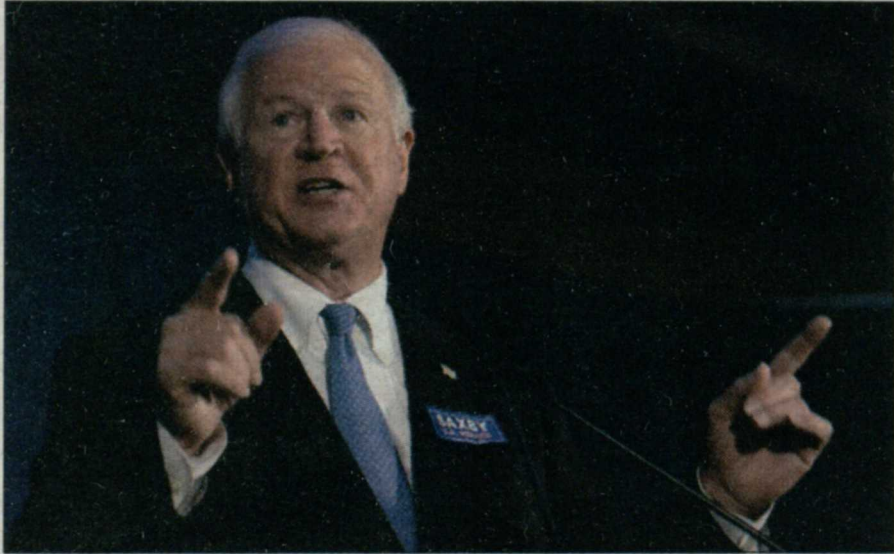


All Eyes on Georgia

SAXBY CHAMBLISS-(R)



According to popular polling sites that have been tracking post-presidential election numbers since Nov. 4th, the statistics are still in favor of Incumbent Republican candidate Saxby Chambliss by roughly 4-6%. The Senate member since 2003 hopes to keep his chair in the upper house of Congress, and avoid the Democratic majority feared by Republican leaders.

JIM MARTIN-(D)

Saxby Chambliss took 49.8% of the vote on general election day, surpassing Jim Martin's 46.8%. Though Chambliss beat the Democratic nominee by 3 points in November, he shouldn't be counted out—Martin won the Democratic primary runoff back in August by a staggering 20% after earlier polls nearly guaranteed his opponent's victory.



*All figures used above acquired from Pollster and Rasmussen reports.

Today's runoff election puts Congress' future in the hands of Georgia voters

By MEGAN URRY
News Editor

Georgia has been a national focal point for politicians across the country since the Nov. 4th general election failed to produce a Senatorial candidate with a majority vote in the state. For the past four weeks, Senate candidates Saxby Chambliss, incumbent, and Democratic challenger Jim Martin have poured funds into campaigning for the seat that will be decided in today's runoff election. While Georgia wasn't the only state with less than clear Senate election results after the presidential race ended last month—Alaska had to hold a similar runoff recently, and Minnesota is waiting on definitive results pending a recount—some say the nation's future is in the hands of Georgia's runoff results—and Georgia voters.

That being said, both Democrats and Republicans have been rallying endlessly to score support for their respective party candidates; politicians ranging from presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton to Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin have spent time and money to reach out to campaign-weary Georgians in an effort to get voters back to the polls.

But why all the fuss over a couple of Senators from the South, you ask?

With the exception of Minnesota, Georgia is the last in the country to assign its remaining seat in the Senate—which, as of now, is close to having an air-tight Democratic majority. With the election of a Democrat into this seat, Congress would be given a 60-seat Democratic majority, which would in turn give liberals a filibuster-proof Senate and, in theory, allow for liberal agenda to pass more easily through the upper-house of Congress. If Sen. Chambliss

is re-elected, however, just the opposite is possible—Republicans have the opportunity to derail Obama's agenda over the next few years, and make it more difficult for both him and Congress to pass legislation.

The GOP fears this possible super-majority, saying the country would be virtually unprotected from an Obama-lead "rubber-stamp" Congress if Georgia brings in a Democratic Senator. Liberal party leaders, on the other hand, hope Martin will help break the ceiling and push the Senate toward an inviolable legislative body.

During last month's election, the race was close for the two candidates. With Georgia being a historically Republican state, Conservatives were convinced Chambliss would take home a victory; however, when the GOP candidate failed to gain the 50% plus 1 majority vote, he and his opponent were forced into another month of campaigning—and the public was, once again, subjected to more campaign rhetoric.

So, it's clear as to why party leaders at both ends of the political spectrum are worried and hopeful. The weight of the nation's Congressional future (or so it seems) is on Georgia's shoulders. Now literally the entire country will watch as today's runoff draws election season to a historic close, and brings an end to the campaign trail for presidents, senators, and voters nation-wide.

All eyes are on the Peach State.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 2

Women's Basketball vs. Presbyterian
Admission is free for students with a valid Panther I.D.

Time: 6pm
Location: Sports Arena

Holiday Mail for Heroes

Holiday Mail for Heroes is a partnership between the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes to deliver one million holiday cards to American service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world. The drive will be held throughout December. Please send cards to:

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Volunteer your time and talents with the Salvation Army for the annual Angel Tree Project which provides Christmas to over 12,000 needy children in Atlanta. Volunteers are needed to assist in sorting and organizing toys in the warehouse as well as to distribute them. Different shift times are available.

Sorting Dates: Dec. 1 through Dec. 21
(8:30am-12:30pm, 12:30pm-4:40pm)

Location: 1070 White Street, Atlanta
For more information, contact Bonnie Cowan at (404) 486-2948

Wednesday, December 3

College of Education Open House

Time: 10am
Location: College of Education, 30 Pryor Street
Contact: (404) 413-2000

Men's Basketball vs. Hampton

Admission is free for students with a valid Panther I.D.

Time: 7:30pm
Location: Sports Arena

Thursday, December 4

Interventions for Children and Adolescents with Reading Disabilities

Maureen Lovett of the University of Toronto and The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto will speak about interventions for children and adolescents with reading disabilities. Lovett is internationally recognized for her contributions to reading disabilities research and to the development of interventions addressing basic learning problems. The lecture is part of the Research in the Challenges in the Acquisition of Language and Literacy's Distinguished Lecture Series, and is cosponsored by the Center for Research on

Atypical Development and Learning (CRADL). The lecture is free and open to the public.

Time: 2:30pm
Location: Urban Life Building, Suite 1000

Turner First Thursdays Downtown Arts Walk

The first Friday of each month, students and friends have the opportunity to go through a self-guided tour of the art being featured in various locations in Downtown Atlanta, all compiled here for viewers. The exhibit is free.

Time: 5pm-8pm
Location: Rialto Center

Friday, December 5

Project Empty Bowls Interest Meeting

Project Empty Bowls is an interactive program designed to create an environment for open dialogue on the issues of homelessness, hunger, and poverty, and the influence these issues have on members of our community.

Time: 10:15 am
Location: 330 Student Center, Office of Student Life and Leadership Conference Room

26th Annual Holiday Can-a-Thon

This is Atlanta's largest televised, one day food drive. Volunteers are needed to staff 3 Can-a-Thon locations to help unload canned food donations sort them into categories that will assist in distributing the food to families in need.

Locations are:
Turner Field Parking Lot, School Box Town Center, Discover Mills Parking Lot.
Volunteer shifts vary by location. For more information, contact Bonnie Cowan at (404) 486-2948

Women's Basketball vs. Alabama State

Admission is free for students with a valid Panther I.D.

Time: 6pm
Location: Sports Arena

Tuesday, December 9

Guest Artists: Bent Frequency

General admission is \$10 per person, or free for Georgia State students with a valid Panther I.D.

Time: 7:30pm
Location: Florence Kopleff Recital Hall

Want to see your event in this space? Contact Megan Urry with your event's name, time, date, location, and a brief description of the program.

All events listed in the Calendar of Events must either take place on campus or be produced by a Georgia State affiliated organization. Chartered student organizations should submit their information to the Club Manager calendar through their organization's website with Student Life and Leadership. Contact Stacy Koshko (skoshko@gsu.edu) for more information on Club Manager.

Ten minutes with Soledad O'Brien

Legendary CNN newscaster speaks about diversity, change

By SARAH BALTER
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, award-winning CNN correspondent and legendary newscaster Soledad O'Brien came to speak to Georgia State students about diversity's role in the media. A Signal reporter had the opportunity to sit down with O'Brien in a last-minute interview to get her perspective on the future of journalism, today's media, and personal experiences with the highs and lows of her profession.

Q: What is your opinion on the on-going debate between print, online and broadcast journalism?

A: ...I don't think it's not that people who are watching TV no longer have to worry about print, it's never going to work like that. It's a matter of adding value, and I think there will always be a place for print. I know that most people that are in broadcast news rely heavily on print for our information. I always encourage people that are journalists to not only watch T.V., but read and look at absolutely everything. So those that predict the end of print...not going to happen.

Q: As a journalist at GSU I'm also a homeless advocate. I know you have experience in documentaries...what's your advice to students like myself?

A: [That] it's human. That's the power of documentaries. You get to flesh out the stories and get the snapshot...you get to say "let me tell you who this guy is."

Anything where there's a



Soledad O'Brien, left, speaks with Signal reporter Sarah Balter.

Chanell Heard | Signal

twist, where there's a surprise, there's always a great documentary topic. Anytime you can say, "you think you know but you don't—let me show you." That's a great documentary.

Q: So how would one go about expanding on this idea?

A: Being an advocate, make sure your advocacy doesn't affect, interrupt your journalism... don't break down an honest story. The complications are what make a good story. When everyone plays their little role it's actually kind of boring. It's that conflict that makes

people interested. Make sure, in your advocacy, there's a genuine story—whatever your spin is going to be, do good journalism.

Q: This next one is a question of personal interest—have you ever been imbedded? [Being attached, as a journalist, to military units during armed conflict.] Where do you stand on that sort of reporting?

A: Not personally, but my good friend David...he was killed in Baghdad...I sort of believe you're always risking your life... It's not what I do because it's not the kind of correspondent I want to be. I

don't think you can ever be completely safe...But I think journalists take a calculated risk to try to figure out the stories. I'm much more concerned about doing things that are really worth the time [but not life-threatening].

Doing good stories that involve a little bit of risk taking I'm actually fine with.

Q: Did having a family have anything to do with that? Change your perspective on what's important?

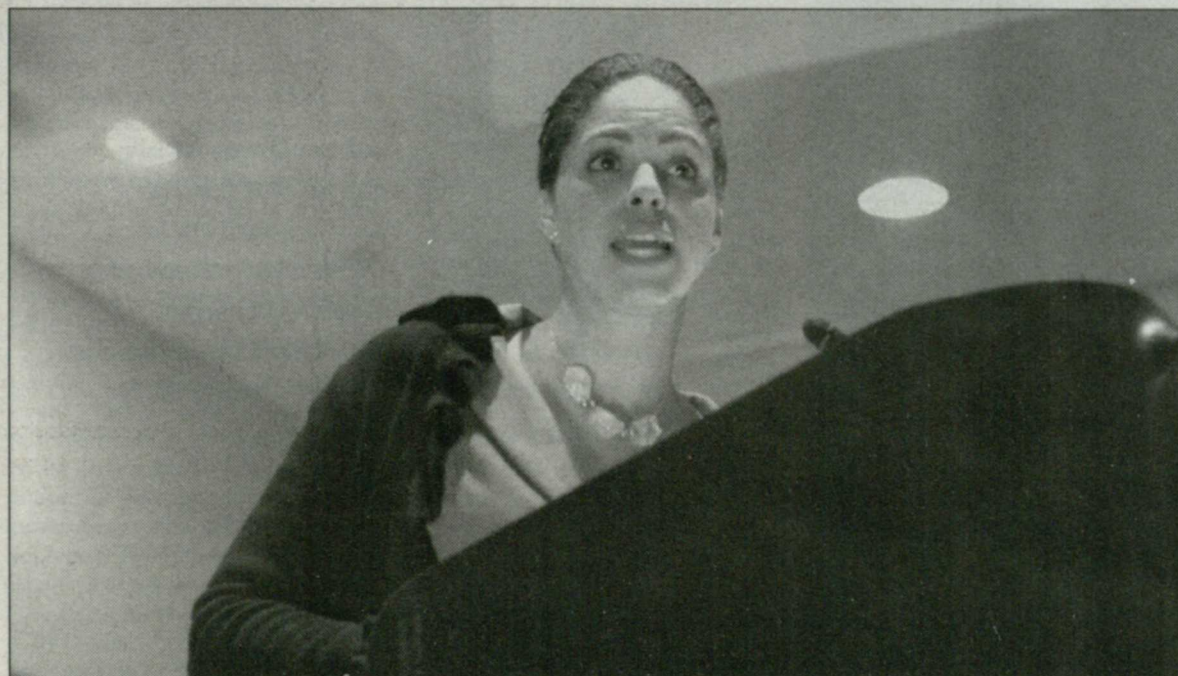
A: Even when I didn't have a family I was never that kind of correspondent...anything can happen at any time, certainly. But I don't go out of my way to take risks, I just don't.

I used to want to say, you know, I don't cover tornadoes while they're happening, I cover the aftermath...I'm all about doing stories that are meaningful, stories that are really worth telling. Anderson [Cooper] goes in and covers the tornado, I cover the aftermath. [Laughter]

I think everyone understands the risks, but for me...if I have to camp out I'm willing to do it, but not so much for a story that's not really worth it. It has to be worth it.

--Sarah Balter

For more on Soledad O'Brien's visit and lecture, see the article to the right of this interview.



O'Brien during the lecture.

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CNN anchor and special investigations correspondent Soledad O'Brien gave a lecture about diversity on November 17th in the Student Center Ballroom. Her lecture, titled "Diversity: On TV, Behind the Scenes, and in Our Lives," depicted her life and career experiences through a series of stories about her early Latin influences, her parents, siblings, and professional challenges over 21 years of broadcast television reporting.

The complexities of growing up as the fifth of six biracial children of a black, Cuban mother and a white, Australian father prepared O'Brien for the obstacles she would face in reporting in regards to the color of her skin and the sound of her name. As a high school student, Soledad was encouraged to believe that she could make it in broadcast news despite the rarity of Latino and Black reporters and actors on television. Thanks to the influence of reporters of the day like Gloria Rojas, who challenged the status quo, O'Brien believed she too had a chance to be successful in the field of journalism.

"If Gloria Rojas could be a reporter, with her [Latino] name, then certainly I could be one too, with the name Maria de la Soledad Teresa O'Brien", she remarked. She pronounced 'Gloria Rojas', and her own name with an exaggerated Spanish accent to make the audience laugh.

The speaker, a petite figure behind the bulky GSU podium, connected to listeners with further injections of humor throughout her lecture, joking about her first job interview experiences. She was told in one interview that she wasn't dark-skinned enough to fill the sole slot available for a black reporter.

"I didn't know if I should be more offended that there was only one job opening for a black person, or [that my skin wasn't dark enough to qualify me for the job]," she joked.

O'Brien was also asked whether or not she would change her name, being that 'Soledad' might be considered "too complicated" for broadcast reporting. She recalled her refusal, humorously citing a fear that changing her name, which means "the Virgin Mary," might have gotten her in trouble with a higher authority.

Her parents, who experienced their own share of discrimination in the process of dating, marrying, and building an interracial family, advised Soledad to get around the

Kell and Sparks reconstruction still a 'maybe'

By NICOLE SCHIMMEL
Staff Writer

As more and more students pour onto campus there is only one option for administration—to expand. Official introduction of the Main Street Master Plan began in 1997. This plan started as brainstorming and is added to each year, according to budget and school needs. The plan features many elements that will, and have over the past decade, greatly affect both students and campus life here at Georgia State.

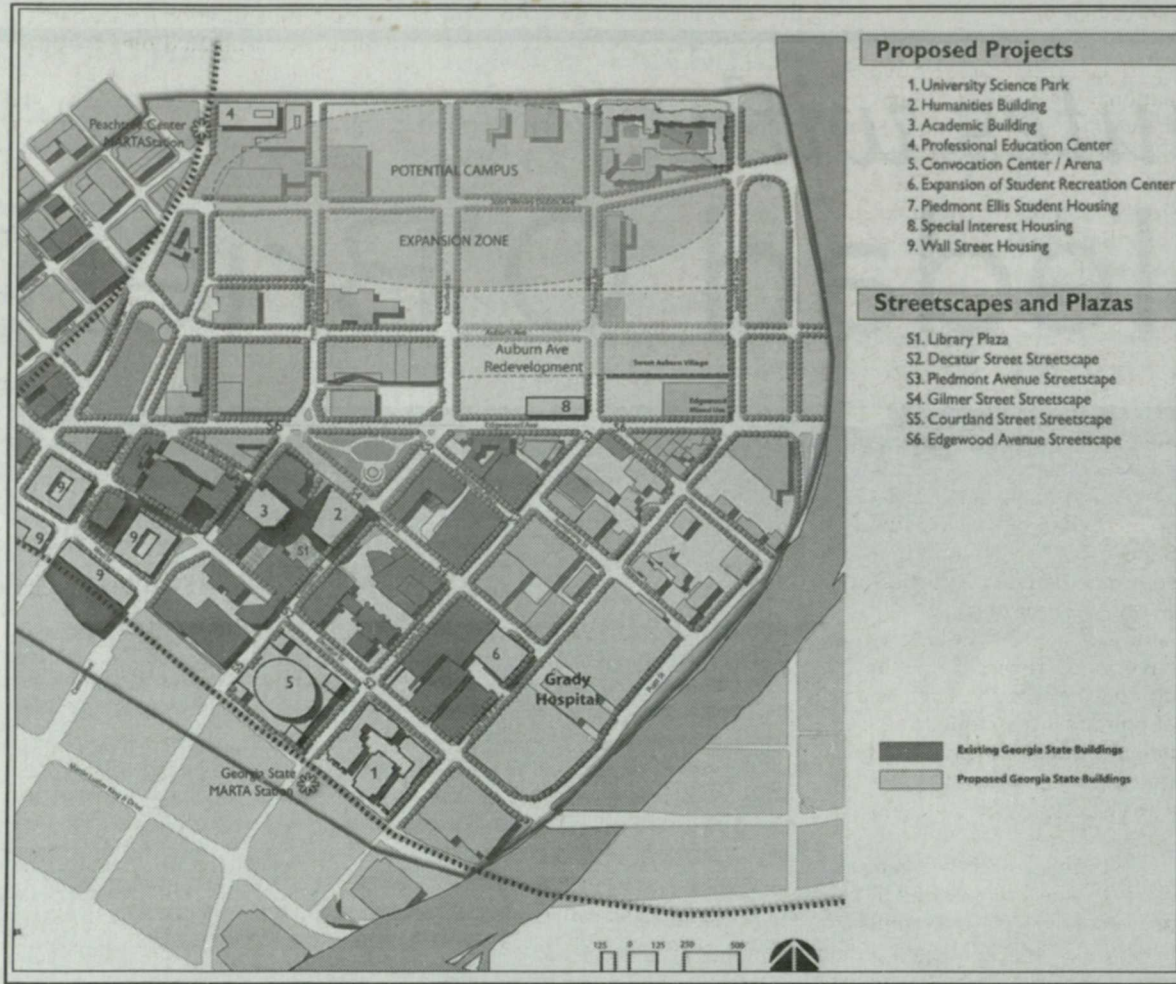
The idea for this plan was created in 1996 when the campus was experiencing a large increase of students, but the facilities on campus were not equipped for the new students, as stated on the GSU Main Street Master Plan website. Thanks to this plan we now have the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts and the Student Center.

According to the site, "This \$1billion plan will expand the campus to include housing for 20 percent students, main streets that are pedestrian friendly and new facilities to help our university community reach farther and dream bigger."

What the City of Atlanta, the Department of Transportation and GSU plan to do with Decatur St. and Piedmont Ave. is drastic. The plans are to make these roads two lanes separated by a median. This would make traffic travel both directions instead of one-way.

The new dorms and Petit Science Center, both to be completed by Fall 2009, are step one of the plan. The next steps will include changes to Decatur Street and Piedmont Avenue, a practice area for the football team, and possibly changing Library Plaza. The library plaza change would include tearing down both Sparks and Kell buildings.

There are ideas in the works for these buildings. To replace them, the university would build another Arts and Humanities building—but this is still just a proposal as of now. According to Walter Koch, Facilities



Above is a map of the proposed campus expansion plan, which includes the tearing down of Sparks and Kell Hall and replacing them with a new Arts and Humanities building.

Project Director for the College of Arts and Sciences, the school is actively buying property. As of now, the school has purchased the Citizens Trust Building by the Commons and the SunTrust Building by Woodruff Park.

These buildings will house mostly administration, which would in turn make more space for classrooms. The bigger the campus becomes, the greater the need for faculty and staff according to Pete Mote, an administrator in the College Administrative Office for the College of Arts and Sciences.

With these expansions the campus border would be extended to Ellis and Wall Street, as well as the Peachtree Center MARTA Station.

The School's project list includes: a science center, new dorms, natural science building remodeling, dining hall remodeling and new crosswalk signs around campus. These digital signs have a countdown and aim to make the walk around campus safer for students.

GSU has already begun on some of these changes, which can be seen by students all around campus.

"This will provide more of a campus atmosphere and be safer for students," Walter Koch, a representative from the College of Arts and Sciences said.

The funds come from budgeted money, donations and foundations. Alumni dues, among other

monies, comprise the foundations. The school has made a point to budget money for this and they are not letting the recession deplete those funds, although it has taken a toll on the school just as it has the rest of the nation.

Students should be on the look-out for projects all about campus. With the 9-story Science center and new dorms, the school is on its way to becoming a traditional campus. GSU has its students' best interest in mind with all these projects. One of the goals of this Main Street Master Plan, as stated on the website, is to make GSU "the leading urban research university."

"We do it all for the students because without them we wouldn't have a job," Koch said.

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obstacles placed before her and to keep trying, and she was further inspired by her older sister Estella, who never quit despite heavy pressure to drop out of the physics program at Harvard under the assumption that "girls and minorities do not make it in physics." With a career spanning two decades covering wars, elections and disasters, documenting history, and interviewing the prominent figures of our time, she is now one of the most well known news anchors on television today.

O'Brien's lecture covered diversity in Obama's campaign strategy, accounting his victory

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She placed emphasis on the importance of speaking out against wrong, of getting involved with helping others, and of seeing people and places in terms of potential rather than fault. The reporter has documented the heroic measures of aid and assistance undertaken in the aftermath of disasters like Hurricane Katrina, along with the scenes of devastation. The speaker summed up her attitude about involvement with a quote from Dante's *Inferno*:

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Women's race series takes place in Atlanta

By GAURAV BHATIA
Staff Writer

Hundreds of women gathered at Atlantic Station to race for a good cause a few weeks ago. Despite the extremely cold weather, they are determined to get to the finish line as part of the Zooma Women's Race Series.

Taking place on Nov. 16, the Zooma Women's Race Series engages women athletes to celebrate their power and beauty. There were two major races that took place during this event, which were the Half Marathon & 5K, designed for adult runners, and the Kids' Fun Run, which was for children to participate in.

Participants were racing throughout Atlantic Station, from 17th Street and State Street to 20th Street and Fowler Street. All participants received free t-shirts for their participation.

As the tired athletes were running, volunteers were there to replenish their energy with food and water. After the race was over, the top three runners were awarded with such prizes as gift certificates to use at spas, and the winners from each age group were announced. A band, Modern Logic, was present at the event, entertaining runners and volunteers with music.

Most of the sponsors were health-related companies such as Nami Salon & Spa, Corazonas: Heart Healthy, Big Peach Running Company, and Mind, Body, & Spirit Fitness. However, companies such as Publix and Starbucks donated food and drinks for the event.

The proceeds for this event went to two select charities: CARE and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The money raised for St. Jude's went toward treatment and cures for children struggling with cancer and other diseases. The athletes that made up the St. Jude Heroes team were eligible for online coaching in regards to health and nutrition, access to the St. Jude Heroes pre-race pasta party, and prizes including hotel and airfare.

CARE is a relief organization dedicated to alleviating global poverty. With its headquarters in Atlanta, initiatives of CARE organization include business training for women in developing nations, healthcare services for people that have contracted AIDS or malaria, clean water and sanitation, and emergency supplies for survivors of natural or human-caused disasters.

Representatives of CARE were passing out shirts at the Zooma event, along with jewelry and scarves made by women that they assist in countries like Peru and India. In addition, they were also promoting a film called "A Powerful Noise: The Impact Of One Voice, The Power Of Many."

For more information on CARE, visit their website at www.careusa.org or find out about "A Powerful Noise" by visiting www.apowerfulnoise.org.

Apartheid, racism in Gaza are U.S. issues too, say GSU speakers

By MEGAN URRY
News Editor

Last Friday, Nov. 21 two internationally renowned human rights activists came to Georgia State to discuss with students the parallels between apartheid as it was practiced in South Africa, and the growing ethnic separation condoned by the Israeli government in Palestine and the Gaza Strip. Reverend Edwin "Eddie" Makue of the South African Council of Churches, who has been with South Africa's apartheid struggle for over twenty years, and Diana Buttu, a former legal aid with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, spoke on these issues as well as what they see as the United States' role in the continuation of such controversial practices on a two-week tour that ended in Atlanta the week before last. The pair have made several stops in cities around the United States as a part of End the Occupation, a U.S. campaign that aims at changing American policy in order to help those areas of the West Bank and Gaza occupied by Israel.

"It is interesting when a political system becomes so frail that you need military and government officials to control it," began Makue, who spoke with a Signal reporter shortly after Friday's presentation.

Recent events at the Strip, where blockades preventing access to food and other necessities put in place by the occupying-Israeli government were tightened at the end of November, make the pair's message seem all that more crucial, Makue says. With the deepening racial tensions in this area becoming more destructive to those living in the area every day, he and Buttu find it important to draw the similarities between the freedom struggle of South Africa in the 1980s with those currently unfolding in Palestine in the hopes that the Israelis, their neighboring countries, and those in the West will use those experiences to help settle the region—and shed American light on the situation, in an effort to get more help, financially and otherwise, from the United States.

"It's not that people are helpless," he interjected, "but there is a need to identify what it is that needs to be done here."

Makue then began describing what he grew up with as a "swiss cheese state" in South Africa, where his struggles with racism and the unjustified legal system there were very personal.

"Apartheid developed there through a range of laws that discriminated and drew illegal framework to separate people."

The Reverend says these various pieces of legislation—including such acts as the Group Areas Act, which created residential regions for South Africans based on race and other ethnic factors in the 1950's—are parallel to the segregation that's being implemented in the West Bank.

Through maps and other hands-on materials, Buttu pointed out the physical obstacles the Palestinians are currently facing, from segregated roads to blockades that

have prevented access to food, water, electricity, and traveling capacities to surrounding sources of refuge.

"Those in the Gaza Strip are imprisoned...The Israelis have blockaded electricity, which means no water; hospitals can't be used, sewer systems are unable to function properly...they are unable to feed over 50% of their people. They're controlling not only Palestinian land, but also the people," Makue said.

These controls are psychological as well, he says. The destruction of homes and invasion of air space, amongst other things, force children and families to witness the literal dismantling of their life's work and are helpless in the process. He compared these experiences with those in South Africa, where children that witnessed abuse and murder were later found to have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder equivalent to those of Vietnam Vets.

While military blockades have been in place since Israeli officials implemented the restrictions last summer as a response to hostilities from Hamas, the current Palestinian governing authority, the issue of security versus racism—that is, that the measures being taken to keep the groups separated exist to keep both parties safe, versus the view that this security wall is a "legal" form of discrimination and segregation—is an on-going debate that Makue also went into detail

about. He says the excuse has fueled the justification for the barriers that have separated the groups for far too long.

"...if it is security, why did they not learn from the South African experience? And use honest matters to keep them safe?" he said. "The whole idea of Palestinians by nature, that they're a threat...is [not accurate]."

The pair is also supporting the boycott of certain U.S. goods as a form of nonviolent protest, from companies like the construction

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giant Caterpillar to the electronics group Motorola. The former has reportedly supplied Israeli militants with demolition equipment that's been used to destroy Palestinian homes, while Motorola has been said to have supplied this same group with surveillance materials.

Besides these American companies, Makue and Buttu described billions of dollars the U.S. government gave to Israel in an effort to help resolve the issues, and went into further detail about what has

been viewed by organizations like his as neglect on the part of both the United Nations and the United States; years of placing Israel's problems on the backburner are part of why Makue feels these two powerful groups are throwing money at all the wrong places, instead of investing in a more permanent future for the area.

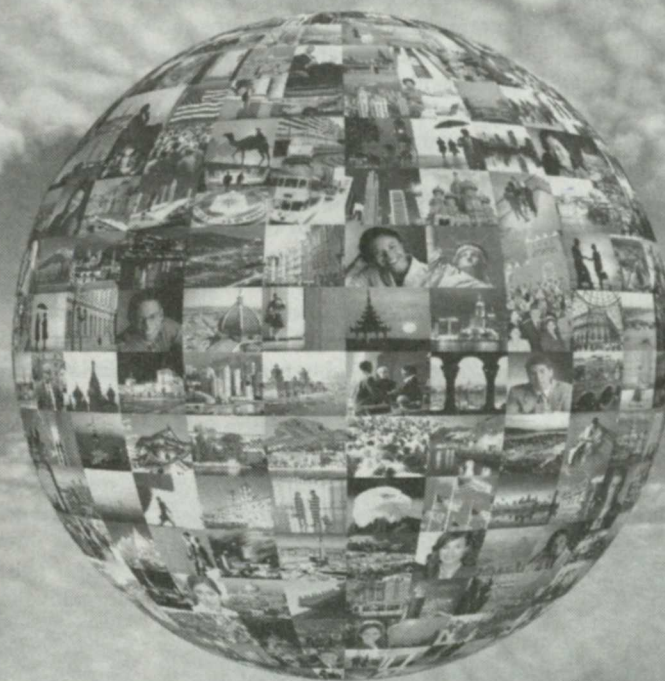
"Why not use it in a situation that will help both sides? ...we believe that the United States is a superpower, so they have a certain responsibility [there]."

The two activists made 11 stops last month, visiting such places as Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, and, locally, to Spelman and various churches in Atlanta to speak with everyone from religious community leaders to Washington Senators, which they urge others to do as well. Though the panel was primarily concerned with the harsh treatment of Palestinians during these discussions, their ultimate goal is to achieve peace in the Middle East.

"Never again shall there be that one person will be oppressed by another," said Makue, reflecting on the sentiments that both he and his colleagues share, and hope will one day be in Israel's future.

More information on this topic, and commentary from Reverend Eddie Makue and Diana Buttu, can be found on the Democracy Now website at www.democracynow.org.

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Infinite Appeal presents *Fashionology: A Lesson In Fashion*, entertaining audience in latest fashion show

By NIKITA WRIGHT
Living Editor

The biggest and most exciting fashion show of the year took place Saturday, November 15, 2008, in the Ballroom of the Student Center. Infinite Appeal Modeling Organization, who has been working hard all semester long, was excited to finally be presenting its Fall 2008 Fashion Show, entitled *Fashionology: A Lesson In Fashion*. The evening was a hit, wowing and impressing the audience with surprise guest performances, talented young models, good music, and some of the top designs in the fashion industry being showcased.

Infinite Appeal is a modeling organization which was founded on Georgia State's campus in 1999. The initial vision of the organization was to give students with an interest in fashion and serving the community the opportunity star in their very own fashion show that they produced and would in turn raise money to serve the community. The organization's purpose is to also provide students with an opportunity to use their creativity, to express their desire for fashion, and to acquire hands-on-experience in the world of fashion.

The fun filled evening began with musical guest who performed during the pre-show. These performances included new hits from some of the most popular hip hop groups currently out, including Dem Getaway Boyz performing their hit "Imma a G" and Fast Life Yungstaz performing their newest song "Swag Surfin."

The clever theme of the show can be attributed to Creative Director Tiffany McMickle. "She came up with the school theme," said

Jacquar Hunter, Executive Assistant for Infinite Appeal Modeling Organization. "And from there as far as the different scenes, we broke it down into different lessons."

The show was divided into six different scenes all related to the theme of being in school and taking a course on fashion. Each scene pertained to a specific lesson about fashion which represented the main theme of the scene. For example, the first lesson of the show was attitude. The second lesson was swag, the third, construction, the fourth, poise, the fifth, Gentlemen's Quarterly, and lastly the sixth was Trendsetter. The show even included a "recess," in which brave audience members had the opportunity to go on stage and model against each other for prizes, and a graduation scene.

The models in the show elegantly expressed these themes in each of the scenes through fierce poses and runway walks showcasing some of the hottest fashions. These talented individuals were carefully chosen earlier this semester by the executive board of Infinite Appeal Modeling Organization.

"We look for confidence," said Hunter. "Just have confidence and we will teach you the rest." Hunter explained how they also were looking for diversity instead of the stereotypical model look. "We are real big on diversity," he said. "We are not interested in stick thin models. We want a variety of body types and individuals from different backgrounds."

The models had the luxury of wearing some of the most popular fashions available from several boutiques located within the city of Atlanta. Some of these boutiques included Priceless Treasures Con-



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signment Boutique which specializes in the sale of trendy women's and men's clothes, shoes, and ac-

cessories. The show also showcased clothing from Dyme Empire and Dyme Clothing which spe-

cializes in urban clothing for the streets or in classy environments. BluPrint, also worn by the models, sells clothing best for a night out on the town.

Several designs from aspiring solo designers were showcased in the show such as Sarah Christine who designs apparel for fraternities, sororities, and school events; Lakedra Reed, who designs a clothing line known as Raquel which is a mixture of edgy, trendy, and chic style of clothing; and lastly, Shavonda Andrew's clothing line, Seventies Girl, which is located in Buford Georgia.

Hunter claimed how the organization had been working on the show for a long period of time. "We have been working on this show since late May," he said. "Which is when we first started meeting."

Hunter described how much work went into the making the show a success. "It's a lot of work as far as having auditions and teaching the models," he said. "Where we hold practices and fundraising for everything such as the hotel rooms and equipment in order to put the show together was a big deal."

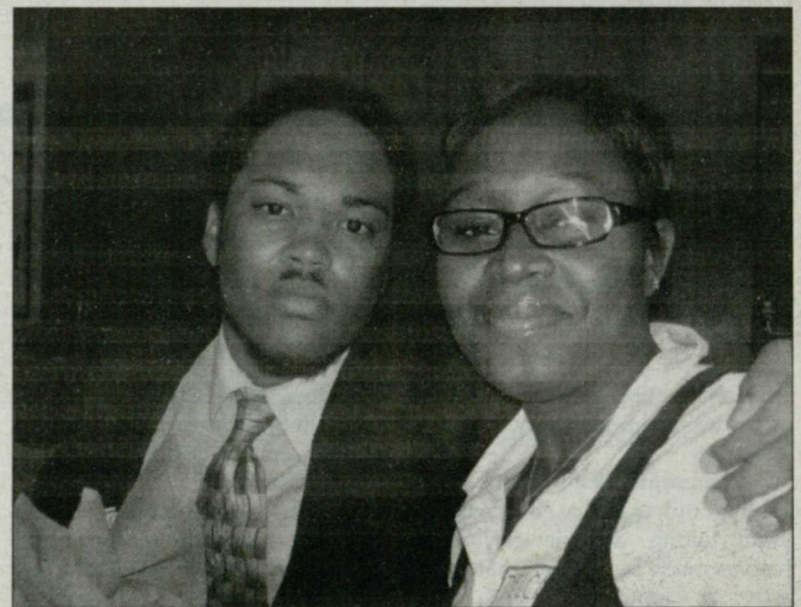
Hunter revealed the frustration with one of the designers dropping out right before the show. "One de- See **APPEAL** page 8

Circle K International dedicates time to aid Atlanta children

By KELSEY MAYNOR
Contributing Writer

Circle K International is a community service based organization focused on the development of the youth through service and leadership. The Circle K International organization at Georgia State University is one of the most progressive and impressive chapters in the Southern Region. The chapter has been on the right track to greatness this semester, and they have tons in store for the upcoming year.

Circle K has made a commitment to aiding the children of Atlanta. The club has worked extensively with the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. Four members of Circle K International went to Camp New Hope to serve as Camp Counselors for a week. The camp fostered an estimated 200 children. During the week, the members were in charge of roughly 7 students a piece, many of which were inflicted with Sickle Cell Disease or Trait. The children need attention and are required to take a variety of medication daily.



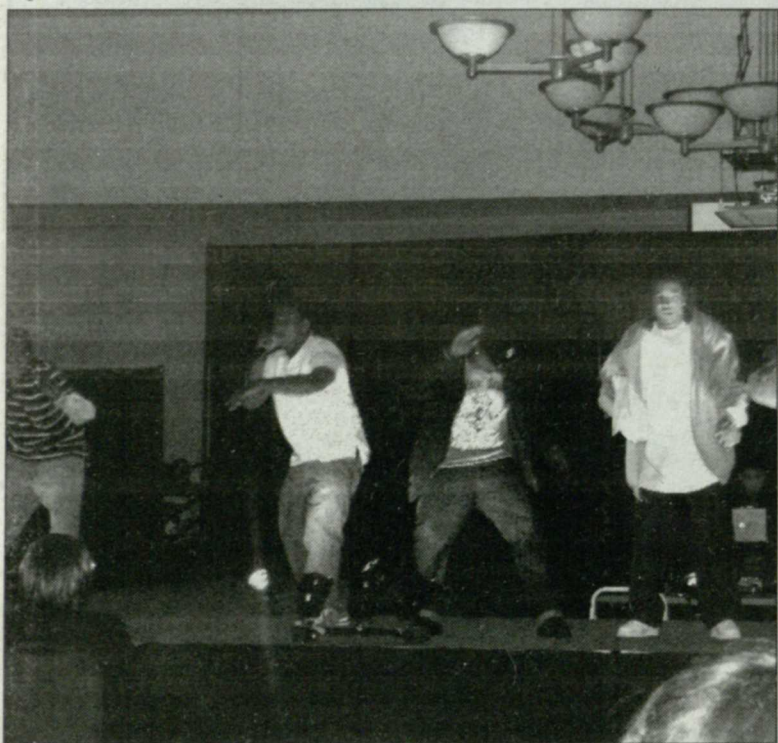
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Camp New Hope's mission is to provide a world in which the children forget their pain and illness. For example, students are given the opportunity to go kayaking, rope climbing, fishing, mountain biking, swimming, horse back riding, and many more activities.

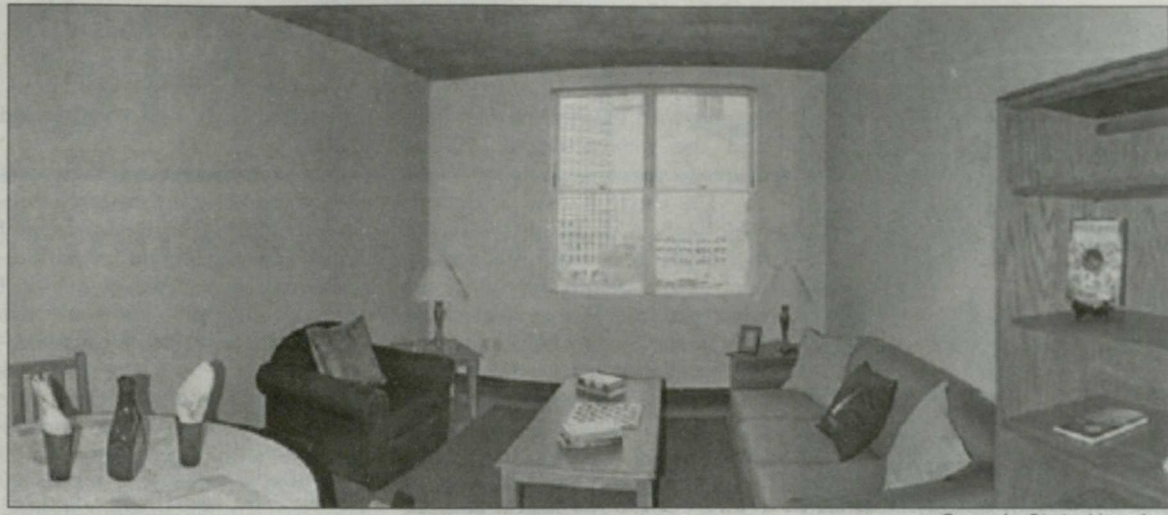
The organization has been a blessing to the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia this year. Circle K members helped them successfully start their 1st Annual Motor Bike Race. The Circle K group set up check points, served food, and

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Georgia State Housing

On-campus housing puts in place major changes

By BRIANA MARSHALL
Staff Writer

Once deemed to be strictly a commuter school, Georgia State has steadily worked over the past decade towards disproving this assumption. With two main residence halls established, The Lofts and University Commons, students have the convenience of a short walk to campus as well as the opportunity to absorb all that downtown Atlanta has to offer.

This year several changes have been made to both residence halls, including increased security and more dining options. One of the new security measures currently in place includes a guest check-in policy, which requires guests of residents to present a state-issued form of identification before leaving the lobby. Students such as biology major Nadia Barr, 19, feels that heightened campus security makes for a safer living environment.

"At first I hated the guest check-in process due to the amount of time it took," said Barr. "However, I would rather be inconvenienced and safe than comfortable and in harms way."

A new addition to on-campus life is the Panthers Den, a sports bar style restaurant conveniently located across from the Commons. Students living in both residence halls frequent the establishment, and are able to watch the latest

sports games while consuming all-American foods such as burgers and french fries.

Lofts resident Kevin Johnson, 20, is pleased with the addition of another dining option, but wishes it was more convenient to Lofts residents. "Currently there are two major restaurants located next to the Commons," said Johnson. "But Lofts residents do not have any restaurants nearby. Georgia State should start catering more to the Lofts residents."

This year the Lofts made a major change by having the majority of its residents share their bedrooms to allow for more students to reside there. Johnson was uncertain about the drastic change at first because he was not used to sharing a bedroom with someone, but has since gotten used to it. "Having to share my room has actually forced me to get to know my roommate better," said Johnson. "And it has been a great experience so far."

The Associate Director of Housing, Robert Morton, is responsible for the residence life program and knows first-hand about the changes residents are experiencing. He feels that most students are responding relatively well to these changes, although there are still ongoing challenges with others.

One issue that Morton hopes to correct soon is the constant vandalism that occurs throughout the housing grounds. Many students

promote their events by leaving their flyers and postcards in elevators, hallways, and anywhere else that will garner attention from peers. "It bothers me that the person who was paid to disperse the postcards does not see their actions as littering and that someone has to clean the mess up," said Morton. "The senseless destruction of the place where our students live hinders the standards we strive to meet."

Morton also understands that the heightened security can be a hassle, but is disappointed that some students have chosen to disregard these measures. "The security is not in place to annoy anyone," said Morton. "However, I understand that there is a fine line between making someone feel hassled and making someone feel safe as they enter their home. We will continue to study security on an on-going basis until we find something that may be more effective."

As for the future of Georgia State housing, Morton is optimistic and reveals plans to offer on-campus housing to 20 percent of the student population by the year 2015. "That would provide about 7,000 beds to our students," he said. "The Master Plan could change, but currently we are planning to open a new freshman housing residence hall with a dining hall for the fall of 2009."

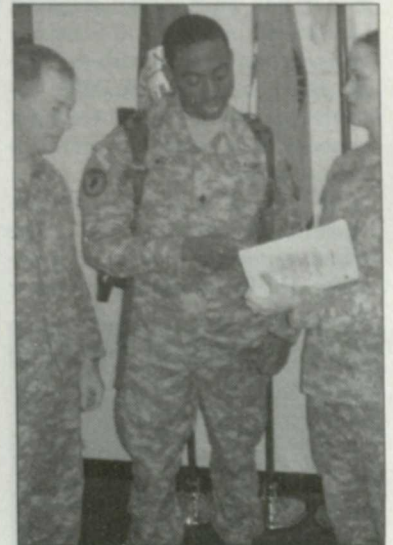
Georgia State ROTC relieves student financial burden by providing scholarships

By 2LT HEATHER THRASHER
Contributing Writer

They are hard to miss; dressed in ACUs, combat boots, and strapped with a book bag. Georgia State's Panther Battalion cadets are molded into quality scholars, athletes and leaders ready to take on any challenging task that comes their way. They are taught to think quickly under stress and to overcome adversity. The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) has prepared these cadets to be the next leaders in the United States Army.

With their challenging curriculum and demanding schedule, the one stress that these cadets do not have to worry about is paying for tuition. Georgia State ROTC offers four, three, two, and two and a half year scholarships depending on when a student enters the program. Each scholarship pays for full tuition and fees or room and board, \$1,200 in book fees, and a \$300 - \$500 stipend each school month for living expenses. ROTC also offers a Nurse scholarship for those students interested in attending Georgia State's School of Nursing. Many cadets can also choose to serve as "officer trainees" in the Army Reserve or National Guard to earn more money.

In order to qualify for a ROTC scholarship the student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher and a high school diploma or equivalent. Prospects must be US citizens, graduate before their 31st birthday, and validate their scholarship by passing the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Cadets should have at least two years of full-time undergraduate or graduate study remaining before graduation. Once the student accepts the scholarship, he or she must make a commitment to serve as an officer in the United States Army after graduation. Cadets can request to serve on active



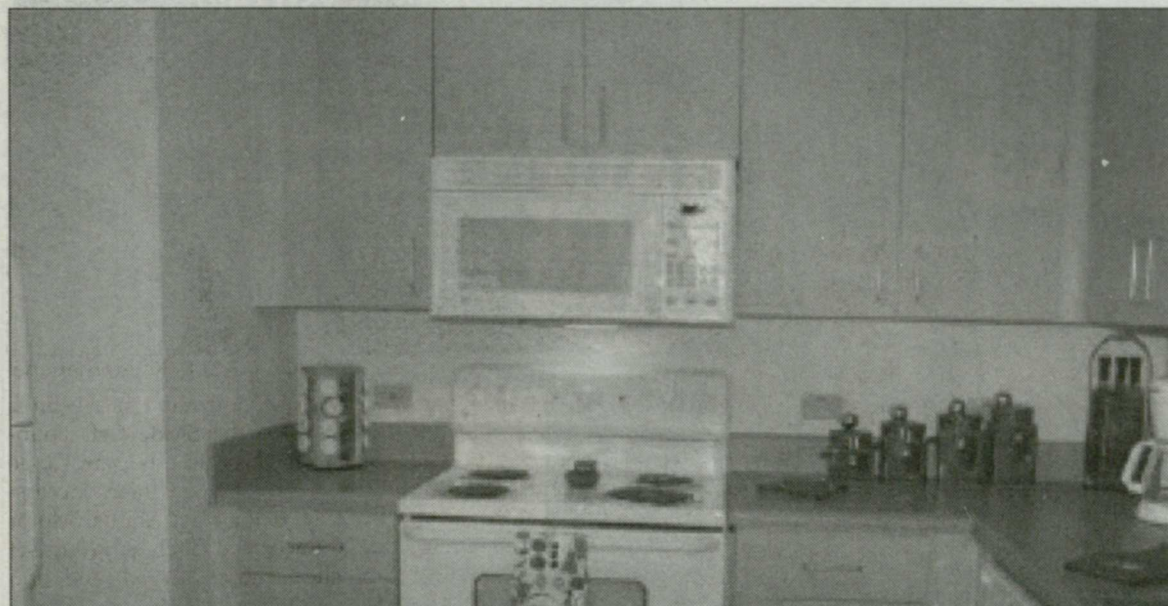
Georgia State Army ROTC

duty assignments or elect to serve part-time in the Army Reserve or National Guard.

The scholarship option is only one pathway to paying for school. Many of the Panther Battalion cadets are Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) cadets serving in the Army Reserves or National Guard.

Georgia State ROTC offers many extracurricular opportunities as well. Cadets can participate in a four-week summer leadership course. Also, opportunities for paid internships at Army posts in the United States, Germany, and Korea are available. Cadets can also participate in advanced military training at Airborne, Air Assault, Mountain Warfare, and Sapper School. On campus extracurricular activities include the Ranger Challenge team, Color Guard, and the military honor society Scabbard and Blade.

If you are interested in strengthening yourself and your future, you can contact Georgia State's Panther Battalion via email at gsu.rotc.gbr@gmail.com, via phone at 404-413-6487, or in person on the Second Floor of the Courtland Building.



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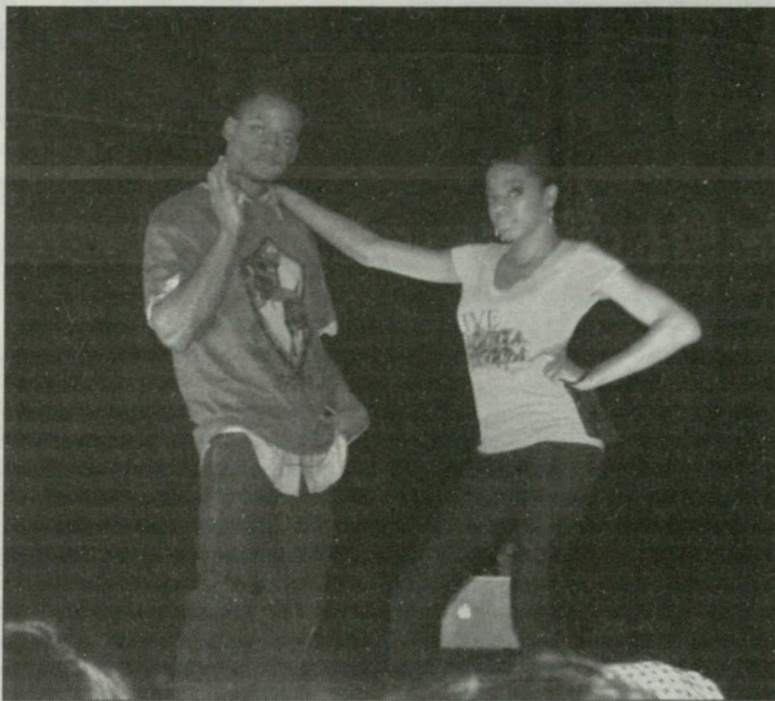
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signer, NV-U Boutique, dropped out a day or two before the show," said Hunter. "We had to rush to get new clothes from other designers."

Despite the long months of preparation and several setbacks, Hunter felt the show was a success. "We are very happy with the outcome," he said. "People really enjoyed it according to the feedback we received. We are pretty proud of how it came out."

The models in the show enjoyed the experience as well. "The whole experience was really exciting," said Sophomore Levar



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Downey, one of the male models in the show, who is a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice at Georgia State. "I can't wait to do it again next year."

Another model in the show, freshman Biology major, Arielle Watson, had only positive things to say about the show.

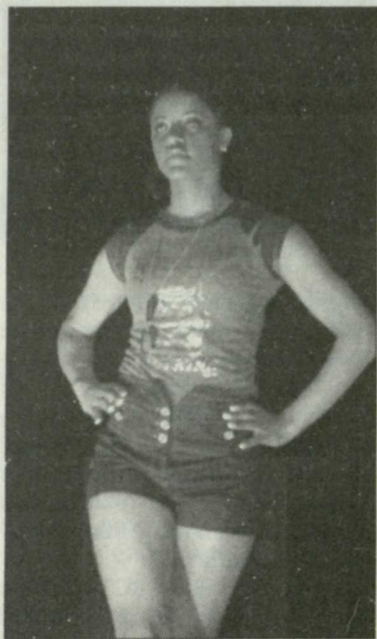
"The fashion show was a phenomenal experience," said Watson. "And I am grateful to have been apart of it. All our hard work paid off and it showed. Everyone was awesome."

With the show being such a

success, there is much to look forward to in Infinite Appeal's future projects. "We have a show at the end of every semester," said Hunter. "We will be having one in the spring."

This show proved that Infinite Appeal has what it takes to teach and develop up and coming young models and possesses the ability to put on a fabulous fashion show.

For more information or if you would like to become a part of Infinite Appeal Modeling Organization please contact them at infinite.appeal@gmail.com.



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helped with motivating donations and the purchasing of Auction Items.

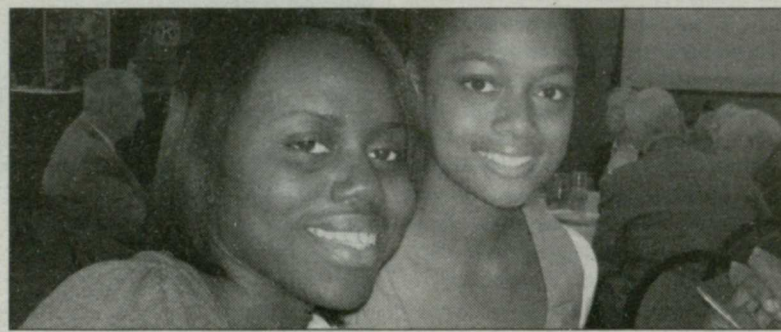
The Circle K club at Georgia State University has also set up a Sickie Cell Kids Day. This day occurs once a month, typically on a weekend, in which several of the kids in the Sickie Cell Program at the Foundation enjoy a day out. Recently, the kids were chaperoned at a Braves Game, the Aquarium, and the Coca-Cola Factory.

Circle K International at Georgia State University has accomplished many of its goals, and they are ready to accomplish much more. The Atlanta Community will be thankful for the dedication that the organization has displayed for the betterment of the city. There is always work to be done, and Circle K will be rise up to this challenge, helping the individuals of Atlanta one hand at a time.

community and using socially responsible capitalism to address

problems such as poverty and crime.

The Andrew Young School is composed of many research centers, including the Environmental Policy Center, Georgia Health Policy Center, and Urban & Regional Analysis Group. There are also several departments, such as Economics and the Department of Public Management and Policy. People who attend classes offered by the Andrew Young School are usually interested in analyzing topics related to the understanding of cities, including business development, government action in shaping cities, and segregation among social classes for housing. Programs at the school range from Disaster Management and Planning and Economic Development to Urban Policy Studies. For more information on the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, please visit their website at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/about.html>.



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Men's Basketball drops 2 of 3 in past two weeks

By PATRICK CHENEY
Sports Editor

The Georgia State Men's Basketball team dropped a tough loss to Troy State over the break, 68-63. Just before entering the break, the Panthers lost a double overtime game to Jacksonville State on Nov. 22, but managed to beat Southern Poly the previous Wednesday by 18.

The Panthers started the game out 7-0, but allowed SPSU to claw it's way back and take the lead 11-12 with 11:34 left in the first half. After retaking the lead, the Panthers would only allow the Hornets to tie once, 18-18 before pulling away and taking a 45-31 lead in to halftime.

The Panthers managed to carry their scoring momentum in to the second half and never allowed SPSU to climb back in to the game. Southern Poly's defense was the one upside for the visiting Hornets. They managed to make the Panthers possess the ball all the way down to single digits on the shot clock numerous times. On one play, they trapped senior Leonard Mendez on the wing with the ball, only to have him hit an amazing turn-around 3-point shot with seconds left on the shot clock. Finally, with 30 seconds left in the game, junior Joe Dukes took the ball baseline and through down a two-handed dunk to cap off State's 37 point second half.

Mendez etched his name in the Georgia State record books by becoming only the eighth player in school history to surpass 1000 points. Mendez accomplished this feat in the first half while shooting free throws. Junior Trae Goldston led the team with 19 points off the bench going 5/12 from the 3-point line. Mendez and Dukes each finished with 12 points. Junior Chris Echols and Bernard Rimmer were the only double-digit rebounders in the game, Echols with 12 and Rimmer with 10.

Southern Poly Head Coach Jeffrey Jones commented after the game, "I think their size had a lot to do with it. They out-rebounded us, especially when it came to offensive boards." State out-rebounded SPSU 48-30 and had 22 offensive rebounds.

"I was really glad to see Trae have a good game tonight. He's been working hard on his shot since we got back from the tournament and it's nice to see all

his work payoff," Coach Rod Barnes added after the game.

Following the blowout win against SPSU, the Panthers took on the Jacksonville State Gamecocks.

Early foul trouble hindered State in the first half. Dukes ended the first half with 3 fouls and only 5 points. Goldston and Echols, along with senior Rashad Chase each ended the first half with 2 fouls. The Panthers trailed 26-29 entering halftime.

The second half started out sluggish and the Panthers allowed the Gamecocks to expand the lead to as many as 8 points. Finally, Goldston hit back to back 3-pointers to bring the lead down to 2 points. Following a Gamecock field goal, Dukes hit a lay-up and Chase hit 2 free throws to tie the game with 4:19 left.

After multiple lead changes, Goldston hit a jump shot to give the Panthers a 2 point lead with 26 seconds left.

JSU freshman John Barnes missed a jump shot from the corner and sophomore Jeremy Bynum tapped the ball in as time expired to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Entering overtime, the Panthers were without Chase as he had fouled out with 1:24 left in regulation. Dukes would join him on the bench, fouling out with 2:59 left in the first overtime on a questionable charge call. The Panthers took a 2 point lead with 43 seconds left,

but Gamecock freshman Stephen Hall hit a lay-up with 24 seconds left to tie it. The Panthers had one more chance to end the game at the end of the first overtime, and Mendez took a jump shot, which missed and Rimmer missed what would have been a spectacular put back to win the game.

Without Chase, a dominant force in the paint, and Dukes, who was leading the team in scoring, rebounding, assists, and steals, the Panthers were unable to gain a lead in the second overtime and with 2:38 left, JSU senior Jonathan Toles hit a free throw to put the Gamecocks ahead for good.

Goldston and Dukes each had 21 points in the game, and Mendez added 10. Chase led all players with 8 rebounds.

Last Tuesday, the Panthers traveled to Troy, AL to take on the Troy University Trojans.

The Trojans set the pace early and with 15:32 left in the first half, junior Brandon Hazzard hit a 3-point shot to give the Trojans a 10-8 lead and the Panthers would never be able to retake the lead.

The Trojans went up by 11 with 6 minutes left in the game, but the Panthers fought back and with 1:19 left in the game, Dukes hit a lay-up to cut the lead to 2. Following a defensive rebound by Chase, the Panthers worked the ball down to 6'10" junior Xavier Hansbro in the post, however Hansbro could not keep control of the ball and TU senior Mario Telfair picked it up. The Trojans would hit 2 free throws to seal the game.

Mendez had his best game of the season, scoring 21 points to lead all players. Dukes added 14 and Hansbro contributed with 10 points. Chase was the only player to break double digits in rebounding with 10.

The Panthers host Hampton tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. and will travel to Wilmington, NC to play UNC-Wilmington and begin conference play.

Hampton enters the game 3-2 (prior to the outcome of the Great Alaska Shoot-Out Championship game) with two games played against CAA teams, a 50-44 victory over George Mason and a 73-82 loss to Towson.

Hampton is led by junior forward, Michael Freeman's 11.2 points per game.



Senior Leonard Mendez surpassed the 1000 point landmark on November 19 against Southern Poly.

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Georgia State Men's Basketball Statistical Leaders through December 1:

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>REBOUNDS</u>	<u>ASSISTS</u>	<u>BLOCKS</u>	<u>STEALS</u>
Joe Dukes	Rashad Chase	Joe Dukes	Chris Echols	Joe Dukes
15.2 PPG	6.8 RPG	5.8 APG	6	14
(13th in CAA)	(7th in CAA)	(2nd in CAA)	(7th in CAA)	(2nd in CAA)

Steeds becomes second All-American at State

By PATRICK CHENEY
Sports Editor

Georgia State senior Mark Steeds finished 12 at the Division I NCAA Cross Country Championships Monday November 24 in Terre Haute, IN. His outstanding finish also got him named an All-American.

The CAA Champion finished with a time of 29:49.2. Steeds' time was 2 minutes faster than his qualifying time at the Regional. The champion, senior Galen Rupp of the University of Oregon finished with a time 29:03.2 Steeds finished 2 seconds behind the runner in front of him, Patrick Smyth of Notre Dame. The top 15 runners all finished within one minute of each other.

"It was pretty impressive to watch him and it was such a good feeling to see the Georgia State jersey near the front of the field," head coach John Rowland told georgiastatesports.com.

Steeds hit the 3k point in 8:45, the 5k point in 14:47, and the 8k point in 23:47 before finishing with his final time. He ran his best times from the 3k to the 5k point and the 8k to the 10k point, both with times of 6:02. His slowest stretch went from the 5k to the 8k point, which took him 9 minutes.

Over 250 Division I runners

competed in the championship. Since William and Mary won the team CAA Championship their men also competed. WMU sophomore Patterson Wilhelm finished 69 with a time of 30:38.1 and fellow

sophomore Jon Grey finished 78 with a time of 30:43.4. Colin Leak, a junior from WMU finished with a time of 30:52.2, which was good enough for a finishing spot of 94. Steeds becomes the first All-

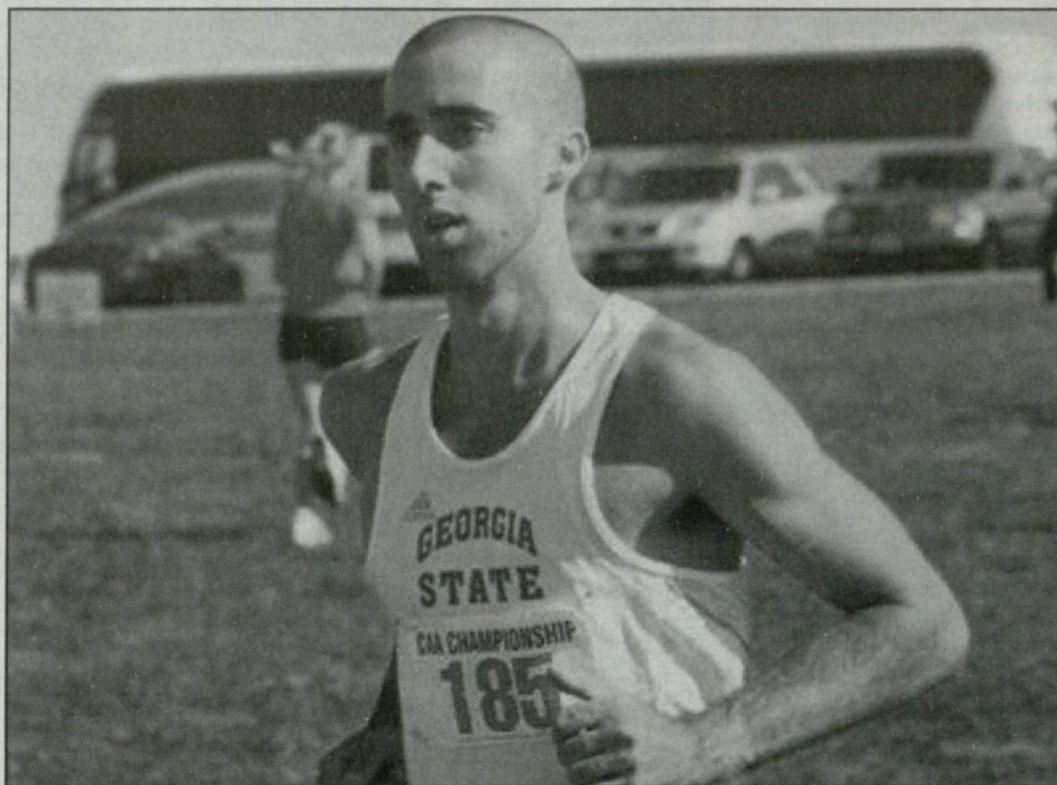
American for the Georgia State Cross Country program, and only the second All-American in Georgia State Athletics history. Golfer Joel Sjöholm became the first last spring. Steeds posted the second-

highest finish ever by a men's cross-country runner from a Georgia school at the championships. Only University of Georgia's Simon Ngata finished better when he came in 6 place back in 2004.

The All-American honors just cap off an already outstanding year for the senior. He won the CAA Individual Championship, finished 4 overall at the NCAA South Regionals, and All-CAA honors. Throughout the season, Steeds has been successful in every meet. He finished 1 at the Dupont Challenge, 6 at the Greater Louisville Classis, and 2 at the Penn State Invitational.

"Today was just business as usual for him. He stayed calm and focused and we just did everything like he's done at every race," Rowland said, "It was cold, windy and overcast, but Mark focused on the race and not the conditions and made school cross country history as our first All-American."

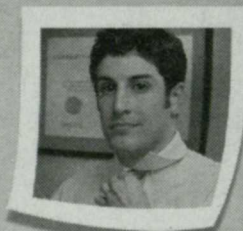
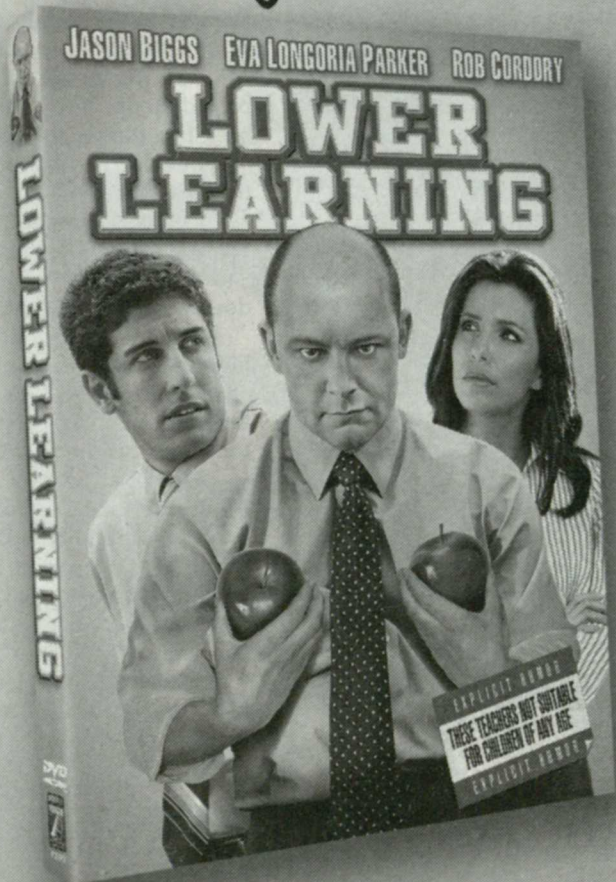
This Spring, Steeds will compete with the track team as he did last year. He finished 12 overall in the 5000 meter at the NCAA National Championships last year, however only the top 8 are given All-American honors.



Senior Mark Steeds finished 12 overall at the NCAA Division I Championships which earned him All-American honors

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Men's Basketball

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Students win intramural championships on campus

By PATRICK CHENEY
Sports Editor

Every semester the Student Rec Center offers different intramurals for students to compete in. Here are a list of this semesters intramural champions. Congratulations to the winners!

Poker1

Ashish Patel

Golf

William Clark
and Zachary
Schroerluke

Poker2

Akberal Jiuvani

Dodgeball

Pubic Tubercles

Billiards

Hieu Nguyen

Fraternity

Indoor Soccer

Kappa Sigma

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Football

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Zeta Tau Alpha

CoRec Indoor Soccer

Pubic Tubercles

Men Indoor Soccer

Mohicans

Poker 3

Akberal Jiuvani

CoRec Flag Football

Pubic Tubercles

Men

Flag Football

Spikes

Women Tennis Doubles

Kristie Lang
and Amy Lach

Sorority

Volleyball

Phi Mu

Fraternity

Volleyball

Pi Kappa Phi

Table Tennis

Raphael Ravula

CoRec

Volleyball

Blue Crush

Sorority Dodgeball

Zeta Tau Alpha

Fraternity Dodgeball

Sigma Nu



Akberal Jiuvani won two intramural poker tournaments this fall.

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Student Activity Fee One-Time Funding Process for Chartered Student Organizations Reporting to the Diversity Fee Council and University Wide Fee Council for Fiscal Year 2009

The Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) has made funds available for a special one-time mid-year allocation process. Instructions and an application for this process, as well as the revised Student Activity Fee Overview document, are only available from the Office of the Dean of Students. You may visit the office in room 300 Student Center, or download the documents from the website listed below. All questions about the process are to be directed to Jeff Walker, Director, Student Affairs Business Operations, at 404-413-1521 or Shantavia Reid, Business Manager II, at 404-413-1521. Both are located in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, December 5, 2008, at 5:15pm to the Office of the Dean of Students, Room 300 Student Center in order to be considered for funding. Late applications will not be accepted.

This allocation process applies only to Student Activity Fee funds assigned to the Diversity and University-Wide Fee Councils, who fund a wide range of chartered student organizations and services not served by other Fee Councils. This funding process is not a part of the fee funding process in the various colleges to allocate funds to chartered student organizations whose mission or membership is closely related to their degree programs i.e., Chemistry Club, History Society, Social Work Club, etc. Please visit the Dean's Office of your college for further information about their funding process. This process is also not associated with other fees for Athletics, Transportation, Health, Recreation, International Education, and the Student Center. If you have any questions as to whether your organization is eligible for this funding, please contact Jeff or Shantavia at the numbers listed above.

Budget application instructions and forms are available on the web at www.gsu.edu/deanofstudents. Follow the Mid-Year Funding link under the Student Fees section.

Number of teen sex addicts on the rise

By MICHAEL SHEA
Staff Writer

We're supposed to want it now. We're supposed to want it as often as we can get it. It's supposed to be hot; it's supposed to be wild and it's supposed to be beautiful. Size definitely matters. And it's not over until everyone gets what they want. I'm talking about sex, and if you're not having enough of it, you should be having more. Wear these jeans and it could help. Drive that car and you'll have more. And if you can't have it, take this pill and you will! If you turn on the TV, pick up a magazine or listen to a song, chances are you will be confronted with sexuality of some sort whether you want to or not. As a nation, we can't seem to get enough. Or so it would appear.

According to a November 25th article published in The Times of India, cases of hypersexuality are on the rise in Kolkata, with every second patient referred to psychotherapists for hypersexuality being a teenager. Particularly troubling to psychotherapists is that these teenagers are intellectually, emotionally and psychologically ill-equipped to make wise decisions when it comes to sex and therefore are highly susceptible to hypersexuality. We have our own problems here too. The United States has the second highest teen pregnancy rate and the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases in the industrialized world. Come to think of it, sexually transmitted diseases are the only group of illnesses that are classified separately according to a mode of transmission – no one calls the common cold an "inhalation transmitted disease." That might be part of the problem, but we'll come back to that.

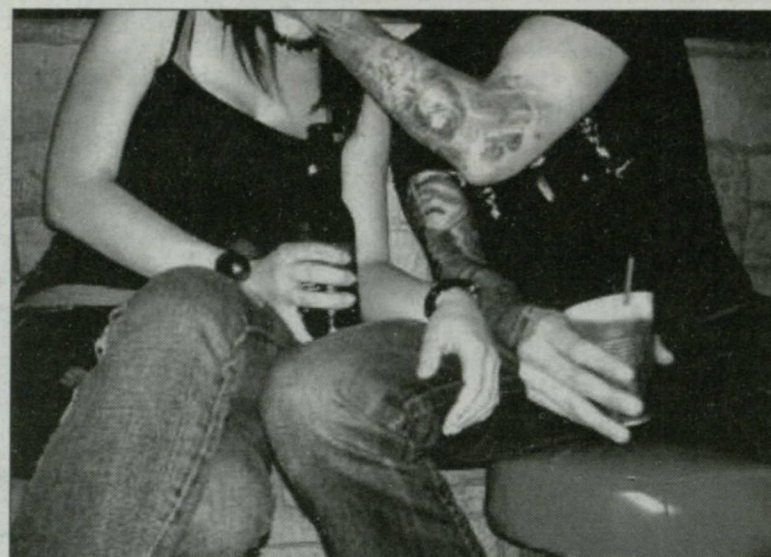
The Mayo Clinic defines hypersexuality as compulsive sexual behavior in which individuals are no longer able to control their sexual urges and thus continue to engage in sexual behavior even when that behavior threatens their jobs, health or relationships. As a condition, hypersexuality is variously defined as including the following behaviors: having multiple sexual partners or extramarital affairs, having frequent sex with anonymous partners or prostitutes, avoiding emotional involvement in sexual relationships, engaging in excessive masturbation, exhibiting an obsession with pornography and engaging in masochistic or sadistic sex. The problem in this country would seem to be that these behaviors are often encouraged or even glorified in American pop-culture.

"Sex and the City" was one

of HBO's highest rated television series and spawned – pardon the pun – a successful movie. "Queer as Folk" was Showtime's number one television program for much of its run. Both shows contained explicit sexual content and depicted a much more "liberated" view of sexual behavior. Commercials for everything from shampoo to clothes to alcohol to cars leave the viewer with the impression that you have to be sexy to be happy, and their products can help! We are a sex-crazed society. If you're a chronic insomniac like me, you've noticed that after a certain point in late-night television programming it becomes impossible to avoid the "Girls Gone Wild" ads. And now, just in case women and gay men felt left out, there's "Guys Gone Wild" too. These are part of an entire industry built around the exploitation of the sexuality and naiveté of 18-20 year-olds.

Young females still save up for breast implants and the yearly sales of Viagra top \$1.7 billion. And yet, we can't bring ourselves as a society to have any sort of meaningful discussion about what constitutes "healthy" sexual behavior. Perhaps it's because people have differing opinions of what that might be. Some say that any sex outside the covenant of marriage for any purpose other than procreation is unhealthy, even sinful. Some say that we should be free to engage in whatever behavior we choose provided that all involved parties are capable of consenting willingly and intelligently. Most people fall somewhere in between.

But sex and sexuality are also stigmatized in this country. We routinely accept horrifically disgusting amounts of violence in our video games and in our media, but when a television show gets "too sexy," our political and religious leaders waste no time calling for boycotts, demonstrations or even legislative changes to keep the sex out of our living rooms. An entire group of diseases are classified together, despite the fact that they are very different in their nature, simply because they are often transmitted sexually. And the social stigma attached to STDs is so enormous that many do not even seek treatment until symptoms can no longer be ignored or concealed. An entire class of people faces daily discrimination based solely on their sexuality. So, we're perfectly content to expect everyone to look sexy or exude sexuality, we just don't want them to have sex. Or talk about it. Or learn anything about it—at all. Is it any wonder that our children have no idea what constitutes healthy sexual behavior?



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Now don't misunderstand me—there are legitimate medical causes for many cases of hypersexuality, with manic-depression and bipolar disorder being two. But I can't help but wonder how many cases are simply learned bad behavior made possible by the absence of good information. We are taught not to eat too much and we are told from an early age what will happen to us if we do. We are taught how to eat healthy and encouraged to do so. We are also encouraged to enjoy what we eat, but not so much that it harms us. Why can't we adopt the same attitude when it comes to sex? Would it really be so unimaginable, so detrimental to admit that sex can be wonderful if enjoyed properly? And by "properly" I don't mean "only within the covenant of marriage." I mean properly in the sense that normal behaviors like the desires for sex, sleep, food, drink and entertainment should all be part of a well adjusted, healthy life.

But we're not encouraged to talk about sex except in the abstract. We don't talk to our children about it. We don't talk to each other about it. In a past relationship, my partner and I loved each other deeply, but the sex was less than fulfilling for both of us. Looking back, I know it's because we wanted different things and we never talked about how we could satisfy each other more fully. Instead, we made half-joking demands about what we wanted "next time," which always came across as more hurtful than helpful. And we never encouraged each other to try new things nor did we ever express our intimate desires to one another unless we were already naked and vulnerable, at which point most requests were oft misinterpreted as criticisms. I wish we had taken the time to talk and listen more and I can't help but wonder if we might still be together if we had. But that's just not how we're taught to behave in this country. We're taught that sex is something we should all want to experience, and already know how to experience, yet retain a level of shame when engaging in it. And when we can't achieve sexual satisfaction with the ones we love

we are all the more tempted to engage in the types of unhealthy behaviors that mark hypersexuality because our culture suggests that sex should always be fun and satisfying. No one ever mentions that it's a learned behavior that takes skill and experience to master responsibly.

I can't help but wonder if the hyper-sexed teens in Kolkata are experiencing the same problem. After all, if they aren't getting any guidance as to what healthy and unhealthy sexual behaviors are, is there any wonder why they are engaging in the unhealthy ones? If they're taught to be ashamed of their desires and of their bodies while simultaneously being pressured to be sexy and beautiful, why should anyone be surprised that they are ill-equipped to handle the responsibility of sex? No doubt hypersexuality is sometimes a medical condition brought on by real biological factors. But I suspect that it is often a misdiagnosis in a world where western medicine seems to increasingly favor the abdication of personal responsibility in favor of the pharmaceutical quick-fix for ills created by larger social problems.

Reality check: "Truman Syndrome" diagnosed

By MATTHEW HERNDON
Staff Writer

Have you ever felt like you were trapped inside a reality television show or that people were somehow monitoring your every move?

Researchers have begun documenting what they term "Truman Syndrome," a psychological delusion in which patients are convinced that their lives are being played out in an entirely artificial world. The name for this syndrome is a reference to *The Truman Show*, a 1998 film starring Jim Carrey that involved a character who lived his entire life on camera without being aware of it. Carrey plays Truman Burbank, who realizes his friends and family are actors, and his community is a TV soundstage. His quest for the truth is heartwarming, but researchers say it's often horrifying for real-life patients. Although Truman Syndrome may seem a bit preposterous to those of sound mind, this condition can actually be dangerous for people who suffer from it.

Psychologists suggest that Truman Syndrome is a culture-based delusion that is prevalent in nations where there are high levels of surveillance, and where reality television shows are easily accessed. People in such nations have an anxiety about being under surveillance or watched by the government. This anxiety in some people develops into a complex

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Are gay marriage rallies the next civil rights movement?

By JUSTIN ZIEGLER
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I recently had the opportunity to participate in an event that I have not witnessed in Atlanta for many years – a protest for civil rights. As I joined the ranks of 750 other Georgians, I stood at the steps of the state capital in awe. Had the recent legislation in California been responsible for mobilizing the gay community here and across the nation?

Despite my roots in activism, I have never been a strong advocate for same sex marriage. In fact, since marriage only affects a small and willing portion of the community, I have always felt that there are more important issues, such as employment non-discrimination protections and anti-hate crime legislation that affect everyone in the community. Taking same sex marriage into consideration, I still feel that we are wasting our time fighting at the state level when we need to be pressing forward for the next civil rights movement at the federal level.

In states like Georgia, we are never going to mobilize enough voters to pass marriage equality legislation, and, even if we did, it could be rescinded just like

our friends in California just experienced. By moving forward at the federal level, we are securing our place in history and our equality for all of the generations to come.

This weekend though, I experienced a sense of pride in my community. For the first time in a long time, my brothers and sisters showed up in mass to protest discrimination and advocate for equality and civil rights.

Later, we moved our activism and protests to Midtown. As I stood at the corner of 10th and Piedmont, I had a new realization. The last time I held a candle outside the local gay bookstore, we were all praying and waiting for Matthew Shepherd to recover from his severe and hateful beating. He never woke up though and the world was changed, or so we thought.

What ever happened after Matthew's death? I remember the promise of hate crimes legislation and a spirit of unity within the community – but it never came and our spark smothered and eventually died.

Today, I issue a call to action – not to Congress, not to our new president and not to our local politicians but to all of us living our daily lives within our own communities. It is time for us all to take this energy we created and



One of hundreds of protestors in Midtown Atlanta on November 15.

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do something positive. We cannot forget those who came before us.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sat in a Birmingham city jail and wrote to his fellow clergymen. He said "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Though I have heard this quote

dozens of times, it has never had more meaning than it does now.

We are all tied in a single garment of destiny. Though the "isms" have divided us, they can no longer be about black and white, HIV+ and HIV-, LGBT or rich and poor. It is about what is right and what is wrong! Passing any type of legislation that separates, classifies or strips anyone of equal rights is wrong and cannot be tolerated!

Now, while we are still feeling that sense of pride and accomplishment from the protests on Saturday, we must move forward and take the next step. I challenge the next set of activists to mobilize the troops, unite our community and let our voices be heard! Our fight will be long and hard but I promise to follow you and fight along side you. It is our time start a revolution - yes we can!

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Cyber-bully mom on MySpace leads to girl's suicide

By MURIEL VEGA
Staff Writer

In an alleged attempt to protect her daughter from rumors, 49-year-old Lori Drew created an account on MySpace under a fake identity named Josh Evans. In October 2006, 13-year-old Megan Meier hanged herself in her bedroom after being a victim of the hoax. Drew faked romantic interest for about 4 weeks then rejected Meier, at one point telling her "the world would be a better place without her." Drew faces up to 20 years in 4 different counts, including one count of conspiracy.

When minors are involved in MySpace or any other social networking site felonies, the blame is usually put on the parents. However, in this case, when the mother actually tried to stop the hoax by going to the police, the police did not have an answer or solution for her. Sometimes the Internet is too much for a parent to handle and to keep a child from. Sometimes government intervention is needed and laws must be in place.

Drew crushed a girl's heart for no apparent reason. Why would she create a fake profile on this site and fake a relationship with a young girl for a month? And then crush her by telling her she has no place in this world?

Although this case of bullying was done by an adult, who should know better, usually bullying is done by classmates. In recent

years, teenagers have started using the Internet as a place to harm the reputations of their classmates.

Bullying of the 21st century does not involve shoving a kid's head in the toilet, or locking them in a locker. Corporal abuse has evolved to encrypted messages on social networking sites, messages that spread rumors and ruin reputations and self-esteem of others.

Cyber-bullying is a growing concern in the United States as many teenagers create websites and spread rumors only to criticize and harm their classmates. Bullying no longer has a face. It is no longer stereotyped as a boy who had an early growth spurt who beats on little kids; now it is words on a screen causing psychological harm with no bruises and no one to blame.

Cyber-bullying and its psychological harm are hard to recognize in teenagers. According to stopcyberbullying.org, 85% of middle school students reported being cyber-bullied, but only 5% told their parents. Only 5% told their parents that other kids were hurting their feelings, making them think about suicide and killing others.

Some parents let their kids use the Internet without any restrictions as if we live in a world where teachers do not marry students, pedophiles do not lie to young girls, and rapists do not flirt with minors. Bullying is a serious issue, especially because teenagers are psychologically vulnerable from childhood until at least their col-

lege years.

Current laws need to adapt to this new issue of cyber-bullying. "There is no way that anybody could know that talking to someone or saying that 'you're mean' to your friends on the Internet would create a substantial risk," St. Charles County Prosecutor Jack Banas said. "It certainly created a potential risk and unfortunately for the Meiers, that potential became a reality. But under the law, we just couldn't show that." The current law cannot show that an older woman used a fake identity and led this girl to commit suicide by rejecting her. What is the difference between this situation and a man luring a girl to his arms and raping her? Older people are psychologically harming young people for their own benefit.

Like the prosecutor said, there was no way anybody could know the consequences. For this precise reason, the situation should be prevented from the beginning. The current law did not protect the Meier family by providing a solution for the mother. She wanted to verify the account and the user's real identity but was unable to because the police did not have a way to do this. She tried to indict Drew but was not able to because her county does not have laws governing this situation.

Teenagers are still developing and their use of the Internet should be restricted. They are still kids and they should enjoy being kids

instead of being fast-tracked into the adult world. It's time we begin focusing on the laws and punishments available to protect our children. We are in the 21st century and children are exposed to thousands of different media every day,

so we must adapt our laws to the growing World Wide Web and all of its disadvantages.

The results of this trial, the first cyber-bullying trial, will set legal precedent for dealing with online harassment.

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delusion that stems from very real concerns.

"The question is really: Is this just a new twist on an old paranoid or grandiose delusion... or is there sort of a perfect storm of the culture we're in, in which fame holds such high value?" said Dr. Joel Gold, a psychiatrist at New York's Bellevue Hospital.

Within a two-year period, Dr. Gold has encountered five patients with psychological delusions related to reality television. Many of the patients specifically mentioned *The Truman Show*. In 2006, Gold and his brother, a psychologist, started presenting their observations at various medical schools. Subsequently, they learned of 50 more people with similar symptoms.

Very few patients take pride in their perceived celebrity, but many are distressed by what seems like a constant invasion of privacy. Like many patients, a 26 year-old British man was diagnosed with schizophrenia and is unable to work. One of Dr. Gold's patients went as far as planning to commit suicide if he couldn't leave his imagined real-

ity show. Because the entire delusion rests on the premise that the world isn't real, treating Truman Syndrome is complex. The use of anti-psychotic drugs and anti-depressants can help, but eventually extensive talk therapy is the best treatment.

In this new age of reality TV, online communities, and over-glorified celebrities, it might be safe to say that we all know someone with a slight case of Truman Syndrome, figuratively speaking. Maybe it's that friend who lives every minute of their day on Facebook, or maybe it's that family member who can't get enough of watching *America's Next Top Model*. Everyone has that one person in their social circle that actually thinks someone is watching or filming them at all times. Often such people are considered to be egotistical or self-centered, and almost never are these people viewed as victims of a collective conflict between popular culture, technology, and mental health. Although it's not uncommon for people to become influenced by the media they consume, there should be great concern for those who are influenced to the point that they develop delusions of reality.

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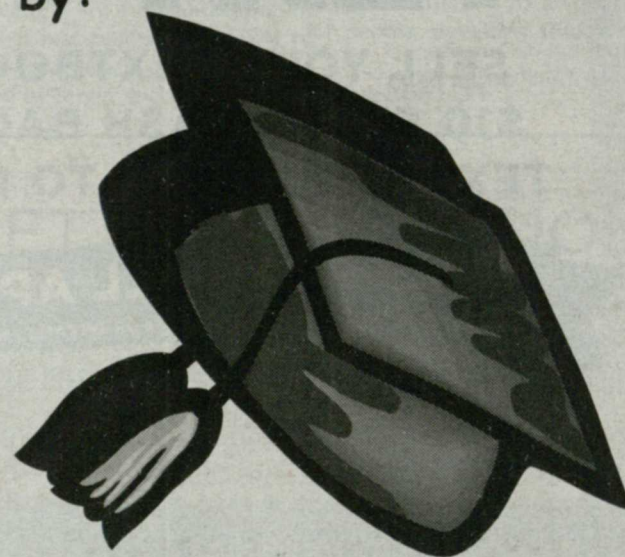
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Illegal immigration: should we fight it or embrace it?

By GAURAV BHATIA
Staff Writer

One of the hot topics among policymakers is illegal immigration. People are concerned that illegal immigrants are crossing U.S. borders and working without paying taxes. The popular approach is to deport these immigrants, but I think an alternative approach might be more efficient.

If our nation focused more on helping immigrants become legal citizens instead of sending them away, we could solve a lot of problems. Generally people come to the United States to seek employment opportunities not available in their own country. Many businesses hire them without documenting their hours to the government, resulting in untaxed labor. But if these immigrants gained legalized citizenship, their hours would be documented and they could be taxed on their labor.

Immigrants are hard working and have served the U.S. economy by performing jobs that many naturalized U.S. citizens would not do. Tasks such as construction work are necessary for businesses to prosper, and are common jobs sought by immigrants. There are some organizations in Georgia that help people transition to the U.S., particularly working with refugees. International Rescue Committee and Refugee Family Services have helped refugees gain citizenship for many years.

International Rescue Committee and Refugee Family Services provide a variety of immigration services to refugees. They help them obtain green cards, get access to travel documents, seek employment authorization forms, and gather social security cards. Furthermore, these organizations help them learn English so that they will be familiar with laws in the United States.

International Rescue Committee is located in the city of Decatur, while Refugee Family Services is headquartered in Stone Mountain. These organizations have many caseworkers and volunteers that help assist with their cause. Refugees that they assist come from many countries, including Burma and Sudan. The clients served by these organizations learn how to adjust to the U.S. and they contribute to the nation by performing legalized work that contributes tax money for many government services.

Seventy-five percent of refugees settle into the city of Decatur, where the International Rescue Committee of Atlanta is located. However, there are other refugee centers in that city, including Refugee Women's Network and Refugee Resettlement

Has PETA gone too far this time?

By SARAH BALTER
Staff Writer

PETA, or People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, has done a lot of good in this world. PETA's undercover investigations into abusive experimentation on monkeys prompted the first arrest and conviction for animal abuse, confiscation of abused animals, and Supreme Court actions protecting animals against human cruelty. The organization deployed massive PR campaigns with cute bunny pictures to scandalize animal testing, and Avon, Revlon, and Estee Lauder dropped the habit. PETA got GM to stop using animals in crash testing. Polar bears were freed from a miserable life in the Suarez Bros. circus. U.S. fur farms were exposed and charged with animal cruelty for killing minks and chinchillas by electrocuting their genitals. Circus animal training guidelines have been reformed. Farm animals have better lives now that McDonald's, Wendy's, and Burger King fund basic welfare improvements for them. Less birds and bats get stuck and burned to death in trucker exhaust stacks, now that they are covered. Millions of mice and rats are happier, now that PETCO provides for their specific needs. Nude models and famous actresses have made headlines posing in the flesh to protest fur, and some hesitate to wear the furs they own for fear of being splashed in PETA's well known red paint anti-fur raids. Chilly receptions haven't phased PETA's efforts to bring attention to the importance of animal welfare; the activists simply make a nuisance of themselves, harass animal rights offenders, break into laboratories, and villainize anyone standing in their way.

Have they gone too far?

PETA tends to skip out on ethics in its quest to find ethical treatment for animals. College students nationwide popularized the PETA "Got Beer?" replacement for "Got Milk?" ads. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) protested it. Campaign ads compared pig slaughter facilities to Holocaust death camps with side-by-side photos. Often the ads that are intended to get humans to identify with animals backfire on PETA by trivializing prominent human issues, or by sending the wrong signals (unintentionally

promoting beer rather than communicating that milk is worse to drink than beer).

PETA currently seems to operate on one core value: the more controversy, the better, regardless of who gets trashed (as long as it's not an animal). The real message, the one that brings to light real animal atrocities, has been mired in a disturbing series of gruesome animated games, paparazzi ploys, hate mongering, and blatant misinformation. It now has an offshoot, PETA2, designed to indoctrinate the youth population with its anti-animal abuse philosophy. I checked it out, and I soon realized that today's definition of animal abuse has broadened, extensively. Anyone who eats meat, eggs, dairy products, fish, or any animal bi-product is an animal abuser or a contributor to animal abuse. Essentially, anyone who isn't a full on vegan is bad person.

One game on the site parodies Nintendo's "Cooking Mama: World Kitchen" game with its own version titled "Mama Kills Animals." Players go through a series of steps involved in making Thanksgiving dinner—preparing a turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy—but the turkey is a bloody, battered animal. The game involves ripping its feathers out, sawing its head off, pulling out its organs with gruesome sounds and lots of blood. Cracking eggs on the side of a bowl causes them to drip blood. "Mama" is a bloody knife wielding killer, and she'll rag on you if you aren't mean enough. Satisfactory effort will earn you the title of "Meaner than Mama."

Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen aren't spared a scrap of dignity in the PETA2 site "The Trollsen Twins." Thanks to the presence of fur in their new clothing line, the sisters are reinterpreted as bony, pale zombies Hairy-Kate and Trashley. Their faces grimace at you, and they stand and pose like zombie Cruella Devilles (remember the puppy killing, fur obsessed crone from 101 Dalmatians?). Site visitors can dress them up with beaten animal part garments dripping blood with all the gruesome sound effects.

The most disturbingly deranged campaign, in my opinion, doesn't involve fur, or bloody

games, or knife wielding mamas. It involves fish—dressed up as kittens. Sea-Kittens. The PETA2 "Save the Sea-Kittens" website declares that "nobody would hurt a sea-kitten," attempting to get children to equate cold, scaly fish with cute, fuzzy kittens. Big eyed cartoon fish characters parade around the site dressed in kitten costumes to make them more appealing. Sea-Kitten bedtime stories tell the tale of Tony the Trout, who was litter trained at 2 years old, went on to graduate with honors with a double-major in neuroscience and environmental studies, got caught, and then was eaten by a boy who went to the bottom of his class after eating too many mercury ridden sea-kittens. Sally the Sea-Kitten plots revenge against actual kittens for having perfect lives after being driven mad by watching her friends and family get hooked through the mouth and dragged away. This site is absolutely ludicrous.

The "About Our Campaign" page decries some former PR rep for all fish in general as a failure.

"Whoever was in charge of creating a positive image for fish needs to go right back to working on the Britney Spears account and leave our scaly little friends alone. You've done enough damage, buddy. We've got it from here."

Really? A PR campaign designed to protect fish without a single actual natural fact about fish? There is so much misinformation listed, even despite the obvious fiction, that I would never let any child I have learn anything about fish from this site. People

don't seem to like fish, so pretend they're cats? Pretend they use litter boxes and then somehow manage to make them college students that garden and sing?

PETA has lost its mind.

I like fish, just the way they are—slimy and scaly and devoid of cuteness. I like to go to the Georgia Aquarium and watch them for hours. I also like them raw in sushi and grilled on my plate. I have two cats of my own, and I can tell you with certainty that they HATE to get wet. Kittens nationwide can now worry that some misguided tot running around in the house might affectionately drop them in the bathtub for fun!

The image of the home cookin' mother who whips up miracles in the kitchen is a familiar (albeit sometimes sexist) cornerstone in the traditional perception of the American family. To portray her as a bloodthirsty murderer is just plain dumb. Trashing the Olsen twins is classless. Calling fish sea-kittens is moronic. Campaigns filled with cheap trash talk and a yellow journal Paris Hilton vocabulary (these fish are just the cutest thing, ever) don't actually protect animals.

Organizations like the World Society for the Protection of Animals, American Humane, and the Humane Society all manage to promote animal protection and make headway in enforcing animal rights in shelters, on farms, and in film and television use, etc., without attacking meat eaters, misrepresenting fish, or turning advocacy and activism into a three ring circus.

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& Immigration Services of Atlanta. These organizations are also able to provide their services through the help of many caseworkers and volunteers.

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Our country needs a stronger and more diverse work force, not more people being deported.

If you would like to know more about how you can help immigrants from around the world adjust to American life please visit the website of the International Rescue Committee at www.theirc.org or visit the link for Refugee Family Services at www.refugeefamilyservices.org.

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