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## End of the week weather



**Today**  
Partly cloudy with a high of 61 and a low of 36.



**Friday**  
Scattered showers and sun with a high of 67 and a low of 45.



**Saturday**  
Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 62 and a low of 54.



**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy with a high of 52 and a low of 35.

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## The Search Is On

The first of the seven presidential candidates will be at an open forum Monday, Jan. 11 starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Union commons area.

### Sports



## Eagles almost upset College of Charleston

With a final score of 61-57, GSU nearly had the win last Saturday.

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## Images from the National Title Game

Didn't get the chance to see it in person? Catch some of the most memorable moments from Chattanooga.

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### Today's Word

**Dactylonomy** (daktiLONume) v. the practice of counting one's fingers.

Source: Weird Words

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## GSU presidential search narrowed to seven candidates

By Kelley McGonnell  
Editor

The Presidential Search and Advisory Committee has narrowed the search for a new GSU president to seven candidates. The candidates will be on campus in the next few weeks for on-campus interviews and open forums with students, faculty, staff and community members.

After the visits are completed, the committee will forward an unranked list of five candidates to University Chancellor Stephen R. Portch and the Board of Regents, Trey Denton, chairman of the presidential search and advisory committee, said.

According to Denton, the candidates' names will not be released until two working days before their visits to allow them time to settle affairs with their current employers.

The committee has interviewed a pool of over 100 candidates off-campus, but the on-campus visits are an even more important part of the selection process, Denton said.

The candidates, in addition to attending other scheduled events, will make brief presentations on the second day of their visits. The open forum question and answer sessions will allow students, faculty, staff and community mem-

bers to ask the candidates specific questions, which will be asked through a moderator. To ask a question, audience members must submit the question to the moderator who will then ask the question as time permits, according to Denton.

The campus visits will also be a chance for the candidates to get acquainted with GSU and the Statesboro community, Denton said.

"The candidates will be evaluating us as we evaluate them," he said. "The visits offer us a chance to demonstrate to candidates just what it means to be a part of the Georgia Southern family. It is a chance for Georgia Southern to brag about who we are and what we offer a new president."

Included in the seven candidates are three current presidents, two provosts, one dean and one president of an international nonprofit educational foundation. Denton said the committee is pleased with the candidates.

"The committee is very excited about this pool of finalists," he said. "We have gotten to know the candidates over the last few months and it is nice to get to share them with the campus."

The candidates will be in town for three days and two nights. They will receive tours of the

### Characteristics desired in GSU's next president from the Presidential Search & Advisory Committee

- Ability to inspire GSU with a shared vision of our future as we mature as an institution in the 21st century.
- Ability to clearly define the role of the Regional University within the State System.
- Ability to challenge the university to improve the quality of the services offered to our students in the region.
- Ability to generate financial support for university needs.
- Ability to promote innovative academic programs.
- Ability to champion the rewards of diversity both on campus and off.
- Ability to lead not just on campus but in the community. Ability to communicate and exhibit a commitment to community involvement and service.
- Ability to demonstrate the GSU persona and friendliness and civility.
- Ability to champion the student centered nature of the institution.

community and the campus, including visits to the GSU Botanical Garden, the University Museum and the Raptor Center on the first day.

After a private breakfast with Interim President Harry Carter on the second day, the candidates will meet in private with the provost and each vice president. The visitors will have lunch with the SGA officers and then proceed to an open meeting with the Dean's Council. After the open forum, they will meet with leaders of community organizations.

Before they depart, the candidates will have a breakfast meet-

ing with the presidential search and advisory committee.

The committee is hoping for feedback from anyone who encounters the candidates on their visits.

"The committee created an agenda for the visits that will expose the candidates to students, faculty, administrators, staff and local and regional community members," Denton said. "We want to know what all of these key groups feel about each candidate. Everyone that comes in contact with the candidates will have the opportunity to provide written feedback for the

committee's consideration when choosing our top candidates."

Forms will be available at all the open forums to provide a written response pertaining to each candidate, according to Denton.

The search firm of A.T. Kearney was used to assist in the search, according to Denton.

"We found that many of the very best candidates were not actively in the job market and only responded to the personal call from the search firm," Denton said. "We are very pleased with their assistance."

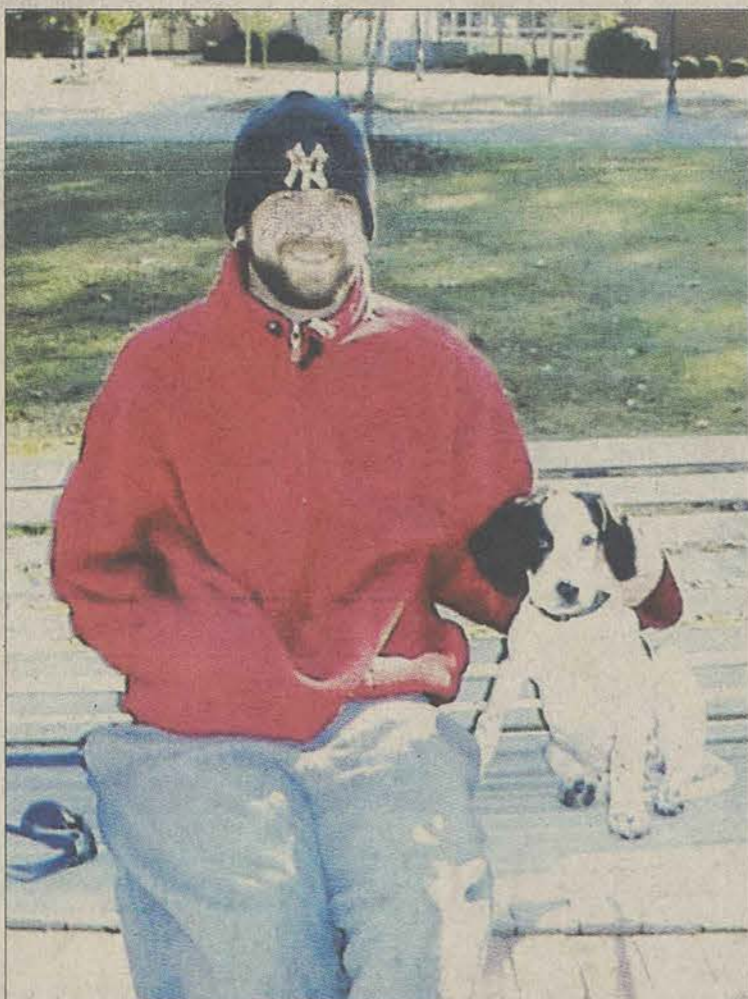
The presidential search began fall semester after Nicholas Henry resigned last spring.

### Forum Dates

All forums will be held in the Commons Area of the Russell Union from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 11  
Tuesday, January 19  
Thursday, January 21  
Monday, January 25  
Thursday, January 28  
Monday, February 1  
Thursday, February 4

## The dog days of winter



Vanessa Keber

**HANGIN' WITH A PAL:** Michael Hyde, a GSU senior, sits with Moko outside the Williams Center Tuesday afternoon waiting on his girlfriend, Leslie Neville, who is the owner of his cute companion.

## Committee looks into RAC use

By Tommika Capers  
Guest Writer

The Recreational Activity Center advisory committee will be evaluating the RAC facilities, trying to determine if general student use coincides with the P.E. classes currently held in the RAC.

Over the next two semesters the committee will determine if the P.E. classes pose a problem for those students who want to use the facility for personal reasons. The committee, composed of two SGA members, the athletic committee and Southern Boosters members, who all advise Jack F. Nolen, vice president of student affairs, will evaluate the amount of student use and how that use coincides with the times classes are held.

"The RAC was designed as a facility for general student use," Nolen said. "It was also said that where feasible, classes would be held in the RAC as well, because we want full utilization of the facility."

When the proposal for the RAC was introduced a few years back, some students argued that the student-funded facility should be utilized for general student use only and not for classes.

However, this does not seem to be the case. Students are complaining that P.E. classes are dominating many of the machines that were intended for general student use.

Fall semester, there were three body conditioning classes being held in the RAC. This semester the number will increase to 37 classes scheduled from Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. These classes include body conditioning, aerobics and volleyball among others.

In the initial proposal, the RAC would not be used in the afternoon because of heavy student

usage at this time.

According to Aaron Nicely, SGA vice president of finance, if classes at the RAC were to be held before noon, none of the machines should be reserved or off limits to the students.

Arguments have surfaced because some students complained that there should be no physical education classes held in the RAC at all.

Students who use the RAC before noon, argue that since the RAC was constructed with student funds that they should have a say in what goes on. They do not feel that any of the machines should be reserved for the use of classes at any time during the day.

"I do not think that it is fair that any of the machines be reserved during the day," Natasha Jewell, CRI football and basketball official, said.

Body conditioning classes started being held fall semester, and were held during the early hours because it was not expected by the RAC advisory committee that many students would be working out during these hours, Nolen said.

"We looked at what time students would normally use the facilities to decide when classes would be held," Nolen said. "We concluded that the cut-off time should be noon for classes, because students would normally work out after these hours."

Students who do work out early argued that they should be able to use any machines that they wish at that time.

"When I go to work out at 7 a.m., I want to be able to use any machine that I want to and not worry about it being reserved for a P.E. class," Tamisha Ellis, a senior, said.

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## GSU Museum director retires 'Coke is it' at GSU

By Laura Owens  
Staff Writer

Del Presley is retiring after 16 years as director of the GSU Museum.

Presley said he was selected because of his interest in the culture of south Georgia. "I organized a project for a floating museum," Presley said. "It was a replica of a giant timber raft from the 1890s."

According to Presley, the museum was floated down the river, and was visited by over 20,000 people. "The president at the time, Dale Lick, felt that if I could manage a floating museum, then surely I could manage one on dry land."

To help get the museum started, Presley said he tried to obtain funding and to develop a year-round schedule of exhibits.

"I believe people should always see something new in the museum from the last time they came," he said.

He said the primary responsibilities of the museum director is to plan exhibits every year and organize educational programs. Presley said he accepted the position because he enjoyed working with exhibits and programs.

Presley said one of the most important

developments has been the outreach program, which serves rural school systems over a 26-county area.

"During the summer we have workshops for teachers to help them make science come alive. We provide them with access to a traveling planetarium, laser demonstrations, and lab materials that the schools could never purchase. This is a regional museum."

Presley says public interest in the museum is generated by planning exhibits that touch the lives of the public, and involving the campus in programs.

"When the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington D.C. came about, we made rubbings of the names of the veterans who were from Georgia's first congressional district," he said. "We brought part of the memorial in Washington down to Georgia."

Presley said people who would never have the opportunity to visit the memorial in Washington brought flowers to the exhibit.

According to Presley, the museum is funded mainly by GSU.

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By Jana Aiken  
Staff Writer

At universities across the nation, thousands of students stop every day at vending machines to grab a quick snack and a cold beverage to quench their thirst. Around here we hope you like Coca-Cola products, because at GSU, Coke is it!

No matter where you are on campus, the beverages you have to choose from, be it soda, or juice, all the products are made by the Coca-Cola Company.

GSU is not alone in this monopoly. Schools such as Iowa State university are considering single beverage contracts in which only Coca-Cola products will be offered on campus. The result of such a contract will be several hundred million dollars in an up front premium, according to the Iowa State Daily.

While GSU does not have an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola or any other beverage company, according to Steve Dodge C.P.M. Director of Materials Management, Auxiliary Services continues to reorder

Coca-Cola products each year by choice.

"It is a business decision," Dodge said,

"they can choose to stop ordering from Coca-Cola anytime, but Coca-Cola seems to be the preferred drink by the majority at GSU."

"We welcome any feedback or suggestions from students," said Dodge, "but so far it seems that Coca-Cola products satisfy the majority of our faculty/staff and students."

"Being that the Coca-Cola headquarters are in Atlanta," Dodge said, "a lot of people at GSU are just used to Coke."

Joe Franklin, director of auxiliary services, said that he has seen in other places Coca-Cola and Pepsi products offered side by side and Coca-Cola did significantly more business.

According to Franklin, the machines

Please see COCA-COLA, page 2



Sarah Truckstis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Things To Do at GSU**

**Friday, January 9**

•GSU will be holding an information session and campus tour for prospective students and their families. The event is free and open to the public and takes place at the Georgia Southern campus.

**Monday, January 11**

•Presidential Candidate Forum will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union.  
•Showing of the film: "Marius and Jeanette, Union theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 12**

•A Museum Exhibit of the "South Georgians Collect."

**Thursday, January 14**

•An Art Exhibit showcasing the

paintings of Milutin Pavlovic, starting at noon, will be held in Gallery 303.

**Monday, January 18**

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No classes, offices closed.

**Tuesday, January 19**

• Another Presidential Candidate Forum will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union.

**Thursday, January 21**

• Yet another Presidential Candidate Forum will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

**Saturday, January 23**

•GSU will be having a Visitation Day for prospective students.

**Monday, January 25**

•Another Presidential Candidate Forum will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union.

**Thursday, January 28**

• A Presidential Candidate Forum is once again being conducted from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union.

**Monday, February 1**

• Its time for one more Presidential Candidate Forum. Stop by between the hours of 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union.

**Thursday, February 4**

•Be a part of a Presidential Candidate Forum from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union.

**COCA-COLA**

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on campus are used so frequently that many of them are restocked daily.

"The total amount of money generated a month through the drink machines is between \$25,000 and \$30,000," Franklin said. "That money is put directly back into the campus fund."

Franklin said the money goes to various things on campus, but it is all beneficial to the school. He could not specifically pinpoint one area where the money is used.

Coke has made many generous donations to the university throughout the years, the reception area of the business building where students can lounge comfortably on couches

in between classes, is one example.

The most significant donation this year is \$100,000 given by the Coca-Cola Foundation to GSU for international trade scholarships. These scholarships will provide funding to assist GSU Business students in the International Trade Program.

It is undetermined if these generous donations affect the preferred choice of soft drink for the GSU population.

But in a study done by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, soda was labeled a threat to teens health.

In fact, American teenagers are getting more than 25 percent of their daily calories from soda.

The same may be true for GSU college students.

On campus there are 55 can soda machines, 201 bottled soda machines, and only 30 Minute Maid Fruit Machines.

According to the Coca-Cola Consumer Information Line, in a 8 oz. serving of Coke there are 97 mg of calories, 27 mg of carbohydrates, 9 mg of sodium, 0 mg of potassium, 41 mg of phosphorus, and 31 mg of caffeine.

The Minute Maid juices are 100% Juice, according to the consumer information line and contain 120 calories, 28 g of carbohydrates, 28 g of sugar, 28 mg of sodium, 303 mg of potassium, and 0 percent vitamin C per 8 oz serving.

**MUSEUM**

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"The university provides salaries for the director and three other people," Presley said. "We have work-study students and graduate students working for us. The university pays for upkeep on the building, and our programs are funded by grants."

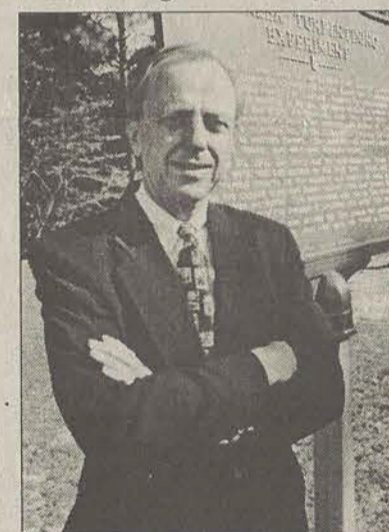
Presley added that \$150,000 in grants have been contributed by schools to fund the outreach program. He said student activities budget committee pays for the student workers, and the museum also receives support from the GSU Foundation.

Presley received the governor's award in the humanities in 1986, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and three awards from the Georgia Association of Museums, including the museum education award, the museum professional award, and the lifetime achievement award.

Presley has written an outdoor drama for Telfair County

called *The Lighted Knot*, about the history of the county.

According to Presley, the



Retiring Museum Director Del Presley

drama has 120 people in the cast, representing about ten counties

in Georgia.

"What I've enjoyed most is listening to people, finding a way to develop exhibits and programs that speak to the concerns of the people," he said. "Creative listening is the key. What I'll miss the most is the daily congenial working relationships with my staff, the sounds of children enjoying the museum experience for the first time in their lives, and working with GSU students who often find themselves through their work with the museum."

Presley said some of his former students honored him with a plaque, thanking him for encouraging and assisting them in their work.

"The museum is here for the students," Presley said. "Ultimately everything we do should be for the students."

**RAC**

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Many students are complaining that P.E. classes are getting priority.

"I do not think that any physical education classes should be held in the RAC," Yolanda King, SGA executive vice president said. "I think that all P.E. classes should be held in the areas they were [held] before the RAC was opened."

SGA members want to know why the classes did not continue to be held in the designated areas, such as the fitness and weight extensions, which are located off of Knight Drive. This is where the classes were held before the RAC was built.

If usage of the RAC continues to pose a problem for students, SGA members plan to submit a proposal to the Senate stating that P.E classes should no longer be held in the RAC and should be moved back to the fitness extension, weight extension and Hanner Fieldhouse.

Faculty argue that the RAC should be utilized fully because it is an \$8 million, completely student-funded building.

**POLICE BEAT**

**GSU Police Department**

**December 31, 1998**

•A staff member in the nursing Building reported that someone had been in her office. Nothing was reported missing.

**December 30, 1998**

•John Junior Cisson, 36, 620 East Olliff Street, Statesboro, was arrested and charged with theft by taking, Possession of Tools for the commission of a crime, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**December 29, 1998**

•A staff member from the Rosenwald building reported \$50.00 missing from her desk.

**December 22, 1998**

•Grady Stewart Williams, 44, 952A Hwy. 80 West, Statesboro, was arrested and charged with DUI (test results pending) and no headlights.

**December 18, 1998**

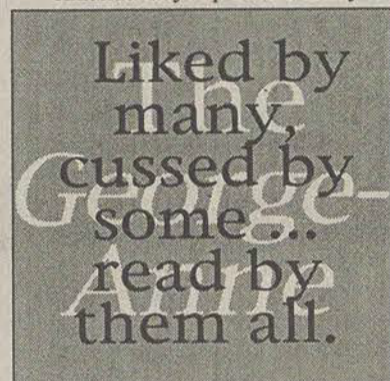
•A male juvenile was taken into custody and charged with Theft by taking.

**December 14, 1998**

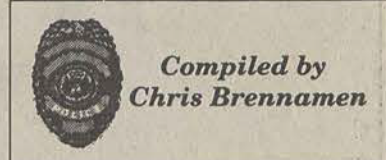
•A case of simple battery was reported at Cone Hall

**December 12, 1998**

•Amanda Gay reported a Huff bi-



cycle was missing from Winburn Hall.  
•Christopher Ryan Collins, 21, Johnson City, Tennessee, was arrested and charged with DUI (.135) and failure to yield.  
•Dedra Joy Regan, 20, Cuthbert, was arrested and charged with DUI (.142) and failure to maintain a lane.  
•Vilver Anderson, 28, 103-B Roddie Circle, was arrested and charged with DUI (.162) and failure to maintain a lane.  
•Jonathan D. Fazio, 21, Snellville, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.



**December 9, 1998**

•Quincy David Well, 19, Watson Hall, was arrested and charged with violation of the Georgia controlled substance act and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.  
•Nathaniel Roderick Gester, 18, Watson Hall, was arrested and charged with violation of the Georgia controlled substance act, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and having a fake driver's license.

**December 8, 1998**

•Daniel McWhorter reported his GT bicycle was missing from the RAC build-

ing  
•Darrell Jefferson reported a cordless phone, missing answering machine and approximately thirty CD's were missing from his room in Dorman Hall.

**Statesboro Police Department Over The Break**

•Emily K Jones, of Eagle's Nest Apts., reported burglary.  
•Kelly Dickenson, of Campus Court-yard Apts., reported burglary.  
•Fran Thompson, of Stadium Club Apts, reported burglary.  
•Cossie Harvey reported criminal trespass.  
•Daniel Fairweather, of Park Place Apts., reported lost or stolen property.  
•Robert Zimmeman, of Campus Courtyard Apts., reported criminal trespass.  
•Monique Drennan, of South Mulberry Street, reported forgery.

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**FRATERNITY RUSH**  
Monday, January 11  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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(if inclement weather, Union Commons Area)  
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PIZZA FUN  
Stop by between classes. Meet & talk with fraternity members.  
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**ONLY IN AMERICA...**

**Georgia  
Author predicts  
cataclysm, seeks  
refuge in north Ga.**

The Associated Press

ELLIJAY — Richard W. Noone is getting ready for the year 2000. He is not preparing to celebrate, or deal with computer problems stemming from the arrival of the millennium. Instead, he's planning to dig in for a global weather catastrophe he expects to arrive a few months later, on May 5.

Noone's book, "5/5/2000 Ice: The Ultimate Disaster" lays out the case for his warning that the planetary alignment that day will pull the Earth's polar ice caps into the oceans.

The result, Noone said, will be flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, vol-

canoes and climatic changes.

Noone sold his Florida home last year and moved to the north Georgia mountains to avoid flooding. He is looking for a site for his refuge.

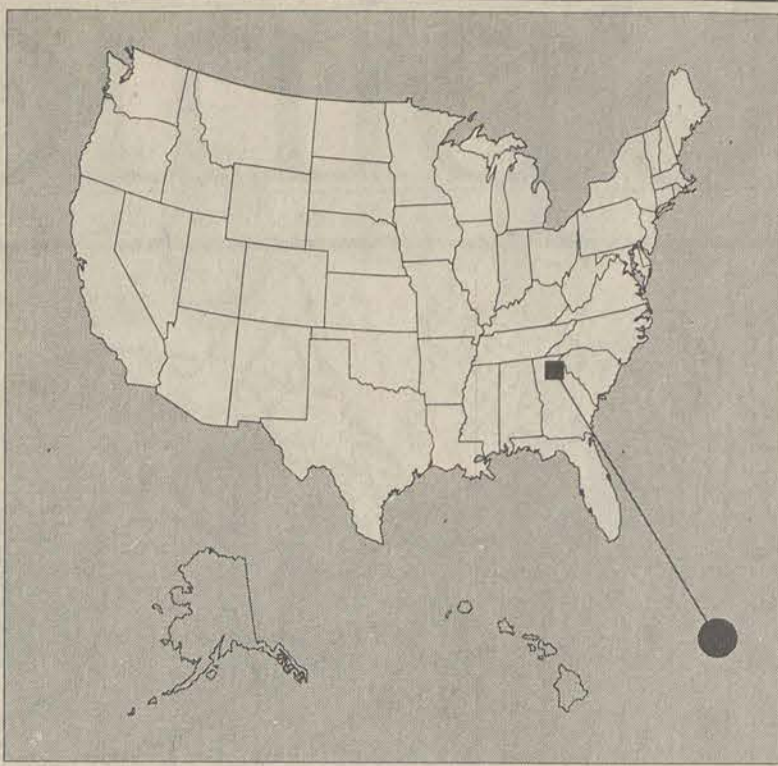
"It is the area I've chosen based on a lot of research," Noone said.

Central to his plan is an energy-efficient, dome-shaped house, with foot-thick walls of steel-reinforced concrete.

"Anyone can stockpile extra food and water, as should be done for lesser disasters, tornadoes, hurricanes and ice storms," Noone said. "My preference is for a home that can withstand wind gusts of 450 mph."

Within seven months, Noone plans to be secure in his new home. "Once I move from Ellijay, no one will know where I live," he said.

Scientists offer little sup-



port for Noone's prediction Saturn and Jupiter will be aligned with the Earth and the Sun.

**Turn of century is cause  
for preparation for many**

The Associated Press

BOSTON—In a small office on the Boston University campus, the interests of religious zealots, UFO fans, survivalists and computer aficionados bracing for the Y2K computer bug intersect.

With less than a year to go until the arrival of 2000, the Center for Millennial Studies has emerged as an academic clearinghouse for people pondering how society will make the shift to the 21st century.

Will Christ make a second coming?

Will good triumph over evil? Will computer glitches shut down everything from airports to Wall Street?

"We want to be the place where, in the next few years and far beyond, anyone who wants information about what occurred will look in our computers, at our files," Richard Landes, the center's founder, said in Saturday's editions of *The Boston Globe*.

Last week, Landes, 49, a medieval history professor at BU, traveled to Jerusalem to spend New Year's Eve interviewing a group of fundamentalist Jews

awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

He plans to be in the holy city on Dec. 31, 1999, when thousands of pilgrims from all over the world are expected to come in anticipation of salvation, destruction or the arrival of celestial beings.

Religious zealots and mainstream believers alike attach great significance to the arrival of the 21st century, although they disagree on exactly what will happen.

Much attention has been given to the Y2K problem, the term coined to describe computers' inability to deal with dates after Dec. 31, 1999.

However, Landes and his colleagues are tracking some more eccentric folks as well.

For example, there is a group in Indonesia hunting out witches to prevent them from doing any millennial mischief.

Another group in the American West believes Y2K is an omen that the Earth is nearing its end, with destruction to come at the hands of aliens sent by God to punish humanity for ruining the environment.

**Duluth man pokes fun at metro Atlanta drivers**

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — If you cut off Ben Chan in traffic, he prepared. He's armed and ready to shoot.

Chan had his fill of tailgaters, rubberneckers and road ragers, so he mounted a video camera in his car to catch drivers at their worst.

"I think we've all had instances where somebody's done something where we just sort of wish, Boy, if I only had a camera to show them," said Chan, 28, of Duluth. "And then, I thought, Well, why not have a camera in the car?"

The still photos and streaming video he's captured appear on his World Wide Web site, *The Atlanta Roadways Digest*.

The camera is mounted on a tripod, wedged between the backseat and front seat of Chan's Nissan Maxima. The camera's perspective would be that of a front seat passenger's. Chan turns it on during his 27-mile commute from suburban Gwinnett County to Atlanta and lets it run. Then he goes back and edits the tapes, looking for

interesting images.

There's a police officer Chan thinks is following a bit too close, a truck driving around with his blinker on, several handicap parking violators and an entire gallery of rubberneckin' pictures, just in case someone didn't get a good enough view from the road.

But while Chan relishes poking fun at other drivers' follies, he admits to his own flaws.

"I am by no means a perfect driver. I'm guilty probably of everything that is on my Web site at one time or another," he said. "There are only a few things that I swear up and down that I've never done. I've never parked in a handicapped space and a few other things."

He also swears videotaping while driving is safe since he never touches the camera. But that wasn't always the case. When he started the site last February, he used a digital camera which he would have to aim and shoot while driving.

Though he said he took minimal risks when using the manual camera, he knew it wasn't com-

pletely safe. He saved money and bought the video camera to use primarily for his site.

Jason Wilcoxson, 22, of Marietta, surfed onto *The Atlanta Roadways Digest* while trying to find real-time maps of Atlanta traffic. He was impressed by what he saw.

"One of the things I found useful about the site was seeing that I wasn't the only one who has to deal with rude drivers every day," he said. "And it just felt good to see so many dangerous, inconsiderate people caught on tape."

Though the Web site mostly features metro Atlanta drivers, Chan has started accepting submissions from people all over the world, including a shot of an Aussie mooning a police car.

Adeline Chew, 24, of Dunwoody found the Web site while searching for other folks who had gripes about Atlanta drivers.

"I thought it was funny," she said. "Some people don't like it but this Web site is meant to be a humorous Web site. I haven't done anything horribly bad, so I'm not too worried about seeing myself on

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## Our Opinion

### Join the search for a new president

The search for a new GSU president is in a very important stage. With the seven candidates about to embark on the GSU campus, it is very important for us as students, faculty and staff to make a good impression.

These candidates want to be encouraged by the GSU atmosphere. If the best candidate has a bad experience during the visit, then we have lost the person who would have been the best president.

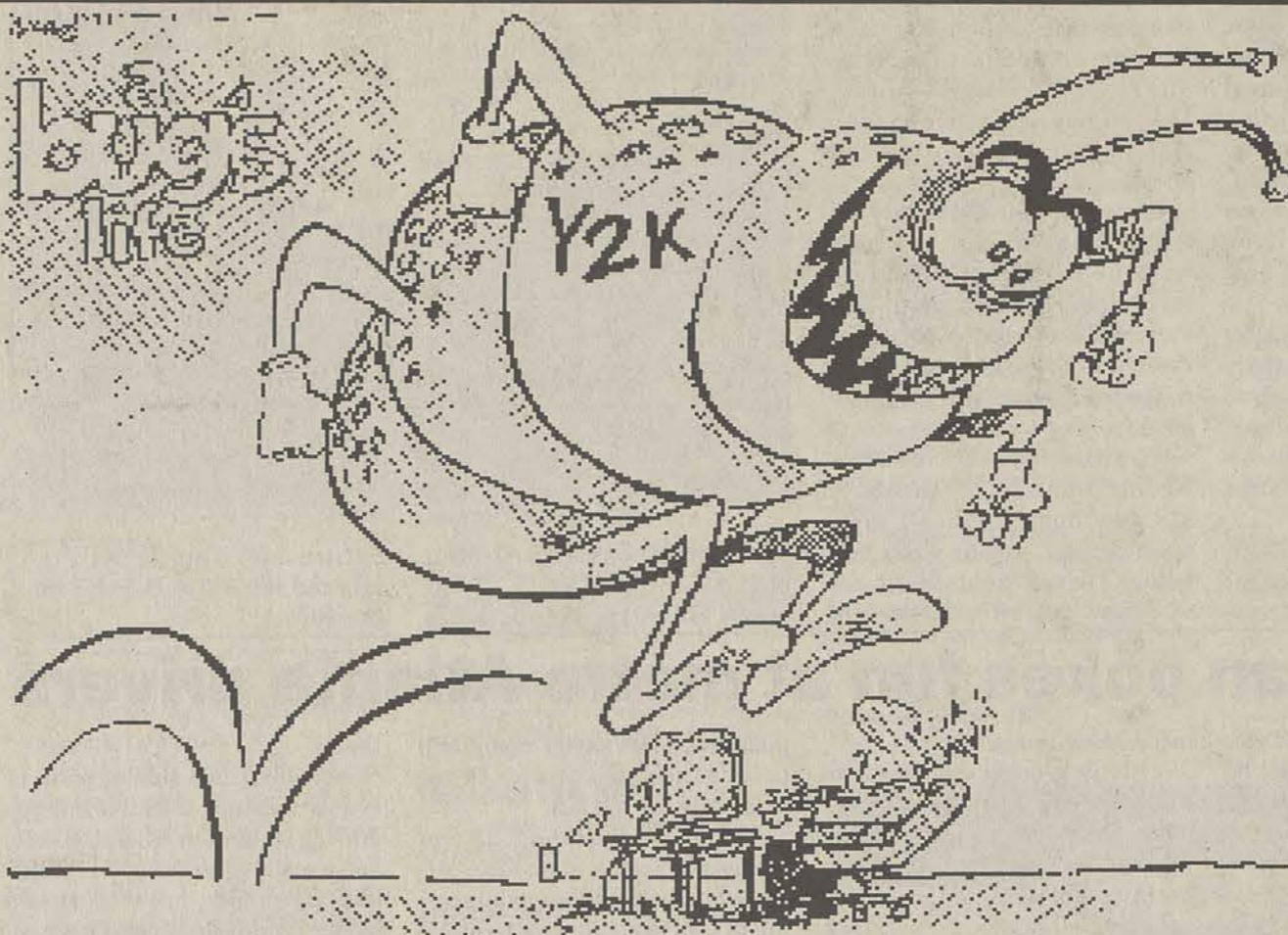
In addition, the six candidates who are not chosen will take their memories of GSU back to their original jobs. These visits should shine a positive light on our campus and our community so the visitors will have nothing but good things to say about us.

Also, this is the stage where we can get involved in the selection process. By attending all the open forums we can, we are able to provide the search committee with valuable feedback from different people with diverse needs and interests. Not only is the search committee going to listen to our questions and the candidates' responses, but we can fill out evaluation forms and give them to the search committee.

This is our best shot at telling the committee what we think is important in a president and it is as close as we will get to placing a vote for our favorite one. If a candidate receives support from the campus community, then he or she will get extra attention from the committee and may just make the final cut.

So we need to attend the forums, we must ask questions and it is imperative that we provide our input.

Remember, we may be gone in a few months or a few years, but the president will linger. He or she will make decisions concerning our alma mater and the direction it takes in the future. Our younger siblings and children may want to call GSU home in the years to come. We can keep GSU rolling in the right direction if we voice our opinions now.



### Things to look forward to besides that darn Prince song in 1999

Welcome to 1999. Anyone else tired of hearing that Prince song?

This year GSU is facing a string of very important events, not to mention the millennium (I had to say it, everyone else is talking about it).

First and foremost, sometime this semester or early summer, GSU will have a new president at the helm. And we can help pick him or her (wouldn't that be cool? A female president?).

For the next few weeks, the seven candidates will visit the GSU campus for open forums where we can ask them questions.

Yes, students can ask presidential candidates questions. If there is something you want to know about, you can give your question to the moderator and they will ask the candidate.

It is very important that students try to attend these forums. It will give the candidates a positive impression of GSU if the crowd is large. Remember that six of these candidates will not get the job and will take their impression of the school back to their home campuses. We want to make sure that we are spreading a good word and not an apathetic one.



KELLEY MCGONNELL  
EDITOR

It has been a long process and one where it has been hard to see any real progress. But the presidential search and advisory committee has been at work and we are finally at a phase we can see. The next few months are critical,

try to build on the efforts of this year's SGA.

They have done some pretty good things with the tailgating contest and sponsoring trips to football games, and are still working hard. Let's be paying atten-

tion to the Civic Center. What else are you going to do this weekend? Study???

Speaking of sports, we can't forget to continue to support the athletic program. The men's swimming and diving and cross country programs were cut, but the water Eagles will continue to compete until the end of the season.

With baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, tennis and golf, GSU has a lot to be proud of.

And we can always be excited about any recruiting developments in the football arena (not to mention spring football).

We proved we can fill the seats this football season; let's hope we can do it for other sports who deserve our support just as much.

GSU is also looking forward to Black Awareness Month, Women's Awareness Week and Religious Diversity Week. There are tons of special awareness events planned for the next semester and they usually provide some pretty interesting topics for discussion.

It is sure to be an interesting semester. Good luck with it and keep reading to find out what is going on on and off-campus.


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but with student input, GSU is sure to find a new president that can take us into the new millennium and can continue the vision established in the past few years.

Another thing to look forward to is the SGA elections later on in the spring. It will be out with the old and in with the new. We need to exercise our right to vote and

tion to what they are up to and make a smart choice when it comes election time.

My favorite thing to look forward to happens this weekend. The University of Georgia hockey team will be at the Savannah Civic Center for the Rumble in the Rink. A hockey team at UGA? I know, it sounds weird. But give the Rumble a shot and drive over



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## Your Opinion

### Athletic cuts affect more than just the current athletes

Editor:  
A great travesty occurred on our campus with the announcement that Georgia Southern University will be discontinuing its men's cross country and swimming programs.

This action has put a permanent black mark on our athletic program. These cuts are made worse as our athletic program is enjoying unheralded success and exposure. Yes, it is true that our football team is responsible for most of the success, but an athletic department is interconnected. Success or failure in one program affects all programs.

As a former Eagle athlete I was hurt by the way in which this matter was handled. I would hate to think that this decision was handled by only a few individuals. I always thought of GSU athletics as a family and families talk about their problems before decisions are made. I am

aware of the reasoning behind these cuts, but I am concerned that other possible solutions were not researched or even considered. The discontinuation of an athletic program isn't just a parliamentary procedure.

It affects many people from athletes, to coaches, to parents, to alumni, to fans and to the public. Cutting of athletic programs isn't an unprecedented action within college athletics.

Schools that have eliminated programs have gone on to survive, but they are left with scars that will never healed.

The personal benefits that I received as a GSU athlete are priceless. Through GSU athletics I was able to obtain a college degree that enabled me to successfully enter the workplace.

Through GSU athletics I made and have kept friendships that will last a lifetime. Through GSU athletics I was able to achieve

personal and team goals that I couldn't have obtained elsewhere.

To fully understand these benefits you would have to multiply them by all the cross country runners and swimmers that have gone through these programs, those who are currently in these programs and those who would have been part of these programs in the future.

As a proud graduate and former athlete I would appreciate your help in trying to right a wrong. I am certain that a solution can be found to this mistake. There are alternate avenues we can take instead of killing very beneficial programs here at Georgia Southern. Those of us who are planning to try to reverse this decision would like to have your input and hopefully your support.

Wade Council  
GSU alumnus 1997

Tom Kenny  
Las Vegas, N.V.

### Reader wants to impeach Republicans

Editor:  
The American public should urge the impeachment of almost every Republican for:

(1) Treason: One nuclear submarine could destroy any country on Earth before the Reagan presidency. Yet the Republicans still spent trillions of the national wealth on defense. They have continued to spend more trillions after the cold war ended in 1989.

(2) Bribery: Republicans have received billions in explicit or implicit bribes from defense contractors, tobacco companies, billionaires and polluters.

(3) Other High Crimes and Misdemeanors: Republicans made the U.S. the largest debtor nation in history.

### Student thinks trip to Chattanooga was well worth the drive

Editor:  
I would like all of those people who didn't attend the NCAA Division I-AA Football Championship to know what a great time they missed.

Despite the losing efforts of GSU's football team (I surely didn't agree with many of Coach Johnson's play calls), I and many others were glad to be a part of the overall exciting experience.

Even though fall semester fi-

nal exams were over, many students, family and friends made the trip and braved the cold Chattanooga Saturday to support the Eagles in their contest with the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts.

The tailgate parties were many, and the complaints were few. Everybody went to the game to have a good time, and that's exactly what they did.

For a university that has had problems with school pride over

the past few years, it was a great sight to see the Georgia Southern side of Finley Stadium packed with 10,000 fans dressed in GSU sweatshirts, jackets, t-shirts and hats. The number of Eagle supporters was overwhelming compared to that of the UMass fans.

Sure—many of those who didn't attend the game did tune in to the ESPN television coverage, but that couldn't compare to the excitement of cheering on

the Eagles at the championship game in person.

It was an opportunity for GSU students and fans from different backgrounds and lifestyles to cheer together as one.

To all of you who made the trip to Tennessee, thanks for showing your school spirit! To the Georgia Southern football team, thanks for a great season! Good luck next year!

Chuck Mays  
GSU senior

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**THE PENALTY BOX**  
ANDREW FRANKLIN

*The Lobo Gunman Theory*

The loss of the NBA season this year has dampened the spirits of many across the country, stretching all the way from the most diehard fan to the most obnoxiously enthusiastic Dick Vitellian sports caster. Crappy alternative programming on game nights has led many NBA loyalists to emotional distress or early graying hair over due to lack of entertainment. How could our friends at the NBA do this to their legions of adoring fans? The answer is one some people may find disturbing or far fetched but it is my promise as a journalist that my findings are correct.

The WNBA, in its search for increased ratings, has woven a brilliant scheme to destroy the beloved NBA through deception and with a little help from a secret government agency. I would reveal the name of this hideous organization but, dear readers, I fear for my life because I already know too much.

This agency along with WNBA front woman Rebecca Lobo (who is a Janet Reno clone gone terribly awry) has bought out media around the country and given them a totally fabricated story of player-manager contract woes. In the wake of a "strike" the WNBA plans to be the sole provider of pro b-ball. The player's outspoken representative Mutombo is actually a robot constructed of surplus military technology programmed to say whatever the fiendish Ms. Lobo tells it to. Other NBA players that have made their voices heard are under pressure from the pro-WNBA outfit to cooperate or pay dearly for past charges that were swept under the rug due to their stardom. Except for Karl Malone, who's Rogain-induced brush with pro wrestling left him mentally deranged and unaware of the foul conspiracy around him and Michael Jordan who still dreams of playing major league baseball.

Can the players not do something to help bring the NBA back to its former glory? The players, I am sorry to inform you, are being held captive on a tiny island south of Guam. The players have no way to escape but are being treated well I am told. The managers, in bed with major shoe companies, are enjoying their vacations from putting up with the inflated egos of their employees.

You the reader may ask how can this evil ever be thwarted? To this I reply that I have only two ideas. First we can stop support for the WNBA. Wait! No one does anyway so that can be ruled out as a possibility (Our foes are more prepared than I thought) So with out the possibility of a boycott there is only one other option: Everyone who wants our players back safe must begin to pool their assets and hire an Israeli mercenary team to go head to head with Rebecca Lobo and the Mutombo droid to free our players in captivity. The future of basketball rests on our shoulders, let's not let the world down.

**National Championship dreams stolen by UMass Minutemen**

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

The Eagles' run for the national title skidded to an abrupt and screeching halt on a cold night in Chattanooga on Dec. 19. GSU fell to the Massachusetts Minutemen 55-43 in the I-AA National Championship game.

GSU was unable to overcome six first half turnovers. UMass scored their first three touchdowns off of Eagle turnovers, and eventually built up a 38-14 lead.

"It's a helpless feeling standing over there," said GSU head coach Paul Johnson, as he watched his Eagles commit nearly half as many turnovers in one game as they did the entire season. "We've done such a good job offensively all year long."

Three consecutive touchdown runs by Adrian Peterson and Greg Hill brought the Eagles down from 24 points to cut the Minutemen's lead to 38-33 at the end of the third quarter.

For a while, it looked like the Eagle magic of old would come back and lift GSU to yet another improbable comeback win.

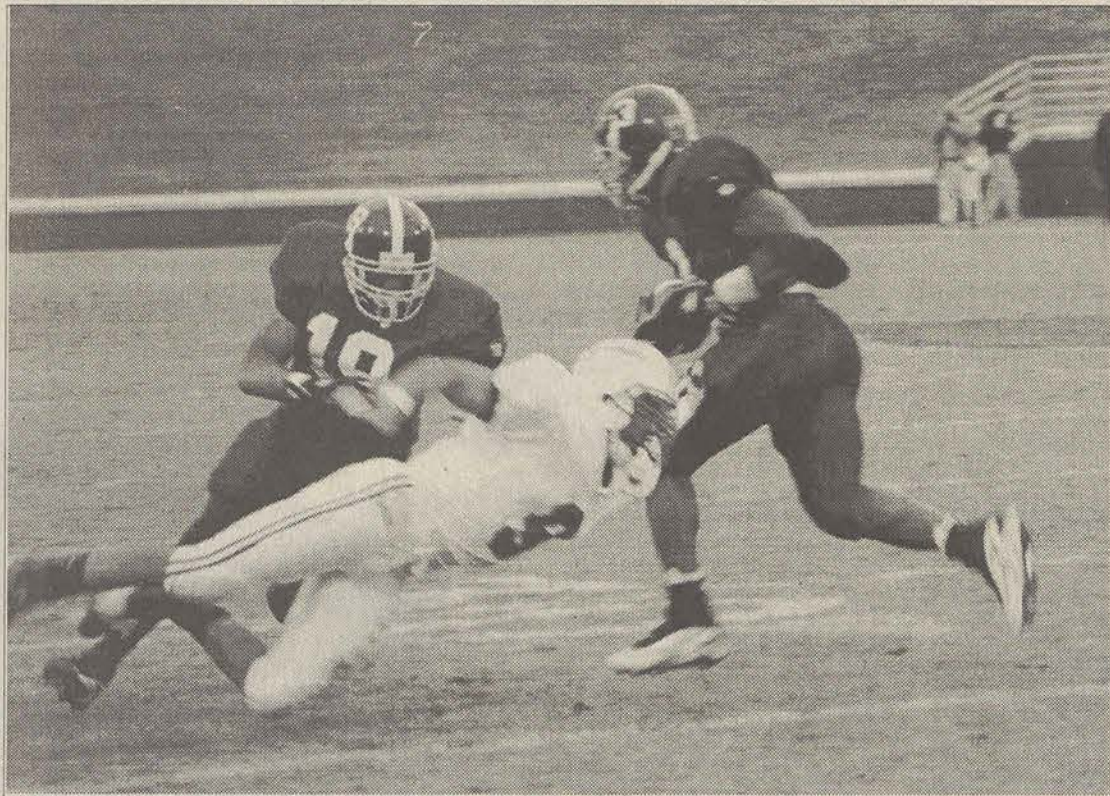
But the magic ran out and UMass added two final touchdowns to put a stamp on their upset win.

"We really hadn't had a game like that all year," Johnson said during the press conference after the game. "We self-destructed. This was very typical of the way we played all year, except for the turnovers."

What was typical for the Eagles all year was a high octane offense bent on outscoring the opponent, rather than relying on the defense to string together enough consecutive stops to put the other team away.

Problem was, when the offense started turning the ball over, and the Minutemen started scoring off those turnovers, the Eagles buried themselves into a hole to big to dig themselves out of.

"Everything I knew that couldn't happen



**STOLEN DREAMS:** The Massachusetts Minutemen defeated GSU in the I-AA National Championship game 56-44 in Chattanooga, Tenn. on Dec. 19.

for us to win happened," Johnson said. "They couldn't run the ball and we couldn't turn the ball over. We got outplayed and got outcoached."

Minutemen tailback Marcel Shipp ripped through the GSU defense for a total of 244 yards and three touchdowns. On a night that was clearly dominated by both the offenses, the teams combined for 1,057 yards of total offense. GSU and Massachusetts also both set I-AA Championship records with most points scored (98) and the Minutemen's 55 points was the most points scored on GSU since Marshall scored 49 against the Eagles in 1996.

Records aside, the loss was a bitter pill for the Eagles to swallow.

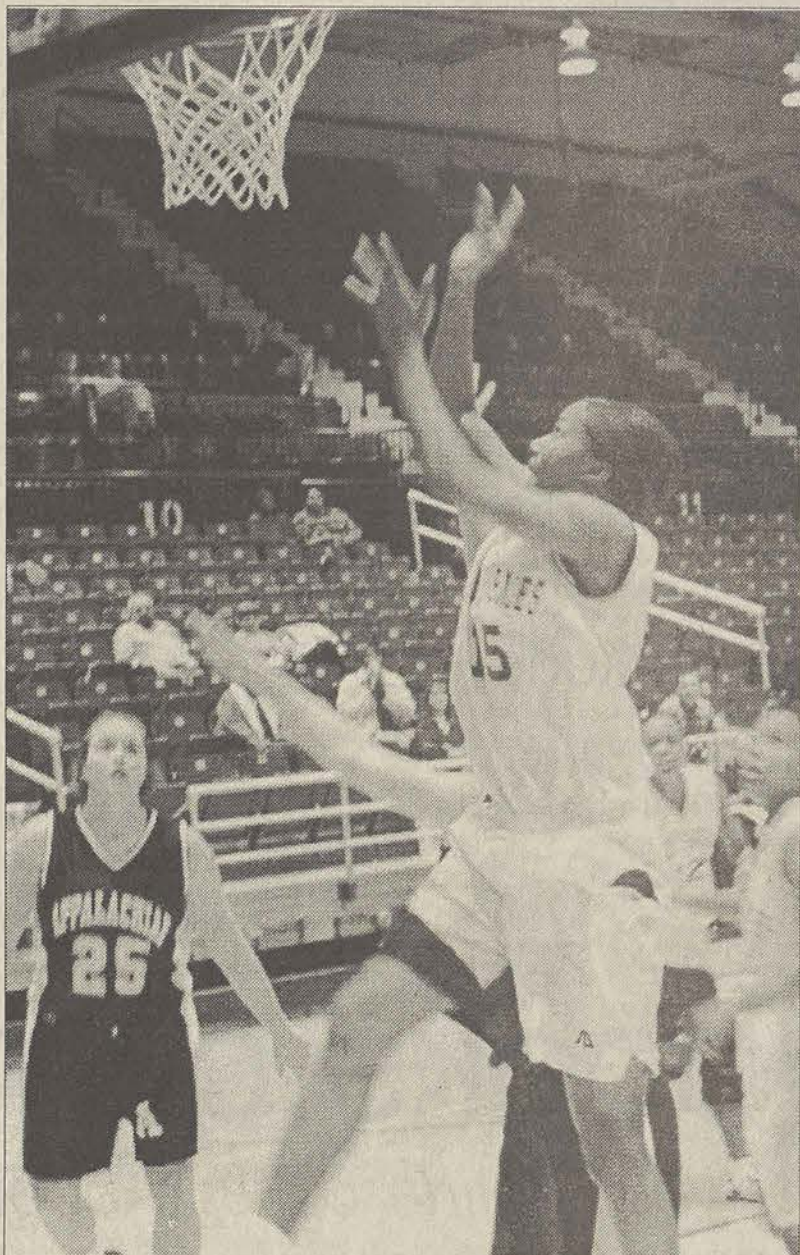
"I don't want to end my career like this," Hill, a junior, said. "I'm going to do everything within my power to make sure this doesn't happen again. Next year is going to be my senior year, and I don't want to go out feeling the same way I feel right now."

Senior defensive end Eric Davis, who played his last game for the Eagles, was disappointed, but put the loss in perspective.

"It hurts to win 14 straight and then lose the biggest one," Davis said. "We really felt we had a chance to win. But, life goes on."

**Second half defense lifts Lady Eagles to comeback win over Appalachian**

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor



**POURING IN THE POINTS:** Lady Eagle forward Sharon Mitchell scored 22 of her 27 points in the second half in GSU's 92-80 comeback victory over App. St.

The Lady Eagles used a second half defensive blitzkrieg to take care of Appalachian State last Monday night at Hanner Fieldhouse. GSU (4-8, 3-1 SoCon) defeated App. State (7-6, 3-2 SoCon) 92-80.

The first half featured a tight contest, as each team matched each other basket for basket. The score at half-time was indicative of the evenly played game, as both teams battled to a 35-35 tie.

In the second half the Mountaineers finally broke out of the deadlock and appeared ready to blow the game wide open. App. State's offense exploded, fueled by a 17-2 run which ended with Mountaineer guard Lauren Romano's three-point bomb. Romano's shot gave Appalachian a commanding 62-47 lead midway through the second half.

That was when Lady Eagle head coach Rusty Cram decided to unchain the Dobermans.

"I thought that our half court offense wasn't working well against their (App.) defense," Cram said. "So we felt like the one option we had left was to extend the floor."

The Lady Eagles unleashed a fullcourt press defense against the Mountaineers. Suddenly there were Lady Eagles all over the basketball court, stripping the ball away from App. State guards, raiding the passing lanes for steals, and patrolling the air-

ways for blocked shots.

The intensity on defense led to Mountaineer turnovers in the open floor, which led to fast break opportunities that the Lady Eagles cashed in on. GSU's offense flourished in the full court running game.

to feed off the others' intensity.

"I think we all picked up the intensity on defense from each other," said Simpson, who had two steals of her own. "None of us wanted to lose this game and we all knew what we had to do in order to win."

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**--HEAD COACH RUSTY CRAM**

"We were trying to wear them down, and we were able to create some turnovers," Cram said. "It got us more into our style of basketball. We're more comfortable in the fullcourt game."

Lady Eagle forward Sharon Mitchell led the comeback charge on offense, scoring 22 of her game high 27 points in the decisive second half. Two Mitchell free throws knotted the game up 65-65 with 7:43 left in the game, ending a stunning 18-3 surge by the Lady Eagles.

A Rosie Arnold fastbreak layup off a Danna Simpson steal gave GSU the go-ahead lead and the Lady Eagles stayed out in front throughout the rest of the night. And once the Lady Eagles put their defensive clamps on, they never let up. As the defensive pressure got hotter and hotter, each GSU ballplayer seemed

Svetlana Trjeskal led the Lady Eagle defense with five steals for the night. But four other Lady Eagles had two picks of their own. Mitchell, Tori Durrett, Lauren Langley and Nikita Whatley all matched Simpson's total.

The fact that the Lady Eagles were able to show such an aggressive defense was scary enough, but they were also able to maintain the same stifling defensive intensity throughout most of the second half - a fact that can become very unsettling for the rest of GSU's SoCon opponents.

"I think that we played our best defense of the year tonight," Trjeskal said. "Everybody stepped up and played. If we continue to play pretty tough defense like we did tonight, I believe we will win the conference. Defense is supposed to be our specialty."

# GSU nearly pulls off upset over Charleston

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

The GSU men's basketball team almost pulled off a shocking upset against the College of Charleston Cougars last Saturday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse. GSU (5-7, 1-1 SoCon) gave Charleston (10-2, 2-0 SoCon) all they could handle before falling to the Cougars, 61-57.

"I was pleased with our guys effort and execution," GSU head coach Gregg Polinsky said after the game. "But I'm not happy with the loss, and I'm sure that our players are not happy with this loss either."

Charleston entered the contest heavily favored to win after thrashing Western Carolina 77-48 in their league opener a few nights before. The Cougars, known as one of the most steadily rising basketball programs in the country, have defeated high profile teams this season such as Massachusetts and North Carolina.

But the Eagles refused to be intimidated by the pregame hype and showed the Cougars that this contest would not be a cakewalk.

"Division I is Division I," GSU point guard Fernando Daniel said. "It doesn't matter if it's small-time Division I or big-time Division I; everybody on this level (has) got players. It all just comes down to who executes and who comes to play."

GSU proved they were ready to play Charleston from the game's opening tip-off. The Eagles fought and clawed their way through a first half that saw neither team hold on to any momentum for too long.

Near the end of the second half Charleston attempted to gain control of the contest. Two free throws by Cougar center Jody Lumpkin gave Charleston a 31-22 lead with nearly two minutes left in the half. But a Cedric McGinnis layup followed



Cory Brooks

**NO SACRIFICIAL LAMB HERE:** GSU put up more than a fair fight against College of Charleston last Saturday night. Charleston, a clear cut favorite to win the conference, edged out the Eagles 61-57.

by a Daniel free throw trimmed the Cougar lead back down to six.

Two free throws by Charleston guard Jermel President put the Cougars up by nine again with six seconds left in the half. But two McGinnis free throws cut Charleston's lead to 34-27 at

halftime.

Although Charleston was leading at halftime they were not dominating the Eagles, much to the dismay of the huge number of Cougar fans who made the trek south from Charleston, who were looking for an easy blowout victory.

But GSU refused to play the role of the slaughtered lamb.

"We had a pretty good scheme coming into this game," Polinsky said. "We never let them run their set offense; give our guys credit for that. Charleston is a very good team, offensively and defensively."

At the beginning of the second half Charleston attempted to put away the pesky Eagles for good. Cougar forward Carl Thomas's layup pushed the Cougars lead to its biggest of the night, 42-32. But the Eagles stormed back with a furious 10-4 run. Kashiem Latham's jumper brought GSU back within four points with 11 minutes left in the contest.

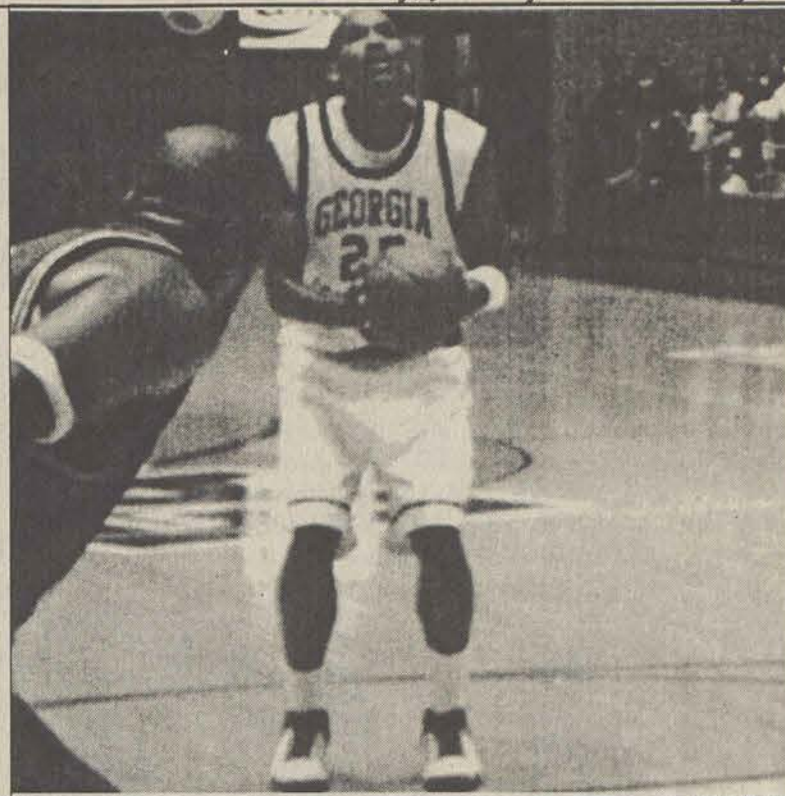
The Eagles crept closer when a three pointer by Daniel cut Charleston's lead to 48-45. The Cougars extended their lead back up to nine a few minutes later, but the Eagles were not done yet. Daniel was fouled in the act of shooting a three-pointer, and connected all three of his free throw attempts. Cedric McGinnis added two free throws of his own to cut the Cougars' lead to 56-55.

Coach Polinsky raised his arms up in the air, asking the Hanner Fieldhouse fans to cheer on the underdog Eagles to the improbable upset.

But Charleston's senior leadership took over during crunchtime and the Cougars escaped the upset bid. Two back to back Danny Johnson layups and a free throw iced the game for Charleston.

College of Charleston head coach John Kresse acknowledged how closely played the contest actually was.

"We're happy to get out of here with a win," Kresse said. "We're lucky to get out of here with our lives."



Cory Brooks

**KASHIEM LATHAM** has been a big asset to GSU's frontcourt this season.

## Latham key factor in post game

By Jamie Hodges  
Sports Editor

Although he is only a freshman, Eagle forward Kashiem Latham has already paid big dividends for Gregg Polinsky's post game. Latham has also had an immediate impact around the Southern Conference, cracking the SoCon's top-10 in rebounding and blocked shots. The Hinesville native also ranks second in the league in offensive rebounding.

A standout at Bradwell High, Latham (6'8", 222 pounds) has made a fluid transition from prep ball to the collegiate ranks. But Latham said he still had to make a lot of adjustments.

"It's a quicker pace at the collegiate level," Latham said. "The game is more physical and there is a lot better competition than in high school."

While Latham is still making adjustments to the collegiate game, the freshman has managed to have some big games along the way. During the Eagles' 86-53 blowout win over North Georgia on December 29,

Latham posted the first double-double by any Eagle player for the season. Latham torched North Georgia for 20 points while snagging 10 rebounds. He also logged a career high 29 minutes during that game.

Teamed up with Cedric McGinnis, Hamp Jones, and fellow freshman Edward Keith, Latham has improved GSU's frontcourt extensively.

"I think that my role on this team is to provide rebounding, scoring, and running the floor," Latham said.

While making plans to continue his education after high school, Latham decided to stay close to home to be near friends and family.

"It's been a pretty good experience," Latham said about playing close at home. "I wanted to play close at home."

Although Latham has already turned some heads in the conference with his solid performances, the freshman is not content to rest on his laurels.

"I just want to keep getting better and better," he said.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

# What did GSU students do on their winter break?

By **Ni'Cole Patterson**  
Features Editor

It's back to the old routine. Waking for early classes and pulling all nighters in the library. Yes, my fellow peers—winter break is officially over. As we all know, the break wasn't long enough to unwind from last semester's stress or hectic schedules and there wasn't enough time to recuperate from the overload of semester work. Making the best of those two weeks, however, is what makes a vacation worth while and worth telling. *The George-Anne* put out a search party on campus to find out what students did over the break. And here's what we found.



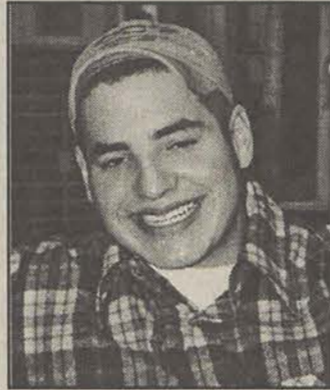
Vanessa Bryant, senior

"For Christmas, my brother and I feed the homeless with Hosea Williams in Atlanta at Turner Field. The following week, I spent time with my family in Tuskegee, Ala."



Courtney Owen, sophomore

"I went to Gatlinburg, Tenn., where there was a huge ice storm. We didn't have power for one night and it was so cold that I slept in gloves. The rest of the break I spent with my family."



Joey Faulk, sophomore

"For Christmas, we opened presents at Grandma's house in Twiggs County. New Year's Eve, I went to a friend's house and we popped fire crackers. January 2, was my birthday."



Chris Duncan, freshman

"On Monday, my pipes froze. New Year's Eve, I worked a 12 hour day at Old Mill Steakhouse. I really couldn't get drunk that night because I had to be at work at 12 p.m. on New Year's day."



Jeff Hinson, senior

"I worked, visited relatives and relaxed. For New Year's Eve, I went to Underground Atlanta, hung out with some of my fraternity brothers and partied."



Iman Ahmad, junior

"I went to Atlanta to visit my nieces and nephews. On New Year's Eve, I went to Charlotte and went to three different parties."

NEWS AROUND THE NATION

## Stickers waning in popularity

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Ken Nash glances up one row of the Macy's parking lot in Queens and then another.

And another. Suddenly, he is gripped by a brutal truth: His car is an outcast.

"I can't believe this! Not a single other car with a bumper sticker?" Nash, whose gray Hyundai sports a mildly ribald message to Ken Starr, said.

"We're becoming a nation of drones," the 41-year-old sculptor, still shaking his head as he gets in to drive home, said.

Nash's theory is debatable, but at least it's one way of explaining the noticeable decline of the bumper sticker.

Major sticker companies said the rectangular text-bites have faded over the last few years, victims of the new breed of painted bumpers and an increase in leased cars that people are loath to blemish.

But Nash isn't the only one who sees a deeper meaning.

From the executives who produce the stickers to the car mechanics who scrape them off, from seasoned collectors to laymen, the popular explanation is that Americans have lost their passion.

"Everyone's moving toward the center and what's happened to our outrage?" Carol Gardner, who spent two years trailing cars on the nation's highways for her 1995 book, "Bumper Sticker Wisdom: America's Pulpit Above the Tailpipe," said.

Issues such as the White House sex scandal, or America's continuing abortion wars, would seem a ready source of new sticker-wisdom. Yet it isn't happening.

"I'm surprised there weren't a gazillion Monica bumper stickers and I don't even see pro-life and pro-choice stickers," Gardner said. "It seems like everyone wants to be left alone."

Bumper sticker sales are down

nine percent since 1996 at the Kansas-based Gill Studios, one of the nation's biggest sticker makers with 15 million a year.

The most popular now are the least controversial, said president Mark Gilman stickers boasting about a child on the honor roll, or promoting a local fund-raising drive.

"I went to a luncheon at the height of the political campaigns this year and out of 100 cars in the lot, I was the only one with a bumper sticker," Gilman said.

"I think people are a little less willing to take a stand in public. We're all worn out from confrontation."

Lancer Label Inc., said. In Omaha, sticker sales are down 5 percent.

Sonny Chiavone has noticed fewer stickers at his body and repair shop, Sonny's Collision Specialist in Queens. He thought wrongly that they had been outlawed.

"Aren't they against the law? Because people read them and get in accidents?" he said.

"If I see a bunch of stickers, it's a headache. I don't want to get involved."

If bumper stickers are becoming passe, a new trend is already taking over: window decals.

Young people, especially males,

**"BUMPER STICKERS ARE THE CHEAPY THING. DECALS ARE MORE COOL."**

**--BILL GROAK, SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT MARKET ASSOCIATION**

Road rage is out, Gilman said, and with it stickers he sold in the late 1980s and early 1990s that read "Don't bother me, I'm reloading" and "Hang up and drive."

That new cars are being made without a separate bumper is no small factor.

Since the early 1990s, most bumpers flow down from the back of the car and are painted, leaving drivers unsure about where to put the sticker and worried about blemishing the paintwork. Before, bumpers were coated in rubber or chrome.

On the Volkswagen Beetle, a peaceloving bumper sticker seemed to come as an optional accessory in the 1960s and 1970s. The new model doesn't even have a bumper.

"Why would you want to put one on a cute little thing like that?" Kay Hughes, who works in catalog production for the Omaha, Neb.-based

have taken to decals that celebrate racing cars and rock bands in screaming colors and shapes no bumper could ever cope with, Bill Groak, spokesman for the Specialty Equipment Market Association, a trade group for car accessory makers, said.

"Bumper stickers are the cheapy thing. Decals are more cool," he said.

Even if the decline of bumper stickers does reveal something about society, maybe it's something good, Bob Finn, president of megasticker maker Finn Graphics Inc., of Cincinnati, said.

"I don't think you're into that rebellious attitude anymore where everyone wanted to get their two cents in," he said.

"You haven't got that much to complain about."

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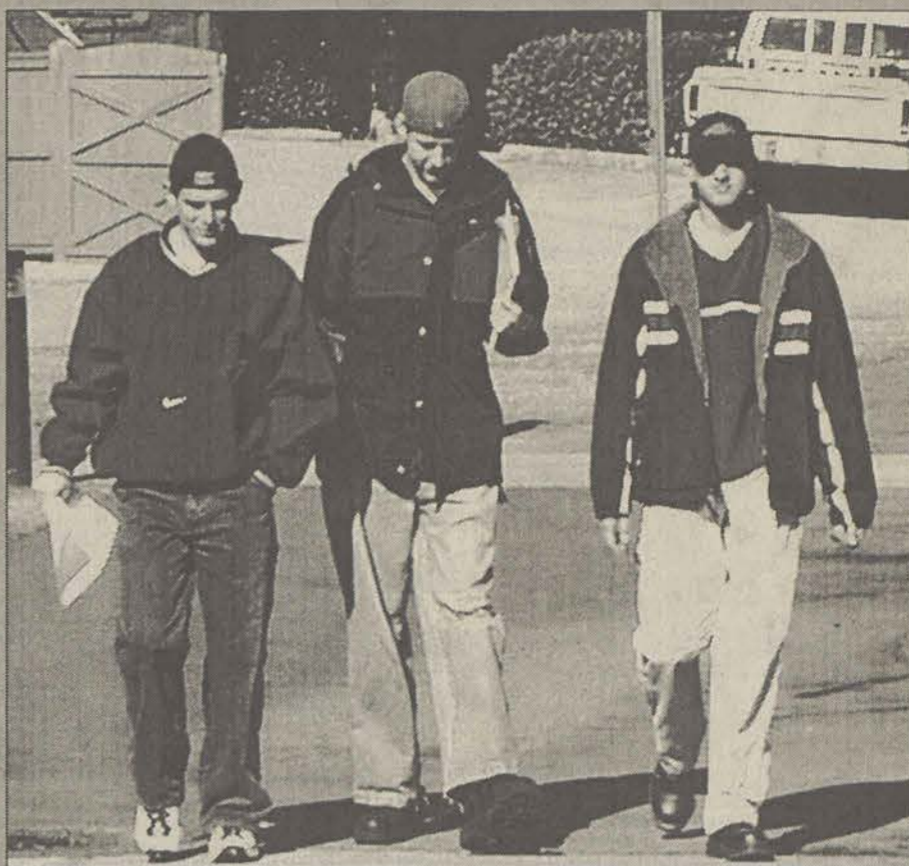
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The winter chill sets in...



Sarah Trucksis

HOW DID IT GET SO COLD? Students brave the elements, donning hats, coats, gloves and jeans.

**Around town this week...**

By Vanessa Keber  
 A&E Editor

Well folks, it's back to the grindstone again. I trust that all of you had a spectacular holiday break. I, for one, am thrilled to pieces to be back in the town that in two short weeks has been transformed into a blustery Statesboro. Yea! Bring on the sweaters and the Psych books! Yeah, right. If you find yourself in desperate need of an entertainment fix as you're reading this, there's hope. For example, at Dingus MaGee's tonight at 9:30, the band Country Line will be performing. Flip the door guy a buck and you're in. Buffalo's has Karaoke at 8 p.m. Get back into the Swing at Wild Wing's

back-to-school party, starting as soon as classes let out and going on 'til whenever. Tomorrow night, Palmer and Riner will be playing at Buffalo's at 10 p.m. Also, the '70s dress-up band Stayin' Alive will be at the Wing at 9:30. Saturday evening, catch the Drunks at Buffalo's around 10, or D.J. Rob Meadows at 9:30 in Wild Wing. Tuesday night, Ben and Brandon will be at the Wing at 9:30.

A cool new development: Buffalo's Cafe is now featuring a comedy night each Wednesday. For a \$3 cover, you can come in and laugh your butt off with Dave Rojan and Rich Molinari. A new act will be featured each week.

**Happiest people of 1998**

The Associated Press

Three prominent people were honored by the Secret Society of Happy People for "not letting anyone rain on their parade" during 1998.

The winners were actor Christopher Reeve, Dr. Patch Adams and talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

Reeve won "for continuing to believe he and thousands of others will walk again despite anybody else's pessimism, and for his landmark fundraising, lobbying and public education efforts on behalf of spinal cord injuries," society founder Pam Johnson said Friday.

"His amazing spirit and insistence upon continuing to live a full personal and professional life is an inspiration to everyone," Ms. Johnson said.

Adams, portrayed by Robin Williams in this week's top-grossing movie, was honored for "never giving up on his belief that humor and compassion are the cornerstones of healing."

Winfrey was applauded for choosing to do a show that "educates, enlightens and comforts

her viewers" despite recent trends and complaints by critics.

The society, which asks, "Are you happier than you admit you are?" received international attention for challenging advice columnist Ann Landers' stand against good-news holiday letters. Ms. Landers did not respond to Ms. Johnson for her letter.

As for the rest of 1998, there was little good news, the society said.

Ranking first on the list was "The first 14 days of 1998" because nobody had heard of Monica Lewinsky and ignorance was bliss," Ms. Johnson said.

The other happy items were:  
 2. At 77, astronaut John Glenn returned to space.

3. Home run sluggers Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were happy for each other and we were happy for them both.

4. Jesse "The Body" Ventura elected governor in Minnesota.

5. The return of the Volkswagen Beetle.

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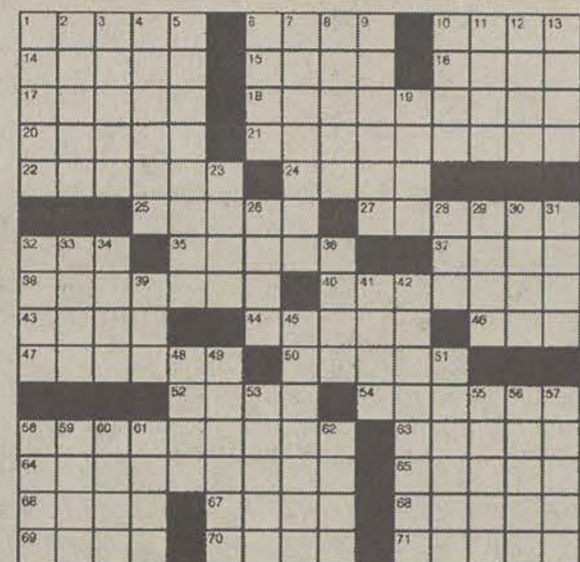
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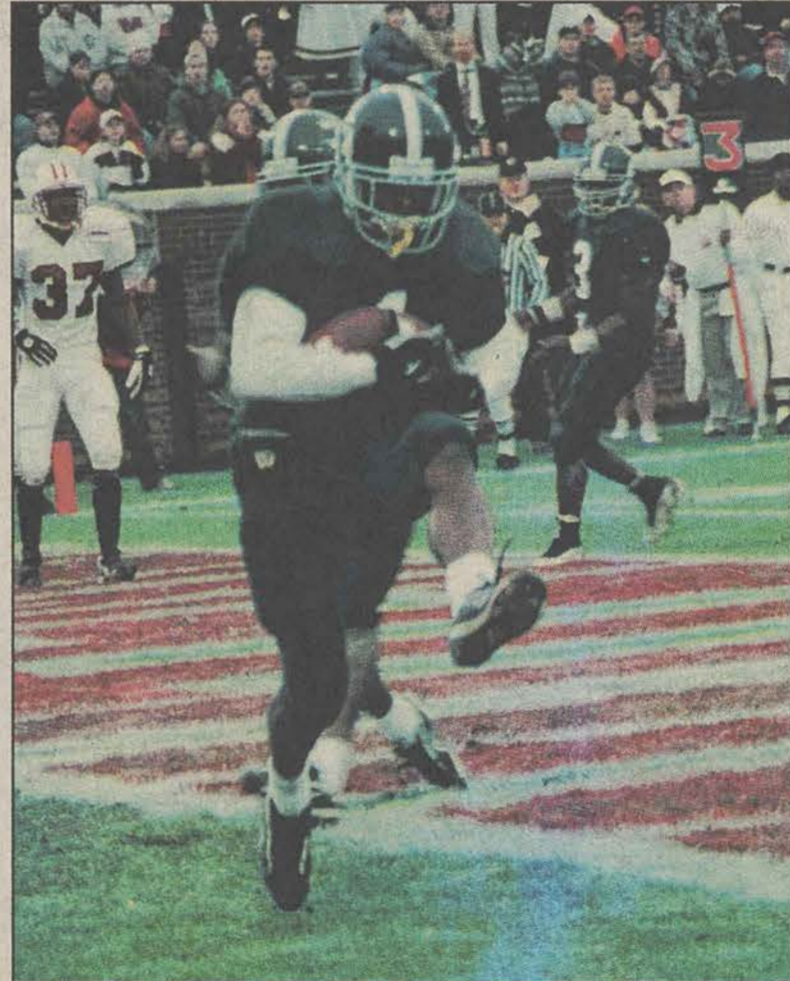
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