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This Week's Weather



Today
Scattered t-storms with a high of 94 and a low of 76.



Friday
Partly cloudy with a high of 93 and a low of 73.



Saturday
Isolated t-storms with a high of 94 and a low of 76.



Sunday
Isolated t-storms with a high of 92 and a low of 76.

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ON VACATION

This is the last edition of *The George-Anne* for summer semester. But never you fear, we will be back on Aug. 18 with a back-to-school edition. Remember classes start on Friday, Aug. 20.

Sports



GSU-App. St. battle to be televised

Fox Sports Net South will air the game between the Eagles and the Mountaineers in October. Please see story, 4

A&E



'American Pie' is a hit with comedy, intelligence

A&E editor Sam Siegel tells why 'American Pie' may be the best comedy ever. Please see story, page 2

Today's Word

Peccavi (peKove) n. a confession of wrongdoing.
Source: Weird Words

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GRE no longer offered at GSU

Only computer-based format available and students must travel to take it

By Chrissy Mathe
Student Writer

Students will only be able to take the Graduate Record Examination in the computer-based format, not the paper-based format, beginning this fall due to technological advances in testing, and the test will no longer be offered at GSU, George Lynch, director of the testing office, said.

For students who are computer oriented, the computer-based format of the GRE is a great idea, but may not be for others, Lynch said.

"The older, non-traditional students who are not so computer minded may be at a slight disadvantage," Lynch said.

The GRE is a multi-aptitude test needed for admissions into graduate programs, containing a verbal, analytical and quantitative section, he said.

To help become familiar with the test format and the computers, there is a tutorial session before the actual test begins, Lynch said.

Yet the biggest disadvantage to the computer-based format of the GRE is that the Educational Testing Service controls the test, he said.

"The details of the computer-based test are still sketchy because the university does not deal directly with the test," Lynch said.

GSU students and faculty have a good relationship with each other and GSU would do as well as the Sylvan testing centers in administering the test, Lynch said. The closest test site is in Savannah.

"In the past the biggest luxury for students was to register and take the test here at GSU," Lynch said. "It was one-stop shopping for students."

There are some distinct advantages to the computer-based format of the GRE, he said.

The computer-based GRE is offered more often, allowing a student to take the exam once a month if necessary and an unofficial score report is given at the end of the test since the test is continually graded as questions are answered, which is quite an advantage, Lynch said.

"The computer-based format is faster because it allows a student to work at their own pace within time constraints of the test itself," he said.

The strategies students use on the GRE have changed some due to the technology, he said.

Students don't like the fact that questions cannot be skipped and then returned to later using computer-based testing, Lynch said, and there is no opportunity to write

directly in the book.

Kevin Collins, an GSU undergraduate student, said that the switch over to only the computer-based format is not a good idea.

"I was always told to do the questions you know first and then go back to the others," Collins said. "With the computer-based format, I would not be able to do that."

There is a reason to having to answer the questions in order, Lynch said.

Lynch said the computer-based test zeros in on the skill level of the student so when a question is missed, the next one will be of lesser difficulty. The statistical characteristics, the number of questions missed, as well as the difficulty of the questions will all be taken into account when calculating the score, he said.

"This allows for greater success on the test," Lynch said.

The Educational Testing Service has done research studies showing the computer-based test scores are comparable to the paper-based format test scores of the GRE, he said.

"The trend is moving towards computer-based testing for all standardized admissions tests," Lynch said. "The GMAT, TOFEL and Dental Admissions Test have already switched over."



Education department policy changes meet with mixed reviews

By Carrie Crabb
Student Writer

The new education department requirements have not affected the number of students entering the educational program, Betty-Ware Wray, GSU coordinator of advisement and certification, said.

An entry test called the Praxis I Exam has been added to the agenda of requirements for all students in the education department.

Wray said she cannot tell any noticeable change in the amount of students entering into the department.

"At the end of the spring semester, 48 percent of the people

each day."

Students will also be required to pass the Praxis II Exam, a second test, before graduating.

"This exam detects the student's knowledge of the content of what is taught to them in the program," Wray said.

The education department has also lessened the distance its students may travel for their student teaching, according to Wray.

She said that beginning Spring of 2000, students will be required to student teach at schools within a 50-mile radius from campus with a few exceptions for schools in Metro Atlanta.

Before, students were able to teach at schools ranging from Brunswick to Columbus.

"Requiring student to drive only 50 miles will allow for more classroom time and less time driving," Wray said.

"Also, it will provide us better supervision over the students. Before university supervisors were having to travel long distances to talk with teachers and students."

Lara Rainey, a GSU junior majoring in early childhood education, is not happy about the changes made to the education department.

"I was really planning to go back home to do my student teaching," Rainey said. "But, now I am going to have to stay down here and get an apartment."

Wray said a lot of students are wanting to stay in Statesboro because apartment complexes are requiring students to have a full year lease and this will make it easier for students to live here and student teach.

Brett Griffin, a GSU student majoring in health and physical education, said the changes will have not affect on him.

"I really like the change because most students are already paying for an apartment. Why not go ahead and stay here to intern?"

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that applied for entry into the department were accepted," Wray said. "That is about the usual amount of people that we always have, but it is still too early to tell the full effects of the test."

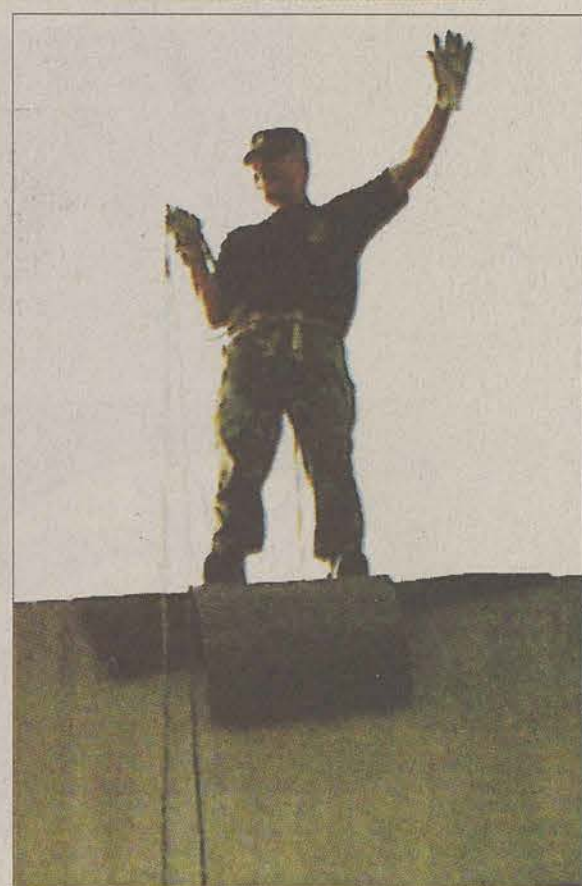
Students taking the Praxis I Exam, an academic skill test in reading, mathematics and writing, must score above a 176 on reading, 173 on mathematics and 172 on the writing content sections of the test to be eligible to enter the educational program.

"This test will assure us and the public that the people in the education department can meet the requirements to become an effective teacher," Wray said.

Elizabeth Poole, a GSU student majoring in health and physical education, has taken the Praxis I Exam three times and failed.

"I can't seem to pass it," Poole said. "It has really set me back with classes because I will have to take alternative classes until I can pass the exam. Graduation is looking farther away

Is that Spiderman?



Photos by Sarah Trucksis

NO, IT'S JUST THE GSU ROTC: The group rappelled off the side of the library two weeks ago. The ROTC also assists with teaching a PE rappelling class and they can be seen just about every semester scaling the side of Henderson library.

Scholarship fund activated for graduate students

G-A News Service

The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and the Georgia Southern University Foundation are pleased to announce the activation of an endowed scholarship fund for graduate students.

The purpose of this annual scholarship is to recognize and assist outstanding and deserving students pursuing a graduate degree at GSU.

It also serves as a living memorial to Katie and Tanner Miller, who were the children of Stephen and Dawn Miller and the grandchildren of G. Lane and Chris Van Tassel, all of Statesboro, Ga.

"Katie was only 16 months of age when she died in an accident in

Washington, D.C. in October 1995. Her younger brother, Tanner, was born in April 1996 and because he had a severe genetic disorder he lived for only a brief time," G. Lane Van Tassel said.

"In their honor we decided to endow the scholarship. We were able to do that with a lot of support from others, including friends, family and colleagues who have given consistently to this fund through the GSU Foundation, often through the university's annual 'A Day for Southern' campaign."

To ensure that the fund would exist in perpetuity and benefit generations of students, Lane and Chris Van Tassel recently pledged to bring the fund's principal balance

to a minimum of \$10,000.

As a result of campuswide support and that of the Van Tassel family, qualified students are now eligible to seek scholarship awards.

To be eligible for this scholarship qualified students must be seeking a graduate degree in the social sciences or humanities.

Applicants must be enrolled full time in the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies at GSU and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Two letters of recommendation demonstrating academic excellence, scores on graduate admissions tests and identification of other accomplishments are also required.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department

July 19, 1999

•Contega Hodge, 22, of 8095 Pufaski Hwy., was charged as a wanted person.

•Deshann Love, 19, of 2745 Willis Foreman Rt., was charged with driving on suspended license.

July 18, 1999

•Nathan Street, 22, of 104 Woodrow Cir., was charged with DUI, driving on suspended license, no insurance, and excessive volume from radio.

•Julius Collins, 21, of Bermuda Run Apt. #50, was charged with DUI, and driving on suspended license.

•Sung Chung, 25, of 4 Nelson Way, was charged with DUI and failure to use turn signal.

July 17, 1999

•Omar Sanchez, 22, of 164 Pecan Grove Trailer Park., was charged with no insurance, driving without a valid license, and headlights required.

•Derrick Robinson, 19, of University

Pointe Apt. #91, was charged with theft by shoplifting.

•Charles Mason, of E. Jones Ave., reported lost or stolen property.

•A resident of Beasley Rd., reported simple battery.

•Henry Stover, of Wildwood Springs Dr., reported theft by taking.

•Joey Williams, of E. Grady St., reported theft by taking.

•Jason Pruitt, of E. Grady St., reported theft by taking.

July 16, 1999

•Jason Kearney, of Greenbriar Apts., reported burglary.

•Joseph Miller, 23, of 304 Valley Rd., was charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

July 14, 1999

•Edward Williams, 23, 7925 Kennedy Bridge Rd., was charged with forgery.

July 9, 1999

•Brian Smith, 20, of Willowbend Apt. #75, was charged with shoplifting.

July 3, 1999

•Naima Boyd, 21, of 115 Burgess Freeman Ln., was charged with forgery and theft by taking.

GSU Division of Public Safety

July 20, 1999

•Henry Franklin Clay, 29, of 566 E. Main St. Apt. B6, was arrested and charged with DUI (Refusal), improper backing, improper stopping on roadway.

July 18, 1999

•A resident of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house reported someone removed a tool chest containing art supplies from the den area of the house.

•Rich Alan Horne, 23, of Apt. #63 Hawthorne II, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

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

A night at the Waffle House



JAKE HALLMAN

COLUMNIST

I frequent the Waffle House on 80 late at night. Lots of interesting people there—none really fit the bill of “normal,” if only because “normal” people aren’t guzzling coffee (or motor oil, at WH there’s not a lot of difference) at three in the morning.

Strange things happen up there. Just last week, I saw a 17-year-old handcuff herself then freak out because the owner told her he didn’t have a key. A guy once was arrested for throwing freshly-caught shrimp and yelling “Cook my (bleeping) shrimp, you bastard!” at one of the chefs. Up-

Which brings me, quite early in the column, to a real, live point. Iconoclasts of the late-night Waffle House variety tend to bemoan the fact that “everyone else should be like us! They should think for themselves and be different!”

I’ve heard the same sentiments

Non-normal types hear about it and go “that’s what he gets, inexperienced pilot flying a plane in minimal visibility over water when he hadn’t had proper emergency training.”

Accept the fact that not everyone is going to be as enlightened as you. If they were, you’d have a strange empty feeling in the pit of your stomach.

The world can’t go around without the “normal” crew. They’re the ones who react to the shocking stuff. They’re the ones who heap scorn on the “ab-normal” Trenchcoat Mafia types, but are simultaneously the iconoclasts’ reason to be.

Don’t get pissed off at the “normal” people. Love them. Encourage them. Scare the hell out of them. Talk to them. You never know when one might have a leather suit with goat-sized handcuffs hanging in the back of their closet.

So if you’re normal, I salute you. Even if you consider yourself “normal,” and aren’t. Without people like you, there couldn’t be late-night Waffle House entertainment for me. Hell, stop by sometime. I’ll buy you a cup of coffee.

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roariously drunk individuals occasionally start fights. There are late-night, high-stakes Trivial Pursuit games. People bring in their own coffee mugs. People sometimes get naked.

It’s a fun joint in the wee hours, and I must give many mad phat props to the staff for dealing with the odd people who stumble in. Here’s a secret, though—if they think you’re getting too rowdy, they’ll switch your coffee to decaf without telling you.

So I just sit back and watch the mayhem. Don’t participate, though—that might take me out of the “normal” category. I will talk (a whole lot) to people there, however.

from ravers, goths, punks, ska/swing kids, ballers, bangers, rednecks and greeks.

Their aforementioned rant is, not to put too fine a point on it, bullcrap. If everyone else was like the aforementioned cliques, there’d be no fun in being in them. The whole point of not being normal is, well, to be not “normal.” Hence, without the “normal,” you could not be “not normal.” Think about that one for a while.

And again, there’s no clearly delineated dividing line between “normal” and “not.”

Scratch that—there is. Normal people hear about the whole JFK Jr. thing and go “what a tragedy.”

Flaming Lips album lush, beguiling

By Keith Harrison
College Press Exchange

“The Soft Bulletin,” The Flaming Lips (Warner Bros.) 9 stars

In its press materials for “The Soft Bulletin,” the guys from the Flaming Lips prattle on about how they approached this disc as if they were movie directors and how they attempted to stake out musical turf that was previously untrod by any human feet.

That’s a load of rubbish, of course, and pretentious as all get out, but we’ll suffer through our artists’ personality foibles and delusions of absolute originality if they can occasionally serve up

discs as lush and beguiling as this one.

Rebounding splendidly from the unbridled excess of the four-disc “Zaireeka” project, the Flaming Lips on this disc have adopted the studio-as-instrument approach pioneered by Brian Wilson and recently embraced by the Elephant 6 collective and Wilco, among others.

Like the best of that lot, the Lips realize that if you’re going to traffic in precious melodies and ornate instrumentation, you’ve got to add some ballast to keep the songs from drifting off into the ether.

With loud guitars taboo in this genre, the Lips make the winning decision to rely on explosive and unexpected drum volleys, as well as the occasional chest-thumping bass or keyboard line.

It’s an approach that works again and again on “The Soft Bulletin,” from the impossibly bright sonic bursts of “Race for the Prize” and

“Buggin’” -- which somehow manage to recall the drum work from the classic Motown sound, of all things -- through the rattling drum crescendos in the otherwise sweet and spacey “The Spiderbite Song.”

That latter song also ably demonstrates the Lips’ loopy charm: Delivered in Wayne Coyne’s inimitably cracked warble, it starts off as a goofy nonsense song and winds up as a touching expression of friendship.

That’s not as revolutionary as inventing an entirely new musical genre, perhaps, but it’s still a pretty neat trick for a rock’n’roll band.

Not your mom's 'American Pie'

By Sam Siegel
A&E Editor

This is a great movie about all the nightmares that we had as highschool kids. It is about the confusion, frustration and ecstasy of our adolescent years. There



Internet Photo

isn’t much to object to in the movie, but the content may be too strong for young audiences. Don’t be prepared to think too much about the plot; it is fairly simple. One simply has to check his brain at the door and enjoy.

The show was a great display

of people getting their just deserts. The movie does not over-emphasize the value of fitting in, and it glorifies the nerdy, geeky people who so often get trashed in a movie of this type. There is no push for the less popular people to become one of the “in crowd,” and there is even a jock, so to speak, who takes himself out of that crowd for the woman he loves. This wasn’t so much the revenge of the nerds, but it was the glorification of the good.

I don’t think that there is much to argue about morally in this film. Everyone who has sex uses condoms (and make a big deal out of it too), and most of the sex is shown fairly responsibly. There is not real violence displayed in the school setting, and there is very little that one can do about high school teens having sex.

Perhaps the movie was unrealistic, but what movie isn’t in truth. Those who do wrong (like inviting a girl to your house to broadcast her over the internet) are punished for their stupidity, and the truly decent people are redeemed.

Every character in the movie has faults, and they all do dumb

things (I don’t know of one high school student that did not do something rather idiotic), but they are shown to be good people despite their faults. With all that, the movie is so funny it is unbelievable. It has to be the best comedy of the summer, if not the best picture period.

The previews are good, but they don’t do justice to the film. With the comedy, you feel more embarrassed for the characters than anything. As said above, this is the culmination of all the nightmares that high school kids have.

Perhaps even worse is the scene in which one character is caught with the pie, as seen in the previews. You really feel for the characters that are being so humiliated.

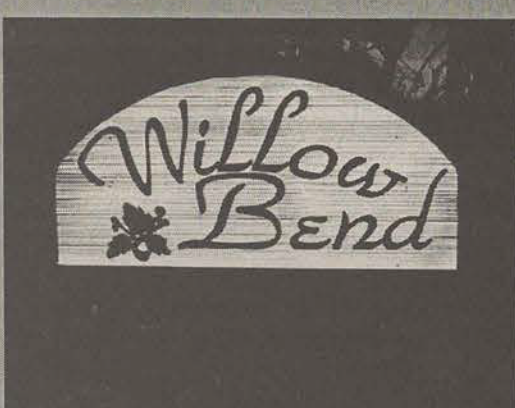
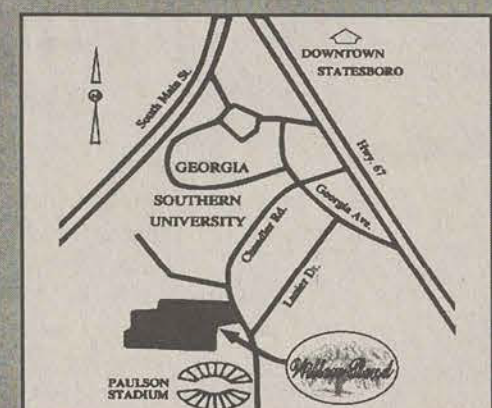
Overall, this was a hilarious movie. If you had any angst in high school, you should see this movie. Finally, a show about human beings who aren’t popular! The movie is rated “R” and is for mature audiences, but you don’t have to be mature at all to laugh. It was just overall a surprising (very surprising in parts) and GREAT movie.

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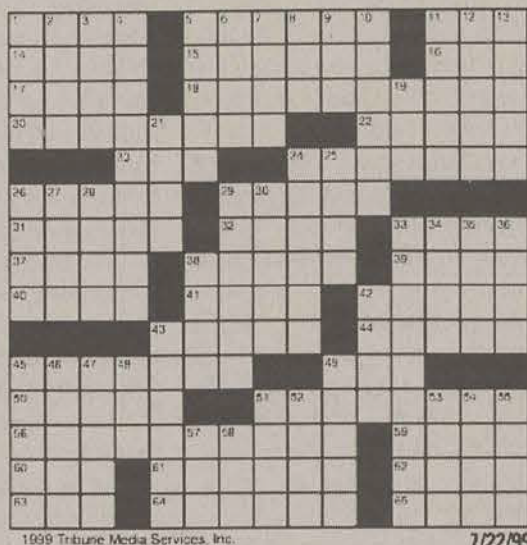
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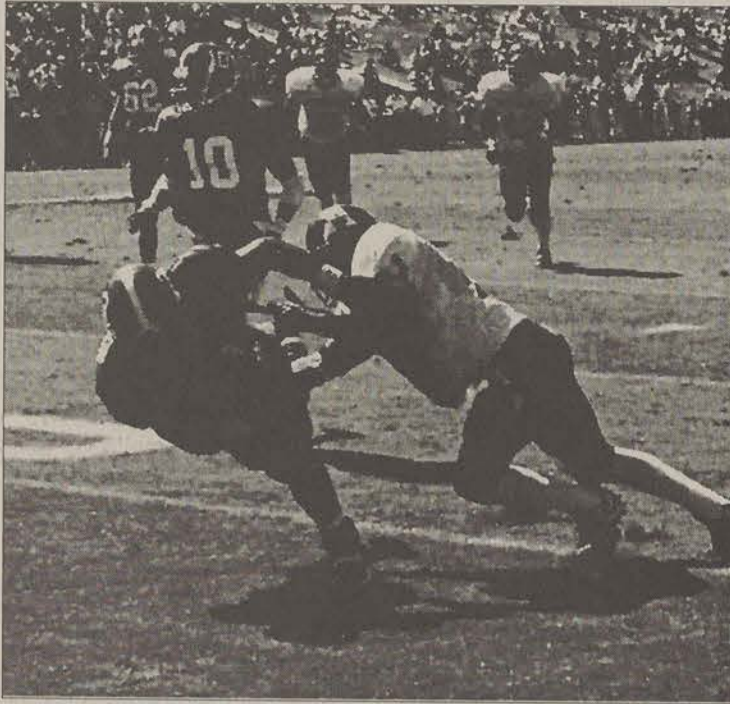
G-A News Service

Georgia Southern's highly-anticipated meeting with Appalachian State October 16 in Boone, N.C., will be aired live regionally on Fox Sports Net South as part of the Southern Conference's 1999 football television package, according to a recent announcement by network and league officials.

The Eagle-Mountaineer contest at Kidd Brewer Stadium highlights the annual television schedule and will feature a matchup of the two winningest programs in the Southern Conference.

Last year's battle at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro, Ga., attracted 20,353 fans who witnessed GSU's 37-24 victory, propelling the Eagles to a No. 1 national ranking the following week. The kickoff time, originally slated for 1 p.m., has been moved to 12:30 p.m. to accommodate broadcast needs.

"It is always fun and exciting to be in a position to receive additional exposure and added visibility," said GSU head football coach Paul Johnson. "It certainly assists us in our recruiting efforts



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SOUTHERN RIVALS: The meeting between GSU and Appalachian State will be televised on Fox Sports Net South.

plus it adds an even greater attractiveness to an already appealing game."

Other SoCon contests which will be aired on Fox Sports Net South during the course of the 1999 season include Western Carolina at East Tennessee State (Sept. 25), Wofford at The Citadel (Oct. 30), VMI at The Citadel (Nov. 13) and Furman at Chattanooga (Nov. 20).

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Track team announces final two signees

G-A News Service

Student-athletes Willia Pearl Griggs (Tifton, Ga.) and Star Lingo (Gordon, Ga.) have signed national letters of intent to attend Georgia Southern and compete for the Lady Eagle track and field program next season, GSU head coach Todd Lane announced last week.

"Signing these two student-athletes is a super way to round out our first recruiting class," Lane said. "The group we have will now set the direction for our program."

Griggs, who prepped at Tift County High School, finished fourth

in the 300-meter hurdles at the Georgia AAAA State Meet, posting a time of 44.6 seconds. Despite being hampered with an ankle injury in 1999, she still qualified for the state meet in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

"After I watched her at the state meet this year, I saw tremendous potential in her," Lane said. "The fact that she was injured and still qualified for the state meet says a lot. I think she has a chance to be one of the best hurdlers in our conference."

Lingo will come to Georgia Southern from Georgia Military High

School, where she competed in both sprinting and jumping events. She was a Georgia A state qualifier in the 200-meter and long-jump, finishing runner-up in the long-jump competition with a leap of 18-feet, 6-inches.

"With some work on her long-jump form, she has the capability of jumping 20 feet, which is benchmark for many women jumpers," Lane said.

"She is tall at six feet, and she is fast and powerful. I think she is going to be an excellent track and field athlete. She has just scratched the surface of her abilities"

Swimming and diving schedule announced

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's swimming and diving program will kick off its 1999-2000 schedule with an Oct. 8 meet against Virginia Tech at the Olympic Pool in Atlanta, according to the schedule released by GSU head coach Anne Marie Wozniak on Thursday. The season-opening meet will be the first of six road trips the Lady Eagles will endure to begin the season before competing in their first home meet on Nov. 6.

"This year's schedule will definitely be more demanding than last year's," Wozniak said. "I don't think that a GSU team has ever traveled as much as we will this season. We will have more meets this year than what we've had in the past, allowing our program to gain recognition and exposure throughout the southeast."

GSU will compete nearly one-

fourth of its regular season schedule in the three-day span of Oct. 14-16.

The Lady Eagles will face North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T on Oct. 14 in Raleigh, N.C., then Richmond and George Mason on Oct. 15 in Richmond, Va., and finally East Carolina the following day in Greenville, N.C. An Oct. 22 meet at Alabama and an Oct. 30 meet versus Emory and Davidson in Atlanta will finish off the strenuous season-opening road slate.

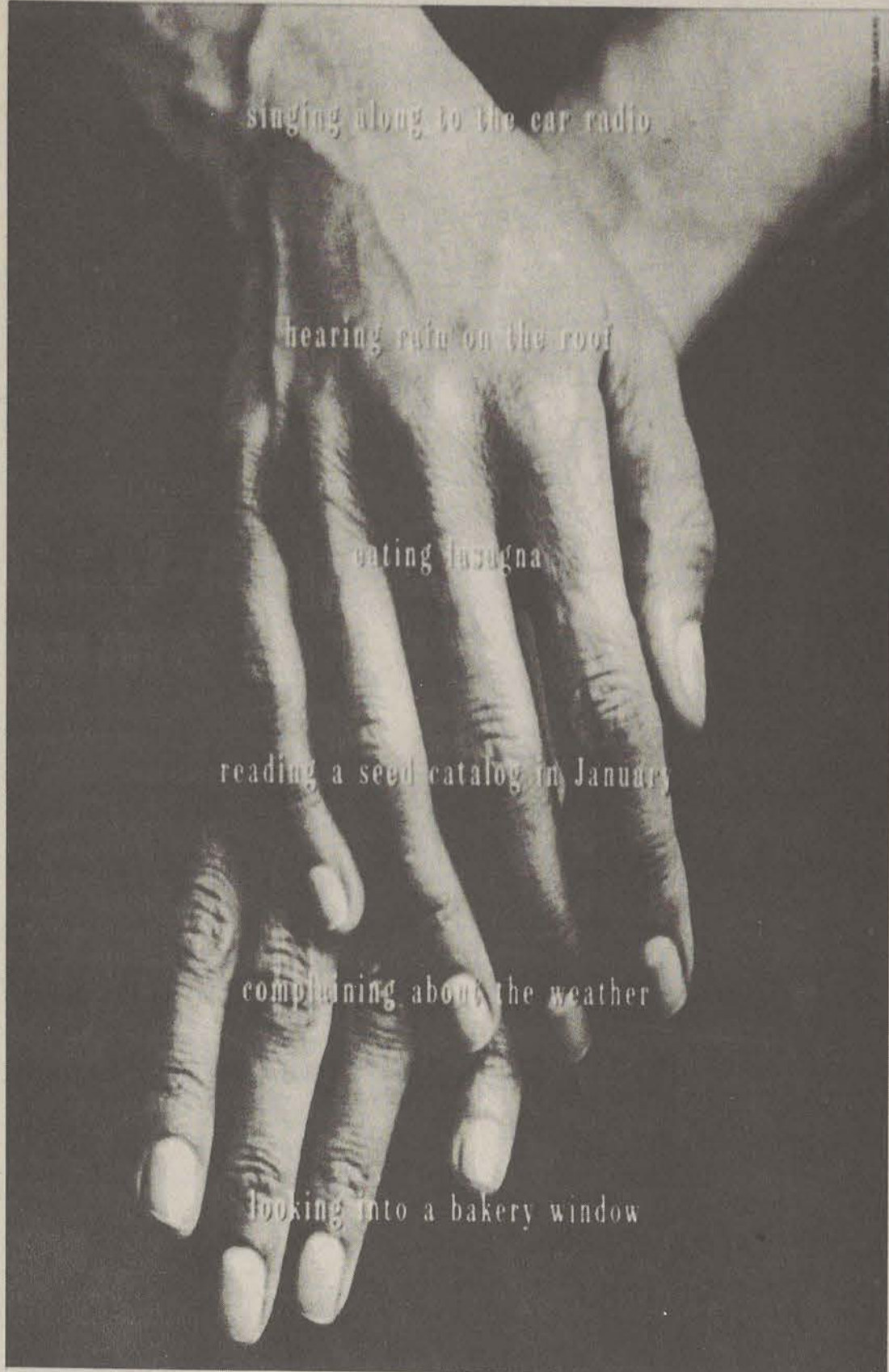
On Nov. 6, Georgia Southern will compete in its home waters of Hanner Natatorium for the first time all season in a dual meet with North Carolina A&T and Gardner Webb. The three-school dual is slated for a 1 p.m. start. GSU's home opener will be followed by two more road trips — a Nov. 13 dual meet versus Western Kentucky and Northeastern

Louisian in Bowling Green, Ky., and a bout with Southern States Championships rival Louisville a day later in Louisville, Ky.

GSU will return from a three-week break to host Wingate on Jan. 5 at 10 a.m., and then Arkansas on Jan. 13 at 4 p.m. The Lady Eagles will then finish off its regular season schedule with trips to South Carolina on Jan. 22 and College of Charleston on Jan. 29 before competing in the Southern States Championships in Davidson, N.C. from Feb. 16-19.

"I believe in scheduling tough competition, because it not only challenges us, but it will better prepare us for the Southern States Championships in February," Wozniak said. "I am excited to be traveling to many new places this year. It will allow our swimmers and divers to travel to different parts of the country and see other universities."

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
SATURDAY, OCT. 2	*BLUE/WHITE INTRASQUAD	STATESBORO	10 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 8	vs. Virginia Tech	Atlanta	2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14	at North Carolina State vs. North Carolina A&T	Raleigh, N.C.	5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15	at Richmond vs. George Mason	Richmond, Va.	2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16	at East Carolina	Greenville, N.C.	1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30	at Emory vs. Davidson	Atlanta	1 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOV. 6	NORTH CAROLINA A&T GARDNER WEBB	STATESBORO	1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	at Western Kentucky vs. Northeastern Louisiana	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14	at Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	TBA
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5	WINGATE	STATESBORO	10 a.m.
THURSDAY, JAN. 13	ARKANSAS	STATESBORO	4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29	at College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Saturday, Feb. 19	at Southern States Championships	Davidson, N.C.	All Day



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