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End of the Week Weather

You can check out the weather channel on Northland Cable channel 24 or on their website, which we don't know off the top of our heads.

NAME THAT COLOREDITION

Thursday,
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Vol. 1, No.1

Sports



New mascot coming soon

Forums will be held next week to help select a new GSU mascot. A llama, bat and iguana are among the candidates.

Please see story, page 21

Features



GSU will be handing out shovels next week

In an effort to help students deal with the crap they take from the university, campus officials will be distributing complementary shovels next week.

Today's Word

Geophagia
(geoFAI[e]ju) n. An abnormal desire to eat something not usually regarded as food - for example, soil or chalk - sometimes exhibited during pregnancy or hysteria.

Source: Weird Words

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It is a desire of The George-Anne to print the news of Georgia Southern University as accurately as possible. If you see errors in the paper, consider that they may have been there on purpose. Some people like to complain about inaccuracies and we aim to please. April Fool's!



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Oh, Canada
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Goodbye semesters, hello quarters!

By Steve Swing
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents announced Tuesday that the University system of Georgia will return to the quarter system starting in the fall of 2000.

"We realize that Georgia schools are not benefiting from the semester system," Chancellor Stephen Portch said.

The switch will be made in the year 2000 because the calendar and budgets for next year have already been approved, Portch said in a press release.

Acting President Harry Carter said that the switch to semesters was very harmful to the students and confusing for the faculty.

"Students just weren't getting into the swing of things and the faculty were having a hard time trying not to overload students," Carter said.

Faculty member Robert Bohler said he is relieved that semesters are almost a thing of the past.

"I was having extreme difficulty adapting some of my classroom materials to the new structure," Bohler said. "I am glad I can go back to what I am used to."

Students are also relieved that quarters are on their way back.

"I was struggling under semesters and was concerned I would never graduate," junior Shawntineal Hughes said. "It is nice to know I

won't need to drop anymore classes.

Some freshmen are not excited about the switch.

"I was doing just fine under semesters," freshmen Tricia Hall said. "I didn't have the same problems I guess the upperclassmen were having. I think we should have just kept trudging along until the upperclassmen graduated."

Vice President of Student Affairs Jack Nolen said one of the reasons the Regents voted to switch back was evidence that more students are dropping more classes under the semester system than under the quarter system.

"It was a problem on most of the campuses in the university system," Nolen said. "Other schools are having the same problems that we are having. The Board of Regents made a great choice when they decided to revert back. They really listened to our concerns."

The cost to implement semesters exceeded the university system's long range plan and cost much more than expected, according to the press release.

"We did not think it would cost as much as it has," Portch said. "The new computer software was more expensive than we budgeted for. We



CHEERS, BEERS AND NO MORE FEARS: GSU students react to the announcement that quarters are on their way back to GSU.

Erk Russell

simply don't have the money."

All students who came to GSU under the semester system will have their credits transferred perfectly to the quarter system.

An average algebra class, for example, that counts for three credit hours will transfer to five hours under the quarter system.

Registrar Mike Deal said that students will receive extensive explanations in their P.O. Boxes next week that will detail how the conversion will take place.

The letter will come from the separate departments on campus and will detail how credits will transfer for

that department. Advisement appointments will be set up through the year to explain the differences.

The University System of Georgia converted to the semester system in fall of 1998 because it is the system most of the universities in the country use and it would make it easier for students to transfer credits.

All schools in the system converted except for Georgia Tech who was given an extension because the school lost preparation time due to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Tech will not convert to semesters in the fall of 1999 as scheduled.

Gentlemen, start your engines ...



Self portrait by Rusty Pipe

VRRRRMMM, VRRRRMMM: GSU will be offering general automotive repair classes in conjunction with Ogeechee Tech beginning fall 1999. "The Artist Formally Known as Prince" will be on-hand for the first class singing his hit song, "1999," along with "Little Red Corvette." Pictured above is Rusty Pipe, department chair of the new School of Mechanics.

Underclassmen required to live on campus next fall

By Jean Chrétién
Staff Writer

Starting with the 1999-2000 school year, first- and second-year GSU students will be required to live on-campus housing, the housing department announced Monday.

"After years of complaints about Statesboro apartment complexes, we've decided that this step is the best possible solution," commented Housing Assignment Coordinator Christine Flames.

"We wanted to implement this last year, but President Henry was against it," she added. "The current administration loves the idea."

The change will hit returning sophomores the hardest. Those that wish to continue enrollment at GSU must move on-campus next year, even if they spent their freshman year living in a house or apartment.

"Most landlords and realtors around town have been quite accommodating," Flames said, "but there will be a few students who have to choose between an apart-

ment and an education."

The move to forced campus housing is nothing revolutionary.

"Many colleges and universities across the country have had these policies for years," explained Flames.

The change is not being made solely on the basis of complaints against landlords, however. Flames said that the increase of alcoholism, drug abuse, and "immorality" in the student body makes dorm life an attractive alternative to the freedom of off-campus housing.

Flames had no comment when it was indicated that putting students in dormitories also places them within walking distance of at least ten establishments that serve alcohol.

To accommodate the increased need for campus housing, older dormitories Hampton Hall and Lewis Hall will be reopened. Deal and Anderson Halls will be converted to student residency, as well. Financial Aid and the Comptroller's Office will be moved into the Administration building.

4.0 GPA to be required for HOPE Scholarships

By Hope Waxon
Staff Writer

In a startling move, new Georgia Governor Roy Barnes announced drastic cutbacks in the HOPE scholarship program yesterday.

"South Carolina and Alabama are both considering implementing lottery programs," Barnes explained. "Because of this, we project at least a 60 percent loss in HOPE revenue over the next year."

Because of these new lotteries, residents of South Carolina and Alabama will no longer need to purchase lottery tickets in Georgia. A serious decrease in HOPE funding will follow.

Documents released from the Georgia Lottery Commission today offer more details. To handle the loss of out-of-state lottery income, HOPE scholarships will be limited to students who maintain a 4.0 GPA, a scholastic step up from the previous 3.0 requirement.

Further, the state is implement-

ing a "one strike and you're out" HOPE policy. If a student fails to maintain a 4.0 for just one semester, that student loses the scholarship.

On a less grim note, HOPE is dropping the "attempted hours" requirement. Classes that are dropped will no longer count toward the new 180-hour HOPE maximum.

All HOPE changes are scheduled to take effect fall 1999 semester.

Though the changes are "shocking," to quote an anonymous state official, they came as no surprise to the Lottery Commission.

"Florida faced the same crisis in 1996," said Commission president Gloria Dei. "Once we started our [Georgia] lottery, their revenues dropped substantially."

"People just don't realize how much gambling money flows over the borders," she added. "It's doubly bad for us, since both South Carolina and Alabama are instituting their own lotteries. If Tennessee had one, we'd probably go

under altogether."

The Lottery Commission is already drawing up emergency plans to counteract the drop in funds. A gambling cruise, "Casino on the Chattahoochee," is in the works, and the commission is debating opening actual walk-in casinos in Atlanta, Columbus and Savannah.

GSU's academic counseling office is already preparing for an onslaught of "suddenly studious" students.

"Faced with the loss of their scholarship, we predict that marginal students will mob us for help," counselor Jim Mackie stated.

The admissions office is foreseeing a drop in the number of new freshmen next year.

With HOPE only being available to the absolute "best of the best" students, admissions are expected to decline to around 800 new students.

Officials have yet to say whether the decrease in admissions will affect student fees.



LOST HOPE: One of the many devastated students who realized he would not be returning to GSU next fall due to his loss of the HOPE scholarship.

THINGS TO UNDERSTAND

Things to do at GSU

Ongoing

• Tickets for Spring Fest '99 are still available. Don't miss your chance to see **Matchbox 20** and the **Barenaked Ladies** perform live at Paulson Stadium for \$5. The event is being sponsored by Southern Boosters.

• **Finding harmony with the semester system**, a good gesture. If anyone can do it, please contact someone in administration, they'd love to hear from you.

• **Heterosexual Awareness Week**. Activities to follow when they figure out how to celebrate something so ridiculous. But hey, there's five weeks left of classes and there was one week unspoken for.

• Bill Neville will teach a class entitled **"How to tease Canadians eh!"** Anyone interested should just walk by room 2023 in the Williams Center.

Today

• There will be a **forum** at 3:24 p.m. at the Russell Union. No one is sure why there will be a **forum**, but there have been so many **forums** lately that it seems it would be appropriate to hold

another one today.

• There will be a meeting for the **GSU Procrastinators Club** at 4 p.m. But the time may change to 5 or 6 p.m. and there is the possibility that the meeting will be put off until sometime next week.

Tomorrow

• **Stone Cold Steve Austin**, WWF Champ, will be signing autographs at the Union Rotunda, at 5 p.m.

• The meeting of the **"GSU Skip-Your-Class"** club has been canceled due to lack of attendance at last month's meeting where only two members showed up.

• The first **Annual Staying in College Too Long** contest will be held at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by students in the five year plus program.

• Career services will be holding a meeting on **"finding work without a college education"** at 4 p.m. This is a meeting for anyone who really is tired of the semester system, and willing to find new alternatives.

Saturday

• Theater and Performance will present a stage production of **"Friday**

the 13th IIX" at 10 p.m. in McCroan Auditorium. Bruce Grube will make his premier appearance as Jason.

• The **Student Bookstore** will be giving away textbooks for Summer Session starting at 8 a.m., don't miss your chance for a free education.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** will be opening a new chapter on Greek Row, by invitation only.

Monday

• To celebrate the fiscal year success, the Landrum Cafeteria will be allowing students to **"roll over their meal plans"** starting today at 2 p.m.

• WVGS will be switching format to **"all country all the time."** The switch over will start at 6 a.m.

• Eagle Cinema will present the John Holmes film series entitled **"A Long Time Coming."** Admission is \$1, and will be shown at the Russell Union Theater at 7 and 10:45 p.m.

GET out
while you
can!

CRIME AND CRIMINALS

Statesboro Police Department

Yesterday

• Jake Hallman, 22, of University Pointe, was charged with three counts of indecent exposure after an incident at Mellow Mushroom.

• Chris Brennaman, 20, of Towne Club, has been charged with cruelty to animals and terroristic threats.

Two days ago

• Allison Taylor, 22, of Southern Courtyard was deported to Canada after illegally holding a vegetarian rights protest. She allegedly tried to attack employees at the Landrum Cafeteria for trying to convince her the frozen yogurt was not a dairy product, and was therefore not derived from animals.

• Tricia Hall, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with reckless endangerment when officers noticed she was driving with her eyes closed.

A long time ago

• Jamie Hodges and Reginald Farrell, they won't tell their ages, were charged with downloading pornography on GSU computers, and for using playstation games in unauthorized locations.

• Kelley McGonnell, 23, of Towne Club, reported half of her staff was missing from *The George-Anne* office last Sunday.

• Vanessa Keber, 19, of Hendrix Hall, was charged with vandalism of the AllTel booth at Wal-Mart.

GSU Police Department

Before

• Sarah Trucksis, 19, of Towne Club, was charged with violating the Statesboro noise ordinance.

• Shawntineal Hughes, ???, was reported missing because she was not returning pages or answering her cell phone for 15 minutes.

• Robert Bohler, ancient, Statesboro, was charged with unauthorized storage of classroom materials. It was reported that he stored tests and papers down his pants.

Another Day

• Bill Neville, finally admitted he was a smart ass computer geek and proud of it.

• Stacey Wysong, 22, of the William's Center, was arrested after climbing to the roof of Henderson Library and spit-

ting Kool-Aid on passer-bys who she said pissed her off.

• Nick Crouch, was remanded to the Georgia Regional Mental Hospital for treatment of multiple personality disorder.

• David Koepke, 21, not from up North, was charged with hacking into the military computer database in an attempt to purchase computer equipment at the reduced military rates.

• Hans Knoepfel, 22, of Vista Cir., was charged with distributing alcohol to underage GSU employees, storing alcohol on GSU property and embezzling GSU funds to purchase alcohol. He was further charged with public drunkenness on GSU property and accepting bribes in order to resolve conflicts.

Editors Note: Police Beat will not always appear in every issue of *The George-Anne*. We are tired of our readers ignoring other pages of the newspaper, while they head directly for the update on who's been arrested. We no longer care about informing the GSU community because they will not be informed on issues that we think they should be informed on. So, stop reading this stupid section of the newspaper and get to the more important issues.

American students cannot locate foreign countries on world map

By Pierre Trudeau
Senior Staff Writer

According to a recent survey conducted by the American Geographical Association, most American college students cannot locate countries other than the United States on a world atlas.

"We provided the students with a list of country names to correspond with a blank map," Christine Columbus, the direc-



tor of the geographical association, said. "But over 79 percent of the students made substantial errors."

The survey revealed that over 97 percent of students tested could not locate the neighboring country to the United States, Canada, on a world atlas.

"I thought that entire area was going to officially become the 51st state in the year 2000," Karin Young, a freshman at Harvard said. "I also assumed

Canada was completely covered in ice or something."

Other Northern Countries caused confusion as well. John Black was asked to identify Norway.

"I thought they asked us to find Your Way," Black said. "So, I wrote on the map that I never lost my way when I was in the United States."

Many of the students put Latin American countries in Europe, and Scandinavian countries were placed in Canada.

"I never knew there were so many countries other than the United States," Wendy Darling said.

This has caused great concern among geographic educators across the nation. Plans have been set in motion to make geography a core curriculum requirement.

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1 Sweetheart Circle Raised parking fines lead to revolt

In an apparent protest to increased parking fines, an estimated 400 GSU students parked their vehicles on the lawn of Sweetheart Circle Tuesday. Notes on their windshields dared parking and transportation officials to give them tickets.

The protest was allegedly organized by Stephen Bruner, SGA senator and adamant supporter of lower parking fines since they were increased last year.

"I think these fines are just ridiculous," Bruner commented as he directed a student into his parking space. "I will do all that I can to fight these fines, so look for more protests to follow this one."

Director of parking and transportation Bob Chambers, was present at the protest. Standing atop a platform, Chambers shouted warnings to students as they were guided into their parking spaces.

"You will be required to pay for parking here and any damages your vehicle causes to the

lawn area," he warned.

Students didn't seem to pay much attention as they continued to file into spaces.

"I think Stephen [Bruner] is doing us a great service," one student said.

Vehicles were parked on the lawn for an estimated eight hours, all of which were given \$25 parking tickets.

Chambers also said, "Once we tally up the total damage amount, we will divide it into the number of tickets given to these students and add it onto their records."

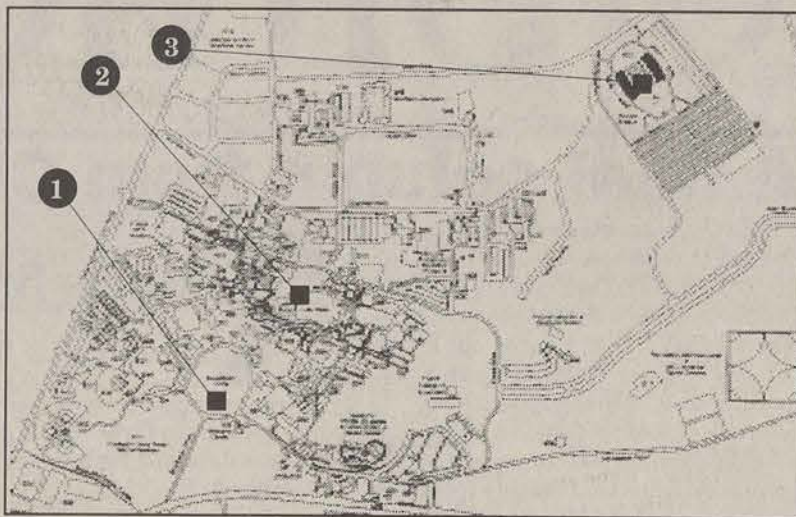
Chambers said he and the department of parking and transportation had no warning of the protest.

"Had we known about what was going to transpire, we would have thought of something to do to keep it from happening," he said. "That Bruner boy has all ways had it out for us."

Bruner said he thought the protest went well, but hopes the next one will have a greater turnout.

"Oh, yes, we certainly plan on keeping this going," he said. "We hope to double the numbers every time until the entire campus gets involved."

He said he hasn't planned the



next protest yet, but said it will be in the near future.

"I don't know yet what we'll do next, or when it will take place, but you can bet it'll be a sight."

2 Lakes Ruby & Wells

Rye bread leads to balding ducks

Signs have been posted. Students have been notified. No one is to feed the ducks at Lakeside until further notice after a highly unusual incident hit the GSU campus last Friday.

"After a group of students fed

six ducks some slices of rye bread, the ducks progressively lost all coloring in their feathers," Donald Dunn, GSU Raptor Center representative, said. "After two days of albino ducks running around the lake, we then had bald ducks."

Apparently, ducks are highly allergic to rye seeds, which make up 25 percent of rye bread. The seeds cause the ducks' coloring pigments in their feathers to die and soon after this occurs, the feathers fall out.

"It's much like the process of aging hair in humans — it turns white and then falls right out," Dunn added. "There has been documented evidence that the

feathers can grow back, though. This is what we're hoping for."

Not only have the ducks been losing their feathers, they have also been rather sick. The gastrointestinal affects of the allergic reaction are causing massive clean-up problems for Lakeside cleaning crews.

"Let's just say they seem to have some sort of stomach virus caused by the bread," he said. "They are mighty sick, so I would warn people to watch where they step if they're near the lake."

Dunn said that the ducks will recover, but in order to hurry their recovery along, lake officials are requesting that nobody feed the ducks anything until further notice.

3 Paulson Stadium

U.S. Presidential helicopter makes emergency landing

The Statesboro Airport notified GSU athletics officials early yesterday morning that an emergency landing was about to take place on the field of Paulson Stadium. However odd this may have sounded to athletics officials, nothing could have com-

pared to what they were about to find out: it was President Clinton's personal helicopter.

"We were very shocked, but also very excited, as bad as that may sound," Samuel L. Baker, GSU athletics director said.

The president's helicopter was returning to Washington D.C. after a golfing trip at Disney World when things went awry.

"We hit a large bird, maybe an eagle, and part of our wing slap fell off," said the pilot. "We radioed the nearest tower, which happened to be that of the Statesboro Airport. They then told us the nearest large area to land was the stadium. We had already passed the airport in town. I'd never landed in a stadium before!"

No one was injured in the emergency landing, and the bird the helicopter hit is in stable condition at the Raptor Center.

"We found the bird in the concessions area of the stadium," Donald Dunn, a representative of the Raptor Center said. "He suffered trauma to a wing, kind of like the helicopter he hit, but it is fixable. We think we'll name him 'Prez'."

President Clinton was not available for comment on the incident.

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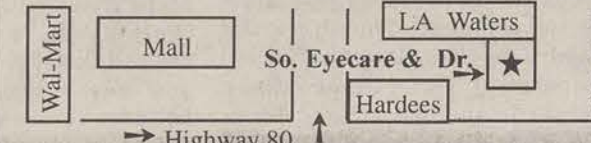
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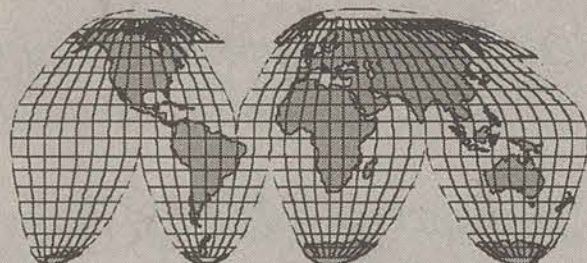
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3:00 p.m.

Through the Looking Glass: Gender Perspectives in India, Colloquium by Dr. Sunita Manion, Location: Russell Union, Room 2070

Monday, April 5

10:00 a.m.

Current Issues in the European Union, Colloquium by Dr. Mike Baun, Location: Russell Union, Room 2047

Friday, April 9

9 am - 5 pm

Asia Through the Eyes of Women: Politics, Development, Economics, and Ecology - Location: Russell Union, Room 2070. For more information call 681-0332.

3:00 p.m.

Threads of Tradition: Textiles from Around the World, Museum Exhibit and Reception, Curated by Dr. Jane Rhodes-Hudak, Location: Georgia Southern Museum

3:00 p.m.

Education in Japan: Myths and Reality, Colloquium by Dr. Dmitriyev, Location: Carroll Building, Room 227

7:30 p.m.

Colonel Chabert, French film with English subtitles, Location: Union Theater, \$2 Admission

Tuesday, April 6

10:00 a.m.

Cross Cultural Experiences from a Chinese Perspective, Colloquium by Dr. Ming Fang He and Yousha Liu, Location: Russell Union, Room 2047

3:00 p.m.

Ethnic and Religious Conflict in the Middle East, or, Whatever Happened to the "Global Village?" Colloquium by Dr. Vernon Eggar, Location: Russell Union, Room 2047

Wednesday, April 7

12:00-1:00 p.m.

International Food Tasting with musical accompaniment by Dr. Michael Braz, Sponsored by various International Student Clubs and Organizations, Location: Union Commons Area

12:00-2:00 p.m.

Study Abroad Fair, Sponsored by the Center for International Studies, Location: Union Commons Area

3:00 p.m.

The African Homestead in the Global Village: New Wine, Old Bottle, Colloquium by Dr. Goke-Pariola, Location: Russell Union, Room 2047

Thursday, April 8

11-3:30 p.m.

International Meal at Southern Traditions, Location: Landrum Cafeteria - \$4.99 Cash (\$4.13 Eagle Express)

12-1:30 p.m.

International Food Tasting, Location: Russell Union Ballroom

Saturday, April 10

7:00 p.m.

Grupo Cultura - Latin American Folk Singers and Dancers, Location: Russell Union Ballroom

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Our Opinion

Some ideas are good, and some ideas are really bad

We think it was a terrible idea to convert back to the quarter system. We have spent a year struggling with the "beast" and now that time is wasted. What about all of the work it took to convert the first time? Is that time null and void?

However, we do think it is high time that the bar was raised on the HOPE scholarship. That money is scarce and students should have to work harder to get a scholarship. There are no other qualifications for receiving that money, so it is not too much to ask that students make a 4.0.

We also think it is a terrific idea to require freshmen and sophomores to live on campus. GSU should update Oxford Hall and In the Pines into modern residential complexes. Then we should require all students to live on campus. Only students with over 108 credit hours should be allowed to move off-campus.



Backtalk

Nobody actually uses this thing, so I have no idea why you continue to run this feature every week. I mean, come on, stop wasting space. No one is actually going to use the Backtalk section.

A final column from Christopher Brennaman

Well, it seems that the joke, in the end was on me. I came to the George-Anne last semester so that I could become a columnist. That was all that I ever wanted out of this newspaper. Nothing more, nothing less. I loved to write my columns. I looked forward to my turn on the rotation. In my mind, I wrote columns that stating things that I felt needed to be said. Well, I did that a few weeks back, and many of you disagreed with me.

After talking with my lawyer, we have decided that it would be best if I stepped back from writing anything publicly. We feel that my opinions should, for the most part, be kept to myself.

Why? Well, being questioned by the FBI was a living hell. Due to several protests by some of the readers, the Federal Bureau of Investigation decided that I was a



CHRIS BRENNAMAN
GUEST COLUMNIST

possible menace. Over Spring Break, I was detained for one day and questioned.

They looked at where I had been on the Internet (I'm sure they found some fun there) and monitored my phone calls. I pity the poor man who had to tap into my boring life for one week.

The reason I'm sharing this with you is simple. I want you all to know that I'm leaving. I'm gone for good, I'm mounting my horse and riding into the sunset where I'm sure that I'll find new adventures to be had, and maybe a little lease legal problems.

Thank you. Thank all of you who care and sent in letters of protest. What the heck, at least it shows you're reading right? That's what I tell myself anyway. That's how I look my family in the face and maintain some dignity.

I hope that I'm missed. I was trying to show everyone with my column that there are things that we all do that are quit frankly annoying.

There are things that should be done away with. Turns out, authorities feel that I'm part of the problem.

For those who sent letters to

me backing me up, thank you. You got the joke that I was trying to make. Maybe we can get together some time with our sick senses of humor and have a drink. Thank you for letting me know that I'm not alone.

Before I go, I want everyone to know that I'm leaving because I want to. The angry letters, although they did greatly contribute, have not forced me out. The FBI did that. Like I said, legally, I'm covering my tail.

Maybe one day, this campus will be ready to take jokes and laugh at what is not to be taken seriously. Sadly, for me, that day did not come in time. So, as I write my final sentence for the George-Anne, I hope everyone sees now the joke and has the courage to laugh.

Thank you and good-bye.

Why this paper sometimes hates Chris

"Chris is gone! Chris is gone! Thank Gawdowmighty, Chris is gone!" And that, folks, generally sums up our feelings here at *The George-Anne*.

In case you didn't know, he wrote a column on Tuesday, March 9th, entitled, "Why I Sometimes Hate This Place." It was the most sadistic, horrific, well, just plain looney column we have ever published, and on behalf of the entire staff, I apologize that you ever had to be subjected to such terrostatic, and might I add, juvenile, written antics. As if!

We first must apologize for the title, though, as that is where the trouble started. The fact that he used the words "hate" and "this place" in the same sentence should have tipped us off.

Think about it: who in their right mind could ever conceive of even the most minute complaint against this campus, this city, this county, or anything else in "this place"? And to "hate" it here? Well, obviously Chris overstepped the bounds of rational



JUSTIN MILLER
COLUMNIST

emotions, and began to trod over into "lala land."

Secondly, we must apologize for his threat of going onto the

Also, in regards to the library, we now have reason to believe that he actually LIED, yes, LIED!!! As it turns out (and if

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top of the library and mowing students down. That, in and of itself, given the seriousness of his anger (how dare he accuse students of walking too slow across campus?! They have the right to be obnoxious and lazy!), we should have immediately sprung in ambush on him here in the office, and, well, took care of the matter, as they say.

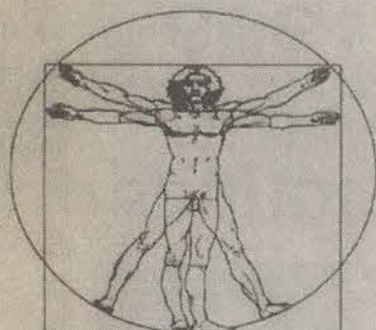
any of us actually used the library, we might have spotted this sooner), there are no steps that lead to the roof! There aren't even steps that go to the fourth floor (unless you use the super-secret stairs!) To get to the roof, though, you must find the "secret pole" hidden somewhere in the "stacks" (think 1960s "Batman"). Thirdly, his blatant attack on

"puppies" is absolutely intolerable. The fact that he could even dream up of something like this, is like, like, like a really bad Ozzy Osbourne album (as opposed to all those good ones he cranked out in the 70s). I could go on, but I fear my tears would render me unable to finish this apology, so I musn't dwell on those poor, defenseless creatures.

Lastly, and most importantly, if we had used any wisdom, foresight, or even just the slightest shred of good judgment and "common sense," this whole fiasco could have been prevented.

We simply forgot one small thing: no one around here seems to have any sense of humor! In the future we will take the cue from those courageous people who wrote in to us, and promise to never, never, ever try to write anything with a humorous flair to it.

Except the occasional "knock, knock" joke—would that be okay with everyone? If not, don't call us, call the FBI!



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Tracy Ham signs on with the New Orleans Saints as free agent

By Billy Joe Dupree
Staff Writer

GSU football great Tracy Ham was signed as a free agent by the New Orleans Saints last Tuesday afternoon. Ham was the legendary signal caller who piloted the Eagles to back-to-back I-AA National Championship titles in 1985 and 1986, and established GSU as a I-AA powerhouse.

"This is the opportunity that I've been waiting for all my life," Ham said. "All I ever asked out of the NFL was a fair and equal chance, and now I'm getting it."

Ham will be competing for the Saints' starting quarterback job, along with incumbents Heath Shuler and Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel. New Orleans is in desperate need of a quarterback who can bring them up to a competitive level with the rest of the teams in the NFL. Kerry Collins, who was picked up by New Orleans last season from the Carolina Panthers, has departed to be a New York Giant.

"This guy is a winner," said New Orleans Saints head coach Mike Ditka. "At every level he's played at he has won championships. He may not fit the typical mode of an NFL quarterback, but neither did Doug Flutie last year, and I don't think you'll hear the Buffalo Bills complaining about the production they've gotten out of him."

Ham left GSU as the school's leading passer with 5,757 total yards and 34 touchdowns. His jersey, No. 8, has since been retired and is on permanent display inside the Ann Lupton Building at Paulson Stadium.

After college, Ham participated

in the L.A Rams training camp in 1987. But the Rams wanted to use him as a tailback.

But Ham couldn't see himself as being anything other than a quarterback. So he decided to go to the CFL, where he won three Grey Cup trophies and immediately established himself as one of the greatest passers in that league's history, along with Flutie and Warren Moon.

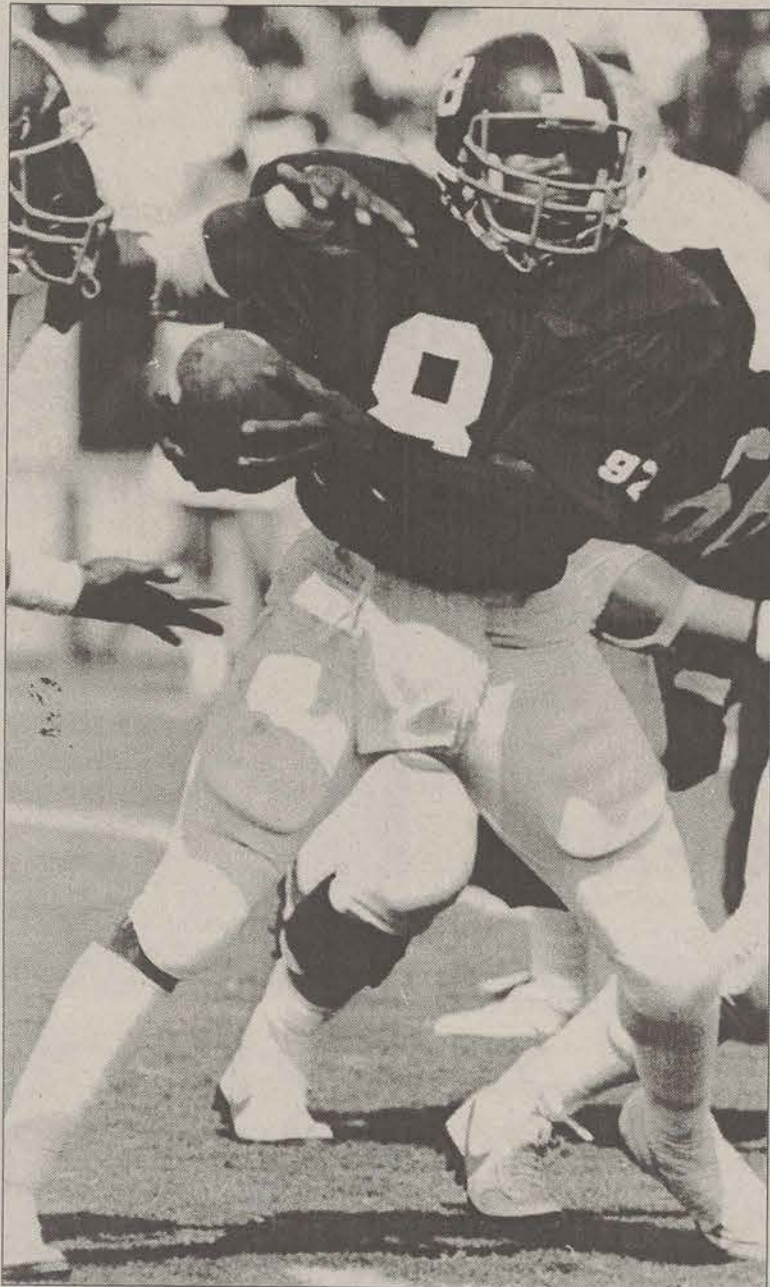
"People thought I couldn't make it into the NFL at the quarterback position, based on the fact that I was an option quarterback in college," Ham said. "But the CFL is the ultimate passing league, and I have more than proven my abilities as a passer. But that doesn't mean that I can't take off an run if I have to."

Known for his mobility out of the pocket, Ham has also displayed qualities of leadership and confidence as a field general during his collegiate and professional career.

"Simply put, Tracy's a leader," said GSU Head Football Coach Paul Johnson, who was the Eagles' offensive coordinator when Ham played. "And everybody knows about his ability to run with the ball, but folks forget, during our first national championship game against Furman, he passed for over 400 yards and four touchdowns."

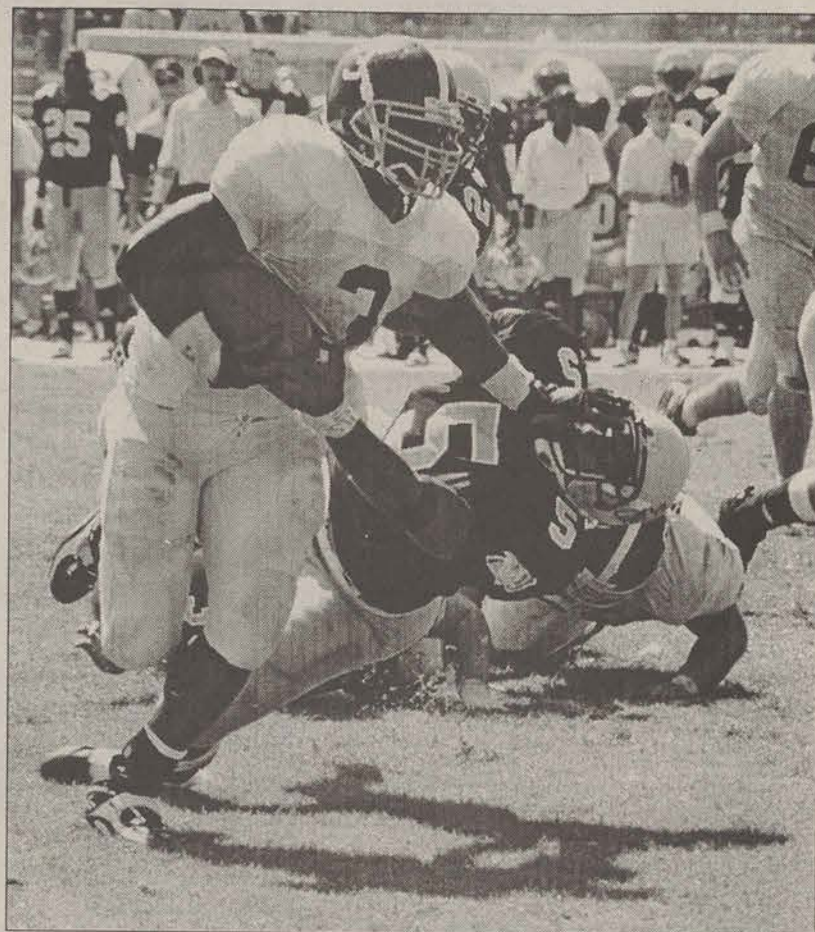
Ham is happy to get his second chance at an NFL career with the Saints.

"I know I won't be guaranteed a starting job, and if I don't get to start, that's fine," he said. "I'm just glad to finally get the chance to live out my dream and be an NFL quarterback."



Richard Bush

HEADED TO THE NFL: Tracy Ham signed on with the New Orleans Saints Tuesday afternoon. Ham said all he ever asked from the NFL was a fair chance. He will compete for the QB spot.



Frankie Williams

Peterson to go to UF

By Lester Efford
Staff Writer

GSU phenom fullback Adrian Peterson has made a decision that has undoubtedly sent shockwaves throughout the rest of the Eagle football team. Peterson, who was the 1998 Southern Conference offensive player of the year, has decided to transfer to the University of Florida.

"I just want to be real close to friends and family," Peterson said in front of a shocked media at the press conference in the Ann Lupton Building. "I've always grown up being a huge Florida Gators fan and I've always wanted to play for them."

The city of Gainesville, Fla., where the campus of the University resides in, is only a few miles away from Peterson's hometown of Alachua. Peterson will be joining his older brother, Michael, who is already a starting line-

backer for the Gators.

"That's what really made me decide to go back home," Peterson said. "Me and Michael are very close, and we played on the same high school team together, so I wanted us to play on the same college team as well."

Peterson shattered a staggering amount of college football and team records during his amazing freshman year. He rushed for 1,932 yards and 25 touchdowns. Teamed up with QB Greg Hill, Peterson led GSU to a 14-1 season that saw them end as national champion runners-up, and with back-to-back Southern Conference titles. The backfield of Peterson and Hill was one of the most potent in I-AA football history. That backfield will now be busted up.

"I hate to see him go," Hill said. "Adrian is a wonderful football player, but he's also a wonderful person."

Had Peterson stayed at GSU, he would have undoubtedly been the best GSU fullback to ever play for the school, and the best player to ever don an Eagle football uniform since the great Tracy Ham himself.

"Obviously, it's a huge loss," GSU head football coach Paul Johnson said. "But we still got Greg, and life goes on."

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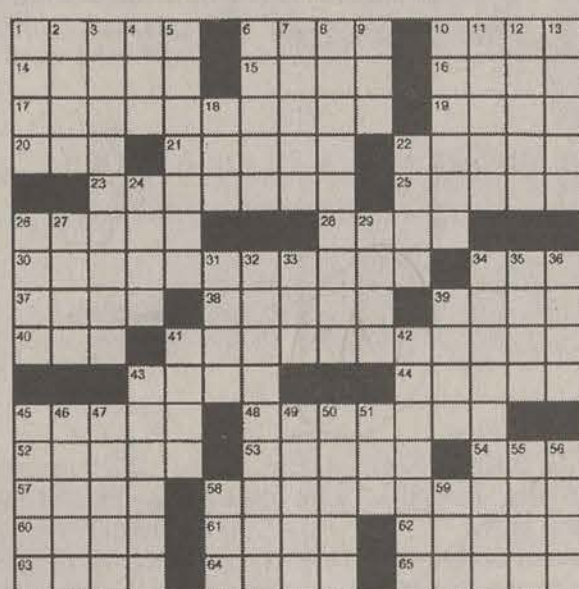
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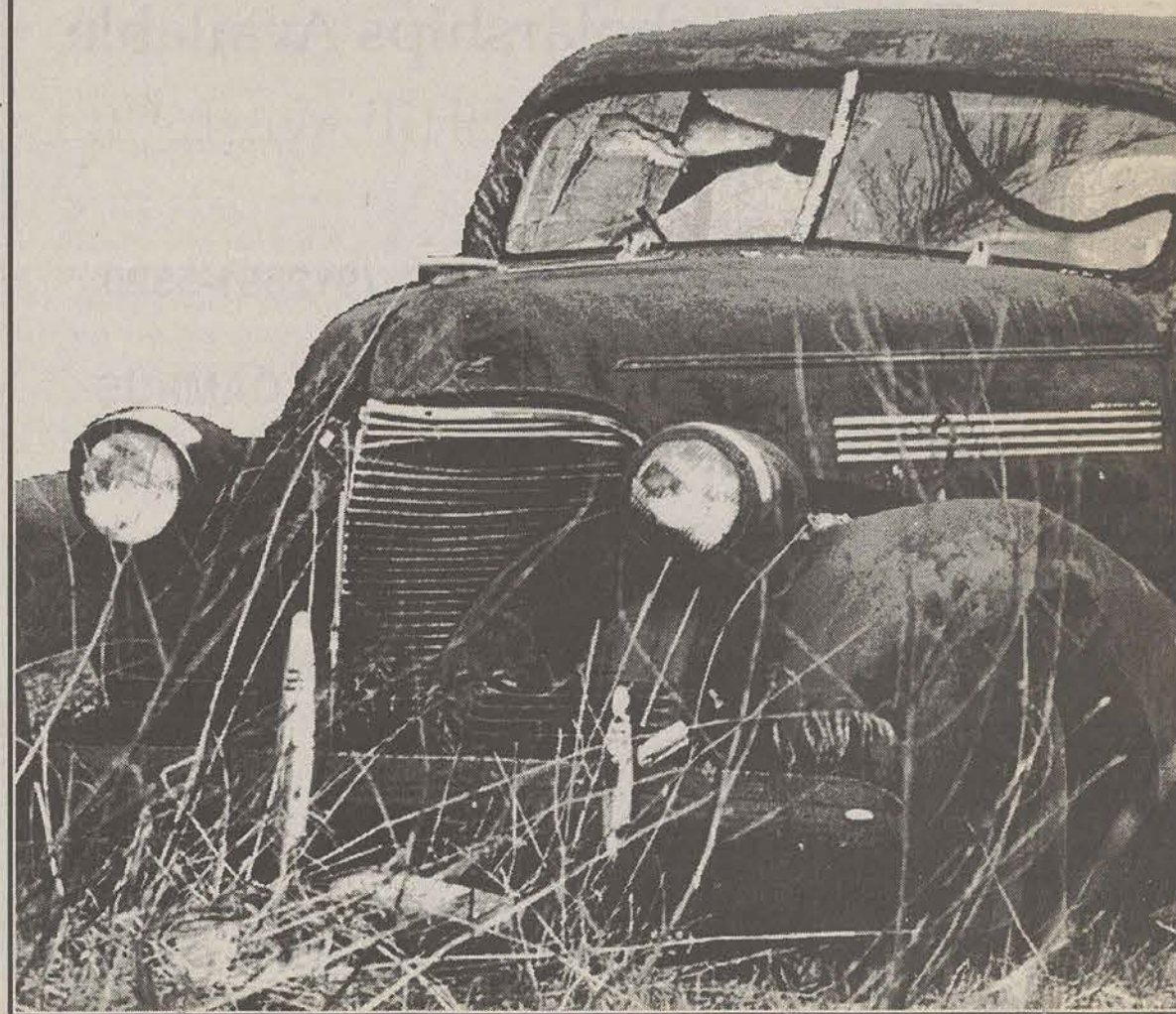
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Television show displays talent, fun



By The Nice Guys

Chris Brennaman and Nick Crouch

Since starting work here at *The George-Anne*, we Nice Guys have had opportunities that few have ever been privy to. We get to see some kickin' bands, interview some of the Boro's premiere celebrities and, if we do say so, work with the hottest babes in newspapers. What else could a couple of nice guys ask for?

A lot, actually. We were tired of reviewing the same old, been there/heard that bands, so we decided to review something that is truly worthy of critics of our caliber. That's right, we tackled new ground. This weekend we sat down and watched 48 hours worth of the most

fun-loving...things on TV, the Teletubbies.

The Teletubbies are premiere European performers and have decided to take after the Beatles and Spice Girls. Their invasion of America has been a swift one indeed, and rightfully so. The talent that each of the members of the troupe displays is truly awe-inspiring. There were several points when both of us were moved to tears as each was coaxed along by their friends on the road to discovery. If you ask us, Hollywood actors like De Niro and Nicholson should take note of these gifted performers.

One episode stood out in our collective mind the most. The title escapes us, but in the episode, Tinky-Winky (insert joke here) lost hi, er, he, um its pocket book or hand bag, whatever it is. The other Teletubbies, in an unexpected display of friendship, put aside what they were doing in an

effort to find the missing...device used for transporting personal items. In the end, it turns out that the bag was under Tink's bed the whole time, and a good laugh is had by all. My God, this is entertainment.

Our only gripe about the show is this: more diversity. It seems that there is not an adequate representation of the types of individuals found in society seen on the show.

Perhaps one could be portrayed as being Jewish or Islamic or even Amish if the show's producers wanted to be bold and make a real statement.

Indeed, it would show children at an early age that society is a vast and beautiful melting pot of lifestyles. If any show can do it, it's the Teletubbies. Take care of this and you have a quality show.

So there you have it. We found the best show on television for you and laid it on the table. Give the Teletubbies a try, we're sure you'll like it. If not, well, we won't lose sleep over it.

**It should be noted that The Nice Guys have no relationship, either professional or personal, to the creators of or the characters in the Teletubbies.*

Artist puts best foot forward in work

By Feather Pulp
Staff Writer

The GSU campus is getting some new shoes with the senior exit show of Garret Moulin opening April 5.

Actually, the shoes aren't new, but they will give the campus a new style.

Moulin will construct his exhibit this weekend using 1,500 shoes of all types. The shoes will be painted in red glitter, placed end to end and fastened to steel rods.

The shoes will then be placed lining the sidewalks around the Russell Union Rotunda and up around the fountain in front of the Blue Building.

"The show definitely has a 'Wizard of Oz' theme," Moulin admitted. "Actually, the idea came to me as I was watching the movie."

Moulin claims the shoes represent everyone's desire to go home. An Atlanta native, Moulin said, "ever since I got to Statesboro I've wanted to leave." He went on to claim that everyone he knows feels the same way. Moulin hopes his exhibit will remind everyone that their time here in Statesboro is not permanent and, "they can never give up on that hope for escape."

"I've always had a bit of a shoe fetish," Moulin confessed, "I like to connect that with my art." Almost all of Moulin's art has been centered around feet: from shoe-shaped pottery to foot portraits.

"My high school art teacher told me I needed to combine my passion with my art," Moulin

explained, "shoes are the only passion I have besides art."

Moulin said he had been collecting shoes from ex-girlfriends and friends for years.

He stated his collection started when he was 13. "I found this red high-heeled shoe on the beach," he explained, "that shoe was the most beautiful thing in the world to me, I still have it."

After that day, Moulin said he started asking everyone for their old shoes. "They always thought it was weird when I asked for them, but I would just say it was for my art-

"I'VE ALWAYS HAD A BIT OF A SHOE FETISH. I LIKE TO CONNECT WITH MY ART."

-GARRET MOULIN

work." "But, even with all the shoes I had, I needed a lot more for the exhibit," Moulin said.

He found some of the shoes at yard sales, thrift shops and even in trash dumpsters.

"My family helped the most though," Moulin explained. "My mom had our whole neighborhood pitch in and they had a shoe drive last month."

That shoe drive brought in more than 300 pairs of shoes for the artist.

"The show wouldn't have been possible without it," Moulin said.

Moulin's senior exhibit is scheduled to be on display until April 26. He hopes that even the people who don't understand his art will at least appreciate its meaning.

"If nothing else," he said, "it will add some color to the campus."

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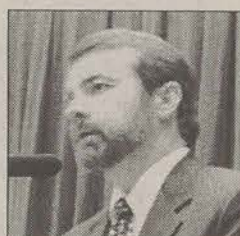
While the presidential candidates were on campus earlier this year, the G-A asked the age-old question: Boxers or briefs?



"The answer is simple: Thong bikini is the style for me."
-Richard H. Wells



"I find that question to be clearly inappropriate."
-Arlen R. Zander



"Briefs."
-Wade Hobgood



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Renowned horror novelist to visit GSU

By Richard Bachman
Staff Writer

Last year, it was Maya Angelou. This year, it is Ben and Jerry's. Next year, famed novelist Stephen King will be coming to GSU. In October, on Halloween night, the world-famous author of such books as "The Stand," "The Shining" and "Cujo" will give a lecture in Hanner Fieldhouse.

"This is terrific. I cannot believe that he is actually coming here," said Carole Thompson from CLEC. "I got a call from King's agent over the weekend and I was just blown away. I love 'The Green Mile'."

The whole administration has been busy all week planning for

his appearance. The coordinators of the event expect such a large crowd that tickets to see King in person are going on sale later this month, a full 7 months before he is set to appear.

"They go on sale April 15. That's the day that people's taxes are due, so maybe they'll also remember to buy tickets to see Stephen King," Thompson said.

Tickets are going at \$25 each in advance. General admission will be \$10 more. Students will get a five dollar discount for tickets either in advance or at the door.

Great excitement has spread around the campus as people learned of his upcoming visit.

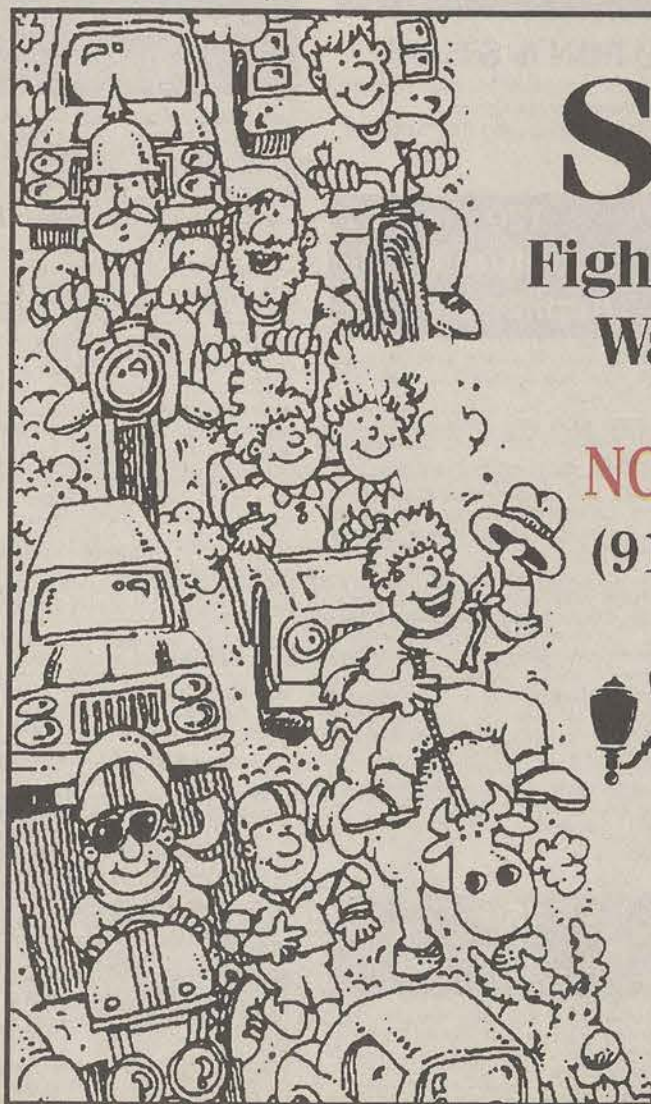
"I love the guy!" junior Ryan

Brown said. "I've read all his books. 'Carrie.' 'Firestarter.' 'Pet Sematary.' They're all good."

The word is that King is going to talk about the need for literacy and also for people to have more creative minds.

Everyone on campus has got King fever. The Henderson library reported that all his novels have been checked out. Both the University Store and Eagle's Logic have placed all of his books on the shelves, and they have been selling very impressively over the past few days.

"This is going to put us on the map," Thompson said. "It is an honor to have a person of his prestige to come here. It's a great recognition for everyone."



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