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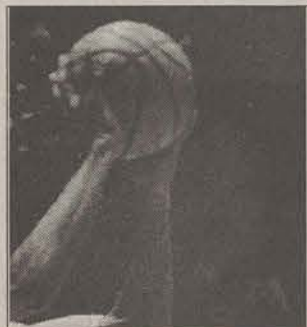
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Sports



GSU wins

The GSU men's basketball team beat UTC, 59-52, Monday night.

*Please see story,
page 6*

Entertainment



Movie review

In "Hard Rain," the only thing deep is the water, according to G-A movie reviewer Eric Bray.

*Please see review,
page 8*

Weather



Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high in the mid-60s and a low in the mid-30s.

Friday: Sunny with a high in the mid-60s and a low in the upper 30s.

Today's Word

anhedonia (anhEDONeuh) *n.* the inability to experience pleasure

Source: Weird Words

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SGA plans hearings on attendance policies

By Kelley McGonnell
News Writer

The Student Government Association hopes to give students more freedom by doing away with grade-based attendance policies although some professors believe the policies benefit the educational environment.

Clint Murphy, SGA's vice president of academic affairs, says that SGA plans to hold hearings on attendance policies to give both students and faculty a chance to voice their opinions and concerns.

If enough discussion is created, Murphy says the Faculty Senate will form a committee with both faculty and students on it to look into the policy and make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate, who will then vote on the subject.

The university's policy on class attendance is to leave the decision with individual professors or departments.

"Each professor has the responsibility for setting specific policies concerning class attendance. Professors should clearly state policies to each class and will make clear what constitutes excessive absences... The student is responsible for all material presented in class and for all announcements and assignments," according to the GSU

**"THE PURPOSE OF AN EDUCATION IS TO GROW AS A PERSON.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT IF YOU SIT AT HOME."**

-- BILL MCINTOSH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog '97-'98.

A department may institute overall policies provided the department is in unanimous agreement, according to the catalog.

In creating the dialogue, Murphy says he wants to hear all sides to the issue.

"We (SGA) want to make professors defend the attendance policy," Murphy said.

The SGA objection to attendance policies is not directed at the policies in general, but rather at grade-based policies that are being abused, Murphy says.

Grade-based attendance policies do little more than fill seats and if students can pass tests and meet the work demands of class, Murphy argues that they should not be penalized for absences.

"If a student can complete all the assignment of a class and meet all the demands, then a student should reap the benefits," he said.

Bill McIntosh, assistant professor of the psychology department, believes attendance policies are important in fostering a productive educational environment.

"The logic presented here is that all that matters is the outcome," McIntosh said. "That's not what education is all about."

Murphy says the faculty should take the responsibility to make class interesting and encourage students to want to come instead of making them come with the threat of penalties.

"When hearings are held we will find that the attendance policy is not about the success of students," Murphy said.

McIntosh says that shifting the interaction responsibility on faculty is not appropriate.

"This lends an entertainment mentality to the classroom," McIntosh said. "It is offensive to say we (faculty) have to draw a student in and not bore them."

College is supposed to be a time for personal growth and preparing for life beyond college, Murphy says.

"There are a lot of contradictions concerned with the policy," he said. "It is not sending the right message. There is a difference between this and a job. [Students] know the consequences and it is [our] responsibility to make the right decisions."

McIntosh also believes college is a time for students to grow but he says students need to be in class to do that.

"The purpose of an education is to grow as a person," he said. "You can't do that if you sit at home."

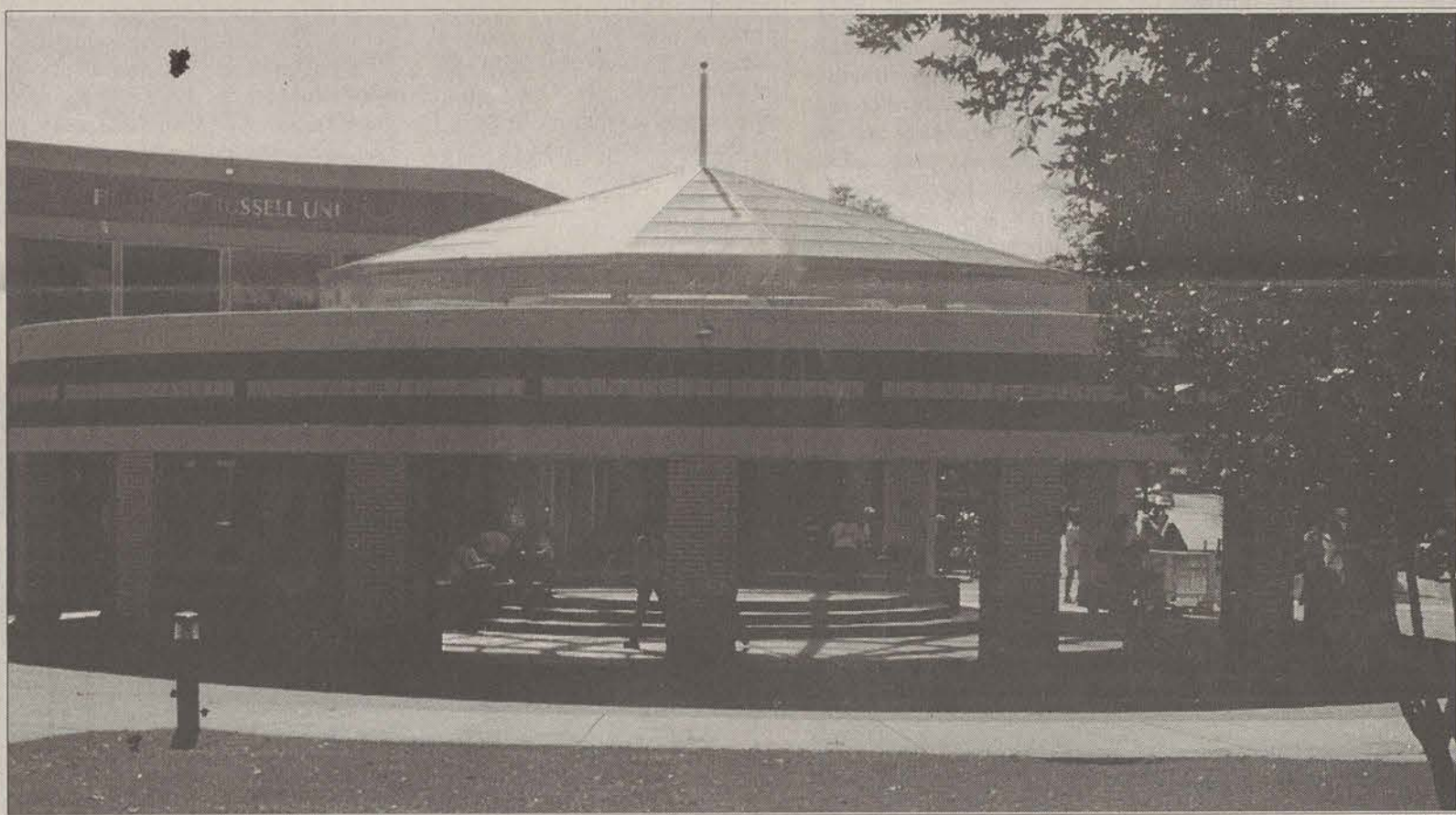
Murphy says that students pay tuition and therefore should be allowed to decide whether they go to class or not.

"I am paying to go to school and I accept the responsibility," he said. "If we can meet deadlines then our grade should be based on our performance."

Regular attendance benefits the student and the class because they make class interesting and more dynamic, McIntosh says.

"If you don't show up [for class], then no one will hear what you have to say," he said.

Rockin' rotunda



File Photo

The Union Rotunda can be everything to everyone, a place to meet and greet friends, a place to relax and take a break between classes, or even just a place to come in out of the rain.

GSU to offer bachelor's degree in international trade

By Meredith Whitt
Staff Writer

GSU has initiated a new degree program that will set the university apart from the others in the state.

This new degree is the bachelor of science in international trade.

What makes this degree different from those offered at other Georgia universities is that it is a multi-disciplinary degree confined to a four-year program, said Lynda Hamilton, director of the center for international business

education.

No other Georgia university offers a four-year undergraduate degree in international trade. The closest match to the GSU degree would be the University of Georgia's program which would take five years to complete, Hamilton said.

Before GSU established the bachelor of science degree in international trade, students had to either major in a foreign language and minor in international business or vice versa.

Another option for students

was to major in business administration and emphasize in international business, Hamilton said.

Hamilton also said that it was almost impossible for students to minor in a foreign language and graduate in four years due to the number of lower division level language courses that were required before students could enter the upper division level courses.

However, with the international trade degree program, students will receive the core competencies from business, foreign

language, and international studies. The program would conclude with an internship with a company that will utilize the student's foreign language background, which would almost guarantee an internship overseas, Hamilton said.

Hamilton said that the GSU program would be a condensed version of what students could expect at other Georgia universities.

"We'll equip the students with enough information to be dangerous," Hamilton said.

Traditional junior colleges fading from American scene

◆ The number of private two-year colleges fell from 350 around the middle of the century to just 141 in 1996.

By Jon Marcus
The Associated Press

NEWTON, Mass. — The quiet, uncrowded suburban campus of red brick and Victorian buildings that comprise Lasell College isn't as sedate as it appears.

Founded in 1851 as the nation's first private junior college, Lasell dropped the "junior" from its name in 1989, began awarding bachelor's degrees in 1990 and this fall admitted men for the first time, all to shore up declining enrollments.

"Like a lot of colleges, we were asleep for a long time," said Thomas de Witt, the school's president. "We were a very successful two-year college that waited too long to make the shift to four-year. We thankfully made it in

time, but there are still a few two-year colleges around that haven't, and I don't know why."

The private two-year college is fading into history, a victim of changing gender roles, demographic trends and the declining value of an associate's degree.

"They're going to have a tough time surviving at all over the next 10 years because they simply can't rationalize any more why they exist," de Witt said.

The number of private two-year colleges has fallen from a high of 350 in the middle of this century to 141 in 1996, the last year for which the figures are available, according to the American Association of Community Colleges. They have 80,000 students, about 1 percent of the national total. Two-thirds are women.

Several have closed, some have merged with other schools and most — like Lasell

— have begun to offer four-year programs that award a bachelor's degree.

"The traditional model of a junior college that a lot of these institutions built themselves on probably is less relevant in this changing day and age," said Kent Phillippe, a researcher at the community college association. "I would be willing to bet that their numbers probably will continue to decline."

Most of the colleges were established to educate women, who at the time had limited access to professional careers but who now outnumber men at all levels of higher education. A two-year associate's degree has far less value today in many fields.

Private two-year schools are failing to attract older students, the fastest-growing component of enrollment overall. And while they continue to boast high numbers of faculty per student, that has kept their costs comparatively high.

Utah profs rebuked for invasion of privacy

By Robert Gehrke
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — An apparent breach of the privacy of a University of Utah student's academic records resulted in reprimands to two professors and efforts by the American Civil Liberties Union to prevent future infringements.

Gary Ellis, chair of the university's parks, recreation and tourism department, and John Crossley, undergraduate adviser in the department, were reprimanded after accessing the grades of Brandon Winn, a sports writer at the student newspaper, *The Daily Utah Chronicle*.

Ellis and Crossley mailed the grades to the paper's editor, along with a letter complaining about a column Winn wrote in October.

Winn wrote that "fair-weather fans" jumping on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' bandwagon "are about as bright as a parks and tourism major."

Winn said the letter the professors sent to *Chronicle* editor Robert A. Jones and business manager Robert McOmber highlighted "a couple bad grades" on the academic record they obtained from the Master Academic Reporting System (MARS).

In a memo to the professors and university administrators, Jones alleged Ellis and Crossley had violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which strictly limits access to student records.

Recipients of Jones' protest included John Dunn, dean of the College of Health Sciences, which includes the parks, recreation and tourism department. Dunn said he took "immediate and appropriate" action, but he declined to elaborate, citing privacy concerns.

Crossley said Monday that he and Ellis were verbally reprimanded during a meeting with Dunn last fall and a letter was put in their academic files.

"It has the potential of being a horrible invasion of privacy," said ACLU Executive Director Carol Gnaed.

The ACLU is supporting Winn and may become actively involved in negotiations if Winn is not satisfied the school is implementing privacy safeguards.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

January 26, 1998

• William B. Burckhalter, 19, Chandler Road, was charged with DUI and a stop sign violation.

• Erica Larsen reported her bicycle was missing from the Johnson Hall bike rack.

• A Brannen Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

January 25, 1998

• Mori Price, 18, Winburn Hall, was charged with criminal trespass.

• Jason Korey reported someone entered his vehicle in the Veazey Hall parking lot and took a cellular phone.

• A resident of In The Pines reported receiving harassing

phone calls.

January 24, 1998

• Two juveniles were charged with entering auto.

• A domestic dispute was reported in the Library parking lot.

January 23, 1998

• Jason Smith reported his bookbag was missing from the Foy Building.

• Christopher Gilligan reported his Murray bicycle was missing from the Hendricks Hall bike rack.

Statesboro Police Department

January 26, 1998

• John Templeton, Jr., 23, Bermuda Run, was charged with discharging a firearm in

city limits.

• Demetruss Roberts, Lanier Drive, reported that some of his checks were lost or stolen.

• Christopher Anderson, Towne Club, reported that the hood was kicked in on his vehicle.

• A resident of Chandler Road reported a case of battery.

January 25, 1998

• Nadene Haaf, Lanier Drive, reported an affray.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of The George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crimes. All reports are public record and as such are obtained from the Statesboro Police Department and the GSU Division of Public Safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to Do at GSU

Ongoing

• Do you have to take the **LSAT, MCAT or GMAT?** Well start off right because practice does make perfect, take a practice exam. It will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 a.m. in the Union. To sign up, mail your name, phone number and which test you want to take to the Golden Key National Honor Society at P.O. Box 12478 or email gsi11835. Money is due at test time. The test cost only \$5 each.

Today

• The Red Cross is sponsoring a **blood drive** at Pittman Park Methodist Church at 1120 Fair Rd. from 2-7 p.m.

• There will be an English Workshop: "**Essay Organization**" at 2 p.m. in library rm. 1042 held by M. Franklin. For more information, call 681-0321.

• The **GSU Women's Network** will hold a meeting at the El Sombbrero on Fair Road from 5:30-7 p.m. Meetings are informal and open to both current and prospective members.

• A workshop discussing the

Health and Kinesiology Resources available through Henderson Library will be held at 3 p.m. in library rm. 1042. The workshop will introduce students to basic resources available in a specific field. Reference materials and indexes available in the library will be introduced and search techniques discussed.

• A workshop entitled "**Searching ERIC**" will be held at 7 p.m. in library rm. 1042. This workshop will cover, in detail, how to search the ERIC database, including the use of the thesaurus, printing and downloading. Other education related library resources will also be discussed as time permits.

• The movie "**Rosewood**" will be shown in the Russell Union Theater at 7 p.m. Admission costs \$1.

Monday, February 2

• The Red Cross is sponsoring a **blood drive** at the Williams Center on Georgia Avenue from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

• A **Faculty Senate Meeting** will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

• Keynote speaker Arnett

Doctor will present "**Like Judgment Day: The True Story of Rosewood**" at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center for Continuing Education. He is a descendant of a Rosewood massacre survivor and will discuss the reality behind the movie.

Tuesday, February 3

• There will be a Success Workshop: "**Preparing for the Regents' Reading Test**" by D. Tuggle in library rm. 1042 at 4 p.m. The workshop will cover types of questions, how to read for them and how to locate answers. General test taking strategies will be covered and participants will complete at least one practice passage. For more information, call 681-0321.

Wednesday, February 4

• Motivational speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud will be the featured speaker at the College of Education's Distinguished Lecture at 7 p.m. in the Southern Center Auditorium. Her topic will be "Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners." The address is free and open to the public.

Dead woman's gift baffles college officials

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—No one from Johnson County Community College can recall meeting Nell Grier Mitchell. She never taught there or even attended a class there.

So why did she arrange to give the school \$1 million after her death? That question is stumping college officials, who are baffled, but grateful, nonetheless.

"The response she would have seen would have blown her away," college Foundation Director Joe Sopcich said. "She would have been embraced with open arms. Her generosity was a wonderful thing."

Mitchell never married, never had children and outlived all her relatives but one. And when she died in August 1995 at age 87, only five people attended her graveside memorial service at a south Kansas City cemetery.

The reasons behind the woman's gift—disbursed to the school through a bank trust that allowed to keep her wealth and intentions for the money secret—may never be known.

Mitchell was born in 1908 in Salina, Kan., a triplet. The first triplet died at birth, another of the children died a year later.

She grew up in Kansas City as the only daughter of James M. Mitchell, a secretary-treasurer of jeans maker H.D. Lee Co. She attended Stephens College in Columbia and the University of Kansas City (now the University of Missouri-Kansas City), where she earned a master's degree.

She was a longtime girls physical education teacher at Kansas City's Paseo High School, where she retired in 1968.

About five years earlier she bought a home in Prairie Village, Kan., where she lived until

1977.

After living at a home on the Lake of the Ozarks, and years of living at retirement homes in Kansas City and Riverside, she moved to an Overland Park nursing home, about a block from the community college, in 1990.

Among the five people who attended the 1995 funeral were

register the shares in her name after Mitchell's death, she learned the shares were canceled in 1981 and reissued in Mitchell's name.

Stock splits in 1982, 1983 and 1986 had increased the number of shares to 7,200 with a total value of nearly \$400,000. Mansfield later sued in federal

court, claiming the shares were improperly handled.

But in 1996, a judge rejected Mansfield, saying Kansas law requires anyone making such a claim to bring a lawsuit within 10 years of the date of the alleged im-

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friends and two representatives from United Missouri Bank, which handled Mitchell's trust. Others who might have attended had fallen out of touch with Mitchell and didn't realize she had died.

College officials didn't announce the gift until earlier this month, after another question surrounding the gift was resolved, this one in court.

A federal judge turned down an appeal from a cousin of Mitchell's in Florida that would have reduced the community college's take by about \$400,000.

Dorothy Mansfield of Dunedin, Fla., said she doesn't begrudge the college its money, but said Mitchell meant for her to have a big chunk of it.

In 1974, while Mansfield was visiting Mitchell in Kansas City, Mitchell gave her 900 shares of common stock in the VF Corp., parent of Lee Co., Mansfield told *The Kansas City Star* last week.

Mansfield said Mitchell asked her not to cash in the shares until after her death, apparently so Mitchell could continue collecting the stock dividends.

But when Mansfield tried to

propriety. Because the stock certificates were canceled and reissued in Mitchell's name in 1981, too much time had passed.

Plausible explanations likely exist about why Mitchell decided to donate the bulk of her trust to the college, but even those close to her aren't certain about her motivation.

"I have no idea," Mansfield said. "I wish I did."

Mitchell asked that her contribution be used for physical education scholarships, a wish the college plans to honor. The money will be placed in a permanent endowment, with \$50,000 to \$60,000 in yearly interest used to pay for scholarships.

Mitchell's physical education background may have had something to do with the money's directed use. But why she wanted the money to go to the community college instead of anywhere else remains a mystery.

"I think it was because she lived in Kansas, maybe," said Joyce Bozarth, who looked after Mitchell in her later years and attended her funeral. "She was very unselfish, and I do believe education was important to her."

Greek Night

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Female activists set to build opposition to Promise Keepers meetings

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —A Pennsylvania seminary student is recruiting ministers in North Carolina to fight the Promise Keepers, whose founder speaks in Charlotte twice next month.

Laura Montgomery Rutt, the head of a loosely knit coalition of liberal religious groups, has organized a meeting this week to encourage opposition to what she calls the Promise Keepers' sexist message and right-wing politics.

"They're hiding their agenda behind religion," said Rutt, head of Equal Partners in Faith, which she runs out of her Lancaster, Pa., home.

"They're manipulating religion for a political agenda. I think they're trying to amass more power."

Rutt has organized a protest meeting for Thursday at Myers Park Baptist Church to mobilize

opposition to two major Promise Keepers events.

Promise Keepers leader Bill McCartney will speak Feb. 9 at the non-denominational Calvary Church in Charlotte. The next day, he is one of six speakers at a conference called "Building Mighty Men of God." The one-day conference is expected to draw 6,200 pastors.

Promise Keepers has drawn 2.7 million men with its emo-

tional call to put God and family first.

The group's men-only rallies, including one last fall at The Mall in Washington, D.C., have sparked controversy.

But unlike the huge stadium rallies of the past, the nine clergy meetings this year are open to women.

"There are many women clergy that have a heart for men's ministry," said Jack Munday.



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AROUND THE WORLD

1 Norway

College student defends right to reek

The Associated Press

OSLO — A college student is taking Norway to court over his right to reek.

The man was barred in 1981 from the University of Oslo, where he was an astrophysics student, because his strong smell and tattered clothing drew complaints from fellow students and staff, the Oslo newspaper *Verdens Gang* reported Monday.

The man, whose name was not released, has lived in a plastic-foam shack in Oslo since 1978. He claims that avoiding soap and living in a shack helps him achieve a deeper understanding of astrophysics, the newspaper said.

He has repeatedly challenged the university's ruling in court, but lost every time. Now his attorney wants to take the matter to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

"We are pointing out several regulations ... including the right to a private life and the right to an education," attorney John Christian Elden told the newspaper.

2 France

Paris opens toilet areas for dogs

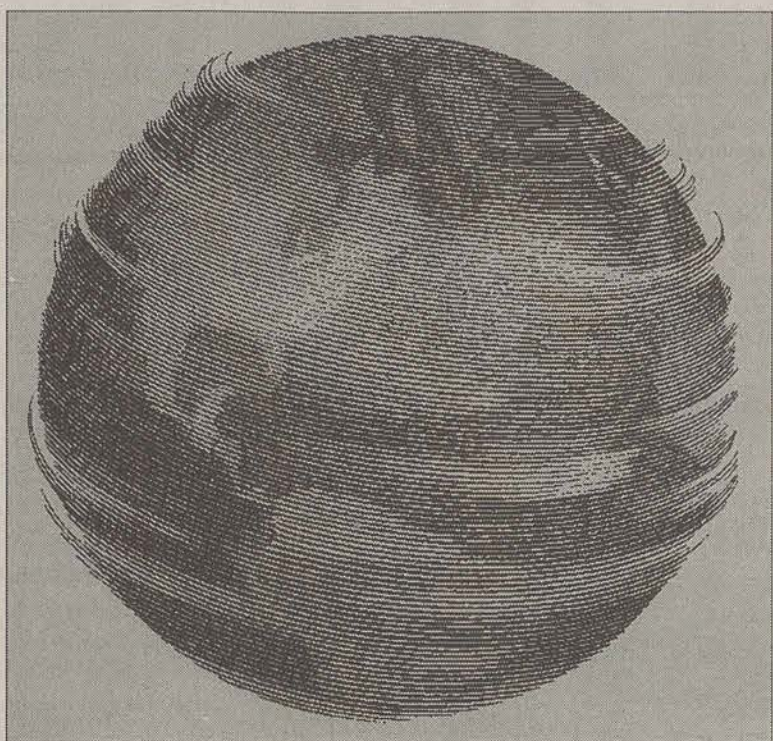
The Associated Press

PARIS — Faced with the all-too-present dog droppings on Paris sidewalks, the city unveiled several pooch pooping grounds where dogs can legally do their business.

The canine toilet areas, on sidewalks and some fenced-off street spaces, are marked by wooden stakes surrounded by plants.

The so-called "clean canine spaces" will be washed four or five times a day as part of an ongoing experiment in cleanliness, said Patrick Tremege, the deputy mayor in charge of the environment.

Paris dog owners currently can be fined if their pet relieves itself anywhere but the gutter, though the little-enforced law



deters few hounds in need.

Last year authorities handed out only 400 fines — up to 3,000 francs (\$500) apiece — though Parisian pooches produce an about 10 tons of waste per day.

Officials estimate that 20 percent of the 200,000 dog owners in Paris do not control where their pets poop, and Tremege said the droppings cost the city up to 100 million francs (\$16 million) a year to clean.

As part of the new experiment, the city has trained 15 garbage collectors to act as "canine counselors" to patrol the streets, at first showing pet owners the new poop spaces and later giving citations to repeat offenders.

Tremege said those not wanting to pay the fine could spend a Saturday morning in class, where they would be lectured on cleanliness and perhaps put to work.

3 Mexico

Bleachers collapse at bullring, 60 injured

The Associated Press

GUADALAJARA — A temporary grandstand collapsed during a weekend rodeo at a bullring south of Guadalajara, leaving at least 60 people with broken bones, cuts and bruises, local reports said Monday.

The accident occurred Sunday as hundreds of people crowded wooden bleachers erected for a fiesta in Ixtlahuacan

de los Mebrillos, 20 miles south of Guadalajara, the reports said.

Victims fell about 10 feet when the stands collapsed and most were treated at the scene or at a Red Cross center, according to the official Mexican news agency Notimex.

At least 10 victims had to be hospitalized, the daily newspaper *Reforma* added, saying the worst injuries included broken arms and legs and a fractured pelvis. No deaths were reported.

There were reports a bucking bull had jumped a wall and startled part of the crowd just before the collapse. But those reports could not be independently confirmed.

Rodeos by men and women on horseback are popular in and around Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, which is located 280 miles northwest of Mexico City.

Authorities were quoted as saying they were studying the construction of the stands and the crowd size.

An organizer was being questioned.

A similar tragedy occurred in November 1997 when a temporary wooden bullring collapsed in the Yucatan peninsula town of Tekit, killing three people and injuring 80 others. That collapse came after heavy rains soaked the stands.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Former Miss Universe denies involvement in homicide attempt

The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Former Miss Universe Alicia Machado denied accusations that she drove the get-away car in an alleged homicide attempt, saying she was sick in bed at the time.

People "are taking advantage of my popularity to try to mount a scandal and a circus with all this," said the 21-year-old woman, who made headlines two years ago when she gained weight after being crowned Miss Universe.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with" the incident, she told reporters after testifying in criminal court for 2 1/2 hours.

In court papers filed last week, lawyers for the alleged victim accused Machado of driving the car in which her boyfriend, Juan Rodriguez Reggeti, sped away Nov. 21 after allegedly shooting his brother-in-law.

According to a police official who asked not to be identified, Francisco Sbert Moukso survived a gunshot wound to the head outside a church, where his dead wife was being eulogized. Rodriguez

apparently believed Sbert drove his sister to commit suicide three days earlier.

Machado denied any such shooting took place, saying only blows were exchanged. She said she was home sick at the time, having left early from a TV station where she was filming a soap opera.

Omar Arenas Candelo, a lawyer for the alleged victim, claims witnesses saw Machado driving her boyfriend away from the scene.

Machado acknowledged Rodriguez carried a gun during the memorial service and said he became enraged because Sbert punched his father and sister.

Machado created a stir when she reportedly gained more than 35 pounds (16 kilos) after her 1996 crowning in Las Vegas. Her efforts to slim down again turned public when businessman Donald Trump called in reporters to watch her work out in an exclusive gym in New York.

She said she has lost 15 kilos (33 pounds) since ending her reign in May 1997, and is moving ahead with an acting career.

Man implicated in papal shooting released

The Associated Press

ADANA, Turkey — A Turkish man once implicated in the 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II was released on Monday, two days after he was apprehended, apparently by mistake.

Oral Celik was detained at the airport Saturday in this

southern city on his way to northern Cyprus.

But police realized that the arrest warrant they had used to take him had been left in their computer system by mistake.

It was an earlier warrant, later lifted, related to a case where he

is being tried for allegedly insulting Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz.

Celik was also charged with conspiring to kill liberal newspaper editor Abdi Ipekci in 1979. But he was acquitted both in the attack on the pope and in the Ipekci case.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Britain urges territories to scrap anti-gay laws

By John Redman

The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — Britain is urging its Caribbean dependencies to get rid of all laws targeting homosexuals, saying such statutes violate international civil rights accords, an official said Monday.

Britain cannot allow its dependent territories to continue to outlaw homosexual sex and to otherwise discriminate against gays while Britain is a signing member of an international covenant that opposes such legislation, a spokesman for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said on condition of anonymity.

The controversy comes two weeks after the Cayman Islands government denied permission for a gay cruise charter to dock in George Town. A Cayman minister wrote Norwegian Cruise Line to say the government couldn't count on "appropriate behavior" from the passengers.

Gay and civil rights groups called the action discrimination.

"If the dependent territories want to enjoy the protection and

benefit of remaining a British dependency, they have also got to ensure that all their citizens have full civil rights ... and that includes rights for lesbians and gay men," Angela Mason, head of the British gay rights group

Stonewall, said on BBC radio.

The issue of gay rights will likely top the agenda at a Feb. 4 meeting in London attended by representatives from the dependent territories, the Commonwealth spokesman said.

PANAMA CITY BEACH

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Our Opinion

Attendance policies have no place on a college campus

Should attendance policies have a place on a college campus? Our answer is no.

Professors might argue that attendance policies only affect those students who do not deserve good grades because they are too lazy to attend class regularly. In reality, though, these are the very students who are likely to fail anyway, with or without an attendance policy.

These arbitrary policies aimed at the lazy, unmotivated students may actually hurt the dedicated student who studies hard and learns the material but who simply was unfortunate enough to catch the flu and miss just one too many days.

Furthermore, college students are adults who are capable of making their own decisions and accepting the consequences, good or bad, pass or fail. And college is the time to learn how to make these decisions. Out in that nebulous "real world," our employers won't hold our hands. Why should our teachers do so now? If we are always treated as children, then how can we begin to behave as adults?

And where is the teachers' responsibility in all of this? Attendance policies per se would not be necessary if teachers would construct their classes so as to be interesting as well as informative. The dedicated student won't skip a lively class which provides information that can't be found in the book. The lazy students may still skip that lively, informative class, but if they do, they will still fail, even without an attendance policy. Why punish all for the sins of a few?



An on-campus day care would help parents and children

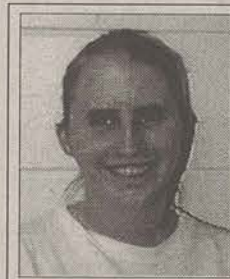
This quarter, I have become convinced that GSU needs something more than new trees lining Akins Boulevard or reflecting ponds in protected wetlands. Something that would expand the academic environment of this campus as well as increase the opportunity for many people to come to college.

This may sound far-fetched at first. In fact, my friends gave me strange looks when I suggested it to them, but the more I explained, the more they listened. And ultimately, I think that I convinced them that a day care center would be a great asset to GSU. Many of the student-parents that I have talked with think that a child care facility is long overdue.

This quarter, I have seen a number of infants and toddlers, bundled tightly in their winter coats, being led into classes with their parents. I'm sure that there are a number of reasons why this occurs, but it doesn't have to.

If GSU opened a day care center, available to, faculty, staff, and students, the benefits of this facility would be seen almost immediately.

If GSU offered a child care facility, single parents would have greater access to higher education. A minimum wage job



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will barely support one individual, much less a family. But in this day and age, single mothers and fathers can't afford to place their child in day care with-

Care Center" to do research on child development and educational psychology.

In Canada, a place where social welfare programs are a top

would be outstanding as well. In a university setting, the environment for learning can be tightly monitored and the child care providers observed daily. Most importantly, students, especially preschoolers, at a GSU day care would have the chance to visit the museum, the art gallery, and the Raptor Center. They would be exposed to the latest and most innovative instructional strategies.

Above all, they would be given a head start on learning, something their parents may not have had.

I realize that instituting a program like this takes time, energy, and money. However, I think GSU meets all three of these criteria. I do concede that the politics of the whole idea could be a nightmare. I can't even begin to imagine the "red tape" involved. But I still think this is an idea worth exploring. Besides, wouldn't it be beneficial for GSU to offer a program that is virtually unavailable at other universities in the state?

I guess for now, small children will continue to sit in the back of the classroom silently coloring in their Barney and Friends Coloring Book while their mother or father is learning the relevance of the Protestant Reformation in colonial history.

BESIDES, WOULDN'T IT BE BENEFICIAL FOR GSU TO OFFER A PROGRAM THAT IS VIRTUALLY UNAVAILABLE AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE?

out working long hours for low pay. Many forget the possibility of furthering their education all together. A low cost day care center would be a step in easing the burden.

Of course, this service could not be available for free. But, other universities offer child care services for nominal fees and many offer subsidies for economically challenged students.

Although day care centers are not that common in the United States, there are a few universities that do offer the service. For example, Bucknell University uses the "Sunflower Day

priority, numerous universities offer these services, and institutions such as the University of Guelph, report that the response has been overwhelming.

For GSU, the educational benefits alone are enough to convince me that this is something this campus needs. Family and Consumer Science, Psychology, and Education majors could benefit from having an on campus site for observation. With the imminent relocation of Marvin Pittman, students will no longer have immediate access to a laboratory environment.

The benefits for the children

'Networking' aids in advancing in today's society

Recently some of my friends and I gathered at our new breakfast spot, Lakeside Café, where our normal topics of discussion range anywhere from Bill Clinton to monthly car payments and the ever popular relationships between men and women. What started out as a friendly conversation about jobs became a heated debate when this group, which included career minded junior and senior men and women, expressed their very different opinions on "networking."

By the time one enters college the term "networking" seems like an integral part of the regular college vernacular but just what is this thing called "networking?"

Planning Job Choices magazine defines networking as "the building and maintaining of relationships with a wide range of individuals, groups, or institutions who share common interests, goals, or expertise." In short it is who you know and who knows you.

At some point in most of our lives we have gotten or know someone who has gotten a job because they knew the "right" person. *Minority Career* magazine calls this practice "hitting a



MARNITE ZACHERY
COLUMNIST

person up" or the "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine" technique.

The debate at my breakfast table was not whether network-

one step at a time until they reached the top. Networking was just another term for using other people.

The idea behind networking

mates, family members, and professional acquaintances. Include their address and phone numbers as well as a few remarks about where you met.

Secondly create a network notebook maintenance program in which you keep your notebook up to date and actively search for new additions to it. For every professional function you attend set a goal of making contact with at least two new prospects. Keep in mind that everyone you meet is a potential contact.

There are three main ways to meet prospects here at GSU: (1) Join community activities and volunteer as much time as you can spare. (2) Attend workshops and seminars that are related to your current career field or future field (3) Join professional organizations and business fraternities and work on as many committees as you can.

The last key to a successful network is to be persistent and stay in touch with your contacts. Plan lunch dates and be prepared to help your fellow networkers with professional problems that they may have. The goal should be to have a collection of professional contacts that evolve into lifelong friends and mentors.

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ing exists but rather should it exist?

Those who did not believe in networking felt that one should get a job the old fashioned way—by earning it. They did not want to be the recipient of what they called "second hand jobs" that were handed to them but instead they wanted to achieve the American dream by climbing the ladder of success

is not about being a "user." There are ways to get ourselves connected to the kinds of jobs we want without using other people. Networking can be effective if it is done properly. According to *Minority Career* magazine there are fundamental keys to successfully networking.

Using a computer or a notebook begin writing down the names of teachers, former class-



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Prayer before the game should be allowed

Prayer in schools has long been debated and the end result has always been the same: no prayer in schools. Fine. The separation between church and state laws seem somewhat reasonable. However, does prayer before a football game fall under the same legislation? According to some, yes, but to others, a resounding no.

Anyone who has ever played high school football has taken part in an almost circumscribed ritual, the Lord's Prayer before kickoff. On a bent knee with the cold October wind blowing through your hair, you would recite the Christian soliloquy all the while squinting to keep your eyes shut despite the excitement of the game and the bright lights overhead.

Is this offensive to some? Yes. As hard as it may sound to many people, it is. As far as I am concerned it isn't offensive, but that's only because I am a Christian. Prayer before a football game or any other sport should be allowed but with certain understood maintenance.

By understood maintenance I mean that persons who do not wish to participate in any Christian rituals may be excused or may simply not participate. The days of forcing Christianity are over and there is no need in driving a potential believer away from the faith simply because you want them to worship your God. That's just not the way Christianity or God works.

Options for people with other religious convictions could be that they may gather with fellow believers or pray by themselves. By fellow believers I mean religious affiliates inside the team. Coaches and even players, are particular about staying together as a team before the game, so no family members. Religious leaders are welcome just as a priest is at the beginning of every Notre Dame game.

There simply is no pleasing some people however. Some people contend that praying before a sporting event is ludicrous. Some people would say that one shouldn't pray for strength or protection during a sporting event but instead ask for the relief of millions of starving children worldwide and other such causes.

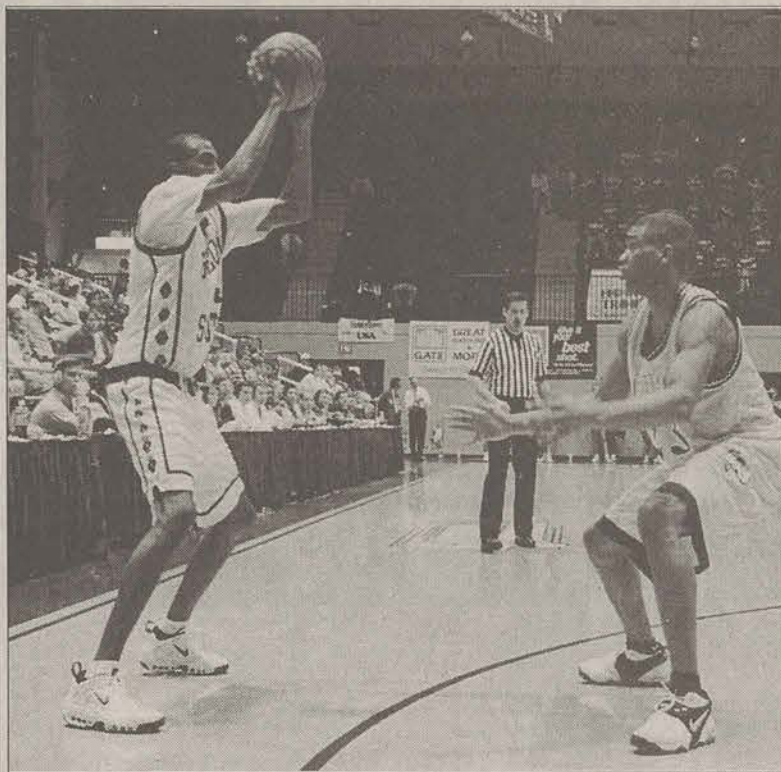
Since I cannot speak for any other religion other than my own, I will say this about my God: He can handle both. God is God, all right? He can see that a poor starving family in Rwanda receives nourishment for the night and at the same time can make sure little Tommy doesn't break his leg on a 32 belly option. He's God.

After hearing this, some may ask if God is punishing us by allowing for little Tommy's leg to break. My answer to that is this: God challenges us and allows us the option to overcome certain challenges. We as believers should take faith in that God is omniscient. He can be at the sidelines of a GSU football game and at the same time can be the healing of a wounded soldier. It's His ability and desire to do both.

Finally, prayer before competition, any prayer, should be allowed, after all, God is an intense competitor Himself.

Eagles win at home, defeat UTC

♦ GSU is glad to be home as Quincy Wright scores 13 points to lead the Eagles past UTC



Cory Brooks

The Eagles ended a SoCon losing streak by defeating UTC, 59-52. GSU traveled to Atlanta to face the ACC powerhouse Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on Wednesday.

By Lee Guarnella
Sports Editor

The bleeding from the painful road losses stopped for the Eagles Monday night as they came back home to defeat a strong UT-Chattanooga team, 59-52 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

"It was a good win for us," Coach Polinsky said. "Without question we played really good defense and gutted it out."

The game started well for the Eagles as they took advantage of some open shots inside the three point line early in the first half.

Fernando Daniel, Hamp Jones, and Cedric McGinnis all contributed to an early 16-7 lead.

GSU's lead would be overcome, however, by a UTC 10-0 run midway through the first. The Mocs capitalized on Eagle turnovers to take the lead 17-16.

The Eagles would only score nine more points in the first half as they went into the locker room down 25-29.

In the second half, UTC picked up where they had left off in the first half, taking advantage of GSU miscues to go up 32-25 early.

A three-pointer by junior guard Duane Goebel and a Cedric McGinnis baseline shot would cut the lead to two at 30-32.

After a UTC bucket, the Eagles would retake the lead, 36-34, going on a 6-0 run off a Quincy Wright jumper and two scoring steals.

Junior forward Quincy Wright and sophomore forward Hamp Jones would then take charge at the end of the second half by nailing some crucial jump shots inside and outside of the three point line.

The shooting accuracy of the two forwards help produce a

GSU lead of 52-48 late in the second half.

GSU never gave up the lead. Cedric McGinnis sealed the Eagles second SoCon victory with a slam dunk off a Fernando Daniel feed with one second left.

Hamp Jones commented on the team's preparation for the Chattanooga game afterwards.

"Coach (Polinsky) talked to us about being mentally tough," Jones said. "When it's time to step up, everybody steps it up."

"It was a team effort," forward Quincy Wright said. "I think we came out and played offense and defense as a team tonight."

"Overall I was extremely pleased," Coach Polinsky said. "It was just a fun game to watch."

The Eagles will have to hold on to the momentum of their second conference win if they are to have a chance against Georgia Tech.

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Lady Eagles stay in front of SoCon, Furman

By Jamie Hodges
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Eagle basketball team now stands alone on top of the Southern Conference. With

GSU	89
Furman	77

their 89-77 win over Furman Monday night, GSU has achieved sole possession of first place. The Lady Eagles are now 8-2 in Southern Conference play, and 11-8 overall.

"This was a very big game," said Amy Krach, a freshman guard for the Lady Eagles. "If we would have lost, we would have gone all the way to third place in the conference. We all worked hard, and we all worked together."

The first half of the game was close as neither team could build a substantial lead. The Lady Paladins used three post players to stop GSU's inside game.

"They (Furman) were sagging down on the blocks the whole first half," Lady Eagle head coach Rusty Cram said. "We

couldn't get any offense of any kind. I thought they did a pretty good job of stopping that."

Furman (9-10, 7-3 SoCon) held a slight advantage over GSU at halftime, 37-36. But early in the second half, the Lady Eagles opened up their transition game and went on a 12-4 run. Svetlana Trjeskal drained two three-pointers to aid the run.

"We started running," Trjeskal said. "We felt that we were going to win." Trjeskal's layup ended the run, giving GSU a 48-41 lead.

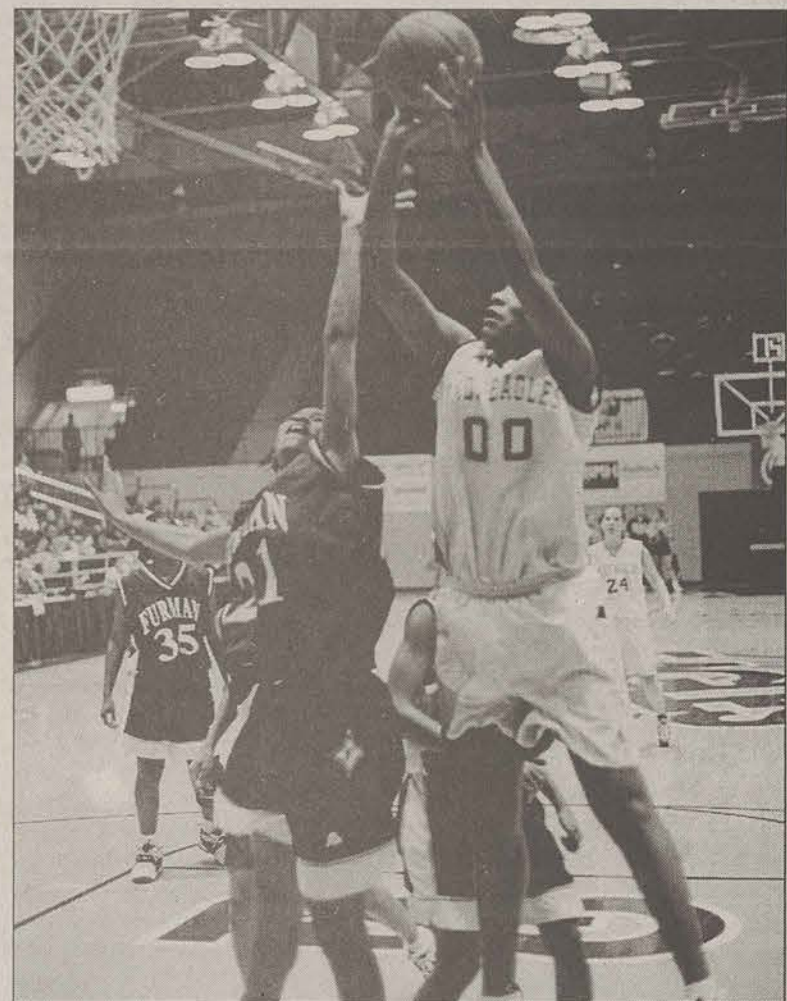
"When they took away the post, they had to give us the perimeter," Coach Cram said. "We started knocking them down from the wings. We had a couple of freshmen who came in and gave us a couple of three's."

Amy Krach's three point basket from the right corner of the arc appeared to bury Furman for good, providing the Lady Eagles a 79-63 advantage with 4:27 left in the game. But the Lady Paladins went on a 10-2 run to scrape their way back into the game. GSU's lead was cut down to 83-75 on Amy King's jumper with 1:12 left.

"They didn't respect our guards," Coach Cram said. "So we worked hard on the guards being a threat."

"If we can't get inside, then we're going to beat you outside," forward Tondra Warren said. "Tonight they were trying to take away our post game, so our guards had to come out and take shots and penetrate."

Tondra Warren and Sharon Mitchell each scored 16 and Amy Krach hit three out of her four three point attempts for her nine points. The Lady Eagles play Davidson in their next game, Saturday at 12:30.



Hans Knoepfel

Laying up another SoCon win: The Lady Eagles placed themselves firmly on the top of the Southern Conference pack with the FU win

Svetlana Trjeskal, strong bench-play help Lady Eagles in win over Furman

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

In a crucial match-up Monday night, junior guard, Svetlana Trjeskal help lead the Lady Eagles to a 89-77 win over second place Furman.

The Eagles struggled early on, but with plenty of help from the bench, they were able to overcome the Paladins.

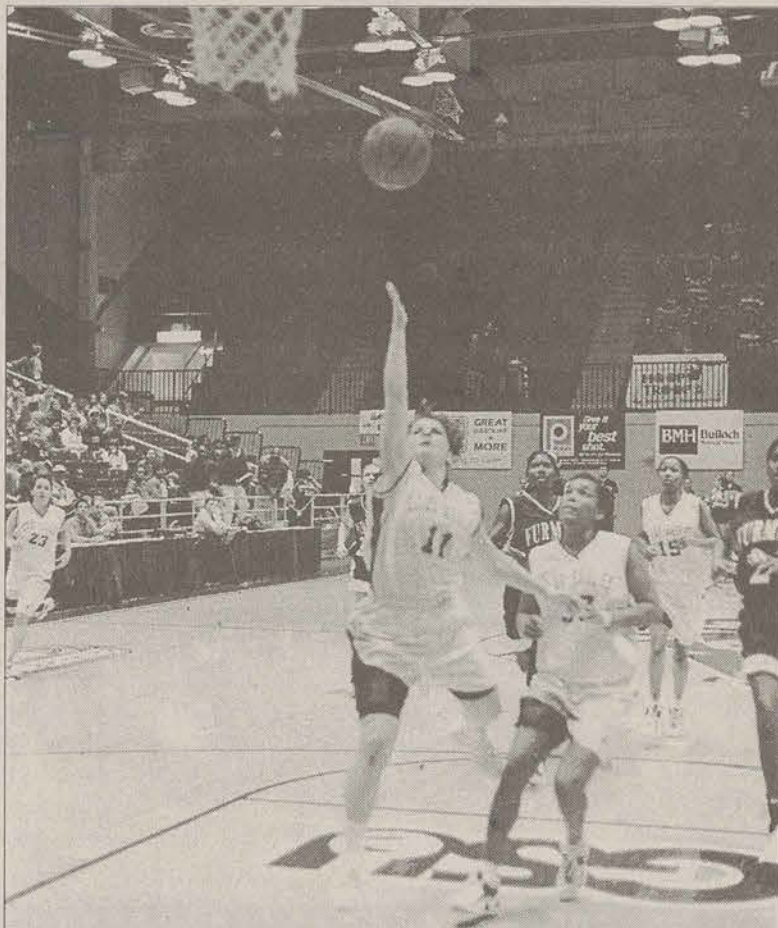
With this win, GSU (11-8), (8-2) retained sole possession of first place in the Southern Conference.

With Tori Durrett out of action for at least three weeks, the Paladins tried to attack the GSU inside game.

Senior forward Telly Hall posted one point in the second half while Tondra Warren only had three points in before fouling out with over five minutes left to play in the second half.

"We are usually a post-up style team," said Head Coach Rusty Cram. "But tonight, our outside game really came to play."

Trjeskal had an immediate



Hans Knoepfel

Svetlana Trjeskal lays the ball up for two of her 16 points

impact coming off the bench. She nailed two quick three pointers early in the match to get the offense going.

"It was great," exclaimed an excited Rosie Arnold. "Her (Trjeskal) shooting got everyone going and our communication is a lot better when everyone is hitting their shots."

But the twenty-two-year-old was just warming up. In the second half, Trjeskal posted 16 points and went 3 for 3 from the three-point line.

Freshman Amy Krach, who also had a fabulous day from the arc, said, "She (Svetlana) stepped up really well. Her shots were crucial when we were down."

The Lady Eagle bench totaled 41 points and 10 rebounds while shooting 65 percent from the field in a team effort.

Trjeskal led the team with 22 points while sophomores Tondra Warren and Sharon Mitchell each had 16 points.

"It's the best feeling in the world," Trjeskal said about her

"IT WAS GREAT. HER SHOOTING GOT EVERYONE GOING AND OUR COMMUNICATION IS A LOT BETTER WHEN EVERYONE IS HITTING THEIR SHOTS."

-- ROSIE ARNOLD ON SVETLANA TRJESKAL

night. "You just know that it's going to fall."

The GSU women's basketball team will take on the Lady Wildcats of Davidson at the Fieldhouse Sat. Jan. 31. Davidson moved into third place in the Southern Conference after the Lady Eagle win over the Furman Paladins Monday night.

Former GSU administrator and coach to receive honor

By Lee Guarnella
Sports Editor

The third annual *Southern Boosters Leadoff Banquet* will be held Friday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom, eight days prior to the 1998 season-opener when the Eagles host Georgia Tech.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Ron Polk, a former Eagle head coach who guided GSU to its first College World Series appearance in 1973. Polk, who currently serves as head coach for Team USA, recently retired from collegiate baseball as the winningest coach in Mississippi State and Southeastern Conference history.

GSU will also honor four individuals during the banquet who have contributed greatly to Eagle baseball. Former major league third baseman Jim Morrison (1973-74), the late long-time benefactor Wallace Wiggins Sr., veteran radio broadcaster Nate Hirsch and the legendary Polk will each be

presented plaques outlining their achievements and earn induction onto the GSU Baseball Wall of Fame.

The GSU Baseball Wall of Fame addition, established in 1996, is housed in the lounge area of the Michael Wiggins Baseball Complex, located along the third base area of J.I. Clements Stadium.

Other highlights include a silent auction of baseball memorabilia, an autograph session with former Eagles who are currently in professional baseball, the 1998 season preview and introductions of this year's GSU squad by head coach Jack Stallings.

The cost of the banquet is \$20 which includes a fully-catered buffet meal. Reservations can be made through the GSU Athletic Ticket office by calling 681-0123 by Feb. 3. No tickets will be sold at the door.

GSU first-year strength coach honored in Texas

By Lee Guarnella
Sports Editor

Mike Brass, GSU's first-year strength and conditioning coach has been chosen by fellow colleagues as the 1998 National Strength and Conditioning Association's (NSCA) Professional-of-the-Year for the Southern Conference. The award recognizes coaches who have demonstrated excellence in their strength and conditioning programs.

The award, in its seventh year, is sponsored and coordinated by the NSCA. Strength coaches in all college conferences were given the opportunity to be nominated and to also nominate members of their staff for the award.

After the nomination process, ballots were mailed to all nominees for voting. Brass and other conference winners were honored at the 1998 NSCA Football Conference in Dallas, Tex., on Jan. 10.

"Mike plays such an important role in our program," said GSU head football coach Paul

Johnson. "Our players certainly benefited from his outstanding off-season and in-season programs and he was one of the main reasons we were able to put together the season we did."

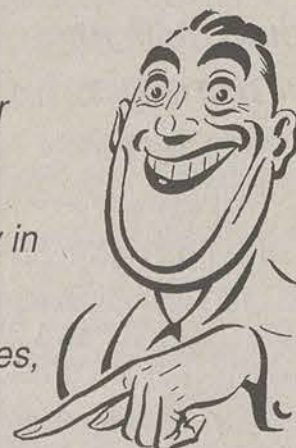
All 1998 conference winners

who are Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists (CSCS) will be eligible for the 1998 national professional-of-the-year award which will be announced June 26 at the NSCA National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

How 'Bout That?

Do you know what the record is in FIFA soccer for the most goals in a tournament?

27, scored by Hungary in 1954. The Mighty Magyars tallied their record total in five games, but lost in the Final to Germany, 3-2.



Source: Guinness Book of Sports Records

Sonics vs. Lakers to take lead in West

By Jim Cour
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Even the two oldest members of the Seattle SuperSonics are excited as kids about this game.

"We have a chance to see what we're made of pretty much," Dale Ellis said after Friday afternoon's practice. "It'll be a playoff atmosphere."

Said Sam Perkins: "They're pretty good with Shaq in the middle. But we're pretty good, too."

In a midseason showdown tonight at the Key Arena, the Sonics will be out to prove that their NBA-best record of 32-9 isn't a fluke against a Los Angeles Lakers team with the league's second-best record at 31-9.

It'll be the first of four games between the two Pacific Division powerhouses.

Ellis (37) and Perkins (36), as well as their teammates and coach George Karl, wonder how they'll stack up against the Shaquille O'Neal-led Lakers, who won three of four from Seattle last season.

The Sonics added Vin Baker, subtracted Shawn Kemp and rebuilt their bench during the offseason. Halfway through the

season they still feel like they're having to prove themselves.

"It seems like everybody thinks we're going to lose," Perkins said. "Nobody is giving us any hope."

Since returning after missing 20 consecutive games because of a strained abdominal muscle, O'Neal is averaging 29.4 points, 11.8 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots in 33.8 minutes in 10 games.

And despite the absence of their All-Star center, the Lakers are off to their best start since 1989-90, including an NBA-best 14-5 road record.

The Sonics are coming off a 107-98 loss in Dallas Tuesday night, their second improbable defeat against the lowly Mavericks this season.

Last season, the Lakers won both games in Seattle.

The teams didn't meet in the playoffs last season. Karl knows it could happen this year.

"I think any time you've got a chance to play against a team you're contending with, you've got to make some type of statement," Karl said.

Ellis, Seattle's key player off the bench this season and No. 4 scorer with a 12.6 scoring aver-

age, is thinking defense.

"We have to bring intensity to the defensive end at the beginning of the game. We can't wait until the second half of the game," he said.

The Lakers thought Perkins was just about done when they traded him to the Sonics. That was Feb. 22, 1993. He's averaging 6 1/2 points off the bench for Seattle this season.

"All the games are important," he said. "But since this is the Lakers, it brings more drama to it."


Karl thinks the Lakers will double Baker, the Sonics' top scorer at 19.7 points a game, and he'll return the favor by doubling O'Neal.

"You've got to play him well to keep him to 20," Karl said. "If you don't focus and play him well, he's going to have 30 or 40."

The winning team from Saturday's game will pick up some extra work, too.

If the Sonics win, Karl and his coaching staff will coach the West in the All-Star game in New York Feb. 8.

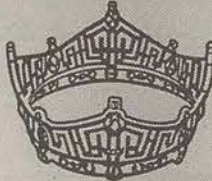
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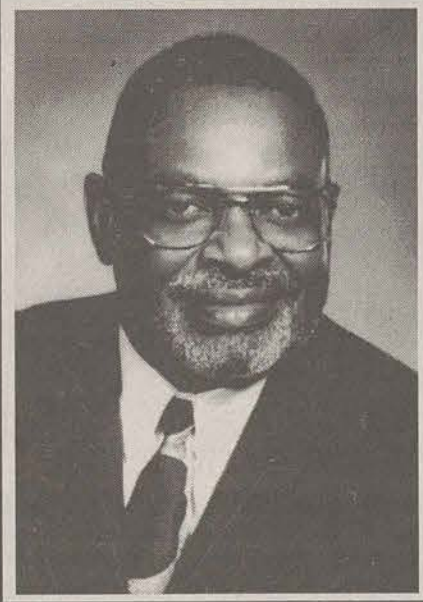
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STRAIGHT UP

KAREN ABBOTT

Wedding bells ring, let the fun begin

This week has been pretty interesting for me. I have been extremely busy trying to get ready for next week. I will be in Boston for my brother's wedding. So I have been studying hard for tests I will have to take early and doing some last minute shopping.

As I said before, my brother is getting married and I'm not quite sure how to feel about it. He's my older brother. The one who use to tickle torture me as a kid till I wet my pants. The one who showed me how to throw a softball, and the one who screened all the guys I dated throughout my life to see if they were fit for me to go out with.

Now in most families, weddings are a pretty big deal. Well in my family, they are a very big deal.

I come from an Italian, Catholic family from a small island east of Boston. In my hometown, weddings are very elaborate, include many guests and are very expensive.

Lets talk about the party.

In my family, we have a lot of traditions we have before the actual wedding. Of course, there is a rehearsal dinner, which includes a huge meal and most important, an open bar.

After dinner, the party continues. My uncle happens to own, The Old Timers, a local bar where everyone hangs out. It will be shut down and reserved for a select few with invitations. Let the party begin!

In most cases, the party goes on through dawn and a few stragglers will make their way to my grandmother's house for a breakfast feast.

The day of the wedding, my day starts quite early, 8:00a.m. to be exact. All of the bridesmaids, including will meet for breakfast, make our way to the hair dressers, where we will sip on Mimosas, and proceed to the church for the ceremony.

The reception will consist of a lot of dancing, eating and plenty of drinking. With the 300 and some odd people attending, I do not think it will be problem having a good time.

I definitely have to say, weddings are one of the funniest events my family puts on.

In the past few months, I have attended three weddings and they don't come close to what I have just described my brother's big day will be like. Now I'm not saying all weddings have to be a big drunk-fest and cost a lot of money, but the family traditions were missing. I realize not all people do things like my family does (thank God), but when it comes to weddings my family puts on quit a show.

Now that I just told you absolutely everything you would ever need to know about my family and weddings, I will be sure to tell you next week if everything went as planned and all the fun little details of the trip.

Have a safe and fun week.

'Hard Rain' falls hard at the box office

By Eric Bray
Staff Writer

It may come as no surprise that I decided to boycott the release of "Spice World" this past weekend as well as forgo the opportunity to sulk through the terribly rehashed "Phantoms."

Instead I turned to last week's lineup (which was only slightly less crappy) and decided to watch "Hard Rain."

However, movie buffs may recall that this film is actually much older than one week, though.

Does anyone remember the trailers more than a year ago for the same movie, then titled "The Flood?"

Evidently execs pulled the plug on the project last year, fearing that it would be lumped with the trendy natural disaster flicks spawned by the success of "Twister."

This may not have been such a bad idea considering that the most disastrous element offered by each movie in this pseudo-genre was poor box office ratings.

I can't blame them for the title change either. Sandwiched between such titles as "Asteroid" and "Volcano," "The Flood" would've sounded about as laughably flaccid as "The Drought."

Although the title "Hard Rain" might sound less threatening, it packs more of a punch, which is more appropriate because the real conflict in the film isn't a natural disaster at all.

Christian Slater (in a role frightfully similar to the one in "Broken Arrow") stars as an armored truck guard whose vehicle is hijacked by a band of looters.

The looters are led by Morgan Freeman (in a role frightfully similar to the one in "Chain Reaction").

Slater manages to escape with the booty, but

the rising flood makes getting to safety a little difficult.

The plot thickens, (and let's face it, it could use a little thickening at this point) as a few stragglers get involved.

Randy Quaid ("Vegas Vacation") costars as the town sheriff in charge of damage control.

Minnie Driver ("Good Will Hunting," "Grosse Pointe Blank") adds a little charm to an otherwise underdeveloped role as the leading lady.

If anything, Driver in a wet T-shirt justifies all the water in the film.

Betty White and Ed Asner both play small parts and look less attractive in wet T-shirts.

Not much to say about this pair of old coots-let's move on.

The plot is pretty basic, and the only thing deep in this movie is the water.

Nevertheless, there are some unique, if not altogether unpredictable plot twists which keep the story interesting.

Another plus is the constantly (but not consistently) rising water level.

It lends an ominous tone and well-paced tension throughout the action.

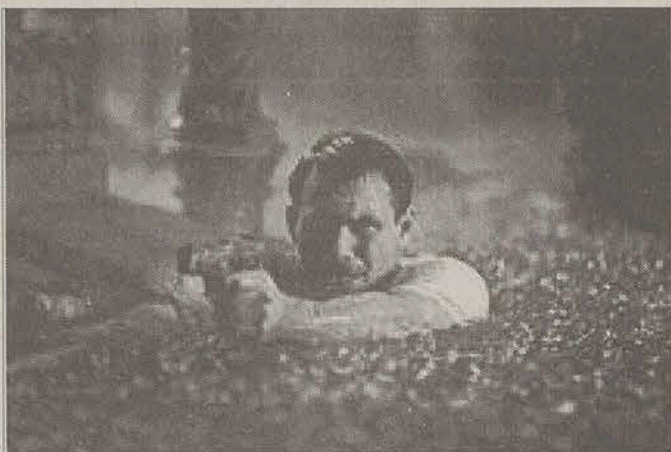
Unfortunately, though, memories of "Waterworld" must have frightened the budgeting department.

And they resorted to Sony-PlayStation-like special effects rather than authentic set design in several places. Apparently they thought filtering the poor graphics through heavy rain would make them less noticeable.

Regardless, "Hard Rain" is a lot better than "The Flood" seemed like it would be last year.

It just goes to show, if you go in with low expectations, you're less likely to be disappointed.

Maybe that's why they put the bad special effects at the beginning.



It's a 'Spice World,' baby, and we're all living in it

By Michael Abbott
Copy Editor

Get ready for Spice Girls lunch boxes, Spice Girls action figures, Spice Girls board games, Spice Girls perfume and maybe even their own Spice Girls clothing line.

Oh boy! It's the New Kids on the Block all over again!

Monday night at the American Music Awards, the Spice Girls took home the three most coveted Pop/Rock awards: Best Group, Best Album, and Best New Artists.

The scary part is, they beat out the ever-present Puff Daddy for some of the honors.

Who would of thought that the Spice Girls would be bigger than Puff Daddy and the Family?

The troubling question that arises over this phenomenon: Can we use the name Spice Girls and Grammy Award in the same sentence? Oops, I just did! Fortunately, the Spice Girls weren't nominated for any Grammy Awards.

The American Music Awards are determined by a national poll of about 20,000 record executives; the Grammys are subject to the decisions of industry insiders.

One has to remember though, Milli Vanilli actually won a Grammy.

I guess those execs didn't

want to make another mistake.

Maybe that's why the Girls won all those American Music Awards, how can a billion teeny boppers be wrong?

From being the spokeswomen for Pepsi to having their own movie, "SpiceWorld," the "Girl Power" girls are outdoing the competition when it comes to media attention.

They have even been immortalized in claymation like Gumby and Pokey. (If anybody saw the Super Bowl halftime show on MTV, the Spice Girls versus Hanson, you know what I'm talking about!)

It seems the Spice Girls are here to stay, at least for a little while.

Hey, look at the bright side, the New Kids on the Block are no more.

Or so you thought.

P.S. — You're probably wondering how I know all the Spice Girls' names.

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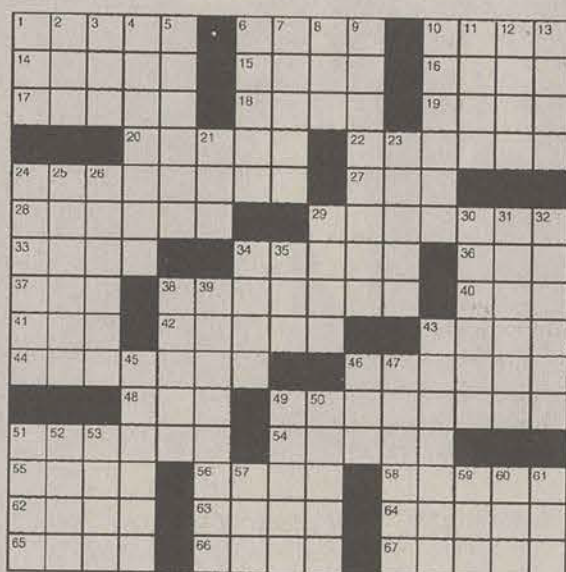
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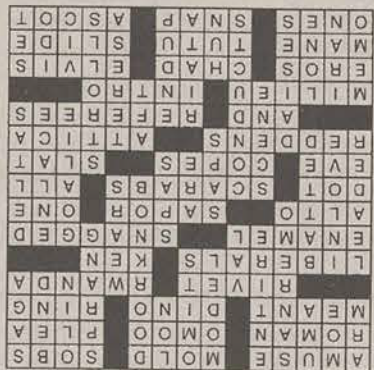
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Dingus MaGee's: It's all good

By Jennifer Stokes
Staff Writer

Greetings, fellow Statesboro-ites! Welcome to another quarter of pull-no-punches, in-your-face, telling-it-like-it-is restaurant reviews. Boy, I'm so excited you'd think they pay me to do this. Hey, they do! So let's get on with it.

The first establishment of review this quarter was the old favorite on the corner, Dingus MaGee's. I know a lot of you have been to Dingus', but I wonder how many of you have actually eaten solid food there. Well, I did and lived to tell about it.

I popped in with my date at about 6:30 one weekday night in the recent past. He wanted to go there because he remembered he had fun the last time he was there. It was pretty dead. There were just a couple tables full and six or seven people staring at the tube over the bar. We were seated right away.

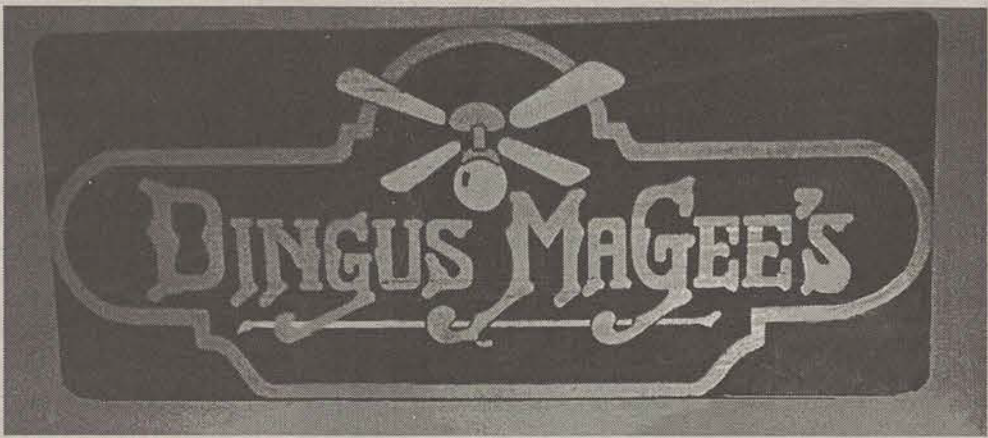
A pleasant young lady (do I sound like your mom?) came right out and asked for our drink order. My date, let's call him Jeff, had noticed the beer special when he came in and ordered that. I, not being a beer drinker, wasn't sure what to get, until our server said that well drinks were on special. OK, that makes a difference. She suggested a screwdriver, to which I heartily agreed. We also ordered the sampler platter for an appetizer (\$7.49).

Shortly after our drinks arrived, so did the platter. It had wings - too spicy for me but Jeff liked them, potatoeskins - loaded down, they went fast, fried cheese sticks

that slide.

Dinner arrived and looked yummy. Jeff had a big piece of prime rib, and it was really good (you know I tried some just to be

sure). His potato was soft without being soggy, and the waitress brought lots of sour



I love them, even better with the marinara sauce that comes with them, and chicken strips - tender, juicy deep-fried just right and with honey sauce to dip. There's enough food on the platter to just about make a meal, so if it's just you and the beau, think twice on that one.

For dinner, Jeff ordered the prime rib with a baked potato, and a salad (\$13.99). I ordered the 8 ounce teriyaki sirloin, with rice and a salad (\$8.99). The waitress was very patient as we tried to pick sides and what dressing to put on our salads.

With the order taken care of, we engaged in pleasant chitchat. Our waitress came back just as Jeff had polished off his beer and asked if he wanted another, which he did. Our salads came out promptly.

They were everything a salad should be: crispy, green, with crunchy croutons and dressing on the side, even though we hadn't specifically requested it. Each of our salads had only one mushroom though, as if it had been thrown in by mistake. But it was a fresh mushroom, so I let

cream. I ordered my steak medium rare, and it was cooked to perfection. It had a wonderful teriyaki glaze on it that precluded the need for steak sauce of any kind.

The rice was the bummer of the whole meal. Most of it was good, but about every other bite there was a hard grain. I didn't finish the rice.

Throughout the whole meal, the waitress was friendly and attentive. She stopped at the table more than once to make sure if we needed anything else, but she wasn't annoying.

Our whole tab for the appetizer, two beers, one screwdriver and two dinners came to just under 37 bucks.

We left a big tip (not included in that \$37) because the waitress did such a good job.

I was so stuffed, I couldn't even think about dessert, and if you eliminated the appetizer, you can get a good meal for a reasonable price.

Overall, if you are looking for quality eats that's not too far away or outrageously priced, go to Dingus MaGee's.

The Stoutbeats, impressive once again

By Kelley McGonnell
News Editor

Let's face it, the Statesboro music scene is not as happening as we music lovers might want it to be. The best acts Statesboro usually has to offer are out-of-town acts. But there are a few shining exceptions in an otherwise dim town. The Stoutbeats may be the brightest.

They brought their infectious happy ska-based sound back to the 'Boro after numerous out-of-town engagements. Blind Willie's was packed last Friday, a living testament to the talent of the group. A diverse crowd lined the walls, dance space and pool tables of the bar.

If you are anything like me, then you probably don't know the difference between one ska group and the next. So I won't try to say which groups the Stoutbeats covered.

All I know is they sang that "Going Back to Miami" song and that really cool number off the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack.

But that is my point. You don't have to know ska music or work at WVGS to enjoy this band. They have a unique sound that can best be described as fun. Come on, their name is derived from a beer description.

Lead singer and trombone player, Ed Morris, bounces on stage and casts maniacal grins over the audience and the audience loves it. The crazier Ed acts, the happier the crowd is. This band is fun. It isn't dark and alternative; they spread their love for music to anyone who will listen. And once you start listening, it is hard to stop.

Aside from the fun dynamic of the Stoutbeats,



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this group is talented. They have written some original songs, which are crowd favorites even if they don't play them every show.

But these eight guys can play. They are mostly GSU music majors and they are living proof that the money allotted for the music program is money well spent.

Wade Page keeps the band together better than many drummers are able to do. He helps mesh the diverse sounds of the group into an overall, dominant sound. That is hard to do with different horns, keyboards and electric guitars, but it is done with flair.

Speaking of flair, one thing I do know about ska is that traditionally, ska bands have worn suits and ties when performing. The Stoutbeats uphold that tradition but with a new twist.

Last Friday, Ed Morris was seen in a tux with tails and Jake Hallman was jacketless with suspenders. It is nice to see tradition combined with personality.

All in all, if you love a good time, then the Stoutbeats are the group to catch in Statesboro. If you want to see a music scene develop in this town, then the Stoutbeats are the ones to follow. Their diversity has something for everyone. And who else would you listen to if you just feel like dancing?

GSU NEWS SERVICE

The 50th Anniversary of the Miss GSU Scholarship Pageant

GSU and the Russell Union are proud to present the 50th Anniversary of the Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998 at 7:00p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Over 20 past representatives will commemorate the 50th annual scholarship pageant during the pre-show.

Come watch 13 talented young women compete for the title of Miss GSU and receive a \$2,000 scholarship towards her education.

1997 Miss GSU, Kip Corbin, will pass on her title to possibly the next Miss Georgia or Miss America.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, Gail Bullock Odom, a former Miss Georgia, will lead the audience and contestants through an evening at "Mardi Gras." Come prepared for an exciting and entertaining event.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for GSU students with ID. Call the GSU ticket office at 1-800-GSU-WINS for ticket information. Tickets will also be sold at the door. For more information concerning the Miss GSU Pageant, please contact the Miss GSU Board at 681-0399.

BYU bans 'Amistad' from Varsity Theatre

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — In 1994, the Academy Award-winning "Schindler's List" ran afoul of Mormon church-owned Brigham Young University for its nudity.

Now, "Amistad," another critically acclaimed Steven Spielberg film that depicts a bloody 19th century slave mutiny aboard a Spanish ship and subsequent trials of the mutineers in America, has been banned from the school's Varsity Theater.

The theater had scheduled "Amistad" long before the movie had been released or viewed by anyone at BYU, school spokeswoman Carrie Jenkins said.

"It was looked at as a popular film and one that college students would enjoy," Jenkins said.

She could not say what there was specifically about the movie that would be considered offensive, only that BYU had "received reports" that "Amistad" would be difficult to edit according to the school's standard.

"Basically, that would be language and nudity," Jenkins said.

BYU did not ask the producers of "Amistad" about editing the film before canceling its scheduled April 3-16 showing,

she said.

In 1994, Spielberg and other executives who produced "Schindler's List" nixed BYU's plan to edit that film.

"Based on past experience and knowing Steven Spielberg's feelings, BYU decided not to edit ("Amistad") and not to show it," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the decision not to show the film was made last week. Another movie will be shown in its place, she said.

"Amistad" may not be alone in failing to make the Varsity Theater's cut. Jenkins said the theater might pull more movies from its schedule for the next semester: 13 of the 26 movies scheduled through April are R-rated.

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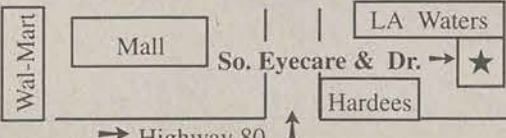
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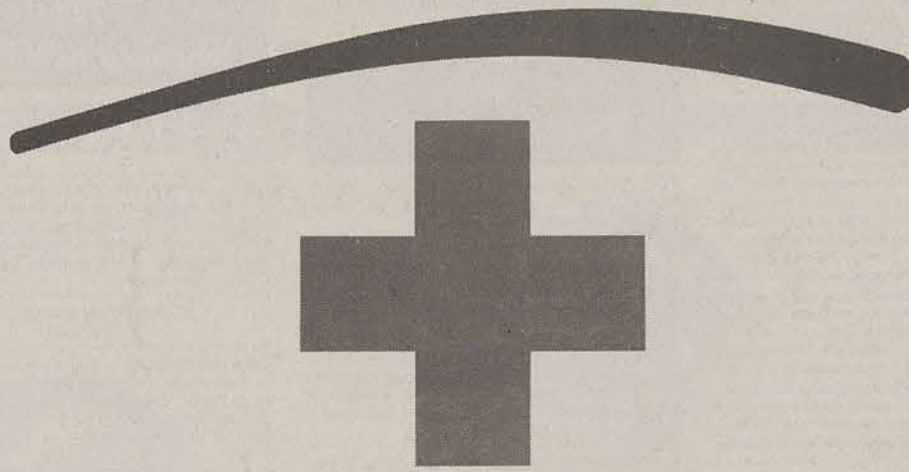
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