Imagine this: A Jacket teaches some new tricks to a Bulldog

From Staff and Wire Reports

ON SAME SIDE: Cris Carpenter hesitated, realizing he was about to commit blasphemy. But after considering the situation, he decided he had to give credit where credit was due.

Carpenter, who pitched three years and punted two years at the University of Georgia, was named Most Valuable Player of the U.S. baseball team at the Pan Am Games. His success, he says, was due partly to the help he received from an assistant coach on the U.S. team - a man named Jim Morris, who also just happens to be head coach at Georgia Tech.

"I teased him all summer about the jinx Georgia has over Georgia Tech," said Carpenter, referring to a 7-2 record against the Yellow Jackets in his three seasons. "But I have to be honest. He showed me a lot of pitches. He taught me the curve that I lost in high school. I attribute a lot of my success to Jim Morris."

WORDS FROM HOME: Alphonso Ellis, a freshman running back at Georgia, knows how lonely it is being away from home for the first time. That's why the support shown by the people in his home-

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town of Thomasville has meant so much

Ellis has received a half-dozen letters from people in Thomasville, most of whom he doesn't know. But as the man who broke the high school rushing records of another local hero, former Atlanta Falcon William Andrews, Ellis is well-known to

the community.

Said Ellis: "As a freshman, it's easy to get down, so it's nice when you have people at home supporting you."

Ellis, who will start today's game with Oregon State, lived near Andrews' mother and often spoke with her. He knows Andrews, too, and is saddened by his retirement, which was announced last week.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: A sign outside The Varsity fast-food institution in Athens last week read, "Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters: Ruy your dogs here," a reference

to the sports agents who have paid college players before their eligibility has

BACK IN BUSINESS: Billy Cannon, the 1959 Heisman Trophy winner for LSU and a convicted counterfeiter, has reopened his dental practice in Baton

"He served his prison time, but he's still under supervision until his time runs out, technically September of 1988," said his attorney, Robert Kleinpeter. "We've just consistently turned down interviews He's going back to work."

Soundoff

GSU graduate sees red over Panthers' colors

As a Georgia State grad, I find the school's colors situation quite farcical. GSU's academic colors are crimson and gray, while the athletic colors are royal blue and columbia blue. Now, State's sports teams will wear blue and be called the Crimson Panthers. What a joke!

Why not combine the four colors and go to the resulting purple as the standard GSU color? Purple Panthers in purple and white would be a big improvement over Crimson panthers in two shades of blue. Besides, they're leaving out the gray.

W. Keith Watkins Atlanta

Tired of bad-mouthing home teams

wish that everyone would just leave the Atlanta teams (Braves, Hawks and Falcons) alone and just let them play ball! Especially the Braves.

am so very sick and tired of all the badmouthers and fair-weather fans who constantly throw off the Atlanta teams. They are in the big leagues, you know. They play with all the other teams that are. But to hear Bob Costas, NBC announcer, talk, the Braves don't know anything about baseball. You'd think he wrote the book on baseball or something.

personally am glad that the Braves, Falcons and Hawks are my hometown teams. I enjoy all of them, win or lose. I sure haven't found anything better that's worth leaving this state for.

If we could all live by the rule: "If you can't say anything nice, then keep your mouth shut." It makes one wonder what the Atlanta teams could do without all of the negative energy around.

Annette Jennings Jefferson, Ga.

Give Aaron's job to Dews

Furman Bisher said it all for the Braves fans. Braves management should face up to what we all know. Henry Aaron has blown it as director of player development.

The time has come to give Bobby Dews the job officially and turn him loose to do it effectively.

Irma Bassion Atlanta

Braves in first place without Tanner

Chuck Tanner. That is exactly what we need to do - Chuck him. Certainly very few would argue that the Braves have enough talent this year to be in first place, but they have been in almost every game.

So why all the losses? Poor managing! If the Braves are truly getting into a youth movement, don't forget to fire the oldest member of the team. Chuck him - Chuck Tanner.

William Ransom Atlanta

believe it has been well demonstrated in recent weeks in your paper that the Auburn-Alabama football game is in a league totally by itself. The articles and letters have shown that many people have an extreme attitude about the game.

In my opinion, no one understands the intensity unless they have grown up in Alabama or

have ties to one of the schools.

Tide will come to Jordan-Hare

But it's time for Alabama fans to face the facts. Auburn and Alabama will play every year for the forseeable future. And the game will go to home-and-home. The gnashing of teeth and deluded memories will change nothing. Alabama will play football at Jordan-Hare Stadium or they will forfeit the game to Auburn. Alabama has a proud tradition and I don't think the honorable people at that school will dishonor it with a forfeit to their greatest rival.

Alabama should be honored to play at Jordan-Hare. Many years of great football have been played there. Alabama only played its weakest opponents at Tuscaloosa for about 25 years until the early 1980s, when Southern Mississippi (thought to be weak when scheduled) broke the string of glorious wins. The home field for Alabama for the good games was (and usually still

is) Legion Field in Birmingham. Auburn always gave Alabama 10 points by playing in Birmingham: seven for being on a visifor's field and three for playing on plastic grass. Auburn would gain seven points by playing at home. If you add 17 points to Auburn's score every year they wore the blue jerseys in Birmingham, it's easy to see why Alabama wants to keep

the status quo.

Wayne Daniels Palmetto, Ga.

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Whatever Happened To..



Tip Goza, retired from coaching baseball in De-Kalb, has time for tennis with his wife, Betty,

STEVE DEAL/Staff and teaches driver education at Greater Atlanta Christian.

Goza couldn't make career choice until his wife threw in her opinion

By Hal Hayes Special to The Journal-Constitution

Tired of their lifestyle at that moment in 1947, Betty Goza simply threw in the towel. And her act of loving defiance eventually gave Georgia one of its most successful high school baseball coaches.

"We were married and living in Carrollton, across the street from what was then West Georgia Junior College," said Tip Goza, whose baseball teams won more than 300 games, one Class AAA state championship and several district titles in 11 years (1956-67) at Avondale High School, where he also served as an assistant football coach.

Later he won more than 250 games in 17 seasons as head baseball coach at DeKalb College before retiring in 1984. He remains active in education, however, and is starting his 15th year of "moonlighting" as the driver-education instructor at Greater Atlanta Christian.

Returning to the story of his college debut, Goza, 60, said: "I had just gotten out of the Merchant Marines (in 1947) and wasn't sure what we were going

"The late Mr. A.A. Graves, who had been our principal and coach at Tucker High School, had been encouraging me to go on to school. He knew I wanted to be a football coach and teacher.

"Betty and I had been talking about it, but I just couldn't decide. Then one night while she was drying dishes, we started talking again about me going to school.

"Then, all of a sudden, she just threw the dish rag down and said, 'Let's do It; let's go to school.' " Tifton L. Goza, a student at Tucker in the days

CLOSEUP: Tip Goza

E Age: 60. Birthplace: Tucker.

Residence: Lilburn.

Occupation: Retired high-school and college baseball coach.

Career Highlights: Spent 11 years (1956-67) at Avondale High School, where his teams won more than 300 games, several district titles and one state Class AAA championship (1964). In 17 years as head baseball coach at DeKalb College, he won more than 275 games. Played football at West Georgia Junior College and later at Florida State. Retired from coaching and teaching in 1984. For the past 14 years he has taught driver education part time at Greater Atlanta Christian.

football, said "it surely seemed crowded when I Joined the West Georgia team. They played with 11 on a side and that took a little getting used to. Then, too, they'd already played two games when I joined

Nonetheless, he was impressive enough in two seasons there to earn a further grant to Florida State. He played two varsity seasons for the Seminoles, graduating in 1950.

Next Goza spent two and one-half years as head football coach at Lithonia. Then he was drafted -"along with two of my players," he said - into the Korean Conflict. Upon his discharge he began his 35when DeKalb County schools played only six-man year teaching and coaching career in DeKalb County.



Keeping concentration key to catching fly balls

Q. How do you catch a fly ball? - Graham McCorkle, 6, Knoxville, Tenn.

GRAHAM: I've certainly dropped my share of fly balls.

As recently as last Wednesday night, I had a relatively easy fly ball hit toward me, but I didn't concentrate. The ball wound up hitting the end of my glove and fell on the ground. Fortunately for me, I was able to throw out a guy at second base, but it could have been a lot of trouble. I didn't concentrate and watch the ball into my glove. So even for those of us who have played for years, a fly ball requires your full attention.

Catching a fly ball is a matter of practice judging where the ball is going to end up and getting to that spot. But that takes lots of practice. Catch with both hands and close your mitt tight so the ball doesn't pop out.

When you start to practice, Graham, have someone throw you short fly balls that are not very high. After a while, have your thrower get farther away and throw the ball higher. After you have done that well, then have someone get a bat and hit fly balls for you to catch. And don't forget: Concentrate and keep your eye on the

Q. Why don't the pros shake hands with the other team after the game? I play Little League, and we have to shake hands after the game. -- " Scooter Abel, 7, Stone Mountain.

SCOOTER: The main reason is that it's something that's never been done - it's not a tradition in major league baseball.

In Little League, it is a tradition, and a good way of showing respect for your opponents. But I think there is a reason why we don't shake hands in professional baseball:

Often there's a higher emotional level, since it's our job. Sometimes feelings toward other players get a little heated, and there possibly could be a confrontation after the game if there were more contact immediately afterward. So it's possibly best to separate after the game.

There are other ways players can show sportsmanship toward one another. A player can help another player up after, say, a slide into second base. Or a player might say "nice hustle" or comment on how the runner has been hitting the ball well.

There's a cameraderie because players are often friends, but there also has to be a certain distance so that it doesn't appear that we are too close. After all, we are competitors, representing our respective cities, and we have a job to do.

Q. Have you ever played baseball with Hank Aaron? - Bennie Williams, Dunwoody.

BENNIE: No, I never got the chance to play with Hank. I signed in 1974 with the Braves, and my first spring training with the team was in 1975. By then Hank had moved on to Milwaukee. So I missed the chance by just one year.

I made the team in 1978, but it would have been great just being able to be on the field with him. I wish I could have been part of it.

Atlanta Braves outfielder Dale Murphy answers questions each Saturday. Address your questions to Atlanta Journal-Constitution Sports, P.O. Box 4689, Atlanta, Ga. 30302. Include your name, address, telephone number and age. Due to the volume of mail, only letters selected for publication can be answered.

Tech not expecting sellout for Citadel opener

Georgia Tech officials are hoping for a crowd of 40,000 at Grant Field for today's 1 p.m. opener against The Citadel. Tickets are available at the Edge Athletic Center on campus. Grant Field, its south end zone still under construction, now holds 46,000. The Yellow Jackets drew 33,352 for last year's opener with Furman.

Individual-game and season tickets are also available for all games except Georgia and Auburn. Few tickets remain for the North Carolina game on Sept. 19. The other games are Indiana State, Oct. 10; Virginia, Nov. 7; and Wake Forest, Nov. 21.

Tickets are \$18 each and can be purchased by mail: Georgia Tech Ticket Office, Atlanta, Ga. 30332. For more information, call 894-5447.

GEORGIA FOOTBALL: A crowd of between 70,000 and 75,000 is expected today for Georgia's 1

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p.m. game against Oregon State at Sanford Stadium in Athens.

Although approximately 16,000 tickets have been set aside for students, classes don't start at Georgia until Sept. 21, and those tickets which hadn't been claimed were put on sale Friday. The remainder will

be on sale at the stadium today. Individual-game tickets are \$15 each. For more

information, call 404-542-1231.

SENIOR CHALLENGE: Tickets are available for the second annual Pepsi Senior Challenge golf tournament Oct. 5-11 at Horseshoe Bend Country Club in Roswell.

A two-day pro-am will be played Wednesday and Thursday, followed by a 54-hole tournament Friday through Sunday.

Tickets, available at SEATS outlets, are \$10 for each day for Wednesday and Thursday and \$15 for each day Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 442-0578.

ATLANTA FALCONS FOOTBALL: The home opener against the Washington Redskins on Sept. 20 is a sellout, but tickets for the remaining games can be purchased at Gate G of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium and at all SEATS outlets.

Tickets can also be ordered by phone if charged to VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express by calling 261-1111. Ticket prices are \$17 for upper- and lower-level

seating and \$13 for field level.