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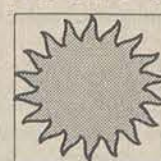


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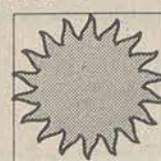
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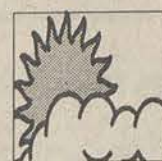
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**Tuesday**

Sunny with a high of 63 and a low of 51.


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**Thursday**

Sunny with a high of 64 and a low of 41.

## GOLD EDITION

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## The Search Is On

The seventh, and final, presidential candidate will be at an open forum Thursday in the Union commons area at 4 p.m.

## Sports



### Eagles lose to App. State

In a 67-56 game GSU falls short.

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## Features



### Alpha Omega Pi holds ribbon cutting

Over 120 members strong, this sorority now has a new house to call home.

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## THE SEARCH IS ON ... Fifth in a series highlighting GSU's presidential candidates

# Hobgood emphasizes fundraising and community interests

 By Allison Taylor  
News Editor

As the fifth candidate stepped up to the podium Jan. 28 at the presidential forum, Wade Hobgood related his ideas pertaining to the process of a shared vision at GSU with an emphasis on fund-raising and the community. "Most of the hard work is already done," he said. "But the main vision for GSU is the sense of community that GSU entails," he said.

According to Hobgood, there is a certain type of distinctiveness to GSU's vision.

"It is relatively difficult to have a university in this community without a vision," Hobgood said. "The relationship with the community is absolutely pivotal and critical to the development of GSU."

Questions were presented to Hobgood by moderator and chairman of the Search and Advisory Board, Trey Denton. The questions were fielded by Denton from the audience of staff, students and faculty.

Hobgood is presently Dean of the College of Arts at California State University, Long Beach.

According to Hobgood, the main strength is "the sense of community, honor, service and passion at GSU."

Another strength is the commitment of Statesboro to the institution.

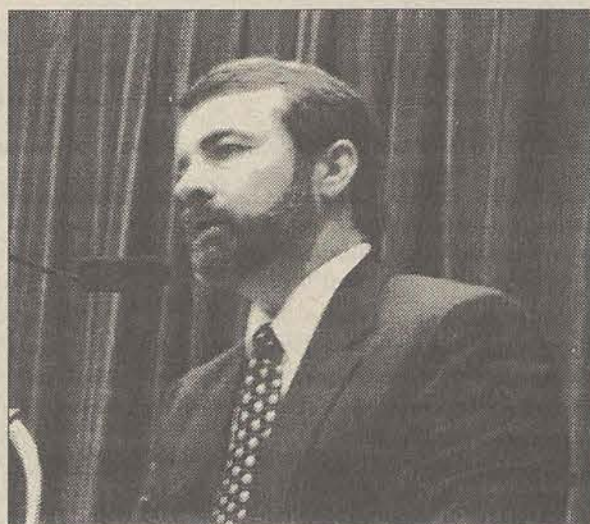
"We need them more than they need us," he said.

He said he was willing to serve on boards, participate in community functions, or do anything that would benefit the community.

"The president should have a good will and a high profile both on the campus and within the community," he said.

Hobgood also said that fund-raising is very important to an institution like GSU.

"It is reality that state funds do not provide



Susan Smith

ADDRESSING HIS AUDIENCE: Wade Hobgood is the fifth presidential candidate to be featured in an open forum.

adequate resources," Hobgood said. "There is not enough money from the state."

The only way to counter the lack of resources is to fund raise, he said.

Hobgood said he would put emphasis on private funding for additional financial assistance.

One major weakness with Hobgood, he said, is his daily interaction with students.

"Deans tend to have limited interaction with students," he said.

But he said he would be willing to seek help from student government at both the social and professional

level to ensure he is living up to his responsibilities.

"I love what I do," he said. "With joy I get up everyday and interact with students."

He said that he is in the practice of always returning phone calls.

"It does not reflect well on the position or the individual if the president does not meet the needs of everyone."

On the issue of diversity, Hobgood said that California State aggressively recruits both students and faculty and that GSU would benefit from this type of recruitment.

He said the university spends extra money to find a diverse field to choose from.

"The final outcome," he said. "Is that the best individual is always selected."

Hobgood said that he would use his experience to illustrate what is possible in terms of recruitment.

"Go the extra mile to make sure that those individuals who you want to be a part of your academic community are aware that the opportunity is out there."

According to Hobgood, in order for GSU to be considered a first rate institution, the university needs to recruit the best and the brightest students.

"GSU will never be a first rate institution if it is the second and third choice of students," he said.

## A closer look at GSU's fifth presidential candidate

**Current Position:** Dean of the College of Arts at California State University, Long Beach.

**Previous Employment:** Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX., Dean, College of Fine Arts, 1992-93 Winthrop University, Rock, SC., Associate Dean & Professor, School of Visual & Performing Arts, 1988-1992; Acting Chair, Department of Music, 1991-92; Chair and Associate/Full Professor, Department of Art and Design, 1984-89. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC., Design Director and Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Art, 1978-84.

**Education:** East Carolina, North Carolina, Masters of Fine Arts, communication arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts in communication arts.

**Awards:** City of Long Beach Distinguished Arts, Administration Award, 1997; South Carolina Art Education Association, Art Educator of the Year Award, 1990; Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award, 1989.

**Family:** Wife: Diane, as well as two children.

"Students who are high academic achievers, valedictorians and the best of the best need to be targeted."

This is the method of recruitment they use at California State University. Hobgood also recommended putting ads in local magazines to get the message out to the public that GSU was recruiting. Hobgood wanted to make very clear that he was not going to take the program at Longbeach and transform it to GSU.

But, he said he was going to draw on the experiences he has gained from that institution to help guide him at GSU.

According to Hobgood, his background as a designer would be beneficial to the university.

He said he learned how to budget, how to create a sense of quality, how to deal with clients, how to meet deadlines and how to problem solve.

"I listen, I care, I fund raise and I communicate," he said.

But he is also realistic.

"I don't know enough to do it all by myself," he said.

# GSU ready to meet challenges new millennium may cause

 By Amanda Brunger  
Staff Writer

Tick tick, tick tick goes the clock counting down the days, hours, minutes and even seconds to the year 2000. It is coming soon, and everyone from the U. S. Post Office to GSU computers is paying attention to the change of the new millennium.

The world has caught a bug known as The Year 2000, or Y2K, a problem that hopefully can be cured with the right medicine if proper precautions and preparations are enacted.

GSU is more than ready to meet the challenges the new millennium may cause.

"We are ahead of schedule with all compliances," John Gleissner, assistant director of computer services said. "Costs are down to a minimal because we spread it out over the last few budget years of 96, 97 and 98 due to the foresight and planning. Also, the Board of Regents has helped."

"Our programmers are working very hard to ensure compliance is met. We have our little section of the puzzle fit together. If the rest of the world goes on, we will too," Gleissner said.

GSU has initiated a Year 2000 Compliance Program for the purpose of assuring critical university computer systems and applications are Year 2000 compliant.

"Computer Services has started an evaluation program to determine the extent of non-Y2K compliance we have on campus. For the most part, operating system upgrades, BIOS upgrades, new hardware purchases, and new program versions will take care of desktop compliance," Gleissner said. "Network servers will undergo the same modifications as the desktops and will be replaced, upgraded or have new programs installed to meet the Y2K standard."

As for the major systems that run the Banner system or the Finance and Budget system, according to Gleissner, "plans were in place long ago to qualify the programs as Y2K compliant. A new system for Human Resources is expected to be ready by the summer of 1999."

"We have broken up the immense task of verifying year 2000 compliance into small manageable areas," Gleissner said. "Each area has a Task Force member assigned to coordinate the efforts for that area in making that area Y2K compliant."

By March 31, we should have all the "Mission Critical" equipment in compliance. These include areas of code remediation, rewrite and replacement along with technical testing of such areas as payroll and financial aid. Further comments on compliance has a deadline of June 30. Final testing will be in the fall. These dates were issued by the Governor," Gleissner said.

Accountability was great for the big computers, public safety areas, fire and burglar alarms, and elevators around campus according to Gleissner.

Whether you believe that 1999 will close the second millennium or 2001 is when the next millennium begins, is not as important an issue as the perceptions and events that will occur when 00 is written down for the first time, Gleissner said.

According to the President's Council, on the Year 2000 Conversion, the Y2K problem is caused by a "shortcut" used in many computers and microchips. Years ago, to conserve memory space, programmers used two numbers to record the year. For example, 72 would mean

1972. Unfortunately, computers and microchips that still use a two-number year will, on January 1, 2000, recognize "00" not as the Year 2000, but as the Year 1900. This could cause them to either shut down or generate incorrect data.

In our electronic information-dependent society, that could be a catastrophic problem because the effects are widespread from personal computers, local area networks, telecommunication systems and systems and equipment that use embedded technology, such as fire alarm systems, heating and cooling systems, elevators, and telephone switching equipment.

This problem has a straightforward "fix," but many computers and other information technology systems are complex, which makes repair and replacement work time consuming. Thus, the Y2K problem is a management chal-

lenge or time and organizing the resources to deal with it.

The U. S. Department of Education has implemented a year 2000 Strategy.

It consists of five phases. **Awareness:** A Y2K project team has been established to provide leadership in defining and explaining the importance of achieving Y2K compliance. **Assessment:** This phase involves an inventory of information systems for each business area and an assessment of the impact of potential Y2K-induced failures. **Renovation:** The renovation phase involves making software and hardware changes, developing replacement systems, and decommissioning eliminated systems. **Validation:** This phase will test, verify, and validate converted or replaced systems. **Implementation:** In this final phase, converted or replaced computer systems will be put into use.



## Super Bowl Supporters



Sarah Trucks

**JOYFUL VIEWERS:** Some GSU students show their hopeful happiness as the Atlanta Falcons score their first field goal to start the lead at 3-0.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Things To Do at GSU

## Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring in the Tutorial Center** in library room 1001 has begun for the spring semester. Classes being tutored are: american government, math, chemistry, western civilization and U.S. history, writing, biology, anthropology, learning strategies and statistics. For more information call 681-0321.

• **Military veterans** are wanted to assist in the chartering of a university organization that will provide veterans a powerful voice on campus and in the community. If interested, contact Chris Jones at 489-4401 or David Barnes at 267-9423.

## Tuesday, February 2

• **Phi Sigma Pi**, co-ed honors fraternity, will be having its rush. A meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Russell Union, and a fun night will be held on Feb. 3. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or

higher. For more information, please contact Nikita Stodghill at 764-4230.

• **Faculty Recital** in the Foy Recital Hall, with William Schmid, and Michael Braz at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

## Wednesday, February 3

• The Hillel Board will be presenting **Medical Issues: The Jewish View on Euthanasia and Cloning** by Rabbi Edelstein at 7:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2072. For more information, contact Jeff Cohen at 871-7150.

## Thursday, February 4

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

• **Chi Alpha Campus Ministries** will have an organization meeting. For more information, call Elissa Blount at 764-3020 or e-mail [elissa@frontiernet.net](mailto:elissa@frontiernet.net) or [gsi10876@gsaix2.cc.edu](mailto:gsi10876@gsaix2.cc.edu).

• **"Rush Hour"** will be showing at the Russell Union Theater at 5:30 and 8

p.m.

• In Gallery 303 there will be an art exhibit featuring the work of Bert Brouwer, Suzanne Jenson and Pinky Bass.

• **The Senior Composition Recital** will be held at 8 p.m. in Foy Recital Hall.

• **"Communication in the 21st Century,"** a lecture will be held in the Southern Center Auditorium at 7 p.m.

## Friday, February 5

• **The Army Ground Forces Band** concert will be held in the Foy Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

• **"Rush Hour"** will be showing at the Russell Union Theater at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 9

• **Miss African American Pageant 1999** will be held in the Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets will be \$3 and tickets at the door will be \$4.

## POLICE BEAT

## Statesboro Police Department

## January 28

• Craig Hunter, of Oak Hollow Dr., reported a sick person.

• Kyle Hunt, of Park Place, reported criminal trespass.

## January 27

• Charles Strickland, of Gentilly Road, reported damaged property.

• Christopher Parker, 19, of 97 Park Place, was charged with possession of marijuana.

## January 26

• Michael Dennis Ritz, 19, of 3731 Cac-

tus Trail, was charged with improper left turn.

## January 25

• Baydr Williams, of Fair Road, reported lost or stolen property.

## GSU Division of Public Safety

## January 26

• Robert Tacheney reported a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a cordless phone, a calculator, three textbooks, a Nintendo 64 and several video games were taken from his room in Johnson Hall.

• Dianne J. Lappa reported her purse was taken from the Landrum Center.

• Angelia Leong reported someone entered her vehicle in the Winburn Hall parking lot and took her book bag.

*Editors Note:* Police Beat appears in every issue of the *George-Anne* in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature, and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.



Compiled by  
Chris Brenneman

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

## Midshipman could be expelled for sexual misconduct

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (CPX) — The Naval Academy is taking steps to expel a midshipman who has been accused of raping a female classmate. Michael Pilson Jr. has admitted to having sex in a Naval Academy dormitory — an offense punishable by expulsion — but says his encounter with another midshipman was consensual.

The woman, whose name has not been released, claims she was raped. The Academy is not seeking to expel her, *The Washington Times* reported last Tuesday. Pilson says the woman made

up the allegation to avoid being punished. He also contends that he has been treated differently than the woman because he is black, and she is white.

A spokesman for the university denied that race or gender play any role in the university's investigation of what happened to the woman one night last July. Academy officials say they will not discuss the case further because of privacy regulations. A military judge threw out three criminal charges against Pilson — rape, burglary and conduct unbecoming an officer — in October

because he decided the woman had been intoxicated at the time of the alleged attack and could not recall events in detail.

Nevertheless, Vice Adm. John Ryan, the academy superintendent, recommended Jan. 9 that a midshipman who is believed to be Pilson be expelled for sexual misconduct. Navy Secretary Richard Danzig ultimately decides whether a student should be expelled. Pilson's attorney is fighting the recommended expulsion, which could result in Pilson having to pay the Navy \$70,000 for educational costs.

## Lawyer for false Yale student expects plea

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CPX) — An Ohio woman accused of faking credentials that gained her admittance to Yale University continues to be the subject of mystery and intrigue after her attorney appeared in court last Thursday and showed photos of her bound and gagged.

Norman A. Pattis said he doesn't know who sent him the anonymous letter, which appears to be on university letterhead, or the disturbing images attached. The author claims to be someone in the neurobiology program in which 23-year-old Tonica Jenkins was enrolled.

According to Pattis, the letter states that Yale has treated Jenkins unfairly.

Though Pattis said much of the letter is "incoherent," he said its claims warrant further investigation. Superior Court Judge

Roland D. Fasano agreed and gave Pattis one week to get to the bottom of the matter.

Fasano also told Jenkins that this would be her last reprieve. "Do you understand?" he asked her. Jenkins nodded but did not speak during last Thursday's hearing, which was supposed to be her last chance to accept a plea bargain before she faces trial on charges of larceny, forgery, escape and two counts of failure to appear in court. If convicted, Jenkins could get 50 years in prison.

No matter who drafted the mysterious letter, it isn't likely to get Jenkins back into the esteemed university.

She is accused of using forged transcripts and phony letters of recommendation to gain entry to the neurobiology program in December 1997.

## CANADIAN NEWS BRIEF

## Canadian firm to dole out Michigan travel information

DETROIT (AP) — All one has to do to get more information on traveling to Michigan is pick up the telephone and call — Canada. Canada?

Starting March 1, telephone inquiries placed with the state's toll-free vacation information number will be routed to a telephone operator call center on Prince Edward Island, a province off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Travel Michigan, the state's tourism promotion office, has signed a three-year, \$2.4 million contract with Watts Communications Ltd., a Toronto-based firm to provide the service.

The state also has a contract with an Illinois firm operating out of an office in Indiana that takes reservations for people who want to camp in Michigan's state parks.

None of this pleases DPCS International, a Livonia-based company that has provided the Travel Michigan telephone service for the past five years.

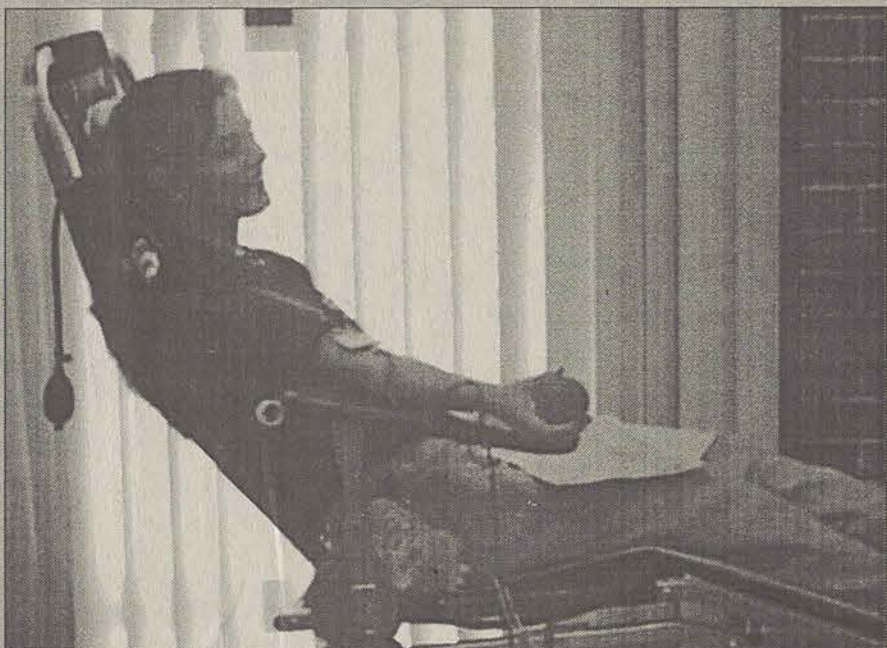
DPCS is challenging the Watts contract, claiming that the bid process was rigged to favor the Canadian company.

Still pending is the DPCS' appeal of the Watts contract award to the state Department of Management and Budget, which oversees state contracts.

"We find it strange that when people from all over the country call Travel Michigan, they'll get someone with a Prince Edward Island accent," DPCS Chairman Wilhelm Kast told Booth Newspapers.

Kast claims Destination Marketing Group is providing its software to Watts for \$10,000 when the list price actually is \$300,000.

## Giving the gift of life



Susan Smith

GSU STUDENTS LIKE TO GIVE: GSU student Alyssa Dennis gave blood last week. "It makes me feel good to help other people," she said, while in the act of donating her blood. Dennis and many other students gave the gift of life. The blood drive was sponsored by Sigma Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Chi.

## Nominations Sought for Judicial Board

## TO: GSU Faculty, Staff, and Students

The University Judicial Board (UJB) needs your help to fill student positions on the Board for the 1999-2000 academic year. You are asked to nominate students you feel would be responsible and conscientious UJB members.

All regularly enrolled students who have completed at least 15 hours of academic credit at GSU are eligible for appointment provided they meet the following criteria: (1) they must not have a disciplinary record for the last three academic periods of university attendance; (2) they must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better; (3) they must not hold the top executive office in any campus organization; (4) they must be a full-time student; and (5) they must be planning to attend GSU the entire 1999-2000 academic year.

If you know students who would be excellent UJB members, please submit their nomination by Friday, March 12, 1999. All nominations should include the nominee's full name, social security number, current phone number, current GSU P.O. Box number, and a paragraph stating why you think the nominee will be an effective UJB member. Feel free to nominate as many students as you like. Again, all nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 12, 1999. Send nominations by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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Man arrested in theft of 3,500 Viagra pills

The Associated Press

CROWN POINT — A Lake County man has been charged with stealing 3,500 tablets of the impotency drug Viagra from the Merrillville self-storage facility where he worked.

Mark Steven Drisner, 21, of Griffith was arrested last Thursday at the Merrillville police station after confessing to twice using master keys to two storage units leased by Viagra maker Pfizer Inc. to steal the pills.

Lake County Detective Tim Wardrip said the pills, which were valued at about \$35,000, have not been recovered but that Drisner was cooperating with police.

"I really don't want to say anything more than that our investigation is continuing," Wardrip said.

Pfizer sales representatives rented two storage lockers at the U-Haul self-storage facility in November. One representative noticed 1,600 of the pills missing from a locker on Dec.

17.

A second sales representative found an additional 1,900 pills missing Dec. 29. The pills retail for \$10 each, Wardrip said.

Drisner, who had worked at the storage center for about a year, was being held Thursday night at the Lake County Jail in Crown point on two counts of theft, each a Class D felony.

He was scheduled for a bond hearing today in Lake Superior Court.

2 Oregon

76-year-old band member

The Associated Press

EUGENE—Through the blare of rowdy kids tuning their instruments, the 76-year-old man with regal white hair, a black cane and a tarnished French horn slowly makes his way to his seat in the brass section.

Retired pipe fitter John Suta is in his third year with the Roosevelt Middle School band. The eighth-graders he plays with no longer see him as an oddity, but as an inspiration who plays with a passion for music and thick fingers gnarled by a lifetime of hard work.

"He is exactly like a middle

school band player, even though he is older," said 13-year-old Anna Richardson.

"Without music I would just as soon be dead," Suta said, summing up a philosophy that through the years has led him to take up opera, the piano and the harmonica.

And it was what drove him to walk into the middle school's beginning band class and ask for the chance to learn how to play a horn he had always loved. Without hesitating, the teacher told him, "Take a seat."

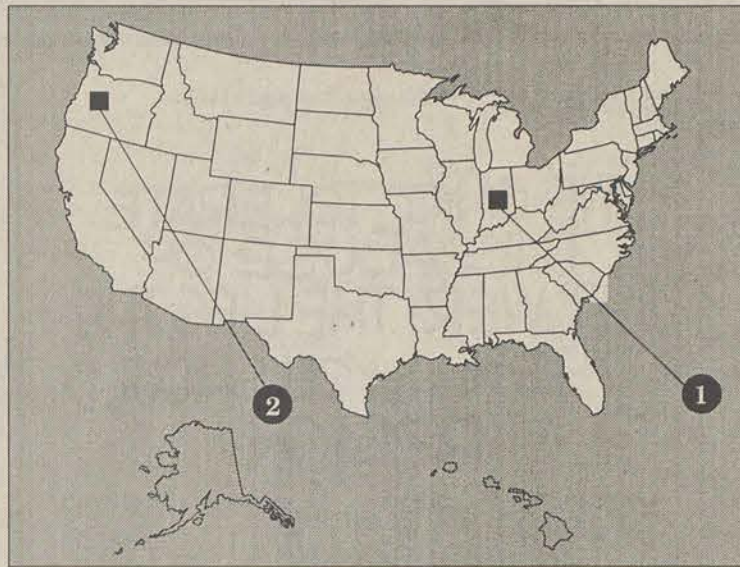
Since then, Suta has advanced from "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

to Beethoven, from sixth-grade to eighth-grade band.

Josh Mack took over leadership of the Roosevelt band program this year and inherited Suta. "I just knew he had to be there," Mack said.

Suta's love for music goes back to his childhood in Aurora, Ill., when his mother would sing songs in her native Hungarian.

He grew up studying singing with an accompanist for the Chicago Opera and speaking German, Hungarian, Romanian and Italian in his immigrant neighborhood.



Woman to experience three centuries

The Associated Press

BOONEVILLE, Miss. — She was born in the last century and if her good health is an indication, she'll live long enough to experience three centuries.

Lucy Mae Spain, born on Jan. 17, 1899, moved to Mississippi when she was 13.

One of four children of Maggie Wheeler Isbell and Charlie Isbell, she was born in Obion County, Tenn., near the Kentucky border. Some of her fondest memories are of fishing in Reelfoot Creek, and she continued to enjoy the sport of fishing for years to come.

At the urging of an uncle, the family moved in 1912 to Prentiss County, where her father raised cotton and corn. Although some might have described these as tough times, Spain does not. "We always had plenty to eat," she said.

It was also a time when romance bloomed for the young girl, who rode side-saddled to school at Osborne Creek about two to three miles from her home.

One day the horse got spooked at a creek crossing and returned home with a frustrated Lucy clinging to its back, she recalled with a smile.

At the country schoolhouse, Lucy met her future husband, Glynton Spain.

Although he was dating another girl at the time, Lucy won his heart.

"He and another girl were dead in love," Lucy said. "She tried to hire me not to go with him. That beat all I ever heard. I was more determined than ever."

But Glynton wasn't the only boy she dated. "I wasn't going to be single but once," she said.

A 12-page love letter Lucy wrote to one of her heartthrobs was taken away by her teacher.

"The last day of school, he gave it back but my mother never saw it," she said.

Lucy also played Cupid on occasion. At the request of another fellow student, Claud Cartwright, she wrote a romantic love letter that he copied and gave to his sweetheart, Hattie Mae Carpenter. "It worked," Spain said. The two, who are now deceased, were later married.

The farmer's daughter became a farmer's wife when she married Glynton Spain at age 18. Because her husband had lost three fingers in a wood-chopping accident, he didn't have to fight in the war, she said.

After Glynton Spain died in 1988, she lived alone for many years but she now resides with her daughter, Mildred Elder, the couple's only child.

Spain's extended family includes two granddaughters, Sherry Davis and Gloria.

Suicide attempt ends in felony charge

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS—A man whose bungled suicide attempt blew apart a portion of a Las Vegas apartment complex will stand trial on two felony counts stemming from the explosion.

Michael McGilbra was ordered to trial following a hearing in Justice Court at which investigators testified about statements McGilbra made to them from his hospital bed.

McGilbra, 40, who sat in court in shackles and peering through thick glasses, declined to take the witness stand at the hearing to determine if there was sufficient evidence to bind him over for trial.

Following Thursday's hearing, Justice of the Peace Bert Brown decided there was enough evidence and set a Feb. 11 arraignment date on felony charges of endangering property by explosives and malicious injury to private property.

McGilbra originally had been charged with arson, but prosecutors determined the current charges better fit the crime because the apparent intent was not to set fire to the building but to commit suicide.

Special Agent Daniel Heenan from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms testified that

McGilbra originally said he had no idea what caused the explosion at La Fiesta Apartments, but later admitted his involvement.

Heenan said McGilbra apparently tried to kill himself by opening a gas valve and inhaling the fumes. He fell asleep, and when he woke up he lit a cigarette with the intent to blow himself up. Heenan also said McGilbra told him he was still intent on trying to kill himself.

While the resulting blast tore the roof off a building and destroyed or damaged several units, it didn't accomplish his stated goal, although it knocked him unconscious.

Seventh-grader sends message in a bottle, gets response

The Associated Press

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — It's not as fast as the Internet or as reliable as the mail, but some seventh-graders at Happy Valley Middle School have found a pretty cool way to communicate: sending a message in a bottle.

When they started their class project last fall, they were not sure it would work.

Teacher Donna Shubert asked her students to pretend they were stranded on an island and write a letter asking for help.

"One of my objectives was for them to believe in things that seemed impossible," she said.

A letter by Erika Dick, 12, was chosen for the bottle, along with an explanation of the project and the school's address. Shubert had the papers laminated and placed in the bottle, which was sealed with wax.

In October, Cliff Holt, 12, went to Florida for a relative's wedding and was given a special assignment: toss the glass bottle into the Gulf of Mexico.

"I threw it out pretty far," he said. "I kept watching it as far as I could, then I couldn't see it anymore."

Two months later the class received a letter from a Louisiana man.

He said he found the bottle some 825 miles away, on the beaches of Matagorda Island south of Houston, Texas.

"We were excited," Cliff said. "I didn't know if somebody would find it. I thought it might take a long time."

This week the students wrote the man a letter and hope he will be their pen pal.

They want to know how he found the bottle, if it still was intact and if he believed the urgent message before reading the note of explanation.

Erika said the project made

it fun to learn about creative writing, geography and science.

Shubert, who has been teaching for 17 years, said she looks for unusual projects and assignments to keep her students interested and excited

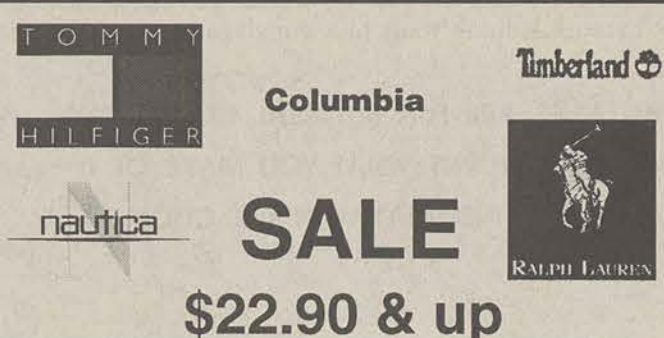
about learning.

It seems to be working. Cliff said he enjoys going to school because something unexpected may happen any day.

"It's more fun than just the regular stuff," he said.

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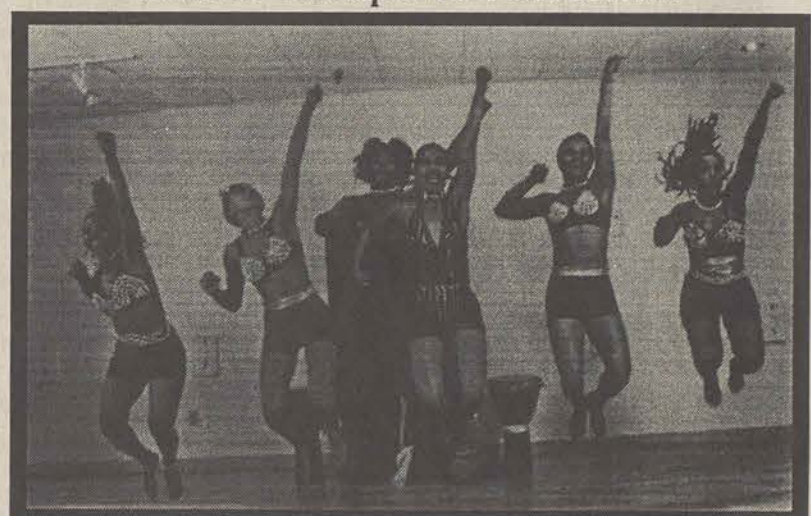
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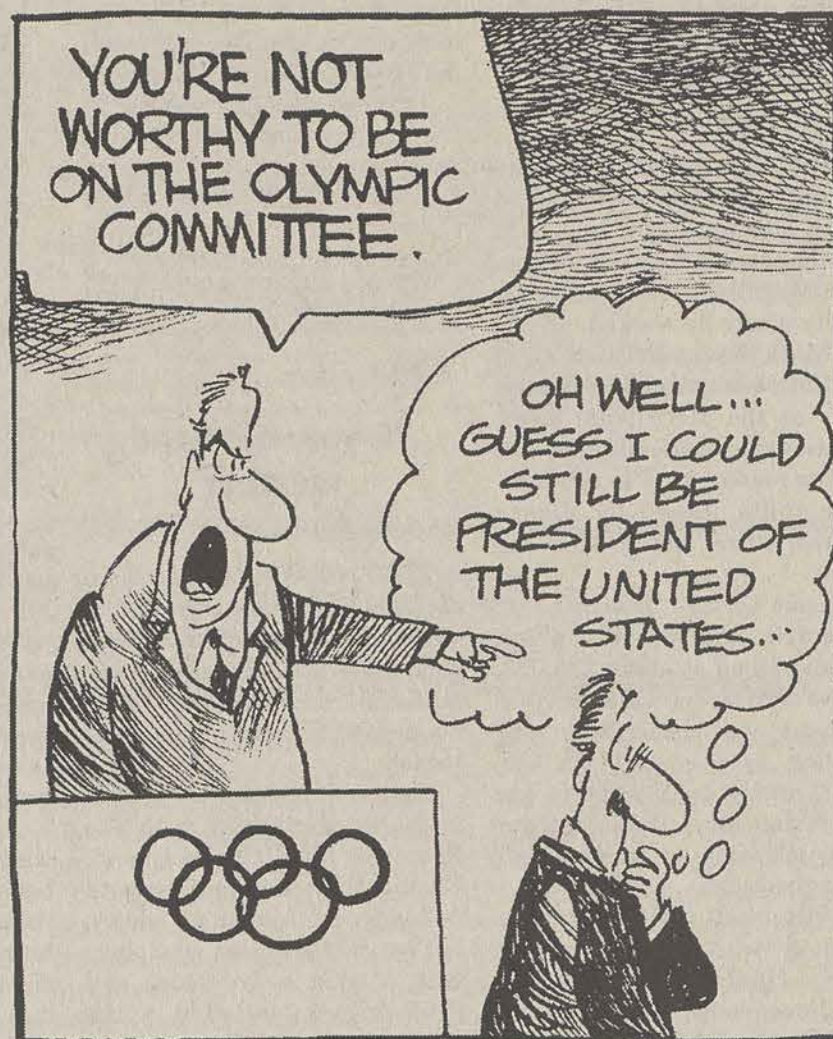
However, as of late the letters to the editor have been few and far in between. It would appear that many of the members of the GSU community have gotten a little letter shy and have preferred to make comments over the phone or even in class.

This really isn't fair. We receive phone calls from people who are so upset over something that they are swearing at us, but they refuse to give their names or write a letter. This means that the opinion doesn't count. All these anonymous callers do is maybe upset whoever answered the phone.

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## Fun at Wild Wing Café and other nonsense

I was out the other night with about 300,000 of my closest, and evidently drunkest friends at Wild Wing Café (it's amazing how many of us they can squeeze in there).

Anyway, amongst the Bucket-o-beer-induced backdrop, a rather scholarly gentleman stared at me from across the room, and belched, "Hey, aren't you that *George-Anne* guy?" I let the jokes running through my head go, and simply nodded. He stumbled his way toward me and said, "Manzz, I gotch a boon to pieth wiff yous."

I was two buckets up, so I felt rather confident and said, "Yeah?"

"Zah. Whyf donz cha wrawt zomezing zewful un ze paper." Evidently I was behind him in consumption, but I had to give him marks for bravado (Note to readers: when you can't even muster up Eubonics, let alone phonics, you are too drunk to talk...so shut up and chug till you drop).

Of course I had to explain to



JUSTIN MILLER  
COLUMNIST

young Shakespeare in Bucs that the reason we don't write any columns that are useful is because we aren't allowed to. In fact, it is considered the mark of a good columnist when he or she

are married or have children, as spouses and parents are masters at evading the subject (example: "Mommy, what does it mean to 'fondle with a cigar'?" Parents: "huhmm?")

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totally evades the issue at hand, and has nothing of any real use to write about it.

In fact, the best are known to never even bring up a subject, but instead just ramble on nonsense, occasionally telling some story about something that happened either "the other day" or "the other night." It helps if you

My new friend didn't understand, so I explained it thus: "Zye can't because zye'm not zo smart."

"Ahh man, don't feels so bad. Its okay, your wif friends." Of course, then he hugged me, and bought me buckets number three and four, and told me the virtues of coon hunting with hounds rather than with another breed.

"Zatz whaz zair bred fur." I guess he was a purist.

Now that I have tried to talk around the subject of usefulness, I will, on behalf of this advice I was tendered "the other night" try to say something useful: don't ever buy another textbook in Statesboro—get 'em on the Internet and you'll save a ton of cash.

Other than that, I have very little advice. But I've got a new friend, and the American Dental Association has allegedly reported that beer helps restore teeth enamel (how's that for useful).

Me, I'm gonna follow the advice of the American Medical Association and stay stroke-free with two drinks a night (but I've go 20 years of non-drinking to make up for—that's 14,610 drinks!).

So I'm headin' out. 14,610 drinks is 2435 buckets. And who knows how much useful advice I'll get along the way.

In the words of the wise sage of Wild Wing, "zuhnuff zaid."



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Recently, one of my friends visited me here at school and noticed that I had just purchased a new television. After I told her that I had not had one for almost a year she concluded that either I must have had some serious financial problems or I was completely out of my mind.

Neither of these were true, my financial state was like most college students you can never have enough and as far as I can tell I have a pretty healthy emotional life.

So why did I voluntarily choose to live in America, or better yet Statesboro, Georgia without a television set?

Initially my decision was to buy a new set last year but a once-in-a-lifetime super sale at Express, my second favorite store, was enough to make me detour my trip to Circuit City.

I did have withdrawal for a little while. However, thankfully there are not a whole lot of programs that I watch on television and more importantly, I have lots of friends who have TVs.

I began to see my self not as "television-less," but simply a person given a spectacular opportunity to discover life that most people never get. There were three important things that life taught me while I didn't have a television set.



MARNITE ZACHERY  
COLUMNIST

First, I gained a new appreciation for the arts. I began to write poetry and short stories and attended cultural events that I had previously not cared about because I didn't want to

top of what was going on in the world around me.

I began to care more about the universe when I felt like I was detached from it (the withdrawal thing again). I guess that's the

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"miss" that particular show. GSU tries to offer these types of programs and many of them were poorly attended.

Perhaps everyone was at home watching "their show". Had I had a television, I may not have gotten around to seeing these exciting films, enlightening guest speakers, and interesting events.

Secondly, I read a lot more than I used to. Being TV-less, I was forced to seek other avenues of information in order to stay on

old "you never miss a good thing till it's gone" cliché.

I was getting a little less tired of hearing about President Clinton's extramarital affairs, then people with TVs were. I wanted to know each and every detail about any and everything and how it affected me.

Thirdly, I learned I was an amazingly creative person who had allowed television to somehow manage to steal some of my creativity. It happened to me and it may be happening to you.

Thankfully I caught it in its early stages. Some of those with extreme cases can be found only answering the phone during commercials, refusing to record a program because its not the same as being there, and worst of all, scheduling their classes around Jerry Springer.

When entertaining guests, I was content to merely pop in movie and let the screen do the work for me.

Today I would rather not view history in action—I'd rather make my own. I don't want to watch "Star Wars"—I wanna go and take the moon and stars for myself.

Make no mistake about it I enjoy watching television and I think that it was a great invention that opened up a path to a whole new world that was previously unknown.

Those anti-TV persons argue that it is responsible for the moral decay in society, bad grades, wrecked marriages, dysfunctional families, and, yes, even the fall of the beef industry.

I submit that we should take responsibility for our own actions and our own lives.

Televisions do not cheat, steal, and lie—people do. Fantasies are fun have but real life is one hundred percent what you make of it—and you can't find that with the click of a button.

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## Your Opinion

### Concerned athletic fans urge SGA to try and get dropped programs reinstated

Dear Georgia Southern SGA,  
We have learned that the GSU Athletic Department has decided to discontinue men's swimming and men's cross country. I am writing you to appeal this decision and hope you can help overturn it.

The athletic department said it is discontinuing the two sports so it may add women's indoor and outdoor track. While it is their desire to offer opportunities to the women's programs, it is beyond comprehension to think that the men's teams do not deserve the same opportunity Georgia Southern University Swimming for example has a long and rich tradition dating back to the 1950s and is consistently competing for the Southern Conference title.

If you, as the Georgia Southern Student Government say nothing, you are telling the University officials that it's o.k. and that opportunities for men do not matter. Well they do matter! Whether you are a male or not is irrelevant. Maybe you have a brother or friend who will be impacted by this decision.

The athletic department has to listen to you and your opinions. You, as the SGA, account for nearly 60% of the athletic department budget. The athletic department budget is \$4.5 million dollars and the student fees you vote to approve, contribute

\$2.5 million dollars to the athletic department budget. If you voice your opinion that their decision is unacceptable, they will listen!

At the very least, the athletic department should continue to offer these sports on a non-funded basis. The same coaches will continue to coach the women's swim team and women's cross country programs so there is no additional coaching expense and the facilities already exist.

I strongly urge you, as a voice of the student body, to tell the athletic department they made the wrong decision and that both men's swimming and men's cross country should be reinstated. If you do tell the athletic department that their decision is unacceptable, you are not only sending a message to the GSU officials but all college administrators that opportunities should be abundant for all genders.

Lastly, the athletic department will once again be asking you to vote to increase student athletic fees. Should you decide to vote for an increase, you might as well have given them a reward for their latest decision.

Thank you for your time and support,

Signed,  
Randy Nutt, Trey Harrison, Skip Gilbert, Craig Dewing, Tyler Benedict, Cav Cavanaugh, Khristi Keefe

### Former assistant coach protests loss of programs

Dear Georgia Southern SGA,  
I had the honor of coaching at your institution during the 1993 and 94 season. The experience was fantastic. I have also been associated with other swim teams that have made the decision to drop men's swimming or reduce the number of men's swimming scholarships.

In these cases where the men's team was weakened or canceled, the women's team also suffered. Female swimmers are used to having males in the pool with them and this increases the diversity and experiences of all swimmers.

The teams have always trained together. If you delete men's swimming, the women's team will begin to decline. It is hard to recruit top female swimmers to your team if they see that the commitment to swimming in general is insufficient.

To determine if I am correct simply look at the exceptional swim teams. They have both men's and women's teams on their campus.

*(The following is a copy of a letter that I believe to be honest and legitimate. Please help us save men's swimming.)*

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Thank you for your time and support,

Clay Daughtrey  
Former GSU Assistant Swimming Coach

### Mother of two wants programs reinstated

Editor:

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As a Masters swimmer and the mother of two children who attended college on swimming scholarships at another univer-

sity, I am writing you to appeal this decision and hope you can help overturn it.

Swimmers are almost always among the top students academically. They are likely to be very successful after graduation and could possibly be strong financial supporters of your univer-

sity as alumni.

Please do what you can to help overturn the decision to drop the swim program and the men's cross country.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,  
Cecilia Blackwell

### Freddie Prinze, Jr. Breaks Out From Dad's Shadow

By Ian Spelling  
College Press Exchange

It's already begun. Freddie Prinze, Jr., riding the wave of the hit "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and its sequel, is fast becoming teen idol material. His latest film, "She's All That," which casts him as a high school jock-brain-Romeo, will surely increase the 22-year-old's profile.

Just don't tell him that.

"I have no image," Prinze insists. "That's being created by other people, not me. It's not what I'm about and I don't buy into it for a second. I'm an actor. That's what I do. I get up when it's time to go to work, go to work and do my thing. I don't do press unless I've got a movie coming out. I have an audience that respects me and I respect that audience. I know they're the reason I have a career and, hopefully, they know I respect them and want to make cool movies. That's what I'm about, and nothing else."

If the name Prinze rings a bell, it should, for Prinze is the son of the comedian Freddie Prinze. The star of TV's "Chico and the Man," the elder Prinze committed suicide at 22, when his son was a baby. Today, there's no doubt that his father's name provided much of a leg up in Hollywood.

"It may have gotten me my first job but, to be honest, if you're playing percentages, the number of movies I've auditioned for and the number I've gotten would've gotten me sent back to the minors had I been on a professional baseball team. I can't play that game. Nobody in my generation cares who my dad was. They just don't. Their parents do, but they're not going to see 'I Know What You Did Last Summer.' My generation has no idea who Chico was. So, it helped me get meetings and helped me get to know people who respected my father, but that's it," Prinze says.

—The preceding letter was sent by numerous parties via email and copies were also given to the SGA officers.

Thank you for reading The George-Anne. Be sure to pick it up on Thursday.

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### DOWN THE STRETCH REGINALD M. FARRELL



#### Sports teams have the darnedest mascots

In the world of the sports teams whether college or professional, I have to wonder one thing. Where do these people get the inspiration to come up with the mascots? Take Wake Forest for instance. Ever wondered what a demon deacon is?

If not, then perhaps the mascot from Texas Christian will get you! There are the ... horned frogs! I've always figured teams would have intimidating mascots and most do. But still some are enough to make opposing teams laugh. In fact, do you think that a team would be petrified about going to war with the Rainbows of Hawaii? Or better yet, how about our football team's first opponent of the year, those Fightin' Christians from Elon College?

On the same token, there are some mascots that are a bit overused. For beginners, there are the popular animals such as lions, tigers, bears and eagles. Also, there are the dreaded people names like the vikings, raiders and pirates to name a few.

However, the University of Nebraska took a different route and came up with the Cornhuskers. Better yet, can anyone define what an Orangeman is? While we're pondering on that topic, will someone tell me what a Jayhawk is and where do they get the term "Keydets"? What's even funnier is the use of colors to make names sound different. Some examples are the St. John's Red Storm and of course the Syracuse Orangemen which I've mentioned earlier. In addition, we can't forget about Rutgers University's very own Scarlet Knights or the Tulane Green Wave. Pretty soon some school will take on the name of the pink elephants.

Anyway, enough of the college ranks, let's skip to the pros, starting with the NBA. How about those Knickerbockers from New York? Or better yet, the Seattle Supersonics? And what brilliant mind conjured up the Denver Nuggets? By the way, who thought a car part would turn into a franchise name like the Detroit Pistons?

Next let's go the WNBA. Ever notice the similarity between some of their teams and the NBA counterparts? For instance, the Sacramento Kings (NBA) and the Sacramento Monarchs (WNBA), the Houston Rockets and the Houston Comets and from the Phoenix Suns comes the Phoenix Mercury.

Oh, what about the numerical mascots like San Francisco 49ers and Philadelphia 76ers? You see, the names of mascots are endless and anything is possible these days. I wouldn't be surprised if Las Vegas started a team called the 69ers or if Oakland changed their name from the Raiders to the Thugs. Then again, Alaska just might bring in the Freezing Eskimos. Silly as it may sound, it just might happen!

## Appalachian grounds Eagles

By Edmund Coley  
Staff Writer

A strong performance by GSU was held back by a late-game surge from Appalachian State as the Eagles fell hard 67-56. Junior Hamp Jones posted 13 points, seven rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot but was simply not enough to prevent GSU from losing their third straight game.

"(I was) disappointed," said junior Quentin Martin. "We were embarrassed, especially at home."

As soon as the ball was tipped off, this game showed the mark of a strong conference battle. The two teams did not disappoint as a everything unfolded under the boards. ASU's Cedrick Holmes and GSU's Hamp Jones combined for the games first 10 points as the first half was simply dominated by the power forward position. An exchange in leads kept both teams close until Appalachian State's Matt McMahon began to heat up from all ends of the court. It began with a triple at the top of the key to give ASU a three-point lead. McMahon's shooting definitely lit a spark for the visiting Mountaineers and gave them some momentum going into the second half.

With a 32-24 lead entering the second half, Appalachian State was free to play more aggressive and opened the half with pressure against GSU. The early pressure benefited ASU as they held the Eagles scoreless for the first 4 minutes on their way to a 14-2 run.

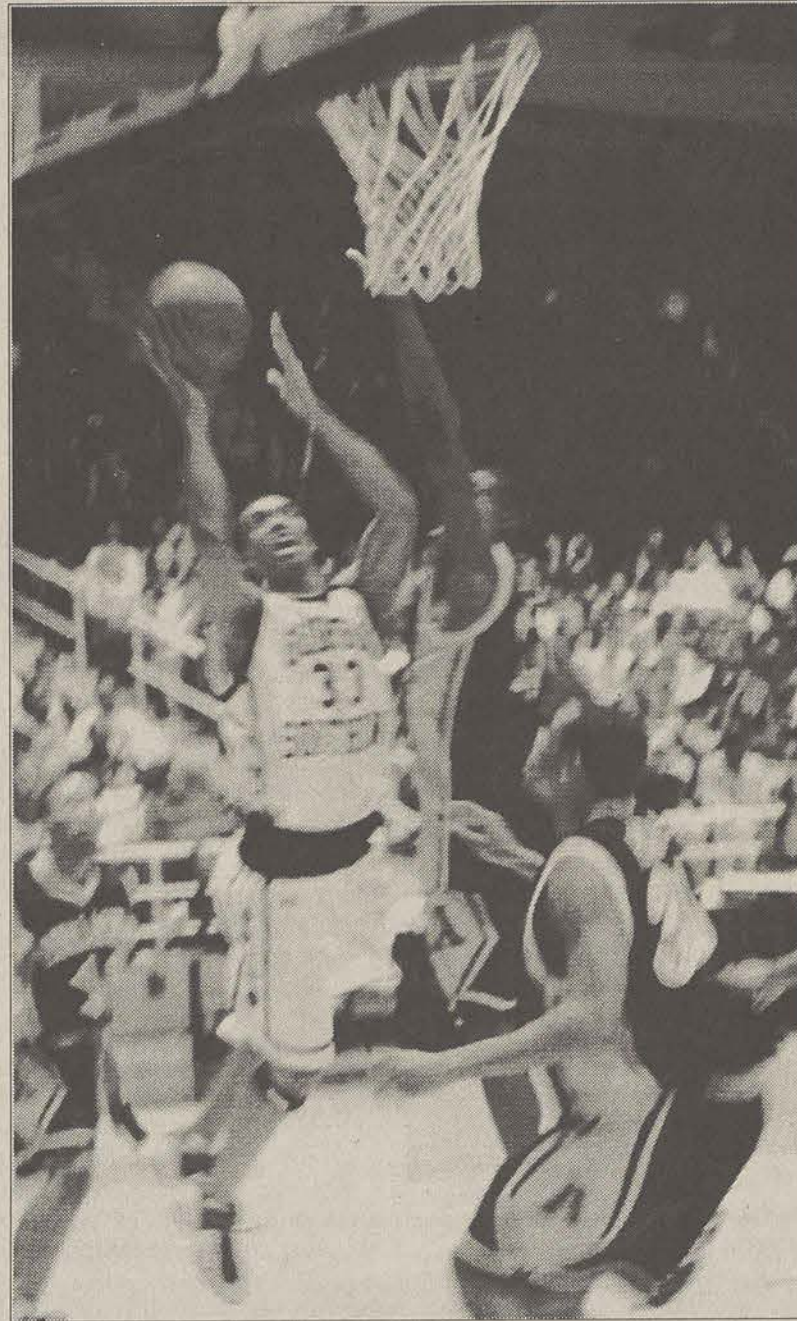
More shooting from Matt Mahon kept the Mountaineer lead at arms' length. The lead swelled to 20 points for Appalachian State when a shift of momentum kick-started by a technical foul called on ASU senior Marshall Phillips propelled GSU back into the match-up. Senior Fernando Daniel, who ended the game with 14 points, teamed up with Quentin Martin to bring the Eagles within 10 points of the leading Mountaineers. Martin finished the game with 10 points.

Still, Cedrick Holmes and junior Tyson Patterson made sure the Eagles would get no closer. Holmes muscled in four points down the stretch while Patterson knocked down six of seven free throws to close out any further attempts by GSU.

"We didn't play well... we didn't execute our offensive (schemes)," said freshman Kashien Latham "They came out in the second ready to play and seemed to want it more than us."

This loss dropped GSU into a tie for third in the SoCon South Division. GSU will travel to the division-leading College of Charleston on Monday before having a showdown with Wofford in Spartanburg on Saturday. This game will be televised by Fox Sportsouth at noon on Saturday.

The Eagles' next home game will be Monday, Feb. 8 against Davidson. Tip-off at Hanner Fieldhouse is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Erik Anderson

HAMP JONES drives to the basket for a lay up against the App. St. defense. The Mountaineers handed GSU their third straight loss last Saturday night, beating the Eagles 67-56.

## Wofford takes advantage of crippled Lady Eagles

• Injuries to junior forward Tondra Warren and senior guard Tori Durrett leaves GSU underhanded

By Edmund Coley  
Staff Writer

Instead of showing signs of a level and steady pace like a locomotive, the Lady Eagles of GSU resembled the unpredictability of a roller coaster falling last Sunday to the Wofford Lady Terriers, 62-56. GSU came into the matchup short-handed missing second

foot. More bad news for the Lady Eagles arose late in the 2nd half when senior guard Tori Durrett dislocated her left shoulder fighting for a rebound. There has been no further word on Durrett's condition.

Nevertheless, the Lady Eagles still had a game to play. Early in the first half, the

roller coaster occurred.

Led by sophomore Stacey Parris, the Lady Terriers crept back into the game. Parris came off the bench for 12 points to bring the Terriers to within four at the half 29-25.

In the second half, the GSU roller coaster took yet another loop. After trading baskets with the visiting Wofford team, the Lady Eagles were held to no field goal in over 10 minutes. A fluctuation of free throws between the two teams resulted in 53-50 Wofford lead.

"Our plays struggled offensively," said senior Rosie Arnold. "When our transition game stopped, we shut down."

"It was a big let-down," said a frustrated Sharon Mitchell. "Now we have to dig ourselves out of a whole in the conference."

Wofford junior guard Meredith Denton and freshman center Stephanie Adelaide put the contest out of reach by nailing six of their last eight free throws. Adelaide started for the injured Elizabeth Wells and finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

The loss put GSU in a three-way tie in the conference for second place with Furman and East Tennessee State.

After traveling to Appalachian State and ETSU, the Lady Eagles will return for their final home game versus the College of Charleston on Feb. 13.



Cory Brooks

SARAH DAVIS, a reserve guard for the Lady Eagles, takes the ball to the basket. With the injuries to Tori Durrett and Tondra Warren, Davis and the rest of the GSU bench will likely see a lot more playing time.

highest scorer Tondra Warren for the second straight game. Warren, who averages 14.5 points per game, will miss at least two more weeks with a stress fracture in her right

Eagles did play, and play well they did by pulling out to a quick 18-6 lead on two consecutive three-pointers by senior Svetlana Trjeskal. At this point the first twist the GSU

## GSU students participate in baseball fund raising project

By Florian Scheidat  
Staff Writer

A new type of fund raising has kicked off. This year the people who try to sell season tickets and sponsorship packages are not "ordinary" volunteers.

This time the baseball department has tried something new. This year's volunteers are the students from the sport business operations class.

In order to increase ticket sales, former GSU athletic director Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner, who is the teacher of the sport business operations class, and Eagle Athletics' Director of Marketing and Promotions Matt Brown came up with the idea of having sport management major students do the fund raising.

This way, the number of workers increases, and the students also compete against each other in groups for grades and post-fund drive recognition. "This ticket drive gives the students experience on how to put a drive on and to see how it's done, how to make phone calls and telemarketing," Wagner said.

"A lot of the students' first jobs are going to be like that, to pick up the phone and try to sell something."

The class' goal is to take Eagle baseball to the top 25 in the nation. GSU baseball used to have higher overall attendances

than such powerhouses as UGA, Georgia Tech, USC, and others. Now they want to get back there. This is a chance that GSU's other major athletic programs, football and basketball, can only dream of.

"We want to sell 800 to 900 season tickets this year. That should lift us to the Top 25," Nathan Voytek, assistant director of baseball operations, said.

"We have a yearly base of about 500 season tickets sold. Our goal is to get 300 new season ticket holders."

Aside from the availability of a \$250 game sponsorship and \$100 team sponsorship packages is the "Ballpark Bound," an opportunity to purchase youth season tickets that will be distributed to youth in Bulloch County that might not have the opportunity, finances, or necessary guidance to attend Eagle baseball games.

GSU baseball will have 29 home games. This year's top home opponents are Georgia Tech (season opener, Feb. 13), James Madison, Eastern Kentucky, and Georgia State, among others. Season ticket prices are: Faculty/Staff \$24; Youth, Senior, and "Ballpark Bound" \$15.

This week the students will call GSU faculty and staff members, among others, as they still have a long way to go in order to reach their goal, as first report sessions have indicated. The class's ticket drive ends on Friday. The drive's motto was set by Wagner: "Rock and roll!"



## Upcoming Events in CRI



•**Outdoor Soccer:** Regular season play begins Monday, Feb. 1st at 4 p.m. at the Recreation Multiplex.

•**Bowling:** Entries for intramural bowling are due today and a captain's meeting will be at 5:30 tomorrow at the RAC. Season play begins on Feb. 8.

•**Wallyball** (Volleyball)

played on a racquetball court) will start up today. A captain's meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30 at the RAC. Season opener will be held Feb. 5.

All interested parties can contact the CRI main office at 681-5436 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for sign up sheets and roster forms.

—compiled by Andrew Franklin

## NEWS AROUND THE NBA

### NBA young guns forced to settle for less money

By Ken Berger  
The Associated Press

This much can be said about the new NBA deal: It sure takes a lot of excitement out of contract negotiations. And for some of the league's young stars, it takes away tens of millions of dollars, too.

Allen Iverson and Shareef Abdur-Rahim signed for at least \$30 million less than they would have received under the old deal. Kobe Bryant is reportedly close to signing one of the cookie-cutter contracts with the Lakers, all \$70.9 million for six years.

Minnesota's Stephen Marbury has decided to wait until July to negotiate with other teams. But the best he can do is a seven-year deal for about \$86 million.

The bottom line: no more \$100 million mega-deals for twentysomething kids.

"Seven million, 8 million, 9 million, that's still a lot of money," said Bryant, one of the young stars expected to help fill the void left by Michael Jordan's retirement.

"I'm very happy with the situation. I think a lot of guys would play for free, anyway."

For free, Kobe?

"We're stealing money. We are overpaid. We're playing basketball," he said.

The new collective bargaining agreement keeps players with less than seven years in the league from landing nine-figure deals.

The NBA might as well display Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract in the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame. It's a dinosaur.

"I've experienced having money, and it's not all it's cracked up to be," said Iverson, already beset with enough problems with money and fame to fill an entire career.

"People need it to survive, but it's not everything I thought it would be. I thought all my problems would go away once I got money, and it's just more problems."

Another big loser under the new deal was Joe Smith, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1995 draft.

He reportedly turned down \$80 million from Golden State before they traded him to Philadelphia last season. He signed a relatively paltry one-year, \$1.75 million contract with Minnesota for this season.

Iverson, the No. 1 pick in 1996, was reportedly ready to ask the 76ers for at least \$115 million before the new salary structure went into effect. Instead, the Sixers signed their star guard for \$45 million less than that, the maximum allowed by the new agreement.

"Who wouldn't be disappointed if you could be making \$100 million and you're making \$70 million," said David Falk, Iverson's agent. "But it's still a lot of money, and those are the rules. Players lost \$500 million fighting for a different set of rules, and this is what they came out with."

Marbury, also represented by Falk, wants to entertain offers from other teams starting July 1. His decision was not influenced by money alone, but also by Tom Gugliotta's decision to leave the Timberwolves and sign a \$58.5 million, six-year deal with Phoenix.

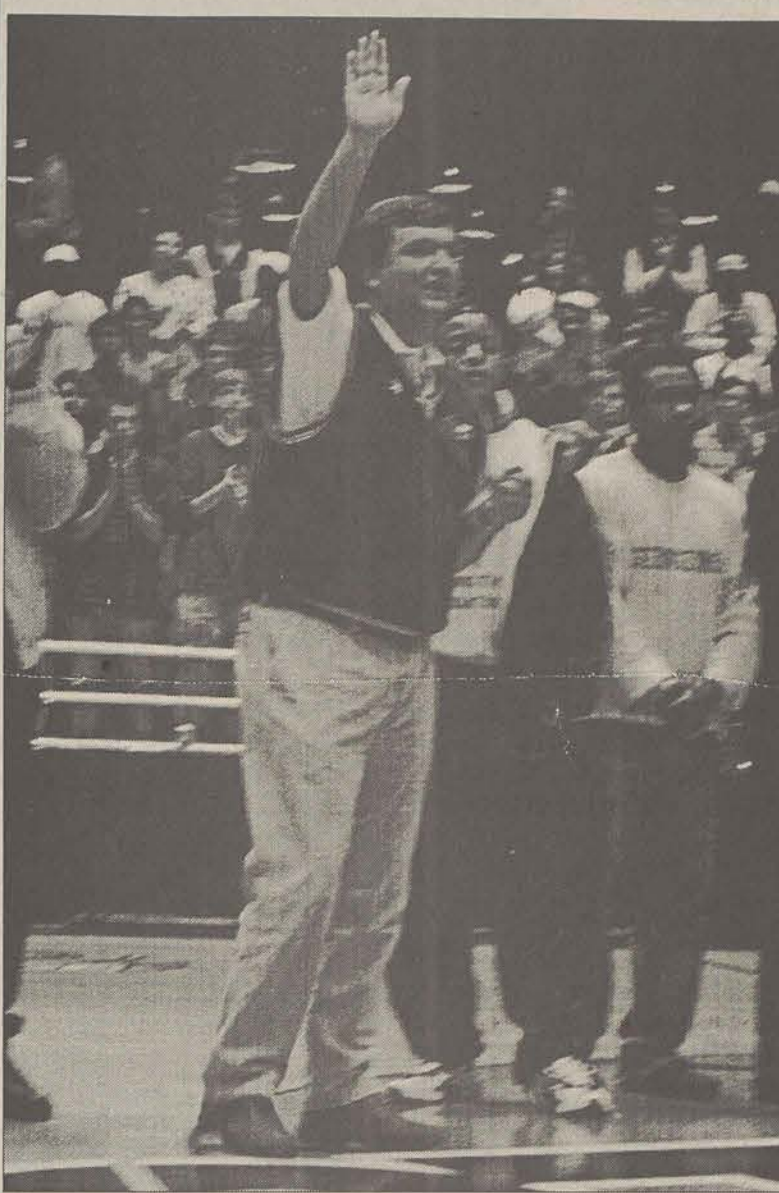
"I can be comfortable, but it's not the money that's going to make me comfortable," Marbury said.

"If I'm going to be comfortable here, it's going to be because I'm comfortable playing basketball and I like playing basketball here. The money is still there. It's still a lot of money."

Sixers president Pat Croce said he didn't blink when agreeing to give \$70.9 million to Iverson for the next six years. General manager Billy King spoke with Falk over the phone while driving to a practice, and the deal was signed within a few days.

Iverson's legal and financial problems have gained him at least as much notoriety as his thrilling talent and unstoppable crossover dribble. He pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor firearms charge in 1997, and was recently sued over outstanding lease pay-

## Football team gets national champion runner-up award



Erik Anderson

THE SEARS TROPHY was presented to GSU football head coach Paul Johnson and the Eagle football team during halftime of last Saturday GSU men's basketball game against Appalachian State. Trophies are presented by Sears each year to the national champion and runner-up teams in NCAA Division I-AA football.

Check out the Eagle baseball season preview in The George-Anne sports section on the February 11 issue.

## Majority of College athletes gamble, according to survey

By Nicholas J. Cotsonika  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT - Gambling apparently is a much larger problem among college athletes than previously thought.

The vast majority of athletes - especially men - say they have gambled in some way while in school, and a large percentage say they bet on sports, according to a survey released Monday by the Michigan athletic department.

Worse, on the heels of point-shaving scandals at such schools as Arizona State and Northwestern, a considerable number of male athletes admitted they had acted in ways that the study said "call into question the integrity of their contests."

"It's very scary," U-M athletic director Tom Goss said from the annual NCAA convention in San Antonio, where he is sharing the results of the study with other administrators.

U-M mailed surveys to 3,000 NCAA Division I athletes across the nation - 1,500 football players, 750 men's basketball players and 750 women's basketball players - and received a 25.3 percent return. Mike Cross and Ann Vulliamy, assistant NCAA rules compliance directors at U-M, compiled the information during an 18-month period. The highlights: More than five percent of male athletes said they had provided inside information to an outside party for gambling purposes, bet on a game in which they had played, or accepted money for performing poorly in a game.

"That is certainly problematic," Cross said.

About 72 percent of all athletes - 80 percent of men - said they had gambled in some way while in college. Nearly 35 percent of all athletes, more than 45 percent of men, said they had gambled on sports.

A 1996 study by two Univer-

sity of Cincinnati criminologists suggested that

about 25 percent of athletes had gambled on college sports.

U-M's survey asked athletes whether they had wagered on sports in general, and Cross said that meant U-M's numbers more accurately reflected the size of the problem.

"Every one of those individuals has committed an NCAA violation, if they gambled on a sport - college or professional - that the NCAA sponsors a championship in," Cross said.

Casino gambling is a popular pastime among athletes, and athletes tend to place large bets when gambling with bookmakers.

Nearly 50 percent of those surveyed said they had wagered at a casino, and the study said the average amount wagered by athletes surveyed on a singlesports bet through a bookie was \$57.25. The athletes who bet with bookies wagered an average of \$225 each month, the study said.

"Hopefully, people will notice that there really is a problem," Cross said. "It can happen anywhere. We need more education of athletes on this issue, and people need to take this more seriously."

Cross said U-M had no data on how rampant gambling was among its own athletes. He said some of the school's football players likely received the survey, but because responses were anonymous, "it is impossible to say" whether any U-M athletes were involved in gambling.

Although Cross said "it would be interesting to know" such information, no internal study of the U-M program was planned.

Michigan, Michigan State and other schools already conduct educational programs on gambling.

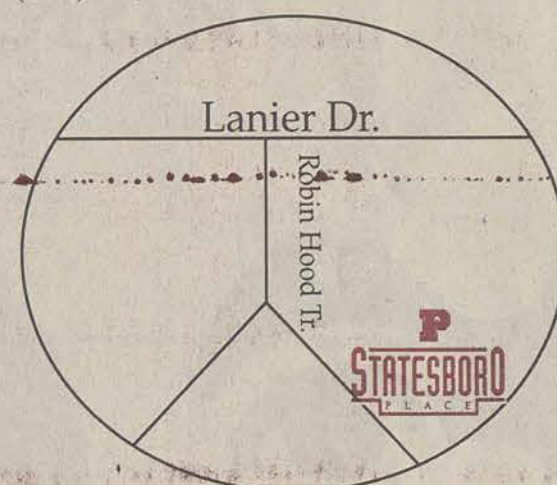


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# Tae Bo master moves in on GSU

By Tamaya Huff  
Staff Writer

"You got to have a purpose," said seven time World Martial Arts Champion Billy Blanks when he arrived at GSU last Monday. "If there is a purpose there you can accomplish anything."

His visit, which was sponsored by Campus Life Enrichment and Campus Recreation and Internurals, exposed 600 GSU students to his fitness sensation known as Tae Bo.

What is Tae Bo? It's a high powered workout that is combined with Tae Kwon Do, the Korean form of self defense, and boxing. Blanks believes each letter in the word is important to understanding its meaning. "The T means total, the A is for awareness, the E is for excellence, the B is for body, and the O is for obedience," he said. In other words, Tae Bo is much more than just a fitness program, it's a new way of thinking about yourself and exercise.

The idea behind Tae Bo started when Blanks began searching for a way to get more women involved with the art of self defense.

"I wanted women to feel comfortable walking down the street and being comfortable about going anywhere they wanted to go," he said.

To get more women interested, Blanks combined aspects of Tae Kwon Do with aerobics.

The second part of Tae Bo is boxing. It is incorporated to suit the needs of men.

"Guys like upper body workouts, so I said let me combine Tae (which means 'foot' in Korean) and Bo together to become one style," Blanks said.

However, this new style didn't happen overnight, it developed as a result of years of experience in both boxing and Tae Kwon Do. In the area of Martial Arts, Blanks studied its techniques alone for 33 years.

Becoming the first, and youngest, Amateur Athletic Union Champion in Martial Arts at age 18, and earning this title five times, are just a few of his many accomplishments. He is also a seventh degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has obtained black belts in five other types of martial arts.

As for boxing, he won the 1984 Massachusetts Golden Gloves Championship in the Light Heavy Weight Class and the Tri-State Golden Gloves Champion of Champions.

In addition to the unique combination of both boxing and martial arts in the program, he also believes that it's important for individuals to develop

a spiritual connection and purpose to finish their goals.

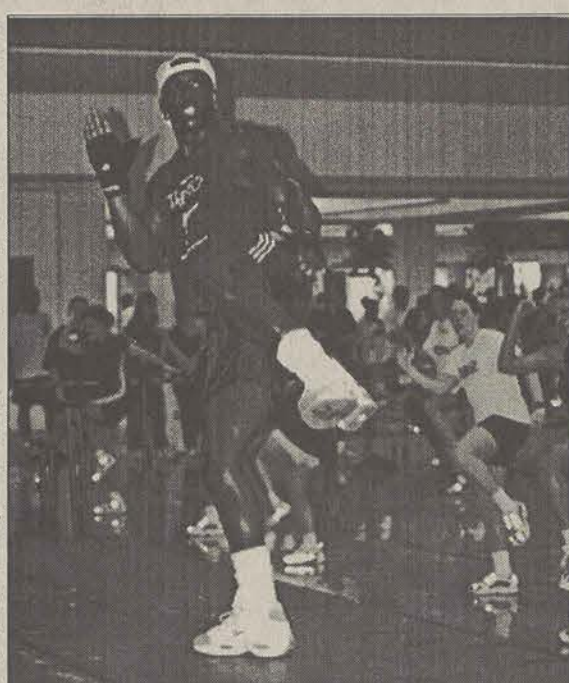
"If you have no meaning going on between you and your workout, it's no good. There has to be a spiritual connection," Blanks said.

Thinking back, he revealed how he began in martial arts and how this way of thinking allowed him to set goals and established purpose. "As a boy, I always wanted to take martial arts classes, but my parents couldn't afford it," Blanks recalled.

His big chance came when a Martin Luther King Jr. center opened up in his neighborhood in Erie, Penn. He went to find out where the classes were being held and ran into two guys on the way.

"I told them I wanted to learn Karate. But one of them said, 'I bet you five dollars you won't stick it out.' But I stuck it out and they quit karate," he said.

From then on, he focused on accomplishing his greatest



Susan Smith

**SHOWING SOME LEG**, Billy Blanks demonstrates the proper techniques of Tae Bo.

goals.

"At age 18, I said I wanted to be one of the youngest people to win the World Title and at 18-years-old, I won the World Title," Blanks boasted.

Katy Simmons from CRI, felt Blanks' visit impacted people with his strong message and workout program. "I was so pleased by Billy's message. It was excellent for people who wanted to achieve anything. Overall, it was a positive event," she said.

## 'Shoestring Tours' popular N.Y. tourist attraction

The Associated Press

NEW YORK--Standing in the middle of an aisle in a street-corner liquor store, Romanita Tanon swirled wine in a plastic cup before taking a sip.

The small serving, poured from a \$3 bottle of Kourtaki imported wine, was the wine-tasting portion of her tour of New York City's most famous Greek neighborhood: Astoria, Queens.

"Can we have more?" asked the woman from Flushing.

"It's one serving per person," said tour guide Howard Goldberg.

Welcome to Adventures On A Shoestring--a \$5 walking tour that's part history and part homespun tales of some of the city's lesser known attractions, such as Roosevelt Island, Manhattan's Gramercy Park and Brooklyn's Little Odessa.

And welcome to Howard Goldberg's home turf.

On this day, the Astoria tour offers olive, feta cheese and wine tasting at a local bakery and liquor store in between the tour guide's stories of growing up in the neighborhood.

"This is my New York. Not the touristy side. Not even the side that most New Yorkers are necessarily knowledgeable about," said Goldberg, who was born in Astoria.

Bundled in heavy jackets, gloves and scarves, about two

dozen people from as far away as Massachusetts--and as near as a few blocks away--follow Goldberg on a 90-minute walk under train trestles, through parking lots and up-and-down streets.

"This is where my best friend lived," he said, pointing to a two-story brick row house with an iron gate. Earlier, he jokingly tells the group when it gets to his old house to yell "Get out of Howard's house" at the new occupants.

Goldberg started the inexpensive adventures 35 years ago "by mistake."

Free guided tours of the old [Herald Tribune] newspaper plant were for groups of 15 or more; so he ran an ad seeking cohorts.

"Thirty-five people showed up. None of them knew each other; they just wanted to tour the newspaper," he said.

"When the tour was over, some of them said to me 'Why don't you make it a permanent organization?'"

Goldberg prides himself on being able to save money and have a good time in a city known for taking a big chunks out of wallets.

"My philosophy is that you don't always get what you pay for," he said, comparing a date where he shelled out several hundred dollars and had a bad time to an inexpensive date where he had a good time.

## Warm weather affecting ski season

The Associated Press

N. Carolina-- Another wave of unusually warm weather across western North Carolina has forced at least two ski resorts already delayed in opening to close down again and others to wait for colder weather.

Beech Mountain Ski Resort in Avery County shut down Thursday and won't re-open until it gets cold enough to make more snow. Ski Hawksnest in Watauga County closed Thursday night and Friday but re-opened Saturday.

The recent balmy weather, coupled with heavy rains a week ago, wiped the snow off several parts of the resorts' slopes. Slope groomers had enough extra snow on hand to patch problem areas at Hawksnest, but Beech Mountain ran out.

Flat areas are "basically a combination of mud and snow," said Wayne Hoilman, Beech

Mountain's general manager.

"We've still got a lot of snow on the slopes, but impressions are important in this business and if people have to ski around bare spots or through muddy snow, that leaves them with an impression I don't want them to have," Hoilman said.

Hoilman said he could be back in business if normal winter weather returns provides for one or two nights of snow-making. Forecasters predict overnight lows in the 20s in the northern mountains and highs on Sunday in the low 30s with a good chance of freezing rain and sleet. Temperatures usually need to drop to 20 degrees for effective snow-making.

"Warm spells have hampered us before and we've survived," said Tom McAuliffe, a spokesman at Ski Hawksnest. "I don't think winter is finished yet, so we'll get through this one too."

"It's ironic though that after

we had such a late start, the season really took off. Christmas week and Martin Luther King weekend were fabulous and helped us make up a lot of lost ground. Now we're having to give it back. That's unfortunate, but things will turn around, and when Mother Nature's ready, we'll be ready."

Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in Banner Elk was open Saturday. Spokesman Andy Corpening said that there weren't many people on the slopes Friday. The poor conditions and the thin crowds have prompted management to have to cut hours of many of the resort's workers.

"It's hurt a lot of people who work here since without the crowds, we can't keep a full staff," he said.

At Appalachian Ski Mountain, outside Blowing Rock, assistant general manager Brad Moretz said that his slopes were still in decent shape.

## SGA president shows wit, compassion

By Nicole Claroni  
Staff Writer

Russell Keen, president of SGA, has a passion for making a difference.

"I like helping out the little people," Keen said. "There's nothing more rewarding than having a student come to me with a problem and being able to help them."

Attending to the students' needs is just one of the many duties that comes along with his presidential responsibilities. As official representative of the student body, Keen must also act as chairman of the presidential advisory committee, oversee senate meetings, work with other officers in initiating programs for their areas of government, oversee the publication of the student evaluation guide and serve on the United Way Board of Directors.

When asked how he manages to be so active and maintain a sense of humor, Keen said with a smile, "I have no idea, but I give full credit to God."

Keen never takes the credit. "I couldn't have done it without my staff. I'm constantly surrounded by people I admire. I never make a decision without consulting them first. We are like brothers and sisters," he said.

Keen and his staff are currently working on several projects.

"Many students are aggravated about the increase in

parking fines," he said.

SGA is looking into lowering the fee as well as acquiring more parking spaces. Sixteen spaces have already been added in the visitors lot behind the Union.

Other propositions include student registration via the internet, changing the meal plan system so the unused meals can be used the following day, having a student forum to discuss and address questions about semester conversion, and converting the student evaluation guide to the internet.

SGA also passed the idea to provide legal services for students.

Keen believes it is very important to communicate with the student body. You can



Sarah Trucks

**SIT BACK AND RELAX...** Russell Keen takes a minute to unwind from his SGA responsibilities.

check out his radio show every Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. on WVGS 91.9 for "Southern Talk," where students can call and ask questions.

As a representative of the student body, it is customary for Keen to give some personal advice to GSU's future real-worlders.

"We all wake up and have a choice and it is up to you to decide if you want to do something worthwhile or just go through the motions."

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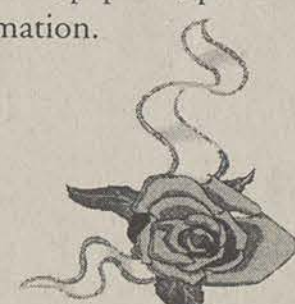
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## New house opens on Olympic Boulevard

By Zane Thomas  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Alpha Omicron Pi celebrated the grand opening of their house on Olympic Boulevard, the quickest house to be built on Olympic Boulevard. Alpha Omicron Pi was installed at GSU on April 30, 1988. It is the fifth sorority house to be built on Olympic Boulevard.

"It's the quickest chapter on campus to build a house," Staci Cearns, the chapter's public relations chairman, said. "11 years is a short amount of time."

Most chapters have to wait longer before a house is built. The last house to open on Greek Row was the Zeta Tau Alpha house in 1995.

Sorority members, alumnae, family and friends showed up to celebrate the opening. Members from other Greek organizations such as Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta and Phi Delta Theta

A news team from WTOG 11, out of Savannah, showed up to film the dedication.

Even members who were the first to join the sorority back in 1988 were

there. Kelly Yeager-Nelson, one of the original 49 members, attended the dedication.

"It was a dream that we'd have a house on Greek Row," Nelson said. "Most chapters have to wait 20 years on average."

The house has many unique features. The first level of the house has a dining room and a

chapter room where meetings will be held. There is also a screened-in sun porch.

The house has eight suites on the second floor that will accommodate 15 women. The second floor also

has a laundry room and kitchen for better convenience.

The excitement of a new house was expressed by members who were able to witness it while they were still students.

"It feels so good because there's a lot of hard work and it's good to see the hard work get recognized. I'm proud of us. Everybody's starting to give us the credit we deserve," Mercedes Price, a current member, said.

Peg Crawford, a former inter-

national president of Alpha Omicron Pi, was also on hand. Crawford was president when the chapter was installed at GSU.

"It's exciting to see how they've progressed and grown," Crawford commented.

Eleven years after the chapter was installed at GSU, the number of members have more than doubled. Currently, there are over 120 active members.

This past year, they received numerous awards and recognition. They were named GSU Chapter-of-the-Year and placed first in Greek Week.

Outgoing chapter president, Michelle Finley, won Georgia Southern Greek Woman-of-the-Year.

They were also selected by Alpha Omicron Pi International to serve on the Collegiate Advisory Board.

The grand opening of the Alpha Omicron Pi house was the first in a string of events the sorority has going on this semester. Greek week is coming up in the spring. On April 10, members will be in Hilton Head to celebrate Red Rose, a formal dance that occurs every four years.

There is also a flag football game at the end of February that will benefit arthritis research.

On Feb. 23, Miss Wheelchair Georgia, Andrea Patterson will come to speak at the house.



Susan Smith

**STARTING A NEW TRADITION:** AOPi members cut the ribbon, opening their new house on Olympic Boulevard.



Susan Smith

**COME ONE, COME ALL:** Sorority members, alumnae, and friends attended the opening of the new Olympic Boulevard house.

were also there to celebrate the opening.

Linda Collier, current international president of Alpha Omicron Pi, was there to give a speech during the ribbon cutting.

"It's a very exciting day for us," Collier said. "This house will be a constant center of hospitality."

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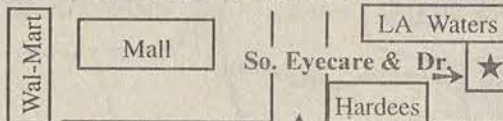
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