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Dancing to the music

The Southern Dance Company dancers will show off their talent tomorrow night when they pirouette across the Union Ballroom stage and show GSU and the Statesboro community what they have to offer.



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BRIEFLY...

SSU's faculty and students demand changes

The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Faculty and students at Savannah State University say it's time for the state to do something about the problems facing the 106-year-old institution.

"If this were Armstrong State University or Georgia Southern University, would the chancellor sit in Atlanta saying 'I support this, and that and the other?'" asked Prince Jackson, a Savannah State professor and former president.

The Faculty Senate gave Wolfe a vote of no confidence, citing unhappiness with Wolfe's leadership, lack of academic freedom and a low merit pay scale.

A student ballot got over 800 signatures calling for Wolfe's removal.

"Something has to be done to start solving these problems," Jackson said. "We'll be wiped out. I'm concerned about the survival of this university."

WORD OF THE DAY

physiognomy (fizeOGnume) *n.* facial features regarded as clues to character.

Source: Weird Words

'BORO WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy with a high in the lower 70s.



Wednesday
Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers with a high in the low 70s.

CONGRATULATIONS

The George-Anne staff would like to congratulate our advisor, Robert Bohler, and his wife Helena, who recently added a new member to their family. Robert Powell Bohler was born Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10:15 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces.

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Paul Johnson named GSU's next head coach

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

The eight-month wait for the announcement of GSU's new head football coach ended Thursday when Sam Baker, director of athletics, appointed former GSU assistant Paul Johnson to take over.

Johnson will assume duties immediately after his season at the U.S. Naval Academy has ended.

"First thing, I'm going to get everybody going in the same direction," Johnson said at the Thursday press conference. "There are a lot of variables here. One season can't tear down a program, not at this level. We're going to have to roll up our sleeves and go to work."

Johnson replaces interim head coach Frank Ellwood, who took over after the dismissal of Tim Stowers, a winner of one I-AA national championship and one Southern Conference crown.

"Stowers is a fine person and a fine coach," Johnson said. "But ultimately, we are in the entertainment business and fans need to enjoy what they are watching. There is no doubt that GSU people are going to expect me to win every weekend. But I'm not concerned with expectations as much because I think I'm



Athletic Director Sam Baker (left) hands over the Eagle football program to former GSU offensive coordinator Paul Johnson at a press conference Thursday. Johnson will assume his duties here once the U.S. Naval Academy's season ends.

harder on myself than anything. I wouldn't want to coach at a place that expects only mediocrity. They have to want to win."

Johnson will be returning to Statesboro after leaving in 1986 to go to the University of Hawaii, where he helped

guide the Rainbows as an assistant coach to their first Western Athletic Conference title and a Holiday Bowl appearance.

After an eight-year stint with Hawaii, he then transferred to the Naval Academy, where he has been the offen-

sive coordinator for two years.

"My goal has always been to become a head coach," Johnson said. "I believe the Lord has had a plan all the way and I can't think of a better place I'd rather be than Georgia Southern."

"Hey, let me tell you, it was

hard to leave Navy after all the success we've had this year, and I don't think I would have left for any other school if it weren't Georgia Southern. We have the intangibles here to be successful. It is really an outstanding situation."

Besides bringing GSU back to a competitive status, Johnson stresses that one of his main goals is to graduate 100 percent of his players.

"Graduating all the players is very important, and it all starts with recruiting," Johnson said. "I want young men who want their degree and who want to work hard in the classroom."

Several players were in attendance at the press conference to get their first look at Johnson, including freshman wide receiver Recio Tutt.

"I think he will be a good coach," Tutt said. "From what he says, it seems that he has a lot of good goals set. I wish we could just mix up the offense a little more and run twin sets. But it looks like we are sticking with the option."

"I like a lot of stuff he says, like the graduating 100 percent of his athletes. It's good that he is concerned with grades."

Johnson is the fourth head coach to be named at GSU since Erk Russell restarted the program in 1981.

Pulled fire alarm cause of early closing of Henderson Library

By Kevin Bonsor
Assistant News Editor

The fire alarm system at Henderson Library was the cause for alarm Thursday night, when a potential fire hazard created by the system caused officials to evacuate the building.

While the fire department was trying to shut off the system, a wire was cut and smoke erupted from the system's panel. The fire department reported that the system overheated when it was activated.

"I witnessed arcing and smoke when a wire was cut in an attempt to disable the panel," said Ann Hamilton, associate university librarian.

A Statesboro Fire Department official said there were no signs of a fire when they arrived on the scene.

However, since the alarm systems would not function after being activated, firemen informed Hamilton that the library could not remain open unless it was patrolled at all times.

"The problem was they could not reset the alarm system and since they couldn't reset it they could not leave the library open," said Darrell Milton, of the Statesboro Fire Department. "They would need someone checking every floor at all times."

Hamilton decided to close the library because of the fire hazard. The library did not have sufficient personnel on hand to patrol all four floors of the library.

"I considered keeping the first and second floors open until midnight if we had sufficient staff for patrols," Hamilton said. "I decided that the fire risk was too great based on the smoking panels."

People were allowed back into the building so they could retrieve personal belongings and check out needed materials. The building was officially closed a shortly before 10 p.m.

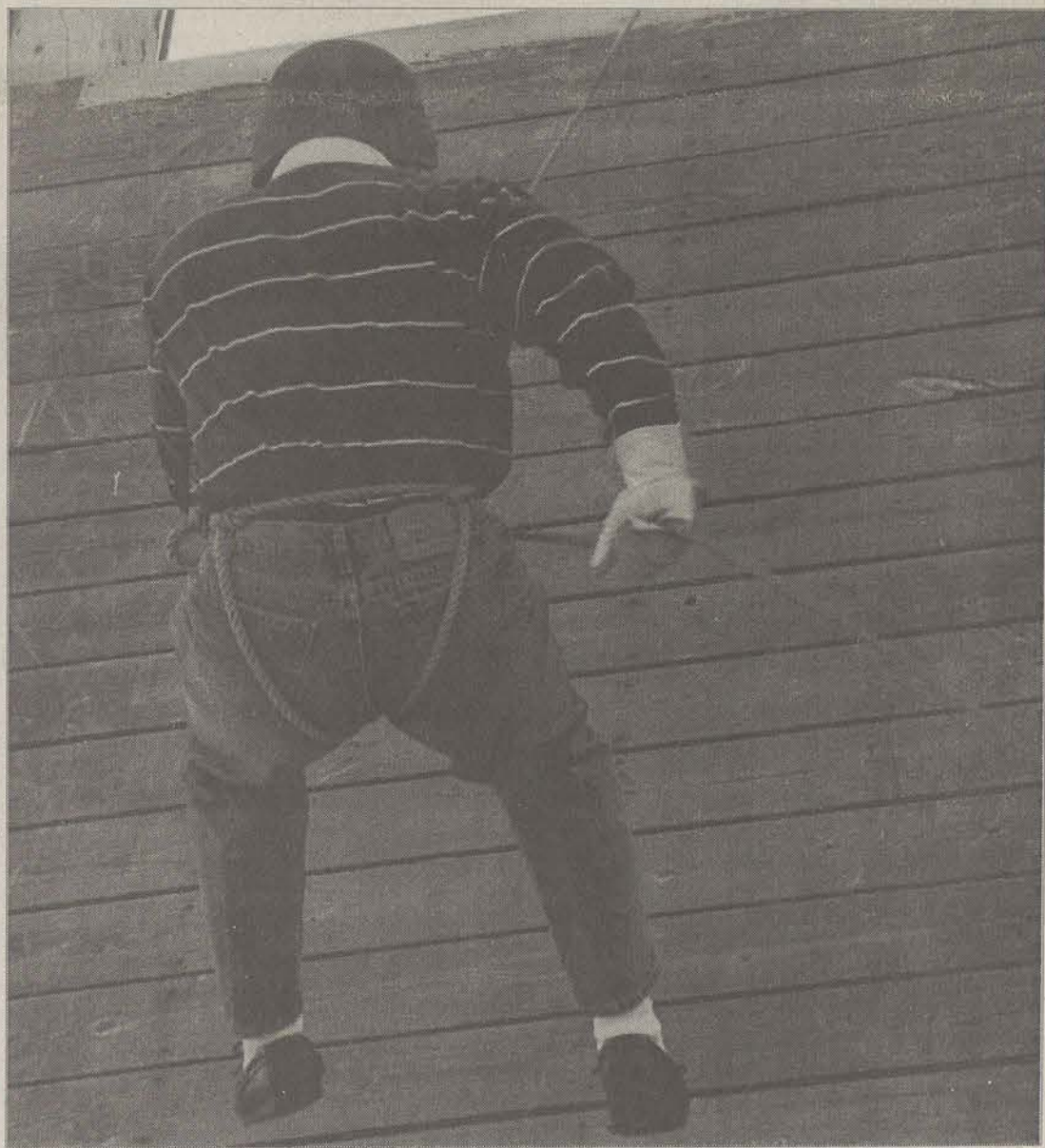
On Friday morning, investigations revealed that it was not an alarm malfunction that set the system off but that an unknown person had intentionally set off both systems. The alarms sounded at approximately 8 p.m. and the old system could not be shut off for 40 minutes.

The library was in the process of removing the old system and replacing it with a new system.

The old system has now been completely deactivated and is no longer a hazard. Library employees were trained for the new system on Friday.

No one was hurt and fire department officials reported no damage to the building.

Watch out below



Michael Hamburger

Last Friday, the GSU Army ROTC department offered students the chance to become physically fit and to learn survival skills such as mountaineering, repelling and mapping skills.

SGA hopes to implement emergency loans winter quarter

By Salua Brannen
Staff Writer

SGA will vote to pass an academic emergency loan program to students, allowing students to request the loan for academic reasons.

The SGA presented a resolution to the Senate and this Wednesday they will learn if it has passed. SGA President Derek Burns is confident that the resolution will pass successfully. Once it is passed, he said it's just a matter of getting the right documents signed and transferring the SGA funds to the financial aid department.

The purpose of the emergency loan program is to supplement the costs of books, meal plans and classes. Many students are recipients of financial aid, but the arrival of the checks to the

students is usually delayed.

"Students are here to get an education," Burns said. "They need not suffer in order to get their money straight for

"STUDENTS ARE HERE TO GET AN EDUCATION. THEY NEED NOT SUFFER IN ORDER TO GET THEIR MONEY STRAIGHT FOR BOOKS FOR A PARTICULAR QUARTER."

--DEREK BURNS,
SGA PRESIDENT

books for a particular quarter."

SGA is making all attempts to have the program implemented by winter quarter.

"The intentions of this program are to benefit students, especially those who are in need of financial aid," Burns

said. "It's tough enough to pay tuition, let alone buy books and supplies."

In order to qualify as a recipient of this loan program, students must have

evidence that their other loan checks have not yet arrived and be able to adhere to the payback limits. Payback limits will probably fall within the same quarter as the loan is made.

SGA is currently working out the procedures for the loan program with

the financial aid department.

When a student's delayed loan check does arrive, the money borrowed will be automatically deducted from the loan check and applied to the emergency loan. Students will then receive the remainder of their loan checks.

Working along with Burns in establishing this program are Dee Dee Williams, SGA vice president of academic affairs, and Valencia Love, coordinator of financial aid's non-academic emergency loan program already in place.

The funds for the program will be derived from students' university fees and fund-raisers. SGA wants to start the program off with \$2,000 to \$3,000. Burns said the funds will gradually build up over time as the administrators wish to continue the process.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

November 14, 1996

• Benjamin C. Howe, 23, of 301 South, was charged with DUI (3rd offense) and weaving.

• Christopher C. Anderson, 18, of Oxford Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and laying drags.

• Ryan Hoffman reported his book bag was missing from Henderson Library.

• Jennifer Hardcastle reported her checks were missing from her room in Olliff Hall.

• Mike Rodriguez reported his Haro bicycle was missing from the Hendricks Hall bike rack.

• A case of simple assault was reported at Hendricks Hall.

November 12, 1996

• Roger Bates reported a Clarion CD player was taken

from his vehicle in the Perimeter parking lot.

November 11, 1996

• Zachareal Veal reported a Murray bicycle was missing from Oxford Hall.

• Corey Ausfield reported the rear tire was missing from his bicycle at the G-56 dorm.

Statesboro Police Department

November 15, 1996

• Patrice Williams, of Eagle Villas, reported an unwanted person.

• Cantria Ward, Eagle Creek Apartments, reported lost or stolen property.

• Thomas Eburnique, of Willow Bend, reported receiving harassing phone calls.

• Sandison Hammontree, of Hawthorne Court, reported lost

or stolen property.

• Tamisha Lashania Murray, of Statesboro, was charged with theft by taking and forgery.

November 14, 1996

• Angie Blocker, of South Zetterower Avenue, reported someone entering her car and took a stereo system and a case of CDs.

• Tamika Mashay Anderson, of Statesboro, was charged with financial card fraud.

November 13, 1996

• Douglas Robert Grady, of Statesboro, reported harassment.

November 12, 1996

• Patrick O'Connell, of Players Club, reported criminal trespass.

• Ricky Muse, of Chandler Road, reported criminal trespass.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Things to do at GSU

Today

• Alan Woy and Paul Steinburg will present the "Third Annual Unaccompanied Clarinet Festival" at 8 p.m. in the Foy Recital Hall. For more information, call 681-0771.

• The SOAR information sessions will be held at 8 p.m. in room 244 of the Russell Union. Find out how to become a student leader and get paid for it.

Wednesday, November 20, 1996

• A workshop on overseas opportunities for faculty and staff will be presented by Debra Sabia in room 242 of the Russell Union at 4 p.m.

• A senior recital featuring mezzo-soprano Joan Taylor and pianist Linda Li-Bleuel will begin at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts recital hall.

• The SOAR information sessions will be held at 7 p.m. in room 270 of the Russell Union. Find out how to become a stu-

dent leader and get paid for it.

Thursday, November 21, 1996

• The GSU Study Abroad Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union commons area.

• The Georgia Southern Jazz Ensemble performs at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union ballroom.

• There will be a colloquium on "Sport and The State: Post Olympic Reflections on the Nature of the Relationship" presented by Darin Van Tassell at 3 p.m. in room 280 of the Russell Union.

Friday, November 22, 1996

• Schedule adjustments for winter quarter 1997 will be done today.

• The GSU Lady Eagle volleyball team hosts the Southern Conference Tournament through Sunday, Oct. 24. All matches will be held in the Hanner Fieldhouse. Call 681-5239 for times and information on teams in the tournament.

• The Southern Chorale and the University Singers will present a choral concert at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts recital hall.

Sunday, November 24, 1996

• The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church services will be held at 10:45 a.m. in room 126 of the GSU Nursing Building. There will be a discussion following the services and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Monday, November 25, 1996

• The SOAR information sessions will be held at 7 p.m. in room 244 of the Russell Union. Find out how to become a student leader and get paid for it.

Tuesday, November 26, 1996

• Residence halls close today for Thanksgiving holiday at 6 p.m.

GEORGIA NEWS

Perrymond believes justice has been served in UGA frat hazing case

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga.—A 21-year-old former fraternity pledge at the University of Georgia says the three members he accused of paddling him got what they deserved from a student judiciary panel.

Roderick Perrymond, a reserve running back on the football team, put the blame for the incident on the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity adviser.

Perrymond was paddled dozens of times in a Sept. 8 incident at an off-campus apartment. He was treated for bruises and torn blood vessels at St. Mary's Hospital and released the following day.

Fraternity members Kevin Welch, Zatarra Howard and Thomas Stevens, the fraternity adviser, were identified by Perrymond and other witnesses as those responsible for the paddling.

The three men were suspended and banned from campus until summer 1999 by a student judiciary panel last month. They have appealed the decision to the university's associate vice president for student affairs.

The fraternity also has been suspended and has appealed.

"I think they got what they deserved. I didn't really want them to get suspended that long, maybe a year or something," Perrymondsaid

"But I couldn't control that. I just told them (student judiciary officials) what happened. I feel sorry for Zatarra and Kevin because it was Thomas that did it all. He was the adviser. At the beginning, he said there would be no hazing. But after five weeks, he breaks out the paddle," Perrymond said.

Meanwhile, the university's Office of Judicial Programs rejected a claim by Welch, Howard and Stevens that 11 more Phi Beta Sigma pledges or members, including five football players, should have been charged with

student conduct code violations in the incident.

"There is no evidence that the individuals engaged in actions which were potential violations of university policy," Judicial Programs staff member Dan Pugh wrote Welch in a letter

"I THINK THEY GOT WHAT THEY DESERVED."

--RODERICK PERRYMOND, FORMER PLEDGE

everybody else in, I don't know if that was some kind of strategy or what, but it didn't work," Perrymond said. "They were probably just trying to get me to change my mind (about pursuing the complaint). I don't understand it."

No date has been set for hearing the appeal filed by Howard, Welch and Stevens.

The three men also face arraignment later this year in Clarke County State Court on charges of battery and hazing. The three are also named as defendants in a civil lawsuit filed by Perrymond, which seeks unspecified monetary damages from the three men.

released Tuesday.

Pugh also said the show of support for Perrymond during the paddling "ultimately led to all 11 individuals being paddled themselves, in lieu of the continued assault on the victim."

"As far as them dragging ev-



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GEORGIA NEWS

Georgia elects its first black Senate Majority Leader

The Associated Press

ATLANTA—State Sen. Charles Walker was elected Wednesday as the state's first black Senate majority leader.

Walker, D-Augusta, was chosen by his colleagues over Sen. Jack Hill, D-Reidsville, to fill the Senate's No. 2 position. That makes him the point man for the Democrats' agenda in the upper chamber for the next two years.

"It's not a white-black issue,"

said Walker. "My election signifies that all groups in Georgia are welcome in the Democratic Party."

Walker hopes the elevation of a black member to a top leadership position in the 34-member Democratic caucus will help heal rifts from last year's congressional redistricting session.

Other Democrats said they supported Walker because of his business background as presi-

dent of the Walker Group, a consortium of family businesses.

Last year, Republicans called for an ethics inquiry into Walker's role in presiding over a Medicaid rate increase for health screening programs at the same time his family members were qualifying to become program providers, which was never held. Democrats said an attorney general's opinion cleared him of wrongdoing.

GSU Health Services

Has this unpredictable weather got you feeling down? You may want to note our hours for winter break.

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- 13th: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- 16th: 10 am - 4:30 pm
- 17th - 19th: CLOSED
- 20th: 10 am - 4:30 pm
- 23th - 27th: CLOSED
- 30th - 31st: 10 am - 4:30 pm

College Pharmacy December

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- 13th: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- 16th - 20th: 1 pm - 4:30 pm
- 23th - 27th: CLOSED
- 30th - 31st: 1 pm - 4:30 pm

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- Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Room 244
- Additional session Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Forst Drive Residence Hall Lobby

R Registration

Applications available at sessions and from Room 289 in Rosenwald. Call 871-1987 with questions. (Applications are due Jan. 9)

'97 Team

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Michigan

Man catches cold, sues state Capitol

The Associated Press

LANSING—A Lansing man has sued the state for \$1 million, claiming he caught a cold in the state Capitol.

Chris Morris filed suit in the state Court of Claims, saying his February visit to an art exhibit in the drafty Capitol rotunda left him with "a cold and hard cough," according to *The Detroit News*.

A spokesman for Attorney General Frank Kelley said he found the lawsuit amusing. "But as ridiculous as this seems, we have to take it seriously," Chris De Witt said. "And keep in mind that one of our assistants will have to spend time on this lawsuit, so it does end up costing taxpayers money."

De Witt said he didn't know how much money the state might spend to defend itself, but he said officials would try to recoup the cost.

Morris' lawsuit names Vera Watts of Lansing, who sponsored the art exhibit, as a co-

defendant.

Watts responded by writing to the court and saying she pleaded guilty.

"If (Watts) wants to pay the million dollars, more power to her," De Witt said.

John Truscott, a spokesman for Gov. John Engler, said "The irony is we've heard for years the Capitol's full of hot air. I don't where the cold air is coming from."

2 Colorado

Stealing underwear gets man four years

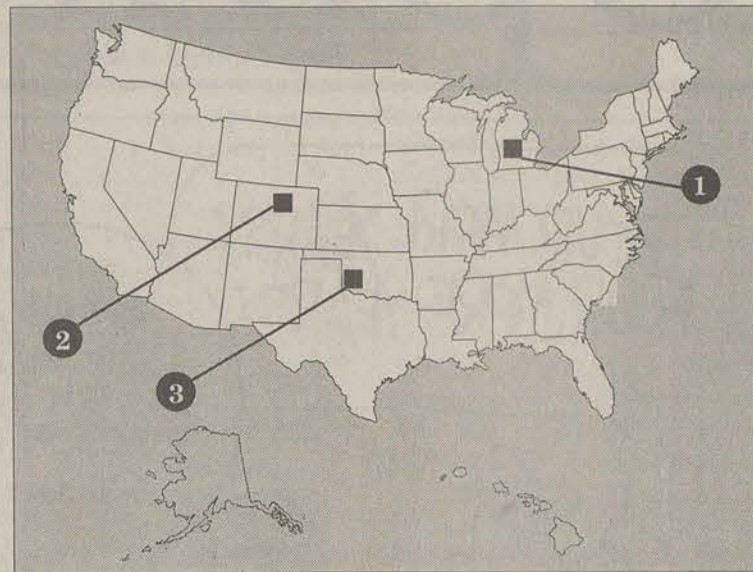
The Associated Press

FORT COLLINS—A Loveland man accused of stealing underwear from female co-workers' homes was sentenced to four years in prison.

Michael Jay Pollat, 29, had pleaded guilty to four counts of second-degree burglary and one count of first-degree trespassing.

Under the plea bargain agreement, he was sentenced to four years in prison by Larimer County Judge Arnaud Newton. He could have received up to 12 years.

Pollat, a former engineer at



Advanced Energy in Fort Collins, had been accused of making copies of co-workers' keys and then calling their homes to make sure they weren't there before entering.

He went into the homes of 10 or more women between 1993 and 1996, and stole their underwear, authorities said.

At his sentencing, Pollat apologized to his victims.

Robin Donahue, one of Pollat's co-workers whose underwear was stolen, said, "I do hope he learns to control it for the safety of us and those he might come in contact with."

3 Oklahoma
Cow breaks congressman's nose

The Associated Press

CHEYENNE—Rep. Frank Lucas may be ready for a little time on Capitol Hill. Time on his ranch in Roger Mills County earned him a broken nose.

Lucas was moving cattle when one of the cows kicked a gate and it hit him in the face.

An aide said Lucas' nose was full of gauze and his speech was affected.

OFFBEAT

Former teacher and student to wed seven decades after they met

The Associated Press

WABASHA, Minn. —For Leona Davison and Wendell Buttermore, love has no time limits.

Nearly seven decades after they met, the two will wed in the one-room schoolhouse where Davison was the teacher and Buttermore an eighth grade student.

Time has furrowed their faces and whitened their hair, yet they're as much in love and as giddy as two high school sweethearts.

Davison, now 90, and Buttermore, 80, reunited three months ago.

And after exchanging letters in August, they fell in love.

"There's no difference in marriage at our age or at a younger age, except you have more years. But even young couples don't know how much time they have," Buttermore said.

When the school year began at Dale School in 1928, Davison was newly married and in love with her job.

He still treasures a 1929 photo of her standing bashfully by her Model T Ford that he

snapped with his first camera.

After the eighth grade, he moved to Kansas, where he eventually became a Wesleyan Methodist minister.

He married and raised three daughters and a son.

Davison remained in Wabasha, where she taught for 45 years.

Her husband, Frank, died 16 years ago.

The two never kept in touch, but finally met up again in July 1995 when Buttermore decided to take his three grandsons for a drive to meet his favorite teacher.

After Buttermore's wife died, Davison wrote him a sympathy card.

He replied a year later and has kept in touch ever since.

"We couldn't go any further through the mail," he said. So in a letter dated Aug. 30, he proposed.

The wedding will take place in the rustic Dale School near Zumbro Falls.

The bride will wear a hunter green chiffon dress with a sequined jewel neckline. Buttermore will be dressed in a new navy blue suit.

OFFBEAT

Couple wins a new home for the second time

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Charlie Buchholz sells homes for a living, and wins them for a hobby.

For the second time in seven years, Buchholz and his wife, Carolyn Olson, have won a new home.

"It's unbelievable. We can't seem to win the lottery but we do OK in the house contests," Buchholz said.

No kidding.

In November 1989, the couple won an A-frame vacation home at the Innsbrook resort about 50 miles west of St. Louis.

They use that home as a weekend getaway.

And their hobby of entering contests has landed other bounty ranging from socks to trips to a big-screen TV.

"Never won a car," Buchholz said. "I'd like to win a car."

For now, he'll have to settle

for a house valued at between \$185,000 and \$200,000.

Construction on the new home, at a subdivision in Fenton in southwest St. Louis County, will be completed in the spring.

"IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. WE CAN'T SEEM TO WIN THE LOTTERY BUT WE DO OK IN THE HOUSE CONTESTS."

—CHARLIE BUCHHOLZ, CO-HOME WINNER

Buchholz isn't sure what to do with the four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home.

The couple already has a five-bedroom house in Affton.

"I guess we're going to have to sell one," he said, noting that

taxes alone on the new home will amount to about \$60,000.

Buchholz won the house as part of a contest sponsored by radio station KSD-FM, Coca-Cola and Taylor-Morley Homes.

The 77 successful entrants met at the home site earlier this month to draw keys out of a barrel.

Six finalists were chosen when their keys opened a door.

The six finalists gathered at the Trans World Dome and again drew keys.

With 58,000 people watching, Buchholz tried his first.

"Turned the key and opened the door," he said.

Over the past eight years, Buchholz and Olson have made a hobby of entering contests, and their wins are wrought by skill as much as luck.

The entries aren't limited to big contests.

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Our Opinion

Emergency loans should spell relief for some students

Emergency loans may be available to students beginning winter quarter, which will allow students the chance to pay their fees on time and prevent the cancellation of their classes.

SGA will be presenting the resolution to the Senate, and they will find out this week if the policy will be passed.

SGA President Derek Burns said that he and his committee are making all attempts to have the plan ready at the beginning of winter quarter.

The emergency loans will be ready upon request to students who need money for academic reasons.

SGA and the financial aid department are working diligently together to work out any problems with the new program.

This will give students who depend on their financial aid checks the opportunity to have a back-up system in the event that their checks do not arrive on time.

In the past, some students have had to wait up to three weeks after the quarter has begun before their loan checks would arrive. Some would even have to call their parents, hoping that they had enough money to pay the cost of tuition before the school cancelled their classes.

The idea of a pool of money set aside for students to borrow from in the event of a late loan check seems so logical that it is amazing someone hasn't thought of it before.

If passed, this new program will show the students that the university and SGA is looking out for their best interests. Hopefully, many students will be spared the stress incurred as a result of late loan checks. With the emergency loans in place, students will no longer need to worry about the possibility of cancelled classes.

Burns and the rest of the SGA committee should be commended for listening to the students' needs and working hard to do whatever is possible to better the university.



Police should 'serve and protect,' not brutalize

Reports of police harassment, police brutality, shootings and deaths of suspects in police custody in the United States have risen significantly in recent years, with more than two-thirds of the victims belonging to racial minorities.

While there has been an increase in prosecution for police corruption in recent years, prosecutions for beatings or unjustified shootings by on-duty police officers are rare and convictions even rarer.

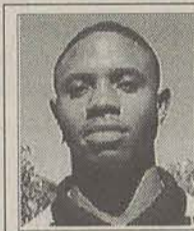
Disturbingly, many of the police shootings have not appeared to justify firing guns and many of the people allegedly kicked or beaten by police were not criminal suspects, but people who had simply questioned police authority or had minor disagreements with officers.

Jonny Gammage, an African-American man, was murdered at the hands of five police officers on Oct. 12, 1995.

He was brutally beaten and his breath was crushed out of his body.

The officers involved said that Gammage exited his car with what they thought was a gun. They then attempted to subdue Gammage, but a fatal beating then took place.

Those who followed the trial probably were not surprised that



STACY CLEMONS

MANAGING EDITOR

the district attorney's office did not prosecute any of the five officers involved.

Police harassment and brutality has been going on far too long and it needs to come to an end.

As a child, everyone was probably taught that they could trust the police, but in past years, more and more people, especially minorities have lost all trust in the people who are sworn "to serve and protect."

According to police statistics, 89 percent of those who died in police custody between 1990 and 1994 were either African American or Hispanic. These figures alone are disturbing and warrant investigation by the U.S. government.

Most of these cases included people who had died of asphyxia from pressure on the neck or chest. However, very few officers involved in these cases were disciplined and only minor sanctions were imposed against those found guilty of misconduct.

Harassment is also a concern

of people of color.

I have personally been harassed by police officers and it is not a pretty sight. I don't want to sound like a punk, but yes, I was a little scared.

Just last year, a university police officer stopped me and a friend for walking on campus at what he called "unreasonable hours to be out walking."

I was upset that I could not take a walk any time I wanted to on a campus where my mother is paying thousands of dollars to send me to school.

The upsetting part of the whole incident was when I informed the officer that I had been stopped several times before for walking on campus late at night.

He made the comment that I looked suspicious and thought I was associated with a series of spray painting incidents on campus.

So that everyone of color be forewarned, the statistics prove that most police officers are not approaching our cars or stopping us for a friendly conversa-

tion. Just ask Rodney King or anyone else that has survived a police beating what they were thinking when a group of officers approached them and how they (the victims) felt when they awoke in the nearest hospital.

New York state law and police department policy states that police officers may use only "the minimum amount of force which is necessary to achieve a legitimate purpose when other options are not available or have been exhausted."

If all other state laws or police departments do not have a similar policy, then I don't think I am alone in saying that they need to propose one soon.

The United States has for many years practiced "human rights diplomacy" and has sent troops overseas to try and instill this practice to others.

Instead, this country needs to focus more on the racial discrimination, police brutality and the unequal treatment of people of color right here in our own country.

Will this unequal treatment ever end? As a member of one of the largest minority groups in the United States, I hope that one day, preferably soon, the unfair treatment will cease to exist.

Should we put pregnant teen-agers behind bars?

All right, picture this. You're a 15-year-old girl. You live in a small town in Idaho. And you're eight months pregnant. This is not exactly the best time in your life to be having a child, but you plan on making the most of a not-so-good situation.

Your baby's father is supportive. He's just as young as you are, but he plans on getting a job to support the baby. Your mother is not thrilled with the situation, either, but she's willing to help you.

You settle back. Your baby will be here soon. It's only a matter of a few weeks. You think life is working out just fine, that is, until you get a call from the police.

The district attorney plans on prosecuting you. What is your crime? Having sex without the benefit of marriage.

Apparently, this small town has an old law on the books which prohibits fornication. And this district attorney wants to resurrect this old law in the hopes of curbing the ever-growing teen pregnancy rate.

As I watched this story unfold before my eyes last Friday night on Dateline, my mouth hung open in disbelief. I thought I was hearing someone read Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," instead of watching a news program.



AMANDA CREWS

EDITOR

Perhaps the district attorney's intentions were noble, but his execution could use a little work.

are even abused because their teen parents do not have the parenting skills necessary to deal

AND THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM WHICH CAN BE DEALT WITH BY A DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN A SMALL TOWN IN IDAHO ON A RAMPAGE, PROSECUTING PREGNANT TEENAGERS.

He pointed out that we set age limits for cigarettes and alcohol in order to protect American teenagers from unnecessary harm. Therefore, he claimed we should also prohibit them from having sex for their own protection.

He also said he wanted to stop the increase in the teen pregnancy rate. Granted, this problem needs our attention.

About 1 million U.S. teenagers become pregnant each year, and the rate of birth to teens here is twice as high as it is in Britain and six times as high as in France and Italy.

Many of these children born to teens live in poverty, and some

with the stress involved in raising a child.

Back in January, Bill Clinton even launched a national campaign aimed at reducing the teen pregnancy rate.

But in a story published in *The Detroit News*, Clinton said, "This is not a problem which can be solved in Washington. This is not a problem that can be dealt with by politicians' speech, no matter how statesmanlike. This is a challenge that has to be dealt with one-on-one-on-one through-out this country."

And this is not a problem which can be dealt with by a district attorney in a small town

in Idaho on a rampage, prosecuting pregnant teenagers.

We must institute programs which help teens abstain from sex because they see the benefits of doing so, not because they are afraid they will be locked up or put on probation.

We must institute programs which teach teens the importance of having safe sex, instead of scaring them into having sex and just keeping it a secret because it happens to be against the law.

We must institute programs like the one a doctor by the name of Michael Carrera began in New York City. His program reduces teen pregnancies by providing participants with tutoring, guaranteed college tuition and classes in sex and health education.

We must give teens the tools with which to make the right decisions and then give them the chance to make them. That's the only way they will ever learn to think for themselves.

We can't just tell them not to have sex and then lock them up whenever it becomes evident that they have.

At least some American teenagers will always have sex, no matter what is done to stop them. Threatening them with jail time definitely won't stop them, either. The only thing we can do is educate them.



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GEORGIA NEWS

Board of Regents approves plan to name college buildings after the living

By Russ Bynum
The Associated Press

ATLANTA—Generous donors to Georgia colleges now may live to see campus buildings named in their honor after the Board of Regents lifted a longtime prerequisite, death.

Previously, only the dead were considered for such an honor.

This rule was established because the living still posed the risk of bringing public embarrassment to a school.

Despite the risk, board members said university presidents wanted the change in part as an incentive for well-heeled donors

to kick in more cash.

"They want money," regent John Henry Anderson said of the university presidents who pushed the measure.

"We didn't want it to appear that we're selling buildings, which we're not."

To make their point, the regents deleted proposed wording that would have allowed living persons to be honored solely for making "a significant financial gift."

They also refused to give university presidents the power to name smaller buildings without the board's approval.

The Board of Regents also cautioned that officials should use "the utmost discretion in ensuring that those upon whom such an honor is bestowed are truly worthy of it."

University System Chancellor Stephen Portch said he supported the change to conform to a nationwide trend of campuses that have dropped their death requirement for naming buildings.

Portch did say that there have been incidents where universities have paid a price.

"You'll find an embarrassment every once in a while. I would

guess one or two a year," Portch said.

"Not much, but out of a huge number."

But Portch denied that money alone was behind the decision.

"I don't think it's that simple," he said. "I think there's a lot to be said of ... people who make great contributions. In some cases it's financial."

Portch said that the Board of Regents was not naive of the idea that universities may use the new policy for financial gain.

One example given by both Portch and Anderson of someone deserving a building named for

him before his death was Bernard B. Ramsey.

Ramsey contributed a total of \$34 million in contributions to the University of Georgia.

This made him the University of Georgia's most generous individual benefactor.

Ramsey died in July, and has since had the campus' Ramsey Student Center named in his honor.

"The thought was it would have been nice if he'd known they had named something after him before he died," Anderson said.

Regent J. Tom Coleman said

he's confident that no one will name buildings recklessly.

Coleman noted that it would be difficult to remove the name of one honoree and choose another.

"I guess you could, but you'd have to get your chisel out on the door frame," Coleman said.

In other business, the regents approved name changes for three schools. The changes are Clayton State College to Clayton College and State University; Macon College to Macon State College; and North Georgia College to North Georgia College and State University.

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MIKE DAVIS



With new coach, flex-bone offense is here to stay

It became official when Paul Johnson was named head GSU football coach last Thursday.

For all those who were tired of seeing the option attack flex-bone offense and were looking for something different from the new coach, forget it.

The flex-bone is now etched in stone.

Some might say that's bad news for talented receivers like Recio Tutt and Corey Joyner. Some might even say that's bad news for GSU altogether.

But it doesn't matter now, for it's here and here to stay.

Johnson was credited for bringing the offense back in 1985 when he was promoted to offensive coordinator, two years after he had come to GSU as a defensive line coach. All his offense did then was win two national championships (1985-86) during Johnson's tenure, and two more (1989-90) after he left.

He then took his knowledge to Hawaii, where the Rainbows had great success. Not only did he help guide the Bows to their first Western Athletic Conference title, but he coordinated an explosive offense which broke or equaled over 160 school records.

Johnson's impact at the U.S. Naval Academy was no different, as he installed an offense that broke five school records during the Midshipmen's five-win season in his first year there, their most wins since 1990.

This year, Navy has guaranteed the program its first winning season since 1982 and have assembled one of the most powerful rushing attacks in the nation.

For all you who have lost faith in that style of offense, all this means is that the flex-bone still works and can win games if executed properly.

"A lot of the basics are still the same from when I left," Johnson said. "What I have to do is make sure everybody has the same goal. GSU lines up in a double-slot. The offense is very different from most other schools, so my plans are to run the same offense as I did here in the 80s."

There you have it. That's settled, so let's worry about the next thing. Execution.

Both Kenny Robinson and Greg Hill have shown numerous times that they can run it, but where they have fallen is in bad weather, where the running game was either halted by a wet or muddy track, leaving them to resort to throwing the ball.

That's what Johnson needs to install. A passing game that can coincide with the option. At least, use it in case GSU runs into a slippery running surface like it did at UTC.

And who better to teach it than Tracy Ham, who directed the offense to two national titles during his stay and has been brought up as a possible assistant coach.

"Tracy is in the middle of his season right now," Johnson said. "We'll see what happens. I would certainly like to have him on my staff."

All in all, Johnson was a good choice for GSU, and the flex-bone should still be effective for the Eagles to make a run at the top again. After all, it's been GSU's bread and butter. Why change it now?

Eagles put out Flames early, win last game

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

With nothing to play for other than pride, the GSU Eagles finished off their season Saturday afternoon at Paulson Stadium by extinguishing the Liberty Flames, 45-14, finishing their year with a dismal 4-6 record.

Behind the exquisite 174-yard rushing performance of Roderick Russell and 144 more contributed by back-up quarterback Greg Hill, the Eagles wasted no time putting away their non-conference opponent, allowing 14 seniors along with interim head coach Frank Ellwood and a host of assistant coaches to go out with a win.

"This kind of win makes you feel good," said an emotional Ellwood after the game. "This will be a springboard for next year. But this is really a thrill to get this for the senior class, who have hung together through difficult circumstances and adverse conditions. I'm really happy for them and the other coaches."

Unlike in games past, the Eagle win was never jeopardized by penalties or turnovers, enabling GSU to open the margin and finally put the game out of reach, despite Liberty touchdowns early in the third quarter and then one in the fourth.

"You know as a senior, you want to win your last game," said senior offensive guard Jamie Glover. "This was my last ball game, and I wanted to play well for myself, for my family and for my position coach, Coach (Mike) Hodges. That was the way I looked at it."

The first four scores of the ball

game came from the GSU blue and white, as Bennie Cunningham started the frenzy on the second drive by finishing a 63-yard drive on a two-yard touchdown run. This came after Chris Cambers kicked his first field goal of his career from 34 yards out.

Later in the first quarter, Russell rumbled 20 yards for his first touchdown of the day, which was then followed by a one-yard scamper from Hill after a drive that started at the GSU four yard-line.

After a Liberty punt late in the first half that was returned 21 yards by Travis Taylor to the Flame 38, Hill conducted a two-play, 38-yard scoring drive. After a 29-yard run by Hill to open the possession, Russell then took it the rest of the way from nine yards out for his second score of the day.

Down 28-0 at the half, Liberty put its first points on the board with running back Stacy Nobles knocking it in from one yard out.

But Hill would surrender no lead under his command, as he would then score the next two Eagle touchdowns, one from two yards out and the other from 10, both on quarterback keepers.

Another scoring surge by Liberty with five minutes to go in the game was again responded to as this time Hill connected with Earthwind Moreland on an 80-yard touchdown strike for GSU's only touchdown via air.

When he was done, Hill finished with 27 rushes for 144 yards and three rushing touchdowns, while throwing six for eight for 158 yards with one



SHAKE AND BAKE: Greg Hill does his ordinary thing by juking a Liberty defender en route to his three rushing touchdowns and 144 rushing yards on the day. Hill also threw for one touchdown.

touchdown and one interception.

"Early in the week, the coaches told me that I would get the chance to play," Hill said. "But I really didn't expect to score like I did. I'm glad we got this one for the seniors, and this is good for the underclassmen to finish the season. I think this team has a bright future. It's just a matter of us getting it together and working our tails off."

Defensively, seniors Edward Thomas and Lee Brooks wreaked havoc on Liberty signal-caller Ben Anderson. Thomas officially recorded three sacks, with four

tackles, two for a loss. Cloise Williams led with five tackles and an assisted sack.

"This is a very young football team," Ellwood said. "They have

reasons to be optimistic about next year. The new coach needs to come in, get a staff, start recruiting and get GSU on its way back to the top."

GSU/ETSU SCORING SUMMARY

GSU 1 - 12:27, Chambers 34 FG (7 plays-63), 3-0.
 GSU 1 - 10:07, Russell 20 rush - Chambers, kick (3 plays-35), 10-0.
 GSU 2 - 14:22, Hill 1 rush - Chambers, kick (13 plays-96), 17-0.
 GSU 2 - 4:44, Russell 9 rush - Chambers, kick (2 plays-38), 24-0.
 LU 3 - 10:47, Nobles 1 rush - Harrelson, kick (8 plays-73), 24-7.
 GSU 3 - 1:38, Hill 2 rush - Chambers, kick (3 plays-74), 31-7.
 GSU 4 - 10:32, Hill 10 rush - Chambers, kick (10 plays-61), 38-7.
 LU 4 - 5:10, Duncan 2 pass - Harrelson, kick (12 plays-74), 38-14.
 GSU 4 - 3:53, Moreland 80 pass - Chambers, kick (1 play-80), 45-14.

Russell satisfied with decision



GLIMPSE OF THE PAST: Former GSU coach Erk Russell chats with his former assistant, Paul Johnson, at the press conference announcing Johnson as the new Eagle head coach.

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

As GSU wide receiver Recio Tutt and linebacker Chad Nighbert walked away from the press conference that announced Paul Johnson as their new head football coach, the words uttered to them broke the cool air clear and simple.

"Hey boys! It's gonna be good." Both Nighbert and Tutt looked back to a bald man standing there in a blue and white jump-suit, holding three cigars, one of which was partially smoked, and said, "Yes, sir."

That man was Erk Russell, and all he did at GSU was bring three national championships during his tenure.

And arguably, on the day of the announcement that his former assistant coach would be the new Eagle head coach, there wasn't any one happier than Erk himself.

According to Russell, it is Johnson who had a lot to do with the success GSU had and it is Johnson who can bring it back.

"Paul kind of floats at the top of the list," said Russell, who despite not being employed at the university anymore was part of the search committee for a new head coach. "What he brought to the table was his knowledge of this school and

area, and that is what we considered."

"I am excited. Look at it this way. He's done well wherever he's been, and he can recruit. Shucks, he has always recruited the state of Georgia well, no matter where he is."

Russell, one who has never been at a loss for words, changed quickly from the excited Erk to the concerned one.

"Listen, what it comes down to is getting the excitement back at GSU," Russell said. "I want to see these stands full of students. And I want to see these banks full again. That is what's gradually slipped away."

"What people don't realize is that fans make a difference. Students make a big difference, too. We've got to do something to get them back."

Bottom line, it's no secret to Russell or anybody else what will get the fans back into Paulson Stadium like the way they were before.

It's quite simple. Wins. "Victories sell tickets, bottom line," Russell said. "Putting marks under the win column is what people want to see. I think Paul can do that here because he knows this school and area."

And as everybody in Statesboro knows, if Erk likes it, then so does everyone else.

GSU FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Bing finishes career as record-holder

By Carolyn Wynn
Staff Writer

Records are meant to be broken, and for senior split-end Maurice Bing, he ended his career by breaking the single season receptions record with 39 catches. This record surpasses the previous mark of 38 held by former Eagle Karl Miller.

This is even a bigger accomplishment considering Bing almost never played college football. Bing was not recruited to play at GSU, but as a student, he decided to walk-on during his freshman year. Then he went on to win a spot on the Eagle squad.

"When I first got here, I thought I just wanted to be a player on the team and hopefully help the team win some games," Bing said after Saturday's win over Liberty University. "I never thought about breaking any records."

"I would rather turn in those receptions for wins. I know I couldn't have broken the record without my teammates. They stood behind me, pushing me in practice, blocking for me during the games and passing me the ball so I could make those receptions."

After Saturday's match-up, Bing admitted that his last collegiate contest was an emotional one, as it was for all the seniors.

"We had a rough season, but we came together," Bing said. "There is nothing better than for the 14 seniors to be able to walk out of Paulson being able to say we won our last game."

During Bing's career, he has had 64 catches, passing Dexter Dawson's 60 catches set from 1992-95.

RECORD IN DANGER: In addition to Bing's new mark, there were other Eagles attempting to reach GSU's record books. Senior linebacker Edward Thomas ended his career with 14 sacks, placing him in second place for single season sacks behind Darren Alford's 15.5 sacks.

Throughout this season, Thomas passed the records of Alex Mash (10.5), Giff Smith (10.0) and

Steve Bussoletti (9.5).

NON-STOP RUSSELL: Junior fullback Roderick Russell became only the sixth GSU athlete to gain 2,000 or more career yards rushing. Russell gained 174 yards on 16 carries Saturday, making this the sixth game this season Russell has gained over 100 yards.

MORE FIRSTS: Freshman place-kicker Chris Chambers made his first successful field-goal attempt with a 34-yard kick.

Also, Saturday's game marked the first time Liberty gave up more than 167 yards on the ground. Liberty also allowed four sacks, the most sacks given up by the Flames this season.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Earlier this week, Senior offensive lineman Jamie Glover was awarded the Frontier Communications Leadership award. This honor is given to the student athlete that demonstrates leadership qualities on and off the field.

FAMILY TIES: Senior split-end Tristram Belser made his

first start of his career against Liberty.

This was Belser's last game, ending a long family tradition with GSU. The Belser's have been a fixture of GSU football, with a Belser being on GSU teams from 1985 to 1991 and then 1993 to the present team.

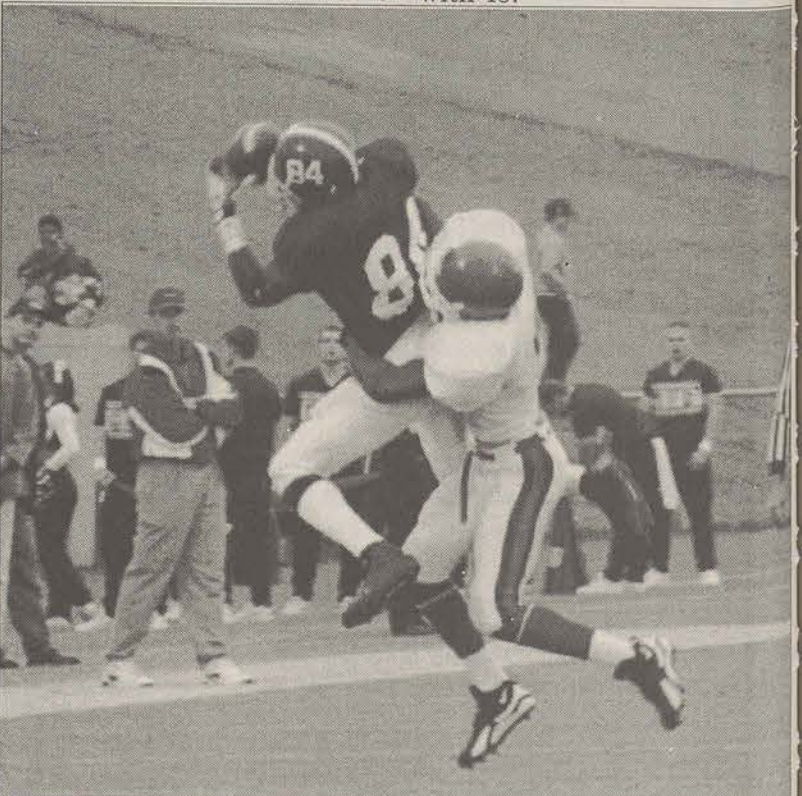
QUARTERBACK CORNER: With junior quarterback Kenny Robinson seeing limited action in Saturday's match-up due to minor injuries, freshman quarterback Greg Hill saw the most playing time of this season.

Robinson came into the Liberty game ranked 20th nationally in scoring.

HALF-TIME HIGH: GSU went into half-time with a 24-0 lead, making this the most productive first half of the season.

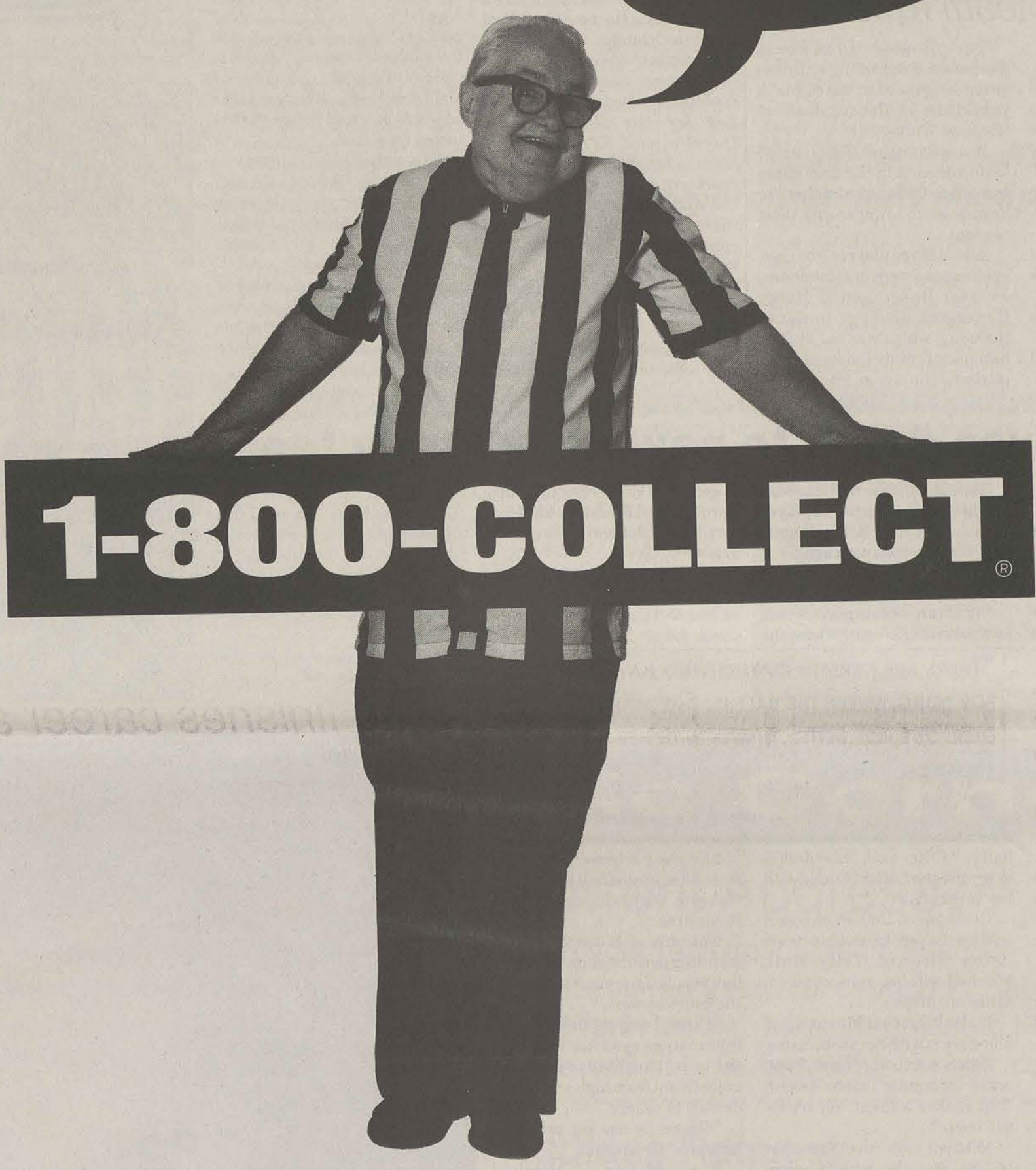
After the half, the Eagles went on to seal the victory, with an 80-yard run by freshman split-end Earthwind Moreland, with 3:53 left on the clock.

The win gives the Eagles their highest point total of the season with 45.



RECEIVING THE RECORD: A walk-on his freshman year, Maurice Bing has continued to be the leading receiver for the Eagles this year, and he has the school record for most catches in a season to prove it.

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GSU BASEBALL



Melanie Weinberg

JOB WELL DONE: Head baseball coach Jack Stallings joins athletics director Sam Baker in distributing the conference championship rings.

GSU baseball team rewarded

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

Last year's GSU baseball team gathered at the Michael Wiggins Baseball Complex right outside of J.I. Clemens Stadium Friday afternoon to distribute the Southern Conference championship rings.

The Eagles finished their outstanding season with a record of 46-14 and a trip to the NCAA regionals.

Stallings' team flew through conference competition by winning both the regular season and tournament.

The Eagles then beat Bethune-Cookman in a three-game series to earn the rights to participate in the regionals at Clemson University.

It was there that GSU toppled Old Dominion in the first game but fell to Clemson and then to Tennessee to bring an end their season.

All but three players from last year's squad were in attendance, as Sam Baker joined Harry Carter and Stallings to salute the team, which was led by first baseman Tommy Peterman and pitcher Julio Ayala.

Magic's Anderson denies allegations of rape

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic guard Nick Anderson says a woman filed a rape complaint against him with police after he rejected an attempt by her to extort \$600,000.

"These allegations are totally untrue, totally false," a teary Anderson told reporters at the Orlando Arena on Wednesday.

The woman complained to police Oct. 8, alleging that she was raped Feb. 26 at her home in Orlando, said police spokesman Bill Mulloy.

Police would not discuss details or identify the woman because the case is still under investigation.

The basketball player said after a light workout Thursday that he took and passed a lie detector test and that the woman should do the same.

Anderson and the Magic faced the Charlotte Hornets Thursday night in Orlando.

Anderson's Wednesday announcement preempted a new conference scheduled for Thursday by the Pan African InterNational (PAIN) Movement, a separatist organization representing the woman.

PAIN had said only that the conference would discuss formal rape charges being pressed against a Magic player.

Leaders of the group failed to show for the 11 a.m. gathering, set for outside the arena.

A spokesman for the group said after an hour's delay that

the press conference would be rescheduled in several days.

Anderson and his attorneys said the group sent a letter Sept. 18, demanding \$600,000 from Anderson by Oct. 1, or a police complaint would be filed.

Anderson rejected the demands.

"I went to law school. I know what extortion is," said Bill Pollak, Anderson's agent. "But that's for the authorities to decide."

Sgt. Mulloy said he couldn't explain why the woman waited more than seven months to file a report with police.

Anderson's lawyers said he was cooperating with police and had passed a polygraph test last month.

Anderson earlier this year settled a paternity claim by another woman, who had sought increased child support payments and legal acknowledgement that he was the biological father of her child.

John Gabriel, the Orlando Magic general manager, said the organization had not been contacted by police.

"We support our players in time of need," Gabriel said.

"But I'm not going to speculate on anyone's personal behavior. Nick is a good person and a hard-working player."

Anderson is the only remaining member from the Magic's first team, in 1989. He is in the last year of his contract paying him \$3.5 million per year.

"I think it's tough on him. And I think he's handled it real well," said teammate Penny Hardaway about Anderson's problems.

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LADY EAGLE BASKETBALL

Mitchell gives depth to new Lady Eagle team

Scott Bates
Staff Writer

There is trouble on the horizon for opponents of the GSU Lady Eagles basketball team. This trouble comes in a six foot forward/center package and is going to give opposing coaches nightmares.

Sharon Mitchell is a freshman out of Dodge County High School, where she played all four years at the varsity level. Mitchell comes in looking to strengthen an already solid returning core.

"The biggest thing she will add to the team is depth," first-year head coach Rusty Cram said.

As for Mitchell, she hopes to come in and play good defense, rebound and score a few points.

"I want to try and keep my game balanced," Mitchell said.

In her first exhibition game, Mitchell started and led the Lady Eagles in both rebounding and scoring.

"It is pretty unusual for a freshman to come in and start," Cram said. "She still has a lot to learn, but she is a quick learner and she can get the job done."

"It's all about work and hustle," Mitchell said. "I've just got to go out, learn and work my way up."

This isn't the normal mind set for the average freshman player to have, but then again, no one ever said she was average.

Cram says she has a certain savvy when she's on the court.

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— RUSTY CRAM,

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

ball is," Cram said. "She makes everyone else better, simply with her presence."

Cram added that since teams will be forced to double team junior forward Telly Hall, Mitchell will get more opportunities on offense.

It also helps that Mitchell gets along great with her teammates.

"She's a smooth player," said senior teammate Tarsha Askew. "She makes a great impact for the team."

Mitchell says what drew her to GSU was the school's atmosphere combined with a great team attitude.

She passed up opportunities

to go to the University of South Carolina and Florida A&M University in exchange for the chance to play at GSU.

Mitchell credits her mother with having a positive influence on her and getting her to where she is today.

first season.

"A couple of more practices and continued work with Coach Cram and I'll be just fine," Mitchell said.

This is definitely not the news GSU opponents wanted to hear. There will be a lot of restless coaches in the Southern Conference this season.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Southern Conference

Results

- Georgia Southern 45, Liberty 14
- Marshall 42, Furman 17
- ETSU 28, UT-Chattanooga 24
- Virginia Military 34, Citadel 27
- Appalachian St. 24, Western Carolina 17

Standings

- 1. Marshall (8-0/11-0)
- 2. East Tennessee State (7-1/9-2)
- 3. Furman (5-2/7-3)
- 4. Appalachian St. (4-3/6-4)
- 5. The Citadel (3-5/4-6)
- 6. Georgia Southern (3-6/4-7)
- 7. Tenn.-Chattanooga (2-5/3-7)
- 8. Virginia Military (2-5/3-7)
- 9. Western Carolina (1-7/3-7)

AP Top 25

- 1. Florida 10-0
- 2. Ohio St. 10-0
- 3. Florida St. 9-0
- 4. Arizona St. 10-0
- 5. Nebraska 9-1
- 6. Colorado 9-1
- 7. Penn St. 9-2
- 8. Brigham Young 11-1
- 9. Tennessee 7-2
- 10. Notre Dame 7-2
- 11. Northwestern 9-2
- 12. Washington 8-2
- 13. North Carolina 8-2
- 14. Kansas St. 8-2
- 15. Alabama 8-2
- 16. Syracuse 7-2
- 17. Virginia Tech 8-1
- 18. LSU 7-2
- 19. Virginia 7-3
- 20. Wyoming 10-1
- 21. Michigan 7-3

Western Division

- 1. Alabama (5-2/8-2)
- 2. LSU (5-2/7-2)
- 3. Auburn (4-3/7-3)
- 4. Mississippi State (2-4/6-4)
- 5. Mississippi (1-4/2-5)
- 6. Arkansas (1-5/4-6)

Southeastern Conference

Results

- Georgia 56, Auburn 49
- Florida 52, South Carolina 25
- Kentucky 25, Vanderbilt 0
- Mississippi St. 17, Alabama 16
- Louisiana St. 39, Ole Miss 7
- Tennessee 55, Arkansas 14

Standings

- 1. Florida (8-0/10-0)
- 2. Tennessee (5-1/7-2)
- 3. S. Carolina (4-4/5-5)
- 4. Georgia (3-4/4-5)
- 5. Kentucky (3-4/4-6)
- 6. Vanderbilt (0-7/2-8)

Results

- Atlanta 17, New Orleans 15
- San Francisco 38, Baltimore 20
- Carolina 20, St. Louis 10
- Kansas City 14, Chicago 10
- Tampa Bay 25, San Diego 17
- Pittsburgh 28, Jacksonville 3
- Indianapolis 34, New York Jets 29
- Denver 34, New England 8
- Buffalo 31, Cincinnati 17
- Miami 23, Houston 20
- Minnesota 16, Oakland 13
- Washington 26, Philadelphia 21
- Detroit 17, Seattle 16
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UPCOMING EVENT

Southern Dance Company combines styles, talents to bring together a new era of 'unification'

By LaTonya Plummer Staff Writer

They are 30 individuals, faces painted with smiles, waiting for the music to cue their next motion. A snap of the head, a twist of the hips, a couple of taps and a pirouette or two is only a taste of what the Southern Dance Company has to offer.

The Southern Dance Company was inaugurated in 1984. It encompasses a combination of ballet, pointe, jazz, tap and modern dances.

Last year, the company was sponsored by Kitty Pruitt, a professor at GSU who teaches all the dance classes except tap dancing.

This year, the Southern Dance Company will make its debut under CRI.

The company has grown and improved over the last 12 years.

In the past, Southern Explosion, the modern dance team, was not a part of the company. However, this year they have joined together to birth a new era of "unification" which is the theme of their first recital this year.

They started having their own concerts and recitals last winter.

The recitals are located in Marvin Pittman and McCroan Auditorium.

One of the dance company's annual activities is participating in the Kaleidoscope Program held at Jekyll Island.

The Kaleidoscope Program is a festival where a group of dance companies gather from various places to show their group dances.

Under this mound of excitement are the Southern dancers.

Senior Dawn Nichols, one of the choreographers in the company, started her career in dancing when she was only 3 years old.

She has danced with the Southern Dance Company for five years.

Nichols said she was inspired to dance because of her dance teacher.

"I enjoyed my teacher back home so much," Nichols said.

She has danced ballet, jazz and modern dance.

"I love ballet the most because it comes easy to me and it's graceful and so beautiful," Nichols said.

Margo Brown, also a senior choreographer, began dancing ballet, jazz and modern dance for the company when she was a freshman.

Brown choreographs ballet and pointe and hopes "to continue with the company until I graduate," she said.

Their job as choreographers involves preparing dances to music, picking the styles of music to accommodate the dances, choosing costumes, assigning partners, and organizing all dance steps.

Brown said that she enjoyed choreography because she likes taking on the leadership role and working with the company members.

Both choreographers think the company stands out and has goals for the future.

"We're the only dance company on the Georgia Southern campus," Nichols said. "Because of the variety of dancers and creative talent that we have, people that see us take notice."

In addition to the "raw talent" that Nichols says they have in the company, they also have two male members.

David VanTassell is one of the dancers who dances funk, ballet and jazz, and he is also a choreographer.

Tyler Adams is the second male dancer who dances jazz and ballet.

Tomorrow night, they will have their first recital of the year.

The show will be held in the Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

It consists of two acts containing six or seven different styles of dancing ranging from tap, jazz, classical ballet and modern dance.

The Southern Dance Company, loaded with talented dancers, is ready to begin a successful year under CRI.

"We hope that our name will be noticed more and [we also hope] to be appreciated as a campus organization," Brown said.

UPCOMING EVENT

Competitors vie for title of GSU's Miss Diva

By Ebony Brown Staff Writer

Their presence illuminates the room with overflowing confidence and drive that will leave both men and women in awe.

These jazzy females with distinctive auras of intelligence and style will take the challenge of becoming "Miss Diva."

It is the 1996 Miss Diva Competition, where a choice must be made.

As a fund-raiser for the Miss African-American Pageant, sponsored by the NAACP, this highly anticipated project is geared to raise money for future events for this organization.

The competition features 25 GSU women who feel they exemplify the characteristics essential to be classified as Miss Diva.

"A Diva is someone who has poise and confidence and believes in herself. They always exceed past the limitations of their goals and walk with their head up no matter what," said YuGanda

Byrd, a contestant in the competition.

This challenge, which will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Union Theatre, is not to be confused with a beauty pageant.

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—SYRETTA CLYDE, MISS DIVA COMPETITOR

Instead, it is an opportunity to raise money and creatively distinguish this class of young ladies above the rest.

"A lot of women need to realize that no matter what happens in their lives, they should always keep their dignity and self-esteem. This competition is some-

thing that will enhance the morale of our women on the GSU campus," said Shenica Bridges, coordinator of the competition.

According to many contestants, they have received varying responses from the GSU community.

While most were supportive and very impressed, others were completely surprised.

"Many were shocked that I would be willing to flaunt in front of the student body," said Syretta Clyde, a participant.

"Personally, I think it's a good idea. It's interesting and nice entertainment. I think it will be something we all will enjoy," said Tameka Ellison, a GSU student.

The Miss Diva competition will showcase a spectrum of originality, motivation and determination to depart with the title as Miss Diva 1996.

Tickets to the Miss Diva competition can be purchased in advance in the Union lobby for \$2 or at the door for \$3.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Holiday Helpers tree aids needy of Statesboro

By Jessica Morton Staff Writer

As the holiday season is drawing near, the spirit of giving overflows in our hearts.

It is the season for helping others and spreading joy.

The tree in Lakeside Cafe, decorated with ornaments and tags, is one of the ways you can help spread your holiday spirit of giving.

It is the Holiday Helpers tree.

The tree contains tags with the names of needy families or individuals in the Statesboro area and their holiday needs or wants.

All you do is take a tag off the tree, leave your name, phone number, and information from the tag with one of the volunteers there.

Then, either purchase or do-

nate one of the items from the tag.

You must return your donation to the tree by Dec. 6.

When you return your donation, an ornament with your name on it is placed on the tree.

This year marks the third year for the Holiday Helpers tree.

Eileen Sconyers, administrative secretary for the Social Services department, has estimated that 600 to 700 people will be helped this year because of Holiday Helpers.

Donations are not the only way you can help.

Volunteers are also needed to be "tree-sitters."

As a "tree-sitter," you volunteer for hour blocks of time to sit by the tree at Lakeside Cafe and record contributors' names and information and collect donated

items. Volunteers are especially needed during finals week.

There is also a great need for faculty, staff, and students who live in Statesboro.

They need to meet on Dec. 9th in room 1118 of the Newton Building to sort and deliver collected gifts.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above jobs, please contact Sconyers in the sociology department at 681-5443.

"Everyone can help even if it's an hour of their time," Sconyers said.

"The students account for 50 to 70 percent of the volunteers," Sconyers said.

She said she wants the Statesboro community to know that the "students do good at GSU."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

If you know of anyone who you think should be in the spotlight, send us his/her name and phone number, and reason he/she should be profiled to P.O. Box 8001, or e-mail it to us at stud_pub@gasou.edu.

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FEATURE COLUMN

Make the most out of your years at GSU

This column is written with mixed emotions. There is a presence of sadness, anticipation, excitement and nervousness. As I gear up for my last couple of weeks here at GSU, I can't help but be faced with so many different feelings.

It strikes me as extremely ironic that these emotions that I am feeling about my graduation and leaving GSU are almost identical to the ones that I felt when I arrived here.

I was scared, excited and sad all at the same time.

I didn't think that I would ever make it here for four years. I thought that I would miss my family and friends back home in Marietta.

I did miss them, of course, but I found a new home here and friends that I'll have for life.

College is an amazing time in a person's life.

We are still young, yet, to younger students, we seem old.

We are adults, yet, to our parents, we are still children.

It is a time of limbo between adulthood and childhood, a time where we can take on responsibilities, but still remain

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ERIKA ANDERSON

somewhat irresponsible.

I have been in school for 17 years of my life now. It's almost unbelievable that I will soon take my last test, do my last bit of homework and call myself a student for the last time.

I will always have my many memories of GSU to take with me.

My four years here have been a roller coaster of good times and bad, good grades and bad and good friends and bad.

But that roller coaster, as many times as it may have gone off the track, is a ride that I would gladly take again.

I urge all of you, freshmen, seniors, whatever, to never take for granted the opportunity

you've had for higher education. We are so fortunate to be able to be here and learn, and it has taken me awhile to realize that.

Another major enlightenment I've had since I've been here has been my relationship with my parents. Since I have been here, I've realized how special and important they are and how much they have sacrificed just to have me here.

My friends that I have gained since I've been here are irreplaceable and valuable treasures to me. I don't know how I could have made it without them.

GSU will always be a part of me.

I will remain a proud Eagle fan through the good and bad seasons.

My final words are these: Don't wait until you are about to graduate to discover how fortunate you are.

Get involved in GSU and the community.

Always let your friends and family know how very special they are to you and make these years here the best they can be.

GSU will forever be in my heart.

Jail 'n Bail



Michael Hamburger

Members of Kappa Delta sorority held a Jail 'nBail last Thursday. Bail was set at \$3. Proceeds went to local philanthropies such as Joseph's Home for Boys.

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