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Urbanite celebrates four years serving university community

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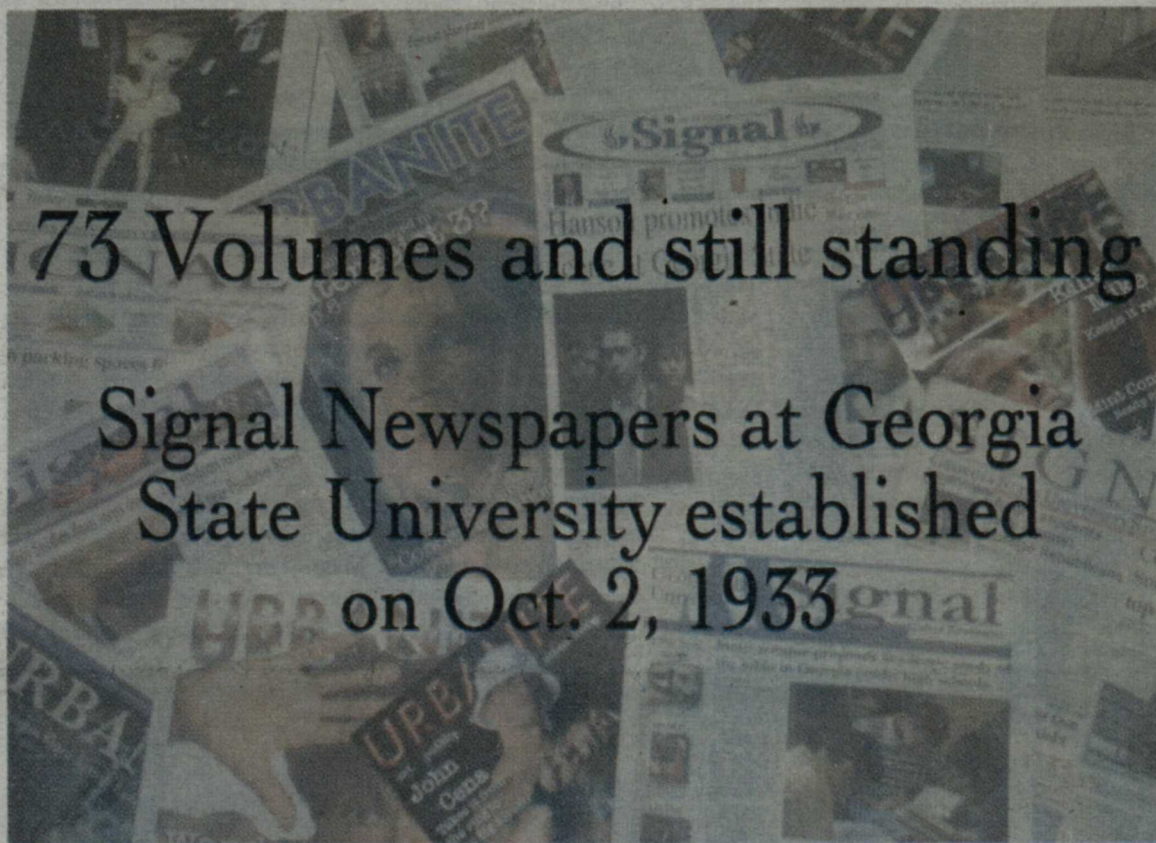
The Urbanite is an in-depth, knowledgeable, magazine about things going on in the entertainment industry. Students look to it for new restaurants, new movies and up-close-and-personal interviews with the latest and greatest celebrities, but the magazine was not always that way. The Urbanite has gone through a serious metamorphosis to become what it is today.

According to Robert Cooper, former editor in chief, associate news editor and third editor of the Urbanite, "The original plan for the Urbanite came from Former Editor Steven Sloan in 2001 or

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73 Volumes and still standing

Signal Newspapers at Georgia State University established on Oct. 2, 1933



The Signal | Urbanite is proud to celebrate their 73rd year in production, delivering campus news and commentary to the Georgia State University community and surrounding areas including Alpharetta, Brookhaven, Buckhead and Henry County.

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Signal in need of writers, journalism majors

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To say that Alexis Colvard is busy seems like an understatement. The second-semester junior is a full-time journalism major, a nanny and works a graveyard shift at Album 88, Georgia State's student-run radio station. On top of everything, she manages to find time to write multiple articles a week for the Signal and Urbanite.

Unfortunately, Colvard is just one of a handful of journalism students writing for the Signal this year. "Among both journalism students and the general student population, I'd say it's a pretty dismal situation at the Signal," Colvard said, referring to the number of

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Another student robbed on campus; Several suspects arrested

Police believe there are two groups of assaulters at work in the area

By DOMINIQUE HUFF
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Tony Graddick was just another student walking home from a night class minding his own business. As he proceeded on his normal walk from the Aderhold Learning Center through Woodruff Park, little did he know that he would become the fifth Georgia State student victimized in a series of robberies this semester.

"I first came across the individuals and they said something to me which I ignored," Graddick recalled. "The suspect first approached me when I got to the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Park Place. He asked me for my name and where I was from. I continued to ignore him as I walked."

Graddick would encounter the individuals again as he approached Hurt Park. At that time, the sus-

pects made their move on him. The group consisted of three black males and one black female. One of the suspects hit him in the back of the head with such strong force that he was knocked to the ground in the park.

"After I was knocked down, they started to jump on me and kick me on my sides," Graddick said. "Fortunately, two officers were nearby and came into the park and then the suspects fled the scene."

As he recalled, the suspects continued assaulting him as the officers approached the scene. After they realized the officers' presence, they fled. University Police Officers Paul J. Desvignes and a colleague responded to the incident through broadcasted radio traffic. Several eyewitnesses observed the suspect gain entry to the University Lofts Parking Deck

following behind a vehicle using the Piedmont Avenue entrance, police said.

"At that point in time, the officers pursued the suspects and were able to apprehend one of the male suspects inside the parking garage," Sergeant James Porter said. While in the garage, the officers found a male suspect hiding in the bed of a pickup truck on the seventh level, where the lights were out the and area was very dark, police said.

Upon apprehension, the suspect refused to comply and University officers had to hold him by gunpoint with his hands up until Atlanta Police arrived. The suspect refused to identify himself. Atlanta Police officials stated they would provide more information about the suspect as they proceeded with their investigation, police said.



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Graddick was walking through Woodruff Park leaving a night class when he first encountered his attackers.

Graddick informed the officers that, during his attack, the suspect in question asked him for his cellular phone and hit him numerous times as others joined in the attack. While he declined further medical observation, he did

report pains to his face and sides.

According to the police report, Desvignes concluded that the suspects often hung out in Woodruff Park and used the same

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A look at the Signal's editor in chief

To celebrate the 73rd Anniversary, the Signal is profiling present and former leaders of the paper to see what goes on behind the scenes. Check out the front page story and page 4 for more.

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"I love crime reporting, and unfolding things that people want to know about. It was as if I received a sign and was led into the journalism field." This same enthusiasm Rhonda Barnett possess is what led her to the position she holds now, editor in chief of the Signal, Georgia State's student-run award-winning newspaper. Barnett said, "Writing has been like a whirlwind for me. Going from just an average writer to editor in chief. Everything happened so fast."

Raising kids on her own, taking five classes at Georgia State, and writing two articles a week for the Signal, was the typical life of Barnett for quite some time.

Ever since fall of 2005, Barnett has been editor in chief of the Signal. Along with serving as editor in chief, Barnett currently works as a crime reporter for The

Cartersville Daily Tribune and has worked there since July 2006.

Barnett graduated from Georgia State University in 2005 where she received a B.A. in Journalism with a concentration in print. Even today, she continues to write for the Signal.

Barnett originally started at Georgia Southern University in 1997 where she completed one quarter. Barnett took a few years off and jump-started her career again at Georgia State University in 2000. It was not until fall of 2003 that Barnett launched her career with the Signal. Initially, she wrote for the News and Perspectives sections of the paper. She later expanded her writing and wrote articles for Living and Sports, and eventually wrote for every section of the paper.

Originally a psychology major, her passion for writing stemmed from working with the Signal—influencing her to change her major to journalism.

Throughout Barnett's tenure at the Signal, she has received a multitude of journalistic and professional awards, confirming why she has worked with several professional newspapers.

Barnett received "Best News Writer" in 2003. In the spring of 2005, she advanced through the

ranks at the Signal and became news editor. Plus, during the same time frame, Barnett was a recipient of the Warren Newman Memorial Scholarship, a journalism scholarship given to well-qualified journalism students each year at Georgia State.

Based on Barnett's leadership and quality commitment to the paper, Georgia State presented her with an award for outstanding leadership and service to the university in spring 2006. Also, in February 2006, Barnett and the entire staff at the Signal received the "Best Investigative News Story" by the Georgia Collegiate Press Association (GCPA).

Since 2005—when Barnett graduated from Georgia State University—she has taken her experience in journalism, passion for writing, and expertise to other professional newspapers. Immediately following graduation, in May 2006, Barnett was hired to the Marietta Daily Journal. She later went on to work for the Dekalb Neighbor Newspaper and the Bartow Neighbor Newspaper as a writer and reporter.

Even though Barnett loves writing, she says it takes hard work and dedication to serve as editor in chief of the Signal. "Currently working for the



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Rhonda Barnett got her start in the Signal as a staff writer. Her writing during her first year earned her the Best News Writer in the 2003-2004 publication year.

Cartersville Daily Tribune full-time and raising two kids as a single mother, sometimes the Signal can be like a third child for me," she said.

Barnett is in a managerial position at the Signal and she is primarily responsible in making sure everything is efficient and goes well with the Signal. "I often get upset if things aren't perfect with the paper," she said. Barnett also mentioned that the Signal is the only media group on campus that is not funded by Georgia State. That puts more stress on Barnett to ensure that the marketing and advertising departments

are flowing smoothly so the Signal will make the necessary money to function.

Barnett must attend monthly meetings with the Committee of Student Communications (CSC) at Georgia State to ensure that everything is working the way it should and that all the media groups are operating effectively on campus. "There has been a time where I had to bring my two little boys into the office of the Signal on a Sunday and we didn't leave until 2 a.m., trying to get paperwork done

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Location: Sports Arena
Time: 7:00 pm

October 4

Interfaith Dialogue

Location: Contact Intercultural Relations for location.
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Dance From The Street

Location: Suite 230, University Center
Time: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Brush Up On Your French

Location: Capital Suite, Student Center
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Check Yourself: Breast Cancer Awareness

Location: Sinclair Suite, Student Center
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

October 5

Future Black Law Students Association

Location: Suite 225, University Center
Time: 4:00p.m.

Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity

Location: Lanier Suite, Student Center
Time: 7:00 pm

October 6

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Location: Sports Arena
Time: 7:00 pm

October 7

Cross Country: Georgia State Invitational

Location: Panthersville
Time: 8:00 am

October 8

Men's Soccer: Georgia State vs. Northeastern

Location: Panthersville
Time: 1:00 pm

Volleyball: Georgia State vs. Northeastern

Location: Sports Arena
Time: 2:00 pm

October 9

LGBT Awareness Week: SafeZone State Training

Location: Suite 480, University Center
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 26 edition of the *Signal*, an article about the Spotlight Programs Board was ran that featured additional content that was not written by the writer. The additional content that featured a former board member speaking out was added by Dominique Huff. The writer was unaware of the editing as it was made after she submitted the article for print.

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- Letters should be 200-400 words maximum. The Signal will allow longer letters, but only in rare circumstances.
- Letters must include the full name(s) of the writer(s) and include their year and major. If the writer is a faculty member, they must include their title.
- Letters will be fact-checked before publication. The writer may be obligated to make changes to the letter for publication.
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From staff writer to editor in chief: Signal alumnus reflects back

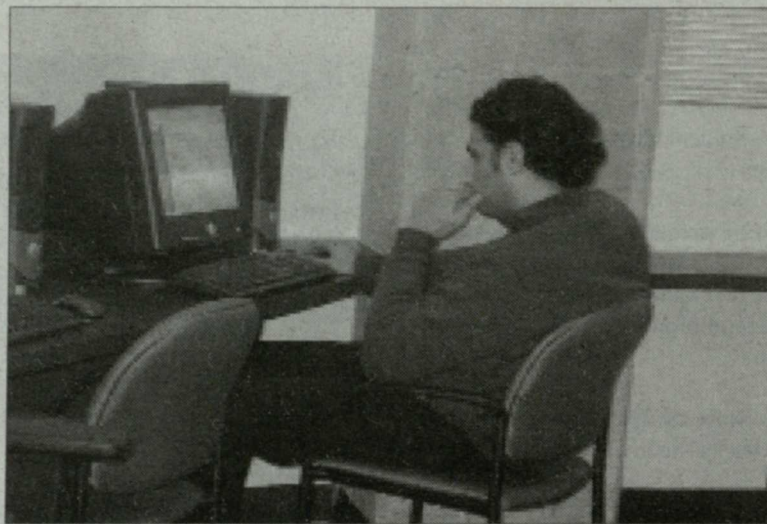
By DOMINIQUE HUFF
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Little did Steven Ericson know that his initial quest to become a staff writer for the Signal in spring 1999 would yield him the position of editor in chief a year later. Ericson, who moved quickly up the newspaper's ranks and expanded the reach of the Signal's coverage.

Under the urging of a professor, Ericson decided to publish some of his writing in the campus newspaper. "It was the easiest and quickest way to do some writing," he recalled. "He told me to do something with the student newspaper. When you don't pay people, you are always looking for writers." Upon the completion of the spring semester of 1999, Ericson applied to be the associate news editor for the 1999-2000 publishing year. The editor, Brad Pilcher, was so impressed with Ericson's work, he gave him the position of news editor.

Before Ericson could get comfortable at the News desk, he would find himself helping out with the Sports section as the editor vacated the position. While he was assisting with Sports, he attended a conference for the Signal where he discovered the paper was missing something—a managing editor.

"We did not have this position when I first started at the Signal. The news editor was the de facto person who people would go to if they couldn't get to the editor in chief," he said. "I learned something like a managing editor would allow a more clear cut chain of command for the staff. I brought



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One of Ericson's main accomplishments was getting the Signal its very own website to expand the reach of our coverage.

the idea back to Brad and he thought it was a good idea. He asked me to take on this responsibility."

Ericson found himself in the position of running the day to day operations of the Sports section and overseeing the work of other editors. He did all of this in addition to having a social life and taking challenging courses. This was no easy task as the Sports section lacked writers and Ericson worked hard to ensure Panther sports would be covered from all angles and aspects. "It is very difficult to find people at Georgia State who are interested in writing and covering Georgia State sports," he said. Nevertheless, Ericson completed the multitude of tasks without any complaints.

As the Spring semester of 2000 approached, Ericson was ready to be challenged for another aspect of Signal operations: editor in chief. "I wanted to take on the

challenge of being the editor. I felt like most of the challenges that were laid in front of me as sports and managing editor were addressed, resolved and improved," he explained. "I didn't feel like I was going to continue my growth as a journalist remaining in those roles."

When asked about the differences in the two positions, Ericson simply explained that it was a matter of responsibility. "Ultimately, if the paper looks bad, such as a glaring typo, the responsibility lays that the feet of the section editor then the editor in chief. As editor in chief, the good and bad all lay at your feet," he said. "The most difficult things I had to deal with as editor in chief were with the transition from sports editor to editor in chief. I tried my best to separate myself from being the sports editor and trying to have a hand in the happenings of that section. It was not an easy thing to do when you

have a passion for sports. Sure it was my paper, but it was that editor's section."

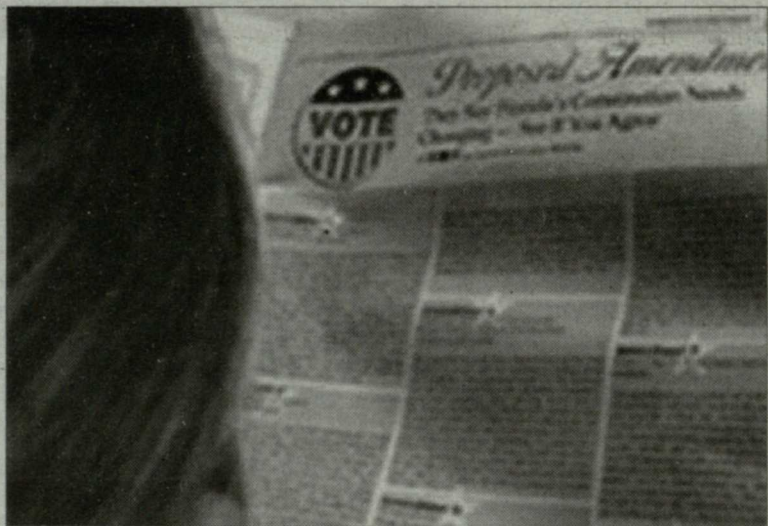
During the time Ericson worked for the Signal, Rampway was being revived into an online media publication. Previously, Rampway served as the campus yearbook up to 1998. In one edition of the Signal, a story ran on the front page that indicated that many expressed doubts in the success of the new online publication. The Rampway staff took four copies of that paper and framed them. On top of them, they wrote, 'life is not fair' and have it in plain view when you walk into their office.

Initially, Rampway and Signal were supposed to work together to develop an online presence for student media on the Internet. Ericson states that original content from both publications were to be on the site. "We wanted to turn it into a relationship that would ben-

efit both publications. If you heard about an article in the Signal and you were unable to pick up a copy, then you could read it on Rampway," he said. "The negotiations between the organizations fell through and there is where some of the ill will started. I think it continued to grow when you had two individuals working at the Signal applying for the same position and one did not get it."

Ericson did not blame the former Signal staff members for joining Rampway staff and admits he would have done the same thing if things did not work out for him at the Signal. Nevertheless, Ericson was still passionate about getting the Signal online and was approached by College Publisher, a company that hosts college newspaper websites. "At that point, everything dealing with

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Ericson considers the Signal to be a publication that seeks to improve the quality of Georgia State and the community.

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method of Robbery by Force as reported in previous assaults in the area. Shortly after the arrest, Atlanta Police apprehended two more suspects.

"We hope that the ones arrested will shed some light on other suspects," Major Lane Hagin of Atlanta Police stated during a recent interview. "There was nothing in the way of a gun or knife that one would typically associate with this type of incident. Usually, they would walk up from behind and push the person to the ground."

Previous attacks occurred in the Five Points areas near the Peachtree Street construction, Wall Street, Alabama Street and the

Rialto Theatre. When asked why the suspects chose Woodruff and Hurt Parks, Porter considered it a method of 'elusion.'

"I could only imagine that the suspects were attempting to elude officers and continue to commit criminal activities," he said.

Police officials are declining at this time to release names and photos to the public, as they want other victims to identify the suspects in a lineup. Those arrested include a 15 year old, a 21 year old and a 23 year old. The two recent arrests are being connected to an attack on Aug. 31 on Alabama Street.

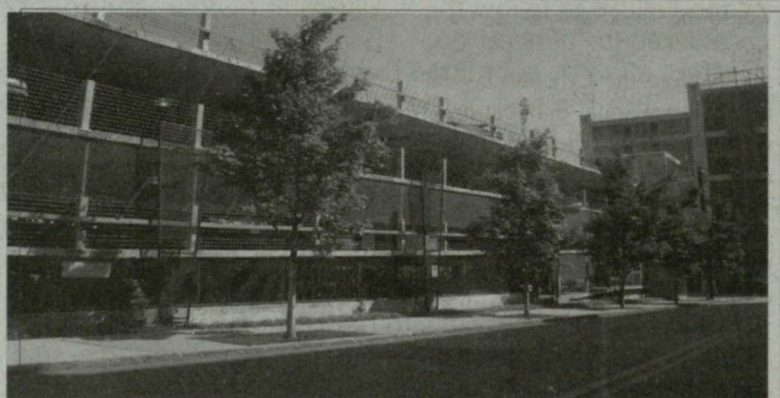
"We have been working in coordination with Atlanta the entire time with patrol efforts and investigations. We are investigating the leads and pursuing avenues," Porter said. "However, with any case under investigation,

there are other ways of [connecting] suspects to crime scenes [despite] the lack of eyewitnesses."

Police also believe that there are two separate teams of suspects in operation. In other attacks, victims have reported up to eight individuals involved, five male and three females. In the most recent attack, a juvenile female was able to get away.

It is unknown at press time what charges the suspects would face or if any other connection has been made to previous attacks. "Our patrol efforts have been stepped up in all areas of the campus with Atlanta Police and Capitol Police," Porter added. "We recommend that students stay vigilant of their safety concerns."

Graddick stated he was grateful that the officers were out during his ordeal. "I heard about the attacks and I saw the bruises of one



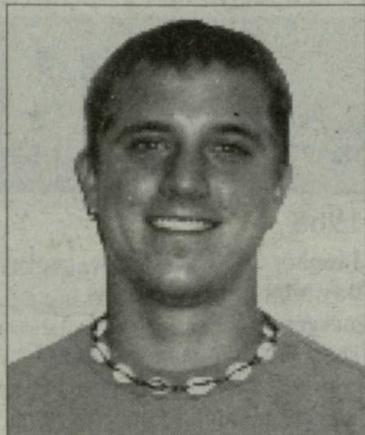
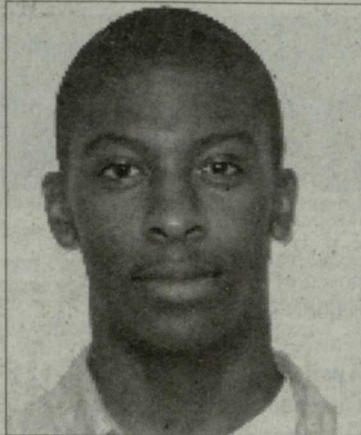
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One of the suspects was found hiding inside of a pickup truck in the Lofts Parking garage.

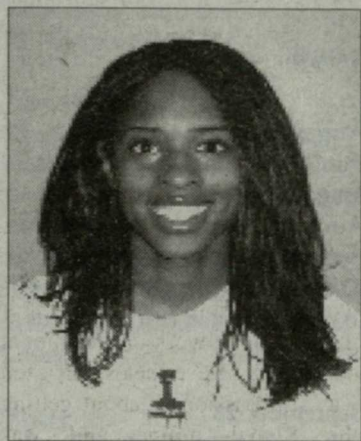
of the other victims and I just thank god," he reflected. "I think the police are trying their best and you never know when something is going to go down. Officers Buckley and Desvignes were there for me and did their jobs."

University Police offers safety

escorts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Escorts can be obtained by calling 404-651-2100. If anyone has any information concerning any of the attacks or remaining suspects at large, they are urged to call the same number.



Left: Robert Cooper, former editor in chief served as the third Urbanite editor during the preview year of 2002-2003. Right: Jeff Kubis served as the fourth Urbanite editor during the 2003-2004 and Bottom: Brandi Hunter served from 2004-2005.



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2003."

Former editor in chief Steven Ericson, who served as the Signal editor during the 2000-2001 school year agreed that Sloan deserved credit for developing the paper. "Steven Sloan certainly deserves a lot of credit for following that opportunity and creating a product out of it," he said.

Ericson expressed that the concept was talked about during his administration but nothing formal ever came from it. "We wanted to branch out and do something different. However, nothing was definitively proposed to the Committee for Student Communications nor internally within the editorial staff," he explained.

Cooper added, "The plan was to try and generate more revenue for the paper. They thought it would be good advertising revenue."

Before the Urbanite became its own separate publication, it was inserted into the Signal as the Arts and Entertainment Section. The section was removed at the end of the 2001-2002 school year. During the special four-week summer run of the Signal in July 2002, full-page ads in the Signal informed concerned students where the Arts and Entertainment news would be housed.

R.J. Walker served as the first Urbanite editor during its debut during the fall semester of the 2002-2003 school year. Former Production Manager Amanda Harris picked up where Walker left off when he left his position in October 2002. Cooper took over just a few weeks after that.

When asked about his focus for the Urbanite when he was editor, Cooper said, "I kind of fell in the position pretty quickly. My goal was to expand coverage, think of new ideas and add unique features. I eventually added restaurant reviews and got rid of the book reviews. We started to focus more on music and movies and getting more celebrity interviews."

After being asked about the Urbanite's progress, Cooper said, "I love the magazine idea and I thought it looked fabulous."

It was a previous editor's idea to make the Urbanite into a magazine and Cooper said, "I am glad to finally see it come to fruition."

Cooper also said, "It seems to me that, as time has gone on, the Urbanite has gotten away from the big feature story. The Urbanite used to be a two-page spread, tabloid size, but now it's down to magazine size. I did some stories on graffiti, and digital music with celebrity profiles interspersed."

In regards to some of the first stories covered in the Urbanite, Cooper said his main addition was the restaurant reviews. He would tell writers if they were going out to keep the restaurant in mind to write about it later. He said he also wanted to do more topical features.

Some of the early celebrities the Urbanite covered were Snoop Dogg, AFI, Thrice and Mandy Moore.

After Cooper became editor in chief in July 2003, Jeff Kubis took over as Urbanite editor. Brandi Hunter, Lelia Reagan and Brandon Wiggins also served in the capacity as editor of the magazine.

The latest issue of the Urbanite features John Cena on the cover and is full of places to hang out, eat, visit and enjoy. Next week's issue gets up close and personal with Ludacris.

Senior Byron Fitch, when asked how he felt about the Urbanite, said, "It's a riveting and dynamic magazine that keeps everybody in the know of what's going on."

The Urbanite has transformed from a weekly insert in the Signal to its own publication. It is now an insider's guide to entertainment news in Atlanta and the world. The Urbanite strives to be diverse and bring its readers the best places to visit, eat, play and simply live.

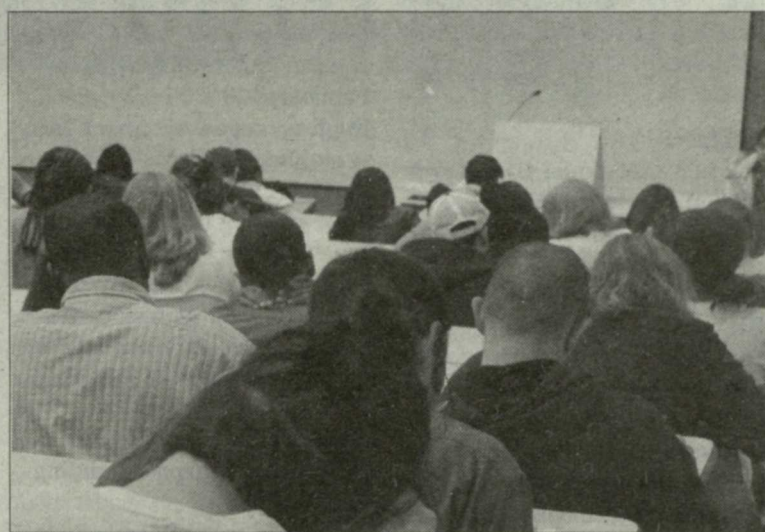
MCAT embraces major changes

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In an effort to keep up with the modern lifestyle of college students, the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) will convert to an entirely computer based format.

The upgrade to computer-based format will provide examinees and medical schools with more test dates each year, faster score results, a more controlled testing environment, and a shorter test day. As the exam is converted into the new format, the number of questions on the MCAT will be significantly reduced. "They have trimmed the number of questions by 30 percent. The question count has decreased without decreasing the amount of content covered," Matt Fidler, program manager for Kaplan explained. "The downside to having a computer-based test is now you have to know how to manipulate and utilize the computer functions."

The new MCAT will also include technology that can capture an examinee's thumbprint electronically, rather than on paper as is the current practice. This innovative verification technology will shorten pre-test check-in time and will enhance test administrators' ability to ver-



Jennifer Hayes | Signal

Students will no longer be taking a paper version of the MCAT. Now they will be using the computer to take the exam.

fy if examinees are eligible to take the test.

"Our goal is to enhance the testing experience for examinees and the usefulness of the results for the medical schools and other professional schools that use the MCAT," said Ellen Julian, associate vice president for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and director of the MCAT. "We have taken the time to do this right and are pleased with the project plan and the timeline."

In January 2007, test takers will be administered the new

exam. Fidler calls this an interesting move as previously the test was offered in April and August. "Many test takers were used to thinking about the test during those months. We know that some schools have a long winter break and some students will probably used the break to study for the MCAT," he said. "If you are thinking about applying for medical school in the early acceptance time frame, then you need to have your application in by June. Students

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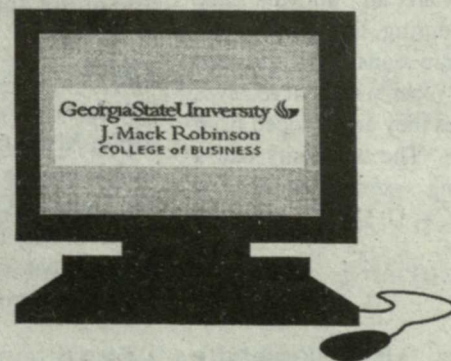
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December 3

Textbook cost at \$160,000 in year here

Atlanta Division students paid \$160,000 for textbooks during the last fiscal year, V.V. Lavroff, comptroller reports. Of this amount approximately \$106,000 was paid by the Veterans Administration for students under the G.I. Bill.

1952

April 11

3,532 enroll here in spring

Registration figures for the Spring Quarter are not completed, but Registrar J.D. Blair announced that 3,532 students are enrolled at the Atlanta Division this quarter.

1959

September 25

Freshmen find grading based on eight point system

Entering freshmen at Georgia State Fall Quarter will find absences and grading systems completely different from high school. Students who are enrolled in day classes at Georgia State are allowed nine absences during the quarter. No absences are considered excused absences. When a student receives 10 absences they are dropped from the course. The university had a plus grading system then: A+, A, B+, B, C, C+, D, D+, F.

1960

March 4

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity installs chapter at college

Thursday, Feb. 25, Pi Alpha Fraternity was officially initiated into the national fraternity of Pi Kappa Alpha. The ceremonies took place in the J. C. Camp Chapel at Georgia State College.

September 13

Second annual leadership conference held at Georgia State

Georgia State College held its annual student leadership conference on Sept. 9. The conference included a banquet and a helpful workshop with the theme, "How We Can Help Our College."

1961

January 17

Department of Army inspects ROTC unit

The Military installation at Georgia State has been on probation for several years because of failure to graduate enough Army Second Lieutenants.

February 28

Students organize to back faculty supplement drive

Students at Georgia State College are organizing in an effort to solicit support of a faculty supplement fund which will increase the salaries of their professors. The Help Fund will be a student drive to help--Help Elevate Low Pay.

November 9

New general purpose building to be Started

A dream of many Georgia State alumni, students and teachers will be soon fulfilled when the first phase of a two phase complex will be built in approximately six months at Decatur Street and Courtland Street.

1962

January 18

Georgia State's rapid Pprogress is reflected by the new name

Georgia State College of Business Administration is no longer. It is now shorter--by three words, Georgia State College.

August 8

Georgia State sorority wins national award

Georgia State's Delta Delta chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority was declared the outstanding Delta Zeta chapter in the nation by winning the sorority's Council Award at their 27th National Convention held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

1963

February 27

Alpha Xi Delta newest national social sorority

The Delta Xi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta sorority has become Georgia State's newest addition to the sorority world.

April 24

Sigma Nu wins best frat award

The "Most Outstanding Fraternity" trophy was awarded Friday night, April 19 to Sigma Nu at the annual Rose Ball held by Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. The formal was held at the Ansley Golf Club.

1964

January 3

Regents approve new degrees, programs for Georgia State College

Georgia State College received an increase in degree offerings in December by the appointment of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Approved by the Board of Regents was a Master of Science Degree with majors in biology and mathematics and a Master of Professional Accountancy degree. The MPA degree will supplement existing graduate degrees in accounting.

April 24

Plan told for mall proposal

Georgia State may finally get a campus, according to V.V. Lavroff, College comptroller and Dr. James H. Lemly, chairman of the faculty building and grounds committee. Plans presently "in the talking stage" include a "raised plaza or mall approximately at the same level as the main entrance of the new library building," Lemly said.

July 30

Construction begun for '65 Library

Ground was broken in July for State's new \$1,850,000 library which will furnish the College with space for 300,000 volumes and 700 readers.

1965

January 7

Regents approval of first PhD program at State announced

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has given Georgia State's School of Business Administration authorization to offer a doctorate in philosophy of economics.

February 4

National awards won by Signal

The Georgia State Signal has been nationally honored for outstanding journalism at the College Editors Conference on International Affairs. The Signal placed second nationally in the category of 'best coverage of an international issue by a writer for a non-daily newspaper.'

July 29

Patrick predicts 8,000 for Fall

A predicted 8,000 students, elevating State to the rank of the second largest college in the University System of Georgia will attend Georgia State Fall Quarter, says William S. Patrick, dean of admissions and registrar at the College

September 23

Players homeless without theater

Something has been taken from the Georgia State Players--their HOME! The Players have lost the Little Theater to the physics department and at this time are homeless, Professor James E. Sligh said Wednesday.

1966

March 31

Board of Regents approves plaza, two classroom buildings for State

The Board of Regents Approved construction of two classroom buildings and a plaza and additions to the new library and still unplanned health and physical education building.

1968

January 25

Day, night SGA's discuss merger

The night SGA announcement last week that it would present a new constitution to students in February was followed by a day announcement of its merger plans.

New regent favors university status

"Georgia State deserves university status at this stage of the game. It has earned this on merit and with the aid of the Board of Regents," said Lee Burge, fifth district Regent of the University System

SCLC leader at State: King sees hope of America in white youth

Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said Thursday at Georgia State he sees the hope of American in the young white generation. "I see the willingness to do away with racism," King said. "I see a new willingness to use moral power, to deal with humanitarian issues."

February 29

State needs football

Georgia State College is definitely lacking something. This something is a football team, and asset which would reap innumerable benefits for us and the College.

April 23

Students to vote on SGA merger

The Day and Night Student SGA of Georgia State have approved the new SGA constitution which is the first step in the combination of the two bodies.

September 26

Current enrollment tops 11,000 figure

Fall quarter enrollment at Georgia State has topped 11,000 in day and evening classes. Although the final figure has not been compiled, registration is again the highest ever.

1994

August 2

Intoxicated driver plummets 30 ft. from bridge

Despite efforts to stop, Nancy Bradford drove her vehicle off Courtland Bridge, which was undergoing reconstruction of its infrastructure. Bradford suffered visible but non-life-threatening injuries.

1995

January 31

College of Law joins AALS

Georgia State University's College of Law joins the

Association of American Law Schools, an organization composed of the most elite law schools in the nation.

April 25

Governor closes campus

Governor Zell Miller directed Georgia State University to shut down operations at noon on Friday, April 28 and remain closed on April 29 in response to anticipated activity at Freaknik '95.

1999

August 24

PantherCash to shorten some long lines

Auxiliary Services introduced the PantherCash system on August 9. The new program allows students to use the card in lieu of cash or credit cards.

September 28

School of Policy Study officially named after Young

The School of Policy Study was renamed Friday, September 24, after former congressman, United Nations ambassador, Atlanta mayor and civil rights advocate Andrew Young.

October 12

New communities make college life less daunting

The introduction of Freshman Learning Communities are giving freshmen students a chance to have tailor-made classes. Approximately 10% of freshmen enrolled for the fall are participating in the program.

November 16

\$650,000 awarded to new classroom building

The Kresge Foundation awarded Georgia State a \$650,000 grant towards the construction of the Helen M. Aderhold Learning Center.

2000

January 18

Construction of Recreation Center causing less problems for parking

With the construction of M-Deck and demolition of lots J and D to make room for the new recreation center, parking is a problem for students.

February 15

Rampway makes a comeback

Since Georgia State's yearbook, the Rampway, was closed in 1999, the offices and equipment have gone unused. Former Signal Associate News Editor Manav Tanneeru heads the new online media group edition of Rampway.

March 28

SGA proposes to change constitution

The Student Government Association made a series of changes to the current constitution to further empower the student body and SGA officers. The most significant change involves switching from a system of appointing senators by class status to representation per college.

July 11 Open for business

Georgia State opened the new Alpharetta Center in May, with MBA classes offered during the initial summer session. In addition, M Deck is complete, and construction has started on the Recreation Center and the Helen M. Aderhold Learning Center.

July 18 Changes in advisement, registration coming to GSU

Former academic advisement systems used by Georgia State, PACE and OASIS, are being replaced by BANNER, used by 31 units of the University System of Georgia.

2001

August 28 SGA gearing up for elections

Four months after the Student Judicial Board overturned election results for a controversial Student Government Association election, students are preparing to vote again.

2002

November 26 Career research facility enhances its services

The office of Career and Job Search Services changed to University Career Services. The change also marks the formation of a comprehensive career center.

2003

February 18

Homecoming week kicks off 'Cheers to 90 Years'

The basketball homecoming season creates a special slate of events for Georgia State to mark the 90th anniversary of the school's opening.

February 18 Signal reports newspapers stolen

Copies of the February 11 issue of the Signal turn up missing at bins all over the Georgia State campus.

2004

March 2 White man, black face

Tensions rise on campus as a story about two students participating in a Pi Kappa Alpha party arrive wearing blackface. The story is kept up with charges from the Black Student Alliance of racism.

November 9 Woodruff Park gets a facelift

As Woodruff Park undergoes a renovation, closure of the park changes and lengthens the routes students take to get to Aderhold.

November 16 SGA Senator requests stipend for senators

Senator Courtney Davis, on behalf of the SGA senators, submitted a bill requesting that senators receive a stipend of \$100 per month to "help with retention and eliminate the revolving door within the senate."

2005

February 15 Demolition begins for new student housing

Georgia State took a monumental leap forward with the beginning of the creation of University Commons, a new housing facility.

February 22 Vaginas Open up at Georgia State

The Vagina Monologues are back

plans to earn a master's degree in Journalism or Communication, possibly to teach journalism at the collegiate level. She also plans to get level status as an editor of a professional newspaper.

As editor in chief of the Signal at Georgia State, a full-time worker on the Cartersville Daily Tribune and a single mother of two young sons, Barnett has been able to manage all three tasks simultaneously and efficiently. It is definitely not easy to do all of these things. "Basically, I work seven days a week," Barnett mentions.

Barnett's time, quality service and dedication has helped the Signal. Even though she devotes a lot of time working, the Signal is represented by someone with a passion for writing and journalism and one willing to take the extra mile to promote success.

on campus.

August 22 State forces university to drop owing students

A state audit forces the university to change the handling of student accounts. Student Accounts previously allowed students to attend classes with balances due. Now, balances must be paid in full.

2006

April 18 Diversity Fee Council showing signs of homophobia

The Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity expresses outrage over a large budget cut

August 29 Theives run rampant during first day of classes

Students report large number of thefts during first day of classes.

September 19 School of Policy Studies Dean Steps Down

Dean Roy Bahl decides to step aside after 10 years of service to the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

September 26 Spotlight addresses diversity issues

Spotlight Programs Board deals with their budget cut.

MCAT

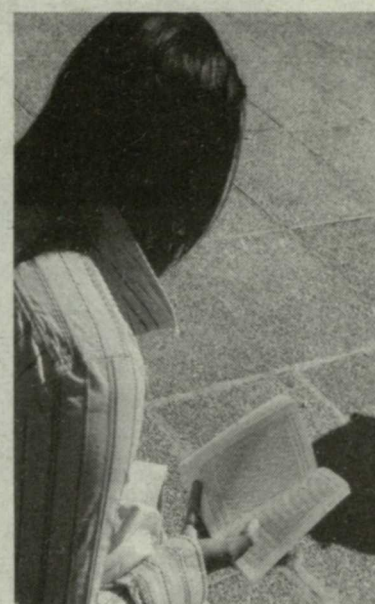
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will have two shots at the exam before early decision."

Other benefits of the computerized exam include increasing the number of test administrations to 22 times per year, morning and afternoon sessions will be available on weekdays and Saturdays and students will be allowed to take the exam up to three times a year. Despite the increase in offerings, Fidler reports that there will be few slots available during summer months.

"We are going to see a lot of folks taking the exam during the June and July months. The problem with these dates is that there are so few that they will quickly fill up. The registration period opens for the summer test in February so students must register in advance to have a June test date," he advised.

The test will last 5.5 hours compared to eight to nine hours in the paper format. Registration for the exam will be online and students can change their test dates if needed. Fidler reports that, with the new changes, there will be added layers of complexity for students and advisors. "In addition to understanding the science material, they have to understand the system of registering and the interface," he said. "Half of the advisors said it is going to take more



Jennifer Grimes | Signal

In addition to studying for the MCAT, students will now have to practice using the computer to take the exam.

time to prepare as there are more things to worry about such as the computer and getting the right test dates.

Companies such as Kaplan and the Princeton Review are offering test prep and review services for interested parties. Many universities and organizations also offer such prep and review for students in enrolled in specific programs.

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"Wonderful workshop. I received extremely valuable and helpful advice that I will use throughout my career."

Barnett

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and make sure the newspaper is ready to go to press the next day."

On a more positive note, Barnett is appreciative in working for the Signal and feels as if it has and will help her out in the long run. "Working for the Signal, I was able to get the training and experience to get the job in the print journalism arena. So many people have left the Signal and gone on to work at professional papers." Barnett explained that the Signal played an influential role in her receiving the full-time job she holds now at the Cartersville Daily Tribune and how the Signal helped build her portfolio.

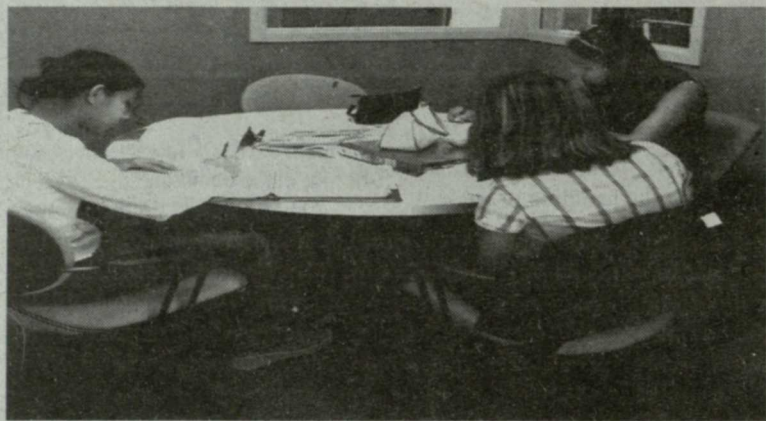
In the next five years, Barnett

Ericson

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Rampway became a moot point," he expressed. "I did not view that there would be a lot to be gained for the Signal in dealing with Rampway. I chose to let things be." The Signal's website was launched in August 2001 and been online since. The site was overhauled in Spring 2006 to allow for more graphics and user friendly features to be exercised.

Looking back, Ericson offers some sound words for anyone working at the Signal or interested in joining the staff. "The biggest thing I think is important for anybody that is involved with the Signal in any capacity is to put your best effort forward into whatever that you are doing," he stated. "The editor in chief and editorial staff need to have a vision that is discussed and places everyone on the same page." He suggested working with other student media and student organizations on campus. "You could branch out and work with either GSTV or WRAS. You could foster or not foster a relationship with Rampway," he suggested. "You could also work with SGA and other student organizations to let people know that the Signal is not something that just writes bad stuff about everybody. It is some-



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Students are definitely encouraged to use the Signal to jump start their journalistic careers.

thing that is trying to improve Georgia State and the community."

He regretted that his administration did not take advantage of participating in the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) and urged future administrations to get involved with them. "Anytime that you interact with people who work in the same industry as yourself, you are going to better yourself and the organization," he said. "You can get new ideas, find out what works and what doesn't. You can take an idea and tweak it to improve upon something at the paper."

As a graduate from the Department of Communication in 2001 for his bachelor's and in 2003 for his master's in Sports Administration, Ericson greatly credits the Signal for enhancing

the value of his degree and studies at the university. "People think they are going to be a journalist, such as a newspaper writer or on television," he said. "They think they are going to be on CNN, writing for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, or having a syndicated talk show. It does not happen that way, it happens because people are starting at the bottom. You put in a lot of tireless hours and hard work in student media to get your start."

"If you are going into media, that is where you start, in student media," he concluded. "A small town newspaper will take a risk on you if you have that degree and that experience. You can move up and continue to take steps to get to the position where you want to be."

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regular writers. She describes situation as a "cyclical problem," explaining that "because the Signal lacks amazing writers, it maintains a bad reputation. Things are improving there, but try to convince anyone of change and they'd laugh."

"I wish more people would get involved," said Merrill Morris, who has taught journalism courses at Georgia State for four years. She now teaches an introductory course to theories of mass communication, a subject she taught at the University of Memphis before coming to State. Colvard is currently enrolled in Morris's class.

Morris often encourages her students to write for campus publications. "It's a good experience and it does help you get a job. Students definitely need to have clips [published articles]," she said. "There's a lot of competition out there now."

As newspapers face competition from the Internet and other forms of new media, the industry continues to shrink. Last year, more than 2,000 jobs were cut within the U.S. newspaper industry. Many experts point to the Internet to explain the rapid decrease in newspapers' popularity. That trend is especially apparent with the number of writers in the Signal newsroom.

Although current statistics are not available concerning

Signal writers and their majors, its online, student-run media counterpart, Rampway, reports that less than 15 percent of its writers are journalism majors. Rampway is also reportedly in need of student writers.

Morris, who said she "fell into journalism," graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in English. She later returned to UGA to earn a master's degree in journalism. Throughout her career, Morris held a variety of jobs in the newspaper industry, from being a reporter and, later, editor of The Athens (Ga.) Observer to a copyeditor at the Bloomington (Ind.) Herald-Times.

She admits that during her graduate career she "only wrote a couple of stories" for the university's student newspaper, The Red and Black.

"I tend to think that people just don't have time to write for the paper," she said. "Many students at Georgia State have full-time jobs and families. I just don't know how they deal with everything."

"So many students are involved with their personal lives," echoed Colvard. "Many have families or full-time jobs and just attend classes with their heads down and maintain no awareness of the student media. A lot of students are just here to get their degrees and get out alive."

Despite her busy schedule, Colvard is pleased that she has written so many stories for the Signal. "Writing articles each week has improved my ability to

manage time and to prioritize my schedule," she said. "My ability to conduct interviews, as I'd hoped, has dramatically increased. It's an essential skill for anyone majoring in a journalism-related field."

Colvard plans to work at a music management company or small record label, and believes that her experience with student media has helped prepare her for interacting with musicians and journalists on a daily basis.

"I've honed skills I really wanted to hone and added a line on my resume," she said. "I now have nearing a hundred clips from which to choose anytime I go to a job interview."

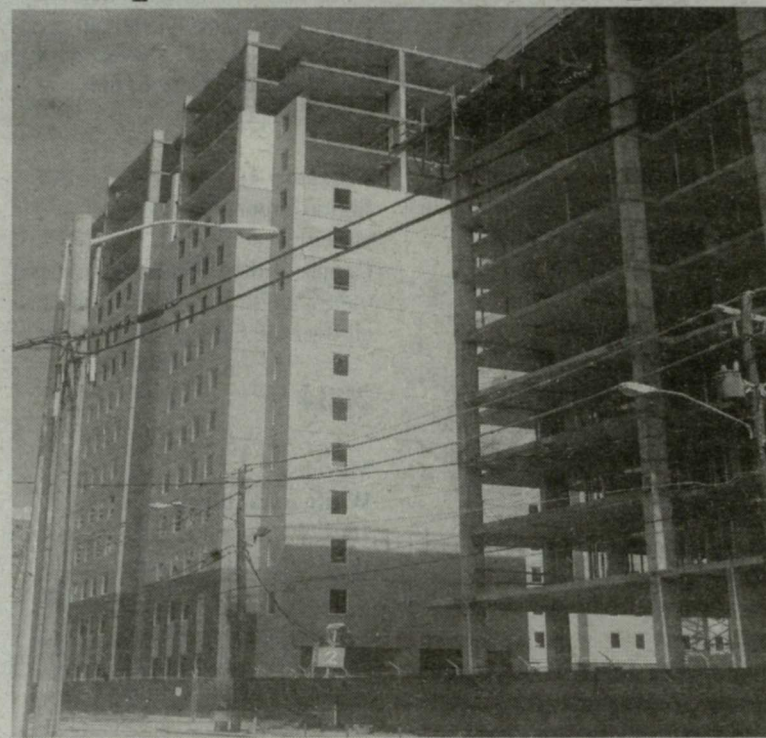
"I think the Signal is doing a pretty good job," said Morris. "The people who are working there seem to be working pretty hard."

Although Colvard concedes that writing articles can be time-consuming, she thinks that "those who allow such challenges to prevent their involvement in the campus newspapers should reconsider their major."

"Writing for the paper really isn't hard in the overall scheme of things," she said. "If you can't handle one article a week or you hate writing, why are you in journalism?"

Morris agrees that writing on a campus publication can be beneficial for students, especially journalism majors. "A college newspaper is a learning lab," she said, explaining that, "it is not a place where people should be judged severely, it's a learning experience."

Campus Construction Update



Andrea Kelly | Signal

University Commons celebrated a milestone on last Thursday of completion of the structural work for the new building. The complex will bring 2,000 more student beds to Georgia State.



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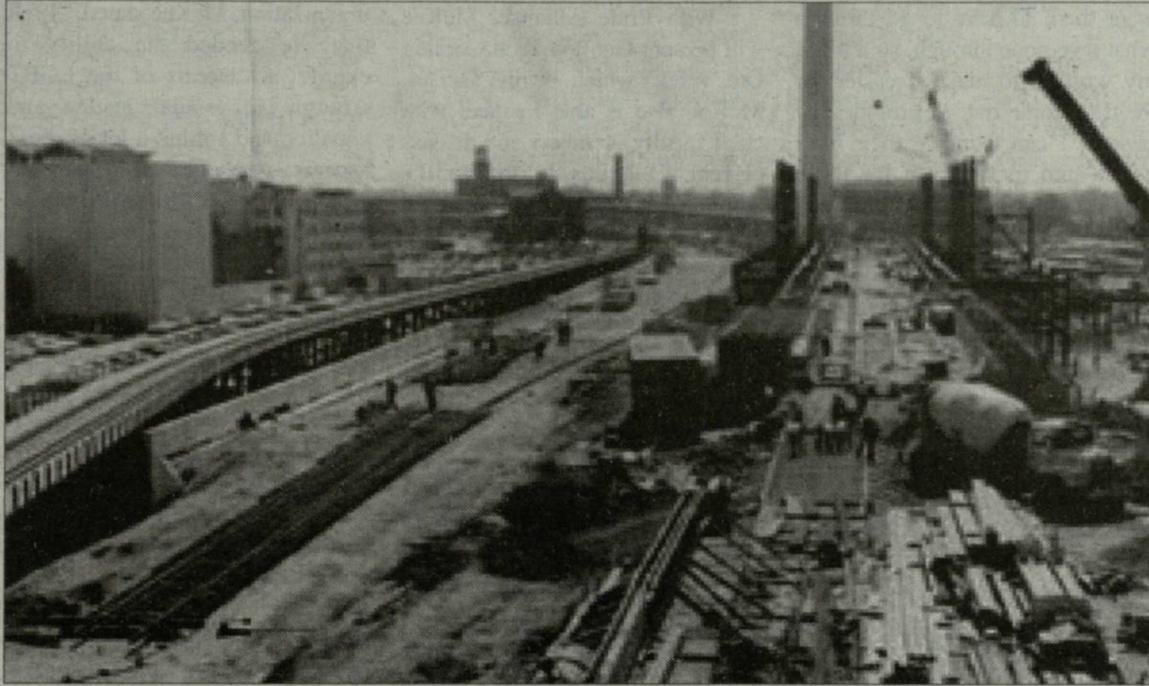
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Celebrating two years of lifestyle stories

Georgia State University: Then and now



Georgia State University MARTA station, 1978. Workers construct MARTA's Georgia State University station at the Atlanta police station (left) on the edge of downtown Atlanta.

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When students think of Georgia State University, what comes to mind? The traffic and how difficult it is to park? The level of safety while traveling between classes? The education and how much it cost? No matter what the questions, students probably think about these things in the present day. What was it like to be a student of a faculty member at Georgia State five, 10 or 20 years ago? What was downtown like? Has the university changed for the better?

The Signal was able to speak with a recent alumnus and two faculty members about their experiences during the changing times at the university.

Georgia State University has always been a large public school and, according to the University

System of Georgia, it is the second largest in the state. During the past 30 years, enrollment has not changed a tremendous amount. Enrollment in 1975 was more than 21,000 individuals and today has grown to 28,000.

Academically, Georgia State is competitive with the other public universities across the state and the nation. Since President Carl V. Patton began, SAT scores have risen yearly. There is also an improvement project underway. The Main Street Master Plan project focuses on growing the university physically and expanding its reach into downtown.

Many of the university's current professors have lingering memories of Georgia State in the early 1970s. Dr. Greg Streib, the Public Administration and Urban Studies chair, offered a colorful

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Georgia State University underwent as many logos as it did names, with the current logo finally chosen in 1969.

The changing face of Georgia State University

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All members of the Georgia State University community see blue flames and immediately interpret the symbol as representative of the school. The mascot, Pounce the Panther, is equally recognizable. Having visual representation is important for any organization, and the symbol that represents Georgia State to the world has not

always been the blue flames we recognize now, nor even the royal blue panther. The variety of Georgia State's logos, which students can view at the University Archives, is just one example of changes throughout the history of this ever-growing university.

When the institution was first established in 1913, it was part of the science department for the university we now know as Georgia Tech. It was referred to as the "Georgia School of Technology:

Chemistry Building." In 1914, the name was changed to account for the addition of academic programs. From the 1913 to 1933, Georgia State was referred to as the "Georgia School of Technology's Evening School of Commerce."

The first logo on record in the University Archives came with the renaming of the institution to the "University System of Georgia –

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Student media heats up at Georgia State

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In addition to the Signal and Urbanite, there are several different student media organizations at Georgia State. Although Rampway and Album 88 are only two of the many media-related activities at Georgia State, they both have a lot to offer.

While the Signal is easily accessible, being that it is a free newspaper on display in every

nook and cranny of Georgia State's campus, Rampway offers students something unique. The university's online, magazine-style publication is often risqué and allows more flexibility in the topics it covers than the Signal does.

"Rampway is the most irreverent out of all of the student media," said Allison Young, director of Rampway. "It's fun, it's quirky. It's different because of the online media aspect. It's very, very rare."

According to Young,

Rampway is one of the pioneers of student online media. She has also been told by a researcher that Rampway is considered one of the top five student online student publications in the United States. This is quite an honor for any student media outlet.

Even though Rampway, which has existed since 2000 in its current form, is not as well-known on campus as a publication, its presence on a resume can have a strong influence on potential employers.

Some of the people who have worked at Rampway in the past have gone on to successful careers almost solely based on their experiences at the online publication.

In addition to the experience one can gain at Rampway, Young believes the people who work at the publication are amazing.

"All of my editors and my writers have been fantastic," she said "Especially the editors. They support me in many ways. And they're phenomenal writers, too –

everyone who writes on staff is just amazing."

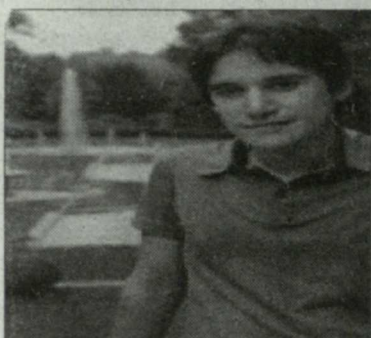
Perhaps one of the most interesting things about Rampway is its ability to push the envelope. Beyond any other student media at Georgia State, Rampway's online status allows it a bit more room to be controversial and cross the line at times.

"I always tell my writers that we are considered controversial by the administration," said Young. "We've actually been told that. [I tell the writers to] have fun with it, because when are you ever going

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Local activist receives award for work in LGBT community

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Scott McKee received an award from the Point Foundation.

One of Atlanta's most active LGBT awareness activists was recently recognized as one of 30 scholars by the Point Foundation.

Scott McKee, a Chemical Engineering major at Georgia

Tech, was designated as one of 30 Point Foundation Scholars, an impressive accolade given to students with both high academic standards and significant involvement as an activist in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender – commonly known as LGBT – community.

McKee, who was born and raised in Houston, Texas, came out to his family during his sophomore year in high school. Although he believes his connection with his family now is stronger than ever, their initial reactions were not as supportive.

"I think, in the end, it's been a very positive experience. There's been a lot of growth," McKee said. "But it was definitely very turbulent for a few years after coming out. They had a lot of concerns

about it, and I took those concerns to be very personal sort of attacks, almost. But we've been able to grow a lot, and I feel that our relationship is even stronger because we've gone through that."

Due in large part to the initial reactions of his family, McKee felt an intense desire to help others who might undergo similar situations from coming out as a homosexual.

"From my coming out process, I felt isolation and grief. I've been in a position where I don't want others to be, and I don't want them to have to go through what I've gone through, so a lot of my work is to make it easier for them to come out, to provide any support I can to make their lives easier, and to stand up for those who aren't able to come out yet,"

he explained.

"My actual sexual orientation as a homosexual has changed very little of my life, but my path to personal acceptance of my homosexuality and my struggles with family, friends, and the community have altered me in an irrevocable way," noted McKee.

Currently, McKee is heavily involved in LGBT-based activities at Georgia Tech. He is the president of Pride Alliance, an organization dedicated to providing a social and awareness outlet for LGBT students.

With Pride Alliance, McKee will present Georgia Tech Coming Out Week, which begins Oct. 4. McKee also is able to meet with chief faculty members and discuss current situations in the LGBT community at Georgia Tech.

McKee also serves as a student coordinator for Safe Space, a program designed to create a more hospitable environment for LGBT students on campus. He feels that the students who have gone through the training for the program have helped make the campus of Georgia Tech more inviting for LGBT students to talk about issues.

More recently, McKee founded Out Rights, a politically-motivated organization intended to secure rights for the LGBT community. On creating a political organization, McKee stated, "I felt that we needed the ability to express all aspects of the LGBT struggle for social justice and equality, and I think a lot of those aspects – the political system has effects on social justice and equality, so in order to achieve that, we sort of have to go through political means and have the ability to be political."

Currently, McKee is lobbying Georgia Tech to conduct a Climate Survey to gauge opinions on LGBT issues. McKee feels that the current climate of the Georgia Tech campus to the LGBT community is externally accepting, but only as long as students don't demonstrate affections or flaunt sexuality in public.

"Generally, people are accepting of it in a very sort of non-personal way. They're fine with it as long as it's not in their face, as long as it's not around them or affecting them. But, I think, whenever it gets personal or they have a personal relation somehow to it, people become a lot more uncomfortable with it."

Additionally, McKee is pushing for Georgia Tech to add domestic partner benefits for students, since graduate students who transfer to Georgia Tech are currently not afforded the same benefits for their partners as students who are married to someone.

McKee also wants to see the campus discrimination policy rewritten to be more inclusive to gender identity and expression. While he sees inequalities in the current system and recognizes that simply changing the policy will not necessarily bring about a radical change in recognition of gender-based rights, his goal is focused on preventing future problems in any manner possible.

Outside of the Georgia Tech community, McKee has worked to raise money for Chris Kids' Rainbow House, a local program that provides housing for homeless LGBT youth. He has also worked with AID Atlanta.

McKee offered this message for the students at Georgia State: "Try to accept everyone for who they are. Avoid looking at the differences – try to find to find common ground and try to get to know people for who they really are instead of just rejecting them."

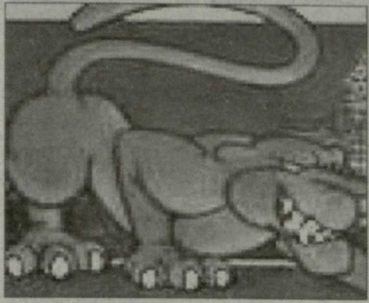
First there were SGA elections in April now there are the 2006 Midterm Elections for the State and Local races. Next week, the *Signal* will be doing special coverage on the elections to help our readers make an educated and informed vote this November. Be sure to pick up a copy next Tuesday. We are going to ask tough questions about the issues that are facing college students and our community.

In addition, we are going to profile the SGA, University Senate, College Republicans, GSU Libertarians, Young Democrats and more!

You do not want to miss this!

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Pounce the Panther is a well-recognized symbol at Georgia State today

Evening School." The seal of the school was white, with the name on the outermost part of the ring in red lettering.

This name was changed to the "University Extension Center in Atlanta" in 1935, with two divisions of the school: "Georgia Evening College" accounting for night classes, and "Atlanta Junior College" for the daytime classes.

Because the institution was largely for evening students, an owl was appropriately chosen to be the mascot. The emblem then became a blue ring with the name "Georgia Evening College." A friendly owl sat in the center of the ring, atop a tree branch with the backdrop of stars implying nighttime.

The institution was again renamed in 1947 when it became part of the University of Georgia. The logo was transformed into the state seal of Georgia, subtitled with "Atlanta Division: University of Georgia."

With the independence of the institution in 1955, it was appointed "Georgia State College," and the seal was once again changed to reflect the name. The seal was simplified shortly thereafter, with all lettering in black and a simple image of a book with outlined flames in the middle.

The seal that is presently part of the university was approved in 1968. The seal contains a panther atop a crown, its paw supporting a closed book, with flames coming from its mouth. Georgia State's motto, "Veritas Valet et Vincent," meaning "Truth Shall Overcome," is also on the crest.

The State Board of Regents renamed Georgia State College to "Georgia State University" in 1969 because of growing academic programs and the addition of post-graduate degrees. The University seal then became an adaptation of the approved logo within a ring, and the words "Georgia State University" on the outermost part of the ring.

The first logo to reflect "University" in the school name was written below an outline of the Atlanta skyline, representing the urban location of Georgia State.

The blue circular logo seen around campus today was later settled upon, and has become the common representation of Georgia State to the surrounding communities and the academic world.

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comparison about the campus as he once knew it and as it is today. He recalls a small campus that was very compartmentalized. Most of the classes and amenities were contained in one area. The interior quad was the only outside campus venue available. When asked what he thought of the changes at Georgia State since his arrival, Streib remarked that "It has changed for the better."

It is difficult to imagine containing more than 20,000 students in such a small area. This is part of the reason that the university's leadership has chosen to expand the campus as well as the faculty and staff. Part of this expansion includes more safety officer presence in the campus and downtown area. Dr. Katherine Willoughby, professor of Public Administration and Urban Studies, remembered a time when she was quite uncomfortable walking the streets of downtown Atlanta alone. During this period, there was no campus shuttle to get students and faculty safely around campus and downtown. Today, the police presence can be felt all around the campus as well as parts of downtown where student traffic is high.

Chance Davis, a graduate of Georgia State, noted that in his three years as a student on the campus, "The changes that I have seen have been positive." Since his start in 2002, he has experienced

the expansion of the campus to include the Aderhold building and the Alpharetta Center. He has been an active alumnus since his graduation and has additionally noticed the increase in student housing since his enrollment at the university.

A common sentiment about Georgia State University – then and now – is that the university is steadily improving. With the quality of the students rising along with the staff, Georgia State is sure to be able to stick to its mission of becoming a leading urban university focused on excellence in teaching, research and service.

Facts about Georgia State University today:

Founded: 1913

Status: Public

Libraries: University and Law combined holdings (volumes and micro text): 3.6 million

Degrees: 52 degree programs with 250 fields of study offered through six colleges.

Graduation: 162,549 total degrees conferred; degrees conferred in fiscal year 2005: 5,722

Economic impact: More than \$7 million daily to Georgia's economy.

Tuition and Fees

Resident: \$1,819 undergraduate; \$2,184 graduate; \$2,328 graduate nursing; \$2,436 graduate business; \$2,772 law.

Nonresident: \$7,276 undergraduate; \$8,735 graduate; \$9,296 graduate nursing; \$9,740 graduate

business; \$10,352 law.

Mandatory fees: \$413 (\$470 law)

Faculty

Total full time: 1,054

Tenured or tenure track: 71.6 percent

Athletics

NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletic teams: 17

Nickname: Panthers, Lady Panthers

Mascot name: Pounce

Colors: Blue and White

Conference: Colonial Athletic Association

For photos depicting the future vision of Georgia State, please visit:

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwmsp/gallery/index.html>



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In the 1980s, another round of expansion took place with the acquisition of the former Atlanta Municipal Auditorium in 1979, subsequently converted into Alumni Hall in 1982.



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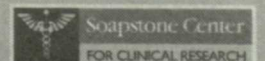
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to get the chance to do this ever again? It's so much fun to write these things."

Some of the recent articles that have appeared on Rampway.org are "Interview with a Stripper (and Her Stripper Friend)" by Jason Murray and "The Biggest Joke Ever: Why can't K-Fed be happy with his role as Britney's freeloading husband?" by Arica Dixon.

Rampway is but one of the many student media outlets at Georgia State. Perhaps the media with the best nationwide reputation is the student-run radio station WRAS, or Album 88 (88.5 FM). Album 88 is a non-commercial music station with a stellar reputation and many awards. Just this year, the station won the Best Overall Radio Station award and, a DJ at Album 88, Marvin Evangelista, won the award for Best Radio DJ in Creative Loafing's "Best of Atlanta" issue. The 100-watt station has the strongest signal of any college station on the United States, and it has been ranked third (behind NYU and UCLA) nationwide for its quality.

Cassie Smith, a Georgia State senior and the general manager at WRAS, could not be prouder of the station's success.

"Our music philosophy is unlike any other station in Atlanta and it's obvious that everyone working at the station is passionate about what they do," Smith said.

The fact that WRAS is has an enormous reach but remains student-run is something that is nearly unique to Georgia State. The student management aspect is one of the things that convinced Smith to become involved in the station in the first place.

"I began working at WRAS because of the unique experience offered to staff members," Smith explained. "Student DJs are given the opportunity to learn the hands-on technical skills involved in running a radio station. Some students even get the chance to work on the management staff and gain valuable leadership and radio management experience."

Students are also entirely in charge of what music the station airs. The student music directors at WRAS choose, with a great deal of advice from Album 88 DJs and listeners, what is played in regular rotation. However, the content of specialty shows, which are aired on the evenings and weekends, is left largely up to whatever student hosts the particular show. Some of these specialty shows include "We're Not Gonna Take It," the Monday night metal show, and the "Georgia Music Show," co-hosted by Smith on Thursday nights at 6 p.m.

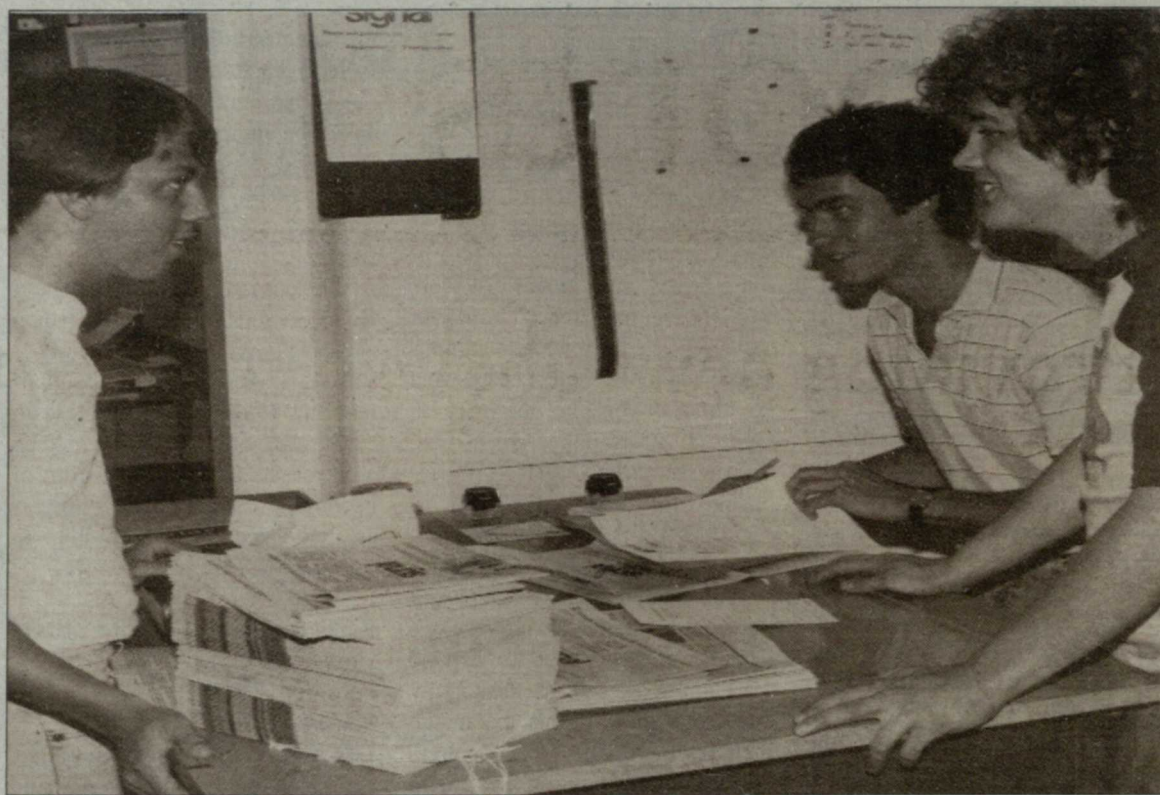
"I've stayed at WRAS because, unlike commercial radio, the DJs on the air at Album 88 have a say in what music is played and specialty show hosts have complete autonomy over what is

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aired during their two-hour timeslots," Smith said.

Rampway and WRAS are both vital and exciting parts of the student media landscape at Georgia State. Journalism students in particular have a plethora of media outlets in which to get involved on campus. The reputations of several of these organizations cannot be denied, but they could not be run without student support.

If interested in becoming a DJ or news reader at Album 88 (the DJ application window will likely open again next semester), stop by Room 280 of the University Center during normal work hours. If interested in joining Rampway, check out the website at www.rampway.org or stop by the office in Room 405 of the University Center.



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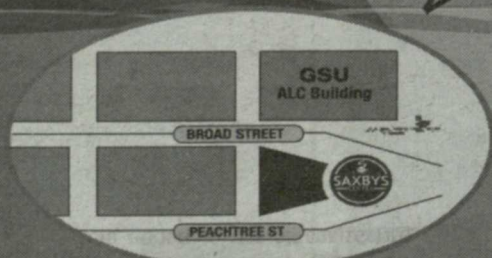
Three unidentified staff members are seen here in the Signal Office in 1986 discussing the production of the current issue and brainstorming ideas for the next issue. Much work goes into the product that you are reading today behind the scenes. Stay tuned all month for more coverage of our 73rd Anniversary as we look back to move forward.

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Sports

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Home opening win thwarted by Towson

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There's no place like home. When Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz said that, she experienced a happy ending. For the Georgia State Panthers men's soccer team, that was not the case. The team dropped their home opener 1-0 to the Towson Tigers Friday night at Panthersville.

The Tigers came into the contest with a 5-1-1 record and unde-

feated in the Colonial Athletic Association with a 1-0-1 record. Friday's close game remained scoreless until 20 minutes left in the first half, when Sebastian Haensel scored on an assist from T.J. Thompson to put Towson ahead 1-0. Little did both teams know that that would be all that the Tigers needed to win the game.

The match was physical from the start. The Panthers amassed 10

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Game two of the homecoming for the men's soccer team was played on Sunday. Results were not available by publication.

Former NBA lottery pick and Temple star upgrades men's basketball staff

By: DARIUS WIMBY
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Mark Macon, former collegiate star at Temple University and pro basketball star with the Denver Nuggets and Detroit Pistons, is the new assistant coach for the men's basketball team at Georgia State.

Macon has experience under his belt, as he played at Temple University under one of the greatest coaches of all time, John Chaney. At Temple, Macon's illustrious career will always be remembered at the school as well as in the Atlantic 10 Conference, where he is the all-time leading scorer with 2,607 points, averaging about 20.7 points a game during his four years at Temple.

"Coach Chaney's greatness exceeded basketball," Macon explained. "I honestly believe that he taught me being a better person was better than being a better basketball player because being a better person will take me further in life and be a productive citizen."

After graduating from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in education, he was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in the 1991 NBA Draft. During his six-year career in the NBA, he played for



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Mark Macon, who was picked number 8 in the 1991 NBA Draft, believes that his team could be playing come March.

the Nuggets for three years and played for the Detroit Pistons for the remainder of his tenure in the NBA. After his success in the NBA, he played basketball overseas in several countries including China, Italy and Venezuela.

His success as a basketball player only led him back to the man who contributed his success, Chaney. In 2003, Macon returned to his alma mater to coach beside the man who helped him as a player and as an individual. He was the assistant coach at Temple for the

last three years and, with Chaney retiring earlier this year, Macon's journey led him here to the Georgia State men's basketball team in July.

"I had an interview with Coach Perry, and during the interview, we talked more about life than basketball because basketball is a part of life," Macon said, referring to his interview.

Macon is ready to help take

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Garcia breaks career record for digs

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There are instances in sports where individual players place themselves in the coveted record books. When players accomplish this feat, they know that their record may eventually be replaced, but never forgotten. The fact that these players know that they may be gone but their legacy will live on gives them peace of mind. Lady Panther Christen Garcia now enjoys this wonderful peace of mind as she has broken Georgia State's record for career digs in volleyball.

Garcia decided not to postpone the event that everyone around her knew was fast approaching. On Friday night,

Garcia broke the record for career digs during the first game of Georgia State's match against Towson. With 22 digs for the entire match, Garcia managed to surpass Kumiko Ishiyama's previous record of 1,385 digs and mount the 1,400 plateau for her career.

Garcia's teammates Amy Lusk and Paula Ferreira combined to contribute 32 digs. But, the Georgia State Panthers ended up falling to Towson University with a final game match score of 3-2. To add insult to injury, the five-game thriller ended at 2:30 a.m., and the team had a match coming up against Delaware in less than 15 hours.

In the match versus Delaware, Garcia added to her career record for digs, chipping in another 17 for the match. Unfortunately, Garcia's

addition to her record would be the only shining moment of the match. The quick turnaround from the gruesome encounter with Towson proved to be too much for the Panthers, as they fell to Delaware in four games.

All and all, this weekend was one of both highs and lows for Garcia. Although her team went 0-2, she can find solace in the fact that she is now in the record books. She can also look forward to adding to her legacy. With more than half of the season remaining, she will have many more opportunities to improve on her record. Her first opportunity will be on Tuesday against UAB at home in the Sports Arena. And if Garcia holds to form, she may just reach 1,500 digs for her career.



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Christen Garcia broke an all-time school record, becoming the first Georgia State player with more than 1,400 digs.

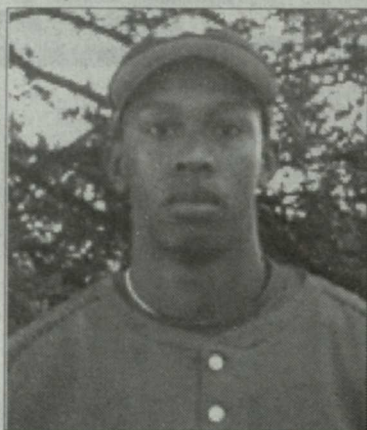
Catching up with some of the athletes

Best sports moment of the year thus far? D-Wade leading the Miami Heat to a championship in just his 3rd year.

Best athlete on Georgia State's baseball team? Me

Relationships or playing the field? A balance of both ... having both helps to build your character as a person.

Complete the sentence. In five years, I will be ... Getting paid to play the game of baseball.



Kenny Camp

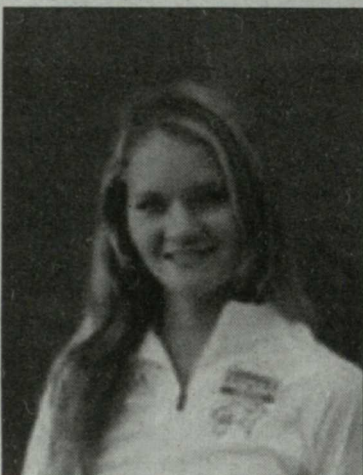
Baseball

Favorite hobby? Dancing

Favorite tennis player? Roger Federer. He inspires me to play tennis and he is the best!

Secret talent? Well ... I have a lot of talents and they are not a secret at all.

Complete the sentence. In five years, I will be ... A very famous person!



Darianna Kozmina

Tennis

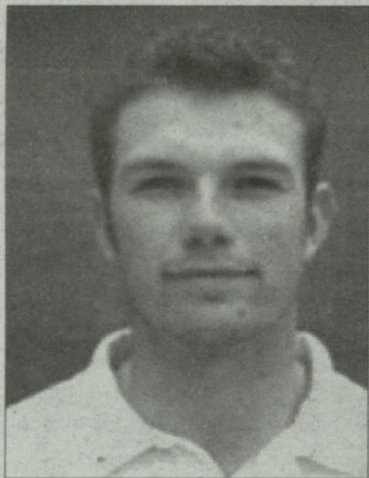
Your thoughts on the Ryder Cup victory for Europe?

Best team ever played in a Ryder Cup. I sat in front of the TV most of the tournament, and cannot wait for the next Ryder Cup.

Secret talent? When I was young, I was a really good soccer player.

Most annoying thing on TV right now? The Flavor of Love

Complete the sentence. In five years, I will be ... Making a living on the European Tour and in the top 20 in European Order of Merit (European golf rankings)



Mark Haastrup

Golf

Men's Tennis impresses at ITA-All American



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Podkrajsek eliminated two foes and moved on to the pre-qualifying finals. The draw will take place on Thursday.

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Going into the ITA All American tournament, Nejc Podkrajsek had been red hot. There was no reason to think that the last day of September would go much differently, as Podkrajsek advanced to the finals of the pre-qualifying tournament in Tulsa, Okla. on Sept. 30.

Podkrajsek, who is a sophomore, eliminated two players

from Texas Christian University and Wichita State, respectively, to earn himself a match with Sergi Villa from Drake University on Sunday. The winner of the match will move onto the pre-qualifying draw of the ITA All-American on Thursday, Oct. 5.

In round one, it took Podkrajsek three sets to eliminate Stuart Row. In the first set, he won quite easily, 6-2. The inverse of that happened in the second set, with Row taking the set 6-1. Faced with a situation of win or go home,

Podkrajsek outlasted Row in a tightly contested battle 6-4.

Round two was not as much of a battle, as Podkrajsek won in two sets, 6-4, 6-1.

Freshman Mattias Skoid also traveled to the tournament, losing the first match to Hawaii's Matt Seeberger in three sets - 6-7, 1-6, 6-4.

The ITA All-American is a nine-day tournament hosted by the University of Tulsa. The tournament is considered the inaugural national event of the 2006-2007 tennis season. Seniors Martin Stiegwardt and Anze Cevka started singles action in the qualifying rounds on Monday Oct. 2 and doubles action in the main draw on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Cevka and Stiegwardt are currently ranked 19th in the nation in doubles competition.

The Panthers looks to continue the hot streak of the tennis teams at Georgia State. Last week, the women's tennis team wrapped up the UTC Baras Collegiate Fall Classic at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Results of Sunday's pre-qualifying final were not available at the time of publication.

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first half fouls, compared to five fouls for the Tigers. The home crowd remained frustrated throughout the cold and breezy night, as the referees allowed the game to seemingly flow in the direction of the Tigers, who out-shot the Panthers 21-8. The Panthers were only able to attempt three shots in the second half.

The second half action was fierce, as both teams battled to take control of the game. The Tigers started off the second half playing very physical, smothering the Panthers' attempts to tie and take the lead.

Even with the full court pressure from the Tigers, the Panthers had many opportunities to score, but could not capitalize on them.

With the errors and their inability to score, the Panthers still played remarkably well throughout the game. Panther goalie Felipe Carvalho led all goalies with seven saves.

In an electrifying play late in the second half, senior Alberto Villareal weaved through four defenders to earn a scoring opportunity for his team. Unfortunately, the Panthers were not able to finish off the play.

In a play right before the buzzer sounded, the Panthers had perhaps their best scoring chance of the night. The desperation shot by Floreal Pedraza narrowly missed right, leaving the Panthers to ponder on the missed chances they had to bring a win to the home crowd.

Panther coach Karem Daser was complimentary of Towson's performance. He was also upbeat about his team as well.

"Towson has a very good team. Very disciplined, very organized and the coach has done a good job with them," Daser said. "Every conference game is going to be a war, and both teams had chances to finish. We battled hard, it's a game of inches. We have a goalie [Carvalho] who is one of the best in the conference. He did a great job tonight."

When asked about the 18 fouls against the Panthers, he smirked, and replied, "In my 12 years here, I have never talked bad about the referees. It was a very physical game, and I will leave it at that."

Chimed Villareal, "Referees are human. We can't worry about that. We have to deal with that. They make mistakes like everybody. But we had our chances. We couldn't put them in. We are just looking forward to Sunday to even it out. We have eight more CAA games left, so we just have to focus on the remaining games."

Georgia State's second CAA game took place at home on Sunday against George Mason. Results of the game were not available at the time of publication. Going into Sunday's game, the Panthers were 1-2 in the CAA and 1-8 overall.

Macon

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the Georgia State men's basketball team back to the Promised Land. He expects great things from this year's team because he and the rest of the coaches are making sure that the players create a better work ethic, not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom as well.

"We have to push the players to the limit, but we expect them not to get frustrated," Macon stated. "If they want to be a champion, they have to do the extra things to get them to that level."

Macon came in as the assistant coach, but he wants to establish that he is not only the teacher, but a student as well. He wants to give the players the knowledge that he learned while playing for Chaney and in the NBA.

"My job is to learn and to teach. I earned a degree in education, so I'm here to teach the players, but I'm also here to learn from Coach Perry, the rest of the coaching staff, and the players."

However, Macon added that he has some major goals that he wants the team to accomplish this year in each basketball game.

"We have to create more possessions for ourselves in order to win the game," Macon said, "But we also have to be cautious about our play. We have to watch out for the turnovers because the less mistakes we make, the greater the chance we will have to win the games."

He strongly believes that this year's team is going to have the best season thus far at Georgia State because the players have been working hard on the areas that needed improvement. Furthermore, Macon stated that he sees the drive in the eyes of the players, showing how much they really want to prove the people who have doubted them

wrong.

"I believe that this team could possibly be a participant in March Madness. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here now, but the players have to believe in the coaches' trust," Macon stated. "I have told the players this before, 'if I believe a goat could drive, I would give the keys.'"

As far as his impressive presence on the basketball players, he maintains that he is still a coach first. He understands that he was a great player back at Temple, and intends to teach the team at Georgia State the same lessons he learned.

"Coach Chaney told me this quote while I was playing for him, and I still believe in this quote today, 'to see is to know, to know is to act.'" Macon said. "I just want the players to understand that I have been where they are now. I want to see them succeed not only as players, but as individuals as well."


Macon is taking each year one at a time, but he would love

to see the team win a championship. Furthermore, he strongly believes that the team will strive towards excellence this year.

"I want to see the Georgia State population to come out to the games to support the team. This year, we are expecting great things from the team, and if we had the support, we won't let you down."

Macon also offered advice to those who wanted to pursue a NBA career, "Believe in divine math, which means what goes around will come back around. Also, always have a plan and realizing when you're not working, someone else is."

Coach Macon intends to be at Georgia State for a long time, and he will help make sure that the team is on the right path for success with the help of a great coaching staff. Macon has come in to Georgia State for one sole purpose: to turn these basketball players into amazing players as well as individuals.



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MLB: The year in review

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The Major League Baseball season consists of 4,860 games. That's 4,860 times we heard the National Anthem; 4,860 times we stood and stretched during the seventh inning; and 4,860 times we saw the Yankees or Red Sox on ESPN. Okay, that last part isn't entirely true, but it certainly felt that way didn't it? It did to me.

In past years, the Sox/Yanks rivalry would be the most compelling storyline throughout the season, but that was not the case this year. While we all may have been subjected to either Yankees or Red Sox damn near every night on the "Worldwide Leader," this year was not all about an over-hyped rivalry.

This year was about new faces in new places. It was about players that were tossed aside by their old clubs only to find success on a new one. This year was about players like Johnny Damon, who traded his sox for pinstripes in order to guarantee a return trip to the postseason, and Alfonso Soriano, who reluctantly moved from second base to the outfield, where he became baseball's first ever 40-40-40 player (40 steals, 40 home runs and 40 doubles in the same season).

Players like Jim Thome of the White Sox and Frank Thomas of the A's seemed to have been hooked up to a rejuvenation machine this off-season, enabling them both to have statistical years they haven't experienced in some time. Both were considered MVP candidates at some point this season, which is remarkable, considering they were hurt all of last year.

This year was also about the future. On one night at the All-Star Game in Detroit, young sluggers David Wright of the Mets and Ryan Howard of the Phillies made us all forget about steroids and allowed us to focus on something that baseball has been missing for some time: natural talent and ability.

Wright and Howard weren't alone on the list of bright young hitters in baseball. Great hitting was showcased nightly by young players like Justin Morneau and Joe Mauer in Minnesota, Robinson Cano in New York, or by Jeff Francoeur and Brian McCann right here in Atlanta.

Those young hitters were joined by a slew of young pitchers that the majority of us have never heard of. There was Justin Verlander and Joel Zumaya each throwing over 100 mph in Detroit and a young Jared Weaver winning his first seven starts out in Anaheim.

Jonathan Papelbon gave Bostonians a closer like they've never seen before and in Minnesota a young lefty named Francisco Liriano wowed hitters with his amazing stuff. Chein-Ming Wang became the ace of a Yankee staff filled with veterans, while Florida's Anibal Sanchez provided us with the only no hitter of the year.

While the young guns were a breath of fresh air it was a little bit of the "same old, same old" from a few of the veterans in Major League Baseball. In St. Louis, Albert Pujols started off the season on a pace to hit 84 home runs and, while his injury may have hurt his overall numbers, he is still Pujols, which means he is still the best hitter in the game.

In New York, Derek Jeter

kept doing Jeter-type things to help the Yankees get over their injuries and A-Rod problems, and led them to their ninth-straight division title.

In Boston, Manny kept on being Manny, and like always was outperformed by "Big Papi" David Ortiz, who seemed to hit a game winning home run every single night for about a month straight.

In Houston, after months of indecision, Roger Clemens came out of retirement once again to pitch for his hometown Astros. Clemens is quickly becoming the Michael Jordan of baseball, retire, un-retire, retire, un-retire. This pattern, like Clemens himself, is getting quite old.

Speaking of which, out in San Francisco another old man is still trying to hold on too long for the sake of his favorite thing: himself. While Barry Bonds started off the season slow, he "miraculously" came around late in the season and is now just 21 home runs shy of Hank Aaron's all-time home run record. This "unexplained" power surge has given Bonds confidence and he has since stated that he will grace us with his presence once again next year. Aren't we lucky?

This year was also about surprise teams. The Mets finally were able to end Atlanta's streak of 14 straight consecutive division titles by dominating the National League from start to finish. The other National League races are still too close to call, but from where I sit, the Cardinals, Dodgers and Padres are set to join the Mets in the NL Playoffs.

Of course, the Yankees are headed for the playoffs yet again in the AL, but who would have thought that teams like Oakland, Minnesota and Detroit would be joining them? Yeah, Oakland isn't that big of a surprise, but Minnesota? Detroit? Detroit hasn't smelt the playoffs since Bill Cosby debuted wearing argyle sweaters on NBC's the Cosby Show in 1984. Now they are fighting for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs — truly remarkable.

And the Twins? They were left for dead at the All-Star break when they were a struggling third place team with no pitching and no offense. In come Johan Santana and Liriano to help the Twinkies post the best win-loss record of any team since June 8. This all came from a team that was threatened to be contracted from the league just a few years ago; go figure.

What lies for the postseason is a mystery to me, but hopefully the next 41 possible playoff games are as interesting as the 4,860 regular season games were.

Braves end 14 year run

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Well, it is over. The stretch of winning seasons, the division titles, the playoff appearances, all over. Through a decade and a half, the Atlanta Braves did everything right. It was as if the seasons had been scripted and nothing went wrong. If something unexpected like an injury came along, John Schuerholz would wave his magic wand and make it better than it was before. Many times, the Braves would just rely on their impeccable coaching staff to coax better results out of players than even the most optimistic people would suggest. Sometimes, they would just get lucky. However, the ball cannot always bounce your way.

When the 2006 season started, the Atlanta Braves knew that they would have one of their most challenging games ahead of them. They were entering the year with several big question marks, such as:

Can Adam Laroche play first base everyday? Yes.

Can Chris Reitsma close games? More on that later.

Will Edgar Renteria bounce back? Yes, well, sort of.

Can Giles hit leadoff? Nope.

Is Roger McDowell good enough to replace Leo Mazzone? Hmm, well, not with what he had.

History would suggest that the Braves would just find a way to make it work. This is a franchise that did such amazing things like turn 37-year-old John Burkett into a double digit winner and get 40-year-old relievers to form the best bullpen in baseball. So no big deal, right?

Adam Laroche turned out to be better than people expected. He brought his average up to .289 from the seller and managed some tremendous power numbers with 32 homers and 90 RBIs leaving his expectations for 2007 substantially higher. However, after a terrible season that resulted in injury, Braves fans' only expectation for Chris Reitsma in 2007 is that he is not on the roster. He turned out to be as useful as a dead slug.

Renteria started the season with a 23-game hit streak, but faded as the season went on. Marcus Giles plays the game hard and is a fan favorite, but the man is just not a good leadoff hitter. Roger McDowell just did not have the arms. This all basically summarizes the season for the Braves: full of disappointment.

Some good things did happen, like the arrival of closer Bob "the slob" Wickman, catcher Brian McCann's stellar year (.333, 24 HR, 93 RBIs), and the re-signing of Bob Wickman. Overall, despite the performances of players like Jeff Francoeur (who belted 29 HR with 103 RBIs), the Braves just fell flat.

The Atlanta Braves have not started a trend; in fact, they have a lot of reasons to be optimistic.

They have a wealth of young talent and are just a few players short of being division contenders once again in 2007. Since they re-signed Bob Wickman, they will enter a season with a proven closer for the first time since John Smoltz had the job in 2004. They do have a few needs though, so here are some problems and suggestions:

Get a leadoff hitter. Marcus Giles could not handle the task and will likely be too expensive to keep. They could try Willy Aybar or Martin Prado or look at the trade market. It is rumored that Tampa Bay left fielder Carl Crawford is available, which would be a no-brainer if Schuerholz can get a deal done.

Fix that starting pitching. The Braves will enter spring training with four-fifths of a starting rotation (Smoltz, Tim Hudson, Mike Hampton and Chuck James). Horacio Ramirez and Kyle Davies each had disappointing years plagued by injury. The Braves could let them fight for the job or possibly seek another arm via trade or free agency. However, unless they made a huge salary cut, the latter of the two is almost impossible. Lance Cormier may also compete for the job, but more than likely, Davies or Ramirez or both will be traded before opening day 2007 to get someone else.

Do not trade Andruw Jones. Jones is the best center fielder in baseball. He is currently three home runs short of having the most home runs ever by a 30-year-old player and he has won a gold glove nine (soon to be ten) times. He is also almost a guarantee for 40 homers and 130 RBIs. This is a no-brainer.

No more bullpen woes. Look for Tyler Yates and Blaine Boyer to compete for the setup job in spring training. Despite Yates' inconsistency and Boyer's injuries, the young arms look to bounce back in any role out of the pen next year. With Macay McBride, Chad Paranto, Oscar Villareal, and Lance Cormier the Braves may enter the 2007 with one of their best bullpens over the past decade and a half.

Keep Chipper on the field. This might be the key to the whole season. Chipper played in roughly 110 games this year and still managed a .325 average and 25 home runs. This was the third year in a row where Chipper missed at least 32 games. If he can finally stay healthy, he may carry the team by himself.

The Braves appear to have a reason for optimism, but also need to realize the urgency of the situation. As good as Jones and Smoltz are, this could be the last year Braves fans are given the pleasure to see them play everyday. No matter what happens, just remember those 14 great years. As for next year, look for the Braves to be right back in it.

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A gambler's guide for a winning season: Week 5

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Well, week five of the 2006 NFL season is upon us and we are now beginning to see who the true contenders (and pretenders) are. The Ravens and Saints have shocked analysts with their early success this season, and teams such as the Buccaneers and defending champion Pittsburgh Steelers are not quite living up to expectations, to say the least.

How about we take a quick glance around the league at this week's games, and give diagnoses on what each team has done so far this year. Here goes:

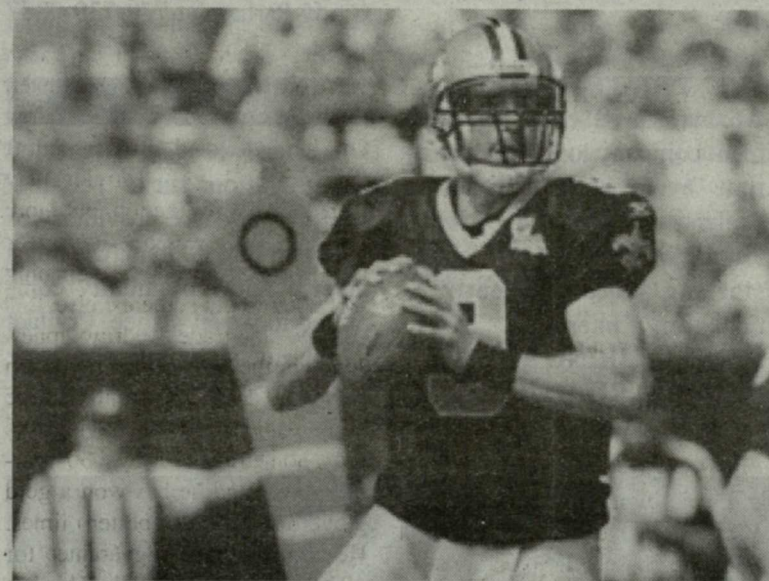
Miami at New England:

I still believe that Daunte Culpepper can lead the Dolphins to the playoffs. It's just a matter

moving the ball on offense early in the season, and with Chris Simms gone, I expect those troubles to increase. You have to bring your "A" game to even compete in the NFC South division, and Jon Gruden's guys simply have not done that.

Washington at NY Giants:

I said it during my season preview article and I'll say it again: I just do not see the Redskins making noise in this division, much less the NFC as a whole. They are a good team, but unfortunately, there are three better teams in the NFC East. Not to take anything away from Mark Brunell's record-setting performance in Week 3, but I recommend that they just start future franchise QB Jason Campbell and get him some playing time.



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New quarterback Drew Brees has the Saints tied for first place in the NFC South with a 3-1 record.

of his offensive line giving him enough time to find open receivers like Chris Chambers and Marty Booker.

As for the Patriots, I'm not even sure if Tom Brady remembers what wideouts look like, given that the New England front office has done everything within their power to remove all of his aerial targets. The Maroney-Dillon running back tandem has eased matters a little, but the Pats are going to need to find a way to air it out if they want to compete with teams such as the Bengals and Colts.

Tampa Bay at New Orleans:

The Saints, who for one season have low-jacked Dallas' moniker as "America's Team" don't appear to show any signs of slowing down, mainly due to the fact that Deuce MacAllister has been healthy all season (so far). As great as Reggie Bush and Drew Brees have been for N.O., he is the real reason that they've been able to win games this season.

The Bucs would appear to be a team that's dead in the water. They were having loads of trouble

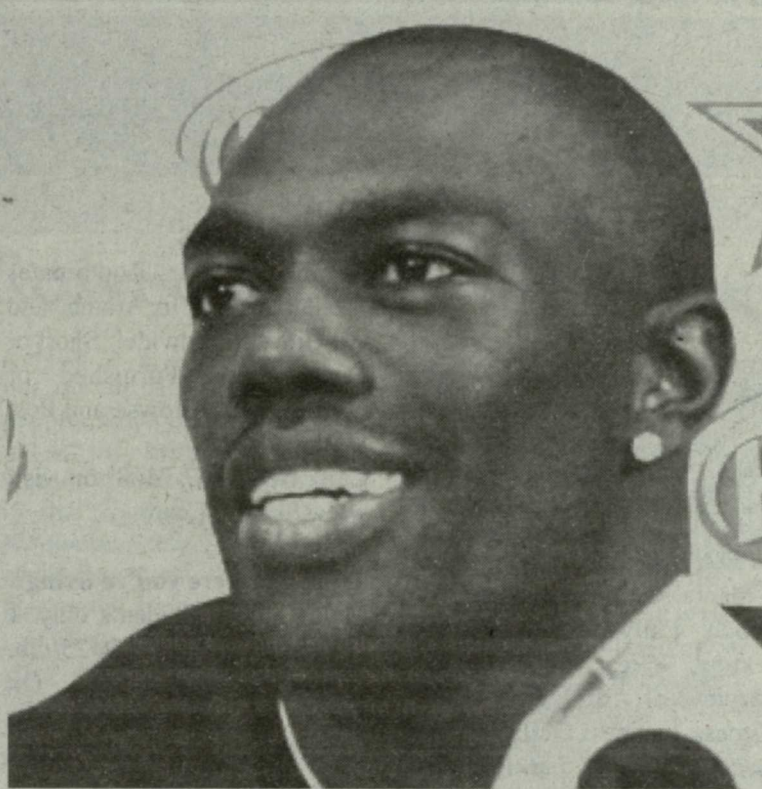
The Giants are another team that just do not appear to have it together. The talent is there, but there appears to be a disconnect between the coaching staff and the players. The only reason I think this is because whenever the Giants suffer a tough loss, their postgame interviews bash said coaching staff. But I could be wrong.

Detroit at Minnesota:

This is basically a matchup between the "best bad team in the league" (the Lions) and the "worst good team in the league" (the Vikings). The good news is that both of these squads are much better than they were last year. The bad news is that I don't see either of them making the playoffs.

Cleveland at Carolina:

Cleveland has done a pretty good job so far this season, which is a lofty achievement given that they only have two serviceable players on offense (Tight end Kellen Winslow and wideout Braylon Edwards). Of course, they are nowhere near the postseason, but I like what Romeo Crennel is doing here. Maybe in a



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Will Philly fans really throw pill bottles on the field?

year or two...

I refuse to listen to what anyone says about the Panthers being Super Bowl contenders. They were awful at the beginning of the year, and everyone blamed it on the absence of brilliant wide receiver Steve Smith. Then he came back, and they almost blew a huge lead to a Buccaneers team led by a QB with a RUPTURED SPLEEN. They should all be ashamed of themselves.

Buffalo at Chicago:

The people who say "there's no such thing as a free lunch" obviously do not know the Chicago Bears. For the second straight year, they appear to be waltzing through the easiest division in the NFL, and this Sunday they take on a Bills offense that could be described as "anemic" (and that's being kind). I still like the Bears as a team, but I would like to see how they would fare playing in the NFC East or South, that's all.

St. Louis at Green Bay:

Expect a ton of points in this one, as two of the worst defenses in the league square off. Keep a mental picture though. Because this might be your last chance to see Brett Favre pass all day on the Rams defense. I say this for two reasons: Brett is retiring and the Rams defense is actually starting to look pretty good. St. Louis has an outside shot at the postseason (like always) and the Packers just aren't in the conversation.

Tennessee at Indianapolis:

This one has a chance to be scarier than the last ten minutes of the Blair Witch Project. Or at least any recent pictures of Nicole Richie. Expect perennial playoff lock Indianapolis to destroy Tennessee.

The good news for Tennessee

fans: this will probably be the second game where the reins are handed to Vince Young. Just in time for Colts' defensive end Dwight Freeney to shove said reins down the rookie QB's throat.

NY Jets at Jacksonville:

Now this one appears to be pretty interesting. A matchup between former Marshall quarterbacks Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich. Athletic wide receivers Matt Jones (Jacksonville) and Laveranues Coles (New York). Through in two solid defenses, and this one should be a potential game of the week. However, I think the Jets poor running game, matched with the Jags' excellent run defense, will prove to be the margin of victory.

And as a side note: I guarantee at least one of these teams will make the postseason.

Oakland at San Francisco:

Everyone knew that the Raiders would be awful this year. No one knew that the 49ers would be so good. Alex Smith is handling the offense, after giving no indication last season that he could be a competent NFL QB. The runningback tandem of Frank Gore and rookie Michael Robinson is doing an excellent job. They have zero chance of making the playoffs, but this Sunday, they at least get to wear the title of "Best pro team in the Bay area" when they trounce Oakland.

Kansas City at Arizona:

I picked the Chiefs as a major contender this year, but to be honest, they haven't really shown me anything. That might be because of the of Trent Green's concussion, but overall they just haven't looked that impressive.

Arizona was another team

that I expected to show and prove this season. But Kurt Warner is doing what Kurt Warner does and Edgerrin James looks uncharacteristically bad. With Alexander injured, they have a chance to claim the top spot in the NFC West, but they need to figure things out fast before the fans demand that they throw away their season by giving Matt Leinart playing time (He's good, I know. But the Cards have a chance to win NOW. I say they stick with the veteran).

Dallas at Philadelphia:

Rumor has it that the Philly fans are going to throw pill bottles onto the field if T.O. takes the field. That would be the single rudest thing to happen at a sporting event since last week when the University of Miami's boosters flew planes over the stadium with messages on them decrying head coach Larry Coker.

Hopefully the good people of Philadelphia can just rise above this and take solace in the fact that their Eagles are clearly the best team in the NFC East and might just cruise to a playoff berth, despite the difficulty of winning in this division.

Pittsburgh at San Diego:

This is a very important game for the Steelers. Sports writers are already beginning to write them off, thinking that there is no way they can repeat their title run. Many of those same football analysts are picking the San Diego Chargers as this year's team to beat. A win over the Bolts would cement the Steelers' status as a contender this season. A blowout loss would prove immensely damaging to their season, given that they've already dropped one to the Bengals, another team favored by the media.

Baltimore at Denver:

In my AFC preview, I said that if Steve McNair can manage the Ravens offense, they would be "interesting." Well, he has, and I (among many others) am interested. He (or anyone else on the Baltimore offense) isn't blowing opposing defenses off the field. But they're putting enough points on the board so that the defense doesn't have to do all the work. I cannot possibly picture them missing the playoffs.

Denver looked really good when they beat the Patriots in week three, but it was a weird victory, because at this point no one really knows if the Pats are an impressive team to beat. The threats of losing his job to rookie Jay Cutler have caused Jake Plummer to play with a renewed vigor, and the running game and defense have followed suit. They will put up a fight on Monday night, but they just look outgunned against the Ravens.

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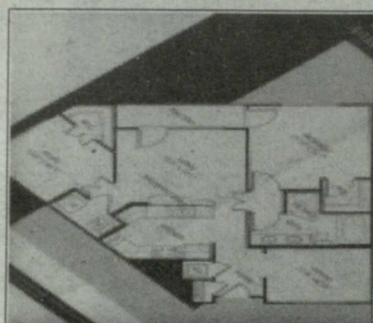
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Keeping your thoughts provoked for 73 years Madonna should be allowed to crucify herself on NBC

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NBC has decided that if Madonna wants to be crucified, then she will have to do it on her own time.

Earlier this year, when NBC announced that they would be airing a two-hour long Madonna concert that culminated in her being crucified on stage, they didn't seem too concerned about it. NBC Entertainment chief Kevin Reilly had said, "We viewed [the concert] and didn't see it as being inappropriate."

Now, according to The New York Daily News, it looks like NBC chickened out and succumbed to the pressure that was being thrown on them from activist groups like the American Family Association and the Parents Television Council. Both the AFA and the PTC have been lobbying since word came out that Madonna was planning on staging a re-enactment of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

AFA Chairman Donald E. Wildmon said, "NBC does not want a fight with the AFA and the Christian community. If the networks continue to show their disrespect and animosity toward people of the Christian faith, the opposition against them will only grow stronger."

Madonna herself has come out and explained the message behind her actions. In a statement after the Japanese leg of her tour concluded Madonna said, "My performance is neither anti-Christian, sacrilegious or blasphemous. Rather, it is my plea to the audience to encourage mankind to help one another and to see the world as a unified whole."

One has to wonder how many members of the AFA would be watching the Madonna special in the first place. Is this crucifixion scene ruining an otherwise perfect family night at home around the picture box with the singer/actress? Of course it isn't!

Wildmon talks a big game,

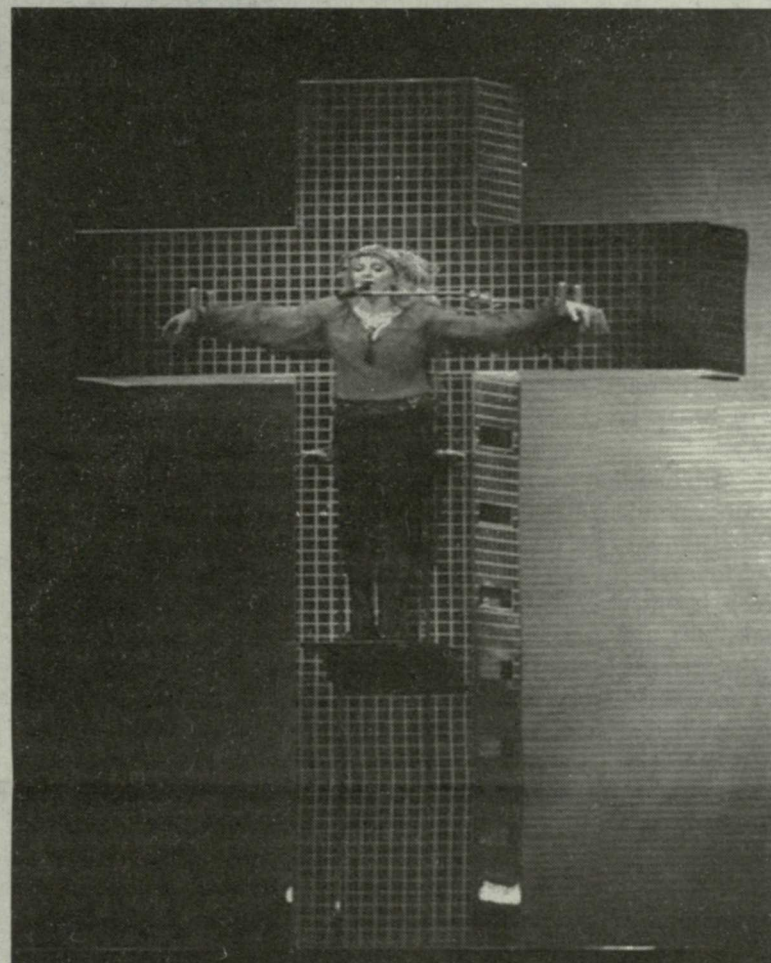
but the threat is empty. The people who are complaining about the proposed concert wouldn't even be watching it in the first place because of Madonna's three-decade long track record of creating scandalous television.

This Madonna concert isn't the first time that Christian groups have rallied against NBC to encourage them to censor programming.

Earlier this year NBC removed "The Book of Daniel" from their lineup. The show received much criticism about the show's content from the same groups that are protesting Madonna's concert. In the show, Aidan Quinn played a reverend who speaks to Jesus directly, is addicted to painkillers, has a gay son, a daughter that sells weed and a wife that drinks too much.

While NBC blamed sagging ratings for the canceling of the show, Wildmon took all of the credit. "This shows the

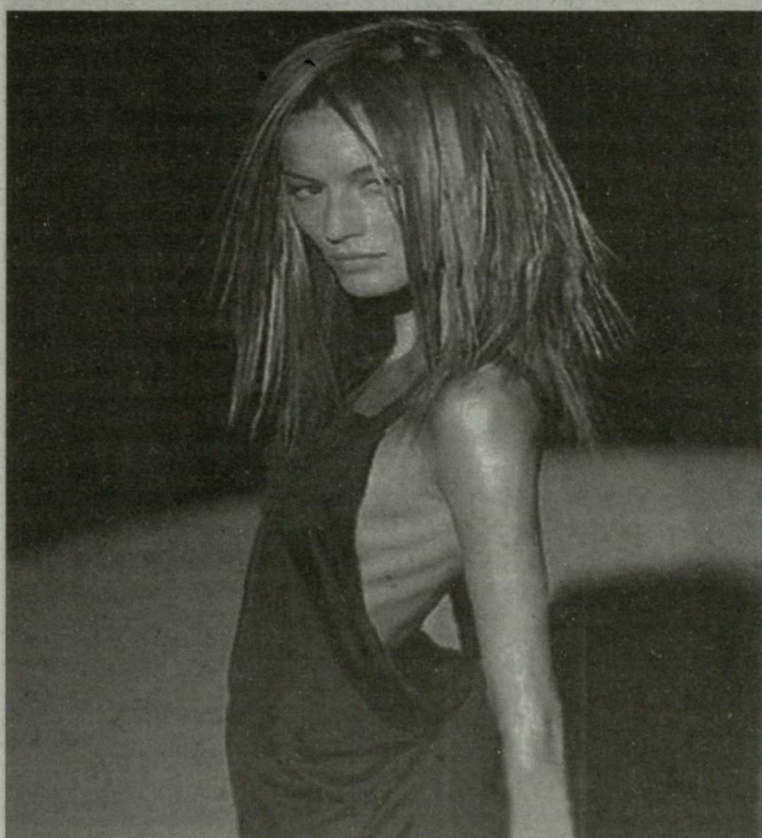
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NBC will not allow this to happen on their network.

Thin models banned from the runway



Chili's doesn't have anything on these ribs.

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If you Google the words 'models' and 'weight,' you will find an unbelievable amount of sites about how to lose weight to look like a model, including one named "Weight loss tips: How to be thin like the models in the magazines."

Now, I have never particularly had issues with my weight. However, I am not going to lie: when I flip through magazines or watch television, I can feel overwhelmed by the amount of overly thin women that I see. So I can understand why someone with a low body image would search for ways to become an unhealthy reproduction of the women projected at us by the ever-invasive media.

That is why I think the steps

Madrid took in banning overly thin models from its fashion week are for the best. The Spanish Association of Fashion Designers banned models whose body mass index was less than 18. The body mass index test, or the BMI calculation, is based on a ratio of height to weight.

The United Nations and health experts worldwide recommend people to maintain a BMI of 18.5 to 25 for a healthy weight. A BMI under 18 is considered malnutrition. What this means is that a 5-foot-9-inch model must weight at least 125 pounds to walk the runway.

Thirty percent of the models in Madrid were turned away for not making the BMI requirement. Overly thin models were offered medical help.

By not allowing the extremely thin models walk the runway, Madrid was hoping to project

an image of beauty and health. Clearly, it is not healthy to have a BMI under 18, which any of the 852 million people who went without enough food last year will concur.

Nevertheless, there are those that oppose the idea of banning models, stating that it is the designers' right to choose whichever model they wish to use in their shows. Their arguments revolve around the fact that there is no law that bans fat models, thus, there should not be a ban on the skinny ones.

Obviously, there is no law. But show me one overweight model that walks the runway and appears in fashion magazines like the skinny ones do, let alone a healthy looking model. There is no stated law against overweight models, but it is very clear

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Letters to The Editor

Some articles have no business in the Georgia State paper

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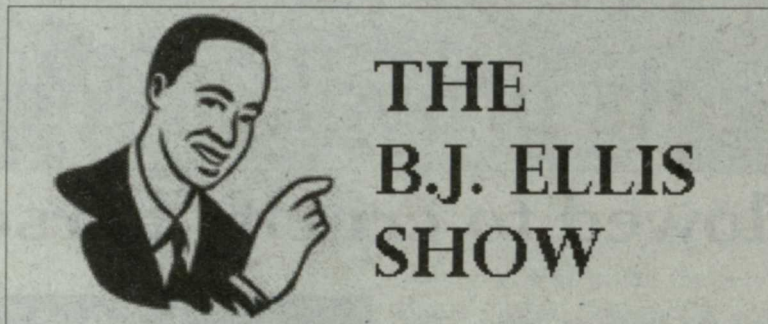
A letter in response to the B.J. Ellis article that ran in the Sept. 14 issue of the Urbanite

The Urbanite recently published a Sept. 14 article on radio personality B.J. Ellis. I am deeply disappointed that they wasted their printer's ink on such a mindless and careless individual.

Yes, the editor of the newspaper has the right to publish articles that contain the possibility of stirring up controversy, and the freedom to come up with his own ideas; however, some ideas just don't need to be explored into anything future. And for those that didn't read this article entitled, "Gee thanks FEMA" written by B.J. Ellis, and "Black Talk radio without gloom and doom" written by Rhonda Belser-Davis, I will break my concerns down to you.

Anyone that's a journalism major or recognizes its techniques should be familiar with the journalistic way of writing, keep it objective (as much as possible) and non-opinionated (perspectives, reviews, and op-eds are exceptions).

With that said, why is the statement "Not only did these losers (for the most part) ..." allowed to be printed in our



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B.J. Ellis hosts an often controversial conservative talk radio show.

newspaper?

Additionally, why is such a hateful DJ allowed to say such things as, "In fact, for many of the evacuees that have yet to find housing three months later have always depended on someone else for their survival, which is why they are in the situation they are in today—homeless, broke, uneducated, lazy, and clueless," in our newspaper?

This statement is the ultimate disrespect, especially when the Georgia State staff provided an educational home for Katrina victims. Not only that, but the Signal published several articles on how Katrina victims were adjusting to the university and what Georgia

State staff, faculty and students were doing to assist them, along with articles surrounding the devastation the Hurricane caused.

So where does this man get off calling those who lost their homes uneducated? Especially in the Urbanite, which is affiliated with the Signal.

Did the editor even read over this article before he decided to include it in the paper? Why was this included in the body of the newspaper instead of in the perspective section of the Signal where it should have been listed, and why in hell did a Urbanite staff writer write an article on this man portraying him as a positive cut-throat individual will-

ing to tell black people what they don't want to hear?

For those, who don't know, B.J. Ellis also has his own online radio show located on www.bjellis.com, which was the main focus on Rhonda Belser-Davis's article.

On his site he proclaims himself as a certified "hell-raiser," and states that he's tired of society disrespecting and bashing black men. But rather than discussing why society acts in such a manner, he results in doing the same thing to black women, calling them stupid for having more than one child, blaming them for the minimum wage protests against Wal-Mart, and for the government not assisting them with health insurance (this show can be found in the archive section).

So my question is: what is shifting the blame going to do? I know that you (B.J. Ellis) want society to ease up on black men, but I guess you would rather have black women take the blame.

My last comment concerns the idea that Ellis believes people who speak their opinion, or what he calls the truth, are

looked down upon by society. I address this to say, "Mr. Ellis, it is one thing to state what's wrong within the black community, but it's another thing to rant and scream to the listeners, telling them that all the problems blacks face are self-inflicted. Do you really believe that your show is really going to change anything? For I am quite sure that blacks know the things that are corrupting their community, therefore they don't want some man shouting about how they should not rely on the government, and how everything is their fault."

So get a clue, Mr. Ellis, your show is nothing but an angry black man complaining and pointing fingers at the people who fall victim to unnecessary circumstances. And to the editor of the Urbanite, once again, I am very disappointed that your writer profiled such an individual in a positive manner. And lastly to Rhonda, "No, I will not ask myself why B.J. Ellis is not on Atlanta radio, nor will I be asking myself when is his next show coming on."

Madonna

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average American that he doesn't have to simply sit back and take the trash being offered on TV, but he can get involved and fight back with his pocketbook."

This "Book of Daniel" and the Madonna issue are just microcosms of the ongoing debate about television decency.

Christians aren't the only ones who are offended by television. With so many channels carrying thousands of viewpoints, it would be hard to find someone who couldn't find something objectionable. It is also hard to find a show that has no audience whatsoever. If you start censoring things in fear that you will offend someone, then you will have to censor everything. Either it is all okay or none of it is okay.

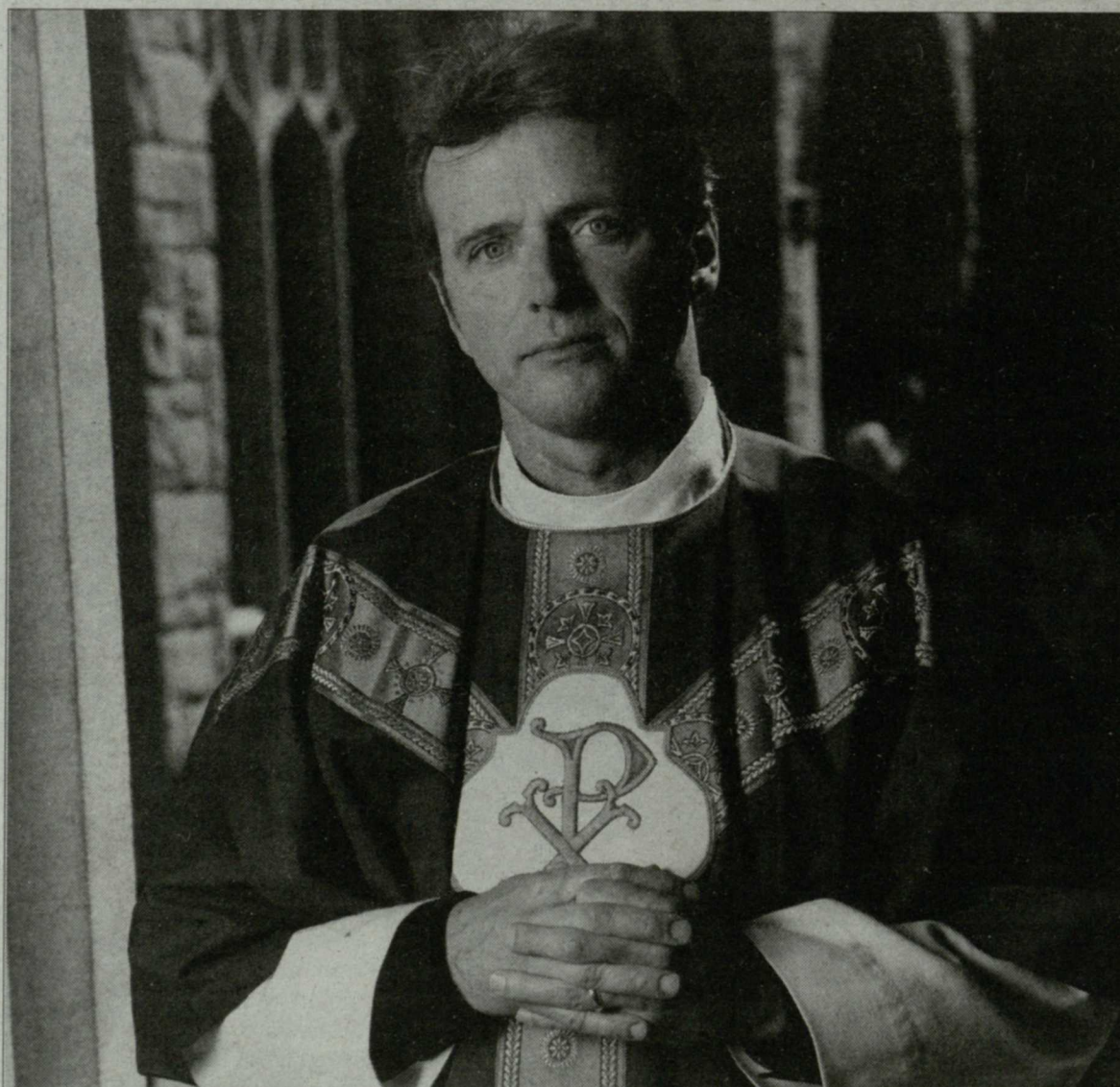
There are many ways to keep people away from the shows that they do not want to watch beyond giving up television altogether.

The FCC has been pushing the cable companies for years to offer a service where the customers would be able to choose the channels they want. This would help stifle the complaints that children are seeing things they aren't supposed to while channel surfing.

While the FCC has no control over cable, it does have the ear of the U.S. Congress. It might not be long before Congress steps in and forces the cable industry to offer these selective packages.

Passwords are another useful way to prevent unwanted content from entering the home. Digital cable boxes and satellite receivers already have password protection. If the parent is concerned that their child might figure out the password, all they would have to do is routinely change it.

While this crucifixion issue isn't the last war Christian group will have with television networks, one has to wonder, who is forcing them to watch?



Aidan Quinn was the star of the much-protested NBC show "The Book of Daniel."

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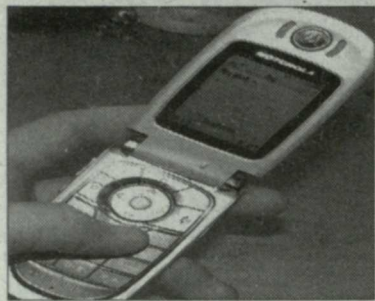
The work sometimes is a thankless job but, as journalists, it is our duty to make sure we are putting the information out there for the public. The public has the right to be informed and in the know. In order for us to do that sometimes, we have to investigate and often identify peo-

As current editors, we owe to ourselves to continue to raise the bar, while future editors will owe it to themselves to raise that bar even higher.

The Princeton Review

Odd and Interesting stories from the past week

New service allows users to send text messages disguised as other numbers



A website based out of the United Kingdom allows users to choose both the originator and destination for a text.

In essence you can send a text message to someone pretending to be someone

else.

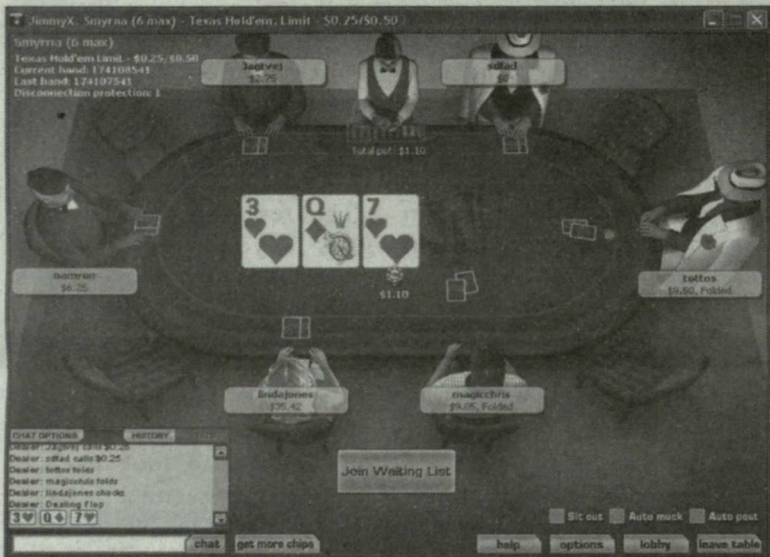
Think of the possibilities! Now you can sabotage a former partner and send a text message pretending to be their new lover.

You could text someone trying to get information out of them if they thought you were someone else.

The service costs about \$1 a message and is strictly available in the United Kingdom.

One has to wonder, how much longer until a similar service reaches the United States

Congress approves Internet Gambling Prohibition Act



Late Friday evening, the U.S. Congress passed a port security bill that contained a section pertaining to online gambling.

This Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, which now lies in the hands of the President for signing, is being considered a joke by online gaming enthusiasts.

These enthusiasts feel

Councilman wants bad parents sterilized

Larry Shirley, a Charleston City councilman, is trying to push through legislation that would force all people that are convicted of crimes that would make them bad parents, to be sterilized.

Shirley was quoted in the Charleston Post & Courier as saying

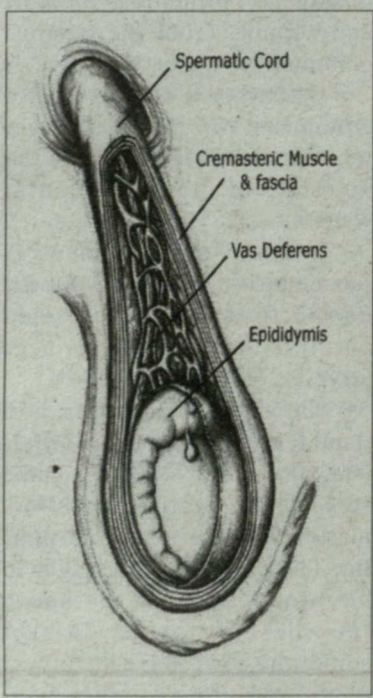
"What we've got is a failure in society, whether it's in Mount Pleasant with yuppie parents or whether it's on the East Side with poor crackhead parents. We pick up stray animals and spay them. These mothers need to be spayed. Deadbeat dads might ought to be sterilized as well"

An interesting thought don't you think?

that such a matter shouldn't be snuck into a serious bill that pertains to national security.

According to the Poker Players Alliance 74% of Americans do not want to see online gaming outlawed.

The APA believes that online poker players will be driven to play underground in online speakeasies.



Atlanta named 'The worst city for sleeping'

While many think that Atlanta is a boring city, according to drug company Sanofi-Aventis, it is also the most sleep deprived.

The survey took data based on citizens commute times, divorce and unemployment rates.

Atlanta residents reported an average of 9.7 days of poor sleep each month. The average for the 50 other metropolitan areas studied was 8.4.

Anaheim and Los Angeles were considered the number 1 and number 2 best cities for sleep according to the same criteria.



Your walk could replace your fingerprints

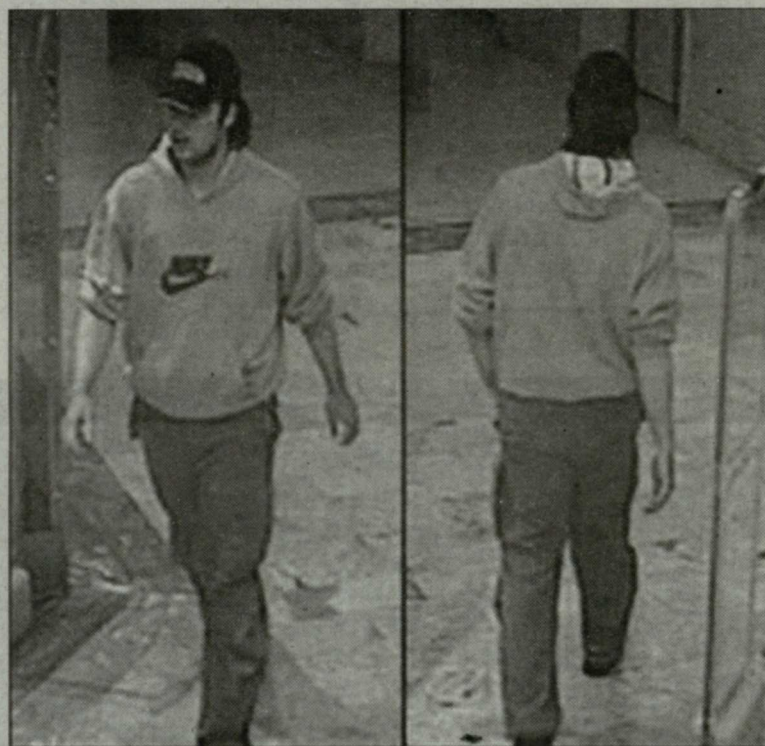
For the past decade scientists have been working on a technology that would be able to identify someone based solely on the way they walk.

The system would analyze suspects walking patterns that were caught on closed-circuit television and compare it to the way the person is walking through the gated security.

Swedish police were able to successfully use the evolving technology in a bank robbery case three years ago.

The technology is still young, but it is believed to be universally viable in a few more years.

Currently, other biometric technologies such as fingerprint mapping and voice recognition are widely being used.



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Having lectures available online is a good thing

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How much would you pay in order to not go to class? A North Carolina State University professor has determined that students are willing to pay \$2.50.

Dr. Robert Schrag has been recording his lectures for quite some time now, and allows students to download these recordings from his website for the \$2.50 fee. Of the fee, Schrag says that \$1.50 goes to the website and the other \$1 goes to help pay for the recording equipment and editing software that he purchased in order to provide this service.

I, for one, think that this is a fantastic idea. Although teachers have been putting slides online through WebCT or personal websites for quite some time now, having an actual audio recording is quite different. As we all know, teachers go off the notes sometimes and are able to clarify things that might not come across as clear through reading the notes. Also, you will have the benefit of hearing any questions that are asked during class.

With these recordings you would be able to put them on an MP3 player, burn it to a CD, and listen in the car or simply play it on your computer. The advantage is that you can listen to the lecture whenever you want, as many times as you want.

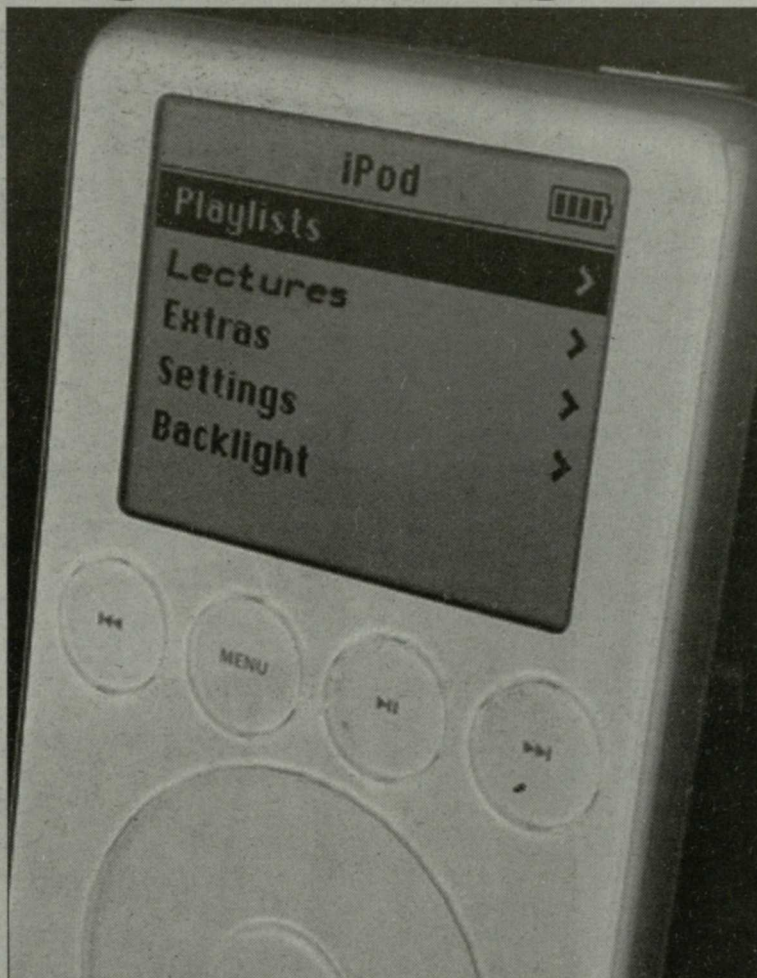
Dr. Schrag understands that students are just as busy as and sometimes even busier than everyone else. He knows that missing class is sometimes unavoidable if you want to pay the power bill. By offering this service, a student doesn't have to choose from missing class or missing a paycheck.

Beyond having to work, Schrag's service also protects students whenever they run into unforeseen occurrences such as a flat tire or sudden illness.

Some might say that this will just encourage kids to not come to class at all, but Dr. Schrag doesn't think so. "You're going to get the most if you come to class and hear the lecture firsthand, so it's really a matter of choice."

Technology is a wonderful thing that is supposed to make our lives easier. No one is asking that we be able to take our tests completely online or anything that would question the validity of someone's grade. Dr. Schrag is simply utilizing technology to help his students.

In the end, a student is still



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In the future, we'll have to change our iPod folders to include lectures.

going to have to listen to these lectures. Just purchasing the MP3 alone is not going to help them learn the material. Of course, outside studying is going to have to be done in order to achieve a desirable grade in Dr. Schrag's courses or any courses for that matter.

A program like this could help many students at a school like Georgia State where most everyone is commuting. With traffic being as bad as it is, it sometimes isn't worth leaving your house an hour and a half early to attend only one class.

This technology is just another step in the ongoing evolution of the classroom. Some teachers, very few, are allowing students to email their assignments. Once again, this is a great idea that helps to save time and resources for everyone.

Dr. Schrag's program has been put on hold by the new administration that just took over. They are investigating the program to make sure that it isn't violating any current university policies.

Students everywhere can only hope that Dr. Schrag is allowed to continue with his brilliant program. Maybe eventually more professors at Georgia State will allow themselves to embrace technology. If it's there, we might as well use it.

Models

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that the fashion industry has blacklisted anyone above a size four.

Psychologists and eating-disorder experts are concerned about how the fashion industry shoves a dangerously thin body image on women, and even more startling, younger girls.

"The promotion of the thin, sexy ideal in our culture has created a situation where the majority of girls and women don't like their bodies," says Sarah Murnen, a body image researcher and professor of psychology at Kenyon College. "Body dissatisfaction can lead girls to participate in very unhealthy behaviors to try to control weight."

Murnen, who has studied this trend for 15 years, says the obsession with looking thin is starting at a younger age.

"Even in grade one, girls think the culture is telling them that they should model themselves after celebrities who are svelte, beautiful and sexy," she says of her research. More and more

women are contracting eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia in order to look thin. This is disastrous to their health and is cause to thousands of deaths yearly.

That is why it is important that the fashion world and media start showing women other than 'human clothes hangers.' Not only is the image of gaunt women destructive to those that see them, but it is taking a toll on the health of the models themselves.

"You hear stories of girls who come to model and are collapsing because they haven't eaten in days," comments Cindi Leive, editor-in-chief at Glamour magazine.

My question to the fashion industry: Is this the image of beauty that you wish to show to the world? I applaud Madrid for taking action and realizing that beauty is not about starving oneself to be a size four.

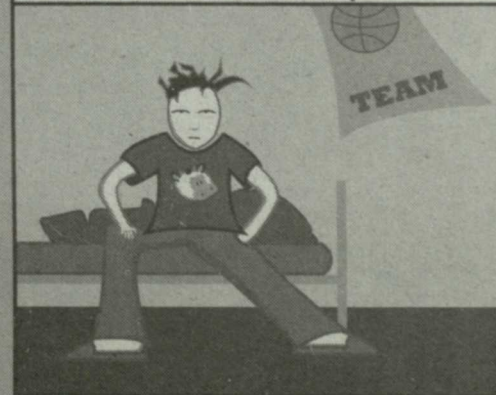
Hopefully Madrid's decision will have a greater impact than just on the runways in their city. We can only hope that diversified lineups of healthy women will soon appear on runways, television and magazines everywhere.

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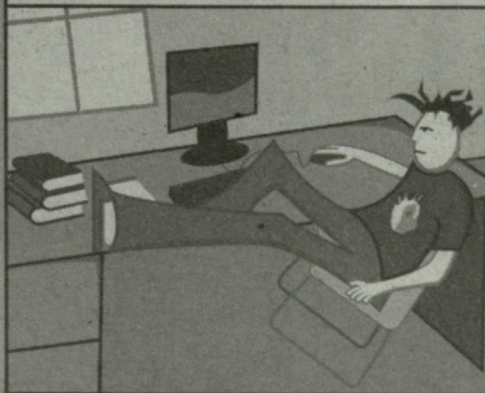
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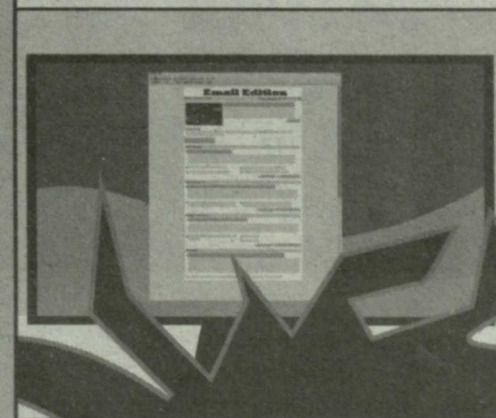
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