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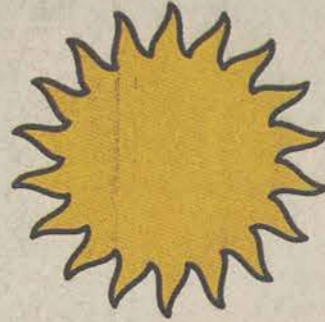
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# The George-Anne

## Weather



Today: Sunny with a high of 82 and a low around 54.

Wednesday: Sunny with highs reaching into the mid 70s and a low around 54.

## BLUE EDITION

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### Sports



#### GSU makes a comeback

The football team avoids an upset at The Citadel, 51-34.

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#### Wins pile up for the volleyball team

The Lady Eagles defeated Furman and Wofford last weekend.

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### Features



#### NAACP holds annual Ms. DIVA pageant

Tameisha Ellis received the honor of Ms. DIVA at last Thursday's pageant.

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### Today's Word

**Deipnosophist**  
Someone skilled in making dinner-table conversation.

Source: Weird Words

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## \$2.5 million Herty renovation complete

By Kevin Head  
Staff Writer

The Herty Building interior has recently completed the final stages of a massive \$2.5 million facelift.

The geology, geography and chemistry departments presented the renovations with an open house Oct. 17, to show the changes that have evolved over the last three years.

"The renovations were really needed," Pranoti Asher, assistant professor of geology, said. "The changes allow for better ways of instructing students."

The renovations have totaled over \$2.5 million and were funded in part by a grant from the National Science Foundation for \$900,000 for new equipment, teaching labs and other improvements to the facility.

Some of the changes include a new olympus microscope, a distance learning laboratory, ESCAL room and many research posters by faculty and students.

There is also a hard and soft rock lab, introductory geology and geography classrooms, introductory geology lab, fossil preparation labs and a rock preparation room.

The distance learning lab allows students to be in class with students all over the state. It has the capability of going to six-

teen sites and has internet capabilities. The distance learning lab also has a smart board, allowing teachers to copy notes on the board to computer disks for later use.

"The renovation has been in different stages. With a new stage each year for the last three years," Paul Cerpovicz, assistant professor chemistry, said. "Many of the new labs also take use of previously unused or junk rooms."

The Chemistry Department also has a new look.

New labs have been added and the old labs have been completely refurbished. The organic lab, the advanced chemistry lab and the analytical chemistry lab are some of the rooms that have been improved. The department has added a nuclear magnetic resonance lab, a computer lab, new computers, lab tables and chairs.

"The changes are wonderful," Jessica Orvis, assistant professor chemistry, said. "The renovations should make it easier to teach and get more done. The department has been very fortunate. The organic lab really needed work."

A new elevator was also added to the building.

Asher wanted to add one last comment. "geology rocks!"

## New fire law requires the removal of grills from apartment balconies

By Allison Taylor  
News Editor

Remember the days when you could cook hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers over the grill on your balcony?

Those days are over.

Students living in apartments and condominiums are no longer permitted to have grills on their balconies or patios because of a new amendment to the state fire prevention code.

"This new law came entirely from the state," Fire Chief Joe Beasley said. "It had nothing to do with the local area."

The managers of complexes, like Player's Club and Towne Club, are required to comply with the law and have sent flyers to all their residents asking them to remove grills from the property no later than Nov. 1 this year.

The new law came as quite a shock to apartment managers.

"We received the memo from our head office and we sent out the memo to all the residents. Now we will start to enforce the law," Lisa Simmons, manager at Towne Club, said.

The Statesboro Fire Department also informed the apartment communities in a memo that all charcoal or liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fueled burners shall not be kindled or maintained on balconies or within 10 feet of combustible patios on ground floors.

"There aren't any exceptions to the law, except for first floor apartments if they have concrete patios," Beasley said. "They can legally be on the property as long as they are within 10 feet of a combustible patio."

Many apartment communities, like Towne Club, never allowed grills on the patios before.

According to Simmons, the Towne club has a lease that states that grills are not permitted on patios. "Now it's the law so we'll have to enforce it," she said.



Sarah Trucksis

TO GRILL, OR NOT TO GRILL: That is not the question. A new amendment to a fire law says grills cannot be placed on patios or balconies.

In a note to all residents at the Players Club apartments they "must be removed from the property to avoid substantial fires."

The flyer reminded tenants not to place the grills inside the apartment, but to remove them completely from the property.

"We have received several phone calls from residents who were not pleased with the new law," Beasley said.

The law means grills are not allowed at all, even if tenants are not using them - they cannot even be stored on a balcony or inside the residence.

"You can't have them," Simmons said.

"There haven't been a lot of problems in the community with fires on balcony's," Beasley said. "The occasional problem has been mainly due to passerbys seeing smoke and thinking the buildings on fire."

Beasley said that having grills on balconies can be dangerous because combustibles are so close to buildings. "That was the main reason behind the law," he said.

## One-time exhibit of 40-million-year old whale concludes

G-A News Service

At more than 40 million years of age, a remarkably well-preserved skeleton of North America's oldest whale finished its display at the Georgia Southern Museum on Sunday.

The fossil was discovered in 1983 during construction of Plant Vogtle, a nuclear power plant along the Savannah River in Burke County, south of Augusta.

The first-time display was in conjunction with the publication of an article written by a team of paleontologists from GSU. In the most recent edition of the *Journal of Paleontology*, the researchers name the whale *Georgiacetus vogtlenis*.

"The University's preservation of this early whale skeleton embodies GSU's teaching, research and service by bringing worldwide scholarly attention to a rich discovery that strongly identifies with the heritage of our region," said acting GSU President Harry Carter. "The name *Georgiacetus vogtlenis* is most appropriate as it honors both the state in which it was found as well as the name Vogtle, in recognition of the Georgia Power Company and its parent organization, the Southern Com-

pany."

The researchers describe a previously unknown stage in whale history, identifying the mammal's transition from an amphibious, seal-like lifestyle to the marine existence of modern whales. The fossil is well preserved and includes the skull, lower jaw, most of the teeth, vertebrae, ribs and pelvis.

"The fossil initiates a new chapter in the history of mammals and that chapter unfolds on Georgia's great coastal plain," said Del Presley, director of the Georgia Southern Museum.

Associate professor of geology Richard Hulbert said safety and preservation concerns usually prevent museums from displaying such artifacts. He said in this case, the benefits outweigh the risks.

"There is a lot of local interest," he said. "We felt the public had the right to see the actual specimen."

Hulbert said the museum would like to make a replica of the whale to display permanently. Hulbert said the earliest whales probably lived much like modern otters. They were relatively small and had four legs. As whales adapted to the ocean,

they had to make numerous changes to their bodies. He said the pelvic bone indicates the whale had large legs that couldn't be used for walking but were used for swimming.

Hulbert said the Georgia whale had specialized teeth for chewing and slicing flesh. Modern whales have smaller teeth and tend to swallow food whole, he said. The fossil also indicates whales were developing the ability to hear underwater.

Geology professor Gale Bishop, who helped collect the fossil in 1983, said he realized the Georgia Power construction workers at Plant Vogtle had a major find when he saw how much of the fossil there was. Even if the species had been discovered earlier, the fossil would have been a major find because of its size, he said.

Bishop said that *Georgiacetus vogtlenis* is also continuing testament to the cooperation of a diverse team of scientists and a memorial to the late GSU professor of geology Richard M. Petkewich, whose leadership in the collection and preparation of the Vogtle whale built the foundation for its formal description and scientific publication.



Sarah Trucksis

A WHALE OF A TIME: The skeleton of the ancient whale has now left GSU. It was discovered by a work crew digging 30 feet below the ground.

"It's an appropriate memorial of world-class significance," he said.

Workers found the fossil when they were digging about 30 feet below the ground. Hulbert said the type of rock where the fossil was found is not often exposed in Georgia.

"This fossil would never have been exposed naturally,"

Hulbert said. "Luckily, the workers were curious about what they had stumbled onto. They called assistant state geologist Earl A. Shapir, who was the first to recognize the importance of the discovery."

Had the construction workers not asked questions, they would have turned the fossil "into road fill," Hulbert said.

## SGA close to reaching United Way goal

By Jana Aiken  
Staff Writer

SGA launched a major fund raising campaign last week to benefit the local United Way in hopes of raising \$3,500.

Last Wednesday, SGA hosted a chicken dinner under the rotunda generating some \$2,653.

By setting up grills and cooking the food on campus SGA was able to lure passing students and faculty/staff throughout the day allowing them to meet more than half their goal.

The leftover food was put to good use by being donated to the food bank sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

On Saturday, SGA officers and senate members were on hand at Bi-Lo supermarket to participate in Bagging-for-Bucks, where students and faculty bagged and carried out groceries for shoppers in exchange for donations to the United Way fund.

SGA also set up a food stand in the Bi-Lo parking lot to sell hot dogs, chips and drinks, contributing to the \$300 raised that day.

Charlene Black, associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies and John Nolen, vice president of academic

affairs volunteered their time to the fund-raiser by bagging groceries. The efforts of both Black and Nolen, proved that administrators are more than willing to back the SGA in their cause.

The United Way is SGA's official philanthropy. Last year they successfully passed their goal of \$1,200 by bringing in close to \$3,300.

The success of last year prompted them to set an higher goal this year.

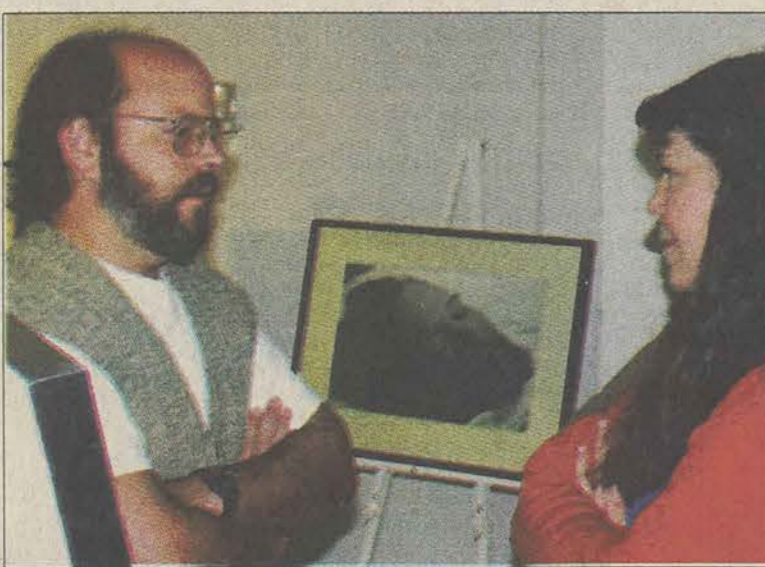
"We have been working hard together as a team," SGA President Russell Keen said. "We plan to keep on campaigning until we reach our goal of \$3,500."

In the next stage of the fund-raiser, SGA plans to ask local organizations, entrepreneurs and apartment complexes for donations.

Local businesses such as Archibald's, Bi-Lo and Claxton Chicken have played a large part in the success of the campaign by donating goods and selling supplies at a low overhead price.

Jennifer Washburn, SGA's vice president of academic affairs, played a large role in organizing the chicken dinner and Bagging-for-Bucks, even going so far as to having her parents come from Macon to help cook the chicken dinner.

### An artist and his work



Sarah Trucksis

Robert Cooper, a *George-Anne* alumnus and *Statesboro Herald* photographer, has a photographic exhibit entitled "An Artist's Journey Through Life's Final Passage," at Gallery 303. The exhibit chronicles the final months of a terminally ill friend. The exhibit is open through the end of the month.

**POLICE BEAT**

**GSU Division of Public Safety**

**October 21**

•Eric Alan Kennedy, 21, of 807 Robin Hood Trail, was arrested and charged with DUI (.223) and laying drag.

**October 20**

•Derek Scott McKelvey, 18, of 1114 Cone Hall, was arrested and charged with DUI (.136), failure to obey traffic control device and no proof of insurance.

•Adam Tesler reported half of a mannequin was taken from a Homecoming float that was parked in front of Hampton Hall.

•John Withrow reported someone entered his vehicle in the Dorman Hall parking lot and took a cellular phone, Sony CD player, book bag and a case containing approximately 40 CDs.

•Latracha Williams reported a set of keys were taken from the Hanner weight room.

•John Jones reported someone entered his vehicle in the Southern Courtyard parking lot and took fifteen CDs.

•A case of harassment was reported at Olliff Hall.

**October 19**

•Krista Robinson reported someone damaged the hallway door to her apartment in the Pines.

•Alicia Howard reported someone damaged the front door of her apartment in the Pines.

•A case of simple battery was reported at the M.C. Anderson sports complex.

•A case of harassment was reported in the Sanford Hall parking lot.

**Statesboro Police Department**

**October 22**

•Nekisa B. Williams, 20, of A8 Dogwood Ct. was charged with open container and weaving.

•Quineka Robinson of 109 Harvey Dr. Apt. 15 reported criminal trespass at Blind Willie's.

**October 21**

•Barletta Luis, 22, of 173 Park Place, reported criminal trespass.

•A resident of Park Place apartments reported harassment.

•Shelby Ashfield, 20, of A3 Bermuda Run apartments, reported criminal trespass.

•Tawnya Mayer, 21, of A3 Bermuda Run apartments, reported criminal trespass.

•Donald McMahon, 20, of 8113 Collee Cove Rd., was charged with DUI and driving without a license.

•Robert John Cunningham, Jr., 19, of 202 Player's Club, reported entering auto.

**October 20**

•Tara L. Schuster, 24, of #74 Eagle Villas, reported lost or stolen property.

•Tom Noble, 26, of 19 Bulloch Street, Apt. 3, reported criminal trespass.

•A resident of Towne Club apartments reported sexual battery.

**October 19**

•A Statesboro resident reported harassment at Player's Club apartments.

•Kebin Burnette, 21, of J11 Bermuda Run apartments, reported criminal trespass.

•Lacurtis Deshawn Powell, 18, of 320 Turner St., was charged with possession of marijuana.

**GEORGIA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Candidate involved in wreck on way to campaign stop**

SYLVESTER, Ga. (AP) — Second district congressional candidate Joe McCormick was uninjured when a vehicle sideswiped the car he was riding in last Wednesday on the way to a campaign appearance. McCormick was headed to Tifton when a delivery truck sideswiped his car on U.S. 82 near Sylvester about 7:45 a.m., according to the accident report. McCormick's driver lost control and the vehicle overturned into the grass median. The Georgia State Patrol said the driver of the truck was cited for an inappropriate lane change. McCormick's driver was taken to a hospital for tests and some stitches, but had no serious injuries, said Jim McCormick's driver, who works on his brother's campaign. He said the accident wouldn't keep the candidate from attending any campaign events.

**Missing man's body found after two years**

WOODSTOCK, Ga. (AP) — The body of a man missing for more than two years has been found in a truck submerged in a private pond. Paul D. Dayton, 32, was identified through dental records last Tuesday. "This has been indescribable, wondering whether he was dead or alive," said his mother, Mary Dayton. "But the hurt doesn't stop."

Authorities said two fishermen spotted the top of Dayton's 1985 Chevy Blazer Sunday in the pond about 10 miles east of Woodstock. Receding water from the lack of rain made the truck visible. Cherokee County sheriff's deputies and investigators with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation didn't realize a body was in the truck until they pulled the vehicle out of the water last Monday. A license plate check showed the truck was registered to Dayton, a heating and air conditioning installer. Authorities ruled it an accidental death.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Berkeley students walk out**

College Press Exchange  
BERKELEY, Calif. — More than 1,000 students and faculty members at the University of California at Berkeley walked out of regularly scheduled classes last Wednesday and Thursday, staging a highly anticipated demonstration in defense of affirmative action.

Dubbed "Affirm With Action," the protest included rallies, teachings and several symposia on the merits of affirmative action within settings of higher education.

While many students appeared supportive of the walkout, others said they resented it because it interrupted their studies. Many critics of the protest picketed with signs bearing messages such as "Education Not Politics," and "I Want a Refund."

**Monkeys return home to Tulane**

College Press Exchange  
NEW ORLEANS, La. — Life was even livelier than a barrel of monkeys when two dozen primates broke out of a Tulane University research center and ran for some nearby woods, chased by workers trying to recover them.

All six of the rhesus monkeys eventually returned to their home at the university. Workers captured them by baiting cages with fruit, while others were actually fighting to get back into the corral by the end of the day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Things to Do at GSU**

**Ongoing**

•Attention all **business and business education majors**: Phi Beta Lambda is looking for you. Become a future business leader. Contact Dr Ruth Carroll at 681-5596.

•The **Haunted Forest** for adults begins Oct. 28 and continues through Oct. 31. The forest is located at the rear of the Paulson Stadium parking lot. It is open from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 28-29 and from 8 to midnight Oct. 30-31.

•**Parents' Weekend '98**, sponsored by the Office of New Student and Parent Programs and Eagle Athletics will be held from Oct. 30 to Oct. 31. Call ext. 1987 for more information.

**Today**

•An afternoon of **academic advisement** with represen-

tatives from GSU's College of Graduate Studies will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Savannah.

•The annual **Haunted Forest** for adults opens with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and Kid's Night at 5:30 p.m. at the Paulson Stadium site.

**Wednesday, October 28**

•**Track and Field club meeting** at 7 p.m. in Russell Union room 2075. Call CRI at 681-5436 for more information.

**Thursday, October 29**

•**Preparation for the Regent's Reading Exam** by Durelle Tuggle will be held at noon in room 1040 of Henderson Library. Call 681-0321 for more information.

•**Preparation for the Regent's Essay Exam** by

Mildred Pate will be held at 1 p.m. in room 1040 of Henderson Library. Call 681-0321 for more information.

•Questions about studying abroad can be addressed at this year's **Study Abroad Fair** sponsored by the Center for International Studies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom area.

•GSU faculty and staff, and their children, (elementary or younger) are invited to **Greek Street Trick or Treat**, from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be games, prizes and candy.

•The movie **Armageddon** will be shown at 5:30 and 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Admission is \$1.

**Friday, October 30**

•The **Statesboro Astronomy Club** will hold a public evening at Statesboro Regional Library from 7 to 8 p.m. to observe the Moon, Ju-

piter and Saturn. Call Jim at the library at 764-1337 or Becky Lowder at 871-5425 for more information.

•The movie **Armageddon** will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Admission is \$1.

**Saturday, October 31**

•The movie **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** will be shown at the Russell Union at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

•Georgia Southern Botanical Garden will present a **Fall Colors Field Trip**. Participants should meet at the Garden, 1505 Bland Ave., by 10 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in person or mail payment to: Public Programming, GSU Botanical Garden, PO Box 8039, Statesboro, GA, 30460. Call the Garden at 871-1114 for more information.



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**ARMAGEDDON**  
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5:30 pm & 8:00 pm  
Friday, Oct. 30  
7:00 pm & 9:30 pm

**Sneak Preview**  
**SOLD OUT**  
**VAMPIRES**  
Wednesday, Oct. 28  
9:00 pm  
Tickets Holders arrive before 8:45 pm, waiting list will be seat after ticket holders.

**EXTREME SWING**  
Thursday, Oct. 29  
Russell Union Ball Room  
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Tickets \$1  
Swing Lessons Will Be Provide!

**THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**  
Halloween  
Saturday, Oct. 31  
9:00 pm  
Russell Union



**Wax Hands TODAY**  
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**


**Netanyahu agrees to continue peace talks**

Knight-Ridder Newspapers  
After threatening to leave the Middle East summit last Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu backed down by agreeing to stay because of progress in talks over Israel's security.

**Netscape documents released in court**

Knight-Ridder Newspapers  
The Seattle Times  
Microsoft's primary rival for the Internet-browsing market, Netscape Communications, was engaged in some of the same controversial business practices as Microsoft, documents released in federal court last Thursday show.

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The Associated Press

SANTA FE—Norma Hayduk noticed an envelope marked "For You" sticking out of the slats of a park bench as she strolled by.

So naturally she looked. Inside was a note that read, "Hello. Yes, this is for you and yes, this is for real. Money comes in my life and I am grateful for it. This is my way for me to express my gratitude. We live in a vast and infinitely abundant universe. There is more than enough for all of us. Enjoy,

a friend."

Accompanying the note was \$100.

She ran back to her husband, Kenneth, who had decided to wait for her on the Plaza Sunday while she walked to a nearby hotel.

"I've never run into anything like this before," said Kenneth Hayduk. "We sure can use this. We're just average folks."

Hayduk, 51, is a heat, ventilation and air conditioning technician apprentice; Hayduk, 48, is a customer service representative.

Hayduk said he hopes whoever left the money knows it was appreciated and that yes, the recently married couple will enjoy it.

"I guess there are some decent, caring people left in the world," he said. "I don't know what else to say."

**2 Utah  
Gas vouchers end up  
in arrest**

The Associated Press

BAKER CITY—Three young men arrived at Baker City Hall last Thursday morning hoping for a handout. They got handcuffs instead.

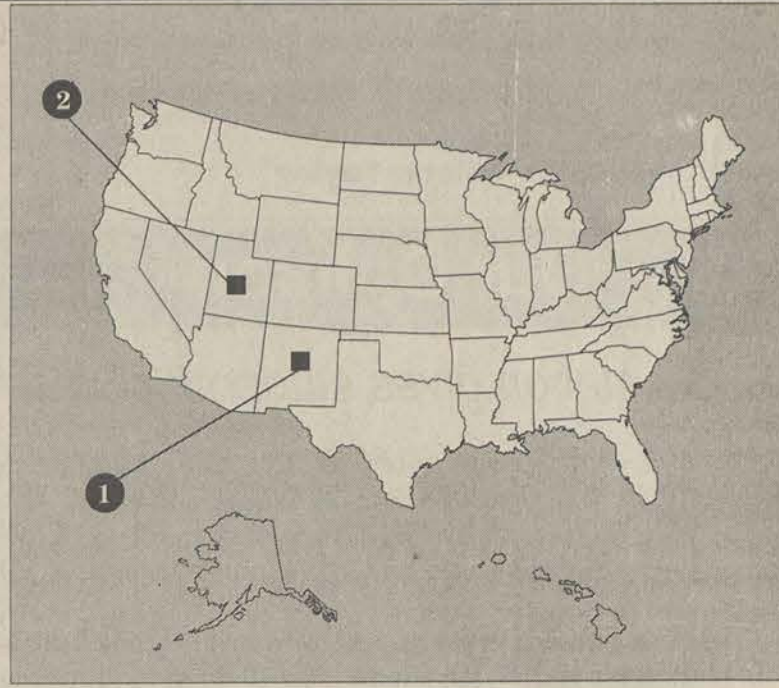
Police say Clyde Phillips, 24, and Shawn Willett, 20, both of Bend, and Matthew P. Hamblin, 16, of Ogden, Utah were wanted for stealing a van from Utah.

They were arrested after they stopped to get a gas voucher from city police to help them continue on their way.

Willett and Hamblin were jailed on Deschutes County warrants and all three were charged with theft of the van that was discovered later in the day in the City Hall parking lot.

Communications Clerk Sharon Wulk said the trio made their request for a gas voucher early last Thursday after Willett reportedly told his friends that gas vouchers were easy to get from police departments in Oregon.

But when the three were asked for identification, not one of them could produce a driver's license, she said.



**Novelty lenses may help complete your costume this Halloween**

The Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS—People handing out candy this Halloween may not believe their eyes—or the eyes of the trick-or-treaters.

Novelty contact lenses that were once the domain of Hollywood movie special effects are being promoted by area opticians as the way to create a hair-raising Halloween costume.

The WildEyes collection of lenses can turn ordinary blue or brown eyes into zombie-like orbs or blood-red peepers. Better yet, try on a pair of Starry Eyed lenses, and the moon and stars will twinkle in your eyes.

"Some of them are really neat, and some are very scary and strange," says Alicia Ross, who works at Advanced Eyecare in Iowa City.

The collection of novelty lenses—Pool Shark, Wildfire, White-Out, Zoomin' and Hypnotica—are the creation of the Wesley Jessen Corp., a company that has been in the specialty lens business for years.

Custom-made lenses were introduced years ago but, because of the cost, were used mainly in the movies, says Wesley Jessen spokesper-

son Jennifer O'Neill.

When Michael Jackson wore a pair of wolf-eye lenses in his "Thriller" video, "we began to get requests by people who wanted to wear them every day," she said.

Last spring, WildEyes contact lenses entered the mainstream.

Like other soft contact lenses, WildEyes should last for a year to 18 months. They can be worn for vision correction or for fun. An eye exam and fitting are required to make sure novices know how to correctly put in and remove the lenses.

"They're just like other contact lenses," said Dr. Tom Anderson, an optometrist for Westdale Lens Crafters in Cedar Rapids. "They're made from the same material but with dye in them to change the color of the iris."

Anderson says the lenses appeal to young people and "college students seem to like them a lot."

Many opticians are selling WildEyes at reduced rates for Halloween. Regularly, the lenses cost between \$175 and \$300 but are on sale for \$99 a pair.

(paid advertisement)

Open Letter To Governor Zell Miller

Why would you, the greatest governor of Georgia, appoint the mayor of Statesboro, David H. Averitt to the Board of Regents? Averitt, perhaps the most prejudice city official in Georgia, like Hitler, singles out a "group" of citizens to harass and deny them their constitutional rights. Averitt, unlike Hitler, stops short of direct physical harm, but his ordinance against Georgia Southern University students kills their spirit of freedom and subjects them to much fear and emotional stress. Students tell me they are afraid to protest Mayor Averitt's housing ordinance because so many employees, professors and department heads at GSU petitioned Averitt to enact the ordinance. The ordinance limits all size houses near his residence and other nice residential areas to only three unrelated students.

Mayor Averitt, on a televised broadcast, has stated that he does not believe four responsible unrelated students have a moral and constitutional right to live in his neighborhood or any other residential areas zoned single family. Averitt is aware of the fact that the Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg has ruled that restrictions only on unrelated adults is not permissible. She stated further that a restriction must apply uniformly to all residents in the area.

Also, Governor Miller, another reason to question your appointment of Averitt to the Regents, is his seemingly lack of the necessary public school experiences to qualify him for such a position. In 1971, after desegregation and busing, Averitt and others founded the Bulloch Academy Private School. According to the Statesboro Herald, Averitt and other stated that the private school would insure education for children in an atmosphere where the needs of the individual child can best be met. If Averitt still believes that private schools still provide that best education for our children, it appears your reason for selecting him to the Board of Regents may have been a political appointment instead of an educational appointment.

Respectfully, Governor Miller, you and Averitt need to let us citizens of Georgia know what the "atmosphere" variables were that caused him to believe his Bulloch Academy Private School could provide the best education for students. Was the variable better quality teachers, the curriculum or less black students, if any, in the classroom?

Incidentally, seemingly there were no concerns about responsible students living near the mayor until after I rented a nice house to a mixed race family near the Pittman Park United Methodist Church. A neighbor cursed me and sold her house and moved.

Lastly, Governor Miller, you have failed all summer to respond to my request to allow me and several GSU students to visit your office for the purpose of presenting you with a petition signed by several hundred students requesting you remove Averitt from the Regents. They say they distrust his influence on the Board of Regents. Please notify me when we may have an appointment with you.

Respectfully,

James M. Hood, Ph.D. 10/13/98

**Happy Halloween from the George-Anne!**

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### Radio station gives students a voice

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There are no advertisers, so there are no constraints on what is played. With the no Top 40 format, students are introduced to a myriad of new music that would not have been heard anywhere else. While one may think the music is not worth hearing, remember that the Seattle sound and REM were once only available on college radio stations.

The station plays a wide variety of music because each two-hour slot is run by a different student DJ. You can hear 80s favorites, the newest thrash metal and country all on the same station.

By allowing students to run the shows, WVGS provides everyone with the chance to hone their communication skills before they enter the work force and it gives students a chance to have their voices heard.

Best of all, is that 91.9 is the "Voice of Georgia Southern." Anyone responsible can have a show and they can get their views out in the open. It is the best place in Statesboro for a GSU student to go to and vent their frustrations (as long as they keep it clean).

Our station has music shows, news and sports shows and call-in shows. Listeners can win free CDs and may hear something they have never heard, or something they haven't heard in years.

But there is no point in having a station if we do not listen to it and support it.



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## Mourning the death of the English language

James Baldwin, that bantam, sardonic Harlemit, once wrote that "a language comes into existence by means of brutal necessity and the rules of the language are dictated by what the language must convey."

If Baldwin were still crafting his assailing prose, God knows what he might say about our current-day vernacular language. Aghast by what he would encounter, he might ask the question, "What does this language convey?"

The answer: Very little. Our English language is dying a most terrible death. Stricken with the malady known as neglect, English — the most complex, most beautiful language on the face of the earth — should be placed high on a list of endangered species. Of all the languages spoken, English has become the most widely necessitated language in this post-industrialist, highly technical world in which we currently live and work. However, those to whom English is their native tongue, the language itself is as enigmatic as the meaning of life or the existence of God. In short, too many people are too confounded by the language to ever learn how to speak or write it properly.

Not to mock the death of our highly complex, highly lyrical language, but this degeneracy of English seems eerily plucked from the humorous bowels of Shaw's "Pygmalion." Somehow,



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we have forgotten that this is "the language of Shakespeare and Milton and the Bible."

The language has been whittled down to a small, insulting fraction of its bountiful

terful, engaging conversation have found their way to obsolescence, if not extinction.

In too many schools, in too many college composition classes, the language is dying an

students toward an improved comprehension of what it means to convey a thought in words.

Too many educators abhor flowerly language or complex sentence structure or detailed content because they want every developing writer to resemble a Hemingway instead of a Faulkner or a Joyce. These educators want more of a the terse, rough, adolescent style of prose, than a complex, masterful, mature prose voice found in intelligent writing. The fact of the matter is that the language is minimized to fit five measly paragraphs and a 500-word ceiling.

Where writers, thinkers, and orators will spring from is a constant concern in this breakdown of the language. Doubtless there will be Hawthornes and Emersons and Churchills to come, but whether their mastery of the language is equal to those forbear legends remains to be seen.

The world does not function in the academic setting, though. The language has become as banal an implement as a comb or a toothbrush in daily lives — we use the language everyday, yet we give little thought to its usage.

We are headed for the Pearl Harbor of the English language. Yet we have a rare opportunity to avert such a disaster. Through improved education and a broader understanding of the language, our English need not die a suffocating, lamentable death.

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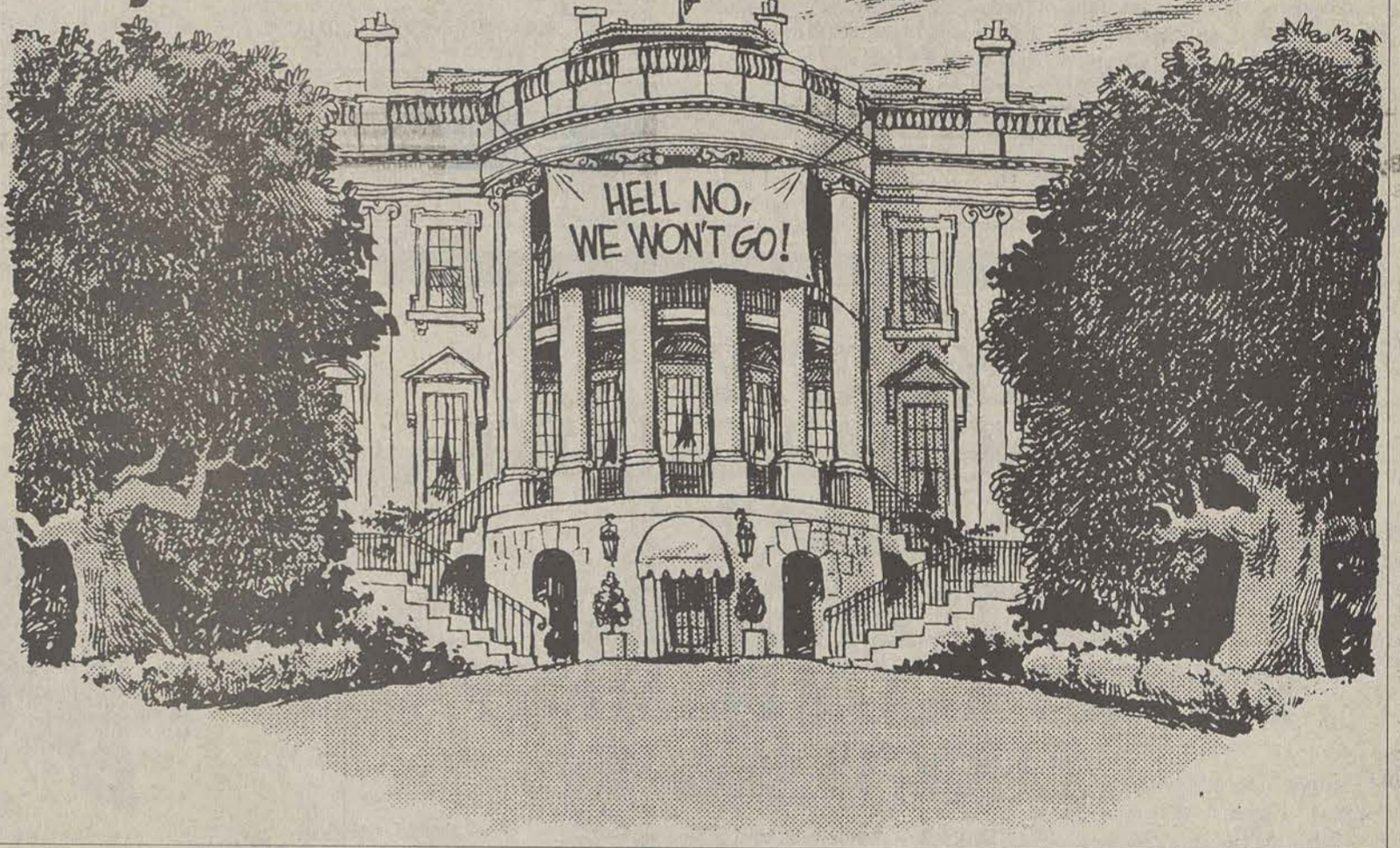
wealth. Language no longer provides sustenance for the hungry mind. No one reads books or magazines or newspapers. No one reads! We find a cure for our hunger elsewhere.

Technology is one place where we find a quick, satisfying solution for our supposed modern hunger for language. While causing people to employ their language in a written form on a daily basis, e-mail has become another knife with which we can whittle our language down; e-mail does not cause people to write in a structured manner, eliminating, also, the interpersonal necessity of the spoken language. Thus, the age of the personal letter and the long, mas-

even more disgusting, frustrating death on two fronts. The first front deals with the student writer. For those of us who have been blessed with the gift of writing, observing the pain with which others have to scratch out a thought is frightening. The work of my generation has become, as a result, a meaningless river of blustery nonsense. In essence, the language is dying because a whole generation does not know how to write.

This is because, in far too many cases, they are not taught how to do so properly — the second front. Student papers are attacked with a red pen and zealous excitement — not with a sense of duty to the language to guide these

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## Alcohol has betrayed you, he is not your friend

Last week was Alcohol Awareness Week. The week was a reminder to all of us of the dangers of alcohol. I have a question though, who doesn't know the dangers of alcohol? Which one of us grown, over 18, Georgia Southern college students doesn't know the dangers of alcohol?

I am so sick and tired of this nation's obsession with being intoxicated. Why do people drink? Most alcoholic beverages really do not taste good. The hard liquor is so crude.

If you drink it, you have to prepare yourself to drink it, work it so it goes all the way down, and finally frown or make some kind of barbaric noise to relieve the burning sensation sizzling in your throat. You could have had a V-8. If you are more a margarita or daiquiri kind of drinker then admittedly you are enjoying the alcohol a little more. But not much more.

Real thirst would be quenched better with Kool-Aid. So what's the point? Do you drink to drown your sorrows? Get a shrink, because alcohol isn't therapy. If you are drinking so you will not



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have to think about something bad that's going on in your life, then that just means you have something else to talk about in your session.

Do you drink to get high? Are all those inhibitions free with

kind of fake high to be lively.

And, yes, I am on a high horse, but it is a high horse I climbed without being intoxicated. And honestly, I haven't hurt anybody or hurt myself. How many drinkers can say that?

**WHICH ONE OF US GROWN, OVER 18, GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE STUDENTS DOESN'T KNOW THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOL?**

the help of Mr. Alcohol? Well, do me a favor, keep your inhibitions to yourself. They're not cute. Fake euphoria is pathetic. If the only way you can have a personality it to buy in a bottle, then you are kidding yourself.

People aren't friends with you, they are friends with Jack Daniels. It is so sad to me that people have to resort to some

been date-raped. Yes, alcohol aids in sex crimes. You might have thought the night was going to be about fun, but the Toys R U when you are so drunk you put yourself in a situation that will not only compromise you that night, but probably the rest of your life. I wonder if it's worth it, fellows, when the hoochie you and your "Bud" had sex with last night turns out to be HIV-positive.

Students under 21 are risking going to jail for alcohol. Why? Alcohol is not anyone's friend. It does nothing for you that you cannot do for yourself, but get you in trouble.

Oh wait, if you really want to get in trouble you can do that without alcohol as well.

I don't believe in prohibition. We, as a country, should have the right to choose whether we drink or not. Yet, I want people to ask themselves why they are drinking. Is the reason better than saving someone else's life or your own? No, oh well, put the bottle down. Drink water, it's better for you. Cold water even has a kick.

## Ms. Diva pageant draws large crowd

By Cherlea Dorsey  
Staff Writer

"I am black, beautiful, spiritual, graceful and elegant with the qualifications of a true DIVA."

This was the attitude of the Third Annual Ms. DIVA Pageant sponsored by the NAACP with a sassy theme—"It's All About Me."

Twenty young ladies gathered to compete for the 1998 Ms. DIVA pageant last Thursday evening.

Their objective was to prove to GSU students that they have the characteristics of a true DIVA.

The contestants participated in four categories, intro, daywear, loungewear and evening wear.

Each category gave the contestants a chance to show off their personalities through their attire and shapely figures.

During the intro, the contestants introduced themselves and described the reasons they classified themselves as DIVAs.

For daywear, the contestants wore a special outfit and strutted to a song that reflected their personality.

Loungewear was the third category where the contestants wore lingerie that suited them.

"The loungewear category reflects what the contestants personality is," Tameika Howard, one of the coordinators, said.

"This category can range from the contestants wearing teddy's, looking innocent or seductive."

The last category, evening wear, the contestants strutted across the floor in a gown to some soft mellow music.

Between each category, the audience was entertained by Dyerzion, Queens, a dramatic monologue performed by a member of Umoja and 97-98 step champions Phi Beta Sigma.

"There are certain talents on this campus that gear to African-Americans and this show is geared towards African-Americans, so we had to recognize our people," Demetrice Thomas, one of the coordinators, said.

Some students arrived an hour early to get a decent seat; however, the pageant began after 7 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

"The doors were supposed to open at 6:30 p.m.," Howard said. "We had problems with equipment in the Union that stalled the show."

Howard said, after the pageant, that this was her and Thomas's first time coordinating a pageant.

"Things went well, but they could have gone better," Howard said.

## Ms. DIVA's dream comes true with title

By Cherlea Dorsey  
Staff Writer

Tameisha Ellis was named Ms. Diva last Thursday night.

She is a native of Jamaica and currently resides in Atlanta, Ga. Ellis is a senior majoring in fashion merchandising/apparel marketing with a minor in business. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The excitement of becoming Ms. DIVA was so overwhelming for Ellis that she became speechless when describing how she felt.

"Words can not describe how I am feeling," Ellis said.

"I just give all the glory and honor to God because I went through so much for this pageant and it really paid off."

Besides being awarded Ms. DIVA, Ellis received recognition for Best Loungewear and Best Evening wear.

From being in the pageant, Ellis was able to learn more about herself and the other contestants.

"Well, it is not always easy



Sarah Trucksis

Senior, Tameisha Ellis, walked away as Ms. DIVA with style, grace and confidence.

working with a big group of women but I must say I really learned how to get along with others," Ellis said.

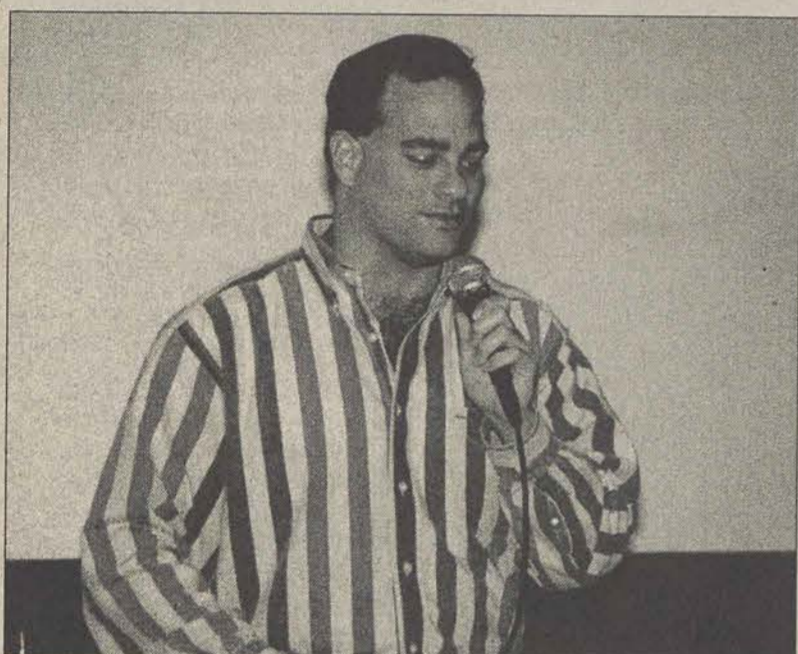
"A true diva exemplifies confidence, poise and self-assurance. She is spiritual and intelligent," Ellis said.

Ellis admits that the pageant did not give her self-

teen and this was a characteristic that she had prior to applying for the pageant.

For two years, Ellis dreamed of being in the Ms. DIVA pageant.

"This is something I have always wanted to do and I am glad I saw my dream finally come true."



Molly Morrison

Goldman and Sullivan stressed that no one is immune to the HIV-virus or AIDS.

## GSU students get a reality check on AIDS/HIV virus

By Courtney Williams  
Staff Writer

Joel Goldman and TJ Sullivan, the speakers at the Age of AIDS program gave GSU students a reality check: sex and alcohol don't mix.

The results can be devastating, as they have been for Joel Goldman who became infected with HIV as a result of the two. While in college, he believed that he was immune to the disease because he came from a well-educated family, was educated himself and "fraternity men don't get AIDS!"

After facing the reality of his situation he, along with Sullivan (who is also a Greek), decided to educate as many people as possible about the many dangers associated with drinking and sex.

As a former stand-up comedian, Sullivan had the audience laughing with his jokes about the decisions we make regarding alcohol, friends and sex.

He also used a video of party interviews showing the balance of ignorance and responsibility among young people.

"Brought toys!" Sullivan giggled as he demonstrated how and why to use various safe-sex devices including condoms, dental dams and rubber-gloves.

"Latex is any sexually active person's best friend."

Additionally, latex is the most trusted form of protection because STDs, including AIDS, can't penetrate the material.

He and Goldman insisted that people be smart and safe when it comes to sex regardless if one chooses to abstain.

Risky activities aren't limited to just intercourse. Goldman used his own personal struggles and victories with HIV to show GSU students that "this isn't something I had to get."

He explained that HIV/AIDS has a "window period"—that is, a three-week (or greater) time period where an AIDS test won't detect the antibodies for disease.

The results can be very misleading as they were for Goldman, whose initial test declared him HIV negative.

He also bucked some common myths, one being that HIV and AIDS are two different viral infections.

"The only difference between the two is the number of T-cells in the body," Goldman said.

"Once a person's T-cell count falls below 200 (normal being about 1200), they are said to have AIDS. Otherwise, they are said to be HIV-positive."

Goldman's count is 800 strong, and he finds additional strength and motivation from his friends, family and the courage of Ryan White.

White was the twelve-year-old who admitted to having AIDS after a blood transfusion.

If Goldman could only give one piece of advice to college students, it would be "Don't mix sex and alcohol. It will definitely taint your actions."

Goldman, another face of AIDS, is living proof that this disease is no joke and can happen to anybody.

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**It's that time of the year: NCAA basketball gets started**

As the NBA lockout drags on for an indeterminate amount of time, hoop fans can still rejoice in the fact that NCAA basketball (just like it has during much of the whole century) will definitely start on time. And any fans disillusioned or simply fed up with the off-court politics and money issues currently displayed in the pros, college basketball offers a wonderful alternative.

So, while preseason practices continue and the opening day of the season rapidly approaches us, let's take a look at some of the top teams in the country and highlight some of the premier athletes.

It seems like the NCAA is wide open this year, as it has been in the last couple of years. Although the Kentucky Wildcats are the defending national champions, by no means are they the clear-cut favorite.

The Wildcats will still be dangerous enough, though. Although not possessed with the blue chip athletes in the recent past, such as Antoine Walker, Tony Delk, Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson, Kentucky might have the best coach in college basketball in Tubby Smith. If anybody can squeeze the maximum amount and effort out of his kids' talents, it is this man. When picking teams for the list of possible national champions at the end of the year, the Wildcats must not be excluded.

But what might be the most dangerous team of the year to look out for is the Duke Blue Devils. Remember that heralded group of freshmen recruits who came in last year? You know, the class that was ranked No. 1 in the country by most college basketball publications? Well, guess what? There's a year older, and none of them went to the NBA (if there still is an NBA).

Which means that the rest of the NCAA is going to have to contend with this core group for at least another year, which includes arguably the best frontcourt in all of college basketball.

That deadly Blue Devils frontcourt includes Elton Brand, Shane Battier and Chris Burgess. The trio has already earned the nickname "Killer B's" and will lead Duke in a serious run to the national title.

The North Carolina Tar Heels, a participant of last year's Final Four, will face a tough task this year. The Tar Heels lost their entire frontcourt to the NBA draft in Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter, not to mention their outstanding sharpshooter, Shammond Williams.

But don't count the Tar Heels out yet. They still have a very solid point guard in Ed Cota, who will undeniably be the team leader, as well as talented freshman phenom Ronald Curry (who is also the Tar Heels quarterback). North Carolina will still be a force to reckon with in the ACC, along with the Maryland Terrapins.

Whoever your favorite NCAA team is, I wish them an injury-free and successful year. It's time to get crunk for the college basketball season. And besides, who needs the NBA anyway?

**Wins keep piling up for Lady Eagles**

•GSU volleyball team subdues Furman 3-1, hold 8-5 record in the Southern Conference, 8-2 at home

By Andrew Franklin  
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles set themselves back on track last Sunday with a 3-1 victory over the Furman Paladins. The match was a tribute to GSU's offensive and defensive capabilities, as well as its potential to dominate the home court with an 8-2 record at Hanner. The Lady Eagles are now 8-5 in the SoCon and 16-11 overall.

"It was a battle for us," Lady Eagle Head Coach Eddie Matthews said. "We created all our breaks and made it happen."

Game one was a ferocious exchange between both sides of the net, resulting in a Southern victory, 15-12. The squad was

led into battle by veterans Jamie Burrell and Kelly Keegan and newcomer Jessica Cowley, who have all been team strong points throughout the season.

In the second confrontation of the afternoon, GSU fell asleep at the wheel while the Paladins found opportunity in an ugly 15-4 shelling. The Eagles had a .176 attack percentage compared to their opposition's .538.

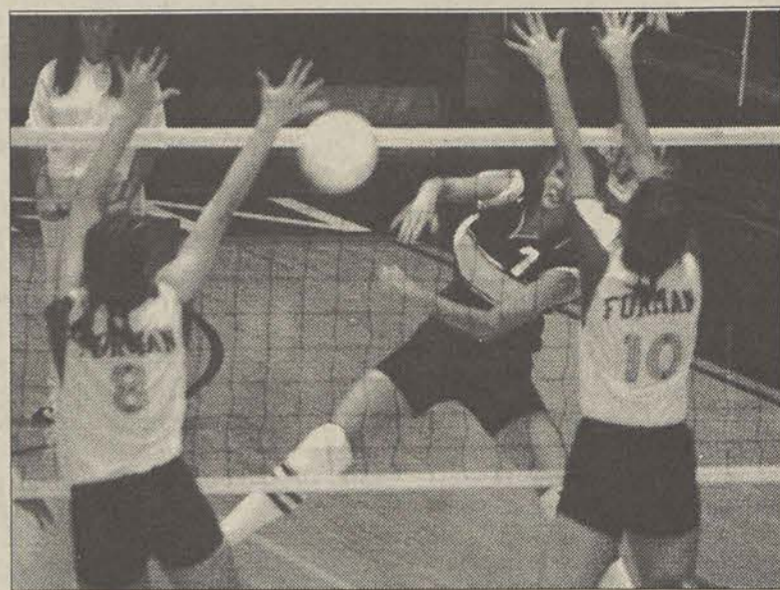
The Eagles returned stronger than ever after the half to defeat Furman in a tense 16-14 win. GSU had a match high .304 team attack percentage.

The final game ended with another Southern conquest of Furman and their fancy mascot, 15-13. Sara McCarty and

Jamie Burrell had double-doubles and Amanda Brooks had a career high 62 sets, while Kelly Keegan had a team high 19 kills and Jessica Cowley a .366 attack percentage for the match. The win on Sunday night tied the 1994 team for most SoCon victories since their membership in 1992.

The Lady Eagles will now head out for a five game road trip, three of which are inter conference matchups before coming home on November 14 against Chattanooga.

"We don't want to coast into the Southern Conference tournament," Matthews said. "We want to create our own destiny."



**THE DOMINANCE CONTINUES:** The Lady Eagle Volleyball squad won back-to-back matches at home against Furman and Wofford this past weekend at Hanner.

**Volleyball team defeated Wofford 3-2 last Saturday at Hanner**

Andrew Franklin  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the GSU Lady Eagles exchanged blows with the Wofford Terriers to win 3-2. The Lady Eagles now improve their records to 7-5 in the Southern Conference and 15-11 overall.

The first game of the match saw Southern unprepared for a feisty Wofford attack which resulted in a loss for the Eagles, 15-4. GSU had a -.077 attack percentage and surrendered seven errors.

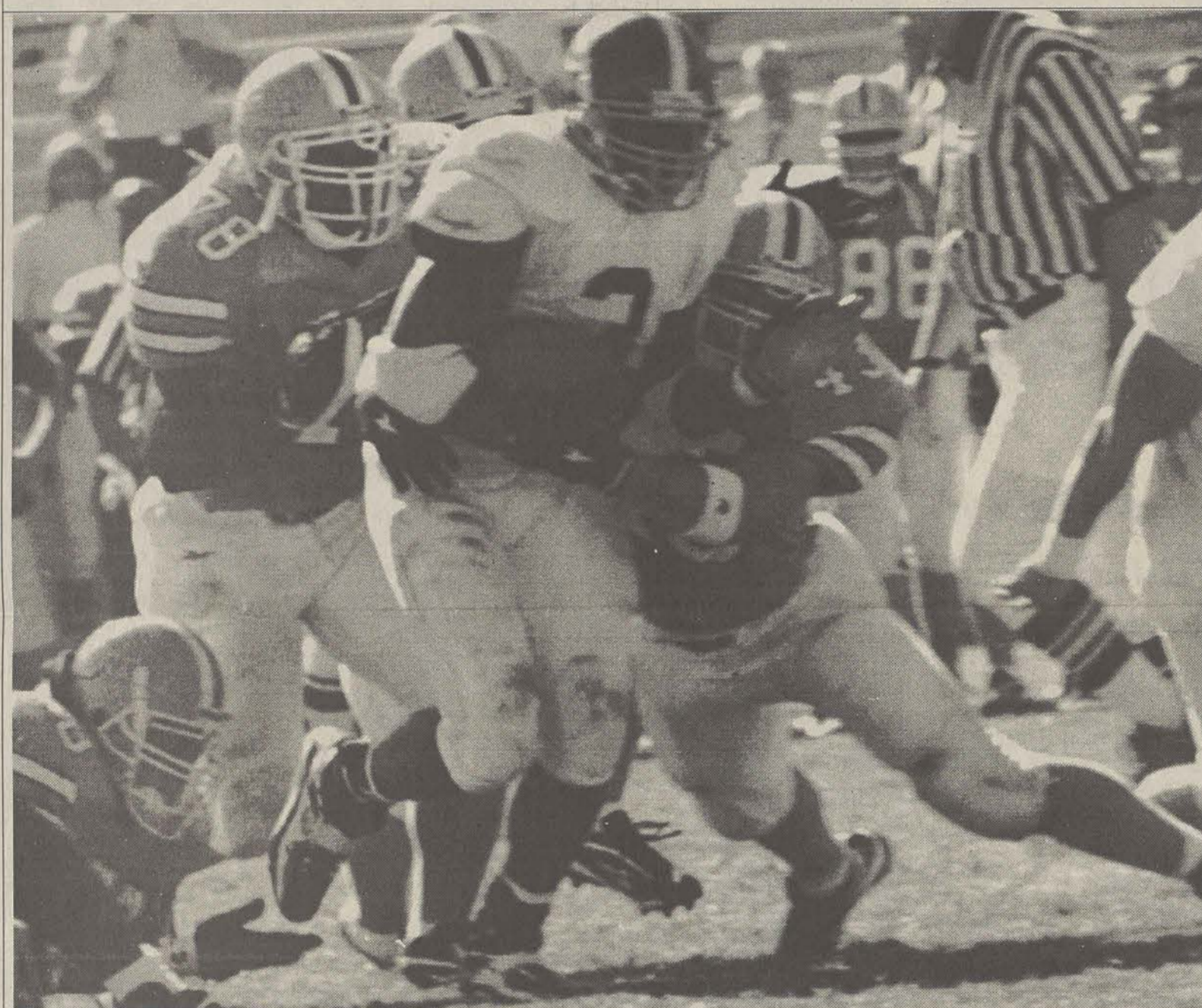
"With a team that plays as emotional as Wofford, you give them a breath and they'll suffocate you," Head Coach Eddie Matthews said.

The second game of the match turned up a Southern victory, 15-13. The Lady Eagles came out with a vengeance with 23 team kills and the squad's big hitters (Burrell, Keegan, and Cowley) kept Wofford at bay with a dismal .145 attack percentage.

The GSU volleyball machine broke down in game three, letting the unchecked Terrier offense roll on to defeat the Lady Eagles 15-10.

Led by an enthusiastic offense, GSU sparked a rally to uproot Wofford 15-10 in game four.

The last game of the matchup yielded a Southern victory, 15-8. The team was led by Kelly Keegan, who managed a double-double, and Amanda Brooks who had 59 set assists. Jamie Burrell walked away with 18 digs and freshman Jessica Cowley recorded seven total blocks.



Sarah Trucksis

**ALL ABOARD!... NEXT STOP, THE END ZONE!** A trio of The Citadel Bulldog defense tries unsuccessfully to hang on to The Peterson Express as he heads toward his final destination, the goal line. Adrian Peterson was a vital part of the Eagles heroic 17-point

come from behind effort against the Bulldogs on Saturday, rushing for a career high 231 yards off 22 carries. Peterson has accumulated a total of 1,418 yards rushing for the season, a new school record, passing Joe Ross's former mark of 1,354.

**Amazing comeback**

•Second-half explosion propels Eagles to win

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

CHARLESTON, S.C.— When the GSU Eagles hit the road to face The Citadel in Charleston last Saturday, they expected a tough challenge from the tenacious Bulldogs. What they got was the dogfight of their lives. GSU (8-0, 6-0 SoCon) fell behind 27-10 before finally coming back and conquering The Citadel 51-34.

"That's the kind of game that scares me," GSU Head Coach Paul Johnson said. "They (The Citadel) hold the ball and eat up the clock. And your offense doesn't get the chance to hardly touch the ball."

The Citadel (3-5, 3-3 SoCon) struck on their first drive of the day and proceeded to dominate GSU's defense with their effective ball control running game, mixed in with some play action passes and reverses. Bulldog QB Stanley Myers threw a one-yard TD pass to tight end Jason Barley.

After GSU quarterback Greg Hill scored on a six-yard option keeper, the Bulldogs countered again with the Myers-Barley connection, this time for a three-yard TD. The Citadel seemed on the verge of burying the No. 1 team in the country minutes later when tailback Antonio Smith swept past the Eagle defense for a 13-yard score.

By half-time the Eagles were down 20-7, and had been thoroughly outplayed in all phases of the game.

In the second half GSU attempted to make a comeback, with their No. 1 ranking and undefeated season on the line. But The Citadel stunned GSU with a fake punt play. Bulldog punter Stan McGill floated a rainbow pass to Citadel receiver Maurice Drayton. With the scoreboard indicating 27-10 in favor of The Citadel with over seven minutes left in the third, the Eagles looked finished.

But as Hill said after the game, the Eagles were not dead yet.

"We didn't panic at all; we knew we were able to score," Hill said. "That shows what a good team is made of. We dug deep down and proved that we really wanted to win this game."

After that defining moment, it was no holds barred. The Eagles held nothing back, unleashing their lethal one-two punch of Hill and fullback Adrian Peterson, who shattered Joe Ross's former single season rushing mark during the contest.

With Johnson Hagood Stadium shaking all over with the Bulldog fans waiting expectantly for the upset of the year, Hill and Peterson commenced to chipping away at the seventeen-point deficit.

Peterson scored on back-to-back TD runs of one and two yards respectively, cutting The Citadel's lead to 27-24.

"With Adrian Peterson back there (in the backfield) he can help put points on the

board in a hurry," Hill said.

The Citadel refused to make it easy on the Eagles. Myers threw his third touchdown of the day to tailback Deon Jackson, stretching their lead to 34-24.

But once the Peterson Express got rolling, the Bulldog defense was helpless in stopping him. Peterson became a one-man wrecking crew, scoring three of his total of five touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Peterson sprinted past the Bulldog secondary on a 21-yard scoring jaunt. Peterson punished The Citadel defense once more, streaking down the left sideline on a 51-yard TD burst. This score put GSU up ahead to stay 38-34.

Even Johnson, who rarely shows any emotion, was left in awe of the freshman phenom.

"I'm just glad he's on our side," Johnson said. "He looks like he's so effortless. When you reach out an arm you're not going to get him down. You better try to wrap him up and get him on the ground."

The Citadel Head Coach Don Powers was also awestruck with Peterson's performance.

"I've only seen one fullback have an impact like that, and that was Ernest Byner at East Carolina," Powers said. "He and Greg Hill are a dynamic combination...It was just too much Adrian Peterson and Greg Hill today."

**GSU ON THE ROAD**

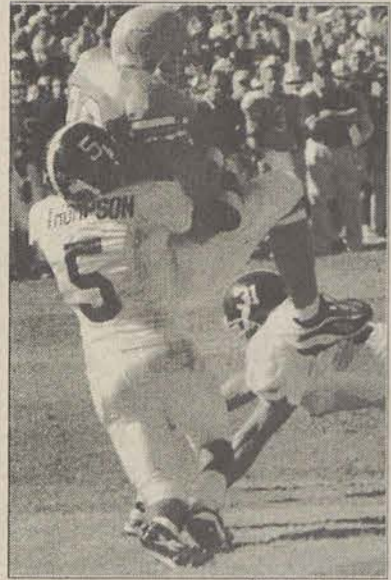
**GSU Men's Soccer team battles Wofford to a draw in Spartanburg**

GSU News Services  
The first five minutes of each half were crucial to the outcome of the match and both goalkeepers turned in stellar performances as Wofford and GSU played 120 minutes of soccer to record a 1-1 tie at Snyder Field last Sunday afternoon.

**GSU Men's Tennis doubles team advances to semifinals in tournament played in Columbia**

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The GSU doubles team of senior Christian Singer and freshman Darren Clark saw their run through the B-2 Doubles bracket at the 1998 South Carolina Tennis Fall Invitational in Columbia, S.C., end last Sunday when they were eliminated by a duo from James Madison, 9-8 (11-9), in the bracket's semifinals. The Eagle pair had previously off teams from Furman and East Carolina last Saturday to reach the semifinal round.

## Former basketball star Arkee Thompson makes successful transition from hardwood to gridiron



Sarah Trucksis

**By Jamie Hodges**  
Sports Editor

CHARLESTON, S.C.— When Arkee Thompson decided to trade in his basketball shoes for football cleats this past spring, nobody doubted his athletic ability. After all Thompson starred at Windsor Forest High at both sports. The question was, how rusty would he be in football after the one-year layoff?

Well, it appears that question was answered a long time ago. Thompson has had a breakout year starring in the Eagles' defensive backfield.

Thompson was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-The-Week and also Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-The-Week. Thompson leads the

Eagles in interceptions on the year with five picks, which is one short of the school record of six.

"I pretty much had confidence in myself. I knew I could do what I needed to do," Thompson said. "But I also had confidence from the rest of my teammates. I know that they are always going to be by my side."

Thompson was one of the key components that made up the resurgence of the Eagle defense in the second half against The Citadel.

"We just came out with more intensity," Thompson said, citing the major difference in the defense between the first half and the second half. "In the second half we knew what we needed to do. We came out and just played our hearts out."

win in the 400 Free Relay over Charleston. The Lady Eagles also took wins in the 300 Back Relay and the 200 Medley Relay events versus the Cougars.

Both teams will next be in action on Saturday, Nov. 7 versus Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T at Hanner Natatorium. The meet will mark the Eagles' first of three home meets scheduled for the 1998-99 season. The competition is slated for a 1 p.m. start.

**TACKLING THE CHALLENGE:** Former basketball star Arkee Thompson is now GSU's starting free safety.

## GSU Swimming and Diving team split weekend match

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The GSU swimming and diving team managed a split last Saturday in Columbia S.C., by taking a win over the College of Charleston, 53-35 and falling to host South Carolina 51-37. The GSU women's team lost to Charleston, 45-43, while also dropping to South Carolina 53-35.

For the GSU men (1-3), all but one event was won versus the Cougars. Seniors Troy Wagner, Sebastian Muniz, Tim Aron and

Jon Aron led the charge by claiming a first-place finish in the 800 Free Relay event with a time of 7:05.03, while the 500 free Relay team of Bryan Lucius, Muniz and both Arons also took an outright victory.

For the GSU women's team (0-4), freshman Lisa Urich, Liz Moran and Jennifer Martin teamed up with sophomore Kelly Frost in taking a 200 Free Relay win over both opponents with a time of 1:40.05. The foursome also tallied a

## Freshman middle blocker already an impact on defense for Lady Eagles

**By Andrew Franklin**  
Staff Writer

All-Conference nominated freshman Jessica Cowley has been a welcome addition to the Lady Eagles this year. Up front, Cowley, who measures in at over six feet, leads the team in blocks per game with 1.21 and has racked up an impressive 259 kills in the season thus far.

Cowley, originally from Lakeland, Fla., has an impressive resume. In high school, where she first began playing volleyball, she averaged five blocks and seven kills per game, as well as the record for most blocks per game and the MVP award. As captain, she led her team to a 19-6 record her senior year.

"I started my freshman year because my mom wanted me to do something in high school," said Cowley.

In the game versus East Tennessee on Oct. 16, Jessica had



**GET IT OUTTA HERE!** Freshman middle blocker Jessica Cowley rejects yet another opponent's ball. Cowley has been one of the major contributing factors in the vastly improved Lady Eagle volleyball team.



Cory Brooks

one solo block, three assisted and a .304 attack percentage.

"It was a real important game," Cowley said. "We had to start off the second half [of the season]."

"She has done a wonderful job," Head Volleyball Coach

Eddie Matthews said. "She's stepped in, adapted well and her effort on the court is important to us."

When asked about the team's future, Jessica plans for the them to "win the Southern Conference."

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- 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

## GSU 1210 & 1211 for Spring Semester

### GSU 1210s:

Ctrl #	Section	Day/Time	Instructor	Place
15922	A	MW/8:00	Kathy Albertson	Newton 1110
16213	B	T/8-10	Don Brown	MPP 3028
15924	C	TR/10:00	Dale Gibson	Hollis 1106
15925	D	MW/11:00	Linda Blankenbaker	Hollis 2108
15926	E	TR/11:00	Cheryl Claiborne	COBA 2205
16214	F	TR/12:00	Cheryl Claiborne	Forest 1217
15928	G	MW/10:00	Ellen Hendrix	Carroll 240
15929	H	M/12-2	Neal Saye	COBA 1111
16215	I	M/10-12	Will Banks	Newton 1111
16216	J	M/1:00	Pat Whitaker	Forest 1107

All these courses are 1/2 Semester Courses.

### GSU 1211s:

17274	A	T/8:00	Harry Carter	Hollis 2102
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17276	C	R/8-10	Linda Bleicken	Tech 1132
17277	D	MW/12pm	George Shriver	Forest 1111
17278	E	T/12-1:50	Janie Wilson	Hollis 2102
17279	F	T/3-5	Sharon Tracy	Forest 1106
17280	G	TR/12:30-1:20	Geyerman/Graham	Comm Arts 1005
17281	H	T/4-5:50	Chuck Thomas	Forest 1224
17282	I	T/5:00	Hal Fulmer	Tech 2112
17283	J	W/1:00	Charlene Black	Newton 1110
17284	K	MW/11:00	Patrick Novotny	Biology 1119
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ORGANIZATIONS

## CICS volunteer program re-boots

By Francesca Woodard  
Staff Writer

Finding people who want to volunteer their time in the community can be a difficult job, but one volunteer program, Community Improvement Club for Students, eliminates that problem.

CICS has made its way back to GSU's campus after almost ten years.

"Our advisor, Victoria Futch, came up with the idea," President Hunter Chadwick said.

"They had CICS before and what happened was the members of the club got older and they graduated. It eventually broke up, so it's an old organization that just restarted."

CICS is a group that serves as a contact source for Statesboro businesses, schools and activities that need student volunteers to offer extra help.

Although they are a small organization, made up of only 20 members, their goal is to increase their membership to 50 people by the end of the semester and then to 100 people by the end of the year.

The main goal of the CICS program is to get students to see the importance of volunteering in their community.

"The club is about people who want to get involved in volunteering," Chadwick said.

"The club is also designed to inform people about the different ways that they can volunteer to help people, so when they graduate and move to other cities and see things that need to be taken care of in their community, they'll know how to get the funds."

CICS has been involved in volunteer programs around Statesboro such as Adopt-A-

Grandparent, TopStep, a peer tutoring program and they also provide volunteers to work with school children at many of the area schools.

CICS will soon be working on a volunteer project in which they will be cleaning up the St. Joseph's Home for Boys.

Joining CICS is an opportunity to learn more about the Statesboro area and offer help to any organizations that are in need of volunteers.

In November, CICS is planning to have an outside tent event in front of the Landrum Center to raise money for the homeless and the Habitat for Humanity.

The need for volunteers in the Statesboro area is enormous and becoming a part of the program is a simple process.

The semester dues are \$7.50 and the meetings are every Thursday in the upper level of the Russell Union. In addition, volunteer services can be done at your own pace.

"Students can volunteer for as little as once a year to everyday," Chadwick said.

"But the average person volunteers about one hour per week."

CICS is sponsored by the national Kool Corporation, which is affiliated with Kellogg.

"They have people that volunteer and the cooperation helps pay for their school."

"They also have to work for many so years and then those people usually end up [working for a] volunteer service," Chadwick said.

CICS is interested in students who have a desire to help different area businesses.

If you are interested in joining a club that makes a difference in the Statesboro area, then CICS may be the organization for you.

## Int'l students adapt to America

By Cody King  
Staff Writer

Can you speak two languages? Are you intelligent? Could you adapt to another culture and go to school in another country?

That's what Beatriz, Silje, Allison, Greta, Rosemary, Cristianne and Leticia are doing.

They are in the Georgia Rotary Student Program, GRSP, which is a division of the Rotary Program.

The Rotary Program is a "world wide club that promotes world peace through understanding," according to the GRSP handbook.

The Rotary Club was founded by Paul Harris in 1905 and has grown tremendously since.

The Georgia section of the Rotary Club was started in 1946 by William Watts with the goal to create peace through the understanding of different cultures.

Each country has their own way of selecting the students to participate in the program.

In some countries, the Rotary Club governors preselect the students who will apply for the scholarship and in other countries, the students must submit an application.

The program is a scholarship that lasts for one year and allows students to go to college in another country.

The scholarship pays for their tuition, meals, books, dormitory and gives them a small monthly allowance.

For students to be accepted for this scholarship, they must be between the ages of 18 and 24 and must in good academic standing.

The students are ambassadors of their country. They must have strong character, high intelligence and be able to adapt to a different culture.

The students can't have less than an A-average to be considered and while they're away they must maintain a C-average.

For many of the students, this is their first time being out of their country for an extended amount of time.

Greta, however, lived away from her home country, Iceland, for about five months when she was in Paris. There are 87 stu-



Special Photo

Rotary Club scholarship recipients said they enjoy different American customs.

dents in the GRSP and seven of them are at GSU. When the students come to the states they have a host family whom they visit and contact.

A host family is given a list of the students who have been selected for the scholarship so they can choose who they would like to host.

The students are then placed at a university which is closest to their host family.

The costs of the scholarship is paid for by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs in different cities. Some students may have three or four sponsors due to the clubs' size. There are two GRSP clubs in Statesboro.

The Rotary Club and the GRSP clubs are not government funded programs, so they get their money from club contributions and membership fees, which equals \$7 and 30 percent of the funding.

The other 70 percent comes from club contributions.

"We chose Rosemary because we wanted someone from South America and I know a little bit of Spanish," Christine Atkins, a host parent, said.

"She is a graduate student so she is mature and her major appealed to us."

This is her first time with a Rotary Student and it is also the first time Rosemary's country, Peru, has participated in the Rotary program.

"We will definitely do it again," Atkins said.

"It's the best scholarship in the world!" Beatriz, a Rotary scholarship recipient, said.

When asked about why they applied for the program, the primary reason was because someone in their family was in the program or knew someone in it. But they also chose to do it because, "the whole purpose is to get to know another culture," Beatriz and Silje said.

Allison, news editor for *The George-Anne*, did it because "there weren't any Canadians in the program."

The students said that some of the major differences they have noticed are the weather and the names of grade levels.

"I expected it to be colder, it is very flat here and in Colombia, we don't have dorms," Beatriz said.

"We have different grade levels, instead of calling someone a freshman or sophomore, they are usually called first-year and second-year students," Allison said.

The GRSP students at GSU have a special bond with each other and other Rotary students they meet.

Their bond is special because they are sharing the same experience of being in a strange environment and adapting to American customs.

All of the students say they are enjoying their time here and say that they love the program.

## Author and novelist shares fiction short stories from manuscript 'Campfires of the Dead and Hunger'

By Tamaya Huff  
Staff Writer

When asked what inspires his work, Peter Christopher answered: "Fear, it's the greatest motivator."

With a soothing voice that boomed through the Foy Fine Arts Auditorium last Wednesday Christopher, the first place winner of the Story's Naked Fiction Competition and the *Quarterly's* Hob Broun Prize for Fiction, inspired GSU with his hard cold, pictures of reality.

The presentation, produced by GSU's Department of Writing and Linguistics, showcased Christopher reading excerpts from his manuscript,

"Campfires of the Dead and Hunger."

Christopher captivated the audience by the chanting of his unique voice that caused them to be hypnotized by his words.

He described his experience at GSU as: "Outstanding. The people couldn't have been more courteous."

Christopher's experiences include writer-in-residence for the Writer's Voice Workshop and guest lecturer at Columbia University, New York.

One of the many excerpts from his manuscript dealt with a prison inmate named T.J., who was facing execu-

tion.

Before he met with death, a letter he wrote was being read by its recipient, referred to by T.J. as Mr. Roy. In one particular instance, the inmate spoke of the murders he committed that brought him to this particular state.

His first murder began by placing an irritating character by the name of Bob Blay in the back of his own car and spraying the car with bullets from a .38-caliber pistol.

"I got him gone. By gunning his old ford," T.J. said.

His next murder involved his own father. After being severely beaten, T.J. had finally had enough.

"My old man got his with his own .38, after he broke my arm in two places," T.J. said.

Only a short time later, he shot his aunt and her dog.

"My aunt got fired a little later and her poodle," T.J. said.

Christopher painted a gruesome picture of a whole different view of society.

Fabienne Lauture, a student at GSU described her initial reaction to the reading.

"It took a while to warm up, you had to listen and think about what he was saying," she said.

"I was quite shocked. His stories are quite thought provoking."



Molly Morrison

Author Peter Christopher is an award-winning reporter for *USA Today* and other newspapers.

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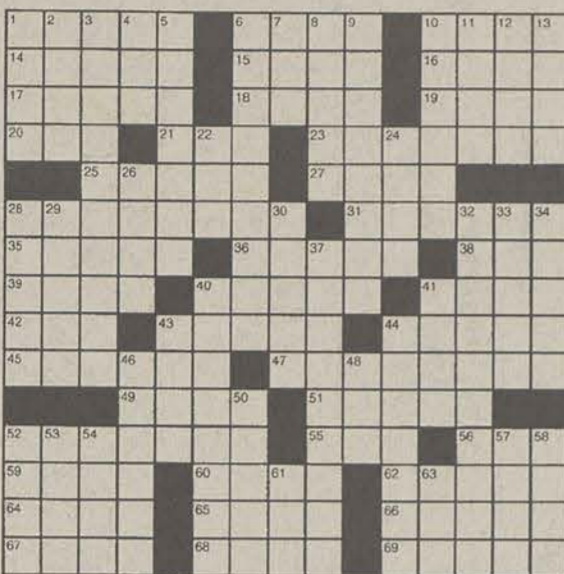
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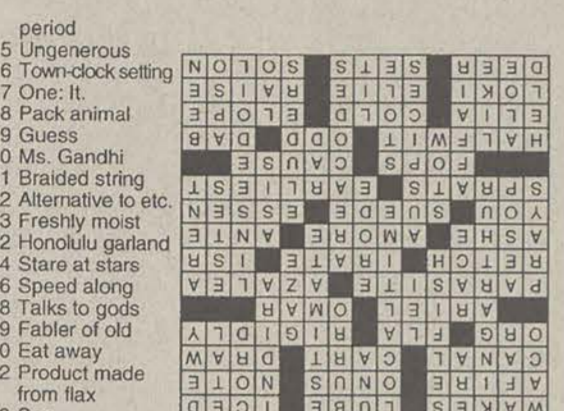
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CAMPUS NEWS

# GSU prepares spooky events

By Mitzi Benton  
Staff Writer

Do you want to get into the spirit of Halloween?

For those of you who like to get a good scare every now and then, this is your chance to see how big and bad you really are.

Residence Life/Housing prepares to dazzle trick-or-treaters with their Annual Haunted Halls.

This Halloween has no boundaries when it comes to scaring the pants off of its potential participants. The show begins Oct. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Students from local schools, shelters and youth church members are among

the guests that are invited to join in on the fun. Barbara Dyer, residence director of Chandler Heights and other resident assistants are preparing for a big turn-out.

"This is the third year for the haunted halls," Dyer said.

"The first year was hectic, but the turnout each year increases. But no one will leave disappointed."

Getting into the spirit of Halloween shouldn't be a problem for anyone who is able to have a good time.

The age group ranges from toddlers to adults.

Indeed, there will be lots of candy to go around and for those that enjoy dressing up in their costumes, this is the

place to be. Nevertheless, the grand finale, the haunted house, takes place in Watson Hall, but each residence hall will have a chance to entice their own trick-or-treaters.

The entry fee is one canned good or food item, which will be later donated to the local food bank.

Everyone is welcomed to come out and join the festivities. Beware, however, trick-or-treaters be ready to scream.

If you have any questions about what each Residence Hall is participating in, please call the Residence Life/Housing office at 681-5728 and ask for more details.

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## Storyteller reveals Irish storytelling traditions

By Tricia Hall  
Staff Writer

"We live, sleep and dream words. We live by words, we die for words, words sing, they hurt, they teach, they express love."

This is one of the ways that Irish novelist and storyteller Genevieve Lyons explains her love for storytelling and writing.

Lyons came to GSU last Thursday and was sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies.

Lyons grew up in Ireland, deprived of freedom of speech and religious rights.

She was determined to keep her religion and language alive by using her imagination to tell and create stories.

Storytelling came easy to her because of the atmosphere of Ireland.

"Ireland is a land that teases," she said.

"It is a secretive and nomadic land that naturally influenced me."

As a child, she fell in love with the storytellers. She gathered in caves and in the woods with her friends to listen to storytellers as they embroidered stories and sang for hours.

"Storytelling became an essential part of our lives," she said.

The stories were often secret codes explaining what was really happening to them and they were passed secretly throughout the country. If the tellers were caught, they could have been shot for treason.

Lyons was also passionate about writing. Her teachers encouraged and inspired her.

She did not have television when she was young and instead spent her free time laying under trees and dreaming of new stories.

"I love writing," she said. "I find that the story has always been there, I just have to find it."

Lyons appreciated her education because her ancestors were denied it for so long. She never took for granted the opportunities that she had and she was an avid reader from the time she was very young. "Education is very precious," she said.

Lyons has written sixteen novels and explains her writing by saying: "If you are passionate about writing, you will become a writer. Passion makes you do whatever you want to do."

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