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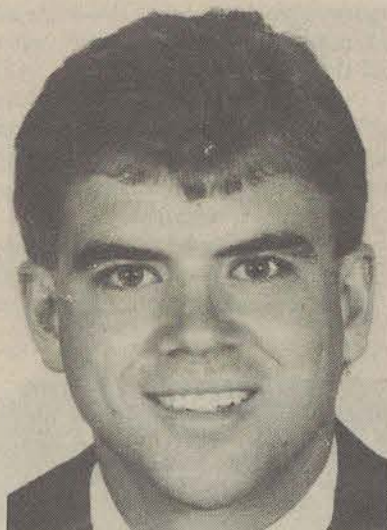
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11-0! GSC rips Marshall 63-31 to cap perfect season

By MIKE STRONG
Sports Editor

"It's great to be 11-0," said Erk Russell, and that's exactly what the Eagles are after a 63-31 blowout of Marshall last Saturday. The game was dominated by Joe Ross, who had 280 yards and three touchdowns. Ross broke the single game rushing record held by Tracy Ham (199 yards) early in the second half and single handedly destroyed the Marshall defense.

The game began, however, just

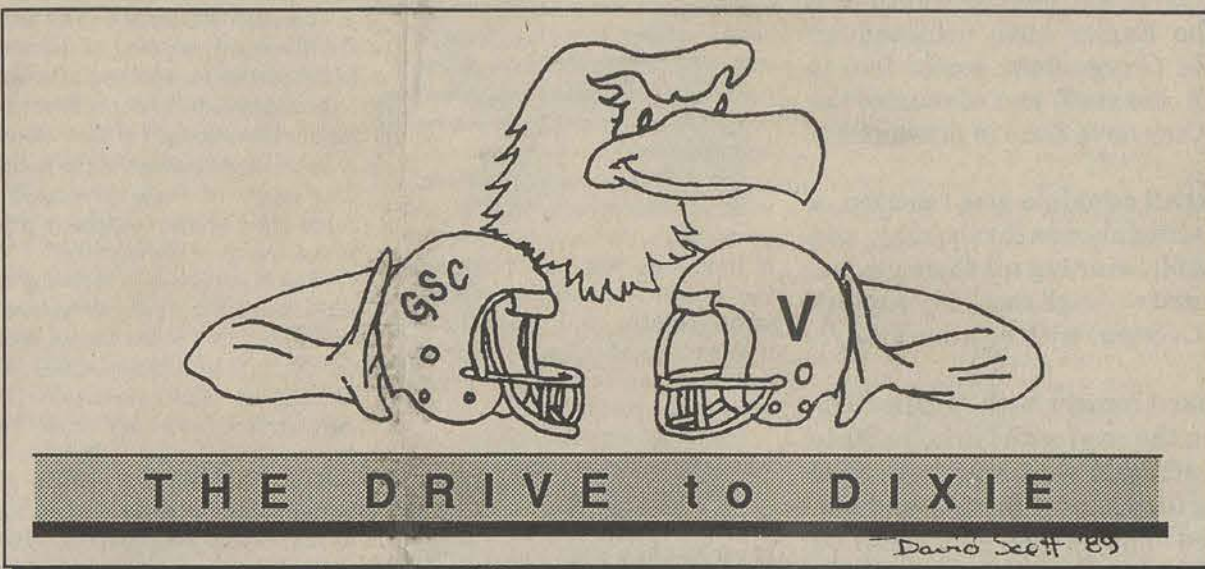


TAZ DIXON
Interception sparked defense

like most of the games this season, close in the first half, but a blowout in the second. Marshall scored first on a 10-play, 80 yard drive featuring an effective blend of passing and running that kept the Eagle defense off balance. But the Eagles bounced right back on their first possession with a six play, 68 yard march that ended with a Joe Ross 18 yard touchdown run. The extra point was good and the Eagles had a 7-6 lead.

Marshall's Dewey Klein kicked a 39-yard field goal a short while later which put Marshall ahead 9-7. GSC responded with a seven play, 66 yard drive that was highlighted by a 27 yard run by Ross up the middle and ended with a nine yard jaunt around the end by Raymond Gross for a touchdown. Mike Dowis converted the extra point and the Eagles led 14-9.

The second quarter looked like the first: will the defenses stop anybody? The answer for most of the quarter was a resounding no. Marshall's quarterback John Gregory hooked up with Eric Ihnat for a 22 yard touchdown pass that put Marshall in the lead again 15-14. The Thundering Herd then converted the two point conversion that brought the score to 17-14. GSC came right back, but it was the



defense that got into the act.

Taz Dixon picked off a poorly thrown screen pass and scampered 41 yards for a touchdown. It was Dixon's second interception and return for a touchdown in as many weeks. He returned one 22 yards against Tennessee-Chattanooga in the Homecoming game on Nov. 11. It was his twelfth interception of his career which is a new GSC record. The old record was 11 held by Nay Young.

Marshall, undaunted, then drove 76 yards on only five plays

ending with an eight yard run by Ron Darby which gave them the lead 24-21. But, not wanting to go into halftime behind, the GSC offense mounted one more scoring drive. It covered 82 yards and showed off Gross' arm and Ross' feet. Gross completed passes of 11 yards to Ross and 19 yards to Donnie Allen, and Ross gained the rest on the ground. GSC took the lead 28-24 with a 13 yard run by Ross.

The halftime show was not quite as impressive as the Joe Ross show. At the half Ross had 164 yards on

just 15 carries and two touchdowns. It was the 11th best rushing performance in GSC history and it was only halftime. The high scoring first half had many people wondering if GSC could keep their string of 11 straight games in which the opposition did not score in the third quarter.

There was no need to worry, as GSC owned the third quarter as it has all year. Joe Ross scampered 62 yards for a touchdown and Dowis converted the extra point which brought the score to 35-24. Ernest

Thompson added a four yard run and Donnie Allen caught a 40 yard pass to put the game out of reach at 49-24.

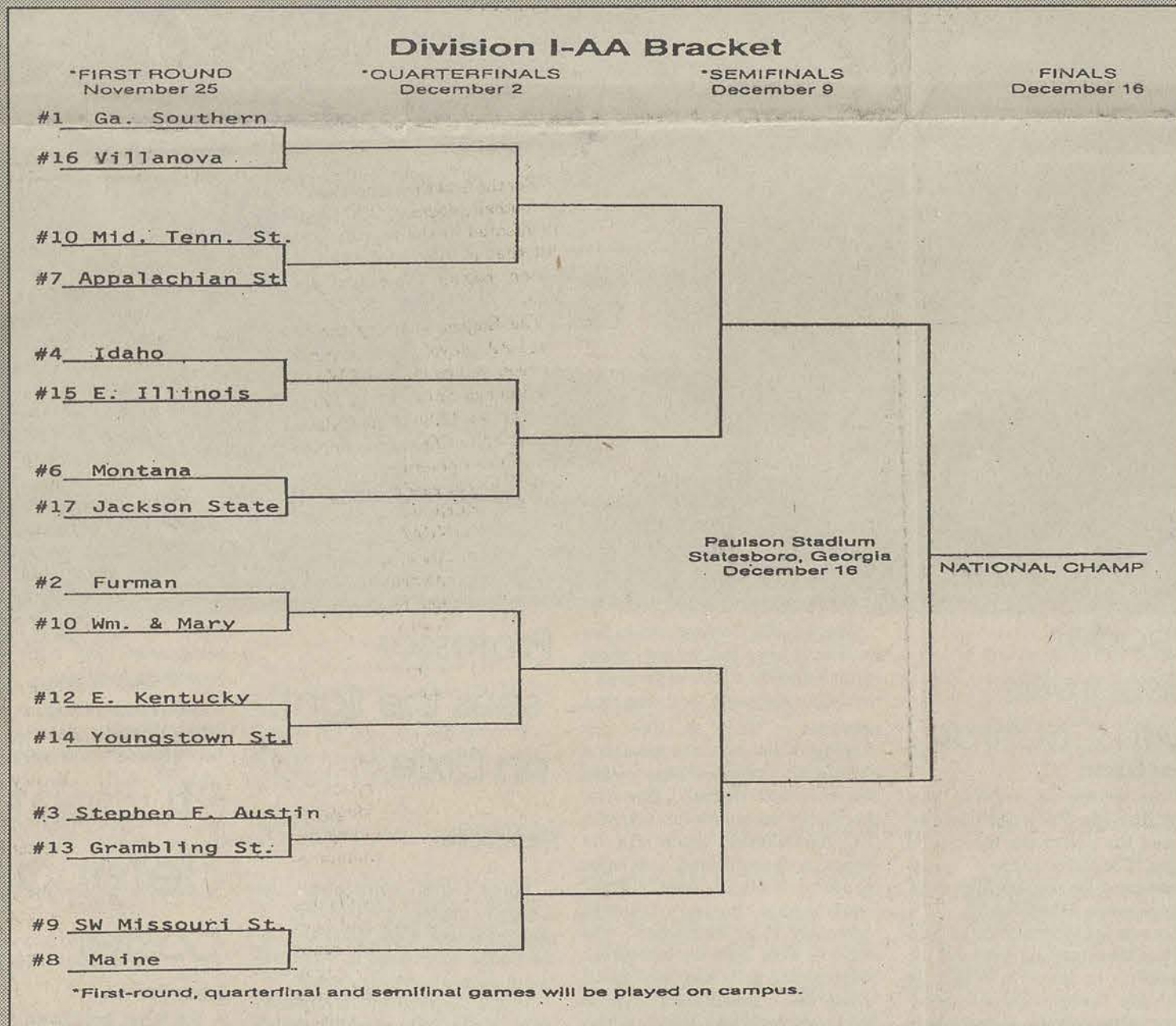
The offense would have never rung up that many points if it had not been for the good hands people on the Eagle defense. Darrell Hendrix and Randall Boone both had interceptions in the third quarter and Rodney Oglesby had one early in the fourth quarter. The Eagles turned all of these into touchdowns.

In the fourth quarter, after Thompson added a two yard touchdown run which made the score 56-24, GSC put in the reserves. Apparently, they got caught up in the scoring fun, as Lester Efford scored on a three yard sweep to the left side and senior Chip McGinley converted his second extra point of the season. Darby scored on a one yard run to round out the scoring for the day. GSC had their perfect season and extended their home winning streak to 33 straight games with the 63-31 victory.

Ross finished his record day with 280 yards rushing on 24 attempts and three touchdowns. His average per carry was an astounding 12.5 yards. He also caught one pass for 11 yards. Ross gave most of the credit for his phenomenal game to

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The Road to the National Championship



#1 seed GSC to face Villanova

By AL ALLNOCH
Managing Editor

For the first time since resuming its football program, GSC has gone undefeated in the regular season. But that is over, and now a new season begins. Now it's playoff time.

The Eagles, entering the Division I-AA playoffs as the number one seed, will meet the 8-3 Wildcats of Villanova Saturday in Paulson Stadium at 12:30 p.m. Villanova made the playoffs as co-champion of the Yankee Conference.

The top four seeds in the playoff brackets, which were announced Sunday by the NCAA Division I-AA Football Committee, are GSC and Idaho (9-2) in one bracket, and defending champion Furman (10-1) and Stephen F. Austin (9-1-1) in the other bracket.

This season is the fifth in a row that GSC has made the I-AA playoffs. The Eagles joined Division I-AA in 1984, and that is the only season that they have failed to make the playoffs. In their past four years of post-season play, Southern has a record of 12-2, including two consecutive national championships.

Villanova made the playoffs this season after tying Maine and Connecticut for the Yankee Conference championship with a 6-2 league record. 1989 is only the Wildcats second full year of play in Division I-AA.

The Wildcats' Multiple I offense is led by quarterback Kirk Schulz, who has completed 211 of 357 passes for 2,473 yards, 16 touch-

downs and a 59 percent completion average. Schulz has also had 19 passes intercepted. Villanova is averaging 236.2 yards per game through the air.

Schulz's main target has been receiver Robert Brady, who has 46 catches for 707 yards and six touchdowns. Brady is averaging 15.4 yards per catch. Running back Jeff Johnson has 39 receptions for 378 yards and 3 scores.

The 'Cats can also run the ball. Johnson (592 yards, 4.0 yards per carry) and John Karoly (550, 5.0) lead a ground game that averages 153 yards per game.

Villanova's Fifty defense, which has limited opponents to a mere 140.2 yards rushing per game, could create an interesting matchup for GSC's powerful ground game. The Wildcat secondary, led by cornerback Daryl Stewart and free safety Chris Hunt, has intercepted 25 passes this season. Hunt leads the team with six thefts and Stewart has five.

Inside linebacker Mickey Watson leads the Wildcats in tackles with 107 (56 unassisted), followed by outside linebacker Curtis Eller with 86 total (53 unassisted).

Villanova's three losses in '89 have come to Holy Cross (38-17), Maine (47-14) and New Hampshire (13-12). Maine is the only Villanova opponent that GSC has ever faced. In the first round of the 1987 playoffs, the Eagles defeated Maine 31-28 in overtime after being down 28-10 at the half.

Of the teams in this season's brackets, Villanova has faced

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LATE NEWS

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DEFENSE SPENDING MIGHT BE CUT:

Acknowledging that the Soviets are reducing military spending, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is working on a plan to cut the Pentagon budget by \$180 billion in five years. Cheney, a guest Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," says he doesn't think all-out war with the Soviets is likely. Changes in Eastern Europe will allow for the removal of some U.S. troops, he said.

WORKERS TO VOTE ON CONTRACT:

Monday, more than 57,000 workers in nine states vote on a tentative contract to end a 48-day strike against Boeing Co. Employees could head back to work as early as Wednesday, if the contract is

approved. Neither the company nor union officials would discuss details Sunday of the tentative 3-year contract.

COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR LAUNCH:

The countdown for a Thanksgiving Eve liftoff on a secret military flight of the NASA shuttle Discovery got under way Sunday. The launch will be the third night liftoff of 32 shuttles. The mission will launch a top-secret spy satellite that reportedly will eavesdrop on Soviet military communications.

TORNADO VICTIMS MOURNED:

The seven tornado victims from East Coldenham, N.Y., Elementary School were mourned by more than 1,000 people Sunday. The tornado also hurt 18 other students when the storm blew in a cafeteria wall

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Students must pay for tickets to playoff game

By MIKE STRONG
Sports Editor

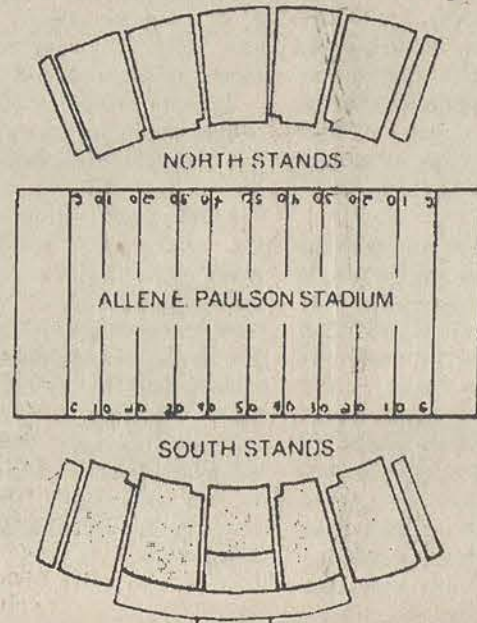
As GSC's football season draws to a close, so do the times of going to football games for free. That's right, students must pay for playoff tickets.

Since the NCAA is in charge of the playoffs, the host school, in this case GSC, must adhere to the ticket policy of the NCAA. "No complimentary passes can be issued by the host school, so all we can do is charge students to lowest possible price that we charge for tickets, which is \$5, which is what we charge for a children's ticket," said Jim Radcliff, Marketing Director.

Tickets are \$5 in advance for students, but if you do not buy them in advance, you will have to pay full price (\$12) at the game. "We cannot set up a student only ticket booth because the mile would be 100 miles long," added Radcliff. Tickets go on sale at 7 a.m. the Monday before each playoff game.

The Eagle's first game is not sold out yet, but tickets are going quickly. Tickets will be made available for each playoff game as the team proceeds, but not before. Students and the general public may purchase their tickets at the ticket office in Hanner Fieldhouse.

The NCAA championship game on December 16 falls under a different set of guidelines. Tickets for the game are already on sale and are \$15 for everyone. Those tickets are going quickly and will go even faster if the Eagles make the final game, according to Radcliff. "There only about 4,000 tickets left and students should come down to Hanner and get their's now, because if we make the championship, the game will be sold out."





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Congratulations, Eagles!

Eleven-and-oh. Unbeaten. Perfection. For the first time in modern-day GSC history, the Eagles have achieved an undefeated season. We at *The George-Anne* would like to salute head coach Erk Russell, his staff, and of course, the team, for the remarkable job they have done in accomplishing this goal.

When the Eagles' 1989 football schedule was released, a lot of detractors said that the schedule was far too easy, and that GSC should have no trouble winning all their games. Not true. While Southern breezed through the first couple of games (Valdosta State, West Georgia) with relative ease, it has been no cakewalk since.

From the slippery, rain-soaked contest with Middle Tennessee to the arduous battle on the road with Nicholls State to the nip-and-tuck first-half struggle with Marshall, GSC has had to fight for everything they have achieved. And like a true champion, they have had to pull a few "gut checks" to see if they really had what it takes to win, such as the game against James Madison, when they were down 21-6 in the second quarter before holding the Dukes scoreless for the remainder of the contest and winning 36-21.

No, 1989 has not been an easy campaign for GSC by any means, and the Eagles need to be commended for their sparkling record and national number one ranking, the first they have ever had entering the Division I-AA playoffs.

But the work is not finished yet. Now that the playoffs have arrived, we want to cheer the Eagles on to more victories, and ultimately another national championship berth. We also want to urge you, the students and faculty, to come out and support the Eagles through the playoffs. There is a good chance that our school could host each game as long as we continue to win, and the Eagles like nothing better than to play in front of their own fans in Paulson Stadium, where, incidentally, they have gone the past 33 games without a loss.

Congratulations, Eagles, on a brilliantly executed undefeated season, and carry that winning tradition on through the playoffs!

Complaints about poster a waste of effort

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to the complaints about the football poster. What a silly and useless waste of effort. To the one or two crybabies that spoil it for us all, I say, GET A LIFE! What is the use of dwelling on something that happened 150 years ago and was out of our control. We at GSC did not endorse slavery so why must we be put through all this ridicule now. Do the grippers think that in some dark room in the basement, someone said in a low voice, "Why don't we try to undermine the college by putting some obscure racial message in a football poster." Get real! If it is slightly racist to show a plantation in the background, then would it not be a more clear message if the football players were

wearing chains? I personally am proud to be "southern" and the fine old home of that by-gone time are a heritage to us all.

And what about that racist name Georgia "Southern"? Why can't the same petty gripes be applied to the deep dark meanings associated with that obviously regional name.

The school has bowed to the whims of a few while the rest of us sit by reading this in the paper and shaking our heads, silently letting a few tell us all what to do.

I am delighted that the college attracted this event. Everybody is going to benefit from the publicity, the economic boost, and the general excitement. Even the "GRIPERS."

I say STOP MAKING WAVES and ENJOY THE GAME!

Edna Miller

Letter policy . . .

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The Dixie controversy: lessons and challenges

By Dr. Mfanya D. Tryman
Guest Columnist

A picture is worth a thousand words. The wisdom of this Chinese proverb came to GSC recently. It is unfortunate that letters to the editor in student and community newspapers are referring to African-Americans as racists for protesting the "Drive to Dixie" poster. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This is not really a racial issue, since neither African-Americans nor whites have monolithic views on the subject. It is clear from this controversy that there are a number of misconceptions that need to be managed, lessons to be learned, and challenges to overcome.

The work of a minority. To begin with, protestations against the poster were not the work of just one or two people who did not like what the poster represented. Rather, until recently, only three letters were published in local and/or student newspapers which were not in favor of the poster.

Both African-Americans and whites were resentful of the poster, and the first letter to the editor of the local newspaper protesting the paper was by a white woman. Some students at GSC and Statesboro residents seem to have forgotten this fact.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of African-Americans and white students at GSC signed petitions against the use and distribution of the poster. Students and faculty

members wrote letters to the president of GSC. While no one called a press conference for this purpose, it is clear that the antiposter forces were composed of a broad cross section of students, faculty, and residents.

The origin of the term Dixie. When polled, in a class of 220 students in my large American government section, not one African-American or white could explain the historical origin of the term "Dixie." Yet, 70% of the students polled revealed that they were for the continued use of the term.

If college students do not know the historical meaning of the term Dixie, can we expect the Statesboro community to be better informed of the invidious origin of this ubiquitous term indigenous to the South? The origin of Dixie is related to more than simply southern pride and a region of the country.

The Black artist. Whether or not a black artist designed the poster is irrelevant. One artist cannot speak for 30 million African-Americans. To think so would be to assume that African-Americans are monolithic in their socio-political beliefs. Art reflects, in part, the culture and value systems of artists, which may or may not be congruent by race or class. What has not been revealed in the controversy over the poster is that other White officials with the NCAA also questioned the racial symbolism related to the poster created by the Black artist.

Majority rule and minority rights. In the midst of all the controversy over the poster, we have for-

gotten the democratic principle of majority rule-minority rights. Actually, we have no empirical evidence which reveals what the majority feels on the issue of the poster in the Statesboro community, only emotional outpourings in the form of letters to the editor in student and community newspapers. But if the majority is in favor of the poster, the minority still has a democratic right to protest against it. We are not speaking of a racial minority here, but a minority in numbers.

The power of symbols. A picture, insignia, logo, or even a term are often symbolic of more than meets the eye. A picture often reflects with one brief glimpse what cannot be expressed in one or even one thousand words.

Symbols can also reflect insensitivity. It is not hard to understand why Jews withdraw in horror when they see a swastika or object to Nazis. It is not hard to understand why a Soviet citizen is abhorred by a picture which reveals the gulag. And it should not be hard to understand why an "innocuous" plantation house shocks the sensitivities of African-Americans.

Each one of these symbols has a particular meaning for groups of people who were persecuted simply because of their race, religion, or national origin. For Hitler, Stalin, and slave masters, these symbols worked wonders or were considered wonderful. Symbols which offend people "by race, creed, color, sex, or national origin," whether they are a majority or minority, should not be used. This precise language is also

in the U.S. Constitution and laws passed by Congress. Georgia Southern made the right decision.

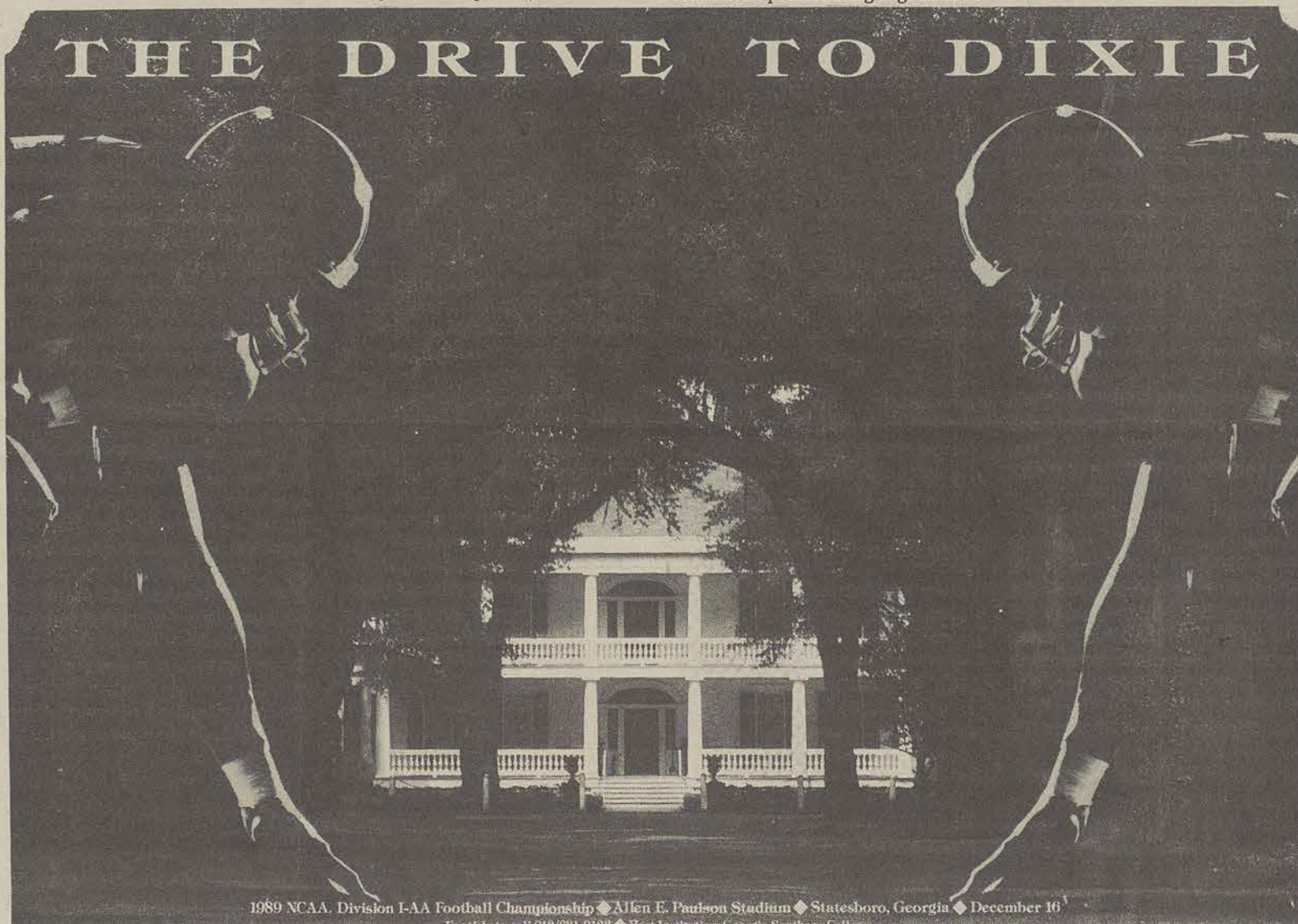
Have open-minded southerners given much thought as to why the Ku Klux Klan always marches with the Confederate flag rather than the American Flag? Have we forgotten the symbolism of that flag in Forsythe County not long ago and the racial epithets used by the people carrying them?

And how many southerners realize that the stars and bars of the Confederate flag on the Georgia state flag (and other southern states) were put there only in the mid-fifties as a powerful symbol of racism, segregation and opposition to school integration? Probably very few. Dixie, the Confederate flag, and plantation houses serve as powerful symbols for the wrong purposes.

Southern progress. Finally, it seems that the South has made a lot of progress since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (public accommodations), 1965 (voting), and 1968 (open housing). This progress has been in better race relations, greater economic development, desegregated educational institutions, and the right to vote. All of this can be attributed to the "New South," which in many ways is more progressive than the North, which never tired of ostracizing the South for racial inequality.

Regressing to the imagery and symbols of the Old South (Dixie, Confederate Flags, plantation

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Reader disagrees with Cochran

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter from Ms. Marie Cochran concerning the use of the poster and slogan "The Drive to Dixie" as advertisement for the Division I-AA championship football game.

I am an art student here at GSC and had the opportunity to be at the censorship in the arts debate in which Ms. Cochran served a moderator. Although she never stated her opinion, I would imagine the, as an art instructor, she would be opposed to censorship. When I read her letter, I was outraged and found it ironic that she was suggesting the censoring of this rather obvious innocent poster. Boy, is hypocrisy ever running rampant in the world today. The main point is, though, that Ms Cochran has failed to realize that the poster is intended to promote a football game, a battle for a prestigious championship, and not intended to be analyzed as you would a work by Van Gogh or Picasso.

Ms. Cochran's first argument is that "... 'Dixie' does not represent the 'good ole days' to everyone...". It is certainly obvious to me that "Dixie," as used in the poster, is referring to a region of the U.S. and not to an era or the "good ole days."

Secondly, she refers to the two silhouetted football players as concept suggesting "a battle waged to protect an obsolete tradition." To me, the players are in a position that is familiar to those who know anything about the game and is in no way related to racism.

Thirdly, Ms. Cochran shows her ignorance, very well in fact, about football and the theme in general. I her letter she says, "A theme that promotes a 'Drive to Dixie' has nothing to do with the time and place in which we live today... even less to do with football." However, this theme has quite a lot to do with the championship game. For instance, a championship campaign in sports is often called a drive, which means "to carry through vigorously to a conclusion." The word is also used in basketball, baseball and golf. And once again, "Dixie" is a region of the U.S., or as Webster's American Heritage Dictionary says, "the Southeastern State...".

The most ironic thing is that it was a black director of promotions for the NCAA (Alfred White) that chose. Could it possibly be that Mr. White views the poster with an open mind and has some idea of what the poster means in an athletic sense, contrary to Ms. Cochran, as it is intended to be seen.

It seems to me that Ms. Cochran is insecure in her race and is making everyone responsible for the actions of past Americans. Maybe she just needs to grow up and get the racial chip off her shoulder. I also suggest that Ms. Cochran and others just ignore or walk away from the poster when they see it, just as they would a piece of art, if it offends them. Better yet, they could take it in a literal sense and enjoy it a some of us have. Unfortunately however, Ms Cochran has managed to mar, potentially, the greatest event in Georgia Southern athletic history.

Michael J. McBroom

Professor "sees the light" on Dixie

Dear Editor,

When I first heard about the football poster controversy, I thought it was mere hysteria, like the Salem witch hunt in which rational people lost their senses.

It was the topic of conversation at a social gathering Thursday night, but I remained unconvinced, and an outsider.

Friday afternoon a faculty colleague approached me in the hall of the South Building and indignantly asked me if the racist *George-Anne* editorial "made me sick."

This was not surprising, I thought. After all, this professor is a Northern missionary who unselfishly gave up a wonderful life to come south and enlighten ignorant Southerners, like myself.

Then, Saturday I saw light. I was driving south on Main Street when I suddenly realized: Hey! I'm driving south. This is a racist act!

I was mortified. I turned left, driving east until the shame subsided. But then I saw a house of early Georgian architecture. It even had a big tree in the yard. Racism! Mortification returned.

I continued to drive east in a stunned stupor.

That's when I saw it: a grocery store with the name "Dixie." Rampant racism, I screamed!

I turned north, feeling better immediately, and drove home.

I now offer this testimony: there

really is something to this poster being racist. I join in the call for its immediate abolition.

Sincerely,
Ernie Wyatt
Asst. Professor, Communication Arts

Student defends poster

Dear Editor,

Yo! What am I hearing? I am a black student, and I think it's about time for a black student to defend the national championship poster. I mean my name is "Koolie D," and that's about as black as black gets. I say this to inform my fellow black students of my qualifications to speak out and support the poster. The poster is just a white house and two football players. Wow! How about that, a white house; big, humongous deal, huh? It's people like that art teacher who are racist, and they make the whole black population look bad. I simply wish these type people would leave if they don't like the south; no one forced them to come here and "teach art." This whole thing is nothing that has been made into the biggest deal. I don't even know how this happened. I am black, my friends are black, and the man who approved the poster is black and none of us have a problem, so what gives? It's embarrassing for the south and Georgia Southern to have to revoke this poster. Please start distributing them again. I want one.

"Koolie" D. Magee

Ross rushing his way into record books in '89

By PAUL FLOECKHER
Sports writer

While rushing for over 2,000 yards and scoring 23 touchdowns as a senior at Augusta's Westside High School, running back Joe Ross grabbed the attention of three schools: Furman, The Citadel, and GSC. When the time came for Ross to make a decision, the choice was easy. He didn't want to attend a school as small as Furman and he had no interest in going to a military school, so he packed his bags and headed to Statesboro.

GSC football fans have been thankful ever since.

Ross burst onto the scene as a true freshman in 1987. In the season opener, he burned the Catawba defense with a school record 75-yard run. He added 42 more yards in that contest to finish his first collegiate game with a total of 117. Ross' 75-yard jaunt did put his name in the record book, but he received more attention for a much shorter run he made two weeks later. With the Eagles trailing fifth ranked Middle Tennessee State 13-10 in the final minute, Ross took a pitch from Ken Burnette and strolled three yards for the winning score. Those final three yards gave the freshman fullback 110 for the day.

Ross added three more 100 yard efforts: 130 against Bethune-Cookman, 129 against James Madison, and 143 against Western Kentucky, on his way to a regular season total of 1,018 yards. With that total, he established himself as the only Division I-AA freshman to finish the 1987 campaign with 1,000 yards on the ground.

Of all the freshman backs in the nation, only Emmitt Smith of I-AA Florida outgained Ross. Joe Ross' spectacular first year ended in style with an Associated Press third team All-America selection.

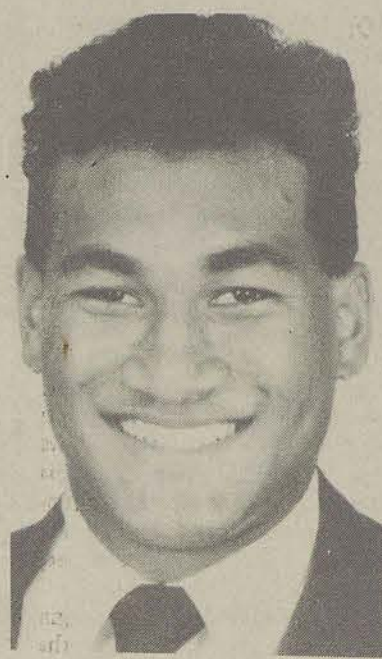
Looking to build on his success from the previous season, a bigger, stronger Ross instead suffered through an injury plagued sophomore year. Throughout last season, Ross had to endure the pain of a sprained ankle, a bruised shoulder, and a broken hand. Nevertheless, he managed to finish the regular season with numbers that many healthy runners would be happy with: 111 attempts for 636 yards and five touchdowns. Included in that total were 100-yard games against Middle Tennessee State (157), James Madison (139), and Samford (111).

The regular season completed, Ross played an integral role in the Eagles' playoff march to the I-AA championship game. Against The

Citadel in the first round, he made Bulldog fans wonder what could have been as he exploded for 149 yards on just 15 carries. Although GSC racked up 38 points in that opening victory, the flexbone offense was stagnant until Ross provided the much needed spark with a record tying 75 yard touchdown run that cut The Citadel's lead to 10-6. The GSC fullback added 159 more playoff yards to finish the year as the team's second leading rusher with 944 yards.

Entering this season, the expectations were high for Erk's Eagles. However, Ross' personal goal was simple: running for 1,000 yards would be great, but staying healthy would be the top priority. Ross has indeed accomplished his goal of avoiding injuries, primarily because few defenders have been able to lay a hand on him.

After touching the ball only 11 times in the Valdosta State game and sitting out the West Georgia game, Ross romped for a career high 160 yards against Florida A&M. He turned around and set a new high just five days later as he ran through the raindrops and the Middle Tennessee State defense for 182 yards in the nationally televised "Hurricane Bowl." Since then, with the exception of the Nicholls State contest, Ross has reached the



JOE ROSS
Holds single season rushing mark of 1,354 yards, breaking Tracy Ham's record of 1,048 yards.

century mark in every game. Thanks to those solid performances, Ross has accumulated 1,354 yards and 13 touchdowns in just ten games.

Against Tennessee-Chatt-

tanooga, Ross' 120-yard effort helped him reach three milestones. With his first 46 yards, he became the first Eagle to rush for 1,000 yards in two different seasons. In addition, Ross is now the only GSC back to gain 100 yards a game four consecutive games (he extended his streak to five games last Saturday.) Finally, Ross broke the school single season rushing record, eclipsing Tracy Ham's mark of 1,048 yards.

However, it was just three days ago against Marshall that Ross ran like he had never run before. Just two plays into the second half, he already had broken Ham's single game rushing record of 199 yards. Ross finished the day with 24 carries, 280 yards, and touchdown runs of 11, 18, and 62 yards.

Despite all of the individual achievements that have made him a leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award (I-AA's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy), Ross refuses to place his own success ahead of the team's success. When Ross speaks of the most memorable event of his GSC career, he speaks not of his 280 yard outburst or his All-America selection; instead, he points to last season's 21-17 victory over Eastern Kentucky in the playoff semifinals, a game in which he failed to gain 100 yards or score a

touchdown. To him, being held to 61 yards rushing by the Colonels took a back seat to the Eagles earning a shot to play for a third national championship.

Looking toward this year's playoffs, Ross understandably wants a chance to play Furman and avenge last season's 17-12 championship loss. Another team he would like to face is Appalachian State, a school which dealt GSC its first ever playoff loss with a 19-0 white washing in the 1987 quarterfinals.

Regardless of whom the Eagles play, Ross and his teammates have a clear cut mission: to take the title. After all, one of the reasons Ross came to GSC was that he would have an opportunity to win a national championship here. The thought of winning it all is a great motivational tool for Ross and company. As an independent that has no conference championship to compete for, GSC has no other title to earn other than that of national champion.

Ross, a finance major, doesn't sit around wondering if he'll get a shot at playing pro football. Obviously he won't turn down any opportunity to play professionally in a couple of years, but right now he has more important matters, such as playoff games and opposing defenses, to worry about.

A perfect season: the Eagles' road to 11-0

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GAME ONE - Valdosta State at GSC

The most memorable aspect of this game was the weather. At kickoff, the temperature on the field was nearing 100 degrees. But the Eagles did not sweat too much as they manhandled the Blazers 31-10. Using a balanced offense of run and pass, GSC improved its opening day record to 6-2 before a crowd of 16,007.

GAME TWO - West Georgia at GSC

It was Ernest Thompson Day at Paulson Stadium as the senior slotback scored four rushing touchdowns to lead GSC to a 48-7 scalp of the Braves. While Thompson was the offensive hero, it was the defense that really shined. They held WGC to just six first downs and 159 yards total offense.

GAME THREE - GSC at Florida A & M

Before a rain-soaked crowd of 15,211 at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, the Eagles blanked the Rattlers 28-0. On the saturated field, junior fullback Joe Ross ran over FAMU for 160 yards on 24 carries. Defensively, the Eagles were paced by three interceptions - two by safety Randall Boone and one by cornerback Kevin Whitley. The Rattlers were held to just 200 yards of offense which led to GSC's first shutout of the year.

GAME FOUR - Middle Tennessee at GSC

Before a national television audience on ESPN the Eagles battled both the Blue Raiders and Hurricane Hugo. With driving



Eagle quarterback Raymond Gross, seen here in action against Central Florida, has led GSC to an 11-0 record in 1989 (Photo: Craig Moore)

rains pounding the field, GSC dominated the contest in route to a 26-0 win, the second shutout in as many weeks. Ernest Thompson rushed for two touchdowns and Mike Dowis added four field goals. On defense, MTSU was held to just

67 yards of total offense while turning the ball over seven times.

GAME FIVE - Savannah State at GSC

Playing a fired up Tiger team before a crowd of 20,507, the Eagles

ran into a potent offense. SSC racked up 261 yards through the air and 376 total yards. But the Eagles responded with 467 offensive yards of their own. While the score was a close 21-14 at the half, GSC came out and scored two third quarter

touchdowns to pull away for a 35-14 win. Once again, Ernest Thompson was the touchdown king with three rushing touchdowns while Joe Ross ran for over 100 yards for the third straight week.

GAME SIX - GSC at Nicholls State

In a very tight contest the Eagles managed to hold on for a 21-13 win over an inspired Colonel team. In fact, victory was not assured until Randall Boone intercepted Leonard Valentine at the GSC 16 with just 13 seconds remaining. Both teams were statistically even with each gaining over 300 yards of offense. However, it was turnovers that sealed the Colonels fate. Nicholls State turned the ball over four times, three times in critical scoring situations.

GAME SEVEN - Central Florida at GSC

On a beautiful football afternoon, the Eagles squared off against the rival Black Knights from Orlando. For the first time all season GSC entered the fourth quarter trailing 14-13. However, the Eagles found a new hero as fullback Lester Efford came in for an injured Joe Ross, to lead GSC to 18 fourth quarter points and a 31-17 victory. Efford set a career high as he carried 12 times for 82 yards and two touchdowns.

GAME EIGHT - GSC at Samford

52-7. That pretty much sums up this game. After the Bulldogs tied the score a seven midway through the first quarter, the Eagles never looked back. GSC rolled for 451 yards of offense while holding Samford to just 133 yards. The

Eagles tied a school record with seven rushing touchdowns.

GAME NINE - GSC at James Madison

With JMU's playoff hopes on the line it looked like Southern might fall. Down 21-6 in the second quarter, the Eagles had been unable to stop JMU. But the Eagles rallied for 30 straight, unanswered points to down the Dukes 36-21. The rally was led by a revitalized defense and an offense that finally got on track. Offensively, the Eagles amassed 473 yards while the defense kept the JMU offense in check for the entire second half.

GAME TEN - Tenn.-Chattanooga at GSC

For the second straight week the Eagles let their opponent take the early lead. The Mocs struck for 10 quick points, but the Eagles rallied to tie before the half on a Donnie Allen touchdown catch and a Mike Dowis field goal. As was the case all season, GSC owned the second half. The Eagles outscored the Mocs 24-3 behind their usual ball control offense. GSC ended with a 34-13 victory.

GAME ELEVEN - Marshall at GSC

In the regular season finale, the two teams waged an offensive war that saw a combined point total of 94. Both teams traded scores for the first half with Southern leading 28-24 at the intermission. Once again, however, the second half was all GSC. Joe Ross led the Eagles with a career and school record 280 yards rushing to pace GSC to a 63-31 final. Even more mind boggling was the 571 yards of total offense that GSC produced compared with 453 for Marshall.

Christmas gifts sought for needy

Special to the George-Anne

The Georgia Southern Christmas Projects Committee has called us to say they have their official Santa's helpers hats on and are ready to accept food, toys, and clothing for a drive to say Merry Christmas to residents of Bulloch County who need a helping hand from the students at GSC.

If possible, toys should be wrapped with a tag to identify for what age level the toy is suitable and, where appropriate, if it is for a boy or a girl. Canned goods and other food stuffs can "come as they are" and clothing need not be wrapped.

Please bring all donations to the main office of the Physics Department, Room 113 of the Math/Physics/Psychology Building.

The project is being sponsored by the Society of Physics Students and the ACM, who are putting together the community tutoring project scheduled to gear up in January that was announced in our last issue. If you have any questions, please call Victoria Futch at 681-5292, or Mark Aulick at 681-0088.

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during lunch. Thirteen children are still in the hospital, two in critical condition. About \$40,000 has been raised for families of the dead and injured.

DEMONSTRATORS MARCH IN INDIANA:

Sunday, the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis was the site of a protest by an estimated 4,500 demonstrators for abortion rights. Lawmakers meet Tuesday for an organization day for the Legislature, which gathers in January for the first time since the Supreme Court gave states power to limit abortions. Saturday, about 2,000 demonstrators rallied against abortion.

RACIAL CLAIMS DISMISSED:

Federal judges have done away with at least 96 discrimination claims since the Supreme Court ruled in June employees could not pursue racial harassment claims under an 1866 civil rights law, says a new report by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The ruling held that the 1866 law prohibited bias in hiring but not racial harassment once a person was on the job.

TWO ISSUES LEFT UNRESOLVED:

Congress moves toward Thanksgiving adjournment Monday after failing to agree on two important issues. It couldn't decide to repeal last year's Medicare expansion to pay for catastrophic ill-

ness costs or on a deficit reduction bill.

BUSH TO OK DEFENSE BUDGET:

On the desk of President Bush Monday is a defense budget that reduces Strategic Defense Initiative money for the first time in six years. The \$286 billion bill, which Bush is expected to sign, includes a \$1.1 billion cut from President Bush's \$4.9 billion SDI request for fiscal 1990 and a cut of \$411 million from a total of \$2 billion sought for the Trident 2 missile program.

TV GAME TO PUT TEAM IN A RUSH:

Loyola Marymount College's basketball team, looking for national exposure, will squeeze in a national TV game at Louisiana State University Feb. 3, but must return home for a conference game against San Francisco Feb. 4.

GRAF DEFEATS NAVRATILLOVA:

No. 1 ranked Steffi Graf, 20, defeated Martina Navratilova, 33, Sunday as the women's pro tennis tour completed its 19th season at the \$1 million Virginia Slims Championships. Graf's first prize earnings at the event: \$125,000, for winning 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 in a best-of-five final.

WALLACE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Dale Earnhardt won the NASCAR race Sunday at the Atlanta Journal 500, but Rusty Wallace won the Winston Cup champion-

ship on points in a race marred by the circuit's first fatality since 1984. Grant Adcox, 39, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died from head and chest injuries after his car hit the wall in the 198th lap.

PACKERS DEFEAT 49ERS 21-17:

The Green Bay Packers defeated San Francisco 21-17 Sunday, ending its 6-game winning streak. Also: Patriots 33, Bills 24; Bengals 42, Lions 7; Chiefs 10, Browns 10; Dolphins 17, Cowboys 14; Eagles 10, Vikings 9; Saints 26, Falcons 17; Steelers 20, Chargers 17; Buccaneers 32, Bears 31; Rams 37, Cardinals 14; Oilers 23, Raiders 7; Giants 15, Seahawks 3; Colts 27, New York Jets 10.

LAKERS BEAT BULLETS 120-115:

In the fifth straight loss for Washington, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Bullets 120-115 Sunday night at Inglewood, Calif. In other games: Rockets 132, Heat 94; Trailblazers 119, SuperSonics 109.

OILERS DEFEAT BLACKHAWKS 5-4:

The Edmonton Oilers defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 with a score by Mark Messier in the eighth second of overtime Sunday night at Edmonton. In the only other NHL game Sunday night, Sabres 2, Canucks 2.

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the offensive line. "Everybody blocked well," he said. "You know once you get past the line, you only have the secondary to beat. The receivers blocked well downfield too." Lost in Ross' record day is the rest of the offense, who rolled up a total of 571 yards and was just unstoppable even when they didn't

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Maine and William and Mary. The only playoff team GSC has seen this year is Middle Tennessee, who the Eagles shut out 26-0 in the famed "Hurricane Bowl" in Paulson Stadium.

GSC would wind up playing Middle Tennessee again if they beat Villanova and the Blue Raiders

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houses, etc.), however, inflames the passions of many whites and emotions of many African-Americans and does an injustice to the new southern way. These images and symbols are divisive by region as well as race. These relics of the Old South have greater historical, educational, and aesthetic value in a museum.

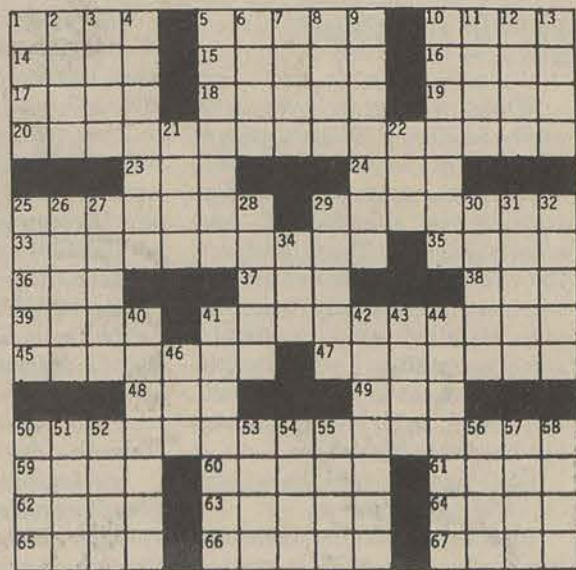
The challenge ahead is to understand how racial perceptions affect emotions, learn from the lesson about Dixie (History professors could encourage students to write

call Ross' number, which wasn't too often.

GSC will remain the number one ranked team and have its first playoff game at Paulson Stadium and probably all of their games at home, though that is not a guarantee. GSC will face Villanova (8-3) this Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

beat Appalachian State Saturday. If the Eagles had to face Appalachian, it would not be the first time either. In the quarterfinals of the 1987 playoffs, Appalachian shut out the Southern 19-0 in Boone, North Carolina on a field covered with ice and snow from a storm the night before.

term papers on the origin of the term Dixie, Political Science professors could focus on papers on Dixiecrats, reasons the South has been voting Republican since the 1960s, Sociology professors on how these symbols affect group and race relations, etc.), know that open debate of issues is healthy, not unhealthy on a college campus as long as it is in moderation, not confuse southern pride with symbols that have a malicious origin, and develop the racial and cultural sensitivity to make a good college a great university.



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A simple line drawing of a turkey. It has a large, dark, triangular beak, two very large round eyes with small pupils, and a small tuft of feathers on its head. Its body is rounded with some wavy lines indicating feathers. The tail feathers are large and fan-shaped. It stands on two legs, with its feet partially buried in a small patch of ground indicated by some hatching lines.

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