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Homecoming week kicks off 'Cheers to 90 Years'

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Georgia State may not have its own football homecoming season, but the basketball homecoming season fulfills the void.

From Feb. 10-15, Spotlight Programming Board hosted its annual homecoming festivities.

This year's theme, "Cheers to 90 Years," celebrated the longevity of Georgia State's 90-year history.

The celebration kicked off on Monday with a movie marathon.

Spotlight showed the box office hit *Brown Sugar* throughout the day.

Among the festivities celebrated was School Spirit Day.

Members of the university wore school apparel and colors.

Another representation of the unity viewed campus wide was the door and office-decorating contest.

Decorations had to be



Alex Adan | Signal

Olaronke Olatunji was crowned homecoming queen this year at the Coronation Ball.

focused around this year's homecoming theme.

Some students worked late hours to ensure that the decorations represented their office well.

Some students believed that homecoming did not meet its previous standards.

"I didn't even know it was homecoming week," said junior Tamika Watkins.

"I'm more excited about Valentine's Day."

"I was disappointed that that there was no concert or anything big this year," said sophomore Jamie Kent.

Despite the lack of student participation, students attended the Coronation Ball.

Olaronke Olatunji and Michael Penn were crowned this year's homecoming king and queen.

Students had the opportunity to vote online via WebCT for homecoming candidates.

Among the candidates, Quincy Barnwell and Candace

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Hope not affected by budget decreases

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Recent fund decreases for Georgia State University will not impact the university community in some areas, officials said recently.

Whilst Georgia State University's allocation from state funds will be cut for 2003-2004, the impacts do not appear to be severe at this time.

The rumors of HOPE scholarships being reduced are unfounded at this time, and if tuition increases, it should be negligible.

The annual budget runs from July 1 through June 30 each year.

The 2002-2003 midyear allocation requests for student organizations are being reviewed this week.

Requests were made for approximately \$150,000 and funds are available for \$100,000.

As a result, the majority of requests should be filled to some capacity.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Henry described the "difficult line [the university] has to walk. We have competing goals of providing programs and courses for our students as well as providing ... student benefits."

Henry said he is confident that the university should be close to break even next year, but cautions it is too soon to tell.

The University Board of Regents will review the budget and report back in April for the 2003-2004 budget year.

Their report will include

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Admissions application deadline comes earlier for Fall 2003 freshmen and transfer students

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Georgia State University implemented new application deadlines for potential incoming students.

Georgia State is growing at a fast rate, and enrollment has to be regulated so overcrowding or other problems with population increase will not surface.

According to the Jan. 29, press release from the university,

the university's total enrollment from spring 2003 is 26, 285, up about 4 percent from last year's spring enrollment of 25, 370.

Georgia State is raising the bar of standards in an attempt for higher SAT scores and higher grade point averages from students. Georgia is sending the message that only applicants apply.

The same recent press release, it mentions the university processes about 40,000 applications a year, and a projected 12,500 freshman applications and 13,000 transfer

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Georgia State puts changes priority admissions application deadline to meet increasing enrollment demands.

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POWER OF WOMEN PROUDLY PRESENTS:



THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

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THE V-DAY COLLEGE CAMPAIGN RAISES MONEY AND AWARENESS TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.

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If you have information for the calendar of events or any other section on this page, contact the Associate News Editor, Stephanie Case, at events@gsusignal.com. Find more online at www.gsusignal.com.

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February:

18 Artist Douglas Kahn will display his art exhibit "Drugs and Sound" as part of the Pulse Field gallery. The exhibit opens at 7 p.m. in the Speaker's Auditorium in the Student Center.

AMA is hosting a speaker event in the University Center room 460. Professor Deborah Robbe of the Hospitality School will speak to all majors. Applications for open board positions and members will be available. Refreshments will be served.

19 Georgia State Diversity Education Programs invites to attend their Black History Month Celebration 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The event will feature Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble's presentation entitled "Soweto." A reception will follow the program.

20 The play, *The Vaginal Monologues* has come to Georgia State. The show will be held in the Recital Hall on campus at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale in room 401 of the University Center. Cost is \$5 for Georgia State students with a Panther ID and \$8 for non-students.

Are midterm presentations approaching soon? Join

Toastmasters to hone your public speaking skills. A meeting will take place at 12:20 p.m. in room 609 of Classroom South.

The Office of African American Student Services and Programs will have its Black History Open House from 11:00 a.m.-3 p.m. in room 320 Student Center. Students are invited to celebrate with some of Georgia State's most prominent organizations as they display their work and celebrate black history. There will be giveaways for the first 25 people. Refreshments will be served.

Georgia State Diversity Education Programs will host "Diversity Dialogue" with former student activist, Dwayne Redding. This event will be in the Speaker's Auditorium in the Student Center at noon.

To submit an event, e-mail the location, date, time, and nature of the event to events@gsusignal.com or stop by the Signal office in room 310 of the Student Center and fill out a Calendar of Events form. All events must be submitted by 4 p.m. the week before the events.



campus crime

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Theft by Taking

A Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that she left her passport valued at \$60 on a copy machine on the fifth floor of Library North. When she returned it had been stolen.

Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property

A Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that she left her purse valued at \$12 at a desk in the Science Building. When she returned 15 minutes later it had been stolen. The area was searched and the purse was located in a stairwell, but \$2,450 in cash had been stolen.

Agency Assist

An Agency Assist report was filed by a staff member. The complainant stated that he noticed an abandoned vehicle on the first level of G-Deck at. A stolen vehicle check was done with positive results for a stolen auto. The vehicle was impounded and the owner was notified.

Obedience to Traffic Control Device

An Obedience to Traffic Control Device report was filed by an officer. The officer observed a vehicle failing to stop for a red light at Luckie and Spring streets and initiated a traffic stop. A driver's history check was done with positive results for a suspended license. The driver did not have proof of insurance. She was arrested, processed and transported to Fulton County Jail.

1.7 billion | Annual sales of Viagra
Fortune

66 percent | Percentage of time viagra use results in sex

Fast Company

48 percent | Percentage of men who suffer from at least one side effect while using Viagra

Fast Company

62 percent | Percentage of cancer patients who survive longer than five years

Washington Post

6 million | Number of cancer survivors in the United States in 1990

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Washington Post

45 | Average age of a new car buyer
American Market Research Council

7.8 | In years, average length of time a person owns a car
American Market Research Council

200 million | Number of vehicles on the road today that are more than seven years old
American Market Research Council

92 | Number of nuclear bombs lost at sea
didyouknow.com

750 | Number of calories in the typical bag of chips and a 20 oz. soda
Newsweek

47 percent | Amount in which Coca-Cola leads Pepsi
AI Ries/Ad Age

96 percent | Amount by which Visa leads MasterCard
AI Ries/Ad Age

133 percent | Amount by which McDonalds leads Burger King
AI Ries/Ad Age

"If you smoke after sex you're doing it too fast."
Woody Allen

"One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating."
Luciano Pavarotti

Recreation Center hosts women's self defense class

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Self defense was taught last Friday evening at Georgia State's student recreation center.

The self-defense course was presented and taught by a teacher most of the students respectfully called J.B.

From 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., J.B. taught over 20 women the art of

"Just wait until some perpetrator tries something with me. He's got another thing coming."

self-defense

A five-time black belt, J.B. started the lesson with personal experiences from the participants.

Many told of home invasions, being held at gun point, and other frightening experiences.

With these thoughts in their head, some of the girls carried weapons such as stun guns, pocket knives, hammers, and mace, all of which are effective if used properly.

J.B. made it his goal to teach the participants to use their body as a weapon.

After an hour of discussion, the seminar moved to the martial arts room of the student recreation center.

For the remaining two hours, the girls learn basic self-defense moves including kicks, punches, and release mechanisms.

Although some of the girls said that their muscles could "feel the burn", many said that they felt more prepared for a dangerous situation.

Pamela Seay said "Just wait until some perpetrator tries something with me. He's got another thing coming."

At the end of the course, J.B. went around the room and asked the girls what they enjoyed most, as well as what they had learned.

Although some of the answers varied from stronger kicks to better ways to avoid situations, most of the girls agreed on the fact that the overall course just gave them more self-confidence when walking to their car late at night.

J.B. informed the class that more free self-defense classes will be offered in the near future.

For more information, contact the recreation center for more information.

Georgia State Federal Credit Union raises cost for checks

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The Georgia State Federal Credit Union started to implement an increased fee in January for members who wish to withdraw money from an account in the form of a check.

The credit union is a non-profit financial organization that was established in 1972. The purpose of the credit union is to offer its members low-cost loans and convenient saving opportunities.

Members of the union include faculty, staff and alumni of Georgia State University. Immediate family of union members are also eligible to join the credit union.

According to journalism

professor Carol E. Cook, a 12-year member of the credit union, in January she went in to withdrawal money from her line of credit and as usual was asked if she would like cash or a check. She asked for a check and was told it would cost her \$5 to receive one.

Cook said she had never been charged to receive her money in a form of a check.

"I'm starting to feel like this is a big commercial bank," said Cook.

Tyrone E. Burke, president of the credit union, said there has always been a fee for issuing a check.

"The cost for receiving your money in a form of a check was originally \$3, the cost went up in January to five dollars," said Burke.

"If a member needs checks we offer

a free checking account, and they can write checks to pay somebody, but if they get our check we have to charge."

"We are a credit union that has costs that we have got to account for," said Burke. "It used to be loans paid for all the cost of the credit union two or three times, well that is not the way it works now."

The credit union does not get any funding from the state or from Georgia State. The union leases its services from SouthTrust Bank for handling money.

The location of the credit union was originally on the fifth floor in One Park Place, but in July 2001 they moved to 34 Peachtree Street, one block from Five Points train station.

"We had less than 1500 sq ft

trying to serve 3,000 members with six employee...and we had no place to put the money," said Burke.

Burke has been president for the union since 1998.

"Before I came there was never a charge; I just know sometime after 1998 we started charging for check," said Burke.

"I am willing to work out something with her current arrangement but fees are in place to offset increase[in] costs and to discourage activities of people paying bills with our checks," said Burke.

The Georgia State Federal Credit Union is currently in the process of establishing ways for students to become members. For more information go to www.gsufcu.org or call 404-564-0341.

Notice of Student Activity Fee Allocation Process For Fiscal Year 2004

The Student Activity Fee Committee announces the beginning of the funding process for Fiscal Year 2004. The process will begin with applications being made available on Monday, February 24, 2003. The deadline for submitting applications will be Friday, March 14, 2003, at 5:15pm. The applications are available from, and are due by the deadline to, the Dean of Students Office, Room 300 Student Center.

The allocation of fee funds is subject to various rules and regulations of the University, Board of Regents, and Student Activity Fee Committee. A summary will be available with the application.

If you have questions concerning the application or any aspect of the fee distribution process, please call Jeff Walker, Dean of Students Business Manager, at 404-463-9021. The Dean of Students Business Operations Office is the official source for information on the process - all inquiries should be directed to this office. This process concerns only the Student Activity Fee, and is not associated with other fees for Athletics, Transportation, Health, Recreation, and the Student Center.

The allocation of fee funds will be based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated organizational accountability in the areas of
 - a) Recruitment
 - b) Planning
 - c) Student Development
 - d) Budget Management
 - e) Alternative funding sources
2. Programs and Services with broad appeal and/ or serves the greatest number of students.
3. Collaboration with other entities and contributes to the development of campus and local communities.
4. Contribution to the educational mission of the institution.

Tuition increases possible, but not likely to result from 2003 budget

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funding allocations as well as tuition for 2003-2004.

The odds are small, but they may recommend a modest tuition increase at that time.

“HOPE funding is secured and there are no plans to either reduce funding or decrease the number of eligible students.”

Scott Blount, the legislative budget analyst for the university system, reported that “HOPE funding is secured, and there are no plans to either reduce funding or decrease the number of eligible students.

“Even with a tuition

increase, there is no problem meeting the needs of our students.”

One of the bright spots in next year's funding is the projected increase in students.

This year approximately

27,500 students are attending with a projected 28,000 for next year.

The increase in credit hours should offset the majority of the projected decrease in state funding.

As a result, no current

plans to reduce faculty are in place.

To stay fiscally sound, the university plans to continue their policy of holding a fair number of tenure tracks vacant and filling these with visiting professors.

“I have the ability to get out, study, write, and research,” said visiting professor Davin Grindstaff.

Grindstaff said, “It also affords me time to skate and offers me more freedom. . . My goal is a tenure-track position. For now, this is a great opportunity for myself and many other professors.”

For 2003-2004, programs and faculty appear to be fairly safe.

The 2004-2005 fiscal year appears to have the most potential for cuts and changes.

Colleges may be targets for terror

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*Harvard Crimson
Harvard U.*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - It's hard to find a roll of duct tape in Harvard Square these days.

The code orange level of terrorist alert announced by the U.S. government last Friday has prompted a nationwide shopping spree on supplies that might be useful in case of a biological or chemical attack.

On Tuesday, the FBI announced that colleges and universities could be “soft” targets for terrorist attacks.

Colleges are possible targets of attacks because they are poorly defended, host large events and contain materials for

nuclear weapons, according to an article posted on The Chronicle of Higher Education's website last Tuesday.

But Harvard University Police Department spokesperson Steven G. Catalano noted that universities were far from alone on the list of “soft” targets.

“HUPD was concerned that the article gave this impression that colleges and universities were at immediate risk,” Catalano said. “In fact, they were listed as one of many soft targets that included banks, churches and shopping malls.”

Nonetheless, Square residents continue to stock up on protective supplies including

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Meeting early admission deadlines increases housing, scholarship opportunities

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students' applications are expected by 2004.

Christine Crow, a senior majoring in history and a dual degree in sociology and working as a student assistant at the Office of Admissions desk said, “Setting earlier deadlines is good ideal, because it allows for things to get processed faster such as housing and financial aid.”

Crow said, “Last year we

University as a first choice school instead of a fallback school, if they don't get into UGA,” Crow said.

Also, Bill Fritz, associate provost for undergraduate studies said in the recent press release, “Georgia State total enrollment has grown over 12 percent in the past five years despite the university's more selective admissions policy.”

Meeting priority or early deadlines will ensure students the potentiality for university housing,

“Because of earlier deadlines students may now pick Georgia State University as a first choice school instead of a fallback school, if they don't get into UGA.”

received an abundance of late applications complicating matters with enrollment in classes and housing. We had applications coming in until June 1, and students only did that because they knew Georgia State would be lenient and accept it.”

From now on, Georgia State will not always be that second, third, or fourth rank university students too commonly put on their lists of college choices.

“Admission is a selective process and meeting minimums will not necessarily guarantee acceptance,” according to the Georgia State University Undergraduate Catalog 2002-2003.

“Because of earlier deadlines students may now pick Georgia State

presidential assistantship, scholarships, and possibly a better financial packet.

According to the Georgia State University Undergraduate Catalog 2002-2003, the priority application deadline for fall 2003 undergraduates, transfer students, non-degree applicants, nontraditional applicants, joint enrollment, and GSU-62 Program is March 1, 2003. The priority deadline for summer 2003 entry is also March 1.

The priority deadline for fall 2003 post baccalaureate applicants and transient applicants is July 1.

For more information about the new application deadline, visit room 200 Sparks Hall, or call 404 651-2365.

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Act of intolerance prompts Stanford response

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*The Stanford Daily
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STANFORD, Calif. - Stanford University Dean of Students Marc Wais sent out an e-mail to most campus lists the first week of February detailing a reported act of racism and intolerance. The e-mail described a Jan. 25 incident in which four female students were harassed by what they say could be as many as 10 individuals while rafting on Lake Lagunita.

In the e-mail Wais called the incident "troubling due to the threatening and intimidating circumstances, coupled with the racist comments."

In the e-mail, Wais also wrote, "These people apparently thought that the Stanford students were Latina" — a comment that several students have found offensive and insensitive.

"People who didn't know [that] the students Marc Wais was referring to were us remarked, 'How callous and flippant the one-line statement was,'" sophomore Alexa Aulie, one of the students on the raft, said.

Many of the four Stanford undergraduates were Latinas. On Jan. 25, the students said they were speaking in Spanish and listening to Latin music. However, once they lowered the music, the students on the raft heard what sophomore Ariel Sklar called "degrading" and "intimidating" racist comments, spoken with what Aulie said was "English and very broken Spanish, probably what they had heard from TV."

The group on shore grew from two individuals to about 10 over a period of about an hour and a half. It is unclear whether they were Stanford students.

Sophomore Mari Hayman said they ignored the "hostile and obnoxious" comments from the group. These comments included the phrases, "We're calling immigration," and, "Go back to Mexico."

Wais did not repeat these comments in the e-mail, but described them as "racist."

"I seriously felt physically threatened," said sophomore Angela Bunch. "I was scared. We didn't want to go to the shore while they were still there because they had waited for so long. They were getting more hyped up as they waited."

Sklar added, "I felt scared. I don't think I have ever been scared on the Stanford campus before."

Upon returning to their residence, sophomore Luis González, a neighbor, said the students were "upset" and "looked shaken."

The students reported the incident to Vice Provost Gene Awakuni about a week later. He called such behavior

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Homecoming festivities included step shows, performances, and Coronation Ball

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Mincey were voted on as Mr. and Ms. Senior; Benjamin Baldwin and Justina Emmanuel took spots as Mr. and Ms. Junior; Shane Russell and Chazia Merriweather won Mr. and Ms. Sophomore; and Marlon Montgomery and Kristen Edwards won Mr. and Ms. Freshman.

"Coronation gives you a reason to dress up, and it's the only time in the year that I do," said Kent.

Festivities also consisted of the annual non-Greek step show.

Village residents competed for the chance to represent their dorm building as the best in step.

Under their "pimstress" theme, Sparta [freshman dorm]

performed in black pinstriped pants, white-collar shirt, and claimed the championship with their black outfits and red



Steven Ricard | Signal

Several student organizations worked together with planning and decorations for Homecoming week.

black ties.

However, Athina steppers

suspenders.

Their winning theme was

"picture perfect."

"They all did good, but I believe the performances from last year were better," said Watkins.

Other homecoming activities included the opening night of the TheaRadicals performance of *The Artist Factory*.

Also, the Hugh Spalding Children's Hospital and Grady Memorial Hospital Project took place.

Members of the University Sports Council got together to bring panther spirit to patients at the hospitals.

Panther Prowl was also part of the celebrations.

This month the evening event featured the Greek Step show, showing of the movie *8 mile*, and *Casino Night* among the other events.



Congratulations to 2003 Homecoming Decorating Contest Winners!

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Grand Prize Winner – Student Advisement Center
2nd Place – Recreational Services
3rd Place – University Relations

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2nd Place – Office of Student Life & Leadership
3rd Place – Alumni Association

Individual Door

Grand Prize Winner – Office of Undergraduate Studies
2nd Place Tie – Diversity Education Programs and National Residence Hall Honorary

University Village Door

Grand Prize Winner – Sheonny Miller, Sparta
2nd Place – Ashley Harper, Athina
3rd Place – Kimberlee Tate, Olympia

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U.S. Supreme Court Judge Ginsburg speaks about women pioneers at Rialto

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In celebration of the College of Law's 20th anniversary, The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the States Supreme Court, spoke to a crowd at the Rialto Center last Thursday.

Janice Griffith, Dean of the College of Law, said, "Justice Ginsburg is enormously respected for her legal acumen, her fairness, and her efforts to improve the stature of women"

Judge Ginsburg, herself at one time being one of nine women in a class of 500 at Harvard Law, spoke about the significance of women in American history.

Ginsburg's address, entitled "A Few Little Known Pages of Supreme Court History," began with Burnita Shelton Matthews, first woman to serve on a U.S. Federal District Court (1949).

Matthews, coerced by her father, obtained a degree in music despite here wishes to pursue a legal career said Ginsburg. Subsequently, Matthews returned to

Mississippi but was unable to gain admittance to any law school in that state.

However, after Matthews' marriage to Percy Matthews in 1917, said Ginsburg, Matthews entered law school at what is

concerning protest Ginsburg said as she quoted Matthews.

"You could go to the...White House...but if you spoke you were arrested for speaking without a permit."

An arrest, Ginsburg said,



Steven Ricard | Signal

Justice Ginsburg gave an address about the role women played in law history.

now George Washington University.

Upon graduation during the height of Suffragette Movement, Matthews picketed the White House.

Idiosyncrasies were in laws

would impede Matthews' admission to the American Bar Association.

Barred from most law firms because of her sex, Matthews started her own practice.

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Signal reports newspapers stolen

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In the bins that held the newspapers, a typewritten note was left behind stating "Are you looking for the Signal? The people have spoken."

The newspapers were first realized to be missing when Ellen Opdyke, Signal Editor-in-Chief, noticed an empty bin outside of the Georgia State Bookstore around 10 a.m.

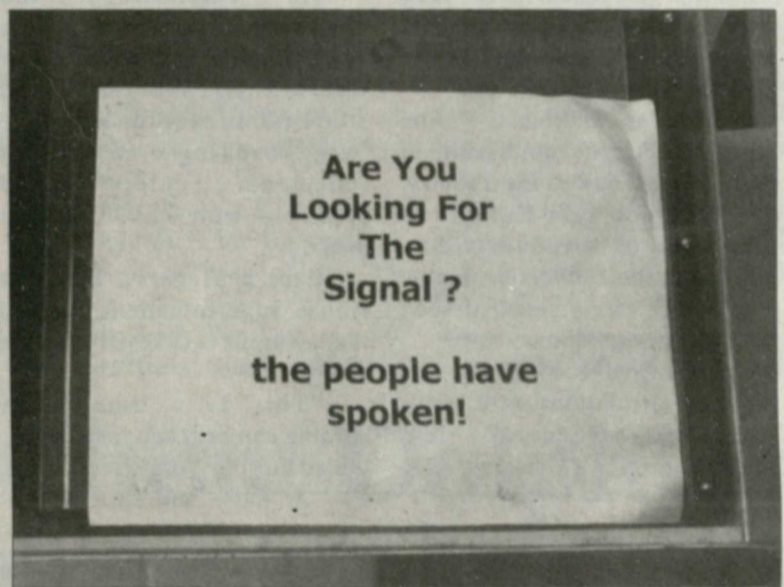
The bins located inside of One

as opposed to the traditional 24 page issue that we usually publish," Opdyke said.

A portion of the student activity fee goes towards the cost of producing the Signal, which is Georgia State's only student run printed newspaper. The fee also covers a portion of the production costs for GSTV, Rampway and WRAS.

"Even though the paper is free, it still costs us money to publish it. We still have to pay our staff, and advertising revenue is lost," Opdyke said.

The Signal filed a police report,



Ellen Opdyke | Signal

Several bins, like this one located in the Sports Arena, were found empty around campus. Notes were left in place of the stolen newspapers.

Park Place, General Classroom Building, the Sports Arena and the Plaza were also reported empty.

"This is a big deal. Last week's issue was expensive. There was \$6400 worth of advertising in that issue. The paper was also 28 long,

and the police are investigating the incident.

No group has claimed responsibility for the stolen papers.

"If these people are caught, we fully plan to prosecute to the full extent of the law," Opdyke said.

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Colleges increase security warning as America goes on heightened alert

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duct tape which the Government's Department of Homeland Security says can be used in combination with plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and vents in the case of a biological terror attack.

Dickson Brothers — the Square's sole hardware store — has sold out of both supplies.

Store Manager Ned P. VerPlanck said that although duct tape and plastic sheeting inventories have been depleted because of the heightened alert, more supplies will be in stock tomorrow afternoon.

"I's because of the newspaper articles and the news on TV," VerPlanck said. "[The rush] started on Tuesday, with plastic here and a roll of tape there, we sold out."

VerPlanck said one customer bought "quite a bit" of tape to send across the country.

Catalano said Harvard is prepared to respond to any attack on the University, but he says there rare signs that such an attack is imminent.

"Harvard University has very good relations with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies,"

Catalano said. "We are in constant contact in order to assess any risk to Harvard. To date, no credible threats have been made against the university."

House superintendents said they have been apprised of the heightened warning.

Cabot House Superintendent Gene G. Ketelhohn said there are emergency plans in the event of a necessary evacuation, but in the meantime students should be as alert as HUPD.

"The security guards will be extra vigilant, and students should have the same kind of concern," Ketelhohn said.

He emphasized the importance of questioning those who enter Houses without Harvard ID and instructed students to avoid allowing "piggybacking" — letting individuals enter behind students who have already swiped.

Paul J. Hegarty, Leverett House superintendent, agreed that awareness is key to student safety.

"This is a time when nothing can be taken for chance. We're taking [the alert] very

seriously," Hegarty said. "I'm not going to live in fear, but I try to be safe and aware."

Both superintendents said that if students notice luggage or suspicious packages left around campus, they should report it immediately to HUPD.

"One thing that students can do is to educate themselves about the issues of preparedness and planning," said Catalano.

Catalano said students can consult the Department of Homeland Security's website to find out "how to be more prepared and how to deal with these difficult times."

In addition buying duct tape and plastic sheeting, the Department of Homeland Security recommends assembling a disaster kit that contains a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit, batteries, nonperishable food and water.

Other colleges have increased their security in response to the FBI warning. Princeton University issued a statement on their website, and Syracuse University plans to carefully patrol a football game against Notre Dame tomorrow that will attract more than 30,000 fans.

Ginsburg notes several significant contributions to law made by women

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After passage of the Nineteenth Amendment (1920), Matthews served as counsel to the National Women's Party

In 1927, the U.S. government, wanting the property, condemned the party's headquarters.

Matthew won the largest condemnation proceeding up to that date. Ginsberg told the audience. The property would hold the U.S. Supreme Court building.

In 1949, after many years working for women's rights, Matthews was appointed to a judgeship in the United States District Court of the District of Columbia, becoming the first woman to be appointed as a federal district court judge.

A local paper reported a gentleman's response to Matthew's appointment Ginsburg said, "Mrs. Matthews would be a good judge, but there is just one thing wrong with her: she's a woman."

Matthews would only hire women as law clerks, according to Ginsburg.

Ginsburg continued on in her address and spoke about Malvina Shaklin Harlan, wife of associate justice John Marshal Harlan.

According to Ginsburg, Harlan, a collector of court memorabilia, had found an inkwell used by Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney to write the Dred Scott Decision in 1857 that proclaimed that no man born a slave would ever become a citizen of the United States.

Harlan was about to give the inkwell away, but Malvina Harlan hid it.

Ginsburg said the inkwell would play a significant role in Justice Harlan's most famous opinions.

In 1875, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1875 that banned discrimination in public places. The law appeared before the Supreme Court some years later, and Harlan was caught in a "quagmire of logic precedence and law," said Ginsburg as she read from Harlan's memoir.

To aid, Ginsburg said Malvina removed the other inkstands from her husband's desk and replaced them with Taney's inkstand.

Stanford notes a decrease in acts of intolerance this year

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"unacceptable." He later referred them to Wais.

Aulie said she was not reassured by her subsequent meeting with Wais. She said, "Dean Wais asked if it was possible if they thought we were EPA

concern was for the students' safety and well-being. He offered them assistance, as per university policy, saying that he was "very distressed to hear about the racist nature of the verbal comments directed at the students."

As dean of students, Wais' duties include notifying the campus

to prevent and respond to acts of intolerance."

The harassed students said they feel the student body needs to be better educated on how to respond to such acts.

"Things can be done to teach people about these things and to expose people to different ideas," said Bunch.

"Stanford's policy for reporting hate incidents needs to be clearly outlined and publicized, then integrated into residential education."

kids, that if we had spoken in English it would have diffused the situation sooner."

After having discussed the situation with Wais, the students said they felt discouraged.

"Is the basis of respect an English-speaking Stanford student?" asked Aulie.

Wais said his statements were taken out of context and refused to respond to the allegations of insensitivity.

"It creates a story that isn't a story, in my opinion," he said.

Wais added that he had no indication that his comments upset the students and that they had not approached him about the e-mail.

Wais asserted that his primary

community of acts of intolerance and providing follow-up support to victims, as well as referring them to other campus resources.

Last year at Stanford, 40 acts of intolerance reported to the Dean of Students Office.

This academic year there have been 12 such acts; last year at this time there were 20, Wais said.

Stanford's official protocol for acts of intolerance defines them as "conduct that adversely targets an individual or group on the basis of sex, race, color, disability, religion, sexual orientation and/or national/ethnic origin."

The protocol also states that Stanford is "committed to the ongoing education of its faculty, staff and students

Hayman said, "We didn't know the procedure, most people don't. Stanford's policy for reporting hate incidents needs to be clearly outlined and publicized, then integrated into residential education."

"It should be common knowledge and it's not," she added. "If we had immediately known what steps to take when this incident happened, then the kids who did this could have been confronted immediately. They wouldn't have gotten away with what they did."

According to University policy, anyone who is either the victim or a witness to an act of intolerance or racism is encouraged to report it to the vice provost for campus relations or the vice provost for student affairs.

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Barriers broken as women stay in first



Steven Ricard | Signal

Dee Dee Merriweather gets her hands up as Stetson's Tashean Thomas brings the ball up the court in Georgia State's 77-50 win over the Hatters on Thursday.

Win over Hatters produces 1,000th point for Miller

Senior becomes 14th in school history to reach illustrious plateau

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The Georgia State women's basketball team returned home last week, and on Thursday against Stetson they re-established themselves as a dominant force in the Atlantic Sun with a 77-50 victory over the Hatters.

The contest was a memorable one for senior Angelina Miller, who scored her 1,000th career point early in the second half on a three-point basket.

Miller is the 14th member of the 1,000 point club at Georgia State.

The Lady Panthers trailed only once in the contest, at 2-0. Georgia State scored the next eight points to take the lead for good, and they would never look back.

Their lead grew to as many as 15 points in the first half, at 31-16 on a three-pointer by Rogers.

The Lady Panthers led 31-19 at halftime, and would never

be challenged in the second half.

Georgia State's lead was as many as 33 points, after a basket by Holly Coates pushed the advantage to 61-28.

With the final never in doubt, Georgia State head coach Lea Henry was able to rest her starters down the stretch.

The Lady Panthers were able to secure the victory without the services of senior Kara Edwards.

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Hartman steals the show from Dolphins

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Coming off their win over Stetson on Thursday, the Georgia State women's basketball team had a chance to make it two in a row as they played host to Jacksonville on Saturday.

The Lady Panthers needed this

win to move to 12-10 overall and 7-4 in the Atlantic Sun. This was also homecoming game for them and therefore a little more important.

Senior Evita Rogers realized this as she came out and set the tone for the team.

At the end of the first half, Rogers had 11 points on 4-8 shoot-

ing and seven rebounds, of which three were offensive. But she did not do it by herself as, by halftime, six other Lady Panthers also contributed at least one basket and Patechia Hartman had five steals.

Jacksonville did not respond to the pace set by Georgia State as the Lady Panthers were up 33-18 at halftime.

That was when it became the Patechia Hartman show. Even though the Lady Panthers were up by 15 she came out and continued to play as if it were her last game.

Hartman hustled around the floor with endless energy. She weaved in and out of the Jacksonville defense, created and ran fast breaks, and caused chaos for

Jacksonville's offense. She was everywhere as she forced Jacksonville into turnovers and then helped convert them into points on the other end.

Hartman's play spurred the team as the Lady Panthers opened the second period with a 10-2 run

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Hurst wins 200th in sweep

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Two games into the 2003 season, the Georgia State baseball team has looked to have already cured the ills that plagued them last year.

Clutch hitting and pressure pitching helped Georgia State pull out two one-run games, 5-4 and 4-3, in their season-opening double-header Saturday against UNC-Asheville.

The Panthers set the tone for their prosperous day in the first game, erasing an early four-run deficit to triumph 5-4.

With runners on second and third in the bottom of the sixth, Georgia State's Kyle Breitbach scored the winning run when Bull-

dog pitcher Aaron Rembert was called for a balk.

The Panthers fell behind early, giving up four runs in the first inning, three on a home run by UNC-Asheville's Daniel Pruitt.

But Georgia State starter Ronnie Robinson (1-0) would settle down, allowing just one more hit the next five innings. Robinson, the Panthers' #1 starter, pitched six strong innings, striking out four and allowing no earned runs.

Georgia State (2-0) tied the game in the fifth, thanks in part to the heroics of catcher Rusty Bennett.

Bennett smacked a two-run

double to center, plating Kevin Kawasaki and Dustin Phillips, then scored the tying run on a single by newcomer Tim Burgess.

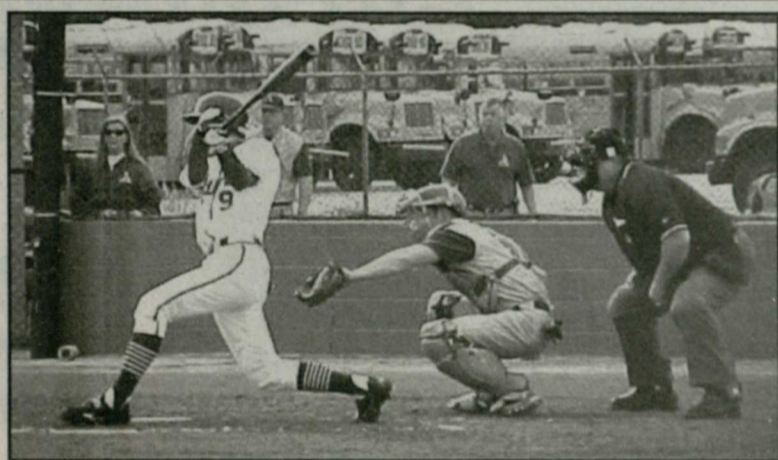
Brett Strickland pitched a scoreless seventh for his first save of the season.

The win gave Georgia State manager Mike Hurst his 200th career victory in his 11th season.

Game two was a change for the Panthers, who played with the lead throughout.

After falling behind in the top of the second inning, Stanley Wise and Stephen Burroughs responded

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Kevin Kawasaki (batting) went 3 for 6 in the Panthers' two wins over UNC-Asheville.

Panthers come up short in overtime again

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For the fourth time this season, the Georgia State men's basketball team was pushed to overtime.

And for the third time, the Panthers came up on the short end.

Saturday's 78-74 loss to Samford in double overtime dropped Georgia State to 10-13 on the season and 1-3 in overtime contests.

More importantly, the Panthers fell to 5-7 in the Atlantic Sun and fourth place in the North Division.

With a victory, Georgia State could have moved into a tie for second place in the division and into the fourth position for the conference tournament.

But as it stands, the Panthers are currently in eighth place in the conference, which would grant them the final spot in the tournament.

Georgia State came out fired up for its homecoming game, as bas-

kets by Reo Logan and Trello Galloway put the Panthers ahead 4-0.

The Bulldogs roared back, going on a quick 11-0 run keyed by three straight three-pointers.

After both teams traded baskets, Georgia State came back with an 8-0 run of its own to regain the lead at 14-13.

Another 8-0 run would help the Panthers increase their lead 25-18, keying a big first half.

A tip-in by Galloway at the buzzer gave Georgia State a 36-24 lead at halftime, with the momentum in their favor.

Samford's three-point shooting kept them in the game, as five of their seven baskets in the opening half were from behind the three-point line.

In the second half, the Bulldogs once again came out shooting threes, as an 11-2 run keyed by three three-pointers whittled the Panther lead down to three at 38-35.

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Poor first half shooting dooms Panthers

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The Georgia State Panthers began a four-game home stand on Thursday night against the road warriors from Belmont.

Having lost their last two contests, the Panthers came into the GSU Sports Arena with a 10-11 record overall and a 5-5 record in the Atlantic Sun, good enough for third place in the North Division.

If there was ever a time to make a run, this was it for Georgia State.

But it was a tough night for a team that has battled the odds all season.

With the loss of starter Trello Galloway to suspension the Panthers played with eight players dressed out against a Belmont team that was 6-0 on the road in conference play and came into the night with a 13-10 record overall and a 8-3 record in the conference to lead the Atlantic Sun's North Division.

Georgia State shot a dismal 19.4 percent in the first half while the Bruins, who shot 46.4 percent from the field, looked like they would never miss. By the end of the first half, the Panthers found themselves down by 21, a deficit they would not be able to make up as they suffered a third-straight loss with the final score of 72-57.

Georgia State couldn't buy a shot in the early moments of the first half, as the Panthers took over three minutes to score their first points. And Belmont didn't feel sorry for Georgia State either, as they hit four 3-pointers in the first nine minutes and led the Panthers by a score of 25-9.

And as been the case in recent games, Georgia State shot poorly from beyond the arc, hitting just 2 of 14 attempts in the first half.

The Bruins would extend their lead to 21 by halftime, thanks to more horrendous shooting by the Panthers.

Playing with only seven players, this was definitely not the ideal situation for Georgia State to be in going into the second half versus a team that loves to play on the road.

Not much changed for the Panthers in the early stages of the second half as they continued to struggle from the field, while Belmont rode its first-half momentum to twice take leads of 25 points in the first five minutes.

Georgia State, who shot just over 46 percent for the second half, finally started to make Belmont work a little, as they were able to cut the lead to 16 at the 10-minute mark, at 55-39.

Unfortunately for the Panthers it was too little, too late. Every time Georgia State tried to make a run, the Bruins would answer with a three-pointer or draw a foul to prevent the Panthers from picking up any momentum.

Georgia State was able to cut it to 66-52 with 2:51 left to play, but that would be as close as they would get on the night.

The Panthers, who got off eight more shots than Belmont and out rebounded them 40-34, shot under 31 percent for the game, a number that looks a lot better than Georgia State actually shot.

The Bruins, who made nine three-pointers, shot 46 percent for the game.

Senior Cedric Patton, who replaced the suspended Galloway in the starting lineup, led the Panthers with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Leroy Davis added 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Nate Williams finished with 12 points and Lamont McIntosh added 10.

For Belmont, senior center Adam Sonn led all scorers with 19 and added 14 rebounds.

This was the third-straight loss for Georgia State, their longest losing streak since early December, when they lost five in a row to the likes of Oklahoma and Mississippi State.

"We missed a lot of point-blank range shots and gave them a lot of point-blank range shots, so it was an uphill battle for us," Coach Michael Perry said in the loss.

"We needed some scoring opportunities from our defense and transition game, but didn't get that either. They shot pretty well and we obviously didn't."



Steven Ricard | Signal

Ronnie Robinson checks on the runner in Georgia State's season-opening 5-4 victory over UNC-Asheville on Saturday.

Baseball sweeps doubleheader

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with RBI singles to give Georgia State a 2-1 lead.

Josh Coyle's solo home run in the fourth tied the game for UNC-Asheville (2-2), but the Panthers would respond quickly again.

A fielding error by Coyle allowed Kawasaki to score after a triple, and Bennett's sacrifice fly scored Phillips for a 4-2 cushion.

The Bulldogs would threaten in the seventh, loading the bases with no outs on reliever Cody Webb.

But Scott Boatman would save the day for the Panthers, getting Jake McConiga to hit into a double play and striking out Steve Sherman to end the game.

"We almost caught them in the second game with a rally, but their pitcher made some big pitches," said UNC-Asheville coach Matt

Myers.

Boatman's first save of the season came in relief of Jonathan Craig (1-0), who allowed just one hit in five innings while striking out eight.

"Anytime you can get a couple of wins on opening day is good," said Georgia State head coach Mike Hurst.

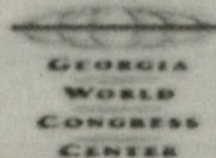
"Our pitchers did a great job, and we had some clutch hitting late in the games."

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Lamont McIntosh guards Belmont's Brian Collins in the Bruins' 72-57 win on Thursday.

Lady Panthers take care of ball in victory

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The veteran was benched by Henry for the game after starting 13 of the team's previous 18 games.

Miller led all scorers in the game with 18 points.

She was one of four Georgia State players to finish in double figures, as she was joined by Monica Thomas with 14 points, Holly Coates with 12 points, and Rogers with 10 points.

Patechia Hartman came off the bench to add eight points and four steals.

Renee Barnes was the only Stetson player to tally in double figures, as she finished with 11 points for the game.

Perhaps most importantly for Georgia State, the team committed just 10 turnovers for the



Steven Ricard | Signal

Senior Angelina Miller became the 14th Lady Panther and second current player to score 1,000 career points last Thursday in Georgia State's 77-50 victory over Stetson.

contest, their fewest of the season.

The Lady Panthers also forced Stetson into 28 turnovers while holding them to just 37 percent shooting for the game.

Georgia State shot 44 percent, including 51 percent in the second half.

The victory moved Georgia

State to 11-10 overall on the season and 6-4 in the Atlantic Sun, keeping them in a first-place tie in the North Division with Jacksonville State.

Stetson dropped to 4-17 overall and 3-7 in the Atlantic Sun, as they remained tied with Jacksonville for sixth place in the South Division.

Bulldogs rain on Panther homecoming

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After Nate Williams picked up his third foul with Georgia State leading 41-38, the Panther offense exploded, keyed by freshman Herman Favors.

On three straight possessions, Favors knocked down two three-pointers and assisted Lamont McIntosh for a three-pointer to put Georgia State back up by 12 at 50-38.

A 14-5 Samford run that followed brought the advantage back to one at 55-54, but this time the Panthers could not answer.

The teams went back and forth during the end of regulation, and the Bulldogs found themselves up 61-59 with the ball and under 30 seconds to play.

But Galloway would save the day temporarily for Georgia State, as he made a steal in the backcourt and went in for the uncontested dunk to tie the game at 61-61.

The Panther defense prevented Samford from getting off a final

shot in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

Georgia State had a chance to win the game at the end of the first overtime, after freshman J. Robert Merritt missed two free throws for Samford with less than 14 seconds remaining.

Galloway's baseline jumper as time ran out missed, and the teams headed to a second overtime tied at 69.

In the final period, the Panthers' inability to make a basket doomed them as the Bulldogs made eight of ten free throws to pull away.

Georgia State's five points came on three free throws and a tip-in by Logan, as the Panthers made just five of 19 shots in the overtime periods combined.

The win was the 100th career victory for Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette and kept the Bulldogs in a tie for second place in the Atlantic Sun's North Division.



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Samford's Cornell Felton shoots for three over Georgia State's Herman Favors.

Dolphins no match for Lady Panthers

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that saw Miller and Hartman both add four points to give Georgia State a 43-20 lead.

Jacksonville's freshman guard Tara Eddy tried to match the intensity being brought to the game by Hartman as she traded baskets with Miller and Hartman the next few times down the court to pull the Dolphins to 45-25.

But Hartman continued to outthrust the Dolphins as she forced a turnover that led to a basket by freshman Monica Thomas. A few seconds later Hartman stole the ball again and took it the length of the court for a layup to cap off a 6-0 Lady Panthers run.

The Dolphins just could never get their offense going as the Lady Panther's defense smothered them.

On one defensive stand the Lady Panthers did not even let Jack-

sonville get off a shot and Jacksonville suffered a shot clock violation. This brought the fans to their feet in appreciation of the effort being put out by the Lady Panthers.

With a little under four minutes left in the game, Hartman came out of the game for having set a school record with eight steals. She had also contributed 10 points, three assists and a block.

The Lady Panthers closed out strong with and 12-6 final run and won the game 68-35.

The leading scorers were Evita Rogers and Tara Eddy, both with 13 points. The Lady Panthers had four players in double figures compared with just Eddy for the Dolphins.

After the game when Coach Lea Henry was asked about Hartman's historic performance she said, "She brought unbelievable energy and enthusiasm to the floor...it was great to see."



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what's going on around the conference

Men's Basketball

Mercer knocks off Troy State

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After receiving national publicity all week for their outstanding record, the **Troy State** Trojans (19-5, 10-2 A-Sun) could not hold a late lead against **Mercer** (17-5, 10-2) on Saturday at the Macon Coliseum.

The Trojans appeared in this week's Mid-Major Top 10 by ESPN as well as garnering the #9 position in *CollegeInsider.com's* Mid-Major Poll.

Saturday's game, the only home game played by the Bears at the Macon Coliseum, brought out 1,132 fans, over twice the capacity of their home for every other home contest this year, Porter Gym.

The Bears came back valiantly after trailing 74-63 with just over seven minutes remaining.

A 10-0 run down the stretch tied the game at 77 apiece before clutch free throws from Clarence Baker and Wesley Duke sealed the

game.

Marcus Millhouse's three-point attempt at the buzzer missed, sending Mercer to their sixth-straight victory.

Despite hitting 14 three-pointers, including seven from Ben Fletcher as part of his career-high 27 points, the Trojans lost just their second conference game of the season.

Troy State also committed just seven turnovers for the contest, but was outrebounded 53-41 by the Bears.

The win moved Mercer into a tie for the South Division lead, with UCF lurking just a half-game behind the two leaders.

Belmont suffers first road loss

Belmont (14-11, 9-4) suffered their first road loss in conference play this season, losing their final road game to **Jacksonville State** (16-9, 7-6) on Saturday, 92-87.

The win would have all but sewn up the North Division for the Bruins, who dropped to 7-1 away from home in the Atlantic Sun this season.

The victory also pushed the Gamecocks to 7-1 in Atlantic Sun play at Pete Mathews Coliseum, while also keeping their slim hopes for the North Division title alive.

Jacksonville State and **Samford** (11-13, 7-6) both sit two games back of Belmont, who will host **Campbell** (5-18, 1-11), **Gardner-Webb** (5-20, 2-10), and Samford to close out the season.

Belmont is just 2-3 at home in the conference this year, mainly due to the fact that the Bruins split their home games between the Nashville Municipal Auditorium, the Gaylord Entertainment Center and the Aquinas Center.

All three of Belmont's remaining games will be at the Municipal Auditorium, where they are 3-1 this season.

North Division

Belmont

Last Week: 1-1

14-11 (9-4 A-Sun), 1st in North d. Ga. State, 1. to Jacksonville St.

Bruins get it done on road again at Georgia St. before losing final road conference game at Jacksonville State...Something had to give: Bruins finished A-Sun schedule 7-1 on the road, Gamecocks finished A-Sun schedule 7-1 at home...Still hold a comfortable two-game advantage over JSU...Two wins this week will give them the North Division title

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Campbell, Sat. vs. Gardner-Webb, Feb. 28 vs. Samford

Campbell

Last Week: 1-1

5-18 (1-11 A-Sun), 6th in North d. Lipscomb, 1. to Gardner-Webb

Actually beat future A-Sun opponent Lipscomb last week in double overtime...Lost the battle for fifth place to Gardner-Webb on Friday...Can't fault Tarick Johnson: Games of 37 points against Lipscomb and 31 points against Gardner-Webb make him this year's A-Sun leading scorer...Could help out rest of North with a win against Belmont on Thursday

Upcoming: Thurs. at Belmont, Sat. at Samford, Feb. 27 vs. Georgia State

Gardner-Webb

Last Week: 2-0

5-20 (2-10 A-Sun), 5th in North d. Winthrop, Campbell

Big 2-0 week almost has Runnin' Bulldogs at .500 at home this season...Too bad they're 1-15 on the road, with two more games away from home this week...Also could help out Jacksonville State and Georgia State with a win over either Samford or Belmont...Don't count on it, though, as Runnin' Bulldogs are 0-6 away from home in the conference

Upcoming: Thurs. at Samford, Sat. at Belmont, Feb. 27 vs. Jacksonville State

Jacksonville State

Last Week: 3-0

16-9 (7-6 A-Sun), 2nd in North d. Lipscomb, Samford, Belmont

Gamecocks' claim to fame this year: The only team in the A-Sun to beat Belmont on the road...JSU finishes home conference schedule 7-1 at Pete Mathews Coliseum...The bad part: They're 0-5 on the road...Need to turn it around on Friday for big matchup at Georgia State...WHAT IS THIS? Actually a good A-Sun Game of the Week this week!!!!!!!

Upcoming: Wed. vs. Lipscomb, Fri. at Georgia State, Feb. 27 at Gardner-Webb

Samford

Last Week: 1-1

11-13 (7-6 A-Sun), 3rd in North d. Ga. State, 1. to Jacksonville St.

Did wonders for themselves with win over Georgia State on Saturday...Loss to Jacksonville State on Thursday doesn't help their chances of getting the #2 spot in the North, but Saturday's win helps immensely...Jimmy Tillette picks up 100th coaching win on Saturday...Just his 100th? With two NCAA berths, it seems like he's been there forever!

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Gardner-Webb, Sat. vs. Campbell, Feb. 28 at Belmont

South Division

Florida Atlantic

Last Week: 0-2

7-18 (3-10 A-Sun), 6th in South 1. to Stetson, Jacksonville

Lost the battle for 5th in the South with 83-78 loss to Stetson on Thursday...Came right back to absolutely stink up the joint in 89-54 loss to Jacksonville...Throw in the towel: Owls two and a half games out of last spot in conference tourney...They won't be in Atlanta to defend title...Shot just 28 percent to Dolphins' 57 percent in Jacksonville loss

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Mercer, Sat. vs. Troy State, Mar. 1 vs. UCF

Jacksonville

Last Week: 2-0

12-12 (7-5 A-Sun), 4th in South d. UCF, Florida Atlantic

Big week for Dolphins, who find themselves with the fifth-best conference record right now...Still would only get them the #6 spot in the conference tourney...UCF victory keeps hope alive of a UCF collapse getting them into the top three in the conference tourney...Visits to Mercer and Troy State to end the season probably will prevent that

Upcoming: Tues. at Georgia State, Sat. vs. Stetson, Feb. 27 at Mercer

Mercer

Last Week: 2-0

17-5 (10-2 A-Sun), 2nd in South d. Morris Brown, Troy State

Bears come up with biggest victory in the conference last week with 83-80 win over Troy State...Actually got 1,132 out to the Macon Coliseum for the game...Were down 74-63 with just over seven minutes to play and came back to win...Need to keep winning and hope Trojans blow a game down the stretch in order to take South Division crown

Upcoming: Mon. vs. Savannah State, Thurs. at Florida Atlantic, Sat. at UCF

Stetson

Last Week: 1-1

6-16 (4-9 A-Sun), 5th in South d. Florida Atlantic, 1. to UCF

Beat Florida Atlantic on Thursday to keep slim A-Sun tourney hopes alive...Just one and a half games behind Georgia State for the final spot...Games against Troy State and Mercer will probably keep them out, though...Got to give the Hatters credit: Instead of folding, they've come out and battled every game after Mark Stiles went down with injury

Upcoming: Mon. at Lipscomb, Sat. at Jacksonville, Feb. 27 at Troy State

Troy State

Last Week: 0-1

19-5 (10-2 A-Sun), 1st in South 1. to Mercer

Someone should clip this and save it: Trojans actually fail to win a game last week...Can't fault Ben Fletcher: 27 points, including 7-14 from three-point land...Hit 14 three-pointers, their motif all year long, but still lost...Need to regroup before big game on Thursday against UCF...Committed only seven turnovers against Mercer but still lost

Upcoming: Thurs. at UCF, Sat. at Florida Atlantic, Feb. 27 vs. Stetson

UCF

Last Week: 1-1

18-8 (10-3 A-Sun), 3rd in South d. Stetson, 1. to Jacksonville

Big loss to Jacksonville on Thursday keeps Golden Knights from moving up to first-place tie with Mercer and Troy State...With those two on the schedule this week, they could still find themselves in first next week...As Ray Abellard goes, so does this team: Just 11 points on 2-11 shooting against Jacksonville, 25 points on 9-12 shooting vs. Stetson

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Troy State, Sat. vs. Mercer, Mar. 1 at Florida Atlantic

Atlantic Sun Standings

North Division

| School | Conference | Overall |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Belmont | 9-4 | 14-11 |
| Jacksonville State | 7-6 | 16-9 |
| Samford | 7-6 | 11-13 |
| Georgia State | 5-7 | 10-13 |
| Gardner-Webb | 2-10 | 5-20 |
| Campbell | 1-11 | 5-18 |

South Division

| School | Conference | Overall |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| Troy State | 10-2 | 19-5 |
| Mercer | 10-2 | 17-5 |
| UCF | 10-3 | 18-8 |
| Jacksonville | 7-5 | 12-12 |
| Stetson | 4-9 | 6-16 |
| Florida Atlantic | 3-10 | 7-18 |

Tournament Seeds

Through Monday

- #1 Troy State - 10-2
Best conference record
South Division leader
Better record vs. opposite division
- #2 Belmont - 9-4
North Division leader
- #3 Mercer - 10-2
2nd place in South Division
- #4 Jacksonville State - 7-6
2nd place in North Division
Better record vs. opposite division
- #5 UCF - 10-3
- #6 Jacksonville - 7-5
- #7 Samford - 7-6
- #8 Georgia State - 5-7

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what's going on around the conference

North Division

Belmont

14-8 (5-6 A-Sun), 3rd in North

Last Week: 1-1

d. Troy State, l. to Mercer

Big win over Troy State keeps hopes alive for a good tourney seed...Took Mercer to overtime before falling, the closest any team's come to beating them during their eight-game winning streak...Two wins this week will put them just one game out of second place in the North...Bruins getting it done at the line: A-Sun leaders shooting 75 percent

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Campbell, Sat. vs. Gardner-Webb, Mar. 1 vs. Samford

Campbell

8-14 (4-7 A-Sun), 4th in North

Last Week: 1-1

d. Florida Atlantic, l. to UCF

Lady Camels pull the biggest upset of the year, scoring 107 against Florida Atlantic on Thursday...Kristal Troy's 29 points and 14 rebounds led the way...Couldn't keep the magic going against UCF on Saturday...In one game, the Lady Camels managed to improve their spot in the conference tourney while upsetting the balance of power in the South

Upcoming: Thurs. at Belmont, Sat. at Samford, Feb. 27 vs. Georgia State

Gardner-Webb

3-19 (2-9 A-Sun), 5th in North

Last Week: 0-2

l. to UCF, Florida Atlantic

Two straight tough weeks have doomed the Lady Bulldogs...Followed up losses to Troy State and Mercer with two more losses to UCF and Florida Atlantic...Schedule finally gives them a break, as they head to Samford on Thursday...With Belmont, Jacksonville State, and Georgia State still on the schedule, they could play spoiler down the stretch

Upcoming: Thurs. at Samford, Sat. at Belmont, Feb. 27 vs. Jacksonville State

Jacksonville State

13-9 (7-4 A-Sun), 1st in North

Last Week: 2-0

d. Jacksonville, Stetson

Gamecocks take care of business, but barely...Wins over Jacksonville and Stetson and closer than they should have been...Only beat Stetson by nine after Georgia State beat the Hatters by 27...Showdown for first looming on Saturday as Gamecocks travel to fellow 7-4 Georgia State...Shanika Freeman takes third A-Sun Player of the Week honor

Upcoming: Sat. at Georgia State, Feb. 27 at Gardner-Webb, Mar. 1 at Campbell

Samford

5-17 (1-10 A-Sun), 6th in North

Last Week: 0-2

l. to Mercer, Troy State

After being dismantled by 28 against Mercer, only fell by 10 to Troy State on Saturday...There's no hope in sight for this program...Led Troy State 26-24 at halftime before falling...Thursday's game against Gardner-Webb could decide who stays out of last in the North this season...At least they got some pub in last week's *Sports Illustrated*

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Gardner-Webb, Sat. vs. Campbell, Mar. 1 at Belmont

South Division

Florida Atlantic

11-11 (9-2 A-Sun), 2nd in South

Last Week: 1-1

d. Gardner-Webb, l. to Campbell

Well, disaster struck last week, as the Lady Owls gave up a whopping 107 to Campbell...How do you give up 107 points in WOMEN'S BASKETBALL?????.....Rebounded to barely beat lowly Gardner-Webb by two on Saturday...Need to find themselves again with three tough games coming up

Upcoming: Sat. vs. UCF, Feb. 27 at Troy State, Mar. 1 at Mercer

Jacksonville

5-17 (3-8 A-Sun), 5th in South

Last Week: 0-2

l. to Jacksonville St., Georgia St.

Absolutely horrible week could keep Dolphins out of A-Sun tourney...Followed up last year's 90-60 loss to Georgia State with a 68-35 loss this year...Made only 12 field goals against the Lady Panthers, including just five in the second half...Without Yolisha Jackson, who's out the rest of the year with a knee injury, the wheels have come off

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Troy State, Sat. vs. Mercer, Mar. 1 vs. Stetson

Mercer

10-12 (8-3 A-Sun), 4th in South

Last Week: 2-0

d. Samford, Belmont

SOMEBODY STOP THE BEARS!!!...Eight straight wins have kept them in contention for the South Division title...To think, this team was 2-12 at one point this year...Brenda Welch-Nichols finally has her players playing to their potential...Two easy games this week could move the streak to 10 in a row...Just waiting for top three teams to lose

Upcoming: Thurs. at Stetson, Sat. at Jacksonville, Feb. 27 vs. UCF

Stetson

4-18 (3-8 A-Sun), 6th in South

Last Week: 0-2

l. to Georgia St., Jacksonville St.

Almost beat North Division's top team Jacksonville State on Saturday...Kelly Nye's 24 points denied the upset...Were down only three at 73-70 before falling 80-71...Held Shanika Freeman to no points in the first 15 minutes before giving her the next 14...Doesn't get any easier for the Hatters, as red-hot Mercer and Troy State come to town this week

Upcoming: Thurs. vs. Mercer, Sat. vs. Troy State, Mar. 1 at Jacksonville

Troy State

13-9 (8-3 A-Sun), 3rd in South

Last Week: 1-1

d. Samford, l. to Belmont

Loss to Belmont on Thursday might prove the difference later on as UCF and FAU both sit ahead of the Lady Trojans...A-Sun assist leader Kerri Fiehrer lost in the first minute of Belmont loss...Came back to dish out five assists against Samford...Two very winnable games this week could get this team back on a winning streak and back near the top

Upcoming: Thurs. at Jacksonville, Sat. at Stetson, Feb. 27 vs. Florida Atlantic

UCF

13-9 (9-2 A-Sun), 1st in South

Last Week: 2-0

d. Gardner-Webb, Campbell

Two wins coupled with the shocking FAU loss puts the Golden Knights back on top in the South...Adrienne Billings' 26 points the difference in 83-77 win over Campbell on Saturday...Gathered themselves after holding just a 80-77 lead down the stretch to win...Next three games could decide who ends up winning the South Division

Upcoming: Sat. at Florida Atlantic, Feb. 27 at Mercer, Mar. 1 at Troy State

Women's Basketball

Lady Camels shock FAU

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Campbell (8-14, 4-7 A-Sun) pulled off the biggest upset of the week, knocking off the South Division's first-place team Florida Atlantic (11-11, 9-2) 107-90 on Thursday.

The loss dropped the Lady Owls from first place into second, and was just the second conference loss on the season for Florida Atlantic.

The Lady Camels made 39 of 53 free throw attempts for the game, one that saw the teams turn the ball over a combined 53 times.

Campbell led by as many as 24 points and were never challenged in the second half.

Kristal Troy scored 29 points, including 10-10 shooting from the free throw line, and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Teammate Jennifer Lodge scored 24 points and LaTisha Patterson dished out 11 assists in the victory.

The win kept Campbell's hopes alive of improving their seed in the conference tournament, as the Lady Camels sit in fourth place in the North Division, one game behind third-place Belmont (14-8, 5-6).

Mercer runs win streak to eight

The Bears of Mercer (10-12, 8-3) continue to amaze, as they ran their winning streak to eight in a row with victories over Samford (5-17, 1-10) and Belmont last week.

Mercer demolished the Bulldogs 85-57 on Thursday, before being pushed to overtime by Belmont on Saturday.

Despite shooting just 27 percent in the first half, the Bears roared back to hold the Bruins to just 18 percent shooting in the second half, including 0-10 from behind the three-point line.

April Dyer scored 19 points

Tournament Matchups

Through Monday

#1 South - UCF - 9-2 vs.

#4 North - Campbell - 4-7

#2 South - FAU - 9-2 vs.

#3 North - Belmont - 5-6

#3 South - Troy St. - 8-3 vs.

#2 North - Ga. State - 7-4

#4 South - Mercer - 8-3 vs.

#1 North - Jax. State - 7-4

and pulled down 14 rebounds for Mercer, who find themselves tied for third place in the South Division with Troy State (13-9, 8-3).

First place in North at stake

North Division leaders Jacksonville State (13-9, 7-4) and Georgia State (12-10, 7-4) will do battle on Saturday with the winner emerging as the top team in the division.

The teams met on Jan. 25 with the Gamecocks cruising to a 60-40 victory in Jacksonville, Ala.

The 40 points were the fewest tallied by the Lady Panthers this season, who rolled through their two games last week to stay atop the division.

Georgia State blew past Stetson (4-18, 3-8) 77-50 on

Thursday and Jacksonville (5-17, 3-8) on Saturday.

Jacksonville State also beat these two teams, as the Gamecocks and Lady Panthers are travel partners.

Jacksonville State's margins of victory were considerably less, as they beat the Hatters 80-71 and the Dolphins 64-51.

Georgia State was picked to finish as the North Division winner in the Preseason Media and Coaches' Polls, but struggled early in their conference schedule before coming on as of late.

Jacksonville State jumped out to a 4-0 start in Atlantic Sun play before a 1-3 run knocked them back for a couple of weeks.

Both teams' 2-0 weeks last week has them playing their best basketball, and the game should prove to be one of the best games of the season.

Atlantic Sun Standings

North Division

| School | Conference | Overall |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Jacksonville State | 7-4 | 13-9 |
| Georgia State | 7-4 | 12-10 |
| Belmont | 5-6 | 14-8 |
| Campbell | 4-7 | 8-14 |
| Gardner-Webb | 2-9 | 3-19 |
| Samford | 1-10 | 5-17 |

South Division

| School | Conference | Overall |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| UCF | 9-2 | 13-9 |
| Florida Atlantic | 9-2 | 11-11 |
| Troy State | 8-3 | 13-9 |
| Mercer | 8-3 | 10-12 |
| Jacksonville | 3-8 | 5-17 |
| Stetson | 3-8 | 4-18 |



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Strong second round gives Lady Panthers third place

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A big improvement in the second round helped the Georgia State women's golf team to a third-place finish out of 15 teams in the Golden Panther Women's Championship last week.

The Lady Panthers finished the tournament at 653, twenty shots behind tournament champion Illinois, who led from start to finish.

Just seven strokes ahead of Georgia State was UNC-Greensboro, who finished in second place with a 646.

After shooting 334 in the opening round, the Lady Panthers came back with an impressive 319 in the second round, as they capitalized on the second day as most teams did.

Illinois was just one of two teams in the tournament to shoot higher in the second round than in the first, but its opening round of 309 placed them out of reach from the start.

Georgia State's combined team play helped them garner the high finish despite having individual player finish in the top 10.

Sam White and Elizabeth White both finished in 19th place as each finished at 164.

Elizabeth White rebounded from an opening round 86 to finish with a 78 on Tuesday, the low round for any Lady Panther.

Sally Bishop finished just one shot behind at 165, placing her 22nd.

Ashley Couch finished of strong, finishing two shots behind Bishop with a 167.

Elizabeth White, Bishop, and Couch all shot under 80 on Tuesday, with Bishop and Couch each shooting a 79.

Junior Nicole Wagner rounded out the scoring for Georgia State, finishing with a 169, good enough for 35th place.

The Lady Panthers will now head to Pinehurst, N.C. this week for the 2003 Carolinas Collegiate Classic.

Stunning weekend for women's tennis

Lady Panthers earn ranking before going 0-2 last weekend

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No. 75 Georgia State suffered two shocking defeats this weekend against University of Memphis and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga by losing 2-6 and 3-4 respectively. The team is now at a paltry 2-4 overall for the season.

The disappointing journey started when the Lady Panthers were crushed by the Lady Tigers of Memphis last Saturday.

After dropping the first doubles match, Anne Breiholtz and Annamaria Forgacs battled back by defeating #56 nationally ranked doubles team of Sabrina Lindemann/Monica Gonzales-Godo 8-6.

The decisive match did not go as well as the team of Karmeline Rivera-Rebecca

Mitchell lost in a tight 8-6. "We needed to win the doubles, we were close" Coach Andy Smith said.

Down 1-0 after the doubles portion, Georgia State failed to hit back in singles matches by winning only two of the six possible points.

Freshman Breiholtz defeated Lindemann back to back 6-1, 6-3 whereas sophomore Forgacs beat Sumitra Rao by the same score.

"We tried to get back after doubles but seemed to lose the good points when Memphis won three games in a row" Coach Smith said.

In Sunday's match, the Lady Panthers started in good shape as they the doubles point against Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The #1 doubles team of Breiholtz/ Forgacs continues its excellent performance by winning 8-2 to Catherine Allen/Cynthia Oulevay.

In the #2 doubles match, Rivera/Mitchell fought back this time as they defeated Saskia van Velze/Bethany Everett 8-6 securing the double point.

But things were about to turn around as Georgia State failed to get the singles points once again.

Senior Karine Etienne was unable to provide the decisive point as she lost 2-6, 7-6, 6-4 in a very demanding match.

In an impeccable performance, both #1 Breiholtz and #2 Forgacs won their singles matches 6-4, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-3 respectively.

Breiholtz is above .500 on the year at 4-2 and Forgacs has won her last three matches.

The Lady Panthers will be back in action this Saturday as they play conference rival University of Central Florida in Tifton, Ga.

Men's tennis victorious again despite injuries

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Georgia State men's tennis team defeated Tennessee Tech by an impressive score of 6-1 on Saturday that puts them at 4-1 overall this season.

The Panthers secured the double point early in the day by winning two of the three matches played. The team of Luka Bernard-Miha Lisac won for the second consecutive time within a week, by an intense 9-8 tiebreak, and Chris Magnone and Nicolas Lupica provided an 8-2 win.

Keeping themselves on track, Georgia State got five of the six points during singles play. Sophomore Matias Ormaza, who is recovering from a knee injury, won 7-6, 6-3 over Gernot Fischer in the #1 singles match, as did Bernard who succeeded in a three set match, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 over Michele Panzeri in the #4 singles match.

Lupica and Albano Franco repeated their good performances from last week by winning both of their singles matches.

Lupica defeated his opponent in a decisive 16-14 super tiebreak, while Franco's victory 6-2, 6-3 gives him an unstoppable winning streak so far in the season.

The junior from Brazil is now 5-0 in 2003 and hasn't lost since Oct. 25, 2002.

"The guys played very good" assistant coach Pablo Perez said, "This has been the best match we've played so far this season."

The Panthers will play against conference rival University of Central Florida and Georgia Southern this weekend in Atlanta.

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scores and more from around the conference

Women's Golf Results

Golden Panther Women's Championship at Miami, Fla.

Team Results

1. Illinois — 633 (+65)
2. UNC-Greensboro — 646 (+78)
3. Georgia State — 653 (+85)
4. Florida Atlantic — 656 (+88)
5. Florida International — 658 (+90)
5. Mid. Tennessee State — 658 (+90)
7. Bethune-Cookman — 662 (+94)
7. Southwest Texas State — 662 (+94)
9. Barry — 674 (+106)
9. Daytona Beach CC — 674 (+106)
11. Lynn — 689 (+121)
12. The Citadel — 694 (+126)
13. Northwood — 698 (+130)
13. Southern Illinois — 698 (+130)
15. Nova Southeastern — 705 (+137)

Individual Results

1. C. Burdick, Florida Intl. — 154 (+12)
2. Laurin Kanda, Illinois — 155 (+13)
3. Tamara Munsch, MTSU — 156 (+14)
4. Kayla Bowsher, Citadel — 157 (+15)
4. Michelle Carroll, Illinois — 157 (+15)
4. Ulrika Ljungman, DBCC — 157 (+15)
7. Renata Young, Illinois — 158 (+16)
8. Ashlee Dean, UNCG — 159 (+17)
8. D. Heimbecker, UNCG — 159 (+17)
8. Laura Leone, Fla. Intl. — 159 (+17)
11. Noel Bishop, Barry — 160 (+18)
12. Ann Fraser, Fla. Atl. — 161 (+19)
12. Jenny Gleason, UNCG — 161 (+19)
12. Kristin Leach, MTSU — 161 (+19)

Georgia State Results

19. Elizabeth White — 164 (+21)
19. Samantha White — 164 (+21)
22. Sally Bishop — 165 (+22)
28. Ashley Couch — 167 (+24)
35. Nicole Wagner — 169 (+26)

Baseball Results

Sunday, Feb. 16

Eastern Michigan 3, Florida Atlantic 2
 Nicholls State 13, Samford 8
 Northwestern State 9, Jax. State 2
 South Florida 6, Jacksonville 1
 Western Kentucky 4, UCF 3

Saturday, Feb. 15

Ga. State 5-4, UNC-Asheville 4-3
 Campbell 6, Virginia Tech 0
 Troy State 9-5, Tennessee Tech 8-8
 UCF 6, Western Kentucky 5
 Eastern Michigan 10, Florida Atlantic 5
 Georgia 18-5, Gardner-Webb 7-7
 Marshall 6, Mercer 5
 Maryland 7, Stetson 3
 Nicholls State 14, Samford 4
 Northwestern State 4, Jax. State 1
 South Florida 7, Jacksonville 6

Softball Results

Sunday, Feb. 16

Jacksonville State 6, Mississippi 1
 Jacksonville State 9, Miss. State 1
 Mercer 6, Louisiana Tech 2
 Troy State 8-12, Alabama A&M 0-1
 Cal-Santa Barbara 2, UCF 1
 Mississippi State 15, Samford 4
 Notre Dame 2, Jacksonville 1

Saturday, Feb. 15

Tennessee Tech 2, Ga. State 1
 Jacksonville 3, Hofstra 1
 Mercer 14, Louisiana-Monroe 0
 Stetson 8-9, Webber International 0-0
 Troy State 5-3, Georgia Southern 0-4
 Furman 7-8, Gardner-Webb 0-0
 Loyola Marymount 3, UCF 2
 San Diego State 3, UCF 0
 South Florida 4, Jacksonville 0

Baseball Standings

| School | Conf. | Overall |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Georgia State | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Belmont | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Troy State | 0-0 | 5-1 |
| Florida Atlantic | 0-0 | 6-3 |
| Gardner-Webb | 0-0 | 3-2 |
| Stetson | 0-0 | 3-3 |
| Mercer | 0-0 | 5-6 |
| Campbell | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| UCF | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| Samford | 0-0 | 2-5 |
| Jacksonville | 0-0 | 1-3 |
| Jacksonville State | 0-0 | 0-3 |

Softball Standings

| School | Conf. | Overall |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Jacksonville State | 0-0 | 5-0 |
| Troy State | 0-0 | 6-2 |
| Stetson | 0-0 | 7-3 |
| Mercer | 0-0 | 9-5 |
| Samford | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Florida Atlantic | 0-0 | 5-6 |
| UCF | 0-0 | 6-8 |
| Gardner-Webb | 0-0 | 2-4 |
| Campbell | 0-0 | 2-5 |
| Jacksonville | 0-0 | 2-8 |
| Belmont | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Georgia State | 0-0 | 0-1 |

Women's Tennis Results

Sunday, Feb. 16

Chattanooga 4, Georgia State 3
 Jacksonville 5, Mercer 0
 Florida International 5, Stetson 2

Saturday, Feb. 15

Memphis 5, Georgia State 2
 Florida Atlantic 7, Bethune-Cookman 0
 Charleston 6, Jacksonville State 1

Men's Tennis Standings

| School | Conf. | Overall |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Georgia State | 2-0 | 4-1 |
| UCF | 1-0 | 4-2 |
| Troy State | 1-0 | 2-5 |
| Stetson | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| Florida Atlantic | 1-1 | 3-4 |
| Jacksonville State | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Campbell | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Gardner-Webb | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| Samford | 0-1 | 1-5 |
| Belmont | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Jacksonville | 0-1 | 0-4 |
| Mercer | 0-1 | 0-5 |

Women's Tennis Standings

| School | Conf. | Overall |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Florida Atlantic | 2-0 | 5-2 |
| UCF | 2-0 | 4-2 |
| Jacksonville State | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Georgia State | 1-0 | 2-4 |
| Jacksonville | 1-2 | 3-3 |
| Campbell | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Troy State | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Gardner-Webb | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Samford | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Belmont | 0-1 | 2-4 |
| Mercer | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Stetson | 0-2 | 1-4 |

Men's Tennis Results

Sunday, Feb. 16

UCF 5, Colorado 2

Saturday, Feb. 15

Georgia State 6, Tenn. Tech 1
 Troy State 6, Belmont 1

Men's Basketball Results

Saturday, Feb. 15

- *Samford 78, GSU 74
- *Jacksonville 89, FAU 54
- *Jax. State 92, Belmont 87
- *Mercer 83, Troy State 83
- *UCF 90, Stetson 82

Friday, Feb. 14

- *Gard.-Webb 81, Campbell 69

Thursday, Feb. 13

- *Belmont 72, GSU 57
- *Jacksonville 80, UCF 75
- *Jax. State 74, Samford 63
- Mercer 90, Morris Brown 83
- *Stetson 83, Fla. Atlantic 78

* — Atlantic Sun game

Men's Basketball Leaders

Points Per Game

- Tarick Johnson, Cam - 18.6
- Nate Williams, Ga. State - 17.5
- Calvin Warner, JU - 16.6
- Adam Mark, Belmont - 16.5
- Earnest Crumbley, FAU - 16.0
- Kevin Sheppard, JU - 15.8
- Omar Barlett, JSU - 15.7
- Ray Abellard, UCF - 15.6
- Aleem Muhammad, Mer - 15.5
- Scott Emerson, Mercer - 15.2

Rebounds Per Game

- Adam Sonn, Belmont - 12.2
- Scott Emerson, Mercer - 9.4
- Rob Lewin, Troy State - 8.4
- Calvin Warner, JU - 7.7
- Omar Barlett, JSU - 7.6
- Adam Mark, Belmont - 6.7
- Avery Headley, FAU - 6.3
- Nate Williams, Ga. State - 6.2

Women's Basketball Results

Saturday, Feb. 15

- *GSU 68, Jacksonville 35
- *Fla. Atlantic 81, G.-Webb 79
- *Jax. State 80, Stetson 71
- *Mercer 53, Belmont 51
- *Troy State 55, Samford 45
- *UCF 83, Campbell 77

Thursday, Feb. 13

- *GSU 77, Stetson 50
- *Belmont 67, Troy State 58
- *Campbell 107, Fla. Atlantic 90
- *Jax. State 64, Jacksonville 51
- *Mercer 85, Samford 57
- *UCF 74, Gardner-Webb 60

* — Atlantic Sun game

Women's Basketball Leaders

Points Per Game

- Shanika Freeman, JSU - 22.5
- Chaquita Alexander, TSU - 17.2
- Evita Rogers, Ga. State - 14.9
- Thea Herring, TSU - 14.5
- Angelina Miller, GSU - 14.0
- Casey Collins, G.-Webb - 13.5
- Tamica Pierce, FAU - 12.9
- Kat Sungy, Jacksonville - 12.9
- Natalie Brown, Belmont - 12.4
- Kristal Troy, Campbell - 12.0

Rebounds Per Game

- Shanika Freeman, JSU - 10.2
- Kat Sungy, Jacksonville - 10.1
- Brandi Miller, Belmont - 9.3
- Thea Herring, Troy State - 7.4
- Kara Donnell, Jacksonville - 7.3
- Kristal Troy, Campbell - 7.1
- April Dyer, Mercer - 7.0
- Joslyn Giles, Stetson - 7.0
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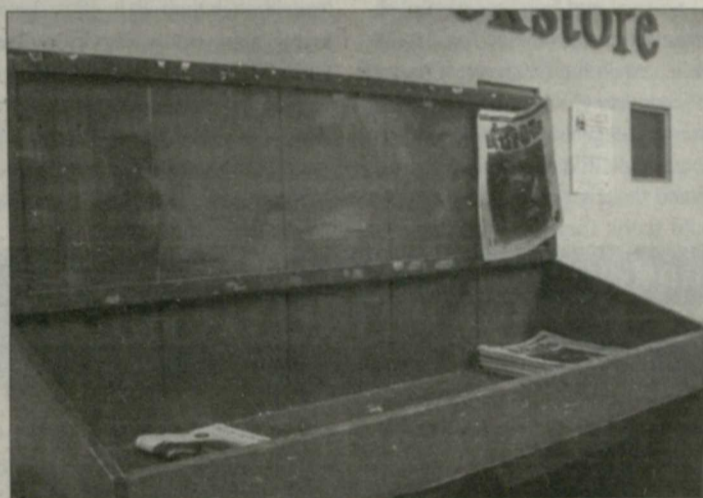


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Speaking back to the people

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Were you looking for a *Signal* last week? Sorry, but a person or persons which have not yet been identified took it upon themselves to decide what you could or could not read. In case you missed it, our papers were stolen and replaced with notes stating "Looking for a *Signal*? The people have spoken."



Ellen Opdyke | *Signal*

The people who stole copies of last week's *Signal* were trying to send a message, but what that message was remains unclear.

Aha, but it gets better. Later that day, a woman called the *Signal* office and left a message for me with our office manager, saying "Someone's going to get hurt." Then she hung up.

Maybe people think that this is going to make us cater to their specific group's needs. Maybe they think I'm going to tailor my newspaper to the person who causes the most damage and creates the most fear in us. I don't know what these people are thinking, because they've never made an effort to contact us. I've worked here for almost three years, and from the moment I stepped in this office I heard people hated us and were about to protest, start litigation, etc. But I can count on one hand the number of times people have taken the opportunity to do something proactive about it. Students have a lot of options, but most fail to use them. And don't give me this "they don't print the letters we send" excuse. Every student in this university can address an issue they've read in the *Signal* or one that affects their life through a letter to the editor.

The Voice Of Reason



Ellen is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Signal* and *Urbanite*. She's double majoring in political science and women studies, and hopes to attend Columbia law school, live in New York, and own a German Shepherd named Prospero.

However, these letters are not a venue for you to hawk a new product or venture. They are also not your own personal column — if you want a col-

doing no worse than what they accuse us of: only letting people read what we choose. In fact, they're worse because we have at least 24 pages each week that people can pick and choose from, while they simply stole the whole paper, leaving no choice.

It also seems that people are upset about things we're printing. This is no surprise; frankly, if a newspaper isn't upsetting people, it's not doing its job. When the *Signal* makes mistakes, we admit them. People mess up, and the only thing you can do when you make a mistake is admit it and take steps to make sure it doesn't happen again. But there is a difference between a news article, which is all fact, and an editorial column, which is all opinion.

It seems that most people are upset with our opinion columns. Half of the time, I don't agree with things printed in our Perspectives section. But the writers have a right to say what they think as long as they're not pitching a blatant lie as fact, as does anyone else in this country, thanks to the First Amendment.

What it comes down to is this: if you have a question, ask us. If you have a problem, write a letter to the editor that adheres to our guidelines. We're not going to cater to everyone who gets mad at us: we're here to cover the entire GSU body as best we can. If you feel like something is not being covered effectively, I welcome you to come help us out. But stealing my papers and threatening my staff doesn't make me want to conform. It just pisses me off. I hate to break this to the thieves, but all you've done is make yourself look incredibly immature.

Who are you speaking for? It's sad that you don't have enough courage to actually tell us what you're upset about but have to make your vague point in theft and threats. Nothing gets done without communication, and you're killing that avenue real fast.

If you're interested in making real change, contact us. In the meantime, the *Signal* has work to do.

A matter of reasoning

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Politics. Religion. Race. These three issues account for a lot of division in America today. People on the left side of the political aisle tend to view the other side as being too conservative and set in their ways, while many on the right see the left as a bunch of radicals.

In the matter of religion, many people of faith are seen as being hypocritical.

And as it relates to race, blanket statements are often made between blacks and whites alike about the other side being "racist."

Certainly, there are elements of all these radical contingents in society, but by no means can we rightly make such sweeping generalizations about people.

To me, it all comes down to a matter of reasoning, and how we choose to come to certain conclusions about people.

In my Communication Research class, we've studied about two types of reasoning — inductive and deductive.

Inductive reasoning involves looking at specific examples of a phenomenon and drawing larger conclusions about the phenomenon as a whole. For example, an inductive analysis of whether religious people are hypocrites would say something like, "This specific group of people are hypocrites, and so are these over here, so there must be a lot of religious hypocrites in society."

Deductive reasoning, on the other hand, uses general examples to come up with specific conclusions. For example, to say, "I've seen a lot of religious hypocrites, and you're religious, so you must be a hypocrite," would be a form of deductive reasoning.

To say the least, when it comes to such matters, using deductive reasoning is part of what has made these is-

suess so divisive over the years.

A politician uses deductive reasoning to decide that an adversary is destined to remain an adversary, because he or she doesn't want to work with someone who is associated with competing values. As a result, political gridlock continues.

A religious person is called a hypocrite and a "fake" (as a friend of mine was called just last week) because the accuser has encountered so many of them, and not because of anything that one person did. As a result, the perception of people of faith in this country continues to be flawed.

The term "racist" gets thrown around by people at all points on the spectrum, because various isolated groups of people exhibit racist tendencies or fit a certain profile. As a result, the gap between races only widens.

All is not lost, though. There is a way for us as a society to work toward fixing this. It's not even a new concept. It's something that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about when he said that people should be judged by the content of their character.

Yes, there are a lot of political stalwarts on both sides who are unflinching in their views. But not all of them are like that, and some of them are willing to work together to achieve the common good.

Yes, there are a lot of hypocrites in the religious realm, but some people of faith are actually genuine and "walk the walk" without just "talking the talk."

Yes, there are a lot of racists in this country and in this world, but not everyone of a certain race or political affiliation fits into that category.

These three areas are tough enough to wade through without judging other people on the basis of what profile they fit into.

Until we start seeing people as individuals, society as a whole will continue to suffer.

THE GROWL



Handgun? Check. Pepper spray? Check. Doberman? Check. Okay, ready to make a break for my dorm.

I was surprised to read in the *Signal* last week that Georgia State still had an SGA.

Okay, let me understand this: I'm paying to park at the Lofts, but half the time, I can't actually park there? Does anyone else find something wrong with this picture?

By the time I muster up the courage to ask out that cute girl I see every day, the semester will be over. I guess it could be worse — I could be that "Joe Millionaire" guy.

I've seen the face of God, and He wasn't happy to see me there.

In my spare time, I sit in Woodruff Park and try to tell the difference between the students and the people who live there. I admit, it's getting tougher.

Here's an idea for summer planning: Either give out free MARTA passes to all students, or build nine more floors onto M Deck.

I saw a bunch of guys from the intramural football team roughing up a music major last week. Ah, just like high school.

Send all your growls to the *Signal* at growl@gsusignal.com. They don't have to be sweet, but they do need to be short.

This is the song of science

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While there are days during each year which are earmarked for religious celebrations, political or social reverence, or for pure joyful merriment, there is one day which should be added to that list: A Day for the Celebration of Science and Human Accomplishments.

Just a couple of centuries ago, it was "common knowledge" that the human body consisted of four humors: Yellow Bile (choleric), Black Bile (melancholic), Phlegm (phlegmatic) and Blood (sanguine). Anyone who had an imbalance of a particular humor exhibited certain personality characteristics. If you were too sanguine, or too excited or optimistic, a "doctor" may drain some of your blood in order to balance out your humors (in many cases, causing sickness or death). Scary?

Obviously, medical and scientific advancements have brought us further in our inventions and discoveries.

This February marks the 50th anniversary of James Watson and Francis Crick's discovery of the structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).

Straight From the Hip



Kate, a senior majoring in English literature, has worked professionally in marketing and writing for the past three years. After school, Kate will pursue freelance writing so that she will have the freedom to move or travel.

On Feb. 28, 1953, in a pub in England, Crick announced their discovery for the "secret of life," which has altered all that we do and understand about medicine, food, psychology, crime analysis, reproduction . . . in a word — life. While we take for granted the knowledge (although limited) regarding DNA, without these two individuals, we would not understand much of the abilities and hindrances of the human body and mind.

According to *Time*, "biotech companies test bananas that contain a hepatitis vaccine and tomatoes that fight cancer. Dow makes a corn that can turn into biodegradable plastic. Other companies have field-tested a cross between a flounder and a tomato to see if a fish gene can help a fruit stay fresh in freezing weather."

All of this because of Watson and Crick.

Science and human accomplishments are well-documented on the Science Channel, the Discovery Channel and Discovery Civilizations, and while I am not suggesting that every man, woman and child should have to understand the Theory of Relativity, we should thank those individuals who

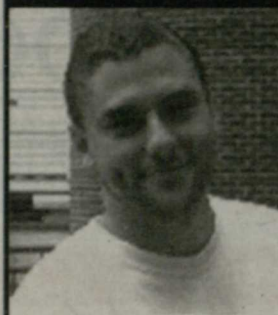
have dedicated their lives to furthering man's general understanding and comprehension of life.

The names Albert Einstein, Steven Hawking and Thomas Edison are well-recognized, and their contributions to our lives far extend anything that we can possibly imagine.

Without Einstein, we would not understand or know about the constancy of the speed of light, general relativity and time travel; without Edison, we would not understand gravity; and without Hawking, we wouldn't understand his further research into space-time general relativity (well, I'm not sure we still exactly understand this, but it will one day become common knowledge).

Great leaders, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., are honored for social changes and advancements; presidents are honored for leading our country (even though they are in office for only four to eight years, except in the case of FDR); likewise, great leaders of science and human accomplishments, such as Watson and Crick, should have a day, where everyone gathers at a pub, in Watson and Crick style, for a beer and a cheer for the beauty of science.

Off the Wall



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The new Scarlet Letter

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It is a shame that the political discourse on this campus, and across the nation, often gets reduced to liberals crying racism in order to combat the statements made by their ideological rivals. In actuality, racism has become the exception and not the rule in civil American discourse.

People who espouse bigoted or racist views are rightly ostracized by an increasingly colorblind majority. The nation-wide scandal that erupted after Trent Lott's ignorant statement about the anti-civil rights platform of the Dixiecrat party shows that the American public no longer tolerates

most intelligent people that I respect happen to be black. Notice I did not say I am friends with black people to defend by objectivity, since it has come to my attention that merely befriending people who have different melanin in their skin does not absolve me from being a racist.

Discounting the few African-American intellectuals (Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams, and Armstrong Williams) that have the bravery to address issues that hinder upward mobility for blacks, who in our society possesses the political clout to begin an honest discussion about an issue that involves race?

Calling an individual a racist remains so emotionally and politically charged that the burden of proof lies not

Principles and the Points in Between

Living the single-mama drama

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This column is a personal, yet important observation. It is not a pity-party, sour grapes, or anything of the like — just something that I experience yet do not understand. Why does society place a heavy stigma on the personal and professional lives of single women with children?

Last year, a friend and I attended Singles Night at a popular nightclub in Atlanta. The club screens questionnaires and picks one male and one female to be contestants for "The Dating Game" (like on TV).

While off in the soundproof booth, the host read the bachelorette's personal resume, who went first. Of course, the crowd "oohed" and "aahed" at certain things, like the fact that she was from Natchez, Miss., had a phat job, and liked to swim.

However, this supposedly upscale crowd became most displeased when the host mentioned that the bachelorette had two young children, ages 11 and 4 — they began to boo and laugh. It was as if, because she had children, she did not deserve to date and should automatically be banned from the game. Forget the fact that she worked for a Fortune 500 company and had goals most women would envy (I did); overall, it sounded like she had it "together."

The three bachelors selected from the audience were already on

stage; when one of them heard about her children, he exited the stage. A large majority of the audience cheered his actions. The host had to coax him back into the game; he obliged under duress.

To a single mother like myself, the bachelorette appeared a lamb headed for the slaughter. She held her own, though, and did not stoop to the level of immaturity that had taken over. However, every time she asked the brooding contestant a question, he answered callously.

On one question in particular, he was brutally honest. She asked something along the lines of what he would expect should they go on a date; he snapped, "just sex." She was not offended; I guess honesty counts even if a person is obnoxious.

While working for a local company, I was perceived as a single mother who "pulled herself up by her bootstraps" because before working there, I earned a B.A. while raising two children. Said company hired me as a temporary employee and offered me a permanent position within a few months.

However, another young woman temping in the same department did not fare as well. Sharon (not her real name), a single mother of three, worked hard, did her job exceptionally well and without question.

There were, however, quite a few grown men — permanent and temporary, constantly giving management a difficult time. It appeared

that Sharon was exactly what the company needed. Yet, the department supervisor said Sharon had "too many issues," and would not be a "good match." This was code for "has too many kids." She was unceremoniously terminated.

These two episodes prove single moms are devalued. Additionally, single parenthood has a staunch double standard.

If a man, for whatever reason, is raising a child alone, people consider him noble or sweet; a woman, however, receives scrutiny and ridicule. Even a woman who is doing a next-to-perfect job of raising her children alone gets second-class treatment and often hears the comment, "That's what you are supposed to do."

Additional condemnation comes from the moral error regarding children out of wedlock, or ill-fated marriages. No one is perfect and, it is for God, not society, to judge.

Occasionally, I have to ask family or friends for help. This is very frustrating, as I like being independent.

However, I understand that a little help equals a lot of happiness for my children. Priceless are the smiles on their faces when they return from a week with my parents or they receive something "funded by Granddad."

Moreover, those smiles give me the strength to tell those serving up the negativity or touting stigmatism to "save that drama for their mama."



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Ever since Trent Lott stuck his foot in his mouth, it has become increasingly apparent that racism, or the appearance thereof, will not be tolerated in society.

such divisive remarks.

Liberals need to keep the race card in their hip pocket in order to counter logical and factual rebuttals to their insane depictions of issues that may have race as a component. Suppose I said, "The most crucial problem that African-American children face today is the prospect of growing up in a single-parent home." A seemingly natural, and predictable reply for a leftist would be that I am a racist.

Never mind the fact that one of the most sure predictors of poverty is having children out of wedlock at a young age, and that children born into that situation are more likely to be incarcerated and drop out of high school. Given that nearly 70 percent of all black children are born into single parent homes, perhaps these facts may adequately explain the overrepresentation of African Americans below the poverty line.

Not once in that statement did I say or imply that African Americans are inherently flawed or inferior. To my knowledge no legitimate study has ever proven the existence of the superiority or inferiority of different races, and my personal experiences trump any assertion that there exists an intellectual divide. Some of the

with the accuser, but with the accused. Essentially, the accused feels compelled to exonerate himself unless he feels comfortable wearing a scarlet "R" on his chest for the rest of his life.

The propensity to label others as racists stifles debate in this country, and thus causes solutions to go unheard and problems to remain unresolved. To criticize the atrocious test scores of inner-city black children might lead someone to being branded a racist. Often such a charge can halt the discussion, while urban school districts continue to cheat and rob black children of their best chance to escape poverty.

I have been called a racist, or told that a statement I said was racist, so many times since I arrived at GSU that it no longer carries any weight with me. I was raised to believe that people are individuals, and that skin color and religion are poor predictors of one's character or ability. Some of the most worthless people I know are white, and I do not regard them as exceptions. Until we as a student body, and a nation as a whole, can learn to look beyond skin color, our society will remain fixated on outward appearances, and never discover the wonderful possibilities that we hold inside.

Where Am I?



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An interesting developing story in north Georgia is the possible sale of Truett-McConnell College's Athens campus to Gainesville College. Details are still being worked out, but it seems that the Athens campus of Truett-McConnell would become an Athens campus of Gainesville College. Hey—a new place for UGA flameouts to go to instead of GSU!

That brings me to the Master Plan of Georgia State University. GSU recently purchased property that once was Beaudry Ford, at the intersection of Piedmont and J.W. Dobbs, along with the Old Resurgens Center at the intersection of Marietta/Decatur and Peachtree. (It even has a GSU marquee on the Peachtree side).

Also, GSU is rumored to be in the running for the soon-to-be emptied Macy's on Peachtree Street.

These are excellent additions, but unfortunately need too much major work to be turned into anything that Georgia State can use. The old

Resurgens Center will take at least four years to be even usable.

This brings me back to the sale of Truett-McConnell's Athens campus. No, we should not get into the bidding.

Do you really want to commute to Watkinsville? I am looking at the two local private universities in trouble here in Atlanta—Life University and Morris Brown College.

If a cost-benefit analysis was done on GSU buying either school (or parts of either school), it would be cheaper than building or renovating old car dealerships or government buildings. Also, it is an instant expansion because the buildings are usable, and systems like parking, plant operations, and administration are already in place.

Finally, it is instant diversification of the student bodies of any of the combined schools.

There are selling points to the students of Life and Morris Brown. If the Gainesville College/Truett-McConnell combination occurs, tuition will drop from \$7800 a year to \$1490 a year for Truett-McConnell students.

Morris Brown students currently drop \$10,088 a year. You and I spend

My alternate Master Plan for Georgia State University

\$2,790 a year on in-state tuition, while out-of-state students would still spend about the same at either school. Also, the combination of the Georgia State with either school will help improve the

benefit analysis would warrant. Third, integrating the cultures of either Morris Brown or Life University into Georgia State would be very difficult. One advantage that Morris Brown would have

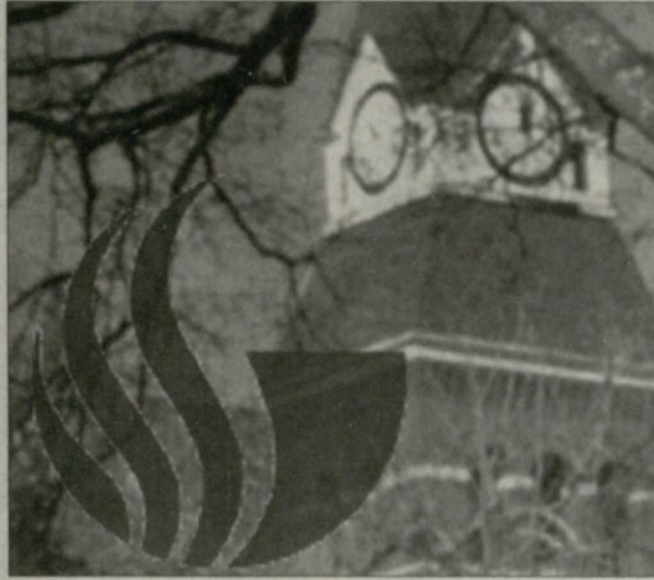
be interested in seeing what changes Gainesville College and Truett-McConnell Athens undergo if the sale goes through. Also, what is the effect on the other campus of Truett-McConnell, located in Cleveland, Georgia?

In addition, each school has specific problems. If Georgia State attempts to buy Morris Brown, what happens to the \$27 million of long and short-term debt? What Morris Brown programs do we keep, end or combine with GSU? What will the relationship be with the AU schools? Would the AU schools object?

As for Life University, the biggest question would be on how the chiropractic school is handled. Or does Georgia State buying everything but the "back breakers" school?

Would Southern Polytechnic University, which is under a mile away from Life, have objections?

Is it worth it? Georgia State University will begin limiting the size of the freshman class to 2,400 in the fall. As I have said in past columns, I believe that we can barely handle what we have right now on campus. I believe that many students, faculty, and staff would enjoy having a satellite campus in AU Center area or in Marietta. This may be a way for Georgia State University's Master Plan to be kicked into high gear.



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Would Georgia State be getting a good deal if they were to buy part of Morris Brown College, or would it be more trouble than it's worth?

general accreditation issues that each are dealing with.

There are some problems. First, I do not know if these schools are even for sale. Second, even if they are, they may be more expensive than cost-ben-

over Life is the fact that the center of Morris Brown is about 2 miles from the center of GSU. Life University is about 17 miles from GSU, but that is about the same distance as GSU downtown is from the North Metro Center. I would

PANTHER POLL:



What is the worst gift you've ever gotten on Valentine's Day?



Alex a.k.a. "Scooby"/3rd year/CIS

"A cheesy card that had no sentimental value."



Chenel Eddy/Sophomore/Business Administration

"Nothing."



Pegah Bashiri/Sophomore/Biology

"The worst I've ever gotten was nothing. Anything is good to me."



Luba Zaslavskiy/Junior/Biology

"A lollipop."



Rishad Gibson/Sophomore/Economics

"Edible underwear."



Meryl Mathur/Freshman/Undecided

"Nothing."

tell us what you think...



for next issue

What would you do for Spring Break if you had the money?

Doesn't anyone care about the black man?

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We've all heard emotional stories about many underprivileged people within our society. We've heard about the long hours required of single mothers. We've sympathized with abused and neglected children. We've dealt with homelessness and hopelessness. We have even desired better education, social reform and health assistance for those who need it. Almost every neglected group has been recognized, with hopes to cater to a need or lack in their bodies, hearts, minds or souls. Yet there is no statistically underprivileged group more neglected than the black man.

Driven from the emotion of visiting a homeless shelter filled with strong, intelligent black men, I must state my opinion with no intentions on offensiveness and bias. I only hope that you won't listen keenly just because it is Black History Month or some new interesting mathematical equation. The absence of aid to black males is actually mathematically discourag-

Friendship is good for all kinds of occasions

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In my life, there are so many things I take for granted. I have had such immeasurable good fortune bestowed upon me I can't even begin to name the things I am thankful for. With the craziness of everyday life — getting up early for class, waiting tables every night, catching up on readings, studying for tests, trying to cram in time to spend with my friends and family, still adjusting to the workload of being associate perspectives editor, and...wait, what's it called? Sleep? Ha! — it's easy to lose touch with the things that keep me grounded and sane.

With all the drama and impending doom in the world, lately I have been doing a lot of serious reflective thinking about life in general, and from that have sprung ponderings about my own life. Sometimes I question whether or not I have made

Everything is Everything



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ing for a supposed democratic society.

At the shelter, just a few blocks from GSU, I had the opportunity to look one man in the eye and listen to his story. He was divorced and left homeless after his wife took everything. Another man I spoke to was a corporate leader until recent job cuts. Many of the men were simply normal, knowledgeable people who had given up, experienced tragic circumstances or simply needed a little support to get back on their feet.

The men, who all but a few were black, played cards, read books, slept or socialized. Some of them had a dim look in their eyes, as if they were lost in a puzzle. The myth of masculinity seemed to drag them away from the thought of crying out for help. I don't doubt that crying out for help in times of distress is a conflict with any man, but black men face many pressures.

The media often portrays black men as a silly, aggressive homeboy and he is honored mostly in the entertainment industry where he fulfills the role of a jester.

Statistics also predict negative realities: jails are filled with black

men; over 70 percent of black children are born to single mothers; the number of black males enrolled in college has declined; and black men are dying daily. Black women often think of the black man as a dog or an ATM. And the rest of the world either accepts him or runs from him. He is ostracized and still socially bound in many ways.

But it is usually considered unnatural for these men to cry or voice their emotional needs without appearing feminine. When do men get a chance to cry?

I am certain that all men suffer, but the black man has never been an urgent object of discussion. There aren't many organizations created for the purpose of building him up or teaching him how to deal with life's misfortune. There aren't even many students at GSU who feel sympathy for the homeless men who walk our campus. Instead we feel fear and uncertainty in their presence.

I don't mean to make this so personal or over-generalize, but I am truly concerned. If no one reaches out to help the most important entity in the black community then the world is in trouble.

The Ice Queen



Kim is a sophomore majoring in Communications with a concentration in Print Journalism. She hopes to conquer New York and sit around in her underwear writing columns, like Carrie from "Sex and the City."

good choices for myself thus far. I wonder if I have done the best I could with what I have, or if certain things — had I handled them differently — would change the course of my life as I see it now.

One thing I know I have done right is pick good friends that care about me and have helped me through everything and anything that has been thrown my way — good and bad. Of course, I have done my share of being the shoulder that has been leaned on as well as being somebody's best cheerleader. But I have surely come to realize how much my friendships with certain people have helped shape the person I am today.

Last Friday was Valentine's Day, a day that lives infamously as a lonely 24 hours of disgrace for people who are not in relationships. My friend Alex and I decided that since we are both single, we would go out to dinner together and be each other's Valentine (Unfortunately, this

caused me to have to cancel my date with Ben and Jerry and my copy of "Little Women"). Alex transferred to UGA this fall, and the distance from him is torturous. I am still not used to only being able to talk to him on the phone or via internet. However, his visits — sporadic as they may be — are thoroughly enjoyable. No matter how much time we spend apart, it is just like old times when we are together again. He is one of my best links to my past, and I know he will be there in my future.

We all have best friends that know every intimate detail of our lives, down to the last meal we ate and what it consisted of. We have distant friends that know a lot about us and whose company we enjoy, but who we only see occasionally. We have daily acquaintances that we sit next to in class, or wave to in the halls every day. And we all have those distant acquaintances — people from high school or

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Writing Outside The Box

I'll have a Coke with that!

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If Russell Simmons has his way, Pepsi will feel the wrath of the hip-hop community. Young people, particularly urban youth of color, and allies will not stand for the blatant injustice brought about at the hands of Pepsi. That is, if Russell Simmons has his way.

Russell Simmons is one of the elders of the hip-hop community. Well, an elder to a lot of us who came of age in the late '80s and early '90s. And he has been on the forefront of the politicization and mobilization of the hip-hop generation. He has quite a task at hand.

Bill O'Reilly, (who — o.k. I have to say it — is a cranky old coot who will, if he is lucky, become the next Andy Rooney) publicly put Pepsi under fire for their selection of Ludacris as their latest spokesperson.

To him, Ludacris is no more than a thug that promotes antisocial

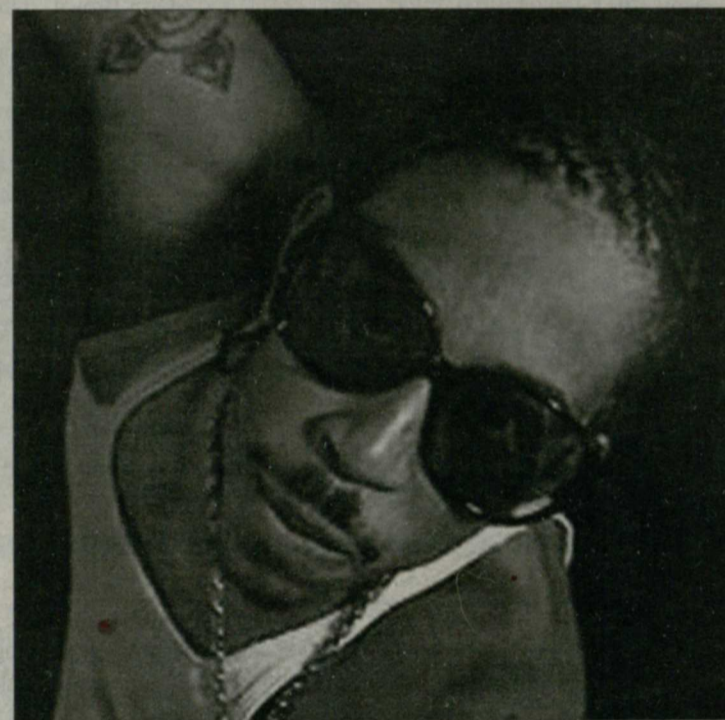
lyrics, was shocked and disturbed by their choosing Ozzy Osbourne to represent the company. Maybe if Ludacris urinated on the Alamo and bit the heads of live animals he could have kept his deal with Pepsi.

I resist viewing this a battle of morals. Is Ozzy more or less moral or lewd than Ozzy?

They are both known to use colorful language. However, the fact that Pepsi was so willing to ignore the transgressions of Mr. Osbourne and harp on those of Ludacris is swimming in racial implications.

Now Pepsi may have to pay the price. Russell Simmons is calling on an all out boycott of Pepsi by the hip-hop community, supporters, fans, practitioners and allies, so that Pepsi will understand the significance of their actions. And I support Russell wholeheartedly.

Pepsi has admitted it was their mistake. In the words of a Pepsi spokesperson, "We blew it." Pepsi stands to lose a significant portion of their business. And at this junct-



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Ludacris was recently dropped by Pepsi's latest ad campaign because of the supposed image he portrays. Why, then, was he replaced by Ozzy Osbourne?

behavior. On top of that, Pepsi allegedly received consumer feedback on their selection of Ludacris to endorse their product.

Then, Pepsi, in all of its shortsightedness and irrational capitalism, thought it a good idea to, well, "can" Ludacris. Not a savvy business decision. Russell Simmons, though disappointed, is a fair man, for he accepted the decision of Pepsi to change their mind.

Then the bomb drops. Ozzy Osbourne, clearly the embodiment of family values, becomes the new poster boy for Pepsi. His commercial premieres during Super Bowl Sunday, where millions of views would get to see it. Way to rub it in our face, Pepsi!

Again, not a wise decision.

Russell Simmons, a fair man who could have accepted the dismissal of Ludacris for his "lewd"

ture in their battle with Coke, they might as well throw in the towel and settle for their status as the number two soft drink.

But it does not have to fall that way. They made a mistake, and they have an opportunity to correct it. Russell so kindly outlined what Pepsi would have to do to make amends.

He is demanding a public apology to Ludacris, a \$5 million donation to the Ludacris Foundation and a reinstatement of the missing Ludacris Pepsi commercial.

For the record, Bill O'Reilly, the Ludacris foundation provides gifts, grants and scholarships to foster care shelters, stay-in-school and high school athletic programs, book drives/reading and art appreciation. Not bad for a thug, huh?

I guess for right now I'll just open up a can of Coke.

Jacko is wacko, but so is Hollywood

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I'm sure a lot of people who denounce their interest in Michael Jackson and his shenanigans while in their "normal" social settings found themselves glued to the screen in utter amazement as journalist Martin Bashir gave the world a rare view into the life of the "King of Pop."

Despite the fact that nothing depicted in the documentary was truly shocking, millions of viewers could not deny their voyeuristic tendencies and miss the chance to see into Jacko's undeniably interesting life. I, too, am guilty as charged.

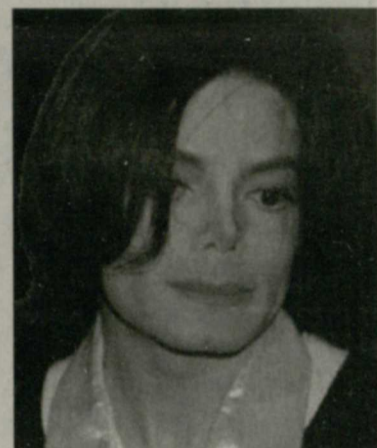
But what shocked me the most about the "furor" surrounding Jackson, his family, his sexuality, his parenting and his sanity were the responses many celebrities dished out steep in irony and hypocrisy.

A Chick With Issues



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There were many things I found ironic about the documentary. Yet, Bashir's voice-overs



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Michael Jackson certainly has his eccentricities, but for some Hollywood stars to condemn him like they have is ludicrous.

and editing was the most suspect.

Should reputable reporting be so one-sided?

Bashir befriended what — according to his own documentary — appeared to be an extremely sensitive, once abused, lonely, childlike man, and seemingly prodded Jackson into "performing" for the camera. His motives are questionable. What was left on the editing floor? Was he trying to give a true depiction of Jackson, or was he simply trying to reap financial benefits for his sad one-sided documentary? Despite his lack of friends, this was one "friend" Jackson didn't need. I wasn't sorry for Jackson. I was only sorry that he trusted Bashir.

I'm not excusing any inappropriate actions on Jackson's part — and there are many — but other celebrities who have spoken out against him have their own issues to address. What really drove this point

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Raised By Wolves



Vic is an undeclared Accounting major and an avid reader. If ever kidnapped by hedonists, he has expressly forbidden any attempts at rescue.

The street is not radical Islam's true breeding ground

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The February 2003 issue of *Commentary* included an interesting article on Islam, written by David Warren. David spent his childhood growing up in Lahore, Pakistan, and his essay about how Islam has changed over the years is based on his early experiences, on observations made during recent visits to his old neighborhood and on assessments made by friends living in other parts of the Middle East.

According to David, a more tolerant, friendly Islam still exists in the poorer part of Lahore, known as "the old city". Surprisingly, politically-

duced political, cultural and religious chaos and, in the Muslim world, formed an ideological vacuum that Islamism has now stepped forward to fill.

In the wake of failed Socialism, Islamism — the new-and-coming-thing, the new vanguard — is not the ideology solely of those graduated from madrassas: the elite children of the old Arab socialists have rejected the failed political notions of their parents, and are embracing Islamism, as well. In Lahore, the Islamists congregate in places where political and economic power reside: it is the affluent part of Lahore that has the largest concentration of radicals, not the poorer streets of the old city.

Elite Islamist radicals have begun

"The claim by Western academics that Islamism is simply a "butting of heads" between modernism and fundamentalism appears to be, at best, an oversimplification."

Proud American

Journalists entering war zone is a very real possibility

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"Pick up your pens and be ready for war."

That is what some journalists may be hearing after completing a week-long combat training session with the military.

Ever since the murder of the *Wall Street Journal's* Daniel Pearl, there is probably not one journalist that receives an overseas assignment without wondering if he will return home unharmed. The press is now a target of enemy fire. America realizes the threat that our war correspondents are facing, and we are making an effort to better protect them.

In October of last year, the Pentagon announced that they would offer a training program. This program would include sessions on military procedures in ammunition, first aid, nuclear response, and chemical and biological attacks. The program will also teach journalists the rules concerning the U.S. command structure.

The training could not have been offered a day too soon. Sadly, war is striking very close to home. On Jan. 5, 2003, we lost GSU alum, Helge Boes, in a premature grenade explosion. Boes graduated from GSU with a degree in Political Science. Boes was a trained CIA of-

ficer and his death should be a wake-up call to graduating journalism students. The war zone should not be taken lightly and any chance given to help your chances of survival is worth your time.

It seems that academic training is no longer enough to be a journalist. War coverage is always an option in the back of the minds of journalists. However, I do not believe that it has been a reality to many college journalism students until now. After seeing NBC's television movie, "War Stories," it is hard not to acknowledge the fears and obstacles young journalists face.

There is an old saying that art is a reflection of the sign of the times. That is why it is so scary that "War Stories" was able to put such a realistic spin on current international affairs. Jeff Goldblum's partner was blown up by a land mine in the movie and it made me realize how untrained journalists are, compared to any other personnel sent overseas during war. Thankfully, a movie is just that — a movie. No one is hurt at the closing credits. But, life is not a movie and neither is war with Iraq. So, please take it seriously!

Angel Harper, a GSU alum, is preparing to deal with the many threats of being a journalist in the war zone. She has just completed the mandatory war training that CNN requires of all employees be-

ing sent overseas. When I asked how she felt about having to go through the training she said, "I have to admit that war training calmed many of my fears, but at the same time, taught me not to lose my natural sense of fear."

Harper, who is now a producer for CNN, has received news that she will be on assignment in the Middle East this spring.

It is quite apparent that for Harper war training was a valuable learning experience.

She said, "A watchful eye and keen mind were two of the most important assets that I learned a journalist must possess while overseas. Never think you are safe — even if there is an appearance of safety. Always travel as a group. CNN invested a lot in the training of its employees and for that I am grateful."

When considering the threats of land mines and rebel groups I would be grateful for any type of war survival training. The research that I have gathered thus far about the Pentagon's program proves to only better the chances of news reporters returning home safely.

I believe the program would be a valuable experience for any college graduate with a specialty in print, broadcast, or photographic journalism. Once again, wartime reporting appears to be a reality in the very near future.

militant Islam, or "Islamism", as it is now termed in the West, is exhibited more by the residents of Lahore's more affluent neighborhoods. In short, the West's assumption that Islamism is mainly a product of the poorer "Arab street" is largely incorrect.

Have our own pundits been generalizing and incorrectly characterizing the origins of Islamism? Have they assumed that what is true about poor Palestinian Arabs is also true for all of the Muslim world, including Punjabi and Pashtu Pakistanis?

Apparently, and incorrectly, they have.

David's article delved into the reasons behind this phenomenon. The earlier generations of more secularized Arab/Mid-East leaders hailed mainly from relatively wealthy families who made sure that their kids received a Western education, either at home or abroad. As a result, those elites educated during the first three-quarters of the 20th century were, like many of their western peers, indoctrinated with that era's most academically fashionable ideology, socialism.

Those elite children grew up to become government administrators and university professors, and were directly responsible for the catastrophic implementation and failure of socialist economic policies that predominated in Middle-Eastern governments. Socialism was the vanguard of the recent economic and cultural past. It failed miserably, pro-

filling vacancies within the halls of political power (i.e., in government, the judiciary, and in academia), while madrassa-trained radicals have largely focused on filling positions within the military. Although popular religious prejudices against infidels are omnipresent, more often than not, the moderate Muslim of the Arab street will, out of politeness, subdue his own bigotry and treat visiting infidels with courtesy and accommodation. By contrast, palpable — if not virulent — hatred and mistrust greet visitors to city areas where governments reside.

The claim by Western academics that Islamism is simply a "butting of heads" between modernism and fundamentalism appears to be, at best, an oversimplification. Although certainly influenced by fundamentalism, Islamism also is the child of prior nationalist movements, and, therefore, should not be characterized merely as a battle fought by medieval-minded clerics against the cultural push of western secularism.

The old moderate form of Islam, the one preferred by the street, is being overwhelmed by the political and military power wielded by the radical Islamists. It is the relatively well-educated man, the one claiming to know, first-hand, the character of the West, that has proclaimed himself to be our enemy, and it is his quasi-religious politics, imbued with a by-the-sword jihadism, that is fueling his misguided rage.

New Kid On The Block

The naked truth about Frenchie

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I know I'm not alone when I say I'm shocked and borderline appalled that "American Idol" contestant Frenchie Davis was eliminated from competition for posing partially nude on the Internet. I think my eyebrow was raised when I heard the name Frenchie anyway, but still, who would have guessed? Well, two thoughts come to mind when I think about Ms. Davis' demise.

First, is this really reality TV?

Second, why did Fox make the cut? If foot-fetish porn player Sarah Kozer of "Joe Millionaire" can make it to the season finale, why is topless-Frenchie's 15 minutes up before it even started?

To add to the enigma, consider the fact that "Joe Millionaire" and "American Idol" are on the same network. Warm up the mystery machine — this could be a case for the Scooby-Doo Gang.

As hard as it may be to conceive, "Joe Millionaire," "American Idol," "The Bachelorette," "Survivor," and

a slew of other ridiculously over-pitched shows fall into the mis-marked "reality TV" category.

Here's some reality for you, dear reader. Joe was an underwear model himself in the past. Simon can't sing at all; what is he doing kicking people off for their vocal inabilities? And Trista Rehn is not hot enough to be choosing between 25 guys. "Do I choose the model, or the pro basketball player?" says a despondent Trista.

I think the argument that reality TV contains little to no reality at all is long over. Don't get me started on "The Real World." It is scary to think that Fox is allowing people of America to choose other people's marriage partners on the forthcoming show "Married By America."

Shouldn't we be deciding if we are going to war or not before we decide if loser number one should marry social reject number two?

Furthermore, ABC has begun airing a show called "Are You Hot" which takes a bunch of hard-bodies and subjects them to the criticism of three "hot" judges to scale the subject's level of attractiveness.

America has just hit a new low.

Suddenly, in the midst of TV-land's madness, Frenchie Davis is now an Internet porn model. Don't ask me where the website is because I don't know and I haven't gone looking.

"Issues arose from her background check that the producers and the network felt forced them to disqualify her," said Fox spokesman Scott Grogin concerning Davis.

The problem may seem, glaring at first but think about this deeper. Fox kicks Davis off for something that has *nothing* to do with her obvious talent as a singer.

I bet Ms. Davis didn't know her breasts were going to cost her that much when she exposed them on the net.

Regardless, Fox has a serious problem with the shady history that Davis has provided. Could this problem have something to do with the marketability of an ex-topless model? Imagine the scene at the local music store. A 12-year-old little girl goes into the store and picks up the Frenchie Davis album and — wham! — Mom is over her shoulder with a disapproving glint in her eye and a shake of her head. "There is

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Let's leave the mockery-making to Judge Judy

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(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. - For the average citizen, trying to make sense of legal jargon is akin to reading a foreign language.

Latin phrases and an elitist vocabulary are sprinkled copiously atop a backdrop of semantics that needs to be picked apart piece by piece.

The documents are anything but straightforward and speak

or not jurors should be permitted to ask questions during criminal suits.

An option such as this may very well "give jurors the tools to get the job done," as proposed by the Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts' director Tom Munsterham, but it may also cheapen the legal system and — as members of the Supreme Court rules committee fear — "lessen the prosecution's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

With all the dread of a colonoscopy, jurors in criminal trials anticipate days to weeks of hearings without a chance to speak.

For more than five years now in Arizona, however, judges have considered the questions of jurors so long as they are within the realms and guidelines of the legal process. But then again, is it not the prosecution's job to question witnesses and to assure the court of the defendant's guilt, not the jury's?

In the American idea of a court of peers, Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant feels that the legal system has adopted "an elitist idea" by asserting that "the only ones who can talk in court are lawyers."

But in the matter of criminal hearings, the decisions can be life or death — the death penalty is sometimes an option and life behind bars is the end of any life as we know it.

If Grant's allegation is indeed appropriate, then one can argue that doctors are arrogant, self-important elitists if they think they are the only ones who can perform surgery or provide medical attention.

The fact of the matter is that, like doctors, lawyers are trained to do what they do.

Their schooling affords them the ability and privilege of appealing to a judge and to a jury.

Attorneys are not blind to the capabilities and mindsets of the average juror and working within (or above) these boundaries is all in a day's work.

Giving jurors the privilege of submitting questions to the judge, who would in turn ask them of witnesses, undermines the lawyers' profession and detracts from their training.

Therefore, the standard procedure should be upheld — leave the cheapening of the legal system to Judge Judy.



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"Judge Judy" may look like a bad representation of the court system, but in reality, it is more and more accurate every day.

entirely in the language of loopholes.

The hearings are intricate webs of questions that circumvent the task at hand and delve into ambiguities.

Yet the average American citizen is called to exercise his or her so-called "civic responsibility" in performing jury duty.

No wonder a lot of people avoid it like rabies.

After watching television shows such as Texas Justice and Judge Judy, as well as devouring books with poignant and invigorating court scenes, jurors' expectations are cast indefinitely into oblivion as they find themselves stuck in a labyrinth of carefully chosen, incomprehensible questions asked in an even more carefully chosen, incomprehensible lingo.

They end up a great deal further from Lifetime Television courtroom dramas than they had ever hoped to be.

In a measure to improve jurors' understanding of the law, the specific trial and the evidence, the Colorado Supreme Court will be considering the contentions of not only attorneys and jurors, but also of the general public to decide whether

of requiring teachers to include more varied information with a wider range of viewpoints and ideas, we limit the curriculum to simply that which is inoffensive to our own view. We do not allow teachers to teach anything that questions or does not coincide with the community's politics or religious background.

Have we as a nation retreated so far from intellectualism that we feel we must shelter our youth from ideas that we disagree with? Are we so afraid of what they will become and the decisions they will make that we must shelter them from opposing opinions?

The youth must know both sides of an issue so they can make a clear and well-informed decision. How then, can we censor anything they read? Instead we must censor ourselves.

We must not protect them from external viewpoints because in doing so all we ensure is that they either mimic our ideas without developing any of their own or simply rebel against our particular ideology and embrace something that is more dangerous.

We must expose them to as much as possible, but at the same time present the information in a way that they can handle. We also need to buffer everything with statements that underline the fantastic elements in it or that point out the inherent ignorance within the ideas.

If we expose children to as much as possible when they are old enough

to handle it, we will de-romanticize things like guns, pornography, drugs, alcohol and sex by showing the negative aspects of these things. If we do this then we need not worry about our children being drawn to them.

If we educate a child on how alcohol destroys lives — not simply by telling them, but by showing them — then we can safely assume that the teenage alcoholism rates will plummet. If we show children the outcome of warfare and weapons, then they may not be so eager to settle their disputes with violence. If we show them an HIV/AIDS survivor group then they may not be so willing to engage in unprotected sex.

We mustn't sugarcoat these ideas; often the most shocking and mind-blowing lessons are the ones best remembered.

All of these suggestions require only one main thing: time.

A parent must know the content of the media his or her child is consuming — what the songs, movies, books are about, and what issues they deal with.

Even if we understand their tastes and disagree with them, we should not judge and preach against them, but inform our children that the ideas expressed are ignorant and show them why. We should educate and illustrate — present them with information and allow them to make up their own minds.

Which, in the end, is all we can really do. We can inform them to varying degrees and pray they are smart enough to see through the lies the world throws them.

University Wire Column From Elsewhere

Censorship no real protection

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(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - Censorship. Few words in the English language are as dangerous. Few words are as loaded with emotion. However, the majority of censorship is not seen as censorship but as "protecting the children."

This leads to the question: what are they being protected from? The world in which they live? Ideas that might warp their fragile little minds? The truth?

Why must they be protected? Why must their innocence be preserved? Why must children be brought up in a vacuum, exposed only to their parents' and community's particular world-view?

Every year it seems, some school board somewhere wishes to ban some books that are considered classics by the rest of the world, books like "Huckleberry Finn," "The Scarlet Letter," "Moby Dick," and so on.

But when school boards prevent the teaching of certain theories or the reading of certain books, they are only hurting their students. A graduating senior who is unfamiliar with Darwin's theory of evolution will be severely disadvantaged in any biology class at any college since it is assumed that all students have been exposed to such an integral part of biology.

We complain about the state of our public school systems, but instead

Stars have no room to talk about King of Pop

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home for me was seeing Sharon Osbourne (Mother of the Year — if there were no good mothers left) jumping on the politically correct anti-Jackson bandwagon driven by headline-grabbing attorney Gloria Allred. "He's crazy...he's out of his mind!" And this is coming from a ham-throwing, fouled-mouthed mother of at least two foul-mouthed kids. Jackson may cover his children's faces, as some celebrities have done and continue to do, but at least he doesn't bombard them with four-letter words.

Once again, I don't agree with the actions of Jackson. I, too, sat awestruck as he held his child over the balcony.

Do I think he planned to harm or kill the child? I think he had as much intention to harm his child as the father who recklessly, but lovingly,

Don't take your good friends for granted

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elsewhere that you run into once a year or so, who you can have a cup of coffee and play "catch-up" with. All of these people impact our lives in some way, and it's good to know they are there.

As a good friend of mine once pointed out, "A distant acquaintance won't even notice what you're wearing or how you look in it. A daily acquaintance will notice that you are wearing a new outfit. A distant friend will tell you that you look fine in the new outfit. A good friend will tell you that your butt looks fat in the outfit. A best friend will work out with you to ensure that your butt never looks fat again" (Which, of course, led me to snap back at her "Are you telling me I look fat!").

Friends can remind you of places you've been, help you through where you are now, and accompany you in your future journeys. Amongst everything in my life that I take for granted, I try my best to always let my friends know how much I appreciate them and love them. I urge the students at Georgia State to do the same. It's like Joe Cocker so brilliantly stated, no matter what life throws at me, I will "get by with a little help from my friends."

swings his child around by both arms, or puts his child high on his shoulders — no harm intended.

There should be an investigation into Michael Jackson's activities with children. His sleeping with them is inappropriate, since no grown man should sleep with children. But the finger pointing by two-faced celebrities is distracting from the real issue at hand. Where are these kids' parents, and why aren't they being scrutinized as well?

A self-righteous celebrity is an oxymoron in itself. Those same celebrities would instantly change their views and kiss up to the King of Pop, if Michael Jackson made a remarkable comeback reminiscent of once crazy, once ostracized Ozzy Osbourne.

Instead of concentrating on the inappropriateness of Jackson's relationships with children we are sidetracked by the gall of sanctimonious celebs. Hollywood should be called *Hollier-than-thou-wood*.

Davis a victim of double standard

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no way you will be buying the CD of that-that-that harlot!" That's \$16 fewer for Fox, Simon and Frenchie to split. No way will the American Idol be as notorious and widely hated by parents as Eminem come release date.

Not if Fox has anything to do with it. Eve, an ex-stripper, is doing quite well for herself. Tommy Lee put all of his dirty laundry on the market with Pamela Anderson (regardless of his consent, or lack thereof) and sold it for \$19.99.

If Eve and Tommy can survive in the music industry despite their sordid past, why does Ms. Davis have to ride the proverbial pine? If Frenchie is gone for any reason, she's gone because if someone found out about Davis before Fox did, it would have been a PR bonanza.

Frenchie may not be an American Idol, but at least she's a topless model with a good voice. This may be "reality" television, but there are a few concepts that don't seem to come up in this twisted form of reality.

What ever happened to forgive and forget? Why can't the world focus on what Davis and the other contestants focus on the competition, which is what is really at stake here? I guess "reality" (or the TV therein) tells me there are no singing topless models in the real world.

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