learn? Muhammad believed strongly in the importance of treating every race equally, and he felt that it was important to know and appreciate our differences. He called for the right of self-determination within his territories, allowing people of other religions to practice in peace. Perhaps most striking were Muhammad's laws for warfare. His soldiers were told not to harm civilians, livestock, crops or trees and to protect women and chil-

dren. Does this sound like a terrorist to you?

In fact, on Falwell's own website, <http://www.falwell.com>, the only charges he appears to make against Muhammad pertain to his sexual behavior. Some of the Bible's most prominent men were practicing polygamists -- does Falwell think they were terrorists, too?

What's more, his false implication, which has been echoed by other vocal fundamentalists like Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham, will only help to incite radical Muslims against the United States. Already, Islamic fundamentalists have broadcast Falwell's statement and others like it throughout the Muslim world. It may ultimately bring more moderate Muslims toward fundamentalist doctrine, as an attack on the Prophet is tantamount to an attack on Muslims worldwide.

It is not the blatant inaccuracy of Falwell's statement that bothers me so much as the general lack of response by the more tolerant majority of Christians. I've always sympathized with the moderate Muslims, who have struggled to dissociate themselves from the fundamentalist minority. As a Christian, however, I never expected that I would be faced with

a similar challenge.

It is vitally important that members of the various Christian denominations respond publicly and unconditionally to Falwell's hate-speech. Surely Christian leaders do not believe that God was speaking when Falwell tried to blame the events of Sept. 11 on "the pagans and the abortionists and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians." While Christians may not agree with Muhammad's religious beliefs, certainly they can agree that he -- along with the vast majority of Muslims today -- was not a terrorist. Failure to contradict the radical fundamentalists is the equivalent of tacit acceptance of their opinions.

In church this Sunday, the reverend spoke about this very topic, saying that he thinks all Christians should be "extremists," that is, extreme in their faith in Jesus Christ. He differentiated, though, between being an extremist for hate or an extremist for love. If Falwell hopes to bring more people to the Christian faith, he should be speaking about Jesus' love to the Muslim people, not condemning Muhammad with inflammatory and false allegations.

University Wire Column From Elsewhere

# CNN's coverage of sniper's long-lost family irrelevant

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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, S.C. - On Wednesday night, Larry King had the ex-wife of the suspected Washington, D.C., sniper, John Allen Muhammad, on his show. He also featured the ex-wife's lawyer. And Muhammad's son and his nephew. And his ex-wife's fiancée. They supplied information about Muhammad.

King unearthed the fact that the man's ex-wife had seen him only once in the past 10 years. He also discovered that the accused was a fitness nut, and was an advocate of healthy eating. According to his ex-wife, Muhammad had an anger problem "at times." Their marriage, which ended 18 years ago, was turbulent, and there was a vicious custody battle over their son, who chose to have his face in shadows for the interview. According to his ex-wife, Muhammad was "always interested in something, he just didn't know what it was."

Neither Muhammad's ex-wife nor his son, whom he had seen only twice during the past 18 years, was surprised when he converted to Islam and changed his name.

Muhammad's ex-wife's fiancée revealed that he had shared a relationship of mutual respect with Muhammad in the past, but was surprised to hear that he might have been the sniper.

At the beginning and end of each segment, a picture of Muhammad was shown. Several times during the course of the show, a trailer was shown for a Wolf Blitzer report on the role of the media in the sniper shootings.

At this point, I changed the channel. I felt there was something vaguely embarrassing about watching any more.

MSNBC chose not to report on Muhammad's extended family, but instead concentrated its journalistic efforts on the Winona Ryder shoplifting trial.

The channel had legal analysts looking at the situation and giving their opinions on whether she will be convicted. That trial is big news these days. It's not as if she was caught on camera or anything.

One channel up from MSNBC, there was an infomercial for Paaws, an anti-aging drug for pets. Two channels up from that there was an infomercial for a calcium supplement that apparently cures cancer. A preventative treatment for hair

loss was on a different channel. Realizing that, because of the late hour, the TV choices were limited to infomercials, "Wild On," or the news, I went back to CNN.

I landed back on the channel just in time to see King answering a telephone call from a viewer.

King: "Hello, what's your question?"

Caller: "Hello?"

King: "HELLO?"

Caller: "Are you there?"

King: "HELLO!?"

Caller: "Well, I was wondering ... uh"

King: "GO AHEAD!"

Caller: "If he is convicted, but doesn't get the death penalty ... well, if that means ... well, what does that mean?"

King: "I don't understand your question."

King then asked the ex-wife whether she will visit Muhammad in prison if he receives a life term. She was not sure.

Webster's Dictionary's definition of the word gawk is "to gape, or stare stupidly."

The sniper is big news, and for a good reason. I just didn't see any value that came out of the reminiscences of a family that Muhammad hadn't seen in years.

University Wire Column From Elsewhere

# Certain things women want to hear

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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. - I'm not scared of women. Sure, they're complicated, dangerous and sometimes evil. But I won't be intimidated.

I've never had too much trouble with the ladies. I'm pretty smooth, and I rarely say stupid things in their company or make bad choices about their needs and how I personally attempt to satisfy them.

Only one time did I make a regrettable mistake involving a woman. It happened in the sixth grade when I was dating the new girl who happened to be my neighbor -- a mistake in its own right, which needs to be addressed: Under no circumstances should you ever date anyone who lives near enough to you that you could, by chance, run into again after the relationship is over.

Hey, I was in sixth grade; I didn't have my wise future self to look up to.

Her birthday was coming up, so I bought her a present a week or so in advance. The present was the Bryan Adams album, "So Far So Good," on cassette. You remember, right?

"Everything I do, I do it for you."

Yeah, that's pretty lame, but the lamest part is I didn't wait to give it to her. I just opened it and kept it for myself.

Confessional: My name is Andy, and I once owned a Bryan Adams album and listened to it for enjoyment.

I then broke up with the girl so I didn't have to buy her another present. She was angry and tried to convince me I should let her slap me in the face because I deserved it. I wasn't scared of a girl then, either, really. That said, I ran home.

Since then, though, I've been virtually perfect in all of my relationships. I think that's because I realized I didn't really know anything about women for sure. With this idea in mind, I will tell you how to handle your woman. Believe me, I was watching "Sex in the City" before it became cool.

Women need to be told certain things in order to maintain happiness -- or at least to keep the peace. But please understand, even if they do hear these things, they won't be happy. Or, as Norm from "Cheers" put it so eloquently, "Women. Can't live with them. ... Pass the Beer Nuts."

A woman is a mystery, one even a billion pickled-egg-eating men clanking their heads together never could understand. Once you think you've got them figured out, you realize you've been with a transvestite hooker from Tijuana, Mexico. "Those aren't pillows!"

Then you realize the secrets that really need to be kept are the ones that are too good to keep.

The point is, you can never be complacent. You can never let yourself think you've got things under control.

You have to think of a relationship with a woman in terms of the "upper hand." Someone inevitably has the upper hand in all relationships, no matter what. So, if you don't have it, she does.

Chances are, you don't have it. You must assume this because she at least has the physical advantage over the gross, hairy mess you call your "bod" -- regardless of whether you have calf implants.

There are ways to increase your state of hand, however. They're called "mind games." You're on your own here, though. All women are different.

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University Wire Column From Elsewhere

# Stop terrorism with ballistic fingerprinting

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(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA - In the wake of Sept. 11, you heard the constant refrain that the Constitution was not a suicide pact. As part of the war on terror, President Bush sought to roll back our rights.

Bush believed our right to privacy obstructed the police from eavesdropping on conspiring terrorists. He championed the 2001 USA Patriot Act, which gives law enforcement new powers to interfere in our lives. In accordance with Bush's fundamental principle of limited government, these powers are unchecked by serious judicial review.

As Bush methodically peeled away our rights, it seemed intuitive he would include further restriction on the supposed right to bear arms. If privacy could be used as a weapon by terrorists, then certainly guns could be used as a weapon by terrorists.

But Bush said the terrorists use privacy, box-cutters, planes, bombs, chemicals, biological agents and computers to attack us, but not guns.

So he had no interest in protecting Americans from the hazard of guns.

Recently, a terrorist near Washington, D.C., learned that guns can be useful too. Bush spoke about this killer often, but never called him a "terrorist."

But we know he was a terrorist because his murders paralyzed an entire region with fear. Besides allowing military aircraft to search for the terrorist, nearly violating the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, Bush disclosed that the government will do virtually nothing to keep pace with this terrorist's innovative approach.

Tearing down our privacy laws will do little to stop terrorism. But ballistic fingerprinting can help.

By creating a database of a gun's unique bullet markings, detectives can trace an act of violence to the gun's buyer and possibly the perpetrator.

This is an outgrowth of a national database for the markings our fingers, which is an invaluable law enforcement tool. Bush opposes a national ballistics system.

Under Bush, bullets have greater privacy rights than people.

But what's strange is Bush knows bullets can't vote.

A pilot program in Los Angeles run by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms proves the system can be helpful.

Not only does this help lock up criminals, but it helps police lock them up quickly before they shoot more people. Critics have said that people can alter ballistic markings by sticking a nail-file in the gun's barrel. But an ATF report said tampering instances are rare and the fingerprints provided viable evidence "in the overwhelming majority of cases."

Bush's opposition to ballistic fingerprinting is an act of loyalty to his most enthusiastic and valuable supporter -- the National Rifle Association. The NRA is often more successful than Republicans at beating Democrats.

Winning elections for Republicans has overshadowed its advocacy.

Its political identity is less about principle.

It's about being the kiss of death to Democrats.

An example of this is South Carolina senatorial candidate Alex Sanders, a Democrat. He's a member of the NRA and opposed to gun control, but his dues have been used to finance negative ads against him.

Long after the NRA attacks began, he said this in a debate, "the technology does work. No one's rights are harmed by such a process except a criminally deranged sniper. That's the kind of thing this country cannot continue to tolerate in the name of freedom of gun ownership."

Even if you believe the NRA has principles, it's still hard to understand why the NRA would be against ballistic fingerprinting.

It doesn't jeopardize anybody's right to own guns.

It's not an inconvenience to gun owners, unless they shoot people.

It levies no greater personal burden than a current database of all serial numbers of new guns maintained by the ATF since 1968.

The ballistics system would be costly, but since when has the NRA cared about the federal budget?

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the largest trade association of the gun industry, supports the ATF conclusion and many manufacturers provide spent shells with their guns.

It is no more likely to lead to wrongful prosecution than the system in place for our fingerprints: a gun couldn't be linked to a bullet without several matching points.

Protecting our rights is a presidential responsibility. By making it a political calculation, the Constitution becomes nothing more than a homicide pact.

# Some Christians have given Christianity a bad rap

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Christian leaders should be telling Falwell to hit the books; the Bible has a few things to say about his hateful speech.

In Luke 6:37, Jesus tells his disciples, "do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned."

Even if Falwell is convinced that Muslims are the "enemies" of Christians (which most Christians do not believe), he should heed God's teaching: "Love your enemies" (Luke 6:27).

Christian leaders should be telling the world that Falwell's doctrine of hate is contradictory to the Christian doctrine of love.

So often the non-Christian world sees violent Christian extremists bombing abortion clinics,

assaulting homosexuals and making grossly inappropriate and unsubstantiated attacks on other religions and non-believers.

Couple this with recently publicized corruption within the church, particularly the molestation of young boys by Catholic priests, and it's a wonder that the word "Christian" hasn't become a derogatory term.

It is time to challenge the haters who claim to be advocating the Christian faith and to, with extreme love, reclaim Christianity for the majority of true believers. Falwell's assertion dealt a serious blow not only to interfaith relations, but also to public perception of the tenants of the Christian faith.

Christian leaders must break the silence before the damage becomes irreparable.

# Animal-rights group loses focus in latest ads

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hawkling vegetarianism as a weight-loss program, but, of course, its true objective is to stop the killing of innocent animals for food. As if things were not already sufficiently surreal, there now exists a group of American activists hell-bent upon protesting PETA until they "stop fat hatred."

Actually, PETA-Elvis is just one in a series of campaigns to promote vegetarianism as a diet method.

When Southwest Airlines decided to start charging larger passengers a double fare, PETA ran an ad displaying a big Buddha-like belly captioned with the words "Don't pay for two seats — go vegetarian!"

Now, I don't know about you, but I have plenty of vegetarian friends who could afford to lose a few pounds, as well as having thin friends who eat steak every week. Not only is PETA getting off track, they are misinforming their public as well.

Some of PETA's other truly laughable campaigns have included: "Jesus Was A Vegetarian," "Dominatrices Whip Up Support For Fake Leather," and "Tax Meat," aimed at charging a meat excise tax.

PETA could build a much larger constituency if they would just stop being so shamelessly eccentric. The important part of their message is that they truly care about saving animals. If they would just put that across, plainly and simply, maybe people would stop laughing and get serious about what PETA is really trying to achieve.

# Tips on making her happy

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and I'm not your messiah. Plus, if I just speak in vague generalities, there's a better chance I come across as knowledgeable.

It's important to remember you're at a disadvantage, and you're probably losing the war. If this is your mindset, it'll keep you fresh and bloodthirsty. And if you do have the "hand," with this perspective, you'll keep it. You can find time to enjoy it while she sleeps.

Whether you have the "hand" or you're one of the poor saps who can't even imagine having it, you still must tell her the things she wants to hear, frequently.

Here are some things that you must tell her: "You look great." "Did you lose some more weight?" "You have such pretty hair/eyes/hands/ears." "Your butt looks great." "You're so funny/sexy/smart." "You're so much funnier/sexier/smarter than \_\_\_\_\_."

And the most important one: "I'm sorry."

You don't have to be a wussy about it, though, and it's important to keep your cool in combat. For example: I accidentally observed a coworker was pretty, and my girlfriend put me on the defensive:

"No, not prettier than you. No, your butt is way better. Because I just said it. I don't know why. No, there's no reason. No, I don't talk to her. I don't know her name."

This is where my eyes began to dart about rapidly in search of help.

"You don't mean that. No, I don't wish I was with her. Because I'm just a jerk, I guess. Are you happy? I'm sorry."

Then I fake cried.

I guess. Well, I don't know what to tell you.

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