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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

Don't let the cold get you down

By Rachel McDaniel
Executive editor

Many Georgia Southern students are sniffing and sneezing their way across campus, which is most likely caused by the common cold, made worse by lack of sleep and stress from midterms. Hundreds of students have visited Health Services to find relief from their symptoms, setting patient visit records of 271 students on Monday and 251 students yesterday. Of those students, there were only 27 confirmed cases of the flu on Monday and 16 lab-proven cases of the flu yesterday.

"It is clear that flu season has arrived on the GSU campus, and this year's flu strain is a severe one and is making students very sick," said Health Services Director Paul Ferguson. "We have plenty of injectable flu vaccine remaining, as well as some FluMist nasal vaccine. It is still not too late for uninfected students, as well as faculty and staff, who have not received the influenza vaccine to be immunized for this seasonal flu."

Many of the symptoms of the common cold and the influenza virus overlap. Carol Turknett, registered nurse at Health Services said there are ways to tell

which is which.

Although a runny nose is common with the cold, it can also be present with the flu, and the same goes for sneezing. However, it is rare to have a fever with a cold and is a standard symptom for the influenza virus.

"With the flu, the fever will be 102 degrees or higher and it hits you like a bomb," said Turknett. She said headaches are also common with the flu, and are less present with a cold. Fatigue is another telltale signal. Fatigue is mild for someone with a cold, but can be severe, lasting two to three weeks, for someone suffering from the flu.

Complications from the flu may also arise, especially if not taken care of by students. These complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections and dehydration.

Preventative methods are best for students to stay well and avoid sickness. Besides vaccinations for the flu, practicing good hygiene will prevent both the cold and the flu. Washing hands frequently and not sharing dinnerware and drinks is what Turknett recommends. If, however, preventative methods fail, then treatment will be necessary. For the common

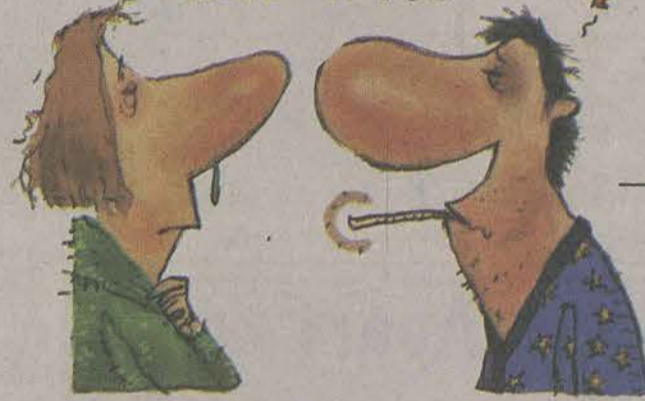
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Immunization Office Hours

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Friday
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. &
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COLD vs. FLU



Symptoms	COLD	FLU
Fever	Rare	High (102-104); lasts three to four days
Headache	Rare	Prominent
General aches and pains	Slight	Usual, often severe
Fatigue, weakness	Quite mild	Can last several weeks
Exhaustion	Never	Early and prominent
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate, hacking cough	Common, can become severe

'Sick leave' plan allows faculty recovery time

By Jerriod Grizzle
Staff writer

Georgia Southern has announced a new program for 2007 hoping to help GSU employees, and professors in times of need.

The Sick Leave Donation Plan that went into effect January 16, 2007 will allow GSU employees to donate hours of sick leave to other employees by way of a leave donation pool.

If employees become seriously injured or ill and have had to use all their sick, vacation, and compensatory leave, the employee will be able to receive ample sick leave during their recovery.

"The program was an idea three years ago. We considered a number of programs before, but we drafted this one for GSU," said Jack Heidler, director of human resources.

Heidler said that he hopes this program will greatly benefit GSU employees.

The program allows employees to donate up to 180 hours of available sick leave hours to others who are in need of more leave.

The application and approval process is very simple stated Heidler.

"All the person needs is an application and a doctor's letter to explain why the person needs to use the leave donation program," he said.

To be eligible to get donated leave, an employee must have been at GSU for a year and may request donated hours after using all accrued sick leave, annual leave, compensatory leave and holiday time.

Heidler said that the donation of time is completely voluntary a person who receives a donation of sick leave can only receive up to 480 hours.

"This is a great thing," said Stacey Roark, secretary of communication arts. "This will be good for people who are in times of hardship or have a sudden illness. I know people are trying to be careful with their sick leave but with this hopefully people will be generous."

The leave program has already been tried and proven. Earlier, an employee of GSU applied for leave under the donation policy, an e-mail was sent out and in two hours another e-mail was sent out that said the request had been filled.

Proposed policy would require background checks for staff

McClatchy Newspapers

The University System of Georgia is planning to require all newly hired faculty and staff members to undergo criminal background checks, a policy that has drawn fire from an organization that represents professors in the state.

Chancellor Erroll Davis sent a memo to university presidents in December telling them that he had asked the system's legal affairs office to draft a "more systematic policy" on background checks that would require them for all full-time hires.

The state's 35 public institutions vary widely with respect to the criminal checks, he said in the memo, with some requiring them for all employees and others who check only those in a position of trust.

The new policy would require a state and federal criminal history check covering a minimum of seven years, a Social Security check and, for those in professional, faculty and academic positions, an academic credentials check.

The policy, which has not yet been adopted, has not gone over well on some university campuses.

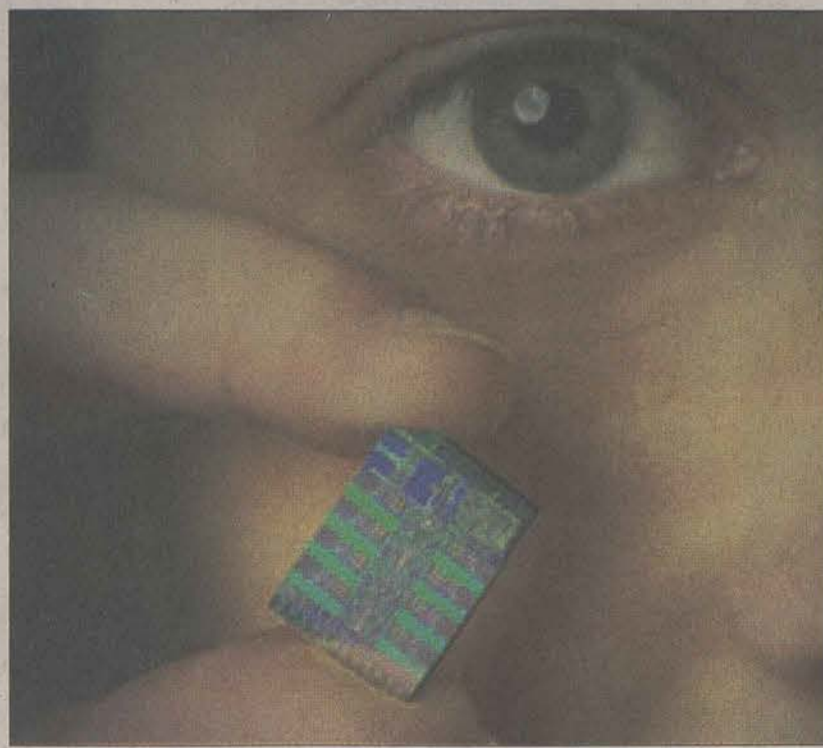
Hugh Hudson, a Georgia State University history professor, sent a letter to Davis last month saying he had been contacted by a number of faculty and administrators who had "deep concerns" about the potential for abuse under the new policy.

At Davis' invitation, Hudson is working with the system's legal department to address privacy concerns.

The policy has created buzz on campuses around the state.

Faculty groups at both UGA and Georgia State will be discussing the issue at upcoming meetings.

Professor plays with P3 technology



Special Photo

The Cell Broadband Engine Architecture is displayed. The Cell is a tiny computer chip with nine processors, compared to the normal PC which has only one processor.

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern's Robert Cook recently spent time on a Sony Playstation 3, but it wasn't to play games.

Instead, Cook, Yamacraw professor of computer science in the University's College of Information Technology, worked with top researchers at the first-ever "hack-a-thon."

The event was sponsored by Colorado-based Terra Soft Solutions, a leader in the use of the Linux computer operating system. Cook was the only computer science faculty member in attendance from the U.S.

"Most people do not realize the advanced capabilities of the processor used in a Playstation 3," said Cook.

"It uses IBM Cell technology, which is a computer chip with nine processors. A normal PC has one processor. For a computer programmer, a Playstation 3 is like having a personal supercomputer."

The Cell or Cell Broadband Engine Architecture is a microprocessor architecture jointly developed by a Sony, Toshiba and IBM alliance known as STI,

see **P3**, page 7

Georgia Southern starts study for vaccine against Herpes

By Brittany B. Thomas
Staff writer

If you were to ask the average student a year ago about the disease HPV, you would not have gotten very much information, if any at all. Research to create a vaccine for HPV was conducted at Georgia Southern, and research is beginning here to test a vaccine for Herpes.

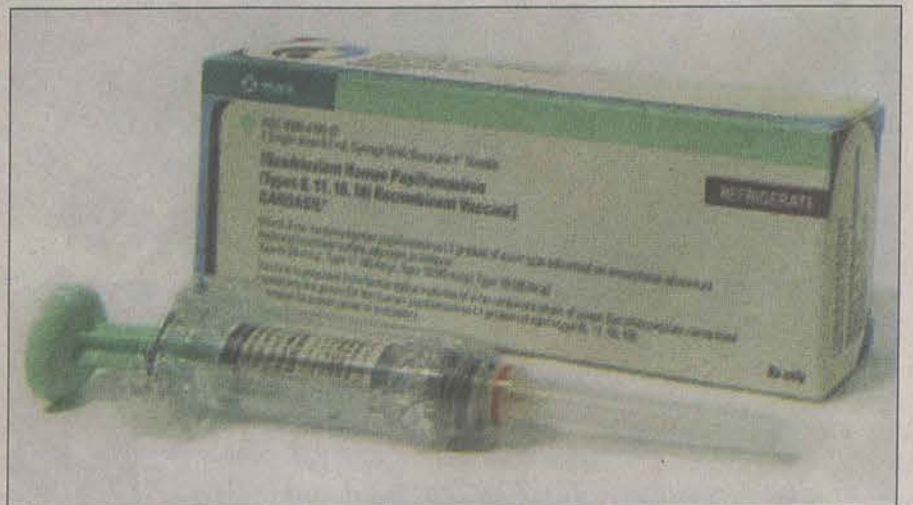
Human Papilloma Virus, HPV, is the most common sexually transmitted disease. People can contract the disease and never know about it because the human body's immune system eventually fights it off. Unfortunately, certain strands of HPV cause cell abnormality in the cervix, which can become cervical cancer if not caught and removed in precancerous stages.

Now more students are slowly becoming

aware of the virus, thanks to the preventative vaccine Gardasil.

"The goal of our office is to help students identify the connection between cervical cancer and the sexually transmitted disease HPV. I don't want to students to come in and feel as if they are receiving a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, but instead I want them to know its connection to STDs and begin safe and healthy sexual lifestyles," said La'Shanda Johnsons, interim director of the office of health education and promotion.

Gardasil was officially approved by the FDA in June 2006. Many studies were conducted over the past few years to test its effectiveness. GSU was one of the many testing sites for the



Special Photo

see **VACCINE**, page 8

GSU research helped the vaccine Gardasil become FDA approved in June 2006.

'Foundations' features student work

GSU News Service

The annual juried exhibition of artworks created by students enrolled in the Foundations Program of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art will be featured in the exhibition "Foundations," opening Feb. 12.

A closing reception and awards ceremony will take place in the Arts Building on the Georgia Southern campus on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Foundations Program courses are required of all students who major in art. These courses include Drawing I and II, Two and Three Dimensional Design and Art History.

Through rigorous and intense study, art students learn the classical

study of art principles, composition strategies, linear perspective, figure drawing and how to portray form in space. They also develop a comprehensive understanding of global art history from ancient to contemporary.

The purpose of the exhibition is to showcase and honor the efforts of beginning art students; to provide an avenue through which high achieving art students can earn recognition and awards; and to demonstrate to future students the expectations placed on students who take foundations courses.

The foundations knowledge enables the contemporary art student to express an artistic vision with the essential skills developed by master artists.

A panel of GSU art professors, who teach upper division courses in various artistic areas, juried the exhibition, which includes drawings, design studies and small sculptures representative of the work typically required in the rigorous battery of foundations art courses.

Those who selected the works were Onyile Onyile, Patricia Walker, Christina Lemon and Megan Jacobs.

The event is free and open to the public. Gallery programming is supported by GSU student activity funds.

For more information regarding this exhibition, call the Department of Art at 912-871-1712 or visit our web site at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art>



Special Photo

Student's work, like the one featured above, will be shown at the Foundations Exhibit at the Arts Building beginning Feb. 12.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 7

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
RHJB group hearing
Russell Union 2054

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Traditions and spirit
Russell Union 2075

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
SGA meeting
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6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
VGA meeting
Russell Union 2041

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bible study with professors
IT lecture hall 1005

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Spring break info meeting
Russell Union 2044

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Anime crew
Russell Union 2042

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
First Wednesday
Russell Union Commons

Thursday, February 8

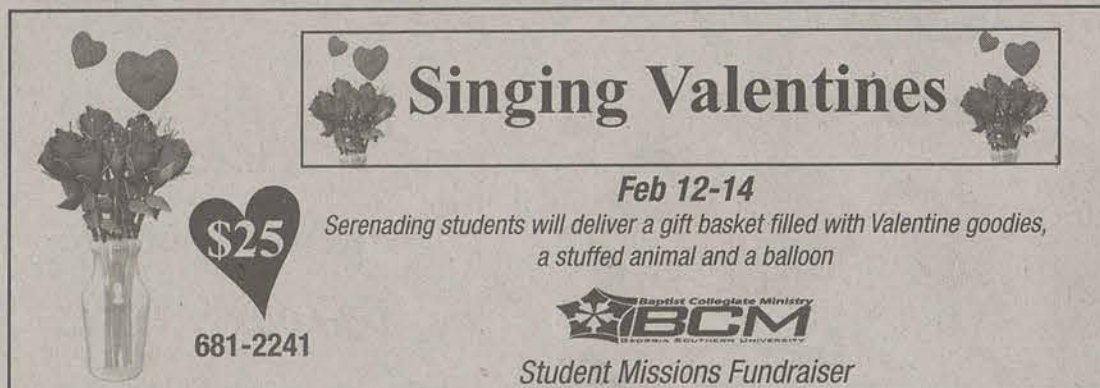
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
NPHC appreciation day
Russell Union Rotunda

8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
High school model UN
Nessmith Lane Ballroom

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Ties that Bind
IT auditorium 1004

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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Individual Awards

- **Grayson Hoffman**, First, Best Editorial or Feature Photograph
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- **Grayson Hoffman**, First, Best News Photography
- **George-Anne Staff**, Third, Best Feature Story



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Leadership skills class offered in Savannah

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern is offering a non-credit business leadership course at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

"Leadership Skills for the Front-Line Manager" will be held on eight consecutive Tuesdays from Feb. 27 through April 17.

Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The 32-hour course will train managers, supervisors and other administrative personnel with leadership responsibilities.

Each class will focus on a particular leadership topic, such as communication among employees, legal concerns for supervisors, handling conflict and criticism and effective methods of coaching employees.

Co-sponsored by GSU's College of Business Administration and the University's Continuing Education Center, the course has previously trained managers and supervisors from

such varying fields as manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, transportation, health care and government.

The registration fee is \$595 per participant, with a corporate discount rate of \$535 per person for four or more people from the same organization. To sign up for the course, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/supervisor/html> or call 912-681-5551.

For more information on any of the business and career development programs offered by GSU, contact program specialist J. Marie Lutz at seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-871-1763.

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NATIONAL POLITICS

Bush to boost national park funding

McClatchy Newspapers

The brochures are coming back to national parks. So are the park rangers, if President Bush has his way. Park supporters say Bush's proposed federal budget for fiscal 2008 would make a big difference at the 390 federally owned parks, monuments and other sites controlled by the National Park Service.

In an otherwise lean domestic budget, Bush wants to boost park funding by \$230 million the first installment in an ambitious plan to spend as much as \$3 billion on America's natural treasures over the next 10 years.

Of course, first Congress must go along, and it's not clear that it will. The plan includes a controversial proposal to leverage federal funds with matching private donations.

Insiders see the influence of first lady Laura Bush, an avid hiker who visits a national park with her Texas pals at least once a year. She and the president will travel to Virginia's Shenandoah National Park on Wednesday to promote the parks-improvement plan.

"They've put a lot of new money on the table," said Ron Tipton, senior vice president for programs at the National Parks Conservation Association, a private group that pushes for more parks funding.

"Every park in the system, for the first time ever, would get a real dollar increase. It would make a real difference."

Tipton said park visitors would see the results by the summer of 2008. Harry Truman's former home would get new drapes. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park would get 55 more park rangers. Everglades National Park would be able to better protect its aquatic specimen collections.

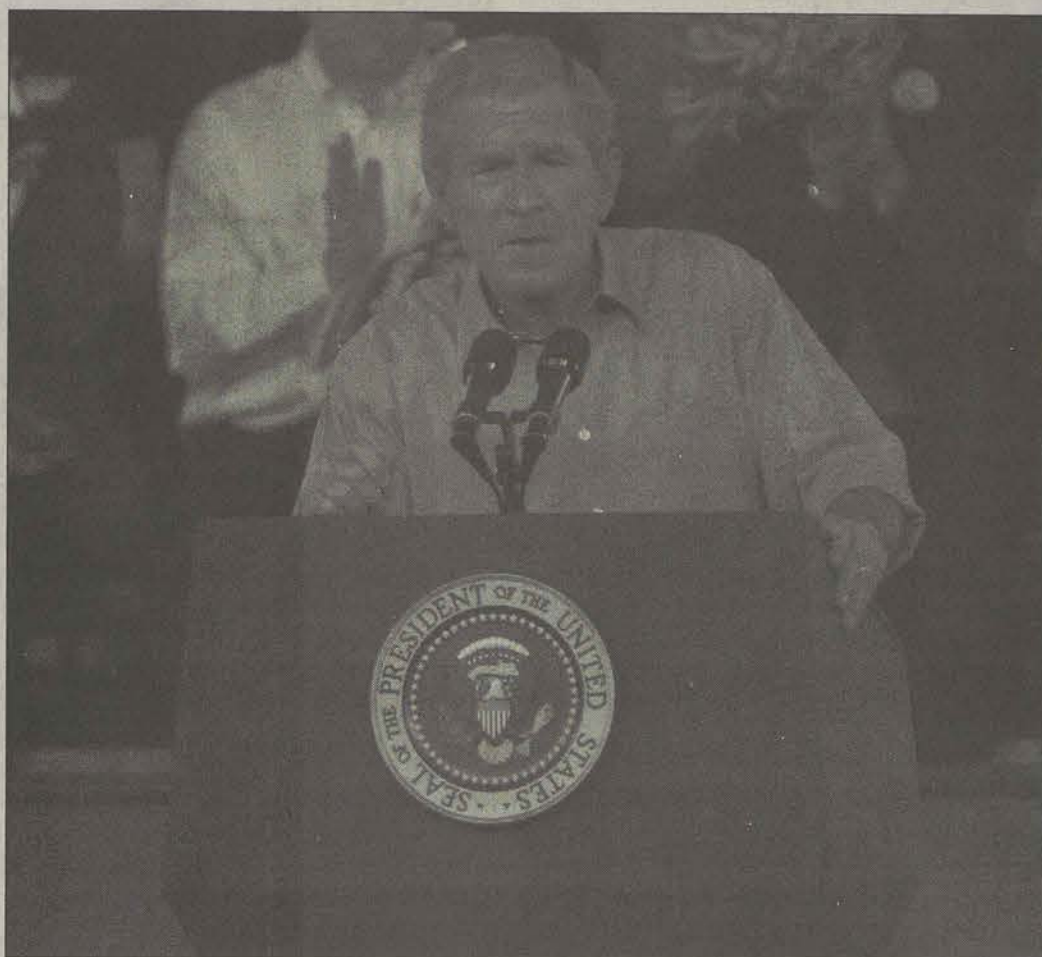
The park service plans to hire 3,000 more park rangers and 44 additional volunteer coordinators.

Some visitor centers would get extended hours. About \$1 million would be used to make sure the park system has enough brochures.

Park service officials say the extra cash would also improve campgrounds, restroom cleanliness, trash removal and trail maintenance.

"People are smiling in the hallways here today," said Jeffrey Olson, a spokesman at the agency's Washington headquarters. It's no secret that the parks have been squeezed for years.

The addition of new national parks in the 1970s



President Bush speaks at Hanner Fieldhouse last October in support of former Georgia Southern professor Max Burns.

and the 1980s, coupled with an increase in visitors, strained parks across the country.

The park system gets about 270 million visitors annually, including repeat visits. As a presidential candidate in 2000, Bush pledged to eliminate the maintenance backlog, but his previous increases in the park service budget failed to meet the needs.

Now Bush wants to try a new approach. His 2008 budget includes \$100 million for a new parks program that would match private contributions, dollar for dollar.

The goal is to come up with \$3 billion in public and private money by the time the park service celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016.

Critics dismissed Bush's plan as a gimmick that seeks to avoid government responsibility for public land.

"Our national parks are national treasures, and their funding is a national responsibility," said Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., the chairman of the House

Natural Resources Committee.

He called the funding plan "an illusion." But Tipton, the parks advocate, thinks it could work — if Congress is willing to give it a try. "I don't think it's pie in the sky," he said.

"It will not be easy to find \$100 million (in donations) every year, but I don't think it's an outrageous figure either." And no one would be surprised if Laura Bush helps shake the money tree.

She was the star attraction at a \$1 million fundraiser last October for the National Park Foundation, a private group formed to raise money for the parks. Regan Gammon, one of the first lady's best friends and a hiking companion, serves on the foundation's board.

Laura Bush and her friends have been traveling to national parks every year since her 40th birthday 20 years ago. As first lady, she's hiked at Yosemite, Yellowstone, Death Valley, the Grand Canyon, Denali, Glacier, Olympic and Mesa Verde.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

Easy-Baked Fingers?

• About 985,000 Easy-Bake Ovens sold since last May have been recalled because children can get their hands or fingers caught in the oven's opening, which poses an entrapment or burn hazard. The company has received 29 reports of children getting their fingers or hands caught in the product, including five reports of burns. The recalled plastic ovens are purple and pink. They resemble a kitchen stove with four burners on top and a front-loading oven. "Easy Bake" is printed on the front of the electric toy, while "Hasbro" and model number 65805 are stamped into the plastic on the back. The recall does not include Easy-Bake Ovens sold before May 2006. Toys "R" Us, Wal-Mart, Target, KB Toys and other retailers nationwide sold the toy from May 2006 through February 2007.

• Archaeologists in Italy have discovered a couple buried 5,000 to 6,000 years ago, hugging each other. "It's an extraordinary case," said Elena Menotti, who led the team on their dig near the northern city of Mantova. "There has not been a double burial found in the Neolithic period, much less two people hugging — and they really are hugging." Menotti said she believed the two, almost certainly a man and a woman although that needs to be confirmed, died young because their teeth were mostly intact and not worn down. "I must say that when we discovered it, we all became very excited. I've been doing this job for 25 years. I've done digs at Pompeii, all the famous sites," she told Reuters. "But I've never been so moved because this is the discovery of something special." A laboratory will now try to determine the couple's age at the time of death and how long they had been buried.

• For centuries, readers thumbed through the crackling pages of Sweden's Post-och Inrikes Tidningar newspaper. No longer. The world's oldest paper still in circulation has dropped its paper edition and now exists only in cyberspace. The newspaper, founded in 1645 by Sweden's Queen Kristina, became a Web-only publication on Jan. 1. It's a fate, many ink-stained writers and readers fear, that may await many of the world's most venerable journals. Queen Kristina used the publication to keep her subjects informed of the affairs of state, Holm said, and the first editions, which were more like pamphlets, were carried by courier and posted on note boards in cities and towns throughout the kingdom. Today, Post-och Inrikes Tidningar, which means mail and domestic tidings, runs legal announcements by corporations, courts and certain government agencies — about 1,500 a day according to Olov Vikstrom, the current editor. The paper edition was certainly not some mass-market tabloid. It had a meager circulation of only 1,000 or so, although the Web site is expected to attract more readers, Vikstrom said.

• An 80-year-old Hampden woman who was watching the Super Bowl alone faked a heart attack to scare off a man who had broken into her home and was pushing her toward the bedroom, police said. Daniel Thanem, 45, of Winterport was arrested a short time later and charged with aggravated criminal trespass and assault. Thanem is a convicted sex offender in Alabama, police said.

The woman was watching Sunday night's Super Bowl when she spotted a man walking through her house, said Hampden police Sgt. Dan Stewart. When she asked the man what he was doing, he grabbed her from behind and began pushing her toward the bedroom.

Stewart said the woman pretended she was having a heart attack and told the intruder her heart medication was in her car in the garage.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

Bremer defends spending in Iraq

Democrats in the House of Representatives on Tuesday grilled the former U.S. administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, demanding that he account for billions of dollars distributed in Iraq that no one seems able to trace. Much of the questioning focused on

\$12 billion — mostly in \$100 bills packed in huge bundles, 363 tons of cash in all — from Iraqi oil sales and frozen assets of Saddam Hussein's regime. The United States shipped the money to Iraq for Bremer's organization to disburse to Iraqi ministries.

African American HIV rates climb

More than 25 years into the AIDS epidemic, HIV continues to soar in the black community, accounting for nearly half of the newly diagnosed infections in the U.S. in a recent yearly assessment by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At the same time, health officials say, the African-American community has been slow to acknowledge the problem, prompting the CDC and grass-roots organizations to mark a yearly observance to bring attention to the epidemic.

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Special photo

The Native American Student Organization will meet today at 6 p.m.

American Indian club returns

By Wesley Huffmaster
Staff writer

The Native American Student Organization (NASO) is being revived at Georgia Southern after years of silence.

The focus of the organization is to serve the community by providing a forum for those interested in the past and present of our country's indigenous peoples, particularly those of Georgia and the southeastern region of the state.

The purpose is also to serve the American Indians by initiating food and clothing drives.

"I hope the group will raise awareness of current American Indian issues and struggles and cultivate an

appreciation for their heritage while still being entertaining and fun," said Frank Sharpe, a NASO member.

The organization intends to sponsor guest speakers and performers as well as interesting lectures by resident professors.

The organization also plans to engage in volunteer work, visit local schools and sponsor fun trips.

"I like the group because it has a humanitarian purpose," said Jessie Emery, a NASO member. "Although intended to be fun, it has a focus on something deeper."

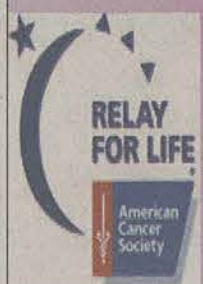
Those who have an interest in our country's first peoples should attend the first NASO meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, in room 2073 of the Russell Union.

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and Sony's Playstation 3 is the first major commercial application using this new technology.

Cook said there are innumerable scientific and engineering breakthroughs that can be accomplished with the increased computational speed of Cell processors.

"The next generation of supercomputers will be Cell computers linked together," said Cook.

"They will be able to perform billions of billions of instructions per second. It has profound implications, especially in the area of bioinformatics."

As an example, Cook said scientists studying DNA and RNA proteins could study and manipulate individual proteins by comparing them through computerized databases.

"Proteins are the individual building blocks of life," Cook said.

"Computerized databases can be created to store proteins from every living thing. When a researcher needs to identify where a protein came from, it takes time to compare samples. Cell-powered supercomputers will speed the process."

In addition to studying complex proteins and molecules, Cook said advanced computer technology could aid researchers to better predict changes in the Earth's climate and ecosystem, develop more fuel-efficient, less polluting cars or understand the origin, spread or mitigation of infectious diseases.

Cook said the challenge is to create the software that can take advantage of the Cell technology.

The "hack-a-thon" at Terra Soft Solutions' headquarters in Loveland, Col., was the start in how to address this challenge.

"It was an exciting atmosphere at the hack-a-thon," said Cook.

"There was a maelstrom of intellectual give-and-take that resulted in a rare free-flow of ideas. Software vendors were modifying product specifications on-the-fly based upon feedback from us, the attendees," said Cook. "Becoming coding buddies with total strangers was a great experience."

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Flu

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cold, temporary relief can be found through common cold medicines and decongestants. The flu only has antiviral medications available.

"Usually, if diagnosed with the flu, the doctor will give them antivirals and tell them to stay hydrated," said Hart. Antivirals can make the flu less contagious and reduce symptoms.

Despite treatment availability, the best option is to get vaccinated and practice a healthy lifestyle to strengthen the immune system in order to stop the flu, and the cold, before it hits.

The cost is \$13 for the injectable vaccine and \$25 for the FluMist. Students wanting the flu vaccine have to sign in at the front desk to have their medical records pulled, and then they will be directed to a separate waiting room adjacent to our Immunization/Injection Office where they can be seen in a short amount of time.

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- 4) If flu-like symptoms appear, call for an appointment or go to health services.

Vaccine

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study, which was administered by the Medical College of Georgia.

Women between the ages 16 and 22 who participated in a new study were randomly assigned to either receive the Gardasil vaccine or the placebo in a series of three shots. After the last shot, the women were followed up for an average of 17 months.

The results of the study showed that for women who were not previously exposed to HPV, the vaccine is nearly one hundred percent effective.

However for those who had previously been exposed to the virus, the vaccine showed no effectiveness.

Currently, there is a second study being conducted to test the dosage levels of the HPV vaccine.

"The benefit of participating in this study is that the placebo that is given is Gardasil itself. So not only do the women who participate in the study help with modifying the vaccine, but they also receive protection for themselves," said Paul Ferguson, director of health Services.

The Gardasil vaccine has also led researchers into a new study for a vaccination against Herpes, which is also a sexually transmitted disease that causes oral and genital herpes.

This study will also be conducted at the GSU Health Services. Women who are eligible are women between the ages 18 and 30 without oral or genital herpes.

The benefits of participating in this study are a free screening for herpes, an investigational vaccine against herpes or hepatitis A, and financial compensation for your time and travel.

For more information, contact the Medial College of Georgia at 877-643-1414 or visit www.herpesvaccine.nih.gov.

GSU is also a testing site for this study. For more information contact GSU Health Services at 912-681-5641.