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# Asbestos problems at GSC to be corrected

By CAROL ADAMS **News Editor** 

Seven dormitories and seven academic buildings on the GSC campus found to have asbestos will go through corrective measures this summer, according to President Dale Lick.

An estimated \$919,500 will be spent to correct asbestos problems in Brannen, Cone, Dorman, Hendricks, Johnson, Olliff, and Veazey Halls. These dormitories are capable of housing 43 percent of the on-campus students, according to Pat Burkett, director of housing.

Foy, Hanner, Marvin Pittman School, Rosenwald, Williams Student Center, the library, and athletic facilities will undergo corrective measures costing approximately \$320,000.

Information on levels of asbestos, health implications, and procedures for correcting the problem are not yet available, according to GSC's public relations office. However, Bill Cook, vice-president of Business and Finance said that GSC will "take measures in all dormitories regardless of the percentage.

Cook also said that GSC will probably follow the same corrective measures as the University of Georgia did last year which was to remove the asbestos or plaster.

Lick said that, to his knowledge, the situation does not pose a serious immediate danger to student health.

"It could very well be that if one checked the air, there may not be any asbestos," he said. He said this is because it could be sealed in several coats of paint but that if the plaster broke, asbestos could be released into the air.

College officials are now awaiting a report from the Board of Regents giving details on corrective measures and funds given for this.

GSC is rated second under Georgia Tech in the number of dormitories affected and, therefore,

the highest amount of estimated repair costs.

Money for these repairs will come from the General Assembly, according to Cook.

An estimated \$11 million will be needed to correct asbestos problems in all of the University System of Georgia institutions included in the state-funded study for asbestos.

The state Board of Regents will request funds during the current legislative session to pay for corrective measures in buildings where asbestos was a potential

health risk, according to an article in the Atlanta Constitution on Feb. 1.

The article also stated that the General Assembly is expected to include \$4.4 million in the 1984 supplemental budget to remove this asbestos.

The state-wide asbestos study found "potentially hazardous levels" of asbestos in at least 100 university buildings across Georgia. According to the Department of Human Resources, who conducted the study, 41 dormitories were found to have "problem" levels of asbestos along with 59 non-residential facilities.

# Carole Simpson spoke at

By MARTY NESBITT **Assistant News Editor** 

As part of the Black History Month observance, ABC television news correspondent Carole Simpson delivered the keynote address at GSC on February 7.

Simpson spoke about her struggles and accomplishments and how they were made more difficult because of being a black woman.

"My story shows how a young black girl from a southside Chicago ghetto went on to national television in Washington, D.C.," she said. "It was a struggle and continues to be. I've had to deal with both racial discrimination and sex discrimina-

uon as one of the first black women in broadcasting."

Simpson, a Chicago native, said she first developed an interest in journalism as a career while still a student in highschool working on the school paper. First her interest was rejected by her parents, then her application to Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism in Illinois was rejected. Simpson laughingly remembers that particular rejection because several years later, she became a member of the faculty there.

work as the editor for the Information Bureau there. However, she was not satisfied with her work.

Simpson went on to graduate school at the University of Iowa. Her hopes were to become a news reporter and she soon developed an interest in broadcast news, a field she had never before considered.

"The time was getting right for blacks in broadcasting. My color and my sex, which were once liabilities, were now attractive to employers,' said Simpson. "I started getting job offers from all over, and decided to

# Sport Management degree to be reviewed by Regents

By SANDRA ALLEN **News Writer** 

A master's degree proposal in Sport Management if passed by the Board of Regents will make GSC the first school in the university system offering this type of formal degree program, said Douglas Leavitt, department head of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

"A program in Sport Management will permit career diversification within the wide ranging field of sports and other leisure related activities such as athletic directors, sportscasters and recreational facilities coordinators," said Leavitt.

The proposal for a master's degree in Sport Management has passed the preliminary standpoint and a finalized copy will be reviewed by the graduate council on Feb. 22. If approved, the proposal is then submitted to President Dale Lick and

if he approves the proposal, it is sent to the Board of Regents.

"Those students who have done undergraduate work in athletics, physical education and recreation will be able to utilize the Sport Management degree, especially with the continued growth in commercial organizations such as spas and sports complexes," said Leavitt.

The types of courses a student could expect to take are those in physical education, management and public relations said Leavitt.

Leavitt estimates an enrollment of at least ten students the first year if the program is implemented. "But a unique feature of the program is to limit the number of students to 25.

If the Board of Regents passes the proposal, Leavitt hopes the program will begin this fall but believes it will probably take longer.



Carole Simpson spoke candidly of her battle against discrimination.

She went on to the University of take a job at radio station WCFL in Michigan, where she received her bachelors degree in journalism in 1962. However following her graduation, she had more battles to fight. "I was the only black in the journalism program at the University of Michigan, and upon graduation, I was the only student who didn't already have a job," Simpson explained.

According to Simpson, she was able to land an internship at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and

Chicago. I was the first woman, black or white, to broadcast news in that city."

After five years working a radio, Simpson was offered a job at WMAQ-TV in Chicago, an NBC affiliate station. Then four years later, she accepted a job with NBC-TV as a Washington correspondent. Three years ago she left NBC and took the same position with ABC.

"I've been in Washington for over Con't. on pg. 2

# GSC hosted student media festival

By JEAN L. SATTERTHWAITE News Writer

GSC hosted the first district student media festival on February 10 in the school of education's media center. "We sponsor this to further the profession in this area," said Connie Adler, chairman for the festival and an instructor in the school of education.

The festival provides an opportunity for students in the K-12 grades to produce and display their work for both an interested audience and a panel of expert judges.

Areas in which the students could compete were film, filmstrip presentation with sound, slide presentation with sound, multi-image, radio play, photographic essay, illustrated booklet, and computer graphics.

The panel of judges was made up of media specialists from schools throughout the first district and GSC professors from both the media areas and the school of education.

Adler noted that the entries in the first district festival have been improving through the years. "Every year we're seeing better quality. In the computer entries we're seeing greater and greater sophistication."

In this year's entries, Adler Simpson speech

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nine years and I've had the opportunity to travel to 45 of the 50 states plus Great Britain, Scotland, and France," said Simpson.

and France," said Simpson.

During this election year,
Simpson will be on the road a great
deal covering the Republican
campaign of Vice President George
Bush.

Though Simpson has covered numerous important stories during her career, the one she is most proud of is her coverage of the Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trial in 1970. "As you may recall, the trial stemmed from riots that occurred during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Yippie leaders, Blacks and others were on trial for inciting the riots," explained Simpson.

The trial wore on for more than five months during 1969-70. Finally, the jury deliberated four days and reached a consensus. "That day I sat in the very back of the room so I could avoid the mad rush to get out the door with the verdict before anyone else," she said.

The climax of the event came

mentioned in particular both a film presentation which showed the work of the circulatory system in the human, and an illustrated booklet, "Because of Freedom" by an American-Vietnamese student from Savannah High School.

"This (the festival) encourages students to produce a variety of media," said Adler. "They learn a lot just producing these entries. This involves a lot of planning and helps them with many basic skills."

Students were permitted to enter this district festival after advancing through both an individual school level and a system level of competition. Rather than giving first through third prizes, entries received either a participation certificate, or merit certificate. When the latter was received, the student could advance to the next level of judging. Students who received a certificate of merit at this district level can go on to the state level in Columbus, Georgia.



when the judge returned with the verdict: five were found guilty and two were acquitted, said Simpson.

"About that time a federal marshall got up and went to the door and opened it. I got up and slipped out. All the other reporters saw me leave, but the judge ordered the door bolted again. I was able to call in my story and scoop everyone else by 20 minutes," Simpson said.

"Black Americans have a unique opportunity to help reshape our nation's policies through the potential of our voter strength." —Simpson

During her speech, Simpson took a more serious tone and added her views on the relationship between the Reagan administration and blacks.

Of President Reagan Simpson said "He can't appreciate the plight of the masses and that's where the charge of insensitivity comes in. His perception of the problems of the black community is the main problem."

Simpson feels the present administration's policies could have a negative effect on the black community. She cited budget cutbacks and rising resentment among blacks.

She also stressed the importance of voting for blacks. "Black Americans have a unique opportunity to help reshape our nation's polices through the potential of our voter strength," she said. "During Black History Month, we must remember that we have a guest as a people and we can make a difference."

# NEWS

# Preliminary budget proposal being drafted

By JEAN SATTERTHWAITE Staff Writer

GSC is presently working on the preliminary budget proposal which must be submitted to the Board of Regents by February 17, according to Bill Cook, vice president of Business and Finance.

The February 17 deadline will allow the Board of Regents time to review the proposal before the budget conference on February 24. Both representatives from GSC and members of the appropriations committee will attend the conference to discuss the proposals made by the school. The proposed budget, after it has been reviewed and revised will go into affect July 1.

Cook described the preliminary budget as a "wish list" from which the final budget will be made. "We rarely get everything we ask for, but this preliminary budget gives us a basis to work from."

### Undergraduate degrees declared new majors

By SANDRA ALLEN News Writer

Two undergraduate degree programs have recently been declared as majors.

The most recent change occurred this past August in the Mathematics Department. Computer science was being offered as an emphasis with a math degree but is now a major.

"We have been adding one new computer course a quarter since the change," said Thomas McClean of the Mathematics department.

Both programs, the computer science major of emphasis, are being offered, but the majority of students will switch to the computer science degree, said McClean.

McClean said the computer science degree will help students even more in getting jobs with major computer companies.

The second emphasis which was declared a major is information

systems. Although the change occurred last year, the program has been growing rapidly.

Currently, there are approximately 300 students majoring in information systems in the department of management said John Pickett, department head of Management.

The program, as a major, is essentially the same as the emphasis. "The course content is based on applications of computers in business," said Pickett.

"By being a major rather than just an emphasis the student has stronger credentials in the job market. Sometimes the emphasis was not understood and students were not getting the recognition they really deserved," said Pickett.

Pickett said it is a very difficult program but several graduates are working in major corporations such as IBM, Burroughs and Georgia Power.



# Faculty members awarded grants

By REGINA JONES and TONYA TATE

Ten GSC faculty members were awarded travel grants that totaled up to \$4,800 which will go to travel expenses for professional conferences.

From the foreign language department, Jean-Paul Carton attended the Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association of America in New York last December. While at the convention, he presented his paper, "Oral-Traditional Style in the Chanson de Roland: 'Elaborate Style and Mode of composition.'" He will be using this paper for his doctoral dissertation to be published in early fall.

Gale Bishop, of the geology department, attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists in Philadelphia on Dec. 26 of last year. A side trip was also made on Dec. 29 and 30 to the American Museum of Natural History to make slides of the dinosaur skeletons for the GSC museum. Bishop said that he feels "real good" about receiving the grant and he believes that the slides will prove helpful in major and freshmen courses.

From the geography department, Daniel Good attended the Southern Center for International Studies Conference this past December with former U.S. secretary of state senators. Good found it "very intriguing" to dine with the former senators. The material, which Good calls "geo-political issues," will be used for his classes.

Also, Parker Bishop of the Physics department attended the joint meeting of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers in San Antonio, Texas. He said that the meeting placed much emphasis upon teaching. Bishop learned many new methods of teaching which he brought back to help his department.

Malcolm Katz, of the education department, was pleased to have had the opportunity to be able to visit the various school leaders. He feels it is important that college professors get out and meet the different leaders in their respective fields.

Cindy Thomas, of the home economics department, will be going to the Southeast Fabric Association Trade Show this coming March in Atlanta. She will participate in over 200 exhibits.

Lane Van Tassell, political

science professor, will be attending the International Studies Association Conference in Atlanta. Last April, Van Tassell attended the conference in Mexico City.

Max Burns of the management department was unable to attend the American Management Association's seminars in Atlanta because there was a timing problem. He was awarded the grant after the registration deadline for the seminar.

Jane Brown, of the English department, presented a paper, "The Engineer as a Writer: Methods for Effective Instruction," at the College English Association's annual meeting in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Jane Page, of the education department, attended the annual meeting of the Association for Teacher Education in New Orleans. 1984 Miscellany currently accepting student submissions

The 1984 Miscellany, GSC's student literary and art magazine, is currently accepting submissions in the form of art, poetry, photographs, and other reproducible media.

Interested students should send their submissions to *Miscellany*, LB 8023.

Written material should be typed, and have a cover sheet with author's name and Landrum Box. Photographs should be submitted as black and white prints or color transparencies."

GSC's third annual summer job fair to be held Feb. 22

### By LISA CORNWELL News Writer

The third annual Summer Job Fair will be held on February 22 in the dining hall at Williams Center. The job fair will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the job fair is "to provide our students with the opportunity to find summer work," said George Lynch of the Placement Office.

Representatives from local and different state agencies will be there to talk to students who are interested in summer employment.

GSC will be represented by such agencies as the Department of Recreation and Leisure Services, the Student Chapter of Recreation and the Placement Office.

Other local and state agencies include Historical Parks, State Parks and three of the top summer camps who are looking for people to live in the camp for the summer.

A military organization will be on hand to offer work towards a rating for the military. Also, the Recreation Department will be looking for people to work with senior citizens and other small groups.



Ten GSC Faculty members receive grants for travel expenses.

### Handicap facilities being improved

By JEAN SATTERTHWAITE Staff Writer

GSC's progress in making the school's facilities more readily accessible to handicapped individuals is becoming more visible as new ramps, handrails, and other aids are being installed in what has been an ongoing program here.

While laws in the "504 Provision" have required some of this work, "this is something we really wanted to do," said Bill Cook, vice president of Business and Finance, "regardless of whether or not the law required it."

Any new building or major renovation done to an older, existing building must include an elevator so that all floors of a building are accessible to the handicapped, explained Cook. While no plans have been made for any new buildings on campus, Cook said that the school wishes to continue renovations of McCroan Auditorium, and to renovate the Williams Center and either Anderson or Deal Hall. Such renovations would be contingent on the school receiving capital funds.

"We need to turn Williams Center into more of a student center," said Cook, "There is a real lack of this now." Renovations would include an expansion of the office space for student activities now occupying the Williams Center such as the Student

Government Association, WVGS, and the George-Anne.

Money for building the ramps, curb cuts and handrails has all had to come out of money used in normal operational expenses. "There has been no special funding for this," said Fred Shroyer, director of Plant Operations. "We've had zero help from anyone on this."

Cook said that one provision of the law was that programs must be accessible to handicapped students, even if all the buildings aren't. However, as more funds become



Handicap ramp at Landrum.

available, GSC plans to continue building ramps and making changes in the bathrooms to facilitate the handicapped individuals.

Often suggestions for improvements have been made by users of these facilities. "Often we've had handicapped individuals tell us what's needed," said Shroyer. "We're getting input from active users; both handicapped professors and students have provided us with this aid of information."

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### Anti-depression week is for you

Even though you may not be depressed, anti-depression week is still for you.

If you are making a 4.0, have \$2,000 in the bank, and your boyfriend and parents love you dearly, then share your happiness with someone who isn't so fortunate.

Be careful to look for people who are having a hard time. There are many ways to help—type a term paper for them, bake them cookies, or provide an ear for listening or a shoulder for a good cry.

It may not even be a friend that you help. Be a firend to someone who is lonely and just spend some time with him or her.

Someday you may be in their shoes. Remember—you reap what you sow. Share some happiness, and watch it come back to you!

### Keep an eye on the thermostat

With Winter in full force now, it's often hard to get out of bed and face the blast of cold air. It's even harder to get out of bed when you have to face sitting in a cold classroom. The MPP building is always cold. We realize that Plant Op is in the process of going computer, but what do we do in the meantime?

Some buildings are too hot—the Hollis building, for example. Most of the time, it is so hot that it's hard to stay awake in class.

So, something needs to be done to regulate the temperatures better in the buildings.

It's no wonder the flu season hit GSC so hard this winter. We have to go from a cold environment to a hot environment which makes it hard to keep healthy.

### You should get what you pay for

When the new quarter rolls around, students realize that it is time to write those huge checks to the college. Every one of us has complained at one time or another about having to pay so much money for tuition and books, not to mention those added fees like the activity fee, the health fee and the athletic fee.

It seems that students would want to get their money's worth out of college, but many pass up great services that they have already paid for.

The infirmary is always open for our use, whatever problem may arise. The Student Union Board, whose budget is made up primarily of the activity fee, presents entertainment for the students year around. And how many football, basketball, or baseball games have the students ever had to pay for?

All of these things are paid for in quarterly fees, but many of the students do not take advantage of them. You've already spent the money, so why not use what you've bought?

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### Guest editorial— GSC President Dale Lick

# GSC— a senior college

GSC is referred to as a senior college in Georgia, and we are that—the senior member of the senior colleges in Georgia. From a national perspective, however, most people would more likely refer to Southern as a regional university, similar in scope and quality to such institutions as James Madison University in Virginia and East Carolina University in North Carolina.

The fact is that GSC over the years has grown in size, comprehensiveness and stature to become recognized as one of the leading institutions of higher education in the Southeast, for both our academic and athletic programs. This past fall, our enrollent surpassed 7,000 and we offered 152 academic degree programs, including 88 undergraduate and 64 graduate programs, with two doctoral programs in education in cooperation with the University of Georgia. Although we don't expect radical changes in enrollment and programming in the future, we do anticipate steady, stable growth and development.

If you were to draw a circle around the Atlanta/Athens area, you would find that Southern is the largest and most comprehensive institution of higher education in Georgia outside of that circle. In comparison to other institutions outside of that circle, GSC has a larger enrollment, a more comprehensive set of academic degree programs, more national accredited academic programs, more science and high technology, more research and scholarly pursuits, and higher level of athletic programs than any other institution. The other institutions outside this circle are important and effective schools, but GSC is quite different from them in size, quality and approach.

Probably one of the greatest strengths of GSC is the quality of its teaching faculty, which, in my opinion, is one of the most effective anywhere. Not only do they do an effective job of enhancing the learning process in the classroom, but they also provide the "little extras" towards the growth and development of each student.

"GSC is recognized as a leading institution in the Southeast." —Lick

For example, if you are a typical GSC student, you have found that your instructors get to know you by name, not just a number, in your classes. You have also found that they care about you as an individual, and they are interested in helping you develop your full potential as a person. If you have a problem or need help, they are readily available and willing to give you the assistance you need in dealing with your problem. In addition, I have seen example after example of where our faculty members have "gone the extra mile" to make up for lack of equipment or facilities, so that the student received what was needed for the experiment or learning opportunity.

I'm proud of our faculty and staff, and believe they have made the difference in GSC having the warm, friendly and caring atmosphere which exists on our campus. We are different and shall try to remain different in programs, quality, and in response to our students and those we



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Charlie's

DEAR EDITOR:

I am just an average GSC junior trying to make an average GSC grade point average, so that I may one day have an average "rat-race" job. However, I am having an above-average level of difficulty achieving this task.

Why? You may ask? Well, its like my mom always used to tell me, "Kelley, you have a brain similar to a nuclear missle. It exists but it is seldom used." She was right though. I can only remember using my full brain power once and that was in my last accounting class. (That was a full-scale holocaust!) I survived that class with a "D" and only minor radiation poisoning. Anyway, 7,012 GSC students don't care what I made, right?

The purpose of this letter is to inform (or remind) GSC students about a place where studying can be bearable. Where am I talking about? Charlie's Restaurant (located downtown). It is probably one of the best places to study. I did not get paid any amount of money to write this letter (although, if I need a job I know where to go!) I just returned from five hours of studying in Charlie's. The food is good, but the service is the best around.

Angie (who was featured in an earlier George-Anne issue) is still working there and also working there is Ray, a very nice lady. (I know because she brought me at least ten cups of coffee and did not complain once!) The hours of operation are 12 midnight until three p.m. which is great for late night studying. Stop by sometime and see for yourself. Maybe it could help you get through those late night cramming sessions. I know it really helped me. I only hope my grades reflect it!

Kelley Daniel

# College: for education or for partying?

DEAR EDITOR:

This commentary is directed at an editorial which ran in the February 2 issue of the *George-Anne*. The title of the article was "College for education; not partying" and was written by Cheryl Hancock, a GSC resident assistant.

Dear Ms. Hancock,

I just do not understand people like you. You, and people like you, feel that just because you take school and your education, as well as responsibility and being considerate to other people, so seriously that everybody else should too.

As you can see by simply looking around you, people are more like myself (and should be for that matter) and if you bothered to read the recent article published about incoming freshmen, you would have seen that some sixty-five percent of the new students every year will never graduate from this or any other institute of higher education.

This should give you some indication as to where many students place their priorities. They do not seem to be in the same place as your own or as your responsible egghead friends.

I do not understand why we should have to put up with all of you so called "serious students" anyway. Most of us have enough to worry about as it is. For instance, it seems as if many of the professors at this school seem to assume that we learned a lot in high school.

Some instructors even expect us to discuss in class and all that. We pay for them to teach us, not for them to do all the talking.

We also have to worry about money. Do you realize how much it costs to have a really good time?

You say that we probably do not act this way at home. Well of course we don't. Why do you think we come to college in the first place? Why don't you get a grip?

I remember reading an article last quarter by a guy who thought that since all the athletic programs have special facilities, he thought that a small place should be reserved for, as he put it, "the more serious minded students to go and work."

This is about the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of. If people want to go to the library and socialize and talk loudly they have a right to. They paid their fees.

I just cannot understand what this hangup is that you and this guy and people like you have with getting an education and being a responsible citizen and all that.

I think that you and people like you should realize that this is America, not communist Russia. If a person wants to be irresponsible, apathetic, inconsiderate, or just plain stupid, he has the perfect right to be.

If I choose to be closed-minded about everything, or have some fun (like riding around sipping a beer and screaming obscenities at girls on the sidewalk), it is my own business. There should be some place for all of you serious responsible people to go where you will stop bothering the rest of us. College is for real people like me.

I.M. Prettystupid (pseudonym)

### Don't get your enthusiasm on my turf

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in reference to Keith Ling's epistle, in the February 2 issue of the George-Anne, in which he pompously declares the Bible as "the only proper standard for man." There are many Americans who do not follow the Christian belief; instead, they subscribe to the standards of their own faith.

Trying to force the Bible on everyone smacks of fanaticism and is rather un-American. Overly zealous

Christians need to learn to stay off

other people's turf.

Why do Christians always assume

they are the only religious faction on

earth? The world is full of other

religious beliefs, such as Judaism,

Islam, and Bahaism, just to name a

few, who do not follow the mandates

of an old document which has been re-

written numerous times over the

centuries and whose translations

have been subject to the whims and

personal ideas of its translators.

Mark Bell

### Dave Perrault

### Quarter or semester

Once again, the University of Georgia is doing its best to cause chaos and dissent among the university systems 33 schools. Those scholarly thinkers at Athens have come up with the bright idea of switching from a quarter system to a semester system. Normally, this would not be of any great concern but this move could have future ramifications at GSC and I think it deserves our direct attention.

On our present quarter system, we registar three times a year and most of our classes meet four to five times a week. Meeting on a daily basis gives students immediate, cotinious reinforcement of class lessons. Since there is less time between classes, students have less time to forget what they learned the day before.

On the semester system, each class would meet one to three times a week with a one or two day break in between each class. This sounds great at first but many students will find themselves with an excess amount of time may be put to good use in the library studying; but, from what I have seen, most of this time will be spend socializing.

Classes on the sememster system require more outside studying and homework because classes will be meeting less frequently and covering the same amount of material.

Another problem caused by switching to the semester system will be keeping the *quality* of education the same. Since we are required to take only three courses per quarter, many students are able to devote more time to study, comprehend, and apply each of our subjects. A student responsible for three courses per quarter can cover and retain more material than if he or she were responsible for five or six classes per semester.

With a semester system we would get a lot less of a lot more. That is, we would not have the same amount of critical time for each class; but, we would get more variety of classes.

Now, we do not get as many classes; but, the time we spend in our classrooms is focused on retaining more information from each class.

The next problem with semesters is when they would start. Who wants to start school in August? August, in Georgia, was made for sitting on the beach and sipping Budweiser. What normal GSC student is going to be able to sit in a hot classroom in mid-August and listen to someone lecture on the Economic Consequences of the Post Ante-Bellum Period or Boolian Algebra: The Key to Peace in the Middle East. Let's face it: August is too hot for normal thinking.

Sure they say we'd get out in May if we started in August and have all summer to work. But as it looks now, we would still have three months of vacation time so what's the difference between getting out in May or June?

The Regents are scheduled to vote on UGA's request to move to a semester system in April. And as past policy has shown, UGA will get it's chance to pioneer the new system. But before any decision is made, I hope the Regents will carefully weigh the advantages and the disadvantages of moving to a semester system and choose whatever course will best provide for a quality education for Georgia's college students.

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### LETTERS

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### **Nuclear** balloons'

DEAR EDITOR:

I have heard the song "99 Red Balloons" by the West German Nina a good deal lately. It has swept western Europe as a smash hit and I suspect it will climb the U.S. charts as well. I have been told that the 99 balloons symbolize nuclear warheads. Supposing that to be true, I hope Nina is romanticizing in opposition to nuclear war rather than nuclear weapons in general, which everyone should recognize as a boon to mankind.

We will all remember that the first atomic bombs were constructed in 1945, the final year of the Second World War. Let us suppose, for a moment, that the atomic bomb had not been invented at that time. The Japanese would certainly have been a bit more difficult to subdue (though I strongly disagree with our use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two basically civilian centers).

And what of the Soviets? They could have easily swept across Europe (just like Nina's hit song) and freed all of those French and English workers from their capitalist oppressors. Granted, Stalin was a weak leader, barely able to rule his vast nation for 20 years while murdering millions of his countrymen but I still find it conceivable that he would have used European military advantage to spread Soviet tyranny, if not for the threat of American atomic weapons.

As the two emerging superpowers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. would have been constantly fighting each other if not for the threat of nuclear annihilation. Each side would have spent trillions maintaining absolutely monstrous conventional armies. Minor skirmishes like Vietnam would have developed into massive conventional wars and the costs in lives and money would have

been tremendous.

But because we do have relatively cheap nuclear weapons, thank goodness we can spend the money we would have spent on huge armies and munitions stockpiles for other purposes. For instance, improved education, social programs, and improved industry for better and more plentiful consumer goods have been possible by inexpensive nuclear weapons. Nuclear competition has spurred man into space as a result of Sputnik and the ensuing American efforts. And telecommunications and knowledge have flowed back to the Earth; and it has been good.

In fact, I am convinced, we would likely have experienced a true dark age of war, poverty, and ignorance if not for nuclear weapons. We would have squandered our resources on a myriad of conventional defense

parphernalias. But there is no defense for nuclear attack...and under the "Balance of Terror" mankind prospers. By the way, Nina, if not for nuclear weapons the United States would never have been able to rebuild West German industry and keep your nation totalitarian-free-it might well be another East Germany.

Of course I am opposed to nuclear war-who isn't? The cold fact is, however, that nuclear weapons do exist and neither side really intends to disarm. I certainly oppose Euromissiles if the Europeans truly do not want them and I feel that the MX is a waste of money (though not a moral breach). Romanticism is fine for song writers but statesmen had better stick to rationality.

John F. Clark.

### Regents' writing exam

One of the most widespread misconceptions at GSC, not dispelled by recent discussion in this space, is students' understanding that the English department administers the Regents' Writing Exam-or is in some vague and sinister way responsible for it, or approves the unnatural time restraints of the exam, or enjoys torturing students with such endlessly inane topics as "Discuss what a person's clothes tell us about the wearer's personality," "Should there be a P.E. requirement" etc. ad nauseam. As a relatively new English teacher here, nothing wounds me more than to hear these sad, but often deserved comments from students: "The aim of English 151 and 152 is to get you through the Regents Exam" (level one-anxiety); "English is the hardest subject you will take at GSC-they (sic) don't care about your ideas, just whether or not you can punctuate and spell" (level two-resentment); "I got a D in English 25-. Thank God I'm through with my (ugh) Englishes" (tragic, not blessed, relief). I want to add a new perspective: I agree with you of the student body that resent the exam, and I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss, in a very unadministrative way, why we have the darned exam in the first place, what we as students and teachers can do about it, and, most importantly, what the real aim and nature of your experience in English courses should be.

I am, and intend to remain, ignorant of the legislation that brought us the Regent's exam. But I can guess at its rationale. Educations in Georgia are repeatedly assailed by one big, ugly stat: in terms of verbal SAT scores, we rank near the bottom of the 50 states. The cry arose, recently echoed again by Joe Frank,

"Back to basics." Set up an exam that will make us accountable. Insist upon the minimum levels of writing efficiency. Minimum levels! as if they should be the aim of learning how to write, to read, to express one's own ideas. I suggest that such a narrow view of the educational process, far from being a solution to our dilemma about writing, is a cause of why we rank so low nationally. (Note: the SAT and other standardized tests do not measure rules memorized but an ability of the student to think.) Thus, I believe the Regents' exam is a selfdefeating gesture; instead of helping students learn independence, responsibility, the ability to think for themselves, we try to jam, cram their thought into an essay that will help them pass an exam. Humanistic education becomes a mockery-and students are right to be angry. Well, not angry-I think your resentment comes from being hurt, being told by the anonymous grader that you CAN'T WRITE. I've taught at a classy private college in New York, and I'm here to tell you I've seen and read better papers down here than I did there. It's the frightened, defensive attitude we assume as educators and students that accounts for our lagging behind.

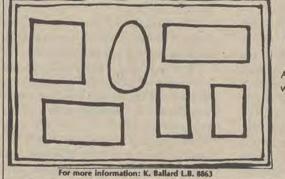
What can we do about the exam? Simple: we must accept it for this time as a sad fact of life and master the form and strategies that you need to pass it. Perhaps we can work through public forums to find a better means of testing written skills. But one word of advice: while the exam is with us, don't use your resentment, or the ideas here, as an excuse to not prepare

yourself for the exam. If you work diligently, avail yourself of the many, many facilities that this college affords you, you can do well and pass the thing with flying colors.

But don't for a minute believe that the primary aim of the English department is to get you through a state administered exam! Where I went to college, English was one of the favorite departments. Whether as an elective or major, a student could spend time with truly great storytellers. We could develop our imagination, sharpen our ideas, struggle with the joys and pains of writing (by the way, gang, writing is a challenge to all of us). We could entertain radical, airy ideas but learn that we must account for them. In short, these were courses where we felt our point of view counted. Yours still does, and perhaps we as teachers, who in some ways are as much victims of the Regents' exam as you, need to be reminded of this.

Wouldn't you know it? I've written a five paragraph essay, replete with thesis sentence in the right place and five sentences in every paragraph. How to conclude? By reminding you that writing and literature teach us that learning is not the aping of a preestablished form, but the force of ideas forging new forms. Master the Regents' form, if only to discover ways that your ideas can transcend and transfigure it.

Douglass H. Thomson Assistant Professor of English



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### Price named vice president of IARU

By BYRON SPENCER Features Writer

Amateur radio is more important than one might think. In some countries no other form of longdistance communication exists.

According to Dr. Larry E. Price, head of the Department of Finance and Law and recently named vice-president of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), the only communication link between the U.S. and Grenada during the recent dilemma was a one American college student via ham radio.

The student was able to give the correct locations of hiding college students and other pertinent information that was unavailable from any other source.

For his alert work, the student received an invitation from President Reagan to the White House.

The IARU is a non-profit society comprised of amateur radio organizations in almost all of the countries in the world.

Price became interested about amateur radio in high school 33 years ago. He studied to get his license, but stressed that others can now take continuing education courses at some colleges or join clubs like the ones in Statesboro and Metter to get first-hand experience with ham radio operation.

Messages are sent out by various methods, such as morse code, earth satellite, voice, television and radio teletype, which Price prefers.

Enthusiasts have invested as little as \$200 for a set-up that works quite well.

"You can put into it as much as you want," said Price.

Of course, the initiated often acquire sophisticated equipment for greater power and convenience.

There are over 400,000 amateur radio operators in the world and Price hopes more people get interested, especially young people.

In most foreign countries, amateur radio is both a hobby and an important emergency asset. The IARV plays an active role as observer at conferences of the International Telecommunications Union, which deals with U.N. communication matters.

Among the books and magazines the IARU issues is the Radio Amateurs Handbook, now in its 60th edition. The handbook is among the top ten in all-time non-fiction book sales, and sells approximately 50,000 copies yearly.

The next meeting of the IARU takes place in Paris, France on July 25 and Price hopes to attend.



Dr. Larry Price recently named V.P. of International Amatuer Radio Union.

# Eagle Wings By J. M. Edmunson

You have to keep fighting back!
Because of Anti-Depression, I was keenly made aware of the large number of GSC students who suffer from the winter Quarter Blahs.

Just a few weeks ago, I didn't even know what they were, but then I found myself attacked by them one day.

Waking up, I just felt that there was no way that I would remove the warm cover from my person and expose it to the kinds of temperatures that I could tell were just itching to get at me. After my alarm had sounded at least ten times, I decided that I may as well face the artic blast.

As the day wore on, my mood fell more and more steeply, until I was really down. Then, I decided to fight back

I started by getting busy and forgetting about my mood. I read some nice, encouraging verses of the Bible, and I told myself that I had gotten over other bouts with depression—I would get over this one too.

If you find that you are headed for the Winter Quarter Blahs, then make up your mind quickly that you will take positive action. This week, for example, we had Anti-Depression Week which gave us the opportunity to attend all sorts of seminars on depression, its causes, and its cures.

I hope that you took full advantage of these services.

### A 'Fantod' you won't forget

Maybe you have experienced a fantod and were not even aware that you did. A fantod is a "physical state that can lead to an expansion of the consciousness." If you still aren't positive whether you have actually had a fantod, be sure to see Amlin Gray's The Fantod, where each character experiences at least one fantod. The second of "Two Plays for February," The Fantod will be presented by Theater South February 22-25, 8:15 p.m. at McCroan Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.00 for youths under 16, and .50 cents for GSC students presenting a college I.D.

Directed by Dr. Richard Johnson, The Fantod is a funny, yet suspenseful play which is a spoof on Victorian tradition. "This play is full of love stories and allows all who see it to leave with a good feeling," said Johnson. Though a fun play for both director and cast, Johnson has confidence in their progress. "This relatively young cast has a sense of humor and love that is necessary to portray this particular work naturally," commented Johnson.

The performance will be presented in "arena" style seating, where the audience is positioned around the stage in a circular fashion, allowing them to become more involved. Only 150 seats will be available, therefore Theater South urges you to make early reservations. You will experience a fantod you'll never forget



Kay Walters and Michael Hawk prepare for the "Fantod."

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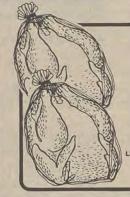


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# NEWS & VIEWS Jean L. Satterthwaite

"Doonsbury" is undeniable my favorite comic strip. Recently I came upon an old strip that seemed particulary significant. One of the characters was running for a political office; two of the campaign workers were talking. One, a black guy said to the other, "You might be an embarrasment to the campaign, I hear you're gay." The other guy responded, "Well I hear you're black." To which the black guy said, "But that's normal;" and the other guy responded, "It didn't use to be."

I'm sure Gary Trudueau, writer of the strip was trying to imply that just as the black people were not once accepted in our society, and have now made great strides toward being accepted; the homosexual, who has to a great extent been shunned by our society, is moving towards complete acceptance.

What's next? Over the last century we've been following a progression of some issue coming up, it is at first ignored, then pondered as possible, then pushed until it is accepted. Some good has come of this; great strides have been made in the area of civil rights. I am convinced that because each individual regardless of his race, family, or economic status, is created in the image of God that he or she should equally be treated with dignity and respect. However, that by no means condones any and all actions that that person might make.

Still the question is, what's next?

Twenty-five years ago the idea of legally killing an unborn child by an abortion would have been unthinkable, now it is an everyday occurance. If, in 1959 you refused to hire a homosexual because you were convinced that his lifestyle was morally wrong, no-one would have questioned you, In 1984 that homosexual would probably be successful in bringing a discrimination suit against you. Twenty-five years ago people would have been appalled at the idea that a legal document could force a physician to withhold medical treatment; in the 1984 Georgia legislative session this could well become a reality through the living will bill.

"Equality" has become an entity in and of itself with no objective standard. The result can only be that everyone is lowered to the lowest common denominator with human life being worth very little. We are to assume now that a woman aborting her child is okay and that the actions of homosexual is totally acceptable, what shall we accept next? Twenty-five years from now will we openly accept beastiality? With the enlargening elderly population be dealt with by some kind of extermination?

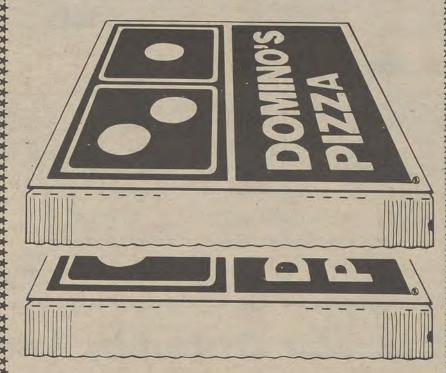
Please don't consider this as alarmist. I'm trying to underline the necessity of a society having some kind of standard which doesn't shift by some whim of the majority.



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# Movie Classics

Persona (Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.) Director: Ingmar Bergman. Bergman's compelling drama of two women who find their personalities merging and changing. Liv Ullman is the noted actress whose nervous breakdown has rendered her mute. Bibi Anderson is the nurse who cares for her. One of Bergman's most unusual films. Swedish; English subtitles.

A Doll's House (Monday, February 27, 7:30 and 9:30) Director: Joseph Losey, Nora's act—her search for individuality—and its correspondence with the battle waged today by women's liberation was an obvious attraction to Jane Fonda.

Room at the Top (Monday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.) Director: Jack Clayton. Based on the brilliant novel by John Braine, this movie is about a young man from a small English mill town who falls in love with an older woman. Starring Lawrence Harvey as the young man who claws his way to the top, and Simone Signoret, who won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance.

### Muscular Dystrophy Association continues battle

#### By LIBBA HOLCOMB Features Writer

Almost 35 years ago, a small group of parents whose children suffered from muscular dystrophy joined together to fight this disease and the Muscular Dystrophy Association was born.

This organization is now one of the world's leading voluntary health agencies. Until this group began, little was being done to combat neuromuscular diseases. The parents believed a cure could be found and this ideal has motivated the MDA ever since.

"This organization is now one of the leading voluntary health agencies."

-Holcomb

The agency, through the work of scientists and volunteers, is presently responsible for the research and services of 40 specific diseases.

With the aid of private contributions and nationwide fundraising projects, MDA has been able to organize and maintain worldwide research programs, nationwide patient and community service, a network of clinics, summer camps and professional and public education programs. Most important this enabled MDA to continue its widespread work with no cost to patients or families.

Much of this support comes from national sponsors and organizations. A few well-known are: Anheuser Busch, Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Maxwell House, McDonalds Corporations, Kappa Alpha Order and the U.S. Jaycees.

The original group of parents were the foundation of what has grown into a nationwide help service with over 160 field offices and more than 230 clinics. With an agency this involved in such diverse areas, much assistance is needed.

Kiz Smith, field representative for Savannah's MDA office, is one of the working tools of this massive organziation. "At first it was just a job and I took it, but it has now become something much more personal," admitted Kiz.

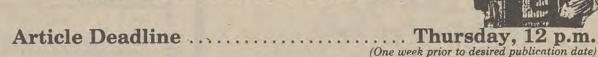
Concerning her job with a prominent association such as MDA, Kiz said when she is working late at night she remembers the money she is collecting is not going into someone's pocket but to help other people and to research programs.

Another important member of the MDA family is its national chairman, Jerry Lewis. As the number-one volunteer for 33 years he has established the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which escalates its earnings every year.

To aid the fight against MD, the GSC chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is working with Kiz Smith in sponsoring an MDA Superdance. The dance marathon will be on March 9 in the old gym and everyone on campus is encouraged to participate.

Although there are still parents with children suffering from neuromuscular disease, the Muscular Dystrophy Association continues to strive for the cure yet to be found.

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# 'Working out' becomes an obsession at GSC

By KATHY KENNEY Features Writer

What is the craze that takes so many students from their studying and heaven forbid, their naptimes, to go to the gym?

It's called "working out" and it brings students as well as faculty to the gym. Every afternoon Hanner gym is bursting with people working out. Others may be found working out at the nearby Physical Facility.

Working out encompasses anything from a brisk jog to pumping iron. It is an activity that takes dedication to go to the gym daily or tri-weekly, depending on personal schedules. Oftentimes, it includes a warmup, work out and then a cool down. It is more effective when the exercise is done properly.

Linda Helmly works out at the Physical Facility. She likes working out there she said because, "We were doing the exercises the wrong way and Rick, the owner, took us aside and showed us the right way."

We could feel the difference in our muscles and know it was better for us, added Helmly.

Students at Hanner are also helpful to one another.

Inge Robbins, a grandmother who works out three times a week at Hanner, said she is grateful for the young couple who showed she and her husband how to use the various Nautilus machines.

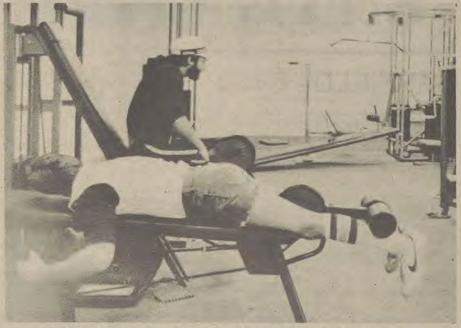
Why are so many people becoming concerned about keeping physically fit? The majority of people said they work out to stay healthy and in shape.

Wendy Stanford, who works out at the Physical Facility, said, "Working out makes you feel better physically and mentally."

Lane Reeder, who also works out at the Physical Facility, said when you are lifting weights it doesn't seem like you could be losing weight but you are, and you're losing inches while shaping up a lot.

Hector Exclusa, a senior who exercises at Hanner, said he enjoys working out there because it is free and a good facilty.

"I usually work out in the weight room because I believe people benefit more from using free weights than the Nautilus equipment," said Exclusa.



GSC students "working out" at Hanner weight room.

He added that working out has several benefits besides staying in shape. It relieves tension from school work and keeps you active and busy. It makes people feel younger and more satisfied within themselves.

Brian Waters, a three-year GSC student, said he works out "to build up for summer." He enjoys working out at the Physical Facility because he said it is more convenient.

"Plus Hanner is really crowded and you have to wait around to get a bench. This is less crowded and a larger space to work in," added Waters.

Alan Bacon, who has worked out at the Physical Facility for a month to build strength back into a broken collar bone said he likes the Physical Facility because "there is no hassle here" and you can get in, work out, and be gone without having to wait around.

Van Sedwick said he works out "to stay in shape and bodybuild for better physique."

It is evident the fitness craze is directed at a better body and more body awareness. Magazine advertisements today promote the healthier looking body and not so much the skinny look of the 1960's. There is even a new type of model used by Cosmopolitan and Glamour called "the new healthier looking woman."

Promotions such as the Jane Fonda Aerobic Exercise album and the movies "Flashdance" and "Pumping Iron" are inspiring millions to become involved with working out. There is even a television commercial showing people working out in a gym. Their promotion centers around "believe in yourself and feeling the best you can." You may recognize the "Crystal Light" drink commercial.

It is no wonder the school gym and the Physical Facility are alive with the sounds of working out.

Hanner offers gym room I for those who use free weights. Gym room II has a Universal and various Nautilus equipment. Free weights are mostly used by those who want to create bulkier muscles, while the nautilus equipment is good for toning and shaping. The free weight room, however, is closed until 5 p.m. so the football players can use it. Also in Hanner are sketches explaining how to use the different machines. Hanner gym is open every afternoon and evening and during the day on weekends.

The Physical Facility has been owned by Rick Cannady since last April. Previous to that he worked out there, and then worked there for two years. He sets up programs for those who want that supervision and keeps a file on all members.

The Physical Facility offers Nautilus and free weights. There is a separate ladies work out room with Nautilus, mats and a stationary bicycle. Of course, ladies are able to use the other equipment, too.

There are shower facilities utilized mostly by male members. Cannady said the Facility offers a suana but it needs some work done to it before it can be used and will be ready for use in the near future. They also have a stereo system playing music while people work out.

Cannady offers health products for sale. He also has clothing and accessories such as belts, knee wraps and gloves for sale.

The Physical Facility is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For now the Facility is closed on Sunday but Cannady said he hopes soon he can keep it open seven days a week.

It is located at 3 Windsor Village, between University Plaza and the theatre. The fee is \$25 a month or \$55 a quarter. This fee also includes aerobic classes Monday-Thursday, 56 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. If anyone wishes to take the aerobics classes, but not join the Facility, the cost is \$20 a month or \$50 a quarter.

Statesboro offers two convenient well equipped gyms for work outs but with the craze taking hold one wonders if that will be enough.

Hector Exclusa wondered how it will be by 1990 with the new body regime up and coming so fast. He suggested maybe every home will have a spa.

Who knows? Only one thing is for sure—working out belongs to anyone and everyone who wants to become more aware of the physical capabilities and to shape up—for whatever reason.

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### Milling's Lady Eagles strive for .500 in 1984 season



Lady Eagle Lisa Poller

### Ruggers split with Ft. Stewart

By PAUL HARRIS **Sports Writer** 

The GSC Ruggers once again went one-and-one last weekend against Ft. Stewart. The scores were 14-3 Ft. Stewart and 24-15 GSC.

GSC played particularly aggressive in both games. The scrum was characterized as having rapid loose play, setting up quickly for rucks, mauls, and lineouts. They also showed excessive speed in their support of the backs. The backs similarly performed well in

This was GSC's last home game of the quarter. They will take the road to Parris Island Feb. 26, and will be traveling to Brunswick March 3. The GSC Rugby Football Club would like to thank all the fans for their continued support.

important play situations. These situations included a strong defense exemplified by strong tackles and superior kicking. "Those guys hit hard," stated one Ft. Stewart Rugger.



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#### By KARLA REDDING **Sports Writer**

The GSC Lady Eagles have played hard and must continue to play hard in order to have a winning season, according to Coach Jeannie Milling. Besides their present 9-11 record, the Lady Eagles still have seven games to play. "We must win five out of seven games left; and we're going to try to win all seven," Milling

After 12 days of rest, the GSC ladies played one of those games on Monday, when they defeated the ladies of Albany State. Milling admits that long breaks between games does make her team a bit rusty. So her team has to play hard to come out on top. But after days of long practice, she admits that her team is always confident of a win. "We know we can win. It's just a matter of having control over ourselves and the situation," she said.

When asked how she felt about her first season as the Lady Eagles coach, Milling commented that at the beginning of the season, she was happy with eight main players. However, the loss of forward Debbie Meyers, who suffered a severe knee injury early in the season, really hurt the team. Milling said the team would probably be a lot better off if they had Debbie. Senior Trina Roberts has definitely done her share to make her team the best it can be. Averaging 19 points and 14 rebounds per game, Roberts could be considered the Lady Eagles' most valuable player.

So what follows next year for the GSC ladies after "Tree" Roberts leaves the team? Milling said that recruiting is already in process. Also, former players Val Flippen and Julia Crebbs will be back in action.

Overall, the Lady Eagles have had a fairly good season. The players feel that Jeannie Milling has done a good coaching job. With the coach being confident about her team, and the team being confident about their coach, only good things can happen. But regardless of what happens, the GSC Lady Eagles will always strive to be the very best they can be.

Editor's note: The Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Rams of State College Monday in Albany by the score of 78-71. Leading all scorers was Trina Roberts who pitched in 24 points. She also grabbed 11 rebounds in the contest.



### INTRAMURALS BASKETBALL Standings as of Feb. 13

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| Zeta               | 1st        | 3   | Ò    | Kappa Alpha Psi    | 181   | 3   | 0    |
| Phi Mu             | 1st        | 5   | 0    | Kappa Sigma        | 2nd   | 3   | 1    |
| Alpha Delta Pi     | 3rd        | 2   | 2    | Sigma Pi           | 3rd   | 2   | 1    |
| Delta Zeta         | 4th        | 0   | 3    | Alpha Tau Omega    | 4th   | 1   | 2    |
| Alpha Gamm         | 4th        | 0   | 3    | Delta Chi          | 5th   | 1   | 3    |
|                    |            |     |      | Sig Ep             | 6th   | 0   | 3    |
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| Name               | Place      | Won | Lost | Name               | Place | Won | Lost |
| FCA Saints         | 1st        | 3   | 0    | Kappa Alpha        | 1st   | 3   | 0    |
| FCA Angels         | 2nd        | 2   | 1    | Pi Kappa Phi       | 1st   | 3   | 0    |
| Shuckers           | 3rd        | 1   | 2    | Sigma Chi          | 3rd   | 2   | 1    |
| Secret Stormers    | 3rd        | 1   | 2    | Delta Tau Delta    | 4th   | 1   | 2    |
| Warwick            | 5th        | 1   | 3    | Phi Delta Theta    | 5th   | 0   | 3    |
|                    |            |     |      | Sigma Nu           | 5th   | 0   | 3    |
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| Johnson            | 3rd        | 1   | 1    | Cadillac Jacks     | 2nd   | 2   | 1    |
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### Baseball Eagles build team around returnees

By BRUCE LAW **Sports Writer** 

Over the past years, GSC has been very fortunate to have some very fine baseball players. Most will remember the team from last year, which averaged approximately 8.5 runs a game and accumulated a 38-24 winloss record.

The leading hitters for last year's outstanding offensive team were three seniors, who will not be returning: outfielder Steve Peruso, outfielder Al Balcomb and shortstop Luis Ramas. Between the three they produced about 150 RBI's each, hitting .345 or better. Peruso himself hit 22 homers. It is understandable when head coach Jack Stallings says that they will be tough to replace.

There are at least a few good notes on the 1984 Eagle team's hitting capabilities. They will have Ben Abner returning. The outstanding junior hit .400 and 23 homers with 82 RBI's last year. Not only is he at home in the batter's box, but he also plays great defensive ball, making only one error in 93 chances last year. Also, the team's two leading freshman candidates for outfield are Joe Bonanno and Jeff Geer. Both show a lot of talent in fielding and hitting. There will also be a new face for the shortstop position, and the leading candidate at this time is junior Billy Scharnikow.

The catcher, tirst, second, and third bases will be filled by returners from last year's team. Along with outfielder Abner, Stallings says they will provide a very good nucleus to build around.

As for the team's weaknesses and strong points, pitching is the big question. Although the Eagles did add a couple of new pitchers, they will not be of much help this year because of arm injuries. So this year's team will basically be the same from last year. "The good thing is that they're a year older, and a year's added experience ought to make them better pitchers," Stallings said.

"We feel like our pitching has been better this fall and spring than it was last year at this time. They seem to be doing things on a consistent basis. So we are encouraged about our pitching and that it will be better," he said.

Stallings also feels that the success of any team always depends on the pitching. "It always boils down to the pitching," he said. Ben Abner also agrees. "Our hitting is up so it will come down to our pitching again," he said.

So far the starting pitchers for this year's season will be Billy Brooks, Mike Coughlin, Larry McDowell and

The Eagle's '84 schedule will be another tough one. The Eagles will once again be playing some of the top teams in the nation, as they did a year ago. Their toughest competition from within the TAAC will be last year's TAAC champs, Mercer University. But as for the final outcome of the upcoming season, one will just have to wait and see.

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Eagles expect this year's hitting to be strong.

### Fencing

The University of Florida Gators and GSC met for the first team match between the schools last weekend. GSC's women skinned the Gators 8-3 in the Hanner gym. Terri Kegley and Judy Brown led the team with 3-0 records, with Julie Oortman and Missy Morgan accounting for one victory each.

GSC's men found the going a little tougher, losing epee 5-4 and sabre 3-2. The foil event was scored 8-1 for GSC, making the final score 14-9 in favor of GSC GSC's best performances were 2-1 records by Dahl Evans and Walter Branch. In the second match, GSC lost a heartbreaker to The Citadel 14-13. Eagle foilmen went 6-3, led by Robert Ferrell (3-0), and epee fencers managed a slim 5-4 margin. GSC's sabremen were slaughtered 7-2 and thus the match went to The Citadel 14-13, in their first win over GSC in four years. The Citadel also beat the University of Florida 18-9.

GSC's next competition will be in individual events in the Savannah Open, March 3-4 at the Hyatt Regency.

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### Watson keeps the ball moving

By JIM TORELL Sports Writer

Reggie Watson is an upperclassman in the School of Business at Georgia Southern College. More importantly to the fans of Eagle basketball, Watson is the spark that's been igniting the fire in the Hanner Fieldhouse all season.

Reggie is a junior transfer from the College of the Sequoias in California. It's a story with a happy ending for the Sequoia fans though. Reggie averaged over 10 points and had seven assists per game while leading his team to the junior college state championship in the 1981-82 season.

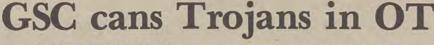
Winning is nothing new for Watson, who played his prep basketball in Savannah at Richard Arnold High School. While he was there, Richard Arnold was in three state championship games and they triumphed in one of them.

Being from Savannah is the main reason Reggie came to GSC. "California is a great state, but I wanted to be closer to home," said Reggie of the return to Georgia.

The move home has meant a slight change in Reggie's game. "In Division I all the teams are good, the competition is much better," Watson said. The role Watson plays on head coach Frank Kerns' team is a little different also. "I'm out there to keep the ball moving," Reggie said, "to keep us in the flow of the game." That's what he's been doing all year. On offense Reggie leads the team in assists with 58 going into the Samford game. His point total is down slightly since coming east, but that's alright because, as Reggie put it, "I'm a team player."

Defense may be the aspect of Reggie's game that earns him the most respect, however. Reggie leads the team in steals, a statistic that's caused him to collect the second most fouls on the team also. Reggie's 58 steals have an obvious emotional impact. The momentum they cause is seen in the play of the team and the cheers of the crowd. 'The crowd noise means a lot to me," said Reggie. "It helps to pep me up and keep me going."

Reggie's appearance, recently marred by stitches received in a collision during practice, and play have made Reggie a crowd favorite. His intense play has also helped to put GSC on top of the TAAC. Reggie's drive and determination are sure to keep the fire in the Fieldhouse burning all the way through post season play.



By CLIFF PROCTOR Sports Writer

Eric Hightower scored 21 points and Bill McNair pitched in 20 including two crucial free throws to lead GSC to an 80-77 overtime victory over the University of Arkansas at Little Rock last Thursday in the Hanner Fieldhouse.

McNair, who was the worst freethrow shooter of the team going into the game, canned both ends of a oneand-one opportunity with 17 seconds left in overtime to clinch the victory.

The Eagles and the Trojans exchanged leads throughout the first half, with Hightower and Morris Hargrove scoring 11 each to lead GSC, and Mike Rivers and Anthony Ingram scoring eight each to pace UALR. The Eagles took a 36-33 lead into the locker room.

GSC led throughout much of the second half, but lost the lead with 10:17 to go. Hightower kept GSC close with free throws and outside shots, but the Trojans continued to play good defense causing GSC to make mistakes.

With 3:40 to go, Kerns called time out to talk things over. GSC came back onto the court like a team possessed, but Reggie Wason's aggressive style of defense caused him to foul out.

Key buckets by Trojan Dexter Young put UALR up 67-63, but Hightower's patented pull-up jumper kept the Eagle hopes alive.

A full court press by GSC enabled them to steal the in-bound pass, and Denver Byrd hit an easy lay-up to tie the game at 70. UALR attempted to win with a last minute effort, but was unable to get a shot off. At the end of regulation, the score remained 70-70.

In the overtime period, GSC built up a 76-71 lead with reserves Ron Jefferson and Byrd pitching in 10 and four points respectively.

UALR's Mike Rivers kept the Trojans alive, bringing them as close as one point away from GSC, but with 17 seconds left, McNair grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled immediately. The junior forward, who was shooting 48 percent from the line, buried both foul shots to give GSC an 80-77 lead, which they managed to hold until the buzzer.

"We're just finding a way to win," said Kerns of his 15-7 record. "We must be doing something right—we've won five league games in a row," he added.

Along with GSC's leading scorers Hightower (21) and McNair (20), Hargrove added 15. McNair and Hightower also led GSC in rebounds with eight and seven respectively.

For UALR, Mike Rivers led with 22, and All-American candidate Donald Newman chipped in 18.



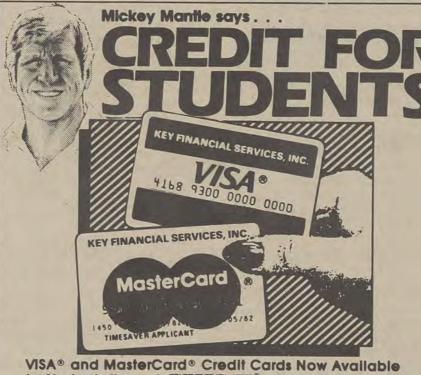
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### Home, sweet home

# Eagles soar into first place in conference

By JIM TORELL **Sports Writer** 

GSC entered first place in the TAAC Saturday night by dominating the conference leading Samford Bulldogs 73-59.

Morris Hargrove and Eric Hightower scored 28 and 18 points respectively to pace the Eagles in what head coach Frank Kerns termed their "most impressive 40 minutes of basketball so far this year."

Hargrove showed everyone that he came ready to play by scoring eight of the Eagle's first 10 points. Bill McNair, who had 15 points in the game, slammed home a dunk to give the Eagles a 12-7 lead early.

Bernie Matthews showed GSC the Samford game plan early when he hit two consecutive three-point shots to put the Bulldogs right back in it. Samford would eventually connect on seven of 16 attempts from three-point range.

The first half was close all the way, but when Hargrove got one of his seven rebounds and put it back up and in with little time remaining, it looked like the Eagles would have a three point lead going into the locker room. What GSC didn't expect was a three pointer from TAAC standout Craig Beard with no time on the clock to tie the game at 26.

The GSC backcourt of Hargrove, Steve Jessup and McNair ruled the boards all night, collecting seven rebounds each. Tracy Myles grabbed six rebounds coming off the bench as the Eagles out-rebounded the Bulldogs 35-23.

GSC shot a respectable 48 percent in the first half, but shot a sizzling 68 percent in the second half, with Hargrove missing only once on nine attempts.

Eric Hightower, who was held scoreless in the first half, scored 10 of the Eagles first 16 points to enable

GSC to jump out on top of the Bulldogs 42-30 in less than four and a half minutes.

In the next five minutes, however, Matthews hit two three-pointers and Hagler hit another, and the Bulldogs came right back. With six minutes left in the game, Beard hit his second three-pointer to bring Samford to within one point at 57-56, and force Kerns to call time.

McNair got two points on a lay-up and Hargrove followed a minute later with a turn-around jumper to build the lead back up to five. In the last six minutes, GSC outscored Samford 16-

The Eagles showed tremendous poise and confidence on the line in the final minutes, hitting their last 10 of 11. GSC shot an impressive 84

percent from the line in the second half after not going to the line in the first half. The Bulldogs, who were the best shooting team in the TAAC, shot a dismal 40 percent from the line.

The Eagles are now all alone in first place in the TAAC. They only have one more regular season home game, against Tennessee Tech on Feb. 29. The Eagles now must go on the road to face Mercer in Macon, who have been on a streak since their victory in the Fieldhouse almost a month ago. The Eagles are on a streak of their own, however, winning their last six in a row after that loss to the Bears at home. After Macon, the Eagles will wrap up their TAAC schedule with a trip to Texas to face Hardin-Simmons and Houston Baptist.



Morris Hargrove goes up strong for GSC.

### Netters anticipate good season

Special to The George-Anne

The 1983 men's tennis season was one of the most successful ever by a GSC athletic team. The Eagles finished the season with a dual meet record of 25-3 and finished fifth in the prestigious National Invitational Tournament. GSC was the runner-up in the Trans America Athletic Conference and during the season beat such tennis notables as Auburn.

Gone this year, though, are three of last year's top players, and head coach Joe Blankenbaker says he has to be realistic about 1984.

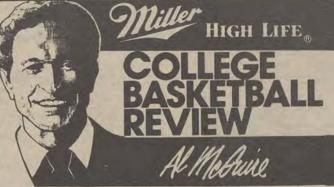
"We're not going to set our goals so that they can't be reached," says Blankenbaker. "However, we want to have a respectable season, a winning season, and finish in the top two in the

Three veterans return from last year's squad and they will battle it out among themselves for the number one spot on this year's team. Mike Imbornone, a senior from Atlanta, played at number three last year. He will be joined by Gary Meanchos, sophomore from Toronto, who played at number four last year, and 1983's number six player, Reiner Becker of Essen, West Germany.

Three newcomers join the GSC team this season. Ed Wylie and Eric Burke, both from Atlanta, and Harold Belker of Krefeld, West Germany, will round out the top six.

Blankenbaker enters his tenth season as men's tennis coach at GSC. In his first nine years, Blankenbaker has compiled an impressive 168-46 dual meet record and has had only one losing season, that in his first year with the Eagles.

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The way things look now, the days of the major independent in college basketball, with the ssible exception of Notre Dame, are numbered. For the last 10 years, they've been on the

possible exception of Notre Dame, are numbered. For the last 10 years, they've been on the NCAA's endangered species list, almost extinct in upper stratosphere, with only a few bald eagles like the Irish, Marquette, and De Paul hanging on to their nests in the lofty crags. Now, it looks like they'll go the way of the buffalo, something they have been forced to do just to assure themselves a schedule. Notre Dame, Marquette, De Paul and Dayton—the last big carrier pigeons in the Midwest—have just made a pact to play each other twice a year. It looks to me like this could be a prelude to a conference to catch the remaining independents in the Midwest and East, which could mean that all major independents would sooner or later be associated with some conference

If and when that happens, the orderly process the NCAA has wanted for years would be complete. It started back when we had 32 teams in the NCAA tourney, when the NCAA created an acceleration toward conferences 10 years ago, promising an automatic tournament berth to the winner of any new conference from 6 to 10 teams. All of a sudden we had conferences like the Metro, Mid-Cities, and Sun Belt, which were formed to take advantage of the situation . . . and the number of independents began to shrivel.

The problem was, as the number of conferences increased, independents—even the darlings of the boob tube like Notre Dame and De Paul—found they couldn't schedule in January and February because all the schools were tied up in conference play. To assure their schedule, they've entered into this agreement, but my bet is that it will end up as just another conference down the road, with the winner getting that automatic invitation to the NCAA's big party and—Miller Time in March.

It's sad to see the end of major independents. They were always a charming, exciting Alice In Wonderland-type teams who could travel from coast to coast, border to border. They were refreshing, kind of off the normal beaten path, and their schedule wasn't mundane, a 50-year scheduling thing of the same teams every year. You could bring in a Jackson ville, the Air force

Academy, St. John's.

What I like best about being independent was that when Cinderella made the ball, ala Notre Dame or Marquette, and went to final four, they got to keep all the money, where Michigan would have to go to nine straight parties to make what the independent made. If the independents go, it will put an end to the ageless argument about who has the most

difficult schedule, the conference school or the independent. I've always said, all coaches schedule a certain amount of cupcakes, no matter who they

are. It's just that with conference schools, their cupcakes are in their conference and they get The argument against independents is that they have a soft schedule, that they can kinda

stroke it. Hey, I admit I would book my six or seven cupcakes every season. But the thing is, the conference teams would have their cupcakes in pre-conference, and then once they started conference play, they had four more cupcakes, too, because they played everybody twice.

Another advantage most conference teams have is that they have three ways to get to the

NCAA tournament. The conference team can qualify by winning its conference title, or by winning its post-season conference tournament, or on the basis of its overall record. On the other hand, the independent school has only one way to show its pedigree—its

Hopefully, Cinderellas like Marquette, Dayton, De Paul and Notre Dame will survive, but right now, it looks like they're the last of the Mohicans.