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Weather



Today: Showers with a high in the mid 80s and a low around 74.

Wednesday: Showers with a high in the mid 80s and a low of 75.

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GSU math instructor found dead

By Allison Taylor
Co-News Editor

Paul W. Reynolds, a 27-year-old white male and temporary math instructor at GSU was found dead in his apartment Monday at approximately 10:15 a.m..

The cause of death has been determined to be suicide by hanging, according to a news release issued by Det. Paul Woodberry of the Statesboro Police Department.

The superintendent of the Parker Apartment building on East Jones Avenue found the body Monday morning, said Barry Turner, coroner.

The superintendent was not available for comment.

The body has been taken to the state crime lab in Atlanta for an autopsy.

Further details of the death will be released after the autopsy has been performed. The coroner is waiting for those results.

Originally from Stephenville, Texas, Reynolds moved to Statesboro one month ago to work in the GSU mathematics department. His work began this fall at GSU and would continue for one academic year.

"It came as a complete shock to us," said Donald Fausett, department chair and professor of math and computer science at GSU. "There was no indication that he was distraught."

His family, still living in Stephenville has been notified of his death.

Today's Word

Oofle v. The attempt to find out the name of a person whose name you should know.

Source: Weird Words

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Eatery faces allegations of racial discrimination

By Laura Owens
Editorial Assistant

A local restaurant and night club has recently become a subject of controversy when allegations of racial discrimination towards the restaurant's African-American clientele began to surface; allegations the eatery's managers deny.

An emergency NAACP campus meeting was organized Monday night to address the alleged discrimination. None of the allegations have been confirmed, and no actions against the restaurant have been announced by the NAACP.

The manager of Wild Wing, who asked that her name not be published, refuted the claims of discrimination.

"We don't discriminate against anybody," she said.

The controversy started when Wild Wing increased its cover charge last Thursday night, the night when African-American students frequent the bar.

Students at the NAACP meeting said that Wild Wing increased their cover charge on Thursday nights to flush out the African-

American business it was receiving.

Over the summer, the cover charge on Thursdays was \$1 and last Thursday the fee was \$5, according to the students at the meeting.

Members of Wild Wing management said the cover charge was not discriminatory.

"Wild Wing has always had a cover charge on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights," the manager said.

She also said that cover charges vary from night to night depending on the entertainment.

"The \$1 cover charge was an opening special," the manager said. "All Wild Wings do that. There has always been a cover charge, except on Wednesday nights, which is Wild, Wild Wednesday."

Wild Wing management also said that the door charge is necessary to pay for the bands, and the Thursday night in question was the first time they had a national recording artist as entertainment. When the entertainment is more expensive, the bar needs to raise cover charges in order

to offset the entertainment fee, the manager said.

"We're a business and we have to protect our business interests," she said. "It's impossible to discriminate when I have to charge my best friend \$5 to get in."

Students at the NAACP meeting also said the management at Wild Wing gave free passes to members of white fraternities and sororities.

Management said the supposed free passes were prepaid tickets.

"The [Wild Wing] owners bought blocks of tickets as a promotional thing and as a thank-you [to the fraternities and sororities who would frequently go to the Hilton Head Wild Wings for their social functions]," the manager said. "We also gave free tickets to the servers that day for working so hard."

A former employee at Wild Wing, Randall McDaniel, refutes the Wild Wing management claim. He insists the free passes to white Greeks was a strategic move to increase the white populous at Wild Wing and that the restaurant was specifically trying to dissuade African-American business. This claim was denied by Wild Wing management.

SGA attends retreat on St. Simons Island

By Allison Taylor
Co-News Editor

Members of the SGA weren't in their offices last weekend. They weren't at home trying to catch up on their sleep either. Instead, they were on a retreat.

Over 20 members of the SGA and Eagle Entertainment spent last weekend in a training retreat at Epworth By the Sea, a resort on St. Simons Island.

The main thing that the group discovered is the importance of teamwork and diversity, Laurie Miller, public relations director for the SGA, said.

"It was a chance to get to know each other a little better," said Miller. "It's important to learn how to work together on a personal and professional basis."

Miller said she has a greater awareness of the differences in opinions, personalities, race and gender after the weekend. She said that everyone who attended the retreat is better prepared to deal with these differences and apply them to make more positive decisions for the student body.

The changes might not immediately affect the students she said. However, the SGA hopes that the retreat will help them better meet the diverse needs of the student population.

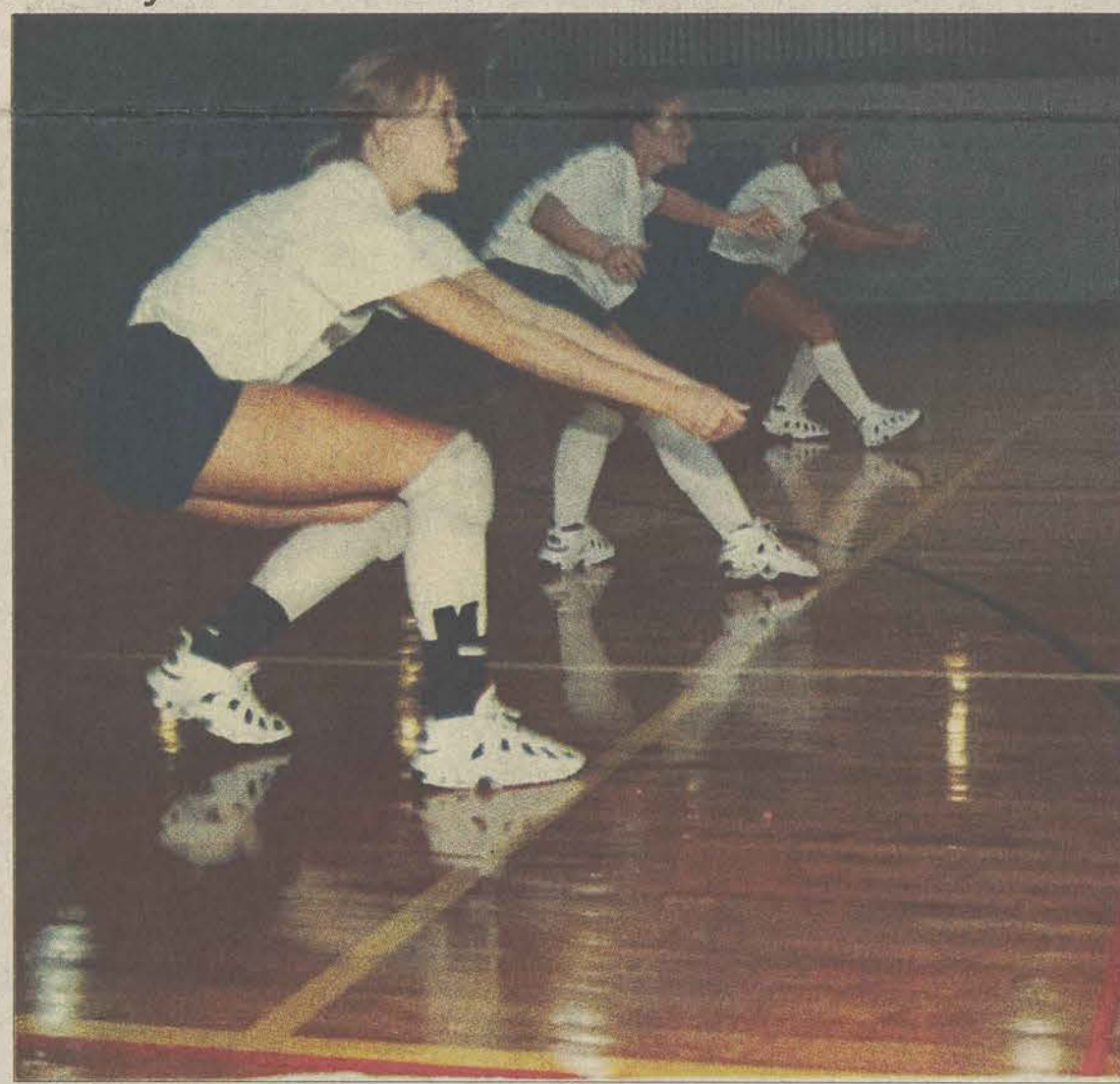
The weekend's events were funded by the SGA and included seminars, obstacle courses and guest speakers.

Guest speaker Jody Drinkard helped to get the participants thinking about working with different personalities in a lecture entitled "My Colorful Portrait."

The training workshop also dealt with issues like diversity, goal setting and teamwork.

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Volleyball team wins



Hans Knoepfel

SEASON-OPENER VICTORY: The women's volleyball won the first game of the season vs. South Carolina State. The Lady Eagles swept the Lady Bulldogs 15-11, 17-7 and 15-9 in a best of five series.

A Day for Southern celebrates 25th year

Fundraising drive kicks off on-campus

By Laura Owens
Editorial Assistant

A Day for Southern kicked off its 25th Anniversary on Monday with A Day for Southern's on-campus drive.

The fund raising campaign "is used to raise money for student scholarships, teaching equipment and enhancing the Bell Honors Program," James Oliver, Callaway professor of biology and co-chairman of the campaign, said.

Oliver said that the state budget does not provide enough money or flexibility to meet all of the university's needs.

Bob Haney, co-chairman for the Day for Southern campaign, said the funds are used to provide money for things that are not allowed by state funds and needs that can't be met with tax dollars. "It's a partnership, the campus and the community coming together," Haney said.

Teams of volunteers go out into the community and hand out packets to individuals and businesses, telling them about the good things going on at GSU.

"We always get a generous re-

sponse. They understand the benefits to the community," Haney said.

Oliver said the biggest change in the campaign over the years is greater involvement.

"We have more volunteers, we are better known and the number of student scholarships has increased dramatically."

This year's on campus goal is \$221,000 and the goal for the combined on and off campus campaigns is \$1 million.

"This is our 25th anniversary. People are being asked to increase their gifts by 25 percent this year," Haney said.

One of the new projects that will benefit from this and future drives is the University Honors Program, which is designed to attract students with SAT scores of at least 1150 to GSU.

The purpose of the GSU Foundation is to enhance the objectives of the University, said Oliver.

"Most universities have a similar thing. The Foundation is committed to more academic goals, while the Southern Boosters are committed to athletic goals."

Students' concerns prompt improvement of intersection

By Holly Logan
Guest Writer

GSU and city officials plan to increase police enforcement measures and add traffic control signs to improve pedestrians' safety at the Georgia Avenue and Chandler Road intersection.

The improvement will occur after students' concerns prompted a re-examination of the intersection this summer.

City officials reviewed safety measures at the Georgia Avenue and Chandler Road intersection this summer and found that improvements needed to be made to increase pedestrians' safety at the intersection.

GSU Police Chief Ken Brown said his department and Statesboro police plan to use radar enforcement at the intersection to decrease the traffic speed during peak hours.

"We're going to do some radar enforcement in conjunction with the city police department in that area so we can slow traffic down," Brown said.

A speed detection trailer, along with a radar, may be set up on both the roads in question to reduce the speed of motorists, Brown said.

These traffic enforcement changes will go into effect as soon as radar's and other equipment can be put into place, he said.

"The accident rate is very low, but we want to accentuate that it's a heavily used intersection," Brown said.

Hopefully, the increased enforcement measures will bring attention to the fact that it's a heavily traveled intersection that requires drivers to be more cautious, Brown said.

Statesboro Police Chief Richard Malone said his department reviews places like the Georgia Avenue and Chandler Road intersection in order to assist the public because it's an intersection used by both the city and GSU. "We try to evaluate areas like this yearly to accommodate drivers and pedestrians who use these types of intersections."

Malone advises drivers and pedestri-

ans to exercise caution in order to avoid accidents. "People need to allow enough time to get to their destinations," Malone said.

Ken Brown also advises students not to place the role of responsibility on the other person, but instead to take precautionary measures themselves.

"Drive defensively and walk defensively," Brown said. "Drivers do not assume the pedestrian will stop. Pedestrians do not assume the driver will stop."

Along with increased police enforcement measures, city officials are installing additional traffic control signs to improve pedestrians' safety at the intersection.

Bobby Colson, director of public works for Statesboro, said the signs will be placed on the support cables which hold the traffic lights where they will be easily seen by drivers. "Signs are usually seen better at that level because they're in the driver's line of vision."

The signs are intended to make drivers

more attentive to the overall traffic situation, Colson said.

Maz Elhaj, assistant city traffic engineer, said the city is in the process of installing new signs. "The city installed two warning yellow signs that say 'Slow Watch for Pedestrians,'" Elhaj said.

Another sign will be placed at the intersection as well, Elhaj said.

"Two regulatory signs saying, 'No Right Turn on Red,' will be put at the intersection also," Elhaj said. "[Signs] will face eastbound traffic on Chandler Road and the other[s] will face northbound traffic on Georgia Avenue."

Colson said signs for the intersection were ordered sometime after mid-July, but have not arrived.

"As soon as the signs come in, we're going to install them," Colson said.

GSU Student Disability Resource Center Director Wayne Akins, who had concerns about the safety of pedestrians with

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POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

nal trespass of apartment.

August 31, 1998

•Omari Pierce reported someone took his CD player, a calculator, a remote control, a wind suit and a pair of Rayban sunglasses from his room in Dorman Hall.

August 29, 1998

•Kevin Grube, Johnson Hall, was arrested and charged with violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.

Statesboro Police Department

August 31, 1998

•Reginald Elam, Eagles Nest Apts., reported entering auto.

•Dmetria Clarrington, Players Club Apts., reported a cellular phone missing from her vehicle.

•Dadrian Cosby, Eagle Nest Apts., reported a disc player missing from vehicle.

•Patrick Lawrence, Southern Villas Apts., reported crimi-

August 30, 1998

•Craig Stewart, 20, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with giving false information.

•A resident of Park Place Apts. reported a case of simple battery.

•A resident of Bermuda Run Apts. reported a case of harassment.

•Alan Bowers, Seasons Apts., reported criminal trespass of vehicle.

August 29, 1998

•Matt Rossey, Players Club Apts., reported criminal trespass of his apartment.

Editor's Note: The 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.

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Things to Do at GSU

Today

•There will be a "How to Study Foreign Language" workshop by E. Small from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Forest Building room 1232. This workshop will present strategies for learning any foreign language. Examples will be given in Spanish.

•Golden Key National Honor Society will host its Honorary Member Breakfast in room 2070 of the Russell Union.

•Habitat for Humanity will have its first meeting of the year at 6 p.m. in the Carruth Bldg. room 1024.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gadhafi offers Clinton a lawyer to help with intern fallout

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — U.S. President Bill Clinton got an offer of help Friday in handling his domestic problems from an unlikely source: Moammar Gadhafi.

The Libyan leader offered to send a lawyer to help Clinton deal with the fallout arising from his relationship with former White House intern Monica

Friday, September 4

•There will be a reception and showing of faculty art work from 7 to 9 p.m. in Gallery 303. Each professor will be showing off their particular forte.

Saturday, September 5

•The Eagles will face Elon at 7 p.m. at Paulson Stadium in the first football game of GSU's season. The game is free to all GSU students.

Monday, September 7

• Labor Day, no classes!

Thursday, September 10

•The Women's Network of Georgia Southern University will have its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the El Sombrero Restaurant on Fair Road. For information call Sandy Peacock at 871-1561.

Saturday, September 12

•The Eagles will take on the Jacksonville Gamecocks at 1 p.m. in Paulson Stadium. The game is free to all GSU students.

•There will be a Membership Coffee... for the Association. Of Georgia Southern Women 10 a.m. - 12 Noon in the Raptor Center (Casual Dress).

Monday, September 14

•The Cinema Arts Program will be showing "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me" at 7:30 p.m. and will cost \$2.

Tuesday, September 14

•GSU will host a Day for Southern on campus.

Saturday, September 19

•The Navy Blue Angels will rocket into Robins Air Force Base for an air show which will continue until Sept. 20.

The show will start at 9 a.m. with gates opening at 8 a.m. Admission is free.

Lewinsky.

"I have no bad intentions towards (Clinton), and I was willing to send him a lawyer to defend him," Gadhafi said in an interview with the Qatari television channel Al-Jazeera.

He said Clinton is a victim of a Jewish and Zionist conspiracy.

Gadhafi also criticized former President Ronald Reagan, who ordered an air attack on Libya in 1986 in retaliation for the bombing of a Berlin discotheque in which two U.S. servicemen were killed. Libya said 37 people, including Gadhafi's adopted daughter, were killed in the attack.

"Clinton is not Reagan, who was ridiculous, an idiot, aggressive and behaved like a cowboy," he said.

Tyson in fender-bender, restrained by body-guards

The Associated Press

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — Mike Tyson was involved in a minor auto accident Monday and had to be restrained by his own

bodyguards from fighting the driver of the other car, police said.

The former heavyweight champion complained of chest pains after the accident, described by police as a "fender-bender," in this northern Maryland suburb near Washington. No one was arrested.

Tyson was a passenger in the Mercedes convertible driven by his wife, Monica Turner, who apparently struck the car in front of hers, said Derek Baliles, a spokesman for the Montgomery County police.

Tyson got out of the car and "appeared to want to fight the other driver," said Baliles. "He was restrained by his wife and members of his security detail who were traveling in a second car."

The other driver was not identified.

Because passersby called to report the incident, police stopped Tyson a short time later, he said.

"Because of the reports of a fight we wanted to be sure everyone was OK," said Baliles. "While we were speaking to Mr. Tyson,

he requested an ambulance, complaining of chest pains."

But once the ambulance arrived, Tyson refused to be taken to a hospital, saying his wife was a doctor and would tend to him, Baliles said. The Tyson group was then allowed to leave.

However, several hours later a spokesman for Shady Grove Hospital said Tyson was treated and released from the hospital's emergency room. Tyson did not come by ambulance and his condition was not serious, said spokesman Robert Jepson, who declined to give further details.

"We are writing it up as a misdemeanor assault," Baliles said. "In the state of Maryland, if a misdemeanor occurs and it's not in the presence of a police officer, we can't place charges or place anyone under arrest."

It is up to the other driver to decide whether to make a complaint to police, and it was unclear if he wanted to pursue the matter, Baliles said.

A telephone call to the New York office of Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel was not returned Monday night.

SGA

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On Saturday morning the group was challenged to a ropes course, or an obstacle course, to help build an attitude of teamwork.

"You really had to work together to complete the course," Miller said.

The teams were faced with a problem and the only way to

overcome it was through teamwork, said Miller.

"They wouldn't let you give up until you finished your goal."

Only positive things came out of this weekend, said Miller, it will help the senate and even help the student body.

Another retreat is indefinitely scheduled for next semester.

TRAFFIC

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disabilities, is researching audible pedestrian crossing signal systems, enabling people with disabilities to cross streets safely.

The standard system being used in Atlanta emits a chirping sound for visually impaired persons while also displaying a visual sign for sighted persons, Akins said. The only concern is that the sound may disturb residential areas.

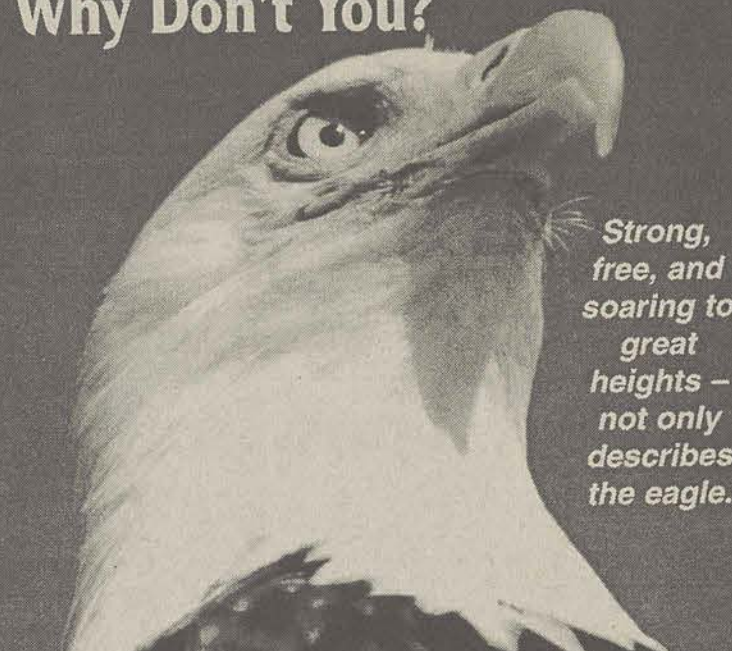
Akins is also considering another crossing system, where a transmitter is mounted on top of the existing pedestrian crossing sign. Visually impaired persons would carry receivers, activated at the intersection, signaling them when to cross, he said.

According to Akins, the estimated cost of both systems is about \$200, not including the added cost of receivers.

Akins said that the cost of the receivers would likely be shared by the city and the university. He is not certain at this point.

Atlanta officials are sending Akins information about both audible systems, and he predicts that a decision should be made sometime next week.

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Belt buckle saves woman from robber's bullet

The Associated Press

GREELEY — A belt buckle saved a woman working at a fast-food restaurant when a robber fired at her through the drive-up window.

Police said the 25-year-old woman, who did not want her name released, had only a small bruise on her lower back after the buckle deflected the bullet. The belt held the two-way radio she used to take orders over the speakers for drive-up customers at the Wendy's restaurant.

The woman was removing cash from the register about 11:30 p.m. Last Thursday when she looked out the window and saw a man with a red bandanna over his face holding a gun.

Police Lt. Steve Nelson said the man did not say anything. When the woman screamed and ran, she heard a gunshot. The bullet hit her belt buckle, which was in the back, and shattered the clasp.

The woman said the robber

fired five more times as she fled. Police said the man reached through the window, grabbed money from the cash register and ran away.

The amount of money stolen was not disclosed.

Police spokesman Sgt. John Gates said the shots were from a small-caliber handgun, possibly a .22. Police recovered several bullet casings outside.

Officers said if the bullet had not hit the belt buckle, it could have entered the woman's back near her spine.

The woman was lucky; one of her co-workers was not. While police were at the restaurant, they ran background checks on employees and arrested a man on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a criminal mischief charge.

2 Ohio

Giant crab banned from Hooters roof

The Associated Press

PARMA HEIGHTS — A 75-foot inflatable plastic crab has been ordered to be removed from atop a restaurant in this Cleve-

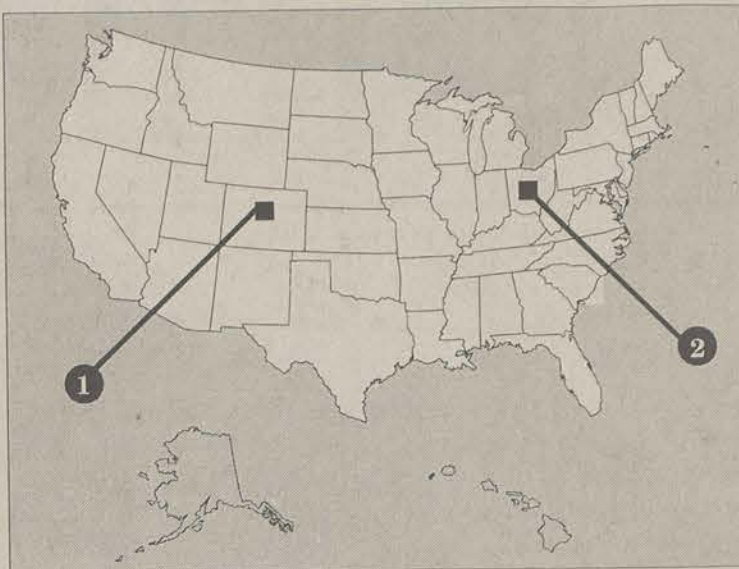
land suburb, but the promotional device just might stay for a while.

Aaron Gausepohl, manager at the Parma Heights Hooters, said city workers and police who issued a citation warned last Saturday that he could go to jail if the crab remained up past 12 a.m. Monday. Gausepohl did not have a city permit for displaying the crab.

Parma Heights police Sgt. Mark Sovey said Last Sunday night though that no threat of arrest was made. Sovey said that if the crab remains on display, police will consult with the Parma Heights pros-

ecutor as to what to do about the situation. Gausepohl said Sunday night that the crab will be taken down to avoid an arrest. But he said it may stay if the penalty is a fine. Gausepohl said the restaurant owner has instructed him to pay any fine and not let anyone take down the crab.

Hooters is known for spicy chicken wings, cold beer and attractive waitresses wearing scanty, tight-fitting costumes. Gausepohl said the crab is a promotion to alert customers about a crab leg dinner special.



Runner reflects on finishing race with bullet in his head

The Associated Press

MIDLAND — Sometime as you travel down the road of life, it only takes a small nudge from out of the blue to send you down a different path.

Twenty years ago, while running in a marathon near Grand Rapids, Dennis Raineir received a small nudge out of the blue. More specifically, it was a 22-caliber bullet coming out of the blue and into the side of his head.

Thus began the legend of "Bullet Man."

Raineir, then a Midland resident and an employee at Dow Corning, was an aspiring 26-year-old marathoner in 1978, hoping to break the three-hour mark at the Grand Valley Marathon and qualify for the Boston Marathon.

He was about 10 miles into the 26-mile race in Allendale when a bullet, its origin never discovered, but likely a stray from a nearby small-game hunter, slammed into his skull, not entering the head, but flattening against it. It didn't knock Raineir off his feet — close, but not quite —

and it didn't leave much blood, but it did leave a giant goose egg and ringing in his ears.

"I assumed it was an object about the size of a brick," Raineir told the Daily News at the time. "I knew I'd really been clobbered."

Had Raineir then stopped for medical attention, the legend of "Bullet Man" would be a short one.

But he didn't.

"The last time (running in a marathon), I was so close (to breaking three hours)," he said, having run his previous marathon in three hours and 31 seconds. "I wasn't going to quit."

So, with a .22 slug flattened against his head and "some serious wooziness," he finished the remaining 16 miles of the race, ending in the arms of his wife, Linda, a doctor.

Nine minutes too late.

He had the bullet removed at a Grand Rapids hospital, received three stitches, and returned to Midland dejected, but with an interesting story to tell.

Teenager shares his bath with big boa

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When you think of the critters that are indigenous to many New York City apartments, roaches, waterbugs and rats spring to mind.

But boa constrictors?

A Brooklyn teen-ager stumbled upon one of the slithering serpents during a late-night visit to the bathroom in his Sunset Park apartment — which had no electricity — around midnight last Thursday, police said.

Ping Min Zhang, 16, said he thought the eyes he felt staring at him from the tub belonged to a rat.

So he stooped down and picked it up, expecting to feel something warm and furry. He got the opposite.

"I was very frightened," he told the Daily News through a translator. "I ran away and called the cops."

Police removed the boa from the bathroom, put it in a box and brought it to an animal shelter in Brooklyn.

The six-foot snake was probably left behind by the apartment's previous tenants, who moved out a few days ago, officials said.

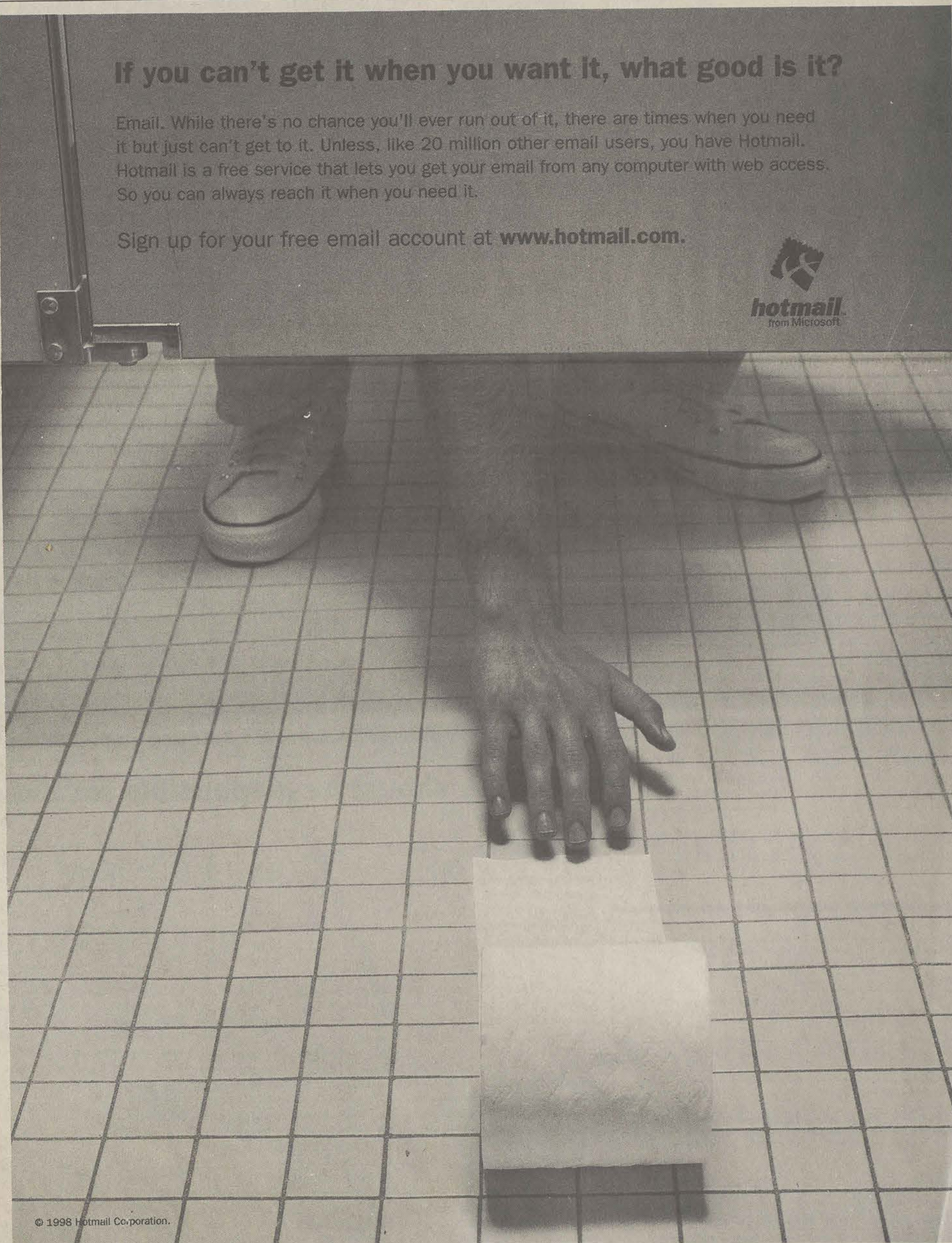
Boas, which kill their prey by strangling them to death, are native to the tropics.

"Whoever found him is lucky he didn't panic," Denise Brown, director of the Center for Animal Care and Control in Brooklyn, told the News. "The first thing a boa will do is wrap itself around

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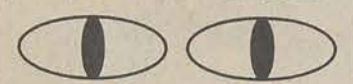
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Our Opinion

Go to the football game, it's free

As you all (hopefully) know by now, GSU will host the first football game of the season Saturday night at 7 p.m. versus Elon College. It is a night game and so Eagle fans will be able to avoid the heat that usually accompanies the early football games.

Also, this is the first time that football season has started after classes have started. The switch to semesters has made it possible for all students to be at the first game.

Even if you aren't a huge football fan, we encourage you to come on out anyway and take a look at GSU's awesome team, which is predicted to win the Southern Conference...again.

Some people are even hopeful that the Eagles will win the National title, so what have YOU got to lose? A great time is promised for everyone in attendance.

While it is Labor Day weekend, Statesboro is a great place for picnics—and during football season, picnics are called tailgating parties.

You're already paying for your admission in the games through student fees, so you won't have to pay at the gates. So, why not put your money to good use and support our team?

This will be the only game held at night this season, so come out now especially - you won't sweat a drop.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Paulson Stadium...we can't wait to see you there!



Clinton and Yelstin: proving leaders are not demi-gods

So...Clinton's in Moscow. Can you imagine the conversations Clinton and Yeltsin must be having? Actually, can you imagine the conversations Clinton, Yeltsin, and their multitude of interpreters must be having? Especially since Yeltsin's interpreters double as his drinking-partners (which is probably the reason he has so many—one no man can keep up with him).

Try to imagine it, on one side of the table is the leader of the free-world and on the other side of the table is the leader of the "we'll-take-anything-we-can-get-for-free" world. Sitting next to them are their interpreters, as a smattering of policy makers and spin-doctors stand nervously behind them.

And on the table? No, not financial reports on Russia's all but dead economy, but instead a bottle of Russia's finest, perhaps even a smorgasbord of Russia's finest: Smirnoff, Stolli, Rasputin and a handful of homebrewed vodkas from various Russian regions (gotta have cultural awareness). My goodness, this makes our Block Party seem like a cabinet meeting in the White House.

Clinton is a good old boy from Arkansas (albeit one who managed to weasel his way through the Ivy League and Oxford), so



JUSTIN MILLER

COLUMNIST

it's no wonder that he retreats to his one good drinking buddy after he gets caught with his pants down (pun fully intended). But what is Yeltsin's excuse?

Well, he's a certified drunk,

and the Greeks of old is that we try to be a bit more discreet in our debauchery. Of course now the whole world, connected as it is, can join in the fun. Although my experience has taught me

IT DOES MAKE YOU WONDER, THOUGH, IN THAT FAMOUS PICTURE OF TEENAGE CLINTON SHAKING HANDS WITH KENNEDY, WHAT WAS IT THAT HE REALLY ADMIRER ABOUT JFK?

complete with the mood swings (ever tried to keep count of how many times he appoints, fires and then re-appoints his closest advisors, including the prime minister?), and drunks, as we all know, don't really need a viable excuse to drink: "What? Sun came up? Well let's celebrate—pour a little bit of this beer in them those Wheaties!"

But what does this say about the "Global Village" we now live in? Perhaps that not much has changed in human nature in the past umpteen thousand years. The only difference between us

that the world has always enjoyed itself, and has no idea what all the hubbaloos here in the States about the President's alleged affair(s).

I guess they don't understand that although we may have allowed "I tried it but I didn't inhale," we're having a tough time, er, swallowing the, "oral sex isn't the same as intercourse" line.

It does make you wonder, though, in that famous picture of teenage Clinton shaking hands with Kennedy, what was it that he really admired about JFK? At least JFK had glamorous movie

stars and sultry singers. Monica Lewinsky???

The important question isn't "where" or "what," but "Why her!?" That is the real shame brought on our country, our President has no taste, uh, I mean he can't pick a decent woman from, well, a not so decent woman. You get the idea...

He has set an example, although I'm not sure what that means for our future. But maybe it's high time we do away with the notion of our leaders as demi-gods.

If you look at the social problems in this country (especially those that involve families), it seems like our leaders represent us pretty well.

Or maybe that's what we don't like, that our leaders are pretty close representations of ourselves (with all our misgivings and vices).

So what will Clinton and Yeltsin talk about? Probably not much at all. Two leaders in their twilight facing serious problems with their electorate... sounds like "Miller Time" to me.

But maybe Yeltsin will at least let Clinton in on an ancient Russian secret: a little vodka and soap can get just about any stain out of almost any fabric.



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CORNELL DAILY SUN

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — In August 1997, a young man visiting Cornell, Peter Matzke, died after falling into Cascadilla Gorge.

Matzke was legally drunk and running naked through the woods in the early hours of the morning.

A year after his death, Matzke's parents are suing Cornell for \$3 million, claiming the University was negligent and responsible for their son's fatal fall.

While this tragic incident cut short what could have been a promising life, we cannot agree that the University is in any way responsible for Matzke's death.

On the day of his death, Matzke made several decisions. He chose to drink so much that his blood alcohol content was .198 (.08 is considered legally drunk). He chose to join with his friends in streaking through campus and Colletown.

And he chose to escape from the Cornell Police who were busy charging his companions.

In no way did Cornell Uni-

versity have anything to do with these decisions, and therefore Cornell cannot be held accountable for their consequences. Matzke knowingly put himself into several perilous situations and suffered terribly for his bad choices.

Matzke's parents claim their son died because Cornell "failed to exercise reasonable care to prevent injury or death to users of the premises," the "premises" being a "dirt path... in dangerous condition."

Yet is it Cornell's responsibility to care for land in the middle of the woods? The University provides a paved and lit sidewalk from West Campus to Colletown via Cascadilla Gorge.

Though they maintain this walkway for pedestrians, Matzke chose not to take it. Should the University be held

accountable for a drunk person's misjudgements?

It is understandable in this time of tragedy that Matzke's parents are searching for consolation, and perhaps they feel better believing that Cornell, rather than Matzke himself, is responsible for his death.

It may be hard for them to accept that their son made such foolish decisions which ultimately resulted in ending his life.

However, it is as unfair to blame Cornell as it would be to sue his friends who failed to protect him or the brewing company who manufactured the alcohol he chose to consume.

Additionally, it is unclear what Matzke's parents hope to accomplish by suing the University for \$3 million. No

amount of money will bring back their son, and money cannot prevent past or future tragedies.

It would be wise, however, for Cornell to post warning signs in the area where Matzke fell. Though it is unlikely that any markings could effectively deter someone who is severely intoxicated, such warnings might help prevent future deaths and lawsuits.

When tragedy strikes, it is common for people to look outward for someone to blame. Coincidentally, the scapegoats selected often have access to millions of dollars. In cases such as this one, it is neither fair nor right.

Gorges are inherently dangerous, but short of filling them with cement there is little anyone can do to prevent accidents except exercise common sense.

Matzke's bad decisions began when he chose to drink too much, streak across campus and finally run into a dark, wooded area. With regards to this incident, there is no one to blame but Matzke himself.

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'54' gives the audience the facts and lets them draw conclusions

By Ryan Madson
Staff Writer

Thankfully, I was only a wee five-year-old during the year 1979 and am able to remember very little. Sadly, most humans alive at that time were not blessed enough to be as young as I was. Their memories are likely to be filled with the gaudy dazzle of neon lights and rectangular automobiles, turbulent world politics, awful music, over-ripe commercialization and tacky wardrobes. Especially tacky wardrobes.

Forgetting the world outside of New York, the new movie "54" captures the urban party vibe of the late 70s perfectly. Anyone who knows anything about pop culture knows that retro is all the rage, but a look at this well-crafted film might make you hipsters think twice about how cool your retro inspirations really are.

The movie "54" is about the collapse of the eponymous Manhattan nightclub, and the extraordinary, hedonistic, glamorous lifestyle that it provoked.

Mike Myers, whose acting career has previously been limited to slapstick comedy, takes on his first serious role as the legendary Steve Rubell, who in his prime was the real-life, Brooklyn-born owner of Studio 54 in the late-1970s and early-80s.

Myers is the perfect actor for the role: his exuberant grin and wacky laugh lend his portrayal of Rubell a genuine, yet vaguely uneasy, likableness. And his pale complexion, wispy hair and wizardry with accents (Brooklyn, in this case) further authenticate his performance as the God-

father of the disco-era party scene.

The movie is seen largely through the eyes of its protagonist, an attractive, friendly kid named Shane who is all-to-eager to escape the provinciality of his New Jersey home and become part of the "scene" across the river.

He goes to Manhattan with some friends one

evening to gawk at the celebrities who frequent the halls of 54. To his delight, he is chosen by Rubell himself (who often watches over the entrance, allowing access to only the most beautiful and extravagant people in the crowd) to enter his club. Once inside its doors, Shane witnesses the glittering decadence that 54 was famous for.

At the bar—beneath a dazzling, vari-colored profusion of props and disco balls—movie and television stars mingle with urban trendsetters, all of them sexy and over-dressed; on a couch next to the dance floor, a random young couple have casual sex; and everywhere Shane looks, a line of coke is as handy and available as a glass of champagne.

Shortly after his first visit to the nightclub, Shane lands a job as a bus boy and eventually he becomes the bartender, an envious position coveted by all of his male co-workers.

While working as bartender, he has various sexual encounters with the clientele, and he is encouraged by Rubell to meet new people and take new drugs. Rubell's mantra: "The path of excess leads to the palace of wisdom."

Not quite. Underneath all the glitz and glamour that "54" delights in portraying, there is a very unsettling edge—a certain emptiness that is the result of too much superficiality, too many drugs and too much meaningless sex. Everyone at the party seems to be aware that their friendships are heartless, and the drugs that they abuse are merely a temporary (for an unfortunate few, a permanent) escape from a lifestyle and a reality that they know to be wrong.

In "54," the goofy decadence of the late-70s is

nothing to be nostalgic about, and it is certainly nothing to be extolled: the "paths of excess" portrayed here are harmful and malign.

In the end, Shane witnesses the sad collapse of the nightclub at the hands of the police and the IRS. Rubell goes to jail, and 54 is sold to new owners.

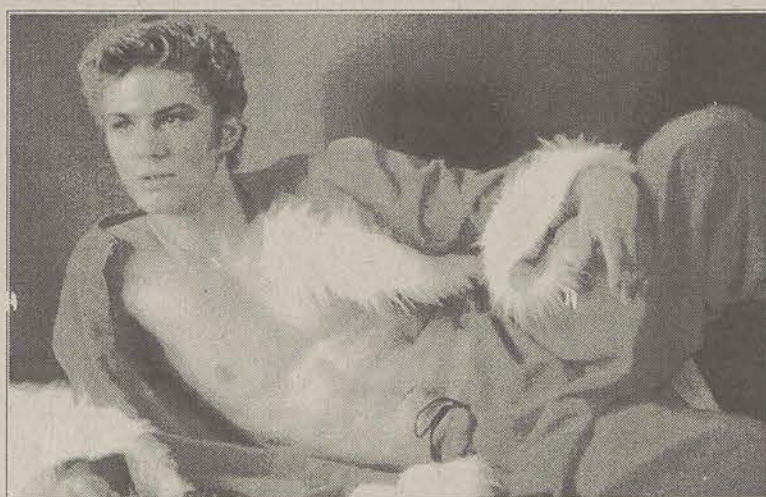
In a poignant scene near the close of the movie, an eighty-year-old woman who is a mainstay at the club (mostly as a novelty, a geriatric party machine that the crowd can laugh at and cheer for) overdoses on cocaine. It is New Year's morning, 1980.

For a few minutes, the music stops and the lights come on. The shattered, aged corpse is carried from the littered dance floor, but Rubell orders for the party to go on. Unfortunately, it doesn't. It can't. And at the moment when everyone realizes that something is horribly wrong in the zeitgeist, the collapse of Studio 54 begins.

"Even from here, the suits look cheap," says Rubell, standing in the DJ booth and looking down on the men from the IRS as they raid his cash registers. Superficial to the last. And, of course, his clientele does not learn better, either.

Despite what I have said so far about "54," the movie does not try to preach or moralize. It merely portrays to the best of the film makers' ability what the notorious nightclub was like in 1979 and it lets the audience draw its own conclusions.

But as the movie unfolds through the eyes of Shane, it is very difficult to understand what is happening (or, historically-speaking, what *has* happened) without feeling uneasy, or even slightly disturbed, at the rampant, sterile decadence of the disco era.



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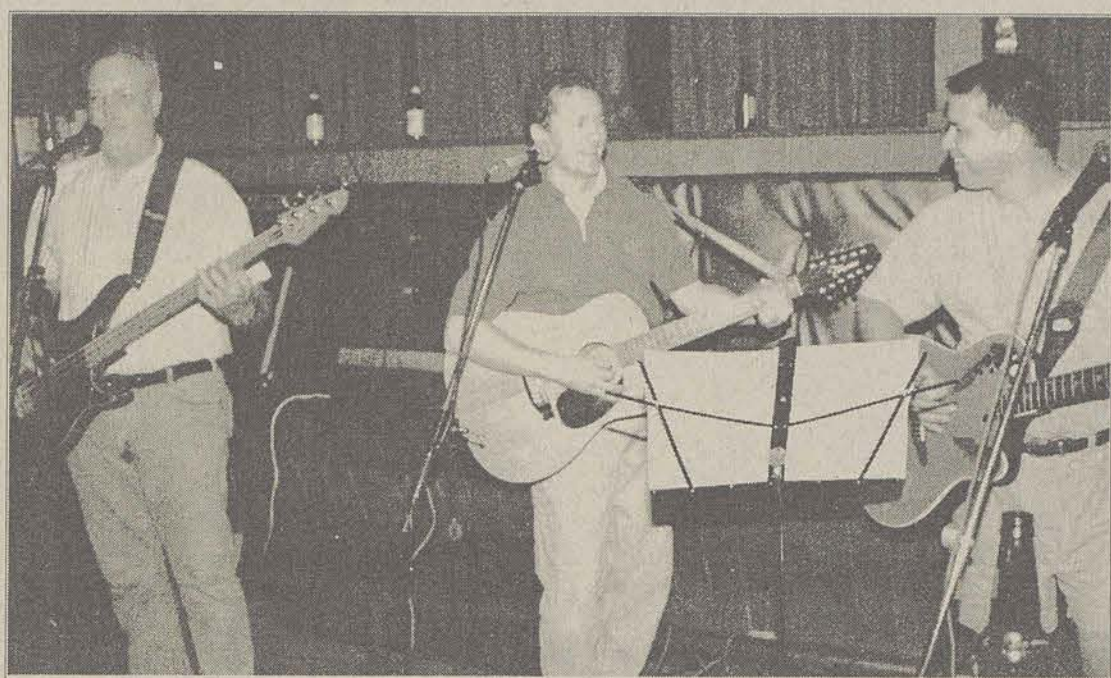
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Marilyn Manson goes Hollywood

The Associated Press

NEW YORK —Trading his death mask for oversized glam rock sunglasses, Marilyn Manson has gone Hollywood — in spirit and for real.

The outrageous rock star moved to Tinseltown's famed Laurel Canyon, home to the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison when they were outrageous rock stars.

"This whole past year, my house has become a real Hollywood Babylon, Studio 54 type of place," Manson says in the Sept. 17 issue of *Rolling Stone*, adding that he likes to invite semi-forgotten stars over for karaoke

performances.

"So at any given moment, you may have found Leif Garrett or Corey Feldman singing the theme from 'Grease,'" Manson says.

The singer-songwriter often criticized — and in some cases banned — for his unholy, explicit lyrics and walking corpse persona has traded his blackened-eye-sockets look for lighter makeup and colorful 1970s outfits featuring platform shoes and Elton John-style spectacles.

Manson's new album "Mechanical Animals" (due Sept. 15) is a big change too, swapping the teen Satanism and hissing,

postindustrial buzzsaw sound from his 1996 album "Antichrist Superstar" for melodic guitar grooves and lyrics about spacey sci-fi romance fantasies.

Still, Manson continues to shock mainstream America. The "Mechanical Animals" original cover art depicts Manson as a nude, androgynous mannequin. Kmart and Wal-Mart refused to stock CDs with that artwork, so Interscope Records promised a tamer version for them.

"If you're going to pretend to be something," Manson explains, "then you have to at least live up to what it is."

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DiCaprio not to star in 'American Psycho'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio has been deep-sixed. DiCaprio made headlines two months ago when he expressed interest in playing a serial killer in the film "American Psycho" and Lions Gate Films announced the actor was attached to the project. But DiCaprio's manager and publi-

cist said the 23-year-old actor was still making up his mind. Lions Gate now says DiCaprio is out.

Sources speaking on condition of anonymity told the *Los Angeles Times* that the actor couldn't give a definite date that he would be available for work on the film so Lions Gate decided to move forward without him.

Director Mary Harron, ousted when DiCaprio got involved in "American Psycho," was asked to return.

"As far as I know, they would like me to come back, which is great," the director said.

DiCaprio's publicist Cindy Guagenti said only that the actor is scheduled to begin filming "The Beach" in January.

Kevin Bacon adds radio show to his resumé

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Bacon says he isn't the best part of his new radio show.

The actor, director and musician has been hired to host "The Guitar Show with Kevin Bacon," a two-hour weekly AM/FM Radio Networks show in which rock guitarists will discuss their influences and share anecdotes.

The first show will be broad-

cast nationally this weekend and will feature Eddie Van Halen, Queen's Brian May and Aerosmith's Joe Perry. Bacon is the rhythm guitarist and co-vocalist for the band Bacon Brothers, which includes his brother Michael.

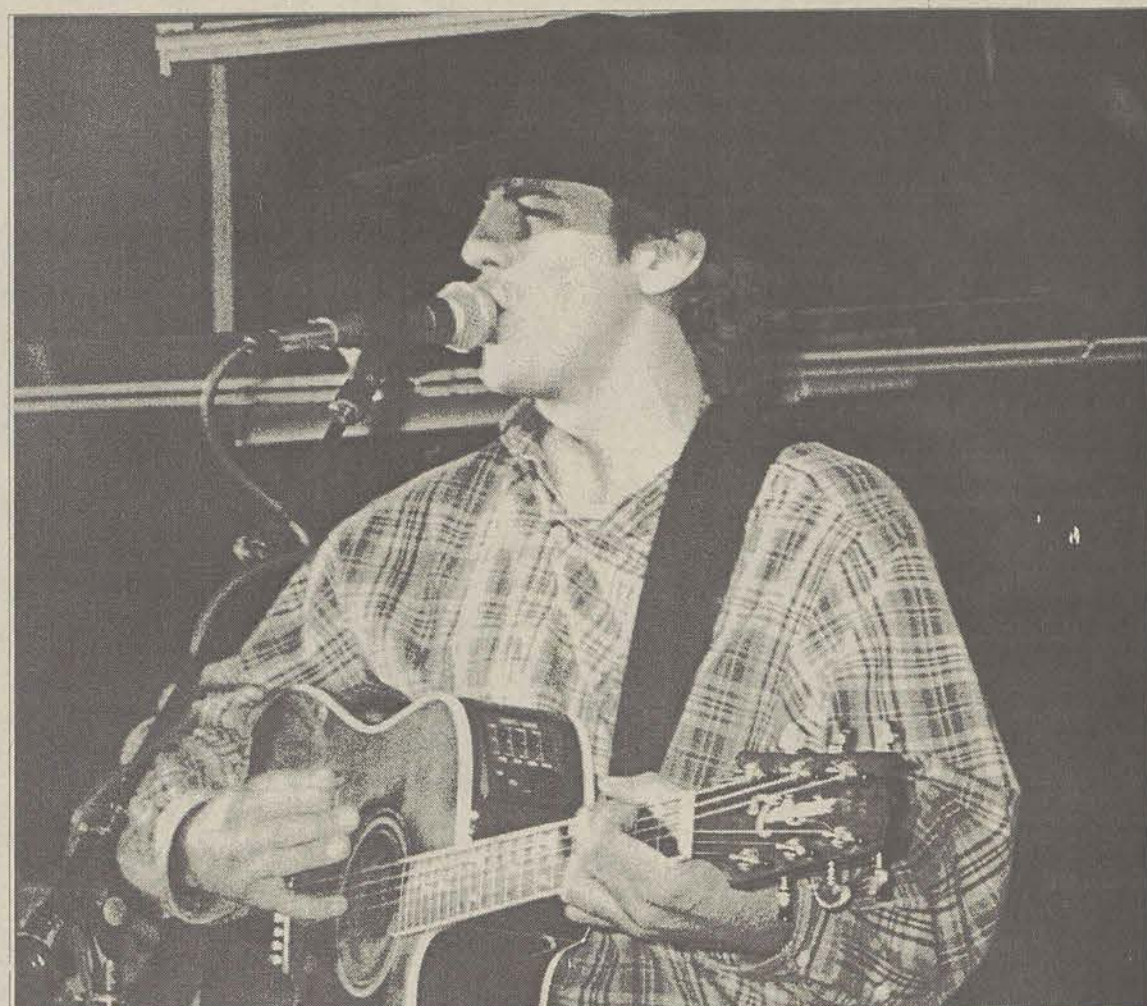
"I'm not as enamored with actors as I am with musicians, especially like these guys," Bacon told *Daily Variety* in an in-

terview last week. "These are some of my heroes, and to be in the same room listening to them play or to what they have to say is fun for me."

The most difficult aspect of the hosting duties was being himself, Bacon said.

"I'm used to having a character to get behind. To be just me feels odd," he said. "The good news is, it's not a show about me."

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Sarah Trucksis

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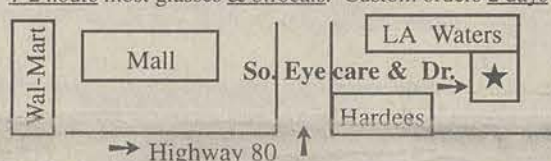
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WNBA deserves same respect as NBA

Okay, another NBA season is in the books and it will be a while before they tip off competition again. However, most of us sports fans have probably failed to recognize the talent that is found in the WNBA, the NBA's counterpart. Anyone who has been keeping up with these ladies of the hardwood can say they have the skills that pay the bills. Maybe they don't have vertical leaps that are off the charts, but they can nail the "J," crash the boards and pass behind the back as well as the fellas. To be honest, they can outplay some of the men on any given day. Therefore, they deserve the utmost respect.

If you don't believe me, take a look at Cynthia Cooper of the repeating world champion Houston Comets. In my opinion, she's the Michael Jordan of the league because she can do it all. Pass, steal, shoot, rebound, and then some. If she could dunk, opponents would be in a world of trouble. Of course, there are others such as Lisa Leslie, Sheryl Swoopes, Michelle Timms and then some, but I have limited column space so I can't elaborate on their abilities.

Another thing that impresses me about the WNBA is that the players never get too physical. They show that they are out there to have fun playing the game of basketball rather than start bench-clearing brawls.

Furthermore, I applaud these athletically gifted women for paving the way for other women who are shootin' hoop on the basketball courts and at the universities all across America. Now, with the WNBA around, these young women can make their dreams of playing pro basketball come true.

Hopefully in the future the attendance at the games will increase as well because we need to give them as much love and support as we give the male players. Why don't WNBA players get the colossal shoe deals? Better yet, how come they never get the multi-million dollar contracts? If they play the same sport, they should be able to enjoy the same perks. In addition, television needs to show more of their games. It's not fair to see their games on ESPN, Lifetime and NBC about once a week if you're lucky. If you will take the time to give these women a chance, you just might be amazed and learn something new.

So the next time you're glued to that couch with the remote in your hand surfing through the channels and you come across one of those WNBA games, don't be discouraged to see a bunch of females in an arena playing a game of basketball. Trust me, they're good!

GSU looks to climb on Hill for fifth ring

Junior signal caller expected to play a major role in Eagles' drive for another national championship

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

GSU soared to the top of the Southern Conference last year and, with the 1998 season ready to get underway Saturday, the Eagles are picked to repeat as Southern Conference champions. With nine of 11 starters on offense returning from last year's 10-3 squad, along with five veterans on defense, Head Coach Paul Johnson has good reason to feel confident in his team's chances in making a run for the national championship.

"I think the experience helps tremendously," Johnson said. "Just being with the coaching staff for a year helps everyone have a better idea of what to expect from us and vice-versa."

Any hopes of a national championship for the Eagles rests primarily on the strong arm and quick feet of their multi-talented junior quarterback, Greg Hill. Hill is considered by some to be the best quarterback GSU has had since Tracy Ham.

Although Hill is the undisputed starter, GSU boasts a tandem of more than capable backup quarterbacks in J.R. Revere and Andre Weathers.

"We have Greg Hill coming back who ended the 1997 season as our starter and we have two redshirt freshmen in J.R. Revere and Andre Weathers, who I feel are extremely talented," Johnson said. "I thought Greg had an outstanding spring and will go into the fall as our No. 1 quarterback."

The backfield will have some holes to fill, with the departure of battering fullback Roderick Russell. The 1,171 yards that Russell piled up during the 1997 regular season will indeed be missed. The fullback position will be up for grabs this season. Fighting for the starting nod are Adrian Peterson and senior Jevon Sullivan.

"Rod Russell's absence will be felt, trust me," Johnson said. "But we feel pretty confident that either redshirt freshman Adrian Peterson or Jevon Sullivan can step up and fill that particular role well."

The fullbacks will get help in the running game from starting slotbacks Corey Joyner and Bennie Cunningham, both seniors. Joyner is best remembered for his stunning 100 yard TD kickoff return (a school record) against East Tennessee

GSU FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Sarah Trucksis

YOU CAN'T CATCH ME: Another defensive linemen is left eating QB Greg Hill's dust as he races away for another huge gain. Hill plans to make life miserable for all defenses in the Southern Conference this season.

State last year.

"We ended up losing Tobias (Steverson) who played a great deal but we've got Corey Joyner, Bennie Cunningham and Cherard Freeman back who all did some great things last year," Johnson said. "Throw in Audrell Grace, one of our signees, who was with us during the spring as well."

The Eagles triple option offense places an emphasis on the rushing attack, but they will still look to take advantage of their receiving corps.

"The only guy we lost from the end of the year at that position was Shannon Shook, a guy who certainly was consistent for us," Johnson said. "We do have Dedric Parham and Titus Johnson back and both of them ended playing a great deal for us last year."

The strength of the Eagles lies in their offensive line, who returns all starters back, with the exception of All-SoCon performer Rich McGrath, who is still waiting for medical clearance to play.

"Anytime you can return a group intact, I think it should definitely help you," Johnson said. "I think we've gotten a lot stronger physically, and that certainly will help."

GSU's "Blue Bandit" defense is also ready for the season. The Eagle defense against the run ranked in the top 20 nationally last season, allowing just 105.2 rushing yards per game.

"We'll have Vonnellies Allen and Brian Wilson back who should both play a bunch," Johnson said. "At the ends positions, we're fortunate enough to

have both starters back in Eric Davis and Benjy Harris."

The gem in the linebacking corps is sophomore Daryl Morrell, a pint-sized speed merchant.

"We ended up losing three of the four guys (linebackers) who played the most for us last year (Chad Nighbert, D.T. Tanner, John Peacock)," Johnson said. "Daryl Morrell returns, and simply put, that's a good thing. He became an outstanding player by the end of the year after opening the season in the secondary."

The secondary took some huge hits over the off-season with the dismissal of All-American safety James Dickerson and cornerback Lavar Rainey. And more re-

cently, starting safety Ryan Hadden broke his right leg during a preseason scrimmage and will most likely miss the first three or four games of the season. But they still have cornerback Earthwind Moreland, who with his 4.31 speed, is easily the fastest Eagle.

"Even with the losses back there, I feel like we will have a little more depth and experience than we had last season," Johnson said. "I thought Arkee (Thompson, GSU basketball player) handled himself well during his first spring experience at one of the cornerback positions."

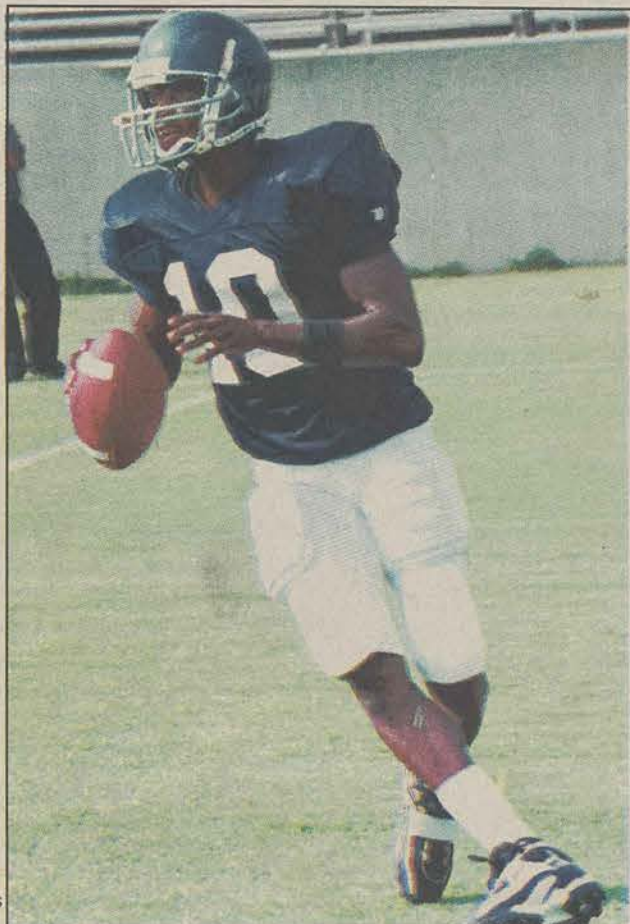
Eagles will face Elon's wishbone in Saturday night's opener



Let's get it started: Eagle's starting quarterback Greg Hill will lead the Eagle offense in GSU's season opener against Elon College, at Paulson Stadium Saturday night, 7 p.m.



Sarah Trucksis



By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

The GSU Eagles open up the 1998 season against the Fighting Christians of Elon College, a team that is coming off a 7-4 season that saw them in transition from Division II to Division I-AA. Elon features a wishbone attack that evolves around their speedy

quarterback Derrick Moore, who led the Fighting Christians in rushing last year with 906 yards.

"They got good speed at the skill positions," Eagles Head Coach Paul Johnson said. "We expect them to come in and execute their offense well, and if you execute that type of offense well, it's hard to stop."

Eagle Quarterback Greg Hill will be starting in a season opening game for the first time of his career. After splitting time with now departed QB Kenny

Robinson, Hill will be the undisputed starter this year.

"It feels good, just like it did the last six games of last season, knowing that I'm the one going in as the starter," Hill said. "My confidence is definitely up from last season. I'm ready to play."

In order to stop Elon's deadly wishbone attack, which averaged 281 yards rushing in '97, stopping Moore is a must for GSU's defense. But after having to practice against Hill everyday, The "Blue Bandit" defense believes they are more than equal to the task.

"He's (Moore) a big part of their scheme," said defensive end Benjy Harris. "But I feel we've seen the best quarterback in the country in Greg, and if we can contain Greg, we've done something."

But Moore is only one key ingredient in an offense that boasts a full-house backfield of runners.

"We'll see a lot of misdirec-

tion, and a lot of hard-nosed coming off the ball," said Harris, when explaining the wishbone. "It ought to be an interesting game."

A look at Elon College

Location: Burlington, N.C.

Enrollment: 3600

Nickname: Fighting Christians

Stadium: Burlington Memorial (10,000 seat capacity)

1997 Record: 7-4

Offense: Wishbone

Basic Defense: 4-3

Conference: Independent

Players to Watch: QB Derrick Moore, DT Kelly Forrest



Sarah Trucksis

THROWING THE BALL: Dedric Parham (83) and Chris Johnson (7) practice their passing game.

Wide receivers looking for big plays

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

Don't let the triple option rushing attack fool you. Any Eagle opponents focusing only on stopping GSU's run attack will have another thing coming. The Eagle wide receivers will be expected to play a key part in the passing game this year.

"We got a lot of veterans coming

back, all our wide receivers are still young, and we're looking forward to the season," sophomore Titus Johnson said. "We've spent one full year under Coach Johnson's system."

Receivers coming back from last year's squad include Dedric Parham, Titus Johnson and Chris Johnson. Chevelle Simmons, Ashley Morgan, who is the lone

senior in the unit, and quarterback/wide receiver Andre Weathers will look to see some action this season. JUCO transfer Demond Brown, who is a former UGA signee, will add some talent to an already deep unit.

"Everybody's going to be expecting a lot from us this year," said Chevelle Simmons, a junior from Riverdale, Ga. "We're going to definitely step it up; look at all our mistakes and come back with that fire."

Everybody in this unit is looking forward to providing some big play punch to the offense.

"We got some goals to set for this season," said sophomore Chris Johnson. "And we don't care how we do it, we just want to win, whether by blocking, catching, or running."

The receiving corps will look to exploit any defense who gets preoccupied with stopping the run.

"People look for our option game, mostly," Simmons said. "But they overlook our talent and ability, and I think it's a key advantage. That ETSU game we won on a pass play."

Chris Johnson is ready to get the season started.

"We just want to come out and have fun," he said. "I'm real excited. We got a lot of expectations."

Secondary is not taking a backseat

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

There will be a lot of questions in the Eagle secondary at the start of the 1998 season. The defensive backfield has taken some huge hits recently. Even before preseason workouts started, they were already minus James Dickerson, an All-American safety, and Lavar Rainey, a cornerback. Rainey and Dickerson were dismissed during the off-season for violating team rules.

Then, during preseason workouts, GSU lost yet another defensive back when strong safety Ryan Hadden broke his leg. Hadden will be expected to come back midway through the season. Despite the losses, head coach Paul Johnson still feels confident about his secondary.

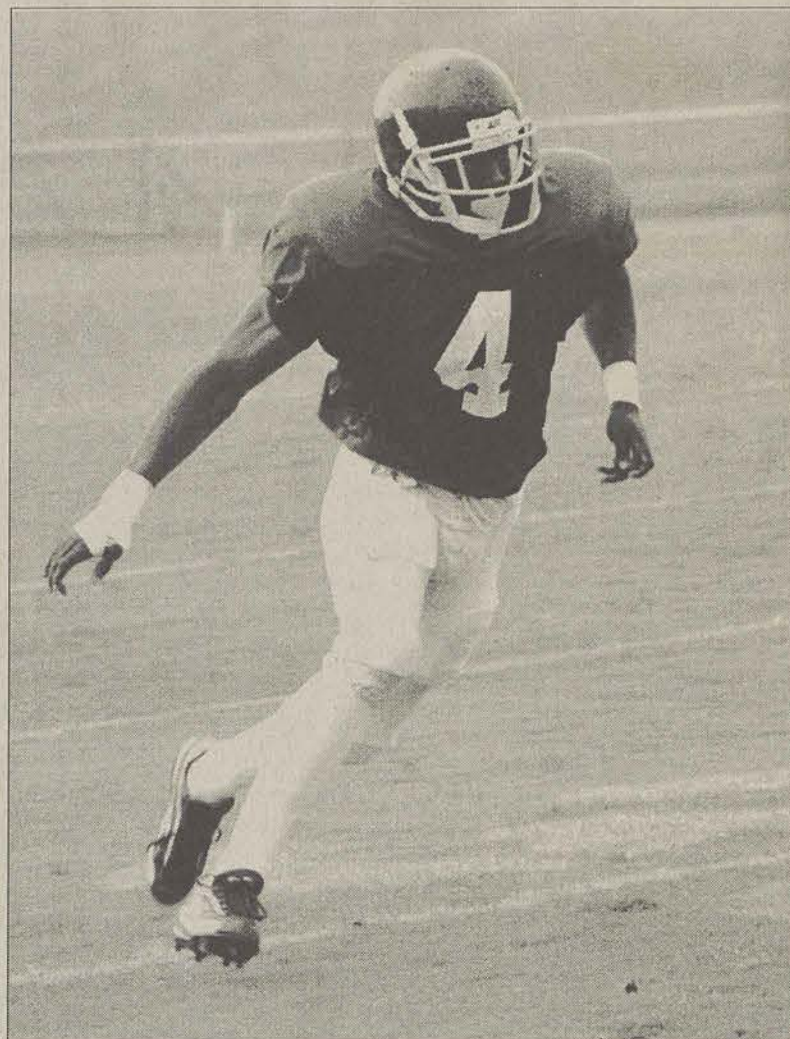
"I think we got some good athletes in the secondary," Johnson said. "I feel like Earthwind (Moreland) has had a good camp. Kiwaukee (Thomas) has had a good camp also."

Cornerbacks Moreland and Thomas, both juniors, will be looked at to provide leadership in a unit that will be very young and inexperienced.

"Right now I think I have the most experience," said Moreland. "When times get rough, I know I must step it up."

GSU will need every bit of Moreland's experience and his blazing 4.31 speed in the secondary to defend against some of the Southern Conference's better passing teams, such as Appalachian State, East Tennessee State and Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Thomas, the other cornerback in the defensive secondary, will be looking to hold down a permanent starting spot this season after being a reserve for the last couple of years. Thomas, like Moreland, is also no slouch when it comes to the speed department. His 4.48 speed compliments Moreland's fleet feet



Sarah Trucksis

OFF AND RUNNING: Earthwind Moreland (4) and the rest of the secondary are ready to take some hits this season.

rather nicely.

"I think we have a lot of speed in the secondary," Moreland said. "If we communicate with each other, and listen to our coaches, we'll have a real good season."

Moreland's optimism is based on the fact that guys have stepped up in the place of Hadden's absence. VMI transfer John Davis emerged and had already nailed down a starting spot at free safety. With Hadden gone, Davis will most likely be switched to strong safety.

The most likely candidate to take the now open free safety spot is talented Arkee Thompson, who is trading in his basketball sneakers for football cleats. Thompson will look to add more

athleticism in the defensive backfield.

Other guys expected to see some playing time at the corners are Andrae Rogers and Cordell Benton. Freshmen Derrick Williams and Nick Kearns will provide some depth at safety.

As the Eagles get ready to play Elon, Moreland cautions against a letdown in the secondary, even though the Fighting Christians employ a wishbone rushing attack.

"We can't underestimate them," Moreland said. "Elon has a good blocking scheme, and we have to prepare for that. If you don't prepare and execute, any defense can be beat."

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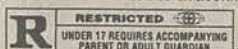


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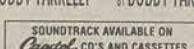
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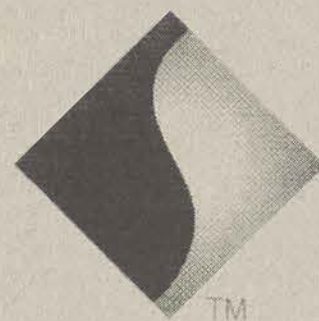
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Former Eagle QB expected to be major factor in receiving corps

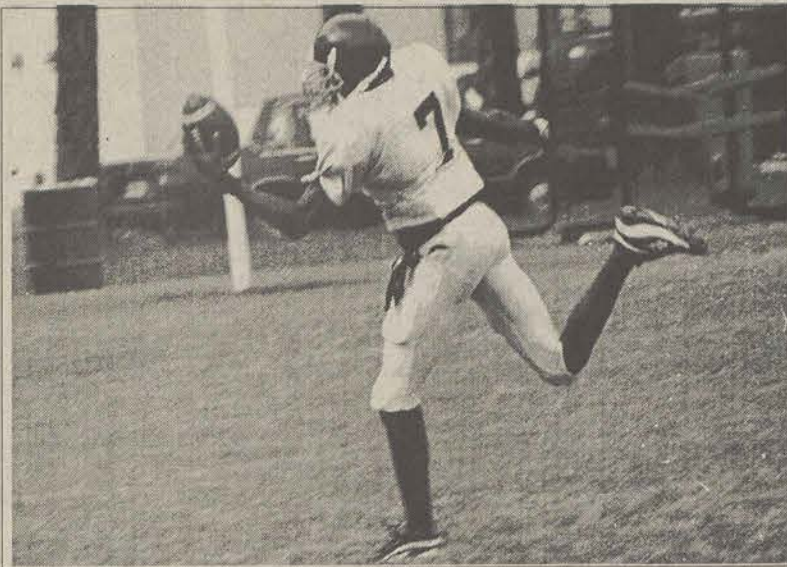
By Reginald M. Farrell
Senior Staff Writer

The Eagle offense will have many dangerous weapons this year. One of them will be Chris Johnson at wide receiver. Johnson was recruited by GSU originally as a quarterback and then converted to wide out to utilize his athleticism and speed.

"It wasn't a hard transition because I knew the routes," said Johnson. "I just wanted to do what it took to help the team win."

During his high school career at Americus, Johnson passed for an incredible 2,505 yards and 26 touchdowns, suffering only nine interceptions. In addition, Johnson was selected to first team all-state and recognized as Class AA Player-of-the-Year by the Georgia Sportswriters Association.

In the 1997 season, after being redshirted the previous year, Johnson earned his first letter, playing in all 13 games



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LOOK MA, NO HANDS!: Chris Johnson shows off his catching skills during practice.

where he recorded two catches for 17 yards. Not to mention, he had one catch during the postseason against Florida A&M as well. Also, he saw limited time as quarterback, completing three-of-six passes for 73 yards.


This year, Johnson will play wide receiver full time.

"I feel great about the season," said Johnson. "We have a lot of people coming back and new people stepping up; if we play hard enough, we have a shot to win it all."

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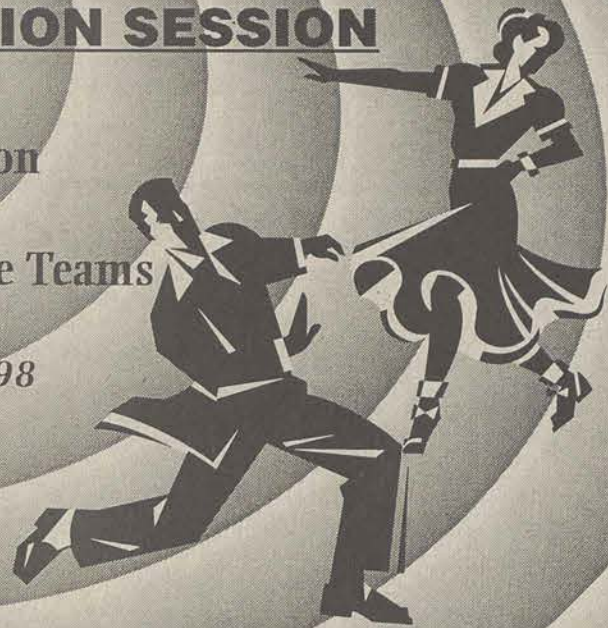
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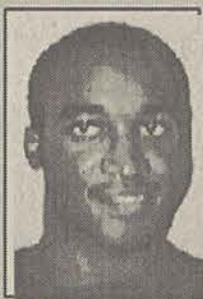
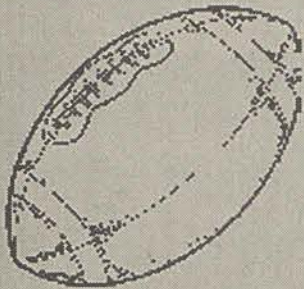
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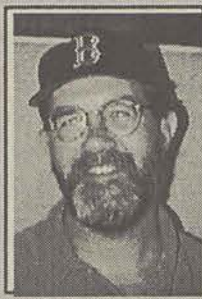
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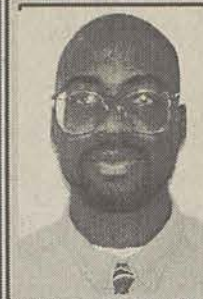
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Freshmen receivers get attention

By J. Andrew Cohen
Wisconsin State Journal

MADISON, Wis. —Those who say good things come in small packages are usually speaking of diamonds in a box, not diamonds in the rough.

All romance aside, the University of Wisconsin has seemingly found a couple gems in freshmen receivers Nick Davis and Conroy Whyte.

"They're small guys, but what they add is speed and quickness," UW wide receivers coach Henry Mason said. "The good side is they're able to get in and out of cuts and can run by people. Obviously, the disadvantage is that they're a little small and harder targets to hit."

"When you've got a smaller guy, you'd like to get him the ball outside the defense where he can be one-on-one as much as possible. But I'd also like to see them get in the middle, run a 5-yard pattern and be able to really dart after the catch."

Two of the final recruits to sign with Wisconsin, Davis and Whyte wasted little time turning heads at training camp.

Neither will likely redshirt, as both have surged into the mix at kick returner and wideout, and could see playing time Saturday when the Badgers open the season at San Diego State.

Runningbacks in high school, both have acclimated quickly to their new position.

"It's been a pleasant surprise so far," Davis said. "I thought it would be a little bit harder coming in, but the only hard part is getting the formations and plays down. Once I get that, then the confidence comes."

"There are a lot more reads now. As a running back, you read your linemen. Now, you have to read the whole secondary and the coverage scheme. We're still in transition, but Conroy and I try to keep each other's minds straight. We're both going through the exact same thing."

Both went through a similar recruiting experience as well.

Not exactly microscopic at 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, Davis averaged 12.3 yards per carry at Manchester (Mich.) High School. Still, some coaches only saw a small player at a small school, although Michigan did make an offer after some of its other recruits fell through.

"As soon as I came to Wisconsin, I knew it was the place for me," Davis said. "Even if I could have gone anywhere in the nation, I probably would have come here. I liked the coaches' sincerity. They didn't feed me a bunch of lines like some other schools."

Officially listed at 5-foot-7 and 160 pounds, Whyte was a smaller player at an even smaller school in Boston.

He scored 19 of his 41 prep touchdowns on kickoff and punt returns, but heard mostly from Division I-AA schools before Northwestern, Purdue and Wisconsin came knocking.

Born in Jamaica, Whyte has wowed preseason onlookers with a sweet repertoire of open-field moves.

Wisconsin ranked last in the Big Ten in kickoff and punt returns last year, averaging 18.7 and 6.4 yards, respectively. As a prep senior, Whyte averaged 30.2 yards per kickoff return and 21.3 yards per punt return.

Linebacking unit ready to bounce back after crucial losses

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

The GSU linebacking unit has had to cope with some crucial losses after the '97 season. All-Southern Conference selection Chad Nighbert, John Peacock and D.T. Tanner, who was the unmistakable emotional leader of the group, have all used up their four years of eligibility. But anybody looking for this team to start crying about what they lost last year will be sorely disappointed.

"We've learned to play together," said Daryl Morrel, a sophomore outside linebacker. "We'll be all

right. There's a dropoff because everybody we lost were good. But life goes on."

Life does indeed go on. And although the linebacking corps may have lost a lot of experience, what they didn't lose was speed, especially on the outside corners. Complementing the speedster Morrell on the other outside spot is Jason Neese, a redshirt freshman out of McEachern High School.

"I feel good about them," said head coach Paul Johnson, when asked about his linebackers. "Jason Neese is a good athlete. They are all pretty good athletes, and

should turn out to be pretty good ball players."

Larry Rogers is one of the leading candidates to start at middle linebacker.

Roger's highlight last season was his touchdown scored off an interception against ETSU. The score insured the victory against the Buccaneers, and set up the following week's Southern Conference title clincher against Furman.

"It feels good to be back as a starter," Rogers said. "With the other 10 guys on the field, I think we can go to war together."



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READY TO GO: The GSU linebackers are ready to take on this year's opponents despite the loss of crucial players.



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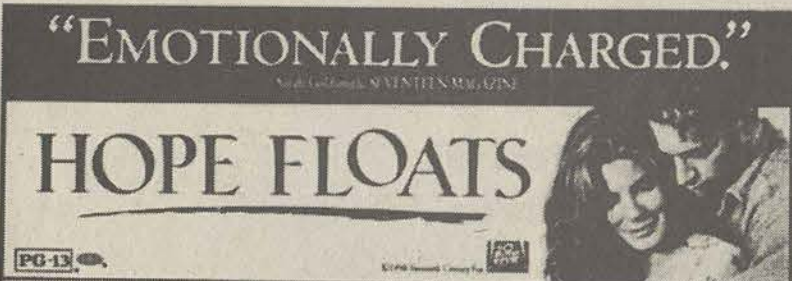
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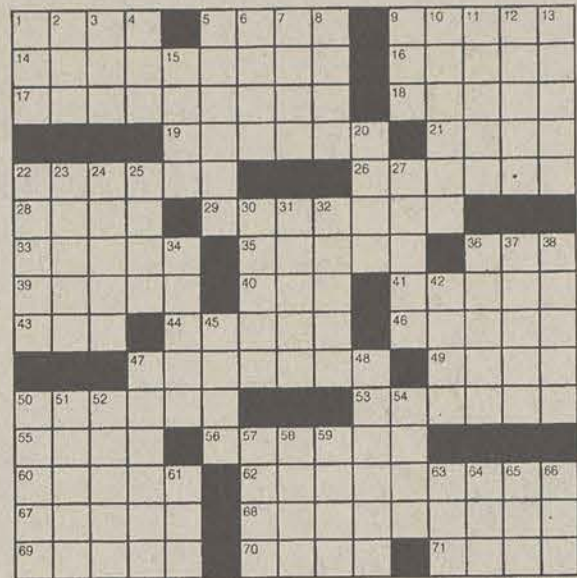
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130 Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE at #4 Gallop's storage rooms, Hwy 67 Monday August 31st. 7:00am until noon. Call 871-3688 for more info.

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170 Motorcycles

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195 Personal Electronics

STEREO (GE) 1 disc, 2 cassettes \$65; student desk \$15; Rice cooker (National) 8 cups \$17; refrig small size \$20; Hot pot \$6; Toaster \$5. Call 871-6864 anytime.

220 Rentals & Real Estate

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY -- Master BR, bath for rent in 3BR house. A/C, heat, W/D. \$220 per month + 1/3 util. Call Aaron or Brian at 764-9458.

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230 Roommates

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FEMALE ROOMMATE needed ASAP to share new, spacious 16 x 80, 2BR, 2Bath; 5mi. from GSU. Call Melissa at 852-5033 after 6:00pm. Leave message if not home.

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SWF ROOMMATE needed \$230 (negotiable) + 1/3 util. 3BR house on one acre Lee Street, W/D, DW included. Great Deal. Call Holly 489-3066 (leave message)

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