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## School of Music extends hand to novice musicians

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The Georgia State University School of Music offers beginner's classes for non-music majors and invites anyone and everybody to their free concerts.

In addition to group instruction, which includes piano (MUA 1700), guitar (MUA 1800) and voice (MUS 1730), and allows students to learn instrument basics, there are lecture classes.

One example is Intro to the Music Industry (MTM 3010), which investigates multiple career opportunities and provides beginning instruction in music industry promotional methods. Another class is Jazz: Its Origins, Styles, and Influence (MUA 1500/3500), which examines the development of this genre with emphasis on stylistic periods and influential artists. (Note that all "MUA" courses are open to all non-music majors.)

Also open to non-music majors are various ensembles including orchestra, wind ensemble, chorus (including a jazz chorus) and jazz combos. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester for placement. Students should contact the School of Music at (404) 651-3676 for more information.

"I'm always excited about our outstanding instrumental, choral, and chamber ensemble performances," explains Helene Erenberg who is Public Relations Coordinator for The School of Music. "Anybody can attend these concerts and they're free. People who can't afford high-priced tickets can enjoy these quality jazz, opera, and classical performances."

Recitals and smaller ensembles are held at The Florence Kopleff Recital Hall in the Arts and Humanities building on Peachtree Center Avenue and Gilmer Street, which has about 400 seats.

Larger ensembles perform at

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## College Republicans host "W-Day" at State Capitol



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**Congressman Johnny Isakson and Dr. Ralph Reed with College Republicans Chairman Justin Palmer.**

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The College Republicans officially declared Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004 as W-Day to honor President George W. Bush. The event, which featured speakers and distinguished guests, was held at the State Capital. Two speakers were the keynotes at the event: Ralph Reed and Johnny Isakson.

The College Republicans created this event to rally up conservatives from Georgia State and the across Atlanta area in a political pep rally style arena.

"As college republicans, it is our job to do the groundwork for the candidates. We need to go wherever the party sends us," stated College Republican Chairman Justin Palmer.

Political campaigns rely a lot on unpaid staff and Palmer

emphasized that everyone needs to get involved to get candidates of their choice elected. This includes, door-to-door solicitation, posting up yard signs and telephone polling.

U.S. Senate Candidate Johnny Isakson was the first speaker. Isakson spoke about the current election, his campaign, and the need to get informed and involved. "This

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## Georgia State campus safer than you think

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The 2003 Georgia State University Safety Net came out Oct. 5, showing that thefts were by far the most reported crime on campus.

According to the Safety Net,

which provides an online record of crime statistics at Georgia State, there were 442 reported cases of theft, 75 cases of criminal trespassing and 22 cases of damage to property.

"Petty theft is a problem,"

said Carlton Mullis, deputy chief

of Police at Georgia State. "Book thieves sell books back if taken [from students] immediately. Cars get broken into [but] car thefts are unusual for us because we have gated decks."

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## Automobile break-in prevention

By **JENNIFER KIMMITT**  
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Its location in the heart of a major city is one of the best assets that Georgia State University has to offer; however, it also causes some crime problems that students on campuses in more rural areas may not have to face.

Although the Georgia State Police Department does an outstanding job of patrolling parking lots and decks on and around campus, there is still the occasional car break-in.

"One of the main things we find that is one of the precipitating causes for auto break-ins is something being left out in plain sight," said officer James Porter, of Crime Prevention. "Nine times out of 10 there is something sitting in the seat that looks valuable to a criminal, whether it be a laptop case, gym clothes or even change in the center console."

In 2003 there were 25 automobile break-ins in Georgia State parking areas. This number is relatively low compared to overall city numbers, but as Officer Porter says, "it is one too many if it happens to your car." So, the Police Department has

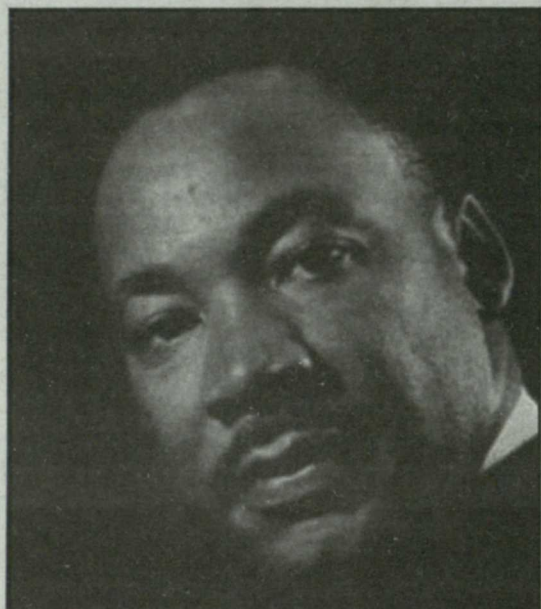


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**Leaving cars unattended in dark alleys increases probability of a break in.**

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Office of Student Life and Leadership  
Intercultural Relations



We are now accepting nominations for the annual

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### Criteria:

- All nominators must complete an information sheet for their nominee
- A written statement by the nominator, highlighting the character and accomplishments of the person/student organization being nominated
- A resume of the nominee or a portfolio for the student organization
- Additional materials supporting the nominee's accomplishments are recommended
- Two letters of recommendation highlighting the individual's character and accomplishments or the organization's involvement in community service and activism
- Student nominees must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA
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For more information and to request a Nominator's Information Sheet, please contact  
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## Calendar of Events: October

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Please RSVP attendance no later than Wednesday, October @ 404.463.9000; or email: [bpyne@gsu.edu](mailto:bpyne@gsu.edu); or fax @ 404.463.9002

**24 2pm "Miss Lil's Camp" Documentary Screening and Open Forum Speaker's Auditorium Free and Open to the public For more information: 404-463-9031**

**26 Noon-1pm Interfaith Council Dialogue, Death and the Afterlife, Room 460 University Center For more information: 404-651-2455**

"Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it onto future generations."

-George Bernard Shaw

"A man will fight harder for his interests than his rights."

- Napoleon Bonaparte

"The man who sees both sides of an issue is very likely on the fence or up a tree."

-Anonymous

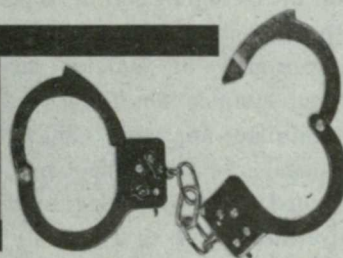
"A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice."

- Edgar Watson Howe

"We all find time to do what we really want to do."

- William Feather

## campus crime



**10/12/04**

Hurt Plaza

A Robbery by Intimidation report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that the subject approached him and demanded money from him on 10/11/04 at 6:00 pm. The subject and the complainant then walked to the ATM to get \$20 out for the subject. The complainant and the subject then walked around campus. The subject then left the area. The complainant later saw the subject who asked if he was ok at which time the complainant stated "yes." The subject stated that he initially failed to report the crime due to his apprehension from the situation. The case will be handled by investigations.

**10/13/04**

Broad St

An Aggressive Panhandling report was filed by non-GSU individuals. The complainants stated that the subject was entering into their businesses, threatening and harassing people and acting disorderly on 10/13/04 at 11:09 am. The subject was arrested, processed and transported to Atlanta City Jail.

Library North

A Criminal Trespass Warning report was filed by an officer. The complainant stated that the non-GSU subject was engaged in suspicious behavior on 10/13/04 between 2:30 pm and 2:56 pm. The subject was issued a CTW and escorted off the property.

## The Exclamation!

**Where is Kappa Alpha Psi?**

**I watched** the debates and the people I was with were so drunk that Bush was sounding pretty articulate

**Tighter Grip:** doing what the fraternities fail to do

**Campus groups** encourage voter registration? More like campus groups campaign for Kerry

**If SGA does** one thing this year, it better be to get us some free newspapers

**Poor Colin Powell.** He's still trying to defend Georgie

**Purdue better** solve this tuition increase crisis before he starts his re-election campaign

**A check** clearing bill? What is a check?

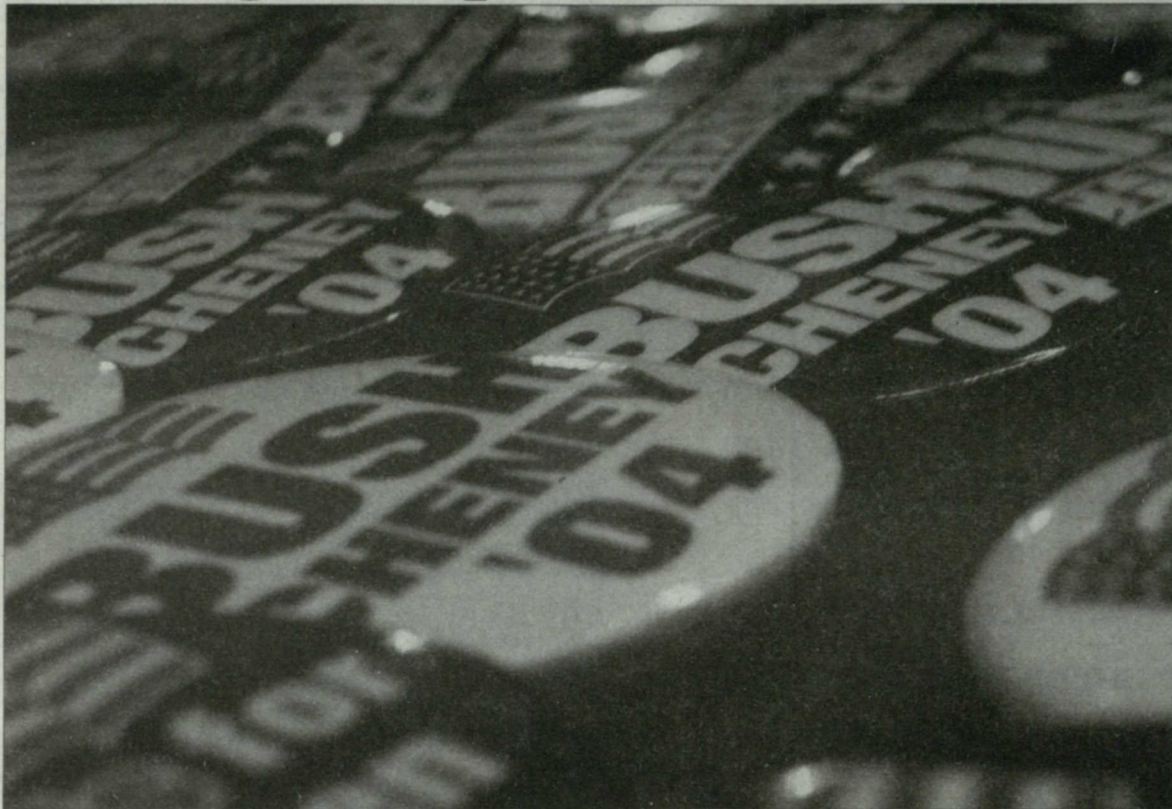
The Signal apologizes for inappropriate comments made about the Rampway staff in the Oct. 5th edition of the Signal.

**Freshmen** get shorter every year

Want to make a witty comment? The best way to respond to an exclamation is to send one to Lindsey Stephenson at [lstephenson@gsusignal.com](mailto:lstephenson@gsusignal.com)



# College Republicans' event at Capitol a success



College Republicans members sell Bush Cheney '04 gear.

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election is all about you," said Isakson. He also noted that every vote matters and reminded the audience that only 537 votes determined the 2000 presidential election. He also spoke on the subject of September 11. "What happened on 9/11 was an attack on what we as Americans believe in. Fear wants to rule by intimidation" added Isakson. "The United States is a great country nobody breaks out. People break in"

Ralph Reed was the second speaker of the event. Reed elaborated on points from the recent George Bush and John Kerry debate.

"The facts need to speak about the debate. Kerry had made 22 falsification during the event," said Reed, and went on to point out three of them. "Kerry said that Bush cut the Pell Grant Program, which was false," said Reed. The Pell Grant program is an educational grant that many students receive to cover educational expenses form, which many Georgia State students benefit.

"To counteract Kerry, Bush has, in his fiscal year budget for 2005, funding that will be a 47 percent increase of what has been issued. That means 1 million more students will be benefiting from this program," said Reed.

"The next false accusation was that Bush has never met with the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and the Congressional Black Caucus. To correct that, Bush met with the NAACP in 1999 and this year spoke with the National Urban League," said Reed.

Reed, like Isakson encouraged everyone to vote and elaborated on the importance of the election.

Mike Sheffield, a candidate for the Georgia Court of Appeals spoke to the audience about the importance of judicial races. Last summer Sheffield was a candidate for the Court of Appeals, in which he came in second place. The election was overturned due to a lawsuit by Howard Mead, another candidate, over a technicality in the spelling of his name. Mead had come in third place in that election.

"This was the first time ever that the Supreme Court has ever stopped a statewide race. It is one of the strangest here in the state," said Sheffield. All the candidates who ran in the summer election will be on the ballot in November.

The audience of nearly 150 attendees expressed enthusiasm throughout the program; often speakers were interrupted with applause and cheers.

Raymond Davis, a candidate for State Representative District 92 was present. He, like the speakers mentioned the importance of voting.

"It is so important that college students do their homework before they vote," said Davis. "Voting is not what it used to be" The event attracted students

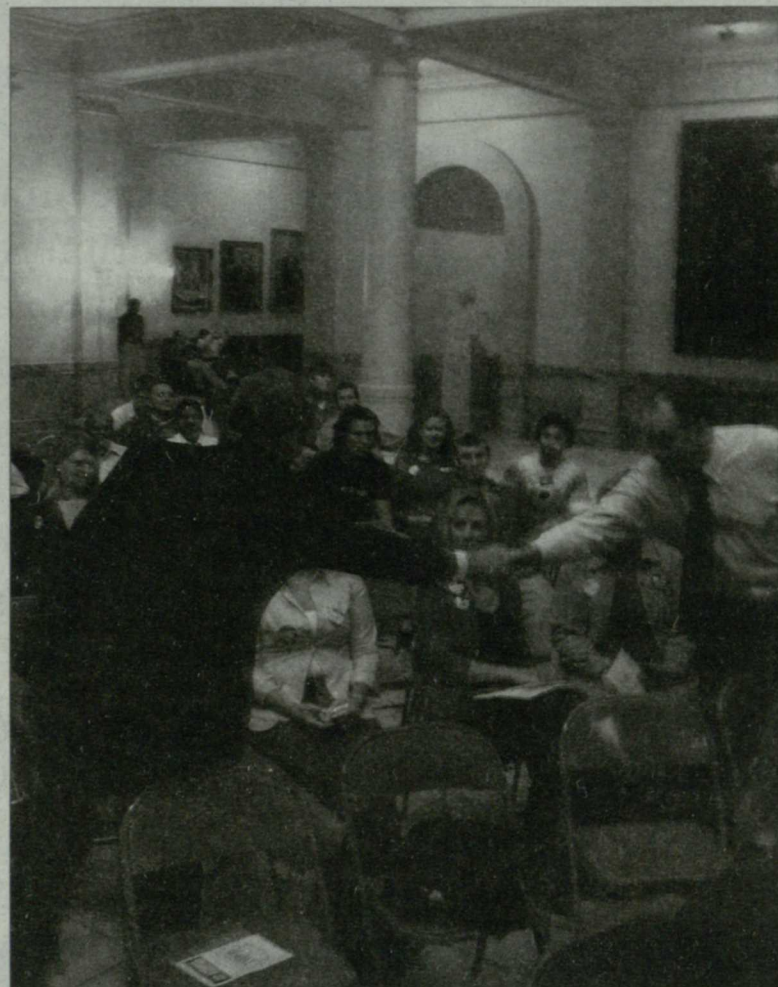
from the Georgia Tech chapter of the College Republicans as well. Chris Denpsey, recruitment director and Ruth Malhotra, chairwoman attended. "Get out and vote Republican" urged Denpsey.

Former Chairman of the Georgia State Chapter and current Executive Director of Georgia College Republicans Russell Mildner, stressed the need to get involved as well. "Get motivated, get involved and take a role in leadership

positions on campus. Run for a Student Government Association position and be active in student organizations" said Mildner.

Jennifer Preyss, a student, enjoyed her experience in the event. "The college level is the future of America. The turnout shown for W-Day proves that the future is George W. Bush" she stated.

Elections are on Nov. 2. Run off elections, if needed, will be on Nov. 23.

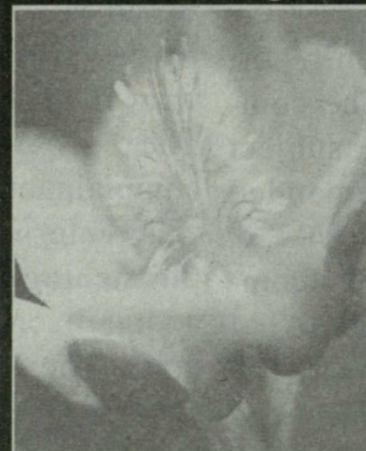


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Congressman Isakson greets students before event.



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Isakson speaks about President Bush's accomplishments.

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# Georgia State police offer tips to auto break-in prevention

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set up a crime prevention program to educate people who live, work or vacation in Atlanta on ways to prevent being a victim of a break-in.

The first thing they stress is for drivers to always remove their keys, lock their doors and roll up their windows, even if their stop is brief. Also, drivers should never leave anything exposed; not even an umbrella because criminals look for anything of value.

The officers also advise drivers not to leave maps or guidebooks lying out because that advertises that drivers are not familiar with their surroundings. And one last thing officers advise is to make sure to park in well lit areas, or areas that have an attendant.

Officer Porter recommends that students park in parking areas owned and operated by Georgia State, even if they cost a little more. He also feels that parking decks are safer than parking lots.

"You tend to have more criminal activity in parking lots

compared to parking decks because they [parking lots] are more open," he said. Criminals can get in and out without being noticed because there are so many escape routes, whereas in a deck there is going to be a set of stairs after a door, and they have to make an entrance into that area."

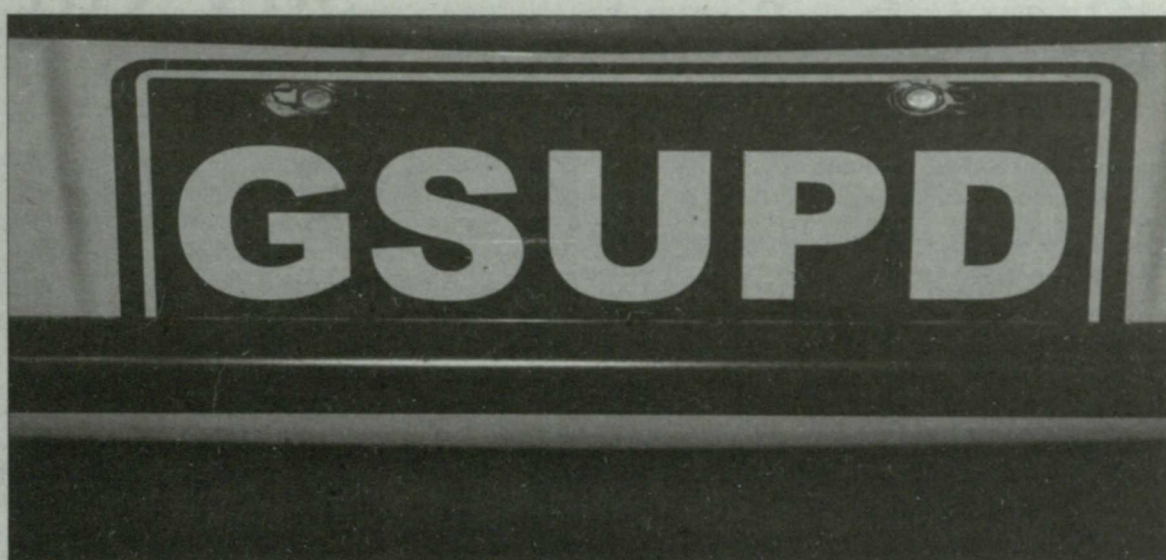
However, in most cases students do not feel skeptical about leaving their cars parked anywhere around campus.

"My roommate and I sometimes park at Turner Field, and we have never had any problems with criminal activity," said senior Lina Bustos.

Senior Jennifer Perry parks in Georgia State's M Deck, and she has never had any trouble there. "I feel completely safe leaving my car there all day," she said.

According to Officer Porter, book bags are the most common item stolen from anywhere on campus, including right out of automobiles. Criminals steal the book bag and then try to sell the books back to the bookstore.

"We have a better success rate of finding stolen items if the



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Georgia State police sometimes go undercover to catch auto thieves.

victim has the serial number of the item written down somewhere," said Officer Porter. "Especially cell phones. They are very easy to track if you have that information, but people tend to not think to write it down."

If there is an increasing number of break-ins at a certain parking area, the Police Department will send out a couple of officers in regular clothing to catch criminals in the act. This has proven to be very suc-

cessful for Georgia State parking areas, but it tends to push the vandals to other areas around Atlanta. Sometimes numbers seem relatively low at Georgia State while they seem rather high for the city.

The police department informs students and faculty to know what is going on around campus to help keep them safe and informed. Students just need to go to the police department Web site, enter their names and e-mail addresses, and then they

will receive a daily report of all crimes that happened on campus the day before.

Overall the police department is pleased with the job they do on preventing auto break-ins as well as recovering stolen items and finding criminals if a break-in does occur. They realize that not all break-ins can be stopped, but as Officer Porter stressed, anyone with a concern or inquiry should feel free to contact him or anyone else in the police department.

**BEN AFFLECK JAMES GANDOLFINI CHRISTINA APPELEGATE CATHERINE O'HARA**

**Share the warmth.**

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## Safety escort available to students

By CANDACE MORROW  
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The Georgia State Police Department resumes offering students the opportunity of helping other students maintain safety from their escort service this fall. The safety escort service has asked students to assist their peers in traveling throughout the campus safely, especially during evening classes.

"I needed a job, and this job allows me to get to know the people while helping out our campus community as well," said Escort Driver Quinton Parker, a junior.

The escort service started over a decade ago, but escorts in the beginning stages of the service were primarily police officers who accompanied students to different locations on foot. Today, students travel in one Ford mini van that can transport up to six passengers. Whether escorts come by foot or vehicle, Parker said, "To get the hang of the service, having a good sense of the downtown area and knowing alternate routes really helps out."

The service area is limited to downtown around the Georgia State campus. However, students have attempted to misuse the service by wanting rides to designations out the campus.

"Some people think that this is a taxi service, but it's not," said Officer James Porter, who teaches crime prevention on campus. "Our escort service is a priority service for getting students here and there in proximity to the university for their safety."

This includes nearby Marta stations, parking decks and buildings of the university, otherwise, the service defeats its purpose. Porter said there have been numerous occasions where students wanted rides to locations outside the college, which would hinder students who directly need their assistance.

To make sure the escorts stay in the boundaries of the university, escort drivers must wait for headquarters to specify by walkie-talkie exactly where students are located. Then the driver must document

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# Panhandlers are biggest safety issue

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However, according to Mullis parking decks G and N are problem areas.

The Safety Net lists 18 motor vehicle thefts for 2003, up from zero in 2002.

"We had two armed robberies the first week of school, one in N Deck and the other near the Suntrust Building [near Woodruff Park]," Mullis said. He said both cases involved arrests.

The Safety Net lists eight cases of robbery for 2003, up from three in 2002. "We work closely with the Atlanta, MARTA and Capital police departments to seek trends in crime," said Mullis. He added that all the organizations work together to do undercover work and sting operations to preempt crime before it happens and to catch someone in the act of committing a crime.

"Armed robberies are few and far between," says police Corporal Shawn Horace. "[By working with other police and security organizations], it helps us be proactive."

According to Mullis, one of the biggest things people have to deal with in Atlanta is panhandlers and "flimflammers" (scam artists). Therefore, Woodruff and Hurt Parks get plenty of attention because of the high concentration of homeless people in those areas.

Andrew Fitzgerald, a senior, is one student who encountered a

problem with an aggressive panhandler. He parked his car last year on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue., near the capital. "I was putting change into the parking meter and a bum tried to take it from me," Fitzgerald said.

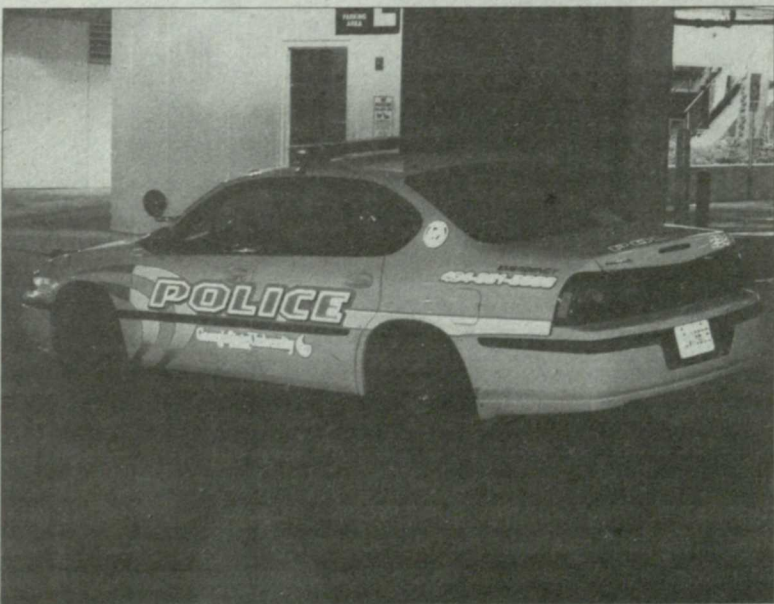
Mullis talked about perception and reality. "Perception of Atlanta and the reality are not the same," said Mullis.

"Where people think high crime areas are sometimes aren't. People perceive Atlanta to be high in crime but it's really not that high," said Mullis. [We're located in Zone 5, which] has one of the lowest crime rates in the city. Crime gets pushed down here from areas like Midtown."

Once places like Midtown crack down on crime, then those perpetrators move on to other places, like Georgia State.

"Perpetrators know where the police presence is. Crooks aren't going to stop because of us. [Students should] adhere to the advice we give [about protecting themselves]," said Corporal Horace.

It appears Georgia State students have their own fears and perceptions about the city of Atlanta. Lindsey Stephenson, a sophomore, said she had a late class during spring semester. "I never saw GSU police around but I only felt really scared once. I walked down Courtland Street until it became Washington and parked on Capital Avenue and never had any problems."



Lindsey Stephenson | Signal  
Police are stationed around school to keep an eye on students.

# Georgia State police say days mostly quiet

By TIFFANY NEWMAN  
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Some Georgia State University students see no obvious attempt being made to increase campus safety despite official claims that much is being done.

"I don't even see Georgia State police officers on campus," says Crystal Barrett, a Freshman biology major. "I think all I ever see are Atlanta police."

However, Barrett's statements are countered by the fact that Georgia State has the largest campus police department in the state to maximize any and all safety and prevention efforts. The department also works jointly with the entire university family in addition to other well-known Atlanta organizations including the MARTA Police, Fulton County Police, Georgia World Congress Center Police, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, United Parcel Service and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

University officers work odd hours and take on tense, unusual duties to ensure that Georgia State maintains an overall comfortable atmosphere.

"We have a total of 80 police



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Georgia State police officers are authorized to give speeding tickets.

positions, but only 77 are filled day, "never knowing what's at this time," says Georgia State Deputy Chief of Police Carlton Mullis. They come to work every

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# Georgia State police force largest in state

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going to come up."

While there is no average workday for any Georgia State police official, one student has his own opinion of how these officers spend their time on the clock.

"They probably just give parking tickets and little things like that," says speech major Mike Sheppard. "There isn't much else for them to do on this campus."

"Most days are quiet," says Chief Mullis, possibly giving some validity to Sheppard's statements. However, endure a number of difficult tasks from on campus responsibilities to training procedures needed to fulfill those duties.

Police officials are required to complete a two-week training

session in addition to supplementary training according to their specific shifts. They must also then receive official certification after successfully completing an eleven-week fundamental police academy course as recommended by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council of Georgia.

Mandatory coaching is a standard for all potential officers to pass, but training has become even more crucial since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I remember it took a while for [officials] to decide what to do," says political science major Annika Walker, recalling the dreadful day three years ago. "Everything was really confusing. No one knew what to say or do and we didn't know what was going to happen."

Chief Mullis also recalls the day when Georgia State officers



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Parking infractions are common among students, but not the biggest problem.



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were brought to the rescue of their students. "We called all of our officers to come in," he said. "They were held over even though the university closed around 11 a.m. and by 1 p.m., there was virtually no one downtown."

Since then, Mullis says that more training is now available to all Georgia State officers. The Office of Domestic Preparedness even went the extra mile to send some officers to Alabama to receive professional instruction on weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.

"We even implemented our own color coded alert system at Georgia State so our police officers know exactly what to do in a given situation," Mullis says.

With all of the added training and more widespread knowledge on serious issues taking place, the question raises as to whether or not Georgia State police are truly prepared for an unlikely catastrophic event.

"I'm not sure what [police officers] would do," says Walker. "But I hope they would be able to think quickly for our sake."

Chief Mullis feels confident that with correct procedures carried out according to the university alert system and university guidelines that were already in place, officers are more prepared to protect the Georgia State community than they have ever been in the past.

"We have a Homeland Security Committee on campus," he says. "But we must also keep in mind that we are in Atlanta, the largest city in the south. There are numerous targets. Our goal is to balance our students' safety with their freedom. We could have a perfectly safe campus, but improper restrictions can make students feel like they are in a prison."



# Students agree that escort availability makes them feel safer

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where students were dropped off.

"Basically, I go from point A to point B," said Eric McNeal, a sophomore and the only other student escort driver. "The job is nice because I can drive for free, but there are limited places that I can take students."

McNeal says that the majority of the students who utilize the service are females; however, males will call for an escort from time to time.

Females have reported that they feel comfortable on campus in the late afternoon, yet the escorts make them feel safer. Senior Doris Jones, a regular of the service, said, "It makes me feel better to know that someone will take me to my car."

According to McNeal, student fears of potential crimes tend to decrease when escorted directly to their vehicles or to the front doors of classroom buildings.

In addition to student safety, faculty members, individuals with disabilities and any student who is pregnant are encouraged to contact

an escort when feeling uneasy about traveling alone during late-night classes.

"I'm expecting a baby soon, so some days I don't have the energy to walk," said Jackie Maxwell, a senior. "A security guard just happened to mention something about an escort service and it's extremely convenient."

The service does much more. Many students or staff members rush to places and forget routine car inspections before stepping out of their vehicle.

About 500 vehicles need jump starting a year from not turning off the headlights.

The second most prevalent calls are keys locked inside cars and then tires flats, said Officer Porter.

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# Many ensembles free to public

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## Sports

## Men's Golf finishes second thanks to Darren Baynes being up to par

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The Georgia State men's golf team merited a second place finish in the GaryKoch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate that took place on Oct. 11 to Oct. 12 in Tampa, Fla., at the Old Memorial Golf Club.

State continued with what has been a regular occurrence for them this year: winning. They are proving to their doubters that they are a legitimate contender and that their accomplishments of last season, which include reaching the NCAA tournament and taking 11th place, were no fluke.

State had good performances from all of its golfers. Darren Baynes organized the best performance for them by shooting an even-par 216 and finishing third in a three-way tie with Alex Hamilton of South Carolina, Jordan Dempsey of Ole Miss and Matt Every of the University of Florida.

Steve Tiley carded a 3-over-par 219 in his three rounds of play and finished tied for 11. Joel Sjöholm was 8-over-par and came in 28, while Ben Taylor rounded out State's scoring coming in 53 and carding a 229 for the tournament.

Ty Harris finished tied for 33 in the tournament by shooting a 9-over-par. He won State's last tournament, the Mason Rudolph Championship, setting several records in the process and as a result was named September National Amateur of the Month by the Southern Golf Association. He shared that honor, in an unprecedented tie, with Oklahoma State's Pablo Martin.

Mark Blakefield of Kentucky took the individual medalist honors by shooting a 213, which was 3-under-par. Finishing in second place was University of Central Florida's Stefan Wistorf who carded a 211 and put himself at 1-under-par for his three rounds. It is great that State continuously fields a team that can compete with other schools ranked lower in the GCAA/Precept Coach's Poll than they are. For instance, they outmatched teams like fourth ranked Florida, who took eighth place, 15th ranked Tennessee, who came in fifth place and 20th ranked South Carolina, who finished third. Georgia State's ranking was 22 going into this tournament and when it ended they had a final overall score of 877, and that was only five strokes behind the

winner, eighth ranked Kentucky.

The next tournament for State is the Nelson Invitational, which will have the team traveling to Palo Alto, Calif., on Oct. 22 for a 9:00 a.m. start. The following two tournaments after that both take place in November. The first is the Hooter's Match Play in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla., on Sunday, Nov. 14 where they will face some fierce competition including 14 of the top 15 finishers at the 2004 NCAA Championships and could be a possible preview of this year's Championship. It should be a great opportunity for them to see how they measure up to the competition. Then they move on to play in the Western Refining All-American, which will be held in El Paso, Texas on Monday, Nov. 22.

Georgia State men's golf has only these three tournaments left in their fall schedule before they have their winter break. They won't get started back up again until early February when they travel to Gainesville, Fla. to play in the Gator Invitational. It should be an exciting start to the spring schedule that will hopefully lead to another berth in the NCAA Championships for Georgia State.



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Baynes posted the third-highest score of the tournament, helping the Panthers to a second-place finish.

## Midnight madness kicks off with Degroot and Hartman looking primed for A-sun competition

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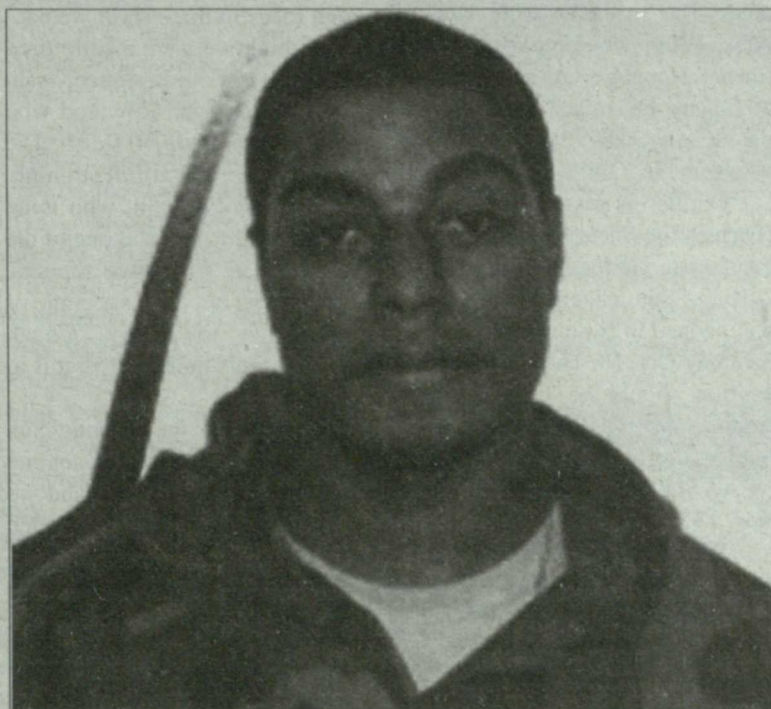
Following two hours of festivities, the women's and men's basketball teams were introduced to an energized crowd of over 1,000 fans at the Sports Arena at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. The event signaled the official beginning of the basketball season for the two squads, which can now begin full practices as opposed to doing only conditioning drills or individual skill sessions with no more than four players at any given time.

After an elaborate introduction of women's and men's teams, the Lady Panthers took the floor for a 10-minute scrimmage. The contest between Blue and White squads was an even duel for 10 minutes until Conference Player of the Year Patechia Hartman knocked down a jump shot with

five seconds left to give the Blue a 17-15 decision. Monica Thomas of the White team was the high scorer with eight points.

The men's team followed the Lady Panthers with a blue on white scrimmage of their own. The Panther's veteran Blue team pulled away in the latter stages of the contest to convincingly beat the newcomer White team with a 34-22 decision in a 20-minute nonstop game. Veterans Kevin Thomas (10 points), Boyd Copeland (eight points) and Marcus Brown (seven points) led the way.

The crowd favorite appeared to be a highly regarded newcomer Travis DeGroot who scored 10 points while dazzling the crowd with quick dribble penetration and strong on-court presence. Also a newcomer, Tikoyo Barnett added a game-high five rebounds and



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Newcomer Travis Degroot led all men in scoring in the 20-minute blue and white game.

four points.

"I am really excited about our team this year," said men's Head Coach Michael Perry. "I am looking forward to coaching this team. I feel we have a good core of returning players and I think we brought in some really good players," added Perry.

The Panthers have been picked to finish first in the Atlantic Sun conference by the coaches and the media for the last four years. Expectations this year appear to be no different as the national rankings such as Lindy's pick Georgia State as the number one team in the conference while Sporting News has the Panthers in second place.

The Lady Panthers will look to avenge the overtime loss in the semifinals of the Atlantic Sun



# Women's soccer forced to forfeit three games after obscure Atlantic Sun rule violation by Daniel

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The Georgia State University women's soccer team was dealt a major blow last week when the team was forced to forfeit three games (a win and two ties) due to an NCAA rules infraction. Apparently, according to NCAA soccer rules, once a student athlete has received five yellow cards

during the season, they must face a one-game suspension before they are allowed back on the field. In this case, the player would be junior forward Brooks Daniel, who was penalized with her fifth yellow card of the season in the Sept. 19, game against the Georgia Southern Eagles. However, instead of Daniels sitting out the team's next game against Middle Tennessee, she

was allowed to participate in the Lady Panthers next four games. Under Atlantic Sun (A-Sun) conference rules, if a team forfeits games under NCAA regulations, not only is the infracting team awarded losses, but the teams who played against them during the games in question are given wins as a result. So Georgia State, who would still be undefeated in A-Sun conference play had it not been for these three forfeits, now have a record of 4-5-5 (1-3-2 conference).

This week hasn't been a complete loss for the Lady Panthers as the team remained undefeated at home with a double-overtime tie against the top-ranked Campbell Fighting Camels. The Lady Panthers outshot Campbell 13-10, each team had the same number of shots-on-goal with five. Georgia State defended home with a tie in no small part due to another strong defensive performance from Alexa Pasquarelli. The junior goalkeeper recorded five saves in 110 minutes of work against the Fighting Camels. Pasquarelli was awarded A-Sun conference Defensive Player of the Week (POTW) honors for the third time this season

last Monday. This is such an accomplishment because the A-Sun conference office has only handed out this award six times so far this season, meaning that Pasquarelli has received POTW honors half of the times that the award has been given.

The recognition that Pasquarelli has been receiving is fitting, seeing as how defense has been the hallmark of the Lady Panthers play this season. The Lady Panthers have held their opponents to a goals-scored average of .59 so far this season. While a lot of this can be attributed to Pasquarelli, she is only averaging 4.17 saves a game, which means that other teams are having a hard time even getting shot attempts off due to great team defense by Georgia State.

Defense alone isn't going to get things done, however. The Lady Panthers are currently eighth in the A-Sun conference standings and need to turn things around quickly. Good news for Georgia State is that the rest of the team's schedule appears to be light, seeing as how the Lady Panthers don't have to face a .500 team for the rest of the regular season. As a

matter of fact, Georgia State's next three opponents (Lipscomb, Belmont, and Mercer) have an overall record of 11-32 (2-17 conference). If the Lady Panthers ever had a chance to turn things around and rack up some quick wins, this would be it. Even better, all of these games are at home, where the Lady Panthers have a record of 4-0-3 on the season.



Pasquarelli earned Player of the week honors last week, but much of her work was for naught thanks to the three forfeits.



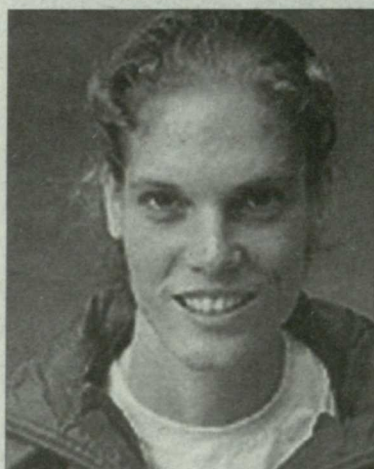
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Daniels played in a few games she shouldn't have and Georgia State's record paid the price.

# Men's and women's cross country continue lukewarm season with weak show at Auburn Invitational

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The women's cross country team finished in fifth place while the men's team had an 11th place finish in the Auburn Invitational held on Monday Oct. 10 at the Pines Golf Course in Auburn, Ala.

The Lady Panthers were led by



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Jenn Feenstra's sixth place finish was the lone bright spot for the Panthers.

senior Jenn Feenstra who placed sixth in a field of 163 runners and matched her best time of the season with a finishing time of 18:33. Last week Jenn had an excellent run while at the Great American Cross Country Festival. She earned the title of runner of the week from the Atlantic Sun Conference because of

her strong showing.

"Jenn is a senior who has worked hard for her entire career at Georgia State and she just seems to get stronger and stronger each week," observed the women's coach Jessica Raby.

The Lady Panthers also received a strong performance from junior Andrea Smith who finished 30th overall with a time of 19:34.92. The future looks bright for Georgia State. A trio of freshmen runners rounded out the scoring and all finished within 10 seconds of each other. The freshmen were led by Alex Friel who finished 44th. Rachel Hannah was next with a 46th place finish, and rounding out the scoring was Barbara Phelan who came in 57th.

"Our best is yet to come," states coach Raby. She expects the Lady Panthers to vie for a top spot in the Atlantic Sun championships that will be held in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday Oct. 30. Their main competition should be from Florida Atlantic and Belmont. Jessica also is expecting a top-10 finish in the NCAA South Regional on Saturday Nov. 13 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We're trying to be competitive as a team and if we work together as a team we should get to where we need to be," suggested Coach Raby.

The men's cross country team finished 11th in the invitational. The Panthers were led for the sec-

ond week in a row by junior Matt Cameron who finished 34th in a field of 185 runners with a time of 26:21.26. Sophomore Nick Miller finished second on the team and 47th overall with a time of 26:40.77. Sophomore Jeremy Williams placed third on the team and 61st overall and beat his best time of the entire season by nine seconds with a time of 27:10.38. The Panthers were hurt by the fact that they had to have their schedule rearranged by the hurricanes this season. They have had three tough races in three short weeks.

"I think we were a little tired and didn't run our best race," said Men's Coach John Rowland who had hoped for a top-10 finish. The Panthers were not at full strength. Freshman Jay Morrill, who is an up-and-coming star and one of the Georgia State's top five runners, has had to sit out the last couple of weeks due to injury. Coach Rowland feels their best is still to come.

"We have the Atlantic Sun Conference championships coming up in the next two weeks and we hope to win," states Coach Rowland.

"Belmont is the favorite," he concedes. "It will be a tough race." The NCAA South Regional is coming up and Coach Rowland is looking for a top-10 finish in that race as well.

"I would like to improve or tie

our best finish which was eighth place a couple of years ago. Last year we came in 11th. I would like to see us get a seventh or eighth place finish this year." Coach Rowland commented. The men's team has a tremendous upside and is loaded with juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Next week the men and the

women will be back in Alabama at the Troy State Invitational. Last year the women won the Troy State Invitational and the men came in second. Both squads expect strong showings again this year. Both teams finish their seasons at the NCAA National Championships on Nov. 22 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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# Former MVP, MLB star Ken Caminiti dies at age 41 amidst rumors of drugs

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In eight years one of Major League Baseball's iron men transformed from unanimous NL MVP to deceased, a sudden tragic loss leaving fans and loved ones awaiting conclusive autopsy results. On Sunday Oct. 9 former MLB icon Ken Caminiti, 41, passed away in a New York City apartment.

As the two teams Caminiti began and ended his career with, the Houston Astros and Atlanta Braves respectively, were set to play game five of the National League Divisional Series, a pair of Caminiti's closest friends and former teammates mourned openly.

"We're both kind of devastated about it," Astros' left fielder Craig Biggio affirmed. "We feel terrible. We played with this guy for a long time. My wife and his wife are best friends; we know his kids. It's a tough thing. I guess the best thing we can do today for him is just go out and play well."

"Both of us are still in

shock," said Jeff Bagwell, Astros' first baseman, before NLDS game five. "We're going to go out and bust our butts and try to win. That's a good tribute."

The Astros did just that, horrifically trampling the over-achieving Braves 12-3, led by Carlos Beltran's pair of home runs.

Initial indications pointed to cardiac arrest as iterated by Caminiti's agent Rick Licht, but an autopsy performed Monday by the New York City Medical Examiners found no explicit cause of death; examiners are awaiting results from a toxicology test which could take 10 days or longer.

Toxicology results may or may not confirm what many suspect: illegal drugs including steroids and pain killers immediately caused or attributed to the three-time All Star's death.

It's foolish to believe Caminiti's all-out excessive lifestyle and playing style, fueled by pain killers, alcohol, cocaine and steroids, which are all scientifically linked to weakening the

heart, didn't contribute to his demise.

"Regardless, it's all drug-related," Gus Gerard, a Houston based drug counselor told the AP. "Drug use over the years weakens your heart muscle and tears the body down."

In a candid May 2002 interview with Sports Illustrated, Caminiti admitted to using steroids during his 1996 MVP season, during which he batted a career-high .326 with 40 home runs and recorded 130 RBIs. In the same season, he also competed with a torn rotator cuff. Caminiti stated he believed roughly half of MLB players used steroids and explained why he can't advise young players against steroid use.

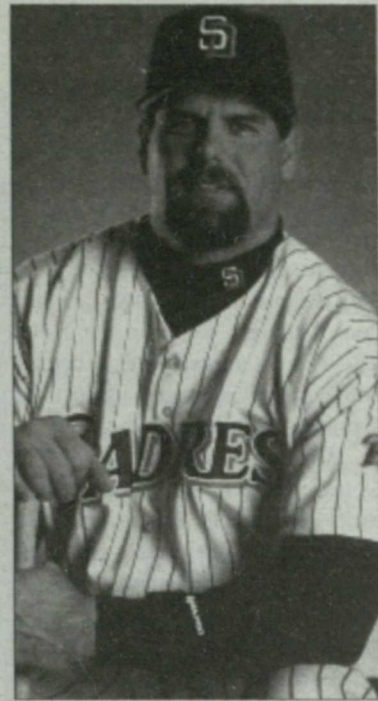
"Look at all the money in the game," Caminiti told Sports Illustrated. "A kid (Alex Rodriguez) got \$252 million. So I can't say, 'Don't do it.' Not when the guy next to you is as big as a house, and he's going to take your job and make the money."

Eight days after being released by the Braves in 2001, Caminiti was arrested for crack cocaine possession in a Houston crack house. Following his arrest, jail time and a \$2,000 fine, he was sentenced to three years of probation, which he violated four times. On Oct. 5, Caminiti admitting he violated his probation a fourth time and was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail, but District Judge William Harmon granted Caminiti asylum for 189 days he already served in a jail and treatment facility earlier this year for previous violations and was released a free man.

Five days removed from jail, a free man warmly received by many throughout his career, before and afterwards, and a baseball idol, Ken Caminiti passed away at the age of 41.

Will Major League Baseball learn any lesson from the heartrending tale of Ken Caminiti? One can only wait and see what the future brings. Frequent anecdotes of baseball steroid use and the current BALCO scandal have prompted both the MLB Commissioner's Office and Congress to urge strict amendments and reform to the MLB Player Union's feeble spineless drug testing policy, which favors a player's privacy rights over a player's health and the guidelines set forth by MLB. Gary Sheffield admitted he unknowingly used a steroid cream provided by BALCO, a company he was introduced to by the power-slugging Barry Bonds, who claims they provided legal supplements and vitamins specific to one's blood and body type.

We don't know if either of these men, or any other players,



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Caminiti was an MVP, but he will be remembered less for what he did with his arm on the field and more for what he shot in it on days off.

are guilty of any wrongdoing or cheating, and we should be optimistic they aren't for the sanctity of the game we love.

Before his death Caminiti made an invaluable observation. If a steroid-free player persistently willing to give his all has countless players competing with him for his job, for his salary and for his livelihood and those competing players are willing and able to take steroids, the steroid-free player has no job security. The steroid-free player has no decision but to take steroids or to find a new career, a new way to support his family.

We can only hope Major League Baseball, other sporting leagues and our population will learn moral values from the agonizing death of Ken Caminiti.

## Midnight Madness

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tournament last year, which denied them their fourth trip to the NCAA tournament in as many years.

Both squads will have only a few short weeks to prepare for a challenging season ahead. Among the out-of-conference teams on their schedule, the Lady Panthers will face Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Pepperdine while the men's team will engage against the likes of Kentucky, Texas Tech, Charlotte, Nevada and Louisiana-Lafayette.

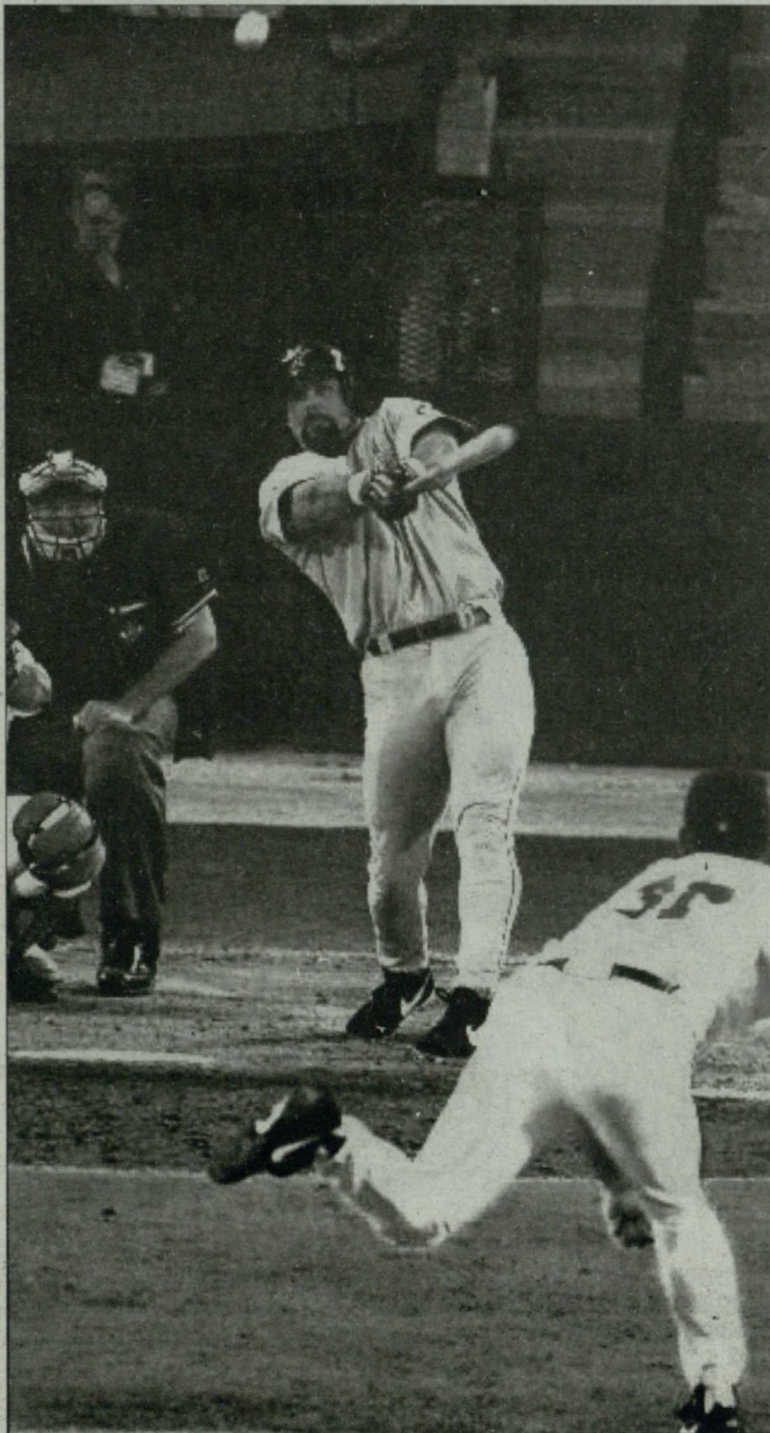
"We want to challenge ourselves and I made a point of stressing that to our players," said coach Perry.

The women will begin play on Thursday, Nov. 4 with an exhibition at the Sports Arena with Clayton State at 5 p.m. and the men will follow on Friday, Nov. 5 with an exhibition at home with Augusta State in a rare 2 p.m. matinee.

Regular season begins for the ladies on Nov. 19 at Georgia Tech and for the men on Nov. 20 at the Jim Thorpe Classic in Reno, Nev., vs. Southern Mississippi.



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Hartman, last year's player of the year, wasn't the high scorer for the Lady Panthers, but she did make the winning shot.



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Caminiti's death will likely bring further heat on Major League Baseball's drug policies.

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# Football fallout: how the NFC is shaking out thus far

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## Minnesota Vikings

Five touchdowns are what most fantasy football players salivated over. The Vikings are just playing pitch and catch, and in my opinion they are doing a good job of it. But look for them to slow it down a notch as they face the Tennessee Titans and the New York Giants.

## Carolina Panthers

Are the Panthers done? I must so say with an emphatic yes! Gone are defensive tackle Kris Jenkins, running backs Stephen Davis and Deshaun Foster, and playmaker wide receiver Steve Smith. Look for them to go 2-1 over the next three weeks with wins against San Diego and the Oakland Raiders.

## Green Bay Packers

After getting a shellacking on Monday Night Football against the Tennessee Titans, when they allowed the Titans to score the most points ever at Lambeau Field, the Packers are visibly struggling. Retirement talks about Brett Favre and this team's lack of help from their other offensive players has this team in limbo. They could go 1-1 with a win against Joe Gibbs' Washington Redskins.

## Atlanta Falcons

Your beloved Falcons have finally landed, following several weeks of soaring high. Mr. Vick was completed 18 out of 29 passes with one inter-

ception and three fumbles. He also leads the league in fumbles and is second in the league in most times sacked, with 17. However no one complained when he was putting up these numbers in wins. He's still a work in progress and hopefully will continue to improve. The road will get tougher though with games at the Chiefs and Broncos, and then he comes home for a bye week.

## Seattle Seahawks

Despite sometimes forgetting how to play defense, the Seahawks are still one of the top teams in the NFC. They have a mediocre schedule coming up, with games against the Cardinals, Panthers and the 49ers.

## Chicago Bears

Unless you're from Chicago or you really like the Bears, no one else really cares about them. But they should start caring about Thomas Jones, who has 361 yards with 4 touchdowns. Things probably won't get much better for the Bears who could go 1-3 in their next 4 games.

## Philadelphia Eagles

Terrell Owens is the big man on campus in Philly, and the Eagles are once again one of the teams to beat in the NFL. With an easy game at Cleveland and then two tough games at defensive stalwarts Baltimore and Pittsburgh, the Eagles will have a chance to prove themselves.

## Washington Redskins

Fans who thought the Redskins would be a different team must be sorely disappointed. Heck, everyone

around the NFL thought the Skins would be a force to be reckoned with under the tutelage of Joe Gibbs. But they are the same ole' team who can't score but can play great defense in an area in which they rank third in total yards given up per game. They may lose their next two games if they don't learn how to use Clinton Portis to get the ball in the end zone.

## Detroit Lions

The Detroit Lions are the equivalent of the Los Angeles Clippers, in terms of youth. They are a young team that loves to play football, and they are always underestimated, just ask the Falcons. They have the potential rookie of the year in Roy Williams, and the team finally looks like they are heading down the winning path. Who would have thought that the Detroit Lions would have a better record than the Green Bay Packers? The Lions will have to prove themselves once again against teams like the Giants, Cowboys and Redskins.

## N.Y. Giants

The G-men have resurrected Kurt Warner's career, and Tiki Barber's lines are opening lanes wider than the Red Sea. Regardless of the bickering between General Tom Coughlin and his players over his strict policies, the Giants are still getting the job done. Their toughest game in the next three weeks will be in Minnesota against Dante Culpepper and Randy Moss.

## Arizona Cardinals

It seems like Emmitt Smith still has some gas in the tank. He is the only bright spot on this Cardinal team. The team is without top receiver Anquan Boldin who is still recovering from a preseason knee surgery. In the next three weeks the Cardinals face the Seahawks, Bills and the dismal Dolphins.

## St. Louis Rams

Marc Bulger leads the league in passing yards and the Rams are looking fairly good. Offensively they are not the powerhouses they once were but they still manage to score 23 points per game. Next they play the horrible Dolphins followed by a bye week, and then they face the defending Super Bowl Champions.

## Dallas Cowboys

We all know Vinny Testaverde cannot throw for 300 yards every game. Eddie George is no longer the productive running back he once was. Their defense is not the same defense that was ranked in the top 10 last year. With that being said the Cowboys have to make some adjustments in order to make it to the playoffs. Their game at Green Bay doesn't look so bad now with the Packers having a losing record there. Next they play the Lions followed by Carson Palmer's Bengals.

## San Francisco 49ers

Unfortunately there is not much hope for this organization. This team can't get any players because

of their salary cap blunders over the past couple of seasons, and they can't retain any players that were there. Tim Rattay is actually a serviceable quarterback and Eric Johnson is fourth in the league with 460 reception yards. However, the 49ers have lost their best defensive players in Julian Peterson and young cornerback Mike Rumph. Both are likely out for the whole season with injuries. They face Chicago and Carolina, and then they head to Tampa Bay.

## New Orleans Saints

You never know what you are going to get from this team; they are the most inconsistent team. They have offensive stars Aaron Brooks, Deuce McAllister, and cell phone user Joe Horn. Yet, each year something goes wrong for this disappointing bunch of stars. The Saints travel to Oakland to play Kerry Collins and the Raiders and then come home for a bye week.


## Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Changing quarterbacks won't make a difference for this team who is atrocious when it comes to their offense. Keenan McCardell is still out of the lineup because of contract disputes, Charlie Garner is still out, and Brad Johnson is saying he wants to be traded. All this really doesn't matter because this team will be at home watching during the playoffs. Next is Chicago, followed by a bye week and then a tough game against the Chiefs.

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# A look around college football at the haves, have nots, and those that have only wishes of January ski trips

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We're nearing the midpoint of this year's college football season; this year has been packed with excitement, upsets, and classic games. The date most college football experts named "Judgment Day," Oct. 9, has passed, and the national championship picture has begun to form its outline. Teams with a chance at the national title find themselves in must-win games every week from now till at least late November. As we look ahead to the second half of the season, there are no shortages of possibilities for teams across the nation.

Here in Georgia, we've seen David Greene and UGA avenge last season's losses to LSU by thumping them to the tune of 45-16, only to come out the following week and lose a nail-biter to

Tennessee. That loss means Tennessee has to lose another conference game, not likely to happen, while UGA wins out. Dawg fans may want to cancel their December trip to Atlanta.

Expect Auburn and Tennessee to square off to decide who is number one in the SEC.

Georgia Tech is stuck in the middle of the ACC. All ACC teams currently lie below a hurri-

cane named Miami. Miami remains the only unbeaten team in the conference, while FSU and Virginia have solidified their stakes for second and third. Georgia Tech has beaten Clemson and Maryland on the road, but fell to UNC in Chapel Hill. Fourth place in the ACC is still wide open. This conference is too up and down for predictions; any team can win or lose on any Saturday.

The Big 12's featured game of the year saw Oklahoma hand Texas their first shutout in nearly 25 years. Freshman running back Adrian Peterson ran for 225 yards in the win and put his name in the Heisman race along with teammate, quarterback, Jason White. Oklahoma can now envision a clear path to the Orange Bowl, but watch for Oklahoma's rivalry game with Oklahoma State, also known as the Bedlam Game, to test the Sooners.

In the Big 10 usual powerhouses, Michigan and Ohio State, have taken a back seat to Purdue and Wisconsin. With Wisconsin's win over Purdue on Saturday, Wisconsin takes control of their own destiny in their journey to win this year's Big 10 title. The country's leader in the Heisman race comes from the Big 10. Purdue's quarterback, Kyle Orton, makes defenses look silly on a weekly basis with his cannon of an arm and pinpoint accuracy.

The favorite to make the national championship game because of their undeniable talent and weak schedule remains the Trojans of USC. The leaders of the Pac 10 have been living up to their ranking as the number one team in the nation. After a close call against California on Oct. 9, USC primed to run the table and make reservations in Miami for the national championship game.



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David Greene looked amazing against the LSU Tigers, but he could do nothing against a stingy Volunteer defense the week after.

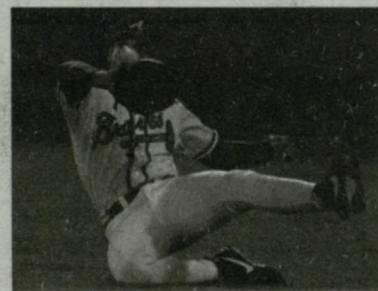
# Braves fail again in October, but who expected anymore from the 13-time division winners?

By ADAM KROHN  
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The Atlanta Braves seem to resemble an extreme case of "I've got some good news and some bad news." The good news being that the Braves have won an unprecedented 13 straight divisional titles (excluding the strike-shortened '94 season in which they were trailing the Expos by nine games) and have put themselves in a position to go to the World Series every year since 1991. When you think of that 13-year span, a lot has happened. We've had four presidential campaigns, the internet went from an idea to a phenomenon, Kurt Cobain and Tupac Shakur went from stardom to tragedy, the Chicago Bulls posted two different three-peat championships (and two Jordan retirements), and there was both an impeachment and a war in the past decade and a half.

The Braves dominated the NL West from '91 to '93 and then dominated the NL East from '95 to the present. This run has produced many memorable outcomes for any baseball fan. There was Smoltz throwing a complete game on the final day of the '91 season to clinch the division title. There was Otis Nixon's play labeled "the catch" when he robbed Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke of a go-ahead home run to sustain what would eventually be a 13-game win streak in '92. Who can forget that dramatic finish to the '93 season in which the Braves came back from nine games in the final month of the season to top Barry Bonds and the Giants' 103 victories by one game? In '95 they had the division clinched by early July

on the way to their first World Series title. 1996 and on produced the usual: division championships. The best thing about being a Braves fan is having the luxury of almost a decade and a half of winning. No team in baseball has ever given their fans such a gift. What could be better than an annual trip to the postseason? No complaints, right?



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The Braves have not won the World Series since David Justice was in uniform.

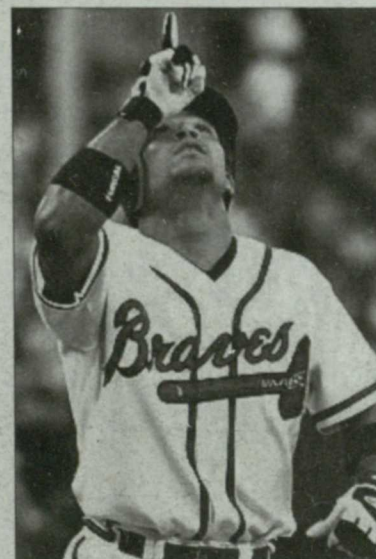
Wrong. Now it's time for the bad news. Though going to the postseason every year is a treat indeed, the goal is to win it all. In 13 trips to the postseason, the Braves have one championship to show for it. There was the heartbreaking finale to the '91 World Series when Kirby Puckett's 10th inning home run off Charlie Leibrandt lost game six followed by Lonnie Smith failing to cross the plate for what would have been the game's only run in game seven. The second most exciting moment in Atlanta sports history (the most exciting moment being Morten Anderson's field goal that sent the Falcons to the Super Bowl in '98), Sid Bream's slide to take game seven of the '92 NLCS or

"the slide heard 'round the world," was negated in the World Series by the Toronto Blue Jays in six games. Toronto ended up winning back-to-back World Series in '93. After winning 104 games in '93, they lost to the Phillies in the NLCS. In '95, okay, they did win it all. Thank God for David Justice and Tom Glavine and their efforts in game six because if the Braves had failed to win one World Series there would be endless comparisons to the Buffalo Bills, losers of four straight Super Bowls. Then there was '96. The Braves appeared to be on their way to two straight World Series championships as 19-year-old Andruw Jones exploded onto the scene, hitting two home runs in game one at Yankee Stadium. Going back to Atlanta up 2-0, the Braves lost four straight in a soul-sucking defeat to the much-hated Yankees. Then there were '97 and '98 losses to the Marlins (who weren't even in existence when the Braves playoff run began but already have two World Series championships from '97 and '03) and Padres. 1999, our last trip to the World Series, ended in a sweep by (guess who) the damn Yankees. Into the new millennium and the Braves have no cure for their postseason woes.

This brings us to the present. The Braves lost game five of the NLDS at home for the third consecutive year last Monday, and Rafael Furcal is in jail. The Braves' front office has already announced there will be no payroll increases for 2005, thus increasing the risk of failing to win the lowly NL East for a 14th consecutive year, given that all free-agents

(Drew, Wright, Alfonseca, Franco, etc.) will not be re-signed.

So what side do you take? The Braves play like machines in the regular season, yet, they show no pulse in the postseason. Some fans have vented their frustrations by heavily criticizing the Braves. Others simply stopped caring and stayed at home. The combination



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Furcal rarely gets caught by the tag; however the law seems to do a slightly better job.

of these two reactions has prompted critics to lash out at Atlanta sports fans, claiming they're the worst sports fans in America. Even John Smoltz (the only remaining member from the '91 worst to first team) once criticized Atlanta media and the fans for their negativity. Do you think that maybe New York or Philadelphia media would react the same to 12 postseason failures in a 13-year span? Atlanta is a safe-haven compared to that market. How can the fans be criticized?

The only bad thing about winning the division every year is watching the Braves throw away six months worth of work come October. John Smoltz, Jeff Reardon, Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones didn't get to beat up on the National League's mediocre and sub-par teams once postseason came around. Instead, they got outshined by Kirby Puckett, Jack Morris, Ed Sprague, Jim Leyritz, Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, Kerry Wood, and Carlos Beltran among many others. If a criminal who has a long history of stealing is released from jail, you're not surprised if he steals again. In fact, if you are his neighbor you are prepared for it. The same concept applies to Braves fans. The frustration (or numbness) felt by being let down every year in the postseason has become a conditioned response. The fans blame the Braves, critics blame both the fans and the Braves, and the Braves can't explain it. Maybe that's just how the cookie crumbles.

So now it's time to look forward to next year. How will they find a way to win the East yet again? Braves fans all around the country will continue to cheer with caution during the regular season because they know that their hopes will not be fulfilled in the postseason. On the other hand, if you are an Atlanta sports fan, you'll take what you can get because the Braves are still one up on the Falcons, Hawks and Thrashers in the championship department. It could always be worse, you could be a Montreal Expos fan.



# Atlantic Sun Scoreboard



scores and more from around the conference

## Men's Soccer Results

**October 16**  
UCF d. Campbell, 2-0  
Belmont t. Jacksonville, 1-1 (2ot)  
FAU d. Gardner-Webb, 4-0  
Stetson d. Lipscomb, 7-0

**October 15**  
Davidson d. Mercer, 4-2

**October 14**  
FAU d. Campbell, 2-1  
Stetson d. Belmont, 1-0  
Jacksonville d. Lipscomb, 3-0  
UCF d. Gardner-Webb, 2-1 (2ot)

**October 13**  
#6 Duke d. Georgia State, 4-0

**October 10**  
FAU d. Oneonta, 1-0

## Women's Soccer Results

**October 16**  
Belmont d. Troy, 2-1 (ot)  
Campbell d. Mercer, 2-0  
Gardner-Webb d. Georgia State, 2-1

**October 15**  
FAU d. Jacksonville, 4-0  
UCF d. Stetson, 1-0

**October 14**  
Gardner-Webb d. Mercer, 5-0  
Campbell t. Georgia State, 0-0  
Troy d. Lipscomb, 2-1

**October 12**  
Samford d. Lipscomb, 1-0  
Belmont d. Trevecca, 4-0

**October 10**  
FAU d. Mercer, 6-0  
Georgia State d. UCF, 1-0  
Jacksonville t. Troy, 2-2

## Volleyball Results

**Oct. 16**  
Florida Atlantic d. Belmont, 3-2  
Stetson d. Campbell, 3-2  
Jack. d. Gardner-Webb, 3-0  
UCF d. Lipscomb, 3-0  
Troy d. Alcorn State, 3-0

**Oct. 15**  
UCF d. Belmont, 3-2  
Jacksonville d. Campbell, 3-2  
Florida Atlantic d. Lipscomb, 3-0  
Stetson d. Gardner-Webb, 3-0

**Oct. 13**  
Campbell at Savannah State, 3-0  
Jack. d. Bethune-Cookman, 3-0  
Troy d. Alabama State, 3-0

**Oct. 12**  
Miami d. Florida Atlantic, 3-0  
Georgia State d. UAB, 3-0  
Florida State d. UCF, 3-0  
Chattanooga d. Mercer, 3-1

## Men's Golf Team Results

### Gary Koch/Cleveland Invitational

Fin.	School	Scores			
1.	Kentucky	297	280	295	872
2.	Georgia State	300	283	294	877
3.	South Carolina	296	286	297	879
4.	UCF	293	296	296	885
5.	Tennessee	304	301	282	887
6.	Mississippi	302	290	296	888
7.	Arkansas	307	288	294	889
8.	Florida	310	292	291	893
9.	North Florida	302	302	293	897
10.	South Florida	313	289	296	898
11.	Toledo	307	299	297	903
12.	LSU	304	306	294	904
13.	Florida State	313	295	297	905
14.	Ohio State	309	300	302	911
15.	C.of Charleston	308	318	290	916

## ON DECK:

### Men's Soccer:

Fri., Oct. 22 vs. Stetson @ Atlanta-Forsyth, GA  
7 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 24 vs. Jacksonville @ Panthersville, GA  
1 p.m.

### Women's Soccer:

Thur., Oct. 21 vs. Lipscomb @ Panthersville, GA  
3 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 23 vs. Belmont @ Panthersville, GA  
3 p.m.

### Women's Volleyball:

Tue., Oct. 19 vs. Georgia Tech @ GSU Arena 7 p.m.  
Fri., Oct. 22 vs. UCF @ GSU Arena 7 p.m.

### Club Football:

Sat., Oct. 23 vs. Webber Int. 1:00 p.m. @ Babson Park, FL

### Men's Golf:

Fri., Oct. 22, 23, 24 @ Tampa, FL 9 a.m.

### Women's Golf:

Mon., Oct. 25, 26, 27 @ Eagles Landing Stockbridge, GA 9 a.m.

### Women's Tennis:

Fri., Oct. 22, 23, 24, 25 @ University of Alabama 9 a.m.

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A Monthly Look  
at Consumer Issues

# College Consumer

## Music to my wallet

By **JUSTIN HOSBEY**  
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It seems like almost everyone at Georgia State has an iPod. Heck, even I have the 3rd Generation 10 GB model. However, many people jumping headfirst into the world of MP3 players buy an iPod purely because of its stylishness/popularity, and end up making a huge



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investment in a product that does not necessarily fit their needs.

Unlike CD players, all MP3 players are not created equal. Before one buys an MP3 player, you must research what would be best for your budget and how you will use your MP3 player. Do not run straight towards the iPod display at Best Buy and drop \$250 on a gadget that may not suit you. Here are some rec-

ommendations for every prospective MP3 player user.

The MP3 fiend – If you're like me and you have been downloading music since sophomore year of high school, you will most likely need a high capacity MP3 player, such as the Apple iPod 20 (\$299), 40 GB (\$399) model or the 20 GB Rio Karma (\$249). These players will also hold your entire CD

collection. However, most college students cannot drop \$300 to \$400 on a luxury item like this. Therefore, for MP3 fiends, the Dell Jukebox (\$199) is an awesome value. Although it may not be as stylish as the iPod, the value offsets the lack of stylishness. Also, bidding on an iPod from eBay is also a good way to

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## “I need a car!” No more

### Buying a car on a student's budget

By **LISA MITCHELL**  
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While on an overcrowded Marta train you find yourself next to a complete stranger who is an inch away from falling asleep and drooling on your shoulder, when you begin to reflect on your day. You dodged about four or five fleeting cars, and heard “Can you spare some change?” about six times when it hits you. “I need a car!”

But let's face it. No one wants to get ripped off when buying a car. Everyone, especially frugal college students, want the best ride for their buck.

Whether purchasing a new or used car, making the decision can be a tedious process. There are advantages and disadvantages to buying a new or used car, so choosing usually comes down to how much you are willing to invest.

By investing in a new car you do not have to worry about any major repairs for a few years since most are covered by the vehicle's warranty. Also, keep in mind that new cars will have a wider selection of features to choose from that offer safety, comfort and convenience.

However, the peace of mind that comes with getting a new car has a price tag. The buying price of a new car is usually higher than a used car and the overall value of the car will depreciate more quickly.

According to *consumerreports.org*, cars lose up

to 40 percent of their value within the first three years.

On the other hand, buying a used car may be more economical, but may come with its own set of headaches. Used cars may be at the end of their warranty, requiring you to pay for necessary repairs. Also, the car may have damages that are not noticeable when purchased causing hazardous risks.

Talk radio host and consumer guru Clark Howard warns on his website, *clarkhoward.com*, that used car buyers should look out for “flood cars” coming on the market in the next six months due to the influx of recent hurricanes. Many car sellers lure unsuspecting customers with storm-damaged cars.

Clark Howard also advises buyers to stick with cars that will hold their value well. According to Kelly Blue Book, *kbb.com*, BMWs hold their value more than any other brand. A BMW may be out of the typical college students' league, but a Honda Civic may be a perfect fit. Honda Civics hold their value longer than any other sedan.

Whatever you choose here are some extra tips to take with you to the dealership.

#### Buying Used

- ~Have the car inspected by a diagnostic mechanic check for damage or if it has any major defects.
- ~Look up Consumer

Reports' listings of car models that have performed well. Also, check out the “Used Cars to Avoid” list.

- ~Check prices at *edmunds.com* or *kbb.com*.
- ~Pay \$20 for a vehicle history report from *carfax.com*.



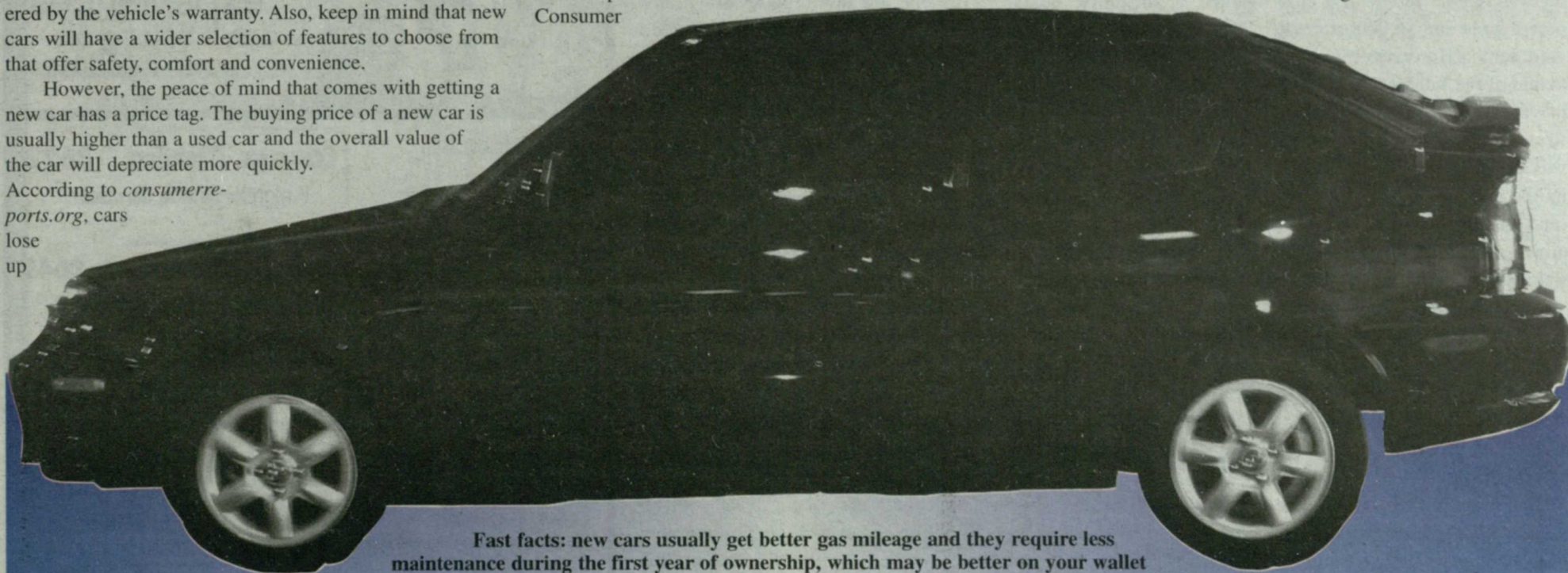
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**Buying used can save a lot of money.**

#### Buying New

- ~Go to your bank or credit union and pre-qualify for a car loan or apply online. It will tell you how much you can afford and what the monthly payment will look like.
- ~Buy a new car from a no-haggle dealership. It will save money and the negotiations should be faster and easier.
- ~If you do not feel comfortable with salesperson breathing down your back, look at cars when the dealership is closed.
- ~Don't be afraid to ask to test-drive the car for a couple of days.

~Be willing to walk out!



**Fast facts:** new cars usually get better gas mileage and they require less maintenance during the first year of ownership, which may be better on your wallet in the short term, especially if you get low-interest financing. The 2004 Hyundai Accent runs about \$12,000 and gets just over 300 miles per tank.



# Kevin Chung's finance monthly

By KEVIN CHUNG

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Oh, the temptations of college life! From the moment you first step onto the campus, you find yourself inundated with seemingly unlimited numbers of credit card offers. You probably don't even have a real job and, yet, all these credit card companies are eagerly willing to extend you thousands and thousands of dollars in credit. You think to yourself, "Citibank is willing to lend me \$5,000, so why not take advantage of this great opportunity?" You think to yourself that you'll be making a ton of money once you get out of college and secure a high-paying six-figure job. I can live the life of luxury now and worry about paying that off later after graduation. Besides, college is supposed to be the best time of your life so you better make the most of it.

That's what I thought.

In college, I had a reputation for always being the best-dressed. In fact, my fraternity brothers nicknamed me "J. Crew." My reputation for style reflected my taste for la dolce vita. I had tons of fun, frequently going out to restaurants and bars with large groups of friends. Naturally inclined to impress others, I found it easy and irresistibly tempting to exude an aura of opulence, with the aid of credit cards. When it came time to pay the tab, I would volunteer to put it all on my credit card and have others pay their share to me in cash.

From back-to-back spring break cruises in the Caribbean, to a semester abroad, to extravagant dates at Atlanta's finest restaurants and clubs, I lived in the lap of luxury while in school, all financed by credit cards.

When I graduated from college in 1999, I left with a business degree and \$6,000 of credit card debt. However, it was the height of the Internet boom and a private Buckhead investment firm recruited me. I just knew I was destined to be a millionaire by the ripe age of 25. Six thousand dollars would only be a minor blip on my net worth statement.

I love how things always turn out the way you expect them.

As I worked 60-hour weeks to become one of the youngest partners at that firm, it took me four long, painful years to pay off that credit card balance. The worst part of those four years was seeing so much money immediately disappear each

month from my paycheck to cover the items and memories from which I was no longer receiving benefits. Rather than using these funds to create new memories, I was still paying for old ones that I barely recalled. Paying off my mound of debt, plus the several thousand dollars more in finance charges that accumulated over time, not only set me back hundreds of dollars per month, it came with tremendous opportunity costs. It delayed my ability to purchase a new car, put a down payment on a house, and to fully fund my retirement nest egg-- financial goals that suddenly become important once you graduate from college.

I am proud to say that I am now free of credit card debt, but learning to live below my means was the most difficult and expensive lesson I had to learn. In the next year, I will be writing a monthly column addressing the money lessons I wish someone had taught me earlier.

I'd like to spare you from such anguish and put you on the fast track to financial success by sharing with you a couple lessons I learned during my jour-

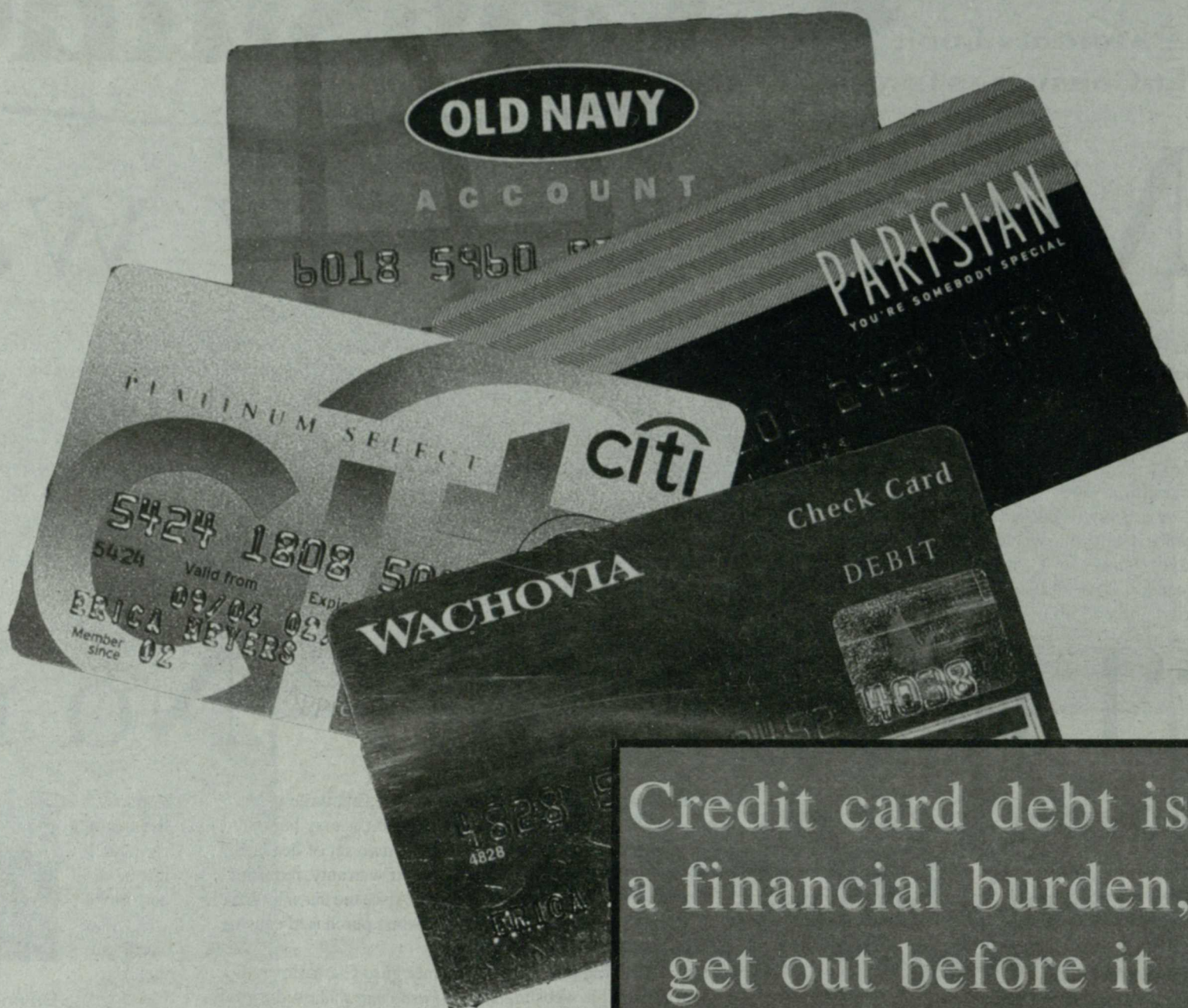
ney:

1-Pay off your credit card balances each month. Better yet, use only cash or a check card, rather than a credit card.

2-Keep track of your credit card expenses with a software program such as Microsoft Money and Quicken.

Losing track of my credit card balance and card limit was one of my biggest downfalls. When you exceed your credit limit, credit card companies tack on huge over-the-limit charges, raise your interest rates, and leave you with a damaged credit score.

Looking back at your college years, you will find that your brightest memories will be of quality times spent with friends and the strong foundation you have built for future success. I have learned that true happiness is believing that your life is progressively improving rather than deteriorating, that today is better than yesterday and tomorrow will be even better. Remember to keep building new memories rather than paying for old ones.



Credit card debt is a financial burden, get out before it gets the best of you.



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# Choosing a digital camera is a snap

By PAUL ROSS

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(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. - Analogue is definitely out -- digital is decidedly in.

With things constantly becoming smaller, faster and more advanced, it can be difficult to keep up. (That's where having a local tech guy who keeps up with these things can save you time, money and the headache of all the research you have to do to make a smart choice -- this is where I come in.)

There are many advantages to going with digital pictures over the old 35mm. You can review a picture on the camera's LCD screen right after taking a shot, which means no more awkward pictures of your shoe or the inside of your camera case. Best of all, that also means you never



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The Minolta DiMAGE Z1 has a 10x optical zoom and 3.2 megapixels. It makes a great photographer out of an amateur.

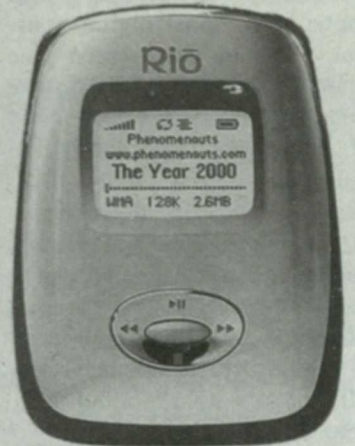
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## Options abound for the 'Keep it Simple' guys

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spend less than retail price for an iPod.

The Stylish Ones – For people who want an MP3 player for pure stylishness, the iPod Minis (\$249) is a good choice. They come in five colors: Silver, Gold,



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The Rio Carbon can be worn on the arm for easy listening while working out.

Baby Blue, Pink and Lime Green. Although they only hold about 5 GB (about 1,000 songs), they are 4 inches long by two inches wide, and weigh only 3.6 ounces. These are also good for working out, because they can easily be tucked in a pocket. Also, you can buy one of the iPod mini armbands that will not weigh you down.

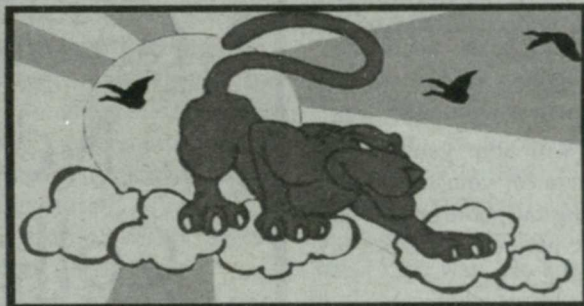
The "Keep It Simple" guys – the people who are new to MP3 technology, and only wish to put some songs together to listen to on their way to work/school, there are many choices. These individuals will not necessarily need an MP3 player with massive storage capacity, so an MP3 player with 256 MB would suit them perfectly. They could put about 60-65 of their favorite songs together, and have good music for their morning commute. The advantage of these smaller capacity MP3 players is that they are tiny, so they can easily fit in one's pocket or the palm of their hands. Excellent models are the Creative Nomad MuVo Slim (\$150), or the Rio Cali 256 MB model (\$130).

As a prospective MP3 player user, one should look at your existent MP3 and CD collections, and how they plan to use your MP3 player before buying. If you don't have a giant MP3 collection, then a high capacity player is not for you. However, if you have 2500 MP3s on your computer, the NuVo Slim would require you to choose a fraction of your entire collection to carry around with you. First, figure out how much money you are working with, then, decide what kind of MP3 player user you will be, then go out and purchase what is best for you.

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# Which zoom to do

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miss a good shot -- if it's messed up, you can retake it.

Digital photography also equals privacy. You can print pictures from your home computer or from a photo printer with a built-in memory card reader. Newer printers have Bluetooth -- you can print pictures wirelessly from a cell phone or personal digital assistant. (Anyone who's seen One Hour Photo can appreciate the comfort of this feature).

While it's true that digital equipment costs more than instant Polaroid models, digital will save you money over time. You'll never purchase film again, and you develop only the pictures you want, as opposed to paying for every single print on a roll. Your only costs are ink, paper and batteries.

When looking for a digital camera, ask yourself, "What am I really going to do with this camera?"

If you print pictures, also ask, "How large will I print my pictures?" The three most common sizes are 4-by-6, 5-by-7 and 8-by-10.

Once you know the answer to these questions, finding a model becomes a lot easier.

The measure of resolution for a digital camera is the "megapixel." Megapixel means "million pixels," so it is the number of little colored dots that makes up your image. The more megapixels your camera has, the higher the resolution.

But before you spend too much on a camera, let me clarify a point: The human eye is incapable of discerning the difference between pixels at a certain scale, so if you only print small pictures or only view images on your computer, you don't need as many megapixels as someone who prints larger ones.

In general, if you are the type who only prints out a 4-by-6 - the picture size you normally get from a photo lab -- then you need to look for a two-to-three megapixel camera.

This will allow you to digitally zoom, crop and still print out a quality product. The larger your prints become, the more megapixels you will need. Currently, you can find cameras with anywhere from two megapixels to 11.1 megapixels.

Another feature people often look for is zoom. There are two types of zoom in a camera: optical and digital.

You'll want to look for optical zoom, as it doesn't hurt picture quality. With optical zoom, the camera lens bends light to enhance it before it ever enters the camera's sensor.

Think of it as "glasses" for your camera -- because it's just light bending, not a digital alter-

ation, each pixel remains unique for the best outcome. Most cameras will feature a 3x optical zoom; it enhances what your eye can see by three times. You can get more than this, but be prepared to limit your selection - and pay more.

Digital zoom, on the other hand, hurts picture quality. Essentially, digital zoom crops pictures -- the outside edges of your shot are removed, leaving the area in which you wish to "zoom" in.

The picture is then stretched to fill the print area with fewer pixels, and the image appears larger at a lower resolution. Because many free software titles will allow you to do this after you import the picture to your computer, don't let digital zoom be a real selling point when you're shopping around.

The last major feature is the type of battery used, and the two main types on the market are AA and lithium ion.

With AA batteries, expect 30 to 40 shots for every two batteries in the camera, or roughly an hour with the LCD screen powered on. If you opt to go with AA, it's wise to pick up a set of rechargeable ones -- they'll end up saving you money.

Lithium batteries will last about 250 to 300 shots per charge, with most charging in as little as 30 minutes. The downside: running out of juice. You either have to carry a spare battery or stop what you're doing and charge.

After a year or two of use, the battery will develop a "battery memory" and you'll have to replace it. Lithium batteries can retail anywhere from \$20 to \$70, depending on the make and

brand.

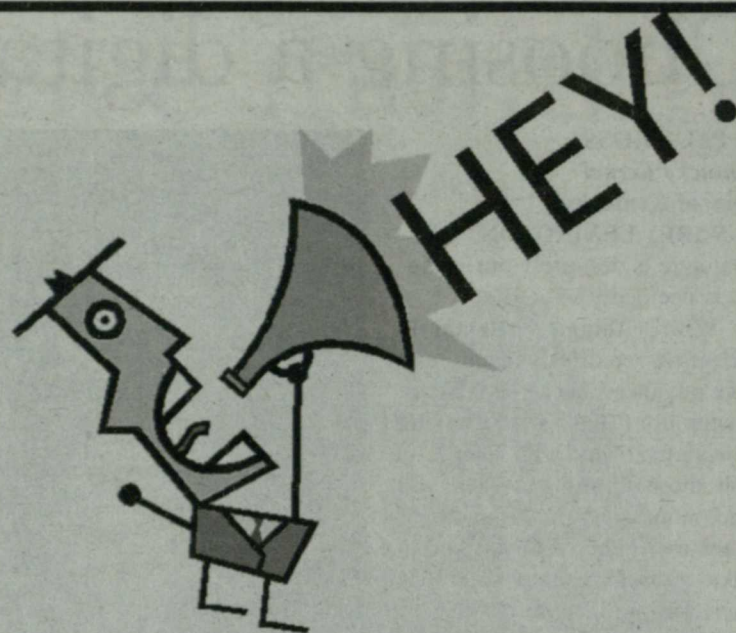
Don't forget to budget for accessories. The price tags on digital cameras seem fairly reasonable, but with accessories added in, the sticker shock that hits once the cashier presses "total" could send you into panic. So be prepared and know what you need before it's time to pay.

Most digital cameras will come with enough memory to take eight to 10 pictures out of the box. If you're only using your camera for eBay, then that may be enough. But try getting away with eight to 10 pictures at a wedding, birthday party or vacation, and you'll find that number an insult -- buy a bigger memory card.

You can find them anywhere from 64 megabytes all the way up to 4 gigabytes (that's about 4000 megabytes). How many pictures these hold depends upon how many megapixels your camera is, so ask the sales associate how much the card will hold for the camera you choose.

Finally, pick out a case for your camera. Don't be foolish. Many people balk at buying something they think the manufacturer should have provided in the box, but spending an extra \$8 to \$10 now can cushion your wallet -- and your camera -- if you accidentally drop it, as neither manufacturers nor extended warranties will cover damage as a result of dropping.

And that's Digital Cameras 101, kids. Knowing these basic concepts will help you get the right camera for your needs, and all your digital photographs will be picture-perfect -- despite my horrible pun.



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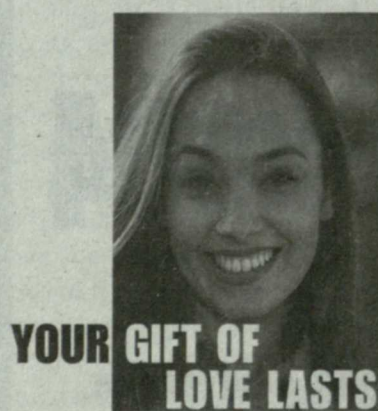
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Where there's a  
winner, there's  
always a loser



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A few months ago, I was conversing with a co-worker at the restaurant where I wait tables. He commented that he was having a great shift, receiving tips of 20-25 percent or more on every table. My shift sharply contrasted with his—a 15 percent tip was practically a cause for celebration. When I told him this, an interesting thought struck me, and I said it out loud to him: "In order for there to be a winner, there must also be a loser."

Anyone who waits tables knows that there are good days and bad days. Sometimes you wait on all the tables with good tippers, and sometimes you seem to get all the bad ones—regardless of the quality of service you provide. Generally, though, the proportion of good versus bad tippers remains relatively con-

"The two main things that people can 'win' in our society are money and power."

stant throughout various shifts at a given restaurant. Therefore, if a server gets a disproportionate amount of good tippers, there must be at least one other server in the restaurant who is getting a disproportionate amount of bad tippers.

Waiting tables follows the same principle that dominates many aspects of our society. The two main things that people can "win" are money and power. However, in order for one person to gain these things, another per-

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## Bush won't make a draft dodger out of me

Bringing  
back the  
draft would  
be political  
suicide

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For those of us under 50, the possible reinstatement of a military draft has been an issue for the first time in a presidential election. Both Pres. Bush and Sen. Kerry have stated publicly that it's not an issue, and that there is no need to worry. So should we believe them?

As a young male who is still draft eligible (two more months and I'm off the hook, hopefully), I can say that I have no desire to fight as a soldier in a war that I see as having negative consequences for this country. I already have had AAA (American Automobile Association) send me a Triptik® with the shortest route to Canada. Call this unpatriotic or cowardly if you must, but I'd rather be a living coward than a dead patriot.

Bush and Kerry both know that there are a lot more guys like me out there, persons who would be complete nuisances in the barracks. They also know that reinstating the draft in order to wage a preemptive war would be political suicide.

We don't yet know what a

Kerry Administration would do to prevent a draft, but we do know what the Bush Administration is doing. National Guardsmen and reservists are making up a significant chunk of our forces in Iraq. Those in Iraq right now are told that they'll have their term of duty extended. This means that instead of going home, they'll have to stay in Iraq for a longer period of time unless they re-enlist for two or three additional years of service. It's bad for those soldiers, but it's good for the millions of draft-eligible males who want no part of it.

As long as the draft stays off the table, the opposition to the war in Iraq remains tepid. It's one thing when men and women choose to fight and possibly die (even the national guardsmen knew the potential was there), but it's another thing altogether when the government forces men to go fight and possibly die.

U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D - NY), proposed a bill (which Republican leaders have since brought to the House floor to kill) that called for reinstating the military draft. As an opponent of the war in Iraq, he feels that a draft would cause those in Washington to reconsider their position in support of the war. He argues that if the sons of the privileged class are made to fight and die, Washington politicians would proceed with much more caution and care before committing troops in such a manner as was done in Iraq. In his mind, the quickest way to end the American occupation in Iraq is to reinstate the draft.



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Many young men may not want to get drafted.

Despite my strong feelings of opposition towards any sort of government-mandated service, military or otherwise, I cannot find fault with Rangel's argument. Rangel needs to realize, however, that the young men in this country do not want to be pawns on a chessboard. I wish that Rangel and others would find another way to play hardball with the pro-war politicians in Washington.

Liberal pundits continue to place fear in the minds of many that if Bush wins the election, the

draft looms in the near future. I, however, am not convinced. There are many reasons not to vote for Bush, but fear of the draft is not one of them. I believe Bush is aware of the potential long-term consequences for his party if they reinstate the draft without significant support from the electorate. He is also aware that if he were to lead such a charge, more of the citizenry would realize that he lied about Iraq. The worst thing of all would be to send mixed messages.

## Our votes shouldn't be this easy to buy



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Michael Moore, the liberal activist who brought us such books as *Stupid White Men*, *Dude, Where's My Country*, and films like *Bowling for Columbine*, and *Fahrenheit 9/11*, has been making his way through the swing states as of late, attempting to register "slackers" to vote.

Who are the slackers he speaks

of? You and I. College students—a group of people whose turnout at the polls is not expected to be very high.

So Michael Moore has determined that he is going to tackle this demographic and convince them all to register to vote. And his tactic has made headlines. In exchange for people registering when he visits their campuses, he will provide, as he calls it, "the sustenance of slackers everywhere."

Namely, three new packs of clean underwear for guys, and a day's supply of ramen noodles for girls.

Though I admit he is getting things done, I don't particularly care

for Moore's politics. In fact, I tend to think most words that come out of the man's mouth are insults. And the "Slacker Uprising Tour," as he calls it, is no exception.

He had this to say on his website: "The slackers of America shall not be denied their noodles, they will proudly wear their clean underwear as free Americans, and they will vote Bush out of office come Nov. 2..." And to his target audience, he says: "Stay strong, stay slacker, and please remember to turn the underwear inside out every three days. As for the noodles, add boiling water, stir."

To state that our generation's actions and opinions can be bought

so easily is incredibly insulting. To insinuate that our country's future welfare means about as much to us as a 99 cent pack of noodles is infuriating.

And the fact that many people are responding to Moore's cattle call is proving his point. These kids are reaffirming what Moore thought they would do — what he told America they would do — which is basically saying, "Sure, I'll do whatever you want. Just tell me I don't have to do laundry today."

I think it is fantastic that more people are registering to vote. I real-

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# Despite voter polarity, voters have no clear choice

## Even Republicans are having doubts about Bush



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ernment spending, giving fewer powers to the government, lower deficits and a zealous regard for individual privacy."

"There was the Democrat," he continues. "You knew he generally stood for higher taxes, more government and deficit spending, and a zealous regard for civil liberties."

Barr's memory of past presidential elections does not bring an image of agony because the choices were always so clear: Nixon vs. McGovern; Carter vs. Reagan; Reagan vs. Mondale; Clinton; Gore.

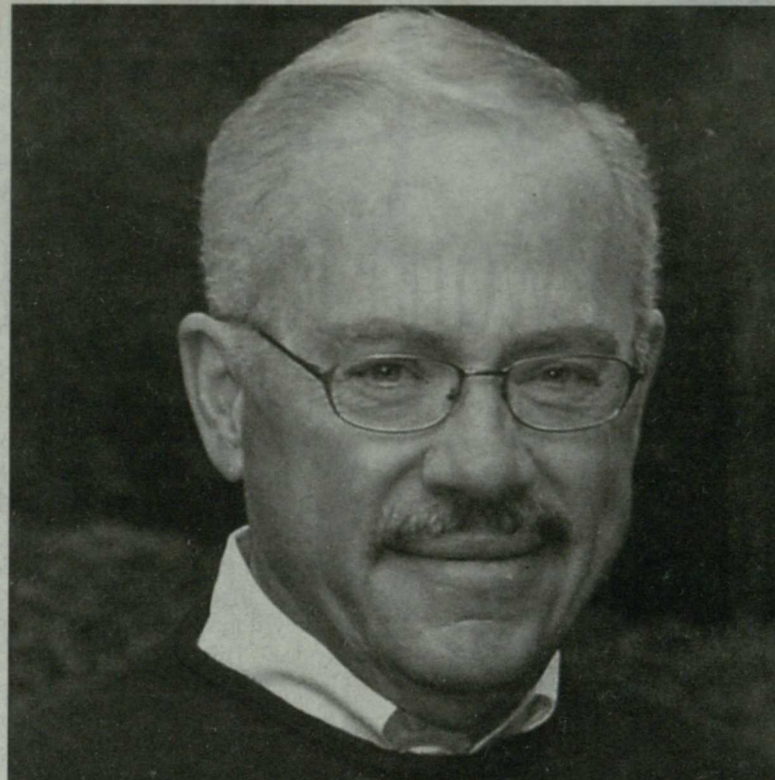
Now we have the election of 2004 and the choice is not so apparent, even for a historically conservative voter like myself. Barr points out that our concerns fall into three well-defined categories: fiscal, physical (the nation's security), and freedom (protecting civil liberties).

First, when President Bush came to office, the Republican-held Congress had successfully eliminated decades of deficit spending by administrations from both parties, and they had real and projected budget surpluses for the first time in decades. Bush only needed to curtail the compulsion to spend the surplus and, as Barr says, "he might have gone down in history as the most fiscally conservative president in modern times."

We all know THAT did not happen. For a conservative like me, Bush's irresponsible spending chafes like a pair of burlap pants. Like Barr, I just don't buy the

Former Congressman Bob Barr expressed a concern in his Oct. 7 *Creative Loafing* article titled "An Agonizing Choice." What caught my eye was the byline, which reads, "Conservatives have plenty of cause to abandon Bush." This was not something I expected from a man who liberals labeled (incorrectly, I believe) an extreme right-winger. The opinions Barr states in the article are even more surprising, though I have to say that I agree with all of it.

He begins with a nostalgic look at the days when we knew exactly who the candidates were and what they stood for politically and socially. "There was the Republican," he begins. "You knew he stood for lower taxes, less gov-



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**Former Republican Congressman Bob Barr has doubts about President Bush.**

"Terrorists made us do it" line anymore. We now have deficits exceeding those facing the first Republican congress in 40 years when they came to session in 1995. Barr points to the amount of money pouring into "the black hole of Iraq's internal security, while the security of our own borders goes wanting." Just this past Friday, a story on National Public Radio reported several arrests of al-Qaida operatives along the Mexican border. According to

Barr, more than three million people have entered our country illegally this year alone. The issue of security has been the mainstay of the presidential campaign, but I don't recall much being said about beefing up our borders from either candidate.

Then the issue of personal freedom, up to now a conservative dogma, sits on the chopping block like the Christmas Goose. We have profiling conducted on everyone who travels regularly,

we have cameras watching our every move, the government is actively watching our bank accounts, and there is a strong possibility that we will soon see a national identification system installed. These things anger many traditional conservatives. Barr writes, "[With] Bush's political gurus telling him he's ahead and to just lay low and not make any major gaffes, he seems unwilling to recognize the problems on his right flank."

Barr also suggests that because of the inept Kerry campaign, Bush feels no need to address our concerns.

Though I have to agree with Barr on all these points, I cannot bring myself to consider voting for Kerry. This week, Kerry proposed a \$650 billion infusion for a national healthcare system that he said would cover everybody in the country. Bush countered with a \$90 billion proposal that would bring in an additional eight million people, but they are both so far off the mark, I can't believe either one is serious. In order for Kerry to bring all the programs he has proposed during the campaign into law, he would have to raise the individual income tax to 75 percent. That is not an exaggeration.

Regardless of the concerns I have with Bush's policies, and having the ability to make an informed decision, George W. Bush is the only choice we have for a strong country. But it is an agonizing choice.

# Women shouldn't hide their sexuality



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In the spring semester of 2004, I enrolled in WST 2010. An individual enrolling in this introductory women's studies course must have an open mind—or so I thought. It disturbed me when I learned that some of my classmates were not aware of the power of a woman's sexuality.

The point in question was whether or not women who work in the sex industry are abused, emotionally scarred outcasts, or women in control.

The lessons that a woman learns in the industry about herself, body and social construction are crucial; regardless of her reasons for deciding to enter the sex trade. I contributed a comment to that effect and was subsequently quieted by a roar of voices

filled with fear and frustration.

One young lady, whom we will call Mary, particularly stuck out.

Mary subjected all twenty-five women and three men to a barrage of false statements based on articles she had read. In her English accent she spat, "Those

"A woman's sexuality can be so powerful...it can be a matter of life or death."

women that work in those jobs have all been physically abused or raped or something bad has happened to them. I know because I read reports and it stated that this was the general case." This woman actually said that. However, had Mary read any

more reports, she would also have learned that the occurrence of rape and abuse was just as common in any other economic sector.

Unfortunately, rape and sexual assaults against women are universal issues occurring somewhere in America every two minutes, according to the U. S. Department of Justice based on a 2002 National Crime Victimization Survey.

There are not many people as adamant as I am, however, on the fact that a woman's sexuality is one of her most vital power tools.

I could have continuously debated, eventually dusting the cobwebs from her eyes, but for the sake of time and the fact that a person's learning capabilities are optimized through personal experience, I dropped my effort. A woman's sexuality can be so powerful, as illustrated by Sharon Stone in the movie *Basic Instinct*; it can be a matter of life or death.

A woman who can be viewed naked and earn her living while doing so, is one that is aware of



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**Women like Sharon Stone are empowered by their sexuality.**

and empowered by her sexual nature. She is not deviant; she is simply not afraid of her own sexual abilities. Young ladies everywhere should view their shapely hips and soft breasts as a man views his lean muscles: as an embodiment of power.

Chris Schilling, in the book *Educating the Body: Physical Capital and the Reproduction of Inequalities*, states, "The image of the body in these processes is particularly important given the ideological weight invested in the view that the 'weak' female body is directly responsible for women's position in society."

Once the female body is

viewed as a source of power, it can be used and accordingly become the agent appropriate for enacting change. Women in the sex industry manifest this strength. By using their bodies to act out the "feminine ideal" these women can begin to see gender as a social construct, and thus begin to destruct it. A woman in the business of selling sexual fantasies, i.e. dancing, escorts, has made an intelligent move; she is capitalizing on her most precious physical resource. She can do this because she truly understands that sexiness is much more than a body composition. And she is most sexy because she is aware of this.

Finally, are there any young ladies at Georgia State taking out loans for which you will pay double by the time it is eliminated? I know a few women who have paid for their tuition by utilizing that which many repress. Depart from suppression and commit to memory this true equation: Sex + Business = Sexiness! We will call this WST 101.



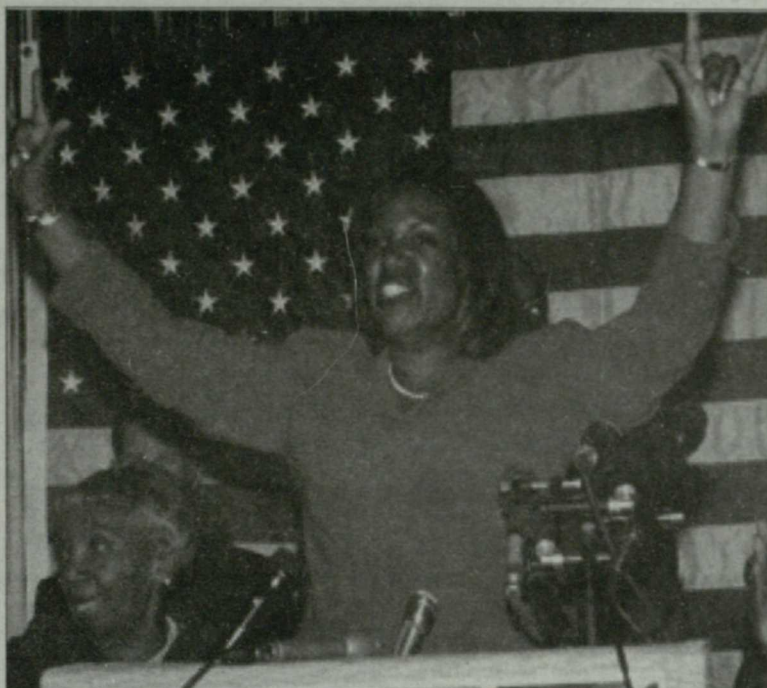
# Keep HOPE alive

## National lottery would undercut HOPE



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One of the issues of paramount importance to the student voting population is the quality and availability of a college education. College is our life, it is what we know best at this stage in our life. While there will always be somebody else to hold our elected officials accountable for the quality of our healthcare, the structure and amount of our taxes, and the growing budget deficits, our role as student activists is unique. We as students must safeguard our own education, because nobody else has as much of a stake in that issue as us. If we do not hold our elected officials accountable for this, then who



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Denise Majette is in favor of a national lottery.

else will? We must be the protectors of our future - we are charged with the task of handing down a better university system to the students that will be freshman next year and the year after.

The most sweeping change in Georgia education was the Hope scholarship. Zell Miller brought the Hope scholarship into existence, revolutionizing the mindset toward a college education in Georgia. Suddenly a university education was within the reach of any student willing to maintain a 3.0 GPA. The barriers of class and money tumbled down for many young high school students, students that might never have

had the resources to conquer those barriers by themselves. The Hope scholarship built a bridge across the river that divided rich and poor, educated and uneducated, the hopeful and the hopeless. It was the bridge to the future for many students in Georgia.

But that bridge is under attack, and Denise Majette is leading the attack. Denise Majette, our own Congresswoman and U.S. Senate hopeful, has come out in support of a national lottery, a lottery that could have detrimental effects on Georgia students. Studies have shown that any

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# Power is seen as an interplay between winners and losers

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son must lose them.

Not everybody can be rich, because there cannot be rich people without poor people to provide a comparison. Think about it: people who live in what we consider poverty might have been seen as rich by the people of previous eras. Wealth is relative. Therefore, if you want to be rich, you must accept that someone is remaining or becoming poor because of it. CEO's can give themselves astounding salaries and bonuses if they lay off employees or decrease their pay, as seen recently with American Airlines. The heads of oil companies get wealthier when they raise gas prices before the impact of the event they blame it on is felt, and the "losers" in this equation are those who have to pay increased costs for gas—especially those of us who do not have a substantial disposable income.

Power is easily seen as interplay between winners and losers.

You cannot be in power unless you have taken it from people or they have given up their power to you. This is particularly relevant in the areas of racism and



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Think about who the losers are if you happen to be a winner.

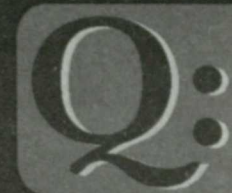
sexism. A racial majority must realize that they play a part in the fact that racial minorities are socially and financially oppressed. The minorities' lack

of power in these areas means that the majority race has a surplus of power—and simply doing nothing perpetuates the power imbalance.

Inequality is responsible for many of the problems in our society. It creates criminals and motivates them to commit crimes. It can cause uneasy tensions between friends and family members. Narrowing the gap between the haves and the have-nots can only benefit our society as a whole.

Now I'm not saying that we should try to make everything in our society completely equal. To do so would require us to go against the natural instincts that evolution has instilled in us, the very thing that has allowed us to survive as a species. The drive to be competitive—and to win—is innate. However, the next time you are in a situation where you are a "winner," try to think of who the "losers" might be—and keep them in mind.

# PANTHER POLL



What changes would you like to see in the library?



Michelle Ram  
Junior

"There should be better information desk help."



Tasia Travicks  
Sophomore

"The library needs better information systems to make things easier to find."



Allyssa Malone  
Sophomore

"They should make it more modern looking."



Erin Lothner  
Junior

"There needs to be more computers and a bigger DVD and video section."



Michelle Putnam  
Junior

"They shouldn't cut the library hours."



Cameron Christian  
Sophomore

"They should have a friendlier library staff."

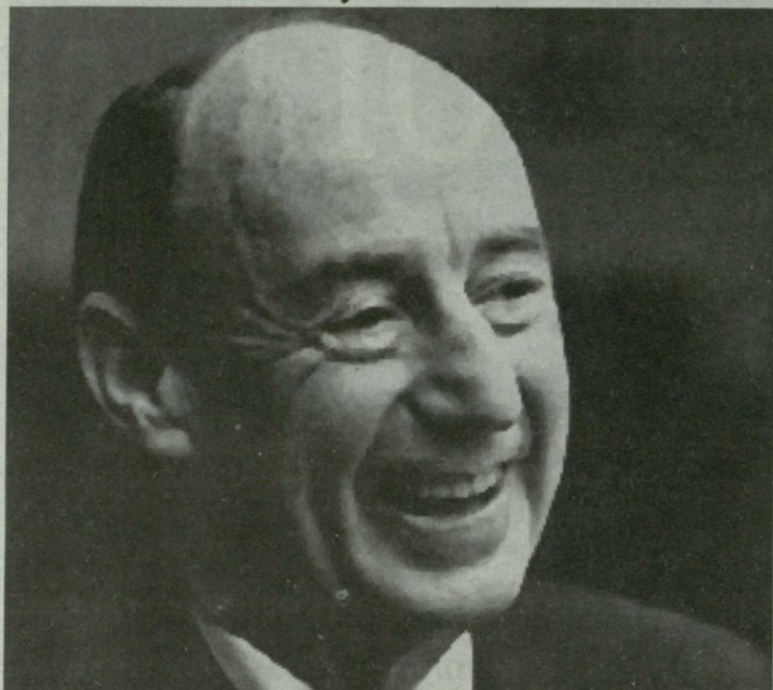
For the next issue, tell us what you think...



What do you think the message of the 2004 campaign is?



## People get the government they deserve



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Adlai Stevenson believed people get the government they deserve.



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Country music legend Merle Haggard once sang a song that went something like this: "Is the best of the free life behind us now, are the good times really over for good? Are we rolling down hill like a snowball headed for Hell, with no kind of chance for the Flag or the Liberty Bell?"

Dear Mr. Haggard, Yes, yes and yes.

America is coming to a fork in the road, left or right. If we choose left, we elect a traitor and in turn receive increased social spending, decreased American sovereignty, a spitball military, less personal and economic freedom, a very big government and an even bigger deficit. (But at least it's not Bush, right?)

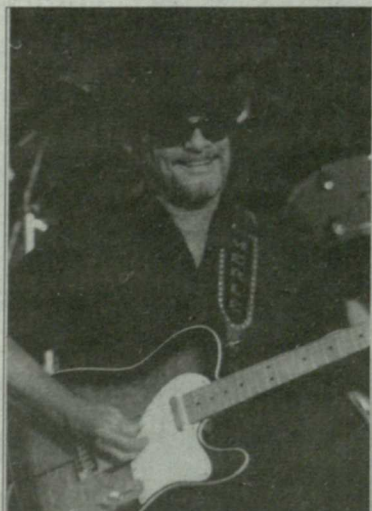
If we choose right, we re-elect the administration that initiated the so-called "Patriot Act" which is already being ruled unconstitutional by the courts. Oh and don't forget eroded civil liberties, more government intrusion and an even bigger deficit.

Why are we choosing between the "lesser of two evils"? Where are the Thomas Jeffersons? Where are men who are mature and intelligent enough to have a real debate without asinine rules to make everything "fair"? Where are the men who have actually read the Constitution? There are great men out there that are more than capable of putting this great country back on the path to freedom and prosperity but they won't run and I don't blame them. We act like a nation of ungrateful, spoiled, whiny children. Here we have inherited something that millions of brave men have fought and died for and something that is not worth living without: Freedom. And what do we do with

that freedom? We throw it away.

Most of us are more concerned about which cute outfit to wear tomorrow rather than something that actually matters. We do not know what it means to sacrifice or to actually have to fight for something we believe in. We have the privilege of going about our daily routine without having to think about the world outside our own personal bubble. We can waste our time worrying about the opposite sex, partying or having the latest overpriced purse with some dead guy's initials on it, and when it comes time to vote we just do what the celebrities and the bobble heads on CNN tell us to do because that's what's cool and that's what really matters.

Our generation is in for a rude awakening. Those of us who actually do understand what is happening and what the consequences will be are too afraid to vote our conscience for fear of allowing the "greater evil" to be elected. We are forced to vote for the "lesser evil" which is still an evil! We are soon going to learn just how precious freedom is, how easy it can be lost, and how hard it is to regain it. Roll on, snowball, roll on. The American people deserve what they get.



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Merle Haggard wondered if the good times were really over and if we were all headed to hell.

# Artificial Intelligence: Robots at home and work becoming reality

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With movie releases over the years, artificial intelligence seems to be on the minds of Hollywood. Recent film releases like *A.I.* and *I, Robot* show the possible horrible consequences of the using artificial intelligence. Often these films depict societies that are almost co-dependant on the use of artificial intelligence.

Artificial intelligence is defined as "machine intelligence, intelligence exhibited by anything manufactured by humans." The idea of artificial intelligence has stirred in the minds of scientists since the conception of the computer in 1941.

Artificial intelligence seems to be the ultimate advantage of technology, to be able to make our lives more convenient, safer and more enjoyable. With the state of the world today where computer technology is always changing and developing and essentially getting more and more advanced, it seems that artificial intelligence will eventually become a part of our everyday lives.

The most accessible form of AI will most likely be robots. Robots could serve infinite purposes in our homes, including aiding

the elderly, or baby simulating robots to help train new mothers. Even the fast food industry could be taken over by robots. The estimated profit for the robotic industry from 2010 is estimated to be 59.3 billion.

Technology is such an immense part of our daily lives; it has advanced the human race and propelled us into a world of information. However, the tricky aspect of technology is that it always seems to be progressing, moving forward toward new inventions and conveniences. In the modern world, we become reliant on technology for our jobs, our education and ability to communicate. After all, what would we do without our cell phone or our internet access?

The possible disadvantages of artificial intelligence are that those conveniences could take us to trusting machines. Eventually we might be faced with a robot taking our job. Most likely, more domestic jobs will be occupied by robots, including cleaning and household repair. However, eventually the technology could expand where robots could advance into the corporate world. Perhaps one day the person in the cubicle next to you will be a robot.

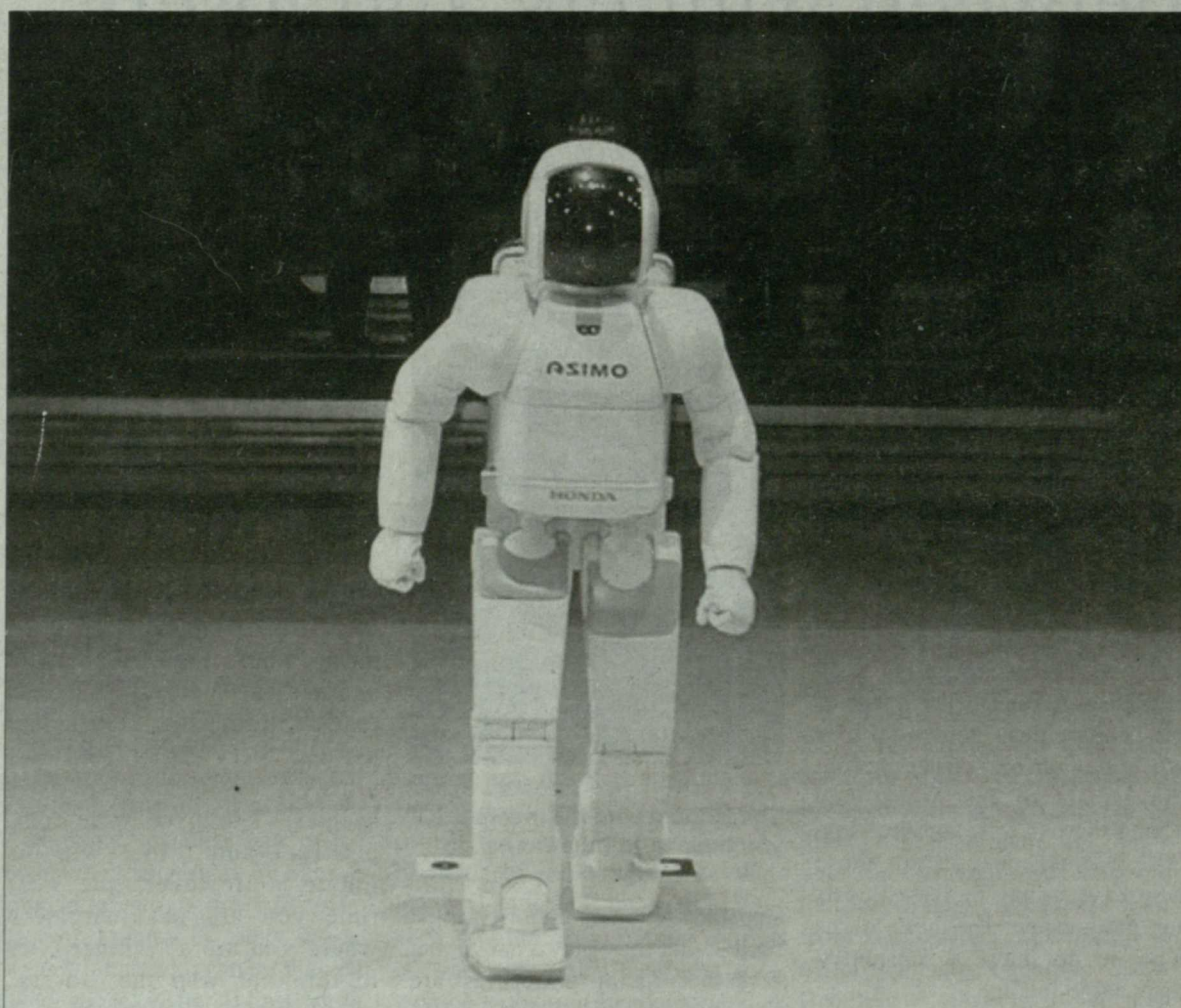
The advancement of computer



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Not only can he do simple house work, Asimo can also bust a move.

technology is inevitable. However, as human beings we should consider the fallibility of machines, that one day what we create may not be flawless. Who knows how well Hollywood can predict the future, but it seems to be making some convincing stories about the scary possibilities of trusting too much in machines.



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The new Asimo robot by Honda is available for families now.



# Not all college students are slackers

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ly do. But the manner in which he is getting people to register is highlighting those of our fellow college students who do not care about this upcoming election. It is transferring their reputation onto all of us. And it is solidifying the fact that we are not taken seriously.

But the term "slacker" does not fairly represent all college students. I believe most of us care very much about where our society is headed. We've been keeping ourselves informed. We've been watching the debates. We do take it seriously - you can see examples of this in the many students who have found ways to stand up for what they believe in, such as taking part in political organizations on their campuses or volunteering their time for non-profit organizations.

There are many who decided long ago to register to vote, without gimmicks or incentives convincing them to do so.

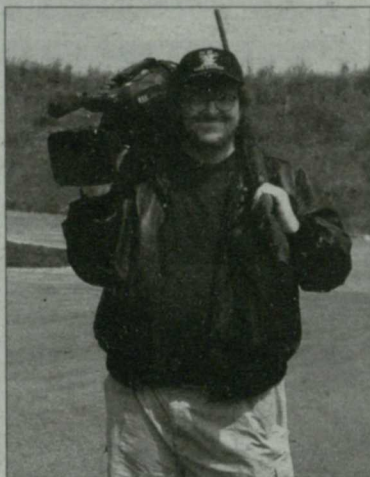
The upcoming election is an incredibly important one. And it is essential for all people, not just college students, to educate themselves on the issues, show up at the voting booths, and make it a point to let their voices be heard.

Do not let anyone else deter-

mine which candidate you will vote for. This is one of the most important decisions a citizen can make, and it has to be a personal one, based on conviction and sound judgment.

It should not be based on someone chanting something as intelligent as "Pick nose! Pick butt! Pick Kerry!" - Moore's so called "2004 Slacker Oath."

Listen to the debates, read up on the policies and explore both sides. Change your mind if you think that's the right thing to do. But for God's sake, if you have a change of heart, please let it be for something other than noodles or clean underwear.



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**Michael Moore is offering clean underwear and ramen noodles to college students that vote.**

# National lottery not good for education

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national lottery would take revenue away from the Georgia lottery. Any additional national lottery would steal Georgia lottery players, reducing the funding for the Hope scholarship.

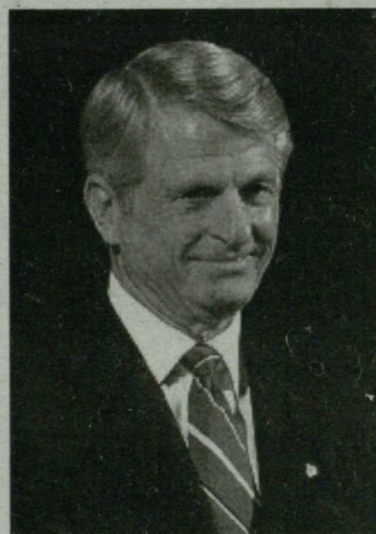
The beauty of the Georgia lottery is that it is controlled and owned by the State of Georgia;

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Maybe it's just me, but I thought Majette was supposed to be representing Georgians, and damaging the greatest educational achievement in our state's history isn't representing Georgians. I'm not exactly sure what Majette thought she could accomplish by espousing a national lottery, she must have underestimated the power of the student vote and the understanding we have of the issues that closely affect us.

This is our moment to make a difference as students, this is our issue. We have a responsibility to ourselves and future Hope scholars to safeguard this program's future. We have come too far to take a step backwards toward the educational immobility of pre-Zell Miller years.

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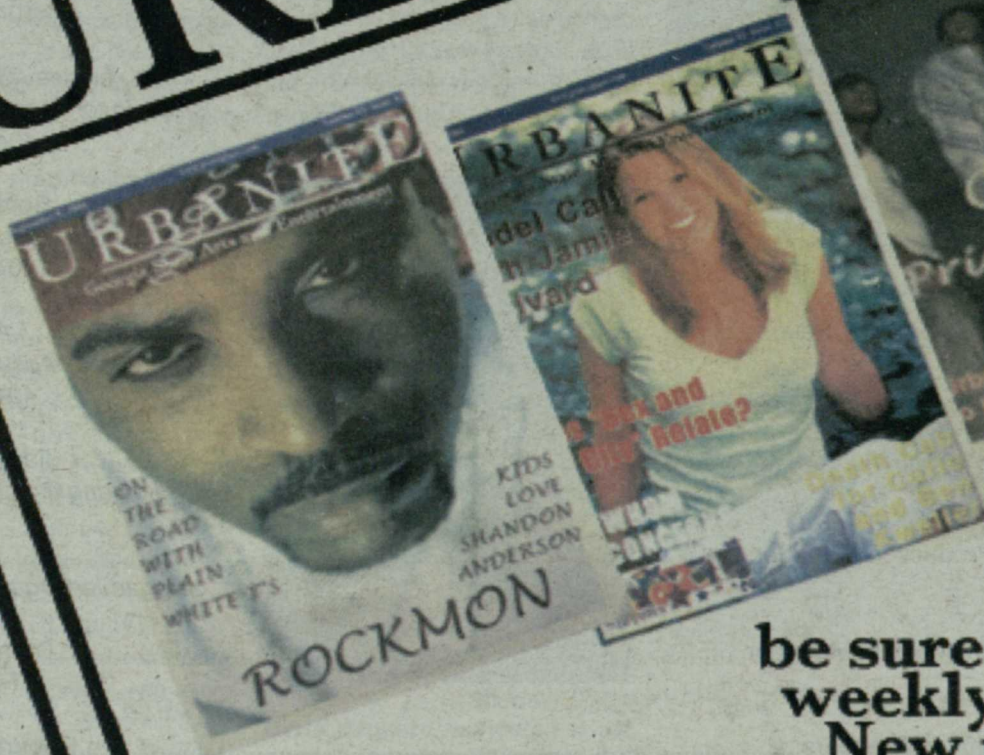
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