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System errors delay student parking registration

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System errors last week halted the re-registration efforts conducted by Georgia State University's department of parking and transportation.

Currently in the process of upgrading the current system to include proximity chip card readers, proximity chip parking permits and budget cards, students who registered for parking at the beginning of the semester are now forced to reregister to remain in step with the new high tech system.

David Santa Ana, Assistant Director of Transportation and Parking said everything went well during the trial phase and as soon as the actual process of implementation got underway, system issues that were absent in the trial phase challenged them.

"Testing did not anticipate some of the technical problems that we encountered once we went live," he said of the upgrade, which is now

anticipated to end by November 27th and to be fully operational by November 28th. Students however, appeared unperturbed by news of the delay as some students admitted they

With the new system fully implemented at the lofts, Santa Ana does not anticipate any other setbacks once the process is put back in motion.

The more efficient system does,



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New access card readers will be installed in parking decks.

knew nothing of the re-registration efforts in the first place, but questioned why now, as the semester has long begun.

The beginning of the Fall Semester, according to Santa Ana, was the targeted deadline. He cited among other issues, the late arrival of the new cards as one reason for the delay.

however, come at a price and students have already been met with increased parking fees, and are slated for additional raises as the department's ten-year plan continues to take shape. As the system currently works, students register for parking at the beginning of each fall semester.

Those registered have the option

of parking free of charge at Turner Field and taking the shuttle to the General Classroom building or paying a daily rate of four dollars and fifty cents (four dollars the previous year) to park on one of the eligible decks, while lottery winners pay a flat rate of two hundred dollars for semester long parking, up from one hundred and eighty the previous year. With similar or even better parking rates throughout downtown Atlanta, Georgia State parking is accused of providing no relief for student drivers.

One student conveyed the sentiment of others when she explained that she uses the parking deck only under "extenuating circumstances."

As of Friday, Auxiliary Services posted a flyer with an updated schedule on pending registration.

According to the schedule M decks will begin using the readers on October 22nd. On the 23rd S and K/N deck will begin using the new readers. The G deck will begin on October 24th, and B, C, E/L and H/I lots will begin using the card readers on the 27th.

Business School Dean Sidney E. Harris resigns

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On Oct. 7, Sidney E. Harris announced that he will step down as dean of Georgia State's J. Mack Robinson School of Business, ending his seven-year tenure in leadership.

Under Harris' leadership, the business school thrived, receiving the largest financial gift in the history of Georgia State University; a \$10 million naming gift from J. Mack Robinson.

In addition to the naming gift,



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Dean Harris says goodbye to Georgia State.

New male contraceptive effectively prevents pregnancy

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Doctors in Australia have successfully tested the first male contraceptive, with dramatic results.

The study, involving a group of 55 men in sexually active relationships, took place over a five-year period and was conducted by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) research institute in Sydney.

Every three months, researchers injected participants with the hormone progesterin to inhibit the body's production of sperm and to lower the existing sperm count.

Since progesterin lowers sex drive in males, each participant had a testosterone implant placed under the skin every four months in order to maintain their libido. This treatment was the only method of birth control, and no couples became pregnant.

In order to ensure that the product was reversible, researchers discontinued each patient's treatment after a 12-month period. In all cases the patients recovered their fertility, and no side effects were reported.

While the scientific community

is recognizing the news of a male contraceptive as a huge scientific breakthrough, the pharmaceutical industry is now responsible for developing a commercial form of the drug that can be administered to the general public. Researchers predict that it can take 5-10 years before such a treatment is readily available.

There is still disagreement, however, as to whether or not the contraceptive would remain in the form of an injection or perhaps something more similar to female birth control, such as the pill.

The United States government funded the program, sponsored by the Virginia-based family planning program CONRAD. This program was established in 1986 through an agreement between Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The mission of the CONRAD program is to develop better, safer, and acceptable methods of contraception, with a focus on developing nations.

The CONRAD program conducts research to enhance reproductive health and help to stem the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, espe-

cially AIDS/HIV. Research is conducted at the CONRAD facilities in Norfolk and in collaboration with var-

While the latest research in the discovery of a fully effective and fully reversible male contraceptive has



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Couples may have a new choice in contraceptives.

ious institutes worldwide. CONRAD also maintains a close relationship with the pharmaceutical industry to encourage their involvement in further research of contraceptives.

been successful, the next step must be made by the pharmaceutical industry to develop a product for the general public and gain approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

two research centers were founded and the entire scope of the business school's curriculum was enriched with grants for international programs totaling over \$10 million.

Due to the amount of grant money awarded, prominent faculty members were hired and the school secured over \$25 million in private gifts to be utilized for the school initiatives, particularly endowed faculty positions.

Furthermore, the J. Mack Robinson School of Business has received continuing recognition as one of the world's leading business schools.

The College's Executive MBA is currently ranked 20th in the world by "BusinessWeek" and is one of only two ranked programs throughout the state of Georgia.

Of the 400 accredited business programs, the J. Mack Robinson School of Business undergraduate studies program

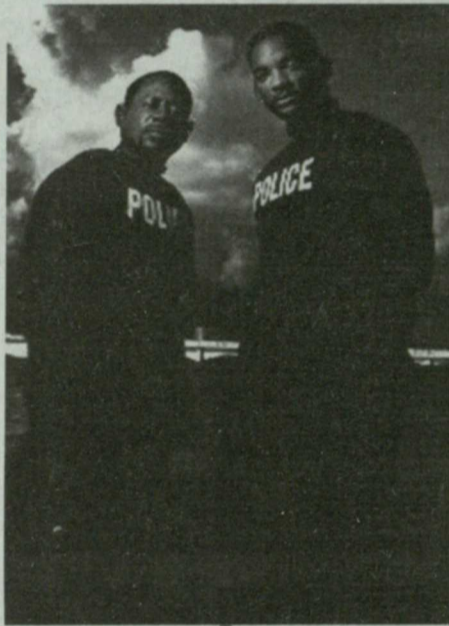


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PANTHER PROWL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2003



BAD BOYS II

Speaker's Auditorium
Noon-2:30pm
5:00pm-7:30pm

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Speaker's Auditorium
2:30pm-5:00pm
9:30pm-12:00am



Karaoke
House Salon
3:00pm-6:00pm



Wax Hands
Unity Plaza
4:00pm-8:00pm

Make Your Own
Music Video
Court Salon
4:00pm-10:00pm

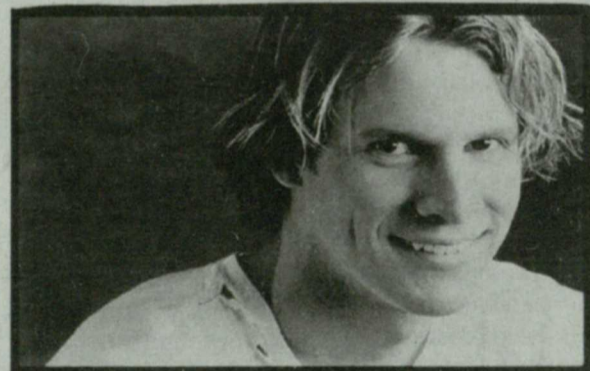


FREE Food
Student Center
8:00pm-8:30pm



Ratsack & The Bendigos,
Variety Show
House Salon
6:00pm-7:00pm

Drum Café
House Salon
7:00pm-8:00pm



Daniel Tosh, Comedian
Speaker's Auditorium
8:30pm-9:30pm

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21 The Zeta Chapter of the Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority will be holding an informational interest meeting for interested GSU students in the Dorchester Suite of the Student Center from 4:01 p.m. until 5:01 p.m. A second meeting will take place October 22 on the second floor of the student center from 7:01 p.m. until 8:01 p.m. For more information, contact Finayon Simpson, Dean of Intake for Theta Nu Xi at finayon@hotmail.com.

The Office of New Student Programs is looking for students who are motivated, responsible, hard-working, enthusiastic, and wanting to serve as ambassadors of Georgia State University, for the 2004 Incept Team. Inceptors are the first to meet and welcome Georgia State's newest students, and assist in the implementation of Incept conferences throughout the year. Applications are available in the Office of New Student Programs, Suite 265 Student Center. Deadline for applications is November 10th at 5pm. For more information, call New Student Programs at 404-463-9065.

The Georgia State University Office of Student Life and Leadership and

Intercultural Relations presents "Shaveen-An Irish Band" in Unity Plaza at noon. It is an installment of the "Culture on the Plaza Series". For more information, call 404-463-9031.

22 Idealist.org will be holding the Idealist.org Atlanta Nonprofit Career Fair from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Emory University Cox Hall Ballroom. Job seekers of all experience levels are welcome. The event is free and open to the public. For more information or directions contact Jaime Carrillo at (212) 329-6661.

26 The 2004 Miss GSU Pageant will be held at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Hall Theater Admission is free for GSU students, faculty, and staff and \$5 for the general public at the door.

To submit an event, e-mail the location, date, time, and nature of the event to events@gsusignal.com or the Signal office in room 200 of the University 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

Theft By Taking

Law Library

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that she left her book bag at a table in the law library. When she returned an hour later, her wallet had been stolen from the bag. The area was searched with negative results.

One Park Place

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that he left his laptop computer at a cubicle in One Park Place. When he returned, it had been stolen. The area was searched with negative results.

Edgewood Avenue

A Theft by Taking report was filed by a staff member. The complainant stated that he left his car parked in the Edgewood Avenue area. When he returned the next day, it had been broken into. Several items had been stolen. The area was searched with negative results.

Entering Auto

Gilmer Street

An Entering Auto report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that she parked her vehicle on Gilmer Street. When she returned the next day, it had been broken into. Cash and several clothing items were stolen.

43 percent | Percentage of telephone numbers in the U.S. that are linked to cellular phones

WVLT

600,000 | Number of BellSouth customers who have dropped landlines and switched entirely to cell phones

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5 percent | Percentage of Americans who only use a cell phone today

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20 percent | Projected percentage of Americans who will only use a cell phone in 2008

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51 million | Number of Americans who have signed up for the "Do not call" list

Business Week

7,000 | Number of major telemarketers that have not downloaded the "do not call" list

Ad Age

October 17 | Date the "do not call" list was scheduled to go into effect

Ad Age

40 percent | Percentage of married women who have an affair

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60 percent | Percentage of married men who have an affair

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49 percent | Percentage of Americans who divorce

Time

"We make our decisions, and then our decisions turn around and make us."

R.W. Boreham

"Your conscience is what your mother told you before you were six months old."

G.B. Chisholm

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

Aldous Huxley

Georgia State's respiratory program ranks first in nationwide survey

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Georgia State University's respiratory therapy Bachelor's degree program was ranked No. 1 in a recent peer review survey conducted by the University of Texas's Health Science Center in San Antonio.

The survey polled respiratory therapy program directors from across the country. The directors were asked to rank the top five bachelor degree programs from a list of 54 national colleges and universities.

According to Dr. Joseph Rau, chair of Georgia State's cardiopulmonary care sciences, this survey was the first of its kind to examine respiratory therapy programs, in which doctors work with the assistance of respiratory therapists to aid patients who have breathing problems.

grams at Georgia State, as well as the fact that relatively few students know about respiratory therapy.

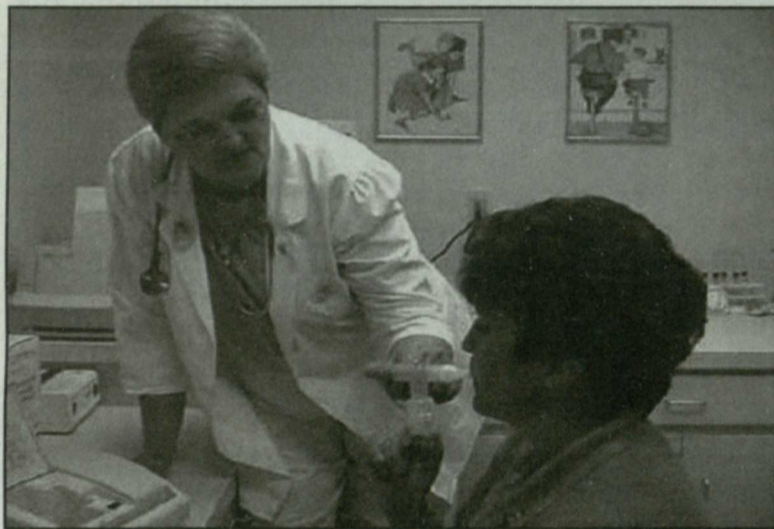
"Visibility is one of our biggest problems," Rau said. "We are having the same shortage as other programs".

To remedy this problem, the program developed an advertising plan in May, which includes targeted mailings and flyers, to attract students from other schools in metro Atlanta.

"We are the only Bachelor of Arts program in the metro area," said Rau. "Others offer an Associate's degree, but the closest bachelor program is in Augusta at the Medical College of Georgia."

Georgia State's respiratory therapy program has about 60 undergraduate students, not including pre-major freshmen and sophomores.

The size of the program is limited due to the need for



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Georgia State's respiratory program ranks top in nation.

"There was interest in this field," said Rau. "We have no objective ranking system, and that is what spurred this study."

Following Georgia State were University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in second, and the State University of New York's Upstate Medical University in third. Georgia Medical College placed in fourth, and Northeastern University rounded out the top five.

Rau feels that one reason Georgia State's program was ranked so highly is the department's faculty.

"We are involved in service activities to the profession and I think that helps," said Rau. "Everybody in our profession seems to know the Georgia State University faculty."

Rau also cites the faculty's high visibility through contributions to scholarly publications, as well as participation in seminars and lectures.

However, with all of its success, the respiratory therapy program is experiencing a shortage. Rau cites the program's small enrollment in comparison with other pro-

grams at Georgia State, as well as the fact that relatively few students know about respiratory therapy.

"We are not limited to 60 students. We have some room for expansion if we hire part-time staff for clinicals," said Rau.

According to Rau, employment for respiratory therapists is plentiful and in great demand.

In 2003, 76 percent of students graduating from the program had employment before graduation. Employment rates of previous years have ranged from 95-100 percent.

Students interested in learning more about Georgia State University's respiratory therapy program can attend an upcoming open house.

The program will be held at 2 pm, October 22 in 460 University Center.

At the program, faculty and students from the program will discuss their careers, and students can participate in demonstrations.

Interested students should call the department at (404) 651-3037, or make contact through e-mail at respiratory@gsu.edu.

Georgia State helps establish new and valuable information to on solar system

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Thanks in part to the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Georgia State University, new and valuable information about some of the closest stars to our solar system is being brought to light.

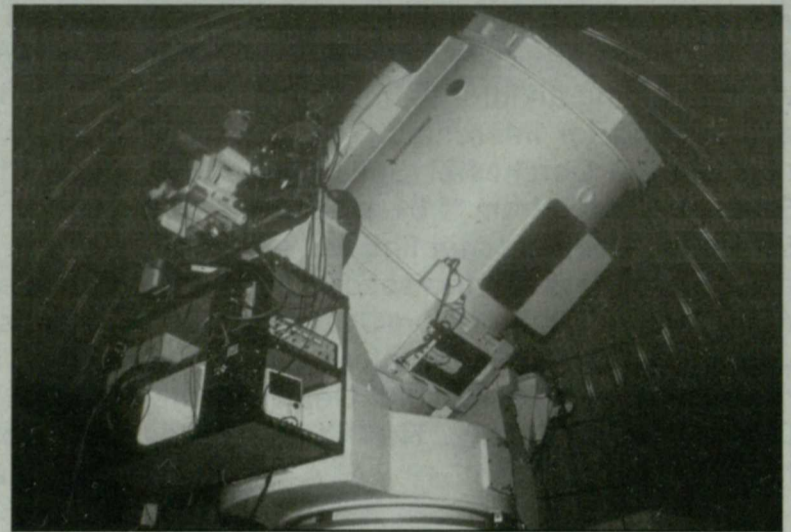
On Feb. 1, a new consortium named the Small and Moderate Aperture Research Telescope System (S.M.A.R.T.S.), composed of numerous American universities and research institutions, assumed supervision of four telescopes at the Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory site in central Chile. One of these telescopes is being managed by Dr. Todd Henry of Georgia State's Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Georgia State is one of the institutions funding the project, named the Research

Consortium of Nearby Stars. Other institutions instrumental in funding are Northern Arizona University and the National Aeronautics and

Dr. Henry works with eight students in his department on this project.

"We're building ourselves a map of nearby space," says



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Georgia State's Department of Physics and Astronomy helps learn about the stars.

Space Administration (NASA). The project's mission, in the words of Dr. Henry, "to map out the solar neighborhood."

Dr. Henry. "We have found 17 new stars closer than 33 light

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ADHD

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Georgia female tobacco consumers receive failing grade

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The state of Georgia received a failing grade late last month in regards to prevention of female smoking, ranking 28th among the rest, according to a national report card given by the National Women's Law Center on Sept. 30.

Addiction, peer pressure and stress appear to be the leading causes for the increase in Georgia's female tobacco consumers.

Cigarette smoking has led to the deaths of 178,000 women nationwide each year, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), and the gap between male and female smokers has been narrowing since 1984.

"The prevention for female smokers is extremely important," said Waxman. "In the state of Georgia alone, 14,000 women die

from health related issues associated with smoking."

According to Waxman, these



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are preventable deaths, and without a more firm approach from

each state, this number will not decline.

The National Women's Law Center hosts bi-annual reports dealing with womens health issues that are both associated and non-associated with smoking.

The federal government has set up a nationwide seven-year goal that centers on a 12 percent decline in 2010 of all adult smokers.

"We measure the state against the federal department's goals, said Judy Waxman, Vice President of National Women's Law Center. "The 2010 Healthy People's Goal has been prepared by experts in the field."

Among the tactics that are useful in preventing an increase in female smokers is one that Delmaine Jefferson, Operations Coordinator for Tobacco Use Prevention, calls "comprehensive and broad-based approach."

"This approach consists of four goals - decreasing second

hand smoke; prevention use and initiation; promotions to help young girls and women quit smoking; and eliminating tobacco use disparity," said Jefferson.

According to Jefferson, the program's short-term success has included involvement with all 19 health districts, 49 local coalitions, over 144 youth teams and the 26,000 phone calls the hotline received in 2001.

"Our key components have been the counter marketing campaigns we have done for the past three years to increase the awareness of the damages caused by second hand smoke, as well as the ads for the quit line," Jefferson said.

Georgia's annual health care expenditures due to tobacco use total \$1.7 billion, with Medicaid's portion consuming \$250 million. An estimated 30,000 Georgia children begin smoking at the age of 10, according to the Georgia Alliance for Tobacco Prevention.

Supreme court to rule on Pledge of Allegiance

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According to an announcement made last Tuesday, the Supreme Court is making preparations to attempt to decide whether the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is unconstitutional.

Written in 1892, originally the pledge made no reference to God. However, in 1954, the United States Congress modified the 62-year-old oath by adding



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Supreme Court will decide on futur on pledge in classrooms.

two words that has stirred up controversy ever since, "under God."

The issue of separation of church and state was sent to the Supreme Court following a June decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The court agreed with Michael Newdow, a California resident and atheist, that the pledge is unconstitutional. The claim was upheld by a 2-to-1 vote.

The ruling currently bans references to religion only in the states represented by the 9th Circuit Court, affecting 9.6 million school children attending public schools in California, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii, Alaska, and Guam.

Newdow, who is representing himself, first brought the case to the California court system back in March 2000, claiming the 1954 law that added "under God" was unconstitutional.

He also claimed that the state law requiring teachers, who are public employees, to lead the pledge his 9-year-old daughter recites everyday should not be allowed because of the "under God" reference.

In an interview with "NBC Nightly News," Newdow made clear his stance on the issue.

"Government's not allowed to take a position on a religious question," said Newdow, "and obviously they're saying that there is a god when the say we're 'one nation under God.'"

According to the Supreme Court, schoolchildren cannot be required to say the pledge of allegiance.

In recent years the court has made stern decisions to ban

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University Senate proposes students evaluate teachers before receiving grades

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Senate endorses proposal to make students fill out class/instructor evaluations before receiving grades

In its second meeting of the year, the University Senate approved two motions by the Faculty Affairs committee.

The first of these motions will add a question to the evaluations of the Deans and the Provost in regards to their responsiveness to their the commitments to the University and Departmental Action Plans.

The question to be added addresses whether "the decisions of the dean/provost regarding resource allocations within the college/university are consistent with the action plans approved by the provost in response to the departmental self study/program review process."

Cherian Thachenkary, head of the Faculty Affairs committee, said that the reason for adding this question "seeks a response from the administrators as to the commitment with respect to the action plans."

Steve Kamenshine, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Law, was against the proposal because he felt that it was unfair to evaluate the colleges at a time in which many action plans are being backlogged because of the lack of funding to complete those projects or programs.

In defense of the proposal, Hugh Hudson of the history department argued that the evaluators will understand the context that the decisions of the deans or provosts are made.

Others in support of the proposal stated that the deans or provosts would be able to explain why they were or were not able to follow the Action Plans. The proposal was passed with a clear majority.

The second major proposal of the meeting, also by the Faculty Affairs committee, mandated that students fill out either an on-line evaluation or paper evaluation of their instructor and class before they will be allowed to view their grades.

According to the proposal, students will be able to decline to participate in the evaluation by selecting an option labeled "do not wish to participate."

The period for evaluating the instructor would extend from the initial time that evaluations are to be completed until two weeks after the grades are posted.

Students would still have to fill out an evaluation if they waited the entire two weeks, but these evaluations would not be tabulated for the purpose of instructor evaluation.

This proposal was initially tested during the summer semes-

ter and was successful. The purpose of the proposal was to influence the senate to provide an ongoing endorsement of the proposal.

Noting that none of the Student Government Association representatives voted in favor of the proposal, it passed by a wide majority.

Jeffrey Benson, SGA Senator and representative to the University Senate, gave a written statement about the proposal:

"While we recognize the benefits of on-line teacher evaluations, we as the SGA will monitor this new program closely," wrote Benson. "If this new system hinders students from seeing their hard-earned grades, the SGA will stand up for students' rights by vehemently opposing the future of doing business this way."

Nicole Garner, SGA Vice President of Public Relations,

urged students to inform their SGA representatives as their thoughts on the issues by giving their opinions and feedback.

She noted that students can fill out SGA surveys or come by the office and speak with the SGA representatives.

Many of the senate's subcommittees have yet to meet more than twice and thus offered no major news in regards to the progress, aside from meeting for organizational purposes.

Many of these committees will meet several times before the December Senate meeting and expect to have much more accomplished by this time.

For more information on the University Senate, visit www.gsu.edu/~wwwsen. For more information on the University Action Plan, visit www.gsu.edu/~wwwsen/strategic_plan/.

Local group aims to improve Atlanta public radio

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The Atlanta Public Radio Initiative (APRI), a new group devoted to improving public radio programming in the metropolitan area, has launched a website for Atlanta area listeners.

The group was formed earlier this year by fewer than a dozen persons but now has a list of supporters numbering well over 200.

By accessing the APRI site at www.atlantapublicradio.com, individuals can learn valuable information about public radio programming options, express their opinions and preferences, and sign up to join the organization.

"Our members believe that the Atlanta area suffers a lack of radio programming devoted to the informed and in-depth discussion of national and international

issues," says Heidi Glick, membership coordinator for APRI. "Public radio should be correcting the problem."

The website compares Atlanta's main National Public Radio station, WABE, to public radio stations in major metropolitan areas throughout the nation and in other southern cities.

According to Glick, Atlanta is significantly behind other cities in relation to its public radio presence.

"Even cities much smaller than Atlanta have access to great programs such as Talk of the Nation and The Diane Rehm Show, which offer intelligent discussion of public issues and allow listeners to call in their questions and comments," said Glick.

"We believe that these kinds of programs play an important role

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Notice of Application Process

Student Activity Fee Mid-Year Funding For Fiscal Year 2004

Applications are now available to apply for mid-year funding from the Student Activity Fee Committee and may be obtained from the Dean of Students Office, Room 300 Student Center.

The deadline for application submission is Friday, October 31, 2003 at 5:15pm, in 300 Student Center.

Funds allocated in this mid-year process must be expended by the end of the fiscal year, on June 30, 2004.

Instructions concerning the application, criteria, and funding process are included with the application.

The allocation of fee funds is subject to various rules and regulations of the State of Georgia, Georgia State University, Board of Regents, and Student Activity Fee Committee. A summary is available with the application. If you have questions concerning the application or any aspect of the fee distribution process, please call Jeff Walker at 404-463-9021. The Dean of Students office is the official source for information on the process - all inquiries should be directed to Mr. Walker. This process concerns only the Student Activity Fee, and is not associated with other fees for Athletics, Transportation, Health, Recreation, International Education, and the Student Center.

Georgia State rivalry raises awareness of Adult literacy

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GSU Rivalry Raises Awareness of Adult Literacy

The Epsilon Nu chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Georgia State University recently met with the Georgia State University Police Department to battle each other and – more specifically – adult illiteracy.

Fraternity brothers played against university police personnel in a game of flag-football, with proceeds going toward increasing awareness of the illiteracy issue.

A recent study conducted by the Georgia State University College of Education found that Georgians have the lowest S.A.T. scores in the country.

Since this affects the future of the state and the community, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha are anxious to combat this epidemic.

With almost 40 percent of the adult population of Atlanta lacking employment skills and 30 percent reading below the fifth-grade level, adult literacy programs are a top priority.

However, many of Atlanta's adult literacy programs do not receive the funds or resources to provide the needed resources to these adults.

With that in mind, the Center for Adult Literacy at Georgia State University strives to help adults improve in their reading skills.

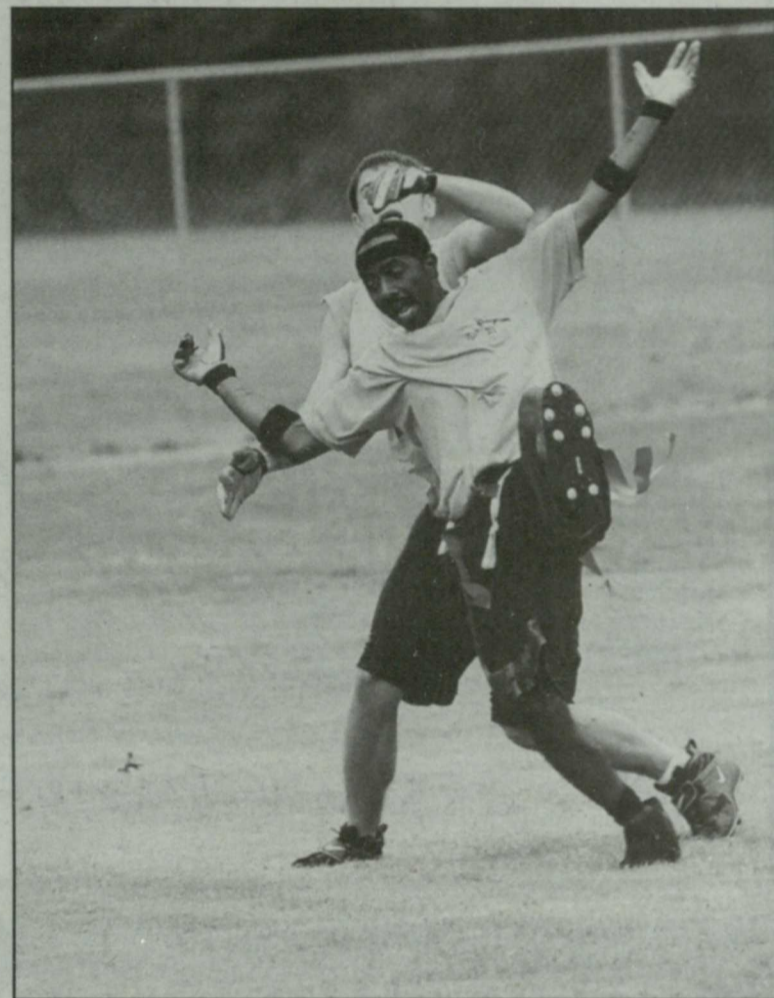
“At the Center, the adults are provided with books, instructional materials, and other incentives that will benefit them in their daily lives,” said project coordinator Jaime Lackey.

That is one of the reasons why Epsilon Nu chairman Joseph Giovinco says that he chose this project.

“We normally help the Mason Mill organization in Clairmont, Ga. They help children with special needs,” he said. “However, a lot of our community service activities are off-campus, so no one at Georgia State actually realizes

Normally, the Greek Council only allows one week for philanthropic efforts per year, but Giovinco says he wanted to go “above and beyond,” and do more for the community.

“We wanted to change the bad reputation of fraternities,” said Giovinco. “People rarely see the good deeds that are done because it doesn't affect them directly.”



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Students and GSU police play for adult literacy at Panthersville

what the organization is doing.”

When Giovinco found out that about the state's low national S.A.T standing, he immediately wanted to do something about it.

With that in mind, Pi Kappa Alpha chose a second philanthropic effort apart from their regular “week of philanthropy” schedule – an effort that affects many Georgians. The issue was that of adult lit-

eracy. “We went to Daphne Greenberg to make sure the money went towards books and educational materials for the adults,” he said.

Last year was the first year the flag-football game was held, and it began a solid rivalry between the Georgia State Police Department and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

“I'll be walking down the street, wearing my [Greek] letters, and the officer will say ‘You're going down,’” said Giovinco, noting the history of this rivalry. “They want revenge. But we have a special strategy: not only are we 50 pounds lighter, but we also have youth.”

Giovinco jokingly added another benefit that the fraternity brothers saw in participating in this effort.

“How many times can you beat up the police department...legally?” he said.

With impending rain hovering over the event, the Georgia State Police scored quickly, but the Pikes came back and scored just as quickly.

However, that would be the only time they scored. After several bloody noses and injured players, the police team celebrated a 14-6 victory.

Some in the audience entitled the game ‘GSU Police Cheat Their Way To Charity.’

Regardless of who truly won the game, the primary goal was reached. Not only did they raise awareness about adult literacy, but they raised money for it as well.

For more information on the Center for the Study of Adult Literacy, you can call Jaime Lackey at 404-651-1400 or e-mail jlackey@gsu.edu.

Listeners to give opinion of Atlanta public radio

From RADIO | Page 6 in a democratic society, and, yet, we are not getting them on Atlanta's airwaves,” says Glick.

Glick said that APRI is ready and willing to work together with WABE and others to help solve this problem.

The APRI website has hyperlinks to public radio stations in other cities, so that Atlantans can see what other cities offer and listen to some of the shows.

However, she conceded that listening to these programs online is not a substitute for having access to the same programs on the radio.

“Computer listening is simply not as convenient,” Glick said. “You don't have internet access in your car or in many rooms of your own home.”

The APRI website also contains a survey and comment area.

Atlanta area listeners are encouraged to express their programming preferences and their opinions about the shows currently on WABE.

“We would like to know what people in the Atlanta area think about their main public radio outlet,” says Jackie Conley, a member of APRI's steering committee.

“We believe this information will be valuable not only to our group but to WABE as well.”

APRI will share its findings with the Atlanta School Board, which holds the license for WABE, and with the station's management.

In addition, APRI is encouraging radio listeners to voice their desire for better programming by e-mailing WABE's program director, Lois Reitzes (lois@wabe.org), with a cc to the station president, Milton Clipper, (mclipper@wabe-wpba.org) and to APRI (atlantapri@yahoo.com).

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National search to replace Dean Harris

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was ranked among the top 25 for a public university.

The FLEX MBA was recognized as the second among public programs, and fifth in the nation (overall) by the "U.S. News and World Report" rankings. Eight of the nations leading publications rank the business school in 16 different areas.

"Dean Harris is very down-to-earth and extremely accessible," said Tammy DeMel, Associate Director for Communications and External Affairs for the College.

Indeed, many have made their feelings known regarding Mr. Harris' accomplishments and his departure as dean.

"Atlanta has emerged as a leading center for higher education," said J. Mack Robinson, the school's naming benefactor. "Dean Harris' accomplishments have laid a strong foundation for the college and his successor."

The College will conduct a national search for a successor to Dean Harris' position at Georgia State.

However, Harris will remain a member of the college's faculty, teaching and conducting research in international corporate governance and leadership, productivity and technology, and international trade.

National efforts to end mandatory pledge in classes

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school prayer from sporting events and school ceremonies.

Members of Congress, both democrats and republicans, have publicly criticized the Circuit Court's decision.

President Bush personally called the decision "ridiculous." In an article from the associated press, the Bush administration argued the mentioning of God "is more about ceremony and history than about religion."

Opponents of the 2002 ruling are hoping for a different outcome from the Supreme Court than the recent national debates over the display of the Ten Commandments in an Alabama courthouse.

"This case represents an important opportunity to put a halt to a national effort aimed at removing any religious phrase or reference from our culture," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, to the Associated Press.

Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State feels the Newdow decision is correct.

"Some of those kids – the ones who don't believe in one god or don't believe in any god – feel like second-class citizens in their own classroom, and frankly, that's always wrong."

Georgia State researchers study Red Dwarfs in the sky

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years. To put this into perspective, there are only 316 stars which have been discovered previously that are that close."

The stars that this project is searching for are called Red Dwarfs, the type of stars that are estimated to make up more than 70 percent of the stars in the universe.

Dr. Henry says that locating nearby stars is important because astronomers can only search for planets similar to the earth that are orbiting relatively close stars.

Dr. Henry is very pleased with the results the project has yielded to date.

"It has gone fantastically well," he said. "It has produced great science with reliable results."

The project is helping to prepare the way for a future NASA mission. Scheduled for launch in 2009, this mission will seek out planets around the stars Henry and his colleagues find.

The Cerro Tololo Observatory site is well suited for astronomical research. Unlike an urban area such as Atlanta, it has no "light pollution," which impedes the ability to search for stars from the ground.

According to Dr. Henry, the department is planning to report a new discovery:

"We think we've discovered another new star, and it is likely to be among the 30 nearest stars to our own solar system," he said.

Dr. Henry says his department is working on two major initiatives. Along with Dr. David Koerner of Northern Arizona University, he will focus on stellar astronomy and the study of active galactic nuclei, which specifically refers to the study of the heart, or active centers of galaxies.

"Dr. Koerner and I are looking for giant planets orbiting, or 'pulling,' on these stars," Dr. Henry said.

Dr. Henry received his B.A. in Physics and Planetary Science from Cornell University and his PhD in Astronomy from the University of Arizona. He has also served as a principle investigator with the Space Telescope Science Institute, the project managing the Hubble telescope.

For more information visit his website at www.chara.gsu.edu/~thenry or the Department of Physics and Astronomy at www.phy-astr.gsu.edu/new_web/newmain.html.

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**Reporting on Georgia
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**Midnight mania:
Panthers 'ballin'
outa control'**

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After a long week of reluctantly getting up to go to class, hundreds of Georgia State University students filed into the Sports Arena after midnight on Saturday, hoping for another "Cinderella" basketball season.

Against all odds, the Georgia State Lady Panthers have appeared in the last three NCAA Tournaments, while the Panthers miraculously advanced to the second round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

Based on the both the men's and Lady Panthers' performances, no one went home saddened about Georgia State's chances of making it back to the NCAA Tournament.

At 12:01 Saturday morning, "Midnight Mania" introduced the



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The men's basketball team huddles before they scrimmaged at Midnight Mania.

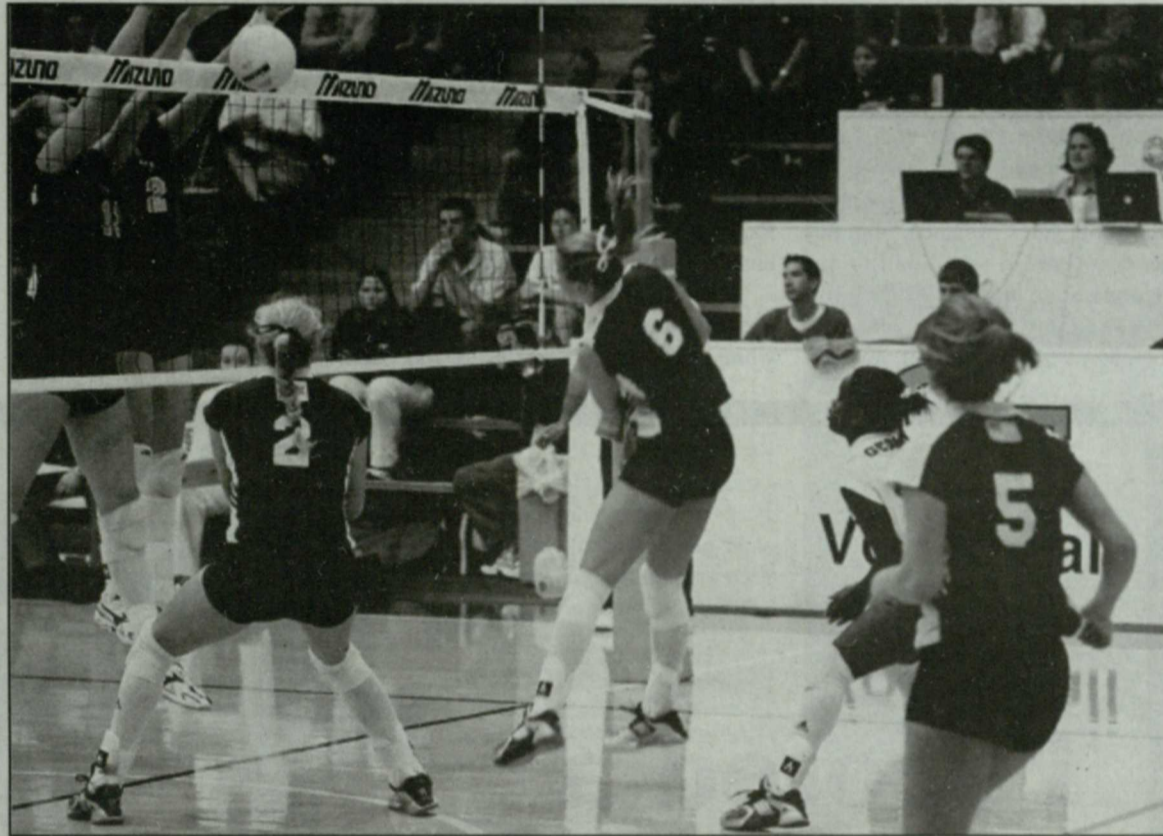
Georgia State University basketball teams in a scrimmage against one another, blue versus white. The ongoing tradition of the internal preseason scrimmage at midnight, arguably pioneered nationwide by former Panthers' coach "Lefty" Driesell, featured one 15-minute scrimmage between the Lady Panthers and a 20-minute Panthers scrimmage.

The Panthers put on a spectacle showing before the first horn blew, dazzling the Georgia State crowd with dunk after dunk during warm-ups. Immediately after tip-off, however, a different story unraveled.

In the first two minutes of the game, junior transfer Sylvester Morgan missed two wide-open dunks for the white Panthers. Shortly after, senior Trello Galloway went up on the receiving end of an alley-oop, and the ball rimmed out, spoiling what would have been a magnificent fast break for the blue Panthers.

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**Volleyball still undefeated
in Atlantic Conference play**



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Amanda Sapp passes the ball to her teammate during conference play. Sapp is a team captain this season.

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The Georgia State University lost its fifth match of the season and gained its 22nd win in last week's volleyball action.

In their first match of the week, the Lady Panthers were ousted by host Jacksonville State University in non-conference action.

The absences of freshman phenom Ana Paula Ferreira and senior Shelbylynn McBride hurt the Lady Panthers offensively, but sophomores Carol Mattos and Danielle Gonzalez stepped up to help Georgia State keep pace with the Gamecocks.

In the first game Georgia State took advantage of two early errors by JSU for a 2-0 lead. The Gamecocks forged ahead with a four-point scoring streak, but a kill by Amanda Sapp and a block assist from Robyn van Dam gave the Lady Panthers the tying points.

Carol Mattos earned her first kill of the game to give the Lady Panthers the lead 9-8.

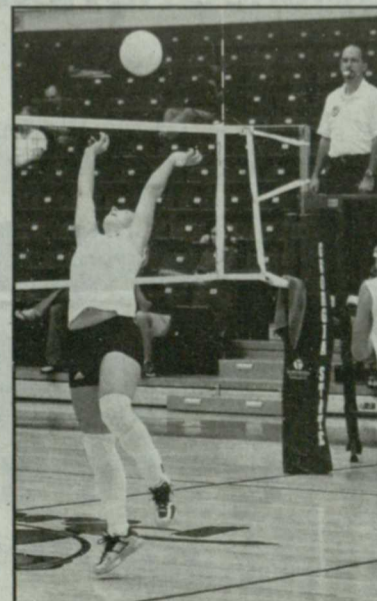
The Lady Panthers extended the lead to two points, but another four-point scoring streak put the Gamecocks ahead. Georgia State would attack back, but when the Lady Panthers served out of rotation, the Gamecocks happily took

the point.

Amanda Sapp served an ace for the 16-16 tie. They ate up two JSU errors and scored off a Mattos block solo, forcing the Gamecocks to call a timeout.

Out of the timeout, the Lady Panthers took advantage of two JSU errors to give them a four-point lead, 27-23.

JSU saved face, taking advantage of a service error, a service ace and a block error by Georgia State to close the gap. But the Lady Panthers were too close to the win for the Gamecocks to steal it. Georgia State won game one, 30-



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April DeCoste gets another set assist in Tuesday's volleyball action.

**Women to
host golf
Tourney**

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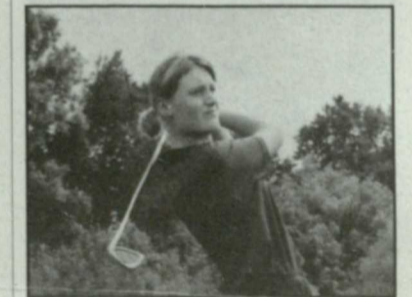
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The Georgia State University women's golf team will host the John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Oct. 27 and 28. The tournament will be held at Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge, Ga. A total of 12 teams will compete against each other for top honors.

Some of the teams expected at the competition are Campbell University, University of Central Florida, Southern Mississippi University, Jacksonville State University and many more. Peak times on both days will be between 7:50 a.m. -9:10 a.m.

This season has been a fairly good one for the Lady Panthers, and they expect this tournament, which they won two years ago, to be no different from the others.

"All of the teams are really good," said Cathy Mant, head coach of the Lady Panthers. "I believe our biggest competition and challengers will be Campbell, UCF, Jacksonville State, and Southern Mississippi."



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Lizzie White looks to see where she shot the ball.

The Lady Panthers are hoping that this tournament will have a positive effect on their standings but they have very few worries given their prior success. Their goal is to work on their short game, which has been "holding them back," according to Mant.

Lisbeth Meincke, who has been a stand-out player all season is expected to fare well yet again. As a freshman last year she won the individual title for the conference championship.

"She plays well, strong and has a good chance of winning the tournament this year," said Mant. Another strong player is Sally Bishop, who has also made her presence known on the green this season according to her stats.

"She is playing really strong and consistent," said Mant.

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Winning streak ends for Lady Panthers soccer

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The Georgia State University women's soccer team saw its nine-game winning streak come to an end as they dropped two games to their Atlantic Sun Conference opponents, UCF and Florida Atlantic. Before the two debacles, the Lady Panthers had won some big games with outstanding



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A Lady Panther shimmys through opposing players.

offense and a tenacious defensive attack.

Georgia State resumed conference play and was defeated by Campbell, 1-0. Although the Lady Panthers were shut out, the game was physical and both teams remained scoreless until the 60th minute of play.

This loss was hard to swallow because the Lady Panthers had a chance to strike first in the 31st minute of play on a curled kick by Amber Collins-Cepher, but it was blocked by Campbell's goalie Erin Switlaski.

In the second half, Campbell's Traci Taddonio was given a free kick due to a foul



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Two players fight for control of the ball.

from Georgia State in its own territory. Several Lady Panthers battled around the attempt until Anderson kicked it in past goalkeeper Alexa Pasquarelli for her third goal of the season.

The Lady Panther's had a chance to tie the game in the 63rd minute of play but Collins-Cepher was unable to sneak a kick past Switlaski, who ultimately saved the game. Pasquarelli made four saves in a losing effort, and Georgia State out shot Campbell 13-7. The loss dipped Georgia State to 3-3 in conference play.

Despite the big losses, the Lady Panthers still remain in the hunt for a berth in the Atlantic Sun conference with a record of 3-2-0 in conference play and overall record of 11-4-0.

Women earn two wins over weekend

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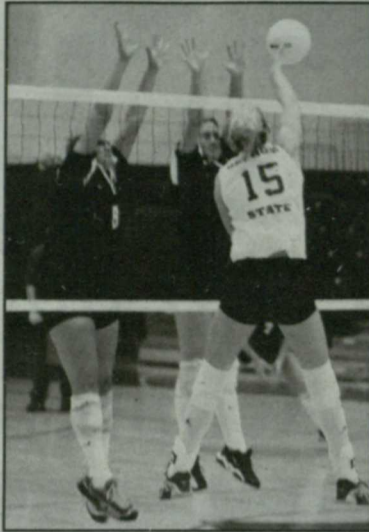
The Lady Panthers did not sing "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to" for too long. On Friday they jumped on their fourth conference win against Belmont University.

In game one, Georgia State took their traditional early lead, and Belmont fought back to a lead, as is often the case with evenly-matched teams. But Georgia State would finish on top, 30-25.

"It's always tough coming into a conference school for a match," said Leonard. "Belmont's a better team than it was last year."

Molly Sapp recorded two consecutive kills to put the Lady Panthers up two point early in the second game. Following errors from both sides, Amanda Sapp put her two cents in with a kill to put Georgia State up by five.

The Lady Panthers opened up the gap to seven at 17-10, and the



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Molly Sapp tips the ball by two defenders.

Bruins could not cut it below six for the rest of the game. The Lady Panthers finished game two with an eight-point advantage, 30-22.

In the final game of the evening, the Bruins waved their white flag, falling again to the

Lady Panthers, 30-22.

McBride, returning from Tuesday's absence, led the offensive attack for the Lady Panthers with 14 kills, and April DeCoste surfaced with 33 assists, eight kills and nine digs.

The final game of the week was Molly Sapp's turn to shine as she led the team with 13 kills in Georgia State's 22nd win over conference rival Lipscomb University.

Ferreira, in her second game off a nagging injury, also came up strong against the Lady Bison, with a .615 attack percentage, four service aces and eight digs.

The Lady Panthers rode the Bison the entire match, finishing the first game 30-17 and the second 30-16.

The Bison decided to make the ride a little rough for the Lady Panthers in the third match, as the Lady Panthers decided they had the win.

Lipscomb took an early and dramatic lead, 11-4, before the Lady Panthers realized that their magic wand that allowed them to just sit on the court and win was broken. Coach Leonard called a timeout in an attempt to pull his team together.

The entire team came together to regain the lead, which did not happen until McBride knocked down a kill to give them a 25-24 lead. The game heated up at that point with the teams trading points to the end. Georgia State finished on top, 30-37.

"We came out lazy and we thought the game was won," said Leonard. "I kind of had to convince them that [Lipscomb] wanted to win too, but this was a good wake-up call for us."

The Lady Panthers are now undefeated in their five conference matches. They are 22-5 for the season.

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Men finish one and one in week's play

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The Georgia State University's men's soccer team's win against Georgia Southern at the beginning of the week was short-lived as they lost to Coastal Carolina at the end of the week.

The men's soccer team fought for their seventh win with an overtime defeat against Georgia Southern Oct. 12. Despite being down 3-1, the Panthers managed to catch up with the Eagles with only 10 minutes left in the game.

The Eagles started scoring within the first five minutes of the game as Lawrence Smith set up Tyler Mullen to earn their first point. The two teams played evenly throughout the rest of the first half. The Panthers were able to put Georgia State on the board when freshman Chris Mahaffey, assisted by senior Brian Mitchell, pushed the ball past Eagle goalkeeper

his second goal of the game 23 minutes into the period. Smith scored their third point with 16 minutes remaining in the game with a set up by Tony Moffat.

The Panthers decided that they were not going to give up the game without a fight. Junior Jamie Hargather scored with header off a throw-in from senior Tommy Boyton to cut Georgia Southern's lead by one. Just as it seemed like the Eagles would go home with the win, freshman Desmond Williams passed the ball to senior Stephen Adams to even up the score, 3-3.

"It was one of the best comebacks I've seen in my nine years of coaching," said Panthers Head Coach Kerem Daser. "The team showed a lot of character and never gave up. Our seniors stepped up when things were down. Adams had two great goals for us and showed a lot of composure."

Overtime was short-lived as goalkeeper J.B Wood punted the ball down the field seconds after

Eagles posted a record of 3-7-2.

Before they could declare victory for the week, the Panthers still had to compete against Coastal Carolina's Chanticleers on Oct. 17.

The Panthers' winning celebrations were cut short when they fell short to the Chanticleers, 2-1. Georgia State was without starting defender Armin Marquez, who sat out the game due to an injury sustained at the match against Georgia Southern.

The Chanticleers scored the first goal of the match 10 minutes into the half. Jordie Hughes scored the goal assisted by Francis McCardle and Mubarike Chisoni. Coastal held the Panthers to only four shots in the first period, while Wood posted three saves.

The score stayed at 1-0 until Georgia State's Adams scored with 16 minutes remaining in the second half.

"It was exciting for the game to be 1-1," said Daser. "Stephen Adams had a great goal for us."

The Chanticleers were awarded a penalty kick after a foul was called on Georgia State in the box. Coastal's Joseph Ngwenya used the penalty to score the game-winning goal for the Chanticleers with only 11 minutes remaining in the second half.

Although the Panthers lost to the Chanticleers, they demonstrated that they are capable of competing with nationally ranked teams.

"When we're on, we can play anyone in the country," said Daser. "We're looking forward to our conference matches against Jacksonville and Stetson next week."

The Panthers now post an overall record of 7-4-1. They will travel to Florida to play in two conferences games. The first game will be against Jacksonville on Friday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. They will also face Stetson in DeLand, Fla. at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Men, women premiere new players in 'Mania' action

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After a slow start from both teams, senior Lamont McIntosh began to light it up from the outside, posting up and hitting on fade-away and pull-up jump shots. As the game progressed, McIntosh began to receive help from Galloway and senior Reo Logan, helping the blue Panthers team break away to a double-digit lead.

little range by hitting a three-point shot just as time ran out.

Junior Anthony Witherspoon followed Morgan with four points, sophomore Boyd Copeland dropped in three points, juniors Marcus Brown and D'Andre McGrew added two points each, and junior Kevin Thomas contributed one point.

Senior Nate Williams did not play, and blue Panthers' guard



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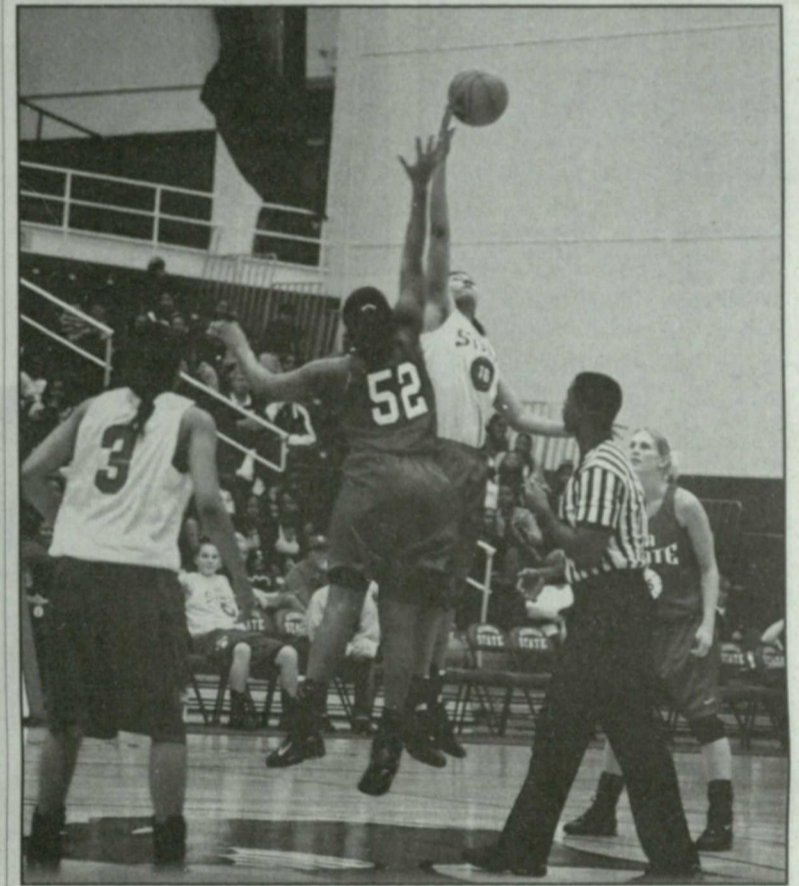
Joey Grigsby watches as an opponent hits the ground and loses control of the ball.

Adam Webb. At the end of the first half, the score was tied 1-1.

In the second half, Georgia Southern dominated offensive play by registering 12 shots compared to the Georgia State's three. Georgia Southern's Mullen scored

the period began. Adams received the ball and kicked it over the Eagle's goalie, scoring the winning goal for the Panthers.

At the end of the Georgia Southern game, the Panthers record stood at 7-3-1 while the



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Tipoff at the woman's scrimmage began the basketball team's official practices.

The blue Panthers team kept the double-digit lead till the final buzzer, winning 31-19.

McIntosh and Galloway led the blue Panthers team with eight points each. The blue Panthers' Logan added seven points, sophomore Herman Favors dropped in five points and senior Daniel Towns finished with three.

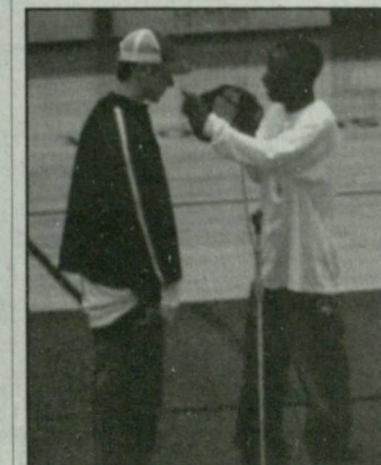
Morgan made up for missing the two dunks early in the contest, leading the white Panthers team with seven points. Not only did Morgan dominate the paint defen-

Everett Morris played but did not score.

The Lady Panthers looked cold and sluggish in the opening stages of their scrimmage, turning the ball over, committing foul after foul, and missing on easy lay-up attempts. However, after each team had its chance to warm up, the action on the court began to heat up, eventually ending in a 19-19 tie.

White Panthers' junior Patechia Hartman dazzled the crowd with stutter steps, reverse lay-ups and well-executed passes on the white Panthers' many fast breaks. Hartman led all scorers with seven points. White Panthers' senior Yvette Tisdale looked impressive in the post throughout the scrimmage and ended up with four points. Freshmen Alicea Rucker and Kelcey Roegiers-Jensen added three points each, and Timetra Richmond scored two points for the white Panthers.

Blue Panthers' sophomore Glenise Moore scored six points, sophomore Ashley Strickland and freshman Robyn Gilbert both added in four points, junior Dee Dee Merriweather added three points, and sophomore Monica Thomas contributed two points.



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The basketball scrimmages were preceded by a rap battle. The Georgia State student on the left won the battle and \$100.

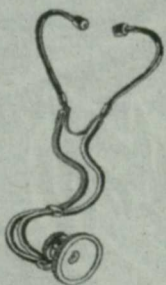
sively, blocking shots left and right, but Morgan also showed a

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Dee Aikens	1 INT Return for TD
Reggie Scott	1 TD Reception

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Haskell Murray	2 TD Passes
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STAFF REPORTS

Week one of flag football was filled with some exciting close games. Kappa Sigma jumped out to an early lead over Sigma Nu and tried to



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Flag football kicked off this weekend.

preserve the win late in the game. They drove to Sigma Nu's 5-yard line and, after 4 attempts, could not punch the ball in for the score.

Holding to a 14-6 with only 45 seconds left in the game they felt confident. Sigma Nu's quarterback Steven Lewis saved his best for last though and drove the team 65 yards with less than 45 seconds on the clock. But they still needed the 2-point conversion for the tie.

With no time on the clock, Lewis found the end zone to tie the game.

In the overtime both teams get the ball on the 10-yard line (much like college tackle-football overtime).

Sigma Nu went first and scored quickly but failed on their extra point try leaving the

door open for Kappa Sigma. Kappa Sigma scored on a nice pass from Jared Peterson to Ryan Martin. On the point-

swarmed to him. Peterson then flipped the ball to Rusty Green in the back of the end zone, wide open for the win. It was a



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A man takes down another in their first game of the flag-football season.

after try, Paterson rolled to his left with the end zone in his sights when the defense

great game by both teams and a great way to start off the flag football season.

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The East Tennessee State University Buccaneers will join the ranks of the Georgia State Panthers with their addition to the Atlantic Sun Conference. Last week, the A-Sun Presidents Council voted to extend confer-

ing athletic program."

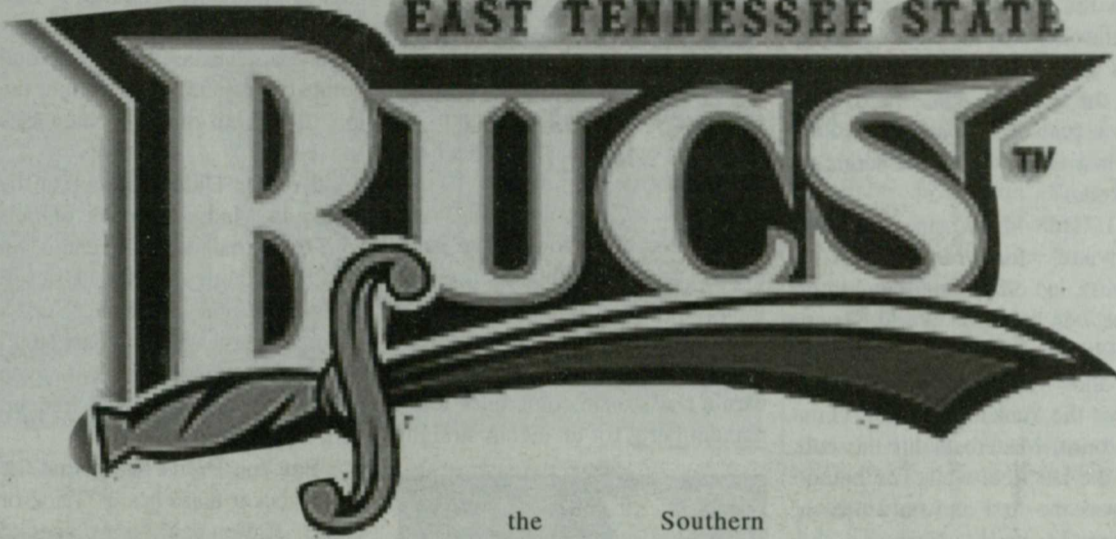
The leadership of President Dr. Paul Stanton and Athletic Director Dave Mullins is evident in the school's commitment to achieving the highest standards of both academic and athletic success. The facilities are very attractive and the Johnson City community support makes ETSU an ideal fit in our league."

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also quite pleased that our future venues for athletic competition will be in cities which have major ETSU alumni populations, who for the first time may be able to come to many of our games."

Next fall, the A-Sun will consist of 11 members, including Belmont, Campbell, UCF, ETSU, Florida Atlantic, Gardner-Webb, Georgia State,

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ence membership to ETSU for the fall 2005-06 athletic season.

"The Atlantic Sun I proud to announce the addition of East Tennessee State University," said A-Sun Commissioner Bill Bibb. "It is exciting to add an institution that is committed to maintaining its already outstand-

the Southern Conference, has already been successful at its NCAA Division I level and will be immediately eligible for all Atlantic Sun Championships.

"I'm extremely pleased to have ETSU voted into membership in the Atlantic Sun, which we consider a very prestigious conference," said Stanton. "I am

Jacksonville, Lipscomb, Mercer and Stetson.

The Buccaneers play their home basketball games inside Memorial Center; a 12,000-seat domed arena located in Johnson City, Tenn. Their university, which currently consists of 11,500 students, offers more than 100 degree programs in its six colleges.

Rodriguez and Lisac take doubles championship at Georgia Tech Invitational

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All of that hard work in the ITA Classic did not go to waste for Georgia State University's Miha Lisac and Jaime Rodriguez, as they teamed up once more for a championship title in the Georgia Tech Invitational tennis tournament.

Seeded second in the "A" Doubles Draw, Rodriguez and Lisac faced three rounds of intense action before heading into the finals. The pair seemed to have prepared a "to-do list" to finish off every competitor and sweep through competition.

First priority: quickly finish off these guys to conserve energy. Check. The pair easily took round one with an 8-3 victory over Melero and Romero of Georgia Perimeter College.

Second mission: Remain focus, play hard and advance. Check. Wennee and Westman of USC were no contest for the Panthers' double act, as they fell in round two with a score of 6-8.

Next on the list: Make it seem close, only to let these guys think they actually have a chance. Check. Rodriguez and Lisac squeezed by Vestli and Mazaev of South Alabama to secure the match 9-8 (5).

Last on the list: Bring home the trophy baby! Done deal. In the championship match, the Panthers' duo faced Posada and Salazar of ETSU--who defeated the No. 1 seed in this draw. Once again, the game was close, but Georgia State's own was able to close out the match, winning 8-6.

Coming off a tough loss from the ITA Classic doubles competition made this victory for Lisac and Rodriguez even sweeter. Lisac and Rodriguez now have a record of 7-2 after only three tournaments.

"Jaime and Miha really seemed to bond during this tournament," said head coach Nick Brochu. "They kept their composure when trailing by two service breaks in the semi-final against South Alabama."

Albano Franco and Matiha Sulin almost succeeded like Lisac and Rodriguez but fell just a hair short. In the "B" draw, they lost in the semi-finals to Aguirre and Host of UNC-Charlotte 6-8. They defeated Depaolo and Tyler of Georgia Tech 8-3 in round one, and Goedjen and Taylor of Auburn University 8-4 in second round action.

In singles competition, Clarence Boyd won his first collegiate-level match. Entering in the "B" draw, Boyd defeated Goedjen of Auburn 6-4, 6-4 in the first round. However, Boyd lost to Fitzpatrick of Belmont College 2-6, 2-6 in the next round.

Columbia native Jaime Rodriguez experienced similar, but slightly better, success than teammate Boyd. Jaime defeated Ochoa of ETSU 6-0, 6-1 in the first round and Gonzales of UGA 6-2, 6-2 in the second round. Nonetheless, Rodriguez lost to Babej of South Alabama (No. 3 seed) 6-7 (6), 0-6. Babej ended up winning the singles "A" draw championship.

"Rodriguez continues to perform well in singles," says Coach Brochu.

Boyd and Rodriguez were the only two Georgia State players to make advance past first round action.

Rodriguez' doubles champion partner Miha Lisac didn't fare as well in the singles "A" draw or consolation play. He lost in the first round to Vestli of South Alabama 4-6, 1-6. In the consolation bracket, Lisac defeated

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The World Series' top 10 moments in history

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With the World Series in full swing, I have decided to alter my column a little this week. Instead of me telling you who will the Series and be totally wrong like I was about the Red Sox and Cubs curses (they really are cursed), I have decided to take a page from David Letterman's repertoire--The Top 10 List. This will provide a little information on my top 10 Fall Classic moments and allow me to save face for the embarrassing predictions I've made the past couple of weeks.

10. The tenth moment comes from the very first World Series in 1905. Hall of Fame pitcher Christy Matthewson led the New York Giants against the Philadelphia Athletics. Matthewson pitched a



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Christy Matthewson led the Giants against the A's in the 1905 Series.

shutout in Game 1 and also singled to start a two-run rally in a victory. He came back on two days' rest to pitch another shutout in Game 3. Game 5 saw Matthewson pitch his third straight complete game shutout, on one day's rest, in the series clincher. Matthewson threw 27 scoreless innings with 18 strikeouts in the series.

9. This moment hits close to home--the 1991 World Series Game 7, Braves-Twins. The Braves had yet to win a game in the Metrodome going into Game 7 when they would face the winningest pitcher of the 1980s--Jack Morris. Morris became only the third pitcher in World Series history to pitch a 10-inning shutout as the Twins knocked off the Braves. ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons calls it the best series he's seen.

8. In 1977, Reggie Jackson earned his famous moniker of Mr. October. The Yankees had a 3-2 series lead against the Dodgers when they played Game 6 in Yankee Stadium. Jackson hit home runs on the first three pitches he saw. The Yankees won the game 8-4 and the series.

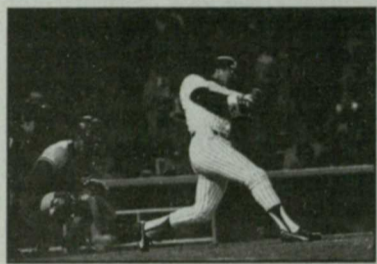
7. In the first World Series after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Arizona Diamondbacks took on the heavily favored New York Yankees. The Yankees won games four and five with game-ending

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homeruns, but D-Backs ace Randy Johnson stopped the bleeding in Game 6 to send the series to a final game. The Yankees entered the ninth inning of Game 7 with a 2-1 lead and Mariano Rivera, arguably



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Reggie Jackson hits a homerun in the 1977 series.

the best closer in postseason history, on the mound. The D-Backs' Tony Womack's double tied the game and a Luis Gonzalez bloop single won the game. This is the greatest series I've ever seen.

6. Only two World Series have ended on a game-winning homerun. In 1993, Joe Carter won the title for Toronto when he went deep off the Phillies' "Wild Thing" Mitch Williams in Game 6. The Blue Jays became the first team since the Reggie Jackson Yankees to repeat as world champs.

5. In 1988, the Oakland A's were the surefire bet to win the World Series against the Dodgers, who were without their star player Kirk Gibson. The A's had a 4-3 lead in the ninth when their star closer, Dennis Eckersley, took the mound. The closer got the first two men out but walked Mike Davis. The gimpy Gibson, who had a severely strained hamstring, came out to hit. He needed only one good swing as he drilled a 3-2 slider over the right field wall. Brake lights of the cars leaving the parking lot early could be seen as the drivers heard the radio call of the homerun. Gibson didn't play again in the series, but the Dodgers still won the series 4-1.

4. The fourth moment comes from the 1956 World Series. Yankees' hurler Don Larsen threw a no-hit, perfect game against the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5. It is the only no-hitter in post-season history.

3. Ahh...the aforementioned Red Sox curse rears its ugly head. In 1986, the Red Sox took a 5-3 lead into the tenth inning of Game 6. The Shea Stadium scoreboard flashed, WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON RED SOX, and the Sox locker rooms were being prepared for the celebration. But the Mets scored two runs to tie the score, and Mookie Wilson hit a routine ground ball to Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner. It went through Buckner's legs and Ray Knight scored the winning run. The Mets went on to win Game 7 and the world title.

2. Good luck for the Red Sox occurred in the 1975 World Series

when Carlton Fisk hit a homerun in the bottom of the 12th inning to win Game 6. The ball jumped off Fisk's bat and sailed above the famous Green Monster at Fenway Park. As the ball inched towards the foul pole, Fisk jumped and tried to wave the ball fair. He succeeded, and the Sox beat the Reds 7-6. The Reds' Pete Rose reportedly said it was the greatest game he'd ever been a part of. However, the Red Sox lost Game 7 and the series to the Reds.

1. Bill Mazerowski, a player renowned for his defensive prowess, led off the ninth inning of Game 7 in the 1960 World Series. The Pirates and Yankees were tied 9-9 and Mazerowski stepped in against the Yanks' Bill Terry. On a 0-1 count, Mazerowski hit the ball over the left field wall. The homerun was the first and only time a homerun has ended a Game 7 of the World Series.

Honorable Mentions: Willie Mays over-the-shoulder catch; Babe Ruth "calls his shot" against the Cubs; Randy Johnson starts Game 6 and finishes Game 7 of the 2001 series.



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New York Yankee Don Larsen shakes Don Newcomb's hand in the 1956.

Panther Quick Facts

STAFF REPORTS

Bet You Didn't Know that Georgia State University's volleyball team is the first in the entire NCAA Division I to win 20 games this season (20-4).

Bet You Didn't Know that volleyball coach Richard Leonard has won 20 or more games in four straight years and in five of his six seasons at Georgia State. His 138-65 (68 percent) record is tops among active Georgia State coaches in any sport in winning percentage.

Bet You Didn't Know that the women's soccer team was unbeaten at home (5-0) with one game to play. The only other time this happened was in 1997 with a 10-0-1 home season. But, even that year had a tie so this would have been the first-ever "perfect" season at home.

Bet You Didn't Know that the women's soccer team is trying to earn a postseason conference tournament berth for an eighth straight



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The events at Midnight Mania were designed by Charles "Lefty" Driesell.

season. The 11 wins (11-4) are already the third most in a season in school history (with five games to play in regular season). The nine-game win streak was second longest in school history.

Bet You Didn't Know that the men's tennis doubles team won the championship and trophy in a fall invitational tournament, a feat not done before by a men's tennis team

in Georgia State history. Congratulations to Miha Lisac and Jaime Rodriguez. The pair are 7-2 overall this season in three major tournaments.

Bet You Didn't Know that the men's soccer team had its best winning percentage before this weekend's play (.682) since the 1987 season 16 years ago. The 7-3-1 mark includes a 3-1 record at home and 4-2-1 mark on the road.

Bet You Didn't Know that men's soccer senior Stephen Adams is already eighth in school history in assists (15) and needs three goals (he has 20) and six total points (he has 55) to move into the top 10 in both of those categories as well.

Bet You Didn't Know that the Midnight Madness mania of college basketball was "invented" in 1970 by Charles "Lefty" Driesell when he was at Maryland. Nary a single men's or women's basketball player who competed was even born yet when Driesell came up with the publicity stunt.

Bet You Didn't Know that the men's soccer team has a "Trick or Treat" Halloween Night special game on Oct. 31 against top conference rival UCF at the Forsyth County Soccer Complex at 7 p.m. Dress up in costume, dress up in Panther gear, or just show up and support the team that night!

Bet You Didn't Know that Georgia State gear, including shirts and caps, are available exclusively at these locations. Support the Panthers, and show these merchants that Georgia State supplies should be stocked and sold! It's not too early to start thinking of your Christmas shopping gifts now!

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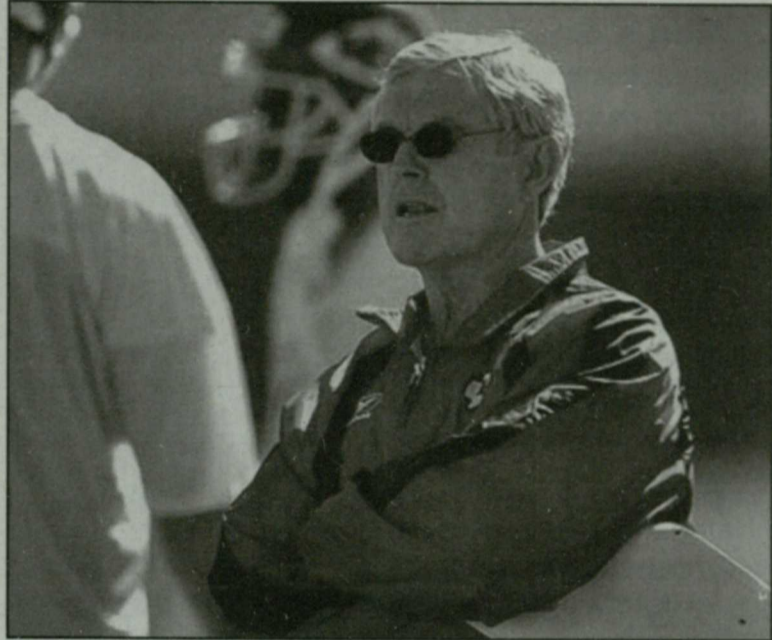
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Around the horn: News and notes in the world of sports

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Dick Vermeil could be one most brilliant coaches in the history of the National Football League.



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Dick Vermeil may win the Super Bowl if he follows his three-year pattern.

Vermeil led the Eagles to the Super Bowl in his third year coaching the Eagles. In his third year with the Rams, St. Louis won the Super Bowl. Vermeil now coaches the Kansas City Chiefs. Guess what year he's in?

The Chiefs are one of the three undefeated teams in the NFL before Sunday's games and the have the most potent offense in the league. Led by quarterback Trent Green and running back Priest Holmes, the Chiefs are poised to make a run at the Super Bowl in Vermeil's third year as coach.

Plus, they have Dante Hall,

the most exciting player in the NFL not named Vick, returning kicks. Some have mentioned Hall as a candidate for MVP. That is unheard of for a return man.

One of the other undefeated teams, the Carolina Panthers, have

used defense to dominate opponents. Carolina has the two most impressive wins this season, at Tampa Bay and at Indianapolis. Brenston Buckner, Mike Rucker, Julius Peppers and Kris Jenkins make up the best offensive line in football--yes, better than Tampa Bay's.

The Panthers hosted the Tennessee Titans and quarterback Steve McNair on Sunday. McNair is the NFL's highest-rated passer, and he leads the league 1,601 yards passing. He also has 11 touchdowns to just two interceptions.

Simeon Rice, Tampa Bay's

speed rusher, leads the NFL with eight sacks. He is on pace to get 26 sacks, which would obliterate Michael Strahan's single-season record of 22.5. The Jets' Shaun Ellis is on pace to get 22 sacks.

A couple of rookies are turning heads as league leaders in the NFC.

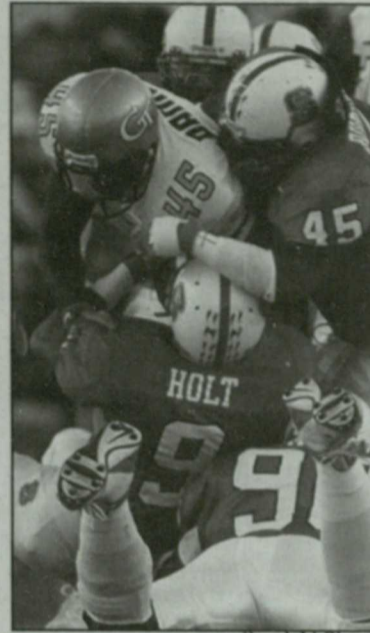
Green Bay linebacker Nick Barnett leads the NFC in tackles, and former Florida State and current Arizona Cardinal wide receiver Anquan Boldin leads the NFC in receiving yards with 592. The NFL named Boldin Rookie of the Month for September.

The hometown Falcons are leading the NFL in safeties--given up, not recorded. With the safety surrendered to the Rams on Monday Night Football, the Falcons' offensive line has given up four on the season.

Maybe the Falcons could use a quarterback like B.J. Symons of Texas Tech until Mike Vick returns (shooting for the Nov. 2 Eagles game). Symons has introduced himself to college football fans and Heisman trophy voters this season. After replacing Kliff Kingsbury, Symons has thrown for 2,954 yards and 27 touchdowns. That is a great season for most quarterbacks, but Symons still has six games to play. He has thrown for 500 yards in a game three times, and he threw for 661 yards in a win

against Mississippi.

Jason White, Oklahoma's quarterback, has put up similar mind-boggling numbers. He's thrown for a more human 1,762



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P.J. Daniels of Georgia Tech has run 623 yards this season.

yards and 20 touchdowns for the undefeated Sooners. Oklahoma was supposed to win because of their defense, but White has led his team to an average margin of victory of 35 points. After destroying Texas, Oklahoma is prepared to make a run at the national title game in the Sugar Bowl.

A team they could play, Miami, has struggled with Florida and West Virginia but looked strong against Florida State. Miami's problem might be replacing running back Frank Gore, who tore his ACL in the second consecutive season. Jarret Payton, Walter's son, ran for 97 yards against Florida State but has a severe case of fumblyitis.

P.J. Daniels has not had a problem leading the running game for Georgia Tech. Daniels' 623 yards lead the Atlantic Coast Conference. He has been aided by the emergence of freshman quarterback Reggie Ball and wide out Jonathan Smith, whose 725 receiving yards is second in the ACC.

However, another local team, the Atlanta Hawks, was hurt when they found out reserve big man Obinna Ekezie will miss the season with a torn ACL. Ekezie was signed as a free agent and many believed he would not make the team. But Ekezie's 11.8 point average was third best on the team. He could have provided much-needed depth up front.

The Thrashers' Pasi Nurminen has had all kinds of luck between the pipes for Atlanta. His solid net-minding has propelled the Thrashers to a franchise-best 2-0-2 start. His emergence has made the signing of veteran Byron Dafeo irrelevant.

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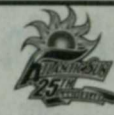


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Men's Soccer Scores for the Week of Oct. 12-Oct. 18

October 18

* FAU d. Campbell, 3-2
* UCF d. Gardner-Webb, 2-1 (ot)
Mercer d. Georgia Southern, 2-0

October 17

* Jacksonville d. Belmont, 3-1
* Stetson d. Lipscomb, 2-0

October 16

* UCF d. Campbell, 1-0 (2ot)
* Florida Atlantic d. Gardner-Webb, 6-0
#14 Coastal Carolina d. Georgia State, 2-1

October 14

Memphis d. Lipscomb, 2-1

October 12

* UCF d. Florida Atlantic, 1-0
Belmont d. UNC Asheville, 1-0
UNC Greensboro d. Mercer, 3-1
Oral Roberts d. Lipscomb, 2-1
Georgia State d. Georgia Southern, 4-3 ot

Women's Soccer Results for the week of Oct. 12-Oct. 18

October 18

* Campbell d. Mercer, 4-0
* Georgia State d. Gardner-Webb, 4-0
* Troy State d. Belmont, 3-0

October 17

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* UCF d. Jacksonville, 2-0

October 16

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* Mercer d. Gardner-Webb, 1-0

October 14

Lipscomb d. UT-Martin, 1-0

October 12

* Florida Atlantic d. Georgia State, 3-0
* UCF d. Mercer, 5-0
* Stetson d. Troy State, 8-3

Volleyball Results for the Week of Oct. 12-Oct. 18

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Roller Hockey Results--Opening Weekend

October 18, 2003

Georgia Tech d. Georgia State 12-2
Florida B d. Embry Riddle 7-1
Florida d. Georgia State 12-0
Central Florida d. Georgia Tech 10-1
Central Florida B d. Embry Riddle 11-3
Georgia d. Eckerd 10-2
Florida d. Central Florida 5-2
Eckerd d. Florida B 5-4
Georgia d. Central Florida B 5-4

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Central Florida d. Embry Riddle 13-1
Florida d. Georgia Tech 4-1
Central Florida B d. Georgia State 12-0
Central Florida d. Florida 12-2

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Sulin takes 'L' to USC

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Rogers of Furman 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 but fell to Menano of Georgia Tech 4-6, 5-7 to exit consolation action.

Senior leader Albano Franco also had an early exit in both the "A" draw and consolation draw. Franco lost to another Yellow Jacket of Georgia Tech, Nott 1-6, 0-6. Louisiana Lafayette's Kovalev eliminated Franco early again in consolation play 6-4, 4-6, 2-6.

Lastly, Slovenian native

Matija Sulin lost to Cassidy of USC 2-6, 4-6 in the first round of the "B" singles draw. In consolation play, Sulin defeated Saloon of Louisiana Lafayette 6-1, 6-2, but lost in the second round to Moretti of Belmont College 6-7 (3), 3-6.

After returning from the Tech Invitational the men's tennis team headed into regionals last Thursday. Five Georgia State players qualified for regionals that took place Oct. 16-19 at the University of Memphis. Regional scores will be announced next week.

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Fri. Oct. 24 @ Jacksonville @ 3:30 p.m.*
Sun. Oct. 26 @ Stetson @ 1 p.m.*

Women's Soccer:

Fri. Oct. 24 @ Belmont @ 7:30 a.m.*
Sun. Oct. 26 @ Lipscomb @ 1 p.m.*

Women's Volleyball:

Fri. Oct. 24 vs. Stetson @ 7 p.m. @ the Arena*
Sat. Oct. 25 vs. Jacksonville @ 7 p.m.*

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Domestic policy and international competition

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As a devout capitalist committed to the free-market and laize-faire economics, I find myself faced with a difficult dilemma. That dilemma involves the billion dollar subsidies that Bush and his predecessors have handed down to America's farmers. Year after year Congress authorizes

unfair that any foreign products on the market should be sold at a price that would put US farmers out of business. They intervened, and our farmers continue their stress-free, government-dependent existence. Not since Communist Russia has there been a greater example of agriculture controlled (indirectly though it may be) by a single entity.

I ponder these issues for a while, embroiled in my own thoughtful debate over how our "capitalistic" system is involved in one of the most overtly controlling maneuvers yet seen in American economics. Adam Smith's invisible hand is becoming visible, and the brain controlling that hand seems to be Washington. I find myself angered over these government handouts and interventions that we have come to so casually refer to as "subsidies".

Then I do a 180. Suddenly a thought fires through my head...suddenly my nationalistic tendencies come back strong. I remember the spirit of independence that Americans have valued through the years. I remember our own autonomy during the great World Wars that threatened agriculturally inter-

dependent Europe. While Europe suffered, the self-supplying US coped quite well.

If the US rescinds its promise of subsidies, those farmers will be out of business tomorrow. If the US continues to allow foreign products to be sold at significantly lower prices, American producers will have insurmountable difficulties turning a profit. Our agricultural sector would take a dive into obscurity, and our country would find itself the most dependent country on the face of the earth.

In an economy where service-oriented companies spring up every day, we would wake up one morning realizing we could no longer feed ourselves. What good is a country that can dominate the world economy, but cannot even feed its citizens? That state of existence becomes a state of risk...risk of over-dependence on somebody else doing what we should be doing ourselves.

These are not easy questions. Important questions rarely are, and I'm not saying that I have a bright solution that will create the perfect balance of trade and domestic security for us. What I am saying is that we must look at both sides of the issue. We must recognize the benefits of foreign trade, while understanding the independence that we sacrifice with every lowered tariff and foreign import. These are great questions, and they demand great answers. I'm just not sure what that answer is yet.



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American farmers survive only because of government subsidies

the federal government to subsidize the farm industry, ravaged by foreign competition, so that it can continue its unprofitable existence. This troubles me, and I'd like to explain the situation facing America today.

Foreign farmers are able to produce many agricultural products at substantially lower prices. Because of low-cost labor, inexpensive land, and low taxes, these foreign countries have become immediate threats to the American businesses that produce the same crops. Labor issues, coupled with decreasing trade barriers (i.e., tariffs, import quotas, etc.) would have put many US farmers out of business years ago, were it not for substantial government welfare programs aimed at bailing out an industry that could no longer turn a profit.

The government once again acted like our big brother, deciding it was



A Voice From Outside the Cave

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Auxillary Services' inefficiency continues

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Starting next week everyone who parks on Georgia State's campus will have to wait in another two-hour line at Auxiliary Services. Why? Because they will begin installation of a new system that is supposed to make things easier, but that will, in the meantime, give everyone a big headache.

Last spring, Auxiliary Services installed this token system into all the parking decks around the time of final exams. This was not so bad because patrons only had to remember their token in order to get out of the decks.

But the new system they are installing requires everyone to re-register their car and wait in a line to get a new hangtag or Budget Card. This is just when people's classes are heating up.

It seems that Auxiliary Services picks the absolute worst times of the semester to set these things up. I know I don't have time to sit in a line for a parking permit especially for something I already spent an hour doing at the beginning of the semester.

I understand that they are trying to make things easier, but why do it in the middle of the semester? If they waited until the winter break they could just mail everyone their new permits and Budget Cards like they do over the summer and avoid the irritation of having everyone re-apply. Or they could still have everyone reapply and pick up the permits at the beginning of the semester when people have

a little bit more time and energy to deal with the irritation.

To further the problems, the online registration is down until who-knows-when. Now people can't even re-register their vehicle when it is convenient for them to do so.

Honestly, the installation of yet another system seems to be a big misuse of student fees. If this system was the goal, then why waste time and money last semester installing the other one?

I don't know what the new proximity chip card readers are going to do to improve parking on campus, but it can't get too much better (or worse). If they really want to improve parking they can open up M-deck during the weekend. Several people with M-deck semester permits work on campus on the weekend and have to pay to park. What is the point in getting a permit if you are just going to have to pay during the weekend anyway?

Parking in Atlanta is a problem and no new system is going to improve it enough to really make people's lives easier. We will still utilize Turner Field and people will still park on other decks around campus.

Atlanta is growing, Georgia State University is growing, and only the government will be able to affectively address the parking situation in Atlanta (if and when they decide that it is time, or until voters make enough fuss about it).

The new proximity chip card reader won't make anyone's life easier, but everyone will have to deal with the added hassle of a long line at Auxiliary Services.



Just a Sidebar

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What's the point in wearing headphones if the person turns the volume so high everyone can hear it?

Have you ever noticed that 90 percent of the pop-up ads that you get on your computer are telling you how to get rid of pop-up ads?

People who request the Britney/Madonna song on the radio should be shot and dragged to Canada. Enough said.

Isn't it ironic how we buy M-deck cards for weekend use, only to find out that M-deck is closed on most weekends. Auxillary Services sucks!

I'm so p****ed off right now I don't even have the mental clarity to relate how p****ed off I am! It's terrible!

Gotta growl? They don't have to be sweet, but they should be short. Email us at growl@gsusignal.com

Greed is a threat to national security

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We, as Americans, are living in one of the most dangerous eras in the history of this proud nation. The enormity of the potential threats against the security of our homeland is staggering. It is impossible to fully anticipate and prepare for the numerous ways that terrorists can inflict harm to our people and wreak havoc on our economy.

Yet, despite such prospective dangers from our adversaries, it is not the prospect of attacks by foreign invaders that frightens me the most. It is the continual decline in our willingness as a people to recognize and rectify the fallouts of our capitalist system that poses the greatest long-term threat to our national security. Greed is public enemy number one, not al-Qaeda.

It is without argument that the billions of dollars we spend shoring up the weak points of our infrastructure to protect against acts of terror is money well spent.

However, it is also a worthy investment for us citizens to spend time examining the intrinsic vulnerabilities that threaten the moral turpitude upon which our society has grown and prospered for more than two centuries. Are we capable of working together for the betterment

a dignified people must join together to defuse it.

The recent injustices in the corporate and political sectors prove how pervasive greed is in our society.

We are living in a time when Enronian accounting principles, midnight congressional pay raises, price gouging, collusion, and CEO golden parachutes are deemed business as usual in the face of skyrocketing costs of living, high rates of unemployment, the bilking of pension plans, pay freezes, downsizing and a shrinking middle-class. This is a clear indication that greed has taken hold of this nation.

How can it be that, in the past year, more than a million Americans slipped into poverty, while the wealthiest of our citizenry enjoyed a 10 percent increase in their income? The answer can be found in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, a 13th century theologian and philosopher. He described greed as "a sin directly against one's neighbor, since one man cannot over-abound in external riches, without another man lacking them."

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines greed as "excessive acquisitiveness, being strongly desirous of acquiring or possessing." Greed has invaded the lives of all those who espouse "I've

got mine, now you get yours." But what if all you had one day suddenly disappeared? Would there be anyone there to lend a hand?

Although, my last name is Marks, I do not subscribe to Marxist communism. I am a firm believer in

a democratic state and a capitalistic economy. However, America is the ultimate experiment in the real-world implementation of these ideals.

As we mature as a nation, we must maintain the integrity of our system by ensuring a fair living standard for all our citizens through strategic legislation and tax laws. Furthermore, we must put country before self to defeat greed in all forms in order to preserve the security of our nation.



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Greed, the inherent problem with capitalism

of our society, or has our self-serving individualistic needs taken precedence over the needs of our nation?

Americans must find a way to maintain the principles of democracy and capitalism yet devise methods to distribute wealth in a more equitable fashion. A failure to act can lead to class warfare. History has shown that people will revolt against a grossly imbalanced system of capital. Greed is a time bomb waiting to explode, fragmenting a once solid nation. We as

Falcons' player needs to learn some lessons

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Are any of you familiar with the saying, "You can take the man out of the ghetto, but you can't take the ghetto out of the man?" This is a popular phrase used to explain behaviors of people who, once the result of a low-income community, continue to engage in certain activities that are characterized as "ghetto."

Although they have overcome their personal battles to go on to become a contributing member of society; they have that instinct in them to continue

was stolen. The vehicle also had the wrong license plates.

Let's humor ourselves by checking out some figures. Bolden's salary for this year is \$530,000. Bolden also had a signing bonus of \$25,000. This brings Bolden's salary to a whopping \$555,000 for this year. The best part is that he is making a half a million and has not played a game yet this season because he has been on the Physically Unable to Perform list ever since the playoffs last January.

The truck Bolden was driving was worth \$51,775. Let's get real here. This is an obvious case of "ghetto" mentality.

the time.

According to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Falcons spokesman Aaron Salkin said, "We are aware of the charges. We are awaiting more information. Once we have more information, we may or may not take some action."

The Falcons are probably praying that this will all be swept under the rug.

My advice to Bolden is to have your boy carry the weed. He'll know that if he gets caught, you will be there to bail him out. Carrying weed at the popular, groupie-filled Lenox Mall and in Buckhead is not a good idea. That's not

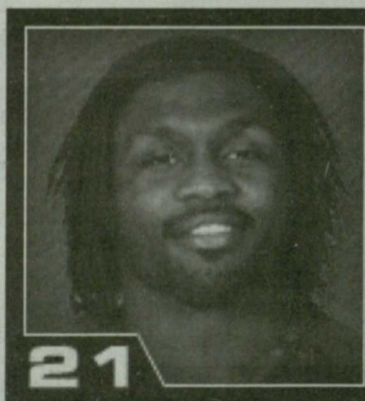


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Bolden is accused of stealing a black, 2000 GMC Denali like the one shown above. He is also charged with possession of drugs.

to do the things they may have had to do in the past for survival.

A classic case of these activities transpired two weekends ago. Juran Bolden, an Atlanta Falcon cornerback, was arrested Oct. 11, at the popular Lenox mall in Buckhead on charges of possession of mari-



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Bolden was arrested for car theft at Lenox

"This brings Mr. Bolden's salary to a whopping \$555,000 for this year. The best part is that he is making a half-a-million and has not played a game yet this season."

Why in the world would you need to ride around in a stolen vehicle clocking that kind of cash?

My prediction for his future is that Bolden and his team will try to put the rap on the person who owns the vehicle. His homeboy will take the rap for him because Bolden makes too much money to have him do

using your head.

As far as the truck goes, if he was planning to flip it to make some money then he should have left it at the crib. He is too high profile to think nobody would be checking him out. Look at the media. They are hemming up players right now, so why did he make himself the next victim?

juana and driving a stolen vehicle.

The following Monday morning on the radio, it was said that he also had in his possession some type of a date rape drug. This has not even been mentioned in the news.

The vehicle that Bolden was in possession of was a black 2000 Denali that the police say

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Cubs loss shouldn't be blamed on one fan's lack of good judgment

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For one Chicago Cubs fan, a nightmare of unimagined proportions became reality last week.

Steve Bartman attended Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, between the Cubs and the Florida Marlins. As has been well documented since that night, Bartman reached to catch a fly ball that Cubs outfielder Moises Alou was trying to catch, unknowingly deflecting it out of Alou's reach.

As a result, the Marlins rallied to win the game, and Bartman had to be escorted from the field to escape thousands of angry Cubs fans who wanted Bartman's head on a platter.

Even I'm not going to say that, had I been in those fans' position, I wouldn't have been angry about the situation. Bartman's ill-advised attempt at catching a post-season baseball, while it may be the dream of many baseball fans, contributed significantly to the Cubs' losing the game. From crazed fans yelling "Kill him!" after the game to Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich saying

that reaching for the ball was "stupid," (though he did say that there was no call for making threats), Bartman is catching grief from all sides.

But, how many of those same Cubs

Bartman was just acting on instinct, on the fever of being a baseball fan. He wasn't even the only fan reaching for the ball.

Besides, Bartman interfered in the sixth game. He had nothing to

Windy City.

The scariest part of the whole Cubs-Bartman fiasco is how many in his city have reacted and how easy it is for them to find him if they so choose. To make matters worse, the Chicago Sun Times printed the name of the place where Bartman works, as if Bartman didn't have enough problems. The irresponsibility of the Sun Times is infinitely worse than what Bartman did, because it was done willingly and had the potential for a much more dire effect than reaching for a foul ball.

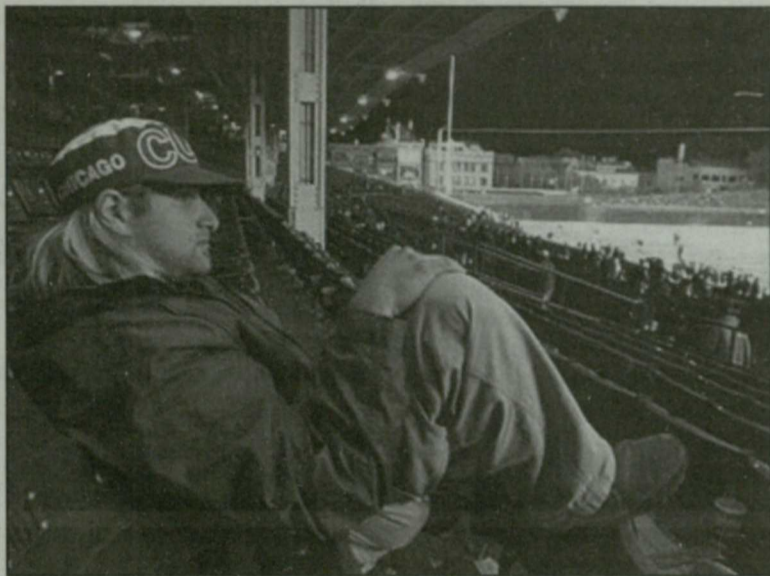
It doesn't help that Bartman's face was plastered all over national television, either.

I'm not saying that every Cubs fan should open up their arms to Bartman and invite him to Thanksgiving

dinner next month. But the city and its inhabitants have no business issuing death threats and making necessary the presence of a guard at Bartman's home.

Only time will tell whether the name Steve Bartman is eventually relegated to being the answer to an obscure "Jeopardy!" clue years from now or he never lives down that moment in the stands last week. But, before people jump all over him, they need to realize that before that game, and even as that fly ball sailed through the air, he was one of them. He doesn't wear a Cubs uniform, and ultimately, those who do are the ones to blame for losing the game and the series.

Besides, it's not like Bartman was holding a corked bat or anything.



Dejected Cub fan after the Cub's heartbreaking loss to the Florida Marlins

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fans wouldn't have done the same if given the opportunity? How many baseball fans dream of watching their team compete in the playoffs, much less have a chance at actually retrieving a ball?

do with Game 7, in which the Cubs actually lost outright. He had nothing to do with the other games that the Cubs lost in the series. He was merely one unwitting cog in a machine that broke down in the

But That's Just Me

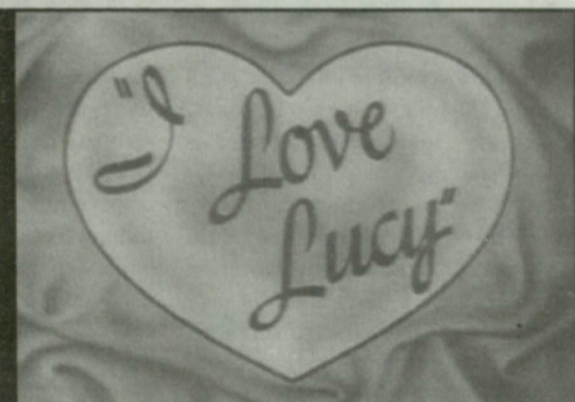


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PANTHER POLL:



What's the worst television series ever made?



Kim Piper/
Freshman/
Music

"The Sunday Night Sex Show' - it's scary, it scares me very much."



Andrew Lee/
Freshman/
Music Technology

"It would have to be 'Sorority Life'...soon everyone is going to have camera's following them around."



Faye Golshani/
Sophomore/
Criminal Justice

"Survivor' is the worst series ever made...it's not intellectually stimulating."



Scott Talbert/
Junior/
International Business

"I Love Lucy' - it was only famous because there were no other good shows on at the time."



Zach Mart/
Freshman/
Management

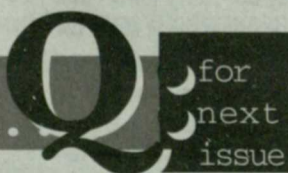
"Any reality show - they all suck.. especially 'Temptation Island.'"



Taylor Venable/
Freshman/
Management

"I don't know if it's the worst show ever, but the most annoying was the 'PJ's.'"

tell us what you think.



Staff Poll: What do you think about GSU students?

Ghettopoly is a distraction

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Taiwanese immigrant David Chang designed a game called Ghettopoly to bring America together in laughter, or so he says. But I think I missed the punchline. However, the most seductive response, to boycott the game all together, will hardly solve the larger issues the game represents.

The first issue to grasp is Chang's response to criticism of the game. According to him, the game can bring races together in laughter. The problem with his pseudo-liberal attempt at racial harmony is that it completely ignores the vast differences in power between groups of people. In other words, our coming

black clergymen in Philadelphia calling for a boycott of this game and the store Urban Outfitters. The problem with a simple boycott is the game Ghettopoly, becomes exemplary of a kind of racism, rather than just a manifestation. In other words, how easy would it be for the game to get pulled off shelves? Then this horrible racist incident will have passed, and we can go on to being a colorblind nation. Not!

Whether or not the game remains on the shelves, racism will continue to persist. The game being sold or not being sold will not solve the majority of the issues that black people face; the game barely touches any of them. The game, I would argue, is nothing short of being a distraction, to keep us from exerting our energy on more important

“Let's remember a few weeks ago it was reported that poverty is on the rise in America; and now guess which racial group is disproportionately affected?”

together does not end the multiple ways people of color are oppressed in this country every day. We can laugh all we want, but racism will still exist.

Furthermore, this “let's all come together” brand of racial progress that Chang advocates is idealistic, naive, absurd, and deeply problematic.

I would link his defense of the game to other humanistic notions of racial progress, like “there is only one race and that's the human race,” or “I don't see color; I just see people,” and my personal favorite, “why can't we all just get along.”

Now insert “we should all come together in laughter,” and the pieces fit together perfectly. These shallow assessments of racial justice cover up the vast web of racial injuries that people of color endure. No unity can happen without a serious examination of our differences and a conversation about how we are benefited and punished for them. In addition, coming together in laughter would be wonderful if the joke was not at the expense of black people and the other groups he takes subtle jabs at.

I want to examine the other side, too. There is a coalition of

issues.

Let's remember that, a few weeks ago, it was reported that poverty is on the rise in America; now, guess which racial group is disproportionately affected? Then there are issues such as welfare reform, health care, HIV/AIDS, police brutality, housing and reproductive rights that still exist; and I think we need our energy for those battles. I am not saying that the game does not pour salt on existing wounds, but the question is, did it create those wounds, or better yet, is it the most painful wound? No!

Finally, the media, by bringing attention to this particular battle, has been very good about fooling the American public. People who put their lives on the line and make huge sacrifices to work against above mentioned issues get completely ignored, while the ministers denouncing this board game get to be one of the headline issues on the Yahoo site.

I will be the first one to talk about Chang's problematic game and critique it as such. But whether he stops selling the game does not mean as much to me as eradicating the problems of poverty in black communities that his silly little game parodies.

The ambiguity of experience surrounding Rush's comments

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Anybody reading this who is not an English major is probably scratching their head wondering what the bleep this means. When I first heard the phrase in my American Literature class (thanks Dr. Sattelmeyer!), I could not think of a definition for it even knowing the meaning of the individual words. It's not difficult when it's spelled out to you.

Whenever a story is related in a newspaper, on television or radio, or even in a conversation, say with three people involved, there will usually be three distinct and separate interpretations of that story. I experienced this over this week in a dramatic way concerning Rush Limbaugh's public confession, being addicted to pain killers.

The three people included in this example are a friend of mine named Terry, Cynthia Tucker, Editorial Page Editor for the Atlanta

same school of conservative beliefs as Terry, I have to disagree with this pattern of thought. A person's status, up to a point, should not be a consideration whether they should or should not be made to face charges

this opinion, saying instead that drugs should be legalized for the purpose of generating tax revenue. On the surface, I would have to agree with Cynthia, but that's not the whole story.

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for wrong-doing. I am a capitalist as well, and I believe any corporate CEO that steals money from his stockholders should be tried and serve time if convicted. They should not be able to purchase their way from prison. Rush is no exception.

I have already said that I have been an avid member of Rush's audience and have been since 1994. I know what his stand has been on drug abuse up to this point. The comment Ms. Tucker quotes is taken out of context in order to try to show the public an apparent inconsistency.

The full content of the opinion concerned how some people propose to deal with unequal prison sentences for drug abusers and a possible solution to the problem. At the time, Rush did not believe this was a viable solution. He was making a comment about the absurdity of it. Cynthia should have listened more closely, or at least more often.

I was very disappointed to learn of Rush's addiction. It was a blow to hear that a man I have respected and opinion I value highly has been seduced by painkillers. I also believe that he was wrong to purchase them illegally and should be made to answer for this in a criminal court just like anybody else would. But unlike many other offenders, I believe he will make himself available to the authorities for prosecution when the time comes. That's taking personal responsibility for actions regardless of the consequences.

There is the one story and three interpretations, the ambiguity of experience. Terry thinks Rush should be given another chance because of his celebrity status. Cynthia thinks he will anyway because he's a rich white man that will never see a courtroom let alone a jail cell. I think he will live up to his philosophy of responsibility no matter what the cost to himself or his audience. In that, I can say I will continue to listen to him whenever he comes back.



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Rush Limbaugh is presently in drug rehab for addiction to the drug OxyContin

Journal-Constitution, and myself. We all have a completely different take on this story, and all are valid opinions, but some opinions are based on prejudice rather than fact, including mine.

My friend Terry, like me, has been listening to Rush for years. The philosophy Rush has broadcasted is centered in self-reliance and that in order to succeed in life individuals must take responsibility for their actions no matter what the consequences may be. Terry thinks that Rush should be given some slack for his mistake because of the value of his radio talk show, especially if he has to face criminal charges.

Though I consider myself in the

Ms. Tucker has a different view. In her column dated October 19, she charges him with hypocrisy using his own words. In 1995, Rush said that drug users should be given long prison terms along with the sellers. Then in 1998, as written by Ms. Tucker, he reversed

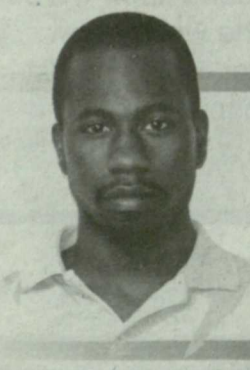


To the Right of Rush

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Unearthing secrets: Christians in ancient times were not just persecuted because of their faith

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My World Literature professor recently stood before the class and destroyed all I knew about the catacombs in Rome. She told us that the Christians did not hide there. She told us that they were not a secret. She said that the Christians were not persecuted just because they were Christians, but because they were breaking the law.

Since then, with my romantic ideals in complete shock, I have done a little research, with her help, and I have found that she is right. Although I am disappointed, I am glad to know what really happened. I am grateful to her for replacing my fairy tale with some facts and setting the record straight.

The books I flipped through told me so many things that are not ordinarily mentioned. For instance, I was amazed to find that the practice of cremation began in about 27 B.C., the

beginning of the Imperial Period in Ancient Rome. The Christians thought that cremation was not respectful to a body that would one day be resurrected, and they continued to bury their dead.

Rome had a law that forbade burials within the city. Land was expensive, and the Christians of that period were typically poor.

In the middle of the second century, the Fossore, a guild of excavators in Rome set up shop managing the tunnels that had been dug under the ground around the outskirts of town. The digging persisted until early in the fifth century, and by that time, there were somewhere between 500,000 and 750,000

arose when the Christians would not worship the emperor and the Roman divinity. The gods of the state no longer had any meaning to them, and they refused to attend the mandatory government festivals such as Saturnalia, a time of unrestrained merriment and a forerunner to present day Christmas, and Lupercalia, the festival of fertility.

It was at this point that many believe the Christians went into hiding in the so-called "secret" catacombs. Not true. The catacombs were obviously not a secret. The Christians did go down to celebrate the anniversaries of the deaths of martyrs,

but these visits did not continue for any length of time. There was no way anyone could have survived very long in the body-filled hallways where oxygen was limited.

So, a week ago, history changed for me. What I was taught in grade school was challenged and defeated. Those images of hiding Christians have turned into bold Christians refusing to worship what they did not believe. I am glad I was wrong. Yes, the catacombs have lost some of their appeal, but what was so appealing about thousands of dead bodies anyway?



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The Coliseum was the site of many gruesome persecutions of Christians

They were not the first to think of the catacombs, nor were they the only ones to use them, but the underground system of tombs was certainly cheaper and more convenient than interring the departed on pricey land.

tombs. I also learned that Rome had no problem with the Christians. They did not mind them burying their loved ones in these passages. Christianity was not a threat to anyone. The difficulty



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Media hypocrisy and the Davis recall

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"I think he is being sent up the river, and I think we'll see him paddle back down. On this, there's no law against being a hypocrite a few times in your life. And this industry [the media] is built on hypocrisy!"

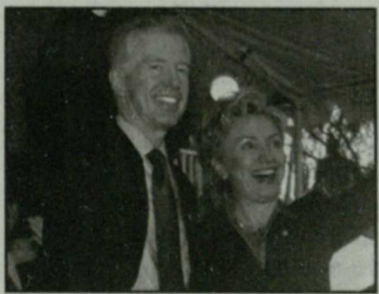
These are the words of Matt Drudge, founder of the Drudge Report, during a phone interview on MSNBC's "Buchanan and Press" from Oct. 10; His comments referred to Rush Limbaugh's admission of pill addiction and the media backlash against him.

Drudge brought up a good point in his statement: while there is no law against hypocrisy, the media itself, while attempting to remain objective, has moments when it is just as guilty of it. The most blatant incident occurred in the final few days before the recall election in California.

The *Los Angeles Times* blared a headline across its front page, announcing that Arnold Schwarzenegger was being accused of, among other things, groping women on movie sets in the past. They just happened to run the story on the Thursday before the recall election.

On the day before the recall, Drudge published a link to a column by Jill Stewart of the *L.A. Daily News*. Stewart revealed a

story that she first reported in 1997—a story that the *Times* has been sitting on ever since: Gray Davis has allegedly verbally and physically abused female office workers by screaming and swear-



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Davis in happier times with his wife

ing at them. One worker said that Davis shook her so hard that her teeth rattled, while a 62-year-old secretary stated that Davis violently shoved her out of a doorway, prompting her to transfer jobs.

Stewart first reported the story in the *New Times Los Angeles* (now defunct). *The Times*, however never

reported the story. The reason? The editors at the *Times* did not want to publish damaging stories about political figures based on anonymous sources.

Very interesting, considering only two of the six women in the story about Schwarzenegger were named.

Stewart also said that the *Times* sent two teams of reporters to investigate the claims against Schwarzenegger. No one was assigned to investigate the claims against Davis.

And no — I am in no way defending any inappropriate behavior that Schwarzenegger may have engaged in. There is no way to defend or condone it. It was wrong, pure and simple. But the *Times* protected Davis in 1997, yet sold Schwarzenegger out a few weeks ago; breaking the standards they applied to the Davis story.

Leave it to Matt Drudge to inspire me once again.

You Must be Joking

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Weak economy creating long lines in stores

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For the past couple of years, I have noticed a huge trend in the economy; super long lines and a scarce amount of employees. It seems as if no matter where you go, there is automatically going to be a tremendously long line of infuriated and distressed customers. Just this past weekend, I had the pleasure of standing in a line for a little over a half an hour. To make it even worse, there were only four people in front of me and this happened to be the only line open.

Right now, you are probably thinking, "Who would stand in such a line for so long?" Well, I hate to say it, but I would. In fact, I did; I just had to possess this spectacular pair of shoes.

This problem has not only irritated me, but hundreds, and perhaps thousands of local customers as well. I can still feel one person's hot breath on my neck, from his huffing and puffing of frustration. So much for the virtue of patience; it no longer exists. Sure, department stores are expected to have long lines; but these days, everywhere you go, you should expect to wait.

So why are checkout lines so long? For starters, it seems that employers have yet to find adequate help in order to maintain a sufficient flow of business. There

are young employees who are lucky to have jobs and just do not want to go to work, and there are senior employees who were retired and have re-entered the work force.

The latter part of the statement may have nothing to do with the problem; however, I do believe that the younger employees do not know the importance of having a job. Stores such as Wal-Mart and Kroger have attempted to make the check-out process more efficient by installing self-service cashiers. They are great to have, but I cannot recall how many times I have raced to beat someone who had more than 15 items. It has never failed me yet; someone always seems to screw up his or her transaction.

Even though the economy is not in a recession, companies have increased budget cuts and downsizing, which have taken their tolls of metro Atlantans. At my age, I never thought that I would feel the pinch of such an economic drag. With these kinds of conditions, long lines are forcing calm, collected customers like me to become Type-A personalities in how we deal with annoying situations.

So exactly how do I avoid losing my sanity? I usually just try to avoid the longest line and to always remember to breathe. In certain situations this may help, but in others, I just have to grin and bear it.

Just what are the U.S. soldiers thinking?

A moment inside the mind of America's troops

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I was leaving class the other day with a friend when she noticed a piece of paper posted saying "Bring Home the Soldiers." My friend asked me what I thought the soldiers in Iraq think when they hear about war protests here at home. It seems appropriate here to expand on that thought.

First of all, no matter how we feel about this war or how the rebuilding process is going, the soldiers have to stay there until we can restore peaceful order and give firm control to the Iraqi people. We made the mess and now we have to clean it up.

We need to keep trying to build a coalition of other world powers to help this country bear that burden, and that will be very difficult. This is also important because we, unfortunately, keep losing lives after the "official" end of the war has been declared. This clean-up process will likely go beyond President Bush's stay at the White House.

To ask how a soldier feels when he or she hears about war

protests at home is a tough question. Since we are not using a draft right now, the soldiers who fight willingly signed

up for the military expected to do a job when asked, no questions asked. The Vietnam War, unpopular and drawn-out, was fought by many men who were drafted, many probably who didn't want to go.

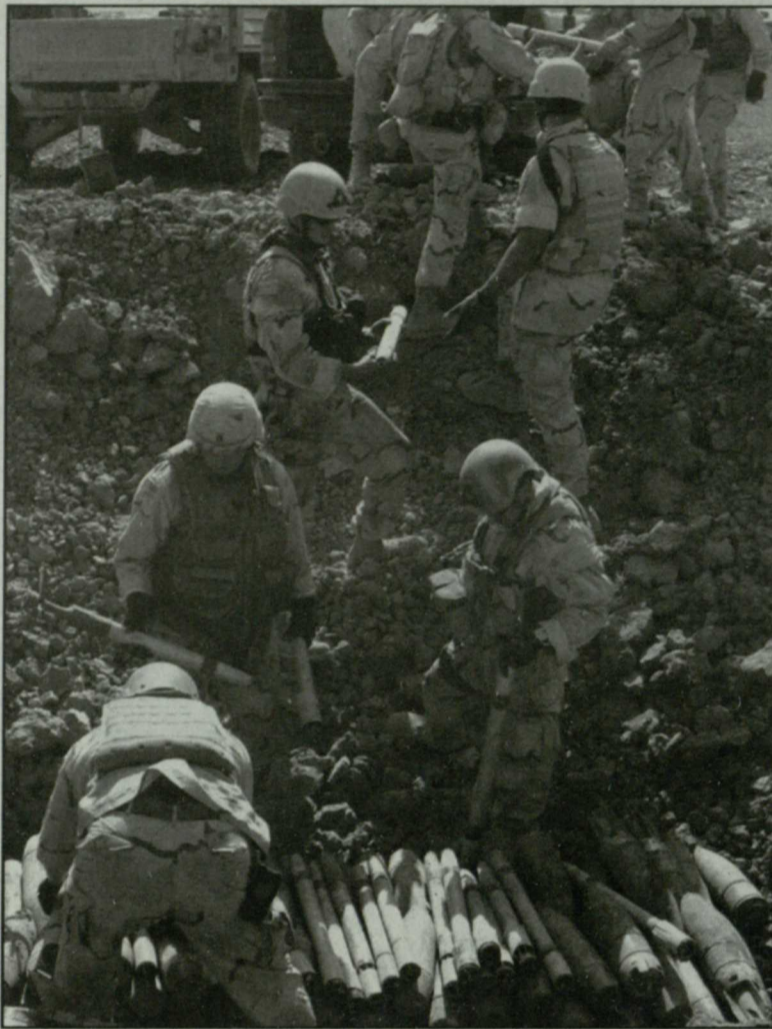
Those soldiers who didn't want to be drafted probably agreed with those protesters at home. This war in Iraq, one that is slowly causing the American people to squirm uncomfortably, is being fought by people who, when the day is over, know they are there to "serve their country."

But what if some soldiers there don't agree with the war? Maybe they joined the military expecting to spend time stateside getting some sort of job training for life after the military. Then they were called to war and realized that they were

in over their heads. These are hypothetical thoughts but may be true, and a person has to put himself in the shoes of a soldier, keeping the thought in the back of their mind.

Again, these soldiers join willingly to ultimately serve their country. I believe that they can also serve their country here by working for the Habitat for Humanity building houses for those less fortunate, donating money to charities, or believe it or not, voting. This applies to everyone in this country and it's one thing I am sure of.

The soldiers in Iraq, like it or not, are going to be there for longer than they want to be regardless of how they feel about the war itself. Joining the Army, a person better be ready to say "my country, right or wrong," for good or ill.



American soldiers will be stuck rebuilding Iraq for a long, long time

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Another Freak in the Freak Kingdom

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Maybe violence is the answer after all

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One could say that violence is merely human nature, and that war has plagued mankind for its entire existence. But these days, it's just not acceptable. We're supposedly civilized, able to talk through problems with each other. But perhaps we've taken that a little too far. I'm, of course, talking about lawsuits.

Ah, lawsuits, the symbol of truth, justice and the American way. From women burning themselves with coffee and demanding reparation to children wanting to legally separate from their parents, the possibilities are endless when it comes to legal action. It's an easy way to make a few bucks in this rough and tumble world, and that money allows people to deal with their emotional trauma. It's a proven fact that rubbing dirty, dirty money all over your naked body relieves stress by 47 percent. I don't have the study to back that up, but trust me on this one.

It wouldn't bother me so much if people just kept it at that, though. I know finding that chick-

en head in your McNuggets was disturbing, and you should be handsomely rewarded the sum of \$3 million for the anguish it caused. However, a recent lawsuit caught my attention and bothered me greatly. Take-Two Interactive, the publisher of the ridiculously popular "Grand Theft Auto" video game series, is being hammered by one of these lawsuits.

Apparently, two teenagers in Tennessee recently went trigger happy, killing a middle-aged nurse. Said nurse's family is suing the company because the teens claim the killing was "inspired" by "Grand Theft Auto III." So that entitles the family loads of money from the company who released the game, right?

Well, something about this just doesn't sit right with me. Perhaps it's because the lawsuit itself is about violence. How can we rationally argue about violence, which seems so mysterious and irrational in the first place? Or maybe it's the fact that people are just passing the blame onto someone other than the actual source now. I'm sure those two nuts with rifles don't have the money to pay out a handsome settlement, so why not transfer the blame to a cash

cow like Take-Two? Well, if I was a judge, that wouldn't fly, but I didn't have a solution until now.

Sitting in a dark theater this weekend, I had an epiphany. I was watching "Kill Bill, Vol. I," the ultra violent return of filmmaker Quentin Tarantino, when it hit me: Violence is the answer! Yes, as I watched Uma Thurman dismember 88 Yakuza henchmen with her sword, I knew what needed to be done.

A major overhaul of the current legal system is needed. Anyone forced to oblige to his or her "civic obligation" (jury duty, to the uninformed) could tell you that. I don't particularly want to sit in a cold courtroom, having to urinate badly but being forced to listen to some judge babble on about every case being important. The judge knows I don't give a crap about whether Mr. Smith really does owe his landlord a year's worth of rent. Deep down, I know the judge doesn't really care either.

What would make me care? A fight to the death is what. What if you gave Mr. Smith and his landlord each a big butcher's knife and had them fight it out. Everything would run a lot smoother, I'd imagine. The whole ordeal would

take less than 20 minutes. That would keep "cases" flowing in and out at a nice swift pace. Lawyers could now act as "trainers," helping their clients get into tip-top shape in preparation. The state could even allow betting to raise extra revenue. The jurors would, of course, be spectators now, rabidly cheering for blood. It would be awesome, and more attuned to true human nature.

More importantly, those fully responsible would be the ones fighting. It forces everyone to take some serious responsibility, and would force the "challengers" to consider if their life is actually worth the revenge. Of course, most will challenge away, which is fine by me. I always like seeing a good fight every now and again.

So in the case presented earlier, Take-Two would not be held accountable. The nurse's family would have to challenge the two deranged teens to a horrific battle. To make things fairer for the family, the teens would be given only blunt sticks to defend themselves. Maybe they could throw in a couple of tigers, like the Romans used to, for some extra kicks.

This isn't something that could only be applied to court

cases either. Is anyone else sick of Student Union infighting? I say they hold an extra session this semester - a session of extreme pain! The winner (and dare I say only survivor?) of this arena match would step up to lead a new Student Union into a glorious new era or semester or whatever. The point is, it would be really cool, and people would get more involved. People tend to do that when maiming is involved.

Even if no one else agrees with me, I think I'll adopt this policy for self-practice. Sure, it's "illegal" right now, but perhaps with my example, it will catch on. I will wander the lands of this great state as a Ronin - a samurai with no master. I will dispatch justice with the steely blade of my steak knives. Those punks making sandwiches at Wendy's better watch out. Next time I ask for no pickles, no onions and no tomatoes, I mean it. If I don't get my way, it's high time for a knife fight. Trust me people, it's for the good of the nation. Everyone will see it my way soon enough. It's probably wise listen to the guy waving the knife around, by the way.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In last week's *Signal*, Adam McLain writes how he views Israel as a "powder keg with a very short fuse sitting atop a giant pile of dynamite." McLain explains that Israel has learned to behave this way from the United States and believes that America is setting a bad example for Israel's defense policies. Adam implies, quite overtly, that Israel and America are wrong for going after terrorists in a proactive manner.

McLain's article though, appears to be more speculation and assumptions about a situation he obviously has had little experience in. The current war between Israel and its neighbors (it is a war), boils down to very basic issue. Israel is a Jewish State trying to survive among Islamic neighbors who wish to see its total destruction.

Only last Thursday did Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad speak to a summit of Islamic leaders saying that "Jews rule the world by proxy," and that the world's 1.3 billion Muslims should unite for a "final victory." He went on to say that, "The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule the

world by proxy." What can Israel and the Jewish people do in the face of this seething hatred? What would you do if one billion people started gathering to destroy you?

Judaism, which fosters an extremely high value for life, teaches explicitly that if someone rises up to kill you, you must kill that person first. This does not detract from Judaism's heavy emphasis on life's value. It actually teaches that one's life is so valuable, you must do as much as you can to protect it.

So where is the Middle East's conflict? The conflict lies in the fact that much of today's Arab & Muslim world wants to see Israel's (and its inhabitants) death, and the inhabitants of, Israel want to live. That's what it's all about. Jews do not seek to destroy the world's 1.3 billion Muslims; they only want to live on a small strip of land that was given to them (not stolen as you imply) in 1948 by the United Nations.

I say live and let live, but if you come to kill me, I'll kill you first. And I didn't learn this from Americans.

Michael Friedlander
President
Chabad of GSU

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was unaware you were preparing the article entitled, "Campus Clinic Fees Only Covers[sic] Minimal Basics" and was disappointed you did not attempt to reach me for comment. When a student is quoted as saying, "There should be some kind of discount for students, even with insurance," a balanced report would print another side.

Although your article quoted almost verbatim the information from our brochure and website, the flyer that has been posted in our hallway display case for several years, entitled "Compare our Prices," was overlooked.

Not included in the flyer is something quite topical right now: Flu shots are advertised in Atlanta at \$25.00; but the clinic offers them for \$10.00. We do our best to charge the lowest price to all patients, regardless of their insurance status.

Another erratum I noticed says, "Since 2002, the clinic has been able to do minor surgery."

We have been doing that since 1999.

The cost to the student of having a minor laceration stitched up at an emergency room or urgent care center would be several hundred dollars. At the clinic, we charge for the supplies used, not the doctor's skill and overhead. Usually, the student pays \$20.00.

If you characterize our clinic as offering "minimal basics," you are apparently unaware of what constitutes comprehensive primary care, and your statement is inaccurate. Please visit the website for the American Academy of

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Considering the limited space that the university allots to the clinic, we offer high-quality comprehensive care, not minimal basics. We don't have to refer students to specialists unless absolutely necessary. We offer as many primary-care services as any family physician's office in the Atlanta area.

Women don't need to visit an obstetrician/gynecologist unless they are pregnant, because we take care of their needs except pregnancy care and delivery. We accept patients until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, so students don't have to pay for an urgent care center or emergency room visit late in the day.

We also have physicians on-call whenever we are closed. Many college health services do not offer this service but operate with a higher fee than \$17.00. Georgia Tech, for example, has a health services fee of \$120.00 per semester.

Considering what students pay for health services at Georgia State, the services they receive are above average and not "minimal basics."

Sincerely,
Rebecca L. Laurens, Manager
GSU Clinic

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