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College Union Building experiencing delays

Expected to open late April

By SANDY HANBERRY
News Editor

College officials anticipate that the Georgia Southern College Union building will open sometime in late April.

When construction on the multimillion dollar project began, it did so with the anticipation of a November completion date. However, reality lagged behind anticipations and the November completion date came and went. Likewise so went any plans of having the College Union open in time for Winter Quarter.

According to Gary Witte, GSC's campus architect, unanticipated foundation problems cost the project more in time and materials than was expected. The effort was further delayed by unseasonably high rainfall amounts, which forced contractors to push back their completion date as progress slowed.

Changes in orders during the construction process and the diverse variation among room structures were indicated as other culprits.

In each case, the contractor was allowed additional time to resolve those mechanical, electrical, and aesthetic conflicts when they developed.

Many groups had hoped to be able to move into the College Union sometime during winter, however those hopes have proved futile.

Currently, the exterior of the building is complete but, much of the interior wall structure is still lacking. Witte estimates that the interior, including the walls, tile, and paint, should be finished by early March. At that point, state and college officials will tour and inspect the building.

After the building is approved, the keys will be turned over to the College Union's director, Earl Cashon.

Cashon will then spend the next four to six weeks overseeing the union as it is furnished and stocked, employees are hired, and the Union is prepared to open.

According to Witte and Cashon, late April is the current target date for the Union's opening.



Foundation problems and heavy rainfalls have contributed to the delay of the College Union Building's opening, originally scheduled

for November, 1989. The building is now expected to open around late April. (Photo: Pat Malone)

Director Cashon discusses plans

By SANDY HANBERRY
News Editor

The College Union will soon become an integral part of college life at GSC. As such, it is very important that the furnishing and structuring of the new Union proceed with as much care and forethought as possible. The burden of this task falls squarely upon the shoulders of Earl Cashon. Cashon, the director of the new College Union, came to GSC last fall after spending thirteen years as the Assistant Director of Student Activities at the University of Georgia.

Cashon, who opened UGA's Tate Student Center in 1983, stresses the importance of the Union to GSC, the university system, and the community as a whole, and stresses that they each needs to be prioritized in that order. "To my way of thinking" said Cashon, "the student always comes first."

Cashon has high expectations for the new 110,000 square foot Union.

When the Union opens, it will become the hub of student activities. It will host both the Student Government Association and the College Activities Board.

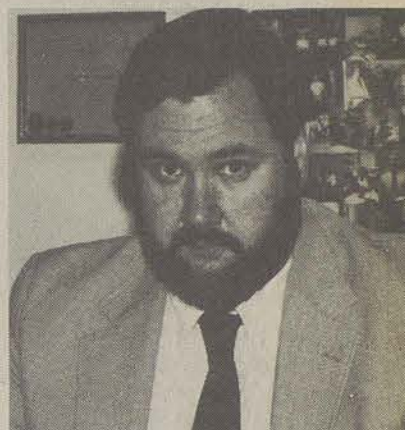
Two of the most important features of the building will be the 576 seat auditorium and the ballroom.

"The auditorium" according to Cashon, "is state of the art. It is equipped with sound systems for both movies and lectures." Cashon further added that the viewing quality of the auditorium would surpass that of many theatres. Provisions have also been made for a concession stand adjoining the auditorium.

"The Ballroom" he said, "is very plush and will hold 600-700 people. It may well be the nicest ballroom facility in this area outside Atlanta."

"We want to use the ballroom facility as much as possible," he said. One of the advantages of the ballroom will be that it can be divided three ways in order to accommodate smaller groups.

In addition to the auditorium and the ballroom, the College Union will house a gameroom, two TV lounges, The Educated Palate, a snack bar, a music listening lounge, campus catering services, a computer store, a sporting goods store,



College Union Director Earl Cashon (special photo)

18 separate meeting rooms and a mini bookstore where students will be able to obtain leisure reading materials.

Cashon hopes that he will soon be able to add a big screen TV in the commons area, cable TV reception, and ATM's from each of Statesboro's banks to the Union's list of attractions.

Of all of the buildings, the commons area will be as impressive as any. It is described as a large open area. Skylights shine down upon it from the vaulted ceiling 20 feet above. At its back is a large blue wrought iron staircase ascending to the second story.

In front of the Union is a rotunda equipped with a sound system where student gatherings and outdoor performances will take place.

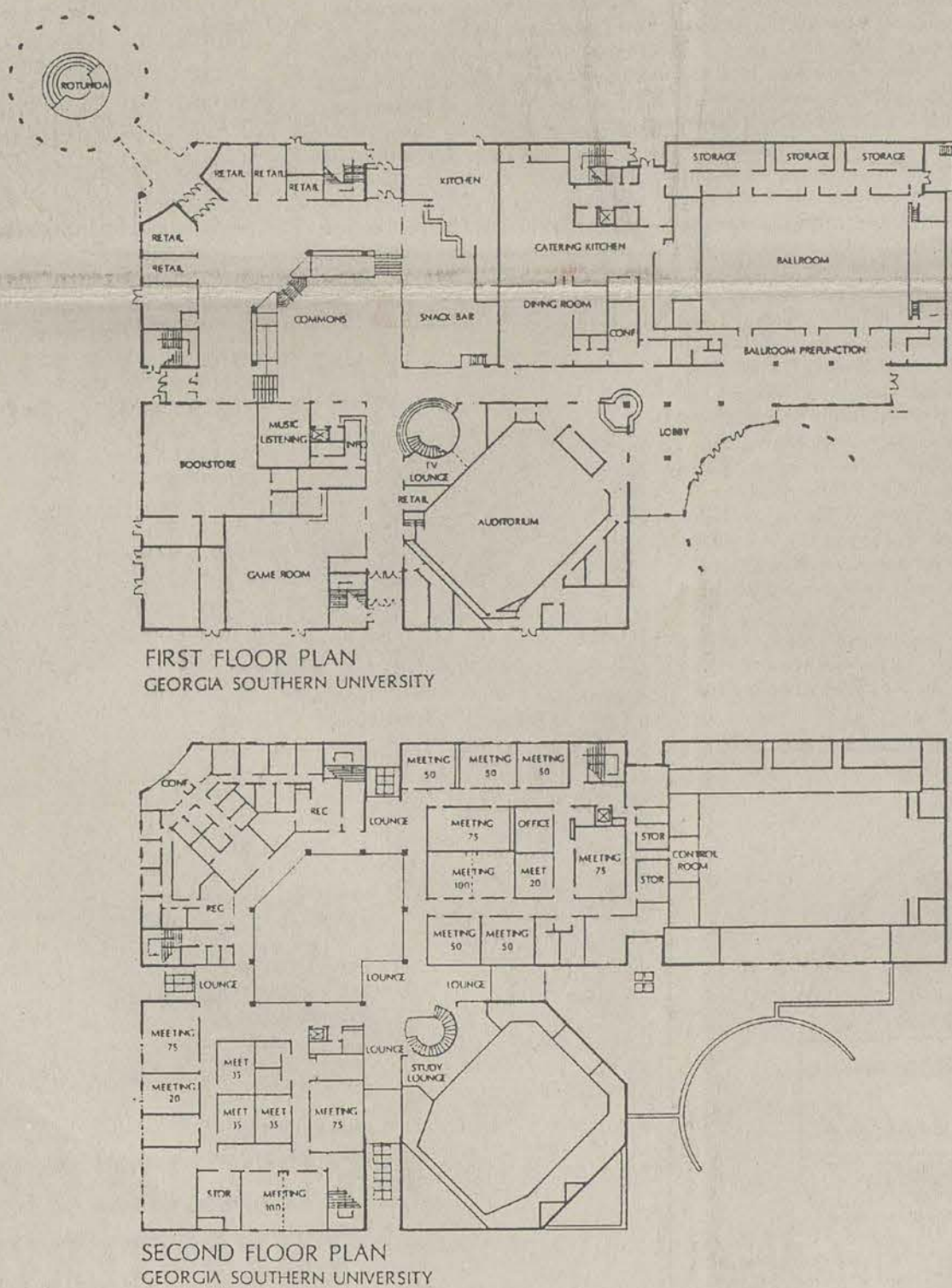
Cashon sees all these things in the future as he plans today in his office upstairs in the Williams Center. The walls of his office, actually the office which currently houses the entire College Union staff, is decorated with blueprints, carpet samples, and pictures of furniture. He has a thousand things to do but, for the 22 year veteran of the trade, it is an exciting time.

Around the first of February, he expects to hire the supporting cast that will help him organize the move into the building.

When the building is completed, he will take the keys and in a period of four to six weeks turn months of planning into reality.

As he nears this reality, the University of South Carolina graduate has one other thing in mind: "To make the grand opening something that the students will remember for years".

Floor Plans for New Student Union



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Campus Briefs

George-Anne staff reports

Students for Joe Kennedy - A group of GSC students gathered Monday afternoon, Jan. 8, in Claxton to organize a "Students for Joe Kennedy" campaign committee. Statewide college coordinator Matthew Moffett, from Emory University, gave the group some tips on action they can take to help elect the Claxton democrat to the statewide office of Lieutenant Governor.

Heyward Burnet, GSC Kennedy Chairman, said the students look forward to organizing events for Senator Kennedy on the campus of GSC. Students interested in getting involved in the Joe Kennedy campaign can contact chairman Heyward Burnet at 681-7599.

Curtis Willis, student affairs recruitment officer at the Morehouse School of Medicine, will be in the Williams Center in the President's Dining Room Tuesday, January 23, from 2-4 pm. Students interested in applying for admission to Morehouse School of Medicine should drop by and speak with him. If you have any questions, contact the Georgia Health Sciences Consortium office at 681-5387.

Shroyer leaves, Mellett begins work as new Plant Op Director

By LAURA MCABEE
Assistant News Editor

This quarter, as of January 2, Richard E. Mellett is replacing Fred Shroyer as director of the Physical Plant.

Shroyer, who has served as plant director for the past 25 years, had planned on retiring from the post of Physical Plant Director. However, upon request, he opted to assume the role of Director of Facilities Planning and Space Utilization, says Mary McBride, the Administrative Assistant to the Plant Director.

Upon assuming the office of Director of Facilities Planning and Space Utilization, Shroyer relieved Gary Witte, who was serving as interim director.

Prior to accepting the position at GSC, Mellett worked with a private engineering company in Vermont. There, he provided maintenance for private colleges.

Terry McKanna, with the preventive maintenance team, says that the physical plant is responsible for many of the things that are taken for granted here at GSC, such as the school's electrical needs, carpentry, painting, plumbing, air

conditioning, heating, and grounds keeping.

Other tasks performed by workers at the plant are handled by special divisions of the plant. The Physical Plant has a locksmith department, which handles problems with keys and door locks, and an electronics division, which works with radio systems and repairs computers on campus. Also, there is an auto shop which services GSC fleet of vehicles as well as its tractors.

As director of the Physical Plant, Mellett will preside over the entire Physical Plant and the maintenance grounds.

Special to the George-Anne

Black Awareness Month will be observed this February, with 15 events that single out black achievements, culture, political, and social concerns. One of the highlights will be a keynote address by Debbie Morgan, an Emmy award-winning actress on the daytime soap opera, "All My Children".

On February 5, a photographic exhibit featuring the work of Kojo Kamau will open. The photographs, which focus on famous black Americans, will be displayed through February 28 during regular Museum hours.

The keynote speaker, Debbie Morgan, will speak on February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center for Continuing Education. Additionally, music will be provided by the Georgia Southern Gospel Ensemble.

As a part of the ongoing Georgia Performers Series, Oliver Green will perform in Foy Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on February 8. Green is a concert, oratorical, and operatic performer as well as a Morehouse College faculty member.

February 14 at 4 p.m. will find Rabbi Raphael Gold speaking on

Black Awareness Month calendar is announced

the historical relationship between blacks and Jews in the American civil rights movement. Rabbi Gold is a member of the Pastoral Care staff at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. The site of the presentation will be announced at a later date.

The Miss African-American pageant will be held in the Marvin Pittman Auditorium at 7 p.m. February 15.

On February 18 at 7 p.m., the Afro-American Gospel Choir will be in concert at Foy. The choir, under the direction of Rosephanye Dunn-Powell,

will present a program of gospel, spiritual, and other Afro-American music.

Black Orpheus, a movie presentation that won an academy award for best film as well as the grand prize at the Cannes Film Festival, will be shown at 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. in the Southern Center Auditorium, February 19.

Dr. Saba Jallow and Dr. Mfanya Tryman will present a documentary film and a discussion on the South African policy of apartheid at 3 p.m. February 20. The presentation will be held in room 116 of the Southern Center.

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New community program takes flight at GSC

By YOLANDA WALLACE
Features Editor

What began as a Christmas present from GSC students to the community has turned into something special.

In mid-October, Victoria Futch, a secretary in the physics department, organized Georgia Southern TOPSTEP (Tutoring Others Program: a Students Teaching Each Other Project).

Said Futch, "I started out by saying, 'What are you doing for Christmas?' Most of the answers were, 'Nothing special,' so I said, 'Why not do something unique like a tutoring project in the community?'"

"It was an idea I put in the air. The students pulled it out and gave it substance. We didn't have a name at first. We called it, for want of anything better, the GSC Christmas Projects Group. Now it's Georgia Southern TOPSTEP."

The program's initial members were math, physics, and computer science majors, but the program now includes majors in all areas, Futch said.

Any interested students may join TOPSTEP if he has at least a 2.0 GPA, provides a signed letter of approval from his advisor, and attends a tutorial workshop.

With the approval of Principal Jack Pye and Bulloch School Superintendent Billy Bice, the TOPSTEP tutors work one hour a week at Julia P. Bryant School with an elementary, middle, or high school student in any subject area.

"The students don't pair up with one tutor," Futch said, "so the students can have as many role models and approaches as they will be able to view. The GSC students are role models for the kids at Julia P. because they're old enough to look up to, but close enough in age so that they don't seem like authority figures."

When the program went into operation January 8 at Julia P. Bryant, 35 tutors discovered 116 students waiting; 20 more were turned away at the door because they had just had their permission slips signed that morning.

Futch recently spoke to Fred Richter's enrichment class and to

two of Russ Dewey's psychology classes. "An additional 115 tutors signed up," she said.

"Student response has been phenomenal. I get phone calls at home, here, and people drop by the office. It has to be an involved program. This is an energy project by and for students. We don't have a budget yet, but we'll have to have one eventually."

"When we began the program, some students got so wrapped up in and excited about it that they forgot they didn't have cars to get to Julia P. We had to set up a carpool."

She said the assistance of Norma McNair, the assistant assigned by Bice, and Cheryl Jones, the on-site coordinator at Julia P. Bryant, has been wonderful.

"The remarkable thing is that Cheryl and her helpers worked for a week and put together a color-coded folder on each child. The students are going to be tracked as they progress. A report will be placed in each student's file after each session, so there will be continual feedback of information from tutor to teacher."

GSC's faculty is also involved in

TOPSTEP. The instructors help the tutors, and Laura Hale's logo production class is designing a logo package for the program that will include t-shirts, bumper stickers, badges, a letterhead, certificates of participation, and a service pin.

"There are no negatives in this," Futch said. "It has been all positive. It's like one of those old '40s movies where one kid says, 'Hey, I have a barn. Let's put on a show,' and everybody comes."

She said she hasn't talked to any education majors yet, but "TOPSTEP is a benefit to the tutors because they can use the program as a reference. It shows their community involvement, community awareness, and time management skills. It's a benefit to the Julia P. kids, too, because they're seeing people who are focused, tuned in, and turned on."

"I'd like to see the program in every place in the country that has a campus. It's an ongoing gift to the community that gives continuously and continually."

Interested students may call Futch at 681-5292.

Textbook thefts plague campus

By LIA NEEL
Staff Writer

A rash of textbook thefts has plagued the GSC campus this year. During fall quarter 1989, 15 textbooks were identified as being stolen, eight in December alone.

The increased number of thefts in December was attributed to students' needs for money for Christmas gifts and travel.

When students sell a textbook in the bookstore, they are required to put their signature on a receipt for the amount of money paid to them by the bookstore upon presentation of their student identification cards. The signature of a student is irrefutable evidence 95% of the time against a student who has sold a textbook that does not belong to him.

If a student has had a book stolen

he can reclaim it at the bookstore if he can identify the book by certain markings or his name in the book.

Textbook theft is regarded as a serious offense by the Office of Judicial Affairs. If a student is found guilty of stealing a textbook he will be placed on disciplinary probation and will be required to pay restitution for the textbook. Also, it is likely that the student will be required to serve 10-20 hours of community service for GSC.

If a student sells a stolen book given to him by another student, the person who sold the book back to the bookstore will be held responsible for charges of theft.

In one case, a student was given a book to sell for another student because the other student claimed he had no student identification to resell the book. The book was later identified by another student and the student who sold the book was found guilty of theft.

Most students who take books that don't belong to them and sell them to the bookstore are caught.

"Nine times out of ten, if you take a book that does not belong to you and you sell it to the bookstore, you will be charged with theft as defined in the *Eagle Eye*," said Dr. Edward Bayens, assistant director of Special Programs.

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"Dream Girls", a drama, will be presented at 8 p.m. February 21, in McCroan Auditorium. The drama tells the story of three women whose 1960's singing careers closely resemble those of the Supremes.

At 4 p.m. on February 22, Dr. Francois Manchuelle will present a program on South Africa's political situation. The Presentation is called Focus on Apartheid: 80 Years of Liberation Struggle in South Africa, and will include a slide show and talk about the African National Congress.

At noon on February 23, a tribute to poet Mary Evans will be held in room 111 of the Williams Center. Evans, the poet-in-residence at Spelman College will read her poetry, and subsequently hold a question and answer session. Later that evening, Faculty members George Bess and Mical Whitaker will direct dramatic readings of Evans' poetry. The latter readings will take place in Foy Recital Hall.

The Black History College Bowl, featuring competing teams challenged about their knowledge of black history, will convene at 7 p.m.. The site of the event will be announced on February 27.

Mary Ann Williams, poet and actress, will present a one-woman play, *An American Woman Faces Apartheid*, on February 28, at 8 p.m..

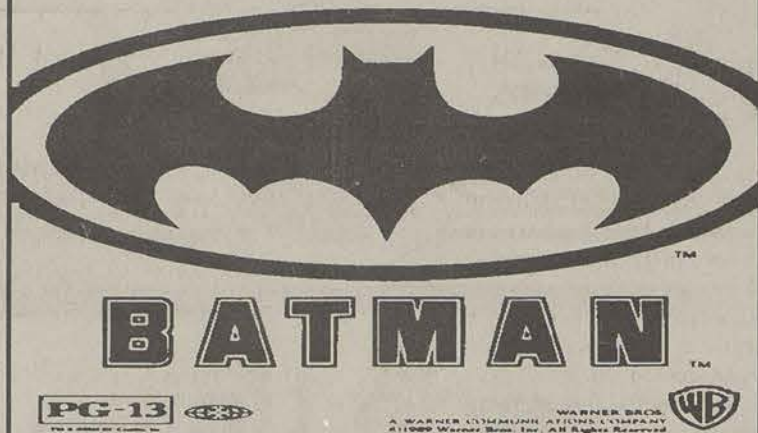
Throughout the month, a film series featuring black actors will be shown at the Biology Lecture Hall.

The films, which will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. include *Tap*, on February 2 and 4, *Lean on Me*, on February 9 and 11, *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka*, and finally, *Cry Freedom* will be presented on February 23 and 25.

All events during Black Awareness Month are free and open to the public with the exception of the play *Dream Girls*, which carries an admission charge of \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children. Tickets will be available at the McCroan box office.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta fraternities and sororities, the College Activity Board the Georgia Southern Department of Music, Patricia Pace of communication arts, and the GSC branch of the NAACP will be sponsoring the programs.

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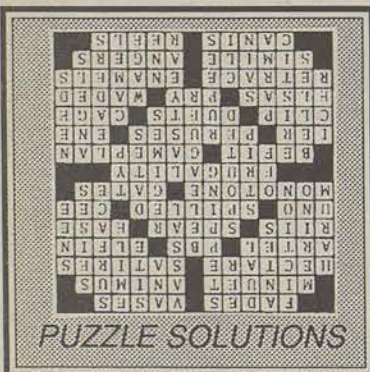
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CORRECTION

Due to a production error, an erroneous price was listed in last week's advertisement for TACO BELL. The correct price for Tacos is 59¢ each as part of TACO BELL's 59¢ Value Menu at their restaurant located on South Main.

The George-Anne regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.



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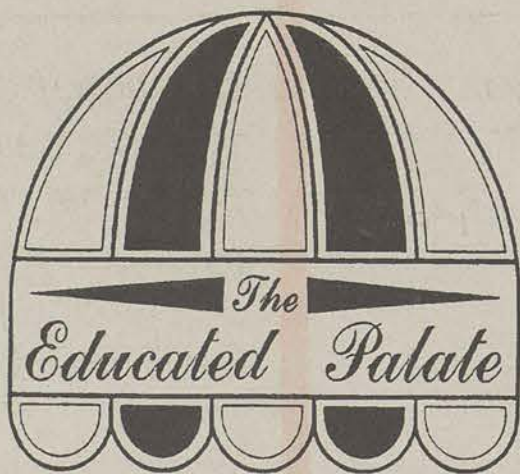
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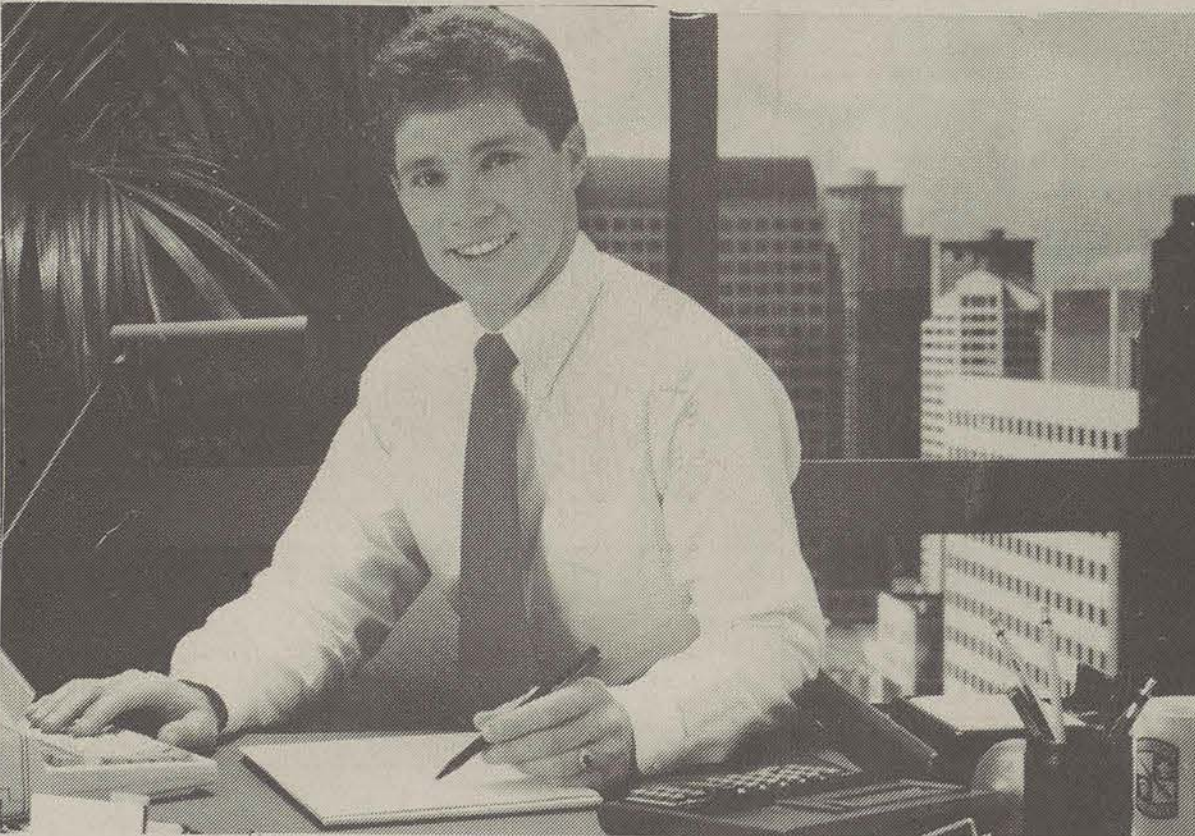
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Recent survey reveals the negligence of GSC smokers

By JENNIFER BOOTH
and JOHN ROBERTS,
Guest Contributors

How many years do you think that you have left? Most of us take for granted that we have another 50 to 60 healthy years ahead of us. But, if you are a smoker, this average life expectancy will decrease and continue to decrease the longer your habit continues.

A person who smokes one pack of cigarettes a day can expect to live about six years less than a non-smoker. In addition to decreasing your life expectancy, health problems will more than likely plague your later years.

The results of a recent survey of 129 GSC students who smoke show that many of them are aware of the health risks related to smoking, but they continue to smoke.

When asked if they have ever tried to quit smoking, 25% admitted

they had never tried to quit, 59% answered they had attempted to stop smoking, and 16% were successful in their attempts.

The 25% who have never tried to quit don't seem concerned about any long-term risks of smoking. One student said he knew about the hazards of smoking, "but everybody's got to die of something."

Another replied, "Well, if it happens, it happens."

Many students neglect the risks of smoking because they are here at school. Some students use tobacco to help them relax and relieve stress. Others use it to control their weight.

One female student said, "I know if I quit I will gain weight. . . My weight is more important (to me) than the risks of smoking right now."

Another student said that smoking relieved his tension. "I look for-

ward to a smoke between classes," he said. "It helps me unwind."

Of the students who have not neglected smoking risks and have tried to quit, many have gone about it the wrong way and have fallen into the smoking trap again.

One student said, "I tried to only smoke at parties, but I found a party every night."

Another student tried to quit "cold turkey" and failed. "I threw away a brand new pack of cigarettes and was determined to quit, but I soon started bumming cigarettes off friends."

The risk of smoking can no longer be ignored. not at GSC—not anywhere. To those of you who have quit, congratulations. To those of you who have tried to quit, keep trying. But to those of you who blatantly ignore smoking hazards, maybe someday soon the smoke will clear from your eyes.

Smoking survey conducted by three HPE 131 (Personal Health and Wellness) classes to explore WHY GSC STUDENTS SMOKE:

129 Interviewed
69 Males
60 Females
20.6 Average age
15.6 Average age started smoking

Why do they use tobacco? Reasons most frequently cited:

1. addicted
2. peer pressure
3. to relax and relieve stress
4. it's cool
5. they enjoy it
6. weight control
7. curiosity

The results from the 129 students interviewed:
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16% Have stopped
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CAB Announcements

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Two positions are open for the Campus Activities Board: the Concerts/Coffeehouse Assistant and the Films/Special Events Assistant. CAB is looking for enthusiastic, hard-working people who enjoy working behind the scenes. Everyone is welcomed to apply as long as you have a 2.0 or better grade point average. If you are interested in either position, please pick up an application in the CAB office or in the Special Programs Office, 289 Rosenwald. The deadline is Friday, Jan. 19.

Fall quarter, CAB treated GSC with the great rock band .38 Special. On a smaller scale, the Winter Quarter Jam will be held Monday, Jan. 29 in the Williams Center Dining Hall. A fresh new rap group from Atlanta, 1-Five Posse, will be performing live, and to make the night completely "live," the band Game will be performing as a major

part of the show. A DJ will add polishing touches throughout the show for your total enjoyment.

THE TWO WEEKS IN REVIEW:

With a constant roar of laughter from the audience, Henry Cho opened winter quarter for Club CAB with a bang. The show, which lasted over ninety minutes, was a true enjoyment to the packed house that attended. People were even standing outside the windows to see and hear Henry's wonderful antics. He was not a comedian to miss.

The people in the audience enjoyed themselves—after the shock of hearing Henry's accent . . . a Korean with a Southern dialect. His off-the-wall observations of college life, dating, and relationships reminded you of similar experiences in your life. His zany ethnic jokes provided side-splitting entertainment.

Unfortunately, this will probably be the last year Henry will be performing on the college circuit. Unofficially speaking, he will be signing with NBC in the spring. Be

sure to catch his future visits to "Designing Women," Pat Sajak, and Arsenio Hall.

TWO-WEEK PREVIEW

At the movies—The Joker and Batman come to visit GSC, Friday, Jan. 19, and Sunday, Jan. 21, in the Biology Lecture Hall at 8 and 10 both nights. Admission is only a measly dollar and the movie is open to everyone. "Batman" is the biggest hit of 1989, a must-see or -see again.

At the movies—Patrick Swayze is back in "Next of Kin." This wild action pic is on Friday, Jan. 26, and Sunday, Jan. 28, at 8 and 10 pm in the Biology Lecture Hall. See you there.

CAB Spectacular—The Winter Jam is here to cast away the winter blues. Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 pm in the Williams Center Dining Hall. Don't let the cold weather get you down. Your presence is requested, and there is no admission charge.

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—The **GSC French Club** will have a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 pm in room 168 of the South Building.

—**Students in resource management** may find help in JOB SCAN, the fastest growing environmentally-oriented job placement publication on the market today. JOB SCAN lists current job opportunities in all aspects of resource management—field work, administration, teaching, environmental advocacy—throughout the US. For more information, contact the Student Conservation Association office at (603) 826-4301.

—The National Park Service is accepting applications for **summer lifeguard positions** at several sites in the eastern US. Depending on experience and work location, the lifeguards may earn salaries ranging from \$497.63 to \$857.38 every two weeks.

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A farewell to communism

As the 1980's came to an end so did communism in Eastern Europe. With new governments being established in Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia it is quite a blessing for the entire world. And with the common market opening up in Europe, it's good to see someone is finally realizing what we in the United States have known all along, Capitalist democracy is by far the most efficient and fairest form of government known to man.

We at The George-Anne salute those brave citizens of the eastern European nations who threatened revolution and believed that there was a better life under new rule. We support the common market as well. All we have to say is, it's about time.

When mom can't be there

With the flu season currently in full swing it is nice to know there's a place students can go and get treatment for ailments and disorders. The GSC Health Center (infirmary) is perhaps the least expensive treatment center students have access to. Although the waiting room may be filled with sick students, and your wait may be a half hour or more, the service you get is worth the wait. Generally the Health Center fee is covered in the students' college fees. Relative to the cost of a visit to the doctor, the infirmary is a cost effective alternative to a private practitioner. Where else can you get medicine and treatment for virtually no money aside from the college fee you have to pay anyway?

We at The George-Anne thank all the doctors, nurses, assistants, and all other staff members at the Health Center for being there when we're sick and can't get home to mom. To do such a thankless job is quite a noble act and should no longer go unrecognized.

To a job well done

Any sports writer in the southeastern region of Georgia will tell you that it's quite a task to cover sports at GSC. Specifically, football is such a craze in this area that some newspapers send two staff writers to cover GSC football games. Now no sports writer is perfect; who can possibly remember all the stats the Eagles rack up each week against their opponents? With this fact in mind, GSC has what every thankful sports writer refers to as a messiah of sorts, the Sports Information Director.

At GSC the SID is Matt Rogers, and take it from us, he does his job well. Perched high in the press box each Saturday, Matt is always ready to share any information he has which can help the writers do their jobs better. Whether it be the temperature and wind direction at kick-off, or the number of smudge marks on a certain player's helmet, Matt Rogers knows.

Matt has an excellent staff as well. Without the help of Susie Hanson and Tom McClellan, Matt would be buried in his own little world of stats and figures.

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank Matt and his staff for a great season of football. Without his cooperation our coverage of GSC football would leave much to be desired. So here's to you Matt, keep up the good work!!

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Life, too short to be taken for granted

From The Editor's Desk
Clint Rushing

When I take time from my work and school schedules to slow down and take things lightly for a while, I realize a mistake that we, as humans, make practically every day of our lives. We wake up in the morning, stumble through our morning routine of shower, breakfast, etc, then we're off to work and school. We do enough of our required tasks (not really enjoying them either) just to get us through the day and then we all go home. It scares me when I think about it, but I've come to the conclusion that we all take our lives and happiness for granted.

I have a friend who has helped me understand that life is a precious gift from whomever that should not be taken for granted. When my friend was 16 years old

his mother died. Now this sort of thing happens every day, but I've never actually known someone in this situation. When my friend told me the story I was shocked. He was very well composed (I assume he had accepted the fact by then). It was almost as if he were over the fact that his mother was dead. The story he told was enough to make me realize that I have taken my whole life for granted. I tried to imagine a close friend or relative dying but I couldn't. The thought is quite sobering because it's real.

Death is real and can happen to anyone at any time.

The more I think about it the more I realize that if I died today there would be so much left undone, so many words left unsaid. All my plans for the future are taken for granted. I expect them to happen. But in a heartbeat my plans could be altered, or even cancelled.

So is everybody like this? Do we all overlook the aspect of tragedy in life until a reminder comes along to wake us up? I believe so.

Being in college, I think death is the farthest thing from our minds. We are all so happy, racing through our early years at break-neck speed, ever youthful in spirit. So why should death even come into the picture? Death is real; we never expect it.

I guess I'm writing this column more to make people stop and think for a minute. Do you take life for granted? I asked my friend and he said that after the shock of reality sets in it's easy to start taking it all for granted again.

I don't suppose anyone can be broken from the habit of taking life for granted, but we all can be more conscious of the fact that our time here on earth is quite limited. As rock band Kansas reminds us "nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky; it slips away, and all your money won't another minute buy." Life is quite a precious experience; and although we don't think about it, we need to remember to live life to its fullest. When is the next time we'll get a chance to live? As far as we know, never.

Suicide? Nothing's worth it!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was submitted from Audrey Campbell of the GSC Counseling Center. The accounts are true occurrences and the author is a GSC student who chose to remain anonymous.

My throat is still sore from the tube I was forced to swallow until it reached my stomach. I feel stupid and embarrassed; you see, I tried to kill myself last Wednesday. After having a few beers I started thinking about all the bad things in life. It seemed as though all the good things that had happened in my life were erased from my memory. The more I thought, the more depressed I became. The next thing I knew, I was in my friend's bathroom rummaging through his medicine cabinet. Finally I thought I had found the solution to all my problems: 250 aspirin tablets.

I started swallowing them one by one then, afraid that I might chicken-out, I started taking them in fours. When I finished taking all that I thought it would take to do the job, I left and went back to my dorm to fall asleep and never wake up. Wake up is exactly what I did three hours later. My stomach felt as if someone were holding a red hot branding iron to it. I was in so much pain that I got frightened and told a friend what I had done. She then called a mutual friend of ours to come and take us to the emergency room.

Once at the hospital, I was instructed to fill out some forms. I don't know how I got through filling them out, the reality hit me about what I had done and I was crying so hard that I couldn't see the pages. The attendant wanted to know either my father's or mother's name. I started to panic; my parents could not find out about this. I told them

my father's real name and address, but I gave them a phony number. I was so out of it that I didn't realize all they had to do was call information with the name and address. After what seemed a long time, I was taken to Emergency. I was told to strip and was given a hospital gown to put on. After I had done this I was handed a basin and told I was going to have to swallow a very large tube. I begged them to knock

me out, their reply was, "Sorry honey, you should have thought about this before you tried something so stupid. We have no sympathy for people who do this." They tried to put it in my mouth; I clenched my teeth. They said, "You don't want us to put it up your nose." I didn't care. That tube was not going down my throat. They tried

again. I pushed and screamed, trying to fight the two nurses off. I then heard one say, "We're going to have to tie her down." My hands were tied to the upper guard rails with gauze strips. With great effort I pulled my hands free and started to fight again. About that time a male RN was summoned to hold me still while each of the nurses tied my hands to the upper guard rails. My hands turned purple with my efforts to get away, but I wasn't strong enough to get out. Then the RN grabbed me by the throat and one of the nurses grabbed my jaws in attempt to open them. I told the RN he was choking me, which he was, and he let go of my throat. Then the other nurse said, "Look, if you don't do this you're going to die, and we can't let you do that." She handed me a plastic ring to bite down on and she proceeded to cram the tube down my throat. I can still hear the three of them, the two nurses and the RN, chanting "swallow, swallow, swallow!" With my

eyes squeezed tightly shut I swallowed the tube and felt in the pit of my stomach.

Retching and vomiting, eyes shut, I started praying to God to hurry and let this be over. I was assured by the nurses it would be over soon, but it seemed like a long journey to hell and back. I was finally able to calm myself and realize that if I took deep breaths without swallowing I wouldn't gag as badly. I was told to take a deep breath and the tube was jerked out. All my energies spent, I lay back on the hospital bed and removed myself from the situation. What I saw didn't make me feel very good about myself. I was covered with vomit and mucus was running in thick streams from my nose. I know this doesn't sound very wonderful, but it is reality and sometimes reality is not wonderful.

Eventually I was given a wet towel to wipe my face. Then I had to face even worse. Three cops entered the room and informed me that it is against the law to take your own life. I answered all of their questions, they finished their report, and left, much to my relief. I was then talked to by a kind woman sent from the GSC counseling center. To tell you the truth, without her support and light-hearted manner, I would have been in a bigger mess than I already was. She calmed me and assured me that everything would be okay; I desperately needed to believe that. She left her name and number, and told me she'd be by to see me tomorrow. Tomorrow? I didn't expect to be there the next day! I had an eight o'clock class, I couldn't miss an exam! The nurse overheard and laughed at my naivety. She assured me I wouldn't be in class the next

day. The woman from the counseling center took down my teachers' names and numbers and told me she'd have to contact them and tell them I was ill and in the hospital. I was happy at that, but my happiness

was replaced with panic when she told me she'd have to contact my parents. I didn't want my parents to know; they'd be worried sick and very disappointed. I asked her why they had to know if I was eighteen years old. She said in suicide cases the parents have to know. I told her to tell my father; he would handle it better.

I was admitted to Intensive Care Unit at 5:42 a.m., I didn't get a chance to sleep until 7:00 a.m. I was poked and prodded, questioned and questioned again by doctors. The doctor told me I wouldn't be discharged until Friday. My heart had to be monitored because my heart rate was 160 and my blood toxicity level was 453, normal being 0. I slept as much as possible and that afternoon I was awakened by my father. Seeing him was the hardest part of all. I didn't; know what to tell him. All I could do was watch him cry. At that moment I realized how selfish I had been. In my decision to end my life, I had failed to think about how much I'd hurt my family and friends.

Killing yourself is not the answer. Now that I think of all the great tomorrows I might have missed I know I was really wrong. I still have to get married, have children, and grow old. Life isn't easy, and there is always someone worse off than you are. You've just got to roll with the punches and survive. Don't give in! Nothing is worth it; I know, I've been through the hell of trying to take my own life. Nothing is worth it!

Letters to the Editor: Poster controversy still brews

Dear Editor,

The recent letters-to-the-editor point out to me how very true it is that there is insensitivity on the part of some people on this campus and in this community.

Mr. McBroom and many others need to understand that the poster controversy is not about Marie Cochran. She made it clear that she felt that the poster was representative of racial insensitivity, not racism. She also made it clear that she did not favor censoring the poster. Removing or discontinuing distribution of the posters was a college decision made as a

result of numerous complaints about the poster. It had nothing to do with Marie Cochran. I think it is too easy for many of you to dismiss the objections by telling yourselves that only a few people objected.

The poster controversy is not about any one person. It is also not a good topic for sarcasm. We must, as a community, support and encourage each member to speak out on his/her feelings. It is a mistake to dismiss people's feelings because we disagree. If you don't see the symbolism that many of us see in the poster, can you really believe that you prove it isn't there? Deciding that a person's feelings are ri-

diculous based on the fact that they are not loudly supported is in itself insensitive and careless.

We are all different. We are offended or hurt by a wide variety of things. What we have experienced in our past has a direct bearing on what offends us. As the great-granddaughter of slave owners, I see only too clearly the racial insensitivity in the poster. That doesn't mean I have to feel guilty or ask for forgiveness for my ancestors' actions. It does mean that I have a responsibility to be sure that my community is one in which all

members are listened to with careful thought and proper respect.

We all have much to learn about living together. My hope is that students leave our campus with the idea that all of us will be open to the sensitivities of others. "Georgia Southern is a place where you can openly discuss delicate subjects without the fear of being chastised." Isn't that better than "I'll never open my mouth about anything. It just ain't worth it."

Catherine J. Hungerford
Counselor, Upward Bound

Reader shows gratitude

Dear Editor,

Congratulations! Your article on the campus eateries was well written and truly appreciated.

As one of the managers responsible for the operation of Sarah's, The Deck Shoppe, and The Pines

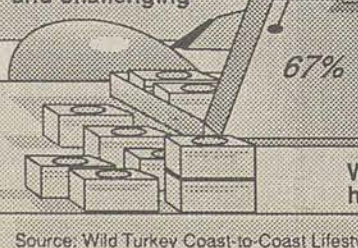
Restaurant, I really appreciated the article. We have many student assistants and staff members who work hard daily preparing food. Thanks for them also.

Wendell Hagins

Money isn't everything

Most people would take a pay cut if they could have the job they've always dreamed of.

Would accept a job that appears more interesting and challenging



Source: Wild Turkey Coast-to-Coast Lifestyle survey of 500 adults
Julie Stacey, Gannett News Service

HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND? WRITE A LETTER

Letter 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 are published on a first come, first served basis. Letters should address certain issues and not attack individuals. All letters MUST BE SIGNED. The letter writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name.

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Strong Points

BY MICHAEL STRONG
Sports Editor

"If it's not broken, don't fix it." An adage that all of us are familiar with. Well, almost all of us. In his first official act as GSC head coach, Tim Stowers brought in a new defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Now, I am sure that Jeff McInerney is qualified, but the former coach, Mike Healey, seemed to be doing just fine! After all, the defense was near the top of every category that has ever been created for measuring defenses. Since the revival of football for the 1982 season, we have had seven defensive All-Americans. This year's team went undefeated and won the championship after stomping through the playoffs!

Stowers said that he is doing this for the good of the team. Also, he has said that he offered Healey a position "on the offensive side of the ball." Stowers has also said that he and Healey didn't have any personal problems and that Healey has been "very classy" throughout this process. I think that Healey has been very classy as well, considering that what is going on makes no sense and borders on asinine.

What could prompt such a move? Is McInerney so good that the defense will be number one in every statistical category? I don't think so, but I am willing to keep an open mind about it. Mind you, I'm not calling Coach Stowers an idiot, a moron, or questioning his mental capacities. If I did, some rather large player, I mean, men might come over to the *George-Anne* offices and impress upon me the value of finding another job and keeping my mouth shut, but what I am questioning is the reasoning behind this kind of move. Why do you replace a man who has built a fine defense, innovated a new kind of defense (the Eagle 7), and could provide the stability that could well serve a new head coach in his first year?

Well, unless the Eagles shutout every opponent, finish first in every statistical category, have several All-Americans, three of which must be linebackers, and have another championship season in which they go undefeated, I will still never understand why Healey was replaced, especially in the manner in which it was done. Good luck to you Coach Healey, may you find another team to coach for, just make sure they aren't on our schedule.

CR/I sponsors aerobics class

GSC staff reports

Campus Recreation and Intramurals, in response to the overflow demand for aerobics classes for the winter quarter, has started a new "drop in" class Monday-Thursday. There are classes at both 6 pm and 7 pm.

In an attempt to offer a safe program, the intramural office sponsored an aerobics training workshop for its instructors and students. The workshop was lead by Mark Brunetz of Exerfit USA. The workshop is designed for fitness instructors in order to educate them about the practical skills needed to teach and lead participants in the fitness area. The workshop that was held at GSC was more practically oriented. When asked what his impression of the workshop was Brunetz felt that he saw a lot of motivational instructors involved in our program; however, the spectrum of experience was broad. He also felt that the workshop had successfully narrowed that spectrum and would bring consistency to the newly developed program. According to Marie McEachon and Jill Venuto the strongest points of the workshop were the new ideas, leadership qualities, and updates on exercise and fitness.

Brunetz, who was recently named program director for Jane Fonda aerobics, is an exercise test technologist. He also carries qualifications from the American College of Sports Medicine, AFAA primary certification, and is an ADEA Foundation certification instructor.

Eagle hoopsters cage Cardinals; Kerns one win shy of 300

BY MICHAEL STRONG
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team reached new highs and lows in Wednesday's 72-64 victory against the Lamar Cardinals. The Eagles grabbed a season high 53 rebounds, but managed to shoot a season low 39.1 percent, including an abysmal 28.2 percent in the first half.

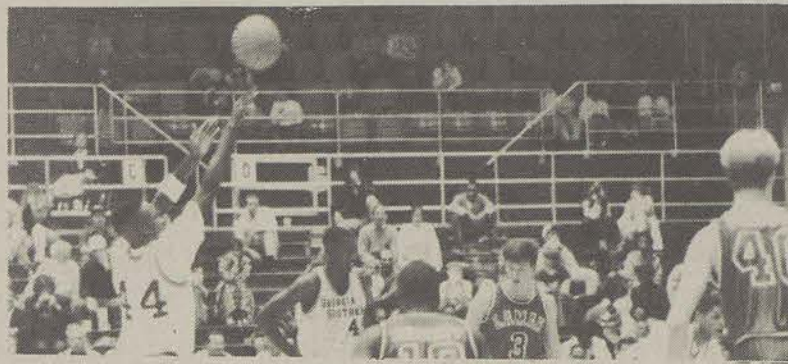
The Eagles were led by guard Ben Pierce who finished the game with 25 points on 10 of 20 shooting. Richard Sherrod chipped with 15 points and Charlton Young added 13. Emmett Smith and Sherrod shared the rebounding lead with 12 apiece. Lamar was led by Daryl Reed, who had 20 and Brad Westbrook who added 10. Reed also had 10 rebounds to lead the Cardinals.

The Eagles didn't score until the 13:47 mark of the first half. Pierce got the team started by hitting a ten foot jumper from the baseline, then scored team's next five points, including a three-pointer. After Pierce's run the score was tied at 7-

7, but Lamar's Duane Pritchett ran off six points of his own, which brought the score to 13-9. This was the last time that the Cardinals would see the lead, though it would remain close throughout the first half. GSC took the lead with 6:19 remaining on a Horace Burton free throw. Lamar's Norther Gims hit on the front end of a one-and-one which tied the score at 18-18 with 5:08 remaining. The two teams went basket for basket until Pierce launched a three-pointer with 15 seconds left in the half. This gave the Eagles a 28-25 halftime lead that they would never relinquish.

Pierce led all scorers at the half with 12 points and Emmett Smith snagged 10 rebounds. Lamar was led by Pritchett with six points and Reed with seven rebounds. The Eagle's Smith came off the bench and provided the defensive spark that they needed to get the offense moving, though neither team could find any range shooting 28.2 percent and 33.3 percent respectively, sort of.

GSC improved on their touch in



Ben Pierce (44) led all GSC scorers with 25 points against Lamar last Wednesday night (Photo: Mike Strong)

the second half, shooting 53.5 percent. The Eagle's tough defense in the second half limited the Cardinals to 39.3 percent.

The Eagles started the second half with an 8-2 run from which the Cardinals never really recovered. Pierce and Sherrod did most of the damage. Lamar got the lead down to five, 46-41, on two free throws by David Jones with 11:29 remaining. Pierce, who had fouled Jones, then canned a three-pointer which restored the lead to eight, 49-41. The Eagles never looked back and ex-

tended their lead to 14 points on a Sherrod fade away in the lane which made the score 64-50 with 5:44 remaining in the game. The Cardinals hit a couple of three-pointers late to close the gap to eight points, but the Eagles were fouled late in the game and hit six of 11 free throws down the stretch to keep Lamar at bay and won 72-64.

"When we played them last time we played man-to-man and we lost, so this time I figured we play zone to see if we could surprise them," said Lamar head coach Tony Branch.

Lamar used several defenses during the game and none of them seemed effective, the Eagles just missed easy shots in the first half. When asked if it was good defense or lousy shooting that accounted for the low shooting percentage, Eagle head coach Frank Kerns said, "I don't think we had bad offense, we missed some easy shots early, but I think we used some bad judgment on some of our shots."

Kerns also seemed optimistic that the team would eventually overcome the mental lapses that plagued them in the game and throughout the season. "I don't think that they were playing a straight two three [zone] and that confused the guys at first, but they worked it out and will, hopefully, keep that up," said Kerns.

The Eagles raised their record to 8-5 on the season, 2-2 in TAAC play. GSC improved their record against Lamar to 2-3. Also, with this win Kerns moves to within one win of 300 for his career. The Eagles have now one two in a row and 29 of their last 32 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Lady Eagles take two wins over rivals

BY PAUL FLOECKHER
Sports writer

Saying that it was a good week for Drama Greer's Lady Eagle basketball team would be an understatement. After routing South Carolina State 74-45 on the road Wednesday, GSC returned home and pounded NSWAC foe Mercer on Saturday.

GSC's Markisha Vereen put on a clinic against SCSC. The 6-1 junior poured in 24 points on 11 of 14 shooting from the field and two of three from the free throw line. She added six rebounds, three blocked shots, and three steals.

S.C. State's Lady Bulldogs wasted no time showing why they entered the game 4-8, as they hit only 10 of 28 shots in the first half. Their poor shooting, coupled with only one SCSC trip to the free throw line, resulted in a 36-22 Lady Eagle lead at halftime.

GSC opened the second half with a 23-7 run that blew the game open at 59-29. The GSC defense dominated SCSC, limiting the Lady 'Dogs to 29% (19-65) shooting for the game, including a paltry 10% from three-point range. Keshia Campbell was the only SCSC player who had any success at all, scoring 15 points and pulling down 17 rebounds.

For GSC, Deb Blackshear followed leading-scorer Vereen with 15 points. Tracy Wilson scored 10, with Toy Williams and Heather Voight each adding six. In all, 10 Lady Eagles scored against SCSC. Vet Cooper was the assist leader with four.

Fresh from that non-conference victory, GSC took the court against Mercer's Teddy Bears in a game

that offered to the winner sole possession of first place in the New South Women's Athletic Conference.

The highlight of the night for Mercer was Gloria Richardson's basket that gave Mercer its only lead at 2-0. GSC then went on a 16-0 run beginning with a bucket by Tracy Wilson and ending with a layup by Markisha Vereen. The Teddy Bears thrice cut the lead to 12, at 16-4, 37-25 and 39-27, but could get no closer during the first half. The teams headed to the locker room with GSC holding a 41-27 halftime advantage.

Mercer trimmed the lead to 11, 44-33, in the opening minutes of the second half, but the Lady Eagles outscored the Teddy Bears 23-6 over the next seven minutes to take their biggest lead at 67-39. The run was highlighted by outstanding play from the two starting forwards, Vereen and Wilson. Vereen scored eight of the 23 points, while Wilson accounted for six.

From there, Coach Greer cleared the bench and the reserves continued to make life miserable for Mercer. As in the S.C. State game, 10 Lady Eagles scored at least one point.

Wilson led five players in double figures with 23 points. Vereen was next with 17, followed by Trina Simmons with 14, Blackshear with 13, and Voight 10. Wilson also was the rebounding leader with nine, and Blackshear was tops in assists with eight.

In winning their third straight game, the Lady Eagles improved to 8-6 overall and 2-0 in the conference. GSC also ended a two-game home losing streak and avenged last year's 88-75 and 73-63 losses to Mercer.

BY MICHAEL STRONG
Sports Editor

GSC's men's and women's flag football teams finished among the top teams in their respective divisions. Bad to the Bone and Sigma Chi participated in the Intercollegiate Flag Football National Championships in New Orleans during New Year's weekend.

The women began their quest for the title game with three straight shutouts: the University of Central Florida, Villanova University, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham in the first round of the playoffs. In the quarterfinals they ran into a tough Louisiana Tech team, but quarterback Julie Jordan passed for three touchdowns and an 18-12 victory.

In the championship game the ladies faced Georgia Tech, who kept them scoreless and led 12-0 at halftime. Jordan passed to Sherrie Richards for a touchdown, but the conversion failed and they were down by only a touchdown. But, Tech scored again, then ran down the clock for an 18-6 victory.

The men began with a 26-20 overtime victory over North Carolina State, then clobbered Carson-Newman, 40-0. Sigma Chi then defeated the Naval Air Station, 13-6 and Southeast Louisiana 20-18 on a 60 yard touchdown run by Brad McNeely. They demolished Texas Tech, 36-6, to reach the quarterfi-

nals, but were defeated by eventual champion, the University of Florida.

McNeely and James Rogers were named All-Americans, as were Ron Jennings, Richards, and Jordan for the women's team. Jordan was also named Most Valuable Player.

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