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Weather



Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 84 and a low around 74.

Wednesday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high in the lower 80s and a low around 64.

BLUE EDITION

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Election '98

Be sure to make your voice heard in today's election. Those running for office are:

U.S. Senate

Paul Coverdell
Michael Coles
Bert Loftman

Governor

Guy Millner
Roy Barnes
Jack Cashin

Lt. Governor

Mark Taylor
M. Skandalakis
Lloyd E. Russell

Secretary of State

Cathy Cox
John McCallum
Mark Antieau

Features



It's not a rat, but a squirrel that's causing all the commotion in Winburn Hall

For weeks the mystery went unsolved, but now the residents of Winburn Hall can rest easy—The squirrel is gone.

Please see story, page 8

Today's Word

Pianteric (peunTERik)
n. Fattening food.
Source: Weird Words

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Liked By Many,
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Eagles roll over Bucs, 47-26

• *GSU clinches a share of the Southern Conference title.*

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

The East Tennessee State Buccaneers' worst nightmares came true when they faced the GSU Eagles last Saturday afternoon on Halloween. The loud whistle of The Peterson Express is a sound that will forever haunt the memories of the ETSU defense. Eagle freshman phenom Adrian Peterson ran wild once again, this time for 209 yards and two touchdowns off 18 carries: GSU (9-0, 7-0 SoCon) defeated East Tennessee (2-6, 2-4 SoCon) 47-26.

"They're an outstanding offense," ETSU Head Coach Paul Hamilton said of the Eagles. "The thing that makes them so tough to defend is (Peterson and Eagle QB Greg Hill) make plays when they aren't there sometimes. They make plays happen. It really makes it tough to defend when you have a couple of game breakers at those two spots."

The two-headed monster attack of Hill and Peterson proved to be too scary for the Buccaneer defense to handle. Hill finished the day with 15 carries for 100 yards and a touchdown on the ground and completed seven of his 12 passing attempts for 85 yards and another TD.

"I'm not sure I'd trade them for anybody," GSU Head Football Coach Paul Johnson said.

After the Bucs scored on their first drive of the day, the Eagles answered right back with a Chris Chambers field goal and slotback Bennie Cunningham's six-yard TD to retake the lead 10-7. GSU added to the lead when Peterson sprinted in for his first touchdown of the day, carrying half the Buccaneer defense on his back into the end zone from 21 yards out.

Buccaneer QB Todd Wells connected with wide receiver Marcus Satterfield for a 20 yard TD.

After the extra point attempt was blocked by Eagle defensive lineman Vonnellies Allen, The Bucs



Sarah Trucksis

HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATE? GSU rode the 'Peterson Express' to the play-offs last Saturday. Adrian Peterson now has 1,627 yards and 22 touchdowns for the season.

kicked off to the Eagles and GSU reserve fullback Jevon Sullivan brought the ball back to the Eagle nine-yard line.

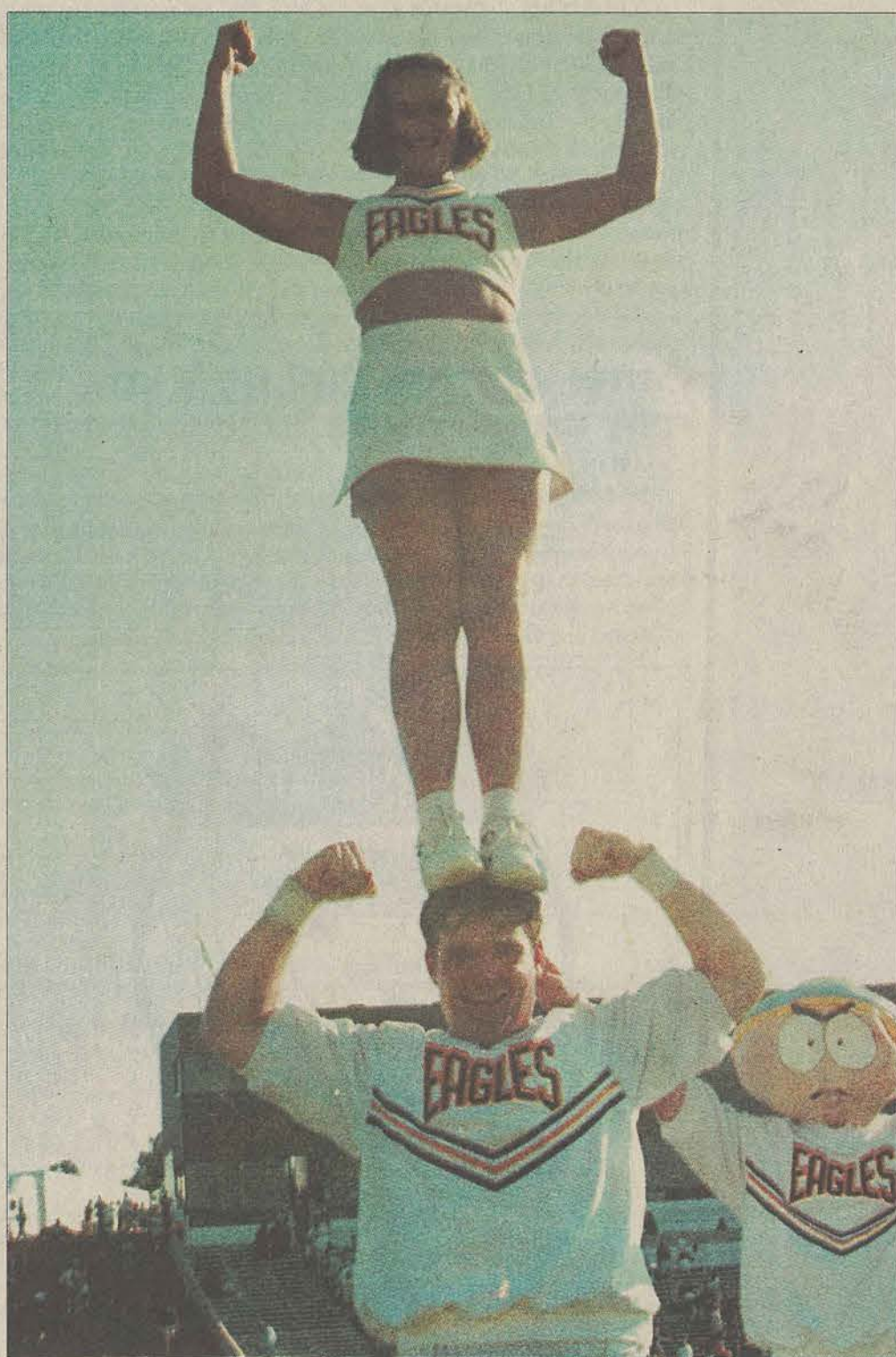
That sequence of events set up the most exciting play from scrimmage in GSU history.

Peterson took the hand-off from Hill and jumped

over a pile of Buccaneer defenders lying on the ground. Once he hurdled over the line of scrimmage Peterson found himself one on one with the East Tennessee cornerback, Denario Smalls.

Please see EAGLES, page 5

Look Mom, no hands!



Sarah Trucksis

A HARD HEAD AND STEADY FEET: That's what it takes for cheerleaders Stephanie Harkins and Matt Dowling. Looks like they've got it mastered quite well.

SGA UPDATE

Solution suggested for limited access to technology computers

By Laura Owens
Assistant News Editor

The Undergraduate Council has suggested a proposal to SGA that would allow teachers to administratively drop students from classes after they have been absent for two days at the beginning of the semester, unless they have contacted their teacher prior to being absent. According to the council, the limited number of computer in technology classes are being taken up by students who end up dropping the classes, thus preventing students who are required to take the class from being able to.

According to Jennifer Washburn of SGA, this proposal has not been passed and the council is merely seeking opinions and feedback from students at this point. Washburn said students who will be absent from these classes would simply call their professor and let him or her know they would like to remain in the class.

"You wouldn't have to give any excuses or reasons for not coming to class. You'd just ask the professor not to drop you," Washburn said.

Washburn also said the proposal would apply mainly to technology classes, where only a limited number of computers are available.

Policies such as these are not uncommon at major universities, according to SGA officials. Washburn said positive feedback for the proposal has come mainly from students who have had trouble getting into the technology classes.

"The main thing students don't like about it is that it gives faculty the power to withdraw them from

a class without their consent," Washburn said.

According to Washburn, the proposal will go before the Undergraduate Council, the Deans Council and the Faculty Senate before being passed. Washburn said student views on the issue would be represented.

"Except for the Faculty Senate, there are students on the other two councils," Washburn said.

In other business:

• SGA encouraged students to attend the Nov. 3 city council meeting at 9 a.m. in city hall to support the building of a student apartment complex on Azalea Ave.

• The parking and transportation committee announced that 15 to 20 spaces of angle parking will be available on Georgia Ave. in front of the book store and three load/unload spaces will be available in front of Winburn Hall. The project will begin as soon as funds are located.

• SGA voted to fund \$500 to the African-American Gospel Choir for their tour of Texas, New Orleans, and Alabama. Representatives from the Choir said they often attract students to GSU, and involvement in the choir often encourages discouraged students to stay at GSU.

• SGA voted to fund \$500 to the Public Relations Student Society of America for attending a national conference in Boston. A representative from PRSSA said the top ten PR firms would be at the conference, and members of PRSSA would present what they learned at the conference to all the PR classes at GSU.

• SGA is still working to meet its goal for United Way. Volunteers who worked with the chicken dinner and bagging for bucks fundraisers were commended.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Division of Public Safety

October 29

• Edwin James McCuen Jr., 18, of 107 Quail Trail, Savannah, was arrested and charged with entering auto, criminal damage to property and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Jason Brian Ryals, 19, of 1818 Chandler Rd., was arrested and charged with entering auto, criminal damage to property and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

October 28

• Carlos Howard reported his wallet was taken from his gym bag at the RAC.

• Tiffany Polite reported someone keyed her vehicle on Sweetheart Circle.

Statesboro Police Department

October 30

• Michael Jason Robbins, 21, of 15328 Hwy 36, was charged with DUI and weaving.

October 29

• April Maire Malone, 20, of 3795 Hwy 257 was charged with improper right turn and DUI.

• Alison McWhorter, 20, of 312 Langston Chapel Rd., reported lost or stolen property.

• A Stadium Club resident reported battery.

• Miquel E. Cruzmora, 24, of 24 W Jones St., reported a fight.

• Heidi E. Barber, 19, of 15 Eagle Villas, reported criminal trespass.

October 28

• Benjamin Jerome Powell, 24, of 7585 N Cason St., was charged with shoplifting.

• Eric Latron Hagins, 24, of 10 Burkhalter Rd., was charged with criminal trespass.

• Versha Washington, 24, of 7478 Two Chop Rd., reported lost or stolen property.

• Johnathan K. Graham, 19, of 231 Vista Cr., reported theft by taking.

• Bradley Allan Fickler, 19, of 304 Idlewood Dr., Bonaire, Ga., reported lost or stolen property.

• A Willow Bend Apartments resi-

dent reported simple battery.

• A Zetterower Ave. resident reported harassment.

• Lindsey B. Todd, of H4 Bermuda Run, reported criminal trespass.

October 27

• Gabriel Chanunda Bell, 19, of 411 Doral Dr., was charged with possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school.

• Bryan Thomas Hibdon, 22, of 115 Lakeside Ct., was charged with open container.

• Lachanda Brown, of 60 Stadium Place, reported lost or stolen property.

October 26

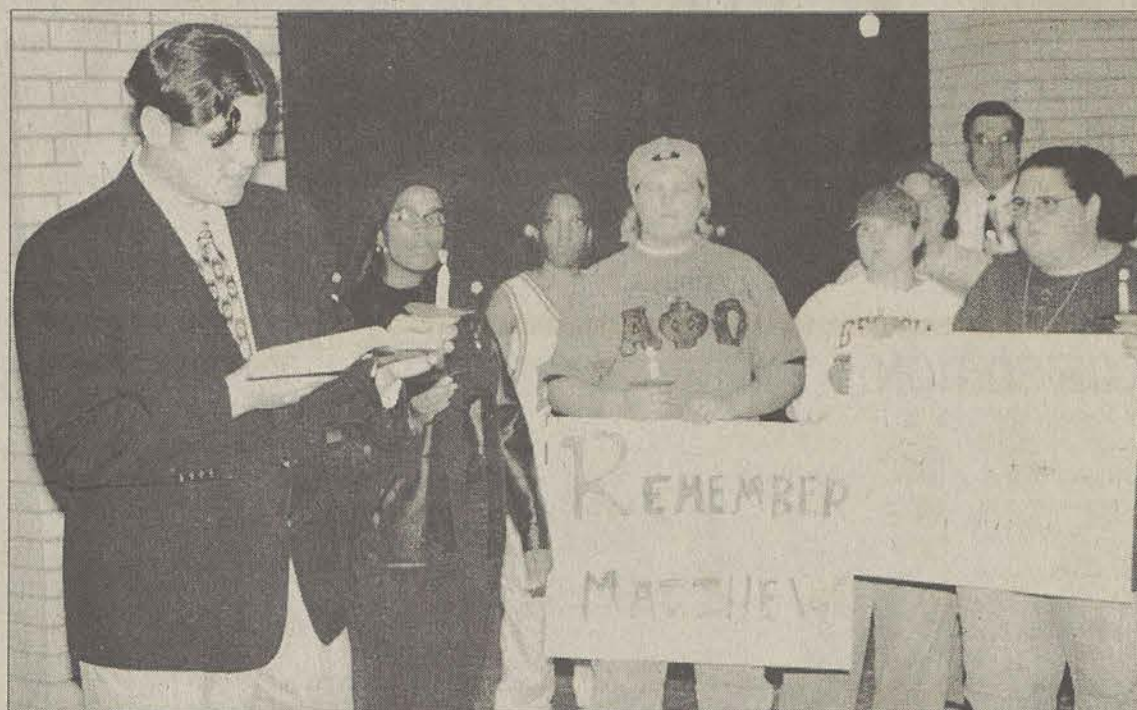
• Thomas E. Haynes, 20, of 529 Harvey St., was charged with theft by shoplifting.

• Charles Everett Williams, 26, of 304 Georgia Ave., was charged with theft by deception.

October 25

• Jocelyn Smith, 18, of 104 Stadium Club Apartments, reported a suspicious person.

Matthew Shepard remembered



Sarah Trucksis

Last Wednesday GSU students gathered at the Union Rotunda to bring awareness to the death

of Matthew Shepard, a gay Wyoming student who died Oct. 12 after being tortured to death.

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 GSU Museum exhibit "Capturing the Essence: The Art of Joseph Olson" will be shown Nov. 1-29. Admission is free.

Today

• A CPE Review by Betsy Freeman will be held at 2 p.m. in room 1040 of Henderson Library. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• Golden Key's Induction Ceremony will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

• A CPE Review by Betsy Freeman will be held at 4 p.m. in room 1040 of Henderson Library. Call 681-0321 for more information.

Thursday, November 5

• Basketball: Eagles vs. VASDA (exhibition), at 7 p.m. in Hanner.

• The Prints and Paintings of Keith McIntyre will be held in Gallery 303 at noon. Admission is free.

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

Friday, November 6

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

Monday, November 9

• The Miss African American Pageant information session will be held at 7 p.m. in Russell Union.

• The Center for International Studies presents a colloquium, "The German National Elections: Does America Still have a Good Friend in the Vaterland?" at 3 p.m. in Russell Union room 2080. Call ext. 0332 for more information.

Wednesday, November 11

• The workshop Writing Effective Summaries by Bozena Warchol will be held at noon in room 1040 of Henderson Library. Call 681-0321 for more information.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Woman pleads guilty to abducting infant

ATLANTA (AP) — A 20-year-old Douglas County woman accused of kidnapping a friend's infant and taking him to Canada has pleaded guilty to federal charges. Dayna Nicole Dunn, who made the plea last Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison on federal charges of conspiring to kidnap.

Volunteer firefighter sentenced in arson cases

ATLANTA (AP) — Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John Oxendine said the sentencing of a former volunteer firefighter this week in Meriwether County closes two arson cases there. Jackie Howard, 24, pleaded guilty to first-degree arson and was sentenced last Monday to 10 years' probation in Superior Court in the west Georgia county, Oxendine said last Wednesday. Howard and fellow volunteer fireman Brad Willard were arrested Dec. 12, along with Rodrigo Sardinas. Sardinas, 18, pleaded guilty to first-degree arson and was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$18,000 restitution. Willard, 20, pleaded guilty to first-degree arson in another case, involving a fire at his mother's Warm Springs house in 1996.

Single-engine plane crashes on highway

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — A small plane crashed on a busy suburban Atlanta highway during evening rush-hour last Wednesday, striking several vehicles and killing the driver of a van. The Piper Lance and van, meshed together, exploded into flames as they skidded into support columns of an overpass, said Danny Bowman, a Fulton County fire battalion chief. Police said the male driver of the van was burned beyond recognition.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Fraternity at loss after student kills himself

OXFORD, Miss. (CPX) — No one will ever know exactly what drove 18-year-old Dudley Moore, a freshman at the University of Mississippi, to kill himself, but circumstances leading up to his death may haunt a few members of the Sigma Chi fraternity for a long time. Moore, who was a pledge at the fraternity, died Sunday after spending five days in critical condition. His roommate found him hanging from a rod in the closet of their dorm room. When campus investigators stepped in to examine the matter, the roommate told them about harassing and threatening messages left on Moore's answering machine by members of the fraternity. While the fraternity has been cleared of any wrongdoing, a few of its members will face disciplinary action from the student judicial council, said Ed Meek, vice chancellor of public affairs and marketing. The fraternity members' threats violated university policies, Meek said.

Panel worries that new law may cause state to lose money

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A state board will study a program that cuts manufacturer's taxes to the same level the company would pay if it located or expanded a plant in a competing state. Members of the Board of Commerce and Industry said the program might cost the state money. "I am afraid that an established business could go do feasibility studies in other states with lower taxes and say, 'This is what it's going to take to keep me,' board member Edward M. Ellington II said last Wednesday.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Vatican hosts symposium on inquisition

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican assembled a blue-ribbon panel of scholars last Thursday to examine the Inquisition and declared its readiness to submit the church's darkest institution to the judgment of history.

The three-day symposium is part of the Roman Catholic Church's countdown to the year 2000. Pope John Paul II wants the church to begin the new millennium with a clear conscience, which means facing up to past sins.

Ukraine's medical supplies dwindling amid economic crisis

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainians may soon find themselves facing shortages of drugs and other medical supplies whose imports have been frozen for nearly two months, local media reported last Wednesday. About 60 percent of medicines in the former Soviet republic are imported, but supplies stopped arriving after the financial turmoil in neighboring Russia spilled over into Ukraine in August.

The national hryvna currency fell sharply, making it difficult for local companies to pay for imports. More than 1,500 Ukrainian distributors now owe foreign suppliers about \$300 million, the government says.

Five militants killed in gunbattle with government troops

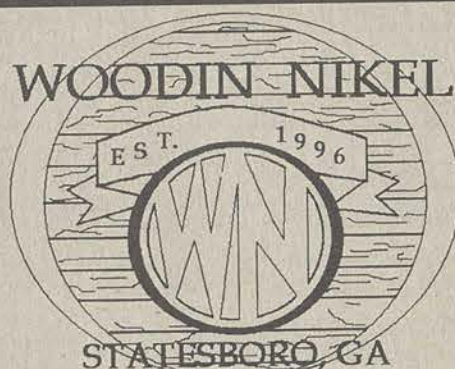
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Villagers living in areas along India's border with Pakistan in northern Kashmir say constant shelling by Pakistani troops last week has forced them to flee their homes.

"Our homes have become unsafe. We have nowhere to go," said Vidya Devi, in her late 60s, who recounted how she spent nights crouching on the floor in the dark to escape bullets.

Villagers said at least six people have been killed by Pakistani bullets and shells but officials said the figure may be exaggerated.

Using any available form of transport — tractors, buses, handcarts — hundreds of fleeing villagers are flooding roads leading to Hiranagar, a town 55 kilometers (30 miles) south of Jammu, the winter capital of India's Kashmir state.

If you're interested in writing for *The George-Anne* drop by room 2023, Williams Center. Ask for Allison Taylor, News Editor.



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1 South Carolina
Doughnuts help police solve burglary

The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — A box of donuts proved to be more than a police officer's snack. It turned into a clue that may have helped South Carolina authorities solve a string of burglaries.

When burglars broke into a service station early last Monday, they moved a box of Krispy Kreme donuts that had been delivered to the doorstep. That tipped deputies that the burglary happened after the donut man made his rounds, said sheriff's Sgt. David Randall.

The delivery man, found an hour later on his route, remembered seeing three men in a black truck parked along the road when he dropped the donuts at around 1 a.m.

Three hours later, an alarm went off at Island Gold Works and a deputy spotted the truck. Three men were arrested. They are also suspected in other area burglaries.

2 Alabama

Casket company sets up shop at fair

The Associated Press

MOBILE — Come to the fair! Eat some cotton candy! Ride the Ferris wheel! Check out the latest in coffins!

Figuring his market is wherever people are, the owner of a Mobile casket company has set up a sales display of 11 caskets at the Greater Gulf State Fair.

There are caskets of different size and colors, including bright pink. Visitors can even register to win a \$1,000 coffin for free: the company will store it until it's needed.

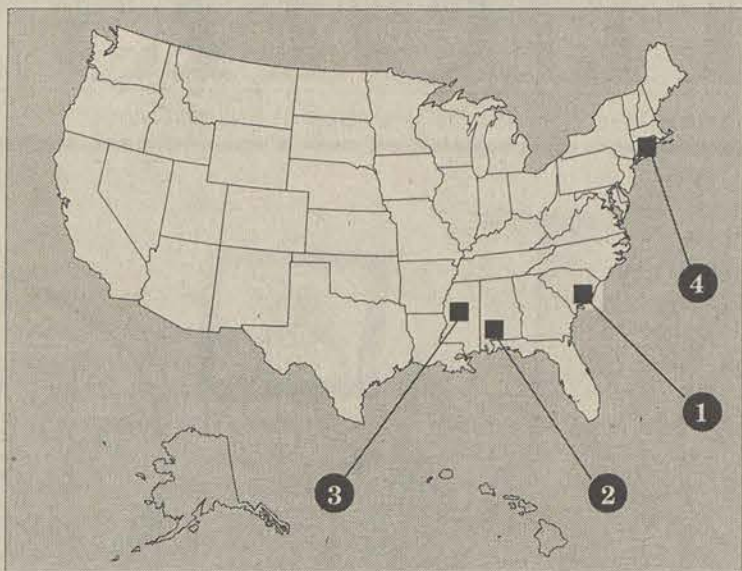
The display was the idea of Tommy Long of Premier Casket, which claims to sell caskets for about a third of what funeral homes charge. He sold caskets out of his home before opening the business.

Seeing caskets displayed at the fair is unsettling to a lot of people.

"It scares me, it's so morbid," Rhonda Frye said last Monday after quickly walking past the exhibit, barely venturing a glance.

Jennifer Bowick, 18, was also taken aback. "People come here to have a good time, not to see something like that," she said.

While some fairgoers are bothered by the display, Long



said others like it.

"It's a product like anything else," he said. "We live in America. By the grace of God, we were born here, and this is free enterprise, and there are more people who are glad that I'm here than there are not."

More than 1,500 people have signed up for a chance to win the casket Long is giving away. But Cheryl Brown of Spanish Fort made her husband a little nervous when she registered for it.

"Well, she may have high hopes to get rid of me," said Bill Brown, 40. "It's a little different that you come to the fair where it's supposed to be fun and frolic for everybody, and you see caskets. It gives you an eerie feeling. This ain't something I want to think about no time soon."

3 Mississippi

Would-be terrorist attempts threat by calling collect

The Associated Press

SALEM — As bomb threats go, this would-be terrorist apparently may have come up with a truly novel approach, do it collect.

He called the Salem Attendance Center in Waltham County three times last Monday to deliver his threat, all three times, trying to get the school to accept the charges.

School secretary Ann Bruhl said the first collect call was received about 10:30 a.m. and was unintelligible. She hung up.

Bruhl said the phone rang again and the operator announced it was a collect call from a cell phone.

She said when the operator asked the caller's name, "that's when they gave the threat: 'There's a bomb in your ... school.'"

After Bruhl got a third call, Principal Charles Boyd sent students out to the athletic field while the school was searched for an hour.

Nothing was found.

4 Connecticut

Giving 'drive-thru' a new meaning

The Associated Press

NORWALK — A Ford Explorer, rigged so that its accelerator was jammed to the floor, was aimed at and drove through almost the entire first floor of the Norwalk Superior Courthouse last week.

"It was intentional. The car was rigged," trial court administrator Lorraine Murphy said this morning.

Police said somebody stuck a piece of wood to keep the gas pedal jammed to the floor.

Murphy was told the Ford Explorer had been parked in a shopping center directly across the street.

Skid marks showed that it sped from the parking lot, jumped the curb, crashed through the doors and drove almost the entire length of the first floor until it came to rest against a brick wall.

State Police Sgt. Anthony J. Schirillo III said the crash occurred at about 3:30 a.m. He said state police and the judicial department will review security and may consider putting some kind of concrete barrier in front of the building.

The Explorer had been stolen, according to Schirillo, who said the vehicle had been taken to Trooper G in Bridgeport to be processed for clues. He said police had no suspects. Murphy said that this is fourth time a vehicle has gone through the front of the Norwalk courthouse building in 17 years.

She said twice it had been accidental and this was the second intentional incident.

The courthouse staff was expected to be at work today but no court cases were going to be held.

Murphy said court officials hope to reopen the building Friday.

Elbert County, Ga. named leading tombstone producer in the world

The Associated Press

ELBERTON, Ga. — Next to Washington, D.C., this east Georgia town must be the memorial capital of the world.

Elberton produces more tombstones than any other city in the world, according to the Elberton Granite Association.

Here, they don't even like the term "tombstone."

They prefer "memorials" because tombstone conjures up images of "bats and vampires," said Hudson Cone, a spokesman for the Granite Association.

The many companies in Elbert County are involved in every aspect of the cemetery headstone business, from mining the granite to etching the names of the deceased into the polished rock.

"It's kind of morbid," said Steve Richardson, who works at Johnson Granite Supply.

"We have a low inventory right now, but still, every one of those is a dead person," Richardson said, pointing to a stack of about 30 tombstones ready to be loaded on a truck.

Despite the spooky aspects of the job, people in the granite business take pride in their work, which has advanced to an art form.

Today, grave markers are honed into heart-shaped memorials, and even billiard balls.

Kathy Craft of Classic Monuments said one family who lost a son who was something of a pool shark got a memorial carved in the shape of an eight ball.

"It's a lot more than just a piece of rock," Craft said.

That rock, quarried in Elbert, Oglethorpe, Wilkes and Madison counties is blue-gray in color, composed of quartz, white mineral grains called feldspar, and black, flake-like grains called biotite.

Elberton sits on a vein of it that's roughly 35 miles long, 6 miles wide and more than 2 miles deep.

Georgia's most famous mass of granite, Stone Mountain, is less than 1 percent of the volume of Elberton granite, according to the Elberton

Granite Association.

The rock is taken out of the ground by burners, drills and high-pressure water jets before it's brought to Elberton, said Bob Paul, general manager of Eagle Granite, a company that manufactures memorials, countertops and curbing for construction.

Elberton granite is as hard as steel, so it has to be cut by diamond saws.

Workers at Eagle Granite then polish it with special rocks to make the surface smooth.

It has a grain, just like wood, that the workers have to follow.

To give the edges of memorials a rough, "rockpitch" face, stonemasons use special tools to shape the granite.

Then they're loaded onto trucks and taken to other area business where names and designs are etched into the surface.

Elberton granite goes all over the country and is shipped overseas to several other countries, including Japan.

Event Week

Jen Cohen
Vocalist & Guitarist
Tuesday, Nov. 10
Russell Union Grounds
(next to Rotunda)
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Hot Cocoa will also be Served!
Free

Ultimate Imaging,
Superimposed Photos
Thursday, Nov. 12
Union Commons
FREE

GSH Bookstore
Fashion Show
Thursday, Nov. 5
12:00 pm
Russell Union Commons

The Truman Show
Nov. 4
7:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Nov. 5

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October 5th.....6th
November 9th.....10th
December 7th.....8th

\$2.00 per person for every entry
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Pool on Tuesdays:

Winners of the pool tournaments will have an opportunity to go to a southeast tournament in February.

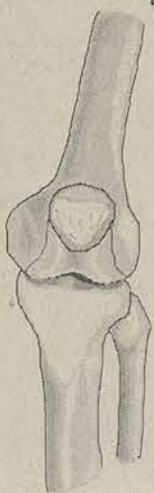
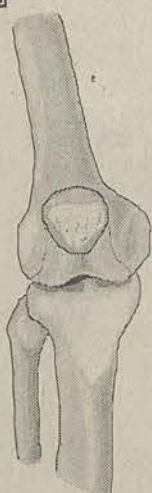
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Our Opinion

G-A recognizes and apologizes for mistakes in vigil coverage

Normally the editorial board of *The George-Anne* accepts that we make mistakes and we try to learn from them. We do not ordinarily defend our position every time an error occurs, because, frankly, we assume our readers will understand that any errors in the paper are unintentional.

Unfortunately, we have learned that our readers do not assume this or understand that nobody is perfect. There were significant errors in our coverage of the vigil held for Matthew Shepard last Wednesday that we apologize to our readers for. In no way were those errors taken lightly.

The errors were not the responsibility of one person. Three people contribute to the construction of the front page. All three people missed the mistakes, but not because we didn't care about the subject matter. Blame should not be directed at only one person.

The information could not have been printed earlier because we did not receive it in enough time to announce it before the event. Unfortunately, due to time constraints at the paper, the story was written before the event but intended to be read after the event. That caused some confusion.

We cannot explain how we forgot to include the day the vigil was held. All we can say is it was a mistake and we apologize.

But, obviously, we felt that the vigil was newsworthy. To say that the coverage would have been better if Matthew Shepard was straight is offensive to everyone at *The George-Anne*. It is our duty to inform the GSU public of campus or campus-oriented events that affect our lives, regardless of race, color, creed or sexual preference. We take that duty very seriously and would not intentionally misinform that public.

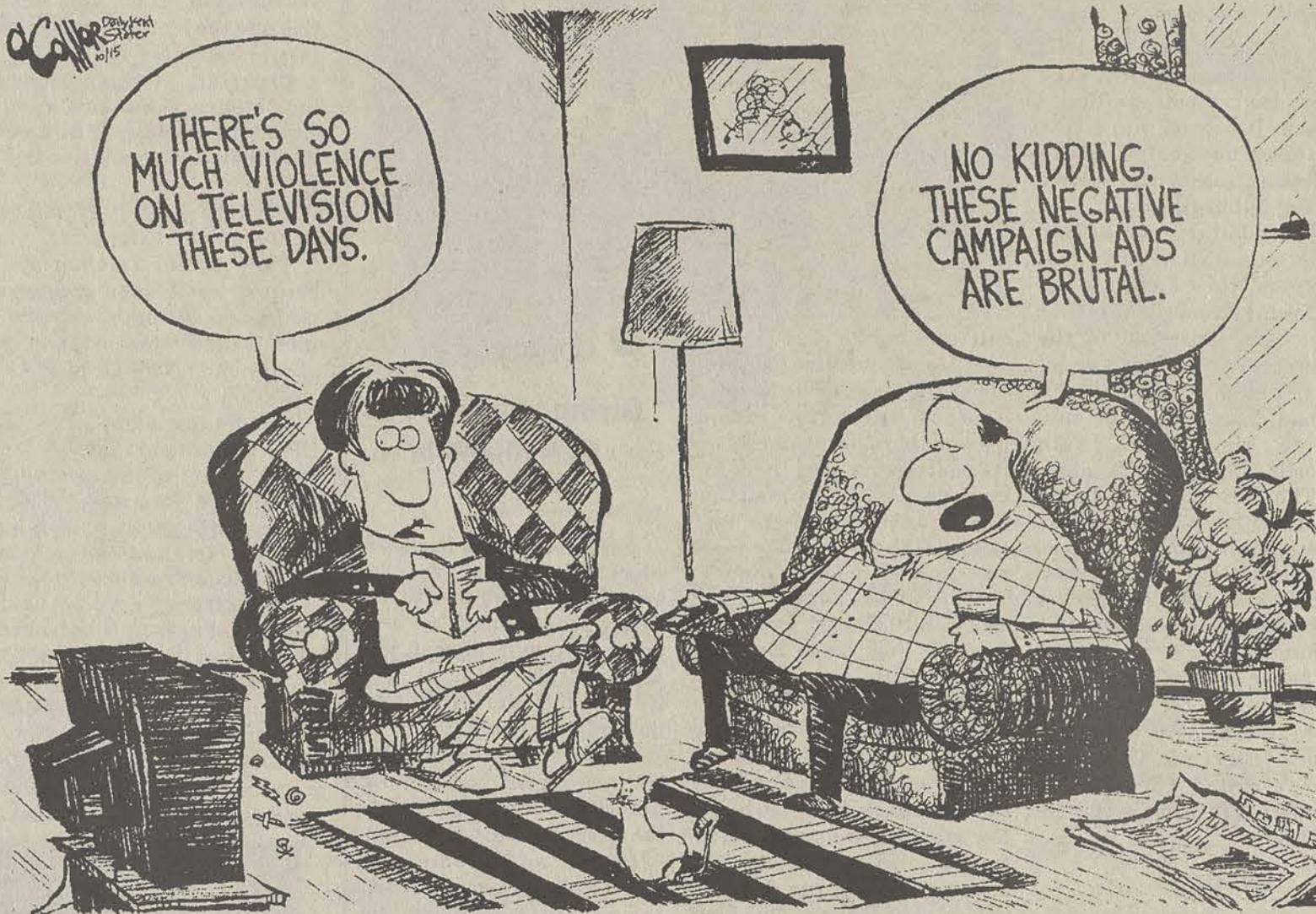
These mistakes, however horrible they may seem, should not be what the public remembers about the vigil. A man was beaten to death because he was gay. Matthew Shepard lost his life. That is the tragedy here.

Again, the mistakes were not taken lightly and they did not occur because the paper is discriminatory. They were mistakes, errors. We would like the readers to remember two very important things.

The writers and editors of this paper are people, just like everyone else. We are students who made some mistakes and we apologize.

But more important. It unfortunately does not really matter what the story said or didn't say. A young man is dead for his preferences and another college campus, very similar to ours, is dealing with the pain of that.

That is more important than any mistake we made.



Entertain them and they will come (with money)

I've been converted. No, the Rev. isn't about to become Mullah Jake. Nonetheless, I've had a fundamental shift in my world view. To put it simply, Go Dawgs.

Let me clarify a bit. I was raised in the grand UGA football tradition. My father has had season tickets since before I existed. Throughout my childhood, fall weekends were spent waking up early Saturday, driving to Athens, checking into the Ramada Inn, then watching the Bulldogs kick the living snot out of some hapless opponent. GSU was once hapless. Okay, we kicked the living snot, until Vince Dooley quit.

But that's secondary. A few weeks ago, I went to Athens for my first unchaperoned football weekend.

Hey, I'm 21, I'm a GSU grad student, so I figured it was time to participate in the bacchanal that I merely marveled at through the 80s and early 90s. It helped that my little brother's in school up there (and will be for at least another decade) and he offered to put me up for the night.

I'll come right out and say it: Statesboro has never experienced anything even close to the Athenian scene.

There are similarities, however. Great unwashed masses of mostly underage college students in both towns spend inordinate amounts of time and money getting absolutely blasted.

OK, there's a similarity.

In the 'Boro, though, the great unwashed and sloshed masses don't do a damn thing. They either sit on their collective asses or try to get a piece of someone else's. That's it. Football? Ho-hum. Of course, it's only I-AA anyway. Not much to get excited



JAKE HALLMAN

COLUMNIST

about when most of the colleges we play have enrollments roughly comparable to your average Atlanta suburb's high school. Students either sit at home counting the bottlecaps, or occasionally go to fairly small parties at someone's home. Whoopee—exciting.

In Athens, the fuzzy-minded

cally conjure up excitement over trivial sporting events?

Yeah, trivial. Will it matter a rat's ass in ten years to your life if GSU gets another national championship? (Okay, unless you're one of our football players. You guys have an assured career in the CFL if you take it all the way this year. Just ask

NON-COLLEGE CITIZENS TAKE NOTE: FRONTIER, GEORGIA POWER AND EXCELSIOR ARE ALL CUTTING IN ON YOUR ACTION. THINK HOW MUCH MORE WE'D SHELL OUT IF WE WERE ENTERTAINED A LITTLE FOR OUR DOLLARS!

actually get out and mingle with each other. I got to see a fist-fight, arrests and people making happy idiots out of themselves. Great fun.

There's nothing like seeing gouts of humanity acting out their inner children in tandem. People walk around the thriving downtown and see bands, bars, and maybe a night's companionship. Okay, I lied. Two similarities.

Before you think that this is another "Statesboro sux, AHHHHHHthens (with the Brit accent) rules" piece, mull this over: Students, friends, countrymen, it's not our fault. Really. How many students do you know that can open up night spots, or magi-

a little for our dollars! All the shysters in Atlanta and Athens are getting our weekend money that you should rightfully be raking in.

Granted, a few of you are doing excellent jobs. We keep Blind Willie's and Legends in business. Wanna know why? Because they show us a good time! School sucks! We want to get drunk, see a band and hang with the homies to forget our crappy classes.

It'd be a lot easier if you weren't such pansies about the whole liquor issue. All of you can't own package shops just over the county line. (Okay, unless you're in city government.) You guys can go to Canada with the football players. What do you think would happen if students could—gaspl—buy a bottle of Jack at the Fast n' Easy?

So you don't like us being here. That's been made clear to me in my five years here. At least take some cash from us as recompense for the hassle we allegedly put you through!

Now sure, there will be some problems at first. The new vistas of nighttime freedom might bring out the darker impulses in a few of our number. Not to worry, though.

Statesboro's police presence is more than adequate—we'll just give Andy and Barney a little more to do besides set up speed traps and hassle black kids.

Statesboro, I and 13,999 other students are willing to stop baring our backsides to you (as we head north for the weekend) and start opening our wallets.

Just give us a little something for our money.

As soon as you start, my Saturday fashion palette will begin to include blue and gold.

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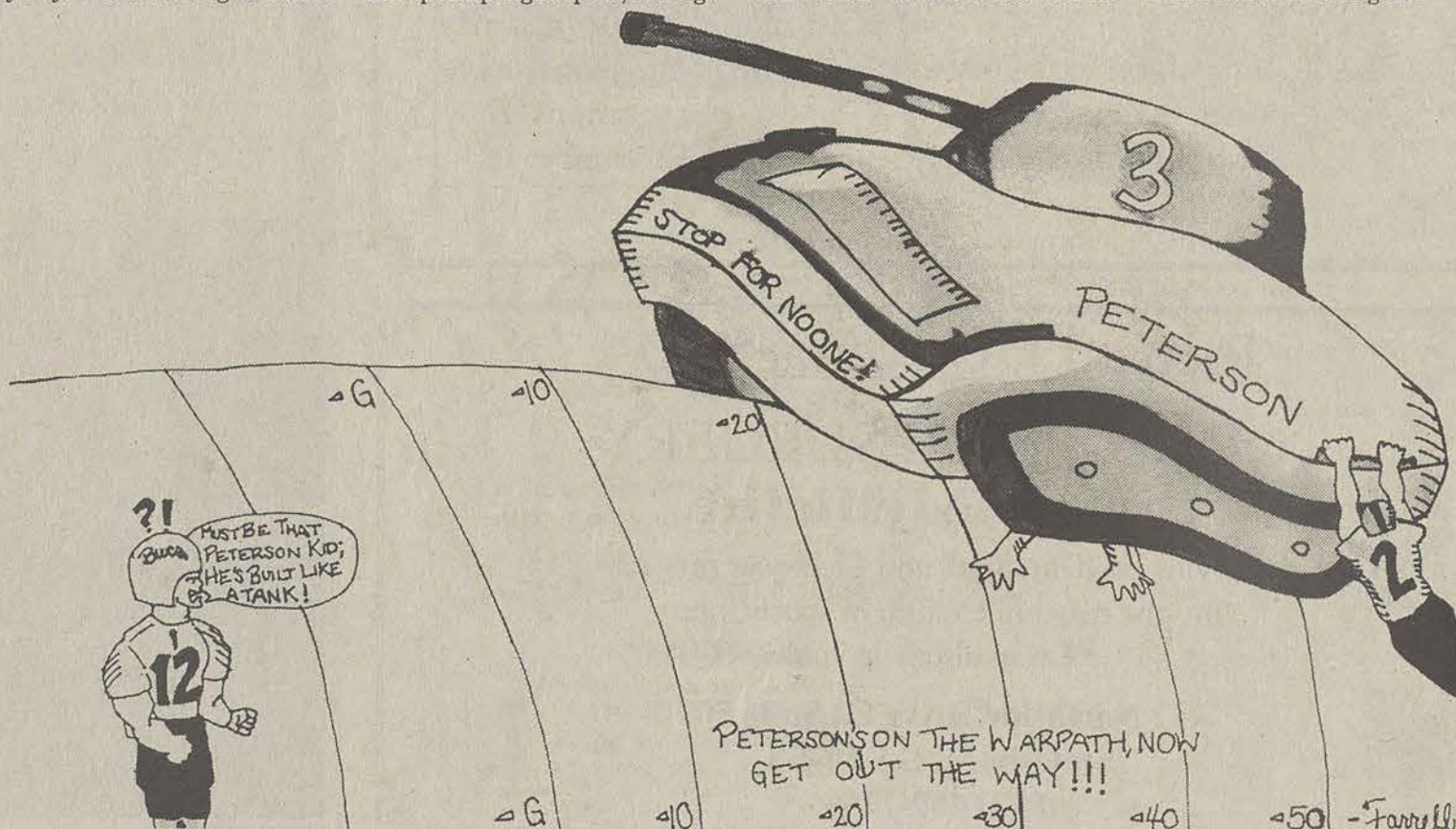
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Your Opinion

Student complains over vigil coverage mistakes

Editor:
I'm very disappointed [sic], as are many GSU students and faculty, at the blatant [sic] ignorance you have shown in your article in Thursday's paper about Matthew Shepard. How dare you, or anyone else for that matter, let such an article into the paper.

To begin with, Matthew Shepard was brutally attacked in Wyoming, NOT Wisconsin as the headline stated. Further more, the open forum and candlelight vigil was held on Wednesday night. I know that reporting anything remotely to do with Triangle or homosexuality is a hard thing to do for some people at the Georgia Anne [sic].

But the students and faculty at this university who actually care, both gay and straight, would rather you report nothing at all, than get it wrong. After all, what's the point? But we DO want you to cover our events and major news stories, and this is why we deal with incorrect quoting and misleading stories all the time.

Yes, Matthew Shepard was a gay student, and maybe that's why the GLBT students and staff on this campus care so much. Matthew Shepard was more than a victim of a deliberate hate crime though.

Matthew Shepard was a man. A human being who was taken

against his will out of town, savagely beaten with the butt of a pistol, tied up, and burned.

He was disfigured and left for dead simply because he was a gay man. Now tell me, what help are you to anyone around here on this campus, to report misinformation when it could happen here.

Perhaps if Matthew Shepard had been heterosexual and there was a vigil for him there would not only be a correct headline, but also the correct information. There would have probably been an article when it happened, too.

I understand this is not a global newspaper. Your job is to report campus news. But to be honest with you, I feel as though this is campus news. After all, Matthew Shepard was a college student who was lured [sic] out of a campus hangout.

And how many gay people do we have at GSU? I bet you would be surprised at the number. Then, think of all the places the students go.

I hope you don't think that gay students don't hang there, too. Now, why is there reason to think something that happened in Wyoming couldn't happen in Georgia? Or Statesboro?

I don't understand why you did not write a brief article on Tuesday about the vigil, after all, your

article seems to suggest you knew there was going to be one. What good does it do the students and faculty of GSU to read an article on Thursday stating "Members of the GSU Triangle Club are making plans to honor Matthew Shepard..." when the vigil was on Wednesday night, a day before the paper came out?!

If for some reason an article could only be put in Thursday's paper why not at least write the article to say something on the line of: "A vigil was held Wednesday night..." To many of us, it seems as if you just didn't care enough to at least proof-read your own article and to get the facts straight.

I do not mean to be attacking you as a person. I am, however, attacking you as a journalist. You did not attend the event, nor ask questions to get more information. The lot of us are very disappointed with you as a journalist, and again, very upset at this "news" paper.

I hope you understand my anger with what happened to Matthew Shepard and my disappointment with your reporting. I would really appreciate it if you could print an apology and a retraction [sic] for your incorrect headline and article.

Thank You,

Kelly Orlandi
GSU student

Defining alcohol as a male is sexist, according to a GSU student

Editor:

I just read Tracye Poole's article, "Alcohol has betrayed you, he is not your friend" in *The George-Anne*. Why is alcohol a "he"? If alcohol is evil, isn't that sexist? And why do people have to have a reason for everything they do? Isn't that just a little bit neurotic? Now that I think about it, though, it is usually a woman's fault if I get really sloshed. Either I don't have one (depressing) or one just left (worse).

When you look at it this way, alcohol should be a "she," since the two usually go hand in hand. How many country songs have you heard about hard drinking that don't cite a woman as the reason?

In all seriousness, though, I have found that sitting on my back porch with a beer after a hard day is one of the finer things in life. Then again, a good beer and a good woman might be better...or maybe not. Let's see, what are ten reasons that a beer is better than a woman? (Just kidding!)

David Olander
GSU student

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EAGLES

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Peterson faked Smalls out of his shoes and bounced out to the outside down the right side-line.

With the rest of the ETSU defense in an all-out sprint to catch up to him, The Peterson Express kicked it into high gear and motored all the way down to the Bucs' five yard line before using an excellent Demond Brown block to cut it back inside before reaching the promise land 91 yards from where he started.

"I believe all of the (East Tennessee) defense was slanted in and I just cut off the backside," Peterson said. "And I just sprinted away and I ran it all the way in."

Peterson's record-breaking run (it was the longest run from scrimmage ever by a GSU back) extended GSU's lead to 24-13.

On the Bucs' following drive, Wells launched another TD, this time a 38-yard strike to receiver Lamar Cooper. But with less than a minute left, the Eagles got the ball back and Hill executed the two-minute offense to perfection.

Hill hooked up with slotback Corey Joyner for a 10-yard score. The touchdown pass put the Eagles up 31-19.

In the third quarter the Eagles laid down the Bucs' burial plot. Cunningham leaped over would be ETSU defenders and fled down the right sideline for a 55-yard TD. Cunningham split two defenders on the Bucs' five yard to get into the end zone. Late in the third quarter, Hill used a counter option and outran the Buccaneer defenders en route to a 52-yard sprint to the goal line. Hill's TD put the Eagles up 44-19 and etched East Tennessee's tombstone.

The win automatically clinches an automatic I-AA playoff spot for the Eagles, as well as a share of the Southern Conference.

"It feels good, being the number one team in the nation and knowing that we already got a spot in the playoff," GSU defensive end Eric Davis said. "It feels good to know that all the rest of the teams are going to be fighting it out for the other 15 spots and we already got ours."

Vlasic to introduce world's largest pickle

The Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — Vlasic Foods International plans to introduce a giant pickle that it claims is the world's largest: 10 times larger than an ordinary pickle.

The chip-shaped pickle measures 16 inches long and 3 inches in diameter and will cover an entire hamburger, guaranteeing a pickle piece in every bite, Vlasic said last Monday.

The company spent the past four years developing the new pickle, "Hamburger Stackers." The pickle is made from specially cultivated cucumbers grown by the Cherry-Hill based food giant.

Vlasic spokesman Kevin Lowery said cucumbers used for the pickles

were specially grown for size, taste and crispness. Cucumbers that size grown with traditional methods would have the texture of a watermelon and would not be ideal for making pickles, he said.

The pickle was secretly developed under the code name, "Project Frisbee." It was the brainchild of Frank Meczowski, who created Vlasic's "Sandwich Stackers," a broad flat pickle, in 1995.

Only 3 percent of the 35 billion sandwiches consumed at home each year have a pickle, Vlasic estimates.

Hamburger Stackers will sell for \$2.99 and will be available in two varieties: dill and bread and butter. The new pickles will hit retail shelves next week.

Student claims wrong information affects the entire campus

Editor:

I would like to voice my opinion to Allison Taylor about the misleading information regarding her article "Slain Wisconsin Student Remembered at GSU." Do you know anyone that was beaten and later died in Wisconsin? I cannot believe that this huge mistake would go unnoticed [sic]. Did no one have enough sense to proof-read this article before printing it? Not only is that extremely negligent [sic] of Allison, but also of the person in charge of the newspaper. If Allison did not know exactly

where Matthew Shepard was, why couldn't she take ten minutes out of her day to find out. This headline was pure stupidity.

The article, although nicely written, should have been in either

last Thursday's paper or Tuesday's paper before the event. The article says, "The ceremony will begin at 7:15 p.m. in room 2080...and will move to the Union Rotunda for the candle lighting ceremony." Does this not lead people to believe the vigil will convene tonight, a day AFTER the event has taken place? If

Allison missed the deadline to submit this article, why wasn't it taken out completely and coverage for the event put in its place? In mine, and a lot of other students and faculty's opinions this article was best left out of the paper completely; no coverage is better than bad coverage.

Please do not take this message lightly. Miss-information [sic] not only makes the newspaper and journalist look like complete idiots, but it makes the entire campus look like it too.

Sari Meltzer
GSU sophomore

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JAMIE HODGES



Is Adrian Peterson a Heisman Trophy candidate?

Don't laugh. I'm serious. Anyone who saw Adrian Peterson's performance against East Tennessee State last Saturday witnessed greatness personified. The Eagles' freshman phenom blasted through the Buccaneer's defense like a freight train through a Yugo.

And guess what? That wasn't even his greatest performance of the season. That came the previous week when he rumbled through The Citadel's defense for a career high 231 yards and five touchdowns.

So my question is this: Is Adrian Peterson a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate? No, I'm not crazy. I know that Adrian has no realistic chance to win the Heisman; I understand that. But my question is not whether he will win it or not. My question is whether or not the NCAA should at least give this GSU fullback a glance before making their final decision. And I believe that Adrian at least deserves that chance.

I know what you're thinking. He's only a freshman and he's competing in Division I-AA where the competition is not as good as I-A.

But, wasn't there a phenom quarterback at Alcorn State (a I-AA school) by the name of Steve McNair? And didn't he almost pull off the impossible, getting edged out by the Heisman voting polls by Rashaan Salaam in 1994? I do believe so. By the way, McNair is currently enjoying a successful NFL career as the starting quarterback of the Tennessee Oilers.

So you see, it does not matter if an athlete plays in I-A or I-AA. If he's good, he's just good. Sorry Godzilla, but in this case size doesn't matter.

You're still not convinced that Adrian should at least get a look-see? You feel you need more proof? Well fine, here's some proof for you.

So far this season, Adrian has rushed for 1,627 yards and 22 touchdowns. He shattered Joe Ross's old GSU single-season rushing record of 1,354 yards. And with his 22 touchdowns for the season, Adrian has already broken Randy Moss's former I-AA record for touchdowns scored by a freshman. (Moss's former mark was 19 TD's for a season.) By the way, Adrian also owns the school record for the amount of touchdowns in a season.

Want more evidence? I'll gladly give you some. With his ninth straight 100-yard rushing game, Adrian also set the record for most 100-yard rushing games by a freshman in I-AA football. This also means that in every game this season, he has had at least 100 yards.

Adrian also has five 200-yard rushing games this season, which (guess what?) sets a new I-AA record.

I could go on and try to list all of Adrian's accomplishments and the records he has broken so far this season. But, to be honest, I don't have enough space in this column to list them.

My point is this. I realize that Adrian will not win the Heisman this year. I'm not stupid. But he at least deserves a couple of votes. Until then, I guess he'll just have to be satisfied with the Walter Payton award (I-AA's equivalent to the Heisman).

Admission at Eagle Soccer playoff game: \$5 Adults, \$3 Faculty/Staff and children.

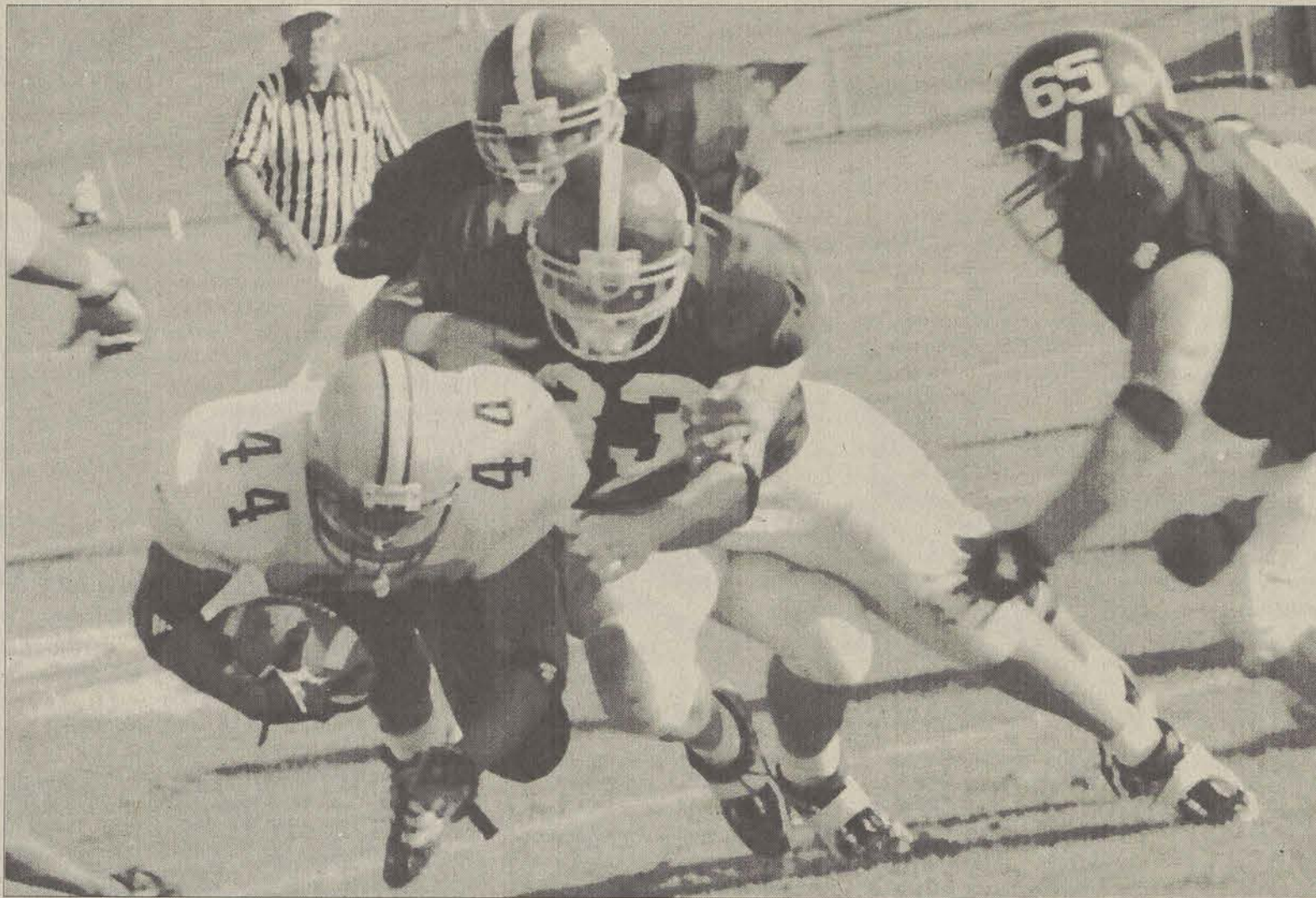
Admission at Lady Eagle Soccer playoff game: \$3 Adults, \$1 Faculty/Staff and children.

Both games: students admitted free with validated student I.D.

Upcoming Events in Eagle Athletics

- Today - Eagle Soccer 11:30 a.m. vs. App. St. - 1st Round SoCon Tourney at Eagle Field
- Today - Lady Eagle Soccer 2:30 p.m. vs. App. St. - 1st Round SoCon Tourney, Eagle Field
- Wed. - Lady Eagle Basketball 7 p.m. vs. TTT Riga Latvia (Exhibition), Hanner Fieldhouse
- Thurs. - Eagle Basketball 7 p.m. vs. VASDA (Exhibition) at Hanner Fieldhouse

Eagle linebacker makes life miserable for ETSU backs



Sarah Trucksis

HOW DOES THAT GRASS TASTE?! GSU Linebacker Josh Smithers (33) makes sure this East Tennessee State ballcarrier has plenty of home-cooked Glenn Bryant Field grass to munch on. Smithers led the Eagles' Blue Bandit defense with nine tackles (eight unassisted) last Saturday. Smithers is also leading the team in tackles this season with a total of 91.

By Reginald M. Farrell
Assistant Sports Editor

Standing at 6'0", 216 pounds, Josh Smithers is a force to be reckoned with on any given day, especially when he is laying the smack down on whoever has the ball. And at the linebacker position, Smithers has the potential to be anyone's worse nightmare.

If you choose to argue about it, you can ask opposing offensive players that he has left studying soil samples.

As a matter of fact, Smithers led the Eagles in Saturday's win against East Tennessee State with nine tackles, eight of them unassisted. That gives him a total of 91 tackles for the season, which leads the team.

Convinced? If not, let's take a magic carpet ride back to the 1996 season. During that time, he played in all 11 games where he picked up 19 tackles, 13 of them were solo. His season best performances were six stops against East Tennessee State and five tackles against Liberty. Even more amazing, Smithers returned a kickoff against the Citadel for 28 yards.

In high school, where he attended Cardinal Mooney in Sarasota, Fla., Smithers earned all-area and all-state honors in 1994. Want to learn some more? How about this? Smithers was credited 147 tackles as a senior captain.

Not to mention, he rushed for 992 yards and 15

touchdowns from the fullback position and was voted most valuable back twice as well as team MVP. As a junior, he ran for 987 yards and 12 touchdowns while gathering 128 tackles.

Oh what the heck, he was even a three-time Junior Olympic weightlifting champion, lettered in basketball as a forward and a guard, was a four year weightlifting letterwinner and he earned a place in the National Honor Society.

After the Eagles' win Saturday, Smithers is fired up about clinching a bid in the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

"It's a great feeling," said Smithers. "But we don't want play just one game at home (in the playoffs), we want to play all of them here."

And though the Eagles have earned a share of the Southern Conference title, Smithers feels that he and his teammates have more work to do before the season is over.

"It feels good," said Smithers. "Except we feel that there's some unfinished business to take care of."

When deciding which college to attend, Smithers was influenced by his mother to select GSU.

"My mother told me about the tradition then I became excited," said Smithers. "I made a visit down here and I liked it. After that, I canceled all the visits to the other schools."



Eagle Football Notebook



• Adrian Peterson's 91 yard TD run against East Tennessee State Saturday was the longest in school history. The previous long was an 87 yard TD run by Chris Wright in 1994 versus Western Carolina.

• Greg Hill's TD pass to Corey Joyner in Saturday's game was the first TD pass since their game against VMI which was one month ago.

• Last Saturday, Bennie Cunningham ran in one of his two touchdowns from 55 yards for a career long. It was Cunningham's first game with two touchdowns.

• In Saturday's contest, Arkee Thompson got his sixth interception of the season which ties the school record for most interceptions by a GSU defensive back.

• Adrian Peterson has set the record for most rushing yards as a freshman in NCAA history with 1,627.

• Adrian Peterson has broken Herschel Walker's record for most rushing yards in the state of Georgia with 1,627.

• Benjy Harris's blocked punt against East Tennessee State was the Eagles' seventh blocked punt of the

season.

• The GSU football program has been the second winningest NCAA I-AA program over the last ten years (1988-1997) with 92 wins.

• Linebacker Josh Smithers leads the Eagle Defense with 91 tackles.

• GSU has forced 15 turnovers this season and have converted 12 into scores-nine touchdowns and three field goals.

• Sixty-seven of GSU's 90-man roster hails from the state of Georgia - a percentage of 74.4.

Lady Eagle Volleyball team defeated by College of Charleston last Wednesday, three-game winning streak snapped

GSU News Services

GSU (16-12, 8-6 SoCon) was defeated by the College of Charleston 3-1 (15-12, 15-11, 13-15, 16-14) snapping the Eagles' three match winning streak. GSU rallied to capture the third game of the match after falling behind 2-0. With the victory the Cougars (8-18, 4-10 SoCon) avenged two previous losses this season to GSU.

Jamie Burrell was a bright spot for GSU, compiling a career-high 27 digs and adding six kills. The 27 digs represent the highest total achieved by any Eagle player this season. Jessica Cowley led the GSU offensive attack with 12 kills and was a presence on the defensive end with four blocks. Kelly Keegan recorded 11 kills and 14 digs, her 15th double-double of the season. Amanda Brooks directed the GSU offense with 43 assists.

Heather Olson paced Charleston with a team-high 14 kills. Liz Bailey anchored the Cougars' aggressive defense with 19

digs.

GSU travels to UNC-Greensboro to take on the Spartans in a crucial match on Friday at 7 p.m. The Eagles will close out the road trip with matches at Davidson and Wake Forest on Saturday.



File Photo

THREE-GAME WINNING STREAK SNAPPED: The Lady Eagles were defeated by the College of Charleston last Wednesday.

—Compiled by Reginald M. Farrell

Men's tennis team competes in fall season

•Eagle squad led by senior Christian Singer, junior Kendall Swartz and sophomore Ryan O'Keefe

By Reginald M. Farrell
Assistant Sports Editor

The GSU men's tennis team has started their fall season of competition and already they are beginning to make a name for themselves. Last year the Eagles were going through a rebuilding phase as they were in the process of exposing new players to life on the college level.

"We started over last year with all the new players," said Eric Gottschalk, men's tennis head coach. "The biggest challenge was getting them used to the school system and life as student athletes."

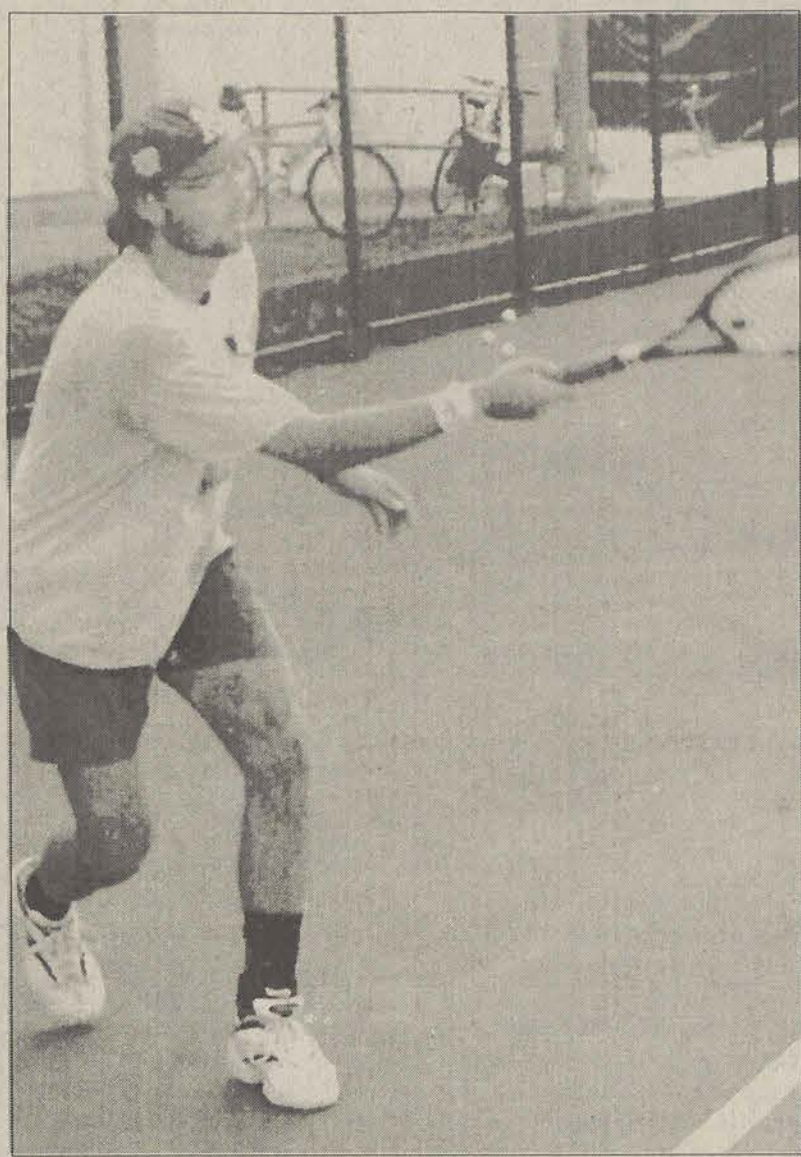
This year the men's tennis team is more experienced with the presence of their returning players. Moreover, they have already enjoyed a great deal of success against athletes from top notch programs such as Louisville, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of Georgia and the University of South Carolina.

"I want them to play the toughest matches that they can," said Gottschalk. "This kind of competition gives us the experience that we need to compete against schools in our conference."

Three of the main ingredients that have added flavor to the Eagles' recipe for greatness are senior Christian Singer, junior Kendall Swartz and sophomore Ryan O'Keefe.

"Every player has improved much, much more," said Gottschalk. "With Kendall, Christian and Ryan, the team is much more competitive."

Christian Singer is the lone senior of the group and comes from Kaufering, Germany. This year he has compiled a 6-3 record in singles action and will be given the nod to play in the number two spot. Since coming to GSU,



Sarah Trucksis

CHRISTIAN SINGER will look to provide some senior leadership to the GSU men's tennis team this season. Singer will expect to get some help from junior Kendall Swartz and sophomore Ryan O'Keefe.

Singer has learned that being a student athlete is very demanding.

"It's very stressful," said Singer. "The only time I get to study is at night because I have classes in the morning and practice during the afternoon."

Despite the tough requirements of being an athlete, Singer has big expectations for the upcoming spring season.

"I hope we do pretty good, this is my last year," said Singer. "The last couple of years weren't too good, but this year, if we stay healthy, we have a good shot at winning the conference."

Kendall Swartz, who is entering his junior year hails from Windhoek, Namibia. So far he is 5-5 in competition this year and he will be playing in the number one spot. Before coming to GSU,

Swartz played at Liberty University. He began contacting Division I schools until he finally got in touch with Gottschalk who eventually recruited him.

As the year progresses, Swartz says he feels that the team has come a long way.

"We've made a lot of improvements," said Swartz. "Everyone has gotten better and stronger and we're starting to get good results."

Also, Swartz thanks Gottschalk for making him a better player.

"Eric (Gottschalk) has helped me improve a lot on my game," said Swartz. "And he has taught me to become more dedicated and hardworking."

Playing in the number three position, is Ryan O'Keefe who is a native of Mudgeeraba, Australia. This season, O'Keefe has a record of 3-5 in competition. Coming to GSU, O'Keefe recalls the difficulties he had in getting used to his new surroundings.

"It was very hard to adapt because of classes and everything," said O'Keefe. "Being away from my family was also hard. I had to learn how to manage my time, but Coach Gottschalk and my teammates helped me get used to everything. Since then I've been having fun."

Rounding out the men's tennis roster are returning players Jesper Andersson, Alex Franqui, Cecilio Gibbs and Fredrik Wilander. In addition, the Eagles have brought in Danny Kubis and Darren Clark, two freshmen who will participate in the hunt for a Southern Conference title.

"I feel we can win the Southern Conference and that's our goal," said Gottschalk. "Last year we were unlucky because we had a lot of injuries."

GSU ON THE ROAD

Men's Soccer team defeats App. State, clinches home game for SoCon Tournament

GSU News Services

The GSU men's soccer team defeated Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. last Saturday 3-1. The victory gives the Eagles an opportunity to host the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament at Eagle Field today. Both the men's and women's teams play Appalachian State. The Eagle Soccer team plays at 11:30 a.m. and the Lady Eagle Soccer team plays at 2:30 p.m.

All of the goals scored by GSU were in the first half alone. The first goal of the

day was scored by Eagle defender David Fisk, assisted by defender Josh Epps. The Eagles' second goal of the contest was scored by GSU midfielder Jeremy McClure, on a penalty kick.

The third and last goal scored by GSU put the game away. GSU defender Chris Carter took a pass from Fisk and shot the ball through the net. The Eagles will play against Appalachian State today in the opening round of the Southern Conference Tournament.

Cross Country teams finish 10th at SoCon championships

GSU News Services

Both the GSU men's and women's cross country teams landed 10th-place finishes Saturday at the Southern Conference Cross Country Championships at Davidson, N.C.

Chattanooga placed six runners in the top 10 to win the men's and five runners in the top 10 in the women's meet to claim both titles.

The Mocs' Nic Crider won the men's 8,000-meter event with a time of 25:24.

Appalachian State's Mary Jane Harrelson took the win in the women's 5,000-meter race with a time of 18:18.

The Eagles finished the meet with 298 points, with freshman Adam Tribble

posting a GSU-best 34th-place finish (27:55).

Junior Avallina Anderson was the Lady Eagles' top finisher with a 31st-place finish (20:28).

The women's team finished the event with 288 points.

Crider was named the conference's runner-of-the-year, while Chattanooga's Andy Coker was named freshman-of-the-year.

For the women, Harrelson garnered the SoCon's female runner-of-the-year award, while Natalie Scruggs of Chattanooga was named freshman-of-the-year.

Earning the Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year award was Chattanooga's Bill Gauntier.

The Academic Corner

FALL SEMESTER 1998

- To 11/20 Early Registration for Spring Semester 1998
- 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

SPRING SEMESTER 1999

- January 1 New Years Day, administrative offices will be closed, no classes.
- 3 Residence Hall check-in 1 p.m.
- 4 New Student Orientation and Advisement, Russell Union. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m.
- New Student Registration, Williams Center, 11 a.m.
- Final Registration for former students, Williams Center, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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
17275	B	MW/8:00	Jane Page	Political Science 1021
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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'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

Ni'COLE PATTERSON



In memory of Omeia Ferrell

Friendship is one of the important aspects of life. Oh yes, some of us choose to think that we don't need any friends, but I honestly think that's a lie.

I, for example, once thought that the only friend I needed was the Lord above and that's true. Now, however, I believe that God places special people in our lives who will have some impact and teach us a valuable lesson.

I remember one girl who taught me a lesson about grudges. Her name is Omeia Ferrell.

The first time we met was our junior year in high school. She played on the basketball team and was a cheerleader.

During our senior year in high school we had an opportunity to cheer together and we became friends. We would call each other occasionally and we visited different colleges that we were interested in attending. We even thought about becoming roommates if she attended GSU.

Halfway through the second semester of that year, we both were nominated for a senior superlative.

She was up for Most Athletic and I was nominated for Most Loyal. I really don't know where things went wrong in our friendship, but it seemed as if her attitude changed.

One night while we were at a basketball game, Omeia and I got into a really bad argument. After that night we never really talked to each other again.

Last year, during fall quarter it was rumored that Omeia had colon cancer. I thought if was untrue and ignored it. But that untruth was put to rest when a staff writer I had gone to high school with said it was true.

He said that the doctors were giving Omeia six months to live and that she was in the hospital. I was shocked. I told him that I would call her, but I was lying.

I kind of brushed it off and took on the attitude like "What am I supposed to do? Send her flowers and we aren't even friends?" How mean and cruel

was that? The problem was I was still holding a grudge against her.

One day I was talking to one of my best friends about Omeia and during our conversation I told her that I would go see Omeia when I went home.

I went home several times and never once did I go see her.

The last time I saw Omeia was October 1997 and all I could say to her was "Hi" and look the other way. She died in May 1998.

A few days before I left for summer, my boyfriend called to tell me the news. I told him to stop lying and I felt tears swell in my eyes.

I began to cry not because she was dead, but because I felt a sense of guilt and sorrow. I didn't have a chance to apologize for my part. The issue wasn't resolved.

This story is one that I hold close to my heart because I have learned that there isn't any issue within a friendship that cannot be resolved.

There wasn't anything I said in the argument that I couldn't have apologized for. Someone said to me last week that they could hold a grudge until they die.

Well, what if the person you're holding a grudge against dies? And you never had a chance to resolve the issue? I still ask myself why didn't I pick up the phone and call her just to say I was sorry for the mean stuff that happened between us and maybeshare a scripture with her.

No, Omeia and I weren't best friends, but what if we were? What if you were in this situation, what would you have done? Take on the attitude "that's the past, so move on?" I seriously doubt it.

I always try to tell my friends how much I appreciate them and I occasionally say "I love you."

If you have special friends in your life, tell them how much you appreciate them and their friendship and resolve all arguments. Even if you feel that you did nothing wrong. What's so hard about saying, "I'm sorry for my part?"

Don't be afraid because the next you see them may be your last. 'Til we meet again.

The invasion of 'Nuts'

A thanks to GSU creativity

By Tricia Hall
Staff Writer

The Winburn rat, or so it was thought until a member of the maintenance crew discovered that the critter living in the ceiling of Winburn Hall was actually a squirrel.

"My roommate and I had heard something in our ceiling for a few weeks," Melanie Salisbury said.

"We finally called maintenance and they found that what we thought was a rat, was actually a squirrel."

Sticky paper was inserted into Salisbury's ceiling in an effort to catch him.

"Every once in a while we would hear him stick to the paper," Salisbury said.

"He would screech for a few minutes, then finally turn himself loose."

This continued for a few weeks. "I was talking to my mom one night and I told her that he had been here so long that we named him, 'Nuts,'" Heather Hendren, Salisbury's roommate, said.

Over the next few weeks, more residents on the second floor of Winburn Hall heard Nuts in their ceiling too.

"It became a joke on our hall, seeing who he came to visit next," Ashley Carey said.

On an early Thursday morning, Angie McGinniss awoke to the sound of her roommate screaming.

"She insisted that the squirrel was under her bed," McGinniss said.

"I listened for a moment and heard scratching under her bed. We ran to our RA's room and she called mainte-



Sarah Trucksis

LOOK OUT: 'Nuts' maybe on his way to a location near your neck of the woods. Squirrels have been known to hang out in residence halls.

nance."

Two hours later, a member of maintenance came to evaluate the situation.

He looked under the bed and discovered the squirrel sitting on a box. Additional members of maintenance were also called to remove the squirrel.

In an effort to escape, Nuts ran throughout the room attempting to hide in the closet, under the bed and even inside a suitcase.

"Nuts did stop for a minute to try some of the Special K cereal that my roommate had sitting out," McGinniss said.

Finally, he became trapped underneath a desk and a member of maintenance was able to pick him up and take

him outside.

By the time Nuts was caught, McGinniss' room had been torn apart.

"My bed was in the middle of the floor, there were boxes all over the room and there was squirrel hair everywhere," McGinniss said.

"It took us over an hour to clean up, but at least he was caught."

Residents of Winburn thought that the problem was solved, that was until thirty minutes after Nuts was caught, another resident discovered that she still had a squirrel in her ceiling.

"We hear him all the time," Ashley Carey said.

"Now we just laugh about the entire situation."

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Two people survive after three week contest in the same car

By Joe Ruff
AP writer

The need to cooperate became clear in the first week. One of four people living in a car, trying to outlast the others and win the 1998 Dodge Neon, brought in a bowl of broccoli soup.

Everything brought into the vehicle has to stay in the month-long contest that began Oct. 5, thus bowls and utensils cannot be washed.

Someone had to lick the bowl clean. No one wanted to, including Verna Johnson, who had brought the soup.

"We voted and Jason lost," Stacy Statler Gresham, who

was in the car last Saturday with Jason Scarborough, the only two left after three weeks said.

Scarborough's turn for help from the others also came in the first week. He didn't like a diet soda. Gresham, 29, agreed to drink it.

"We decided in the beginning it would be hard enough to survive 30 days in the car," Mrs. Gresham said.

"If he wants to drop out, it would be because he is tired and worn out, not because I drove him out."

"We didn't want to spend a whole month despising each

other," Scarborough, 19, from the front passenger seat said.

The contest is part of a promotional effort by sponsors Ron Olsen Dodge, a car dealership that is giving away the \$13,575 vehicle and Omaha station KSRZ, which is broadcasting live from the showroom.

Other rules: 10 minute breaks every three hours to use the rest room and walk around.

No showers, no changing clothes, no changing seats or stretching out into the next seat. No reading or other entertainment.

Week two brought other discomforts, Gresham said, as she sat in the back seat with a T-shirt on and a blanket covering her legs.

"I woke up and I felt like I could feel my skin crawling, like bugs were crawling on me," Gresham said.

She decided the lack of a shower was having some effect and she pleaded with radio listeners to get her a loofah sponge. One listener came through, she said.

"Here's my garbage," Gresham said, "wrapped six

times in plastic, adding more as I smell it."

Both were calm and rested last Saturday, day 20 of the stationary odyssey.

If Scarborough, a Council Bluffs, Iowa, college student, and Gresham, a real estate agent from Bellevue, stick it out, a tie will be declared.

In the event of a tie, the two must compete in fundraising to benefit a local special needs day care center.

Scarborough said he needs the car because his car is breaking down.

Gresham said she needs the car as collateral for a loan that would help pay for repairs to her storm-damaged backyard.

Both are straightforwardly confident they will win, right down to beating the other in the fund-raising contest.

They do not taunt each other. They talk a lot, with each other and with folks stopping by the showroom.

At least the car was decorated for Halloween. Skeleton stickers, painted pumpkins and stuffed animals dotted the vehicle, gifts from passersby.

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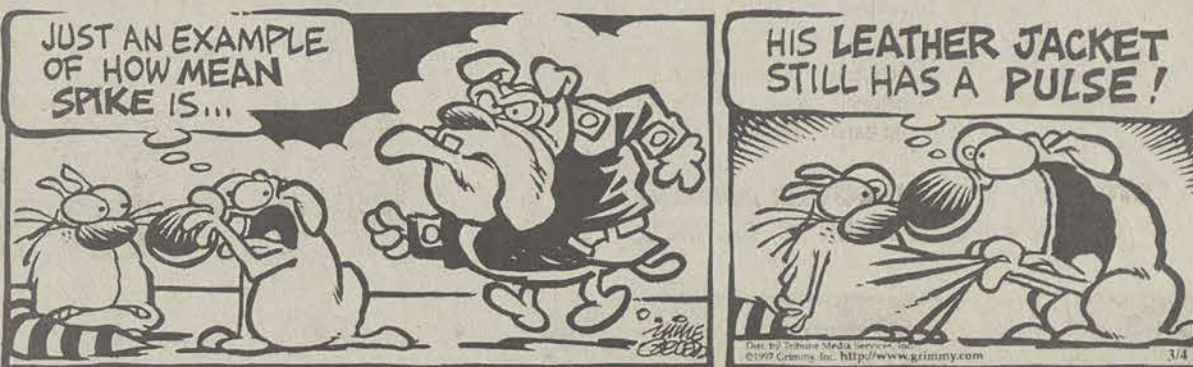
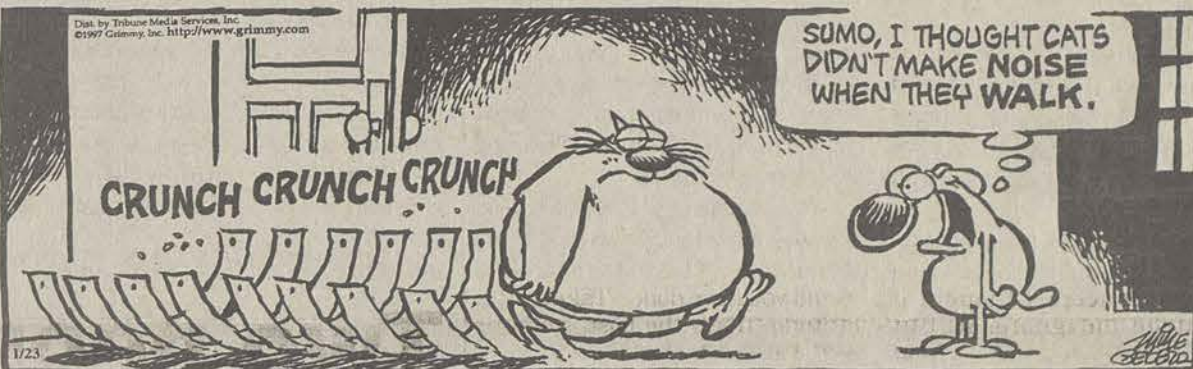
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by Mike Peters



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New mentor program for Hispanic children

By Cherlea Dorsey
Staff Writer

Do you remember your first day of school? You probably had butterflies in your stomach or you did not eat lunch, or maybe you were afraid to open your mouth to talk to anyone in your class.

But what happens if you look, speak and dress differently from everyone in your classroom? What's worse is that you can't even speak the same language very well and don't have a solid educational background.

Some Hispanic children have been deprived of an education due to living in an area full of poverty. Some children are forced to work instead of attend school because they are so poor.

"I want to help Hispanic migrant children catch up with the other children in the classroom," Masafumi Nakanishi said, one of the coordinators of the mentor program.

"It is hard for some Hispanic children to understand English because they have not had an education."

Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Inc. and Migrant Education in Statesboro have worked together to come up with a solution to help Hispanic children with their English and simply help them to become better students in the classroom.

Nakanishi and Scott Beck are responsible for this one-month-old project. Starting with only four tutors, this program has grown to over 13 tutors in less than one month.

"It is getting bigger and bigger," Nakanishi said.

"The program is very successful."

In order to participate in the program, mentors are

asked to have access to transportation, agree to a background check and have a serious desire to learn more about Hispanic's cultural background.

This project is designed to improve the students academic performance and to have someone to look up to.

Also, this program helps GSU students to learn more about Hispanic children.

Because GSU students are getting involved in the program, Bulloch county has the most successful mentor program.

"I have a lot of fun with the program," Hunter Chadwick, a GSU mentor participant, said. "I will spend the whole day with Carlos [tutee] thinking I have stayed only an hour."

Chadwick decided to volunteer because he is a Spanish major and saw an opportunity to brush up on his Spanish more.

"I was already involved with volunteering and I thought this program would help me with my Spanish," Chadwick said.

During this project, the mentors have many opportunities to understand and get to know the children better.

First, an orientation is provided for future mentors to become familiar with social issues that relate and affect Hispanic children.

It is mandatory for the mentors to meet with one child once per week to assist them with their homework for a semester. The mentors job is not only tutoring, but to give emotional support as well.

Also, mentors participate in different types of social activities to allow the mentors and the children to bond.

GREEK CORNER

Pi Kappa Phi celebrates 30th anniversary

By Ellen Rogers
Staff Writer

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at GSU had a great reason to celebrate Nov. 2—it was their chapter's 30th birthday.

Nationally established at the College of Charleston on Dec. 10, 1904, Pi Kappa Phi has made a significant impact on the lives of its members and others throughout the years.

The fraternity has been dedicated to helping raise money for mentally and physically challenged children in their national philanthropy, PUSH America. The Gamma Kappa Chapter has been especially involved, raising more than \$300,000 over the years for the philanthropy.

"The brothers raise money through donations, toll roads, spaghetti dinners and the PUSH pageant," Rob Sullivan, a Pi Kappa Phi alumnus, said.

"But the Journey of Hope is our biggest fund-raiser."

The Journey of Hope is a 63-day bicycle trip across the country that has occurred every summer since 1987.

Cyclists must find sponsors for their trip and the money goes to PUSH America. The "journey" has been a successful one; the cyclists have raised over \$100,000 for the philanthropy.

Gamma Kappa has been largely responsible for Journey of Hope's success.

GSU's chapter has had 18 cyclists participate over the years, the most riders out of 175 chapters nationwide. Jeff Kelly, the chapter's pledge trainer, hopes to be the 19th cyclist from GSU this summer.

"I think it would be a great experience," Kelly said.

The fraternity at GSU is also well-rounded in their community service. Along with PUSH America, they are involved in food drives, clothes drives, Adopt-A-Highway and High Hope.

Their dedication and commitment earned them the IFC Community Service Chapter Award last year.

A rededication ceremony



Special Photo
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity participates in "Journey for Hope" every summer as a national project.

was held during GSU's 1998 Homecoming to celebrate Gamma Kappa's 30th anniversary, honoring the accomplishments the brothers have made in the past three decades. The chapter is also looking forward to the future.

"There were around 150 brothers and alumni at the rededication," Bo Baxter, chaplain of Gamma Kappa,

said. "It was a very positive event."

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, both of the past and present, are very proud of their progress.

"It's great to be a part of such an incredible and dynamic fraternity," Sullivan said. "Happy 30th anniversary, brothers."

Alpha Kappa Alpha investigates debutante's dreadlocks

The Associated Press

A national sorority will investigate the dilemma of a debutante banished from a ball because of her dreadlocks, the group's executive director said last Wednesday.

The local Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter told Michelle Barskile she couldn't attend the black sorority's November debutante ball unless she tied up her dreadlocks.

Barskile, a Garner High School honor student whose sights are set on medical school, refused. Now, she won't be able

to wear the \$500 gown that she bought and dance with her father.

Local sorority officials wouldn't comment, but the Chicago national headquarters of the 154,000-member sorority said there was no dress code.

"Lord, no," Carey B. Preston, executive director of AKA, when asked if there was a hairdo policy, said.

"This organization has no policy at all on any type of hairdo," Preston said.

"We do not have rules regarding dress codes or anything like that. That's not been an issue or a topic of discussion in the national body of Alpha Kappa Alpha."

Preston said she was unaware of the problem until she saw a newspaper article about

it.

"We will have someone go there to look into it," she said.

Individual chapters cannot make up their own rules for the balls, which are held to raise money for the sorority, she added.

AKA has 895 chapters in 42 states, the Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Bermuda, West Africa, Korea, Germany and Great Britain.

It sponsors programs in education, social action, health care, the arts and entrepreneurship.

Barskile, who works two jobs and is being courted by several universities to study premed, had hoped to carry on the family tradition. Her mother attended the debutante ball as a teenager.

"This thing is ridiculous, really," she said last Tuesday.

"I'd just like to get an apology and maybe reimbursed for this dress."

As a prelude to the ball, Barskile attended several meetings and helped raise money for sorority scholarships.

Angela Holloway, an AKA alumna in Laurinburg who also wears dreadlocks, called Barskile to apologize on behalf of her sorority sisters. She invited Barskile to her chapter's ball.

"I think it's awful," Holloway said.

"I don't know how they can do that in this day and age. They're coming from their own personal biases, which are based on white standards."

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