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# The George-Anne

## Weather



**Today:** Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 85 and a low around 74.

**Wednesday:** Isolated thunderstorms with a high in the mid 80s and a low of 72.

### BLUE EDITION

Tuesday  
September 29, 1998  
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#### Sports



#### Eagles win big in Chattanooga

GSU proves they have what it takes at UTC.  
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#### Features



#### A mother-daughter team at GSU

For Eileen and Layla Sconyers, being at the same school for work and for education has its benefits.  
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#### Richard Preston lectures at GSU

Best selling author Richard Preston discusses the possible dangers of disease weaponization.  
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#### Today's Word

**Biblioph n.** One who hides or hoards books.  
Source: Weird Words

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**GET OUTTA MY WAY:**  
Two GSU students battled it out sumo-style last week as part of the NCAA Football Campus Tour.

## NCAA Football Tour hits GSU

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

Students and faculty were given a rare treat last Wednesday afternoon when the NCAA Football Campus Tour visited campus. GSU was one of thirty selected universities across the country chosen for the tour.

"College football carries with it such a strong tradition and following," Michelle Grimes, vice president for the Lexington, Ky.-based Host Communications, Inc., the marketing/management entity of NCAA Football, said. "Our NCAA Football Campus Tour is just one of the many initiatives we have in place to further promote college football among university students and the respective college communities."

The setup of this special occasion was similar to a carnival or local fair. There were six football-related interactive events open to all ages and free to the public. The events included the quarterback accuracy challenge, bungee run, sumo football, an obstacle course, a field goal challenge and the NCAA fastest person.

Students took advantage of the events offered. "I just played the quarterback accuracy test,"



Marcus Guidry, a senior printing management student, said. "It was pretty fun, but it's hard getting the ball through the hole."

The GSU cheerleaders were also on hand for the event, hoping to inject some school spirit into the campus population.

"We're just trying to get the college students to get out here and have fun," cheerleader Stephanie Harkins, said. "It helps the campus come together. Students get the chance to interact and meet different people. It also serves as a break from class, and it relieves stress."

This year is the NCAA Tour's second anniversary. It was the first year that GSU hosted the day-long event.

"We're one of two I-AA schools on the tour this year," Matt Brown, GSU's athletic marketing and promotions director, said. "This tour has been involved in bigger schools such as South Carolina, Miami (Fla.), Florida State and Tulane."

According to Harkins, student turnout for the event was high. She also said that the event was needed to get the students more excited about school activities.

"We've had a bunch of students who have been coming out, trying out the different drills," Harkins said. "We've been packed all day, it's been nonstop. People are having fun. We're just trying to add some smiles to this school."

## GSU enrollment close to last year's numbers

By Allison Taylor  
News Editor

Despite enrollment limitations placed on the school by the Board of Regents last academic year, enrollment at GSU is hovering around the same number of students that registered the previous year.

The Regents plan, implemented in June 1997, was to limit the growth at GSU to an average of two percent a year.

The Regents were determined to give GSU time to absorb the large number of students already enrolled and they also wanted to give the school time to catch up with programs and facilities.

The final enrollment numbers will not be available until Oct. 19, but Registrar Michael Deal said he is hoping the numbers will remain stable.

"There are 13,695 students currently registered at GSU, compared to last year's 13,965," he said.

Deal expects the number to increase when all the enrollment totals are calculated. The number should be very close to last year's enrollment, Deal said.

Enrollment is lower so far mainly as a result of the changes GSU has undergone in the last year.

The switch to the semester

### AT A GLANCE!

1997	
Enrollment	13,965
New Students	2,488
1998	
Enrollment	13,695
New Students	3,000

system and the change in admission standards slightly affected enrollment, according to an article in *The Statesboro Herald*.

The enrollment numbers are still about even though, mostly because of the high number of registered freshman.

"There are 392 more freshman this year," Susan Braxton, coordinator of new student and parent programs at GSU, said.

Last year there were 2,488 new students to the school, including transfer students. This year there are almost 3,000 new people to GSU.

## Make Way For The 'Peterson Express'



Sarah Trucksis

**WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN?** GSU Fullback Adrian Peterson teaches yet another unlucky UT-Chattanooga defender a harsh lesson on what happens to anyone who tries to get in the way of the 'Peterson Express.' GSU defeated Tennessee-Chattanooga 42-25 in their first road test of the year. The Eagles have started the season 4-0 for the first time since 1989, when GSU won their third national championship.



**POLICE BEAT**

**GSU Division of Public Safety**

**Wednesday, September 23**

- Selman Sedat Gozu, 26, of Orlando, Florida, was charged with driving with a suspended license.
- A resident of Southern Courtyard reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**Monday, September 21**

- Megan Athearn reported someone damaged the left rear door of her vehicle in the Olliff Hall parking lot.
- Tammie Pate reported a Gateway computer was missing from the Hollis building, Room 2129.
- William Erdmanczyk reported his cellular phone was taken from his vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.
- Rasheda Russell reported

her cellular phone was taken from his vehicle in the Olliff Hall parking lot.

- Scott Reid reported his wallet was taken from his room in Sanford Hall.
- An Olliff Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A domestic dispute was reported at Southern Courtyard.

**Sunday, September 20**

- Jesse Dumas reported a bicycle was missing from the K.A. House on Olympic Boulevard.

**Saturday, September 19**

- Michael Scott Cothren, 21, of Bainbridge, was arrested and charged with DUI (.250) and weaving.
- Reed Smith reported someone broke the windshield of his

vehicle at Olympic Boulevard.

- Tolu Aiyetiwa reported a Free Spirit bicycle was missing from the library.

**Friday, September 18**

- Michael Fredrick Stewart, 18, of 1003 Sanford Hall, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Shirley Robinson reported her cellular phone was missing from Winburn Hall.

Editors 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.

**Freshman goes on a journey**

By John Clayton  
The Associated Press

Manchester, N.H. - You know how some old-timers like to go on and on about how easy we young 'uns have it?

When they're done lambasting us for our pampered, cushy lifestyle, the conversation always seems to get around to how they had to trudge five miles to school every morning.

Well, they'd better not try and run that jive by Seamus Griesbach. He just walked 140 miles to school.

"I don't know where the idea came from," said Griesbach, a freshman at St. Anselm College who arrived on campus last week after an eight-day, seven-night hike from his home in Lisbon Falls, Maine.

"Maybe it was in some deep, dark cranny in the back of my skull, but I had the time, and I figured it would be kind of an

adventure," he said.

The adventure also included his 14-year-old brother, Leon, their dog, Belle, and all of the necessary provisions.

"We both had hiking packs," Seamus said, "and sleeping bags and a two-man tent. We had a couple of changes of clothes, lots

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of extra socks, and I carried about two gallons of trail mix and Leon had two gallons of dog food."

"We'd walk till about 6 at night," he said, "then we'd knock on a door and ask the people if we

could sleep in their yards. One lady let us set up our tent on her badminton court. Two other nights, we slept on baseball diamonds."

When they finally straggled up St. Anselm Drive, his siblings headed back to Maine with his parents and Seamus was left to settle into the routine of a college freshman.

"We took back roads and big roads, through major cities and cow towns," he said, "and when you do that, you get a sense of how diverse these places are, but also of how cohesive they are. Maybe it was a little harebrained, but I think it was a good thing to do."

He has yet to declare a major, (perhaps, geography?) but given all he went through to reach school, I did get him to declare one thing.

He's glad he's not a commuting student.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Things to Do at GSU**

**Today**

- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will have an information session at 8:20 p.m. in Russell Union room 2045.

- Visitation Day for prospective students and their families will be held from 9 a.m. until noon, beginning at the Russell Union.

- The department of geology and geography will present a talk by Associate Professor of Geology and Assistant Dean of the College of Science and Technology Denise Battles and Assistant Professor of Geology Jim Richard on "Environmental Literacy for All Students-Development of the Environmental Geology Component in the New Core Curriculum" at 4 p.m. in room 1101 of the Herby building.

- The library workshop Lexis/Nexis Academic Universe will be held at 9 a.m. in room 1042 of Henderson library. Please call to reserve your seat.

- The library workshop Intro. to GALILEO Databases will be held at 4 p.m. in room 1042 of

Henderson library. Please call to reserve your seat.

**Wednesday, September 30**

- GSU Diamond Girls will have an information meeting in Russell Union room 2052 at 7:15 p.m. Come be a part of the GSU baseball team.

- A sneak preview of the movie "Without Limits" will be shown at 9 p.m. in the Russell Union theater. Admission is \$1.

**Thursday, October 1**

- GSU Diamond Girls will have an information meeting in Russell Union room 2052 at 7:15 p.m. Come be a part of the GSU baseball team.

- Dr. Ben Zellner will present "Billions of Planets," a GSU planetarium public evening, 7:30 p.m. at the GSU planetarium, located in the MPP building.

- The Statesboro Astronomy Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the GSU planetarium. For more information on the Astronomy Club, call Bill McFadden at 826-4933 or Becky Lowder at 871-5425

- The movie "Dr. Dolittle" will be shown in the Russell Union theater at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.

- The library workshop Surfing the Internet will be held at 6 p.m. in the MAA hands-on class area of Henderson library. Please call to reserve your seat.

- Fashion Statement '98 will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom. Social Time is 11:30 a.m. The luncheon and fashion show begins at noon. The cost for this is \$25 inclusive. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. The dinner and fashion show, followed by dancing, begins at 7 p.m. The cost for this is \$45 inclusive. Transportation will be provided via a shuttle to and from the event, located at Pittman Park United Methodist Church, 1102 Fair Road, beginning at 11 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony Association and Belk's in the Statesboro Mall to benefit the Symphony Music Scholarship Fund. Contact Belk's at 764-7575 or Statesboro Inn at 489-8628 for tickets.

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**1 Illinois  
Attorney warned he  
owes one penny**

The Associated Press

PONTIAC—A state agency is threatening to take attorney Curtis Myers to court over an unpaid debt, of one penny.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security sent Myers a letter this week warning him to send in the tiny but unpaid portion of his employee wage contributions by Oct. 2 or face legal action.

"I thought this was one of the most ridiculous things I've ever seen," Myers said last Wednesday. "They have wasted more money to collect the debt. If they have enough time to send these kinds of letters, then maybe they need to look at reducing the number of staff."

Myers said he had owed the department a wage report and a check for \$6.90. The report was sent on time but the check was about two weeks late.

"I guess the penny was interest on the \$6.90 for the time it was late," he said.

An IDES spokesman agreed with Myers that the letter is a case of bureaucracy run amok.

**2 Michigan  
Oversleeper spends  
one week in jail**

The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS—Oversleeping became an eye-opening experience for a Grand Rapids man ordered to spend a week behind bars for snoozing instead of testifying.

Ruben Vance, 20, was freed last Friday after apologizing for

being late for testimony Sept. 18 in a murder trial. Kent County Circuit Judge Donald accepted Vance's contrition, then suspended the rest of the 30-day sentence.

Johnston told *The Grand Rapids Press* he tries to be tolerant of people's problems, but he became testy when Vance overslept "because he can't set an alarm clock."

**3 Pennsylvania  
630-pound pumpkin  
stops traffic**

The Associated Press

ENOLA—A 630-pound pumpkin is stopping traffic on Carlisle Pike as motorists pause to look at the giant gourd on display at the Al Retherford and Sons Farm Market.

"This is the biggest one we've ever had," said Allen Retherford

Jr., after the pumpkin, said to be one of the 20 largest grown in the nation, went on display Wednesday at the market in Hampden Township, Cumberland County.

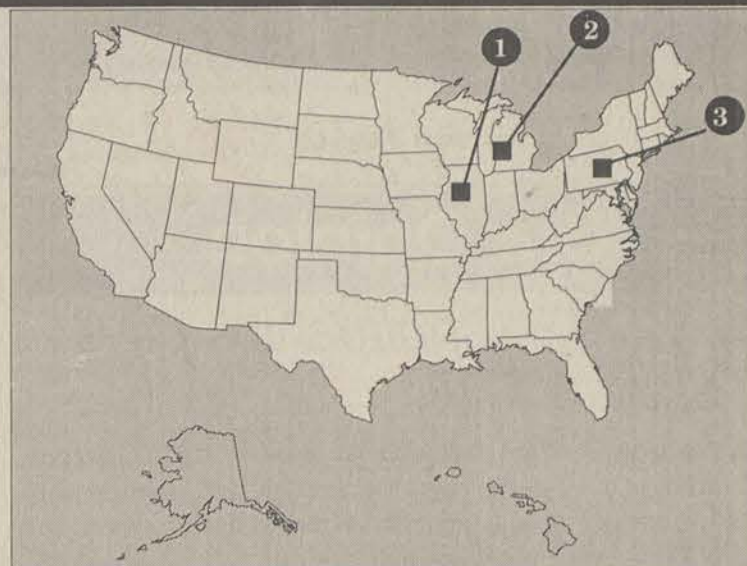
It's become tradition for the family to bring in a huge pumpkin each year to be used as part of the market's colorful seasonal display.

Six men were needed to get this one from the back of a pickup truck to a sturdy table outside the market's main entrance.

He said the pumpkin came from a farm in Virginia that specializes in growing the huge produce, but he declined to be more specific.

The largest pumpkin on record weighed more than 1,000 pounds, he said.

The pumpkin at Retherford's apparently grew on a vine all to itself with the other blossoms pinched off early, and it was milked throughout the growing season.



"I've heard of that, but I've never seen it done. They use a hypodermic needle and inject milk into the vine."

The 630-pound giant is worth about \$1,500, Retherford said.

So what do you do with a

630-pound pumpkin? A lot of pies could be made from it, but Retherford doesn't recommend it.

"Chances are it wouldn't have the best taste," he said. "If they're oversized, they tend to lose flavor."

**Pumpkin  
launching  
contest**

The Associated Press

MORTON, Ill.—Some might call Bob Carbo crazy for building a medieval-style catapult with the sole aim of hurling pumpkins hundreds of feet. The 42-year-old psychologist disagrees, saying it's "a calling from God."

Carbo and his catapult "Onager" named, like the catapults of ancient Greece, after a wild donkey known for its nasty kick—took first place last Saturday in the adult human-powered class at the Morton Pumpkin Chuckin' contest.

"The first time I saw one of these competitions, I knew right away it was what I wanted to do. It was a calling from God," Carbo joked.

With a launch marked by the "Aooogah" of Onager's horn and a splat on the other end, Carbo, of Clayton, N.C., and buddy Greg Bradstock of Baltimore, Md., took top prize with a 536-foot fling.

Their contraption—built of railroad ties and an oak log arm—beat out competitors including the "Splat-a-tude 2000," pieced together by Morton hometown boys Doug Diefenbach and Cal Skold.

Splat-a-tude fell flat on its third attempt, so Diefenbach took matters into his own hands and hoisted a pumpkin 24 feet. The crowd erupted.

"I thought it'd be fun to do it," Diefenbach, a Morton Metalcraft worker, said of building the catapult. "Really, it was, 'What do we have in our attic?'"

Team Onager placed second in the world competition last year and has competed for the past three years in Delaware contests. It was the team's first appearance at the Morton Pumpkin Festival.

Later Saturday, the big guns lined up for the large machine competition. One crowd pleaser, the Aludium Q36 Pumpkin Modulator, sent one flying 3,336 feet in a test run.

The air cannon set a world's record at last year's event by rocketing a pumpkin 3,238 feet.



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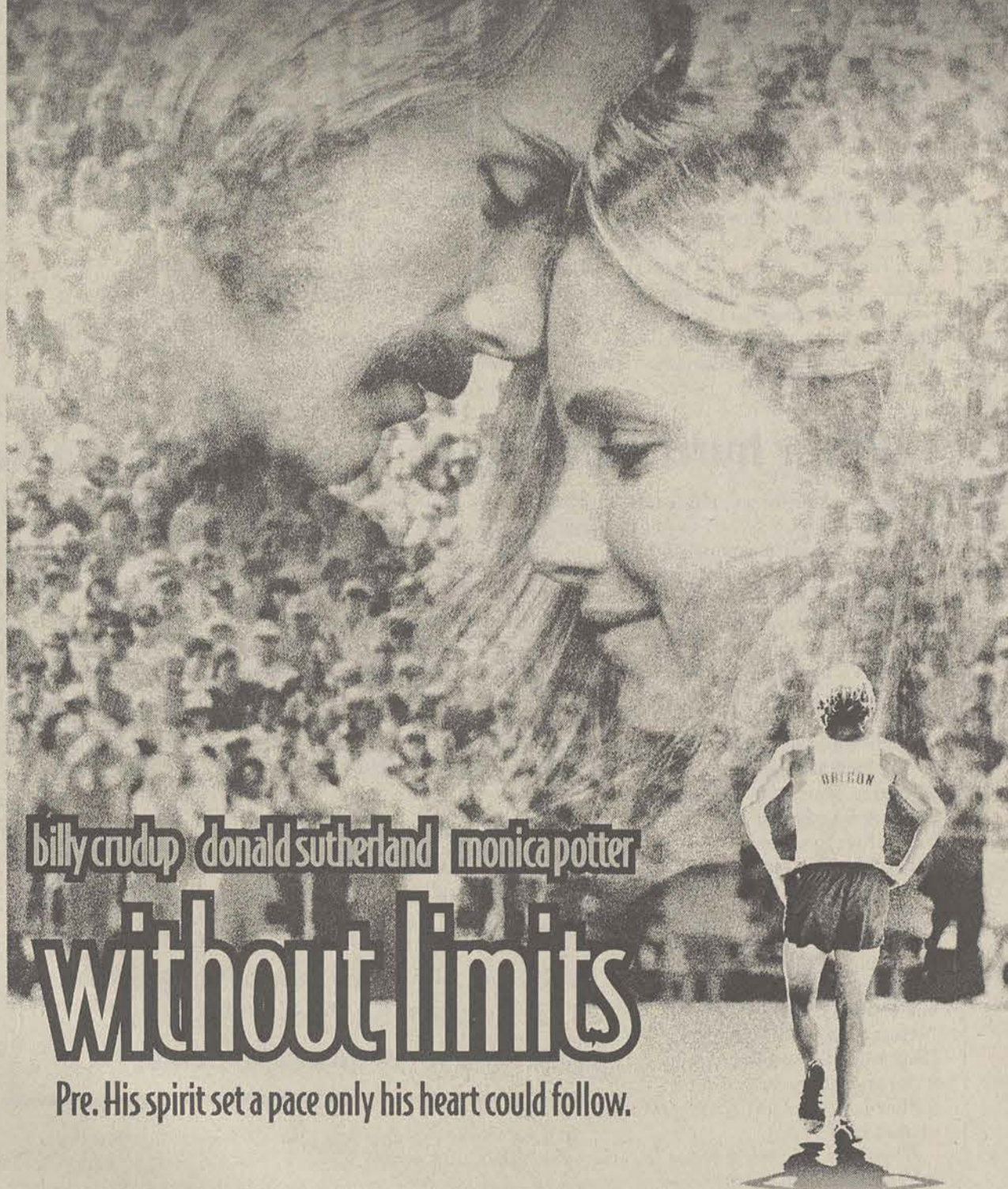
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## Our Opinion

### The HOPE scholarships pays for students

Students in Georgia are so lucky to be living in Georgia. Thanks to the generosity of the HOPE scholarship program, many more students have been given the opportunity to get a higher education.

Do we realize how lucky we are? Or do we take our good fortune for granted? How many of us have actually sat down for an extended period of time and considered how much the state of Georgia's lottery system saves us each semester, each year.

The HOPE grant celebrated its fifth anniversary at the beginning of September, and has helped thousands of students at GSU, and tens of thousands of students across the state get a degree. The HOPE scholarship pays the tuition and gives money to students for books if the student has and can maintain a "B" average or higher throughout college. That is tuition and book money!

What would many of us do without this scholarship money? Would the enrollment rate at GSU still be at the same level if students didn't receive this financial aid?

With the HOPE, many students can focus all of their attention on excelling in school. They don't need to worry about making a certain amount of money each week to pay off loans, or to have enough money to feed themselves. Attention can fall on academics like it should. We have the chance to be students first and workers later.

This is a really great thing our state does for us. Most of the other states don't even put their lottery money toward education. But our state believes in us. They think that we, as the future leaders, can make a difference. So they provide us with the opportunity to go to school and be educated. This program is so good, other states and the federal government have been looking at it as a model for future financial aid plans.

Let's just hope that by the time our children, or even our children's children are ready to attend a university or a college, that this generous program is still available.

Even though some groups have problems with the values that the lottery is usually associated with, it is hard for those groups to deny the benefits of Georgia's HOPE scholarship.

A word of thanks should be sent out to everyone who has ever bought a lottery ticket in Georgia. They have put us through school and paid for our books. Thank you very much.

So, next time you are at the store and looking for something to spend pocket change on, perhaps you should support the program that helped get you here.

Buy a lottery ticket. Support your future, and the future of millions of other Georgia college and university students.



### Baseball makes a comeback, maybe America will follow

I have been told to write about something that has to do with GSU. Some advice from a good friend, but I find that I have to write about what is on my mind. That is baseball, more precisely, the resurrection of the great American pastime.

What a season it has been! We have seen records broken and streaks ended. Old heroes have sat down and new heroes have stepped up to the plate. And in the process, Major League Baseball has earned the trust of America all over again.

After the strike in 1995, Americans lost faith in baseball. The great American pastime had been tarnished because of disputes and unions. A season went by with no playoffs and no World Series. The country then turned its back on the sport who had turned its back on the country.

The past four years have been timid. My dad swore he would never watch Major League Baseball again. Well, he has backed down and will watch a game, but the strike really did change the way my dad looks at baseball. He is the proud owner of season tickets to the AAA ball club, the Tidewater Tides. He would rather sit in the grueling heat to watch a "real game" as he calls it, than to stay home and watch a "bunch of egomaniac millionaires" destroy baseball.



KELLEY MCGONNELL

EDITOR

But this season has restored the golden image of baseball. Sure, the egomaniac millionaires are still playing and still fouling up the sport, but they are not the heroes. The heroes are those quiet guys who made history.

The respect these two men showed for each other and Roger Maris all season long is what we should be teaching children.

While the chase was remarkable, the comradery between the two is more admirable. They were

said. It was a celebration. The "Ironman" will also be remembered as a hero. We are talking 2,632 games in a row. No missed games due to injuries, even though he must have played hurt. How many other people can say they have done their jobs as well as he did his?

No one will touch these records in a long time. It will take Albert Belle something like 14 years to catch up with Ripken and the only ones who seem capable of beating the new homerun record are McGwire and Sosa.

The Yankees won 114 games this year to win their division. Do you realize that the second highest number of wins in the American League this year was 89? The Braves won 105 games and are again division champs.

Maybe our president is a joke and maybe he, with the help of the other politicians in Washington, has done wonders to cause Americans to lose faith in America.

The garbage going on in America—teenagers killing their babies, politicians trying to oust our president, and all the "isms" we face everyday—may have changed the way we look at the "land of the free," but baseball has made a comeback. Maybe the rest of the country can, too.

**A SEASON WENT BY WITH NO PLAYOFFS AND NO WORLD SERIES. THE COUNTRY THEN TURNED ITS BACK ON THE SPORT WHO HAD TURNED ITS BACK ON THE COUNTRY.**

Guys like Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. Sure, McGwire hit 70 homeruns in one season; Sosa hit 66. But that, while an awesome feat, is nothing compared to the humility and joy they expressed while chasing history. McGwire, while everyone was singing his praises, was singing the praises of Sammy Sosa.

When McGwire hit number 62, Sosa stood on the field smiling for the rival who had become his friend.

not out to destroy each other and, at times, you felt like they would be happy if the season ended with them tied. McGwire and Sosa are heroes; not just because they are great athletes, but also because they are gentlemen.

And Cal Ripken, Jr. He ended his streak at 2,632 consecutive games played. He said that he sat out that game so he could go out on a high note. "It was a great celebration instead of a sad event," Ripken

### A killer hurricane needs a good killer name, not Georges

The name is a problem: Georges.

Multicultural, cosmopolitan—yeah, swell. It's a perfectly good name for somebody who designs handbags or dates Kate Moss. It would even be nice for a cologne.

But it's a truly pitiful name for a hurricane. Especially one that is, at the moment, headed straight for my front door.

The path of the storm changes, of course. Part of a hurricane's majesty is its comic indifference to weather forecasts.

But this thing is hitting south Florida.

Which means that, throughout South Florida today, millions of people are sitting at their breakfast tables, stammering in bad French accents. Georges?

Some will pronounce it George-iss. Some will pronounce it Gorge-iss. Some will pronounce it Shor-jees. Some will even pronounce it correctly.

The point is, if we're going to get creamed by a natural disaster, it ought to have a name that doesn't require Berlitz tutoring; a name even a child can pronounce.

And it ought to be one inspiring fear and trepidation. Like Bruno. Or Caligula.

Or Attila—not only multicultural but suitably ominous. Every trailer court and oceanfront high-rise from Big

CARL HIAASEN

KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Pine to Cape Coral would clear out in 10 minutes at the prospect of a "Hurricane Attila."

But Georges? It makes you want to rush out and stock up on brie and croissants.

started tagging storms with women's names, a gimmick that proved more lyrical than instructive. Then, in 1978, succumbing to misguided political correctness, forecasters began naming

**THROUGHOUT SOUTH FLORIDA TODAY, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE SITTING AT THEIR BREAKFAST TABLES, STAMMERING IN BAD FRENCH ACCENTS. GEORGES? SOME WILL PRONOUNCE IT GEORGE-ISS. SOME WILL PRONOUNCE IT GORGE-ISS. SOME WILL EVEN PRONOUNCE IT CORRECTLY.**

"Andrew" wasn't much better—too staid and academic-sounding. It was the first big hurricane for thousands of new Floridians, and who knows how many were lulled into complacency by the colorless name.

Fifty years ago this wasn't a problem, because hurricanes were anonymous. The word itself was enough to pucker orifices throughout the tropics, which is as it should be.

In 1953, the weather service

hurricanes after men, too.

The unspoken supposition behind naming hurricanes anything is that the general populace is otherwise so easily confused that it can't keep track of them. Simple numbers work fine for tropical depressions, but are apparently considered too vexing once a storm begins to threaten.

The custom of naming these things has become a device not just for anthropomorphizing hur-

ricanes, but for jazzing them into a sort of cosmic celebrity. Check out the stars of today's headlines. There's Bill, Monica, Kenneth and—hey!—Georges.

Yet as a practical guide the names remain meteorologically useless, even misleading—delicate-sounding Georges is, after all, a messy killer storm.

One remedy would be to assign more menacing names to hurricanes. Another would be to modify the way they're currently rated. Category 1, for instance, could be replaced by the term "Nasty Little Bugger." Category 2 could be "Serious Butt-kicker."

And so on, all the way up to a Category Five, which could be called something like "Biblical Cataclysm" or "Tempest of Certain Doom." Even if you just moved to Miami from Duluth, that sort of vivid description would grab your attention.

And there'd be no ambivalence when Don Noe came on TV to report that "Hurricane Attila has just been upgraded from a Nasty Little Bugger to a Serious Butt-kicker, and our computer models show that it could strengthen into a Tempest of Certain Doom by early Friday morning."

Scary? You bet, but scary is accurate—and easy to pronounce.

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# Your Opinion

## Alumnus asks 'where are the students?'

Editor,  
As a member of the last graduating class of Georgia Southern College in 1990, I have been able to witness many of the transformations that have occurred at Georgia Southern and Statesboro within the past eight years.  
When I first attended Georgia Southern in 1988 as a transfer, the campus police were patrolling with pickup trucks (no joke) and support of then GSC athletics was at a fevered pitch. GSC basketball packed Hanner Fieldhouse (standing room only).  
The GSC Baseball Eagles participated in the College World Series, and even more impressively, the next two years would find GSU winning two more Division I-AA National Football Championships, giving Georgia Southern an unpre-

cedented four national titles in a very short time frame.  
While this historical record is impressive, what has prompted me to write is the disheartening response the current student body has given to yet another great Eagle athletic team.  
The team I am referring to is the 1998 Georgia Southern Football team. Fresh off a successful 1997 campaign, many have picked the Eagles to retain the Southern Conference crown, and even contend yet again for the Division I-AA crown.  
Although I graduated over eight years ago, I, like many other alumni, hold great respect and admiration for the quality of the athletic teams fielded. It is not easy to perpetually maintain a high caliber program, but Sam Baker and the entire athletics staff do exactly that.  
I've read recently where the sports editor of *The George-Anne*

has implored the students to support the Eagles, so to back his efforts, I, too, am calling for the students (as well as other alumni) to support the Eagles at all athletic functions.  
It is downright embarrassing that a student body of over 14,000, with a team ranked nationally in the Top 3, cannot generate enough enthusiasm to consistently provide enough bodies to pack the student section of Paulson Stadium.  
The Eagles return to Paulson Stadium on October 3rd marks a special day in GSU Football history. While it is the 100th contest played in Paulson Stadium, more importantly this date marks whether the GSU student body will support their peers and support yet another great Eagle football team. Will you be there on October 3rd? I will. See you there.  
**Paul Barkley**  
GSC 1990

## Some students do go to games

Editor,  
In regards to the sports article about students not attending football games—what about the die-hard fans that are in attendance? If other students [would] rather let the money they pay for *athletic fees* go to waste, then let them. I try to help students realize that they have already paid their money to attend the football games. It's like "beating a dead horse."  
But what about the fans who do attend the GSU football games? What about the GSU students that know who the players are and support them at every game and whether it be home or away? I would like to be the first to say that my friends and I are avid GSU football fans and have attended almost every home game since our freshman

year in 1994. We were cheering on the Eagles even before the glorious Southern Conference Championship.  
And, for the record, we definitely must love GSU football because no matter what the weather, the Shades of Enigma are there rooting on the mighty blue and white. Through rain, sleet, snow and, most certainly, the scorching heat, you can hear us shouting "Go Eagles, Go!" So despite the low number of

students that attend the games, let's give some credit to the few student fans who are in attendance and actually know the players' names. Let the other students sit on their butts and waste their money, my friends and I have a team to cheer on. We are behind GSU football 100 percent and anybody can ask ME the score any day.  
**Tameka L. Ellison**  
GSU Student

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- Oct. 8-9 Fall Break for Students, Administrative Offices open
- 17 Homecoming (classes beginning at 1 p.m. or later on October 16 will be cancelled)
- 19 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty from regular day classes
- 26-11/20 Early Registration for Spring Semester 1998
- 31 Parents' Day
- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving holidays
- Dec. 9 Early registration fee payment deadline for Spring
- 11 Last day of classes
- 14-18 Examinations for regular day classes
- 19 Residence Halls close at 10 a.m., except for graduating students
- 19 Graduation
- 21 Holidays for students begin
- 21-25 Administrative offices will be closed

### PLAN YOUR READING STRATEGY

Reading is the cornerstone of most course work. Your purpose for reading will determine whether you use:

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- INTENSIVE READING: reading for total understanding (used with technical material, instructions, etc.)

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### USE THE LIBRARY EFFECTIVELY

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## Upcoming Events in Eagle Athletics



- Thursday - Volleyball 7 p.m. vs. UNC - Greensboro at Hanner Fieldhouse
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - Eagle Soccer 11 a.m. vs. VMI at Eagle Field
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - Eagle Football 1 p.m. vs. VMI at Paulson Stadium
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - Lady Eagle Soccer 3 p.m. vs. App. State at Eagle Field
- Sunday, Oct. 4 - Volleyball 12 noon vs. Davidson at Hanner Fieldhouse

FROM THE  
END ZONE  
JAMIE HODGES



### It's time for the students to come to the football games

Last Tuesday Randy Dobson, a guest columnist, wrote a column criticizing the GSU students for not coming out to the football game. Last Thursday, I backed him up in a column of my own, once again blasting the students for their unwillingness to support a football team with a legitimate shot at the national championship this year.

Well, it seems that *The George-Anne* sports section finally got a response from a member of the student body. (Which is actually what I was hoping for in the first place). This proves that the students who go to school here aren't dead after all. (Not yet, anyway.)

In a letter to the editor, a student spoke out in defense of GSU students who actually go to the games. Once I settled down from the shock that came over me from finding out that a GSU student actually went to a home football game (I wouldn't be surprised if half the student body doesn't even know where Paulson Stadium is!), I got to thinking. You know, she's right. We should congratulate the students who are die-hard Eagle football fans. They don't get enough credit. For all of you students who support the football team through the rainy weather, through the hot sweltering south Georgia heat, in daytime and nighttime, thank you. I'm pretty sure I speak for the whole football team when I say that they genuinely appreciate your support.

Now, let me get back to the other 99 percent of the student body. If you read my column last Thursday, you have already heard from key members of the Eagle football team. By now, you should know how pissed they are. And they have a right to be pissed. Student attendance has been declining every week since the season started and there is no legitimate reason.

Students have run out of excuses not to go to the games. Take the hot weather for instance. Students complain about the heat. Why did you move to Statesboro in the first place? Didn't you realize how hot it gets in south Georgia?

Another lame excuse often posed by the students is that the offense is boring. (These students should really stay off the liquor, the booze is starting to affect their brain cells.) We have arguably the best quarterback in the conference in Greg Hill, who can score from any point off the field, with either his feet or his arm. And we have arguably the best fullback in college football in Adrian Peterson, who is rapidly approaching a thousand yards after just four games. That's right, **four games!** How can this be rationalized as a boring football team? (Maybe that liquor referendum shouldn't have passed after all.)

The students also said they'd come to the games once the team started winning. Hello! They're 4-0, 2-0 in the Southern Conference, ranked third in the country.

So you see, there is no reason not to go to the games. The Eagles' next home contest is this Saturday against VMI. Will you be there? Or will you be too busy watching the Georgia Bulldogs on TV?

## Lady Eagles slaughter the Rams, 6-1

• Junior striker Tara Chaisson ties school record with three goals, lifts GSU over Virginia Commonwealth



Cory Brooks

**TURNING ON THE JETS:** Sophomore midfielder Robin Thirsk is too fast for the VCU defense. The Lady Eagles annihilated Virginia Commonwealth 6-1 last Friday afternoon.

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

As soon as the Virginia Commonwealth women's soccer team got off the bus and stepped onto Eagle Field Friday afternoon, they ran smack into a Lady Eagle offensive juggernaut. GSU unleashed a blitzkrieg of goals in the second half through the VCU defense, and the shell-shocked Lady Rams could never recover. GSU took home a 6-1 victory that improved their overall record to 3-5.

"We knew they were going to do a lot of offside traps, which is very good for us," Lady Eagle soccer head coach Tom Norton said. "It played right into our strength."

GSU produced the first goal of the game just 2:07 into the match. Senior Shannon Todd streaked down the left sideline and fired a pass to teammate Robin Thirsk across the field. Thirsk took the pass and drilled the ball through the net.

"Shannon Todd ran down the left wing and gave me a great ball," Thirsk said. "I just tapped it into the net."

Virginia Commonwealth (2-

5) answered nine minutes later and tied the game 1-1.

That was when Lady Eagle striker Tara Chaisson decided to take matters in her own hand. Chaisson faked out VCU's goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation to retake the lead for good, at the 33:24 mark.

"She (the goalkeeper) came up and cut off my angle," Chaisson said. "When she went down, she opened up the net for me."

Chaisson scored the next two goals for the GSU. Her three goals tied two previous GSU school records. One of those records were set by Chaisson herself in a match played in 1996. The only other Lady Eagle to score three goals in a game was former standout Debbie Hensley, who racked up three goals in a match in 1993.

"That's definitely good for my confidence," Chaisson said. "I give a lot of the credit to the team. I couldn't score without them."

GSU's next goals, scored by Vanessa Vickrey and Mandy Morris put the game out of reach.

## GSU railroads UTC Mocs, remain undefeated

G-A Staff Reports

It didn't take long for the Eagles' quick strike offense to make a dent in the scoreboard against Tennessee-Chattanooga. How long? Eleven seconds. That's how long it took Eagle quarterback Greg Hill to hand off to freshman sensation Adrian Peterson, and watch the fullback blast through the line to the end zone 47 yards later, leaving scattered Chattanooga bodies in his wake. GSU (4-0, 2-0 SoCon) went on to defeat UT-Chattanooga 42-25.

"They (UTC) had so many guys on the (defensive) line, we felt we had a better chance with our fullback," head coach Paul Johnson said. "And the fullback popped some big plays."

At times during the game, the Mocs laid down a nine man defensive front, in an attempt to shut down Peterson. But Peterson still busted loose for 222 yards and four touchdowns off of 29 carries.

The Mocs emphasis on stopping the run might have led to a defensive breakdown in the secondary on the Eagles' next offensive series. Slotback Corey Joyner took a Greg Hill pass out in the left flat and found himself wide open. Joyner ran untouched for the 80-yard TD pass, which was Hill's longest touch-

down pass since November 16, 1996, when he threw an 80-yard bomb to former wide receiver Earthwind Moreland in a victory over Liberty.

Lightning struck once more for GSU in the first quarter when Peterson bulled into the end zone after a path was cleared by Eagle defensive lineman Voncellies

Allen, who was inserted into the formation as an extra blocking back. Before UT-Chattanooga (1-3, 0-1 SoCon) could catch their breath, they found themselves down 21-0 by the end of the first quarter.

The Mocs spent the rest of the game trying to dig them-

selves out of the huge hole created for them. In the second quarter, UTC backup QB Cos DeMatteo came off the bench and pumped new life into the offense. DeMatteo scored off a seven yard TD off a naked bootleg around right end. GSU's lead was slimmed down to 21-7.

But the Eagles came back with their ace in the hole, Peterson. The freshman phenom scored another touchdown, this time taking an option pitch to the right from three yards out. A UTC field goal was tacked on at the end of the half, but the Eagles were still in full command, 28-10.

In a last ditch effort to climb back in the game, Chattanooga employed a two quarterback attack, DeMatteo and senior Brian Hampton. Each of them threw a touchdown in the second half. But TD runs by Peterson and Cherard Freeman put an exclamation point on a game the Eagles dominated from the start.

"We had a hard time getting their offense off the field in the third quarter," Johnson said. "We couldn't get anything started (in the third quarter) and we let them back in it."



Sarah Trucksis

**THE PETERSON EXPRESS HAS JUST LEFT THE STATION:** Freshman phenom Adrian Peterson shifts into overdrive and outruns the UT-Chattanooga secondary on his way to the end zone.

### LADY EAGLE SOCCER PROFILE

## Junior Defender credits team unity as reason for success

By Reginald M. Farrell  
Senior Staff Writer

Jodi Barnes is a tough defender on the Lady Eagles soccer squad. And whoever needs additional verification can take a look at her impressive credentials, which include a four-year letter and Defensive Most Valuable Player at Brookwood High School (Snellville, Ga.). She also claimed All-County and All-State honors after leading the Brookwood Broncos to a No. 25 USA Today ranking in 1995. In addition, Barnes helped lead the Tophatters club team to the 1996 state title and played on the state champion Cobb Union squad in 1995.

After her distinguished high school career, Barnes chose to come to GSU to prolong her athletic endeavors.

"The soccer program had what

I was looking for," said Barnes. "I like the campus and the people are nice to hang out with."

In the 1996 season, she played in all 21 matches, starting in six of them. During that same year, Barnes recorded her first assist against South Alabama. As for the 1997 campaign, she played in 17 matches as a reserve.

After hours of working on her game during soccer practice, Barnes feels that she is blossoming into a key player for the Lady Eagles.

"My skills have gotten a lot better," said Barnes. "This year I am more confident."

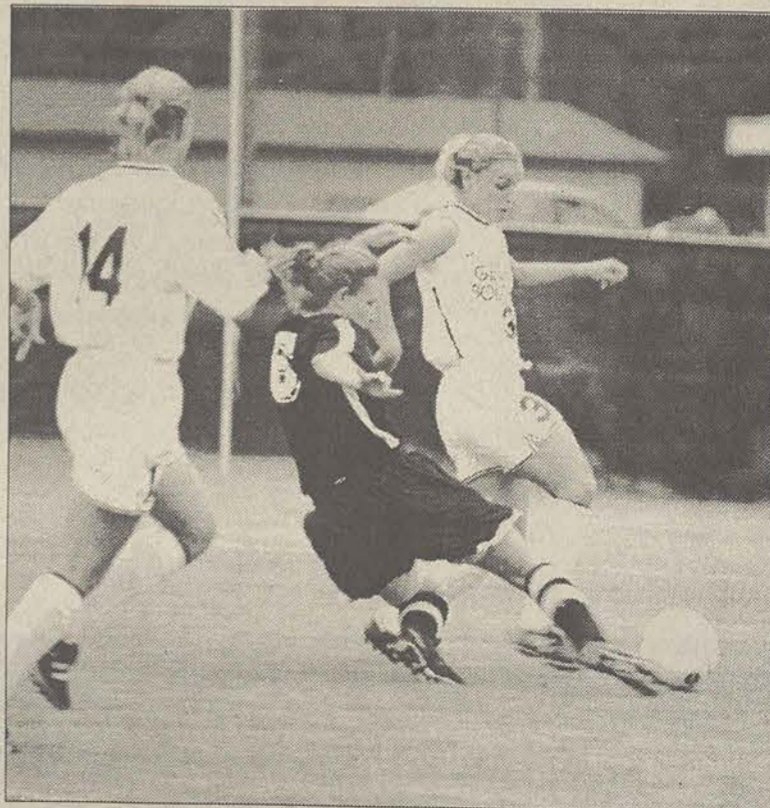
Barnes also gives credit to her teammates for her positive attitude.

"This is the tightest we've ever been," said Barnes. "When everyone gets along, we play great."

**I BELIEVE THAT BALL IS MINE!** Jodi Barnes (3) steals the ball from a Virginia Commonwealth opponent. Barnes is a starter for the Lady Eagles this season from the defender position. The GSU women's soccer team's next home game is against Appalachian State this Saturday afternoon.

(Editors's Note): The Lady Eagle Soccer team defeated Tennessee-Chattanooga 11-0 Sunday afternoon in Chattanooga, Tn. Amber Wilson led the Lady Eagle attack with three goals, Shannon Todd contributed two goals.

Cory Brooks



### Eagle Football Notebook

• Only five times since 1982 has a GSU ballcarrier gone over the 200-yard mark in a game. Two of those games belong to freshman sensation Adrian Peterson, who has played just four games.

• When free safety Arkee Thompson intercepted a UTC pass at the end of the game, he continued a four game streak this season. The GSU defense has intercepted at least one pass in every game so far this season.

• When GSU QB Greg Hill threw an 80-yard TD completion to slotback Corey Joyner, he tied his longest personal record for completing a touchdown. Hill threw an 80-yard TD strike to former wide receiver Earthwind Moreland in a game against Liberty on November 16, 1996.



— compiled by Jamie Hodges



# Lady Eagles still unbeaten at home

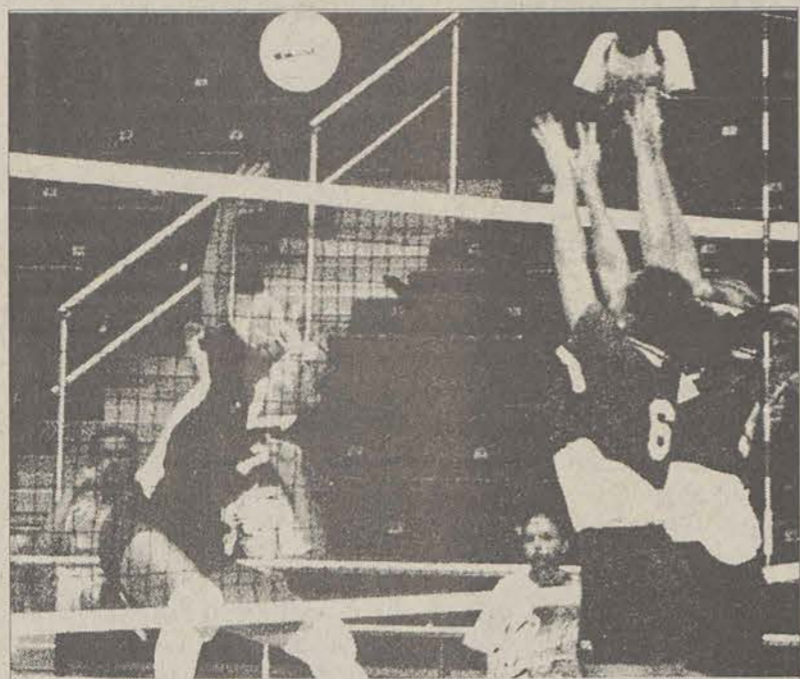
By Edmund Coley  
Staff Writer

The GSU volleyball team advanced their record to 5-7 and 2-2 in the conference after beating the College of Charleston last Wednesday night. The Lady Eagles only needed three games to win the best of five match-up against a College of Charleston, (3-8) (1-5), who continue to struggle. The Cougars displayed a tremendous effort on Wednesday but were completely overpowered.

Led by senior April Rhodes and freshman Jessica Cowley, the Eagles quickly jumped out to an 11-7 lead in game one. Charleston would gain only one more point before the Lady Eagles went on a surge to win game one 15-8.

In the second game, the Cougars of Charleston remained fairly close to the Lady Eagles for most of the match. Charleston had gotten within a point of the Eagles' once three point margin when a series of aces, two served by sophomore Kelly Keegan, put the GSU team ahead for good as they went on to win 15-11.

The Eagles showed no signs of letting up in game three as they were spotted three quick points by the College of Charleston. Despite a late game rally, the Cougars were not able to get back in the game. Rhodes finished off the Cougars, serving six straight points to win the match 15-8. Cowley and sophomore Kristen Griggs had several key kills to assist in the victory.



Cory Brooks

**THIS IS OUR HOUSE!** The Volleyball team has not been kind hosts this year. The Lady Eagles are 3-0 at Hanner

"We have to take each team one game at a time," said Rhodes, a senior. "With so many freshmen and sophomores on the team, they really don't know the conference that well, so we prepare like each game is a championship."

The win is huge for the GSU volleyball program. Although

posting an improving 5-7 record, the Lady Eagles are 3-0 at home. The Lady Eagles will try to take the momentum from this win to carry over into the heart of their Southern Conference schedule starting tonight at Wofford. The Eagles next home game will be on Thursday night against UNC Greensboro at 7:00 pm.

# Jamie Burrell comes up big in Lady Eagles' win over Charleston

By Anthony Williams  
Staff Writer

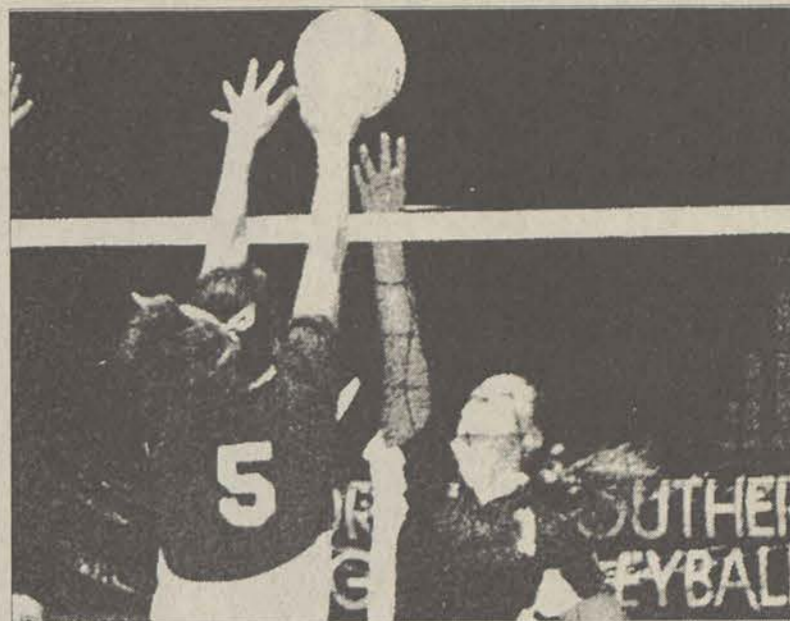
Dig, ace, kill, block and assist, all of these terms define GSU Volleyball. The Eagles played College of Charleston last Wednesday. It is not Halloween yet, but the Eagles pulled out their brooms early. The Eagles beat College of Charleston in three straight matches. The brutal sweep of Charleston by the Eagles left the crowd standing on their feet. The win pushes the Eagles record to 3-0 at home.

Jamie Burrell, the super sophomore, had ten kills, thirty-four attacks and eight defensive digs against Charleston. Burrell revealed the success behind the Eagle's victory.

"We had our ups and downs," Burrell said. "Overall we played well. There are some things we should have done better."

This win was truly big for the Eagles.

"The win was real big for the team," Burrell said. "A lot of people are overlooking us in the confer-



Cory Brooks

**JAMIE BURRELL (1)** was a major contributor to the Lady Eagles victory over Charleston last Wednesday night.

ence. We beat Furman this past weekend and with both of these wins people are going to start noticing us."

The Eagles have major goals for this season.

Burrell said. "Actually, we have

won more games this year than last year. Our biggest goal is to win the Southern Conference."

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# Best selling author presents lecture on the threat of biological terrorism and infectious diseases

By Tamaya Huff  
Staff Writer

The Campus Life Enrichment Committee presented best selling author of "The Cobra Event" and "The Hot Zone," Richard Preston, for the campus lecture series.

The lecture entitled, "The Cobra Event: On the Trail of Biological Terrorism," discussed the dangerous possibilities that we face if a deadly infectious disease was weaponized to infect a national population.

"Biological weapons are the weapons of the 21st century," Preston said.

"It is a moral and ethical responsibility for the government to make the American public aware of this."

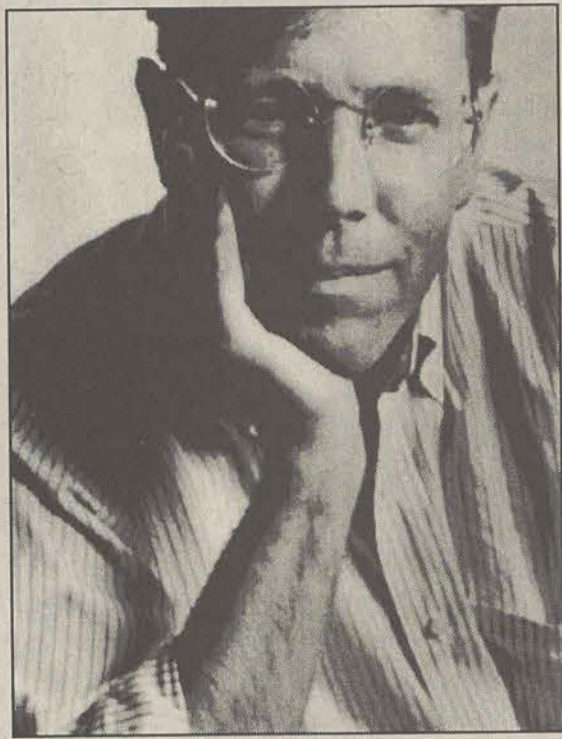
One particular deadly infectious virus that Preston discussed during the lecture is the ebola virus.

Preston described its symptoms as being, "wonderfully horrible," where the final stages of the virus result in "hemorrhaging from all openings of the body and a tremendous flood of blood."

In severe cases, the intestines fill up with blood and changes the sex organs," he said.

Preston makes the dangers of biological warfare terrifyingly clear, but the capacity to regenerate a mass quantity of this deadly virus and others like it, such as the small pox virus, has already become a practice in Russia.

With no known cure, "ebola has been fully weaponized by the Russians," Preston said. "They



Best selling author Richard Preston said biological weapons are the weapons for the next century.

front of a instamatic camera with bits of glass taped to his face and neck. He also had ketchup oozing from his face and head while seated at the dinner table in front of a plate of spaghetti.

Another "Gruesome Don't" was don't forget and fall asleep in the middle of the street.

Here, the creative brothers had their friend lie under a parked car.

With the use of a cantaloupe and hamburger meat as props, they created the illusion of their friend being smashed by the tires of a car.

When the poster with these gory pictures reached the principal, Preston said, "He liked it so much he put it in the back of his office."

Due to their shocking debut, Preston and his brother went on to make a livelihood out of "Gruesome Don't's."

Preston's visit impressed many people, including Carol Thompson, executive director of CLEC.

"He is just a terrific author, we lucked into getting him. It took us six months to get him here and, as you can see, we were very successful," she said.

Preston equally enjoyed his GSU experience, "It was great and I loved it," Preston said.

"The students were very lively and smart. The students spent a really long time in line for the book signing and many shared good ideas with me."

have also given me the formula on how to grow the virus in massive quantities."

"This information is well known to many government agencies, but is carefully concealed from the public," Preston said.

"However, we have a right and duty to be informed about these weapons."

The fear of biological warfare is "a primal fear we all share," Preston said and he discussed that even the president of the United States is not immune to the idea of biological terrorism.

Preston said that during a conversation with Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, he revealed that, "the president read the 'Cobra Event' and it kept him

up half the night."

Preston's ability to shock his audiences isn't a newfound talent.

He grew up in Cambridge Massachusetts and attended Wellesley High School. Preston admits his gift for shocking his audiences may have been born during those years.

Volunteering to do a public safety poster at his high school, Preston and his brother, the equally talented best selling author of the "Relic," Doug Preston, titled the project, "Gruesome Don't's."

One of the pictures on the poster was "Gruesome Don't #1," Don't play with broken glass while you eat dinner. In this scene, a friend of theirs posed in

special photo

# Digging into history in Idaho

By Cody King  
Staff writer

GSU students now have a chance to visit Chinese mining camps at the Payette National Forest in Idaho.

Samuel Couch, assistant professor for geography, is planning to take GSU students to Payette National Forest in Idaho, for a summer program called the Wilderness Archaeological Field School.

The program is an on-going partnership between GSU and the United States Forest Service.

The agreement is that the team of archaeologists, geographers, students and other specialists have three years to complete excavation of Chinese mining camp sites in order to have them protected under the National Register of Historic Places.

The sites are presently in an area of the park that is its timber forest sales area. If the team can find enough evidence of the camps, then the area will be protected.

These sites are located about two miles out side of a remote mining town in Idaho called Warren.

Warren is also one of the leading finders of gold during the growth of the United States.

The site that Couch plans to be excavating is Broken Bowl. This site was named after the majority of the artifacts found there.

Some of the other finds include bullet shells, opium tins, some still with the tax stamp still on it and, a rare find, a

complete opium bowl. "It's priceless and, as far as we know, it is the only one found in such condition," Couch said.

The program involves students living in the woods for three weeks and getting acquainted with the basic knowledge of field techniques such as: working with traditional style tools, recording all finds in a detailed field notebook, getting hands on experience with anthropological work, working in a lab with a ceramic specialist and analyzing your finds.

At night lectures will be given where the students will learn the basic training they need.

"They will also get a good appreciation of what it was like to live 'in the old west,'" Couch said.

Any students who are interested in participating in this three week project into the remote wilderness of Idaho are welcome to sign up with Couch.

You can contact him in the geography/geology department in the Herty building, or look up more information on his web site. <http://www2.gasou.edu/WarrenDig/>

The cost depends on the number of participants. Also, all students will receive three hours of college credit in anthropology or geography for an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Additionally, financial aid will cover the cost for those students who take it as a summer school course. The dates are from July 17 to August 7 and you must have your application in by April 30.

# Tables turned on men at CMA Awards show

By Jim Patterson  
AP Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-- Singer Deana Carter turned the tables at the annual Country Music Association awards, where much of the guy talk centers on the women stars and their outfits.

Introducing the nominees for best male vocalist, Carter described George Strait as "a pure country dreamboat who looks good in jeans, whether coming towards you or walking away."

Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, Collin Raye and Vince Gill got similar descriptions. The men hardly noticed; Shania Twain's black-and-white dress with plunging neckline ensured that.

A lot went on at the Grand Ole Opry House before Brooks won his fourth Entertainer of the Year award.

Gill, the awards show host for the seventh consecutive year, was in prime comedic form throughout.

He renamed Twain's "Honey, I'm Home" production number "Honey, I'm Deaf" after it ended with fireworks. And he nominated Monica Lewinsky for next year's Horizon Award, which is given for career growth in the past year.

"Think about it," Gill said. "The media attention, the live performances."

The Dixie Chicks were the 1998 choice.

Brooks wasn't actually in Nashville to collect his award. He and best female vocalist winner Trisha Yearwood were in Buffalo, N.Y., where a satellite hookup allowed fans to see them perform.

Yearwood thanked the CMA for granting her a "hall pass" to miss the Nashville show.

As the show closed with Brooks winning the top award, Gill ran on stage protesting, "Must be present to win! Must be present to win!"

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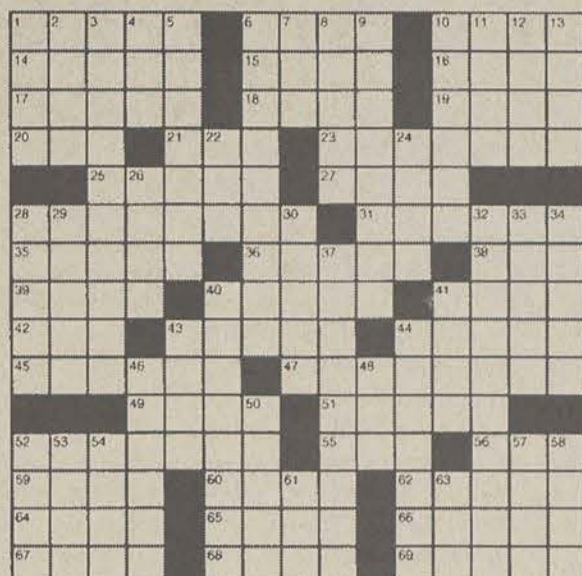
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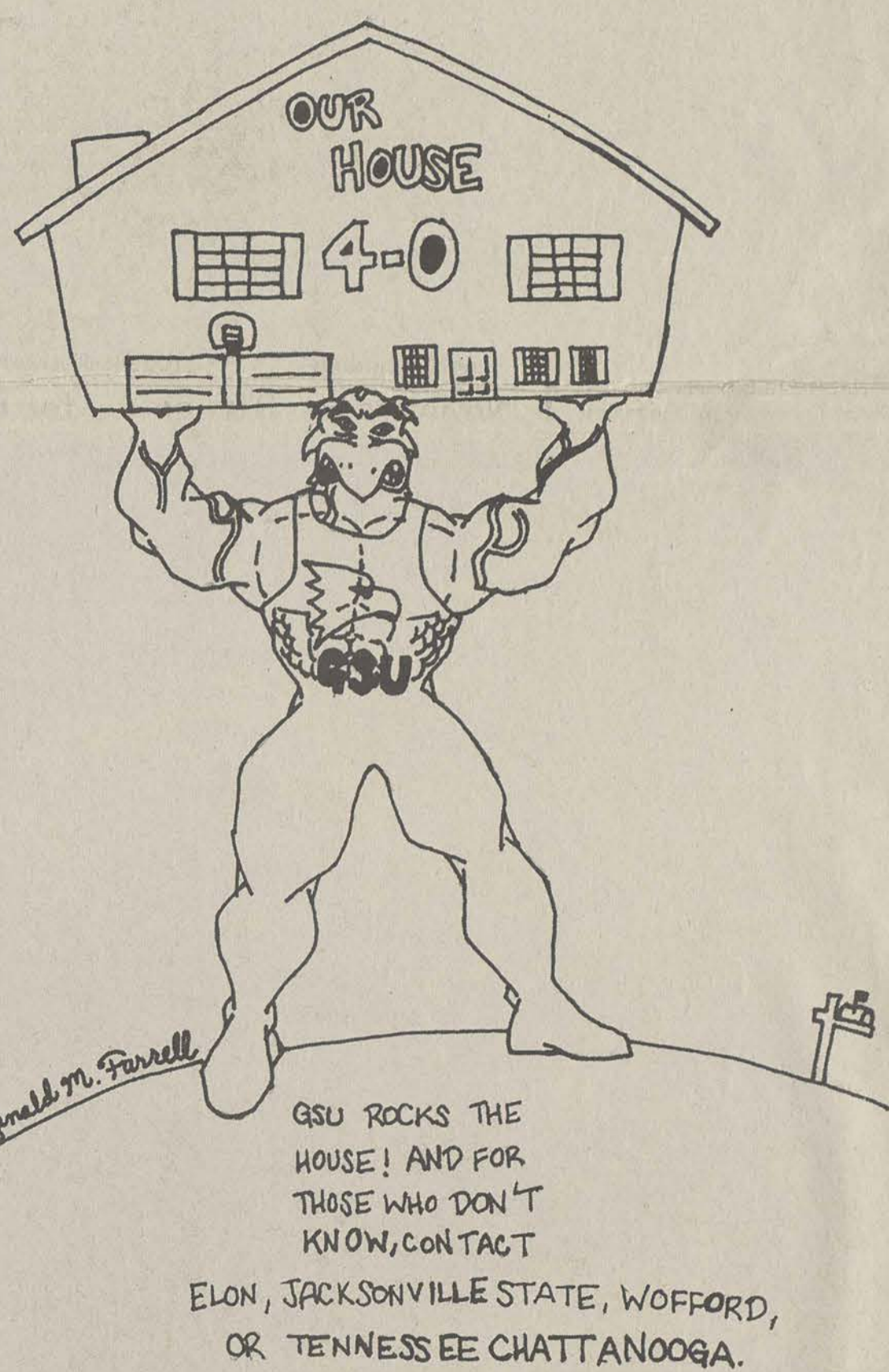
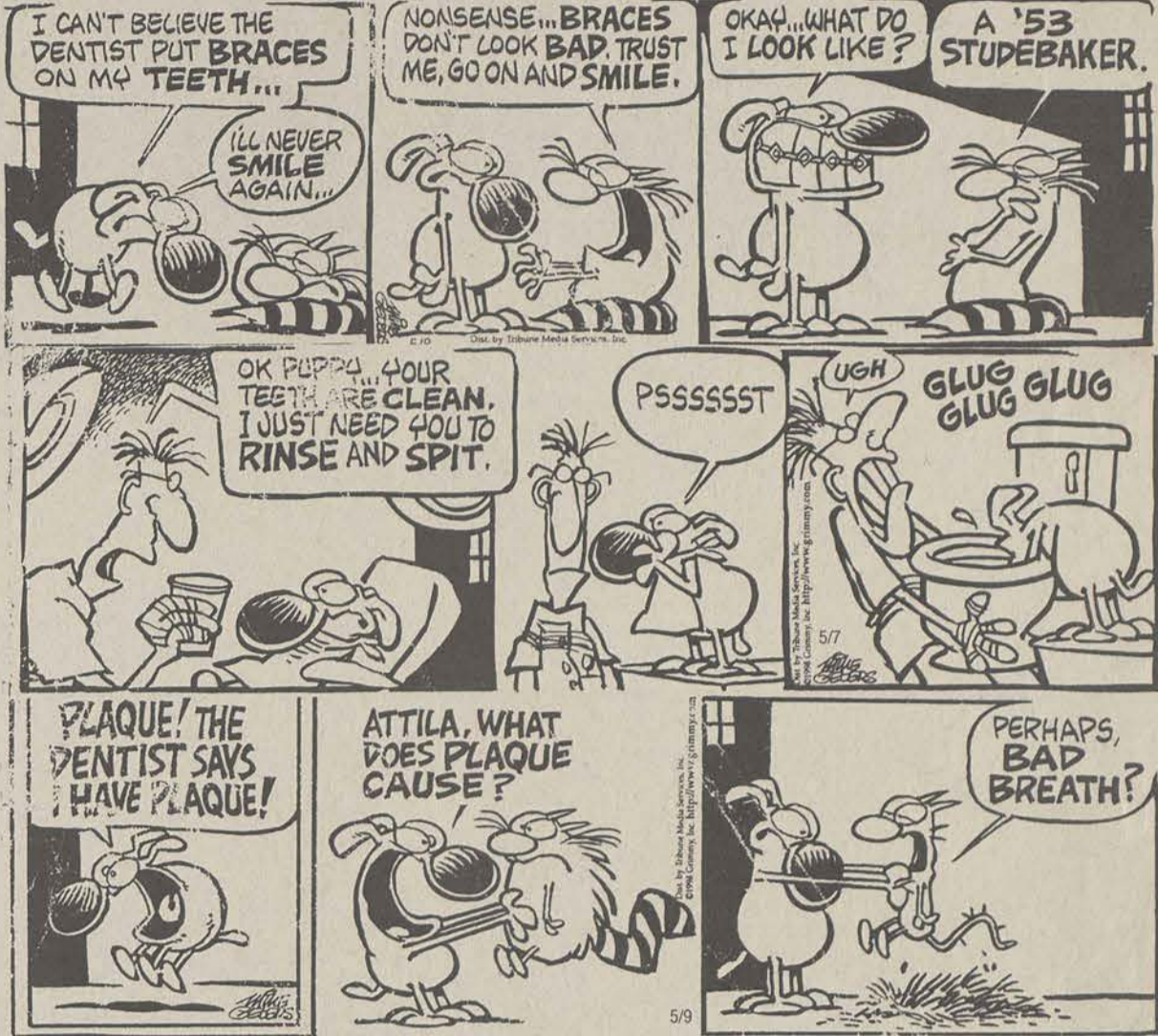
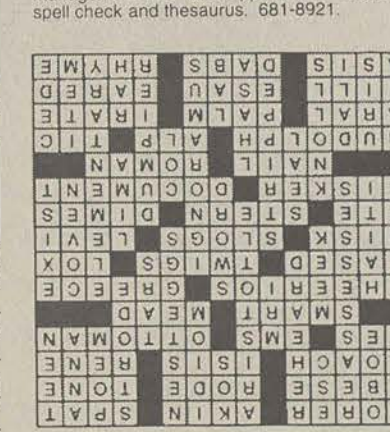
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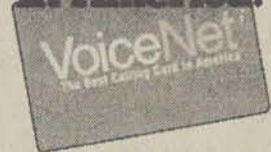
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# GSU student and mother share benefits of University

By Francesca Woodard  
Staff writer

A GSU student and an employee understand the benefits of hard work, commitment and dedication. Eileen and Layla Sconyers are a mother and daughter team that have experienced these rewards.

Eileen Sconyers has been employed at GSU for 15 years, serving as the administrative secretary for the sociology and anthropology departments.

She has been actively involved in charity work and Georgia Southern's A Day for Southern. Because of the success of her daughter Layla, it motivates her to continue participating in the program.

"It gives me a sense of pride to be involved in A Day for Southern," Eileen said.

"As employees, we can see immediately the difference our dollars make. Secondly, my daughter is an honor student and has received foundation scholarships that have boosted her self-confidence and

morale."

Eileen is also the founder of the annual Holiday Helpers Tree. The event involves faculty, students and staff members helping families that are in need by providing toys and food. They even help them pay their bills.

"It's a rewarding project, because when the items are matched up with a real person who has made their needs known through local agencies, it is obvious the great difference a little charity can make," Eileen said.

For her 100 percent effort given to help the community, she was awarded an award of merit in 1995.

Her daughter Layla, a 21-year-old senior biology major, is the perfect example of a student striving to be the best. Maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for three consecutive years may seem impossible to many, but to Layla it's evidence that she does put in long hours and a lot of effort.

In addition, she was chosen to



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Eileen and Layla Sconyers depend on each other for support in all endeavors.

be the student representative at A Day for Southern and she has received many honors on campus for her outstanding academic achievements. Such awards include the Phi Kappa Phi award for outstanding junior and the

Golden Key national honor's society scholarship.

She is also a part of the biological honor's society and she was named Who's Who Among College Students. Layla said that she takes school seriously. She

said that she looks at college as her career.

"I treat school like someone else would treat their job," Layla said.

Her future plans includes attending the University of Georgia to receive her master's degree and she eventually wants a Ph.D in plant pathology (the study of plant diseases and how to prevent them).

The average student may feel that they could never go to a school if one of their parents worked there, but Eileen and Layla really enjoy each other's company.

"We get to see each other more now than we probably have since she was little because I worked...now we see each other all through the day," Eileen said.

Layla said that it is great having her mother around while she's in college because whenever she's having a rough time, she can go by her office and talk.

We all know that college life can be a little rough at times, but Layla doesn't let that interfere with her success as a student.

"Sometimes it's hard because I feel that I have to do things perfect and that there's a spotlight on me. Not just from my mother, but from professors and staff members because they know who I am and my mother," Layla said.

Layla, with the support and encouragement of her mom, has proven that it is possible to succeed in everything that you do.

Her mother also said that regular class attendance can really make the difference. Layla has only missed one day of class since she's been in school and the only reason she was absent was because of her grandmother's funeral.

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<i>Cold Feet</i>	Kevin Chicken	UK
<i>Denial</i>	Phillip Crawford	Australia
<i>The Dinner</i>	Bernie Casey	USA
<i>For a Few Lousy Dollars</i>	Michael Bafaro	USA
<i>Frog Crossing</i>	Ari Gold/Jamie Babbit	USA
<i>Gentlemen Like Chris</i>	Eric D. Taylor	USA
<i>Gen's Game</i>	Jan Pinkava	USA
<i>Heart with Four-Wheel Drive</i>	David Hutto	USA
<i>In Too Deep</i>	Nicholas Kelly	UK
<i>Kanada</i>	Mike Magidson	France
<i>Kinda Cute (For a White Boy)</i>	Josh Stallings	USA
<i>The Last Drop</i>	Nick J. Thermes	Scotland
<i>Man with a Plan</i>	John O'Brien	USA
<i>Marry Me or Die</i>	Bob Hoge	USA
<i>Maski in a Train</i>	George Deliev	Ukraine
<i>Midnight Mambo</i>	Phillip Marino	USA
<i>Mixed Signals</i>	Eric Tipton/Sasha Gelbart	USA
<i>My Lazy White Friends</i>	Dean Ishida	USA
<i>Never Forget</i>	Sherrie Drummond	USA
<i>A New Windowpane</i>	Ian Bang	USA
<i>Ninety-Eight</i>	Trevor Jenkins	USA
<i>One</i>	Paul Brown	USA
<i>One Lucky Night</i>	David Sidley	USA
<i>Open House</i>	Daniel Pejril	USA
<i>The Others</i>	Travis Fine	USA
<i>Paper Roses</i>	Tammi D'Amico	USA
<i>Psychospasm</i>	Frederick J. Taylor	USA
<i>Sitting in Limbo</i>	Jordan Susman	USA
<i>A Stranger in the Kingdom</i>	Jay Craven	USA
<i>Ted</i>	Gary Ellenberg	USA
<i>Un Peso</i>	Paul Ganus	USA
<i>Waiting for the Man</i>	John Covert	USA
<i>Without You</i>	Ryan McCulloch	USA
<i>The Wooden Leg</i>	Bill Hopkins	UK
<i>Young Turkeys</i>	Ian Barbour	Canada

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- October 3**  
10 A.M. Judges Panel, City Lights Theatre  
11 A.M. Director Dorne Pentes Lecture, City Lights Theatre  
1 P.M. "The Simpsons" Producer David Silverman Lecture, Trustees Theater  
8 P.M. *Cape Fear* (1962), Forsyth Park, Free and Open to the Public
- October 6**  
6 P.M. Producer David Pollock lecture, City Lights Theatre
- October 7**  
6 P.M. *The Boneyard* Staged Reading, City Lights Theatre  
8 P.M. KNB Special Effects Presentation, Trustees Theater
- October 9**  
1 P.M. *Planet of the Apes* Make-up Artist Gene Whitam Workshop, Studio A, 522 Indian Street
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