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Weather



Today: Mostly cloudy with a high of 75 and a low around 55.

Wednesday: Showers likely, with an afternoon high of 74 and a low of 59.

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Sports



Eagles win first exhibition match

The men's basketball team won the pre-season game 98-81 against VASDA.

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Lady Eagles lose in semifinals

Women's soccer was eliminated from SoCon tourney with 3-1 loss to Furman.

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Features



Holiday Helpers tree at Lakeside

The Holiday Helpers' tree holds names of families in need of a little Christmas help.

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Today's Word

Palinopia n. the compulsion to do something repeatedly until it is perfect.

Source: Weird Words

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Southern Conference Champions!!



Susan Smith

REVIVAL OF MILLI VANILLI, OR GSU VICTORY? Two energetic fans show their spirit after GSU's Southern Conference victory at Saturday's game against Furman in Greenville, S.C. The Eagles completed Conference play with a perfect 8-0 record.

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

GREENVILLE, S.C.— The GSU Eagle football juggernaut steamrolled its way to dominance once more last Saturday afternoon in Greenville, S.C.

Victim No. 10 of the season was the Furman Paladins. GSU (10-0, 8-0 SoCon) whipped Furman (4-5, 2-4 SoCon) 45-17 to preserve their undefeated season. The victory also gave the Eagles their second straight Southern Conference Championship.

"It feels great," Head Coach Paul Johnson said, when asked about wrapping up the league title again. "I'm awfully proud of our football team. They worked hard."

With the Paladin defense obviously keying on GSU fullback Adrian Peterson, Eagle QB Greg Hill decided to conduct his own personal lecture on what happens to defenses who forget about him. Furman's defense took a crash course entitled "Greg Hill 101". Hill punished the Paladins for 224 rushing yards and four touchdowns off 19 carries. Hill also threw for another TD, completing 10 of 15 passes for 143 yards.

"I was able to set some personal goals, but they took Adrian Peterson out of the game and that left me open on the corners," Hill said. "When I get the opportunity I'm going to try to take

advantage of it."

Although Hill said the Furman defense took Peterson out of the game, they did not exactly shut him down. Peterson rumbled for 'only' 183 yards and one touchdown, and broke yet another NCAA record. With his tenth straight 100-yard rushing game, Peterson set a new NCAA record for freshmen, breaking Tony Dorsett's mark set in 1973 while playing for Pittsburgh.

Furman actually scored first on their opening drive of the game. The Paladins used the instant momentum handed to them when Furman tailback David Burton took the opening kickoff 62 yards. Burton's return set up a 47-yard Jason Wells field goal attempt that split the uprights. It would be the first and last time the Paladins would ever hold a lead for the entire ballgame.

After that, GSU launched their twin-engine rocket offense, triggered by the usual Hill-Peterson combination. Hill ran an option keeper around the right end before cutting back to his left across the field for the first Eagle TD of the day, a 26-yard scamper. On the Eagles' next possession, Peterson bulled his way into the end zone from two yards out, running behind the Eagles "Jumbo" set, which included reserve fullback Carl

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Special Education students petition to teach in Atlanta

By Allison Taylor
News Editor

Several students in the special education program at GSU are fighting for the right to student teach in Atlanta.

Last Friday, four women currently enrolled in the program presented a petition signed by over 50 special education students to Fred Page, associate dean in education and Ronald Davison, department chair.

Other education programs at GSU provide students with the opportunity to student teach in Atlanta, while special education does not.

"Early childhood and middle grades education have either a part-time supervisor or a full-time supervisor available in Atlanta," Tasha Etheridge, one of the students presenting the petition, said.

Etheridge said there isn't a supervisor in Atlanta for special education majors.

"It's a funding issue that has to be worked through," Davison said.

In the past there have been other special education students who have wanted to student teach in Atlanta.

"They haven't been able to accommodate in the past," Page said. "And knowing what the budget looks like...I don't know what the chair can do on that."

Students have a lot of placement options in the state, as long as there is a supervisor available to watch them in action and grade them accordingly.

According to Kelly Godwin, an Atlanta hopeful, one of the key reasons behind the students' desire to teach in Atlanta are financial reasons.

"We can't afford to live anywhere other than Atlanta," Godwin said.

Most of the students with names on the petition have fam-

ily or friends in Atlanta who they were planning on living with during their teaching interval.

But immediate financial concerns are not the only reason students want to teach in Atlanta.

"THERE ARE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR US IF WE HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ATLANTA,"

— KELLY GODWIN,
GSU SPECIAL ED. MAJOR

"There are better opportunities for us if we have experience in Atlanta," Godwin said. "You can get your foot in the door if you work in Atlanta."

Until now, the students were under the impression that they could teach in Atlanta for their 15-week practicum.

"We didn't find out till this

year that we couldn't teach in Atlanta," Godwin said.

The students say that they were led astray by a map in the lobby of the education building showing possible student teaching locations in the state.

"The map has asterisks be-

side each location where there would be a supervisor available," Liza Luciano, a petitioner, said.

According to Luciano, the map initially showed that students in special education could student teach in Atlanta.

"They just recently added a note at the bottom saying that

special education had different options," Luciano said. "We don't make the decision," Page said. "We assign students to their placements in range of the department."

Page said he did not know if there was anything the department could do.

Although the girls were being sent from person to person within the department, they were more than willing to be patient.

"We need to get to Atlanta," Godwin said.

The students discussed other possible ways to get to Atlanta with both Page and Davison, but all options have related problems.

Luciano's mother volunteered to pay for a hotel room for a supervisor to make the trip to Atlanta.

The girls are waiting for a final decision to be made within the department.

Church's Chicken president returns to GSU offering advice to business majors

By Jana Aiken
Staff Writer

GSU alumna and current President of Church's Chicken, Hala Moddelmog, returned to campus for the first time in 20 years to offer inspiration to aspiring business students.

In her presentation to business classes throughout the day, Moddelmog encouraged GSU students to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

Moddelmog graduated from GSU with an English degree and continued to get her masters in communication arts and journalism from UGA before working her way up the corporate ladder.

After serving as the vice president of marketing for Arby's, Moddelmog made the switch to Church's.

When the former president of Church's stepped down, Moddelmog took advantage of the opportunity and interviewed for the position, eventually becoming the leader of the world's second largest fast food chicken restaurant.

Church's has nearly 14,000 restaurants worldwide, originating in San Antonio in 1952.

Church's has restaurants in 28 U.S. states, but is also known as "Texas Chicken," because of religious objections to the original name.

Moddelmog is one of the few women to lead in worldwide sales in the fast food industry.

She spoke to GSU students not only of the business tactics required to be successful, but also

of the human side of big business.

The core purpose, or main directive of Church's Chicken is "to make everyday life a little easier."

By having this core purpose, Moddelmog feels that all employees understand the importance of the work they put in.

Moddelmog stressed the importance of big business being inclusive in all aspects. She personally prides herself on the diverse, inclusive staff that makes up Church's and spoke encouragingly about the rising number of women in big business.

Corporate social responsibility is another issue Moddelmog focuses heavily on with Church's devoting a lot of time, money and man power to the community.

Church's is a large supporter of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the United Negro Fund and Habitat for Humanity, as well as a participant in the 1998 Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign.

Another factor stressed in her presentation was the treatment of employees within the company itself.

"Doing the right thing for people is the right thing for business," Moddelmog said.

"Everyone wants to be treated nicely," she said. "If you are happy and feel good about what you are

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SGA UPDATE

Student legal committee to be formed

By Laura Owens
Assistant News Editor

SGA voted to form a legal services committee, which would look into the possibility of bringing student legal services to GSU, at the last SGA meeting. According to SGA officials, the committee will try to determine if students feel there is a need for such services on campus.

Pearl Middleton, a hotel and restaurant management major, originated the idea.

"I ran into a problem and sought legal advice, but they wanted a hefty sum up front, then an hourly fee," Middleton said.

Middleton said she heard that other schools have a lawyer on campus to hear the legal concerns of students.

"I did some research of other schools in the nation who have it," she said.

SGA officials said the committee will be formed to see if students are interested.

"This is the beginning of the process," Middleton said. "The committee will use surveys and polls to get student feedback on the idea."

According to Middleton, only students would utilize the service.

The service would likely be funded with a small activity fee.

According to an information flyer, student legal services would offer advice, representation and education on landlord/tenant matters, property damage, employment, consumer matters, notarization of legal documents, mediation services, preparing, drafting and reviewing of legal documents, traffic accident violations and any full-time or part-time student who has paid their student fees would be eligible for the service.

In other business:

• SGA's organizational budget is \$6,150 and the main budget is \$18,608.38.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to Do at GSU

Ongoing:
 •The museum exhibit "Capturing the Essence: The Art of Joseph Olson" will be held through Nov. 29. Admission is free.

Today
 •Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Augusta AAU (exhibition) at 7 p.m. in Hanner.

Wednesday, November 11
 •Writing Effective Summaries by Bozena Warchol will be held at noon in room 1040 of Henderson Library.

Thursday, November 12
 •The Miscellany's Evening of the Arts will be held at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 1001 and 1002 of the Communication Arts Building.

ing. Admission is free. A food reception will follow.

•An Awards of Excellence Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the Union Ballroom followed by a reception.

•The lecture "The Etruscans: Founders of Roman Civilization" by John Hall will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 1124 of the Administration Building. Admission is free.

•Advisement for prospective graduate students will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Brunswick Center.

•"Opera Scenes" will be held at 8 p.m. in the Foy Recital Hall. Admission is free.

•A Math CPE review by Gibson/Cason will be held at 5 p.m. in room 1002 of the North Building.

•The movie "Something About Mary" will be held at 5:30 and 8 p.m. will be held in the Russell Union Theater. Admission is \$1.

Friday, November 13

•The movie "Something About Mary" will be held at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. Admission is \$1.

•Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. McNeese at 7 p.m. in Hanner.

•"Opera Scenes" will be held at 8 p.m. in the Foy Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Saturday, November 14

•Join Kappa Delta for a hefty helping of homemade chili at the Annual Chili Chow-Down, at the Kappa Delta house on Greek Row from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All tickets are \$4 and can be bought at the door.

•Volleyball: Lady Eagles vs. UTC, at noon in Hanner.

•Football: Eagles vs. South Florida at 1 p.m.

•Basketball: Eagles vs. Piedmont at 7 p.m. in Hanner.

GSU Division of Public Safety

November 4

•Miriam Levitt reported two computer speakers were taken from the Political Science Building.

•Michael Peacock reported his wallet was taken from the Russell Union.

•A fight was reported at 5111 In the Pines.

•James Sewell reported someone entered his vehicle and took a CD player in the Perimeter parking lot.

Statesboro Police Department

November 5

•James Douglas Aliffi, 22, of 6820 Sarah Dr. was charged with disorderly conduct.

POLICE BEAT

•A Stadium Club resident reported simple battery.
 •Tom Williams, 26, of 19 Bulloch St. reported criminal trespass.

November 4

•Larry Maurice Bryant, 21, of 2967 S. Clark Dr. was charged with suspended license.

•Linda Aycock reported shoplifting at The Plunderosa.

November 2

•Jill Smith, 23, of 193 Park Place Apartments reported criminal trespass.

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

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

The worst is yet to come to devastated Nicaragua

POSOLTEGA, Nicaragua (AP)—The sheer scope of damage caused by Hurricane Mitch in Central America has led former President Carter to predict a lengthy recovery and urge lenders to forgive the foreign debts of the two countries hardest hit.

Carter's comments Friday followed a flight over Nicaragua's disaster zone, where mudslides killed an estimated 2,000 people and obliterated villages. Still, Carter warned, "The worst is yet to come: cholera and dengue."

Some diseases apparently already have arrived. In Guatemala, 25 cases of cholera have been reported, the Public Health Ministry said last Friday. And in Posoltega, near the slides, doctors suspected a 6-year-old girl shaking with fever had contracted malaria.

Storm devastation has overwhelmed Central America, where officials say more than 10,000 people died in flooding and mudslides. Honduras said 569,000 were homeless and about 1 million others lost loved ones or property.

Nicaragua said more than 750,000 of its people were affected. President Clinton is sending \$70 million in aid to the region. Private U.S.-based relief groups said they were flooded with calls volunteering private money and supplies.

Worldwide, governments are pledging assistance. Taiwan has promised relief; Brazil said it would send food, medicine and field tents; and Central American embassies and consulates in Brazil opened special bank accounts to collect monetary donations. Spain also approved an emergency aid package and Australia has pledged \$630,000.

Economic reforms in Brazil

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)—To generations of Brazilians, a government job was synonymous with the good life. For millions, it was a ticket out of poverty and into middle-class security. Civil servants often retired in their 40s at full salary, and some even returned later to their old jobs, collecting both pension and salary.

The constitution, meanwhile, made it almost impossible for the government to fire employees with five years or more experience. Not anymore. Last week, the government unveiled a package of austerity measures aimed at fixing Brazil's battered economy and reducing a \$65 billion budget deficit.

The plan calls for higher taxes and decreased spending. If Congress approves the package, many workers would receive smaller salaries, pay more in social security tax, and lose their guarantees against being fired.

Canadian executive willingly becomes a guerrilla hostage in Colombia

TORONTO (AP)—In a remarkable display of employer responsibility, a Canadian mine-drilling executive has willingly become a guerrilla hostage in Colombia after trading places with an employee he had never met.

The swap took place at a remote mountain pass in southeast Colombia on Oct. 6, but Canadian authorities did not release details about it until reports appeared in several Canadian newspapers last Friday.

The executive, Norbert Reinhart, 49, exchanged himself for drill foreman Ed Leonard, who had been captured June 24 by ransom-seeking leftist rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

EAGLES

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Small and defensive tackle Vonnellies Allen. Peterson's score gave GSU a 14-3 lead in the first quarter. Hill scored again on a 21-yard burst, but Chris Chamber's extra-point attempt was blocked, leaving the score 20-3.

GSU would get that loss point back after Hill scored another touchdown, this time a 12-yard carry. The Eagles lined up in field goal formation but surprised Furman when defensive end Jamar Jones took a pitchout from the place holder and ran in the end zone for the two-point conversion, pushing GSU's advantage to 28-3. The Eagles' dominance continued when Peterson caught his first career touchdown reception, a five-yarder off the arm of Hill. By half-time there was little doubt to what the final outcome of the game would be.

Furman was able to score a touchdown in the second half. Paladin fullback Louis Ivory scored off a three-yard run to

trim the Eagles' lead to 35-10. GSU countered back with Chambers's 40-yard field goal. In the fourth quarter, Hill left the Paladin fans in Greenville something to remember him by when he bobbed and weaved his way through the Furman defense for a 52-yard scramble, his longest run from scrimmage for the season.

"I think Greg has played great for us all year," Johnson said. "He's just a tremendous player."

After the game, the Eagles were low-key about clinching their second consecutive Southern Conference Championship. There was no celebration.

"It's like playing a video game all over again and beating it for the second time," explained GSU defensive end Maurice Hicks after the game. "After that you just want to move on to something bigger and better, more challenging."

What is that bigger and better goal? The National Championship.

SGA

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•SGA is currently taking applications for the executive vice president position.

•The Parking and Transportation Committee obtained 16 spaces in the Russell Union visitor's parking lot. It will take about two weeks to get the parking signs in this area changed.

•SGA met its goal for United Way.

•It was announced that the Union Advisory Committee voted to switch Snackers and the E-mail lab in Russell Union. This was done to put more computers into the larger Snackers area, which will hopefully increase traffic to the Union, as the committee feels the campus is moving southward toward the COBA Building and the RAC.

•A senator suggested getting a voting precinct on campus, which would make it easier for students to vote.

•Henderson Library is believed to be in need of new typewriters. Students currently have access to newer typewriters, but not in the library.

•Two new senators were inducted into SGA.

•SGA voted to fund \$500 to the Building, Construction and Contracting Guild for their team to attend a construction management competition in Texas. The Guild was GSU's most improved organization last year, and came in seven out of 20 at last year's competition, which was the first time the group had attended. The Guild also works with Habitat for Humanity.

CHURCH'S

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doing, you do your best and are loyal to your work."

Moddelmog offered students advice in the voice of experience, "Don't focus on the position you are trying to reach," Moddelmog said. "Focus on the job you are doing at the time and do the best you can at that. People will see the effort you put in and will

want you on their team."

The final piece of advice was to engage in as many activities as possible.

"You never know when someone you made a positive impression on in the past will come back into your life," Moddelmog said. "That may just be the edge you need."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

U. of Penn students sick after eating at caf

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — An outbreak of nausea and vomiting that many students charge was linked to tainted food in the three main University dining halls struck at least three dozen people Tuesday night, though the actual total could be almost twice that. Penn officials disputed the food-poisoning claims, saying the illnesses were likely the result of an influenza-like bug. The exact number of victims is unclear, with official and unofficial tallies varying wildly. University spokesperson Ken Wildes said last night that 30 to 35 students visited Student Health Services or the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and several more called to ask for medical advice. Many also suffered symptoms but did not seek medical advice, students said last night. University and Philadelphia public-health officials are investigating the maladies, Wildes said.

Less ACT/ SAT focus leads to diversity

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Many colleges around the country have begun to disregard standardized test scores and focus more on academic achievement and class rank for their admission requirements. A report from the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, or FairTest shows that schools who no longer rely on ACT and SAT scores have seen a noticeable rise in diversity with no effect on their standards of academic excellence. Despite the trend of de-emphasizing test scores, UK does not have plans to reform its admissions policies, said Shirley Raines, dean of the College of Education. "At this point, although all standardized tests have questionable parts, we are going to continue with the ACT and SAT unless significant evidence is found to make any changes," Raines said. But many colleges and universities that do not emphasize standardized testscores have found high school performance is a more accurate indication of college academic capacity. FairTest has said students who do not do well on tests are often just as qualified for admission in all other areas.

Miscellany Magazine of the Arts Presents

Evening of the Arts

Thursday, November 12

Art exhibit & Reception starting at 7:30pm
 Followed by the Performance Portion
 Located in Communication arts building
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1 Kentucky

Computers call the shots at new bar

The Associated Press

OWENSBORO — If anyone gets a bad drink at Owensboro's newest bar, blame it on the computer.

Bar drinks at Rumors, which opened in mid-October, are mixed by \$35,000 computer-controlled dispensers. Appetizers are deep-fried automatically in an \$11,000 computerized deep fryer, and customers compete on trivia and armchair quarterbacking games with other bars from around the country via a satellite network.

When father-and-son bar owners Jim and J.J. Parson decided to open Rumors, they decided high-tech was the way to go.

It was not a frivolous decision.

Good bar help is hard to find these days, says Rumors manager J.J. Parson, and controlling the quality of bar drinks, even in the best of times, has never been easy. Bar tills have a way of shrinking, with no accurate way of measuring how

many drinks are served each day.

After inspecting the latest automated bar equipment at trade shows, the Parsons selected a system made by a Canadian manufacturer, Azbar. The system automatically can dispense as many as 255 types of cocktails at the push of a button.

Computer-savvy bartenders can use the system's Windows interface to delete old drinks or program in new ones.

The system can measure each ingredient to within one one-hundredth of an ounce accuracy.

While the system might seem to make conventional bartending skills obsolete in favor of, say, computer programming skills, the bartenders at Rumors aren't complaining.

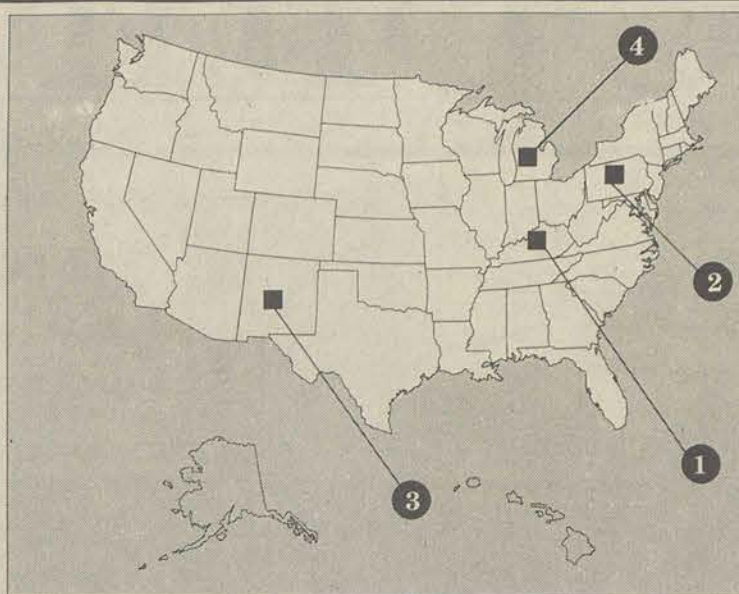
"I think it's going to be fun," said Kelly Embry, a bartender with 3 1/2 years experience. "The only disadvantage is not being able to show off."

2 Pennsylvania

Woman wants her whips and chains

The Associated Press

DOYLESTOWN — "Mistress Donna" wants her sex toys back.



3 New Mexico

Woman jailed after ignoring 382 tickets

The Associated Press

SANTA FE — Judge to ticket scofflaw: enough is enough.

Stacey Hopkins, who had 17 failure-to-appear warrants against her for ignoring 382 parking tickets, was arrested at work last Monday, hauled into court last Wednesday and ordered to spend seven days in jail.

Municipal Judge Frances Gallegos also ordered Hopkins, 43,

When police raided Donna Gorton's suburban Philadelphia home, they seized the usual tools of the S-and-M trade whips, chains, shackles, a dunce cap, potty chairs and a can of shortening.

Gorton, who pleaded guilty last month to prostitution, says she has an emotional attachment to the gear.

District Attorney Alan Rubenstein said he will return the stuff, provided Gorton not use any of the items for prostitution.

She's serving a year on probation.

to settle the debt and created a three-year, bi-weekly payment plan for her.

The woman racked up an average of 18 parking tickets a month from June 1996 to April 1998. Those tickets could have cost her \$3,810, but Gallegos amended the fine to \$1,500.

"We're not all perfect. Everyone deserves a second chance," the judge said. "I almost felt I should have given her one day (in jail) for every summons, but I didn't do that."

Hopkins, fighting back tears in a telephone interview last Thursday night, said the incident was embarrassing. She is a purchaser for the Inn of the Anasazi and has to travel downtown all the time, but said she can't afford a monthly parking permit.

"I'm just really humiliated, forgive the tears because I'm pretty emotional," she said. "I kick myself because I'm not a stupid person."

She never replied to the court summonses because "I have been frozen on the situation," she said. "I have never been involved in any law conflict in my life, ever. Never."

But Gallegos said it's the first time someone appeared before her who was in contempt of court "so blatantly."

"My sense is she won't let this happen again," Gallegos said.

4 Michigan

Ambulance stopped for speeding en route to emergency

The Associated Press

TAYLOR — Even ambulances rushing to an accident scene should keep a lid on their speed, says a police officer in one Detroit suburb.

So Larry Matatall chased and ticketed an ambulance driver he said he clocked doing 79 m.p.h. in a 45-m.p.h. speed limit area.

"I'm not out to fry this driver or get him into trouble. I'm just trying to slow him down," Matatall told *The Detroit News* for an article published last Sunday.

The 15-year police veteran, a former traffic fatality investigator, said the Community EMS ambulance was going too fast on Oct. 24.

"That could have been my wife or your wife or your kids out there, and he could have hit them," he said.

Donna Pardonnet of Community EMS, which has a contract with Taylor, said the company is looking into the driver's speed.

Goodwill donations aren't what they used to be

From spaghetti sauce to nude photos, Goodwill sorters have seen just about everything.

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Items donated to Goodwill Industries tend toward the mundane: books, mugs, sweatshirts. What gets the sorters to talking are the unintended donations like a Russian ruble, dentures and \$2,000 cash.

"We haven't found a dead body, fortunately," said clerk processor Andrea Gaines of the Ross Township store.

The Goodwill workers who sort through it all report finding everything from credit cards and nude photos to a pot of spaghetti sauce that a woman prepared for a dinner party and left to cool, next to her bags of donations.

"She called us and said, 'By any chance, you didn't come across a pot of spaghetti sauce? That's for my dinner,'" said head clerk Stephanie Brazin of the store in Cheswick, a Pittsburgh suburb. A truck driver picking up donations had mistaken the pot for a donation.

In addition to dentures, Cheswick Goodwill workers once found \$2,000 in cash that a donor was saving to pay taxes. The workers located her and returned the money. Another time, a bagful of donated items included a live mouse.

"We scattered," Brazin said. Somewhat less exciting was the bag full of lawn clippings brought to the Ross Township store.

Sandy Lloyd, who recently left a sorting job at the Goodwill store in North Apollo, Armstrong County, said she and her co-workers would guess about the lives they found

chronicled in the donated goods.

"We stand and think about how these people lived and how it happened and all this stuff," Lloyd said.

Sometimes, a bagful may contain letters addressed to a prisoner. That usually indicates the bag came from a halfway house that donated whatever the prisoner left behind.

Other times, the workers believe they are sorting through the debris of a failed marriage, especially when they find credit cards or a checkbook, suggesting the items were discarded in haste.

Once, they found a very personal collection of photographs.

"They were of naked women. These women don't even know these pictures are being passed around," Lloyd said.



WEIRD THINGS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES ...



KENYA

Man injured while attempting to milk elephant

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — A farmer who tried to milk an elephant was hospitalized last week with two broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder.

The elephant, which had been grazing with her calf, was angered by the unwanted attentions of Peter Baraza, 21, the *Daily Nation* reported.

After Baraza had managed to collect a pint of milk, the elephant tossed him away, knocking the wind out of him.

Baraza struggled to escape by climbing a nearby tree, but the elephant used her trunk to uproot it with one violent tug, then shook the tree while the farmer clung to a branch.

Finally, the elephant flung the tree, and Baraza, to the ground, then stomped off to protect her calf, which had been surrounded by women who were screaming to distract the mother.

The incident occurred in Nyahururu, 150 kilometers (95 miles) northwest of the capital.

ENGLAND

Shave your head in support of the Queen

The Associated Press

LONDON — In times of change for the monarchy, it must be reassuring to the royals that somebody is loyal enough shave the queen's initials onto his head.

Disc jockey Andrew Hendricks said Queen Elizabeth II laughed out loud when she saw "ER2," the "ER" stands for Elizabeth Regina, the queen's name in Latin, shaved onto the back of his head Friday.

"She didn't see it at first, but when she did she laughed out loud and spun me round by my shoulder to show the Duke of Edinburgh," Hendricks said.

Hendricks had the royalist haircut to welcome the queen and her husband to a community radio station where he works near Birmingham, central England.

The station was set up using money from Prince Charles' youth trust. The queen also gave the station a recorded message to play over the airwaves.

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Our Opinion

Students may not need legal services

SGA is investigating the need for a legal services department at GSU. The service would be available to any student who had paid their fees and needed some advice. But would the lawyers there actually represent you? Is that a possibility? And do we really need to fork out yet another fee for something we may, or may not, ever need?

GSU students pay an athletic fee, but many do not utilize it fully. Tons of students fail to attend football games, not to mention basketball, baseball, soccer and the 11 other GSU sports events. If students waste the athletic money, what is to say they will actually use legal services?

Other fees at GSU can be seen in use everyday. The technology fee has improved the computers all over campus, the student activity fee is helping to provide call boxes and the fee for health services is worth it, because everyone will feel sick at least once a year.

But not everyone will need legal services. And most students who do run into legal trouble will call home for help. Sure, some students do not have families to rely on, but will those students ever really call the legal services on campus?

It seems, while GSU should be striving to enhance the lives of its students, that there are other things more important and more universal to focus on. Like not charging students for services they may never use.



Backtalk

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A simple solution to GSU parking woes

Considering how much students have been complaining about the parking situation at GSU, I have taken it upon myself to offer a simple solution. For some this will be a radical new concept worth trying, while others will dismiss the idea as impractical. Whatever the view, no one can refute the fact that it works.

Suppose I said I had found a way for you to *legally* park right in front of the buildings where you have classes, *without* having to purchase one of those expensive decals that are usually required in order to park on campus? Too good to be true, you say? Well it gets even better:

Suppose I told you the vehicle you would drive requires no gas, no batteries and no insurance payments, and there are no expensive license plates to buy, with some models on sale for less than \$100? Are you sold on the idea yet? No?

Well, here's the best part: There's *plenty* of available parking. No more circling with the vultures all day, waiting to seize that prime parking space.

In fact, in the time it takes the drivers of those big metal vultures to circle, compete against each other for a good space, park and walk to class, you could be in class already, getting in a few minutes of review time before



LAURA OWENS
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

your class begins, your vehicle safely parked right outside.

At this point the skeptics are wondering, "Where's the catch?" Okay, I'll confess. There is one small catch. You'll never have to worry about getting a speeding

you read correctly. Bicycles. "But they're not the same as driving a car," you moan and you are right. In addition to the aforementioned benefits, bicycles have a few other advantages that cars don't. You can park virtually

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ticket, because even the fastest of these vehicles usually travel at a whopping 45 miles per hour, with the average estimated speed being somewhere between 10 and 25 miles per hour.

Of course, such speeds are a wonderful alternative for those of us who had totally given up on the campus parking situation in disgust and were *walking* to class. For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, the vehicles I've been describing are (drum roll, please): Bicycles! Yes,

anywhere, as long as there's a tree or other sturdy post to lock them to. You can ride on sidewalks, severely decreasing the chances of getting hit by another vehicle. For the environmentally conscious, it's worth noting that bicycles create no pollution, and a tune-up job for a bike costs much less than what most people normally pay to have their cars tuned up or fixed.

Some bikes are even equipped with trunk space in the form of baskets, for carrying school

books, food, and other essentials.

"But what if it rains?," you ask. With a big raincoat for yourself and a piece of plastic for your books, inclement weather isn't a problem. I've gotten wetter walking with an umbrella than I have riding my bike with a raincoat.

For those of you still looking to find something wrong with this solution, yes, I do indeed practice what I preach. I've never even owned a car. Yes, I'm the girl with the big red three-wheeler. I'm unable to keep my balance on a two-wheel bike, and I still think bicycles are a viable alternative to driving cars or walking.

I'm not trying to suggest that this is the only solution students have to tackle the parking situation.

Students should still lobby for more and better parking spaces, but until the day when there are enough parking spaces on campus for all of us, this is one temporary action that students can take.

I'm not saying this is the perfect solution, nor am I attempting to imply that it will work for everyone. I'm merely offering one possible solution to the students who continually complain about their parking woes. Do with it what you will.

The world: on a collision course with Armageddon

I hope that some people out there have noticed some strange and unusual things happening in the world around them. I think the closer we get to the new millennium, the closer we get to the end of the world. If the end isn't approaching, it's definitely a new beginning. Slowly but surely, we're headed toward some major changes in the world we call home.

First of all, a good sign the world is changing can be found in the Bible. The stories having to do with the Rapture, Armageddon, the Anti-Christ, the Apocalypse, and the Second coming of Jesus, should be approaching. Human nature contains an urge to want to destroy each other. According to some predictions, the Anti-Christ, should have already been born. Are you him?

Some things that have happened in the world quite recently are also good indicators that we are all doomed. In England, former Spice Girl, Ginger, is now an ambassador for the United Nations. I don't personally know her, but some of the other Spice Girls seem kinda ditzzy to me. That situation fits into my "never thought I'd hear someone say that" category. Speaking of which, we really got screwed on this one.



PETER KERIN
COLUMNIST

Last Tuesday, the voting citizens of Minnesota voted in a very unique person for governor.

Jesse "The Body" Ventura, a former World Wrestling Federation wrestler, turned actor (Predator, Demolition Man), turned commentator, is now the most powerful man in the state of Minnesota, and the

some countries do in a year. Speaking of killing someone, how about Marion Berry. The mayor of our nation's capital, selling crack. Were late night cigar sessions with Clinton not good enough?

If all that isn't bad enough, how about Hollywood helping us

DON'T WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO DO WHAT YOU COULD BE DOING NOW. IT'S SO MUCH EASIER TO TAKE CHANCES WHEN YOU'RE YOUNGER.

Libertarian Party. He's even gone so far as to ask to be called Jesse "The Mind" Ventura.

When I heard about Mike Piazza's budget buster, I nearly had to kill someone. Imagine getting paid \$91 Million over 7 years to play a game. He could show up drunk to every game, hit .200, and still make more money than

imagine new and creative ways to destroy this happy little blue ball we call Earth. Some of the main themes to recent movies have been: violent death, asteroids, and vampires. With all their recent success, we are sending a message saying we like psychotic killers, life-ending asteroids, and the unholy undead killers.

Yeah, it's all make believe, don't get me wrong, I've seen them all. I think that it's very ironic that the majority of the USA follows the old Judeo-Christian ethic of "thou shalt not kill", but we seem to celebrate people who don't follow it. That's why the United States rocks, we're a contradiction in term.

If you're still reading at this point, you might be asking yourself, "What the hell is your point, Pete?" My point is live each day of your life like it is your last. All the things that I said earlier about the world coming to an end may be wrong, but don't do like I used to. Don't wait until tomorrow to do what you could be doing now. It's so much easier to take chances when you're younger.

Takesome chances you normally wouldn't: meet someone new, talk to people you normally wouldn't, make a friend of an enemy, ask someone out you normally wouldn't give a chance. People will surprise you if you give them a chance. Form your own opinions about people, your friends aren't always right. The absolute worst thing in life is to regret things you could have done, but didn't. Take time to have fun in this crazy life, especially under the semester system.

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Your Opinion

Alumna defends Statesboro and GSU football against Hallman column

Editor:
This is in reference to Jake Hallman's selfish, self-centered article in last Tuesday's *George-Anne*. Upon reading his article, I am totally offended that someone of this caliber is working for the student newspaper. I am sure that the 13,999 students who have read this article would agree. Just what do you (Jake) think Georgia Southern and Statesboro owe you?

Let ME clarify a bit. NOT A DAMN THING!! Obviously, UGA doesn't either or you would be there. Next question is why aren't you there? Let me guess, couldn't get in? After reading your article, it sounds that way.

If you were going to "Dawg" (no pun intended) national companies, you should get your facts straight. After all, you have been a college student for the last five years. Frontier, Georgia Power and Excelsior are all nationally owned corporations.

They can stick it to you wherever you live, not just Statesboro. No one asked you to have a phone or power.

You can always live in a "Dawg" house instead of "Our House."

It seems to me that your main goal in life is getting absolutely blasted and hanging out with your homies. No one is making you go to Atlanta or Athens to do these things, you are going at your own free will. Just like no one made you come to GSU.

I don't know where you are hanging out while you are here but when I go out, there is a lot more going on that you

are seeing. Maybe that is because your first unchaperoned weekend was just last weekend. How could you have possibly been able to have fun with your parents holding your hand?

This town has plenty of places to get out and mingle: Wild Wing, Buffalo's, Dingus, Woodin Nikel, Mellow Mushroom, Legends, Blind Willie's, Southern Arcade, etc. No matter what your lifestyle is, there is a hangout the will fit your style. I'm sorry you haven't been invited to those happening places. I feel confident that you will never be invited.

Now, the next issue at hand is GSU FOOTBALL!! GO EAGLES!! Obviously, you haven't been to see a game lately nor have you tailgated with the Eagles or you would know that times are changing. You know nothing about what a National Championship could do for this school and this community.

If you want this community to grow and offer more, a National Championship would help do just that.

Yeah, the football players could benefit and they greatly deserve to do so. I am sure they would love to take you on to the practice fields and see just how long you last. They spend everyday on that field.

When you are at home for Thanksgiving with your family, they will be on the practice field practicing so they can win the "unimportant" National Championship that YOU won't remember in ten years. If it happens, the students, alumni and fans will definitely remember it, just like they still re-

member the first National Championship.

Forget the National Championship; just support your team no matter what happens. I can't believe you would down a football team who has worked so hard and have come so far.

Obviously, you did not even read last week's stats in your own paper. They are ranked #1 in I-AA nationally and have been for two weeks. You may think they are playing unimportant teams but, just for your info, since you obviously speak before you research, the Southern Conference is a very competitive conference where anything can happen. Something I am sure you know nothing about.

You make fun of players going to the CFL—are you really that stupid?

In ten years, when you are still getting blasted and hanging out with your homies, thinking a National Championship ten years ago was nothing, those CFL players will be retiring with a well-cushioned future. Where will you be?

I am still waiting on UGA to recover from the slump they have been in since Dooley left. Unlike the Dawgs, the Eagles have not seemed to have that same problem.

They don't have to have the same coach in order to be successful. Maybe you should try spending a weekend in the 'Boro and see what 'Boro life is all about. Although that may not be a safe choice now.

Amy McGrath
GSU alumni, Eagle fan and Statesboro resident

Student wants updated microfilm machines

Editor:
As a student at GSU I know that funding allotments for some of the colleges in the university differ where some receive more than others. This also filters down to the fact that some departments receive more technology than others.

One area that I would like to address is the use of the technology fee that students are required to pay with their tuition. I have no problem with this. The university is

constantly upgrading and replacing the computers, much to the pleasure of many chat line users.

So why are the microfilm machines in the library older than I am? Some of the departments probably never require their students to utilize these machines and that's all right. But how about some updated ones for the students that have to use them? Where is our technology fee [at work] in this area?

Linda Awe
GSU student

Vigil coverage inaccurate, confusing

Editor:
I was disgusted with the way the paper handled the coverage of candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard. I, and others, believe that if you are going to write about something, you need to do it correctly. You were not there and do not know about the anger, the fear and the sadness that was expressed over this loss of not just a gay man, but a human being. I don't mean to be so harsh, but to me and my friends this

is a harsh matter. This hit home for us in a way you will probably never know. I suppose if it had been a straight man your article would have been written correctly, or you would have at least taken the time to get the place of this savage murder correct. I, and others, both gay and straight, are very angered by your lack of consideration to at least do proper reporting.

Deva Lybarger
GSU Student

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FROM THE
END ZONE

JAMIE HODGES



Let's not forget about the Eagle defense

Congratulations to the GSU football team for winning their second consecutive Southern Conference title. As usual, the high-flying Eagle offense blew out yet another unlucky opponent.

But while most of the attention goes to the Eagle offense (more specifically, Greg Hill and Adrian Peterson), let's not forget about the Eagle defense. After all, Furman's offense only scored 17 points, and they found out the hard way what happens when GSU opponents underestimate the defense.

"A lot of teams in the Southern Conference don't respect our defense," Eagle defensive tackle Voncelellis Allen said. "I think our defense got a little ticked off."

Paladin quarterback Justin Hill got to know the Eagle defensive line a little bit more than he wanted to. GSU defensive ends Eric Davis, Benjy Harris and defensive tackle Cloise Williams all had at least one pleasant conversation with Hill while the Furman QB was lying on his back.

"It feels good," Allen said. "Once the quarterback gets to passing a lot, we know we have to punish him once he throws the ball."

The Eagle defense has been punishing opposing quarterbacks all year, and last Saturday was definitely no exception.

"I think we all played real well," Davis said. "We played four good quarters of football. I think everybody (on the defensive line) had at least a sack."

The Eagles racked up a total of five sacks against Furman. Davis registered two sacks by himself. Harris, Williams and Allen had one sack each. Williams also forced a fumble late in the first half from Paladin tailback Quinton Burton and recovered it himself.

The GSU secondary also joined in on the fun. Eagle cornerback Earthwind Moreland intercepted Hill's pass early in the 3rd quarter. The interception was the second of his year. Free Safety Arkee Thompson leads the secondary with six total picks.

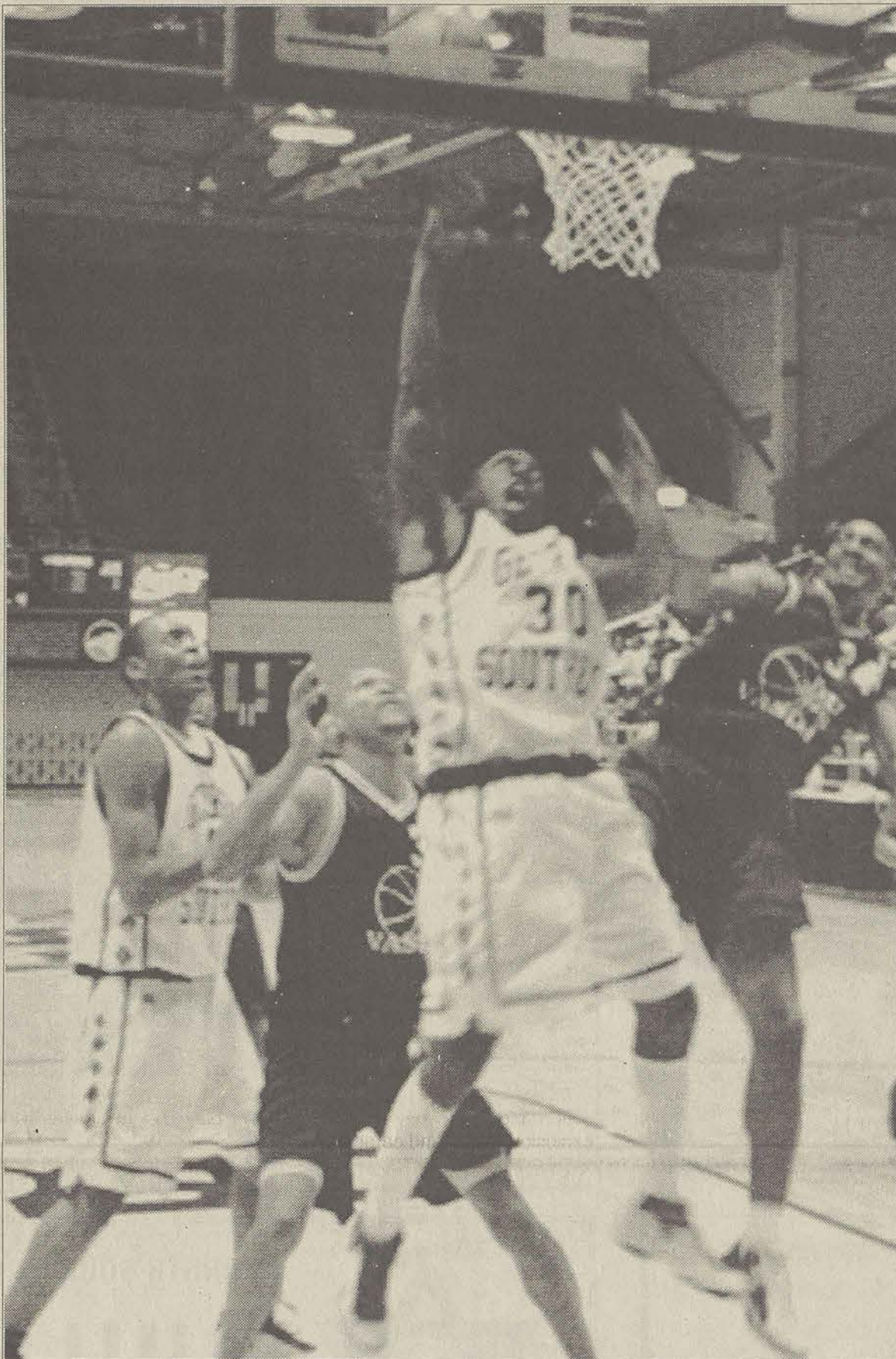
While the offense grabs most of the headlines, putting up an average of 45 points a game, the Eagle defense felt like they had something to prove as well.

"Most conference teams have said that 'we just got to outscore Georgia Southern to beat them,'" Allen said. "Well, we just wanted to come out and show that Georgia Southern plays defense as well."

The Eagles' impressive defensive effort contributed to GSU clinching the Southern Conference Championship once again.

"It just feel so good to experience the richness of this moment," Allen said after game. "Anytime you are trying to repeat at anything it is always harder than the first time. It just feels so good to be back-to-back Southern Conference champions, especially after being on that 4-7 (1996) team."

Eagles win first exhibition match



TAKIN' IT TO THE HOLE HARD: Eagle guard Omar Gunn drives down the middle of the lane and penetrates Vasda's defense with a lay-up. GSU defeated Vasda 97-81 in their first exhibition.

Lady Eagles slip by Latvia in exhibition

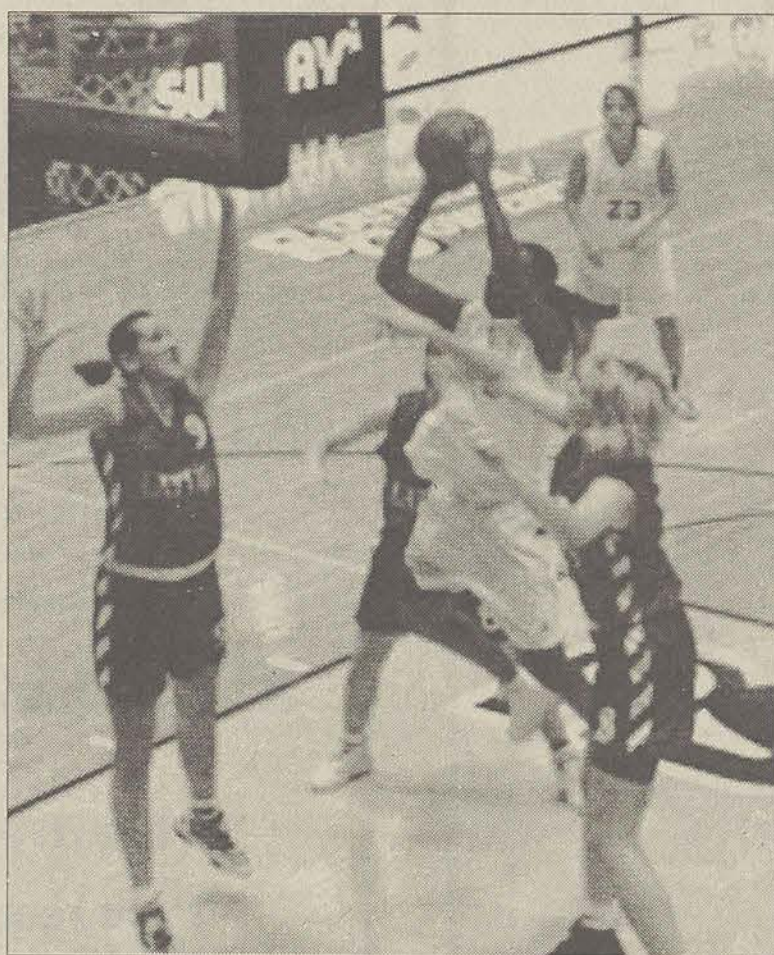
By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

The GSU Lady Eagles got a chance to knock off some rust last Wednesday in their first exhibition game of the season against TTT (Riga, Latvia). After many intense practices, the ladies of GSU finally got to show off their skills.

And show off their skills they did, as the Eagles used the entire forty minutes to beat the women of TTT 76-75. GSU's key performances were from Juniors Tondra Warren, who led the team with 20 points, and Sharon Mitchell, who collected 13 points, going nine of 10 from the free-throw line. The Eagles also received some additional help from three tremendous freshmen in Danna Simpson, Alie Rousseau and Sarah McCary.

The Eagles remained steady throughout the first half as they continued to trade baskets with the TTT women. TTT would tie early but never took the lead as Warren picked up two points, two steals and a rebound in less than two minutes. She would end the half with 14 of her 20 points. The Eagles were only up by 4 before going on a late surge to end the half leading by 10, 43-33.

Minutes into the second half, the ladies of TTT were welcomed by a 20 minute power-failure of the scoreboard. When play resumed, so did TTT going on a 11-2 run before taking their first lead of the game. The lead did not last very long when the Eagles showcased some new talent off the bench. McCary poured in 11 points, six that were in the



SPLITTING THE D: Lady Eagle forward Tondra Warren makes her move toward the basket during GSU's 76-75 victory over TTT-Latvia.

second half turned out to be crucial to the Lady Eagle victory. Simpson also came off the bench and provided quality minutes.

"I was tickled with our post game tonight," said Head Coach Rusty Cram. "Tondra played a tremendous first half... McCary played very well for a 17-year-old, right out of high school."

The Lady Eagles also got an opportunity to look at what they need to improve before the opening game Nov. 13 against

McNeese State, such as, "...running the plays," Simpson said.

"Just getting used to playing with each other," Coach Cram said. "Our fast break, our intensity needs improvement, and so does our man-to-man [defense]."

The Lady Eagles will play one more exhibition game against the Augusta Foxes tonight at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse before beginning the regular season on Friday.

By Reginald M. Farrell
Assistant Sports Editor

The GSU men's basketball team underwent some major changes, losing Elvardo Rolle, Quincy Wright and Arkee Thompson and adding eight new faces to their roster. The question being asked was how good would the Eagles be with their newly renovated line up. Well, VASDA got to learn first-hand how much talent the Eagles have this year as they fell victim to the GSU attack by the score of 97-81 at Hanner Fieldhouse last Thursday night.

"We didn't play our GSU defense," said Hamp Jones. "But we played together and we shared the ball well."

At the start of the first half, VASDA made the first move by climbing out to an early 2-0 lead, which was quickly erased after GSU guard Demarlo Slocum connected on a three-pointer to take a 3-2 advantage and spark a 9-0 run.

From that point on, VASDA would never see themselves in front again. VASDA guard Marcus Watkins would end their scoring drought with a layup at the 16:00 mark to get within five (9-4). However, Hamp Jones would help pull the Eagles ahead by four (11-4) off of a layup with 15:25 remaining in the half.

But VASDA would continue to hold their own and go toe-to-toe with the Eagle offense with a three-pointer from Alex Dillard and a Richard Greene basket to make it a 17-13 contest with 12:13 left. Then with 10:32 to go, Dillard's reign of terror from three-point range would resume cutting GSU's lead to two, (21-19).

That would be as lucky as VASDA would get. After that moment, the Eagles finished the half, outscoring VASDA 24-21 to build a 45-40 cushion at the intermission.

In second half action, the Eagles turned up the intensity and picked up where they left off. With 15:22 left the Eagles

were enjoying a comfortable 11-point margin (60-49). On the other hand, VASDA kept fighting as they assembled eight unanswered points to reduce the deficit to four making the score 60-57 off of a layup by Lester Hood.

Nevertheless, GSU maintained dominance throughout the game. At the 6:30 mark, Hamp Jones slammed home two of his 16 points to race out in front by 18 points (86-68). Senior forward Cedric McGinnis added an exclamation point of his own with a dunk to jump ahead by 25 points, which was their biggest lead of the game, 93-68 with 4:20 remaining in the game.

"We came out ready to play in the second in the second half," said Hamp Jones. "The young guys really stepped up."

The only VASDA highlight came off a last-minute 13-4 run to make it a 97-81 game, but that wouldn't be enough as the Eagles went on to emerge victorious.

"It feels good to get this first win under our belt," said senior Duane Goebel. "But we still have room for improvement, especially on the defensive end."

The leading scorers for the Eagles were Duane Goebel with 17 points, Hamp Jones with 16 points, newcomers Kashiem Latham and DeMarlo Slocum with 14 points and Fernando Daniel with 12.

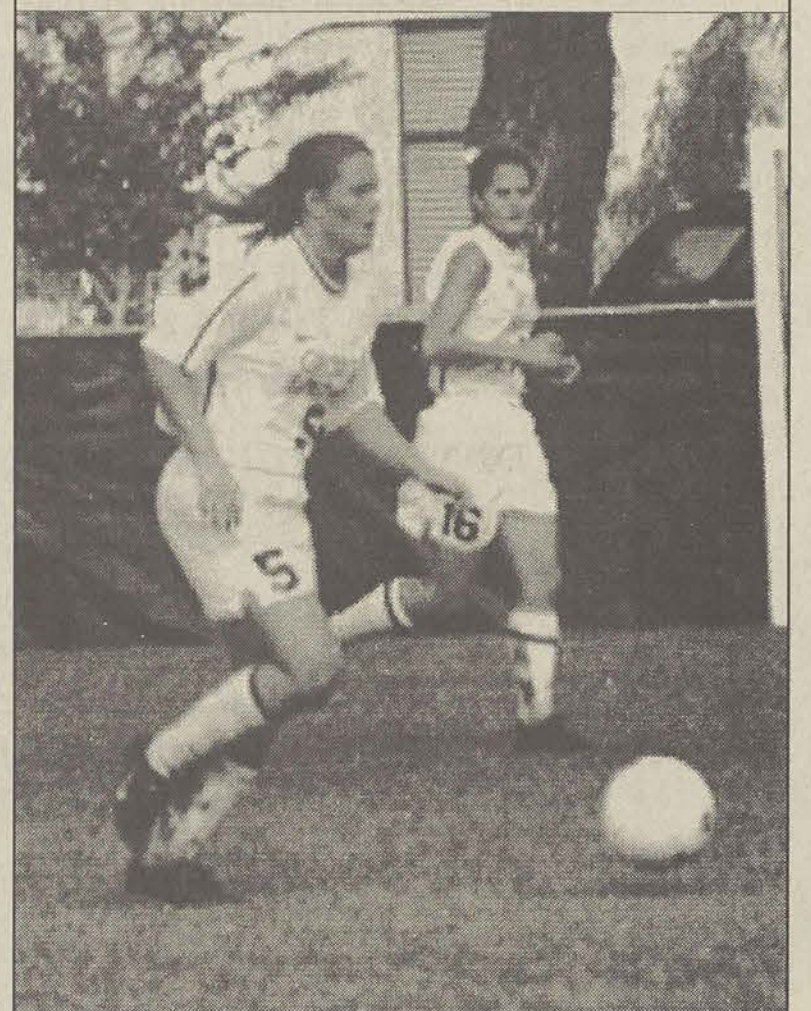
VASDA's leading scorer was Alex Dillard, former triggerman for the 1994 Arkansas Razorback's National Championship team with 31 points (9-11 from three-point range).

After the game, GSU head coach Gregg Polinsky felt the game was a stepping stone for his players.

"This was a chance to play a lot of guys," said Polinsky. "When certain people are in the game, we click really well."

The Eagles' first game of the season will be Saturday, Nov. 14 at Hanner Fieldhouse. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 pm.

Loss in Semifinals



FUN WHILE IT LASTED: The Lady Eagle Soccer team's run to the SoCon title ended in a loss to Furman in the semifinals last weekend.

GSU News Services

Furman broke open a scoreless tie with three second half goals to beat GSU 3-1 in a Southern Conference Tournament semifinal game Saturday night in Greenville, S.C.

The Paladins' Melissa Sutton scored the game's first goal four minutes into the second half off an assist from Kaye

Brownlee. Sarah Tollick and Leah Versteegen added one goal each to put the Paladins up 3-0 at the 74:04 mark.

Tara Chaisson scored the Lady Eagles' only goal of the night with a shot over Furman goaltender Melissa Barnes.

GSU closed out the year at 10-10.

Hometown hero sees first collegiate action Freshman point guard makes debut

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

Unlike most college basketball freshmen, Donta Humphries did not have to go far to continue his education after high school. How far did he go? Just cross-town. That's how far it is from the GSU campus to Statesboro High School, where Humphries attended.

When the Eagles' exhibition season tipped off last Thursday night against Vasda, Humphries' friends, family and former high school teammates were on hand to see their hometown hero in action.

"It felt very good," Humphries said, commenting on the turnout of the local community. "It wasn't any pressure, like everybody said it would be. They (family and former teammates) bring a smile on my face."

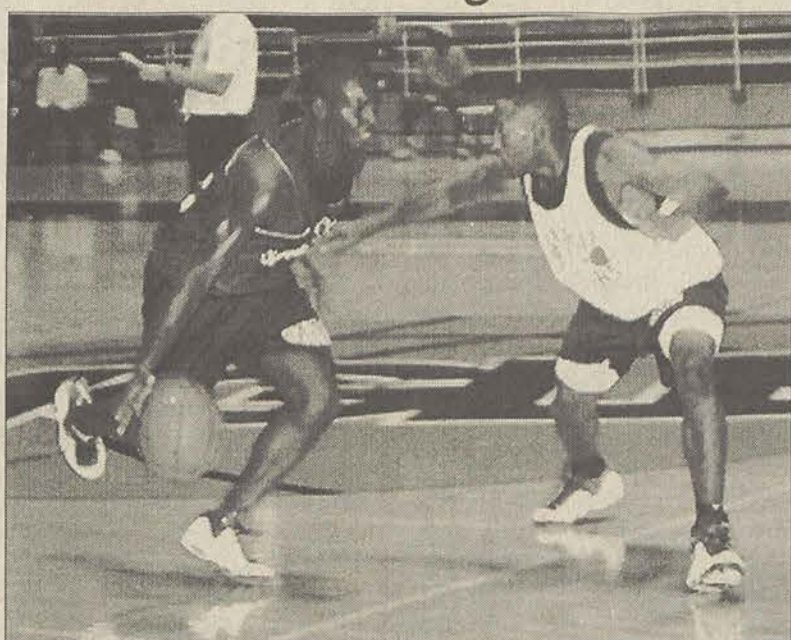
Humphries, a 5-11 guard, saw 16 minutes of action in GSU's 97-83 victory. He contributed four assists and two rebounds, while raiding Vasda's passing lanes for two steals.

Humphries said he felt pleased with his overall performance.

"I did pretty good, it being the first time," he said. "I could've done a little bit better, looking back, but at that time I had to make that split-second decision, I think I chose the right thing."

Humphries insisted that he did not feel intimidated at all by his first glimpse of collegiate action.

"I wasn't nervous," he said. "I was just excited. I was ready to play."



Sarah Trucksis

HOME COOKIN': GSU's freshman point guard Donta Humphries won't have far to go to sample his family's home-cooked meals. Humphries (dribbling) is a 1998 graduate of Statesboro High School.

Although he is confident that he will make a fluid transition from high school to college ball, Humphries did acknowledge that there is indeed a profound difference between the two levels of play.

"Everybody has a role here," he said. "In high school I could really just relax and do what I want to do. But tonight, I had to bring the ball up the court, and make sure everybody were at the right spots and make sure I was at the right spots."

Humphries will most likely play the point guard position and provide back-up relief for senior Fernando Daniel.

"Fernando has really helped me," Humphries said. "I get to watch and learn from him. He's

a great teacher."

Humphries said he was recruited by other schools such as College of Charleston, South Carolina State, Mercer and Duquesne (Pittsburgh, Penn.) but elected to stay home instead.

Eagle Basketball Head Coach Gregg Polinsky said he thinks that the hometown connection will serve both Humphries and the local community well.

"I think it's important," Polinsky said. "People who have followed him all these years and people who have seen him play want to see him develop. Donta is a solid basketball player who has got a lot to learn. He's learning and he is a good student of the game."

By Jamie Hodges
Sports Editor

When the lights of Hanner Fieldhouse turned on for the GSU women's basketball team's exhibition matchup against TTT-Latvia last Wednesday, Lady Eagle freshman Danna Simpson's collegiate career took flight. And when Simpson got off the bench midway through the first half to substitute in the game for senior point guard Rosie Arnold, she was handed the keys to the Lady Eagle offense. Simpson admitted to being a little

nervous before seeing her first action.

"(I was nervous) when I stepped out on the court," she said. "But after that (the nervousness), it was gone. Before the game I was thinking that I don't know what to expect, since this is my first game."

Simpson only played two minutes in the first half, as she picked up two quick fouls. But in the second half, she seemed to settle down and felt more comfortable in directing traffic on the floor.

"I thought she had some qual-

ity minutes," Lady Eagle Head Coach Rusty Cram said. "I don't think she played like a freshman."

Simpson played for a total of eight minutes in GSU's 76-75 victory over Latvia. While she was in the ball game, Simpson was able to find guard Amy Krach wide open for a jumper on the left wing and was credited with an assist. She also ventured into the tall redwood forest that made up Latvia's frontcourt and fought for an offensive rebound. This was no small feat, considering that Latvia's tallest athletes were 6'6", 6'4" and 6'2". Simpson is only 5'9".

"Danna is a very intense player," Cram said. "She's going to be a heck of a player for us. She's probably our best defender right now, even as a freshman."

Simpson said she had mixed feelings about her performance during her first taste of collegiate action. She said that overall, she felt pretty okay about the way she played.

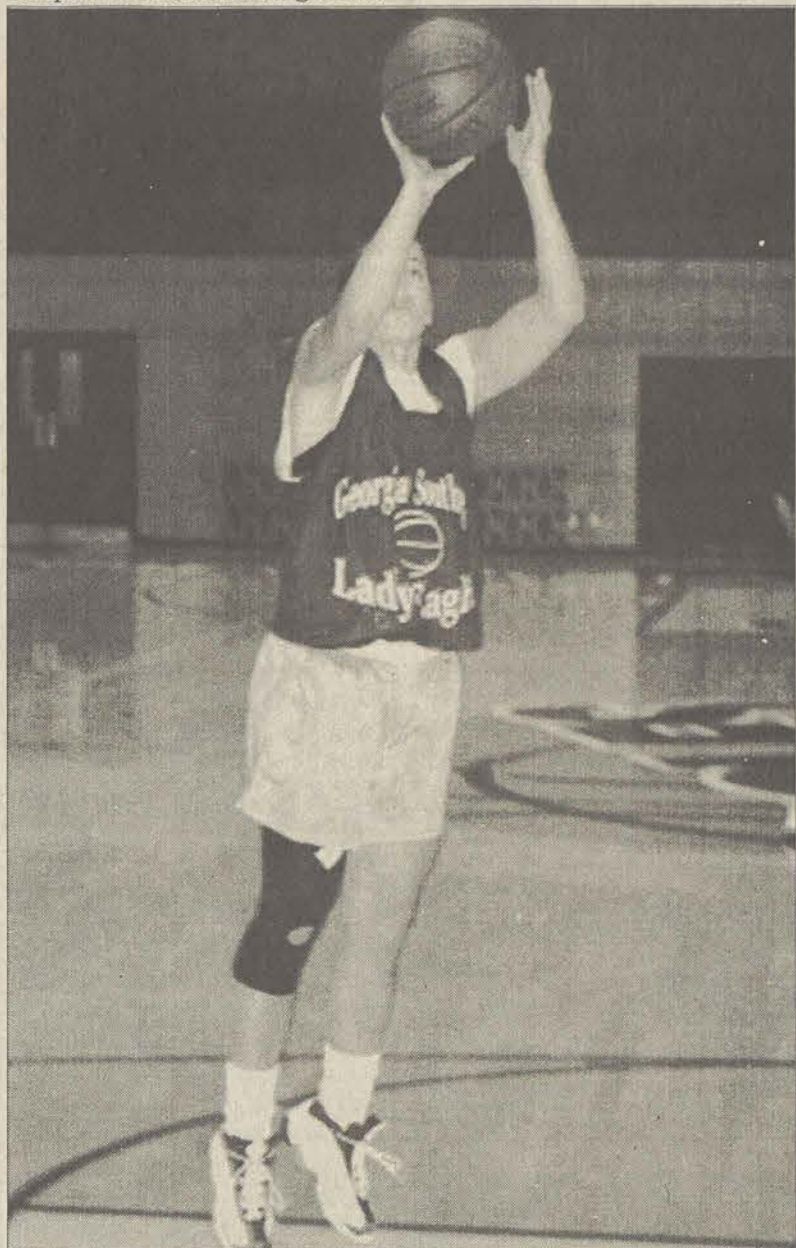
"I think I was pleased," she said. "I thought I played pretty good. I shouldn't have gotten those two quick fouls in the first half."

Simpson was recruited to back up Arnold at the point guard position, and to give Arnold a few minutes of rest during the game while learning to fine-tune Coach Cram's offense.

A product of Brentwood Academy, located in Brentwood, Tenn., Simpson was voted "Miss Basketball" and lit up the scoreboard for 2,016 points during her illustrious prep career. Simpson averaged 20 points, five assists, and six rebounds a game while at Brentwood.

Simpson said she was recruited during high school by Western Carolina and Austin Peay, as well as a host of smaller schools in Tennessee.

"I just liked it (GSU) the best overall," she said. "I just liked it the best out of all the schools interested in me the most."



Hans Knoepfel

BAPTISM BY FIRE: Freshman Danna Simpson saw her first collegiate action last Wednesday against Latvia. She played eight minutes in the exhibition match and earned an assist.

Softball team will open season vs. Florida State

GSU News Services

The GSU Eagle softball team will kick off its 1999 campaign when it hosts Florida State on Saturday, Feb. 6. The double-header versus the Lady Seminoles will be followed by a two-game series with Florida A&M the following day to complete the season-opening weekend.

"It's a tough way to start a season, but sometimes that's just the way it works out," Head Coach Kelley Kirkland said. "I think it will be beneficial for all teams, and I know we'll go in there looking to take a win or two from both FSU and Florida A&M. I think starting out like that will only help us come conference time."

GSU will begin its Southern Conference slate on March 27-28 at Chattanooga followed by a trip to College of Charleston the following weekend. The Eagles will take a break with league opponents when they travel to Texas to face Southwest Texas State on April 10 and Texas on April 11.

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.

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'Boogie Nite' revisits the 70s

By Cherlea Dorsey
Staff Writer

Afros, bell-bottoms, platforms, miniskirts and plaid polyester shirts with a fly away collar were back in style at last Friday's 70s dance, Boogie Nite.

The Black Student Alliance sponsored this first time event held in the Union Ballroom which was admittedly a little different than any of the other events BSA has sponsored in the past.

"This is the only time we have taken it back to so-called (oldschool), but it is really not different from any of our [BSA] events," Janelle Lunsford, vice president of BSA and chair of social committee, said.

For four hours straight, students danced to 70s and early 80s tunes with the help of DJs Dolewite and Scooby. Some students were really in the 70s spirit as they formed the Soul Train line on stage, while other students danced on the floor. The dances varied from students doing the bus stop, the bump and even the snake.

A few hours passed and the best-dressed contest began. In order to be a participant, the students had to be a part of a student organization and dressed in 70s attire. Several participants rushed to the stage, but only one contestant could leave with the chance to participate in the 70s scene of Blaqshion (a fashion



Molly Morrison

OLD-SCHOOL FEVER: The Black Student Alliance hosted its first 70s event last Friday in the Union Ballroom.

show).

The audience judged the contest and chose Nathan Jamaul Reed, a freshman from Stone Mountain.

Reed performed a small skit on stage with a young lady instead of dancing and strutting down the walkway, as the other contestants did. He wore a baby blue hat to the side, a 100 percent polyester shirt, blue jean bell-bottoms and a plaid coat.

Reed left his home in his 70s gear with the intent of showing his participation in BSA, but as soon as he entered the dark room filled with

loud music everyone looked and yelled, "Pimp! Pimp!"

"I wasn't intending to dress as a pimp," Reed said. "When I walked in everyone yelled 'pimp', so I decided to go along with it. I wanted to show my involvement and help support BSA," Reed said.

Because a good number of people came to Boogie Nite, this event could possibly occur annually.

"We had a good turnout for it to be our first year," Lunsford said. "Maybe next year it will be more popular and more people will recognize what Boogie Nite is about."

The event was successful in its purpose, which was to promote socialization among the student body.

"We wanted to have a chance to get out and interact with other people," Lunsford said. "All of our events are to promote socialization between members and nonmembers."

The upcoming events that BSA have planned will be in effect soon. Blaqshion is Nov. 21 and a five-on-five basketball tournament is Nov. 20-21.

CLUB SPORTS

Rugby club gets down and dirty at GSU

By Cody King
Staff Writer

Think back 22 years ago, maybe you weren't alive, maybe you were. Imagine Statesboro, probably a lot more entertaining than now, hmm... maybe not, but someone was doing something to change that.

That someone decided to start a rugby club. The program started as a club team with CRI and remains that to this day. GSU's rugby team, called the Southern Eagles, consists of a men's and a women's club with an A side and a B side for each.

They also have an alumni club, "has always been a part of the club, but in the past five years they really got involved, like partying and meeting together every year at the end of May," Shawn Pruitt, an alumni member, said.

Alumni are people who have already graduated or have moved up to another level. A person has five years to play in the rugby collegiate system. The GSU season consists of a fall and a winter matrix. The fall matrix consists of friendly games in which GSU chooses the teams they want to play, and the winter matrix is their set schedule, which team captain and head coach, Jo Jo Kusnitz said, "is the real deal."

Three years ago, GSU rugby was one of the top ten in the nation and now that 14 out of 15 starters are gone, the team is very young. The team does have lots of talent, however, with several freshman starting on the A side, such as Froggy (a.k.a. John Stephenson), Mike Pitman, Fridge Frazie and Superstar Gangi (a.k.a. Luke Gangi).

There are also several players who made it to the All-South All-Star team, such as Kusnitz, Steve Cleary (co-captain), Dennis Leonard, Sean Suter, Ed Wallace, (president of the club) and Brian Bonacci.

Rugby games have two 40-minute halves with a five minute halftime. When passing the ball, the player must kick it or punch it. Kicking it can be done like a punt in football or a soccer kick, off the ground, and punching is done by holding the ball in one hand and punching it out with the other. When tackling someone, you must tackle them around the waist, not the legs or the neck.

In general, there are two sets of players on the field, the pacs and the backs. The pacs are the bigger of the two, like linemen in football. The backs are the smaller of the two, like backs in football.

One of the most popular plays in rugby is called the scrum, in which eight pacs from each team lock up in a circle around the ball and push each other until the circle has moved so one of the backs can slip in and get the ball.

The most important part of the game is fitness.

"The main thing we work on in practice is the fundamentals, intense stretching and fitness, which is 80 percent of the game, the other 20 percent is experience," Kusnitz said.

There are four divisions in U.S. rugby, the men's collegiate, the women's collegiate, the men's club and the women's club. The men's and women's club teams consist of players from around the world. In their season, GSU plays teams from Augusta, Savannah, Georgia Tech, Central Florida, Emory, Brunswick, Columbus (Fort Benning), The Citadel, Georgia College, University of Florida and Clemson, their biggest rivals.

There is the 10th Annual Black Rose Tournament hosted at GSU on Valentine's Day weekend and the Southern Championships will also be hosted here at the end of March.

The camaraderie of the team is an important factor and is something that Kusnitz said is the part of the club that everybody enjoys the most.

Another part of GSU's rugby that fits in with their camaraderie is their traditions. One which Kusnitz mentions that came as a surprise to him is that, "it is sort of written in stone that wherever you go the host team hosts a party... you kill each other on the field, and after the game you party together."



Cory Brooks

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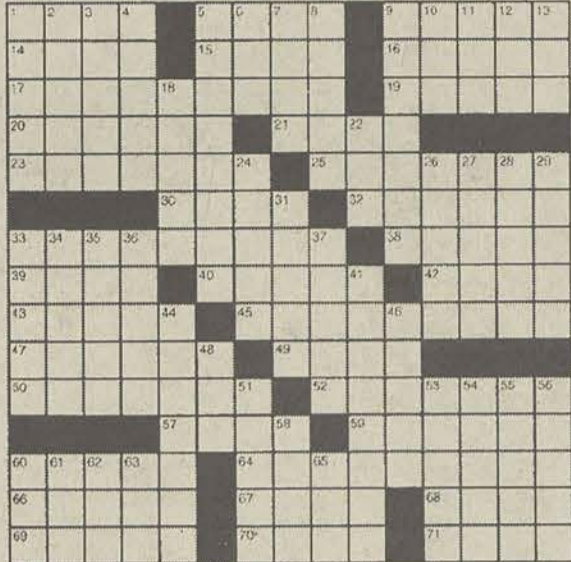
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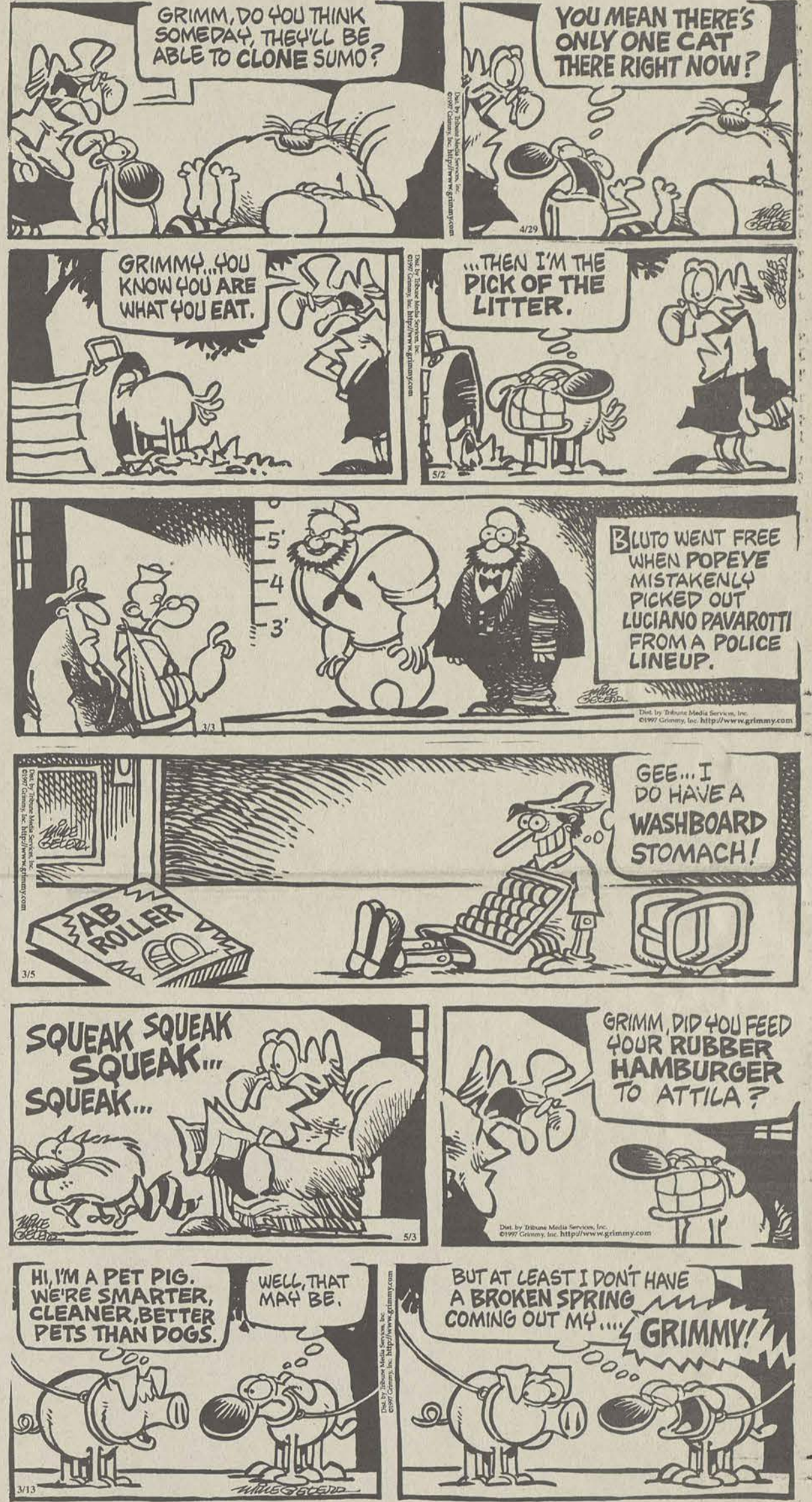
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Get involved...become a Holiday Helper

By Ellen Rogers
Staff Writer

The holiday season is drawing near and the hustle and bustle of shopping, festive parties and family gatherings awaits us.

With all of the holiday madness, it's easy to forget the true "reason for the season," which is remembering and helping others.

GSU's Holiday Helpers invite students, faculty and staff to spread a little holiday cheer to those who are less fortunate.

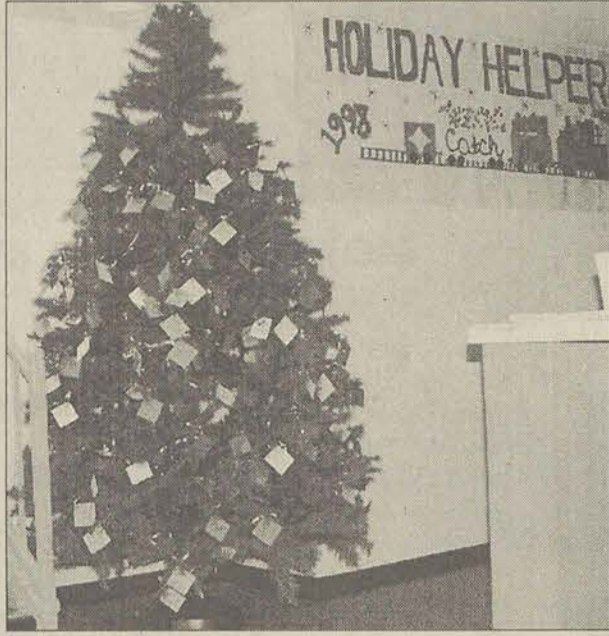
The Holiday Helpers held their fifth annual kickoff last week at Lakeside Café. Participants selected a request from the Holiday Helper tree to provide for a family or an individual.

Others who wish to participate may visit the tree from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeside through Dec. 4.

Eileen Sconyers, administrative secretary for the sociology and anthropology department, and Victoria Futch, coordinator of volunteer services, are pleased with how the event has grown over the years.

"It really has grown by word of mouth," Sconyers said. "The first year we had around 450 participants, now we have about 1,000."

The families and individuals on the tree are from various



David Koepke

TIS THE SEASON: The annual Holiday Helpers event helps less fortunate families have a merry holiday season.

places in Bulloch County. They include Joseph's Home For Boys, the Department of Family and Child Services, nursing homes and the Live Oak Migrant Education Agency (LOMA). The requests range from a box of chocolates to underwear, socks and coats to keep warm.

Futch recalls a 103-year-old woman who asked for panty hose to wear to church and new sheets for her bed one year.

A GSU student provided her with the hose and flower sheets with lace around the edges. When a friend surprised her by making her bed with the new sheets, the

woman was delighted.

"She clasped her hands together and said, 'Have you ever seen anything more beautiful? It looks just like a flower garden,'" Futch said. "That just really filled my heart."

Sconyers said the Holiday Helper tree was born when Futch called her several years ago with long lists of people asking for help during the holidays. Sconyers mentioned an "angel tree," which was filled with requests of deserving individuals.

"I thought, why shouldn't GSU have an angel tree?" Sconyers said.

"We wanted everyone to be involved. With so many different religions on campus, we decided to call it 'the Holiday Helper' tree."

Futch said that the gifts provided do not have to be new, just nice and in good condition.

The gifts must be delivered to the tree by Dec. 4. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Student organizations who are looking for a family to adopt are also greatly appreciated.

One mother remembers a Christmas when her family was unemployed and homeless.

Her husband had lost his business and the family had no where to live but in their truck.

What broke her heart the most, she said, was that they were unable to provide for their three children.

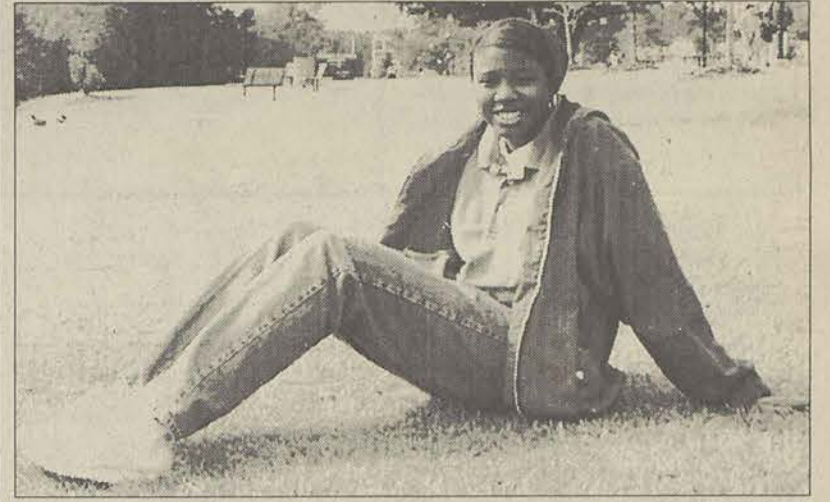
"People we didn't even know sent homemade gifts and candy for the children," she said.

"We were all so touched and grateful."

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SPOTLIGHT

Model GSU student dedicates time and commitment to volunteer services



Susan Smith

Kenyatta McCaden dedicates her time and energy to services that matter.

By Tameka Ellison
Staff Writer

said.

When in search of dedicated, hard-working and caring students, do not look any further. Here is someone with all three criteria.

Kenyatta McCaden is just one of those students who is actively involved on the GSU campus and in the Statesboro community.

She is a junior business management major from College Park, Ga., and can be found dedicating her time by giving back to the community. She often spends her Saturdays helping with the construction of houses with Habitat for Humanity.

"Giving back to the community allows me an opportunity to give people the same care that others have given me," McCaden said.

She is also a member of the NAACP, where she serves as assistant secretary. She is the co-chairperson of the volunteer committee and the business contacts chairperson. Under the NAACP, she has worked on programs like Miss DIVA, Miss African American Pageants and Mr. Esquire.

Recently, McCaden was also involved in their (NAACP) efforts with the women of the Domestic Abuse Program.

"It feels good to know that we are doing something to help these women get started back on the right foot. I feel like we are doing something positive that will affect them for the rest of their lives," McCaden

While it may seem hard to find dedicated students willing to give up their time for others, McCaden proves that there are some students out there who take pleasure in caring and giving back to other people. Others seem to find McCaden's leadership and dedication to community service to be very important as well. She was the recipient of the Carolyn Hines Scholarship for public service from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In other aspects of community service, McCaden has also been involved in the academic well-beings of others. Being a HOPE scholar herself, she believes that "academics are just as important." She has volunteered her time as a tutor with the TopStep Tutor program and has the opportunity to work with students at Sallie Zetterhower Elementary School and Statesboro High School.

McCaden says that her parents have a big influence in her life and she often finds herself following in her mother's footsteps.

"My mother possesses certain leadership qualities and has been a participant in many things that involve dedicated services to others," she said. McCaden also says that her parents tell her to do her best in all her endeavors.

With this advice, she continues to do her best in community service and in many activities on campus.

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