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# The George-Anne

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## New Athletic Fee Increase Raises Revenue

By MICHAEL CHEEK  
 Assistant Features Editor

In the aftermath of a national championship in football, student athletes are worried about the status of certain "non-revenue" producing sports—such as tennis, golf, soccer, cross country, swimming, ladies basketball, baseball, and softball.

Both baseball and ladies basketball do create some funding through gate sales, but Bucky Wagner, athletic director, doesn't rank either with football and men's basketball as "revenue producing" programs.

For the 1985-86 academic year the NCAA required IAA division schools to have eight men's varsity teams and six women's. Next year, the amount of men's sports will be reduced by two.

Because of this, the question was proposed whether certain programs—namely soccer, swimming and/or cross country—would be cut in order to increase funding for other sports.

However, the athletic committee decided not to eliminate any programs for the 1986-87 season.

"What the hell do we want to cut swimming and soccer for!" exclaimed Wagner. "It's the last thing that I want to do."

According to Wagner, in order to keep the programs, it is important to raise the athletic fee by \$6. The \$116,190 gained from the increase will go toward all sports, preventing cuts in programs and raising some budgets slightly.

Wagner was reluctant to produce a document with firm figures of the individual sports' budget increases. In a report issued to the faculty senate, Wagner outlined that the additional funds would apply to the men's basketball budget for an assistant coach's salary of \$30,720. Approximately \$9,000 will go to the baseball team for an unnamed position. Plant operations has increased their cost of maintenance of playing fields 248% from this year and will require \$37,000 more.

Both soccer and swimming will return at a combined cost of \$20,487. Other funds will help pay debts incurred this year. Wagner also stated in a recent interview that some funding will go toward building women's sports programs, like basketball and softball.

Del Presley, the new cross country coach, who will replace Sean McCormack, commented that the team will receive more funding next year. At present, the only assistance that the members receive is one pair of running shoes. There is still a lot of opposition toward the alleged discrimination against "non-revenue producing" sports.

"Revenue producing" is when a sport pays for itself through funds generated from gate sales, booster funds, publicity and other factors. This excludes all money obtained from student athletic fees.

Ladies' basketball coach, Jeanne Milling stated that "there is no sport on this campus that is a 'revenue producing' sport." Gordon Floyd (swimming), Bill Spieth (softball), George Shriver (ladies' tennis) and John Rafter (soccer) all agreed with Milling.

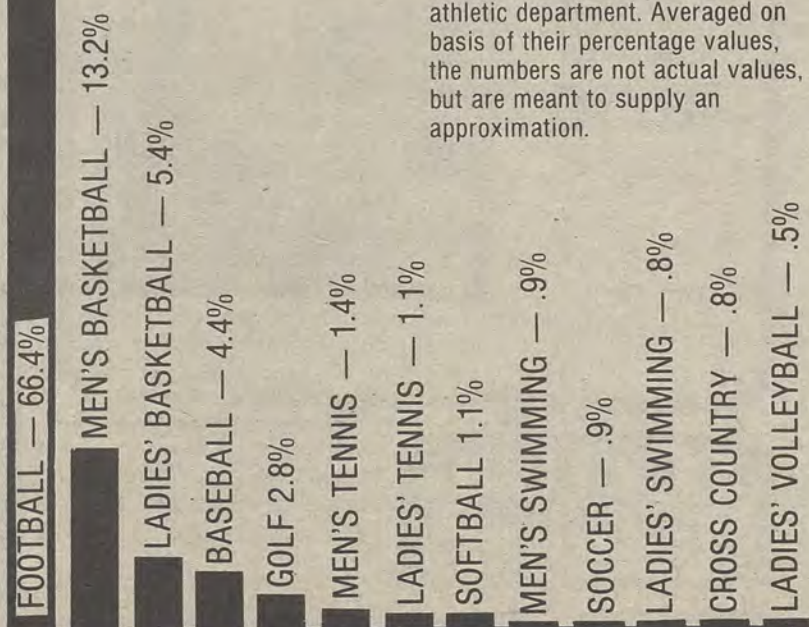
Wagner contended that both basketball and football, when all the numbers are added up, are "revenue producing" and pay partially for other sports as well.

However, Wagner highlighted the different revenue produced by football and men's basketball (see table for Athletic Budget Income). Total income from football and men's basketball is \$836,500. The programs cost \$882,132 not including maintenance and other costs.

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### Percentage of funds allotted to each sport

These figures are based on the 1985 and 1986 budgets and additional projected numbers supplied in a report from the athletic department. Averaged on basis of their percentage values, the numbers are not actual values, but are meant to supply an approximation.



Projected Athletic Budget Income for 1986-1987		SPORTS CAMPS	
FOOTBALL GAMES		SCHENKEL GRANT	3,500
Home	(UTC) * 35,000	VEHICLE RENTALS	2,000
	(BCC) * 30,000	SUBTOTALS	848,500
	(JM) * 45,000	STUDENT FEES	890,790
	(SC) * 30,000	(at \$46. before increase)	
Away	(UF) * 87,500	Increase of \$6	116,190
	(WKY) * 15,000	TOTAL	1,855,480
	(TT) * 10,000	*Football and Men's Basketball Revenue	
	(ECU) * 40,000	Source: GSC Department of Athletics	
	(FAMU) * 30,000	Projected Costs For	
	(UCF) * 10,000	Fiscal Year 1987	
Preseason	* 3,000	(actual budget)	
BASKETBALL	* 20,000	Football	699,856
Guarantee	* 20,000	Basketball	182,276
SPECIAL EVENTS	* 2,500	Subtotal	882,132
RADIO	* 20,000	Other Sports	279,587
PROGRAM ADS	* 40,000	Subtotal	1,161,719
NCAA / TAAC	* 9,000	Debt Service	197,975
STADIUM INTAKE	* 16,500	Maintenance	62,000
BOOSTERS	* 300,000	Other	369,833
PROGRAMS	* 7,000	Reserve	91,830
CONCESSIONS	* 60,000	Total	\$1,883,357
PARKING	* 6,000	Source: GSC Department of Athletics	
SUBTOTAL	836,500		
LADIES' BASKETBALL	500		
BASEBALL	1,500		

# NEWS

## SPORTS

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This leaves a deficit of \$45,632 which must be made up by income from student athletic fees.

"Football isn't taken care of as well as it should be," Wagner continued. He feels that "the students wouldn't be happy if we didn't have football."

According to Wagner, "We (the athletic department) don't get anything from the college (in the funding of athletic programs)."

GSC will have higher athletic fees than any other IAA college in Georgia. In the nation, our fee is less than some schools. Students at William and Mary, a private college, in Virginia pay \$88.50 a quarter and at Virginia Military, \$86.75.

Wagner pointed out that since the beginning of the student athletic fees in 1981, the amount of the budget that students pay has dropped from 83% to 46%.

Next Week: Part II in our series on athletic fees—"Coaches React."

## Security Solves Car Theft Case

By LISA CORNWELL  
Assistant News Editor

Two GSC students have been arrested in connection with the April 10 car theft of a 1981 black Buick stolen from Stratford parking lot.

The two students charged with the theft of the car belonging to GSC student Andy Craft are residents of Stratford Hall where Craft was also a resident during the time of the incident.

According to Campus Security Criminal Investigator Bob NeSmith, no criminal charges have been filed against the two by Craft.

Craft could not be reached for comment.

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## Nuclear Plants Unsafe?

The recent meltdown of the nuclear reactor in the Soviet Union near Kiev has many people concerned about the possibility of such a catastrophe happening here in the U.S. They should be.

Exposure to extreme amounts of radiation not only poisons the water and causes the land to be unfit for agriculture but also causes cancer in people who come in contact with it.

Even southeast Georgia has reason to be concerned. With Plant Vogle on the Savannah River near Waynesboro and the Edwin J Hatch Plant on the Altamaha near Baxley, the thought of a nuclear meltdown occurring in our own backyard is a frightening one indeed.

Yet experts claim that the meltdown that occurred in Russia could not happen here because the container unit, a prevention device that helps in keeping the deadly radiation from escaping, was not included in the Soviet model as it is in U.S. plants.

Granted, the fact that the Soviet's plant did not include a container unit may have been one of the reasons for the radiation release, but it has not been proven to be the only reason for the catastrophe which was said to be many times greater than the accident at Three Mile Island.

Keeping a nuclear power plant in operation is a demanding and tedious job with little margin for error. We can't afford for that error to be made.

Scientists claim that nuclear power is one of the keys to the energy problems of the future, but if great care isn't taken, there may be no future to look forward to.

## Letters Policy

All letters to the editor are subject to standard editing policies for taste, libel, etc. The editor reserves the right to reject any letter. There is no word limit on letters and they are published on a first come, first serve basis. Letters should address issues and not attack individuals and all letters should be signed—it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Letters should be addressed to: THE EDITOR, *The George-Anne*, Landrum Box 8001, Statesboro, GA 30460, or brought by room 110, Williams Center.

Lisa Cornwell

## On the Shuttle Heroes

As the flag draped coffins bearing the bodies of the seven American astronauts arrived last week at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, the world paused once more to pay tribute to the lives of those seven who were killed in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28.

The intensive three month search for the bodies of the crew members was finally concluded last week with the recovery of the remains of school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

The space program has suffered major setbacks for the future of space flight through this tragedy.

For the safety of America's astronauts, future explorations have been halted until the exact cause of the shuttle explosion has been determined.

But for now at least, while NASA continues their investigation into the explosion, the hearts and minds of the families of the seven crew are at ease now that they can bury the remains of their loved ones.

And, those seven courageous people who lived and died that we might see into the future will be remembered.

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They strengthened the bonds of human kind  
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They gave a union to a people  
And a land of unrest.

Bless the seven souls  
Who gave themselves  
That we might discover the future.

They leave behind in the trails of the stars,  
A remembrance of sorts.

Their memories are etched in our hearts  
Like the stars are etched in the nighttime sky.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Greeks Treated Unfairly

Editor:

After reading the May 1 edition of *The George-Anne*, I decided that I had to voice my opinion on the way that *The George-Anne* handles Greek news.

I have been associated with the Greek system at Georgia Southern College for over one year. In that time I have seen practically every fraternity and sorority on the campus not only have a social life, but also work hard raising money for their national philanthropies. I have seen members of the community request fraternal groups to help with blood drives, foundation auctions, and various fund raisers. If I didn't enjoy these kinds of activities, I would not be a part of the Greek system at Georgia Southern College.

Last week on the front page of *The George-Anne*, a story was published about the Kappa Alpha Order. The

story was accurate and deserved to be published. However, why did *The George-Anne* wait until a Greek organization got into trouble before it published any Greek news?

When I think about all the good things that the KA's do, and all of the other good things that other Greek organizations do, I wonder why these stories never appear in "Georgia Southern College's official student newspaper."

The Greek system at GSC is strong and getting stronger. When articles appear on the front page of "our" newspaper, which make not only one fraternity but all of the Greek organizations look bad, I wonder, is this really the student body's newspaper or is it simply a newspaper run by editors who are prejudiced against Greek organizations?

—Danny Pirkle

## FEATURES

### GSC Junior Hopes to Run 24 Hours

By BEKKI SHRIVER  
Features Editor

Come rain, sleet or snow, Rick Alexander is going to spend the day running on May 17. All 24 hours of it.

Starting at 9 a.m., Alexander, 23, will jog around Atlanta's Grady High School track until 9 a.m. the following morning to raise money for Camp Hope, a camp for the mentally handicapped.

Alexander, a GSC junior majoring in therapeutic recreation, has spent two years planning and training for the run to help the South Carolina camp where he has been a counselor for the past three years.

"I hope I don't die!" said the student with a laugh. "My goal is to run 100 miles. Pacing will be the biggest problem."

Through people donating a pledged amount per mile, he hopes to drum up \$2,000 to pay for a swimming pool for the camp, which accepts children from all over South Carolina and Georgia.

"The camp has helped me to grow as a person," said Alexander,

confessing to having written a will in case he doesn't survive the run.

The runner has competed in four marathons, but the longest distance he has ever gone was 26.2 miles. He'll be trying to jog 10 minute miles while listening to 96 rock's Psychedelic Saturday on his headphones to set the pace and break up the monotony.

If Alexander makes his mileage goal, he'll have \$890 in donations as of this writing. Anyone interested in pledging money can contact him at 681-4766 or write Landrum Box 9871.

All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by a notification from the camp.

The first copy of the *Ogeechee* literary magazine is now available in the English department office for \$1.00.

Students, faculty, alumni and area residents are encouraged to submit poems for upcoming issues to the *Ogeechee*, Department of English, Landrum Box 8023.

### Southern Days & Nights

#### ART

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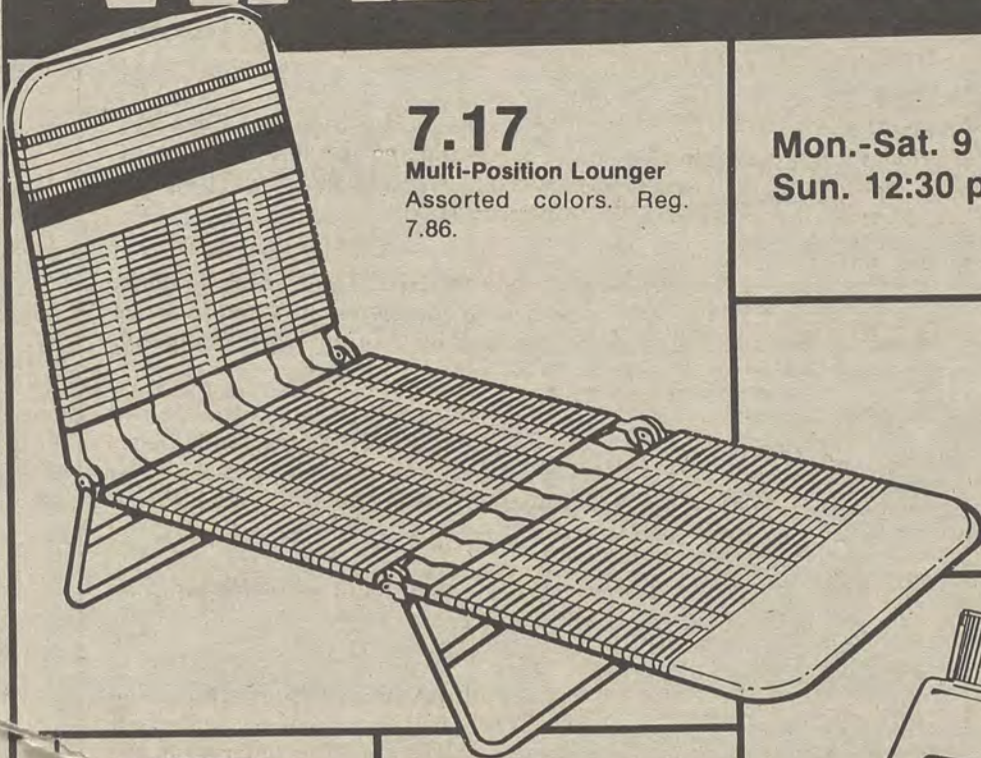
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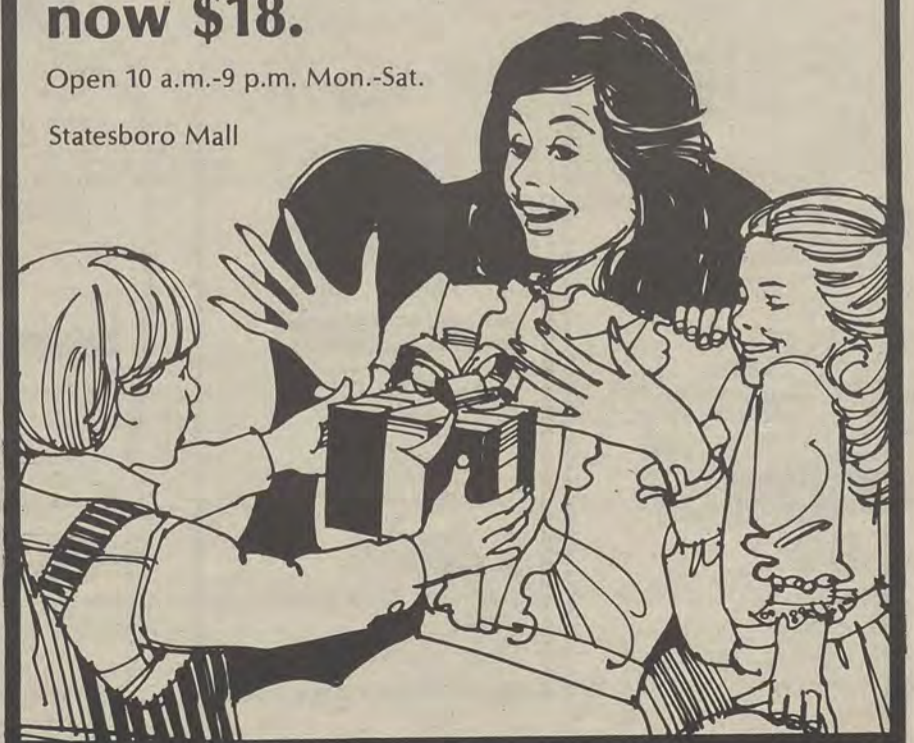
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## SPORTS

### Intramural Corner

The Campus Recreation/Intramural Department would like to thank everyone who participated in last weeks singles racquetball tournament. We had a great turnout with over 30 players battling for the championship. We would like to congratulate the winners within each division. They were as follows:

#### MENS INTERMEDIATE

1st place—GREG SANDERS

2nd place—CHRIS GUNN

#### MENS BEGINNER

1st place—TROY BOSCH

2nd place—PAUL RENTZ

#### WOMENS DIVISION

1st place—KRIZ AZIZ

2nd place—TERRY RICE

#### MENS ADVANCED

Neal Murphy and William Wehant are scheduled to play for the championship at a later date.

### EAGLES

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Highlighting the attack was 2 home runs each by Cooper and Haranda. Shepherd continued his hot streak with two doubles and a home run. Frank Vashaw and Bonanno also contributed homers.

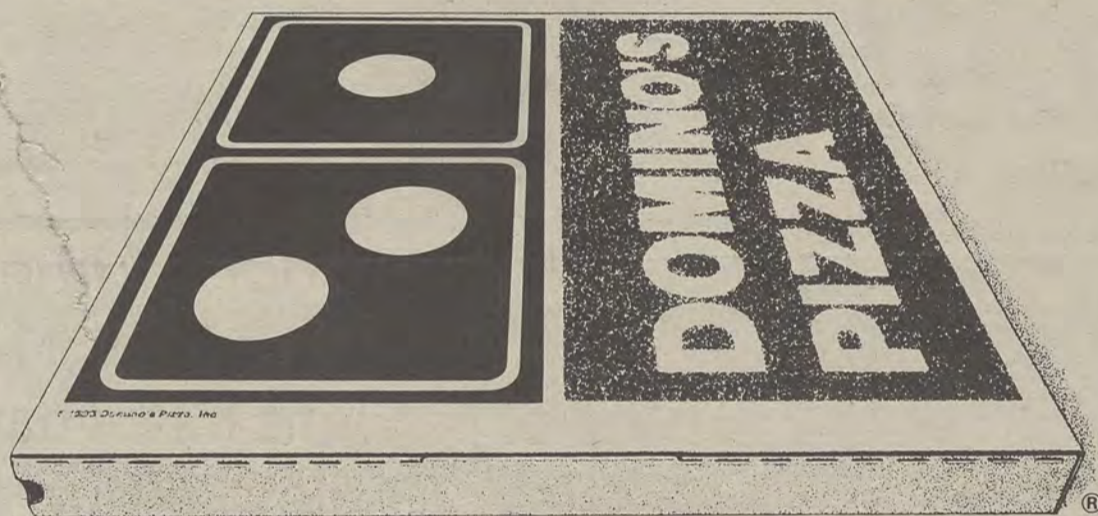
Coach Stallings feels that maturity and patience are big factors in GSC's recent hitting binge. "My players seem to be a lot more patient these days, they're waiting on the

ball. Also with so many different players hitting the ball so hard, it really takes the pressure off some of the other guys who have been struggling. Our hitting is simply awesome. I've never had a team hit the ball harder or better.

Starting pitcher Scott Luman gave up 10 hits and 8 runs before being pulled in the 5th inning and didn't figure in the decision. The winning pitcher was Keith Richardson (4-3), who gave up 8 hits and 4 runs in 3.2 innings.

The Eagles record went to 33-22-1, and they will face Armstrong State again today in the final home game of the season. GSC will then travel to Georgia Tech this weekend for their final two regular-season games.

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### Softball Eagles Finish Season

By LYNN RUSSELL  
Sports Writer

The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles ended their season on a losing note April 29, against the Furman Lady Paladins.

The Lady Eagles lost to the Paladins 2-1, and 8-2, giving them a record of 14-14 for the 1986 season. "They really held up well considering it was their first year of playing fast-pitch ball," Coach Bill Spieth said.

GSC will be losing four starters this year. Outgoing seniors are first baseman Merri Kaye Orick, pitcher Karen Sagon, catcher Stacey Speer and right fielder Kim "Little" Thompson.

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# Blue Teams Pulls Out Last-Second Win

By ANTHONY DASHER  
Assistant Sports Editor

All through spring practice, kicker Tim Foley was having trouble as he was hooking many of his field goal attempts, and for 47:55 of last Saturday's Blue/White football game that problem continued

But after missing on attempts of 27, 33, and 52 yards, the junior All-American came through as he boomed a 60-yard field goal that bounced over the crossbar as time ran out to give the Blue team a 17-14 victory.

Foley, who had the kicking duties for both teams explained that "kicking with the pressure on helped out a lot" but was still disappointed at letting down both teams at different times during the game.

"Coach Paul Johnson (White team coach) got on me all the time. He said if I missed for his team he would hurt me," the Ocala native laughed.

The game was scoreless throughout most of the first half as Foley missed field goals for each team, but with 1:36 left in the second quarter cornerback Nay Young intercepted a Ken Burnette pass at the Blue 31-yard line and returned it 69 yards for the score. Foley's extra point attempt was good and the Blue led 7-0 at the half.

The third quarter saw coach Mike Healy's White squad draw even when



Photo by Kenneth Boose

Milton Gore (24) and Nay Young (3) are too late as Herman Barron hauls in TD pass from Gerald Harris.

Herman Barron scored from seven yards out capping a six-play drive which started at the Blue's 33-yard line.

Tracy Ham made his first appearance late in the third quarter

and promptly drove the Blue team 55 yards for the go-ahead score as Steve McCray carried the ball from one yard out.

Unimpressed, the White team marched 80 yards on nine plays,

sparked by a 65-yard bomb from Ernest Thompson to Tony Belser. They scored when Gerald Harris took a handoff at the four-yard line, avoided tacklers, circled around, and hit Barron with a pass to tie the score at 14.

Both teams then exchanged punts before the Blue team regained possession to set up Foley's game-winning kick.

Head Coach Erk Russell, who viewed the game from up in the press box was pleased with his troops performance. "Both teams got after each other real well and I saw some good individual performances on both sides of the ball," he said.

Ernest Thompson, who solidified his hold on the number two quarterback position by totaling 180 yards in the contest, drew praise from Russell who credited the sophomore with "keeping the White team in the game."

"Foley's kick was a heck of a way to end the game," he added. "But I felt sorry for the White team because there was nothing they could do."

"I was wondering though what we would have done on a tie, we don't have that much barbecue left," Russell chuckled, referring to the Blue team's reward for winning the game.

Blue	0	7	0	10	-17
White	0	0	7	7	-14

Blue—N. Young 69 yd. interception return (Foley kick)  
White—H. barron 7 yd. run (Foley kick)  
Blue—McCray 1 yd. run (Foley kick)  
White—H. Barron 4 yd. pass from G. Harris (Foley kick)  
Blue—Foley 60 yd. field goal.

	BLUE	WHITE
First Downs	12	11
Rushes-Yards	42-215	33-154
Passing	94	137
Return-Yards	161	22
Comp-Att	6-15	10-22
Punts	2-34	5-34.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds	8-56	7-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
RUSHING—WHITE: Thompson 14-80, McDonald 6-29, G. Harris 5-25.  
BLUE: Miller 9-85, Ham 11-49, Bullock 15-33.

PASSING—WHITE: Thompson 2-10-106, Burnette 7-11-1-27, G. Harris 1-1-4  
BLUE: Bullock 4-9-1-38, Ham 2-6-56.

RECEIVING—WHITE: Belser 1-65, Chandler 3-42, Barron 3-18.  
BLUE: Johnson 1-29, Sharpe 1-22.

## GSC Rebounds After Close Loss

By MIKE MILLS  
Sports Writer

Behind the bats of Craig Cooper, Joe Bonanno, and Mike Shepherd, GSC destroyed the Augusta College Jaguars and narrowly lost to the Armstrong State Pirates last week. In the two games, GSC had 8 home runs and scored 27 times.

On Tuesday, the Eagles fell to the Pirates, 8-5, as Armstrong cracked 11

hits and had two home runs at the expense of starting pitcher Billy Brooks (9-5). The homer-prone Eagles managed only one four-bagger but did collect 12 hits. Unfortunately, GSC left 14 men on base and committed 3 errors.

According to Coach Stallings, the loss to Armstrong could hurt the Eagles' chances for a NCAA playoff bid. "Any loss at this time will hurt

you, but the committee will take into consideration the fact that we played the TAAC tournament last week and had a big series against Georgia. I think that we will need to win the rest of our games to have a good shot at getting a bid."

Southern was lead by Shepherd, Greg Goodermote and Bonanno with two hits each. Rob Haranda contributed their only homer, a solo shot in the second inning.

On Wednesday the big bats that won Southern the TAAC title came alive with 22 runs, 19 hits and 7 homers, as GSC easily defeated Augusta College 22-12. This hitter's duel featured a total of 11 home runs and 34 hits.

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### BASEBALL STATS THRU APRIL 30, 1986

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	STLS	BA	E
Van Tassell, IF	14	20	4	8	1	0	0	2	0	.400	4
Cooper, IB	56	199	75	91	15	1	26	92	7	.457	10
Vashaw, OF	52	147	44	54	12	0	7	33	9	.367	1
Shepherd, OF	38	138	36	54	12	1	14	48	1	.391	3
Bonanno, OF	35	101	20	37	4	0	9	31	0	.366	1
Cunningham, 3B	51	193	51	60	12	1	6	37	8	.311	18
Melcolm, OF-IF	30	84	18	23	1	0	0	10	9	.274	5
Shireman, SS	56	213	56	60	12	1	5	32	11	.282	29
Hardy OF-DH	32	94	20	26	7	0	2	18	4	.277	4
McMullen, DH-C	49	185	37	49	7	0	4	30	3	.265	4
Goodermote, OF	46	120	32	28	5	0	1	15	4	.233	4
Haranda, DH-C	49	168	35	51	7	0	9	36	4	.304	4
Gealy, 2B	46	159	44	44	5	1	2	29	3	.277	12
GSC TOTALS	56	1843	457	587	100	5	85	415	63	.316	111
Opponents	56	1841	359	523	85	9	43	296	51	.281	108

PITCHER	APP	W	L	SA	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
Coughlin	14	1	1	4	17.1	5	5	18	5	7	2.59
Brooks	16	9	5	1	114.1	68	51	117	48	88	4.01
Meier	15	5	4	0	78.1	62	42	83	36	45	4.82
Luman	17	7	2	1	69.1	55	41	77	41	39	5.32
Hoffman	11	2	1	0	35.0	24	20	39	28	20	5.14
Murphy	14	2	1	2	39.0	32	26	44	23	22	5.99
Richardson	13	4	3	0	51.0	43	35	62	25	27	6.18
Chapman	11	1	0	0	17.2	15	12	25	7	16	6.11
Merkel	16	2	5	2	27.2	38	24	45	24	10	7.81
GSC TOTALS	134	33	22	10	449.1	359	271	523	248	279	5.43
Opponents	133	22	33	9	442.2	475	395	587	295	242	8.03

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