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Marketing students prepare to promote U.S. Navy

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In an effort to gain real life experience, many professors opt to give students hands on projects to enhance their learning. In the capstone course, Marketing Problems (MK4900), students collaborate with EdVenture Partners in developing a campus promotion plan for real companies.

Many of these students have been under the instruction of Hiram Barksdale and have promoted companies such as Chevrolet, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the U.S. Army and others. "It is the students who the run show," Barksdale said in a previous interview with Signal when asked about the purpose of the project. "[This is a] class where theory and practices come together. The idea is to give each student a real-life experience by giving them the tools to work with, and letting them complete the project."

Just like a marketing department in real life, students must make presentations and proposals for approval by their client. Students will spend two weeks conducting research to gain insight on their target market followed by designing a marketing plan and planning an event aimed to kick off the program.

Geoffrey Frost, public relations department head for the spring semester course considers this a unique opportunity for all involved. "This is providing us a chance to leverage skills acquired in previous classes to a real world project," he said. "The Navy Marketing and Recruiting Program will effectively bridge the gap between industry and education by providing students with hands on, experimental learning."

Frost's class is not the first one to promote a branch of the military. The fall 2006 offering

Students outraged over slow times, leaky buses



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Students stand in line hoping to have a dry ride to campus only to get soaked on a rainy bus. Often times, delays result due to traffic, peak hours and high volume. While Auxiliary Services states they have done all they can do, the SGA is pushing for more to be done. See story on pg. 6.

Downtown Traffic: "Construction is not convenient but it is only temporary."

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Georgia State students, downtown residents and employees have one thing in common--- they all get stuck in downtown traffic.

While many find the problems inconvenient and burdensome, city officials and leaders consider them signs of good 'growing pains.'

"It is always healthy for a city," Public Works Commissioner David Scott explained. "The number of cranes means that the city is viable. It means that this is a good thing. Construction is not convenient but it is only temporary."



Scott

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Scott is referring to the traffic delays caused by the library renovations at the university, the bridge replacement at Peachtree Street in Five Points, lane closures on Auburn Ave., hotel renovations on Harris St. and new development going on in the Ivan Allen Jr. and West Peachtree Street corridors.

University officials reports that Decatur Street will reopen in the fall of this year while the Georgia Department of Transportation states Peachtree will not be reopen until 2008.

"This is a major route into downtown. We really did not have any issues with detours and closures for this project," he said when referring to the Peachtree Street bridge. "We got the notice out early and often. Since many people were aware of it, the transi-

tion went smoothly."

Because of the roadwork, motorists are allowed to make turns at the Peachtree-Decatur-Marietta Street intersection, a task that previously resulted in a citation from either Atlanta or Georgia State University Police.

Further down the street, where Decatur Street traffic is forced to make a left turn on Peachtree Center Ave., the city and university worked together to devise a solution for the intersection. Crime Prevention Officer for Georgia State University police Eli Cohen stated the department had officers at the intersection during the first week of the semester.

"We decided to extend the turn lane on Peachtree Center

Black Law Student Association sponsors Pre-Law Day

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Not only is Georgia State University's undergraduate program growing, but the law school is flourishing as well. Nevertheless, with the increasing demand for entry in to the Georgia State's College of Law, the Office of Admissions and Black Law



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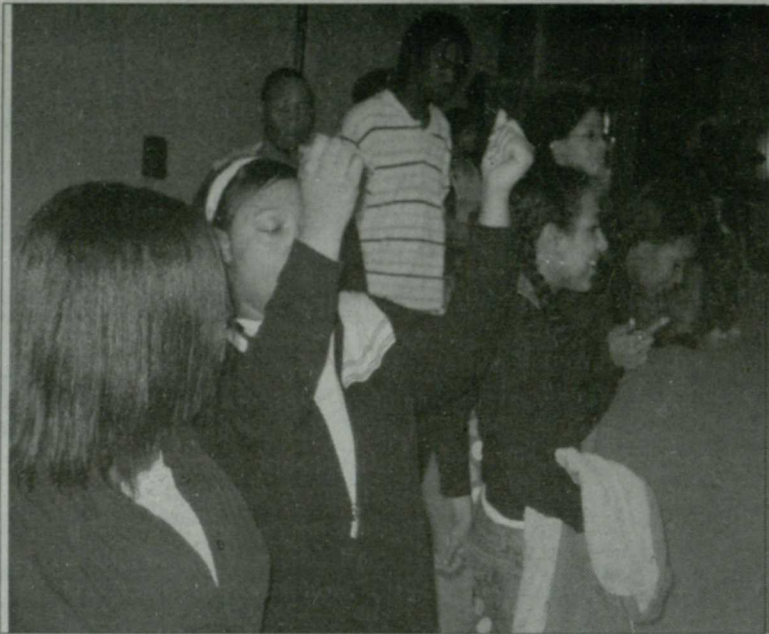
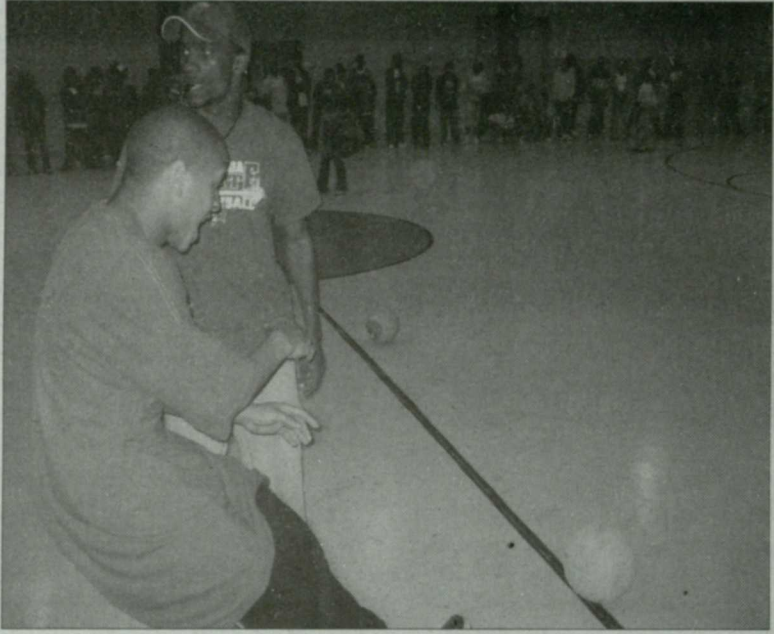
Student Association feel that more blacks should be interested in the College of Law. The Black Law Student Association sponsored Pre-Law Day on Saturday, February 24 to help recruit more blacks to the law school. However, this event was not restricted to blacks but was open to all.

Pre-Law Day consisted of various speakers, current law students, the College of Law's faculty, and prospective law students from around the Southeast region of the United States. Furthermore, the restriction was not only for prospective law students at Georgia State it was open to all undergraduate and current professionals seeking to return to school.

Some of the schools that participated in Pre-Law Day were Emory University, Spelman College, the University of Georgia, and the University of Mississippi. Nevertheless, there was a large turnout of professionals seeking to return to school, and since the College of Law is an excellent part-time program it can be a perfect fit for a professional.

The application process and surviving the law school can be strenuous. As any student may know, managing your schedule versus a student's studies can be difficult. Therefore, the Black Law Student Association under-

Village Residents engage in STD dodgeball



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The Housing Staff and Resident Assistants are organizing events such as STD Dodgeball that promote awareness and education while allowing residents to have a good time. Students also danced the night away while others play games.

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Students came to school slightly sleepy and tired last Thursday. This time, the sleepiness was for a good cause.

Nearly 200 students met up in the Village Gym to play a game of midnight dodgeball. While simply not an ordinary dodgeball game, this game was designed to promote STD awareness.

The dodging of the ball symbolized dodging STD's that often run rampant in college communities.

"Everyone had a good time and we wanted to show that we have good things happening here at the Village," Terrance Rogers, RA for the Village said.

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promoted the U.S. Army. The Guard Getters Marketing Agency fought against allegations of them promoting the war. "We are simply raising awareness for the Army," Andrea Villanueva, public relations chair said. "The college campus is the ideal place to teach young adults about the Army National Guard and who better to talk to students about opportunities other than students."

Previous sections of the course held events such as carnivals, street fairs, demonstrations in the plaza and informational sessions. While at press time, it is unknown what this semester's course will do, they aim to keep the tradition of success alive.

Former students have stated the project provided them much more insight that a textbook would never have done. "We were a small business and we ran it as such," Joe Cunningham, a former public relations head previously. "It is better to make a mistake in the classroom than to make a mistake in real life on a project such as this."

Not all of the projects have went over well with the student body, the Panthers Against Piracy team of fall 2005 generated much controversy with hot pink flyers stating "Georgia State is beginning to prosecute for illegal downloading." The marketing promotion led to students rallying against class by creating facebook groups such as "Panthers against Panthers against Piracy" and snatching down flyers from bulletin boards and hallways.

Despite both praise and criticism, Barksdale asserts that any student will develop and enhance business skills from the course. "This course will help you think like a businessperson and help you develop skills needed for business or graduate school," he concluded.

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Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Chemistry Club Meeting
Speaker from the Princeton Review
Where: NSC 218
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Golden Key International Honor Society Meeting
Where: Golden Key Boardroom, 2nd floor of Student Center
Time: 12:15 – 12:50 p.m.

Black Women Forum
Where: University Center, Room 485
Time: 7:00 p.m.

February 28

Job Search Strategies
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Where: University Center, Room 245
Time: 11:45 – 12:15 p.m.

African Bizarre
“100 years of Progress”
Where: Student Center Ballroom
Time: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Informational Interviewing & Networking

Sponsored by University Career Services
Where: University Center, Room 245
Time: 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Freshmen & Sophomores: Start Early, Finish First!
Where: University Career Services, University Center-Room 245
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

University Library Transformation Celebration!
Where: 1st floor of Library North
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting: State of the Community Dialogue on W.E.B. Du bois's Argument of the “Talented Tenth”
Where: Student Center Ballroom
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Core Values Movie Series
Facilitator: Dr. Eric V. Blacknall
Where: Student Center Auditorium
Time: 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

March 1

Exhibition of New Media
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Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Closing Exhibit: “Their Light is our Beacon: A Photographic Essay of Leaders and Unsung Heroes in the Civil Rights Movement”
Where: Student Center Gallery Lounge
Time: 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

National Council for Negro Women Meeting
Where: Student Center, Sinclair Suite
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Elected officials, universities tackle the issue of college affordability

Signal Special Report: Aiding Financial Aid

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An average student who graduated from a public college in 2005 in Georgia walked across the stage to \$16,131 in student loan debt.

While the amount may seem high, it pales in comparison to graduates in New Hampshire. These students amassed \$22,793 in student loan debt in 2005. Over the years due to budget cutbacks and increased enrollment, colleges and universities have found themselves increasing fees and tuition to offset such costs.

In Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, North Dakota, South Carolina and Tennessee, the average loan debt for students graduating from public universities is even higher than graduates of private, nonprofit colleges.

"There are many reasons for the variations from state to state, including the availability of state grant aid, how loans are treated in financial aid packages, and the income profile of the student population," Robert Shireman, executive director of the Project on Student Debt said. "But overall, the level of debt for college graduates is much too high. Millions of young people face decades of student loan repayments."

The increasing burden on students to finance their education has led many to take on employment, taking semesters off to get caught up financially or even having their parents to take education loans under their own names. Several student leaders from across the country rallied back in January declaring College Affordability Day at the nation's capitol.

Organizations such as the United States Student Association (USSA), National Education Association (NEA), Campus Progress National Student Advisory Board (NSAB) and the American Medical Students Association were attendance speaking on behalf of the college students. The SGA President from the University of Southern Maine even was in attendance to address concerns for students at his university.

"Student debt impacts the life choices of far too many people in immeasurable ways," Paul Perry, a member of the Campus Progress NSAB said. "Recent studies have shown that student loan debt caused 30 percent of young graduates to delay buying a car; 21 percent to postpone having children, and 38 percent postpone buying a new home."

As a result of such concerns and promises from the Democrats, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that cuts the interest rate on certain federal loans in half, from a fixed rate of 6.8 percent to a fixed rate of 3.4 percent. The legislation, if signed into law will benefit students who take out new loans during or after July 2007. It will not affect student debt accumulated before then.

Holding universities accountable for college costs

While the Democrats accused the Republicans of causing the increases for the past two national election cycles, the Republicans allege that the Democrats plan does not help the students that need it the most. Howard P. McKeon (R-CA) offered a proposal that would have reduced college loan interest rates for college graduates who earn less than \$65,000 and for all active duty Armed Forces personnel. By including this income cap adjustment, additional savings could be directed toward an increase in need-based aid such as Pell Grants.

"The Republican student aid proposal would have provided a college loan interest rate cut for those who need it the most, while targeting additional resources towards other priorities such as more aid for low- and middle-income students struggling to go to college," McKeon said. "I am hopeful that in the weeks and months to come, we can work in a bipartisan way—as we have in the past—to expand college access and to find ways to hold institutions more accountable for their role in the college cost crisis."

McKeon has introduced legislation to provide parents and students more information- and more user friendly information-about the costs of colleges and how they

compare with other institutions. The measure, the College Affordability and Transparency Act (H.R. 472), would also ask that colleges whose costs rise most dramatically to identify ways to keep them in check and plan accordingly.

As of press time, the legislation was still in the House Education and Labor Committee.

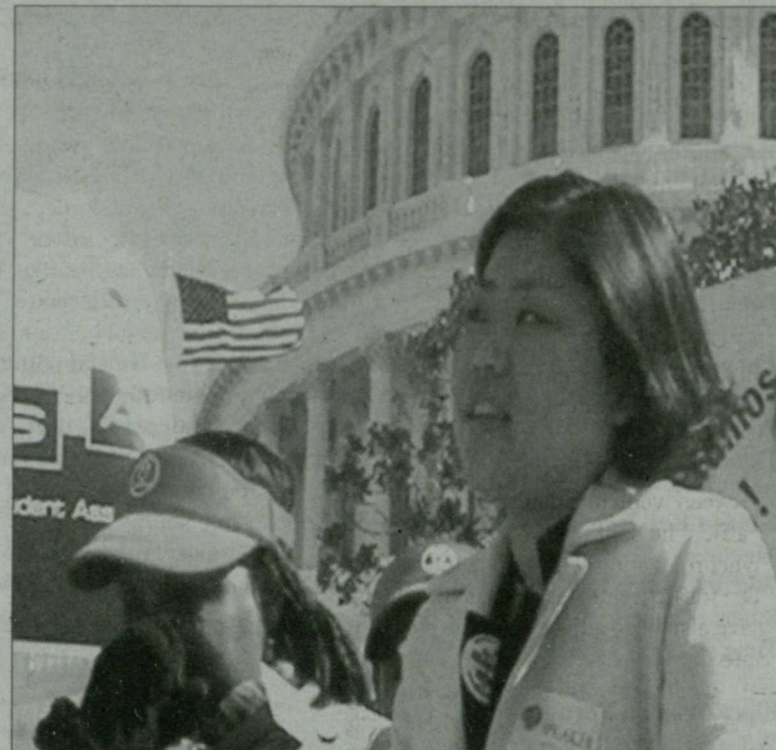
Universities step up to the plate

The 2005-2006 school year brought many changes at Georgia State University to assist students in dealing with student debt. A limitation on course withdrawals was proposed and passed. University officials explained the limitation on course withdrawals stemmed from several factors including students eating up financial aid money on withdrawing from courses and receiving a W grade in them.

The HOPE scholarship only pays for 127 hours of education. Most degree programs require 120 hours to graduate, thus leaving six hours for a student to play with. The six hours equate to two courses, once they withdraw from the third one, then they will be forced to pay at the end the difference of what they need to graduate as their scholarship money will be used up. Other universities such as Fort Valley State and Kennesaw State have similar policies with course withdrawals.

The Board of Regents has developed 'Guaranteed Tuition' that will guarantee a student's rate of tuition for four years. The program designed to help students and parents plan for higher education expenses seeks also graduate students faster. The plan went into effect for first time freshmen in fall semester 2006. Continuing students will experience modest tuition increases while they complete their degree program.

"The combination of guaranteed tuition for new students and modest tuition increases for existing students reflects the system's commitment to maintaining affordable public higher education," Erroll B. Davis, chancellor for the Board of Regents said. "We are committed to removing the financial barriers to educational



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Jenn Pae, the president of USSA speaks in Washington on behalf of students for Financial Aid relief.

access and attainment."

Georgia Tech and Emory recently announced plans to work with low to middle income students at their respective universities. Emory is offering the Emory Advantage, a loan replacement grant that will be offered for students whose families have an assessed income of \$50,000 or less. A new loan cap program will assist students with an assessed income of \$50,001 to \$100,000.

The Tech Promise will be a tailor made program for each individual student that will include scholarships, grants and job opportunities to assist students in paying for college expenses.

"These programs will make it possible for any qualified student to obtain the advantages of an Emory education regardless of family background or circumstance," James Wagner, president of Emory University said. "We are especially concerned to address the particular needs of many middle income families, who ironically make too much money to qualify for many types of financial aid."

Wayne Clough, president of Georgia Tech agreed. "This new financial aid program provides yet another tool to help us remain true to our long-term commitment to open doors of opportunities to all qualified students, especially those from financially disadvantaged families who may be reluctant to apply because of the daunting financial burden attending college will place on their families," he said.

Reforming the Pell Grant

To add with the financial aid plans as outlined by the colleges

and Board of Regents, McKeon and Rep. George Miller (D-CA) have introduced the Pell Grant Equity Act (H.R. 990), legislation to repeal a federal rule that needlessly limits Pell Grant aid for tens of thousands of students. Known as 'tuition sensitivity,' the rule reduces the maximum Pell Grant for students attending institutions with very low tuition charges.

"A student should not be forced to sacrifice grant aid because of their choice of one institution over another," McKeon said. "As Congress and the President work to continue improving student aid programs, it is illogical that certain students who may otherwise be eligible for a maximum Pell Grant won't get it because of where they go to school."

Miller echoed the statements by recognizing the significance of the Pell Grant program.

"With tuition costs at colleges around the country soaring, we must continue to expand Pell Grants and college access for low and middle income students and their families," he said. "Students should not be financially penalized for attending a low cost school and schools should be punished for reducing their tuition costs."

Shireman in agreement with the plans outlined urges a complete change at looking at financial aid from policymakers. "It is time for policymakers to adopt practical, cost-effective reforms that make student loans more affordable for families, and states and schools should rethink their approach to financial aid," he concluded. "Otherwise, college will move farther out of reach for generations to come."

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Avenue," he said. "We had the city to extend the timer on the traffic light to allow for more cars to make that left turn." He reported no noticeable difference on Piedmont Avenue due to Auburn Avenue construction.

When asked about the difference in moving through the intersection after the light change, he replied, "It's not great but it is better than it was before."

Scott echoed the sentiments of Cohen with the coordination of the timing of traffic signals in the area. He stated that overall, you have to look at how to accommodate additional traffic from pedestrians and vehicles.

"It is always a balance between vehicular and pedestrian traffic," he said. "We look at light synchronization with the detours." The traffic lights near Harris Street have also been adjusted for the closure.

Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) Executive Vice President Paul Kelman admits that much development is going on in downtown but states the area is in better shape traffic-wise when compared to Midtown, Buckhead, Perimeter and Cumberland. "We have a grid street pattern in downtown," he said. "This is making us look at happenings and planning for the future."

To look ahead, CAP is working with the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Regional Commission to create a traffic simulation model for downtown.

"It will be able to look at the various impacts events and development will have on the area," he said. "It will also help answer some of the issues that have arisen from the larger number of commuter buses downtown."

Kelman hopes the partnership will yield similar if not better success than their previous partnership with the state over Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd.

The corridor previously filled with nothing but flat commercial parking lots and abandon buildings has been rebuilt and realigned.

"We have been working on that for over 10 years. It has proven to be a magnet for new development such as retail, restaurants and attractions," he said. "It is great to see some of the fruits of our labor happening."

While the Department of Public Works welcomes the economic development and growth, they do regulate how permits are issued for lane closures and detours.

"We look at how to balance development while keeping traffic moving," Scott said. "We make sure developers are not closing too many lanes. We look at how much space they actually need in the street. We definitely restrict closures during rush hours."

Scott added that the department factors in other detours and

projects in the areas when granting a permit for lane and road closures. The department has to keep in mind the noise ordinance of the city and sometimes closures can come unexpectedly, such as a utility breakage. Standing vehicles such as delivery trucks are regulated also to limit the amount of time trucks are on the road loading.

The major focus for all entities involved, from the police departments to the neighborhood organizations, is making sure the public is informed and aware of what is going on with road conditions. The city and police department provide notices of closure on their websites informing people of times closed and alternate routes.

In cases of major closures, advance notice is given and posted for a long period before the work takes place. In regards to dealing with normal gridlock, do not expect the city to rush to add lanes to the roads too soon.

"As we make lanes wider, we have to narrow sidewalks," he



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This photo taken from the Panther Express displays the traffic that shuttle riders, commuters and downtown patrons deal with on a day to day basis.

elaborated. "We want to make walkability one of the focuses of this administration. We are encouraging cycling and working hard to maintain nice streets and opportunities for bicyclers and walkers." The Signal inquired with Scott about whether he receives any

complaints about road closures and noted the only complaints his department receives are from unexpected traffic snarls. The unexpected delays mostly result from traffic accidents and utility emergencies such as busted pipes. "As more people move downtown,

we have to continually take use to accommodate this construction. You have more people who want to live here," he concluded. "Growth is healthy and it is a great sign of our city. Families are moving here because of our viability."

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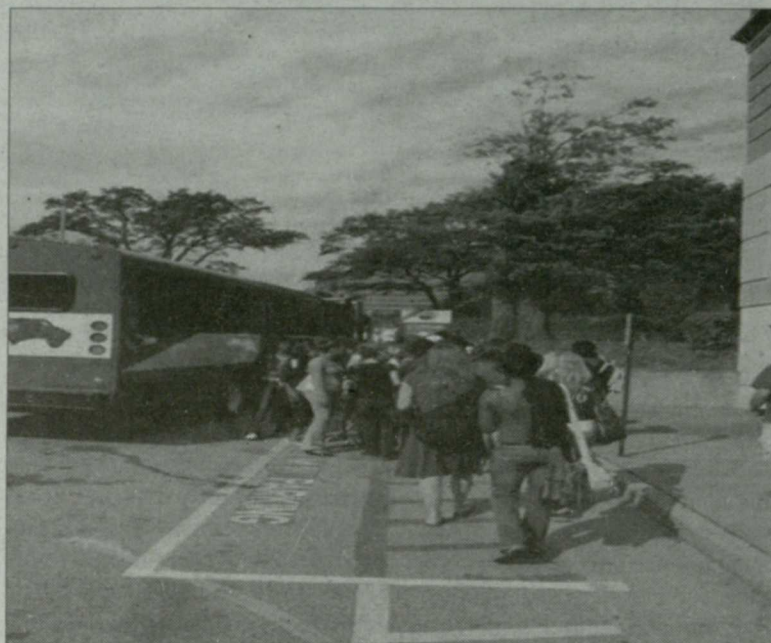
SGA, Auxiliary Services at odds over shuttle service solutions

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Imagine a rainy day in February. It is 8 o'clock in the morning and temperatures are just under 20 degrees. Umbrellas flood the sidewalk of the University Village as Georgia State University students wait and wait for the late Panther Express Shuttle. Cell phones begin to open as shivering students frantically call their friends for a ride to school. They have reached their boiling points and now stand huddled together waiting for a bus that seems as if it will never come.

Though the Panther Express campus shuttles provide many GSU students with valuable transportation to and from the school's campus, the shuttles are constantly late and overcrowded. The newest problem according to Tiffani Brown, the Student Government Association Vice President, is that they leak.

During rainy days, students find themselves on overcrowded buses with no room to breathe and water dripping from the ceiling.



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Students consider riding the shuttle bus no better than driving from their suburban neighborhoods to school.

This has become an on going issue that has caught the attention of the SGA and officials from the Auxiliary Services.

SGA Senator Quinchelle King met with Phil Wells, the Administrative and Customer Services director for Auxiliary

Services a month ago to come up with a solution. Though the meeting helped them narrow down the problems that the students are having with the shuttle, a solution was not established.

Speaking on behalf of the SGA, Brown said, "There was no

confirmed solution. It has been a hard problem to solve because of traffic and getting the cooperation of the University. To me the solution would be and sounds simple, but it is not simple according to their budget and the goals they want to accomplish on campus." Brown also added, "The rebuilding efforts seem to be the reason why the campus shuttle issue is getting pushed under the rug." Wells, has not been able to comment on these statements yet.

While the shuttle buses have become an overwhelming issue for GSU students, GSU has extensive campus expansion plans that will better the campus and cater to GSU's growing population. "The plan calls for more than \$1 billion in capital expenditures and has more than six planned projects," according to GSU's campus master plan update. The goal of GSU is to complete these projects by 2015, but the students at GSU said, "What about today?"

Kylee Kuzminsky, a freshman University Village resident and bruised patron of the campus shuttle said, "It literally is like we are commuting." In order to get to school on time for her 9 o'clock class, Kuzminsky must wake up two hours before to make it to the shuttle on time. This is the same amount of time Emily Kantsios, a commuter, has to wake up to drive downtown from her home off of 85 North. Kuzminsky went on to describe her painful account of waiting for the Panther Shuttle at 3 o'clock. "Between 3 o'clock and 4 o'clock are the shuttle's busiest time of the day. As I was getting on the bus my elbow got knocked into the railing and left a nasty bruise," said Kuzminsky. "The system needs to be updated. I know GSU is doing its best, but it is not good enough at this point." She also said, "The year is not over yet, and we are still paying for their inadequacies."

Kim Lynch, also a University Village resident, planned ahead for the spring semester. "I specifically made my classes later so that I would not have to stress over the wait for the 8 o'clock bus riders. I have to leave forty minutes early just to be on time." The main part of the GSU campus is approximately ten minutes away, therefore, Lynch uses that extra thirty minutes waiting in line for the shuttles, which she said, "Is so crowded I get carried on."

Many students have chosen to ride MARTA instead of waiting in

line for the campus shuttles. Keisha Lockett, has relied on the outdated campus shuttle system for two years and said, "I would rather use MARTA than the shuttles. At least then, I know I will get to school on time."

The obvious solutions to the late and overcrowded campus shuttles are obtaining more shuttles and creating better routes. "If they are using money to help build and rebuild on campus, the solution to me would be to get more buses. More buses would be more frequent and less crowded," said Brown.

Though the Piedmont Ellis Housing project will be open to students for the 2007-2008 school year and it is unlikely that there will be shuttles for those dorms, there are still commuters such as Brown who park at Turner Field and take the campus shuttles to school. "I chose not to pay \$200 dollars to park at M-Deck; that is my choice."

The SGA has done numerous reports and interviews on this subject, but their deeds seemed to have gone unnoticed.

"We conducted reports, e-mailed those reports to the disabilities department, but we never got a reply back." The SGA meeting with Philip Wells was in response to their lack of action and still no solution was derived.

While students may want to vent their frustration out on the shuttle drivers, Brown would like them to know that their job is to make sure the students are safe and comfortable within the limits that GSU has provided.

Many students including Brown would like to see something done this semester. A new route is the most probable solution since buying new buses seems to be out of GSU's budget. In order to satisfy the student demand, Brown suggests a meeting between the department of transportation and finance at GSU to work out the budget.

Brown is also extending her hand to students who have any questions or concerns about the campus shuttles. She assures the student body that they will do everything in their power as student leaders to keep making the campus shuttle problem aware to GSU officials.

The SGA and the Auxiliary Services department continue to work to better the Panther Express campus shuttle conditions.

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Peak Times have worsen with the construction and traffic delays around campus.

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stands the difficulty that black law students face. Deah Warren who is the president of BLSA stated, "Traditionally, black students haven't done as well as others. We are trying to change that trend."

USA Today journalist G. Jeffery MacDonald stated, "Law schools eager to raise their national rankings are demanding higher scores on the Law School Admission Test, but they're paying a price in terms of racial diversity as fewer and fewer black applicants make the cutoff." As Affirmative Action is a prevalent debated issue in education today the ramifications that it shows demonstrates a break between suppression and oppression so blacks can be competitive in society and respectively in law school.

Alana Nichols who is a first-year law student at Georgia State and Coordinator of Pre-law Day stated, "We hope to successfully prepare students for law school through choosing the right law school, application process, budgeting, and skills such as legal writing."

However, many blacks come to Atlanta seeking to become up-and-coming professionals. On an economic perspective, the supply is here but is the demand? Warren stated, "Atlanta is the place to be if trying to be a black professional." Is Atlanta losing its ability to make blacks competitive and a part of the professional field here?

Warren who is a native of Memphis, TN stated, "I chose Georgia State's College of Law because it was a cross section between ranking and price. It's a really good law school for the bargain."

As the College of Law climbs higher in the national rankings, highly educated faculty, and more prepared law students in the 21 years that the law school has been present contributes to its increasing prestige.

Therefore, the success rate of the law school is commendable and an optimistic perspective that can soon extend to minorities admitted or within the school of law. There are credible minority law students at the College of Law and the school only hopes to increase diversity enrollment.

Warren stated, "The purpose of Pre-Law Day is to provide support academically to black students." Affirmative action was used to suppress political oppression that blacks face in regards to education. However, BLSA hopes to exile that oppression into a place where black students can have support that was not always given to them at their birthright. Hopefully, this can help those minority students succeed in the highly competitive world of law.

Dean Kaminshine stated, "Above all, a top-quality legal education requires a talented and accessible faculty and a diverse and motivated student body."

Georgia State students remain unaware of Free Printing Credit

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It is evident that many Georgia State Students are unaware of the free printing services they can utilize around campus in computer labs. In fact, many students probably don't even know where computer labs are located on campus.

As a Georgia State University student, included within a student's mandatory fees is a technology fee of \$85—being raised by ten dollars since recent years. In an earlier issue, the Signal reported, "According to a report sent by the Student Technology Fee Subcommittee (STFS), the funding request for free printing was contingent on a technology fee increase."

Currently, each student has a \$3 printing credit worth per semester—averaging about to \$6 a year per student. Students are allowed to use this monetary printing credit to print in the various computer labs and in the library on campus. The printing credit is available for all Georgia State students by simply swiping their Panther Cards. A recent study reported that only about half of the undergraduate and graduate students at Georgia State actually take advantage of this printing credit.

A decision was announced in 2004 by the Student Technology Fee Subcommittee (STFS) to discontinue free printing at Georgia State University. The reason being because of lack of money to support free printing for Georgia State students. Since December 18,



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The new computer facility in the renovated Library is another place where students can redeem print credits. One issue of printing was the increased amounts of outlets to print on campus.

2004, all students were required to pay for all print jobs around campus. Students had to put money on their Panther Cards through the Panther Cash System.

The discontinuation of fees resulted in many controversies—mainly that by the Student Government Association. In 2005, the Student Government Association approved a resolution to reserve student technology fee funds for printing credits. Their claim was that Georgia State students were paying technology fees in their tuition, so they should have access to limited free printing.

What many Georgia State Students don't know is that since fall of 2006, the free printing credit has been reinstated and every

Georgia State student has a \$3 printing credit per semester.

Printing on campus currently is five cents per every black and white page and fifty cents per color page. An earlier issue of the Signal reported, "According to the University Educational Technology Services (UETS) website, the price for color printing

may vary across campus. With the \$3 print credit, students will be able to print 60 black and white pages or six color pages."

Now that printing credits are available again, Georgia state students should be aware and take advantage of this opportunity.

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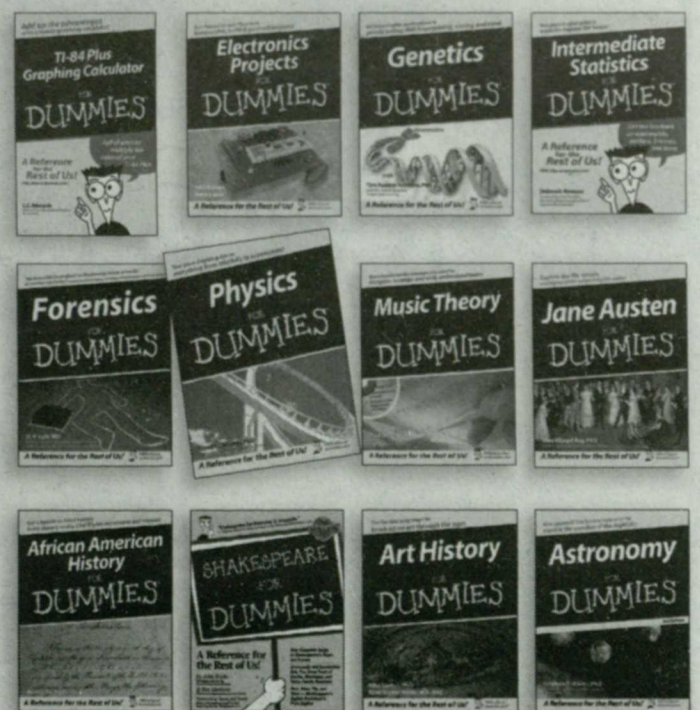
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The controversy with Black Conservatism today

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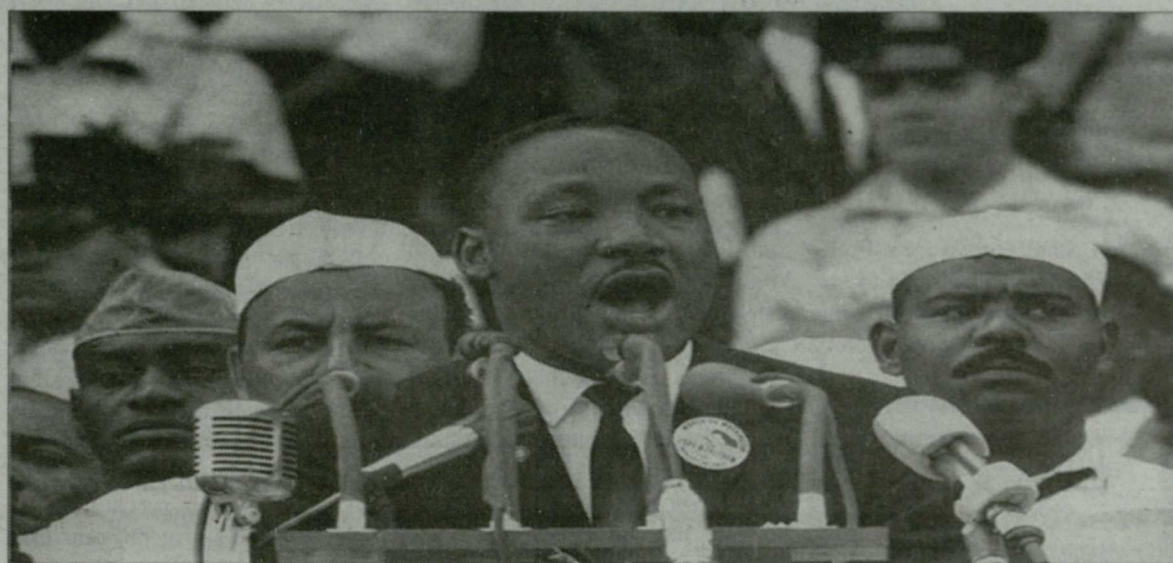
The emerging force of Black conservatism in America is growing to create a controversy within the black community. However, with the remembrance of black history makes it plausible to remember those black leaders that paved the way for the world to

nomics, and education. However, the black conservative movement has only made the right aligned with the far right and the left with the far left. Many inquire whether those ideals craft blacks to drift farther apart or closer together?

Black conservatives are seen as "Self-hating Blacks" even though many prominent black leaders are associated with conser-

leaders embodied everything that being black in America should exemplify which includes courage, pride, integrity, intellect, and moral capacities. Historically these black conservatives sacrificed their lives for the betterment of others.

Remembering black history is the ideal that you appreciate and learn from the leaders before this era and recognize that a few com-



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Many Black conservatives are given a bad label as "self-haters" even though some of their ideals would improve the state of the Black experience in America.

become more equal than the loosen abilities of "Separate but Equal."

The debate is widely suppressed by the fact that many blacks are democratic and support the values of those ideals such as affirmative action, welfare, eco-

nomics or have affiliated themselves with the Republican Party such as Martin Luther King Jr., Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, George Washington Carver, Harriet Tubman, and Mary McLeod Bethune. However, these

mitted individuals can change the world, mainly because it is the only thing that ever has.

Over the 150 years of advancing civil rights in this country has

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Accounting students compete nationally to win \$25,000

By RHONDA BARNETT
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A four-person team of accountants from Georgia State are participating in a six-week national audit competition that began last month with the hopes of winning the grand prize of \$25,000.

The KPMG National Audit Case Competition, sponsored by KPMG International's Global Services Centre and the KPMG Foundation, invited over 22 of the nation's top schools to perform some of the most difficult functions that auditors face.

Georgia State MPA student, Charles Fuhr, senior James B. Starks, IV, junior Olukemi "Kemi" Adeniyi and sophomore Robert

"Jake" Bergmann make up the four-man team this year.

"The primary goal of this new program is to provide students with an unparalleled educational experience," said Timothy B. Bell, director of academic research for KPMG's Global Service Centre.

"This year's case has been designed as an accounting and auditing capstone learning experience; and students who perform well on this rigorous case should be highly sought after."

The five finalist teams will make their presentation in New York, NY and answer questions from a panel of judges April 16. The panel of judges will include scholars, audit committee members and KPMG partners.

The top school will receive \$25,000 towards their accounting department. Second and third place is \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. However, students will receive monies for participating as well.

"All participating students receive a stipend of \$500 once the team completes all case assignments," said Bell. "Students who are members of the five finalist teams each will receive an additional \$2,500 and an all-expense-paid trip to New York."

Over the six weeks before the finals, each team will use a Web-based application that will simulate a series of interactions

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Career Services is shaping students' futures, shaping student's lives

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Leading employment presentations, workshops, and seminars weren't always in Phil Rockwell's future career aspirations, but since 1993, his interventions with the unemployed have impacted thousands of searching souls, most recently at Georgia State University.

Rockwell finished his master of science in professional counseling from Georgia State University when he was 50 years old and has been a career counselor at GSU's University Career Services, a division of Student Services, since December of 2002, a year after he graduated with the degree.

Most of Rockwell's office walls are outlined with maps of different regions of the world. He loves traveling and has lived in many garden spots around the world including the Philippines, Thailand, Germany, Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territory, and Turkey. A slide show with a motor bike theme on his computer's monitor coincides with his optimal dream to ride a sports bike all over Europe for a month.

Rockwell's sunny disposition

and genuine demeanor make students comfortable. Career educator intern

Kara Norman said, "Phil's great. He has a wealth of knowledge and is very passionate about what he does. He interacts extremely well with students because he's down to earth."

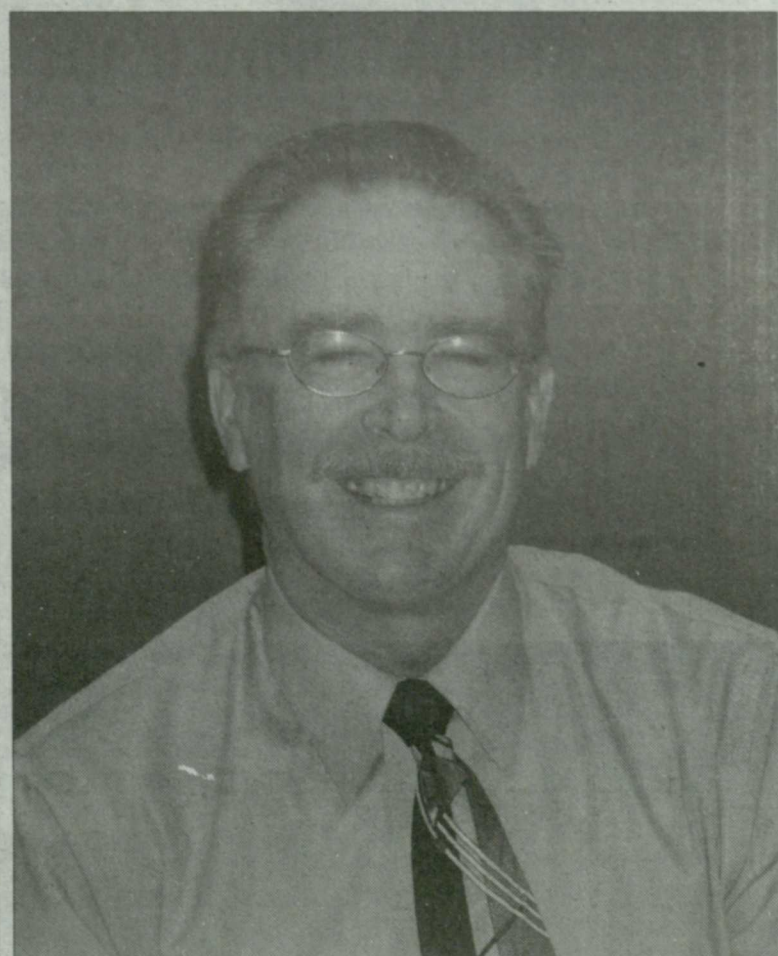
"I was an undergraduate student at one point in time and just wanted to get a degree and get out of there," Rockwell explained. "I never took the time as a young adult to figure out who I was. No one ever says what real success is, but all of that comes from within I came to realize. It's not external."

"If students could just take a minute or take some time to think about what they're going to do with their degrees, they'd be in much better positions when they graduate."

Rockwell also has a master of arts in political science from the University of South Dakota, which he earned while in the military. His experience in the field of career counseling, however, started in 1993 when he left the Air Force after 20 years of service.

"I got out of military service and started working for the state

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Phil Rockwell

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University Police and Ambassador Force urge awareness in downtown

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Robbery, battery, and assault are not typical words that are associated with describing a college experience. At most collegiate environments, students are more concerned with passing classes and acing tests and quizzes. Being a victim of armed robbery, car jacking, or assault are not things that students usually expect to occur, which is why certain measures are being addressed to protect the safety of Georgia State University's students.

Recently, students reported being victims of theft and just a month ago, students also reported being robbed, car jacked, and assaulted. Since then, campus alerts have been posted by the Georgia State University Police Department. Officers even post daily police reports online to inform students about various campus related incidents. The police's operation hours, services, crime tips, and contact information



Students go to college expecting to experience the times of their lives, not thinking about how quick that could come to an end by simply not paying attention to their surroundings.

are also posted online on the Georgia State University website.

During the hours of 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday,

Georgia State University's Police Department provides rides to students through their safety escorting program. It is a safety escort's

duty to safely assist students to their desired location whether they are seeking rides from one of the Georgia State University Buildings, parking lots, or one of the downtown Marta stations or other destinations near the campus.

Student can contact safety escort from their cell phones or by one of the call boxes. There are more than 45 call boxes dispersed through out the campus which can be easily identified by flashing blue lights. The call boxes will instantly connect you to a dispatcher of the police radio network.

In case of an emergency, students should know the location of call boxes or carry a charged cell phone with them at all times. Students are advised to keep at least a half of tank of gas in their vehicles, and to avoid parking in deserted areas. If possible students are also advised to avoid going out alone after dark, and to call someone before hand to let them know when their leaving and when they plan on returning.

In addition to the safety escorts, its not uncommon to see an officer patrolling on or around campus or the dorms. Officers patrol by vehicle, foot, and bike with the objective of preventing crime by making themselves visible to the public, and yet every month a handful of students easily become victims of robbery and/or assault.

The police department have also developed five programs that will self-aid students in crime prevention, but only one of them titled "Fight to Flight" really addresses the issue of being attacked while commuting to class. The program is geared more towards women and it provides techniques to prevent and help them escape from any attack against them. The program's goal is to teach alertness, prevention, and precaution by using either passive or combative resistance against attacks from their assailant.

The Ambassador Force of Downtown Atlanta is another service that can assist students in their

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helping unemployed military veterans with their world of work," he explained. "After several years, I decided to go back to school and get a master's in career counseling. I figured since I was already doing it, why not get paid a little more to do something that I'm good at and enjoy. My master's degree gave me the professional ability and status to find a better job. It opened doors."

University Career Service's doors have opened not only for Rockwell's direct hire, but for all GSU students who are ambitious to represent companies such as Hallmark, Bank of America, and BB&T who all have recently held hiring clinics at the service. Rockwell says that these employers and most others look for students who can sell themselves and be effective communicators. "The power of words is the most powerful thing," he explains. "These companies will hire employees for analysis, to solve problems, and represent compa-

nies in the best possible light. They ask themselves 'How is this person going to be an asset to us?'"

The staff at University Career Services knows that all the tools to get hired are not innate. But that's what keeps the department in business. It is in the business of preparing students to land great jobs, in some cases students' dream jobs.

Kamilah Williamson, an education major, said, "University Career Services helped me land a great job at the Government and Non-Profit Career Fair with the Dekalb County School System."

"It's better late than never to start working with us, but the reality is that an individual may be way behind the power curve to moving into getting or starting the job that they want when they graduate," explained Rockwell. "Working with UCS throughout your time at GSU is best."

"It's almost as if it's a big river," Rockwell explains metaphorically. We want to put students in the river on a raft so they can go down the river of success or get to that graduation date knowing what they have to do when they hit the rapids of the reality of life."

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been a barrier that most blacks still feel today should be reparation for their struggle and strife. The excuse to make life easier for blacks does not belong with black conservatives. Black conservatives believe in the ability to have individual rights not the rights for the black community.

Today in black society are problems that range from welfare, morals, education, and economics. These topics are of great concern for black conservatives who believe many problems are associated with the government. Similar with white conservatives, many black conservatives believe the government has too much power. The large amount of government

produces many regulations that lie in the hands of an institution rather than the individual. It brings a new meaning to, "Less is more."

On the other hand, the Republican and Democratic Parties have changed over the years. Conversely, the liberal stance on the black community is relevant in that a liberal republican President ended slavery and won the Civil War.

Even though the liberal stance in the means of being a democrat should not be defeated in the fight against what's right for black America. Those prominent black leaders envisioned a world that blacks could co-exist with mainstream America and have a unified facet but the core values bring us together as the United States of America. This enables us to be a unified body with characteristics and history that will only strength-

en America.

Therefore, with the changes that the political parties have taken over the past five decades shows a distinguishing fact that blacks have adapted to the mainstream America by way of changing their affiliations to fit the mode that America sees they should embodied. To be evident the black community in America turned to the Democratic Party to produce fair education, employment, and justice, but many from that community find those ideals not evident to make the black community as strong as those prominent leaders

aspired for it to be.

The minority of the black community went to right or the far right and distinguished themselves from the liberal blacks to create a community that was for more efficient and effective individualized way of life.

Out of those prominent black leaders is the Martin Luther King, Jr. who is remembered for his "I have a Dream" speech stated, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" However, what are we free from? Hence, many of the aspects that the black community need to be freed

from is each other and the oppression and hatred they have for each other. Will the left and right ever align to create a moral safe house that the whole community can share called a unified black community?

In the remembrance of the great men and women that have paved the way for a better America for blacks, it should be recognized that a different view such as being a black conservative is strengthening the community by developing their own ideals and opinions to only better our community, not tear it apart.

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between a KPMG audit partner and members of the students audit team. Videos, slides, emails and audio, will all be used to provide background information required for audit activities.

Students will experience with three major components in depth. They will learn to: Obtain an understanding of the client's business; make initial assessments of client business risks; and identify and assess risks of errors in the components of the client's financial statements.

A benefit from the competition is obtaining an in-depth understanding of the applicable financial reporting framework for certain of the client's difficult-to-audit transactions, and develop audit evidence-gathering strategies, evalu-

ate available evidence, and report the findings along with their supporting rationale.

"The case is based on a real scenario from a real audit engagement," said Bell. "But all names and numbers were manufactured by our case development team. So, the client company in the case, Triangle Manufactured Homes (TMH), is a fictitious company with fictitious business and financial information."

The hope is that this year's pilot competition will be offered to a broader set of schools; and the long-term goal is to "develop a semester-long, fifth-year accounting and auditing capstone case that will be made available at no cost to faculty worldwide," said Henry Keizer, vice-chair-Audit of KPMG.

"Today's students want to be challenged, and this competition will put them to the test in a new and exciting way."

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times of need. The Ambassador Force of Downtown Atlanta is a public safety force that patrols the downtown Atlanta area from Sunday through Friday, and are designed to provide medical assistance, information and communication, and by keeping close contact with the Atlanta Police Department via direct radio contact. They also provide the duty of

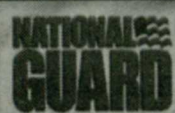
keeping street lights well lit throughout the city.

Students are encouraged to check out both organizations websites to help ensure their own safety. The Georgia State University Police Department's website is <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwupo/index.htm> and contact number is (404) 651-2100. The

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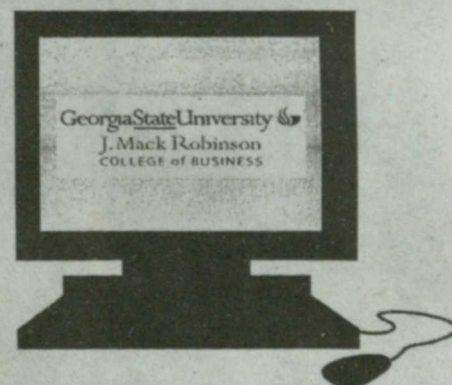
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Panthers sting 15th ranked Yellow Jackets 9-5

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"I'm really going to enjoy this moment," said Panther baseball head coach Greg Frady after the Panthers defeated the 15th ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets 9-5 on Wednesday, February 21.

The victory came at Tech's Russ Chandler Stadium and was Georgia State's seventh all-time win against the Jackets.

The win was largely due to what wins most baseball games: timely hitting and good pitching. Chase Childers lead the offense for the Panthers with three RBI's and Adam Bowling pitched four scoreless relief innings in the victory.

The scoring started early as Childers' solo home run in the first

inning gave the Panthers the early lead. The home run was one of Childers' two hits and three RBI's on the day.

As all good teams do, Georgia Tech answered back with four runs of their own in the bottom part of the frame.

The runs were partly attributed to a grounder up the middle that bounced off the bag at second and turned into a double, an unfortunate situation for Panther starting pitcher Jeremy Compton.

Instead of two outs in the inning, a run scored and two runners ended up in scoring position, whom the Yellow Jackets promptly knocked in to score.

The Jackets could not stop the

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Chase Childers had three RBIs in Georgia State's victory over the Yellow Jackets.

Guess who is coming to town

ESPN; Final Four festivities extend to the Sports Arena

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The 19th annual ESPN college slam dunk contest and three point shot contest will be held at the Georgia State Sports Arena on Thursday, March 29, as part of the festivities of the Final Four, which is at the Georgia Dome this year.

This will mark the second time that the Sports Arena has played host to the event as they also did it in 2002 when the Final Four was at the Georgia Dome.

The event will start at 7 p.m. but will not be aired on ESPN until 9 p.m. Since it is an ESPN event, the college basketball team will likely be present.

That would include Dick Vitale, Jay Bilas and Digger Phelps.

The event's participants and judges are unknown as of yet, but they are normally celebrities. In 2002, the celebrity judges were Kansas State basketball coach Bobby Huggins, former Georgia State coach Lefty Driesell, Falcons quarterback Michael Vick and Atlanta native boxer Evander Holyfield.

Last years' participants in the slam dunk contest were James White of Cincinnati, Hassan Adams of Arizona, Vincent Grier of Minnesota, Errol Knight of Gonzaga, Rodney Carney of Memphis, Maurice Ager of Michigan State, Elgrace Wilborn of Western Kentucky and Lawrence

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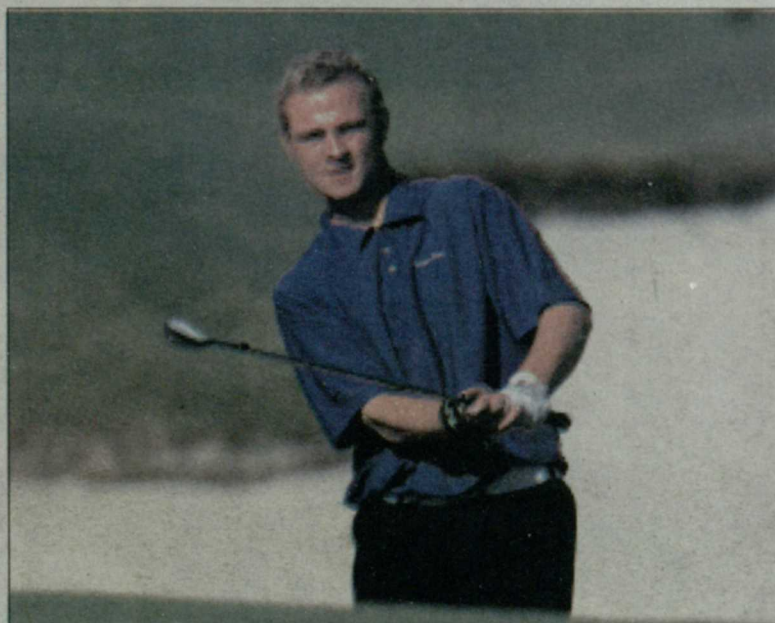
Chase Budlinger (above) and Chris Lofton (below) represent two of the possible participants in the NCAA three point shootout and dunk contest being held in the Sports Arena

Panther men's golf team finish fourth in John Hayt; 21st in nation

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As consistent as they have been all season, the Georgia State men's golf team has provided another stellar showing in the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational in Jacksonville, Fla. The Panthers tied for fourth place with a final score of 899 in a field of 15 schools, including finishing above 9th ranked University of Tennessee and 25th ranked Charlotte. The Panthers were tied with UCLA (ranked 10th), UCF, and UAB. The University of Alabama finished first with a final score of 881.

With their finish in the John



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The men's golf team has consistently placed in the top 10 of their tournaments this season.

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The seniors were honored Saturday, but it was sophomore Leonard Mendez who stole the show.

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Panthers though, they came back with five more runs in the top of the second inning to regain the lead 6-4.

The rally started with a sacrifice fly to left by sophomore Matt Van Horn that scored senior Aeden McQueary. Then with two outs and runners on the corners, sophomore Michael Mcree dropped a perfect bunt down the third base line and reached safely while scoring Luke Gordon.

After a wild pitch, Childers doubled into the alley in right-center scoring a pair to regain the lead 5-4 Panthers. And after Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas singled, Charlie Pelt knocked in Childers with a single up the middle to give the Panthers a 6-4 lead.

Compton settled down after the shaky first and held the Jackets scoreless through the fourth inning and the Panthers were not done scoring yet.

The inning started with a bunt single by Rochon-Salvas and a double down the left field line by Pelt to put a pair of runners in scoring position. State would take advantage, as a sac fly by McQueary scored Rochon-Salvas and a single by Gordon scored Pelt to make it 8-4.

To say Gordon has been hot lately would be an understatement. Gordon has nine hits in his last 12 at bats and is now hitting .500 on the year (12 for 24) with seven RBI's.

Tech added a run in the fourth and forced Compton to leave the game in the fifth after a 95-pitch effort. The Panthers then handed the ball to fifth year senior Adam Bowling who immediately got out of a jam in the fifth.

Panthers pitching coach Blaine McFerrin said he would rely on Bowling to provide leadership and anchor the pitching staff this season, and on Wednesday he delivered.

Over the next four innings, Bowling threw 63 pitches and allowed no runs on two hits, three walks and three strikeouts earning him the win. After getting into some hot water in the sixth and seventh innings, Bowling retired the side in the eighth.

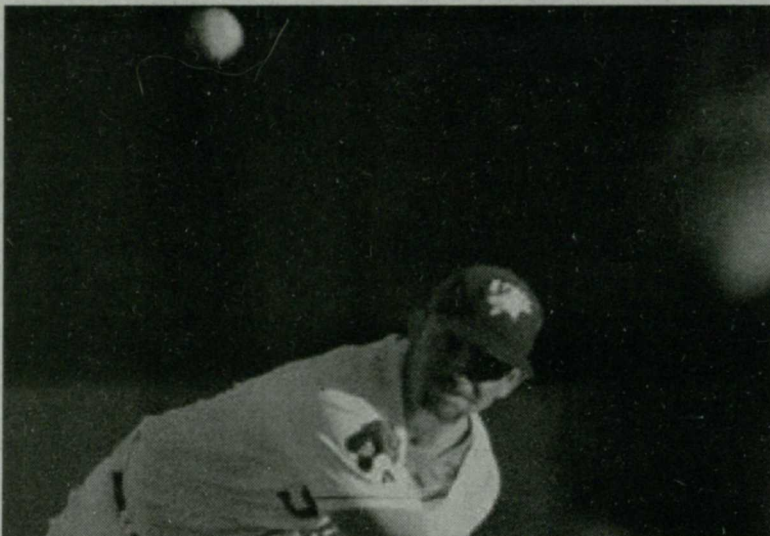
"We had a good starting performance by Jeramy," said

Bowling. "Our bats coming in and getting some runs across early helped that."

After the Panthers added another run, junior Kevin Dooley pitched a scoreless ninth inning to closeout the game. The win made Frady happy to say the least.

"Georgia Tech is a good team and a good program, but we're a good team with a rising program as well," said Frady. "Georgia Tech played a good game, but we outplayed them in a few aspects of the game tonight and came away with a win."

The Panthers played host to Indiana State for the weekend and then stay home to take on Mercer and Mississippi Valley State University.



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After losing the first two games to Indiana State on Friday and Saturday, the final game was canceled due to rain.

Golf

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Hayt Collegiate Invitational, Georgia State has been ranked 21st in the nation, according to Golf World/ Nike Golf Coaches' Poll.

The Panthers ended the first round of the tournament in third place behind strong showings by sophomore Mark Haastrup. Haastrup shot a 75 in the first round, three strokes behind first place leaders Kevin Chappel (UCLA) and Shane Mason (Pepperdine). Haastrup led four Panthers who finished in the top 25 on the day: senior Ben Taylor, junior Joel Sjöholm, and freshman Tom Sherreard. Head coach Matt Clark commented after the game how tough the course was.

"It was extremely cold and windy all day, but we showed a lot of heart and continued to grind," said Clark. On a day that Panther coach called "one of the toughest days I have had in college golf," the Panthers finished only two shots behind first place Alabama, who finished with a 303 total in the first round.

The second round was not as auspicious for the Cats, as they fell back to fifth place with a score of 297. Sjöholm led State in this

round, stroking an even par score while moving into a tie for 12th place. Haastrup didn't falter in his score from the first round; instead his score stayed the same. Haastrup moved into 15th place in tournament. Taylor and Sherreard both improved their scores by one and two strokes, respectively. Even with three players improving their scores from the first-round, State still fell back, due to the emergence of UCF and Coastal Carolina, who jumped from 15th place and 6th place respectively to finish in front of Georgia State. Alabama continued to dominate the pack, finishing with a second round score of 291.

The final round saw the Panthers regain fourth place in the tournament with a final round score of 297. Junior Joel Sjöholm recorded his seventh career top-10 finish (tying for sixth place). He finished with +7 in the tournament. Freshman Tom Sherreard scored a final round of -1, matching his career best. Head coach Matt Clark was positive about his team's performance, but yet grounded.

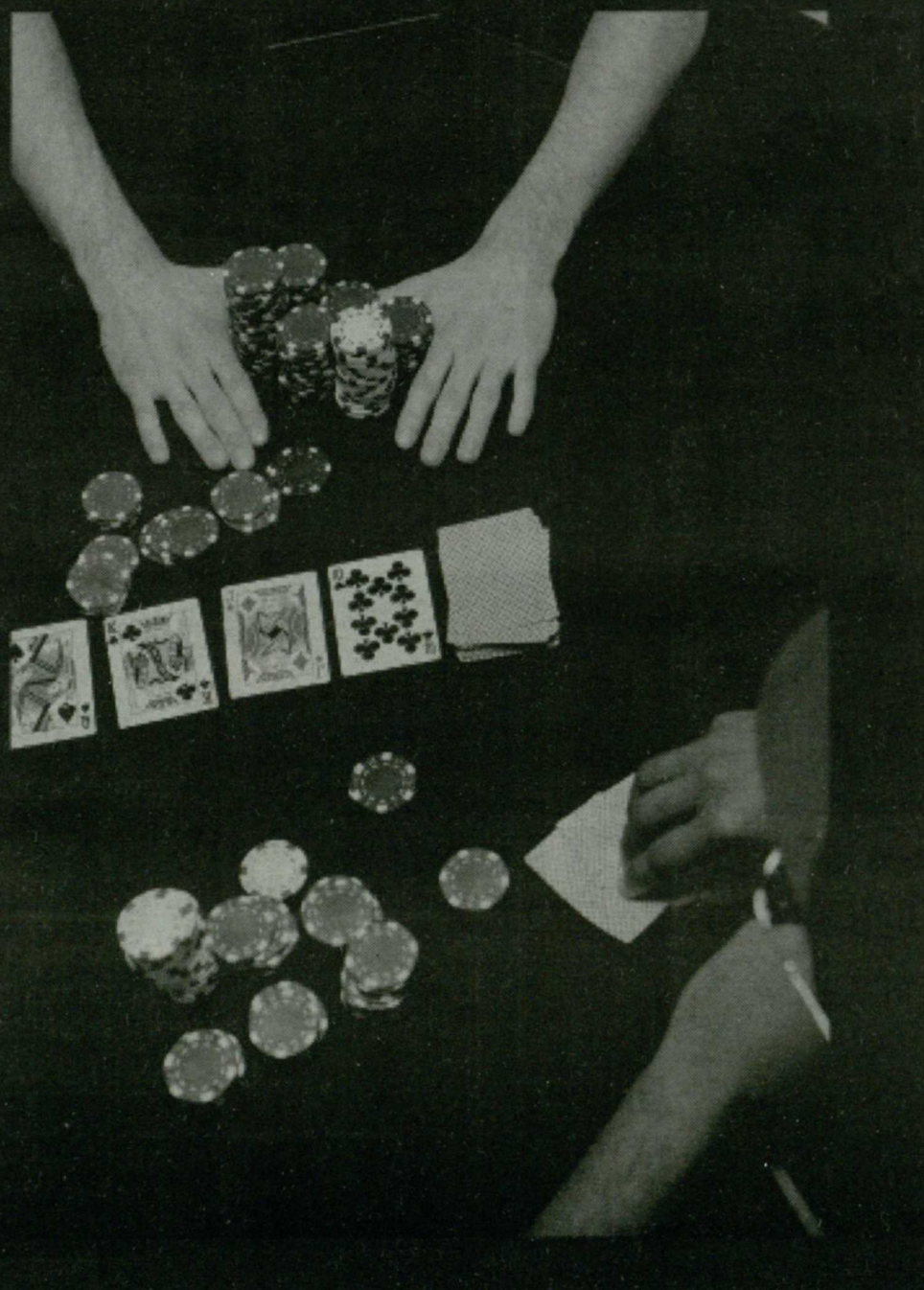
"I am proud of Joel and Tom's performance," Clark said. "It is great for Joel to get another top-10 finish and for Tom to earn a new best finish. We still have a long ways to go to compete for a National Championship, but we will continue to work hard."

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Freshman sets a career low score as Lady Panthers finish 8th

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The Lady Panthers set off to South Beach to take on a 12-team field at the Papa Johns Collegiate. After finishing the first day in seventh place, the Panthers finished the second day and the tournament in eighth place. Freshman Catherine Madsen set a new career low with a 72 in the final round, which matched the third round low score. In addition, three players (including Madsen) finished in the top 20 among individual players.

The tournament, which was held at the legendary Don Shula's Golf Club, started with gusting winds and chills. Senior Pamela Torres led the Panthers with a +7, followed by Madsen shooting a +8, sophomore Claire Starkie with +9, and junior Joanna Klatten with +11. The skewed scores on the evening were duly noted by head coach Cathy Mant.

"It was just a brutal day," said Mant. "The winds were very strong today and with a tight golf course that can add to some high numbers."

"We put up some big numbers on some holes but it is hard to make birdies with the wind blowing that hard. I am anticipating a better day tomorrow and to go out and be the most improved team."

Scores did actually improve for the Panthers in the second day, but their positioning did not. They

dropped to eighth place after shooting a 317 (the first day they shot a 323). The University of Louisville led the field after the first two rounds. Sophomore Starkie shot a 3-over 75, which was just two shots behind the lead score of 73.

"I am proud of Claire Starkie's round of 75, which was just two shots off the best round of the day," Mant said. "Our goal tomorrow is to have four players shoot in the 70s and shoot somewhere around 305. The hole locations have made it difficult and the numbers are high at the moment but we will get there."

Mant's optimism has reason. The Lady Panther's golf team practiced until 6 pm, after they teed off at 8 a.m. With their score's improvement from the first day, it was no reason to not foresee an improvement for the golf team.

The third round went according to plan for the Panthers, except for the scoreboard, as they remained in eighth place after increasing their score from the second round. The University of Louisville won the tournament, finishing 22 shots below the Panthers. However, the story of this day was Catherine Madsen, who played the best round of her career with an even par round. The Lady Panthers' next match will be in Gainesville, Fla on March 10th for the SunTrust Lady Gator Invitational.



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The Panthers have yet to record a top-10 finish on 2007. They have three tournaments left to accomplish this feat.

Rams send Panthers home in a season ending thriller

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In an atmosphere filled with suspense and chaos, the Panthers provided a glimpse of what to expect in the conference tournament. But effort and guile wasn't enough for the talent laden roster of VCU Rams, as the Panthers lost in a nail-biter 72-70. Leonard Mendez led both teams in scoring with a career high 28 points.

The Panthers dominated throughout the first half, leading by as much as 13 points. They went into half time with a four point lead, with Deven Dickersen heading the team with 10 points.

The second half started not as great for the Panthers, as the lead shrunk from four to one in less than three minutes. But two free throws and a fast break dunk by Mendez, as well as a three by guard Ron Larris placed the Panthers back firmly in control. The Rams called their first timeout of the half with 15:11 remaining in the game.

An exciting moment came in the second half when Dickersen blocked three shots in succession and ignited a fast-break opportunity for the Panthers. Unfortunately, the Panthers were unable to convert. This was a part of a series of missed close range shots from the Panthers throughout the first 10 minutes of the second half. These misses notwithstanding, the

Panthers still were firmly in control throughout the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Until 10:18 left in the second half that is, when VCU took the lead for the first time all game on a reverse jam by Michael Anderson. Shortly after, a full court press by VCU prompted senior guard Cartwright to call a timeout, which Rams' coach Anthony Grant vehemently protested as a 10 second backcourt violation. This earned the Rams a technical foul. Mendez calmly sunk both free throws and the Panthers regained the lead.

What would ensue was a nip and tuck battle that would make the last home game of the season memorable for the viewers. A missed shot by Perique led to a fast-break for the Rams, who drained a three pointer to place them ahead by five. A missed free throw by Cartwright led to another basket by the Rams, who went ahead by seven. Mendez would subsequently knock down a three pointer from the baseline to pull the Panthers within four.

Another three pointer by Mendez and a driving basket by Rashad Chase (in which he muscled the ball in) put the Cats within two. With a raucous crowd behind them and momentum on their side, the Panthers seemed poised to make things uneasy for the Rams for the duration of the game. After a timeout was called with 3:37

remaining and a couple of defensive stops later, Ron Larris hitting a nifty driving left hand lay-up to tie the game at 61 with 2:07 remaining.

After a couple of free throws by All-CAA candidate Eric Maynor and a put-back by Will Fameni, the Rams went back up by four. The Panthers pulled within three with 26 seconds left on a Cartwright lay-up. But a missed free throw by Maynor and a rebound by State allowed them a chance to tie the game to send it into overtime.

Mendez was eventually fouled on the attempt to shoot a three pointer, however the referees ruled that it was a before the shot foul so therefore he would only be shooting two free throws. Mendez, who poured in 21 second half points, nailed both free throw as the Panthers were within one with nine seconds remaining. After a missed free throw by Rams forward Michael Anderson, the Panthers were unable to corral the rebound, as the Rams ended the Panthers' hope on a three point play. Mendez ended the game on a bank three-pointer, but it didn't matter, as the first-place Rams received all that they could handle from the 10-19 Panthers. With the win, VCU clinched first place in the CAA.

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Wright of Bradley. Last years' players participating in the three-point shootout were Illinois' Dee Brown, St. Peter's Keydran Clark, Marquette's Steve Novak, West Virginia's Kevin Pittsnogle, Notre Dame's Chris Quinn and Butler's Bruce Horan.

Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry (Davidson), and A.J. Abrams (Texas) are a few of the events likely participants but nothing is official yet. Participants will be announced in the weeks closer to the event.

Needless to say, this could be a big event for Georgia State to get

some exposure from according to Georgia State Athletic Director Mary McElroy. She claimed that they were intrigued by the offer.

"We were very interested when they approached us," said McElroy. "It is a good way for Georgia State to showcase our facility and to be seen as being apart of the Final Four."

McElroy also said the deal didn't take terribly long to materialize.

"It has been probably a month," said McElroy. "They [the NCAA committee] contacted us and said that they wanted to do it in a facility held downtown and close to the action associated with the Final Four."

Sadly, despite the fact that the event will be held at Georgia State, Panther students won't get much of

a discount.

"This is an outside event, so everybody will be charged the same rate," said McElroy. "But I would personally like to see a lot of Georgia State fans there because if there are a lot of students that get excited about a slam dunk contest, then that shows that there can be a lot of Georgia State fans to get excited about men's basketball period. This definitely fits in our plans to raise the awareness and raise the caliber of our basketball program."

The group Intersport will be coordinating the event. The project manager, Joseph Salituro, was not available for comment on the event.

It is also important to note that the women basketball players are included in several of the competitions.

Early predictions for March Madness

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College basketball fans, the most exhilarating time of the year is rapidly approaching! Once again the most relevant question in most sports conversations has become, "Who do you think is in or out?" Undoubtedly, some enthusiasts have presumptuously filled out their brackets and penciled the Gators and the Tar Heels in the NCAA Final Four; others have predicted that the Badgers and a Kevin Durant-powered Texas are sure fire to play here in Atlanta. But before the coveted spots in the March 31st and April 2nd showdowns can be filled, there still remains a lot more basketball to be played and a lot more games to be won or lost.

That ubiquitous on-the-bubble list is predictably full once again as we head into March. Perennially tough conferences such as the ACC and Big East have once again proven to be difficult for teams to deal with. As a result, it is necessary to first look to the teams who crowd the commonly stacked conferences to find several bubble teams, starting with the one that most view as the most talented: the ACC.

After the ACC gets its annual five teams into the conference, I believe there is the possibility that one or two more teams will join them. Maryland and Georgia Tech can both play their way into the tournament if they finish at .500 in conference and have good showings in the ACC Tournament. On the contrary, one team that has quickly played its way out of the tournament is Clemson University. After jumping out to a smoldering 17-0 start, the Tigers currently stand at 19-9. Their 5-9 performance in the ACC seems like it will garner an NIT bid for the athletic squad.

In Big 12 Country Texas A&M, Kansas, and Texas have all pretty much locked their ticket to the Big Dance. Two teams that can possibly join their conference-mates are a surging Kansas State team and Texas Tech. Although some disagree that a currently 18-11 overall and 7-7 in-conference team should get into the tournament, I believe that the Red Raiders have played a tough enough schedule to get consideration.

Bob Knight has led his team to wins over quality teams such as Arkansas and Oklahoma. The team also boasts two wins over 6th ranked Texas A&M. They haven't played well as of late, but a deep run in the Big 12 Tournament could prove to be the surge that will get the team over the hump. Who knows?

Then there is the never-ending league they call the Big East. Seriously, why are all these good teams in one league? Typically, they will probably squeeze five or six nicely-seated teams into the tournament. I also predict that West Virginia, a team that is 20-7 but only seventh in-conference, will get in as well.

But Connecticut and Providence will find themselves on

the outside looking in unless they make miracle runs similar to last year's Syracuse team. Villanova is a tougher situation. They could finish with an above five hundred mark in conference and make a deep run in the tournament. If so, they should definitely join seven other teams from the Big East in the NCAA tournament.

Conferences such as the Big Ten and SEC are even more unpredictable than the preceding conferences. Of course, Ohio State, Wisconsin, and Florida are all locks to make the tournament. But after them, it is tough to call.

Indiana could make the tournament with an 18-8 record so far. But, I don't see any other team worthy of a bid from the Big Ten.

The SEC has a bevy of teams who could find another gear and make a push towards the tournament. Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, and Ole Miss all have the potential to battle for the likely two open spots left in the tournament for an SEC team. If everything holds to form, Kentucky and Tennessee will ultimately punch the tickets.

As I look to the resurgent Pac-10 Conference, I note that five teams should definitely get a bid. UCLA, Washington State, USC, Stanford, and Oregon have all put in enough work to reach the tournament. The 17-9 Arizona team is the question mark team for me. An 8-7 mark in-conference is not bad, and they have also played a long list of quality teams. Their performance in the conference tournament will decide their fate as well.

Some other conferences to watch for potential at-large bids are the WAC, Horizon League, and the Missouri Valley Conference. After the tournament winner, each of these conferences have the resumes to get at least one or two more teams in.

When all is said and done and the end of March has drawn near, there are ultimately six teams that I believe have the chance of being in the Final Four. The list, in no particular order, goes as follows: Ohio State, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and Texas A&M. UCLA and Kansas are absent from my list for different reasons, but most importantly because I do not see the composure necessary to make a serious bid for the title.

Texas A&M and Texas are present because they have two stellar players, Acie Law and Kevin Durant, who can lead a team to the promised land. The other four teams are automatic on most lists, but the truth is that no one really knows who will be the winner when the confetti falls on April 2nd, but that never stops us from attempting to predict.

The only thing that really matters is that it is time to pull out the brackets, pop the popcorn, and turn on the tubes. Before long, March Madness will be upon us and in full effect. Sure, we'll suck with our predictions, watch as our team loses, and be surprised when the Cinderella team makes its stroll. But it will be Christmas in March yet again, and that is always something to cheer about.

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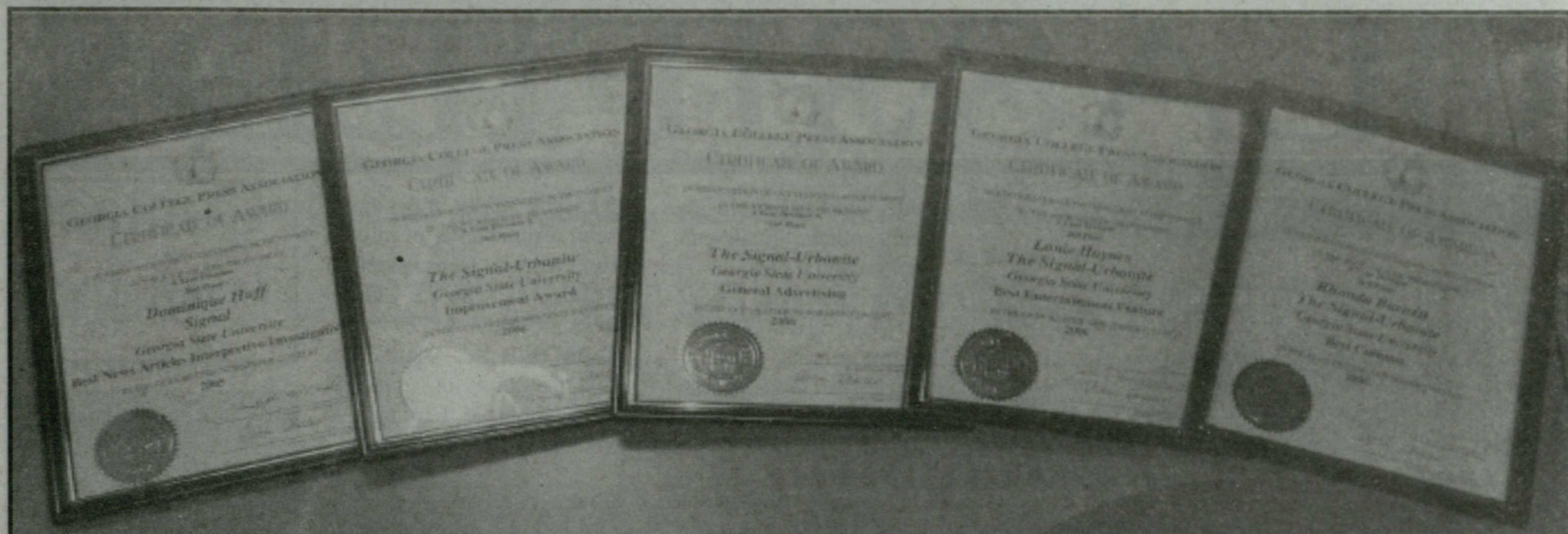
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North Korea to disarm nuclear facilities, Iran taking steps in arming them

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Almost five months after the first atomic test conducted in Pyongyang, North Korea has agreed to disarm its nuclear activities.

After almost 3 years of debate, a six day conference has produced the first steps of nuclear disarmament in North Korea.

The United States, China, Japan, Russia and North and South Korea were all present at the talks in Berlin which began the agreement on dissolution of nuclear facilities.

The talks ended in accordance to have the next 60 days to shut down the reactor in Pyongyang and seal it permanently.

The stipulations result in fuel aid for North Korea. Pyongyang has also asked for one million tons of fuel oil or an equivalent for when they completely and permanently disarm all nuclear facilities.

What does the United States think of this? Well for right now, all we can say is that Bush is "pleased."

The United States is definitely not seeing this situation through rose-colored glasses and are aware that at any moment this



Iranian President, Moahmoud Ahmadinejad, has said over and over that nuclear energy is Iran's right.

could all turn for the worse. However, for North Korea's benefit, the United States will possibly lift trade sanctions and remove North Korea from the list of countries that support terrorism.

The only trick to these "steps" of disarmament is just that; they are "steps."

According to The Economist, nowhere in the agreement is there an explicit mention of actual

dismantling of nuclear weapons or materials.

So if North Korea is not completely dissolving all nuclear weapons and materials, what are they doing? These "steps" may just be a

way to get sanctions lifted and ease tensions with other countries in order for North

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Everyone needs to leave Britney alone

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So Britney got a bad haircut. I've gotten plenty of bad haircuts in my life.

So she married and divorced a loser. Who hasn't? I've kicked many losers to the curb.

So she gets drunk and goes clubbing with no panties. I've done...ok well maybe not. So why is she called crazy and headed for rehab and I'm not?

First of all, my bad hair days are not plastered all over newspapers and television around the world. I don't have to worry that me and the men I

date or, um...spend time with, are going to be fodder for the gossip columns and water coolers.

I don't have people staked outside my house and following me around with cameras. I imagine if we had to live like that it would eventually make us a little nutty. Leave her alone.

Britney Spears is only 25-years-old. Don't let the hot body and the sultry songs fool you, she's just a kid.

She has lived many lifetime- she has created a musical empire, been married and divorced twice, and had children all before her 30th birthday.

None of these things are

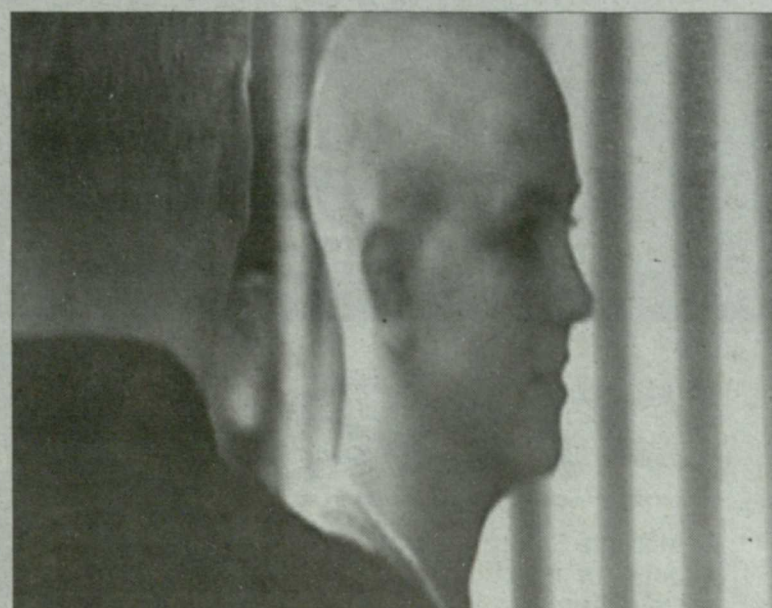
easy, but imagine doing it on camera with the eyes of the world scrutinizing your every move. It makes it that much harder.

If she wants to party and have a drink, let her be. As long as those kids are being taken care of, it's nobody's business. Lots of people hit the club at night and leave their kids at home. Some don't wear panties.

Leave her alone.

I honestly don't know whether or not she is on drugs, but what I do know is that she is a young woman in desperate need of some intervention. I

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Everything from lice, to an impending drug test has been used as the reason Britney cut her hair.

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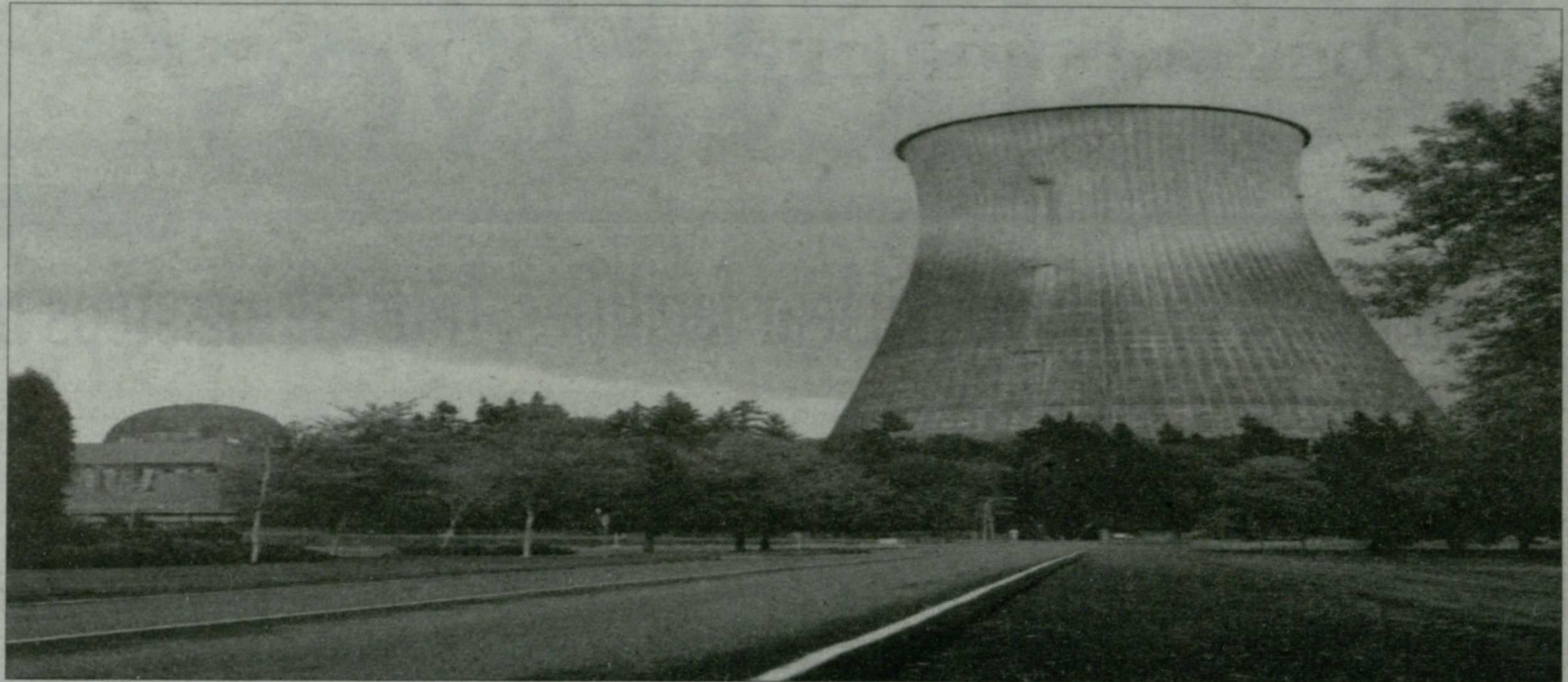
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Korea to get what it wants, which is obviously fuel aid.

So here we find ourselves waiting to see if North Korea will fulfill its agreement and begin to close or disarm its nuclear facilities (whatever that means), and now looking towards Iran and the deadline the country has just missed regarding its own nuclear situation.

In late December of this past year, the U.N. Security Council gave Tehran an ultimatum to get rid of its uranium enrichment program.

The Security Council gave Iran 60 days to stop, or else be exposed to tougher sanctions.



North Korea has begun the process of dismantling their nuclear reactors, but this doesn't mean much if they continue to pop up in Iran.

Well here we are in has passed. Iran has refused February and the deadline to stop its enrichment pro-

gram, and instead of discontinuing its uranium activi-

ties, it has expanded them.

The big deal with uranium is that although it can be used as fuel for nuclear reactors, it can also be used to make atomic bombs.

We all know this world does not need another Hiroshima or Nagasaki. Needless to say the United Nation is not pleased with Iran's lack of effort to correspond with its order.

In response to the ultimatum and sanctions, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said that nuclear energy is Iran's right.

The government has explained that the nuclear program is a peaceful one, and only seeks to use it for energy purposes.

Whether this is true or not does not matter much to the United Nation. Sanctions have been imposed and Iran has failed to meet deadlines.

Now the question could be if Iran will ever get to a point of realizing a time to end all nuclear activities such as North Korea is supposedly about to do.

Both countries have been posed as a threat to the United States due to their involvement in nuclear activity.

Although we are not quite sure as to what measures North Korea will take in order to close down their nuclear activity, most would be happy to see Iran in the process of talks about the possibility of freezing their own uranium enrichment program.

As far as I'm concerned, Iran's defiance and North Korea's supposed plan of disarmament are both issues that will continue to go nowhere without any sincere action taking place.

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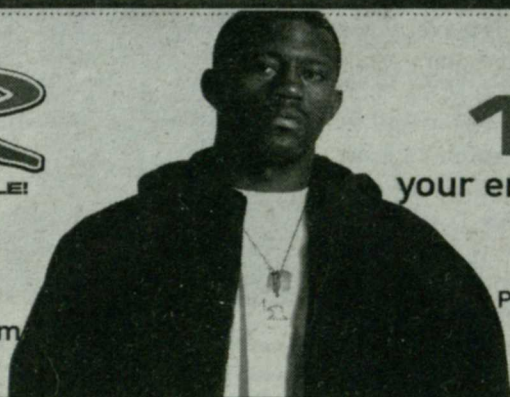
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'Cribs' alternative to Infant Feticide in India

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It must be a cultural thing when you read online news clips about feticide and infanticides in India.

Research back in 2001 shows there are 933 females to every 1,000 males.

Today, I read that sex-selective abortion in India accounts for 10 million females terminated since 1985.

For us Americans, that's something startling and heinous to read.

Surely every born child deserves a fighting chance on American soil, so to read that police in Madhya Pradesh found a grave filled with almost 390 bones of babies and/or fetuses near a Christian ministry, well, it puts a bad taste in my mouth.

After some brief research, knowing that female dowries and a cultural understanding of a male's superiority over females, there is some light as to why

citizens would choose to perform such a task.

In 1994, the government banned use of science in predetermining the sex of infants and the termination of infants based on its gender. But understanding why still doesn't make it right.

Luckily, the Minister for Women and Childhood Development announced they are planning to set up a network of "cradles" where families can drop off their females (it is assumed that the large majority of infant feticides and illegal abortions are female) rather than ending them so inhumanely.

For a country faced with the taboo of such atrocities, it couldn't be a better idea for the government to step in and stop these events

before they happen.

And for comfort, mothers will know that the babies can be left there secretly rather than announcing a family didn't want their daughter. Once in these cradles, the children will be turned over to the government and then released for adoption.

What it basically comes down to is how different our two countries are when viewing men and women.

Sure, women in America are still undervalued and aren't treated the same as males in the business place, but considering aborting them for the sake of them being female would never happen.

It is inherent in the teachings of our country that all Americans are treated as equal, and as such, no one should be left behind or denied a shot at life.

If men are seen as superior in this Eastern country, perhaps they should sit down and ask that question, "Mommy, where do babies come from?"

And where do babies receive nurturing and caring when growing up? How do babies receive antibodies preventing them from becoming susceptible to disease as an infant? That's right, from their mothers.

The idea of the cradle has already sprung up in other areas of the world.

In Japan, hospitals have a cradle-

type container established so when mothers do drop off their children, an alarm will sound, alerting the nurses of a child.

So these "Baby Goodwill" containers aren't inhumane. The idea of putting a child in a box and then walking away may seem horrible, however, considering the problem of murdering innocent infants and fetuses in India, I'd say this is definitely a step in the right direction.



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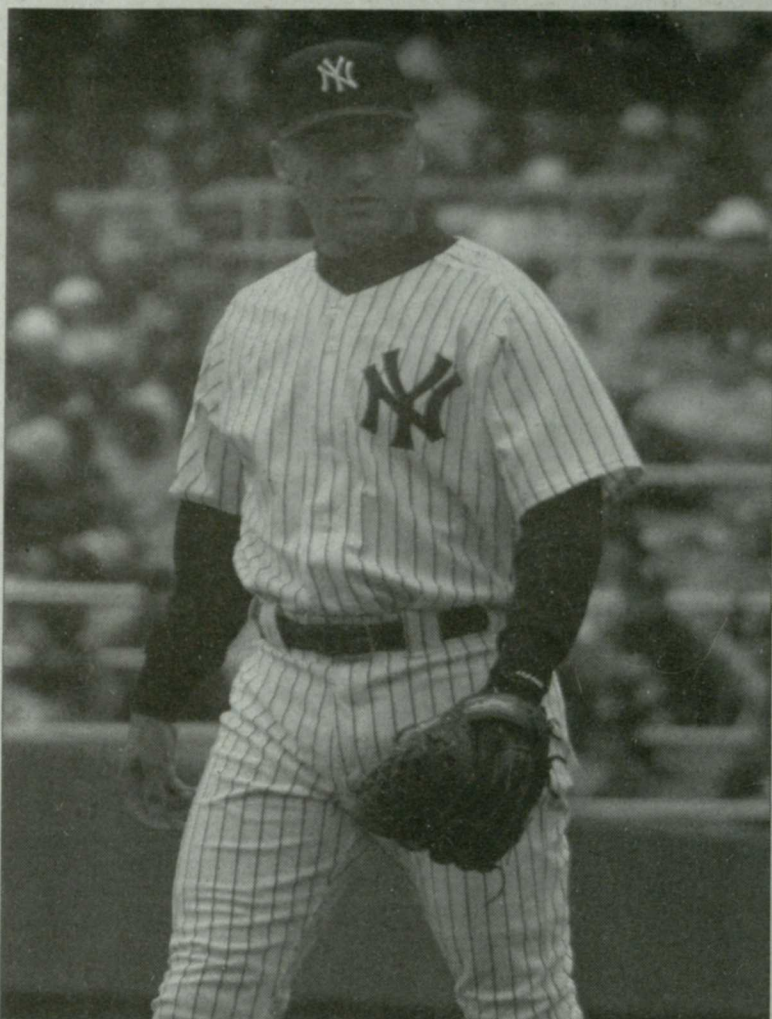
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The DirectTv deal with MLB is a terrible move for business and the fans



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Yankee fans in Atlanta won't be able to watch their team if the deal goes through.

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With Major League Baseball's opening day about a month away, baseball fans around the country are excited about once again following their favorite team for another season. However, if you are a cable subscriber and planned on purchasing MLB Extra Innings to follow your team, you might be out of luck.

If you aren't a DirectTv subscriber this year (or for the next seven years), you're not going to be able to order the MLB Extra Innings package because DirectTv is on the verge of paying \$700 million for exclusive rights over the next seven years.

There is also a lot of speculation that MLB is trying to work this deal out so that in two years they can launch their own MLB channel and offer it exclusively on DirectTv, but that remains to be seen.

No deal has been finalized as of yet, and one has to wonder if MLB is having second thoughts after a nation full of baseball fans heard that they were going to be denied watching their favorite team, and became furious.

Or maybe it is the pending federal investigation on the matter that is getting MLB to slow the talks down.

That's right, the Federal Communications Commission appear to be cable subscribers that really like baseball.

The FCC chairman, Kevin Martin, wrote in a letter that Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, released last week, "I am concerned whenever consumers cannot purchase the programming they want

or are forced to purchase programming they don't want."

And that is really the main issue here.

Last year, 75 million people had the opportunity to purchase Extra Innings; and 750,000 did.

Now, both those numbers will be dramatically decreased which doesn't make much sense for MLB considering that their ratings aren't anything to brag about.

The deal really sticks it to the fans and leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth.

What about the fans that can't even get DirectTv in their area?

What about fans who are under contract with their cable provider and would have to pay an exorbitant amount of money to break it?

Like everything else, there are alternatives.

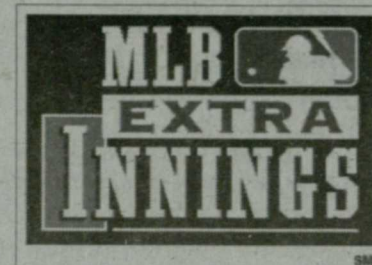
MLB has been pushing their online subscription service MLB.tv.

MLB.tv is a pretty good option for those who simply can't afford to choose between paying for the extra innings package and the online package, however, there are a lot of things that are wrong with MLB's online service.

For one, the image is very grainy and the connection drops fairly often. MLB.tv is trying to fix that problem by offering a new package that boasts a video speed of 700k compared to the regular 400k.

The downside is that this premium package is \$120 compared with \$80, and that is way too much to have to watch 162 games on a computer screen.

Others argue that the National Football League has a similar deal with DirectTv and NFL fans still



make it work.

However, the NFL season is only 17 weeks long and it's not too much to ask of their fans to go to a bar or friend's house 17 times a year opposed to 162 times.

On top of that, the NFL has a much more diverse nationally broadcasted lineup. There is a good chance you'll see your favorite team play from your home television a couple of times a year without actually having to order a package or leave your home.

Why not set a price that cable companies and satellite companies can agree on?

It has been reported that InDemand, which has distributed Extra Innings to cable providers since 2002, made an estimated \$70 million bid to renew its rights, more than three times what it had been paying.

Over 7 years MLB would make \$490 million just from cable! Combine the two other satellite companies and MLB is making a lot more money than just by signing an exclusivity deal with DirectTv, and all of their fans can still order the package.

It truly is the epitome of a win-win situation.

With about a month left before the season starts, there should be some word relatively soon as to whether or not this deal will actually take place.

If MLB isn't careful, they might find themselves with more federal investigations than fans.

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Where is the line between corporal punishment and torture

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Corporal punishment is considered to be a deliberate infliction of pain that is intended to change a person's behavior. From a historical perspective most punishments, whether in judicial, domestic, or educational settings, were corporal in basis.

In 1979, Sweden was the first country to forbid corporal punishment by law, and in other countries it is still being debated on how to use domestic corporal punishment.

Several countries are debating on the age range corporal punishment should be used, what type of corporal punishment should be allowed, and a lot more questions and answers are being raised.

In 1994 when American teenager Michael Fay was caught car vandalizing, there was a heated debate concerning the punishment he received for

the crime - caning. Should another approach have been taken?

I remember during my elementary school years that "paddlings" were banned from being given for a disruptive behavior because it was said to be a form of corporal punishment. So the school staff was not allowed to give those embarrassing and loud physical abuses any more in the hall that left many kids wailing. After that, another form of discipline was to be determined on the severity of the disruptive behavior by school officials.

Just the other week I believe justice was served greatly on the two parents that were convicted for beating their son to death. After reviewing the evidence of pictures and testimonies, the prosecution tried to convince the jury the young boy died of an infection brought on by eczema.

I looked this word up in the

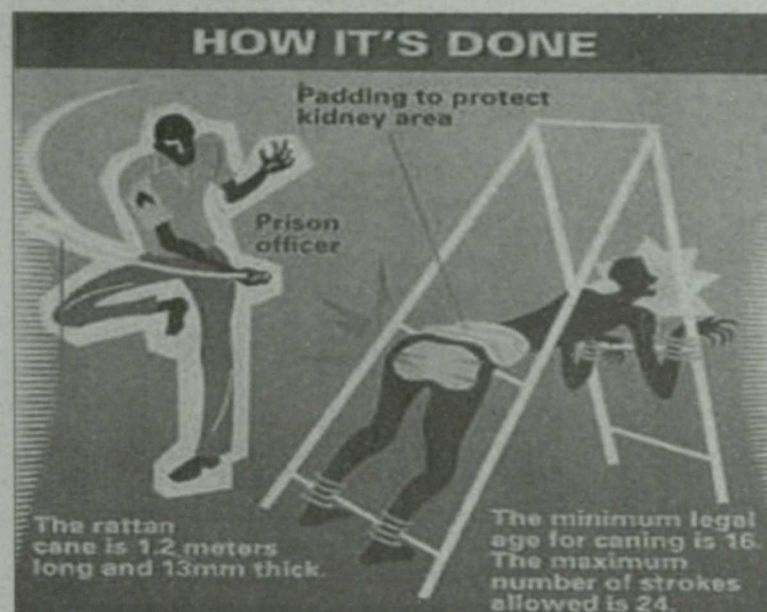
medical dictionary and the definition says that eczema is "skin inflammation that is marked by redness, itching and lesions."

Two doctors from the best hospital in the world challenged the prosecution with this ridiculous medical farce.

After their testimony it was determined that the glue stick that was used to beat Josef caused the redness and lesions therefore making it itch and the young boy scratched it which in turn caused the redness.

Then later in the morning the 16-year old son of the couple also testified that the couple would beat the young boy with "clothes hangers, belts and extension cords" and they would keep the boy locked up in a closet for weeks.

On the day that Josef died he was made to get into a box and it was strapped with a



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An illustration on how the process of caning works.

cord. Was this torture or corporal punishment? There has been dispute in recent years where the line of corporal punishment

They both received a life sentence and I hope it is without the possibility of parole.

Spears

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see a young woman, a mother with two children, spiraling dangerously out of control.

I also see the media selling magazines for getting ratings.

The fact that people are making money off the mental breakdown of this young woman is disgusting.

Our voyeurism and sick fascination with the lives of others need to stop.

Leave her alone.

We've become a culture that puts too much stock in celebrity.

We forget that just because a person can sing well (or in Britney's case marginally well) or can throw a ball far that they

cease to be a human being.

Let her live her life. I don't need to know when she goes in and out and in to rehab. I don't care who she's dating this week or where she had dinner last night.

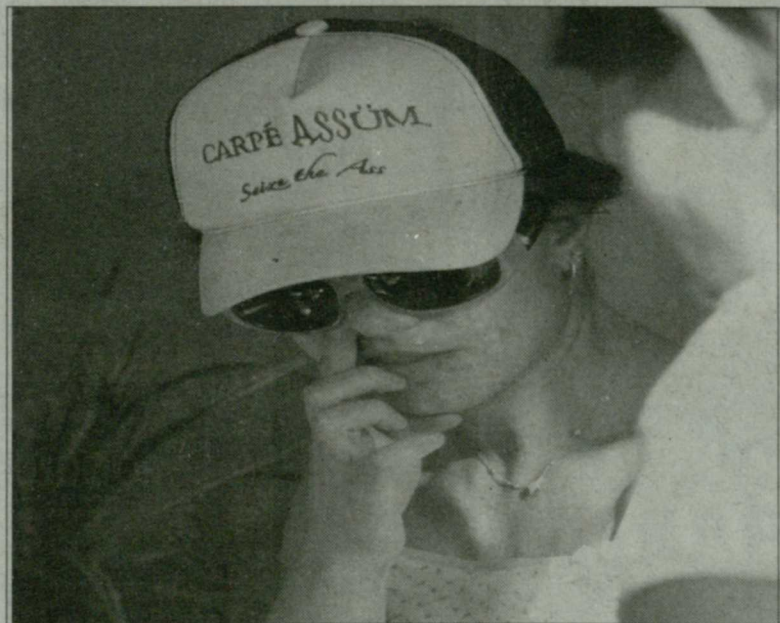
I don't need to know when she goes to the bathroom or when she breathes. I don't care.

Maybe if we spent less time worrying about Britney's hair, we might have time to solve some of the real problems in this world.

It pains me to think that the person that could hold the cure to the AIDS virus is too busy watching Entertainment Tonight to care.

Leave Britney alone.

I wish Britney the best with her rehabilitation efforts, but I'll really know there's been progress when I stop seeing it on the news every night.



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