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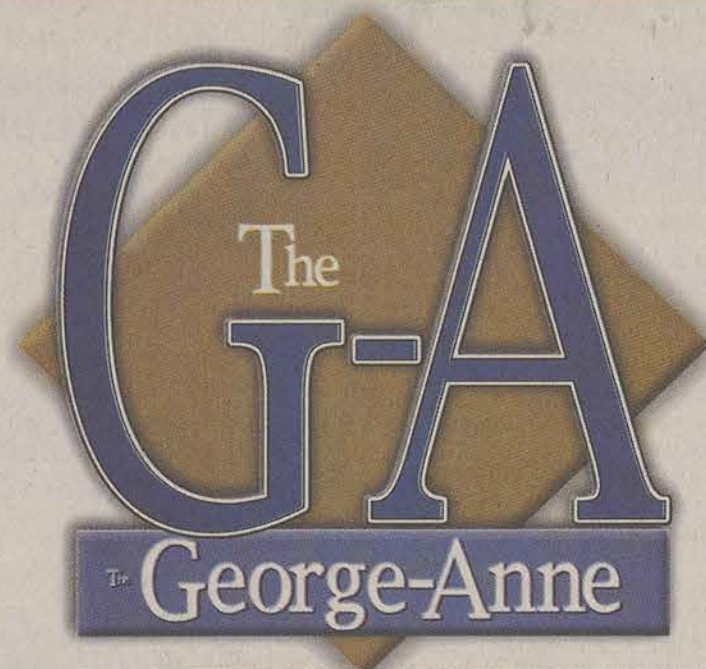


## SPORTS

### Volleyball team sinks to 1-10

GSU finds itself in exactly the position they wanted to avoid. Now coach Matthews and the team has their work cut out for them.

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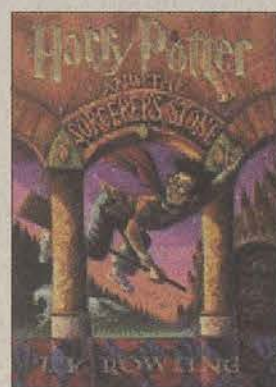


## LIFE

### USA Today releases top 50 books

Catch up on some reading between classes and tests. See what USA Today thinks you should be taking in.

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Monday, September 27, 1999

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# GSU back on track with 49-10 win against UTC

By John Bryson  
Sports Editor

The GSU football team got back into the win column this Saturday with another lopsided 49-10 win against the Mocs of UT-Chattanooga at Paulson Stadium.

Playing in front of a crowd of 14,746, the Eagles returned to their bread and butter, gaining 573 yards of total offense, of which 542 were on the ground. The hype surrounding the high-octane offense of the Mocs turned out to be just that, as the passing game did log 278 yards but only scored 10 points.

Confidence was obviously not lacking and, in fact, appeared to be peaking after the Eagles suffered a close 48-41 loss to I-A Oregon State the previous week.

Adrian Peterson rushed for a season-high 222 yards on 21 carries and scored 4 touchdowns in the winning effort. Peterson's season high last year also came against UTC, but he's not sure what makes them so vulnerable to his running. "I really don't even know why I do really well against them," Peterson said. "I just run hard every game." Greg Hill also added 103 yards on just eight rushes and two touchdowns.

GSU wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard, as they took their first possession after a three and out by UTC 59 yards in five plays, making the score 7-0 with 10:48 remaining in the first quarter.

GSU again scored quickly, regaining the ball after UTC was again forced to punt. Adrian Peterson carried the ball five times and caught one pass on a drive that saw the Eagles move the ball 73 yards in only eight plays for another touchdown and a 14-0 GSU lead.

GSU would close out the quarter with another Adrian Peterson touchdown run of three yards to make the score 21-0.

UTC would capitalize on the first of its two scoring drives of the day, taking the ball at their own 21-yard line and moving it 72 yards on 15 plays before being forced to settle for a Matt Vick field goal and a score of 21-3.

Greg Hill, who was only two for seven passing with no touchdowns, threw his only interception of the day on a deep pass picked off by Cody Goodin at the UTC 20. The interception would not cost GSU, as the Mocs would squander the opportunity when junior free safety Ryan Hadden picked off QB Chris Sanders at the GSU 2-yard line and would return it a school record 98 yards for the score and a 28-3 advantage. "Kiwaukee [Thomas] tipped it and it came right into my hands, so I told him I owe him a meal for that one," Hadden said.

GSU would take a 35-3 advantage into the locker room after a quick 5 play, 60 yard drive that would take only 2:44 off the clock.



Sarah Trucksis

**KING OF THE HILL:** Greg Hill sprints down the field for one of his two touchdowns during the Eagles' 49-10 route of the UTC Mocs Saturday at Paulson Stadium. A crowd of 14,746 witnessed the Eagles as they ran for 546 yards.

Chris Chambers did attempt a 58-yard field goal with 8 seconds to go in the half, but the attempt was no good.

Once again, GSU would waste no time in putting more points on the board as the Eagles again drove the length of the field for a scoring drive that would culminate in a 1-yard Adrian Peterson touchdown run to make it 42-3.

GSU's final score of the game would make it 49-3 on another Adrian Peterson touchdown run of 13 yards.

UTC would tack on a touchdown midway through the fourth

quarter on a Charles McNeil 25-yard rush into the endzone.

Speaking about Saturday's game, Greg Hill isn't complaining about the wide margin of victory. "It's fun to do this [put up points] when we work hard and practice," Hill said.

Hill, speaking about the difference between playing Oregon State and UTC, thinks it's pretty obvious. "Teams play just as hard at every level, but it's speed and skill that kill," Hill said. "But as long as we take care of ourselves, other teams shouldn't be a problem."

## Two seek mayor's seat

By Kashauna Clark  
Staff Writer

After one week of qualifying, the candidates for the upcoming Statesboro mayoral elections are official. The qualification process, which began the second Monday of September, only yielded two candidates who were willing to run for election this year, the current mayor David "Hal" Averitt and his opponent Jack Williamson.

The elections will be held on November 2, and ballots can be cast at the Grady Street Gym. Although students are encouraged to come out and participate in the voting process, there are some qualifications for students to be eligible to vote here in Statesboro.

"Students must have a street address and be a registered voter in the city of Statesboro," Judy McCorkle, city clerk, said. Students



Jack Williamson

who are registered voters in other cities can have their vote transferred with just a simple change of address, but McCorkle does not suggest that students have their vote transferred just to participate in one particular election.

"If students are going to switch their voter registration and plan to have a vested interest in the community while they are here, they should participate in every election



Hal Averitt

city, congressional, and presidential," McCorkle said, "and at any time that you move from here, you should go in and have your voter registration changed."

Even though Bulloch county does not have specific calculations for the number of students who turnout during elections, "senior citizens ages sixty and over have the highest voter turnout. While the eighteen to twenty-two year old age class has the lowest voter turnout," McCorkle said.

## Brannen runs for re-election against SGA president

By Vanessa Keber  
News Editor

Joe Brannen, current city councilman for district 4, is running for reelection against SGA president Aaron Nicely.

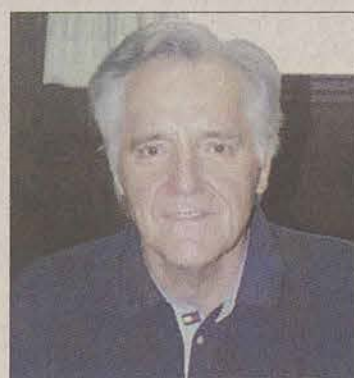
Brannen is familiar with District 4, having resided there since 1966.

"I have lived very close to GSU's campus since June of 66, so I've been in the district for more than 33 years," Brannen said. "I drive through that campus every day."

In order to meet the needs of the students, Brannen said that he will talk to them to see what their concerns are.

"I would plan on representing students by keeping contact and exposure with GSU students and the administration," Brannen said. "I want to see what the administration of GSU feels that the school's needs are."

Brannen has served as a city councilman for the past year and said that he thinks there is a very good relationship between students and the community.



Sarah Trucksis

Joe Brannen

"If there is a conflict between students and the community on an issue, I would have to sit down and talk with each group and strike a good medium," Brannen said. "I would never disregard the opinion of one group to satisfy the opinion of the other. I

will do what is beneficial to both groups."

Brannen does not believe that there will be any direct conflicts between the students and the community.

"Peoples' opinions naturally differ," Brannen said. "Some will support an issue, and some will be very against it."

To encourage students to vote in this election, Brannen plans to explain his experience, qualifications and what he wants to do for the city of Statesboro, he said.

"A lot of students cast their vote back home and prefer to do that," Brannen said. "When the liquor referendum came up, a lot of students registered here and got the referendum passed. I want to give them my qualifications and get them to vote for Joe Brannen."

Brannen is an alumnus of GSU, as are his three sons and two daughters-in-law.

## Student's Volvo ruled out as cause for explosion that rocked dorm lot

By Kashauna Clark  
Staff Writer

The Volvo that was originally thought to be responsible for damaging several cars in the Kennedy Hall parking lot has been ruled out as the cause of the fire.

"[The school] had an arson investigator come out and he looked

at the engine and said that it was something outside the car," Alana Ziegler, owner of the Volvo, said. According to Ziegler, she had just arrived home and been in her dorm for about twenty minutes when she received a call from GSU police saying that she needed to come out to her car, a

'91 Volvo 240.

"I had pretty much no idea what was happening. I think I was the last person to get out there," Ziegler said. "Since my car was presumed to have caused the explosion, I felt bad but it wasn't my fault."

Ziegler said that since her par-

ents are from Rockhill, SC, they could not come down to GSU until came the following weekend, but her grandparents were there the next day.

"My parents have been very supportive, they knew that it wasn't anyone's fault, they were just happy that no one was hurt."

Even the individuals whose cars were affected by the explosion seemed to have a positive attitude.

"I talked to the guy who owned the Blazer, which was also damaged and he was so nice, he said it wasn't my fault, that stuff like this happens," Ziegler said.

Since the incident Ziegler says that she is just trying to move on.

"I am looking forward to a better year, this was not the first thing that happened to me, my credit cards were stolen the day before, so I am just trying to move on," Ziegler said.

GSU police still do not know the actual cause of the explosion except to say that the Volvo did not cause the fire.



## POLICE BEAT

## Statesboro Police Department

## September 22

•Eric Hagins, 25, of 10 Burkhalter Rd., was charged with no proof of insurance and adult seat belt.

•Amy Griffin, of St. Simons Island, reported criminal trespass.

•Tim O'Conner, of Southern Courtyard, reported simple battery.

## September 21

•C H Gillis IV, 23, of #75 Park Place Apts., was charged with shoplifting.

•Robert Graham, 19, of 1454 Jogan Circle, Marietta, Ga., was charged with failure to maintain lane and failure to report accident.

•James Arrington, of Willow Bend Apts., reported lost or stolen property.

•Michael Peacock, of Stadium Walk Apts., reported someone cut the plastic window on his Jeep.

•Anne Hudson, of Bland Ave., reported harassing phone calls.

•Jake Lord, of Park Place Apts., reported someone broke his driver's side window and stole property.

## September 20

•Richard Akins, 24, of P.O. Box 1087.

~All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntheal Hughes, assistant news editor.

was charged with shoplifting.

## September 18

•Kirschstein Khryster, of Southern Courtyard, reported lost or stolen property.

## September 13

•Shawn Williams, 21, of 118 W Jones Ave., was charged with being a wanted person.

~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.

## This Week's Weather



**Today**  
Isolated T-storms with a high of 83 and a low of 68.



**Tuesday**  
Isolated T-storms with a high of 87 and a low 71.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Things To Do at GSU

## Ongoing

•Free tutoring in the Tutorial Center in the Henderson Library Room 1001. For more information call 681-0321.

**1999 Homecoming Parade**  
Convertibles Needed. The parade is Friday, October 22 at 4 p.m. Call Theresa Beebe at 681-7270 for more information.

## September 30

•You are welcome to a **Brunch-Conference** from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Russell Union Room 2080. A presentation will follow this brunch from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10. Call 681-5605 for more information.

## October 1

•GSU Planetarium Public Evening - "The Third Millennium?" presented by Dr. Ben Zellner at 7:30 in the M.P.P. building. There will also be a Statesboro Astronomy Club meeting following this presentation.

## October 19

•The newly formed organization, "A Gathering of Family and Friends", will meet from 7 - 9 p.m. at Darton College in the J Building Room 128 in Albany. For more information call 800-537-2329.

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## GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

## Barnes to select DOT commissioner

The Associated Press

ATLANTA --There could be a bump or two in the road for Gov. Roy Barnes as he tries to install his latest choice, Tom Coleman, as commissioner of the state transportation department.

Hoping for a smooth ride, Barnes has been working the telephones trying to persuade members of the transportation board to elect Coleman to the post next week.

But there's talk that some board members don't want to be pushed quite

so fast in choosing a successor to Wayne Shackelford. One board member said Thursday he's still "mystified" why the governor's original choice, Steve Parks, decided to drop out of contention.

The power to appoint the transportation commissioner rests solely with the 11-member Department of Transportation board, whose members occasionally display a tendency to assert their independence.

But a determined governor can wield enormous political power over the board.

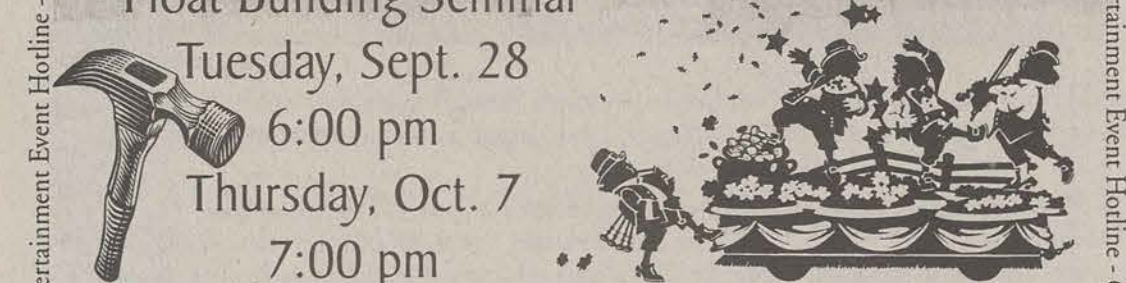
And if that alone weren't enough, House Speaker Tom Murphy and Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor also are backing Barnes' choice. That's an important factor because members of the Legislature select the transportation board members.

When Shackelford announced a week ago that he planned to retire next fall, Barnes quickly announced that he, Murphy and Taylor were supporting Shackelford's deputy, to succeed the retiring DOT chief. That seemed a good fit. Parks was popular with board members and with the Legislature.

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

## Flooding from Floyd unearths coffins

The Associated Press

TARBORO, N.C. --The ugly aftermath of Hurricane Floyd is beginning to become more visible as floodwaters slowly recede in eastern North Carolina.

Searches for the missing continue in areas still submerged, and a team of funeral home directors was preparing to begin the grim task of identifying as many as 100 coffins unearthed by the flood.

"Nobody's laid eyes on the main streets of Princeville for eight days, and we have other areas like that," Richard Moore, the state's public safety secretary, said Friday. "It's going to be catastrophic in some places."

Search crews used dogs trained to detect bodies to look for victims of the floodwaters that swallowed Princeville, a town of 1,900 across the Tar River from Tarboro, a week ago.

At least 42 deaths have been blamed on Hurricane Floyd in east-

ern North Carolina alone, and the numbers could rise as floodwaters recede.

Emergency officials do not have a list of the missing, and they urged anyone who might have left after the floods to contact family or neighbors in order to account for all the residents.

Coast Guard crews, meanwhile, snagged floating coffins that had come popping up from a cemetery in Princeville. Too heavy to pull onto boats, the caskets were either towed to shore or tied to trees as the crews recorded their locations. All appeared to be sealed.

Manufacturers' numbers on the caskets can be traced to funeral homes and ultimately the families who bought them, but the bodies still must be identified and the coffins repaired before they are reburied, said Buddy Bell, a mortuary liaison officer for the U.S. Public Health Service.

Identifying the bodies could be as simple as a relative describing the clothing the person was buried in or it could require the use of dental records, officials said. Family members won't be asked to make visual identifications.

"We have to be able to positively identify the person and assure the family they are getting their loved ones back," Bell said.

Twenty-nine emergency shelters remained open in the state, housing 2,790 people, and 400 roads were still closed. The number of homes and businesses without electricity fell below 7,800, down from the peak of 1.2 million.

State officials say it could be at least two weeks before classes resume in all the school districts affected by the flooding. Eleven districts with about 176,000 students remained closed.

Despite the gloom, strain and stench brought by the flood, many people were glad to get back to their homes and businesses.

# CONSIDERING A CAREER IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

## The Medical College of Georgia May Be Your Answer.

Admissions representatives from MCG will be on the Georgia Southern campus **Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28-29**, in the Russell Union to answer any questions you have about attending Georgia's health sciences university.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Rm 2084	School of Graduate Studies
MEDICINE	1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Rm 2084	School of Allied Health Sciences
			School of Nursing
ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES	2:00 - 2:50 p.m.	Rm 2084	School of Dentistry
	3:00 - 3:50 p.m.	Rm 2084	School of Medicine

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NURSING	9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	Rm 2084	School of Allied Health Sciences
			School of Nursing
			School of Graduate Studies
GRADUATE STUDIES	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Rm 2084	School of Dentistry
	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Rm 2084	School of Medicine
	1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Rm 2084	School of Dentistry



An information booth also will be located in the Commons Area of the Russell Union from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## ONLY IN AMERICA...

## 1 Georgia

## Toll robbers make off with more than they can carry

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Two men didn't realize just how heavy 2,000 quarters could be when they decided to hold up the toll plaza on Georgia 400.

The two-bit bandits got away, but they probably would have fared better if they had brought something a little stronger than a trash bag to carry their loot, police said. The bag tore under the weight of the coins.

"After getting as much as they could carry in the trash bag, most of it was dropped on the highway," said Officer W.I. Green.

Another \$70 worth of change was found in the car the duo used in the robbery. The car was found abandoned about a mile down the highway.

The toll booth operators told police the pair drove up to the toll plaza about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday and hopped out waving handguns. An operator said one of the men stuck a gun in her stomach and demanded that she and another operator hurry.

Terry Rogers, assistant admin-

istrator of the Toll Authority, said it was the first time the toll plaza has been the victim of a holdup since Georgia 400 was opened six years ago. The toll road links Atlanta's northern suburbs with Interstate 85 near downtown.

## 2 Ohio

## Thief takes food, leaves money

Associated Press

EUCLID—A burglar who broke into a neighborhood tavern passed up cash, cigarettes and booze for cheese and cold cuts.

The thief sneaked into Stevenson's Bar in this Cleveland suburb early Sunday and escaped with meat and cheese, Euclid police said.

"I guess they were really hungry," owner Bruce Cerne said Monday. "The police said there really wasn't much they could do. They're not going to find anything that was taken because whoever took it probably ate it."

Cerne said that when he arrived at his bar Sunday, the only thing he found odd was a broken window, which he chalked up to vandals.

A tip jar containing about \$50 from the previous night was still on the bar, untouched. So was a CD

player, a cigarette rack and the bar's alcohol.

Cerne started getting suspicious when he noticed that a container in which he kept sliced meat was depleted.

"Then I started looking around and discovered that five pounds of American cheese and five pounds of bacon were missing, along with a pound each of turkey, salami and ham," Cerne said.

The thief also swiped mustard and salt and pepper shakers.

## 3 Washington

## Man gets millions, but computer makes mistake

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A Renton man who went to bed with less than \$700 in his account woke up Tuesday with more than \$14 million, at least temporarily.

Jason Griffith got a shocking receipt when he used a cash machine for his Boeing Employees Credit Union account early in the morning. The available balance was listed at more than \$4 million.

He called the automated teller and found the balance had grown even higher, to \$14,203,911.75.

"Yeah, I can say I was a million-

aire for a day," he said.

The problem could be traced to the East Coast, KOMO-TV reported. Floods brought by Hurricane Floyd fouled up connections, turning some Mastercard debit transactions into deposits.

Griffith discovered that his over-the-phone payment for two tickets to a Ben Folds Five alternative rock concert had been recorded as a \$14 million deposit instead.

A credit union representative said the network service provider in New Jersey solved the problem by late Tuesday afternoon and corrected Griffith's account.

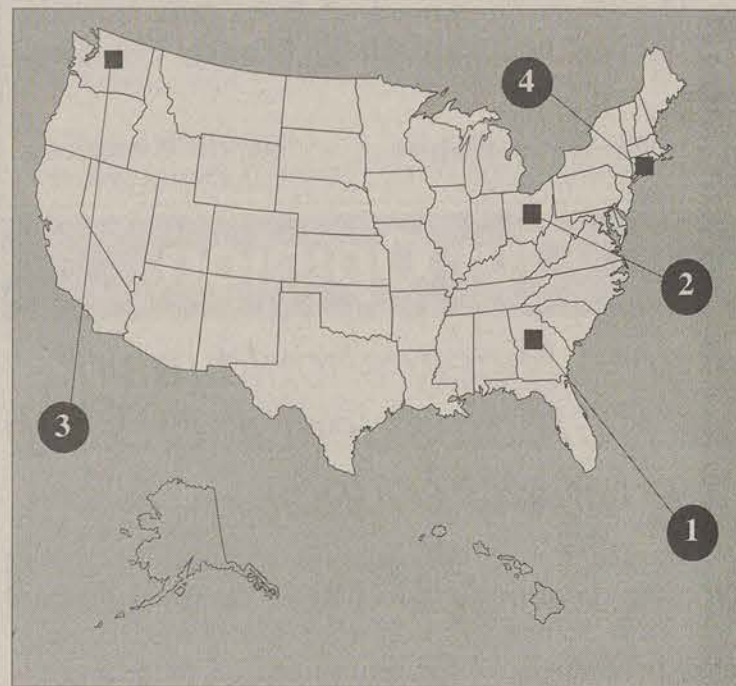
## 4 Connecticut

## Delivery man finds grenade on soda shelf

Associated Press

SOUTHINGTON—A live "pineapple" hand grenade, like those used in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, was found on a grocery store shelf in Southington.

A delivery man found the hand grenade as he stocked the soda shelves at Shaw's Supermarket on Queen Street Monday. He picked it up and handed it over to



store officials.

The supermarket closed after the noontime discovery while the Southington Fire Department searched for other explosives and evidence.

There were no threats accompanying the grenade.

It was the second incident involving a grenade in the state over the past few days.

Another live grenade was found Saturday by two women cleaning the apartment of a deceased man in Waterbury. The

women brought the grenade to police.

In both cases, the grenades were then turned over to the state police.

If detonated, a pineapple grenade scatters metal pellets that can kill anyone within 20 yards and wound anyone within 100 yards.

Authorities say anyone who finds a grenade, or any explosive device, should leave the area immediately and call police.

## Year 2000 preparations mean bottled water, generators, even guns

Associated Press

HAMPTON, Va.—Jean House has 20 jugs of water in a cabinet and 70 more along the walls in her garage.

She has bags and bags of a high-protein vegetable mix and boxes and boxes of sugar-free Carnation breakfast mix for her husband, Bill.

And outside, against the side of her home, sits the \$12,000 centerpiece of her disaster preparation efforts: a brand-new, 15,000-watt Generac gas-powered generator.

With enough juice to run her lights, her heat and her kitchen appliances, the generator kicks on when the electricity goes out.

"I don't believe in panicking," she said. "But I don't believe in putting my head in the sand, either."

House is not preparing for a hurricane or flood, but a human-made problem: the Y2K computer glitch. It's not

pushing sales quite as much as the weather, but it's close behind.

"We used to sell about 10 or 12 (generators) a week, but now we sell about 80," said Kelly Thornton, manager of Northern Tool & Equipment. Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd spurred about 60 percent of the recent sales, Thornton said, but Y2K concerns get credit for most of the rest.

The 5,500-watt, 9-horsepower North Star is the hottest ticket, going for \$899. Crank and solar-powered radios also are strong sellers.

At Wild River Outfitters in Virginia Beach, people are buying long underwear, gas stoves and freeze-dried food to weather Y2K, said store president Lille Gilbert.

"Our water filter sales have gone through the roof," she said. "You can take water from a puddle, purify it and drink it."

Sales are up for one of the area's largest gun dealers, as well. Ryan Dunbar an owner of Superior Gun Shop, with branches in Hampton and Virginia Beach, said people are buying guns to protect themselves in case panic strikes. About 100 gun buyers have cited Y2K concerns in the past three months, Dunbar said, out of about 900 guns sold.

"My big sellers for Y2K are shotguns," he said. "A \$200 defense-style shotgun. It's nothing elaborate, but it's all people need."

Many experts say the Y2K computer problem may cause a few glitches, but no major catastrophes. Some predict massive shortages of equipment such as generators, but so far those have not shown up.

At Northern Tool & Equipment, there's a sign out front that reads: "Due to the heavy demand created by various weather emergencies and preparation for the Y2K conver-

sion, generator supply is limited."

Thornton said not all models are always available, especially with the recent weather problems, but the store replenishes the inventory quickly. Because of the chance for shortages, Northern is only selling equipment it actually has in stock.

Honda Motor Corp., the world's largest maker of generators and a supplier for Northern Tool & Equipment, predicts there will be no shortages.

"Supply was very short earlier this year, but now it's fine," said Jeffrey Smith, a California-based senior manager of corporate affairs for Honda's American subsidiary. "The hurricane was a small blip. We were able to ramp up our production earlier this year, and now we're in good shape. We're continuing to make generators at full-tilt."

## Kenny Rogers puts posh estate on auction block

ATHENS, Ga.—Potential buyers who want a crack at Kenny Rogers' 360-acre estate in northeast Georgia will have to know when to bid 'em, know when to quit 'em.

The country singer is putting his Beaver Dam Farms home, complete with 18-hole golf course, on the auction block five months after he put it on the market for \$11 million.

The Nov. 4 auction will be a gamble for Rogers, because there will be no minimum opening bid. But there is one catch for anyone hoping to buy the place for chump change, they'll have to bring along a cashier's check for \$250,000 to prove they're serious contenders.

"It may be a bargain," said William Bone, president of National Auction Group, the Alabama company handling the auction.

"Kenny never expressed any con-

cern over the price," Bone said. "It will sell no matter what the price."

The property, located in Oglethorpe County about 8 miles northeast of Athens, has a 32-room main house that Rogers designed and decorated himself.

But that's not all. The farm's new owners will also have their own 18-hole, par-72 golf course. There are two horse barns,

one with 44 stalls, the other with just 12. The guest house has two separate living quarters.

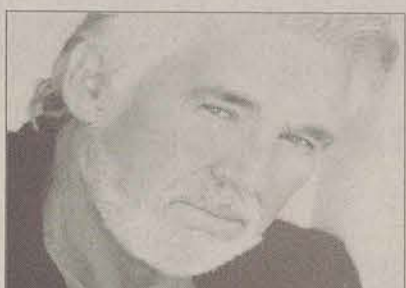
The property even has its own lakefront beach and water fall with a lake house that has a floating deck.

The farm will be open to bidders for tours by appointment starting Oct. 21.

Rogers has said he's selling the place because he and his wife want to live closer to Atlanta.

"As much as I've enjoyed my

years here, I've discovered that for me the thrill is in the creation," the singer said in a statement. "Now I'm anxious to move on and build something else."



Kenny Rogers

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## Our Opinion

### Aaron Nicely should resign as SGA president in order to run for city council

First of all we would like to commend Aaron Nicely for having the courage to run for city council. It is not an easy thing to throw your hat in the ring, especially when the ring is dominated by older, more established community leaders.

We also give Nicely a pat on the back for leading by example. He said that if he tells students to get involved in city politics, then he should be willing to do so, too. Kudos to Aaron for realizing an important leadership tool.

But we think Nicely should resign as SGA president if he wants to run for Statesboro city council. If he wants to run an effective campaign for city council, then he will not have the time to run SGA. The students of GSU need Nicely 100 percent, whether he is SGA president or city councilman.

As of last week, Nicely did not have a platform and was not planning an extensive campaign. It will take a carefully planned and executed campaign to beat Joe Brannen. If Nicely is not planning to work very hard at this, how does he expect to win?

Nicely should resign from SGA and focus his attention on city council and getting elected. Joyce Estrada can handle the SGA job just fine.

Also if Nicely is elected to city council, he will no longer just represent students. He will represent the hundreds of other residents of District 4 and their concerns are not always the same as the concerns of students.

In the past few years, there have been issues raised by city council that have divided GSU students from other Statesboro residents, i.e. the liquor referendum and the housing ordinance. How will Nicely be able to represent both sides of those issues?

Nicely will not have the time to do both jobs. In order to be an effective SGA president, Nicely needs to be able to devote numerous hours to the task, not to mention he still needs to go to class and do homework.

But in order to truly represent District 4 on the council, Nicely will need to put in many extra hours. By claiming that he can do both jobs, Nicely is ignoring the extra time doing both would involve. He will be spreading himself too thin.

Last year SGA, lead by Russell Keen and Aaron Nicely, recommended that the president of SGA's pay be increased almost by three. The argument behind the idea was that the president should be paid enough so that he or she would not need an outside job. This way the president would be able to focus his or her attention on SGA and classes, nothing else. The motion passed because other people agreed that the job of SGA president should be the only job the individual holds.

Nicely supported that idea then, why would things have changed?

The SGA president needs to be able to devote as much time as possible to the students and faculty at GSU.

While it is a noble idea, Aaron Nicely cannot and should not run for city council while holding the office of SGA president. If Nicely wins the city council election, the students will lose.

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## An open letter to the English department

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**JUSTIN MILLER**

COLUMNIST

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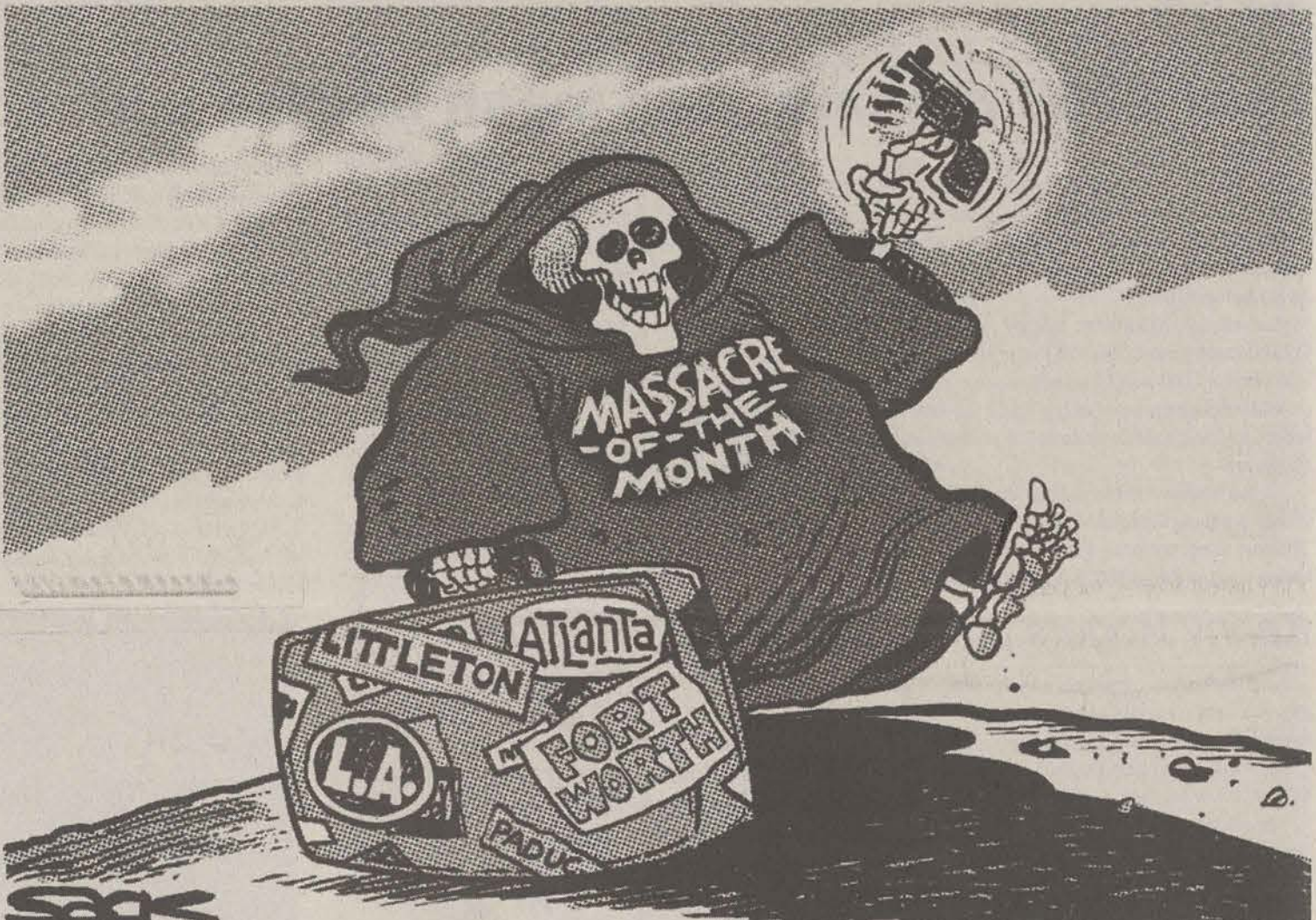
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Sinceerly yurz,  
Justin Miller

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## Joe Brannen is the best choice for city council

The candidates running for city council's District 4 have me intrigued. More specifically, Aaron Nicely's decision to run for the position has me curious about just how he plans to represent both the student body at GSU along with the rest of the community in this district.

The position of SGA president should not be taken lightly. We are talking about someone who had the voting population of GSU (which is a pathetic number of students at that) convinced that he wanted the position to make changes around campus, such as lowering parking ticket fines and initiating an SGA house of representatives to give organizations and individual students of GSU a voice in SGA.

Well, guess what. Student parking ticket fines were lowered. From what I understand, the process to do so was set in motion before Nicely even took office. There was some talk of an SGA house of representatives. As I've been following the progress of that project's development, I have watched it get delayed farther and farther into the semester because it is still a "work in progress." Let me get this straight: Nicely has time to run for office in city council, but he doesn't have time to devote to getting this committee that has been



**VANESSA KEBER**

COLUMNIST

in the works for months off the ground? Hmmm.

Thinking back to last year's campaign, I don't believe that Nicely has accomplished even one of his platform issues. That is, not any of the

years. I think that if anyone should have a handle on the concerns of District 4, it is Joe Brannen.

In addition to possessing a deep knowledge of community issues, Brannen has watched the develop-

ment of this school, both as a student and as a longtime Statesboro resident.

fulfill your promises to the student body while still running for, never mind taking a seat on, the city council.

Secondly, I need to see that you know exactly who it is that you're representing in District 4. Not everyone in that district is a student, and I want some kind of reassurance that you can meet the needs of the community as well as those of the students.

Next, I want to see you establish a platform. Why *exactly* do you feel that you deserve a position on city council? What is it that they're not doing *specifically* that you feel you can change or present to the council?

Finally, I want to know how you can manage to remain SGA president, carry out the duties of a city councilman and still manage to sustain a decent GPA at this school. You are supposed to represent the students, which includes setting an example for the student body as well as presenting those outside this university with a picture of what GSU students value. By representing the students, you must be the ideal student; one who is involved in his school organizations, cares about the community and keeps a good hold on his classes and GPA.

So, are you up to the challenge?

**THOUGH I MAY NOT AGREE WITH ALL OF THE DECISIONS AND STANCES THAT BRANNEN HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST OR MAY TAKE IN THE FUTURE, I STILL PREFER HIM OVER NICELY TO REPRESENT THIS DISTRICT.**

ones that the school hasn't already taken care of for itself. If Nicely doesn't have the time, or initiative, or whatever it is that's holding him back now, how can he possibly expect to hold a city office and the position as *the* student representative for this university?

Nicely is running against someone who not only has experience on the city council, but has lived in the district he represents for over 33

ment of this school, both as a student and as a longtime Statesboro resident.

Though I may not agree with all of the decisions and stances that Brannen has taken in the past or may take in the future, I still prefer him over Nicely to represent this district.

Aaron, if you want my vote, you're going to have to convince me of a few simple things. First of all, I want to know how you're going to

## Your Opinion

### English professor expresses editing concerns

Dear Editor:

The quality of writing in The George-Anne has always been seriously deficient, but your reputation as a sloppy, marginally communicative student newspaper has reached new depths of embarrassment with a

publication of "Guns are not the problem" proudly authored by your own assistant editor, David Koepke. The variety of basic errors his short piece managed to include is truly staggering. Who is going to screen your writing if editors themselves

cannot write? Perhaps you should all take some courses in English before you grace us with your talents.

**Dr. Tomasz Warchol**  
GSU English professor

P.S. Please do your best to publish my letter without any changes. Your careless editing keeps a lot of faculty from reading and writing you.



## GSU campus prepares for future

By Shawntineal Hughes  
Assistant News Editor

A new master planning process is in the works as GSU prepares to transform into the campus of the future.

"The idea of this process is to look at the facilities across the campus and try to assess what the facilities need over the next 10 to 15 years," Ronald Core, chair of the master planning steering committee, said. "It focuses on what the future of the institution should look like."

The idea of the master planning process began in 1996 when the Board of Regents mandated that all institutions develop a master plan-

ning committee for their campus.

The GSU steering committee met in March 1999 to interview architectural firms.

According to Core, John Portman and Associates was awarded a professional service contract in May.

GSU started its master planning after other institutions because it had just completed one in 1990.

The master planning process is funded by the Board of Regents and the university.

GSU's committee members are reviewing the University's goals, growth project and academic programs. Interviews are now taking place with various individuals and

groups in the community to discuss their ideas and comments. An open session will also take place Nov. 2-4 for other inputs.

John Portman and Associates are laying out some designs, but have not come up with any specific plans, according to Core. Once their layouts are complete, they will present them to the committee. The committee will then submit the plans to the Board of Regents.

"The key aspect about the master planning process is that it will provide a blueprint for the type of facilities we may need in the future," Core said.

The master planning process should be complete in about a year.

## Two strikes law raises doubts

The Associated Press

TRION, Ga.-- High on crack and desperately needing money, Marvin Lee Thomas held up a suburban Atlanta drugstore two years ago. He grabbed \$300 and some change, but was caught later that night--his second arrest for armed robbery.

Thomas, now 46 and not eligible for parole for another 13 years, says he did not know about the

state's two-strikes law when he committed the robbery. Even if he did, he says, it would not have stopped him.

That goes against what

Georgia legislators had in mind when they implemented tough penalties such as the two-strikes law, which sends criminals convicted of two violent crimes to prison for life.

Although Georgia boasts some of the toughest sentencing laws in the country, the national crime rate has dropped faster than the state rate over the past two decades. In fact, several violent crimes, including murder and rape, increased in Georgia between 1997 and 1998.

"There are a lot of people who don't think about what can happen," said Thomas, who won't be eligible for parole from Hays State Prison until he is 59. "The sentences aren't going to stop people from committing crimes."

Under the two-strikes law, Thomas would have gotten life with no chance of parole if he was found guilty by a jury instead of opting for a deal.

And despite politicians' pledges to fight crime, many areas still face police shortages, including Atlanta, which has a high-crime reputation worsened by this summer's mass slayings.

And social programs that reach young people at risk of becoming criminals have been slashed as prison budgets have ballooned and sentences have gotten longer.

Enacted in 1994 by former Gov. Zell Miller, the two-

**"THERE ARE MORE OF PEOPLE LIKE ME OUT THERE, AND TWO STRIKES ISN'T GOING TO STOP THEM."**

**-MARVIN LEE THOMAS, INMATE AND CONVICTED**

**FELON**

enacted during the past decade include mandatory 80 percent time-served on some sentences and automatic adult status for certain juvenile crimes. The state also is one of 38 that has the death penalty, although Georgia has not executed anyone since last year.

Gov. Roy Barnes has created a commission to study and recommend sentencing guidelines for state judges, who currently have none. That has led to wildly fluctuating sentences for the same crimes. Some suggested alternatives include probation, work-release programs and tiered sentencing for different crimes.

The only alternative Thomas hopes for is for someone to have a different life than he faces.

"This is the wrong path, although I know no one is going to listen to me," Thomas said. "There are more of people like me out there, and two-strikes isn't going to stop them."

## GSU defensive line has solid game against UTC

By Doug Kidd  
Sports Writer

Saturday's 49-10 win against Tennessee-Chattanooga saw GSU line up with a four man defensive front for the second straight week, but unlike the first half of last weeks' loss to Oregon State, the Eagles held UTC's offensive attack in check for the entire game.

Playing the past two weeks against teams that like to spread it out and pass all over the field, GSU has lined up in a 4-3 instead of the 3-4 defensive alignment that they employed in the first two games of the year.

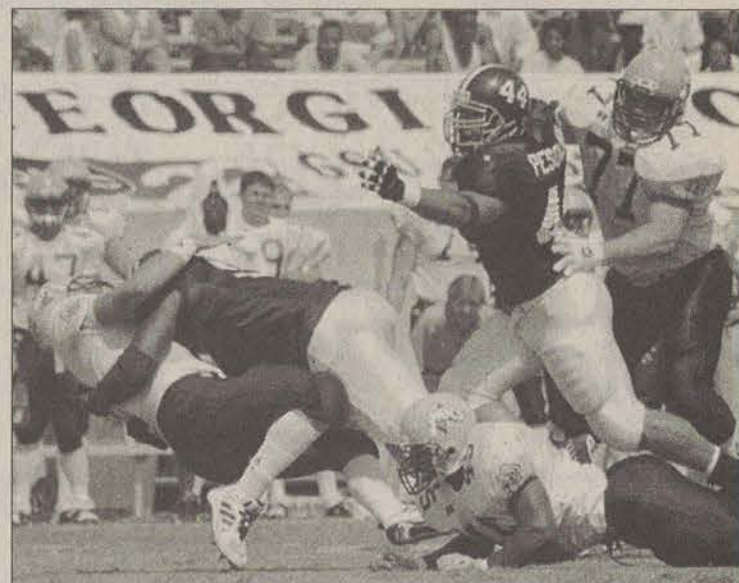
Along with regular defensive line starters Voncellies Allen, Robert LeBlanc and Eugene Phillips, Jemar Jones has moved to defensive end from his linebacking spot and has helped the line during pass rush situations.

Jones and his backup, Cory Middlebrooks, played well Saturday combining for two tackles for losses and numerous quarterback pressures.

"They've helped tremendously with their speed. We were able to get a lot of pressure on the quarterback and they were key to that... Rushing the passer is what they do best," said Allen, who finished with a game-high five tackles, two for losses.

"They did some good things," said head coach Paul Johnson, "but it wasn't a surprise even though they hadn't played up front much this year."

Also playing well on the defensive line was LeBlanc, who recorded the unit's only sack and Phillips who knocked down two passes at the line of scrimmage.



Sarah Trucksis

**GOING DOWN?** GSU defensive lineman Robert LeBlanc gives Mocs quarterback Chris Saunders a taste of the Paulson Stadium turf.

GSU is likely to switch back to the 3-4 this week against VMI and their wishbone attack. The Keydets, expected to run the ball with as much frequency as GSU, is a far cry from the Eagle's last two opponents.

A week after seeing Oregon State use a five wide receiver set constantly, GSU saw UTC quarterback Chris Sanders attempt a school-record 55 passes, completing just 25 and paying the price on nearly all of them.

"If the quarterback wants to throw the ball, then he's going to have to pay for it," said Allen, who helped contribute chasing Sanders out of the game due to an injury.

Sanders was not the only UTC player to feel the pressure from the GSU defensive line. Running backs

Jason Ball and Joe Harrell were both unable to find any running room, as both were held to under three yards per carry.

The entire UTC rushing attack was kept under wraps as the unit gained only 63 total yards on the ground, a third of which came on a 25 yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

With the GSU offense rolling along, after Saturday's game the Eagles were averaging over 50 points per game, it doesn't take much from the defense to help GSU win games.

"We might give up some yards but we if keep them out of the end-zone, we're okay," said Coach Johnson. "Usually, if we make four or five stops on defense, we're hard to beat."

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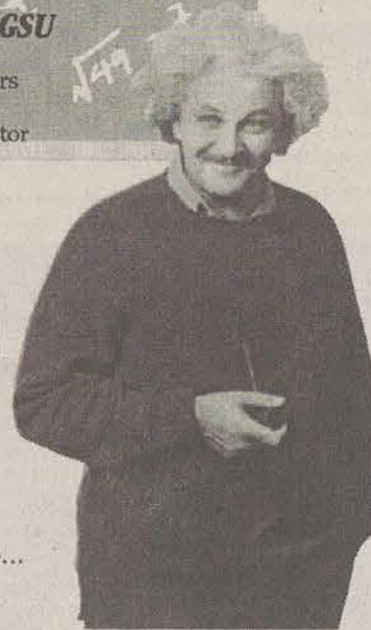
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## GSU swimming and diving compete in intrasquad Blue/White meet

By Justin Johnson  
Staff Writer

The GSU swimming and diving team began the 1999-2000 season with its annual Blue/White meet.

The purpose of the meet was to give the GSU swim team a chance to compete against each other, and also to prepare themselves for future meets.

The Lady Eagles preceded to give fans an exciting preview of what to expect out of this year's season.

The GSU swim team made a

big splash Saturday and proved that it was definitely ready for whatever challenges lay ahead in the upcoming season. The Blue team managed to squeak by the White team to win the meet with a very close score of 90-80.

Erin Merritt, the sole senior on this year's squad, was pleased with the results of the meet and was very optimistic about the rest of the season.

"I think that the Blue/White meet was a good step to see exactly where we need to be in two

weeks when we have our first meet," Merritt said.

"We are very excited about our upcoming meet against Virginia Tech, and we are definitely up for the challenge," sophomore Jennifer Martin said.

"We are going to do very well I think after seeing how we competed today at our Blue/White meet."

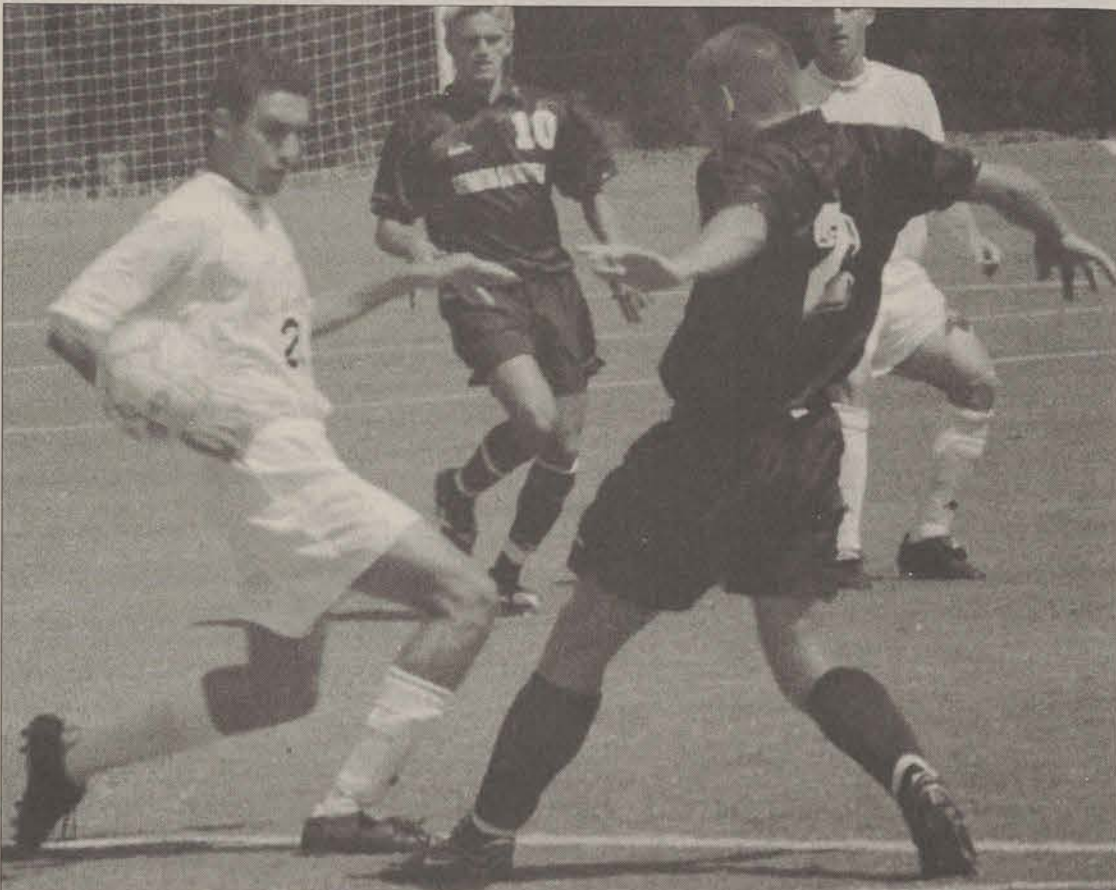
The Lady Eagles will be traveling to Atlanta for their first meet on October 8th against Virginia Tech.

## Coming up in GSU sports

•The men's soccer team will play Davidson at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1 at Eagle Field.

•The volleyball team will play UNC Greensboro at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

## Eagle soccer programs end weekend with wins



Hans Knoepfel

**ONE STEP FORWARD:** The men's team won their second game of the season with a 3-2 victory over Winthrop. The women's team defeated East Tennessee 3-0.

•Lady Eagles defeat ETSU 3-0, advance to 4-4

G-A News Service

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—GSU forward Tara Chaisson tallied two goals to lead the Eagles in a 3-0 Southern Conference win against East Tennessee State at the ETSU Liberty Bell Soccer Complex.

The Eagles grabbed an early lead when Amanda Bernard scored off a corner kick just 1:15 into the game. GSU added their second goal of the first half when Chaisson blasted a shot to the left corner of the net at 34:12. Janis Milne and Melissa Cox assisted on the goal.

In the 51st minute, Chaisson closed the door on the Bucs with her breakaway goal. Milne added her second assist of the match.

Junior goalkeeper Amy Ledbetter made five saves for the Bucs in the first half. Junior Lauren Fannon relieved Ledbetter for the second half and made 12 saves. The Eagles' Mary Perry made one save in 45 minutes of action while Vanessa Bales made two saves in the second half for GSU.

With the win, GSU improves to 4-4 on the year, 3-1 in the Southern Conference. ETSU is 2-3-1 overall, 0-2 in SoCon action.

•GSU beats Winthrop 3-2 to improve record to 2-5

G-A News Service

ROCK HILL, S.C.—GSU fought back from a 2-1 halftime deficit to defeat the Winthrop Eagles soccer team 3-2, Saturday night.

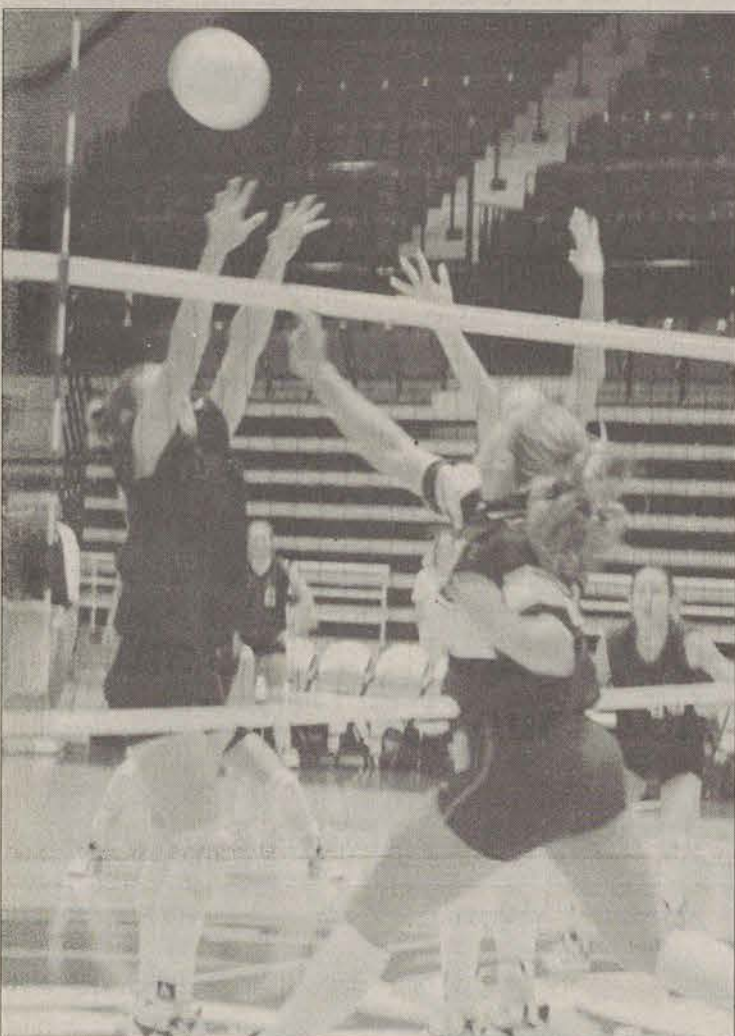
GSU's Jeff Russell netted the game winner with 5:06 remaining in the match. Russell took a drop pass from Tony Brown and fired a shot from 25 yards out, beating Winthrop goalkeeper Justin Stevens in the lower right corner.

Winthrop (2-5) took an early lead when sophomore Gareth Hayden scored on a shot just inside the 18-yard box after sophomore Paul Hayward flicked a head ball over the GSU defense at the 3:14 mark.

GSU (2-5) tied the game at 1-1 at the 18:41 mark when Matt Colaluca scored on a header assisted by Alan Pate. Winthrop took the lead again three minutes later when senior Darryl Gomez scored off a deflection. GSU's Jeremy McClure scored at the 58:35 mark to tie the game at 2-2.

As it has been for most of the season, Winthrop outshot GSU 13-6. Stevens, a junior, had two saves for Winthrop. GSU's John Miglares had six saves.

## Volleyball team drops two straight



Jeremiah Womble

By Doug Kidd  
Sports Writer

The GSU volleyball squad continued their disappointing season this past weekend with straight-game losses to conference foe's UT-Chattanooga and Western Carolina, dropping their record to 1-10 and 0-5 in SoCon play.

During Sunday's match against Western Carolina, GSU opened the first game leading 6-2 before letting the lead, and the game, slip away, losing 15-8.

After losing the second game in a 15-1 debacle, the Eagles rallied late in the third game, before going on to lose 15-10.

Friday night's game saw the Eagles lose an early 7-3 lead on their way to a 15-8 opening game loss. GSU also lost a commanding 11-6 lead in the second game before going on to lose 15-12. UTC closed out the third game with four straight aces to win 15-7.

Leading GSU during the UTC contest was sophomore Jessica Cowley with 11 kills and Jamie Burrell with a .360 hitting percentage. Amanda Brooks contributed with 22 assists.

GSU continues their schedule with a match at Georgia State on Wednesday before coming home to take on SoCon opponent UNC-Greensboro October 2nd.

## 1989 championship team honored at UTC game

By Doug Kidd  
Sports Writer

During halftime of Saturday's 49-10 beating of SoCon opponent UT-Chattanooga, GSU held a special ceremony commemorating the 1989 National Championship team of coach Erk Russell.

On hand for the event were 39 players, coaches, managers and other athletic personnel from the squad that

was the first NCAA team to record a perfect 15-0 season. The 1989 team capped their season with a thrilling come-from-behind 37-34 victory against Stephen F. Austin to give Coach Russell his third and final national championship at GSU.

"That was a real special group," said the legendary coach Saturday. "It was the first to go 15-0 and it was my last team and my last game. I'm privileged to have that

group as my last one."

This weekend was the first time many of the players saw their teammates in ten years. "It's been great to see everybody again," said punter Terry Harvin. "It's different though. We get to talk about something besides football."

"It's been a lot of fun retelling old stories," said Michael Dowis. "We have a lot of them."



David Whiddon

**ERK'S EAGLES:** Coach Erk Russell was on hand when GSU honored the 1989 national championship football team at the football game where GSU defeated UTC 49-10. The championship in 1989 was the third for GSU and was won in Coach Russell's last year.

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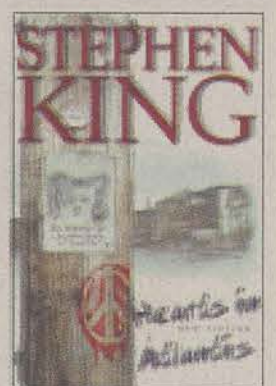
## USA Today's top 50 books

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1. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling
2. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" by J.K. Rowling
3. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling
4. "Hearts in Atlantis" by Stephen King
5. "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy
6. "The Reef" by Nora Roberts
7. "When the Wind Blows" by James Patterson
8. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins
9. "Guinness World Records 2000 Millennium Edition" by Guinness Media Inc.
10. "The Loop" by Nicholas Evans
11. "The Wildflowers: Jade" by V.C. Andrews
12. "The Seat of the Soul" by Gary Zukav
13. "The Official Pokemon Handbook" by Maria S. Barbo
14. "The Pilot's Wife" by Anita Shreve
15. "Remember Summer" by Elizabeth Lowell
16. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom
17. "Promise, Texas," by Debbie Macomber
18. "Attack of the Prehistoric Pokemon" adapted by Tracey West
19. "Rainbow Six" by Tom Clancy
20. "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt
21. "Unspeakable" by Sandra Brown
22. "The Alibi" by Sandra Brown
23. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden
24. "In the Meantime" by Iyanla Vanzant
25. "Faith of My Fathers" by John McCain with Mark Salter
26. "Pokemon: I Choose You" adapted by Tracey West



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27. "Black Notice" by Patricia Cornwell
28. "Summer Sisters" by Judy Blume
29. "Still Waters" by Tami Hoag
30. "Protein Power" by Michael R. Eades, Mary Dan Eades
31. "Pokemon: Island of the Giant Pokemon" adapted by Tracey West
32. "The Old Farmer's Almanac 2000" edited by Judson Hale Sr.
33. "Children are from Heaven" by John Gray
34. "Point of Origin" by Patricia Cornwell
35. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso
36. "Star Wars: Vision of the Future" by Timothy Zahn
37. "Left Behind" by Tim LaHaye, Jerry B. Jenkins
38. "In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner" by Elizabeth George
39. "Don't Give it Away" by Iyanla Vanzant
40. "One Day My Soul Just Opened Up" by Iyanla Vanzant
41. "Sugar Busters!" by H.L. Steward, M. Bethea, et al.
42. "The Countess" by Catherine Coulter
43. "The Sword and the Shield" by Christopher Andrew, Vasili Mitrokhin
44. "Where the Heart Is" by Billie Letts
45. "Pokemon: Night in the Haunted Tower" adapted by Tracey West
46. "Hannibal" by Thomas Harris
47. "Life Strategies" by Phillip C. McGraw
48. "Suzanne Somers' Get Skinny on Fabulous Food" by Suzanne Somers
49. "Dr. Atkins' New Carbohydrate Gram Counter" by Robert C. Atkins
50. "Big Trouble" by Dave Barry

## Nettles premieres at Legends



Susan Smith

**ON HER OWN:** Jennifer Nettles, former lead singer of Soul Miner's Daughter, will be coming to Legends on Monday to fill the hall with her eclectic sounds. Her performances with the band had a wide range of songs; they were known for keeping the crowd entertained. Her solo performance promises to have the same interest and eloquence, and we can only hope that she will be just as much fun as her group was.

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## Pulitzer-Prize winning poet speaks at GSU

By Zane Thomas  
Staff Writer

The Russell Union theater was packed to near capacity with students, faculty, and guests wanting to hear Pulitzer-prize winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa read some of his poems. Just minutes before 7 p.m., those who had just arrived looked around the theater for vacant seats.

"We are fortunate to have a man of this caliber and talent at Georgia Southern," Carol Thompson, director of CLEC said.

She then turned the microphone over to Eric Nelson, a professor of creative writing and English here at GSU. Nelson gave the audience a general background of Komunyakaa, who has received many awards and distinctions. In the 1980s, he won two awards from the National Endowment for the Arts. His poems have appeared in such prominent magazines such as *The Atlantic Monthly*, as well as many textbooks of poetry. In 1994, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his book "Neon Vernacular," a collection of new and old poems. He has published nine collections of poetry in all.

"I think all of us will remember him for being here tonight," Nelson said before introducing Komunyakaa and turning it over to him.

The crowd welcomed him to the stage with applause. He started off by reading a poem entitled "Venus's Flytraps," but Komunyakaa didn't just read his poems, he almost chanted them. He has a low voice and when he read his poems out loud, there was a distinct rhythm to his reading. Sometimes he spoke slowly, other times he spoke with more speed. He would take pauses between some of the verses, but other times he wouldn't. Komunyakaa is a fan of jazz and blues, and many of his poems reflect that. His manner of speaking sounds like it was set to a beat. Every time he read a poem, he read it differently from the previous one.

Despite being in front of a large audience, Komunyakaa appeared to be relaxed. He skipped through his collections, reading poems that he found. He made this known to the audience.

"I'm trying to surprise myself, searching for poems I haven't read in a while,"

he said.

Aside from poems about jazz and blues, Komunyakaa's poems also focus on his childhood and his tour of duty as a war correspondent in Vietnam. Komunyakaa's poems about the war, especially the poem "A Break from the Bush" which is about soldiers on R&R, and "Facing It" is a powerful poem about the Vietnam Memorial Wall, were among the highlights of the reading.

"It took me 14 years to write about the Vietnam experience," he told the audience.

His poems inspire the audience to get a clear vision in their heads of what they are reading or hearing. They can see the actions taking place.

The reading lasted for about an hour. Afterwards, Komunyakaa sat outside the theater and signed autographs. Some of his books, such as "Neon Vernacular," were being sold. A compact disc, "Love Notes From the Madhouse," which consists of Komunyakaa reading his poems with jazz and blues accompanying it, was also being sold. There was a long line of people waiting to get his autograph and congratulate him on a good program.

Even though his name sounds foreign, Komunyakaa was born in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He said that he started writing poetry in high school. He read a long poem at his high school graduation. Aside from poetry, he has also written essays. He said that he has no favorite topic to write about.

"Poetry shouldn't be restricted," he said. "Any topic shouldn't be taboo."

Komunyakaa said that some of his favorite poets include Robert Hayden, Emily Dickinson, and the French surrealists.

He is currently a professor of creative writing at Princeton University.

When asked about the large number of people who came to see him read, Komunyakaa had only one thing to say.

"I'm very surprised," he said. "It [GSU] is an interesting community."