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Tuition increases due to large budget cuts



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Sonny Perdue, Dr. Meredith, and Mark Taylor continue to battle out the prospective tuition increases.

By **TOMMY LYMAN**
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The state's second highest lawmaker is comparing the governor's \$68 million educational budget cuts with changing yardage rules in the middle of a football game.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor called the proposed mid-year tuition increase an "abomination" and "unfair." He said,

"It's no different than getting to the fourth quarter of the game and having the referee determine that a [first] down now takes 30 yards instead of 10."

In a letter sent to the Signal office, Taylor accused Perdue of tricking the legislature in April, when the state passed next year's \$179 million budget.

Taylor says, "...this is

like taxing the students for simply enrolling in college. Car payments and house payments don't go up in the middle of the year, why should tuition?"

Taylor also mentions that the proposed increase will have a great impact on the HOPE scholarship program. "It is estimated that this increase will have a \$10 million impact on the HOPE

scholarship program, hurting the program for future generations. \$10 million is no small cut; it could pay for at least 2,300 students to go to Georgia State for one year," Taylor states.

Perdue, meanwhile, is anticipated to give a rebuttal to Taylor's comments sometime this week.

A spokesman for the board of regents said that the

proposed increase would be "considered" at the October 12 board meeting. He would not comment further on anything transpiring after that date.

In August the governor announced a plan for a \$68.7 million budget cut for all state universities. This was caused in part by Perdue not

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Book Loans help students in a bind

By **GRACE FLACK**
Guest Writer

Many students start off the semester wondering how they are going to buy their books without a refund check from financial aid. However, a relatively unknown book loan program is helping students with this problem.

The Office of Student Financial Aid and the University Bookstore initiated a program last spring semester to assist students in buying textbooks if they had not yet received their refund checks.

The program is open to any student who has applied and been approved to receive financial aid.

The student must show confirmation of a refund after tuition and fees have been paid in full.

The process for getting the loan is simple. Students can go to the financial aid office and fill out a short form, acknowledging that they are borrowing money to purchase textbooks at the University Bookstore.

The financial aid office loans the student up to \$300 and the money is automatically repaid when their refund is processed. By having student accounts pay back the loan directly to financial

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Students send postcard messages to the President

By **KYLA EVANS**
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Sheryl Oring, a Brooklyn artist, is giving a voice to the voiceless with her traveling performance "I Wish to Say." The project offers individuals the opportunity to speak their minds directly to President Bush via postcards that can be later mailed.

Participants keep the original cards while Oring keeps a carbon copy for her portfolio, which she hopes to later turn into a book. She will be exhibiting the post-



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Messages sent to the President were varied with positive and negative remarks.

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Calendar of Events: October

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5 10 a.m. Study Abroad Fair. Representatives from more than 66 study abroad opportunities worldwide will be on hand to meet with students. Student Center Ballroom. Free 404/463-9073.

2 p.m. "Mapping the Past to the Future: Celebration of Georgia Archives Week" - Open House in Special Collections. The purpose of Archives Week is to celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicize the many ways historical records enrich our lives, and recognize those who maintain our communities -- historical records. Special Collection will host an open house to highlight its work in preserving Georgia's documentary heritage. Special Collections. Free. 404/651-8714

7 10 a.m. 2004 Business Career

EXPO. Approximately 80 companies will be represented at this career fair. Audience: all Georgia State students and alumni. Student Center. Free. 404/651-2627.

14 12:15pm Lucerne Suite (2nd floor Student Center) Genral Meeting Alpha Lambda Delta is holding a general meeting to inform on events taking place this month, give out punchcards, and reward the member of the month from September. For more information: www.aldgsu.com

15 6pm Unity Plaza (Outside the Student Center) Fun Night Members and prospective members of ALpha Lambda Delta are invited to participate in a Fun Night consisting of dinner and a movie with other members. Transportation is provided. For more information: www.aldgsu.com

"Every time I finish a pack of cigarets I say I'll quit.. Until I buy the next pack."

- Robert Cooper

"I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers."

- Kahlil Gibran

"In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

- Theodore Roosevelt

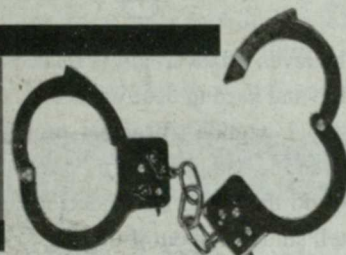
"Many of us have forgotten to live today, thinking we have to wait for a special occasion to enjoy our lives."

- FG

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

- John Wooden

campus crime



September 27

A Theft of Lost or Mislaid

Property report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that she placed her backpack down on 09/27/04 at 2:50 pm. When she returned at 3:00 pm, her backpack including books and a cell phone (\$290) had been stolen. The area was searched with negative results.

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A Theft by Taking report was filed by a faculty member. The complainant stated that she left her wallet in her unsecured office on 09/15/04 at 10:00 am. When she returned at 12:00 pm her wallet and its contents (\$85) had been stolen. The area was searched with negative results.

September 29

Classroom South

A Criminal Trespass Warning report was filed by an officer. The complainant stated that a non-GSU individual was sleeping in the building on 09/29/04 at 7:12 am. The subject was located and a criminal history check was conducted with negative results. The subject was issued a CTW and escorted off the property.

September 29

K Deck

A Criminal Damage to Property report was filed by a student. The complainant stated that he parked his vehicle on 09/29/04 at 9:00 am. When he returned at 5:30 pm his front windshield (\$500) had been damaged. The area was searched with negative results.

The Exclamation!

The French are right.

Banning hijab strengthens gender equality and protects secular society.

Barbie looks hot!

Sometimes it takes plastic surgery to bring out the inner beauty.

SGA: GSU's very own

Fulton County Sheriff Department and Superior Clerk's Office under one title

Amen CJ! Who do these uncourteous clowns think they are?

Do books on tape count as real reading?

Is it just me or all the cute women at GSU are either gay, taken or still stuck on their ex-boyfriends?

I just love the look on Bush's face after he knows he's pronounced something right!

Why does Rampway

Online have such an ugly staff?

Jerry should move to Asia after he retires. Rice is more popular over there.

I want to see more of Moore in the Signal!

Hey Kerry, why the long face?

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

Newly established Lofts Council hard at work

By DOMINIQUE HUFF
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Recently expanding from five to twenty active members, the Lofts Council has a busy year planned ahead for residents of University Lofts. The group, founded in Spring Semester 2003 is under the leadership of Ryan Boylan.

The Lofts Council provides governing body for the residents of the lofts as well as social activities to foster a sense of community. There are two committees of the Lofts Council, administrative and social.

"The administrative council is the internal operations of our organization. They coordinate elections, focus on internal documentation such as our constitution and negotiate our stances to the university administration," Boylan stated.

For the Social committee, he adds, "They create the programming for our residents. They host our cookouts, weekly functions, final exam breaks and such. The committee also participates in service projects for organizations such as Toys for Tots and Habitat for Humanity." Currently, this committee has several events

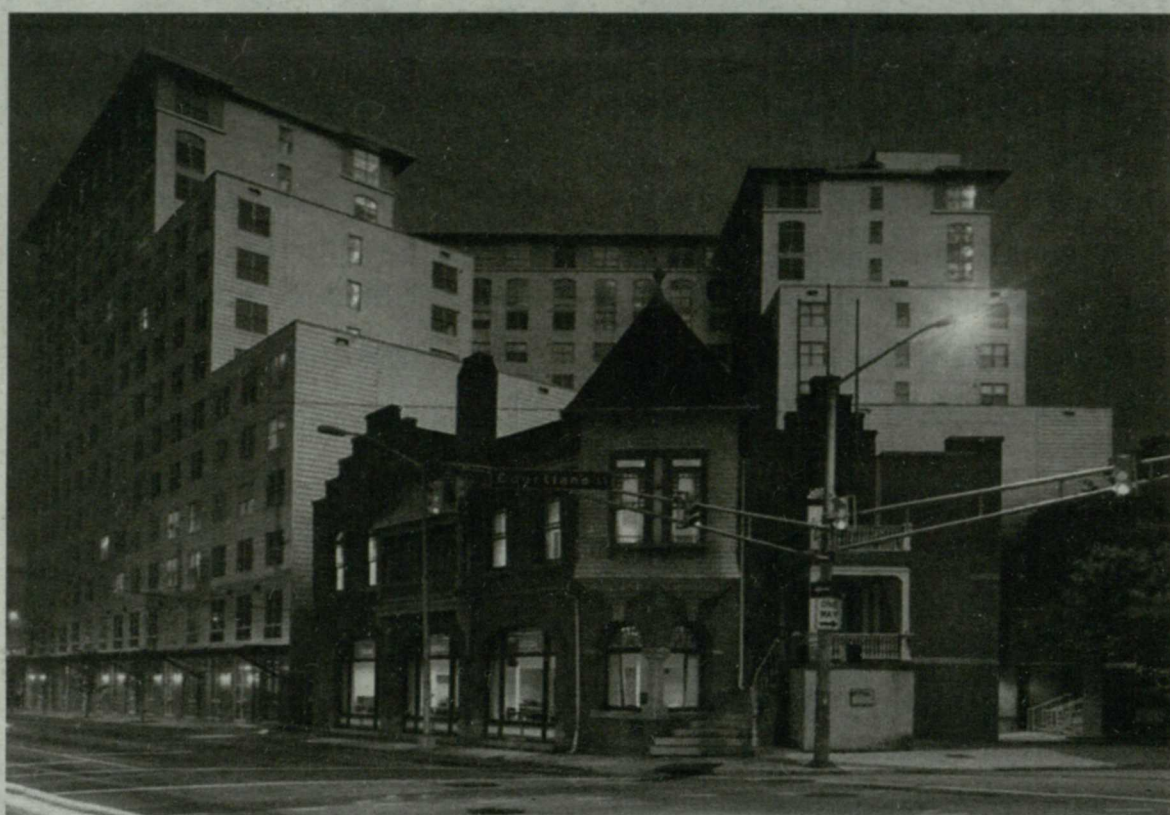
planned for Halloween with such festivities as door decorating and trick or treating. Another major project of this committee is SEE Atlanta. "In this event, we plan trips to various places across the city to allow our residents to experience what the city has to offer. The first trip planned will be to the High Museum," said Boylan.

The Lofts Council advocates for residents as well.

"Residents shouldn't have to form their own coalitions to fight issues. We want them to come to us and let us help in anyway we can" said Boylan. Currently the residents are having issues with individuals whom are trashing the elevators and leaving broken glass in stairwells. "As the president of this council, I have taken several initiatives to combat issues such as sanitary and safety."

To deal with this issue, the Lofts Council will be analyzing several solutions to combat the problems in upcoming meetings including a Town Hall meeting. The Council also gets involved with campus causes and issues as well.

"I receive notification from various individuals bring-



The Lofts Council acts as the governing body for the University Lofts.

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ing up issues requesting assistance and involvement. As president, I analyze them and see if it warrants our involvement" said Boylan.

This year, a new feature has been added to the Lofts Council. Each of the fourteen floors in the building will have

floor representatives. The floor representative initiative was created by Erica Leffelman, Social Vice President. "In this program, the designated floor representatives will be responsible for keeping their floor informed of happenings of the Council as well as knocking on doors to encourage residents to come and participate in the social events," said Boylan.

Boylan's administration has made three goals for the school year. They want to increase volunteer community service projects, create a relationship between themselves and Village Student Government (VSG) and be more of a liaison between residents and the university. "Last

year, we talked with Karlos Emmanuel, former VSG president for collaboration with the Village for bigger events, more participation and to foster friendships.

Karlos really worked well with us in the past and we want to create that this year with Tekia Timmons, the new president." To date, no reply has been received from Timmons regarding collaboration for the Lofts Council and VSG.

The Lofts Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30pm. "We want new residents to participate. Everyone has a chance to participate" said Boylan. For more information on the Lofts Council contact Ryan Boylan at tenor02us@yahoo.com.

Book vouchers offer relief for students with a small budget

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aid, students do not have to worry about it when they receive their refund checks.

David Bledsoe, director of financial aid, said approximately 280 students used the program this semester.

According to Bledsoe, though the number of students using the program may not seem large, there is only enough money for 300 students to take advantage of it. In fact, most students who used the program this semester either registered during the drop/add period or turned in financial aid forms late.

Because of the limited number of students eligible as well as the minimal amount of funding, the program has not been advertised across campus. Wade Douglas, store director of the University Bookstore, said the program is "only available for students in an emergency situation."

"We do want to expand it, but we don't have details yet on how many people will be able to use it or when it will be available for everyone to use," Douglas added.

Alex Greene, a senior in Public Relations, finds the lack of advertising by both the financial aid office and the bookstore detrimental to students who could benefit from the service. "I would definitely take advantage of the program if I knew about it because the refund checks are never on time," Greene said.

However, other students think differently.

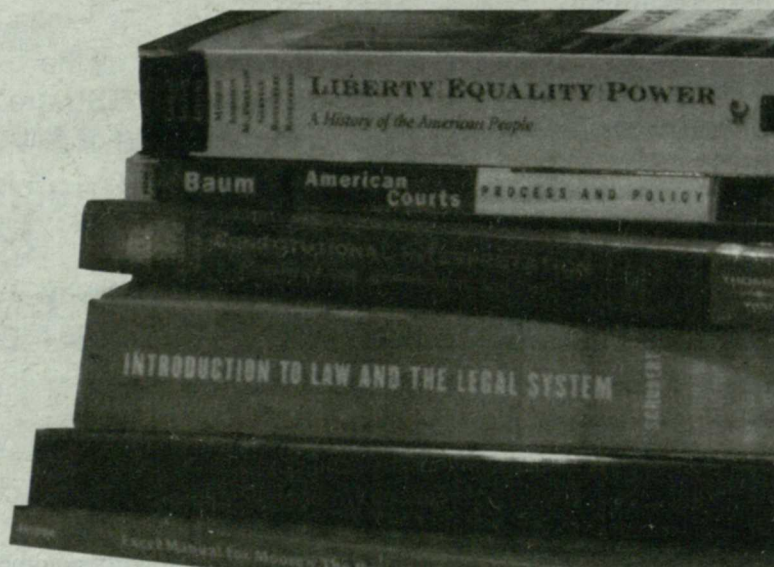
Ashley, a senior who asked that her last name not be used,

believes financial aid is inaccessible and hard to deal with.

"So I wouldn't use that program even if I had heard of it," she said. "I do think it'd be a good idea to tell students about it though."

Both Bledsoe and Douglas agreed they need an improved program by next fall that benefits more students caught in this inconvenient situation.

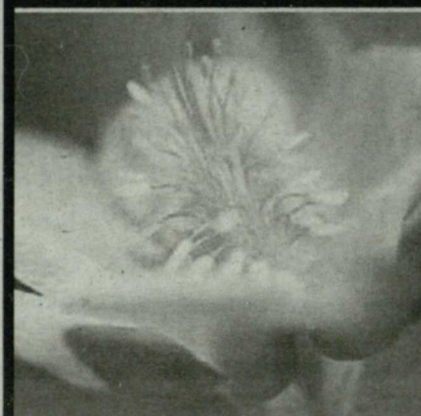
"We really want a program for every student to be able to use."



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Georgia Officials work to resolve tuition increases

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shifting the final state employee payroll from June 30 to July 1, which would have made it part of the 2006 fiscal year budget. The cut amount for the university system will compose 38 percent of the total budget deficit, while the system receives only 10.9 percent of the entire state financial plan.

While lawmakers argue over the necessity of it, students are unsure why the increase is needed.

"I don't really understand the necessity of it. What I can't understand is why the regents can't find some other way to balance their budget, or why the governor made this mistake. What was he thinking? Why should the students have to pay? This is ridiculous," Freshman Chris McNeil

states.

Students are also becoming worried about any increase "I don't want to have to pay this extra money down the line," Junior Sydney Williams says, who finances his tuition through student loans.

"This is just going to add to a bill that is already too large for me to handle right out of school. It's actually rather frustrating."

Taylor comments come at an interesting time, a year before he reportedly begins organizing efforts for the 2006 gubernatorial race. According to Charles Bullock, Taylor is looking forward to becoming Georgia's next governor. The UGA political science professor said in his school's newspaper, *The Red and Black*, "He continues to look for policy issues that will bring the suburban voters."

"It's no different than getting to the fourth quarter of the game and having the referee determine that a [first] down now takes 30 yards instead of 10."



Georgia State plans to enter the Atlantic Sun Conference in Fall 2005.

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Athletics asks SGA for fee increase

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In May of this year Georgia State University accepted a bid to join the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and leave the Atlantic Sun (A-Sun) after twenty years of competition in the conference.

On Sept. 30, Athletics Director Greg Manning informed the Student Government Association that, contrary to what has been previously reported, Georgia State will be entering the conference in the fall of 2005, not the fall of 2006.

Manning then presented to

the SGA a proposal asking for the support of the SGA in instituting an athletics fee increase of \$30. This increase will bring the Georgia State athletics fee to \$112 a semester.

Manning stated that nationwide this fee, depending on the school, could range from \$5 to \$900, and that this amount would still be below what some more local schools are charging, pointing out that Savannah State has a fee of \$173 and Georgia Southern's fee is currently at \$129.

Manning said that the athletics department studied where other schools in the CAA are in

terms of financial budgets and that this increase would put Georgia State in the center of the conference.

According to Manning, financially Georgia State is in the middle of the A-Sun, yet competes at the top of the conference, and Manning felt confident that, with a \$30 increase, Georgia State will be able to do the same in the CAA. Furthermore, he noted that this amount would enable Georgia State to get situated in the conference and thus put the school in a better position to raise financial support from alumni and corporate sponsors.

The increase in the fee will allow Georgia State to fully fund all athletic scholarships by 2006, maintain and build better facilities, and offset the increased travel cost of playing in the CAA. Manning stressed that being able to offer student-athletes scholarships is vital in order to continue being competitive in athletics. He also emphasized that facilities are a top priority, noting that Georgia State has the second best Track program in the A-Sun, yet does not own a track, a hurdle or even a shot put.

Manning stated that the federal government requires that a schools' participation in athletics must mirror its student body, so that in the case of Georgia State 60 percent of its athletes must be female because 60 percent of its student body is female. This leaves Georgia State with only one real revenue sport, men's basketball.

Everything else that the school sponsors is federally mandated but comes out to be a

Emory Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Study

Purpose of Study: To compare protection provided by a licensed influenza vaccine given by injection to an investigational vaccine given as a nasal spray.

Background: Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is a germ that causes respiratory illness.

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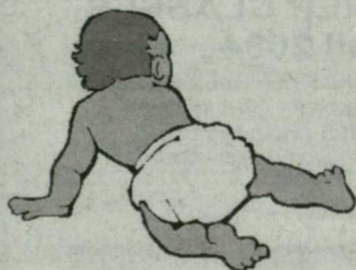
- Children must be 6-59 months of age and in good health.
- Children will be randomly assigned to one of two groups. One group will get the injected vaccine and one group will get the nasal spray vaccine. Children who have had an influenza vaccine in prior years will be vaccinated once. Children who have never had an influenza vaccine will be vaccinated twice, one month apart.
- No blood tests will be done for this study.
- During the influenza season, children will have viral cultures done when they have respiratory infections.
- Parents will be given a vaccination diary to record temperatures and any reactions or illnesses following each vaccination.

Duration of the study is approximately 7 months from the time of enrollment.

- There is no charge for the study vaccines, laboratory tests, or study visits.
- Parents will receive compensation for travel and parking expenses.

For more information call Dr. Harry Keyserling's office at 404-727-4044

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FBI Program offers opportunities to Georgia State Students

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Twenty-four Georgia State students are currently working for the FBI. The students in the Robinson College of Business's Marketing 4900 class have entered into a mutually beneficial arrangement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, known as the FBI Collegiate Marketing and Recruitment Program. The business students have twelve weeks of this fall semester to act as a marketing agency whose goal is to recruit recent college graduates for the FBI.

Georgia State is one of twenty-two schools in the nation granted the opportunity to offer its students real-life experience in marketing through collaboration with the FBI.

According to Dr. Hiram Barksdale, Associate Professor of Marketing, "the program generates a tremendous amount of enthusiasm on the part of the students. It gets them involved in their marketing education in a way that few teaching tools can." The FBI could potentially benefit from the marketing students' ability to understand and relate to the target population of the campaign in a way that a formal advertising agency cannot.

The students have a \$2,500 budget that they may use to execute their strategies for educating recent college grads about careers with the FBI and consequently getting them to apply for positions. As part of their integrated marketing campaign (IMC), they will seek out candidates at Georgia State and throughout metro Atlanta, inform them of job opportunities with the FBI and encourage them to apply. Careers as Special Agents and Professional Support Personnel, along with internship opportunities, will be advertised to prospective applicants. At the end of the program, the marketing students will have to evaluate their IMC and give a formal presentation to FBI representatives.

Over the next year or so, the

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Many young people feel left out of political process

By BRYAN ALPER
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Young people nationwide lack interest in the presidential political process but those who do vote traditionally vote for the same candidates as their parents. Georgia State University student Jaime Lanier is one of those who will vote the way her parents do in the coming election.

"I refuse to read Creative Loafing because they're anti-George Bush, she said. "I won't read Rolling Stone Magazine, either, because they are way too liberal." Like her family, Lanier disagrees with publications that contradict her Republican viewpoint on political issues.

This is a common trend. Students often embrace family political loyalties. Lanier, however, belongs in an age group whose interest in politics is on the decline. Only 60 percent of 18 to 25-year-olds has registered to vote, according to reports from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

College students are consistently among the least active voting groups in the country, CIRCLE reports stated.

"One of the real problems with lower youth voter turnout is that they feel left out of the political process," Sean Vormwald, project coordinator for the New York Public Interest Research Group, told reporters for a Syracuse University newspaper in February. "There are a lot of college students who want to get involved and make a difference, but they don't know how." Some students offer another reason for why younger people do not vote.

"Many students just don't pay attention," says Tarianna Stewart. "While there may be pockets of activism, overall participation is limited. Students are often consumed with themselves and feel they are going to do whatever they want. What they don't realize is if our voting numbers increased, our important issues would be paid closer attention to."

Tarianna has a position within Georgia State's Student Government Association (SGA) as President Pro Temp. The Senate creates new policies, such as a recent non-smoking

clause that requires those smoking to remain twenty-five feet away from any Georgia State building's front entrance.

SGA President Tourgee Simpson has also expressed the importance of voting for the presidency. "There are a vast amount of students who don't recognize the potential impact they can have. It may be because they're not paying all of their own bills on an incremental basis," he said.

"However, since GSU is predominantly a working class campus, voter awareness is higher than most other universities across the state of Georgia. Regardless of whether you choose to vote or not, you will inevitably be

affected by those who do decide to vote. This is an important concept."

Many students agree on another concept. They discourage uneducated votes.

"An uneducated vote can be as bad or even worse than not voting at all," said Chip Waters, an advertising student at Creative Circus of Atlanta. "People are voting without the facts. Although a common difficulty people experience is in knowing the difference between fact and opinion because of inconsistencies and contradictions in the media."

A younger generation taking a stance for what they believe is apparent on a student's bumper sticker that reads, "Buck Fush." So, not

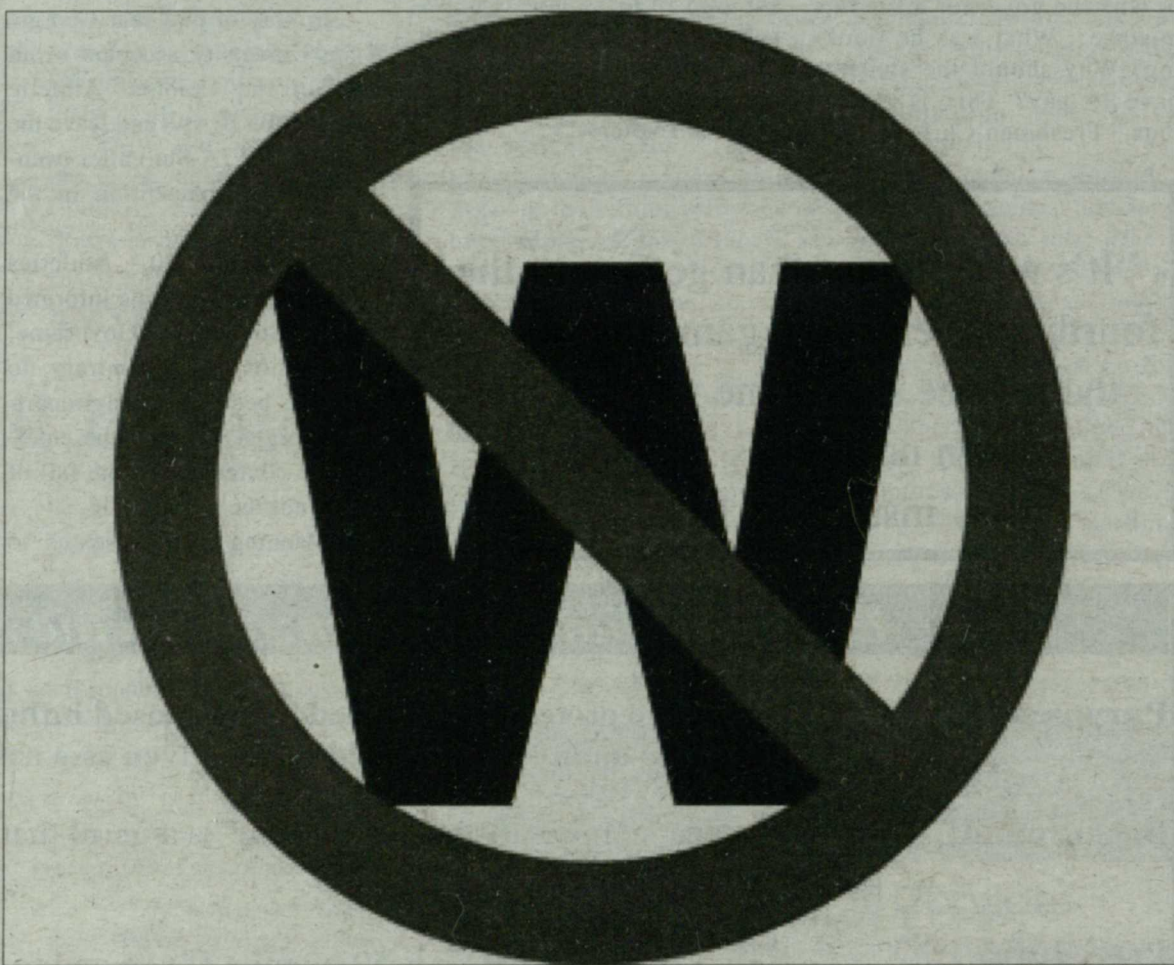
all students are apathetic. But will this girl vote this coming election term?

Out of 4,000,000 registered to vote in Georgia, only close to 25 percent of this number visited the polls and voted last term, according to Tourgee Simpson.

"Promoting both presidential parties will be a key strategy through the beginning of November," he said.

However, other students believe that there is no reason for young people not to be voting.

Album 88 DJ, Laura Sanders said, "There should be no excuses. Not voting is just laziness. Educate yourself and vote for what you believe in. You can make a difference."



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Anti-Bush rhetoric has been common throughout this political season.

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Switching conferences will allow athletes to participate more competitively

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financial loss for the school. The athletics department, thus it is integral that Georgia State have the support of its students in joining the CAA, a conference that will further maximize the revenue potential of the athletics department and the school.

Competition in the CAA will allow Georgia State to be seen in 20 million homes across the eastern seaboard, and play regular games on ESPN and ESPN2.

Comparatively the A-Sun's media market currently covers 2 million homes and is primarily centered in the Southeast region, with play against schools in Buies Creek, North Carolina; Troy, Alabama; Deland, Florida; and Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Play in the CAA will allow

Georgia State to compete with schools in New York City, Boston, Washington D.C., as well as Philadelphia on a regular basis thus expanding the "foot-print" of the University into these cities.

Manning summed it up by saying "we've outgrown our conference [the A-Sun], our conference has rapidly become very small church affiliated schools" going on further to say that while there is nothing wrong with that, it does not fit our identity as a large, public, urban institution.

Athletically it will allow Georgia States' men's and women's basketball teams to play in a much more superior and competitive conference, as the CAA was ranked 11th in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), used in calculating whether a school will receive an at large bid and NCAA tournament seed-

ing, in men's basketball whereas the A-Sun was ranked 20th. In women's basketball the CAA was ranked 9th in RPI, whereas the A-Sun was ranked 29th.

According to Manning, this expansion will "increase the value of your [Georgia State students'] degree," by giving Georgia State students and alumni exposure to employers in cities that they have never had. It will also incite even more financial support from alumni. While making it easier to garner the financial support of local corporate sponsors, who can now bring their products into 18 million more homes than in the A-Sun.

The SGA will once again review the proposal in the Mandatory Fees Committee and then make a decision whether to support the increase.

SGA also had a presentation

by the University Police Department. According to the police, they have seen a recent increase in the amount of thefts on and around campus. The police want to work with the SGA as student leaders to make the students more aware of practices that will prevent these crimes in the future.

The SGA also had its first two bills of the school year introduced. Bill 01-04 introduced by Vice President Marissa Johnson aimed at supporting the University in finding ways to make students feel safer while commuting through Woodruff Park. The legislation was in reaction to complaints that students were often victim to many lewd comments and cat-calls.

Bill 02-04 authored by Senator Christine Collier and introduced by Senator Vernessa Glenn urged the University to

find alternative means to cope with the budget cuts that have been ordered by Governor Sonny Perdue, besides increasing tuition. The bill offered some alternative measures, including a University wide audit, to help examine where costs can be cut and to assist in lower the impact on students.

These bills will be reviewed once more and voted on at the next SGA Senate meeting to be held Oct. 14. Additionally, Senator Josue Heredia was nominated and approved to the position as Vice President of the Budget and Finance committee. President Tourgee Simpson, noted that Heredia's background in business, and accounting made him a prime candidate for the job.

Sports Staff Writer DJ Kunovac contributed to this article.

Former Congressman Bob Barr visits Georgia State

By DOMINIQUE HUFF
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Last Thursday, former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr was a featured guest of the

College Republicans.

Barr, whom visited Georgia State before in April 2002 returned to speak to the group about current issues, the upcoming election and

staying politically involved. "Our politicians are now in the business of risk minimization of dealing with issues. People are just simply too afraid to take a tough

stance" said Barr.

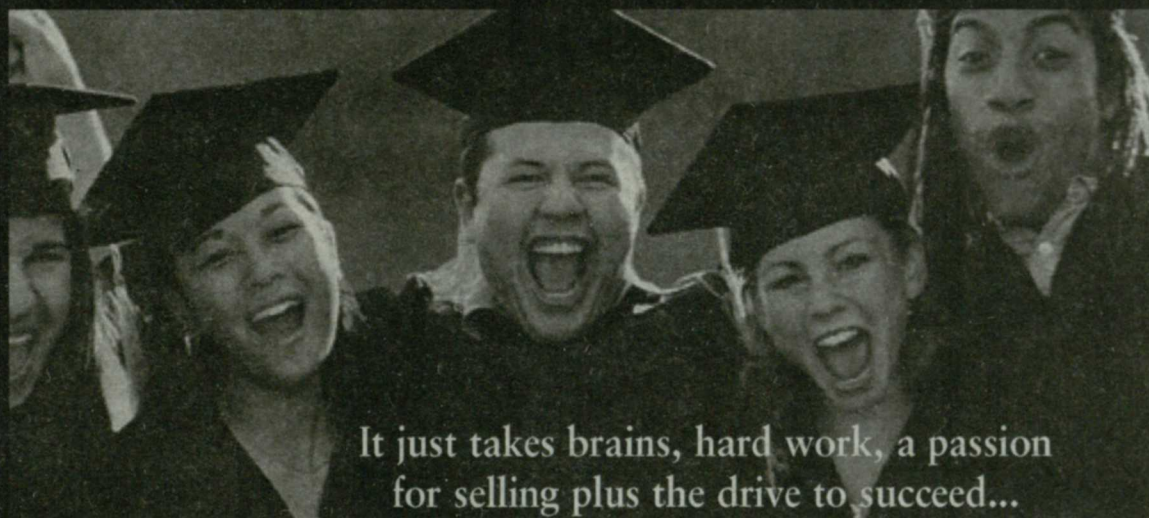
A major battle that Barr is focusing on right now is the Patriot Act v. Civil Liberties. Barr voted for the legislation but he disagrees with some provisions of it. In 2002, Barr teamed up with the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) to deal with the issue. In a November 2002 Fox News article, Barr stated, "On all of the issues we disagree, and there are many ... we decided to move those off the table and focus

on those cases on which we agree, and that is to place reasonable limits on government power and to do something to protect personal privacy which is eroding at a phenomenal rate".

The Patriot Act provides for imprisonment without trial of non-U.S. citizens whom have determined to be a threat to national security. The government is allowed to arrest for just cause with-

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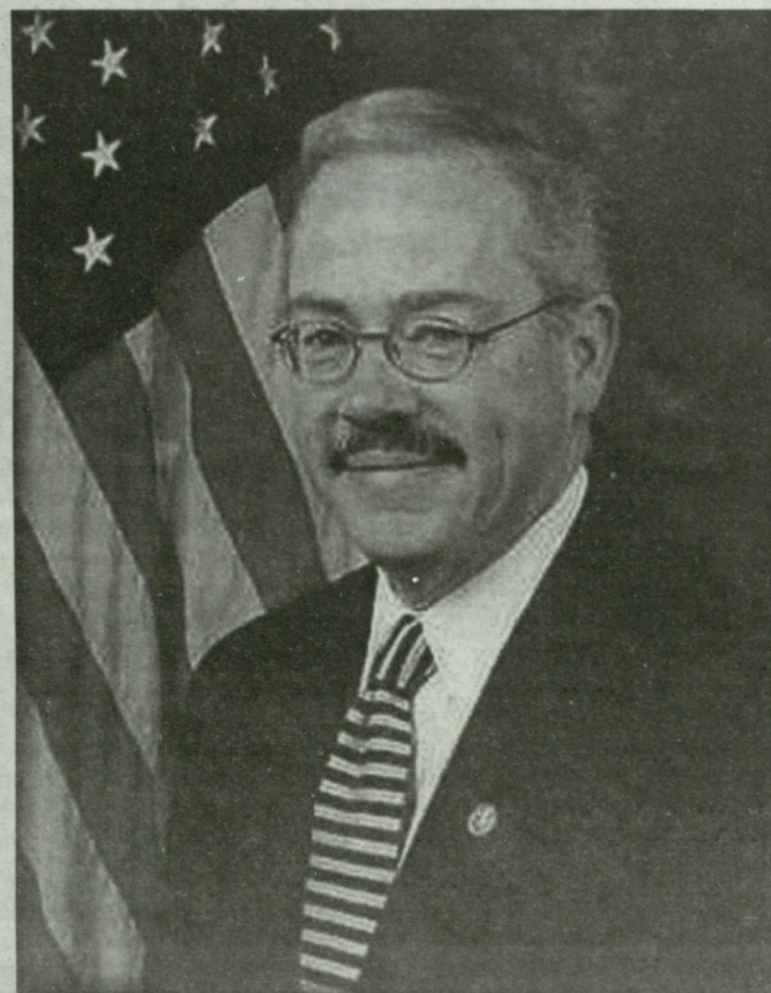
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Former Congressman Bob Barr received a warm welcome at the College Republican meeting last week.

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Barr currently focusing on Patriot Act and civil liberties issues

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out providing detainees with legal representation, nor issuing of statements concerning the arrest. "Our country should be able to protect itself against terrorism while protecting the Bill of Rights" stated Barr.

He expressed his excitement for the elimination of the ban on assault weapons. The 1994 Federal Violent Crime Control Act called for a ban on the manufacture and import of any weapon classified as an assault weapon. "The assault weapon ban really had no substance. This really stemmed from politicians who simply thought the weapons looked mean" Barr mentioned.

Barr touched on the presidential debate and political campaigning as well. "Republicans and Democrats need to have a higher level of debate and political discussion" said Barr; he also

added that, "Third party presidential candidates such as the Libertarians and the Green Party should be allowed to participate in the debates to foster more discussion."

Barr called for action among the audience to get more involved in politics. "People need to get more involved as concerned citizens by asking questions and paying attention to the issues" he stated. He demanded that we make candidates for any election talk freely about the issues. "We need to make them have substance, lack of substance makes bad public policy" he mentioned. He even requested substance of political campaigns.

Barr ended his speech by answering a question from an audience member asking for his opinion about the rise of the Republican Party in Georgia.

"The reasons for the rise of Republicans in Georgia are three-fold. The numbers of people moving in are lacking the loyalty to the Democrats. Ronald Reagan's presidency was a breath of fresh air for all and Democrats have lost their touch with their core voters with their stances towards issues and matters" he concluded.

Artist in Woodruff Park types messages to President

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cards at the Rialto Center for Performing Arts along with documentary photographs by Senior Sarah Berrick from Oct. 7 to Nov. 5, in conjunction with a Georgia State performance on Nov. 4.

Sitting in her 1950s-style suit at her vintage typewriter in front of the American flag, Oring lends a sense of importance to the words being dictated to her. Her neutral expression allows for everyone to feel comfortable expressing themselves. Opinions ranged from supporters to dissenters; others talked about specific issues and concerns.

One person wrote, "Dear Mr. President, keep up the good work. Stick to your principles. I know you have to be all right [sic] because you're from Texas."

Another wrote, "I feel as though you don't really care what the majority of Americans think, because if you did you would have accepted that most of us didn't vote for you."

Still another wrote, "A friend of mine was diagnosed with bone cancer, but I can't donate marrow to him because I'm gay. What am

I supposed to tell his family if he dies?"

As Oring said on ABC News, "There is something about the typewriter that really draws people in. It is also a symbolic reminder of a different era when people took the time to write letters and people slowed down and listened to each other."

Indeed, Oring's office desk drew in crowds of people at her afternoon performance in Woodruff Park. "It was absolutely fabulous," said Berrick. "I couldn't believe the number of people that came to the park to express their opinions. It was off-the-street traffic; people were really interested and interactive."

For her evening performance, Oring set up shop outside of the Art & Design Gallery on Central Avenue. Her assistants, Georgia State students Freya Schlemmer and Joanna Bledsoe, were similarly attired in 1950s garb, and placed stamps and embossed an "I Wish to Say" seal on the postcards in preparation for mailing. Both agreed that the performance was unique. "It's really interesting and a good way to see a wide range of public opinion," said Bledsoe.

After being featured in New York City's Imagine Festival of Arts, Issues & Ideas, Oring brought her performance to Atlanta and Georgia State at the behest of Megan Sexton, executive editor at the Five Points Journal and the school's Art & Design Gallery director Cathy

Byrd, who met the artist in New York City.

"The political climate is such that this is a good performance piece to bring to students here," said Byrd. Sexton agreed, saying, "I really admire the project as a way of endeavoring to broadcast the authentic voice of the masses. There are not a lot of outlets for this."

Ms. Byrd also invited Unity '04, a volunteer voter registration group to get students politically as well as vocally active. Oring got the idea for "I Wish to Say..." after spending several years in Europe.

"Many Europeans told me that they thought that all Americans support Bush and the war. This project is partially a response to European opinion," she said.

She added that the project was also an attempt to truly uphold the ideals of free speech detailed in the First Amendment. Since Oring began the project, over six hundred people across the country have participated. Oring is scheduled to give an informal talk on Oct. 7 to introduce the exhibit "I Wish to Say" at the Rialto Center for Performing Arts.

For more information on her project, visit www.iwishtosay.org. She also has another piece about censorship and First Amendment rights entitled Writer's Block, which can be viewed on the web at www.writers-block.org.

Twenty-four Georgia State students working for the FBI

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FBI expects to have openings for 978 Special Agents and 1,164 Professionals. The FBI is looking to recruit recent college graduates these educated, inexperienced youth form a good pool of potential employees to fill these vacancies.

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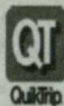
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Georgia State Football topples a mountain in home opener

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Quarterback Steven Williams accounted for two touchdowns using his legs as well as his arm to help Georgia State win its first game of the year over Mt. Olive Prep. The defense did its part as well holding Mt. Olive to a shutout in a 26-0 Georgia State victory.

The game was the first ever for the small prep school better known for its basketball program that has put a number of athletes on the road to successful collegiate careers.

This may go a ways toward explaining why the game was a head-scratcher before either team hit the field. There was a 40-

minute delay while Panthers' coaches scrounged to find helmets for six of the 15 Mt. Olive players that showed up without anything to protect their noggins.

The delay forced the teams to play 10-minute quarters instead of the usual 15, but Georgia State seemed to find plenty of time to score.

After a six-yard kickoff by Mt. Olive to open the game, Georgia State looked poised to start their home opener off right.

The game was a home game for Georgia State although home was 20 minutes north at Life University in Marietta, which is actually about five minutes away from Mt. Olive's campus.

A recovered fumble and a false start penalty had one fan looking back at last week's loss to Southern Alabama, which included six Georgia State turnovers, and saying "here we go again."

But on third-and-15, wide receiver Keith Smith set the pace for the rest of the game when he took an end-around 45 yards for a Georgia State touchdown.

"That wasn't a new play or anything," said Smith after the game. "We just executed it properly."

Smith's 4.5 speed didn't hurt the execution any either.

The Panther defense held Mt. Olive to three and out on an opening drive that included two fumbles, but a botched punt on

fourth down made it the length of the chains giving Mt. Olive an unexpected first down.

But Georgia State's defense would prevail again stopping the prep school just short on fourth-and-two.

Williams had a couple of impressive runs totaling 62 yards on the Panthers' next possession, but a stalled drive and a narrowly missed 29-yard field goal by kicker Patrick Schuepbach nullified the work done by Williams' legs.

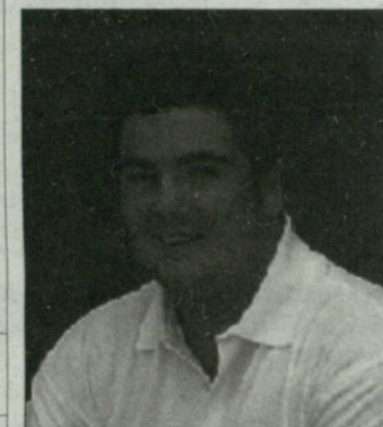
But on the following series, nobody could stop his arm. Williams dinked and dunked up the field until he finally found

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Men's golf wins huge at Mason Rudolph

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The Georgia State men's golf team put forth a record performance in their victory at the Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin, Tenn., on Sept. 28.



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The new equipment should lift Georgia State among the NCAA elite.

They won by a combined total of 20 strokes, which is the third largest margin of victory in school history. They not only beat 15 other schools, but they also beat seven teams that were in the NCAA tournament last season and two that are ranked in the top 25 this season. The Panthers took an early lead in the tournament and never looked back. After the first two rounds of play the team already had a 12-stroke lead and set two records including lowest team first-round score and lowest team score after two rounds. State went on to have four out of its five golfers finish in the top 25 in the tournament.

Vanderbilt hosted the tournament and placed second followed by University of Alabama taking third. Florida State University, University of Mississippi and University of Alabama Birmingham all tied for fourth.

Senior Ty Harris made his presence known by shooting a 63 (-8) in the first round that tied the Championship record for the lowest first-round score, and he also set a new school record for lowest first-round score. He set the school record for lowest three-round score as well, carding a 64. He went on to win the

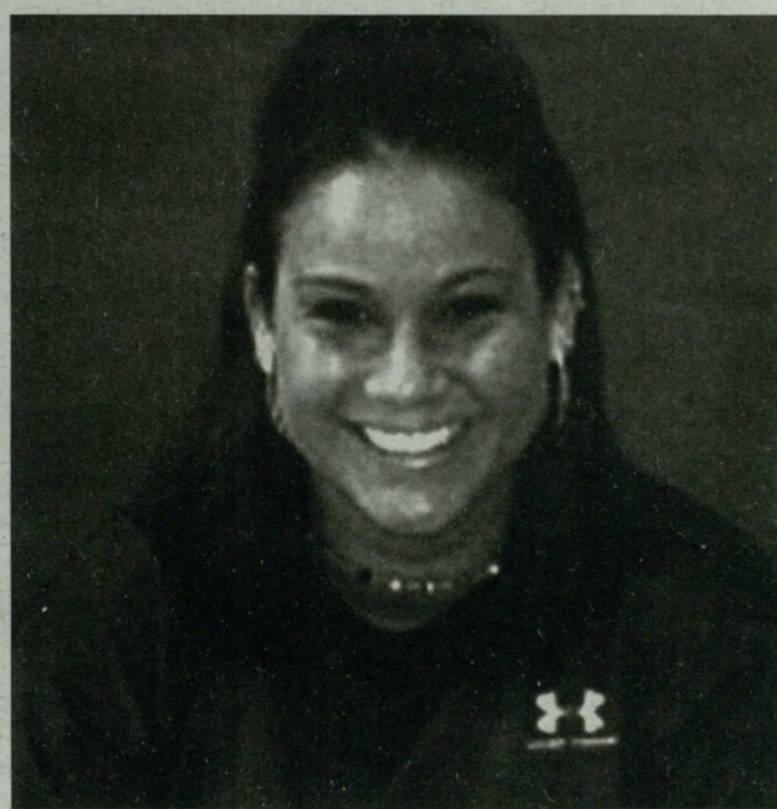
Women's soccer sets record with fifth consecutive overtime game

By **NORM ROBINSON**
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The Georgia State University Lady Panthers soccer team played in their fourth and fifth consecutive overtime games this week, setting new school records for both consecutive overtime games played in a season and overall number of overtime games played. The games were road contests against the Troy Lady Trojans and the Stetson Hatters. The Lady Panthers' record is now 3-2-5.

In the Stetson contest senior forward Sarah Feske had a hand in both goals by Georgia State, scoring one on her own and assisting in another. Freshman midfielder Paige Beyer scored her first collegiate goal in the contest, and Feske's goal in the Stetson game, her third of the season, made her the fifth leading goal-scorer in the history of Georgia State University. Sophomore forward Lauren Chavez also registered an assist in the contest.

The Lady Panthers' 1-0 loss to Middle Tennessee last week has been the only loss the team



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Chavez picked up an assist against Stetson, but it still wasn't enough to end the overtime streak.

has suffered during this record streak of overtime contests.

The Lady Panthers have relied on great defense in order to

keep these games close. Georgia State held Troy to just six shots, with only three of those being shots-on-goal. Alexa Pasquarelli

has collected a total of eight saves in the past two games alone, and the team as a whole is allowing an average of one goal per game. The Lady Panthers are tied for second in the Atlantic Sun Conference in both shutouts (4) and goals allowed (6).

While defense has been the team's saving grace as of late, the offense has begun to show signs of life. As a team, Georgia State is shooting more accurately as of late with 23 of the team's 34 shots from the past three games being shots-on-goal. Against Stetson, Georgia State scored their first goals since the Sept. 19 game at Georgia Southern.

Though the Lady Panthers have a 0-0-2 record in A-Sun play, they are still fifth in conference standings. The next few games will be tough as four of the Lady Panthers' next five opponents have records at or above .500 (Florida Atlantic, University of Central Florida, Campbell, and Gardner-Webb). All of these

games will be A-Sun contests. Georgia State does catch a

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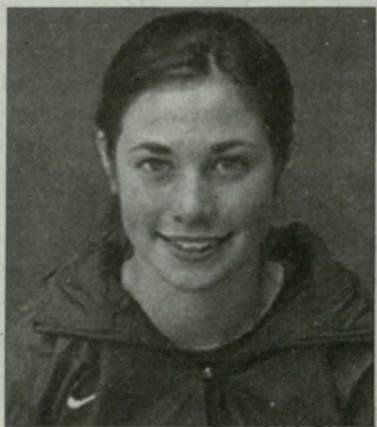
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McIntosh, Rogers to test their game accross the pond in Scotland, Portugal

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The Georgia State Cross Country men's and women's teams competed in two events this past weekend. The Great American Cross Country Festival was held in Charlotte, N.C., and the Georgia Collegiate Championships were hosted by Berry College in Rome, Ga. Both teams split up and proved that they are highly competitive.

The men's "A" team competed in Charlotte while the remaining members competed in Rome. In Charlotte, Matt Cameron turned in the best individual performance placing ninth and covering the



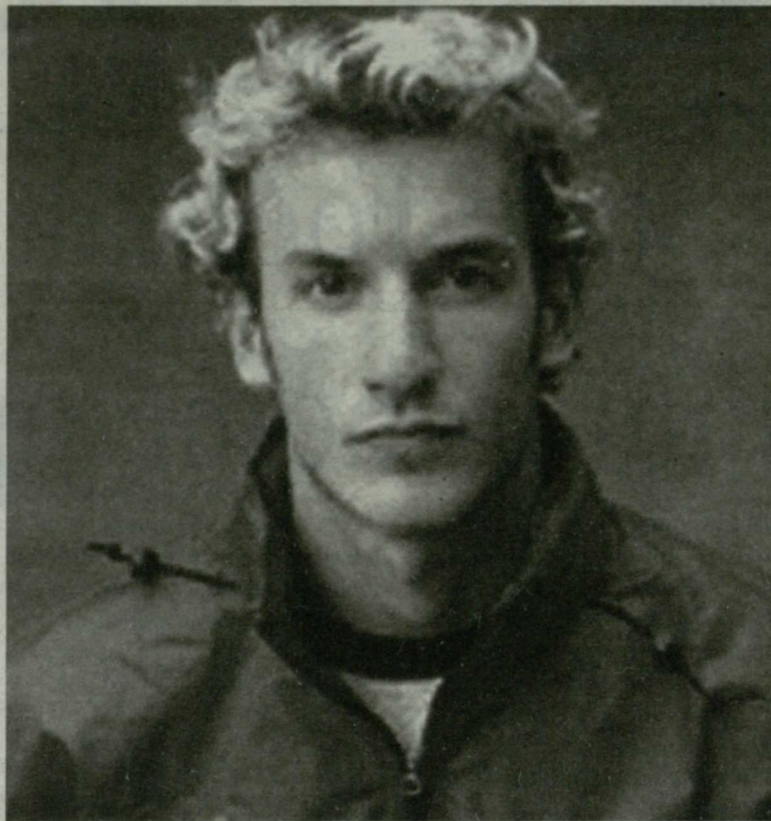
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Liz Stanford helped the women finish sixth overall at the Collegiate Championships.

8,000-meter course in 26:17. Cameron finished first on the team for the first time this year. Sophomore Nick Miller placed 23rd with a time of 26:39. The team finished sixth in the 16-team field, and they were only 10 points away from finishing in third place with a score of 130. Jacksonville State took the first spot with 65 followed by East Carolina with 97 and Albany with 121.

In Rome, Ga., the team Panthers came in ninth overall and beat out Mercer for the Division I Championship. Jeremy Williams was the first Division I competitor who crossed the line. He placed 26th overall with a time of 29:22.01 and 27:22.01 in the Division I. Wes Hutcherson placed third in the Division I with a time of 27:47.01.

The women's team did a split competition as well. They finished 18th at the Great American Cross Country Festival. Jenn Feenstra finished 57th with a clocked time of 18:44. Barbara Phelan finished in 19:19, and Andrea Smith finished in 19:25. Both Phelan and Smith made the top-100. This women's race featured the top 25 teams in the nation including Duke, North Carolina and Georgia.

At the Georgia Collegiate



Cameron finished ninth for the men in Charlotte.

Championships, the women's team showed a great competition. They finished sixth overall in the 18-team field and placed second in the Division I with Mercer taking first place in the division. Liz Stanford placed 22nd overall with a time of 20:04.49, and Stephanie

Huber was 25th crossing the line in 20:18.70. Stanford took the fourth ranking in the Division I, and Huber was the fifth.

Both teams will be off until Oct. 23 when they will compete in Troy, Ala., at the Troy Invitational.

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Turning a mountain into a molehill

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wide receiver D'andre Williams in the end zone for a 19-yard score and a two-touchdown lead going into the half.

The quarterback attributed his performance to a pickup in practice intensity. "We were determined not to make mistakes," he said.

The second half started off slowly until Williams proved that practice does indeed make perfect, unleashing a 64-yard bomb to a streaking Quay Giles down the right sideline.

A final score on the ground sealed the coffin on the first-year program.

Head Coach Olympia Sluellen echoed his players' sentiments. He said, "We got embarrassed last week in a game we should have won except for our turnovers. It's a lot easier to win when you don't turn the ball over six times."

The win means that the Panthers are already halfway toward their win total from last year's 2-9 campaign, and they will see if they can match that total next week at Allen University in Columbia, S.C.

The Panthers don't return to Atlanta until Oct. 30 when they play a UNC-Greensboro team eager to prevent the Panthers from going undefeated at home.

Men take first place by 20 strokes

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tournament by 11 strokes (-18) over his closest competitor, Jordan Dempsey of Ole Miss, who finished at 7-under-par.

He said, "I putted well during this tournament and holed a 90-yard

sand wedge for an eagle on 15 today. I seem to always play well here." It was his first individual career victory and hopefully not his last. Coach Clark said, "I can't say enough about the play of Ty Harris, he simply put the team on his shoulders."

Congratulations are in order for Harris along with Georgia State's women's team golfer Lisbeth Meinke, who swept the first A-Sun Golfers-of-the-Month awards for the 2004-05 season. It is Harris' first award and Meinke's second.

Joel Sjolholm, who tied for fifth place with three other players, is continuing his great play that he started in the Radrick Farms Intercollegiate where he finished in the top 10 in his first ever college tournament.

Making his own collegiate debut in this tournament and tying

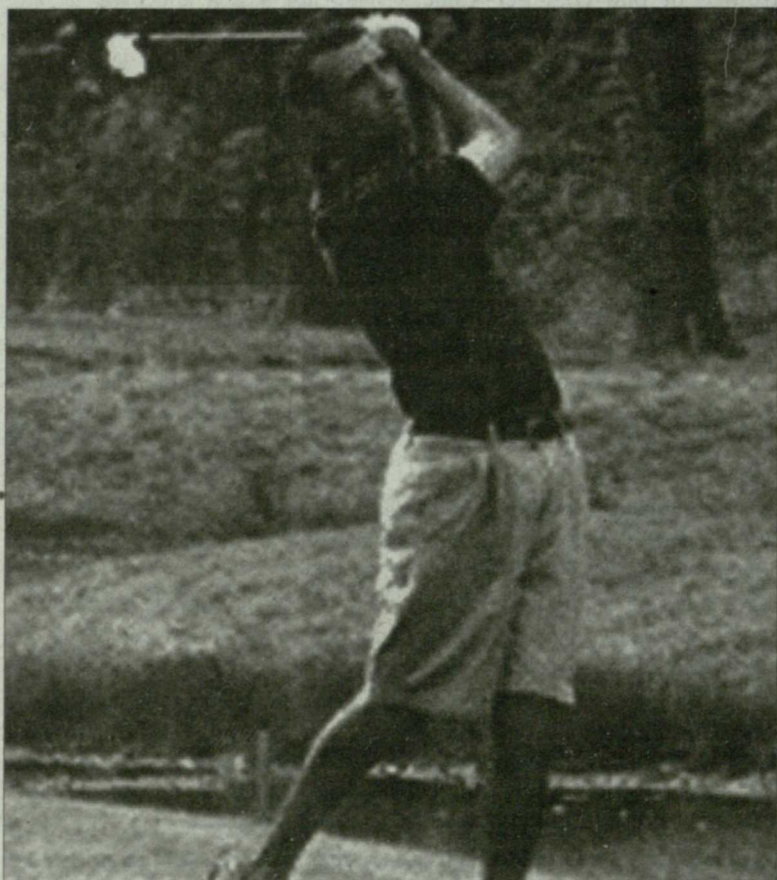
for fifth with Joel and two others was Vanderbilt's Brett Lange, who is out of Marist School in Atlanta. There has been a lot of hype about Brett in Nashville coming into this season, and he won their Rudolph Cup, which is a six-round qualifying tournament at Vanderbilt.

Other Georgia State golfers fared well in individual play as well. Darren Baynes came in 15th place while Ben Taylor placed 21st, and Steve Tiley rounded out State's scoring at 35th. The total field for the tournament was 75 players.

Clark was really proud of his guys and said the team "really dis-

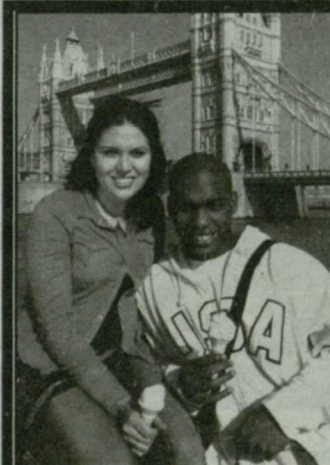
tinguished themselves by dominating this impressive field of teams." He went on to say that, "If records were meant to be broken, these guys took care of that and then raised the level for excellence even higher. To say I'm proud of what they did is an understatement. They were remarkably poised and confident."

The next tournament is the Gary Koch Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla. on Oct. 11-12. The Panthers will have to play very well in this tournament since they will be facing two of the SEC's better teams in its hosts Florida and Kentucky.



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Harris' incredible performance was vital to the Panthers' first place finish.



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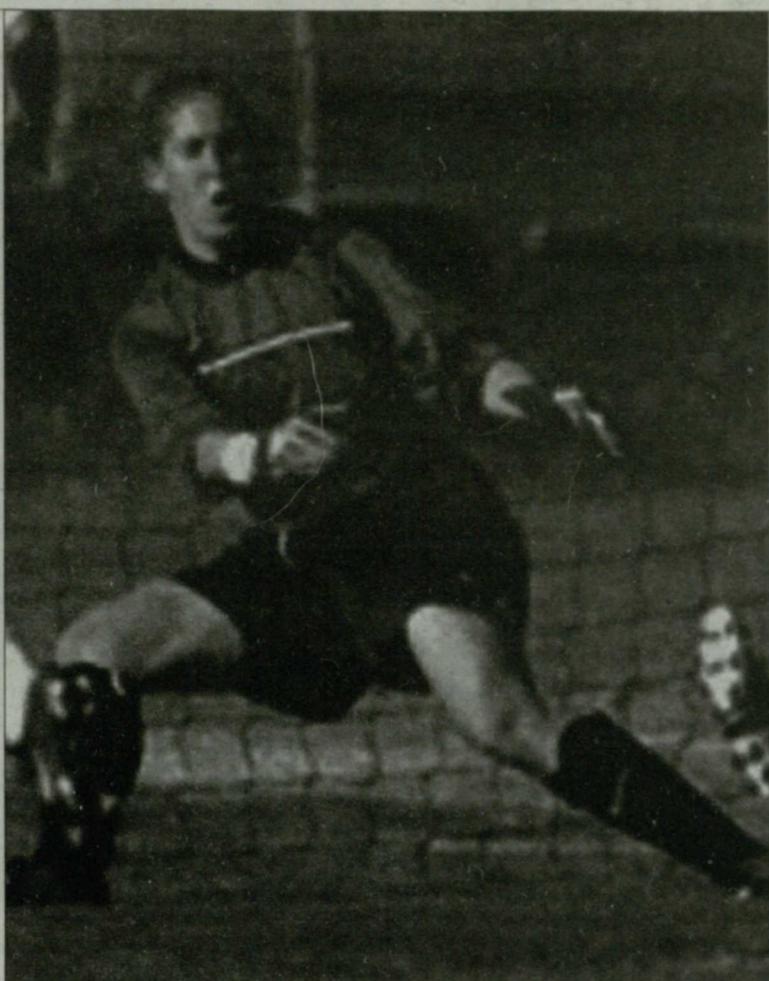
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More ties than wins or losses

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break, however, as they will face most of their toughest A-Sun competition at home, where the Lady Panthers are undefeated (3-0-1) so far this season. Not only is Georgia State undefeated at home, but they have only allowed one goal on their home turf through four home games. The Lady Panthers have only two more road games to play for the remainder of the season, one of which is a non-conference game against Mississippi State.

Georgia State plays this weekend against Florida Atlantic on Friday Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. and against University of Central Florida on Sunday Oct. 10, at 1 p.m. Both of these contests will be crucial as UCF and Florida Atlantic were the two teams placed ahead of Georgia State in the A-Sun preseason poll at numbers 1 and 2 respectively. Both games will be played at Panthersville Soccer Complex.



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Even in retirement, "Lefty" still helping Georgia State with weight room improvements

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We have a revamped weight lifting facility for our athletes thanks in large part to the donations of Georgia State University alumni and supporters especially the generous donations of former head basketball Coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell, Athletic Board Chairman Bill Reeves and Vice President of External Affairs Tom Lewis. The impetus for this overhaul is credited to Coach Driesell. From the moment Lefty arrived here in 1997, he began campaigning for better facilities for our athletes.

In addition to the standard free weights, the athletic department has added some new versatile multi-stations. Multi-stations are machines upon which three different exercises can be performed at once. These multi-faceted machines allow our athletes to make better use of the time they spend in the weight room. These machines allow an athlete to increase strength and conditioning over a wide range of motions. They also factor in the functionality or ergo dynamics of the space available.

"The configuration of the weight room is better organized than it was a year ago," states Eneth Hancock, the strength and conditioning coach for the 17 athletic programs we have here at Georgia State. Not only are there the new multi-stations, but also some of the new equipment is designed with big and tall people in mind. This will help expand the strength and conditioning of our basketball players. There are also motion specific exercise machines such as the combo-incline machine that provides a workout for several muscles groups at once. The combo-incline can be instrumental in helping baseball and tennis players improve their swing.

As soon as Coach Lefty Driesell appeared on the scene he declared, "There is no reason why we can't have a weight room as

good as Georgia Tech's or the Hawks'. Weight training is especially important in baseball, basketball, and really in all sports these days. Girls and guys in every sport lift weights to get stronger, jump higher, or run faster, so it is important for our athletes to have the best facilities and strength and conditioning coaches to prepare them for competition."

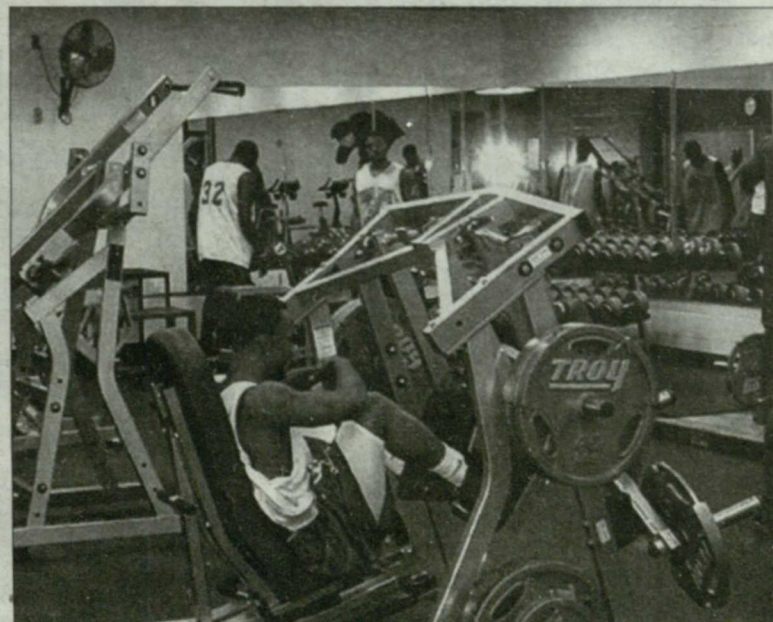
While Assistant Athletic Director Charley Taylor was giving me a tour of the new facilities, we interrupted the workout of Assistant Basketball Coach Brian Judski. Brian was gracious enough to talk to me for a few moments and told me that the improvements to the new facility were "tremendous." He went on to say, "This renovation process shows the commitment that this university has made to its student athletes and its athletic program."

Mr. Taylor, who took time out of his schedule to give me an interview and a tour of the training facility, noted, "This is just one aspect of our master program to renovate the whole athletic center." He also stated, "The nicer our facilities are the more inviting we look to prospective recruits."

A strong weight program is important to a competitive athletic program. A proper exercise program improves strength, conditioning and flexibility. It prolongs an athlete's career and can help to prevent injury. Winning without a doubt is rooted in strength and conditioning.

Coach Driesell once said, "If you and I have the same talent but I'm stronger and we both go for a rebound, I am going to get it."

Competitive athletic programs enhance the quality of campus life. They increase the pride we as students have in our school. Nothing is quite as dynamic as a winning atmosphere in the development of that special ambience unique to university life. The development of our facilities will only enhance our ability to develop competitive athletic programs and improve the quality of campus life for everyone.



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The new equipment should lift Georgia State among the NCAA elite.

Coaches retract 5-year player eligibility proposal

By JAKE POSES
The Chronicle
Duke University

DURHAM, N.C. - The National Association of Basketball Coaches has withdrawn its proposal to the NCAA to add a fifth year of eligibility.

The recommendation was a piece of a larger legislative package aiming to boost graduation rates and allow coaches greater access to players both on and off the court. An ACC proposal submitted to the NCAA for football that would add a year of eligibility remains under review.

The "greater access" legislation with which the eligibility proposal was initially tied, championed by Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski and others, remains under NCAA review.

"Although the committee still believes that such a proposal offers a viable solution to furthering its goal to increase graduation rates in the sport of men's basketball, it recognizes that there are some potential unintended consequences that warrant additional

consideration," a statement from the NABC read in part. Duke does not suffer from many of the same graduation rate problems its peer athletic institutions face. The majority of Duke players who fail to graduate do so because they leave college early to play in the NBA.

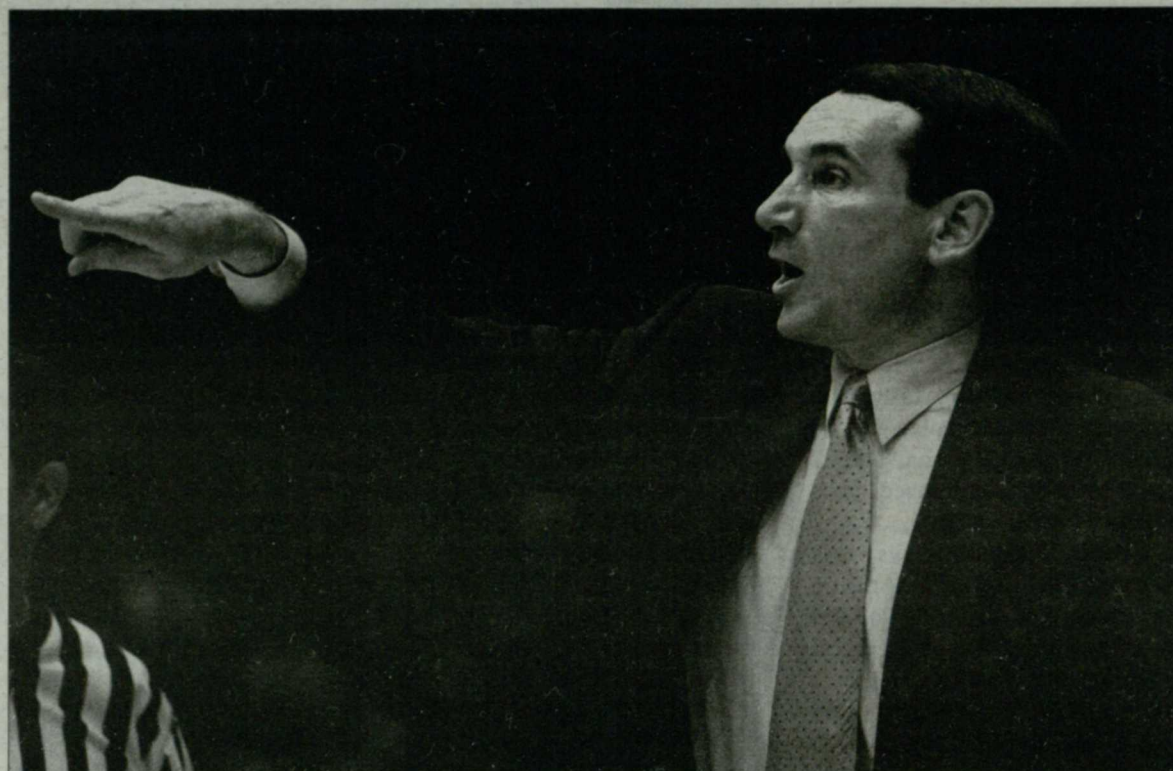
"For basketball it doesn't make any sense," Athletic Director Joe Alleva said. "The really good basketball players don't even stick around anyway." Although retraction eases national concerns that an even greater rift would have formed between the revenue and non-revenue sports based on variable eligibility, a similar package proposed by the ACC to increase eligibility in football to five years remains on the table. Alleva said the eligibility extension makes more sense for football than basketball at Duke and nationally.

Because many players redshirt during their freshman year, the majority of football players stay at school for five seasons. ACC officials hope the extra sea-

son of playing time will entice those players who currently do not redshirt to stick around through graduation, which often takes more than four years, even for non-athletes. "I think five years of eligibility is really good for football," Alleva said, whose school had the highest graduation rate in Division I football last year. "I don't think it makes sense for other sports. Football is the only sport where people play five years anyway. The way it works now doesn't make sense."

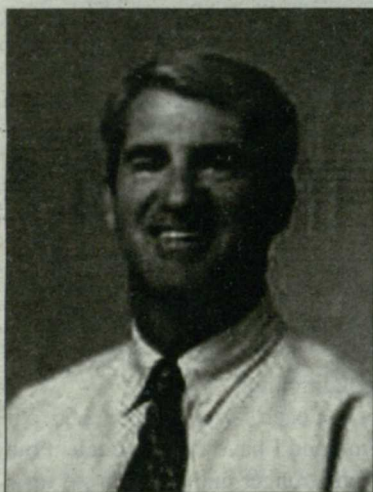
Kathleen Smith, Duke's faculty athletics representative, is skeptical whether expanded eligibility would be effective.

"The football coaches made an argument that has some merit, although I don't know if I agree with it," Smith said. "It may or may not have an impact nationally in terms of graduation rates."



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Krzyzewski won't get his five years of eligibility, but he still wants his "greater access" legislation.



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Alleva sees the five years of eligibility proposals as more of a football thing.

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Braves miraculously clinch, but what will postseason hold?

By MATT SIMMONS
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Oh, how bad times were. The Braves lay stagnant, sitting a repugnant sub-.500, prominent players collapsing left and right, their stinging injuries hampering any prospect of a turnaround, and the notion of finishing third or fourth in the division looked like an embarrassing possibility. But what happened next is of mythical nature; Bobby Cox changed into a wizard's robe and composed the most magical comeback of his illustrious career. Persevering through a multitude of hindrances, Cox lead the Braves to an unprecedented thirteenth straight division title, adding to the team's incomparable record while becoming the ninth manager in MLB history to reach 2,000 wins.

A frenzy of winter free agent losses handicapped the Braves' roster and as the season broke into full stride, Marcus Giles and Chipper Jones suffered heartbreaking injuries; the distinguished stars lay sidelined. On July 1, the National League East was in unfamiliar order. The Phillies had surged ahead in first with the Marlins nipping at their heels, and even the third-place Mets had a lead on the torpid Braves. Bobby Cox and his cohorts within the Braves club

stood atop a sinking ship while gapping holes drowned what was once a proud organization.

This is where his magic begins, and Cox jumped to plugging the punctures in his sinking vessel. As Giles went down, Cox called on the Braves' ripe farm system, and Nick Greene came as a

Charles Thomas; the pair provided numerous offensive and defensive sparks and combined for 14 home runs, 65 RBIs and six stolen bases.

Cox and pitching coach Leo Mazzone molded a pitching staff pronounced dead on arrival by many into one of the most efficient and successful units in the

in a matter of days, the Braves still don't have an idea who they'll be playing. The race for the NL West and the NL Wild Card are likely to come down to the last few games as the Dodgers, Giants, and Astros are separated by minute differences.

"What I've seen in the National League, for the first time, is something like the NFL and the word 'parity' that I hate," Leo Mazzone said. "Everybody's got as good a chance as anyone else."

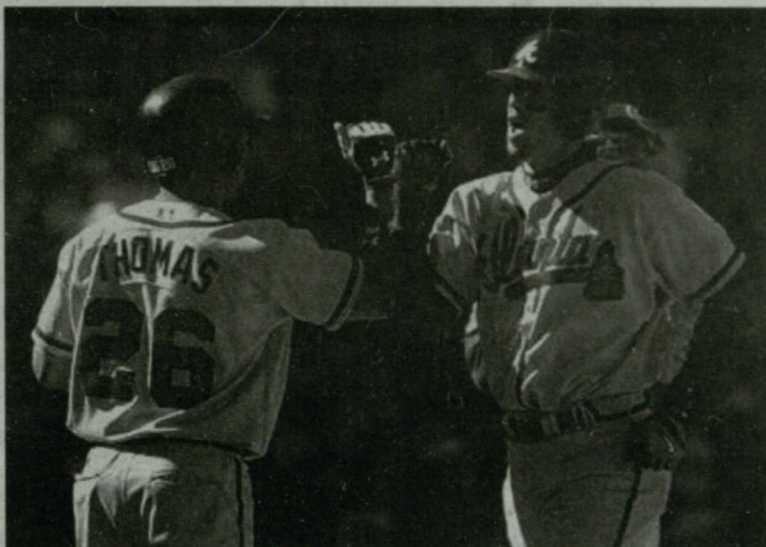
While the playoff opponent remains uncertain, the Braves must remain focused to avoid yet another October collapse.

"I want to play whoever we've got to beat in the National League," added a brash J.D. Drew. "It's going to be two teams, whoever it is. Strap it on, beat them and get to somebody in the American League. Whether it's the Cardinals, Giants, Dodgers, Cubs... it doesn't matter. Just beat two of them and get to the World Series. That's what it's all about." While parity has been an increasingly present figure in the National League, the Braves have been a staple of success. A streak of 13 straight division titles is worth celebrating, as are 2,000 career wins for Bobby Cox; Cox became the ninth manager in history to achieve the milestone in a 6-3 victory over

the New York Mets in the home finale at Turner Field.

As momentous as the achievements are, the Braves are still alert to the task at hand.

"I think everybody in here realizes that we're going to have to play extremely well in the playoffs to win it," Chipper Jones stated. "And while we've had another great regular season, if we don't get it done in the postseason... Everybody understands the pressures that come with failing in the postseason again. Nobody wants to go through that."



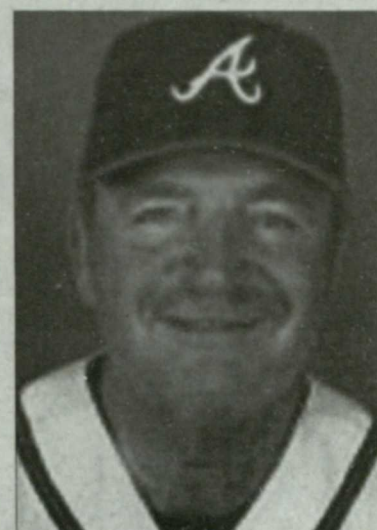
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blessing from the baseball gods. Greene played the role asked of him superbly, and when Giles returned Greene humbly stepped down to the bench. Cox filled other lineup gaps with unfamiliar names like Eli Marrero and

National League. Jaret Wright emerged from mere obscurity as the team's unlikely ace, leading the staff with 15 wins; in the five seasons before Wright had only nine combined wins.

With the playoffs set to begin



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Women's Golf Team Results - Par 576

October 2
Belmont d. Lipscomb, 3-0
Mercer d. Georgia State, 2-1 (ot)
Campbell d. Elon, 2-1

October 1
UCF at Stetson, ppd.
Florida Atlantic d. Jacksonville, 4-3

September 29
East Carolina d. Campbell, 5-2
#17 USF at Florida Atlantic, (cancelled)

September 28
Clemson d. Gardner-Webb, 4-0

September 27
Western Kentucky d. Belmont, 2-1
FIU at Jacksonville, (ppd.-weather)

September 26
Stetson d. High Point, 3-1
UCF vs. New Jersey Tech, (ppd.-weather)

October 2
Florida Atlantic d. Lipscomb, 6-0
UCF d. Belmont, 5-0
Campbell d. Troy, 5-0

October 1
Mercer d. Jacksonville, 1-0
Georgia State t. Stetson, 2-2

September 30
Florida Atlantic d. Belmont, 8-0
UCF d. Lipscomb, 9-0
Gardner-Webb d. Troy, 4-2
Campbell d. Longwood, 1-0

September 28
Florida Atlantic d. FIU, 2-0

September 26
Georgia State t. Troy, 0-0 (2ot)

Oct. 1
* Belmont d. Jacksonville, 3-1
* Mercer d. Gardner-Webb, 3-0
* Lipscomb d. Stetson, 3-1
* UCF d. Troy, 3-0

Sept. 29
Florida Atlantic d. FIU, 3-2
Western Carolina d. Gardner-Webb, 3-2
Jacksonville d. Stetson, 3-1

Sept. 28
Western Kentucky d. Belmont, 3-0
Davidson d. Gardner-Webb, 3-0

Lipscomb d. Tennessee State, 3-0
Campbell d. East Carolina, 3-2
Jacksonville at Stetson, (ppd.-weather)

Sept. 27
Savannah State at Mercer, (ppd.-weather)
Miami at UCF, (ppd.-weather)

Pos.	School	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Total
1.	Coastal Carolina	286	297	583
2.	East Carolina	291	293	584
3.	Univ. of S. Florida	297	295	592
4.	Georgia State	300	294	594
5.	Univ. of S. Florida (B)	300	295	595
6.	Univ. of C. Florida	304	294	598
7.	James Madison	304	295	599
8.	So. Mississippi	305	298	603
9.	Louisville	304	301	605
10.	Florida International	307	306	613
11.	Univ. of Ala.-Birm.	307	308	615
12.	Stetson	324	326	650

Women's Golf Top 10 Results - Par 144

1	Heidi Helliesen	70	70	140
2	Ashley Grier	69	72	141
T 3	Natalie Cruse	69	73	142
T 3	Fernanda Rivera	67	75	142
T 5	Lisbeth Meincke	73	70	143
T 5	Adrienne White	69	74	143
T 7	Line Cordes	71	74	145
T 7	Adrienne Millican	73	72	145
T 9	Claudia Ramirez	74	72	146
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IPod, therefore, I am

Apple tops itself with new Ipod

By MATT WHEELER
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Recently, Apple released the latest version of their iPod MP3 player, a gadget that's quickly becoming what the Walkman was in the 80's — ubiquitous, a status symbol, the thing to own. As if to entice all those consumers sitting on the fence, the newest iteration of the iPod has been given a slight image overhaul; it's sleeker, sexier and the price has dropped significantly. As for owners of the previous models (like me), it's probably going to make you a little bit jealous.

I've had my iPod for almost a year, and I think I can say, without any hyperbole, that it's the coolest thing ever. My entire music collection fits snugly in its 15 gigabytes, so I can rest easy knowing that, if I need to, I can listen to ABBA's "Dancing Queen" wherever I feel like it. Yeah, it's still great and everything, but it's getting a little scruffy, and those shiny new iPods are calling my name...

The big difference in the redesign of the iPod is the input wheel; the backlit, touch-sensitive buttons of the previous model are gone, replaced by the gray click-wheel first introduced on the iPod Mini. As Apple claims, you'll never have to take your thumb off the wheel when selecting songs. The old touch-sensitive buttons were prone to accidental input, too, making the new click-wheel approach a little less frustrating.

The new model is slimmer and lighter, weighing in at a paltry 5.6 ounces. The battery life has been extended to 12 hours of continuous play per charge, meaning you won't be



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Proper care and cleaning of computers



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New computers may run fine, but older computers need some extra TLC.

By BRANDI HUNTER
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It is no secret that students depend on their computers every single day for a variety of reasons. From paying bills to managing calendars, computers are basically a daily necessity. While students almost completely depend on these mega machines, how often do they think about cleaning them? There are a few maintenance tips that can help computers run much more smoothly and help out one's eyes as well. Here are just a few:

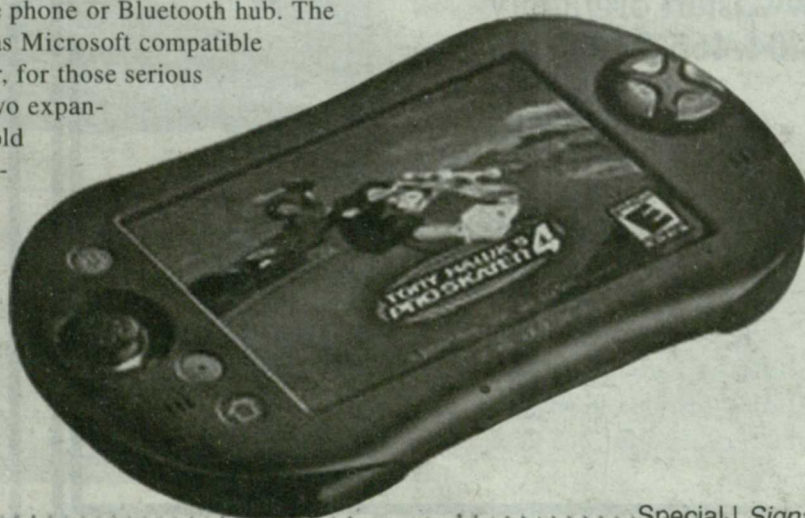
CLEAN YOUR SCREEN: This appears to be the most obvious of the tips but people rarely do it. Windex and a soft cloth will do the trick but be careful. Spray the Windex on the cloth, not the screen. Gently wipe from side to side, not in circles, to avoid smudging. Doing this will benefit your eyes as well by minimizing the strain and can help you minimize your mistakes.

CLEAN YOUR KEYBOARD: The keyboard can be the dirtiest and is definitely the most used part of any computer. It gets all kinds of dirt and grime in it, no matter how clean it looks. Cleaning the keyboard is easy. Simply, pick the keyboard up, turn it over and shake it. The dirt should come out easily. Then take a dry cloth and dust it off. Get rid of those nasty germs.

Editor's Technology Pick of the Month

The Palm OS powered zodiac takes the cake with high-resolution gaming, sharing and organizing

This little technology surprise is enabled with the popular Palm operating system, allowing users to organize their life and simultaneously listen to MP3 music, play high-resolution video games, watch videos and even check email with Microsoft Outlook. The integrated Bluetooth technology means users can play games with others or surf the web when paired with a Bluetooth-enabled mobile phone or Bluetooth hub. The Zodiac even has Microsoft compatible word processor, for those serious students and two expansion slots to hold lots of information in the palm of your hand. It is available on tapwave.com for \$299.99.



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INEEL could make the next big tech leap

By MATT BEAN
The Daily Cougar
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(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, a national laboratory sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Energy, is a center where expert computer hackers are employed to test for computer vulnerabilities, and may well be where the next big jump in computer technology comes from. An organization like INEEL, founded in 1949, has been needed for quite some time, and it finally looks like the government has done something useful for the tech sector.

Legalese artfully typed on paper will not deter hackers. Hackers will deter hackers. Whimsically passing legislation, as has been done in the past, has roughly the impact of former president Clinton's impeachment. A rogue hacker will pretend to be surprised that what he's been doing is wrong, and then he'll go home and laugh at the lunacy of it all while smoking a cigar. And, at the very least, it looks like the DOE is finally realizing it.

Spanning 890 square miles in eastern Idaho, INEEL provides

a "clean room" environment for the hackers employed there to test the integrity of any computer system they wish. All of the hacking takes place within the INEEL facility, isolated from the outside world, allowing security experts to discover major security holes without harming any outside networks.

Additionally, INEEL's isolation encourages the hackers to try just about anything to break a system, no matter how extreme (something that could not be done in a production environment). Until this point, network administrators were forced to guess at what the worst-case scenario could be, but with INEEL, the worst-case scenario can be made a reality. It's really a beautiful thing.

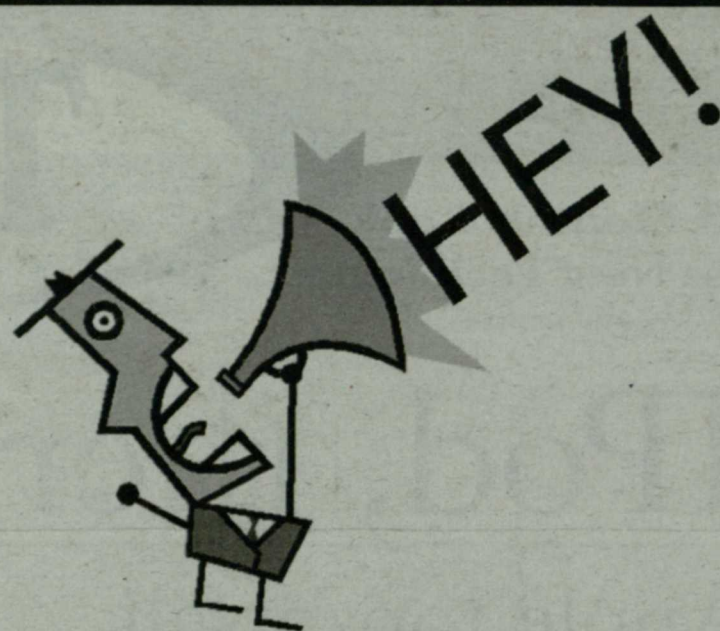
Right now it appears that INEEL is focusing on security for big companies: chemical plants, engineering companies, financial institutions -- and that's dandy, but the next step is another division like this working for the consumer sector, and it is needed as well.

Obviously, INEEL is currently only working with huge companies because a facility like that costs a substantial amount of

money to operate, and only big corporations and Oprah have that kind of cash.

Nevertheless, the average computer user is facing an increasingly dangerous world. Computer viruses and worms are becoming more elaborate and more effective. Spammers have figured out how to take control of an unprotected home Windows PC and turn it into a spam distribution box. Virus creators are becoming more aggressive, even targeting the creators of antivirus software for their attacks. It's encouraging to see the government beginning to step up, but right now they're only halfway up the staircase.

The next step will be to establish a computer security center like the CERT Coordination Center at Carnegie Mellon University to combat spam, neutralize viruses, and determine vulnerabilities before a malicious hacker does. Of course, a venture like this will require the government to cooperate with the big consumer hardware and software companies. It's time for Microsoft, IBM, AMD, Intel, and others to take the initiative and lobby for change.



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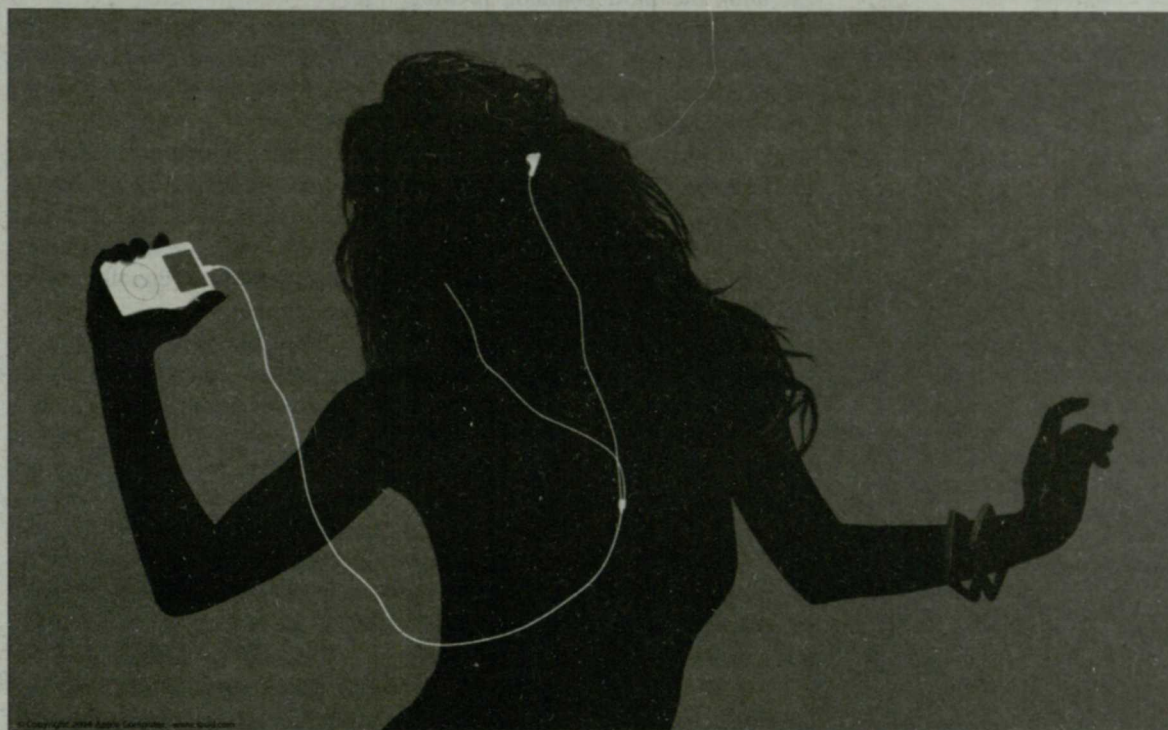
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New iPod improves on old technology



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stuck with a dead iPod halfway through a boring trip.

There have also been a few key improvements to the software, most notably the "Shuffle Songs" option resting in the main menu. Before, shuffling all the songs in your library meant searching through separate menus to toggle the shuffle feature on and off, then exiting back out to play the songs. Now, a single click can do it all. Also, users have greater control over their On-The-Go playlists — multiple playlists can be created and edited without a computer.

That's the other great thing about the latest iPods — whatever kind of computer you own, you're ready to plug it in and load up your songs. The days of iPods requiring a Mac to work are long gone, and anyone with a Windows-compatible PC can install the Apple iTunes software and start importing their own collection, or purchase single songs or whole albums directly through the software.

iTunes makes organizing tons of songs intuitive and amazingly easy. Just pop in a CD, and iTunes automatically rips it and spits it back out. You can make "smart playlists" that transfer over to the iPod, with an endless amount of filtering options available. And the iTunes Music Store (which is only accessible through iTunes) continues to be the leading online merchant for digital music, with thousands of albums and tons of exclusive tracks from high-profile artists available around the clock.

For music lovers who don't yet own an MP3 player, the iPod is an essential buy — ease of use, elegance and dependability make it the best pick in a sea of hardware choices. Its price has dipped, too, bringing the 20GB model down to \$299. But for those of you who already took the plunge, and worry that your old iPod might get upstaged by the features of the new model, you might be relieved. The updated features are great, but don't exactly warrant a new purchase. Which means I'm safe from the agony of outdated technology. For now, at least.

Clean computers make efficient students

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CLEAN OUT YOUR MOUSE:

Depending on the computer, this can be easier said than done. If you have an older mouse then you can remove the ball from your mouse and wipe it out and replace the ball. If by chance you have an optical mouse, the most you can clean is the outside, which is good because it is the second most used part of your computer.



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Don't forget to dust.

CLEAN YOUR HARD DRIVE:

This is so commonly over looked because many people fear losing data. To clean your hard drive, back up files to disk. Anything you do not wish to back up to disk, condense into file folders in the hard drive. All unneeded items should be deleted. Once you have moved everything to the recycle bin or trash bin, empty that too. After you have cleaned up your files, run a file configuration to condense all of your files. The speed of your hard drive will noticeably increase.

GET ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE:

If you do none of the other tips—DO THIS ONE! It is the most important. The quickest way to kill a computer is to get a virus. Many types of viruses can completely disable your computer. To prevent these viruses from attacking your computer, get a virus scan. Both Norton and McAfee offer products that detect viruses in documents and emails.

It may seem like no big deal to keep the computer clean, but the results of keeping it clean are way more beneficial than they seem. Cleanliness can save you time, cut down on germs, reduce eye strain and generally makes toiling away at desk a bit easier. A clean computer is a happy computer, and a happy computer is a happier student.

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Blogging provides a cheap alternative to therapy

By LAURA GORDON

Daily Titan

California State U.-Fullerton


(U-WIRE) FULLERTON, Calif. - When people find themselves composing mental journal entries during dates, movies or while running errands, it could be a sign they are addicted to their blogs. When people console themselves after a terrible day by thinking "at least this will make a great post," they could be addicted to their blogs.

And when people have more friends from their journalizing community than in real life, they could be addicted to their blogs, according to Blogthings.com, a Web site that has "cool stuff to put in your blog," like quizzes and horoscopes.

Online journals, also known as blogs (short for weblogs), are the latest craze for the Internet savvy and Web aloof. As forums for thoughtful expression, blog sites have literally popped up everywhere on the World Wide Web.

Popular sites include Myspace.com, Xanga.com and LiveJournal.com. On blog sites people can create profiles, share pictures and journal about their lives.

Blogs are open portfolios of people's lives that can bring




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 ok...this is Thursday- no school tomorrow! YEA! I am doing nothin!! WAHHOO!!! Football game tomorrow...Heritage...we are going to crush, or get crushed!!!! GOOD LUCK EAGLES!!!
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Tuesday, September 28, 2004
 this is for Coaches at EHS....
Mr. Duvall : Coach Carr, step away from the underage ladies!
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 Someone that knows me and makes me laugh. Someone that recognizes they aren't perfect. Someone that understands our differences. Someone that is true to themselves and me.

Thats awesome!!!
Karen : If you're from Africa, why are you white?
Gretchen : Oh my God, Karen, you can't just ask people why they're white
 HAHA...you mean Coach Ashley!
Coach Carr : Don't have sex! Because you will get pregnant... and DIE!

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People can communicate anything on web logs, like this one on Xanga.com.

diverse people together because of common interests through online communities.

"It's interesting when you get random people commenting on what you have said," said Nichole Wilkinson, a California State University-Fullerton senior child and adolescent studies major. "I think the most common is when someone says, 'Wow, that happened to me as well.'"

Statistics from LiveJournal.com show that of the site's users, 67 percent are female and the dominant age range for bloggers is between 14- to 22-years-old. Livejournal.com has over 4 million accounts, with over 300,000 of them being updated usually every 24 hours.

"Sometimes I go in periods where I furiously update like twice a day," said Dana Zywiiciel, a senior English major. "Other times it collects some dust for a few weeks."

David Le, a senior biology major, posts new entries in his journal when he needs an escape.

"[I update] a couple of times a week," said Le, 21. "Sometimes I just get lazy, but if I need to vent, blogging is my first choice."

Several reasons people maintain blogs include wanting to voice opinions, express feelings and ideas and generally inform people

of what has been going on in life.

"I write in my journal to get my feelings out and so that my friends know what's going on in my life," said Wilkinson, 21. "I love to write about what's going on so that I can reflect about it later and read it years from now and sometimes get a good laugh about it."

William Marelich, an assistant professor of psychology at CSUF, agrees that blogging is a useful trend.

"I think it is an excellent outlet for communicating one's thoughts, intents and actions," Marelich said. "It's an open forum to express yourself and have literally anyone read your posts."

Most bloggers can divulge in their journals under almost any circumstances, whatever the mood.

"It seems I either like to update when I'm happily busy and have a hot date with my cute boyfriend, or when I feel like crap and I'm ready to go live on a tropical man-hater island by myself," Zywiiciel said.

Le said he updates when he has something on his mind and many people can get noise out of their heads by writing in online journals. Blogs allow users to express their thoughts when they might not otherwise be heard, and blogging is also considered to be therapeutic.

"After being able to get my feelings out, I feel like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders," Wilkinson said. "I have a huge problem with feelings, so being able to do something like [blogging] really helps me out a lot."

Zywiiciel agrees with Wilkinson.

"I am able to say things that are read easier than speaking aloud," Zywiiciel said. "And plus, I am such a worrywart; I can at least have a chance to whine to someone who won't complain back."

From a psychological perspective, Marelich said that some people are drawn to blogging simply because they want to share information, like ordinary life events for those interested in reading.

Marelich also said a lesser reason people post journals is because they want to show off or boast about what is going on.

"Certainly blogging and its related concept of journalizing can be helpful, but there are instances when too much focus on the self can be problematic," Marelich said. "For example, someone who is withdrawing from society may not benefit by blogging about how lonely they are. In fact, it may have the opposite effect and lead to deeper isolation."

For Le, however, there is no holding back when it comes to blogging.

"A lot of people are doing it and everyone should try it," Le said. "Express yourself."



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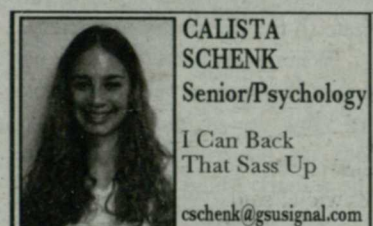
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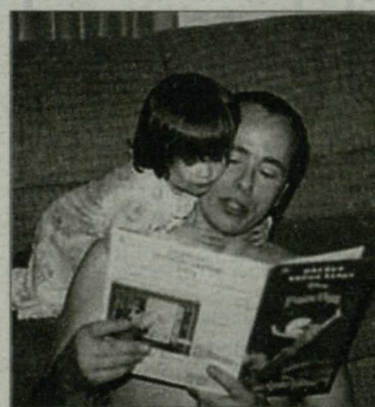
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We have funneled our resources, time, energy and attention into our counterterrorism efforts—which may be the very reason that Americans have become increasingly frequent targets of terrorists. What sparked the war on terrorism were the events of 9/11. However, the attention we have been giving terrorism since 9/11 is its own self-perpetuating fuel.

It is hard to ignore terrorism—which is why it works. In a sense, terrorism is very much like an ill-tempered toddler. In my behavior modification class, we are learning about cases where

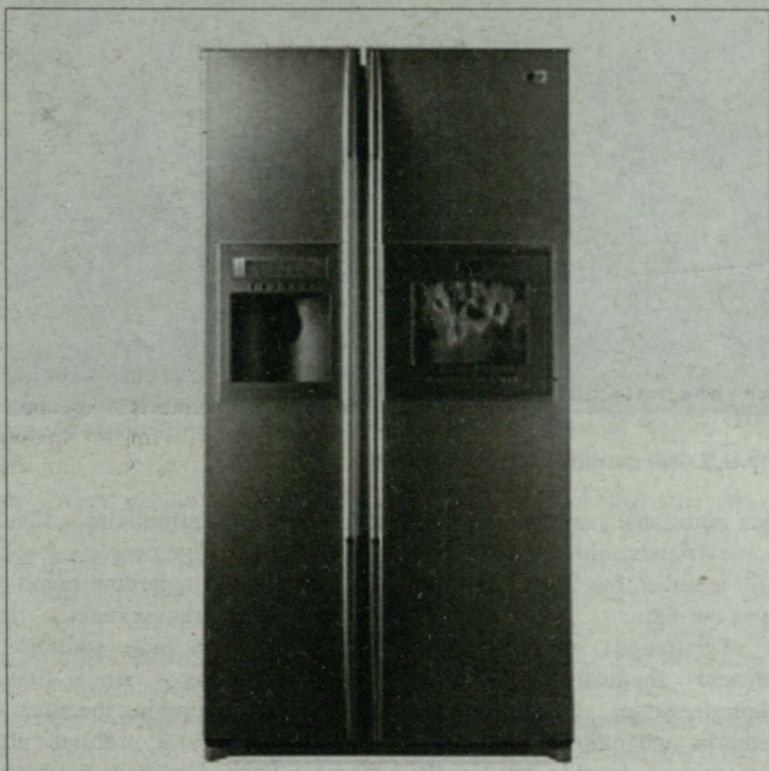


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Jack Hensley, a Marietta native, was recently beheaded.

undesirable behaviors may actually be reinforced, and thus increase in frequency. The prime example of this is the kid who throws a tantrum in the middle of the grocery store. The dreadful combination of screaming, crying, and yelling would compel any parent to stop what he or she is doing and give full attention to the task of calming down the child. As a result, the child attains the goal of the tantrum: the attention of the parent. This scenario is in contrast to all the well-behaved children who quietly stroll through the store and, since they are not causing a problem, do not receive

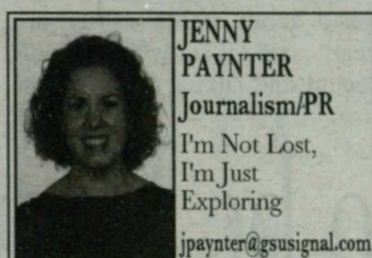
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Consumerism hits all-time low



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The new TV/refrigerator combo makes Americans lazier.



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LG Electronics, Inc., an electronics manufacturer, has just designed a new refrigerator with a built in LCD TV – a refrigerator with a television right in its door. This technological advance will set you back a few pennies (around \$3200, actually), but the marketing guys over at LG think it's a small

price to pay to be on the cutting edge of technology.

When I saw the commercial for this new product, I was honestly hoping it was one of those satirical ads on Saturday Night Live. It begins with children eating their cereal and watching cartoons . . . in front of the refrigerator. Cut to a woman mesmerized by a talk show stuffing food into her mouth . . . in front of the refrigerator. Then it shows a father and son enjoying a late night bowl of ice cream – you guessed it – in front of the refrigerator.

At the end you see LG's tagline, "Life's Good," as if it is say-

ing, "Look, you no longer have to expend the energy of walking from the kitchen into the living room to watch TV. Just sit back and relax!"

Sounds enticing. The problem is Americans may have been doing a bit too much sitting back and relaxing.

America's heart disease and obesity rates are prominent news items. And they should be – our nation's health is simply appalling.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), over 60 percent of all adults over the age of twenty are overweight, and 30 percent are obese. But adults are not the only ones with the problem. Already, 15 percent of children (from ages 6-11) and adolescents (ages 12-19) are overweight.

A study earlier this year also indicated that obesity was the second highest form of preventable death (as in: not necessary) in the U.S.

Add that to the fact that 11 percent of adults have documented heart disease, with many others who may possibly inherit that from their relatives.

Now, does it seem like we are in desperate need of a refrigerator and television combination? Of course not, but it's just the next step forward in technological advancements. Unfortunately, it might be one step back in the "battle of the bulge."

Has consumerism finally crossed the line over to complete gluttony?

Many people compare the health of our nation to that of some other countries, like those in Europe, citing poor eating habits as the cause

of our poorer overall health. And while American diets as a whole certainly leave something to be desired, perhaps fats and carbohydrates are not all there are to that argument.

Maybe part of the problem is just how much we sit on our butts in front of the TV.

LG's marketing studies say that families are spending more time in the kitchen than in any room in the house. So, logically, they are trying to streamline the home and establish the kitchen, and not the family room, as the central room. They are helping to get families in the same place more often, so they can eat more meals together.

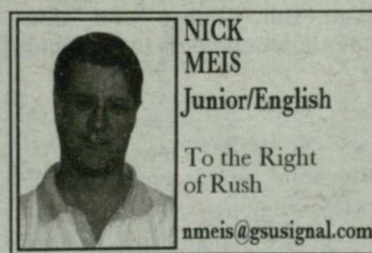
LG is also basing a lot of this research on housewives (I'll bet those who can afford to spend that sort of money on a new appliance). The company has surveyed many women who have said they want their time spent in the kitchen to be more entertaining and leisurely.

So now, theoretically, they can cook while watching cooking shows, watch their favorite shows while doing the dishes and order appliances for their kitchens from the Home Shopping Network without even getting up.

The new refrigerator does have some other interesting and possibly helpful features as well, such as Internet access and a daily planner. It all sounds very convenient.

But the bottom line is that it's not going to hurt you to walk the five extra steps from your fridge to your computer. Or from your fridge to your couch for that matter. In fact, it just might benefit you a little bit.

Pioneer spirit lives on



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As I write this, aviation history is being made. 63-year-old Mike Mellvill piloted the first civilian spacecraft to an altitude of 67 miles and landed safely on a Mojave Desert airfield on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Burt Rutan, president of Scaled Composites, Inc., designed SpaceShipOne as part of the Ansari

X Prize competition. The goal for Rutan and his team is to fly the SS1 with the equivalent weight of three people to 62 miles or more within the next two weeks to collect the \$10 million prize. The second flight is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4, so by the time you read this, they may already have won.

This event may not sound exciting to many people, but it has the potential to be as important as any other technological advancement we have seen in history. When I watched Neil Armstrong on my television walking on the moon, my grandmother was sitting next to me. She told me that the most amazing

thing she could remember reading when she was young was a newspaper story about some guys down in North Carolina flying in a machine they had built in their bicycle shop. She said when she read that, she knew mankind would be able to do anything. It took us only 66 years from that first flight to land two men on another celestial body. Think of the possibilities for this next leap.

I admit I have something of a prejudice in this story; I have read and written speculative fiction for longer than some of you have been alive. I once dreamed of being an astronaut, but a heart condition prevented me from even obtaining a

pilot's license. My condition has not deterred the enthusiasm I have toward the continued exploration of space especially the civilian participation we are witnessing today. But what does this hold for the general public today? Shouldn't we concentrate on improving life for ourselves here on Earth before wasting the money on such seemingly trivial pursuits? I can understand this sentiment and agree with much of it, but I have a different take on it.

One of the possibilities in an expanded program of exploration is that we could move much of the

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A discussion on gay rights

How to move gay bashing to the periphery of society

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One of the prominent issues in next month's election will be question of gay marriage. In the 2000 election, the issue was barely on the radar. Things have come far so fast. Too fast, I say.

Next month voters in Georgia will have an opportunity to ratify an amendment to the state Constitution that would ban all state-sanctioned homosexual relationships (which by the way don't exist in the first place, but that's a whole other column). But are the people of Georgia ready for this vote? With only less than four years of dialogue on the subject, I feel the debate has not had nearly enough time to mature. This is especially true in the South, where deep-rooted religious convictions still pervade society.

Efforts toward promoting



The discussion of gay marriage in the U.S. will continue for a long time.

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tolerance and understanding of alternative lifestyles have made enormous strides in the past few years, and that has put religious conservatives in a frenzied panic. Vermont now has civil unions, and the Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled such a ban on homosexual marriage to be unconstitutional.

Those who oppose equal rights for gays see the need to act now while they can still convince a majority of the public that gay marriage is a bad idea that threat-

ens traditional marriage. I have some friends whose parents are still together, but I don't describe it as normal.

Challenges of perception present themselves here at Georgia State. I hear the gay remarks and quips that students say to one another out in the Plaza. I hear that six-letter "F" word uttered in the back of astronomy class. And this is the most welcoming and culturally diverse school in the state. Last year the university sent all stu-

dents a questionnaire that attempted to gauge people's feelings on campus regarding homosexuals and transsexuals. I applaud Georgia State administrators for taking a critical first step towards improving the situation, but if it's a problem at Georgia State, God help the rest of this state.

Former Presidential Candidate Howard Dean, when asked about racism earlier this year, said that white people should start talking to other white

people about issues of race. Those were candid words, and the same can be said about the issue of rights for homosexuals.

The problem is not the gays; the problem is the "straights." Straight people need to start talking to other straight people about gay rights. Should traditionalist voices be censored? No, but they can be shunned, and very effectively. Why has society marginalized white supremacist groups? It is because the white majority no longer accepted their views as mainstream. If straight people of conscious did the same thing to the so-called "pro-family" traditionalists, gay bashing would relegate to the periphery of society.

Whenever I have a discussion with someone with an opposing view, he or she will always end up referring to the Bible. The remark I hear the most often is, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." Now I may not attend church often (nowadays only for weddings, baptisms and funerals), but I remember learning in Sunday school that Jesus said to love your neighbor as you love yourself. And whom did Jesus hang with back in the day? It was not exactly a "traditional" cast of characters.

Lawmakers in Washington, D.C. are making similar efforts to impose a federal ban on same-sex marriage. President Bush says he prays everyday. Now, so do I.

I think I'll go to church this Sunday.

Do Republicans always have to be Republicans?



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Bi-partisanship isn't what it used to be. Modern bipartisanship has become mere posturing on the part of politicians to be perceived as independent thinkers, when they are really slaves to their party affiliation. Republicans and democrats constantly cast votes based simply on their party's traditional stance on that issue, and this is never a good reason.

Our elected officials have forgotten that they do not represent a party; they represent a people. This ideal should challenge every civil servant to thoroughly examine every decision, with the goal being an arrival at truth. I know truth isn't really popular anymore, but it should still be the goal of every policy, domestic

and foreign. We must examine every vote that is cast, not as republicans or democrats, but as Americans in pursuit of a common goal: policy made in the interest of all through an examination of facts.

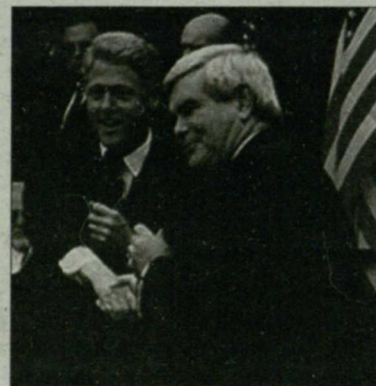
I am a proud republican, and because of that I find myself more thoroughly acquainted with the problems of the Republican Party. What follows is not a slam on republicans specifically, but a commentary on a domestic issue clouded by the Republican Party's unwillingness to arrive at, well, truth.

Why do republicans have to be anti-environmentalists? The Republican Party is going to wake up one day and realize that the protection of our local streams, lakes, and air is just as important to our citizens as tax cuts. Republicans need to break out of this partisan mold that tells them they don't have to consider the environmental impact of policy decisions. The existence of radical environmental groups does not mean that the

Republican Party should deny the truth that does exist beneath their extremism.

Any economist knows that the inclination of every company is toward profit-maximization and monopolistic behavior, activities that are normal and necessary for a healthy economy. But these activities can and will ultimately hurt the consumer if they go untamed. Unless our government and our citizenship keeps corporate America accountable for their sometimes reckless disregard of our natural resources, then they will exploit opportunities to profit-maximize through pollution of our land, air, and water.

This is not a republican issue. It is an issue that we must collectively solve as republicans, democrats, greens, and independents. The democrats must not come to the table as a party beholden to environmental campaign contributors, but as citizens that could be affected by pollution. Republicans must come to the table ready to solve real prob-



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Even Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich found time to get along.

lems, not operating under the faulty generalization that all environmental groups are comprised of tree-hugging wackos.

In the republican's haste to protect corporate America (generally a noble goal) from extensive environmental regulation, they have forgotten that corporate America has proven itself capable of highly unethical behavior. The corporate scandals of Enron and Tyco should have taught us that in order to be responsible republicans, we must control those who

will not control themselves. This is not a republican idea or democratic idea; it is an obligation to the voter.

Republicans are right to give corporate America a chance to be honest and fair, but Republicans cannot de-regulate those companies that cannot regulate themselves.

Corporate America gets the credit for our robust economy and low unemployment, but they must also bear the blame for their mistakes, and they must take responsibility for them. I don't hate corporate America for their mistakes; they just want to make money. They will sell lead paint, market sex to teenagers in order to sell clothes, encourage investment in their failing company in order to hopefully stay afloat, and pollute our environment...because all of these help them survive.

What the government must do is balance this corporate inclination toward unethical activities with the interests of a citizenry that does not always benefit when corporate America does.

The Electoral College

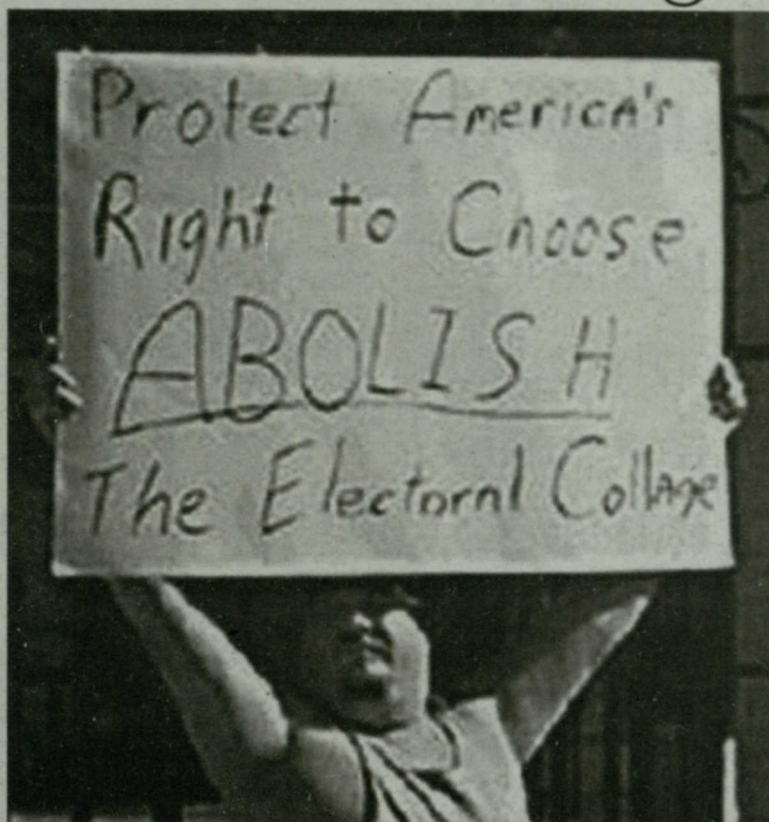
This system is unpopular but quite important



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Seeing bumper stickers on cars that say such things as, "Re-Defeat Bush 2004" and "Bush: Worst 'President' Ever" highlights the failures of public education in American society. People who still claim that President Bush is not our legitimate President show no comprehension of the United States Constitution. In fact, they've probably never read it.

Not only are these people ignorant of the traditions and history that founded this country, they are disrespectful of our political system as well as our Founding Fathers. Even if one truly does believe that the Electoral College has been outdated and needs reforming, they must realize that it is legitimate and



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To abolish the Electoral College would be to ignore history.

every candidate going into the 2000 elections (presumably) knew what he was going into and agreed to the terms of engagement. People who to this day say things such as, "He's not MY President!" are the kids on the playground that would attempt to move "base" in the middle of the game. These are the same people that believe that America is a democracy.

Here's a secret: if you participate in the Presidential elections

and your candidate loses, the winner actually IS your President. The rules don't change for you. And if you intentionally participate, you are basically trusting your fellow citizens to do the right thing. God help you.

The impulse to oust the Electoral College after the 2000 elections is understandable. The candidate with the popular vote didn't win overall. This shocked

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Media frenzy feeds terrorism

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attention from the parent.

Dr. Russell Osmond, Executive-in-Residence at Southern Polytechnic State University, was interviewed on the local news concerning the recent beheadings, in which one of the victims was Jack Hensley of Marietta. He said that the best counterterrorism tactic is to ignore the terrorists and their acts. He remarked that the last president to successfully reduce the amount of terrorism was Nixon—who ignored it in several ways: no military response, no media coverage, no concession to the demands of the terrorists.

The current administration's policy is quite different. Bush has focused on an offensive, not defensive, approach. Instead of beefing up our security at home, he has taken on the impossible task of eliminating terrorists worldwide. There will always be terrorists who want to attack us if we continue our current aggressive foreign policy. However, he

has fueled so much of our money and military toward the war on terror (which, according to him, includes the "reconstruction" of Iraq) that we are hurt even more domestically. His budget cuts have taken money away from state governments, schools (including GSU), hospitals, and non-governmental organizations. Our young men and women in uniform are fighting a guerilla war against insurgent terrorists, who posed no threat to us prior to our invasion of Iraq. You cannot watch a half hour of news without hearing something in reference to the war on terror. In the few days prior to the murder of Hensley, it seemed as though every news program in Atlanta were continuously displaying the eerie image of a bound and blindfolded man surrounded by his hooded captors. It is hard not to feel fear, anger, and/or grief in response to such an image.

The general public's experience of these emotions and reactions is what compels governments and businesses to comply with the terrorists' demands—as

seen with the Philippines and Turkey. The terrorists are aware of this, that if the general population of a country knows of such atrocities, the government will feel more pressure to comply.

If we would take actions to prevent the terrorists from getting the attention they desire, the terrorism would eventually die out. I understand that it is very difficult to ignore the unjust deaths of civilians—as it is difficult for a parent to ignore the child's temper tantrum. The parent understandably feels pressured to give attention to the child when other people in the grocery store are staring and, as the parent may perceive, thinking "oh, what an evil parent!" After giving the child attention for tantrums, the parent who begins to ignore that behavior may experience an increasing amount of the child's outbursts (the "extinction burst"). However, when the child realizes that bad behavior no longer results in attention, he/she will not have any incentive to misbehave.

PANTHER POLL

Q:

Welfare or birth control?



Stephanie Passero
Senior

"Welfare would help more people in the long run."



Olivia Burrell
Junior

"There should be more money for birth control education and less for welfare."



Alexa Ross
Junior

"Birth control, because most effects of welfare are negative."



Sandra Mukendi
Freshman

"Birth control education."



Robert Cohen
Freshman

"There are minorities who need welfare to get money for birth control education."



Jim Ryan
Senior

"Birth control education is voluntary. People are more likely to use welfare."

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

Q:

Do you plan to watch any other presidential or vice presidential debates?

Lt. Governor speaks on tuition hikes



Lt. Governor Mark Taylor.

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Georgia State Students:

The potential 10 percent mid-year tuition increase is an abomination. The reason that this has never happened before is because it is blatantly unfair to students and families. It's no different than getting to the fourth quarter of the game and having the referee determine that a first down now takes 30 yards instead of ten. I'd even go so far as to say this is like taxing the students simply for enrolling in college. Car payments and house payments don't go up in the middle of the year, why should tuition?

It is estimated that this increase will have a \$10 million impact on the HOPE Scholarship Program, hurting the program for future generations. \$10 million is no small cut; it could pay for at least 1,500 students to go to Georgia State for four years. And, for those not on HOPE, many will be denied the very education they need to succeed because they will be forced to pay \$15 million out of their own pockets. That is not the Georgia I grew up in, nor is it the Georgia I think we should strive to be.

Beyond unfairness, this represents a policy shift that abandons decades of commitment to higher education. Historically, Governors in Georgia have put a strong emphasis on education at all levels. Education is critical for everyone's future success. HOPE was brought to Georgians specifically to provide a chance for a quality, affordable education. After all, having only high-priced options for education is like having no options at all. The vision of HOPE was about affordability, self reliance and equal opportunity. Anything is possible if you work hard enough for it. Therefore, HOPE was Georgia's way of making that dream possible for everyone.

The most disturbing part about this increase is that the blame does lie at the door of the Capitol. However, not at every door. The 2005 budget included a \$179 million payroll shift, proposed by Gov. Perdue. Essentially, the shift moved one period of pay (two weeks or one month, depending on the agency) for every agency into

the next fiscal year. Essentially, it was putting off the inevitable. Many argued that this smelled a lot like Enron accounting and cooking the books. A budget that included the gimmick passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor in April. A couple of weeks ago, the Governor changed his mind and automatically created the \$179 million hole in the current operating budget, \$68 million of which must be absorbed by the University System. While I do not think our state should be borrowing chapters out of Enron's accounting manual, this is an enormous financial bait-and-switch that will be devastating. It's hard on students, and it also creates a huge dilemma for university administration because many professors are hired on a contract basis. Those contracts have been signed, sealed and delivered; classes have begun and exams have been taken.

So what's the solution?

Mr. Baehl hit the bulls-eye last week when he urged students to become more active and more vocal. I have been a fighter for both HOPE and affordable education because I personally believe this is the right thing to do – for our state and our families. During the last legislative session, when we debated HOPE, we discussed the high tuition increases that you are paying right now. At the time, I suggested holding the line on tuition in exchange for stabilizing the Regents' budget. This was met with no response.

As a system and a network of concerned students, you have the ability to make change happen. You can do this by signing the petition that is circulating among all Georgia students. You can do this with your vote in November. You can do this by calling and engaging your legislator. You can do this by calling and engaging Gov. Perdue. He needs to hear from students and families and he needs to be told that car payments and house payments don't go up in the middle of the year and neither should tuition. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call my office at 404-656-5030.

Assault weapon availability will not cause rise in crime

Legislation to prevent crime more symbolic

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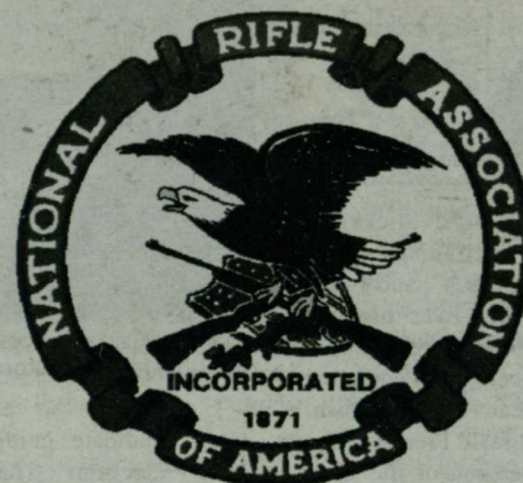
To describe gun control as a giant topic does not even begin to scratch the surface of an issue that is always on the minds of politicians and the American public. It is unlikely that a concise solution will be conceived in my lifetime. Now with the recent overturning of the Brady Bill, the topic of gun control seems to be even more relevant. This past month, Congress overturned the bill that originally passed in 1994, during the Clinton administration. Clinton's first focus on the bill was to increase waiting periods and create more extensive background checks for people purchasing guns. The reasoning behind this was that a person wishing to commit a violent crime would hopefully calm down and choose not to commit that crime.

In 1994 the bill began to cover new territory with the spotlight being on 19 different types of assault weapons and their ammunition. The bill also targeted the purchase of guns at gun shows and raising the age to own a gun from 18 to 21. This angered gun dealers and of course the National Rifle

Association (NRA). It has even been suggested that George Bush did not push the renewal of the bill because the NRA is a huge republican supporter. The accuracy of that idea is however, highly debatable.

Bill as an aid in crime prevention, there is also some debate. In fact, any aspect related to gun control never seems to be in black or white.

I am realistic about gun control. I feel that we can develop as

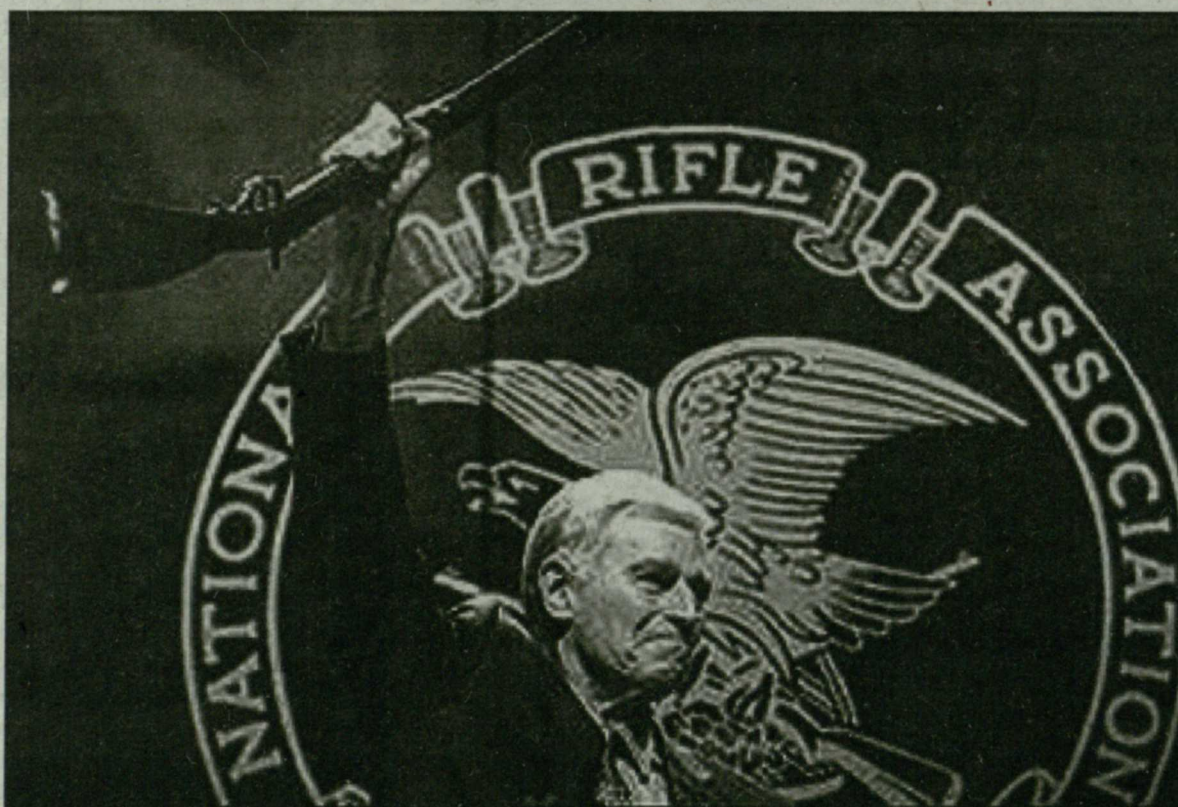


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The NRA was pretty happy to see the Assault Weapons Rifle Ban expire this year.

There are, of course, opposing views now that the Brady bill has been overturned. Some thought that the bill was unjust in the first place. For example, the actual legal definition of an "assault weapon" is murky territory, because, essentially, all weapons are assault weapons. Part of the reasoning in focusing on these types of weapons was because it had been suggested that assault weapons were more widely used by criminals. The flaw in that reasoning is the idea that most career criminals do not get their weapons through legal avenues in the first place. When looking at the Brady

many laws as we like but most likely guns will still be a presence in our country. This doesn't mean that I own guns myself. I just feel, that much like the war on drugs, guns will always be a problem. I do not think that background checks should be eliminated because checks could help to prevent the more common offender. At the same time, I do not feel that making assault weapons available will not cause an increase in crime. However, that is almost impossible to predict. Though legislation can help prevent the problem, bills like these are often more symbolic than realistic.



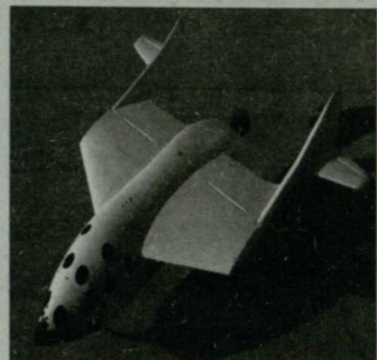
Charlton Heston: "They can pry my gun from my cold dead fingers."

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Civilian space flight slowly becoming reality

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heavy industry into orbit where it could not pollute the planet. Raw materials are available on the moon and in asteroids so that we can build a technological civilization. Sunlight can be used for unlimited, clean, cheap energy. With energy and other resources readily available, we could let the Earth repair itself and we could concentrate on improving the



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SpaceShipOne successfully launched in suborbital space.

human condition. From a capitalistic viewpoint, the first people to develop a civilian space program and utilize it to establish factories in space will become incredibly wealthy. And from an environmental standpoint, what could be better than to get much

of the power generation and heavy industry off the planet?

I agree this notion sounds more like the science fiction I enjoy than reality, but the idea of civilian airliners was scoffed at for many years after Wilbur and Orville began demonstrating their machine around the world. The world's first civilian airline flight flew from Tampa to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1914, 11 years after the Kitty Hawk first flew. Burt Rutan has said that he can envision a tourism industry in low-earth orbit within twenty years. I think this is optimistic, but I applaud the spirit. I will still be around then, so maybe I will be able to live my dream after all.

What this all comes down to is we as a species have always gone beyond the horizon. We have an innate drive to expand our place and our knowledge of that place. Though I believe this planet, our homeworld, still has much to offer us and has abundant room and resources for us, I believe it is important for us to look outward for our continued existence. We are the first creatures that can determine our course of history and assure our survival. To establish ourselves on other worlds and in worlds we construct ourselves is the answer.

Plus, it's going to be one helluva ride!

Electoral College protects small states from big ones

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a lot of people, as they had never known before that the President wasn't directly elected. However, a little more investigation into why the Framers included the Electoral College reveals that, as usual, there were good reasons for the things that they did.

The United States Constitution is a complicated document comprised of a lot of compromise; compromise between the big states and the little states, compromise between federal government and state government, and compromise between security and freedom.

The Framers of the Constitution were wary of giving too much power to any one group of people, whether it be Congress, the President, the Judiciary, or the people themselves. That is why they made some elections direct and some indirect. It was yet another compromise.

In the Federalist Papers No. 68, Alexander Hamilton made it clear that the citizens are too susceptible to "tumult and disorder." The Framers thought that the masses were fickle and would cast uneducated votes in favor of local interests and campaign promises. History shows that governments that put no restraints on the will of the majority result in tyranny and

persecution of the masses.

Also, the Electoral College is another safeguard against the bigger states ruling over the smaller states. Here is what would happen to the smaller states without the Electoral College: Imagine Candidate A carries each of 49 states in the popular vote by slim margins. Though Candidate A wins the vote in every state, he does so with a total of only 100,000 votes more than Candidate B in those states. Meanwhile, Candidate B wins California by a margin of One million votes. Candidate B leads in the popular vote over Candidate A by 900,000 votes yet had only carried one state.

In other words, without the Electoral College, the bigger, more populous states would rule the rest of us. What this sounds like is a democracy. Democracy is where the people rule. The majority of people. Here is an example of democracy: a large pack of wolves and a small herd of sheep deciding what's for dinner. Despite many people's beliefs, and what many liberals would have you to believe, we are not a democracy. We are a federal republic. Read the Constitution and see where it says anything about a democracy. It doesn't. We aren't a mob rule.

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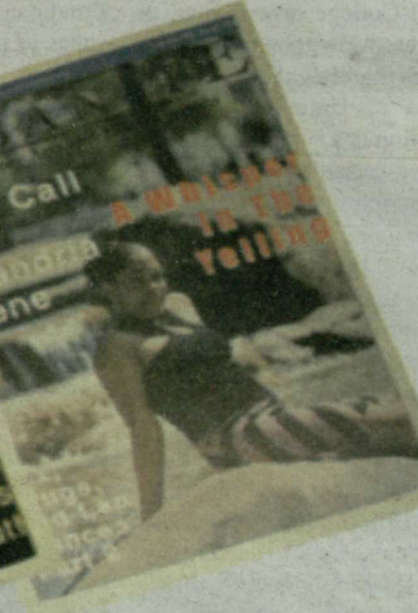
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