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Georgia State continues to raise admissions requirements

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Due to increasingly harder admissions requirements, Georgia State has its most academically qualified entering class in school history.

With the average SAT score just six points shy of 1100 for fall of 2004 according to preliminary Statware (Georgia State's online database containing facts and descriptions of campus statistics) data, this semester's incoming freshmen boast the highest average SAT score on the record.

The 1094 average presents an unprecedented 93-point increase since 1994. No other public research university in the state of Georgia has seen a bigger jump in SAT averages than Georgia State over the

last ten years.

Admission requirements for transfer students have also gone up. Starting with spring 2004, Georgia State instituted minimum transfer GPA of 2.5, which increased from 2.3 in fall 2003.

The average transfer GPA for fall 2003 was 2.93 and is expected to surpass the 3.0 mark this year once all the data on transfer students is compiled.

The increasingly challenging academic requirements have been some of the primary goals of the Georgia State Action Plan. Each year, a strategic planning subcommittee, chaired by the Provost, develops an Action Plan derived from the most recent Strategic Plan.

Following the goals outlined in the Action Plans,

Georgia State has continued to attract a diverse group of students who have higher SAT and GPA qualifications than previous classes.

In 2002, a minimum Freshman Index of 2,500 was introduced, raising the bar for incoming students. The average Freshman Index surpassed 2,700 in fall 2003, and has continued to approach the 2,800 mark this year.

The academic quality of Georgia State students has increased even though the enrollment has gone up by over 3,500 students since 1994, surpassing 28,000 students in fall 2003.

The move to the Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA) should further boost the academic prestige and success

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FLC's flip or flop



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Elizabeth Firestone is a faculty member associated with the Freshman Learning Communities.

By CANDACE MORROW
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The transition from high school to college can seem a bit intimidating for most students. However, Georgia State has incorporated a useful solution to help students adjust.

The program is called Freshman Learning Communities and they successfully guide students through the university by connecting not only to other students, but with the faculty and staff as well.

"Students clearly see benefits of getting to know their fellow colleagues," said Program Coordinator, Gary Longstreet. "FLC has created an obvious bond among our students with the staff, faculty, and university."

When FLC first came onto the scene in 1999, the program consisted of only 11 communities; nevertheless, the program has gained tremendous popu-

larity as students have learned that the communities give insight into the various fields the university offers.

With nearly 40 communities to choose from, students do not have to join a particular community because the combination of courses fits perfectly with any major for first year students.

This correspondence is just one of the many reasons incoming students are eager to join the program in addition to its capability to promote student interaction, academic success, and a better understanding of the university environment.

Besides the multiple benefits students are able to obtain for better learning, students generally like the relationships that often form.

Kenny Benoit, a student from the "Promoting a Healthy GSU" community, said, "I like

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Calendar of Events: September

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14 BSA event at Alumni Hall. Jesse Jackson speaks on race relations, the war in Iraq, and voter registration.

6 p.m. – Tammy Evevard visits Georgia State University’s campus. 6 p.m. - Gather, 6:30 p.m. – talk on “Song of Our Soul.” Evevard, a dynamic national Catholic speaker from Colorado has been ministering around the country for the past 15 years on relationships and women’s issues. She is a past member of NET Ministries and REACH traveling youth teams. Veterans Memorial Hall, Alumni Hall. For more information, contact Rudy at

rudyru777run@yahoo.com or 678-794-3200.

15 & 16
10 a.m. - Volunteer Fair. The fair is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to sign up for community service projects and to meet representatives of various community agencies. Library Plaza. Free. 404/463-9043.

16
Noon - Culture on the Plaza Series presents African American Awareness Celebration. There will be dance and music performances, information, refreshments and giveaways as part of the kickoff for the 10th anniversary of

the Department of African-American Studies Program. Library Plaza. Free. 404/463-9031.

17
5 p.m. - Women's Soccer. Lady Panthers vs. Moreland. Forsyth Complex. Call ticket manager at 404/651-3166.

7 p.m. - Men's Soccer. Panthers vs. Wofford. Forsyth Complex. Call ticket manager at 404/651-3166.

18
7:30 p.m. - Honors Choral Concert. Alan Raines, conductor. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. Info: 404/651-INFO.

“May you live all the days of your life.”
- Jonathan Swift

“You can repaint the planes, revamp the onboard menus, install new seats. But you can’t force a smile on a flight attendant who has just taken a huge pay cut.”
- Christopher Elliott

“I never think of the future - it comes soon enough.”
- Albert Einstein

“By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.”
- Charles Wadsworth

“During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the internet.”
- Al Gore

“When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro.”
- Hunter S. Thompson

“You tried, and you failed, so the lesson is, never try.”
- Homer J. Simpson

“Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gurgle.”
-anonymous

“They underestimated me!”
-George W. Bush”

-The Quotations Page

The Exclamation!

Did anyone else notice the “News” story last week? I guess you guys must have just overlooked the tens of thousands of protesters in New York.

Wait... Georgia State has a football team?

When an apology consists of apologizing a result but backing up everything that led to that result, that doesn’t really seem like an apology does it.

I bet Miss Freedom’s army is getting tired after holding that torch for 115 years.

The aquarium is in a boat. The *aquarium* is in a boat. Think about this.

Let’s deep six Deepo. It looks like Flounder and Nemo decided to procreate

It’s just too bad that the Republicans can’t find any musicians other than country singers to perform at their events.

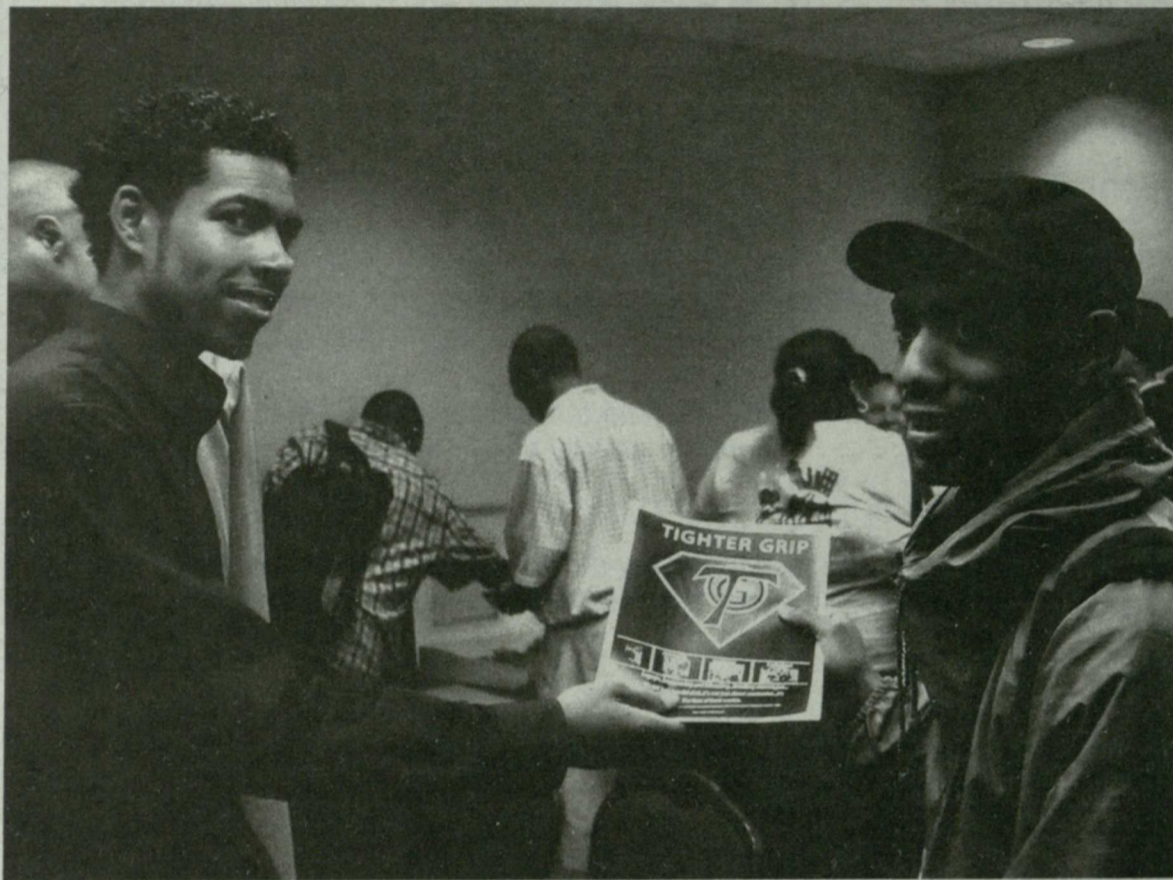
The BSA and the Pikes should have a spitball dual.

Kerry served in the military. Bush didn’t. End of story.

Lick my bush? Sick.

Want to make a witty comment? Send exclamations to Lindsey Stephenson at lstephenson1@student.gsu.edu

Tighter Grip promotes leadership within the Atlanta community



Vandreena Cotton | Signal

Tighter Grip club members are working hard to get the word out about their organization.

By VANDREENA COTTON
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In today's society, many African-American males are suffering the burden of lacking a father figure. This can ultimately lead to lack of discipline, low graduation rates or a negative impact on society.

To prevent the following generations from being subjected to these misfortunes, a relatively new Georgia State group plans to stop the problem before it starts by becoming big brothers and father figures.

Founded in 2002, Tighter Grip is a community service and mentoring group that promotes brotherhood and leadership in the community. One of their primary goals is to become a transitional medium for African-American males from middle school through college.

"We plan to provide African American males with a 'tighter grip' in academic studies, interpersonal relationships, career focus and self-identity via group discussions, teambuilding, and lectures," stated Tighter Grip advisor Douglas Zimmerman.

The group also plans to "establish brotherhood and business connections across campus organizations, the student body and the Atlanta community."

The most important goal

of Tighter Grip is ultimately be to "effectively engage, encourage and challenge middle and high school students." The first high school to become involved is Mays High School.

Even though the mission of Tighter Grip is to create a positive future for African-American males, everyone is welcome to join the organization.

"Our group is not limited to African-American males only," states Zimmerman. "You may see white students here, you may see young ladies, you may see anybody here of other nationalities and we do welcome them".

To get this program off the ground, as with any program, dedicated individuals are needed. Tighter Grip has ten devoted young men committed to shining a positive light on young African-American males. They are: Justin Babino (Events Chairman), Cameron Christian (Technical Advisor), Michael 'Sola' Lambert (Head of Recruitment), Jeffery Walker (Secretary of Finance), Chris Bruce (Minister of Information), Bruno Polk (Street Team Captain), Sean Gleason (Assistant Street Team Captain), Charmers Malcolm (Elder), Douglas Zimmerman (Advisor) and Jarrett Williams (President).

Not only do these gentle-

men have a vision, they all have the initiative to see it through.

Tighter Grip has plenty of networking programs planned for this year as well. One of these programs is the 'Peer-to-Peer Network'. In this program, each member is partnered with another member to make sure they are reminded of meetings, have tasks completed, and that other duties are accomplished.

Another program established by Tighter Grip is "Clustering."

In "Clustering," students with similar majors and interests work together with professors on various projects to help develop their majors. One of the most influential programs will probably be the "Power Lunches." These network opportunities will give the members a chance to meet individuals that are currently very successful in their careers.

"We are trying to make

sure you get all the networking skills you need so when you leave college, you are ready for the transition," stated President Jarrett Williams. Although none of the special guests were mentioned, Williams promises that it will be good.

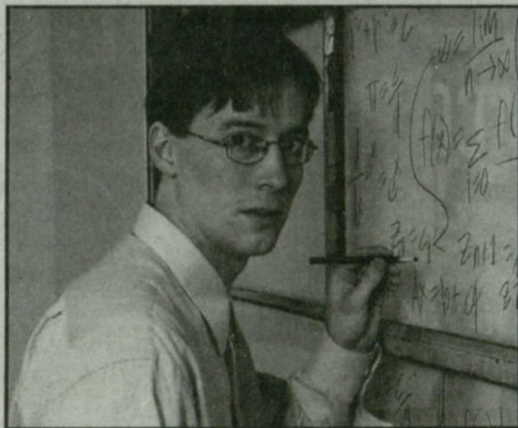
Not only does Tighter Grip work within the community, but they also work with many Georgia State organizations as well. Some of the events they plan to help with include: Voter Registration throughout the month of September, Hosea Williams' Feed the Homeless, Panther Prowl and many others.

They have already made arrangements to work with over 20 local and student organizations. But with all of the upcoming events, they are still looking for more members of the promotional Street Team. For more information,

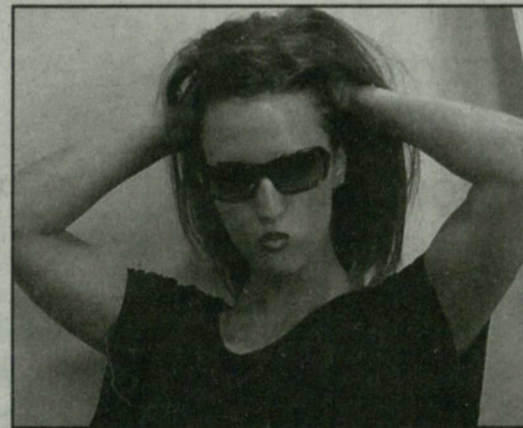
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College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart



College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.



By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$ percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was

"I loved her like a quadratic formula..."

Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds.

"I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

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visit Suite 265 of the Student Center or attend a meeting. Meetings are held on Wednesdays in the Lanier Suite of the Student Center (second floor).

Although Tighter Grip focuses on promoting African-American males, there is also an organization promoting young females as well. Beginning Spring 2005, Softer Touch will "educate and mentor young women and girls of all races about issues of education, health and politics," according to their promotional flyer. Not only will Softer Touch participate in community service projects at local non-profit organizations, they will also pay special attention to women-oriented non-profit organizations.

Another program in the works is reminiscent of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Every year, freshmen and sophomores will receive a junior or senior mentor. There will also be workshops, national leadership conferences, mentoring programs at local middle and high schools, and a social activity every month. It plans to be just as influential on the community as Tighter Grip.

Combined, these two groups will make a solid impact on the next generation of leaders. With their positive outlook, dedicated



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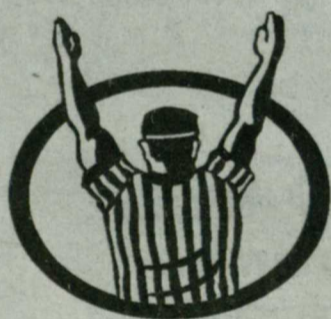
Tighter Grip aspire to help African American males with their academics during the transition from Middle School to College.

members, and respect for the community, it is bound to catch on and become nation wide someday. For more information about Tighter Grip: Call:404-463-9065 Email: tightergripsu@yahoo.com Visit: Suite 265 of the Student

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Freshman Learning Communities help freshman get acquainted with Georgia State University

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it because I get to see familiar faces everyday, which makes it easier for me to make friends."

FLCs have received not only local recognition from students but also national acclaim from U.S. News, which features America's best colleges, as one of the top learning programs for freshman in the country.

"It's good to know that both our students and other institutions have embraced the concept," said the Director of Freshman Studies, Nannette Commander.

Selected as one of the eight programs that enhance learning for first year students, FLC proves to lead students in the direction of success in the future.

"FLCs are definitely proof for boosting the G.P.A.,

developing retention skills quicker, and enjoying the educational experience a lot more," said Commander.

The program has become such a big deal that currently 50 percent of the freshman class is in a community.

Longstreet said, "Surprisingly, FLC is no longer a hard promotion to get students involved anymore because they have heard about the program from previous freshman; therefore, they already anticipate on joining."

Furthermore, the FLC has had to put some of its students on a waiting list since all the communities were filled within weeks before school started.

With such an enormous group of students to monitor, Longstreet said, "I am involved with the students from start to finish."

Georgia State C.I.M.E. promotes interaction between students and teachers around the world

By JENNIFER KIMMITT
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The Center for International Media Education at Georgia State University is hosting an Open House to announce their new research publication, "The Journal of Middle East Media," on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon in their offices on the eighth floor of One Park Place.

"The Journal of Middle East Media" is the first scholarly journal based solely on media in the Middle East released in the United States, and CIME is looking forward to its completion sometime this semester.

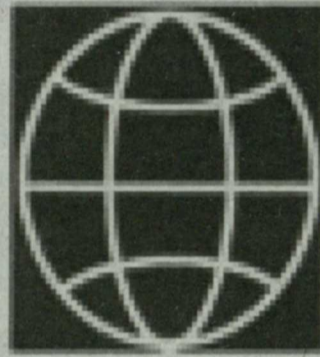
The annual journal will showcase mainly academic submissions, but will also feature some professional work as well.

In order to be published applicants must submit their work to Dr. Mohammed el-Nawawy, editor of JMEM. Any work that is invited to be considered for publication will be reviewed by an editorial board that will make suggestions for any final changes.

"It is a chance for students to get involved in international events even if they are not international," said Dr. Leonard Teel, director of CIME.

The journal will cover issues such as the role of new media in changing Arab news, information, and entertainment; theories and techniques of communication policy formation and communication planning in the Middle East; as well as the implications of international Arabic broadcasting in the Middle East environment.

"Students are encouraged to submit their work," said Wael Kamal, chairman for the Public Relations and Promotional committee at CIME. "One of our main goals this semester is to get more students to participate



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C.I.M.E is currently working on a scholarly journal entitled "The Journal of the Middle East."

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and get involved in all of our events."

CIME hosts many other events that promote interaction between students and teachers from around the world. They hold a World Media Forum two or three times each semester to allow Georgia State students a chance to hear the perspectives of journalists from all over the globe.

This past summer CIME held their 56th Forum. Twelve journalists and anchors came to Georgia State from countries such as Egypt, Bulgaria, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and others to discuss reporting the war on terror around the world.

"Students were sitting on the floor," said Kamal. "It was such an important topic and people were very interested."

CIME also hosted 12 journalism interns from universities in Lebanon, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates. The stu-

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dents studied at Georgia State, the Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The six Lebanese interns who came to Georgia State worked in major Atlanta media outlets like CNN, Turner South and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. They interned for eight weeks, and at the end of their time two were offered jobs.

More international interns will be arriving at Georgia State soon, including four from Iraq. The scholarships are sponsored by the Arab-U.S. Association for Communication Educators, and the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Currently CIME is looking for more student volunteers to help with their different committees. For more information students should contact Dr. Teel or one of the Graduate Research Assistants in the CIME office.



Students in the C.I.M.E office participating in international forum.

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Average SAT scores of Georgia State students reached record high in 2004

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Georgia State has been experiencing. In 2006, Georgia State will join a set of highly regarded academic institutions, many of which are ranked as top national universities in the country by U.S. News, including College of William and Mary, University of Delaware, Drexel University and Northeastern University.

The CAA will allow Georgia State to join the Colonial Academic Alliance, which the CAA Presidents created in the spring of 2002. The Alliance is a cooperative effort committed to advancing all levels of excellence throughout each institution and should benefit Georgia State tremendously.

Among many benefits the Colonial Academic Alliance brings, the undergraduate research conferences and study-abroad coordination among the CAA institutions should greatly help Georgia State recruit higher quality students.

Another important aspect of the Academic Alliance is data sharing among schools. The CAA schools have agreed to participate in various forms of data sharing to improve the teaching and academic performance of their institutions.

The combined efforts to improve the academic quality of Georgia State students have also coincided with statewide influx of high school seniors who are reaping the benefits of the Hope Scholarship. While Georgia State, through its various efforts, has seen a great improvement in student quality, a part of it has to be attributed to the trickle-down effect of more students who are not able to get into Georgia Tech and UGA.

Even so, the results of Action Plans are evident and Georgia State is academically closer to its peer institutions in the state than ever before. With continued efforts to increase admissions standards, Georgia State should continue to close that gap even further.

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Dear *Signal* Readers,

The *Signal* apologizes for the misplacement of the article entitled "Protests not as wide-scale or disruptive as expected" in the Sept. 8 issue. The article should have been placed in the Perspectives section of the *Signal*. Furthermore, the article mentioned an estimate of the number of protestor cyclists, which came from www.nynewsday.com. The author did not estimate the total number of protestors, which other sources site as 500,000. We apologize that the article was interpreted as diminishing the number of protestors, when it was intended to focus on the protestors during the week of the convention, not the days preceding the convention. The *Signal* strives to give accurate and objective coverage of news to the student body of Georgia State University, and apologizes for the accidental placement of this article. Thank you to everyone who responded.

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Changes in security
make Kell Hall more
safe for Georgia
State students

By ERICA MEYERS
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PantherCards take on new significance next month, as they become access passes into one of Georgia State's classroom buildings.

A new swipe-entry system will begin operation in Kell Hall on Oct. 1, after which students will have to use their PantherCard to gain access to the building between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

"The new system will provide additional security, personal safety of personnel, students and staff in the building and [safety for] the materials and equipment in the building," said John McCullum, director of facilities operations for Kell Hall.

The implementation of the swipe-entry system not only

means students will need to carry their PantherCards at all times, it also means a change in building hours that will affect mostly weekend users.

On Mondays through Fridays, students will have open access to the building between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., students can enter the building through the swipe entrances. However, after 11 p.m. only authorized access will be granted.

The biggest change will be during the weekends, when students will be able to access the building only with their PantherCard between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Only authorized access will be allowed from 6 p.m. on Saturdays until 7 a.m. on Mondays.

Sports Editor:
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Sports

Reporting on
**Georgia State
University Athletics**

Not even a hurricane can save Xavier from the Panthers



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Despite dealing with a postponement and relocation, GSU was focused enough to win

By **NORMAN ROBINSON**
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Despite being delayed a day due to inclement weather caused by Hurricane Frances, the Georgia State University men's soccer team began the 2004 season with a 3-2 victory over the Xavier Musketeers. This is the fourth straight season that the Panthers soccer team has kicked off with a win.

Ben Link, a junior at Georgia State, scored his first goal as a Panther in the contest. Georgia State University senior Paul Schwak posted two goals off of penalty kicks in the game, one of which turned out to be the game winner. Musketeers Tom Skudzirik and Chris Wolever each registered goals in the contest.

However, great defensive play was also instrumental to the team's

first win. Sophomore goalkeeper Paulo Gutierrez made seven saves during the game. Defenders Armin Marquez, Aaron Shephard and Justin Towns also contributed to the team's victory.

Towns, since transferring from UNC Greensboro, has played in 36 consecutive games for the Panthers and has also started every Georgia State soccer games since 2003.

The game also saw the return of midfielder Jonathan Scraggs, who has been sidelined the past two seasons with an ACL problem. Georgia State head coach Kareem Daser on Scraggs' return: "It's great to have Scraggs back...he had a great second half."

The game was originally slated to be played in Miami, Fla. during the FIU Diadora Classic. However, due to the threat of Hurricane Frances, the game was rescheduled for Saturday night in Atlanta.

As a result of their performances in the season opener, Schwak and Towns received A-Sun Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week honors, respectively. Schwak currently leads the team in goals (3) and points (6), with a .429 shot percentage.

The team continued their season in Macon, Ga. at the Mercer University Invitational with a hard-fought game against the Cal Poly Mustangs. The first half of the game proved to be scoreless, with the Mustang's attempting seven shots to Georgia State's six. The Panther's became more aggressive in the second half, where they outshot Cal Poly 12-6. Schwak posted the game's first goal in the 58th minute thanks to a pass from freshman Tarek Mokhtar. However, that goal would not be enough as the Mustangs scored twice in the last fifteen minutes of the contest,

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Men, women both finish third at GSU Invitational

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The Georgia State men's and women's cross country teams both placed third as they hosted the 32nd Georgia State Invitational Saturday morning at their home course in Panthersville. Auburn university won men's and women's competition, while cross-town rival Georgia Tech finished second.

In the men's race, Auburn's Heath Andrew finished first as the Tigers swept the top seven spots. The 2003 All-American Angela Homan won the women's race by over 40 seconds for the Tigers.

Georgia State's Andrea Smith continued her impressive start to the season as she was the team's top finisher for the second straight week and placed fourth among division I competitors in a time of 18:44. Freshman Barbara Phelan also ran well in her first collegiate 5K race, finishing ninth in the division I section.

The Georgia State men were led by sophomore Nick Miller, who finished eighth in the division I section of the race in a time of 26:26. Matt Cameron, Andrew Campbell, and freshman Jay Morrill finished in a pack for State, finishing 14th, 15th, and 16th respectively.

"We have been training very hard over the last two weeks and I think our runners felt a little tired today," said Georgia State

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Men's golf thinking bigger this year

By **DAVID DORSEY**
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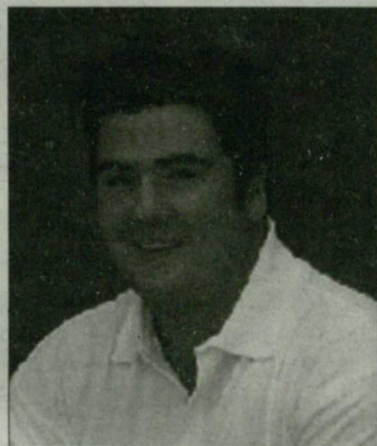
The Georgia State men's golf team opened their 2004-2005 season in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the Radrick Farms Intercollegiate on Saturday, Sept. 11.

This tournament was a gauge of just how well this year's team will stack up against other schools in their conference. They competed against 14 other schools, including Colorado State, which, other than Georgia State, is the only team in the tournament that was ranked in the top 30 last year.

Ball State, Indiana, Iowa, Memphis, Miami (Ohio), host Michigan, Missouri, Purdue, Rice, UNC Wilmington, Wisconsin and Xavier (Ohio)

round out the rest of the field.

Georgia State freshman and Swedish native Joel Sjolholm led the field going into day three with



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Sjolholm had quite a debut this weekend.

a two-round score of 138. Georgia State trailed tournament-leading Purdue by 11 strokes.

Golf, while not the most popular of State's athletic programs, is one of its sports with the most history. Golf dates back to the early '60s at State, a time when it was one of only four sports and the school was just becoming a fully-accredited Division 1 athletics program. Basketball, tennis and cross country were the others at the time.

Last year the men's golf team finished 11th overall in the NCAA Championships in only their second appearance ever.

Head Coach Matt Clark hopes to improve on the accomplishments of last season and possibly win a national champi-

onship.

Senior Ty Harris has returned to the team offering a lot of experience. He is expected to make a big impact this season. Last year he broke into the top 20 in nine different tournaments and made the A-Sun All-Tournament Team after finishing third overall in the A-Sun Tournament. He finished last years NCAA Championship tied for 22nd with former Georgia State University teammate Kasper Jorgenson - his career stroke average is 72.45.

Darren Baynes, who finished last season ranked 11th in the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and tied for 73rd in the NCAA Championship, has a

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Smith finished fourth. Way ahead of the rest of the panthers.

College football kicks off

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The best time of the year is back. That's right, it's college football season! We've had a few weeks to take in the early games, and as we look ahead here are a few things to keep our eyes on this season.

ACC- Miami's overtime win over Florida State makes them the undeniable favorite to win the conference. Keep watch on Clemson, Maryland and Virginia Tech; all of these teams have the potential to beat anyone with a little luck. For you techies, expect flashes of brilliance mixed with several mistakes this year since the team is both young and athletically talented.

SEC- There are no surprises in the east. Georgia, Tennessee and Florida will battle each other for a trip to the championship game right here in Atlanta. Out of those three I'll take the dawgs. In the west LSU was expected to dominate. While LSU is talented, they are young and have a big question mark at quarterback. Look for the annual Iron Bowl (Alabama vs. Auburn) to decide who heads to Atlanta out of the west.

Big 12- The Red River Shootout, Texas vs. Oklahoma, almost always decides who wins the southern division of the conference. Expect this year to be no different. I get burned on this pick every year, but I'm still taking Texas! Out of the north, Missouri, Kansas State and Nebraska will battle it out to see who loses to Texas in the Big 12 championship game. Keep an eye on Nebraska and

their new offense. The option offense is out of Lincoln for the first time in over seventy years.

Big 10- All eyes will be on Michigan and Ohio State, but I see an upset in this conference. Watch out for the Boilermakers of Purdue! They are an experienced team with a veteran quarterback, Kyle Orton. No matter who wins the conference, expect two teams to get BCS bids.

Pac-10- The conference is weak, but national powerhouse USC has to overcome California to gain this year's conference champ. If USC can go undefeated they will head to

the Orange Bowl for the national championship game.

Big East- After being robbed of its two best teams, the Big East falls to the same level as the country's smaller conferences. West Virginia represents the conference's only top 25 caliber team. Watch Big East football only as a last resort.

Week by week teams will rise and fall. Come January only two can play for the national championship. In between now and then we can only tune in every Saturday to watch the drama of college football unfold.



Florida State's Ernie Sims feels the sting of defeat thanks to Miami. *Special | Signal*

Cross country dissapoints home crowd

FROM LETDOWN
men's Head Coach John Rowland.

The effects of two grueling weeks of preparation might have been the difference maker for the Panthers, as only two points decided the battle for second and third place. Georgia Tech finished with a team total of 63 points while Georgia State finished in third with 65 points.

"The important thing is that our men are healthy and should be ready to take on the conference competition," added Coach Rowland.

The Panthers already finished ahead of conference rivals Troy and Mercer on Saturday, as the two Atlantic Sun schools finished fourth and fifth, respectively. But the true test for Georgia State comes in the coming months as the Panthers will take on the repeating conference champion Belmont.

"Belmont is our biggest rival right now," said sophomore runner Jeremy Williams who was the sixth Panther to cross the finish line on Saturday.

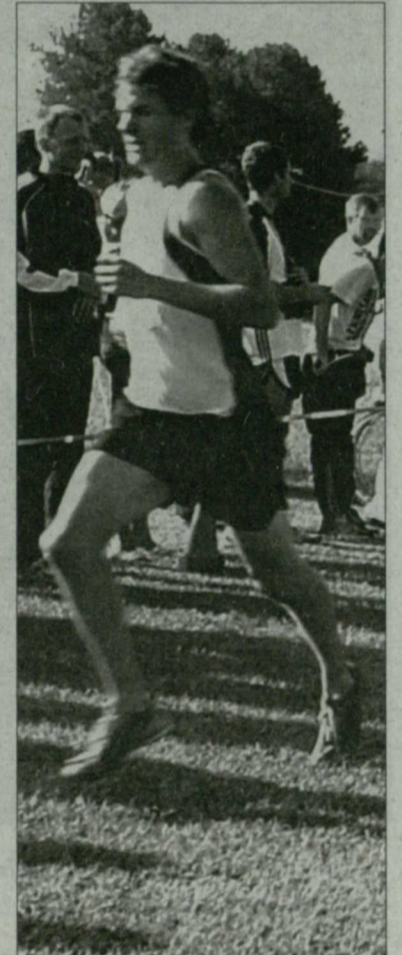
The third place finish for the Georgia State women's team is impressive considering they competed without former national qualifier Jenn Feentstra. Just as the men's team did, the Lady Panthers were able to defeat the other Atlantic Sun teams in the race as Troy University finished fourth and Mercer finished in fifth place.

Freshman Rebecca Pedrick had a great showing for the Lady Panthers in her first ever 5K race, finishing in a time of 23:53.

Pedrick was a solid all-around athlete in high school, also competing in swimming and tennis while attending Centennial High.

"Cross country has been a great challenge for me," said Rebecca after the race. "I enjoy the sport and I love the competition."

Rebecca and the rest of the Georgia State cross country runners will get plenty of competition on Friday evening as they travel to Tuscaloosa to compete in the Crimson Classic hosted by the University of Alabama. The event will give Georgia State runners a chance to familiarize themselves with this year's NCAA Regional Championship course.



Miller led the pack for the men Saturday. *Special | Signal*

Georgia State holds off Xavier 3-2 in Macon

FROM SOCCER
compliments of goals from J.J. Young and Matt Robinson.

On the offensive end of the ball, the Panthers are showing some promise. Link has four shots with one goal and a .500 shots-on-goal percentage. Mokhtar has also exhibited strong play in Georgia State's first two games, with an assist, four shots and a .500 SOG percentage, as well.

After their first two games the Panthers are averaging 15.5 shots and a .129 shot percentage. Despite allowing 16 shots a game, the team is holding opponents to a .375 SOG percentage. Performance at the goalkeeper position from Gutierrez is another facet of the Panther's strong defense. He has a .667 save percentage through the first two contests and is allowing just two goals a game.

After returning from the Mercer University Invitational, the Panthers next game is a home contest Sept. 17 against Wofford at 7 p.m.



Ben Link has played very well thus far. *Special | Signal*

College fans not as wild as many think

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Ninety-eight percent of students said their behavior during collegiate athletic events is responsible and safe, according to a survey released Sept. 2 by the NCAA, following months of debate at this university about problematic student behavior at games.

Data Development Corp. for the NCAA, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the TEAM Coalition and Anheuser-Busch conducted the study. The groups determined the perception of fan misbehavior at college games is inflated and said they intend to use the data to encourage students to act responsibly.

"All across the board before, during and after game activities, people had the expectation of [bad] behavior, but the reality is that a real small minority are actually involved," said Jill Pepper, executive director of the TEAM Coalition, an Arlington, Va., based alliance concerned with responsible drinking and fan behavior.

The phone survey polled 986 college students nationwide who attended at least one home football or basketball game in the past year. Respondents were between the ages of 21 and 29, because Anheuser-Busch did not want to associate itself with students younger than the legal drinking age, Pepper said.

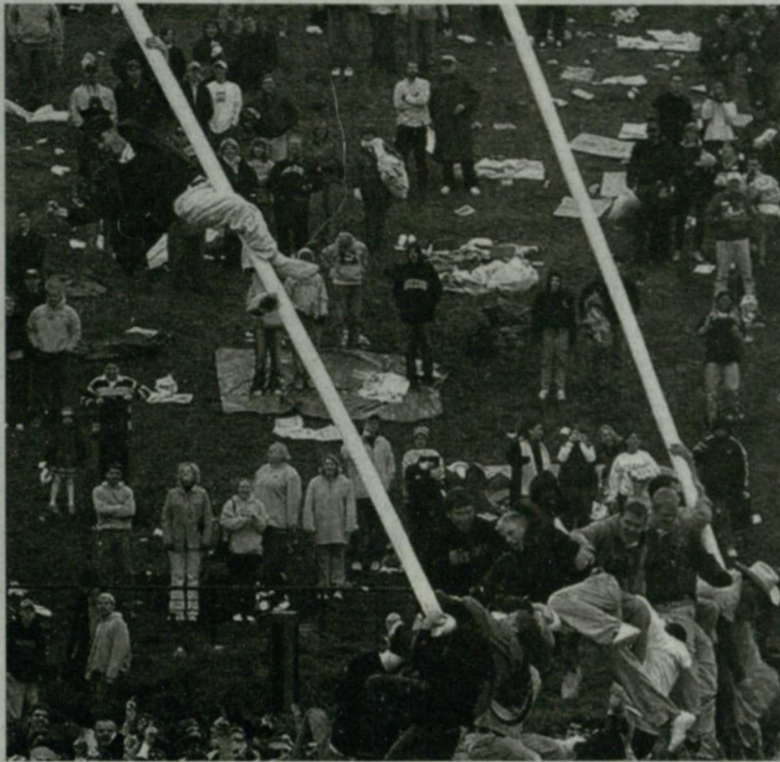
According to the survey, 45 percent of students believe fans storm the field at most games, but concluded only 13 percent actually do, while 24 percent of students polled said they think most fans riot at most games, but only two percent actually riot. The survey also found 82 percent of students who drink during events said they do so responsibly and in moderation, while 86 percent of students said they always feel safe at games.

Senior Associate Athletics Director Michael Lipitz said the fact that only a small percentage of students act inappropriately at games is true, but said the study's objectivity is questionable.

Pepper said the survey made it clear there would be no ramifications for students' responses and said results were not skewed by only polling people over age 21. Instances of widespread misbehavior do not occur during or after most Terp games, University Police spokeswoman Maj. Cathy Atwell said.

"We certainly have had experiences with large crowds, but there have also been many large crowds involved in positive behavior, like this [past] Saturday," she said.

The groups involved in the survey -- which said it is the first of its kind -- are compiling posters, advertisements and other materials fostering better behavior at sporting events to distribute to fans and administrators. The materials should be ready by the end of the calendar year, Pepper said.



Some students enjoy the games more than others.

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Golf hoping to build on last year's success

FROM LETDOWN

career stroke average of 76.26.

Timothy Freund is a freshman who comes to State having already been a 2003-2004 International Junior Golf Tour All-American, and also qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur back in 2002.

Morgan Nix will be competing in his first full season after having been red shirted in 2002-2003 where he only competed in three tournaments. Clark says Morgan "has a lot of talent" and that "it's very exciting watching him compete." He finished 14th at last year's Kiawah Island Intercollegiate, his first ever college tournament. His career stroke average is 81.86, which he will cer-

tainly improve upon.

Derek Oakey sat out all of last season as a red shirt, but is a player who will "definitely make an impact in the future," Clark said. He carries a career stroke average of 76.25.

Ben Taylor is a guy who Clark "looks forward to seeing reach his potential at Georgia State." He is tied for 60th in the NCAA Championship last year and has a career stroke average of 76. He touts an acclaimed record from his prep days where he represented England schools at St. Andrews, and also shot a course record 64 to become the Northumberland's school champion.

Last year Georgia State's golf team contributed a bold spot on the collegiate map. They made it into the NCAA Championships last season, and with five strong golfers coming back and four recruits coming in this year, they are in hopes of competing at a level that will keep a title opportunity in full view.

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Another fall, another Bravo meltdown

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So maybe this is a little premature. It is not even halfway through September yet, and I'm already expecting failure. Sure the Braves have been hot since the break, but that is just the problem. They got hot too early again – by the time October rolls around, the patchwork rotation will be run down, the smoke-and-mirrors batting order will run out of tricks, and Rafael Furcal will run out on his bar tab.

Einstein once said that "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

Year after year the Braves have won the East and then somehow managed to fall apart in the postseason.

Once upon a time, in the days B.T.W. (Before Time Warner ownership), the Braves would lose in the postseason, and then management would do a funny thing. Over the course of the following off-season, they would try and improve the team.

There's two popular ways this can happen – trades and free agent acquisitions. Ideally, every team in baseball would love to upgrade through both of these fashions; there is just one little stumbling block for teams wishing to move on up: money.

Last year's Braves cost Time Warner approximately \$95 million. So, after failing to make the playoffs, the cable guys gave Jon Schuerholz free

reign and a couple extra million to upgrade, right?

Not exactly – Schuerholz was instructed to trim the budget to the tune of no more than \$80 million. Bye bye Gary Sheffield, New York is willing to pay for your all-star resume.

Adios Javier Lopez, you were far too vital to the offensive explosion that was the Braves' offense during last year's regular season – emphasis on regular.

And while we're eschewing last year's two offensive powerhouses, we might as well send our number one pitcher out the door with them. Sionara, Greg Maddux, thanks for the Cy Youngs and 1995 (the only time the Braves have conquered all of baseball since they came to Atlanta).

On a more positive note, Schuerholz outdid himself with the class of former scrubs he brought in to fill in for missing all-stars. The always talented, but oft-injured J.D. Drew was acquired for a couple of sub-par players and a bag of dirty jocks. The deal has looked good thus far, but it's still only September.

More impressive has been the pitching of Jaret Wright. A mediocre journeyman at best, Wright wallowed in the bullpens of Cleveland, San Diego, and even Atlanta. He had not started more than ten games in a season since the last millennia.

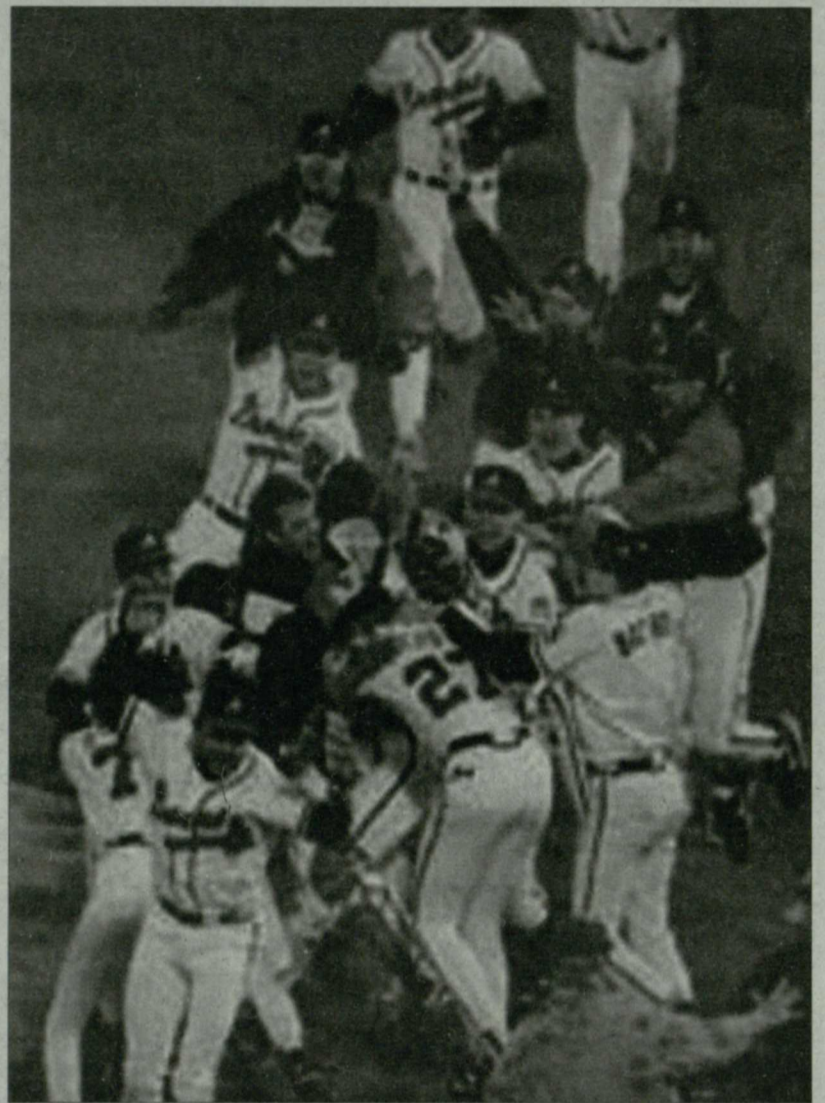
San Diego cut the reliever after last season, and Schuerholz was the only G.M. willing to take a chance on him. He is now the Braves' ace.

If Schuerholz went to a garage sale, he'd come back with a lost Picasso.

But this year's work of art, just like 11 of the last 12 seasons, will start chipping and cracking with that first fall chill. Maybe this year's team should just be happy they made it this far. Most generous pundits had them finishing somewhere toward the middle of the NL East.

It never has been a physical lack of talent but a mental stigma. This team is going to feel satisfied in proving the doubters wrong about just making the playoffs. No one expects them to do any more – they never do. Joe Torre will likely lose his job in New York if the Yanks fail to win it all, and Bobby Cox is a hero for getting slightly above average results.

Until the attitude changes, the results will remain the same. The Braves will be home by the second week of October – nervously waiting to see who won't make it back next year when the Braves cut the team budget to somewhere in the ballpark of what A-rod gives his kids for milk money.



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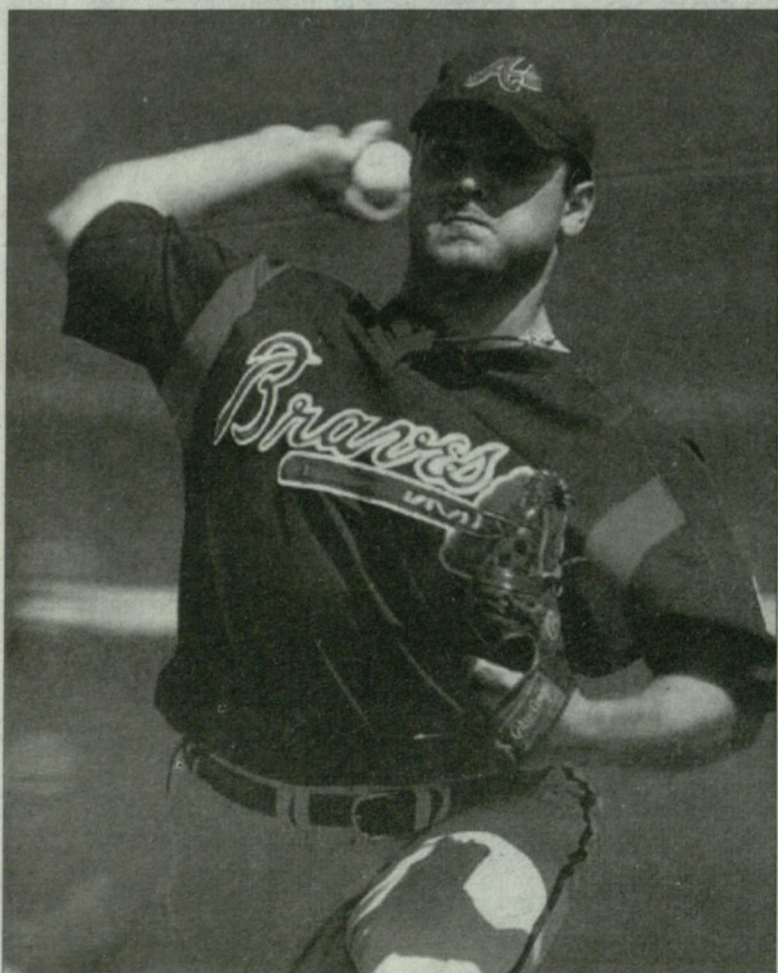
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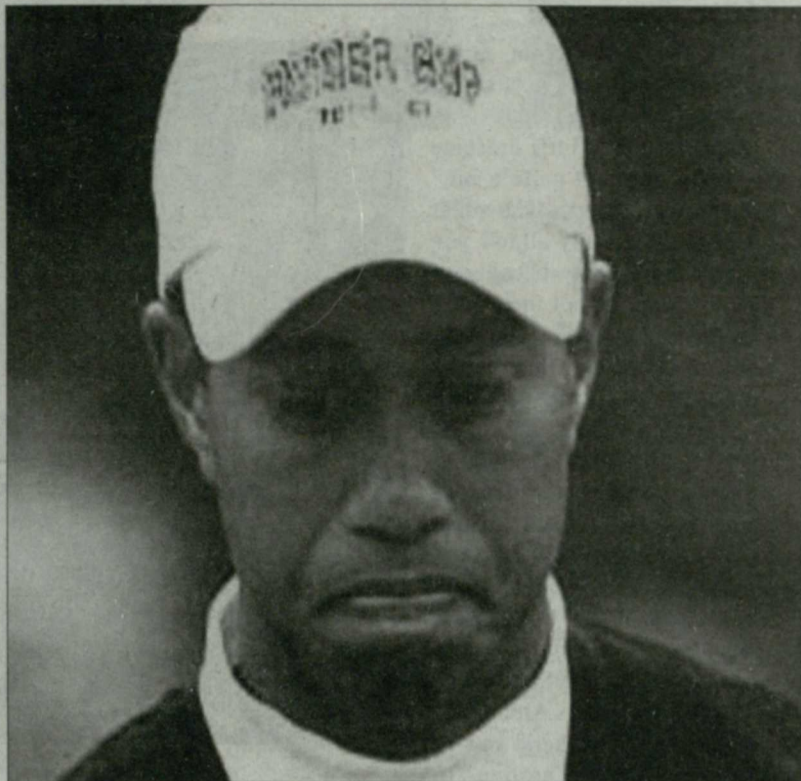
Things are finally going Wright for the former Indian and Padre, but will his luck last into October?

Tiger falls to number two after five years atop the PGA

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After a record 264 weeks, over five years, there is a new Number 1 in golf. Not since David Duval last held the title back in 1999 has there been a number 1 that didn't go by the name Tiger. All hail our latest conquering hero Vijay Singh.

It was a warm sunny day in Boston. Vijay had come into the final day with a three point lead. On the 13th hole Singh misses with a 7 footer to save par and finds himself tied with the Tiger at 13 under, with Adam Scott just one shot behind. On the 14th hole Woods and Singh are neck and neck, 6 inches apart on the Green and 9 feet from the hole. Singh sinks his next putt to save par while Tiger misses to the left and Bogey's. Singh birdies again on the next hole



Tiger was not very happy about his fall from number one.

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while Tiger shoots for par and Vijay now has a two shot lead. Singh birdies again on the 17th hole while Tiger again shoots for par. At this point Vijay knew the fat lady was about to take the stage.

"The big putt was on 17. When I made that one, I said, 'That's it.' "Singh would later reflect. By the end of the day Vijay Singh had won the Deutsche Bank Championship. This day was a long time coming for the Fiji native.

Vijay Singh turned pro over 24 long years ago and has had a sometimes turbulent up and down career. The last time Vijay received this type of attention it was mostly negative. In 2003 Vijay openly disagreed with the PGA tour's awarding of a sponsorship exemption to Monica Sorenstam allowing Monica, a woman, to shoot some golf with

the big boys. Singh has not only survived the negative publicity he has received for voicing his personal opinions, but has managed to thrive under hostile conditions.

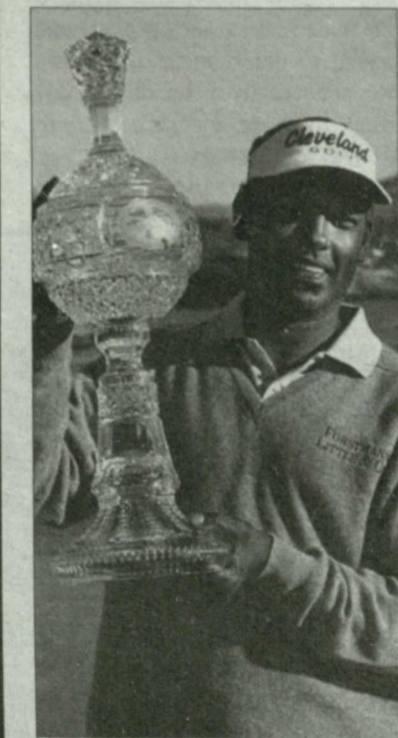
Over this last year Singh has simply been playing better golf than Woods. Tiger has only won one tournament and finished in the top 16 of only one major this year. Singh already has 6 victories this year.

In a televised interview, Singh would go on to declare, "I never thought I would be the best player in the world. It has been a journey, and one that cannot be forgotten." Vijay gets the number 1 ranking and the payola, but it is still Tiger's world.

It is Tiger Woods that gets the endorsements and the attention. It is Tiger Woods who gets the headlines and draws the big television ratings. It is Tiger Woods who, even Vijay admits, is still the most intimidating player on the tour.

"He's a very intimidating player. He hits shots that most people can't hit. If you're playing against Tiger and you're not playing well and he's playing great, you look like a fool. He hits shots that you think, wow, that's the way all of us should play." Vijay would go on to qualify that statement by saying, "I have never been one who is intimidated by Tiger, if I'm playing my best I can beat anybody, and that's the way I think."

Next up for 41 year old Vijay is the Bell Canadian Open in Oakville, Ontario. The competition will be fierce. Tiger Woods will be there and the number 3 ranked player in the world, Ernie Els, will be there. Only time will tell us how long Vijay Singh will be able to hold onto his hard-fought number one ranking.



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The over-the-hill Singh will have no easy time keeping Tiger at number two.

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Garcia's efforts not enough against Eastern Kentucky

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Garcia set GSU and A-sun records for digs against EKU.

Georgia State's Lady Panthers volleyball team kicked off their 2004 season on a positive note, beating Seton Hall University 3-0 (30-20, 30-24, 30-20) in a decisive victory at the Duquesne/Robert Morris Invitational in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The team stumbled out of the gate, losing a five game match earlier in the tournament, but quickly recovered by proudly winning the first sports victory for Georgia State for the Fall. Under the guidance of new head coach Michael Webster, the team was able to come out of their first day of the invitational as the victors, but the next day lost to Eastern Kentucky University 3-2 (30-28, 30-24, 26-30, 31-33, 15-13).

But despite the disappointing loss, the team still managed to make history. Christen Garcia not only set a Georgia State record for the number of digs in a match (45), but also broke the Atlantic Sun Conference record. The five foot eight sophomore from Valrico, Florida presented a stellar performance, despite her team's eventual losing game that day.

Head Coach Michael Webster makes no secret of his and his team's shared desire to rekindle their 2000 conference championship win, saying "I think ultimately our goal is to win the championship of the conference." Coach Webster and his team plan on achieving their goal by focusing on the development of a stronger offensive side, looking to do a better job terminating the ball, while still maintaining the strength they have within their defense. Another goal of the team is to enhance their playing skills by keeping training simple.

"I think we are just trying to get back to the basics of the game, trying to determine exactly what we need to work on day to day, week to week, focusing on those things, and improving them. And we get a chance to test ourselves next weekend, and how much we've improved," said Webster.

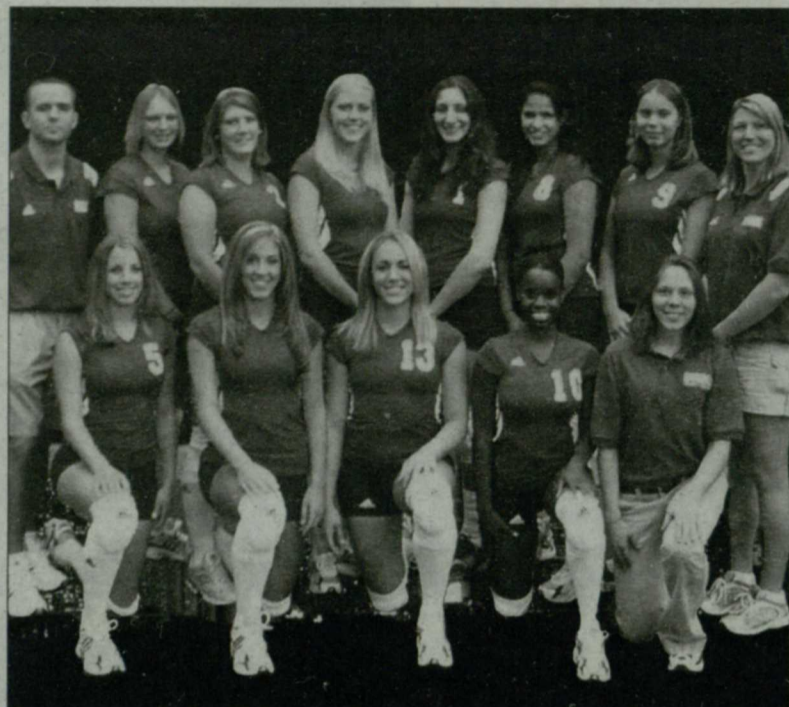
With thirteen years experience in college volleyball, both as a player and a coach, Coach Webster feels that he can help his team cultivate the growth needed to relive their championship glory.

According to Webster, he feels comfortable and well suited for his first head coaching position, which he took on after former head coach Dr. Richard Leonard resigned in early 2004. And despite the team's full traveling schedule (thirty-two matches that span across the east coast, from September to November), the coach and his players choose to use their time on the road as a

time to bond as a team, rather than give in to occasional fatigue.

"It does become a little tiresome to be on the road quite a bit," Webster explained. "The other side of it is it really allows you to build team unity because of all the travel and all the shared experiences. And I think because of the travel we are a very, very tight team."

The team competes again the weekend of Sept. 10 through 11 in Beaumont, Texas, at the Lamar Cardinal Classic against Iowa, Grambling State University and Weber State. They return home to compete again on Tuesday, Sept. 14 against Jacksonville State at the Georgia State Sports Arena, and will close the weekend out in Charleston, South Carolina, to compete in the College of Charleston Invitational.



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The volleyball team needs to pick up their game if they have aspirations of conquering the Atlantic Sun.

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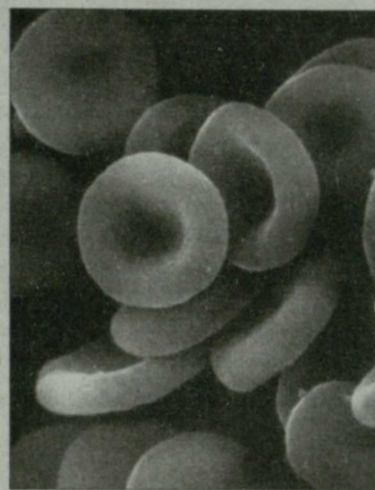

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Leukemia: what is it?



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Leukemia is a cancer of the blood. 27,600 people are diagnosed the disease each year.

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Leukemia. We've all heard the word, but what does it really mean? Leukemia is a disease of the blood-making parts of the body. In leukemia, the body makes too many abnormal white blood cells that cause infection, anemia and excessive bleeding.

During leukemia, an extremely high number of abnormal white blood cells that are produced flood the bone marrow. There are two types of leukemia: acute and chronic. Acute leukemia affects red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and blood-forming tissue. Chronic leukemia has less dramatic affects.

Leukemia is believed to be caused by a change in gene structure causing these abnormalities. The cause of these changes is unknown, but researchers say that several factors such as environmental, certain non-inherited birth defects, x-rays, other forms of radiation, viruses and chemical irritants could cause the disease. Studies do indicate that leukemia is neither inherited nor contagious.

Some symptoms of leukemia are anemia, paleness, weakness, chronic fatigue, high fever, bleeding without clotting, burning easily, recurrent infection, pain in

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Seeing Yellow

Cyclist aids in awareness

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Lance Armstrong has never had it so good. The six time Tour de France winner has a new claim to fame based on his cancer research fund, the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF). This bicyclist has the world seeing yellow.

In an effort to raise money for cancer research and awareness, Armstrong began selling this year's must-have accessory, a yellow plastic bracelet inscribed with his mantra, "LiveStrong."

A cancer survivor, Armstrong began selling the bracelets at a dollar apiece with a \$5 million goal in mind, with all proceeds going to the research fund. His goal has long since been exceeded with over 5 million sold and more than a million more on backorder waiting to be manufactured.

Customers flocked to sporting goods stores to support the fund, only to learn that most were already sold out.

Elizabeth Bolin was lucky enough to get her hands on one before they were gone. "I wear one for my mom and my grandma. They both had breast cancer; now they're survivors," she said.

Armstrong's story of survival after a three-month fight against testicular and brain cancer made him stronger ultimately. He now encourages others fighting the disease to "Live Strong."

"Yellow is the reason I wake up in the morning," said Armstrong on Nike's official website dedicated to the cause, www.WearYellow.com. "Yellow is the reason I'm here."

To jump start Armstrong's new efforts, Nike donated the first

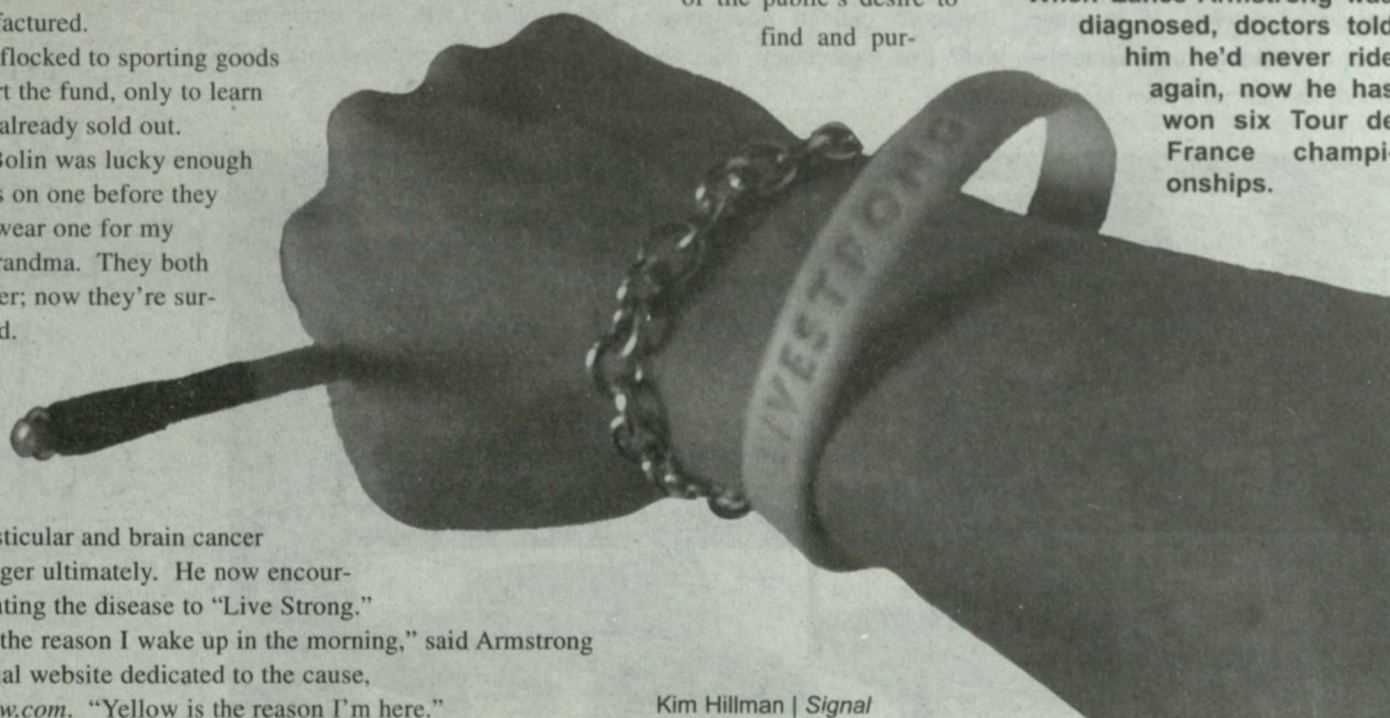
million dollars and the trend took off from there.

As well as being worn by many Georgia State students, LiveStrong bracelets have been spotted on several public figures and celebrities. Among them are Armstrong's girlfriend, singer Sheryll Crow, President George W. Bush, and presidential candidate and fellow cancer survivor John Kerry.

Despite the popularity of the bracelets and the notoriety that they bring to the cause, online auctions may be taking advantage of the public's desire to find and pur-



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When Lance Armstrong was diagnosed, doctors told him he'd never ride again, now he has won six Tour de France championships.



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The Collegiate Chef Presents: Stuffed Tomatoes

Simpler meals for on-the-go students

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Stuffed Tomatoes

Ingredients: canned tuna or chicken, fat-free mayonnaise or fat-free ranch dressing, 1 large tomato

1. Mix 1/2 tablespoon of light mayo or light ranch dressing with chicken or tuna.
 2. Core tomato.
 3. Stuff tuna or chicken into tomato halves.
- ~ For a tasty twist add almonds, lettuce, low-fat cheese, pickles and/or onions.

Several treatment options thanks to medical advancements

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joints and bones and the swelling of lymph nodes, spleen and liver. These symptoms are similar to those of common ailments, but the eventually become more persistent and severe.

Leukemia can be treated though. In recent years, advancements in treatment have been made. The three main treatments that can be used on leukemia patients are chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants or radiation therapy.

During chemotherapy, powerful drugs are used in various combinations to kill the abnormal cells and slow down their growth. In most cases, the drugs are injected over a period of days.

In a bone marrow transplant, a healthy bone marrow is placed in the patient's bloodstream, enters the bones, and if all goes well, starts producing healthy cells and platelets. If in some cases a matching donor cannot be found, the patient's own marrow

may be reused after the diseased cells are removed.

Radiation is usually used in combination with chemotherapy. It is one of the most effective treatments for organs damaged by the disease.

There are three stages of treatment in leukemia. The first stage is initial treatment. During the initial treatment, drugs are given to induce remission. Within four weeks many signs of disease disappear. The second stage is maintenance therapy. This stage is a long-term treatment stage that usually lasts 18 to 36 months. During this stage, selected drugs are used in combination to extend and maintain blood chemistry. The supportive therapy is used when the disease is active. It includes blood transfusion platelet transfusions and antibiotics.

Today, leukemia has an average cure rate of 40 percent. Leukemia patients now have a long live expectancy than ever before.

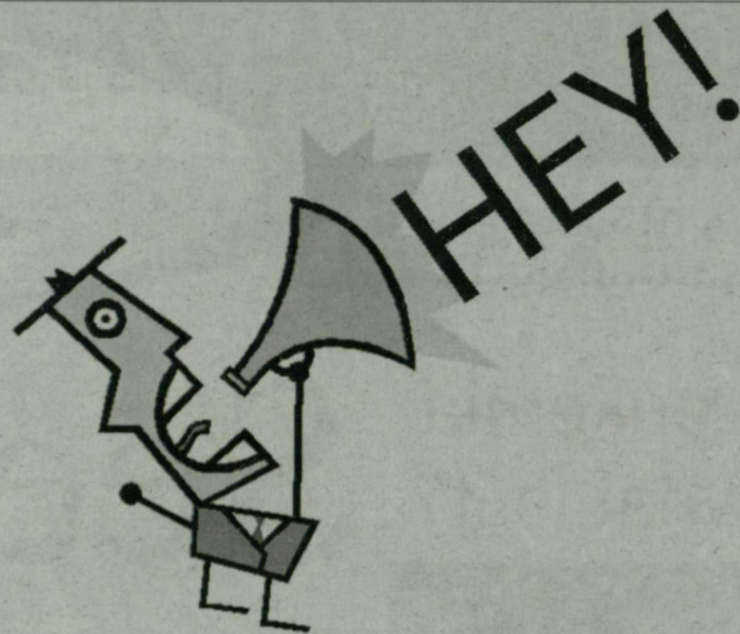
Selling used bracelets becoming popular; profit not Armstrong's intentions

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chase them. A recent EBay search lists bids of 20 to 30 times the original one dollar cost of the bracelets.

Meagan Conrey, who bought a set of 10 from the LAF website, gave her extra bracelets to her family members. "It's awful that people are taking advantage and trying to make money off this by selling their unwanted bracelets. That's not what this should be about," said Conrey who wears yellow in support of cancer survivors in her family.

Many agree with Conrey, however some proponents of EBay selling claim that extra profits made in resale will be donated to LAF. But supporters of LiveStrong remain skeptical of their intentions.



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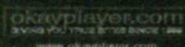
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Study finds connection between STDs and birth control

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U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The most effective form of birth control might have unpleasant and surprising side effects.

According to a study released Monday, women who opt for birth control drugs taken through injection have a higher incidence of sexually transmitted diseases.

Of the 819 women of the study, Depo-Provera users were three times more likely to contract gonorrhea and Chlamydia than women who used birth control pills or non-hormonal contraceptives, according to research by the

National Institutes of Health, University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University. Depo-Provera is the only FDA-approved birth control drug taken through injection.

The news was disconcerting for Katherine Santiago, who viewed Depo-Provera as a less stressful alternative to daily birth control pills.

"Really?" asked Santiago, a junior majoring in entrepreneurship and emerging enterprises at Syracuse University. "That's good to know. Now, I'd rather try the patch."

Women who are not so disposed to switching their birth control method, however, can take

comfort in the fact that the study doesn't directly link Depo-Provera to sexually transmitted disease susceptibility in all women. Dr. Charles Morrison, who led the study and adjusted it for factors such as condom use and number of partners, hasn't ruled out the possibility.

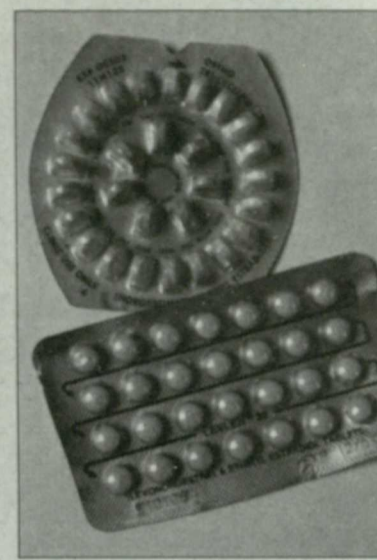
The study shouldn't be a cause of alarm because none of the health center's Depo-Provera users, who compose 15 percent of the center's birth control clients, have complained, said Kathy MacLachlan, a nurse practitioner at the Syracuse University Health Center.

"The scientific world doesn't put too much emphasis on a single

study," MacLachlan said. "The results have to be replicated. Some very reliable research centers were involved, but said this clearly needs to be studied further."

While the strength of the link between Depo-Provera and increased STD risk has yet to be determined, both MacLachlan and Morrison called for a renewed effort to promote safe sex because even the most technologically advanced methods of birth control do nothing to protect against STDs. "I've been in women's health for 15 years, and encouraging safe sex is something I've been working on the whole time," MacLachlan said.

"It's a piece of education that bears repeating every time we get a



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Birth control shots may increase the risk of infection, but pills still seem safe.

new freshman class in. Being humans, people do act on the spur of the moment."

Leah Spicer, a freshman film drama major, clearly sees value in efforts to promote safe sex. An STD epidemic at her high school had necessitated state intervention. "Some people think it's common knowledge that birth control doesn't protect against STDs, but other people are ignorant about it," Spicer said. "Most of the girls I know who aren't having safe sex trust that their men aren't cheating on them."

Regardless of whether the women in Morrison's study and in the general population have mastered the art of safe sex, the Depo-Provera users are doing all they can to prevent pregnancy. The quarterly injections of the drug provides the highest effectiveness in preventing pregnancy, at more than 99 percent. Its effectiveness and convenience makes it an ideal choice for many women.

This elevated efficiency of Depo-Provera may make a woman more confident in her birth control and less apt to use condoms, MacLachlan said. If this theory is proven, it could better explain why the Depo-Provera users in Morrison's study were more prone to STDs.

The tendency, however, to regard STDs as a secondary concern to pregnancy is not limited to Depo-Provera users, said Krista Oraa, a sophomore communications design major.

"Most women are afraid to get pregnant," Oraa said. "Once they're on birth control, that weight is off their shoulders and they don't think of other consequences."

While some women can't claim consistent condom use, educators can rest assured that a great many do practice sex safely. Of Morrison's research subjects, only 45 of the 819 became infected with Chlamydia or gonorrhea during a one-year period.

"I have no concern of getting an STD right now," said Lindsay DeSimon, a junior nutrition major. "I've always thought it important to make sure I'm safe."

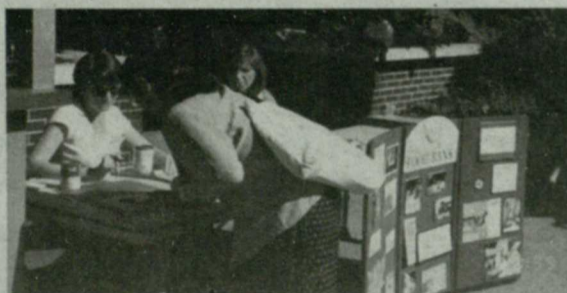
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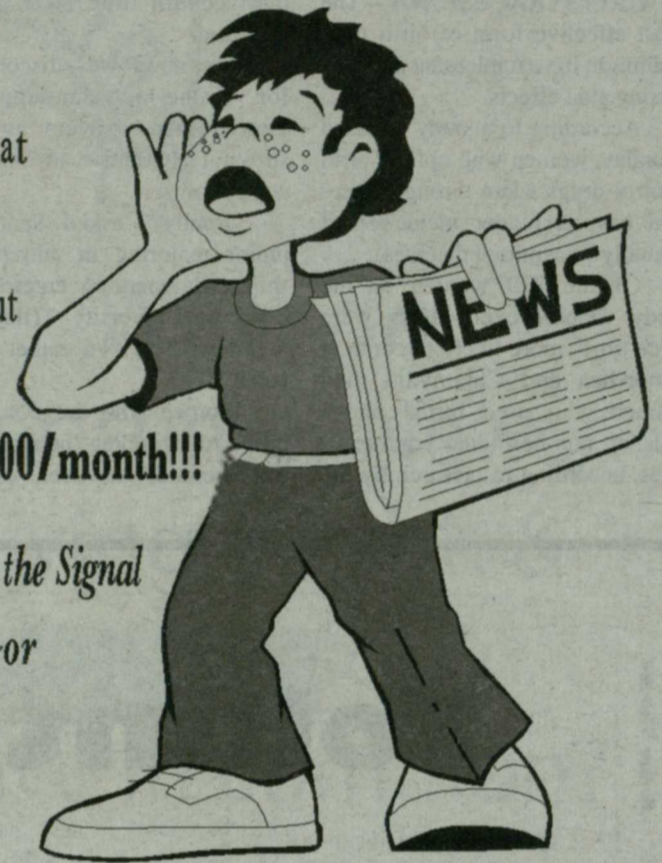
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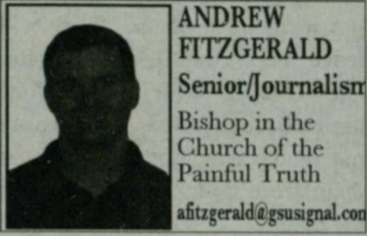
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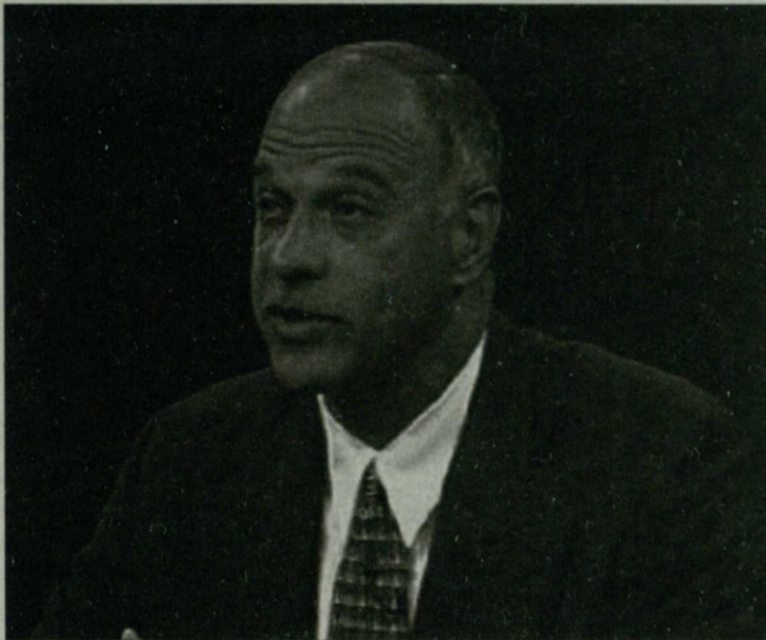
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Campbell disgraced himself



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Campbell still claims he is innocent of all charges.

During a press conference held last Monday, Campbell declared his innocence. "I've never violated the public's trust,

and again, I've done nothing wrong," he said.

This is funny coming from the man who, while in office, admitted to failing to turn in income reports, something required by the city and state ethics law, and accepting high-priced trips on private jets owned by city contractors.

Prosecutors will use Campbell's personal friends, gambling buddies and former high-ranking City Hall officials to convict him under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, (RICO) a law created by Congress to tackle Mafia kingpins. The prosecution must convince the jury that Campbell committed at least two of the 11 alleged acts in order to obtain a RICO conviction, which would almost certainly result in jail time.

Many in Atlanta saw this coming...and for good reason.

Campbell's two terms in office, from 1994-2002, were plagued with rumors of dishonesty and corruption. Aside from these charges, Campbell has been labeled as a racial divider and someone who's responsible for smothering much of the economic boom in Atlanta during the late 90's.

The former mayor has insisted that those criticizing his behavior, the FBI and U.S. attorney's office, are merely groups of racists who are hell-bent on damaging the images and reputations of high-seated black officials. This argument is redundant since most of the reputation and image damage has been self-inflicted. Those must be some stubborn racists investigating Campbell; five years of investigation for a mere character assignation? I think not.

Already, 10 people who

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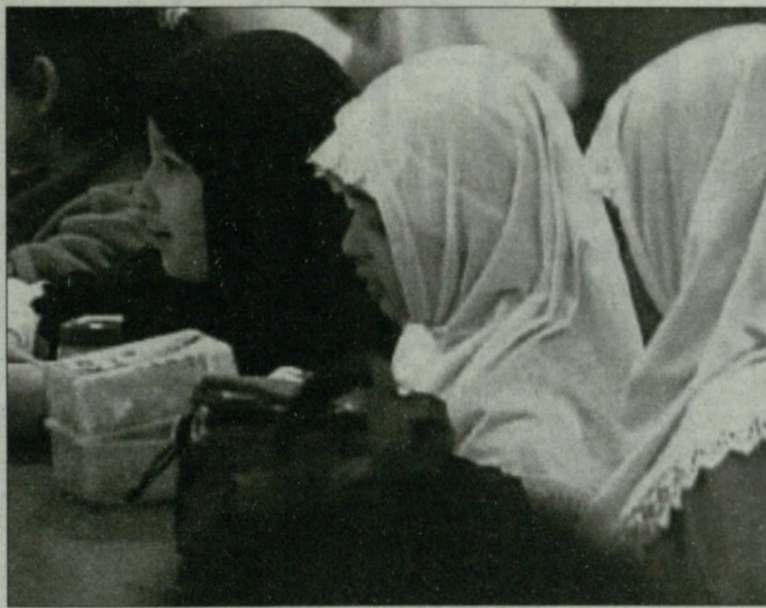
Following a five-year investigation, former Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell was indicted last week on charges of racketeering, bribery and fraud.

Campbell is accused of making personal profits through city contracts, including cash, travel and home improvements, as well as accepting tens of thousands in illegal campaign contributions.

Furthermore, the indictment states that these funds were used to support Campbell's high-stakes gambling "habit," which sounds like a sugarcoated gambling "problem" to me.

The power to define values

French government bans public religious expression; Muslim women affected most



Muslim women must remove their head coverings in France.



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To constitute "total equality" and get rid of what is called a "distraction," France bans any religious group from overtly expressing their beliefs in public in the form of any apparent symbols.

Muslim women are the most visible victims of this new law in France. They are deprived from entering schools, work and participating in any public event, unless they remove their scarves and conform to the norms of other women in the nation. They are disadvantaged from practicing their beliefs, only because they choose to practice them fully.

Why is it so important for

France to remove this required covering that Muslim women must wear, though it will only affect these women and their personal lives? Why does it affect others in the society when the decision to cover is made by a person and affects only that person? Is it fair to prevent others from practicing what they believe, even though it only impacts their own living? These are questions that I pose and leave you to decide what is justified.

Such a decision that projects the French government's newly developed beliefs of should have

been more analyzed for long-term consequences to the country. Telling a group of religious people to "stop being religious," and not allowing them to practice freely with their only priceless property, the body, sparks the thoughts in my mind that this could mean other groups will be similarly be restricted one day. What if we were told that it's against the law to simply have any body piercing, or that we can't dye our hair, or better yet, wear certain clothing, such as a miniskirt to school? How would we react to that, though it may be the law? These can all be consid-

ered forms of distractions to the public, right? Yet, of course, we value them as our freedom of expression. What we decide to do with our body and how we represent ourselves are symbols with which we choose to identify ourselves.

However, representing one's own faith through the means of worn symbolic items is a necessity to achieve democracy and freedom within a nation of all types of people, not just an individual. France used its decision to explain that this frees the people from inequality. How is that so? Is it not a way to claim that we are all unequal in our rights to practice our religion freely? Seems to me like this is injustice in bold print.

Besides, there's a fine line between representing your faith through the means of symbols and practicing your faith in the form of attire when it's an essential part of your religion.

For Muslim women, the headscarf, called Hijab in Arabic, is an obligation and a duty. It distinguishes them from amongst the other women in their society. To Muslim women, covering is vital to their self-identity that signifies protection, shield and security. It is the covering of their body, and hair that helps prevent sexual harassment from the outside world and allows them to receive just treatment from

others, not based on their sexual appearance as females, but rather their work and personality as humans. So, they are not just asked to cover as an order, commanded by God, but they use this for their own benefit and highly esteem it.

In every religion, you often find some sort of symbolic way to characterize it. Sometimes this symbol can be critical to the practice of the religion and sometimes it's only a way to show pride in the faith by freely expressing it.

For Muslim women, the long-time worn, head scarf is essential to their religion and in adhering to their valued beliefs that women should not be presented in an explicitly sexual manner and should present themselves modestly, covered externally as a way of building purity of their hearts and actions both externally and internally.

For others, this may not seem like much, especially that many of us see this head scarf as another reason to believe that women are oppressed in Islam. But for the practitioners themselves, they see freedom and equality in covering because it gives them just that. So shouldn't they hold the authority of defining their values, or is it up to the government to define their values? One day our values too? It's possible, because it's already happening.

Price of losing the war on terror



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The images of the massacre at the school in Beslan, Russia should engrain themselves into the mind of every American, no matter which ideology they claim. The news from that horrible incident is the very reason we must unite against those who want nothing less than the destruction of our country, and us along with it.

Make no mistake; these people were not Chechen rebels, as the news media would have us believe. They were Muslim extremists who were in league with the Chechen rebel leaders Aslan Maskhadov and Shamil Basayev, a known Muslim terrorist. The Russian Security Service confirmed that ten of the terrorists came from Saudi Arabia and several of them were women. This was not just a strike against Russia for a free Chechnya. It was a strike against the world in the name of radical Islamists.

The barbarism displayed on video tapes from inside the school during the siege is what we need to remember. The leader of the group holding more than 1200 parents and children hostage shot one of his fellow terrorists and blew up



Soldiers continue the hunt for bin Laden and other terrorists.

two more who were women for no other reason than to frighten the hostages and the authorities outside. One adult and one child were set on fire to further the terror of the hostages, reinforcing their resolve.

At the conclusion of the siege, one of several bombs exploded, reportedly by accident, and it prompted several hostages to escape. Video, taped from outside the school, showed children being mowed down by machinegun fire. Then the whole building exploded, killing nearly all the hostages and terrorist together. The current body

count is 336.

Now I want to ask a question. When did this war start? Many will think it began on Sept. 12, 2001. This is wrong. Though the potential for terrorist action has been in the human psyche since our ancestors first picked up a club, this particular war began in 1979 when the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran was attacked and captured. When we were unable to secure the compound by diplomatic or military means, the extremists within the Muslim world saw this as weakness and began a program of terror lasting through the pres-

ent day. In the period from 1981 to 2001, culminating with the destruction of the World Trade Center, there were over 7500 terrorist attacks worldwide.

Having spent two years of my life in and around the Middle East, I can say without reservation that the vast majority of Muslims do not support these barbarians. However, we have to put ourselves in their shoes for only a moment to understand why that same majority of Muslims can say nothing in our defense. They are afraid to do so. Think about the Christians in Nazi Germany who remained silent

about the slaughter of the Jewish population. The Nazis herded any that did, nearly 6 million of them, to the concentration camps as well. The peaceful Muslims are no different.

The Muslim terrorists do not want us to give up like the French and the Spanish have. They want us to die. Their whole existence is to kill all infidels. Our total destruction is the only thing that has meaning to them. They will leave those countries that capitulate to their terror tactics alone until we are defeated. Once we are out of the way, nothing will stop them from doing the same to all the others.

Our very existence is at stake, not in a melodramatic way, but in a real, everyday-is-precious way. The scenes from the Russian school will happen here if we do not bury the political hatchet and unite in an emotional resolve against which the terrorists cannot fight. We must learn to realize that all the freedoms we have today are the result of that same kind of resolve on the part of all those who lived by a certain, and today, sadly reticent, attitude. A real citizen is one who makes it his or her personal responsibility to ensure that the freedoms we hold dear remain even to the point of laying down their life for it. Are we ready to fight for what we have? Soon, unless we all wise up, we will have to do just that.

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Bush fishing for votes



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Campaigning is at full throttle now as Kerry and Bush travel from one swing state to the next. Bush's prospects of winning are precarious at this point. Bush's fate may depend on transitions in pivotal issues such as the stability of Iraq and the viability of the American economy

The economy's sluggish pursuit towards full employment refutes the predictions of many economists, prompting concern to taxpayers as well as the Bush administration.

Along with job creation, immigration statistics have captivated attention.

Many taxpayers are upset about lenient immigration laws, or rather existing laws that are not enforced. There are about eight million illegal immigrants living in

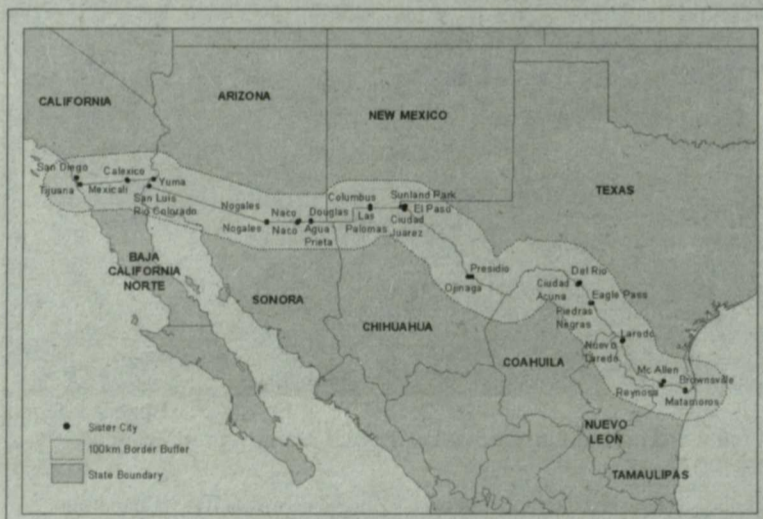
the U.S causing economic problems within the social welfare system.

Illegal immigrants do not pay income taxes. Yet the government gives them assistance in areas such as education, criminal justice and emergency medical care. The cost of government services in the state of California alone for illegal immigrants peaked at \$3 billion in one fiscal year. This stimulates hostility from conservatives who are already opposed to government assistance.

There are various remedies to this problem with variable costs to taxpayers. We could tighten security around our borders, punish undocumented immigrants in the country and/or punish employers who hire undocumented immigrants.

However, the last thing the Bush administration will do is propose stricter immigration policies during an election year. If so, he would only antagonize registered immigrants and business people who exploit immigrants in the labor market.

About 70 percent of all illegal



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Illegal immigrants are coming from Mexico in record numbers.

immigrants are from Mexico, according to the San Antonio Express-News. In the 2000 election, Bush received 35 percent of the Hispanic vote. This election year Bush proclaims, "Our nation needs an immigration system that serves the American economy and reflects the American dream" to muster more votes.

To exhibit, Bush has proposed a guest-worker program that will

allow illegal immigrants working in the U.S to attain a three-year work permit, while allowing them to transfer social security benefits back home as an incentive for them to move back home.

I am sure the GOP is confident this policy will assure Bush more than 35 percent of the Hispanic vote this year. As he stated, it "reflects the American dream." Moreover, tactless business people

will surely support Bush for the ways in which this policy "serves the American economy" by granting amnesties to immigrants. For them, more immigrants available to supply labor equals low cost of production, thereby more profit.

Congruent with his opposition to deportation, Bush claims allowing them to transfer social security benefits back home will provide incentive for them to return home willfully, which he hopes will appease obtuse conservatives and moderates concerned about the exploitation of the welfare system. Discordantly, any attentive person would realize this policy only provides incentive for more foreigners to try harder to sneak across the border. Why would they not if they know amnesty is subsequent?

The more you dissect this deceptive ploy, the more you will question if it is really about immigration reform or amassing more votes.

Reflecting the second nature of American politics, Bush is counting on the people's illogicality and gullibility to move ahead. But what else is new.

Point of protests

protesters seek to be heard and to educate

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When I think about the word "protesters," a flurry of images enter my mind including those of Tiananmen Square, the young woman who chose to live in a tree to take a stand against development and even the most recent protests at the Republican Convention. The idea of protest seems futile to most people.

People may be uncomfortable in the presence of someone who is passionate about their beliefs. At the sight of some protesters, I am struck with how little I know and how uneducated I might be about their cause. I am taken aback by the idea that someone would believe in something so much that they would be willing to be arrested for it. Such a sight makes me want to learn and educate myself more and more every day. The most that I can say is that I would be willing to die for people in my life that I love.

Just last week there seemed to be scores of people willing to risk themselves for their cause.



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Tens of thousands gathered in New York in protest of the RNC.

At this year's Republican National convention thousands of protesters demonstrated on various topics such as AIDS awareness, prescription drug prices, the war in Iraq, the unemployment rate and union policies. Out of the several thousands of people that protested at the convention this year, almost 2,000 protesters were arrested concerning protest activities. Still what does protesting really accomplish? Most likely, the protesters at the convention didn't accomplish anything except perhaps some disturbing memories for onlookers.

The most substantial achievement seemed to be the small feat of briefly interrupting the presi-

dent's speech before demonstrators were escorted out by security.

So what is the purpose of protesting? To be heard, to educate and to stop events from happening. Though those protesters may not have stopped the convention, they were heard, even if it was by a crowd of people who did not agree with them. They had stories written about them and then those stories were most likely forgotten in the fray of the events in the following days.

Still, I do think that there is a point to protesting, I think we need it in this country, because if we take away free speech, we are

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You could be next

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In early August, my computer was infected by a nasty virus known as a worm. A friendly computer technician informed me that nothing could be done to fix the problem and that my entire hard drive needed to be erased.

This probably isn't the only time you've heard of a computer problem like this. Those of you that had a class in Computer Lab 105 in the General Classroom Building last spring may remember a worm infecting the computers conveniently during finals. I had a class in there that that took the final on the computer. We were hindered by the fact that the machines shut down every few minutes.

In fact, there has been a rash of viruses and computer terrorism sweeping the United States in recent months. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is devoting space to giving computer advice to readers that includes the beat on new viruses and ways to protect your computer.

It seems that Microsoft operat-

ing systems, with all their security holes, have been the target of vicious hackers. Microsoft is currently working on a major security update for Windows XP that will supposedly fix possible glitches in the system. The process is moving slowly so that confusion among users stays low and to keep major glitches in the security update from happening.

The worst and most notorious of these viruses is the MyDoom worm, which first appeared early in 2004. The first version of the worm hijacked e-mail addresses from one computer and sent what at first appeared to be a safe message to all the names in the address book. But the e-mail would be the worm and the process would repeat itself, spreading rapidly to thousands of computers.

MyDoom reappeared over the summer, attacking major search engines such as Google and the Microsoft Corporation's website.

Little buggers like Spyware and Adware have ways of getting onto your computer, allowing marketers to see your web surfing habits. While not really harmful to your computer, they are a nuisance

and can slow your computer down.

Here are a few tips on how to protect yourself:

- 1--Put anti-virus software on your computer. This program allows you to download software updates that protect your computer from all the new viruses.
- 2--Put a firewall on your computer. A firewall blocks unwanted programs from accessing your machine and asks your permission to let programs access the Internet.
- 3--Get a program like Spyware Blaster that when run, will find Spyware and Adware on your computer and erase it.
- 4--Avoid opening e-mail attachments that don't look safe.

These are just a few tips on protecting yourself. If you have a computer that runs any Windows operating system, then you should strongly consider taking these steps to protect yourself.

Hackers are becoming more creative each day and are staying one step ahead of the experts. The threat of major viruses sweeping the Internet is likely to get worse. Taking a few precautions and is a good step toward avoiding unnecessary stress.

PANTHER POLL



Do you think it's important to keep up with politics?



John-Marc Parsons/Senior

"Absolutely. Democracy works best with a well-informed electorate."



Jason Brye/Senior

"Yes, it affects us all."



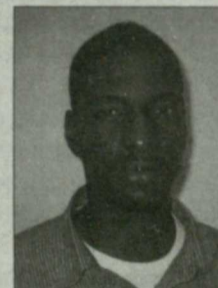
Shannon Davis/Senior

"Yes, to make the best decision, you must make an informed decision."



Donald Williams/Sophomore

"Yes."



Kareem Bishi/Junior

"Yes, politics determine our way of life."



Ashley Norton/Freshman

"Somewhat. The rules of the world may not be the way."

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Mission unconscionable

How congressional Democrats tried to castrate the CIA



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The Kerry Campaign and the Democrats have lately busied themselves by blaming Bush and U.S. intelligence failures for the disastrous events of 9/11. Fair enough: Bush was President at the time, and preventing such disasters is part of what our intelligence services are supposed to do.

However, even if you temporarily ignore Clinton's eight years of near-criminal negligence in this matter, what the Kerry Campaign is hoping you do not remember is that Democrats spent much of the 1990s fighting to either cut intelligence funding, stop all funding increases or eliminate intelligence capabilities completely. Yes, you read that last item correctly. There actually was a Democratic Party call for the elimination of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

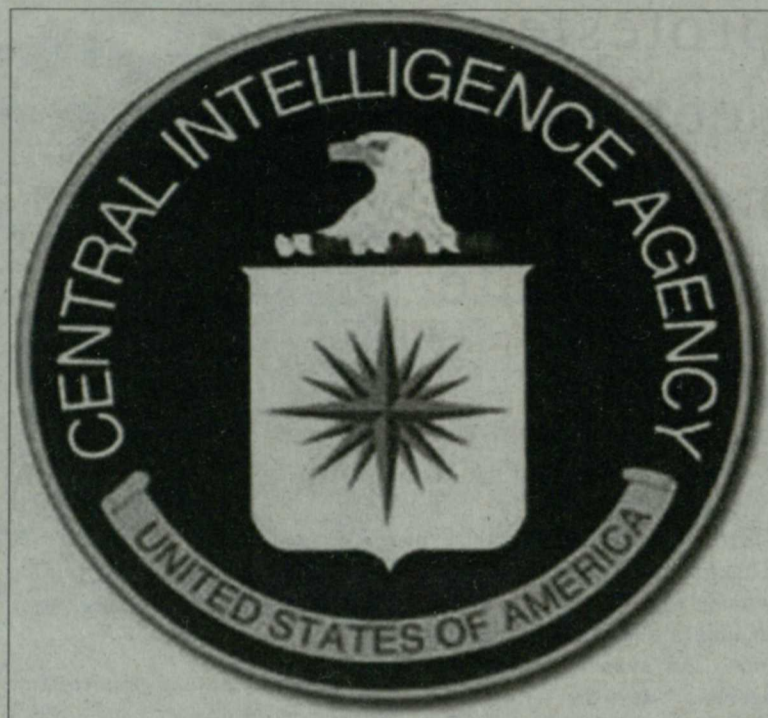
Shortly after the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, Congressman Bernie Sanders (Independent/Socialist - VT) introduced an amendment to cut funding for federal intelligence budg-

ets. Sanders regularly introduced his amendment every year afterward (stopping only after the 9/11 attacks), and each time he did, scores of Democrats in Congress voted with him. The rank-and-file Democrats were not the only ones to support these funding cuts. The Congressional Record (CR) documented all these indisputable facts, and what follows below is a synopsis of CR voting information originally reported by FrontPageMag.com.

Dick Gephardt (D-MO), the House Democrat Leader, voted five times to cut intelligence funding, and David Bonior (D-MI), the number-two Democrat leader, voted for cuts all ten times the amendment was introduced. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) voted for the cuts three times despite her seat on the Intelligence Committee. Chief Deputy Whips

John Lewis (D-GA) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) also repeatedly voted for cuts and Ron Dellums (D-CA), a top Armed Services Committee Democrat from 1993 to 1997, cast eight votes for the reduced funding. Two of the cut amendments got the votes of every single sitting Democrat in the House leadership.

Pat Schroeder (D-CO), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), and Marty Meehan (D-MA) either chaired or were ranking Democrats on Armed Services subcommittees, from 1993 through 1999. During their subcommittee tenures, each voted for the Sanders' cut amendment every single time it was offered. Dave Obey (D-WI), the senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, and a man with influence over how the federal checkbook is used, voted seven times to reduce funding for



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Democrats in Congress tried many times to undercut the CIA.

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U.S. intelligence.

Despite being warned in 1994 that proposed intelligence funding cuts would seriously magnify budget damage already realized by inflation, 154 House Democrats still voted to cut intelligence funding in 1996, and 158 Democrats repeated the offense in 1997. Sadly, Democrats with committee positions controlling national security voted for most or all the amendments, and the ultimate act of Democrat irresponsibility occurred when Maxine Waters (D-CA) called for abolishing the CIA in March 1997.

The 1993 World Trade Center bombing apparently prompted Bernie Sanders to call for his very first intelligence-funding cuts. Incredibly, Osama bin Laden's 1998 fatwa, the one condemning every American man, woman, and

child, led Sanders to enlist the help of Democrat Peter DeFazio (D-OR) for the purpose of authoring yet another intelligence-funding-cut amendment.

And then there were the words of Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, four years prior to 9/11, as recounted by Peter Goss in a Tampa Tribune story: “Now that [the Cold War] struggle is over, why is it that our vast intelligence apparatus continues to grow?” (Gee, John, I wonder.)

The entire sordid tale of how Democrats sought to undermine U.S. national security in the decade leading up to 9/11 can be found at FrontPageMag.com's website. The article, dated March 24, 2004, is by David Horowitz. For more information see: <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=12701>.

Come November, Canada may be tempting

By JEREMY BEECHER
Daily Trojan

U. of Southern California

LOS ANGELES – If I weren't looking at the polls, I would laugh at most of the White House's antics.

Instead, I'm wondering if I can get a Canadian visa. Has America gone mad?

Wednesday, a third federal judge declared Bush's pet project, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, unconstitutional.

It was child's play for the White House to write off the first two judges -- in San Francisco and New York -- with their usual "liberal, out-of-touch, activist judges" shtick. (Let's not get started on those terrible activist judges and the atrocities they've been responsible for, like desegregation, voting rights for all and, lest we forget, placing the current president in office.) But Wednesday's ruling came from that pinko-commie bastion of Wichita, Kan., a place that's

got street cred with God-fearing conservatives. The fight looks over, but the thrice defeated are conceding anything but.

Not about to be caught asleep on the job, the Justice Department vowed it "will continue to defend the law to protect innocent new life from partial birth abortion."

It's tough to think back to the Stone Age, when the Justice Department actually defended the law, instead of the law they wished they had.

Fortunately, legal scholars almost unanimously agree that the ban is dead. But rather than focus on greater tasks at hand -- perhaps ensuring that registered minority voters aren't suddenly unregistered before November's election -- our tax money will be wisely spent to further flog a long-dead horse in the name of reelection.

But it's all symptomatic of the worrying trend of a White House that assaults Americans with policies that are sometimes ill-thought

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and sometimes just plain crazy but always politically savvy, and then does its best to pretend they aren't. See last year's Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which penalizes pregnant women's killers.

Of course, even, perish the thought, liberals don't condone violence against pregnant women. It's just that many think the law is pretty clear about murder, pregnant or not. A wholly redundant law like this one masquerades as something the public needs. In fact, it's just politics played to the

hilt. A president who cares about hapless pregnant women is a president who can pull off the facade of a compassionate conservative.

And who can forget the president's first act in office, when he cut funding to the United Nations Population Fund, which educates women in third-world countries about birth control and reproductive options, but apparently failed to showcase abstinence as the only true birth control?

Are these people for real?

As the administration grows ever more radical, the choice in November, it becomes clear, is about a lot more than Iraq and Iran. The consequences are greater than "One nation (under God?)" and allowing crosses on the walls of public schools.

This election is about re-electing a president who wants to move America backwards two decades and an administration that views social progress as a cancer. It's about a foreign policy that

unabashedly sees America's mission in Iraq as blessed by God and calls opponents traitors.

It's about a public that is lied to and manipulated, until it comes to view its manipulator as its savior. It's about an administration that introduces unpopular, regressive policies and then hammers them home with the word "God" until a public, who are just trying to be good Christians, coalesces.

It's about preserving America for all, instead of for the elite few.

But the truth is, Bush's opponents are on the losing side. Recent polls show John Kerry sliding downhill fast, with less than two months to go. I'm hopeful, of course, and I'm giving whatever money I can to groups that are getting the information out there.

I'm just not holding my breath. And one of these days, I'll find out where the downtown Canadian Consulate is. I hear Montreal is beautiful in the fall.

Campbell hurt himself and Atlanta

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worked with Campbell have been convicted or pled guilty to corruption charges, including a strip club owner who said that he gave Campbell \$50,000 in exchange for

charged on income tax evasion.

With all of the controversy afloat, most Democrats who served with or near Campbell during his time as mayor seem to be distancing themselves from him. All except, that is, the all-too-familiar faces from the civil rights movement. These are the type of people who love nothing more than the spotlight and would likely defend Osama bin Laden if he were black.

These charges will also do damage to the future business potential of the city of Atlanta. Much of Atlanta's growth during the past five decades has been from companies moving to Atlanta and from businesses bringing conventions to the city. This perception of having a corrupt government will surely persuade companies to take their business elsewhere.

Whether the charges against him result in jail time or not, Bill Campbell will go down in Atlanta history as the most fraudulent, disingenuous politician to hold elected office. His reputation as a dirty politician was carved in stone years ago and will only be reaffirmed by a conviction. The trial is expected to take place sometime next year.

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help in acquiring a liquor license. Another contractor, hired to do pre-Y2K services for the city's computers, claims he was asked "What's in it for me?" by Campbell. "Whatever it takes," he responded. It "took" around \$55,000, delivered in cash to Campbell.

Even with all of the current charges against him, many are suspecting that many other charges against Campbell were left out, not because they are unknown, but because they cannot be proven in a court of law. This is similar to Al Capone's case, America's most notorious gangster who was only

Power of protesting one of our major rights as citizens

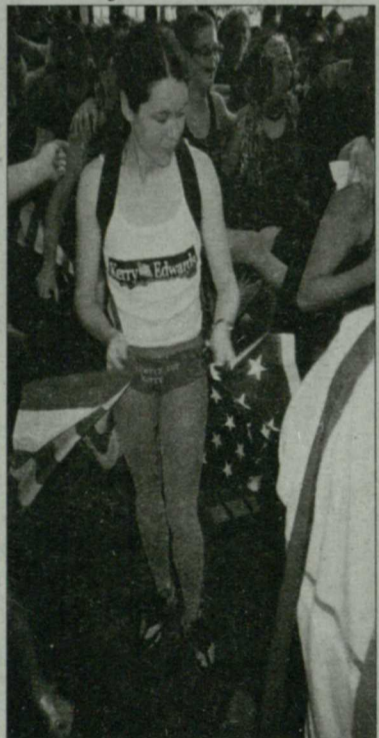
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left with scary conformist thinking. The minute that we stop raising our voices against what we feel is unjust, the easier we could

cause. However, to have a voice is a significant thing. To be able to express that voice is a privilege, a privilege that some do not have.

It seems to me that free speech and our vote are the significant powers that we have as citizens of this country. So, whether protests can solely produce change or not does not matter. It's that spark of questioning that we will always need, that one person who might disagree that makes us prove our point even more. Protesting is all about voicing an opinion, even if 90 percent of the world may dislike that opinion. We still need those voices, although they may be screaming about things we may not believe in.

It is the debate, the conflicting opinions and sometimes the moral dialogue that we need to remind us that we are not all the same, and that our differences can be tolerated understood. Though the sight of protesters may be an annoyance or sometimes even an offensive sight, I think that you have to respect people that are willing to express what they think to the possible ridicule or hostility of the public. Sometimes, they keep the rest of us just uncomfortable enough to want to become equally as passionate about our own beliefs.



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be silenced on whatever we have to say. I do not believe in violent protesters, people that would harm others for the sake of their

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April McFarland, (MS/MBA, '04) interviewed on campus for both internship and career positions. She was President of Beta Alpha Psi and worked closely with the Career Center to coordinate workshops and seminars. April had her resume critiqued by UCS and attended all workshops. She is currently employed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Atlanta.

Are You the Next Apprentice?

The hit show "The Apprentice" and Donald Trump have caused people all over the country to start thinking about their careers and how to become successful. While you may never make it to the nationally televised reality TV show, there are some very practical steps in moving towards career success and getting the job you want after college.

University Career Services (UCS) is in the business of helping students make career decisions, gain the practical experience necessary to get your career off to a good start, successfully get through the all important interviewing

stage, and lastly get through the first year on the job without hearing the words, you guessed it... "You're Fired!"

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Let's Get Real...



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Reality TV has become very popular in our culture. This new brand of "Must See TV" entices viewers with the opportunity for instant fame, wealth, and success, particularly in the area of careers. While these shows may be entertaining, the reality is, the road to career success is still paved with careful planning, preparation, and effort. Career development is a *life long process* and since it is often a solitary task, we know you can use some help. University Career Services' goal is to be "Your Personal Career Consultant". UCS programs and services are based on "providing what you need when you need it".

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Student Voices

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Hollis West (Junior, Management)
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Co-op

Sybil Davis (Senior, Political Science)
Co-op affords me the opportunity to work and gain experience in my desired field. It's a wonderful and convenient program for students who work and go to school at the same time!

Internship

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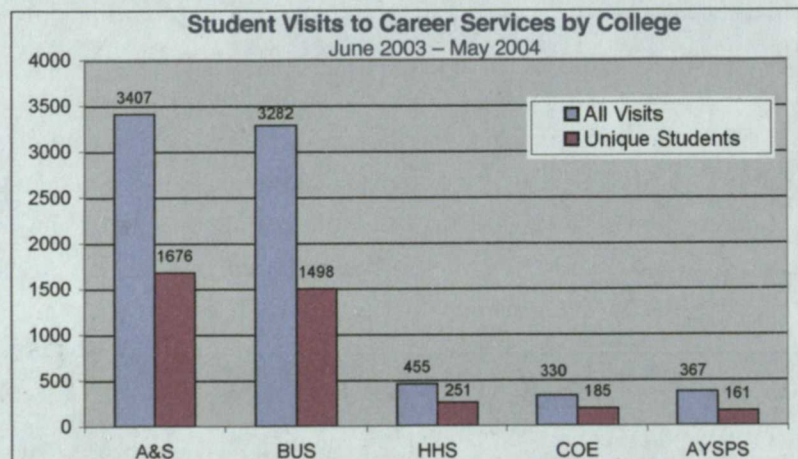
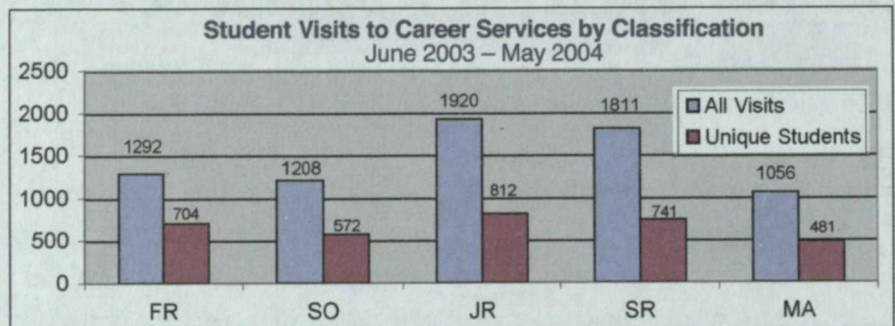
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Are You in These Numbers?

The University Career Services staff invites you to come by 260 University Center and get acquainted with the resources and services available at the new Career Center.



Preparing for the Real World

"Everyone tells me I need to choose a major."

"I don't know what I really want to do in life."

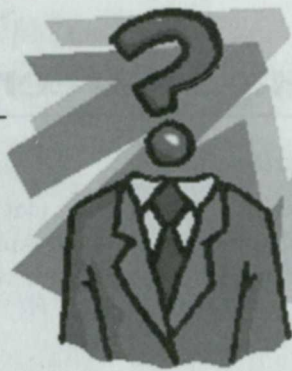
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Researching Careers—by providing resources for reviewing information on occupations.



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Narrowing your choices so that you can realistically manage them, and

Choosing a major based on your research and self-assessments.

University Career Services has many resources, programs and services available to help you along the path from undecided student to career professional. Take the first step and drop by the office soon.

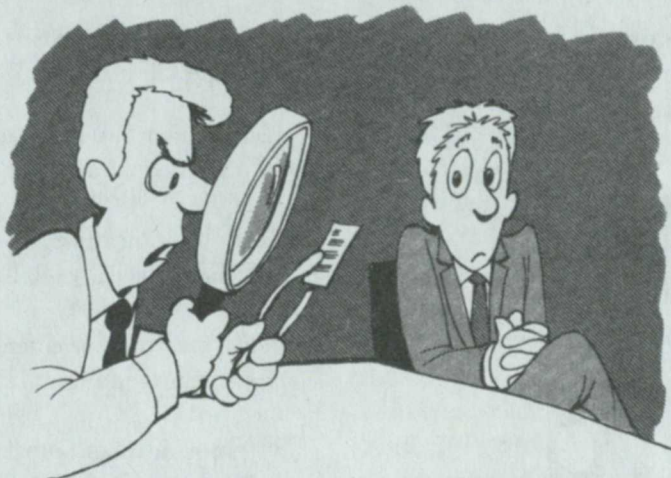
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- Start to explore various careers. Acquaint yourself with the resources available in UCS Career Library.
- Attend career seminars, workshops, and special events sponsored by UCS, academic departments, and other campus organizations.
- Consider summer or part-time work, which could provide you with added skills and exposure to work settings, job functions, and job related qualifications. Visit the Career Library for on- and off-campus job listings.
- Determine what skills you need to improve, i.e. communication, computer, leadership and cross-cultural skills.

Sophomore Year

- Consider academic majors that will combine your interests and skills with tentative career goals. If you are undecided, visit UCS.
- Develop and enhance skills by being involved in student organizations, volunteer work, or part-time employment.
- Attend a UCS orientation and register for assistance with internships and cooperative education opportunities.
- Speak with professionals in career fields that interest you.
- Choose your major and plan the rest of your curriculum with the assistance of your academic advisor, personal mentor and a career counselor.
- Investigate off-campus study/independent research in your chosen academic field.
- Select elective coursework that will broaden your academic foundation and add critical skills.

Junior Year

- Conduct information interviews in preparation for your job search. Continue attending career information seminars with more focused interest.
- Enhance your qualifications for your chosen career area by gaining work experience through an internship, co-op, and part-time or summer job.
- Consider graduate study. Utilize UCS library resources to investigate various schools and programs.
- Attend the following UCS workshops:
 - Resume Writing
 - Job Search Skills
 - Interviewing Skills
 - Job Search Correspondence
- Begin researching organizations that interest you.

Senior Year

- Organize your job search or graduate school application process early.
- Identify necessary steps and develop an implementation plan.
- Register for on-campus interviewing and check the daily job listings.
- Polish career management, business etiquette and job search skills.
- Stay motivated and proactive during your job search. Employment opportunities are available but they can be directly proportional to the amount of effort you put into looking for them.
- Utilize UCS resources to maximize your job search efforts.



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Road Rules goes International

As an **International Student** you know how challenging it can be to navigate the American workplace. UCS is available to help you make each step of your career search successful. Our staff will work with you on any aspect of career development. Discover what your skills and interests are, tie these into a rewarding program of study or an internship, and you can find a career position you will enjoy.

Whether your plan is to go back to your home country or to gain the appropriate visa status to work in the U.S., we provide several workshops that give you an advantage. We offer American-style resume writing and interview skills workshops covering key topics such as self-promotion, non-verbal communication, grooming, and preparation to ask and

answer tough interview questions. In all of these workshops we consider how possible conflicting cultural values may affect your efforts, as well as what advantages your international experience gives you.

We also have a special upcoming program tailored to international students—a videoconference, ***The Job Search for International Students***. This videoconference will be broadcast live from the University of Tennessee on **Wednesday, September 29th, in the Speakers Auditorium in the Student Center from 5:00 – 6:30pm**. It will cover several topics ranging from immigration law to first-hand job search experience for international students. This is free of charge to GSU students. Please join us!



Explode Your

Myths about Choosing a Career

Once I choose a career, I'll be stuck in it forever.

Not true. If you are unsatisfied in your career for any reason, you can always change it. You'll be in good company. Many people change careers several times over the course of their lifetimes.

If my best friend (or brother, mother, or neighbor) is happy in a particular field, I will be too.

Everyone is different and what works for one person won't necessarily work for another, even if that other person is someone with whom you have a lot in common. If someone you know has a career that interests you, look into it, but be aware of the fact that it may not necessarily be a good fit for you.

There's not much I can do to learn about an occupation without actually working in it.

While first-hand experience is great, there are other ways to explore an occupation. You can read about it either in print resources or online. You can also interview those working in that field.

Choosing a career is simple.

Actually, choosing a career is an involved process and you should give it the time it deserves. Career planning is a multi-step process that involves learning enough about yourself and the occupations which you are considering in order to make an informed decision. UCS can help make the career choice process enjoyable and successful.

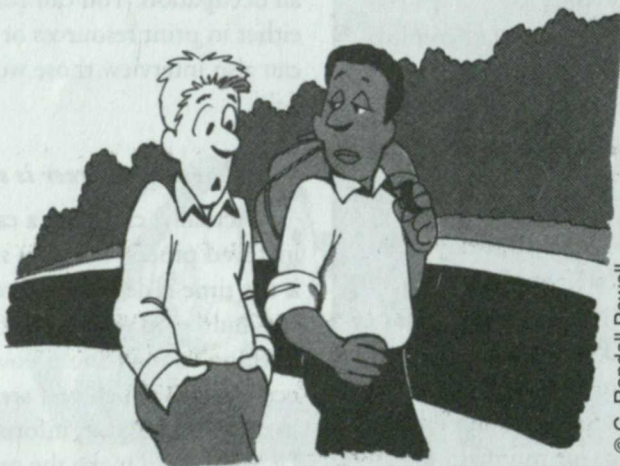


Eliminate the Interview Fear Factor

If one is well prepared there is no need for the Fear Factor to rear its ugly head. **Here are some tips to help you achieve the most important element in any interview—CONFIDENCE:**

- ✓ Be on time.
- ✓ Research, Research, Research the company, the culture, the job.
- ✓ You only have one chance to make a good first impression. Dress professionally. Smile. Have a firm handshake, and make eye contact.
- ✓ Practice answers to tricky questions such as: What are your weaknesses? Where do you see yourself in five years? Why did you select your major in college?
- ✓ Answer the questions that are asked and don't ramble.
- ✓ Make sure that all information you have provided is correct.
- ✓ Brush-up on business etiquette. You may find yourself in a social setting during an interview process.
- ✓ Write thank you notes to each person with whom you interviewed as soon as you get home.
- ✓ Take along additional resumes, and paper and a pen for notes in a neat, organized portfolio.

*Be prepared, on time, positive, and relaxed...
and you'll have nothing to fear.*



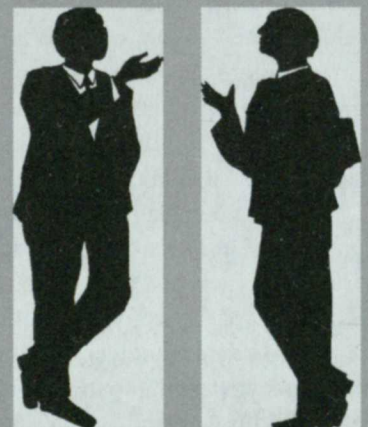
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I could tell by the Interviewer's body language that I wasn't doing well...she got up and left the room.

Top 10 Skills Employers Look for in New Hires

1. Communication skills (verbal & written)
2. Honesty/integrity
3. Interpersonal skills (relates well to others)
4. Motivation/initiative
5. Strong work ethic
6. Teamwork skills (works well with others)
7. Analytical skills
8. Flexibility/adaptability
9. Computer skills
10. Detail-oriented

JobWeb.com – Career development & job search advice for new college graduates, National Association of Colleges and Employers



Dress for SUCCESS!

Although the workplace today is perceived as more casual than it used to be, it is still very important to dress in a professional and conservative manner for the all-important interview. Here are some guidelines to help you look your best.

Overall Appearance—Common sense dictates you should look clean and neat. Your suit and shirt should be pressed. Avoid perfume or cologne since your interviewer may be allergic. Cover any tattoos and avoid flashy jewelry. Limit pierced jewelry to ears only (women)—no tongue or nose rings! Carry a portfolio or folder large enough to carry your unfolded resume. Remember to bring a pen and paper in case you want to take notes.

*Proper grooming and the right outfit
will make you look
polished, professional and confident!*

HAIR

Invest in a neat haircut a week (not one day) before your interview. Shave/trim facial hair.

SHIRT

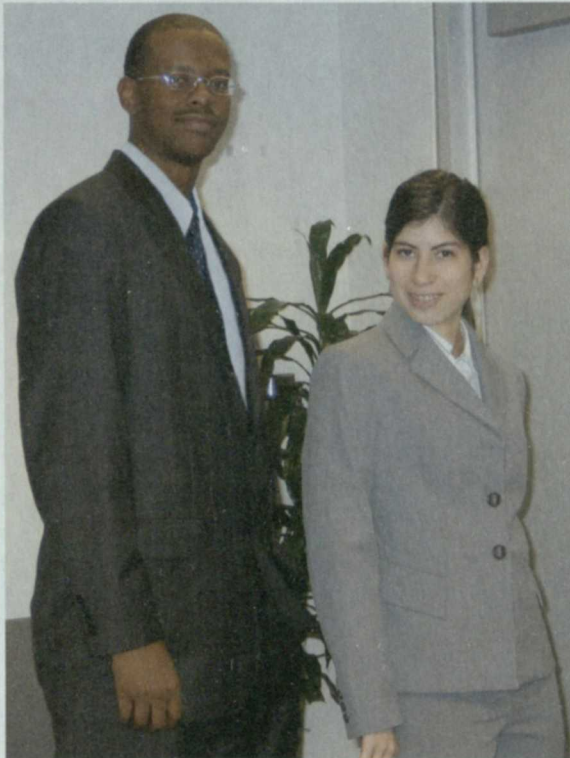
White, preferably cotton, long-sleeved dress shirt. Wear white undershirt.

TIE

Simple color or conservative pattern that matches your suit. Preferably silk—it gives you the best knot. Learn how to tie your tie correctly.

NAILS

Clean, neat, and trimmed.



SUIT

Dark, conservative two- or three-button, single-breasted suit in either navy or charcoal.

BELT/SUSPENDERS

If you're having trouble keeping your pants at your waist with a belt (black, conservative, to match your shoes), try suspenders. But never wear both at the same time.

SHOES

Black, well-polished, lace-up shoes.

HAIR

No wild haircuts, crazy colors or elaborate accessories. Keep it simple and neat.

MAKE-UP

Simple and natural. No gaudy colors.

BLOUSE

White, conservative, long sleeves. Not low-cut or sheer.

SUIT

One- or two-button jacket and knee-length skirt or slacks. Color of suit should be conservative navy or grey.

NAILS

Clean and neat, trimmed to a conservative length. Polish should be understated and subtle—no glitter or outrageous patterns.

SHOES

Black, well-polished with no more than a 1-inch to 1-1/2-inch heel. Wear natural or sheer black hose. Bring an extra pair of hose just in case.

Students pictured above: (L) Jabari Parker, BS Sociology '03 and (R) Joanna Galvez, BA Film '03 and BBA Marketing '04.

Mark Your Calendars



Job Search for International Students— Videoconference

September 29, 2004

Student Center
Speakers Auditorium
5:00 – 6:30 PM

2004 Career EXPO

October 7, 2004

Student Center
Ballroom
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Business Etiquette Dinner

November 9, 2004

Atlanta Hilton
(Advance tickets required)
6:00 – 9:00 PM

Spring Career Fair

February 3, 2005

Student Center
Ballroom
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Health Sciences Career Fair

February 23, 2005

Student Center
Ballroom
12:30 – 3:30 PM

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