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UPCHURCH'S INTEGRITY IN QUESTION

To the Editor of The Eleven Hour,

Let me begin that I have been an avid reader of The Eleventh Hour for the past three years I have attended GSU. That in mind I must say that your paper has done a fairly good job at requiring journalistic integrity from your freelance columnists. So you can imagine my surprise when I read Mr. Upchurch's column, "Will George Bush Go to Hell? (Pt. 1)" in Vol.4 Issue 4, and I discovered several occasions where Thomas misquoted and misrepresented the words and beliefs of Bill Maher. On a side note: I disagree with Upchurch on several key points, but this letter is not meant to berate his opinions.

My complaint is that he created ridiculous statements that he intended people to believe were words that Bill Maher has actually used during his program. I assure you that, no matter what Upchurch says, Maher has never said that George W. Bush has the ability to control the weather. Another citation of Mahers he used half way down the second column was a joke made by Maher during a standup segment of his program. I feel confident in saying that no liberal in this country, more specifically Bill maher believes that the founding fathers created the electoral college to benefit G.W. Bush. I will reiterate that, while I disagree with Upchurch, this letter is not to complain about his opinion. I fully believe in his right to free speech. But it is when he uses his right to free speech by lying and manipulating words to make people appear ignorant or uneducated that we run into a problem.

I trust that in the future you will be sure to ask Upchurch to check his facts and only use quotes in context and only use direct quotes and not his impressions of what was said. I can assure you that if I continue to see poor journalistic integrity from your writers, I will discontinue my readership. Feel free to publish any portion of this email... just do me a favor and quote me correctly.

-Michael Tarver

ANOTHER RESPONSE TO UPCHURCH

Freedom of Speech is Golden--that being said, please do not link "Liberals" to "Socialists". I understand the journalism magnificence of "Liberal= Socialist, Socialist= Communism, Communism= Evil, and finally Evil= Liberal", but must we still paint such broad strokes? Why is there this need to fight over the average reader? In their basic forms, liberalism is change--conservatism is remaining; without liberalism, we [America] would not be the country that we are presently.

-Heidi King

HERE'S ONE THAT SUPPORTS UPCHURCH. . . NO WAIT. . .

I read your article "Will George Bush Go to Hell?" with great amusement. I personally believe that Tom Delay is innocent. I feel that Bill Frist and Karl Rove are too. I think the Iraq war is going well and that the the insurgency is in its last throes. I believe that Brownlee was well qualified and that he was doing one helluva job. I see nothing wrong with awarding hundreds of billions in no-bid government contracts to Haliburton and it's various subsidiaries that have already paid millions in fines for misusing government money. I also believe in Santa Claus, the Easayer bunny, tooth fairy and the God you speak of that is guiding W in these decisions.

-Steve Speir

IN RESPONSE TO McCORKLE'S DEAR ALLEN GINSBERG

The answer to your question may be found in William Burroughs writings. The machine has invented TV as a form of crowd control. Hypnotizing the populace into complacency and reducing the chance for crowds to form people to interact and challenge the machine. Uncontrolled crowds are a politicians and the machines greatest nightmare. I do not remember if this was from Seven Souls or Naked Lunch.

It saddens me that young people waste thier youth on this crap. I am 47 years old and had a lot of fun and great experiences challenging the real world rather than fantasy land. Of course I knew of many young people in the 70's that wasted thier life and youth on Dungeons and Dragons.

-Steve Metz, Nahutna,GA

A CONCERNED CITIZEN SUPPORTS BARS

Some of the things I have been reading and Hearing about recently in Statesboro concern me on many levels. I am referring to the new uproar dealing with free drinking, and underage binge drinking in local establishments. I have also heard concerns raised by Laura Milner (Ga. Southern prof.) about how ladies do not feel safe after an evening at ladies nights in Statesboro. I would like to address some of these issues and give my humble opinion and hopefully I am not alone in them.

First of all this teacher of higher education is simply a 4 or 5 year old child swinging a stick at a large hornets nest for the simple reason she does not understand what it is or the repercussions it could entail. To begin the majority of bar owners and managers in Statesboro work very hard to uphold local and state laws pertaining to alcohol sales. They are regulated by many organizations and have to answer to more authority than any other local business and their records are closely scrutinized. So the implications that local bar owners are blatantly ignoring laws concerning under age drinking is preposterous.

C.R.I.

Campus Recreation and Intramurals

Hoofin' for Habitat

By Monique McKenzie

It's that time of year again. Campus Recreation and Intramurals is excited to present the seventh annual Hoofin' for Habitat 5K fun run, along with the Statesboro Pacer's, Statesboro's running and walking club.

Hoofin' for Habitat is an event to raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, and all proceeds will go toward their programs that help people afford their own homes. The event is also designed to promote fun and fitness in the community.

Hoofin' for Habit will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Recreation Activities Center (RAC) on the Georgia Southern University campus.

The activities begin at 8:30 am for the 1/4 mile kiddie fun followed by the 5K run at 9 am. Participants

have the option to either run or walk the 5K.

Visit www.StatesboroPacers.com for more information about Hoofin' for Habitat including entry forms, registration fees, course descriptions and maps, and sponsorship and volunteer opportunities. You may also call Michelle Martin at CRI at (912) 681-5436 or cri-pt@georgiasouthern.edu.

To participate, fill out the entry form on page 11 and mail it in. Online registration is available at active.com.



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The next point I would like to address is ladies do not feel safe when they go out to "ladies nights" in Statesboro. Should ladies feel safe if they decide to go out in the boro for a night out, by all means. If a girl decides to go out and does not feel safe the simple solution to the problem is to leave and go else where or GO HOME. College students for the majority are over the age of 18 and are adults by all local and state laws. Adults have the ability to make decisions and stick by them. We all make bad decisions and have to live with them, but trying to legislate morality or treating students like children will only compound what some believe is an issue worth bringing before the city council. Telling a student who is an adult that they cannot make decisions for themselves will only draw more attention and basically give this establishment free advertising.

By bringing this issue before the city it only draws focus away from areas which truly need the attention of our city council. Our police department has more important things to deal with than checking Id's at local bars when the establishments are doing that anyway, to stay within state law.

When it comes to the subject of binge drinking, that is another subject all together.

Once again, students, by all laws, are adults, and even though they do not always make the smartest decisions, they are adults and must deal with them. Parents send their kids to school and have to trust they will behave in the way they would like for them to. However it does not always work that way. Bar owners are not their parents and shouldn't be asked to act like a parent. If a patron does not know when to stop or to slow down that is his or her own responsibility.


The city of Statesboro receives somewhere between 200 and 300 thousand dollars a year in alcohol related revenue. I would like to know where this is to be made up should this income be lost. Not only would a loss of this magnitude be felt by the city but, parks and recreation department, the PD, and others would feel this loss. If the right actions are taken this whole mess could be beneficial,



OCTOBER 15, 2005

Statesboro, Georgia's Seventh Annual
5K FUN RUN/WALK
1/4 MILE KIDDIE RUN

Benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County



WHEN Saturday, October 15, 2005, 8:30 a.m. for 1/4 Mile Kiddie Run, 9:00 a.m. for 5K Fun Run/Walk

WHERE All events begin and end at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on the Georgia Southern University campus in Statesboro, GA. The RAC is located on Atkins Blvd., which is accessible via the southern entrance to campus off Veteran's Memorial Parkway (i.e., U.S. Hwy 301 Bypass located between State Hwy 67 and U.S. Hwy 25/301).

COURSE This fast 5K course runs through Georgia Southern University's scenic campus and has only mild changes in elevation.

ENTRY FEE **5K Fun Run/Walk** \$15.00 postmarked by Oct. 10th; \$20.00 after Oct. 10th; \$10.00 Students (with ID); \$2.00 Discount for Statesboro Pacers; **1/4 Mile Kiddie Run** FREE, but you must register to participate; \$5.00 if T-shirt desired.











PACKET PICKUP/RACE DAY REGISTRATION Race day registration and packet pickup will be at the Recreation Activity Center, on campus, at the following times: Friday, October 14th, 4:00-8:00 p.m. & Saturday, October 15th, 7:00-8:15 a.m.; T-shirts guaranteed to all pre-registered 5K participants & available to 5K race day entrants, while supplies last. **Avoid the long lines & register early!!!**

APPLICATIONS & MORE INFO Event website & download application from www.StatesboroPacers.com, Online registration available at active.com or contact Michele Martin at Campus Recreation & Intramurals, (912) 681-5436 or cri-p@georgiasouthern.edu.

AWARDS AND DIVISIONS Prizes will be awarded to the top female & male overall, top female & male masters (i.e., age 40+), and top 3 female and male finishers in the following age categories: 10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+

POST RACE EVENTS & RAFFLE Refreshments, music by 103.7 the Boomer, and food will be provided at the RAC's outdoor pavilion, adjacent to the RAC parking lot. Awards and door prizes will be announced at this time. Additionally, a new 27" color TV and DVD, generously donated by our Statesboro Wal-Mart Distribution Center, will be raffled then. For door prizes and raffle, **you must be present to win.** Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased in advance with this entry form or on the day of the event.

RW'S 5K TRAINING PLANS Whether you're looking to run or walk your first 5K or your fastest 5K, check out the "5K Training Plans" under the News link at www.StatesboroPacers.com. Here you'll find several excellent training programs great for every level of runner or walker, and all endorsed by Runner's World.

ENTRY FORM—HOOFIN' FOR HABITAT 5K FUN RUN/WALK & 1/4 MILE KIDDIE RUN

Make check payable to: Campus Recreation & Intramurals, P.O. Box 8078, Statesboro, GA 30460

5K RUN
 5K WALK
 1/4 MILE KIDDIE RUN (FREE REGISTRATION; T-SHIRT \$5.00)

Male
 Female
 Age on Race Day _____ Date of Birth _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: **YM (YOUTH MED)**
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club or Team _____

In consideration of your accepting me/my child's registration, I hereby for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage I or my child may have against CSI and Statesboro Pacers including all representatives who are in any way connected with this event/program. Further, in the event of an injury, I do hereby give permission and consent to authorize such First Aid and/or Medical and/or Hospital care or treatment as deemed appropriate. In addition, I am fully aware of the provisions covered by the fee for this event and I understand that if any emergency arises, any and all additional expenses incurred must be borne or assumed by the participants.

Date _____ Signature _____ Parent or Guardian Signature, if participant is under the age of 18 years _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Entry Fee _____

Kiddie T-shirt \$5.00 _____

XXL T-shirt \$1.50 _____

Habitat for Humanity Donation (optional) _____

Raffle \$2/ticket _____

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TOTAL _____

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however, if the wrong course of action is taken it could be detrimental, not only to the bar and restaurant industry but to Georgia southern and Statesboro as well. College students want to drink and are going to find a way regardless of the law. At least the bars are regulated, if they

are continually harassed by do-gooders then good luck in regulating the hundreds of house parties that go on with little to no supervision. If you don't want to drink or binge drink fine but do not infringe on others personal freedoms.

If students supported this as much as some

believe then there would be no argument, and the local watering holes would be empty. Students want to drink relax and party a bit. I as a concerned citizen, value everyone's right to their opinion and thank God for their freedom to express it. -emailed 9-26