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Sports



Eagle Men & Women Swimming & Diving

The women's team broke a streak of eight consecutive Southern States titles with a third place finish. The men's team finished in second.

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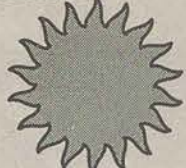


Acts of kindness to invade the 'Boro

"Have a Heart Day" gives students an opportunity to do some good in the Statesboro community.

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Weather



Today: Mostly sunny with a high in the mid-60s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon and a high in the upper 60s.

Corrections

In the Feb. 11 article entitled "Jay Strickland elected president of the Georgia Sociological Association," the name "Charlene Hanson" should have been "Charlene Black." We are sorry if this error has caused any confusion.

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Questions raised about long-debated housing ordinance

By Kevin Bonsor
Assistant News Editor

Questions are being raised by at least one local realtor about the legality and enforcement of a local ordinance that limits the number of unrelated persons that may live in a residence.

The ordinance states that more than three unrelated individuals may not reside in any dwelling in residential zones R-1 and R-2 in Statesboro.

James Hood, a local landlord and vocal political activist, spoke out at a City Council meeting Feb. 4 about the legality of the ordinance.

"I told them [City Council] students are in a state of legal limbo at present, and they are being led to believe, because of practice and lack of [authorities] checking all houses, that all they [students] got to do is lie to landlords and say 'we are related,'" Hood said.

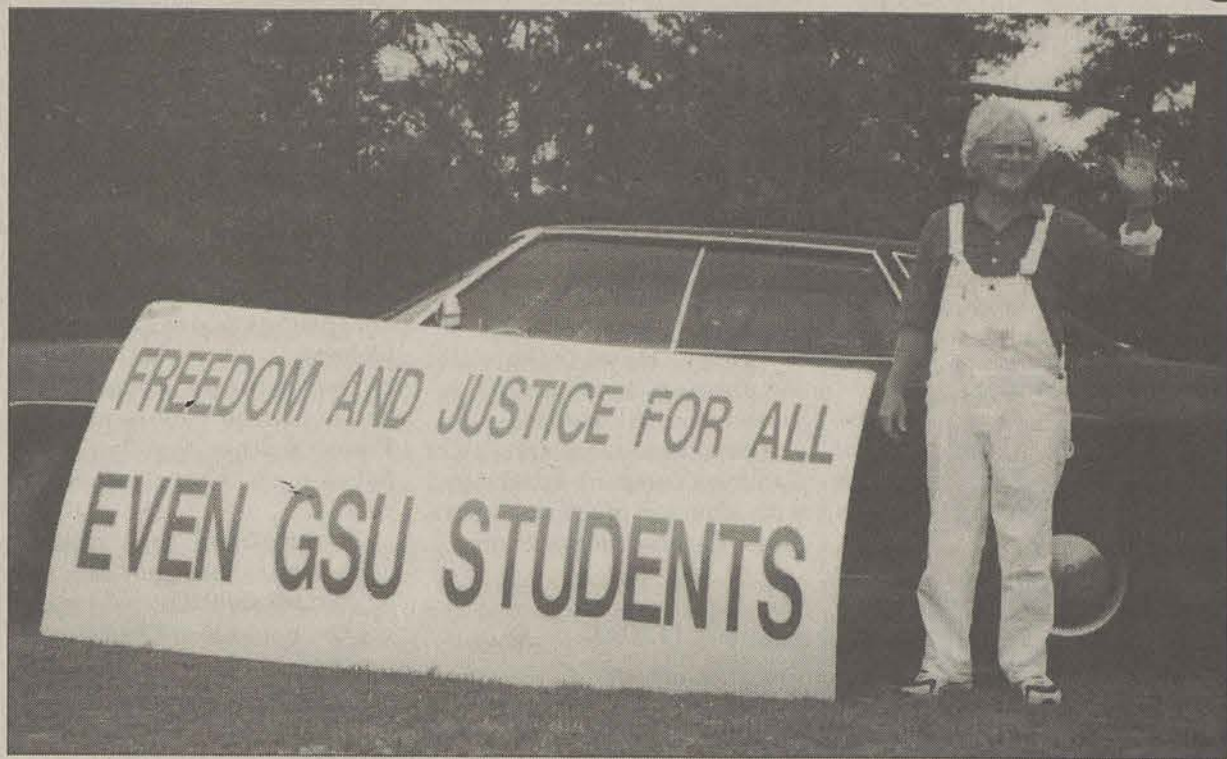
Hood said the ordinance is also unconstitutional.

He claims that Mayor Hal Averitt and the City Council have engaged in legislative acts that discriminate against unrelated tenants, mainly GSU students.

Hood said he and the city have gone to court twice before about the ordinance, and both times the cases were thrown out.

He said that he wants the city to take him to court again.

"I had five in a house before and they [the city] wouldn't take me to court," Hood said. "Because they know they are going to lose once we get into the court room."



Special Photo

Local landlord James Hood spoke out at a recent City Council meeting, saying that the ongoing housing ordinance debate is unconstitutional and that the legislative acts are mainly directed toward GSU students.

Hood said that he has hired a new lawyer since the last case was thrown out.

He said that he is also more confident should the dispute go to court again because he won't face the same judge.

"I've got a real good lawyer waiting on the sidelines," Hood said. "And the judge here that has overruled it on technicalities twice in the past has retired."

Other states have had similar local ordinances struck down by state and federal courts.

The California Court of Appeals has declared unconstitu-

tional a statute that limited the number of tenants that can live in a single family house. The ordinance which was enacted to combat overcrowding caused by college students, was found to be irrational.

Maryland's highest court also struck down a similar ordinance that applied only to students and not to tenants in general.

In a recently decided case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that municipalities may not use single-family zoning to bar group homes by enforcing occupancy limits in a discriminatory way.

In the 6-3 decision, the court said communities may set limits on houses occupied by unrelated people, but only if they apply to everyone.

Hood said the Statesboro ordinance does not apply to everyone and should be declared unconstitutional.

Hood claims that City Councilman Cory Andrews ran for office on the premise that he would do something about the ordinance.

Andrews said he has not pushed for discussion of the ordinance since he's been in office.

Andrews said he never made any promise to take action on the ordinance when he was running for office. But he said he now would agree to a discussion on the ordinance.

"I agree with Frank [Parker] that the ordinance should be revisited," Cory said. "I agree with the spirit of the ordinance, which is we should protect residential communities."

Andrews, who is a GSU student, said the ordinance is problematic because the wording of the ordinance is vague and there has been little enforcement of the ordinance.

City Councilman David Shumake said he does not want the ordinance to be put on the agenda for discussion. He said he feels the ordinance should remain as it is because the ordinance was to protect students as well as the rights of residents in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

"It's never been a case of the City Council versus students," Shumake said. "On the contrary we are trying to protect the neighborhoods and the students."

City Councilman Jack Williamson said he didn't see a need for change in the ordinance either, but added that if it was brought up, he would make the ordinance even more restrictive.

"I'm not pushing for it to come up one way or the other," Williamson said. "But I would like to change the ordinance to reflect that no more than two unrelated in R-1 and R-2."

Student summit focuses on African-American leadership in the 21st century and issues affecting their culture

By Joshua Edmonson
News Editor

"A People at the Crossroads: A Time for Healing," a student summit sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, examined issues that affect African-Americans and the cultures around them over the weekend.

The event began with the keynote speech of Leslie Bates, director of Minority Services and Programs at the University of Georgia.

Bates spoke on African-American leadership in the 21st century.

Bates said that leadership begins with simply being where you are needed.

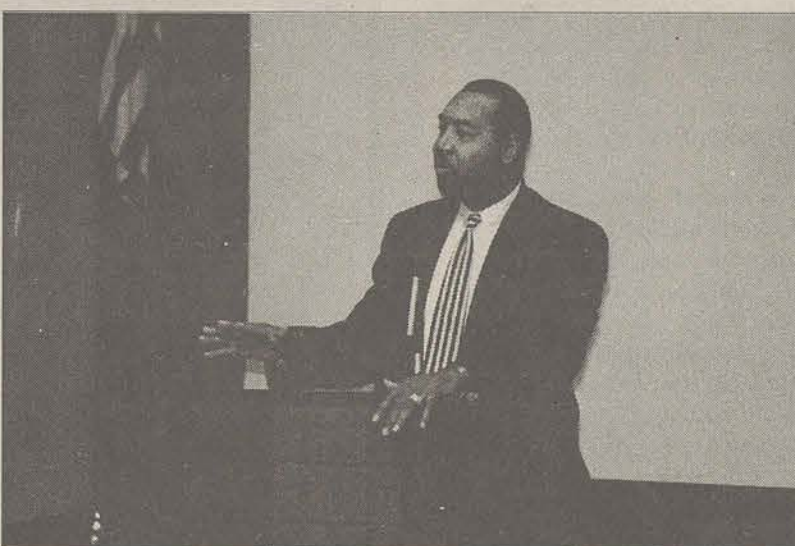
"One of the key things of leadership is that you are there and that you take advantage of the opportunities," Bates said. "That makes you a leader in itself."

Bates said that what the African-American students are doing today will be what will pay off for them in the future.

"You are well on your way to preparing for the 21st century," Bates said.

Bates said only one out of 10 African-Americans will have the education, the leadership abilities and the opportunity to become a successful leader.

He said that it is crucial for that "talented tenth" to carry the ball for the African-American community.



Mike Hill

Leslie Bates, director of Minority Services and Programs at UGA, addressed African-American leadership in the 21st century.

can community.

Bates said that being a leader begins with the basics.

"Get those basic skills, educate yourself about the opportunities," he said. "You know you are a leader when you use the opportunities to get the job done."

Bates said that all the people in the community respect a leader because a leader must carry him or herself in a respectful manner.

"A leader is one who speaks up," he said. "I think that most people are waiting on someone to lead them. Be a leader, speak up."

Bates said that in order to be a good leader, you must commit yourself to excellence and make good choices.

"A leader seeks responsibility," Bates said. "Seize leadership." He said that you know a leader because that person is intelligent.

"This is the one time in your life when it is all there for you," Bates said.

Several workshops were offered throughout the day.

The first workshop, which was held by Bates, analyzed Ebonics and the misconceptions that surround it.

Bates addresses topics surrounding this year's Black Awareness Month

By Joshua Edmonson
News Editor

Before his keynote speech at this weekend's student summit, Leslie Bates, director of Minority Services and Programs at the University of Georgia, sat down in a private interview with *The George-Anne* to discuss several controversial topics that surround this year's Black Awareness Month.

Bates said that he wanted to clear up the confusion around Ebonics with his workshop at the student summit.

"There is confusion on what is being proposed in Oakland and elsewhere," Bates said. "Some people are saying that what is proposed is that Ebonics be taught in the schools. That is not a fact. That is not what is happening."

Ebonics is spoken by approximately 80 percent of the African-American community and all African-Americans understand Ebonics, Bates said.

"That is the way in which we communicate with one another," he said. "We also know that in the mainstream, standard English is what is spoken and what is necessary to be successful in the mainstream."

Bates said that what was proposed in Oakland was to use Ebonics in order to better teach mainstream English.

"Why do we need to teach

someone a language that they already speak?" Bates said.

"They simply want to use the native tongue of African-Americans to teach standard English."

Bates said that Black Awareness Month gives African-Americans a new sense of pride in learning about their roots.

For non-African-Americans, he said, it will give them a great appreciation of what African-Americans bring to society and better acceptance of their culture.

"African-Americans spend almost all of our lives immersed in European culture," Bates said. "We know it very well. Yet, non-African-Americans, particularly European Americans, know very little about African-American history and culture."

Bates said that he has noticed more involvement from non-African-American people in Black Awareness Month on campuses in Georgia.

"I'd like to see more non-African-Americans take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about black people," he said.

Bates said that we are moving into a new century that is becoming more diverse.

The state of Georgia is now one-third African-American and GSU is currently around 30 percent African-American, Bates said.

City Council to enforce ordinance on alcohol sales in eating establishments

Two-year-old ordinance states establishments must obtain 50 percent of revenue from food sales

By Wendi Williams
Staff Writer

The City Council will begin enforcing the two-year-old ordinance that states establishments must obtain at least 50 percent of their revenue from food sales in order to serve alcohol.

The Council has never enforced the law because of a lack of manpower, said Judy McCorkle, city clerk.

"With the audit reports we will not have to come up with the manpower to actually go to these establishments and

check their books ourselves," she said.

Establishments will now be required to submit an audit report every six months to be completed by a certified accountant, according to a decision by the Public Safety Committee.

"What's the purpose of having the fifty-fifty requirement if there is no way to enforce it," City Councilman Cory Andrews said.

The license-holder of an establishment will receive a 30-day grace period to comply with the ordinance.

If the report is not submitted by the end of the 30 days, the license will be suspended for 15 days.

"If an establishment's reports are not in at deadline, I have the authority to automatically suspend their license," McCorkle said.

If the report is still not submitted by the end of the following 15 days, the license will be revoked, and the holder must apply for another license.

David Ball, owner of Archibald's and ad hoc member of the committee, found

the decision within reason.

"There is no excuse for not being able to complete an audit in 30 days," Ball said. "Just look at the checkbook, it should balance."

Trey Britt, owner of Legends, showed some concern as to whether his sales would comply with the ordinance.

"It'll be close, but we have the buffet and we plan on doing deli-style sandwiches," he said. "Also, wings are high profit. College students seem to love wings and pizza."

CAMPUS NEWS

POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

February 15, 1997

February 13, 1997

•Carla Caldwell reported her purse was missing from the Forest Drive building.

•A resident of In the Pines Apartments reported receiving harassing phone calls.

•A resident of Brannen Hall reported several room signs had been damaged in Brannen Hall.

February 12, 1997

•O'Nike Quida Knuckles, 19, of Southern Villa, was charged with criminal trespass.

•Richard Ayers reported someone had used his Wachovia ATM Card.

•James Adams reported a Cannondale bicycle was missing from the bike rack near the Newton building.

February 11, 1997

•Patrick Alexander Jones, 22, of Dorman Hall, was charged with simple battery.

•Chenigia Aligwekwe reported a jacket was missing from her room in Johnson Hall.

Statesboro Police Department

•Melissa Haymans, of Southern Villa, reported that when she returned to her residence her rear sliding door was open. Nothing was reported missing.

•Kristi Kanbanaugh, of Campus Courtyard, reported someone unknown flattened two tires on the driver side of her vehicle while it was parked at a residence on Robin Hood Trail.

•Farrah Dorsey, of Campus Courtyard, reported a fight involving two white males and that during the fight a vehicle parked at Campus Courtyard was damaged.

February 14, 1997

•Jennifer Swan, 21, of Statesboro, was charged with DUI (1st) and driving without a seatbelt.

•Jonathan Hardwick, of Campus Courtyard, reported someone entered his vehicle, while it was parked unsecured at his residence, and took a Sony discman, a tape player adapter, and an adapter cord.

•Michael Jones, of Hawthorne Road, reported his 1976 Chevrolet Camaro was stolen while it was parked at Wal-Mart.

•Brock Patrick, of Broad Street, reported someone unknown broke out the rear passenger side window of his vehicle.

hicle.

February 13, 1997

•Lesli Jill Burks, 22, of Chandler Road, was charged with theft by shoplifting of lipstick at Wal-Mart.

•Rachel Horton, of Statesboro, reported someone broke the front driver's side window of her vehicle while it was parked at Legends.

•A resident of University Pointe Apartments, reported receiving harassing phone calls.

February 12, 1997

•Jon Hatchinson, of Greenbriar Apartments, reported criminal trespass.

•Brandon Asher Parks, 21, of Campus Courtyard, was charged with violation of the noise ordinance and disorderly conduct.

February 11, 1997

•Joseph Dukes, 21, of Campus Courtyard, was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Edward Stephen Morris, 20, of Statesboro, was charged with theft by shoplifting.

•Rebecca Oleksinski, of Chandler Road, reported a lost or stolen wallet which she noticed missing in the vicinity of Buffalo's Café.

Marie Leticee discusses the role of women writers of the Caribbean

By Laura Owens
Staff Writer

Marie Leticee, a faculty member at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, addressed GSU students and faculty on the topic "Negritude and Women Writers of the Caribbean" last Wednesday.

Leticee pointed out that in the past most literary critics have focused on male writers, but that French Caribbean women also have a voice and opinions.

"For a long time the woman has been regarded as the guardian of black culture," she said.

Characters in the novels of French Caribbean female writers are often searching for their identity.

They were torn between their native African culture and the French culture that has been forced upon them through the years.

Proverbs from Guadeloupe are often used in these novels.

Leticee said that we cannot say these novels are feminist as we think of the feminist movement of today, she described one book as "a true feminine novel, written for women."

"The woman will always prevail," Leticee said.

"There is a saying in the French Caribbean islands that says 'Fallen women never despair.'"

The novels discussed by Leticee were written between the 1960s and the 1980s.

They were often filled with descriptions comparing women

to things in nature.

Leticee said that while the characters in these novels ap-

"I believe that any black person in the Caribbean who's searching for themselves has to make the trip back to Africa," Leticee said.

"We have to accept the fact that we have something in common with Africa."

Leticee concluded by saying that if you are searching for yourself, to search no more. "You are who you are," she said.

Leticee is a native of Guadeloupe. She studied at the University of Paris.

The lecture was part of the Black Awareness Month activities at GSU.

"THE WOMAN WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL."

--MARIE LETICEE,
UCF FACULTY MEMBER

pear to be emancipated women, taking control of their lives, that the readers are often faced with troubled women.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do At GSU

Today

•"A Photographic Tribute to the People of Mexico" will be shown in the GSU Museum until Feb. 23.

•The Cinema Arts Program will show "Othello" at 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. The cost of admission will be \$2.

•The Black History Quiz Bowl will be at 5 p.m. in room 2080 of the Russell Union.

•"Celebrating Blackness" will be held at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center Assembly Hall.

Wednesday, February 19, 1997

•Voted the most popular play in America, "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care" will be performed at 7 p.m. in the Marvin Pittman Auditorium.

Thursday, February 20, 1997

•"The Trip," written by Crystal Rhodes and directed by Stephanie Ray, will be performed at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center Assembly Hall.

Friday, February 21, 1997

•There will be an international coffee hour from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 2080 of the Russell Union.

•The Sports Management Conference will be at GSU through Feb. 22. Some of the featured speakers include Gene Corrigan, commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference and John Allen, vice president of the Cincinnati Reds. There will be a \$40 registration fee. For more information, contact Larry McCarthy at 871-1552.

Saturday, February 22, 1997

•The Botanical Gardens will present aromatherapy from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 871-1913.

Monday, February 24, 1997

•S. W. Walker will lecture on "Current Issues in Health Care" and Joseph Green will lecture on "How Minorities and Women Can Improve Position Through Economic Knowledge" beginning at 12 p.m. in Ballroom C of the Russell Union.

•There will be a general stu-

dent recital beginning at 1 p.m. in the Foy Recital Hall.

•Thomas Archdeacon will present a lecture on "The Great Irish Famine" at 7:30 p.m. in the Southern Center Auditorium.

•"Stories from Round the World: The Black Experience Past, Present, and Future" by Shindana Cooper will begin at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

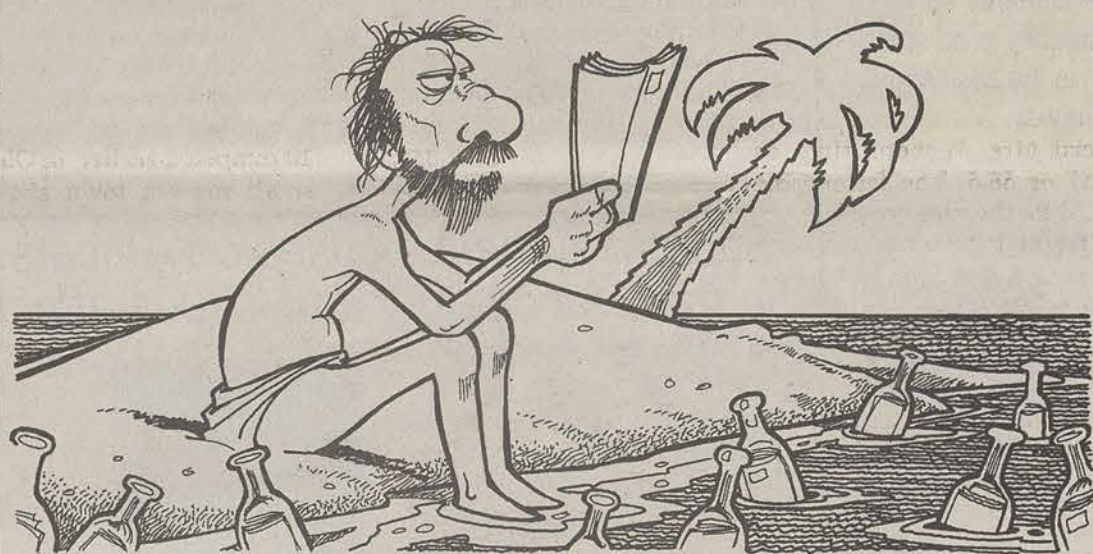
Tuesday, February 25, 1997

•Cheryl Jackson, director of admissions at the Georgia State University College of Law, will hold a lecture at 7:30 p.m. in room 2047 of the Russell Union.

•"Jewels of the Nile: The Miss African American Pageant" will begin at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets will be \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

•The Music Department performance will feature the music of the Southern Chorale beginning at 8 p.m. in the Foy Recital Hall.

•The Cinema Arts Program will show "Jesus of Montreal" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.



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Students pay for own surveillance

The Associated Press

ELKHART LAKE — Students at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School are inadvertently paying for their own surveillance.

Proceeds from candy and soda sales at the school cafeteria were used to buy video cameras to monitor students, Principal Richard Anderson says.

Increasing incidents of vandalism in the cafeteria and parking lot have included students walking on cars, putting dead animals in cars and letting air out of tires, Anderson told the school board.

In the cafeteria, the problems have included profanity written on soda machines and tables, spitting, holes drilled in chairs and student harassment.

"We're hoping it could cut down on a lot of that stuff and help us solve some of those happenings," Anderson said.

School Board member Nanette Bulebosh objected to

the move, arguing there was a better way to solve such problems.

"This seems awfully drastic to me. I do find it an invasion of privacy," Bulebosh said.

Videotaping would affect all 235 students, even though only a few are causing problems, she said.

As an alternative, she suggested getting the police patrol more often and the staff to be more watchful.

The difference, she said, is that now "they're being watched by technology."

"This is just one more step toward a police state. It tells students 'We don't trust you,'" she said.

2 Michigan

Girl suspended for bringing knife to school

The Associated Press

GOBLES — A high school honor student who said she brought a knife to school to cut a friend's birthday brownies will serve a 10-day suspension.

Amber Nash, 15, admitted bringing the knife to school earlier this month.

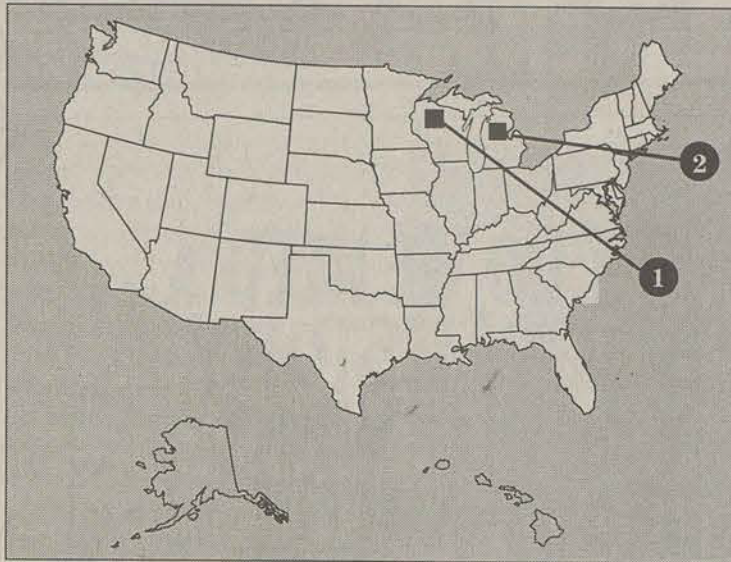
When she rushed to help a

friend who had fainted, a school employee noticed the kitchen knife.

Gobles Superintendent Tom Saylor had recommended that the freshman be suspended 33 school days and be barred from making up missed classes for violating the school's weapons policy.

But, after a 30-minute closed meeting with Amber's parents and two lawyers, the school board unanimously decided on a 10-school-day suspension.

"There is no doubt that Amber had no intentions of using this knife for any other reason than



cutting brownies for her friend," board President Richard Beam said in a statement.

"The end result, however, no matter how innocent the intent, resulted in a knife finding its way to school."

Amber, suspended since Feb. 4, will return to school today.

"It wasn't intended as a weapon and I'm glad the board could see that, and if they used me as an example, then I guess they had to," Amber told WOTV of Battle Creek. "I'm glad other people will know not to bring anything to school."

OFFBEAT

Blind man hit by car, ticketed for jaywalking

By Terry Kinney
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati has decided not to go after a blind man ticketed for crossing the street illegally.

Jeff Friedlander, 48, was slapped with a jaywalking ticket after he was hit by a pickup truck and broke his tailbone Jan. 22.

The police officer who ticketed him thought he stepped out of the crosswalk and caused the accident.

But less than a week after a woman was convicted of putting coins into other people's expired parking meters, prosecutors dropped charges against Friedlander.

"While this person technically was in violation, there just was no purpose in continuing with the prosecution at this point," prosecutor Charlie Rubenstein said.

He added: "It was a shame that the officer was portrayed as the Grinch who stole Christmas. The officer did his job, and you can't fault him for that."

Friedlander said he was going to pay the dollars 100 fine until he discovered that Ohio law gives the right-of-way to blind people carrying white canes.

"He's very relieved about it," said defense attorney Doug May.

There are no audio warning devices at the corner, as there are at some busy Cincinnati intersections.

"The city is going to look into putting audible signals at more crosswalks," May said.

As for the meter-feeder, Sylvia Stayton, 63, could get up to 90 days and a dollars 750 fine at sentencing Feb. 21.

Prosecutors said they will ask for just a fine.

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OFFBEAT

Winner of flapjack race still in the air

The Associated Press

LIBERAL, Kansas — There's a little flap over a flapjack race.

Christina Wilbers won the annual Shrove race in 58.57 seconds in this western Kansas town.

Following tradition, runners competed in a parallel race in Olney, England, where a 25-year-old finance clerk broke the tape in 63.5 seconds.

The trouble is race officials have not decided whether to record Mrs. Wilbers' time as 58.57 or 58.5. The latter time would tie the race record.

"For all intents and purposes, we are going to say she tied the record," said Rosalee Phillips of

Liberal, executive secretary for the International Pancake Day Board of Directors.

"But we are going to go back

"FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, WE ARE GOING TO SAY SHE TIED THE RECORD."

—ROSALEE PHILLIPS,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF LIBERAL

and do some research because prior to 1994, they didn't take it that far out, like 58.57. They'd just have 58.5."

Phillips said race officials have up to a year to decide which time to record in the next race program, which won't be printed until next winter.

This is the second year in a row Mrs. Wilbers, a 25-year-old school teacher, won the pancake race, which involves sprinting 415 yards with a frying pan in hand. Runners must flip a pancake in their griddle at the start and end of the race.

Eleven runners ran here, and 13 competed earlier in Olney, a small market town about 40 miles northwest of London.

Mrs. Wilbers' victory broke a tie between the two towns. Liberal now leads the contest 24-23.

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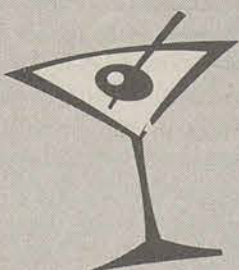
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Our Opinion

Officials do not have the best interests of students at heart

Is Statesboro for the students or against us?

That is the big question GSU students have been pondering over the past couple of years due to the actions of both city and county officials on issues that are not "concerned about the welfare of college students."

An ongoing debate which has resurfaced lately is a local ordinance that limits the number of unrelated persons that may live in a residence.

James Hood, an opponent of the housing ordinance said that the city law "encourages deceit in the rental market, with landlords and renters enticed to lie about how many people are living in a house."

Apparently, Hood is the only one who cares about the welfare of GSU students, although given his position as a landlord, some may doubt the nature of his intentions.

Similar ordinances in other states have been ruled unconstitutional.

Maryland's highest court struck down a similar ordinance that applied to students but not to other renters.

In California, an ordinance was enacted to control overcrowding caused by college students.

But the court said this issue was irrational because it could be applied to tenants even if they are "quiet and neat," but not to owners who might "happen to be loud."

So why is such an ordinance constitutional in Statesboro?

The main question GSU students should be asking is how does City Councilman Cory Andrews feel about the housing ordinance?

We elected Andrews to represent our best interests, but on this issue, he is all for the housing ordinance.

Andrews said the ordinance may be a problem because the ordinance wording is too vague.

Sorry Andrews, we are not going to buy that one.

Once again, we have the age-old battle of the city against the students, and it seems that we will come out on the losing end once again.

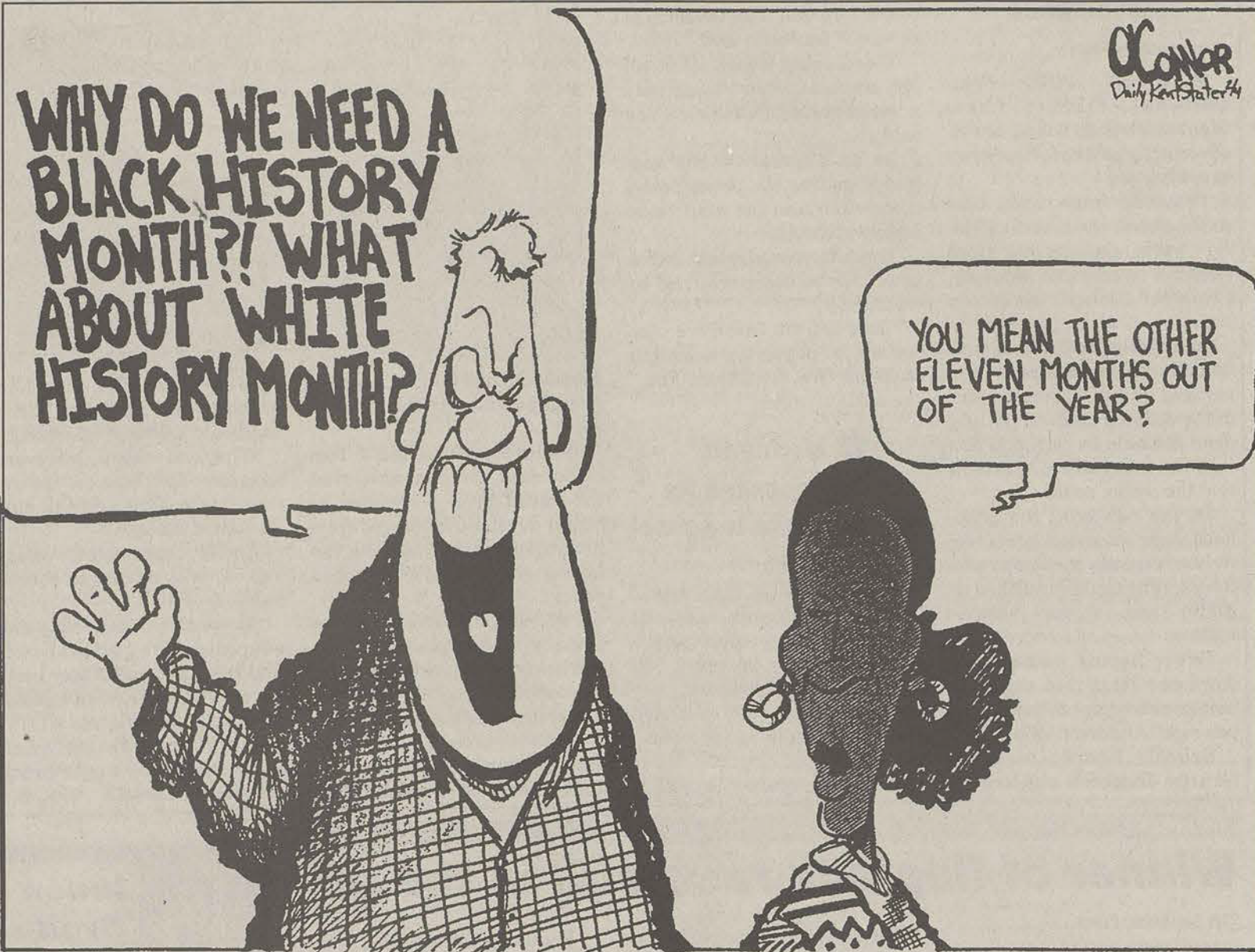
Why should it matter who is living in the house?

Just as long as the rent is being paid on time and there is no damage to the property, then there should be no discussion about such a matter.

The City Council needs to focus more on helping GSU students become a part of the community rather than alienating us.

As for Andrews, he might want to remember that he is supposed to be representing the interests of his fellow GSU students.

Because who's to say we won't forget who we are supposed to re-elect for that City Council position he is presently holding?



African Americans should re-think their money power

Show me the money. African Americans are spending billions of dollars a year, but are we spending our money wisely?

From an economic viewpoint, African Americans have real power as consumers. *Black Enterprise* reported that African Americans spent nearly \$399 billion last year.

We are most definitely keeping businesses booming for some but not enough within our own communities. Economic forecasters point to this kind of consumer spending as the primary engines that will drive the American economy, no matter how slow the year is.

But are the businesses taking the African-American consumer for granted? Automatically suspecting black customers of wrongdoing or ignoring them is a common practice for a lot of companies.

Most large retailers aren't interested in African-American consumers until they see that they are ready to spend all their money.



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In 1995, two black teenagers were harassed by white police officers who were working as security guards in an Eddie Bauer department store. The guards ordered one of the boys to take off his shirt and go home and get his receipt because they suspected it was stolen.

African Americans spend \$30 billion a year dining out, but we only own a mere 4,571 eating and drinking establishments out of the 407,824 nationwide.

The Million Man March in Washington emphasized the need for African Americans to control and strengthen the economies of their communities, but how many of us have really thought about what we can do about it?

Maybe as group African

Americans we should re-think how we are spending our money. It's all good to be dressed in Tommy Hilfiger from head to toe, but wouldn't it be better to be dressed in Tommy Hilfiger from head to toe after you have started some type of business of your own?

A lot of the problems with the youth in the black communities revolve around this obsession with image. Young people think that respect comes from wearing name-brand merchandise and riding in fancy cars. Why do we feel that we have to brand-name goods to be considered successful?

What makes a successful person is what he or she has to offer in terms of their minds. The black race will not be a successful group

in the future if we continue making the pockets of other people bigger. We need to concentrate on owning more businesses, banks, and anything else that will help us build up our communities.

Black households spend more than average on jewelry, cars and home electronics. However, their spending is significantly lower than average for housing, including owned and rented dwellings, furnishings, and insurance.

African Americans must move from being passive or reactive spenders to being proactive consumers focused on building the wealth that keeps black communities vibrant, healthy and thriving. Then, we can do more than merely get a racist sales manager moved to another store when we are mistreated; we can do our own hiring in our own businesses.

This way we can make corporate America compete for black consumer dollars, instead of taking them for granted or ignoring them altogether.

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Let's hope we're not headed for another War Between the States

"They started it."

We might expect to hear these words fall from the mouths of five-year-old children as a way of justifying any sort of misconduct, especially fighting.

But would you be surprised to know that this quote was lifted from an Associated Press story about the actions of two Georgia senators?

Well, it's true.

We must give credit for that quote to Sen. Eric Johnson, R-Savannah.

"They started it" was Johnson's response when he was asked why he and Sen. Joey Brush, R-Applying, removed the New York state flag from the Georgia Capitol last Tuesday.

The Georgia senators felt justified in removing the flag because New York removed the Georgia state flag from its Capitol's Hall of Flags on Monday. Apparently, a group of black lawmakers had asked that the Georgia flag, which bears the Confederate Battle Flag, be removed.

So, in retaliation, our Georgia boys, Johnson and Brush, climbed up on the balcony and removed New York's flag from the Hall of States.

Luckily, Secretary of State Lewis Massey tried to be the voice of reason by ordering that the flag be returned to its proper place.

Thank goodness Massey showed that he has a little com-



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EDITOR

mon sense. Johnson and Brush certainly didn't.

I realized that since these men are senators, they must be at least 25 years old, but their actions seem more in line with the behavior of five-year-old children.

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Can you believe that we elected these individuals to make the laws in our state?

Obviously, the governor of New York was trying to make a political and social statement when he ordered that the Georgia flag be removed from the Capitol. When the Georgia flag was removed, it was not the work of two angry, vengeful senators who took it upon themselves to climb over a balcony railing and pull the flag out of its holder.

Regardless of whether or not one agrees with New York's opinion of the Georgia flag, no one can deny that the actions of these two senators was just plain child-

ish and wrong. Johnson and Brush did not propose on the Senate floor that Georgia should remove the New York flag and thereby send a message to our Northern friends that Georgians did not appreciate their actions. Instead of going through these

proper channels, the two men behaved like high school boys out vandalizing billboards on a Saturday night.

And these two men were elected by Georgians to make our state's laws. That is a frightening thought.

Perhaps Johnson and Brush did not go through these proper channels because they feared they might not receive the support from their colleagues. To our state's credit, we do have some lawmakers, such as Rep. Billy McKinney, D-Atlanta, who have enough common sense to realize that our flag is offensive to some Georgia residents and

therefore should not represent the entire state.

Part of what troubles me about this incident is that what could have been a strong political statement in favor of changing the Georgia flag has been trivialized by both sides involved.

After Massey insisted that the New York flag be returned to the Hall of States, New York Gov. George Pataki was quoted by the Associated Press saying, "They [Georgians] can't get over losing ... losing to the Yankees in the Civil War and losing to the Yankees, more importantly, in the World Series last year."

He went on to say, "I think they really resent the Braves losing last year and were just looking for an excuse and this is it."

To imply, even jokingly, that the outcome of the World Series would directly affect the political decisions of lawmakers, even ones in Georgia, is ludicrous.

Come on, let's get real.

Without a doubt, these two senators acted childishly and without authorization, but Putaki's implication that they did so because of baseball only dilutes the power of his argument against the Georgia flag.

Hopefully, all the individuals involved in this incident, both in New York and in Georgia, can move past this issue. The last thing we need is another War Between the States. Some people haven't recovered from the first one yet.

STATE NEWS

Two Georgia senators remove the New York flag from state capitol

By Joan Kirchener
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Vowing to put a stop to "these childish exercises," the secretary of state today had the New York state flag returned to its rightful place in the Georgia Capitol after a pair of senators removed it in a retaliatory prank.

The tit-for-tat stunt Tuesday by Sens. Eric Johnson and Joey Brush was designed to get back at New York for removing Georgia's flag from that Capitol on Monday.

Republican Gov. George Pataki branded Georgia's Confederate-emblem flag a "symbol of hatred" for all Americans.

"They started it," said Johnson, R-Savannah, who marched to the fourth floor with Brush, R-Applying, and took down New York's flag from the Hall of States.

Brush knelt on the floor and worked the screwdriver while Johnson climbed over the balcony railing and pulled the flag out of its holder as he teetered on a narrow ledge.

The two got a few cheers from hallway crowds as they marched the flag to the secretary of state's office, where they asked a secretary to store it.

"If they're not going to show respect to our flag, why should we show respect for theirs?" Brush said.

Johnson and Brush wore proud grins as they completed their mission, but Secretary of State Lewis Massey saw nothing funny about it.

The Democrat ordered the flag back put back in its place today.

"At 7:10 a.m. this morning, the flag was returned to its position in alphabetical order with all the other flags from our sister states," said Dorothy Olson, director of the state museum at the

Capitol.

"I hope this puts an end to these childish exercises," Massey said.

Not if Rep. Bart Ladd, R-Atlanta, can help it.

Ladd introduced a proposal Tuesday that would require Massey to exact revenge on any state that refuses to fly Georgia's flag by shipping their state flag back to their governor.

"THEY STARTED IT."

--ERIC JOHNSON,
GEORGIA STATE SENATOR

"This is better than just taking it down because this would be an official sanction," Ladd explained.

The Georgia flag had hung about 100 feet from the governor's office at the New York Capitol for some 20 years, but had gone largely unnoticed until recent renovations to an adjoining room made the Hall of Flags more accessible.

A group of black lawmakers complained to the governor late last week that they wanted the flag removed.

New York Sen. David Pater-

son, a Manhattan Democrat who helped engineer the removal of the Georgia flag, said Brush and Johnson are missing the point. New Yorkers were attacking racism, not Georgia, by removing the Georgia flag, he said.

"I hope those two senators would never have to feel the symbol of any kind of antagonism or racism," Paterson said.

Even before the two Georgia senators pulled their stunt Tuesday, New York's move had sparked a mini flag debate in the Georgia House between white and black lawmakers.

The New York flag "is not a pretty flag. You've got the lady blindfolded. I'm sure that's politically incorrect," said Rep. Sonny Dixon, D-Garden City, a white Georgia flag supporter, referring to the Lady Justice symbol on the New York flag.

"If you really want to get some dander up, put the Nazi flag up. They both stand for the same thing," said Rep. Billy McKinney, D-Atlanta.

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Let's Compute Your Grade Point Average (G.P.A.):

Quarter hours are determined by the number of hours a course meets per week. Grade points are the number of points you get per grade. Learning Support courses offer institutional credit. Institutional credit is used in determining eligibility for full-time status, for athletic participation, and for financial aid. Institutional hours are not used in determining your cumulative or adjusted grade point averages.

Use the following example to compute your GPA — List your courses in the chart below. Insert quarter hours for each course. Next, multiply the grade points for each grade by the hours earned for the course, using the following legend: A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points, D = 1 point, F = 0 points, I = 0 points (until grade replacement), WF = 0 points. An A in English 151 is worth 20 grade points. Add all your grade points and divide by the total number of hours carried and you have calculated your GPA.

EXAMPLE:

Courses Enrolled	Number of Quarter Hours	Grade	Grade Points
Math 151	5 hours	B	15
PSY 251	5 hours	C	10
ART 160	5 hours	B	15
PEA 209	1 hour	B	3
GSU 120	2 hours	A	8

Total Grade Points: 51 / Total Hours this Quarter: 18 = Grade Point Average: 2.83

Use the chart below to calculate your GPA:

Courses Enrolled	Number of Quarter Hours	Grade	Grade Points

Total Grade Points _____ / Total Hours this Quarter _____ = Grade Point Average _____

You can use the same method to compute your cumulative GPA (includes all courses you have taken). Remember if you have repeated a course a Georgia Southern, you have an adjusted GPA, which is different than your cumulative GPA. When you calculate your adjusted GPA, you include only the last grade (the new grade) for the course.

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SoCon basketball tournament

Student tickets for the 1997 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. will be available to GSU students for \$30. Tickets may be purchased by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS. The tournament is from Feb. 27 - March 2.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

GSU tennis teams split home match

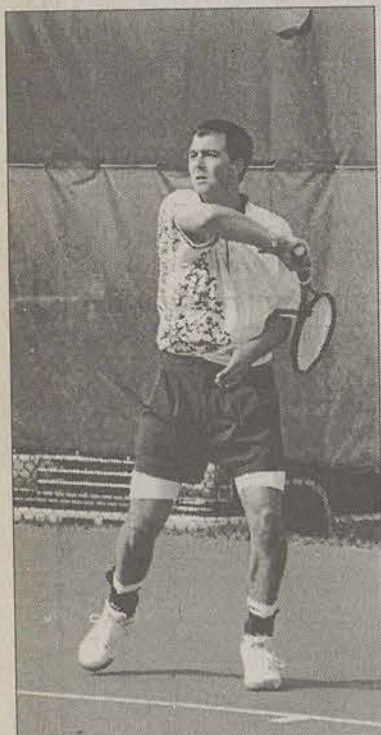
By Kevin Bonsor
Assistant News Editor

The GSU tennis teams played their first home matches of the season Saturday against Georgia College, where the Lady Eagles (1-1) walked away with a 5-2 win, while the men suffered their third loss of the season, falling 6-1 to the visitors.

"I thought the women did an excellent job," GSU first-year tennis coach Cathy Beene said. "And I thought the men just need to get a little more confidence in themselves. We're young with the men's team."

GSU's Anita Buggins defeated Anna Haggkvist 7-6, 7-6 in a tightly-played match between the two schools' top-seeded ladies. Britta Wilms, coming off a wrist injury, won the second seed match against Georgia College's Alisha Withurell-Gordon, 6-4, 6-2.

"I thought Anita did a good job at number one, because we haven't played in three weeks," Beene said. "And Britta has been out with a fractured wrist, so this was her first match coming."



Amanda Scott

THE TOP SEED: Christian Singer during his match on Saturday.

back." The eighth-ranked doubles team in the region, Buggins and Wilms, combined their efforts to beat Haggkvist and Nancy Grosch 8-1 in the top seed doubles match.

Buggins and Wilms frustrated their Georgia College opponents. At one point in the match, one of their opponents could be heard yelling, "Aw come on," as she double faulted on serve.

In men's play, GSU's Christian Singer fell to Sreenivas Prabhn 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 in the top seed match while Pepe Zea was able to beat Georgia College's Alan Smith 7-5, 6-3 for the Eagles' only singles win. Smith and Prabhn topped Zea and GSU's Will Thurmond 8-5 in the top seed doubles match.

"The men are probably a little negative and too hard on themselves right now," Beene said. "The biggest thing that hurt them today in singles is that we didn't play with a lot of confidence."

"We're making excuses instead of staying tough and winning points."

Coach "P" on WVGS

GSU basketball coach Gregg Polinsky will be back on Sport Talk on WVGS-91.9 Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The second-year head coach will give insight on the upcoming Southern Conference tournament, as well as the Eagles' previous games.

Streaks over, GSU lands second and third at SSC

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

The GSU swimming and diving teams finished their season Saturday night at the Southern States Championships in Davidson, N.C., where the women's reign of eight consecutive championships came to a halt with a third place finish, and the men's hopes of making it two in a row were smashed with a second place finish.

The women were unable to hold off Davidson, who finished first, and second-place Evansville. The men trailed Davidson all three days and held on to finish second in front of Evansville.

"I'm not disappointed at all," men's coach Derek Chaput said. "We didn't want to finish second, but we gave it our all. We left the meet feeling like we accomplished something."

Fourteen GSU records were broken, with 11 records set by the men. Sophomore Troy Waggoner set three individual records (200-free, 200-back and 200-IM) and was a part of three more relay records (200-medley, 400-medley and 400-free). Freshman Brad Mori set two individual records (100-breast and 200-breast) and was on all four relays that set records. Freshman diver Kevin Hyland set both of GSU's diving records with a first

place in one-meter and a second-place finish in the three-meter.

Freshman Jennifer Mayhew was a part of all three records set by the women. Her 500-free and her 1650-free times set individual records, while the 800-free relay squad made up of Mayhew, Dawn Bourdon, Kim Doughty and Nicole Goodwin set another record.

"I know that more than three-fourths of the team had season bests," Chaput said. "You can't ask for much more than that."

On the All-Southern States team for GSU were Goodwin, Mayhew, Karla Klein, Christa VanDrie and diver Hall. Waggoner, Bryan Lucius and Hyland

were named to the men's team.

The Female Diver-of-the-Year was handed to Hall, while Hyland was named Male Diver-

of-the-Year. Newly named GSU diving coach Chancy Wilson was also named Diving Coach-of-the-Year.

Southern States final standings

Men		Women	
1. Davidson College	652.50	1. Davidson College	654
2. Georgia Southern	535.00	2. Univ. of Evansville	610
3. Univ. of Evansville	527.00	3. Georgia Southern	570
4. Univ. of Louisville	463.00	4. Univ. of Louisville	523
5. University of Tampa	424.00	5. College of Charleston	402
6. College of Charleston	339.00	6. University of Tampa	360
7. Howard University	308.00	7. Howard University	169
8. Florida A&M	184.00	8. Pfeiffer College	110
9. VMI	117.00	9. Florida A&M	58
Pfeiffer College	—	VMI	—

EAGLE BASEBALL

Seriously lacking hits, Eagles drop to Dawgs again

By Jennifer Holloway
Staff Writer

The GSU baseball team added another loss to its winless season Sunday afternoon, falling to the Georgia Bulldogs for the second day in a row, 3-1.

The Eagles (0-6) only provided starter Ryan Cummings with only three hits on the day, this coming after the Eagles provided only four hits a day earlier.

The junior hurler suffered his third loss of the season while junior Josh Gandy got his second win for the Bulldogs.

Cummings started the fourth inning with a walk to Chris Crawford who later reached third on a base hit by Andy Osbolt.

Crawford was brought home to score Georgia's first run when Shane Hopper grounded into a double play.

A lead-off walk was also the cause of two Bulldog runs in the sixth inning, giving them a 3-0 advantage.

Dustin McNally walked and scored on a double by Lance Shannon. Shannon was later advanced to third on Crawford's single and then scored when Cummings hit Aaron Anthony with the bases loaded.

Keith Morris came into the game in relief of Cummings, who had pitched six innings, allowing three runs on four hits, striking

out six while walking three. Gandy left the game in the bottom of the eighth after he walked the first two Eagle batters.

Junior right-hander Tristan Jerue was brought in to put the fire out, but GSU scored on two routine ground-outs by Donnie Coe and Tyson Whitley to make the score 3-1.

The run scored ended a streak of 30 scoreless innings for the Eagles.

Gandy pitched seven innings, allowing one run on three hits, while striking out five and walking five.

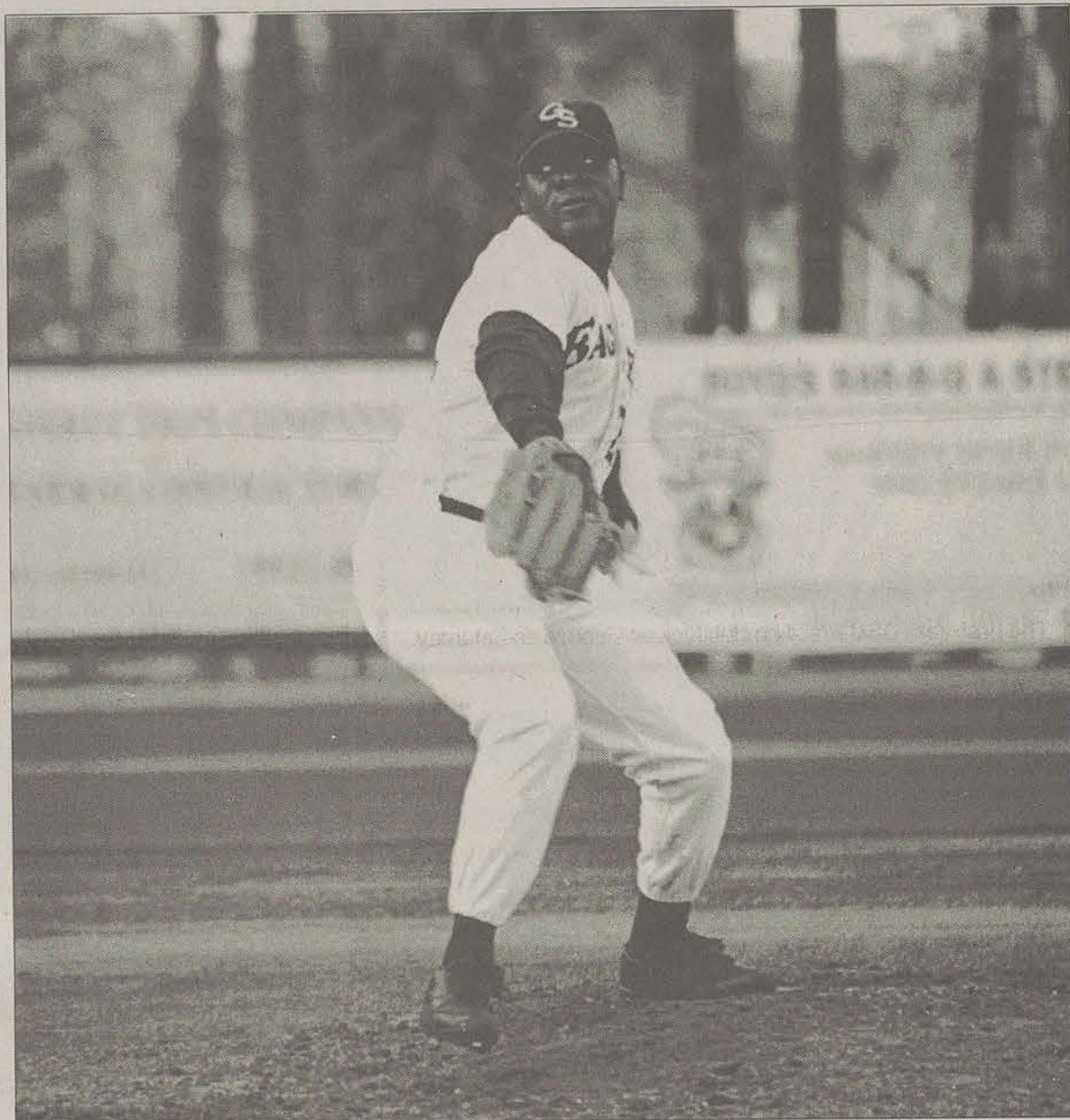
Tod Lee worked an almost perfect inning for GSU in the top of the ninth, striking out two, and walking one.

"Our pitching was extremely well today," GSU skipper Jack Stallings said after the game. "Cummings has pitched well his last three games, but unfortunately we haven't gotten any runs to back him up."

"We came out today a lot better than we have been, and our defense improved, while our pitchers pitched a good ballgame," reliever Morris said.

The Eagles will be working to snap their losing streak when they face East Carolina at home on Tuesday and Thursday.

"We're not going to get out of this with a stroke of lightning, transforming the whole team into good hitters," Stallings said. "It has to happen gradually."



Heather Hoffman

THE WIND UP AND THE DELIVERY: GSU reliever Kelvin Davis prepares to bring the heat in the fourth inning of the Eagles' game against the University of Georgia on Saturday. The Eagles lost 6-0.

GSU BASKETBALL

Kirsch explodes in leading Davidson

By Mike Gibbs
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles dropped to 10-11 on the season and 5-6 in conference play by losing to the

Davidson 75
GSU 62

visiting Davidson Lady Wildcats, 75-62, at Hanner Fieldhouse on Saturday.

"We didn't do our best today," GSU head coach Rusty Cram said. "We didn't give a hundred percent."

Davidson was led by guard Carolyn Kirsch, who played well on both ends of the court. Kirsch finished with a double-double, 22 points, 14 rebounds, in 26 minutes of play.

"This was a big win for us because we were both tied for fourth place in the conference," Davidson's Kirsch said.

The Lady Eagles were led by Telly Hall's 12-point effort and Tarsha Askew's eight points and 11 rebounds.

GSU played catch-up from the outbreak of the game and could never jump in front of Davidson.

Trailing by five at halftime, the Lady Wildcats would come out of the locker room and go on a 6-0 run that would push their halftime lead to 11.

"We tried to take away their break and tried to take away their press," Cram said. "We tried to match-up with their size, so we went to our bench. Our bench players played very good for us tonight."

Eventually, the Lady Eagles would chip Davidson's lead to two points at the 6:36 mark in the second half, but the Lady Wildcats would answer by going

on an 8-3 run later in the second half. Davidson's Kirsch would score twice inside during this run.

"The first half we were shooting threes, but they stepped out on our perimeter players so we started working the ball inside," said Kirsch.

This loss will put the Lady Eagles under .500 overall and in the Southern Conference.



Amanda Scott

APPLYING THE 'D': GSU guard Tori Durrett applies pressure to Davidson guard Jennifer O'Brien during their game Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Lady Wildcats cruised to the win, 75-62.

Polinsky forced to remain on the bus during GSU's 27-point loss

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

GSU assistant coach Ken Smith assumed head coaching roles Saturday night against The Citadel, while GSU head basketball coach Gregg Polinsky served a one-game suspension after getting ejected against Furman five nights earlier.

Polinsky made the trip to Charleston but listened to the game on the radio from the team bus. What he heard wasn't good, as the GSU Eagles suffered a 93-56 loss to The Citadel, a team they had beaten earlier in the season, giving up their second-place position in the Southern Conference's South Division and falling to 8-16 on the season, 4-8 in the conference.

"We were ice cold tonight," Smith said in a radio interview after the game. "We shot 26 percent in the first half, and that just comes from going into the game without a focus. We lost enthusiasm and intensity during their first run, and we stopped doing the things you have to do to score."

"I'm very disappointed that at this time of the season, we act like we don't know what we are doing out there."

Virgil Stevens paced the Bulldogs, who had six players finish with double-figure scoring, with 19 points.

The Eagles' only double-digit scorer was Ryan Parker with 11 points. Rod Willie supplied nine more and Doug Beaty seven.

"Defensively, we were atrocious, giving up 93 points," Smith said. "We just didn't have the intensity. We let (Bryan) Patton drive right past every player on our team, and he's not as quick as any of them."

GSU shot a miserable 35 percent in the game, having a total of only 19 points at the break, while the Bulldogs torched the nets by hitting 55 percent from the field.

The 96 points scored by The Citadel were the most given up by the Eagles to any opponent this season.

"We told the guys in the locker room that two weeks ago we beat this team. We are not 37 points worse than what we were then. I don't have the answers. Just a total lack of effort. I've seen Coach Polinsky disgusted after games, and now I know how he feels."

GSU RUGBY

UF edges out GSU in Black Rose finals

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

The eighth annual Black Rose tournament is now in the books, and as in the past, it was another success.

Twenty-seven teams battled in three separate divisions, and in the main event, it was the University of Florida, who is now considered the top team in the South in the men's collegiate division after a miscalculation in the rankings, edging out hosts GSU, 19-10, in the finals on Sunday afternoon.

"Personally, I'm disappointed that we finished in second place," team captain and tournament director Denny Godwin said. "But at the same time, I think this will give our team a push, because we play this same exact team in a couple of months for first place in the South."

"This gives us motivation to come back and beat them."

Scorers for GSU against Florida were Jason Camp and Matt Thornton, but it wasn't enough as Florida held off the hosts to claim the top spot.

"No, I don't think Florida should be number one," Godwin said. "I think we are a better



Heather Hoffman

UP FOR GRABS: Here, the GSU rugby team battles with the Indiana Select Warlocks in Saturday's semi-finals of the Black Rose tournament. GSU would finish in second place after falling to Florida, 19-10.

team than them. We can beat Florida, but we just made mental mistakes that hurt us.

"But like I said, this makes us want to work even harder for when we play them again."

GSU got to the finals by topping The Citadel in the first game, 74-0, and edging out the Indiana Select Warlocks, 14-11. The week's Most Valuable Player was Alfredo Rowlands.

The loss in Sunday's finals does not affect the regional rankings, which GSU is currently

sitting at second in the South.

In the women's division, the first-year GSU women's team landed a fourth place finish behind winner Clemson, second-place finisher Central Florida and third-place finisher Jacksonville.

"The tournament was really big," Godwin said. "We had many 'thank yous' and many people telling us how organized it was. This was a great weekend for rugby. We were real happy with the success."

EAGLE BASEBALL

Eagles can't find hits, lose to Dawgs on Saturday

By Mike Davis
Sports Editor

The GSU baseball team dropped its fifth game of the season Saturday afternoon at J.I. Clements Stadium, 6-0, to the visiting Georgia Bulldogs, giving the Eagles its worse start in 41 years.

"It was like I told the players in a meeting just a few minutes ago. Some of them seem like they are waiting for a bolt of lightning to come down and instantly turn things around," Stallings said. "That's not going to happen. One guy is going to have to go up there and think a little more at the plate and be more patient. And then someone else is going to have to do the same thing."

"It's not something that happens dramatically. It takes getting in the cage and working hard."

The Dawgs wasted little time in putting runs on the board, as they tagged GSU starter Clint Sauls for three runs in the first, one in the second and three in the third to complete the scoring.

In the first inning, a single, a walk, an error and a wild pitch were enough to start the scoring frenzy put on by the visitors.

UGA's Shane Hopper collected two RBIs in the first inning with his single, followed by a Shannon

Dawson sac-fly to right field scoring Andy Osbolt.

The Bulldogs' one-run second inning came from a homerun off the bat of Chris Miller, the number-nine hitter in the line-up.

Hopper connect on a one-run homer to straight-away center in the third, giving Sauls the early exit. Kelvin Davis entered the game in relief and gave up a single, three walks and a run-scoring passed ball.

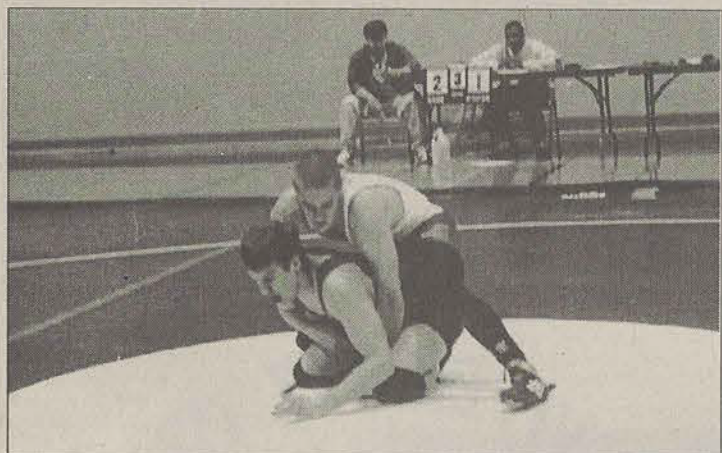
Relievers Aaron Parker, Keith Morris and Tod Lee finished the game by pitching shut-out ball.

"I don't think Sauls pitched well today, but he pitched good games last year and I think he'll get himself straightened out," Stallings said. "But Parker, Morris and Lee pitched well and I was glad to see that."

All at the same time, UGA starting pitcher Zack Frachiseur was cruising, pitching two-hit ball through seven innings before taking a well-deserved seat for reliever Chris Clark.

"I think we will turn this around, because we do have good hitters in this line-up," Stallings said. "I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't concerned right now, because we've done this for five straight games."

GSU wrestling



David Matthews

The first-year GSU wrestling club took on Georgia on Saturday.

GSU SOFTBALL

GSU splits games

GSU News Service

The GSU softball team split a double header with Samford Saturday in Birmingham, Ala., winning the first game 2-1 and losing the second 5-4. The Lady Eagles improved to 2-4 on the season.

Both Beth Dance and Jennifer Miller had two hits for the Lady Eagles. Karen McClure had two hits for the Bulldogs.

In the second game and with the bases loaded up by one, Jennifer Miller threw three strikeouts to secure the win for GSU. McCane Lowder had two hits.

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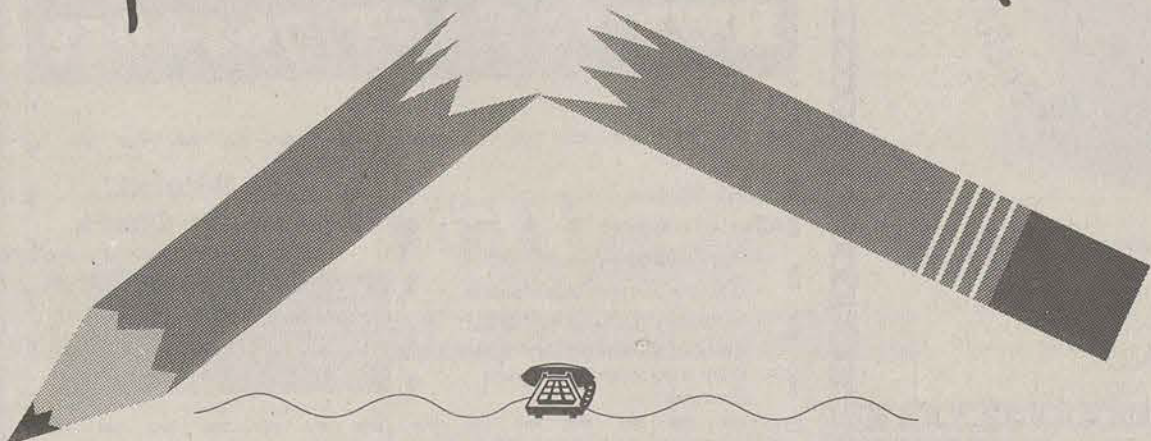
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CAMPUS NEWS

GSU experiences a 'Touch of the Irish'

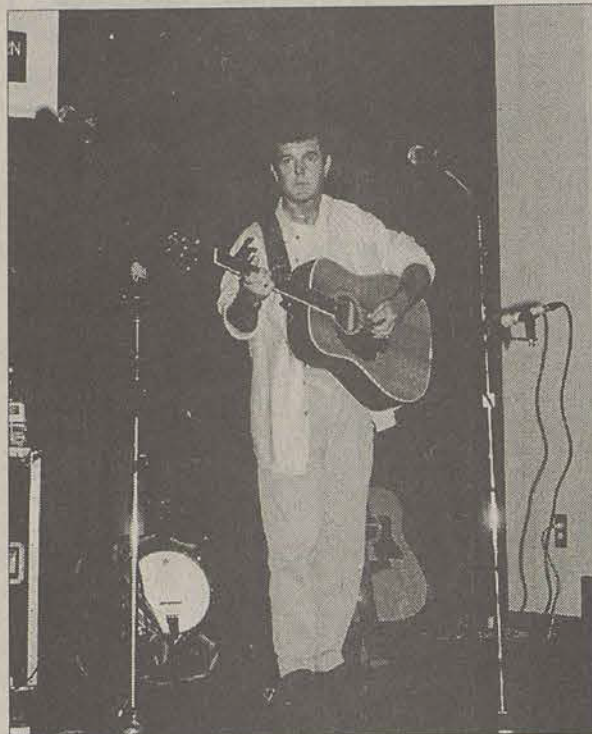
By Jennifer DeBary
Staff Writer

It wasn't anything to grind, two-step, or crowd surf to, but the Irish Music Festival, presented by the Center for Irish Studies, was an enjoyable, educational experience for those who attended.

The Dady Brothers, of Rochester, N.Y., joined Irishmen Tom O'Carroll and Harry O'Donoghue for a night of music and fun at the Southern Center Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

The audience was treated to traditional and modern Irish music, interwoven with humor and the rich heritage of the Irish. The musicians played individual sets and then joined to form a quartet. They skillfully entertained while relating the history of an often overlooked culture.

"It's a great honor to be sharing the stage with these very talented musicians," O'Donoghue said. "I've been looking forward to tonight for a while."



David Matthews

Irishman Harry O'Donoghue brought his blend of humor and heritage to GSU this week along with the Dady Brothers and Tom O'Carroll.

O'Donoghue is a Savannah resident and regularly performs at Archibald's here in Statesboro.

The Center for Irish Studies, a part of the Center for International Studies at GSU, has suc-

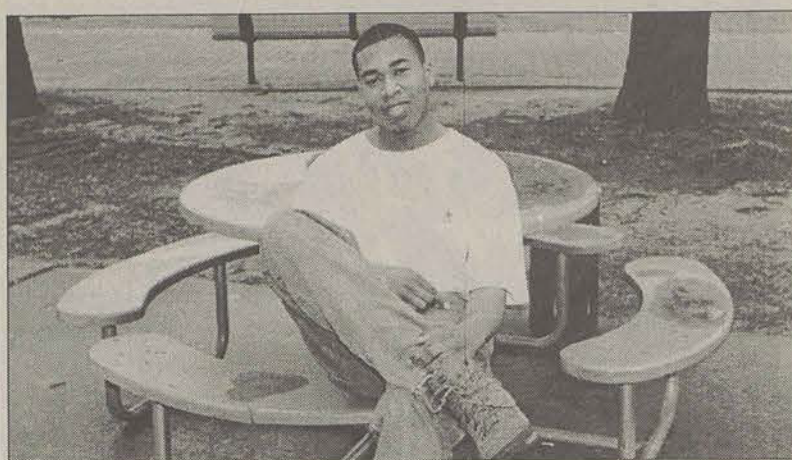
cessfully lobbied to have more resources for Irish studies here, in the form of books, videos, lectures and cultural events.

They are currently attempting to establish an occasional summer trip to Ireland, an exchange program, an Irish minor program, and seminars on possible future trade agreements with Ireland.

Many Georgians have Irish roots, and the Center is a tremendous resource to use to learn more about a fascinating culture.

The Center will be hosting an exhibit on the mass immigration of the Irish to the United States in the GSU museum during the month of March. There will also be a summer course this year, The Spirit of Place in Irish Literature taught by John Humma. The course includes a trip to the Emerald Isle to see the places presented class.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Mike Spilker

SGA President Derek Burns balances politics, academics and a social life to capture all life has to offer a college student.

By Marnite Zachery
Staff Writer

Think fast. Who is GSU's SGA president?

Chances are you answered Derek Burns. He is the Macon, Ga. native who wants to make sure you know who your president is.

This characteristic is what he believes distinguishes him from past GSU presidents.

The oldest of two children, he is a chemistry major with a minor in political science. His hobbies include reading political books, playing Sega and listen-

important and what is not."

He describes himself as a dedicated, serious minded achiever. In one word, he says he's "persistent." He says that this go-getter attitude may make him more susceptible to criticism. He believes in Bill Cosby's philosophy that if you try to please everybody you'll be a failure.

"I try to do the things that I know would make everyone happy," Burns said. "I have not seen as many critics as past presidents so I guess I am doing a successful job."

He credits his mother and father with providing him with the inspiration he needed.

"My dad stood behind me and watched over me," Burns said. "Both my parents were there for me 100 percent."

In 10 years, Burns sees himself as a politician, lawyer and military officer.

"I think politics are my calling and I have always wanted to fly a fighter jet," he said.

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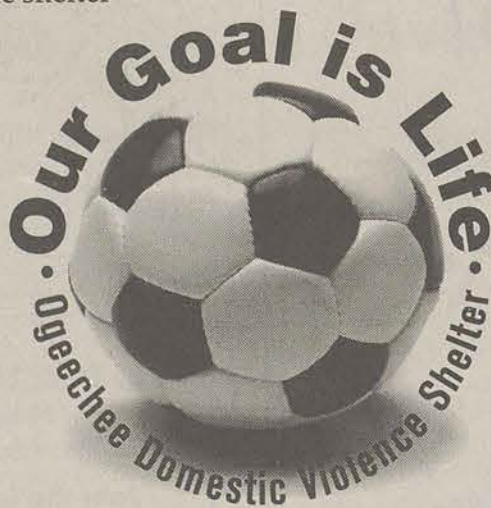
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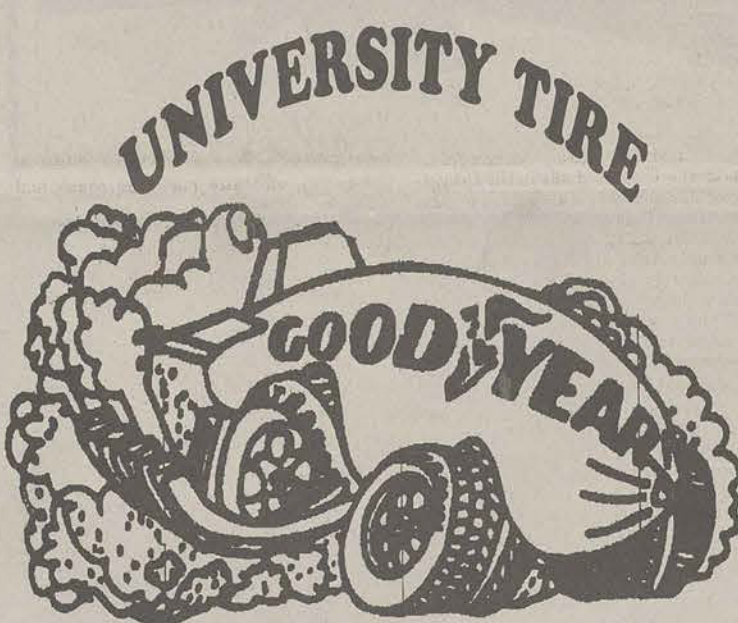
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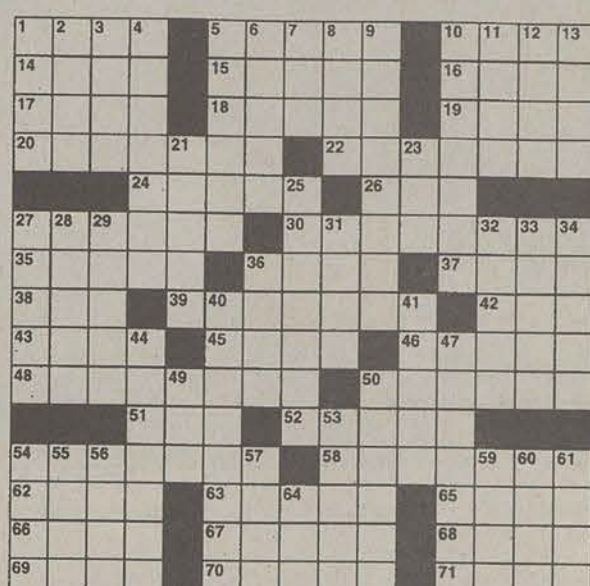
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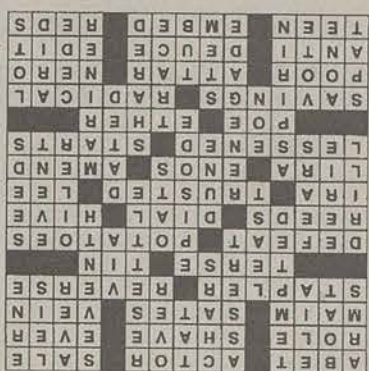
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Valentine's Day sap is
not for everyone

Well, Valentine's Day was last Friday. I still don't understand the point. To me, it's just a day to wish I had someone special to be with.

Oddly enough, most of the time, I am more than happy to be single. So why do I get melancholy on Feb. 14?

Remember in elementary school when you went out and bought a box of valentines with your favorite Sesame Street character on them?

You took the list of your classmates from your teacher and gave a little card to everyone.

Mom made some cookies or brownies, and your class had a little party. No one was allowed to feel left out. I liked it that way.

I began noticing in high school what it meant to be single on Valentine's Day.

At the end of the day, it took 20 minutes to announce the names of all the lucky girls who were getting roses from their special someones.

The rest of us just had to sit through the list and pretend we weren't jealous.

So I figured college would be different. It wouldn't be such a big deal. I was wrong.

My freshman year my parents remembered to send a card. They did not make that a tradition. My friends all had dates. So did I, with my English paper.

Well, I finally had a Valentine's Day with an actual boyfriend. After 20 years of spending the day alone, I was ready. He was not. I quickly learned that having a date was not all it was cracked up to be. Men who are not romantic don't improve much on Valentine's Day. I learned this the hard way.

So this year, I spent the day alone again. I can't win for losing. I was still lonely.

All my friends had dates so I dog-sat for them and helped them clean their kitchens for the inevitable romantic dinner. Oh what joy!

But I called home to hear all about the romantic endeavors of my family.

Well, after 18 years of marriage, my dad got my mom a card, no flowers, just a card. As far as I know, my mom neglected my dad.

My sister and her long time boyfriend just recently broke up and my other sister was hanging out with her girlfriends. My older sister was the only one unavailable for comment.

So I took comfort in the fact that I wasn't alone in my being alone. No one in my family thought they should be some lovey-dovey sap just because it was Valentine's Day.

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By Jessica Morton
Staff Writer

Have you ever thought it was possible to drive a hot dog? You may be thinking that's a bunch of B-O-L-O-G-N-A, but it's not!

In fact, it is an actual job that takes all you can "mustard." Every year, Oscar Mayer selects 30 people to drive 10 Weinermobiles around the country for a whole summer.

What is a Weinermobile, you ask? It is a 27-foot long, 5-ton, orange hot dog on wheels. 1936 marks the first year for the traveling Weinermobile.

Now, 61 years later, the Weinermobile continues to travel the country humming Oscar Mayer jingles.

The drivers, called "hotdoggers," must be outgoing, creative, friendly and enthusiastic graduating college seniors with a major in journalism, public relations or advertising, or with experience in a related field.

The job begins in June and ends Aug. 31. The objective is to

travel the country on a quest for children to be in an Oscar Mayer television commercial.

The "condiments" that add to the job include \$400 a week, learning about public relations and event planning, as well as appearing on MTV, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

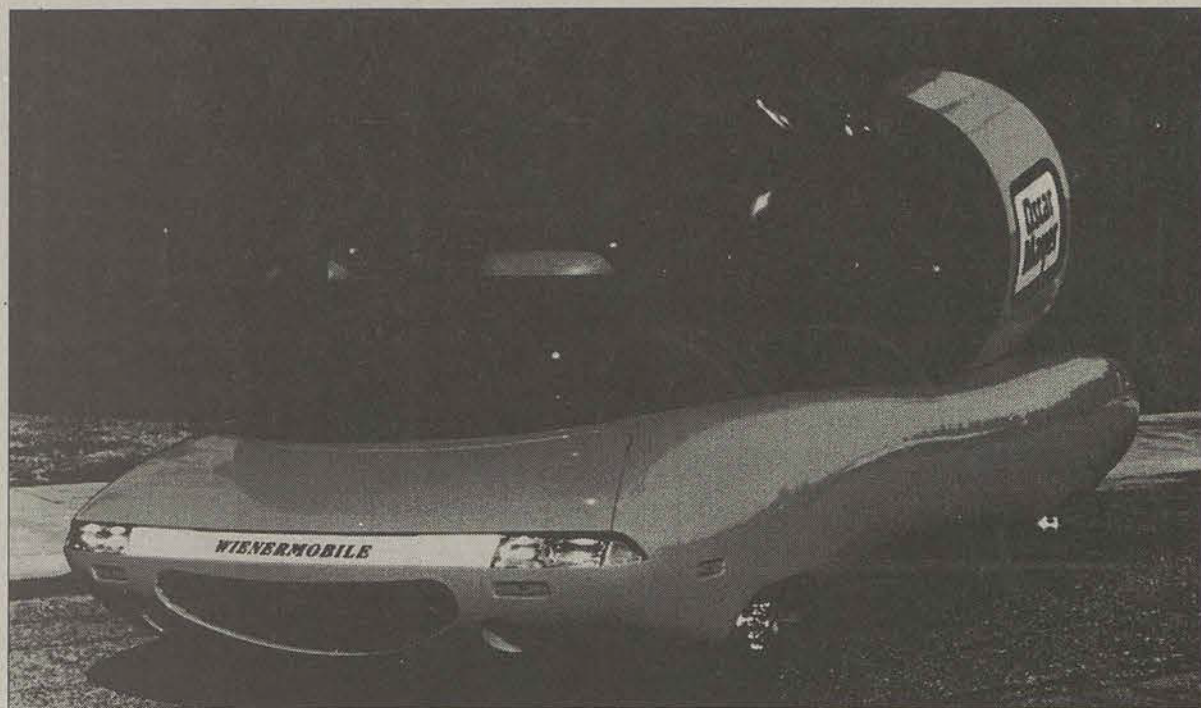
Kirsten Suto, a former "hotdogger," who now works in an office at the Oscar Mayer Foods Company, emphasized some of the perks.

"You are the youngest person in a Fortune 500 Company [and you have] the most responsibility, [representing Oscar Mayer Foods across the United States.]"

There is also a possibility of being a "hotdogger" for an entire year.

"It was an absolutely awesome experience," Suto said.

In her year as a "hotdogger," she was able to attend the Superbowl, Mardi Gras and many other events.



Special Photo

The 1995 Oscar Mayer Weinermobile and its hot dog driver travel the country looking for children to star in Oscar Mayer TV commercials.

If you are interested and meet the requirements mentioned earlier, send a resumé to: The Weinermobile Department, Os-

car Mayer Foods, P.O. Box 7188, Madison, WI 53707. Or call Kirsten Suto at (608)-285-3204. The deadline to apply is the end

of February, so you better hurry and "ketchup" with the others who have already gotten their foot in the dog.

CAMPUS NEWS

Fraternity life not sought by as many as in years past

By Bradley O'Neill
Guest Writer

Fraternity boys better have their fun now, because the fraternal system seems to be dying and dying fast.

Through the mid and later 1980s the fraternal system of GSU prospered when hundreds of young male students were eager to participate in school activities and go Greek.

However, since the early 90s, the desire of incoming freshmen to want to join these organizations has faded away.

All fraternities have an equal chance to get new members through three formal Rushes held during the year.

Only 58 men decided to rush this winter and only 44 joined chapters, according to information supplied by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

"It's not just Georgia South-

ern, numbers are down nationally," Jane Champaine, the new Greek Advisor, said.

"Numbers have dropped about 10 percent."

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PRESIDENT

However, with plenty of new ideas and goals, Champaine expects to see an increase in rushes within the next couple of years.

Inter-Fraternity Council Vice President Brian Jarrard believes the decline in numbers might be due to the costs of fraternity life.

"It's not the 80s anymore," Jarrard said. "Times are tough and few are willing to invest the

time and the money into social organizations."

The average quarterly dues paid by members are \$250.

With the added extras such

as formals, T-shirts and parties, a member can pay up to \$600 a quarter just on his fraternity.

This does not include the basic expenses of all students, such as tuition, rent, utilities and entertainment.

Bill Gould, president of Sigma Nu Fraternity, wonders whether the media has played a role in the lack of men willing to join fraternities.

"Lately fraternities have not been portrayed very well by the media," Gould said. "Hazing incidents have headlined newspapers and movies make fraternity boys look evil, preppie and extremely wealthy."

Gould recognizes that trends come and go and perhaps the popularity of fraternities is just in a rut and may get out of it in the next few years.

"Times have also changed," Gould said. "It's almost unfash-

ionable to join a fraternity nowadays."

There are plenty of reasons why the fraternity numbers are low at GSU.

Whether it's a lack of finances, lack of time, or just a plain disliking of fraternities in general, numbers are low and organizations are finding it hard to keep their doors open.

Before you know it, Greek Row may be the site of new dormitories.

CAMPUS NEWS

Hands and hearts needed to volunteer

By Kelley McGonnell
Features Editor

It's been five years now since Volunteer Services began sponsoring "Have a Heart Day," and this year the tradition lives on.

On Feb. 20, volunteers will take over Statesboro with their acts of kindness and self sacrifice.

"Have a Heart Day" has been a way for students to participate in the Statesboro community and give a little back.

The program was designed to give students a chance to show appreciation to the community they live in.

"Individuals, classes, roommates, and even faculty and staff participate in 'Have a Heart Day,'" Victoria Futch, administrative coordinator for the Office of Special Programs, said.

"There are a variety of projects that students can pick from," Futch said.

Handicapped members of the community ask for simple tasks such as trips to the grocery store or taking dogs for walks.

Students may also volunteer at the Botanical Gardens or at area nursing homes.

"There are a variety of different things to do," Futch said. "There are a lot of different activities in the community that require the special touch of a willing volunteer."

"Have a Heart Day" is a special way for GSU students to be seen doing good in the community.

Volunteers not only help the community, they improve the view of the university in the eyes of the local residents.

"We want the community to focus on a group of people who are students of GSU," Futch said. "We want to be looked at for what we are doing right."

The best reason to participate

in "Have a Heart Day" is it just feels good to help someone who truly needs it.

Volunteering is a way to brighten up the day of the volunteer as much as the person they are helping.

It also is a great way to meet new people and to put something extra on your resumé.

For information on "Have a Heart Day," please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 681-5409 and ask for Victoria Futch.

Russell Union Gameroom
Tournaments for Winter Quarter

February 18:
Men's & Women's 8-Ball
March 4:
Killer Instinct 2

Prizes:

GSU Bookstore Gift Certificates
First Place: \$50
Second Place: \$25
Third Place: \$10

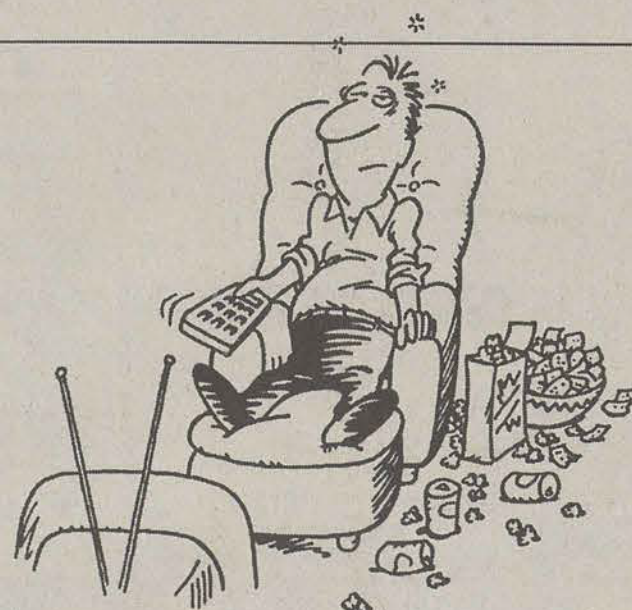
All Tournaments will be held in the gameroom on Tuesdays at 6pm unless otherwise announced. A minimum of eight (8) entries must be received for the tournament to be held.

Need more information?
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