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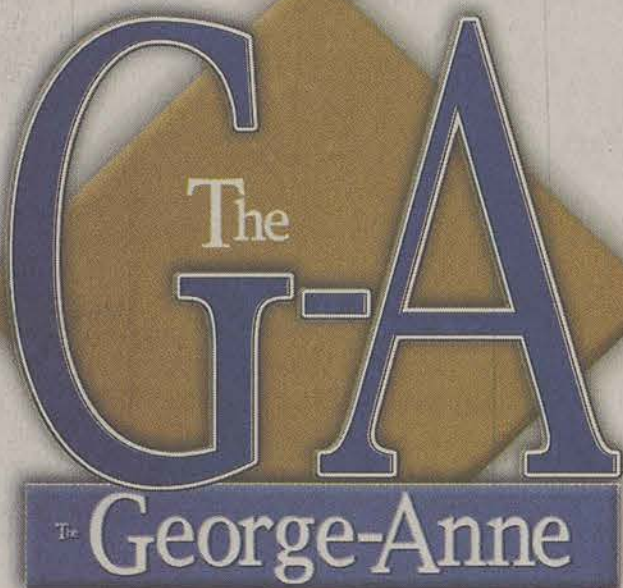


## SPORTS

### GSU to tangle with Bucs in Johnson City

Playoff position is on the line as Coach Johnson and the Eagles hope to pick up a win on the road this Saturday.

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**Friday, October 29, 1999**

**Vol. 72 No. 32**



**By Hannah Helton**  
Staff Writer

If you are looking for haunted houses to visit this weekend, you don't have to travel very far. There are plenty of places to visit less than an hour away in Savannah. You may just think twice about being in Savannah after dark.

### The Shrimp Factory

315 River Street

According to a college student that bartended there one summer and several other members of the wait staff, ghosts haunt the upstairs cellar. Apparently the cellar was used to hold chained slaves and many of them died there. The bartender reports seeing a large black man and hearing chants.

### The Kehoe House

123 Habersham Street  
912-232-1020

Supposedly, rooms 201 and 203 of this famous Inn are haunted by a woman in a long, white robe. She is fond of slamming doors and is accompanied by the faint smell of roses.

### Bonaventure Cemetery

Bonaventure Road

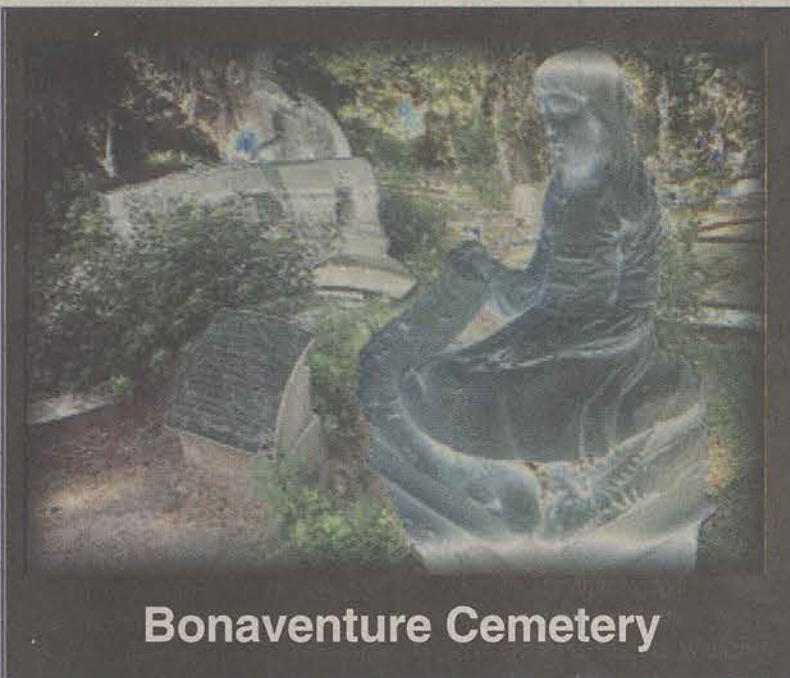
The original owners of Bonaventure Plantation were having a party when they were informed that their house had caught fire and there was nothing that could be done to stop it from spreading. They moved their party outdoors and quietly informed their

guests that Bonaventure would soon be nothing more than ashes. Over time, Bonaventure became a cemetery, with the original owners becoming the first buried there. It has been said that on quiet evenings you can still hear the laughter and shouts of celebration from Bonaventure's last living party.

### 17Hundred90 Inn

307 East President Street  
912-256-7122

A young, brokenhearted woman threw herself from one of the top floor windows down into the courtyard below after she found that her fiancé was seeing another woman. Diners at this famous inn have reported hearing a piercing scream and weeping.



**Bonaventure Cemetery**

### The Pirate's House

20 East Broad Street  
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This restaurant was once a famous hideout for pirates, such as Blackbeard and Captain Flint. Flint reportedly died from alcohol poisoning while he was in the house. The house has an underground tunnel that was said to be used to transport drunken young boys from the house to ships in the harbor where they were forced into slavery. One person reports seeing Flint and his crew march past while in the tunnel. Other people have reported hearing the pirate's voices from below them as they dined.

### Hampton Lillibridge House

507 East Julian Street

William G. Roll from the American Psychical Research Foundation deemed this house "the most psychically possessed house in the nation." The late Jim Williams, a famous antique dealer in Savannah, bought and restored the house. The workers doing the restoration complained of strange activity and refused to finish their work, prompting Williams to order an exorcism. No more strange events occurred until Williams moved into the house. He and his house guests reported seeing strange figures, loud noises, furniture flying, doors slamming and one guest reported being pulled across a room by an unexplained force. The house is now under private ownership.

### Elba Island Lighthouse

Savannah Harbor

Florence Martus, the infamous waving lady of Savannah supposedly haunts her old home on Elba Island. Sailors have reportedly seen her standing in front of the lighthouse waving her apron to them almost 50 years after her death.

### Juliet Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center

Corner of Bull and Oglethorpe Streets

The center is reportedly haunted by Low's mother and father, Willie and Nellie Gordon. Tour guides at the center report having seen Mrs. Gordon eating breakfast at a table in the kitchen and seeing Mr. Gordon walking from room to room.

### Museum of Antique Dolls

505 East President Street

The curator reports seeing a ghostly figure walking around and spontaneous red stains appearing on the floors.

### Fort Pulaski

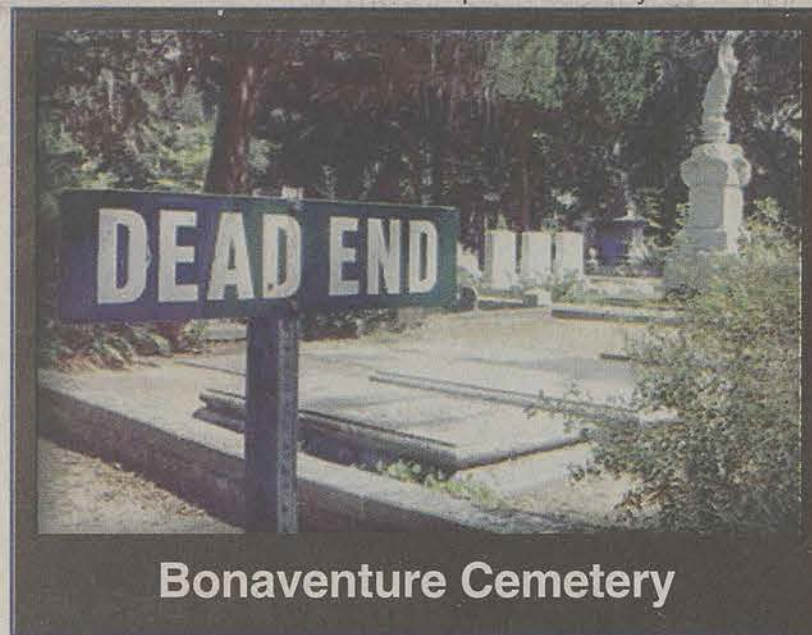
Cockspur Island

Visitors comment on having seen soldiers in full dress marching as if they were on the way to battle. This is most common around dusk in the fall, when the Fort has very few visitors.

### Monterey Square

This square was fought over during the Siege of Savannah in 1779. According to people walking near the square at night, you can hear low moaning noises and other sounds of pain, which are loudest at the corner of Bull and Whittaker Streets.

All photos courtesy of the Internet



**Bonaventure Cemetery**

## Freakish Halloween comedy comes to Union

**By Sam Siegel**  
A&E Editor

If you want good Halloween entertainment, then the place for you is the Russell Union Rotunda. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," which has to be the ultimate cult movie of all time, will be showing there at 9 p.m.

In this movie, Dr. Frank N. Furter, a flamboyant alien transvestite, imposes himself (so to speak) on two unsuspecting students, Brad and Janet.

It is a musical about the coming-of-age of these two prudish, super-moral youths. They get lost on a dark and stormy night and happen upon a castle in the middle of nowhere; it also happens to be the demonic lair of the doctor and friends. They proceed to be stripped of their dignity, and the couple moves toward the dark side in the end.

Classic songs like "The Time Warp" and "Touch Me" come from this show, which features actors



www.rockyhorror.com

Meatloaf (Eddie), Barry Bostwick (Brad), Tim Curry (Dr. Frank N. Furter) and Susan Sarandon (Janet).

The movie itself is hilarious, but the audience participation is even better. The characters on screen are mimicked by actors who play the roles on stage, and the audience members who know the movie well enough recite a second script that overlaps the original. What the original writers could not get past the censors, the audience shouts at the

screen, along with a good number of smart-ass remarks that make the movie so hellacious to watch.

There are usually a good number of people who bring lighters, water guns, toast and a number of other accessories that go along with the film. Rice is not allowed at this particular production, but be prepared for other implements of litter.

For more information on the movie, you can visit [www.rockyhorror.com](http://www.rockyhorror.com), which has the audience participation script, clips from the movie and other general information for virgins (those who have never seen the movie).

If you go, be prepared to be shocked by some of the antics both on and off stage, but don't be afraid. The movie won't hurt—much.

## 'Blair Witch' is a Halloween don't

**By Zane Thomas**  
Staff Writer

I'm not going to tell you what this movie is about or how they made it because just about every other journalist has made that clear. So, if you're reading this article and don't know what the movie is about, just ask someone around you. At least one person should know.

This was the event movie of last summer (sorry "Star Wars") but, unfortunately, it can only be viewed once by many because it's not good the second time around.

Basically, "The Blair Witch Project" is the movie Andy Warhol never made. It is borderline between a bad documentary and a snuff film.

Three arrogant, irritating and doomed college students (Heather Donahue, Michael Williams, and Joshua Leonard, using their real names as their characters) go into the woods of Maryland in search of the legendary Blair Witch, but judging from their footage, it looks more like they were doing a documentary on marshmallow fetishes and weird chest hair.

Those who have seen the movie know what I'm talking about. What little they do shoot for the actual docu-

mentary only lets the audience know basic exposition.

Eventually, they get lost in the woods and are haunted by strange sounds at night and weird stick figures.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not trashing this movie. It is better than a lot of horror movies of the past few years, and no actor from "Party of Five" is in sight.

The movie is more psychological than any recent horror film and that's what plays with the audience's head.

happened.

Unfortunately, we never find out. This movie does have three major problems.

First and foremost, the camera action is nauseating as hell. At the very least, you'll leave the theater with a headache, but for those of you who suffer from motion sickness, you'll be praying to the Porcelain God eventually.

Second, it has no cool, creepy musical score. Such horror classics as "The Exorcist" or "Halloween" were helped by their spine-tingling music.

Third, the f-word is said 587 times too many in this movie. Even David Mamet could get irritated by this.

All that said, "Blair Witch" all ready has a classic scene, one that should stand beside the moment when Michael Corleone gave Fredo the kiss of death in "The Godfather" and Old Yeller was shot.

Heather's teary-eyed, hand-held camera videoed last rite confession is scarier than anything I've seen on screen since Hannibal Lecter.

That one scene where Heather realizes her faults and asks for forgiveness knowing that death is around the corner makes the whole movie worth sitting through.

**Eagle Cinema will be presenting "The Blair Witch Project" in the Russell Union**  
•Friday at 7, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.  
•Saturday at 11:30 p.m.  
•Price: \$1.00  
•Rated R

We know just as much as these wannabe Scorseses know. And it is cool watching Josh, at first the most rational of the three, slowly go mad as the film progresses.

Overall, the movie doesn't really get scary until the last ten or fifteen minutes, when they stumble upon an abandoned old house.

But the movie leaves a lot of questions at the end as to what exactly



# New Music This Week



Bush



Rob Zombie

Upcoming release dates—October 26, 1999

- "Ally McBeal 2 Original Soundtrack"  
Various Artists
- "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me Volume 2"  
Original Soundtrack
- "The Bone Collector Original Soundtrack"  
Various Artists
- "The Science of Things"  
Bush
- "Looking Forward"  
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- "World Party"  
Goodie Mob
- "Radioland"  
John Boy and Billy
- "Juddmental"  
Cledus T. Judd
- "The Grass Is Blue"  
Dolly Parton
- "No. 4"  
Stone Temple Pilots
- "American Made Music to Strip By"  
Rob Zombie

# In Theaters This Week



"Princess Mononoke"

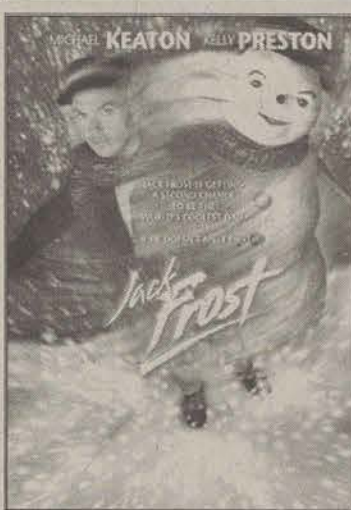


"The House on Haunted Hill"

Opening October 29

- "Being John Malkovich"
- "House of Haunted Hill"
- "Music of the Heart"
- "The Princess Mononoke"

# New on Video This Week



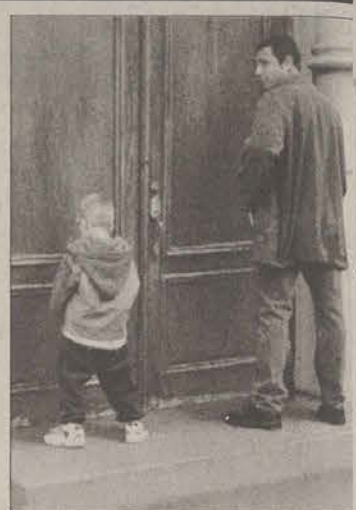
"Jack Frost"

As of October 26

- "Arlington Road"
- "Muppets from Space"
- "Never Been Kissed"
- "Hideous Kinky"

As of November 2

- "Big Daddy"
- "Jack Frost"
- "A Midsummer's Night Dream"



"Big Daddy"

## Movie reviews for current releases

College Press Exchange

**THE BEST MAN.** Malcolm D. Lee's "The Best Man" has an inexplicable resemblance to "The Wood," about a group of old friends hoping their buddy shows up for his wedding. Terrence Howard is a joy to watch, and there is a terrific closing dance scene and a lively score, but the movie is largely a disappointment. R. 1:57. One star.

**BRINGING OUT THE DEAD.** Director Martin Scorsese and scriptwriter Paul Schrader team up again to bring us the best American film of the year. Frank Pierce (Nicolas Cage) is a burnt-out New York City paramedic sliding into a Dostoevskian breakdown, trapped between good and evil, life and death. R. 1:58. 4 stars.

**CRAZY IN ALABAMA.** Lucille

(Melanie Griffith) is certifiable for taking off her husband's head with an electric carving knife, but the filmmakers have some explaining to do if viewers are to figure out how her story parallels the plight of abused black civil-rights protesters in Alabama: It seems the civil rights plot is merely a setup for the resolution of Lucille's wacky adventures. PG-13 (some violence, thematic material, language and a scene of sensuality). 1:44. 1-1/2 stars.

**DOUBLE JEOPARDY.** A movie based on a flawed premise leaves one thinking this must be just an exercise in rolling film. A shocked Libby (Ashley Judd) is sent to prison for her husband's murder. When she discovers he is alive and with their son and another woman, she plots to kill him. Of course, the rest of us would seek to have our sentence overturned, a quick release from prison and to be reunited with our son. Go figure. R. 1:45. 1-1/2 stars.

**FIGHT CLUB.** Edward Norton and Helena Bonham Carter are in top form as this bloody but hilarious dark comedy examines the twisted recesses of the modern male psyche. The narrator (Norton) and Tyler Durden (Pitt) recruit others to indulge in their sport of beating each other up. Soon they are beating up strangers on the street and creating mass chaos and general disorder. It's a joke, it's a satire: If you don't laugh, you've missed the point. R. 2:19. 3-1/2 stars.

**THE STORY OF US.** A romantic comedy with Michelle Pfeiffer and Bruce Willis about a marriage spoiled by the annoying little things that wear away love. But this couple is rich and happens to live in Hollywood. Can you relate? Neither could we. Cast includes Red Buttons, Betty White, Jayne Meadows and Tom Poston. R. 1:32. 2-1/2 stars.

### Eagle Basketball

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- ### Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

  - Free tutoring in the Tutorial Center in the Henderson Library Room 1001. For more information call 681-0321.
  - All Resident Halls are sponsoring "Caring for Kosovo Project" in which students donate school supplies to needed children. Deadline is November 5. Call 688-3336 for more information.
  - All Tuition Remission Reimbursement Program participants must turn applications in no later than Dec. 10. Return them to P.O. Box 8104 if you are staff and P.O. Box 8022 if you are faculty. Call 681-5940 to request an application.
- ### October 27

  - Preparation: The Reading CPE by Eleanor Deloach from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library room 1042.
- ### October 30

  - "Go Wild!" at Garden Symposium beginning at 8:15 a.m. Call 871-1114 for more information.
- ### November 1

  - GSU Holiday Helpers project at 10 a.m. at Lakeside Cafe.
  - "Fear of Feminism" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Russell Union room 2047.
- ### November 3

  - East Timor and The Price of Freedom with Lynn Fredrikson at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.
- ### November 4

  - "The Globalization of Education" from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Carter Center One Copenhill Atlanta, Ga. Call 404-420-3804 for more information.
- ### November 8

  - The Black Student Alliance and Diverzion Dance Team will co-sponsor Blaqshion '99: "Mystique of the Millenium" at 7 p.m. The fashion show will include live entertainment and special door prizes. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 the night of the show.
- ### November 12

  - What to expect from the Cassini Mission to Saturn presented by Dr. Grant Denn at 7:30 p.m. at the GSU Planetarium.

## POLICE BEAT

### GSU Police Department

October 24

- Charles Vincent Green, 225 Lodge Apartments, was charged with felony theft by receiving stolen property.

### Statesboro Police Department

October 24

- Demetrius Davis, 19, of 113 Baldwin St., was charged with giving false information, obstruction, driving without a valid license, adult seatbelt, and child restraint.
- Tacia Smith, of Lewis St., reported simple battery.

October 23

- Carolee Majors, 18, of 4150 Oakwood Terrace, Acworth, Ga., was charged with speeding and DUI.
- Freda Johnson, of Park Ave., reported theft by taking.

Barbara Akins, of Jef Road, reported lost or stolen property.

Freda Johnson, of Park Ave., reported recovered property.

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.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Shawntineal Hughes, assistant news editor.

Thank you for reading The George-Anne.

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Santa Fe man  
faces 21st DWI  
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The Associated Press

SANTA FE — The man who has been called the most famous drunken driver in the capital city has been arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Joe Leonard Rael of Santa Fe, who has been convicted of drunken driving 20 times in the last three decades, was arrested again Tuesday night.

He was free Wednesday night after posting a \$750 bond.

"I don't know when this guy's luck is going to run out and he's going to kill somebody—that's the scary part," Santa Fe police Lt. Raye Byford said. "I'm shocked that this guy has this many DWIs."

Rael, who was first arrested on a drinking-and-driving charge when he was in high school, was sentenced to 18 months in prison in 1997 after pleading guilty to what was then his 20th DWI charge.

On Tuesday, police arrested Rael after an officer watched him pull his vehicle into a gas station, get out and stagger up to the cashier.

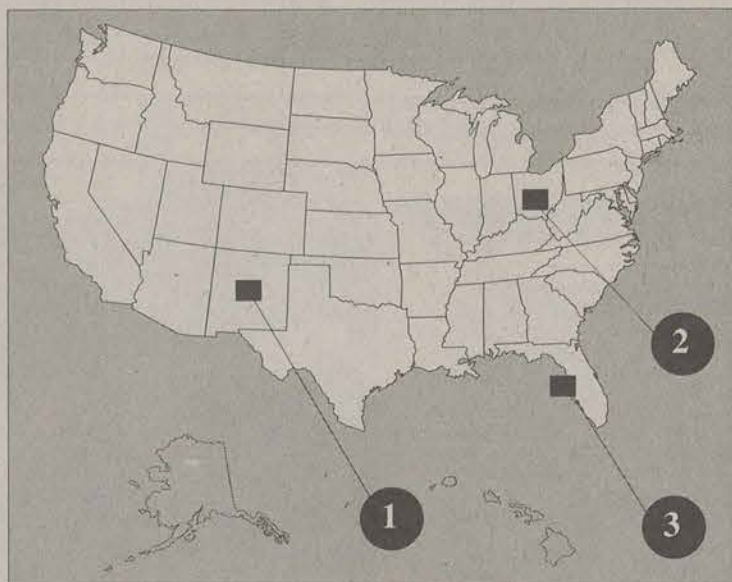
"The officer noticed he was staggering from side to side. What he saw was obvious impairment," Byford said.

The officer also reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol while talking to Rael.

Rael agreed to take a field-soberity test, during which he lost his balance and fell backwards twice, police said.

Besides the number of his DWI convictions, Rael has become something of a local legend for the circumstances surrounding his arrests.

When Rael was arrested on his 20th drunken-driving offense in April 1997, he said he was on his way to church. His blood-alcohol



level then was more than three times the legal limit.

In 1990, he was arrested after ramming into a police car. The same year, he was arrested and charged with DWI a few hours after a court-ordered alcohol screening session. And in 1994, he was drunk when he went to a meeting with his probation officer.

Byford said Rael serves as an example of New Mexico's need for stiffer penalties against drunken drivers.

"There are states that have very strict DWI laws and perhaps this is... something we need to look at in the upcoming legislative session," the deputy chief said. "It's frustrating to stop the same people numerous times and have them back on the road."

2 Ohio

Deer wanders into  
post office

The Associated Press

RAVENNA — No need to go hunting to catch a deer. Just head to the post office.

An eight-point buck wandered through swinging doors near a loading dock at the post office on Friday, walked through the work area and jumped over a counter into the lobby.

Employees forced the animal to the ground and placed a mailbag over its eyes to calm it down, with limited

success.

Window clerk Cherrie Cormican also helped it relax by blowing into its nose, a trick she learned with her horses.

Firefighters, police and a state wildlife officer placed the buck on a stretcher, put it in the back of a city truck and transported it to West Branch State Park.

3 Florida

Boy not allowed to  
run for homecoming  
queen

The Associated Press

TAMPA — A gay teen-ager won't be allowed to run for high school homecoming queen under school rules that say only girls may be crowned queen and boys king.

"I'm upset about them not letting me run," said JaVonn Hicks, a Tampa Bay Technical High School senior. "But I'm happy because the students have welcomed me and made me feel like their homecoming queen."

The 17-year-old said he doesn't regret his effort because he raised awareness and provoked conversation.

"I sent a message and an example for the young teens who are called 'different,' the students who are labeled by society," said Hicks, who was diagnosed in 1997 with gender identity disorder.

**LEGENDS**  
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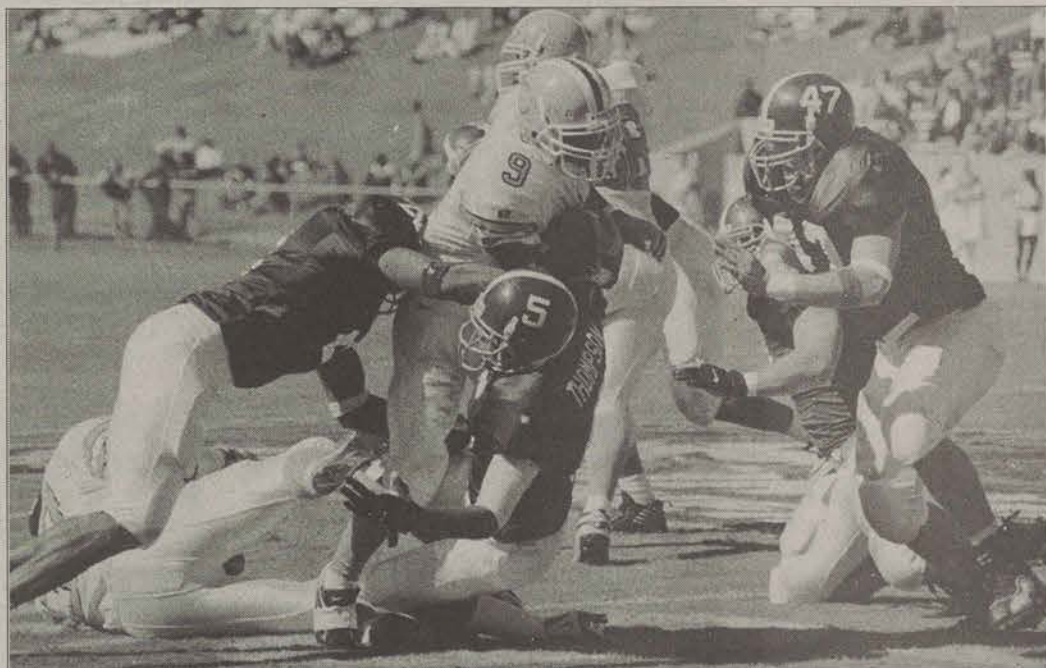
## Eagles ready to buc ETSU Saturday

By Doug Kidd  
Asst. Sports Editor

GSU travels to Johnson City, Tenn. this weekend to take on the East Tennessee State Buccaneers hoping to keep pace with Furman and Appalachian State in the SoCon championship race.

GSU enters the game at 6-2 (5-1) and ranked third in the country by ESPN/USA Today and fourth by Sporting News. After last week's 34-17 win against The Citadel, the Eagles enter the contest ranked first in the country in rushing (408.9 ypg) and scoring offense (50.4). ETSU comes into the game ranked 18th/19th in the polls after losing at Furman last week 48-21. The loss all but assures the Buccaneers of not competing for the conference crown after falling 3-2 in league play, 5-2 overall.

The Eagles will try to get on track offensively this week against the number two rushing defense in the Southern Conference. ETSU only allows 154.6 yards per game, and GSU, although currently ranked first in the country in rushing, has struggled the past two weeks, gaining only an average of 263 yards on the ground and drawing the ire of



Luke Renfro

**#1 OFFENSE IN THE NATION:** The Eagles hope that offense will bring them a win.

Head Coach Paul Johnson after the back-to-back disappointing games.

"It's frustrating. We didn't do a very good job of blocking them inside. You have to give [The Citadel, Appalachian State] credit, they played hard. But that's two weeks in a row we've really struggled blocking people," said the coach after Saturday's closer-than-expected game. "We're struggling to block people," Johnson reiterated. "I said that when we were winning seventy to nothing and nobody listened. And every body was 'Yeah, Yeah, Yeah...'. We're having a hard time blocking people up front."

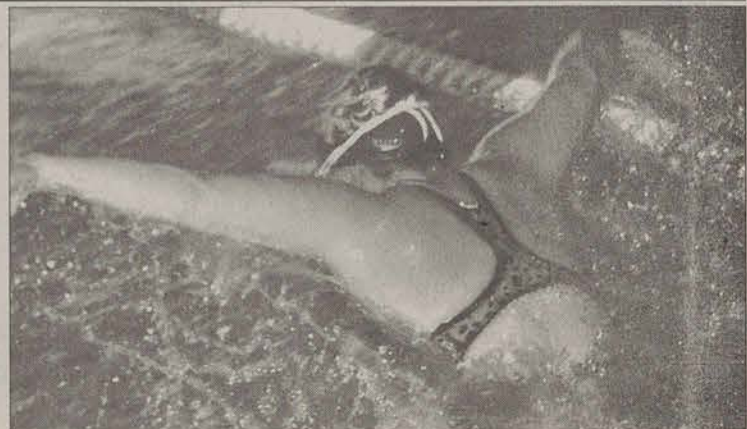
Despite Johnson's criticisms, individually, GSU players are doing well. Fullback

Adrian Peterson is fifth nationally in rushing at 155.9 ypg, 1,247 total, and first in scoring with 21 total touchdowns. Quarterback Greg Hill is bidding to become the first I-AA player to run and pass for 3,000 yards separately in a career. Hill surpassed the mark in rushing last week and needs only 33 passing yards to join a group only inhabited by I-A players Bryan Mitchell of Southern Louisiana and Air Force's Beau Morgan.

Defensively, GSU has played well at times the past two weeks and has climbed to the top of the Southern Conference in scoring defense, allowing just 14.1 ppg. Linebacker Michael Ward was named as the SoCon's Freshman of the Week after posting eight tackles including a sack. Linemen Fred Pesqueira and Vonnellies Allen also contributed to disrupting the Bulldog offense in the second half, recording three tackles for losses a piece.

ETSU is led by a talented and experienced core of skill position players on offense, notably senior Brandon Walker. The four-year starter is third in the conference in rushing with 735 yards and 9 touchdowns. Senior quarterback Todd Wells has thrown for nearly a thousand yards this season and completed over sixty percent of his passes. His favorite target is wide receiver Lamar Cooper who has 42 catches for 482 yards and three scores. Wide receiver Charvin Clark has chipped in nicely, gaining 15 yards per catch on his 20 receptions.

Helping ETSU rank second in the conference in run defense has been linebacker Kevin Peterson with 59 tackles, 9 for losses and Rahim El Amin with 52 tackles and four sacks. Cullen Crane has helped support the run from his safety spot with 48 tackles while also posting an interception.



Senior Erin Merritt

## Merritt proven leader on GSU swimming and diving team

By Justin Johnson  
Staff Writer

Erin Merritt, a captain on this year's GSU swimming and diving team, is making a huge splash in the swimming and diving program. She is one of the vital components of the team, whether it is by showing her tremendous dedication or by being a positive role model for others on the team.

"Erin has taken on a great responsibility as the only senior on the team," head coach Tracy Ljone said. "She has taken on a difficult role, but is giving our team the leadership it needs. Erin has a very strong work ethic and motivates her teammates to do their best also."

Merritt, who has swam for GSU since her freshman year, feels that participating in the swimming program here has been very beneficial to her life.

"I've learned so much by being a part of the swimming program at Georgia Southern," Merritt said.

"I've learned how to balance my school work with extracurricular activities, and I also learned how to work with others despite differences and work with others to achieve a

common goal."

Merritt swims butterfly and distance freestyle for GSU swimming and diving, and she feels that the training that she has received from her coaches over the past few years have helped tremendously.

"I feel like the training at GSU has been very beneficial because each year my swimming has improved," Merritt said.

Merritt's teammates and coach definitely feel that she makes a huge impact on the team not only in the pool, but out of it as well.

"Erin's a very versatile swimmer with strengths in freestyle and butterfly," Ljone said.

"Every meet that we go to she gets on the blocks and usually gives us a best time."

"She is really supportive to the team, and she's always smiling," fellow teammate, Hannah Goddard said. "She's a really positive role model for the team in terms of grades, attitude, and dedication. Her shoes will be very hard to fill."

Erin Merritt and the GSU swimming and diving team will be on the road for their next meet at Emory University against Davidson.

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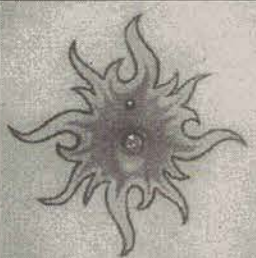
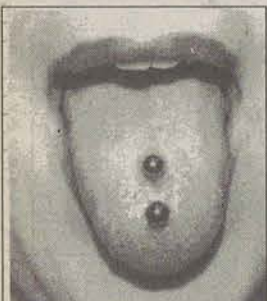

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## VIDEO PICK FOR HALLOWEEN:

### 'Dawn of the Dead' a good horror sequel

By Zane Thomas  
Staff Writer

"When there's no more room in Hell, the dead will walk the Earth." That quote from the movie "Dawn of the Dead" is the whole plot. George Romero's sequel to his horror classic "Night of the Living Dead" is better than the original. "Dawn" picks up where "Night" left off.

More flesh-eating dead people are walking around as paranoia sets in all over the country. Martial law has been passed and even the police are running for cover. Two SWAT team members Peter (Ken Foree) and Roger (Scott H. Reiniger) have taken to the air in a helicopter with their two news broadcasting buddies, Stephen (David Emgee) and Fran (Gaylen Ross), who just happens to be pregnant with Stephen's baby, in hopes of reaching a safer place: Canada.

Tired, hungry, and low on fuel, they stop at a shopping mall which is overrun with zombies. Their original intent is just to stay for a couple of days in a safe storage room in the mall. However, like kids in a candy store, they decide to wipe out all the zombies in the mall, block off the entrances to keep more zombies from coming in, and have their own all shopping and entertainment mansion.

It's a crazy and weird set-up for a horror movie, but "Dawn" isn't your average horror movie. I would go so far as to say is not really a zombie movie. It's a movie with zombies in it, like "MacBeth" was a tragic drama with witches and ghosts in it. "Dawn" is more of a satire.

It's funny to think that after hundreds of people have turned into zombies, they would still hang out at a mall. Most of the mall-going zombies are spoofs of actual mall shoppers, walk-

ing around aimlessly bumping into things.

Unfortunately for the four hide-aways, after Roger is bitten, isolation sets in and he must be shot in the head to prevent the creation of another zombie. With the loss of a friend, the remaining three spend weeks unhappy and bored in the mall. While trying to hide from the zombies, they have become zombies themselves, figuratively of course.

The middle of the movie might seem slow, but it picks up at the end when the mall is raided by looters. Stephen, Fran and Peter must defend it; the mall becomes their Alamo.

What I like about this movie is that it is better than the original. Sequels are often bad and horror sequels are usually even worse, with the exception of "Scream 2" and "Evil Dead 2."

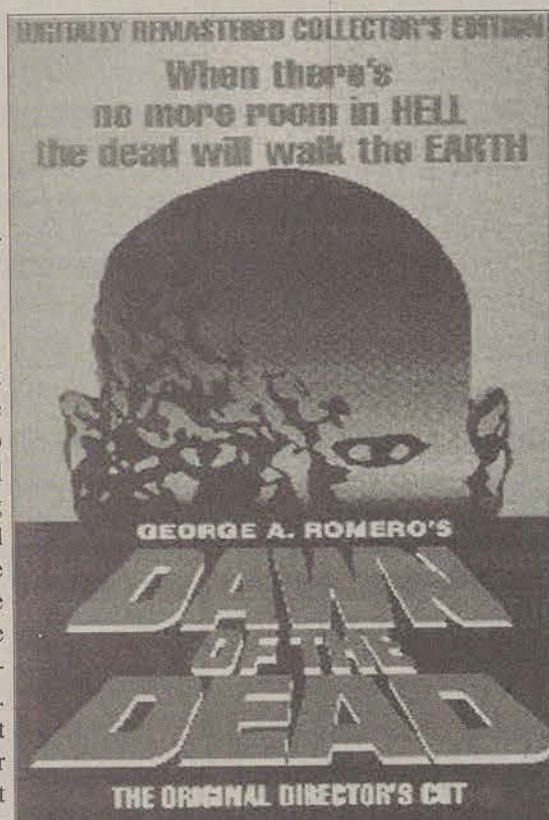
Even Roger Ebert has said that this movie is one of the best horror flicks ever. It even makes you laugh.

I got a kick out of the scene where mountain men help out the National Guard with killing some zombies, and the scene where the looters get into a pie fight with some zombies. It is a violent movie though. So violent, in fact, it would make Oliver Stone queasy. But despite that, it's quite enjoyable be-

cause the characters are so complex and developed that you actually care if they live or die. Ken Foree gives a good performance. For a horror movie, that's saying a lot. It has a creepy musical score by a obscure band called The Goblins.

The most memorable scene has to be when Roger, now a zombie, emerges slowly from the sheets on his death bed, creeping toward Peter who is reluctant to shoot him.

This movie has it all. It's has comic elements spliced with satire. It's a drama, an action movie, and most of all a horror movie. I highly recommend it. If you're looking for a good Halloween horror to rent, this is a great pick.



Dawn of the Dead website

## The official comic book for Halloween

By Joe Ben Deal  
Staff Writer

In "Batman, the Long Halloween" a serial killer strikes on holidays starting with Halloween, making every holiday seem like another scary Halloween.

"The Long Halloween" was originally released in 13 monthly comic books from October of '97 to October '98. In October of '99, the entire 13 issues were released in a single trade paperback. On October 20, a new 13 issues series by the same creators began. The new series is "Batman: Dark Victory."

"The Long Halloween" is a murder mystery, a gangster story, and a Halloween story which spans an entire

year. Gotham City's major mob boss, known as "The Roman," is trying to maintain his grip on his empire at a time early in Batman's career. Batman makes an agreement with Captain Gordon and district attorney Harvey Dent to take down the don, but they all become a little distracted when the killing starts.

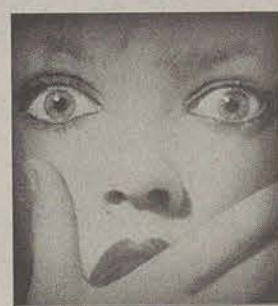
Jeph Loeb writes the dark and moody story and captures the gangster atmosphere. He keeps the plot interesting by including many of Batman's rogue gallery and adding little plot twist. Loeb drops clues of the killer's real identity throughout the story, but masterfully hides them under other clues.

## THINGS TO CHECK OUT THIS HALLOWEEN:

By Hannah Helton and Sam Siegel  
Staff Writer and A&E Editor

### Movies:

- "Scream"



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No, it is not the scariest of flicks, but it does offer a few chills and thrills.

- "Urban Legend"

This movie is borderline cheesy, but it does surprise you with a few scares, especially if you haven't seen it since it came out over a year ago.

- "Carrie"

This movie wasn't particularly scary, but it is pretty freaky in that 1970s way.

- "Night of the Living Dead"

Okay, this movie was pretty scary. I don't know why...maybe it was the whole black and white film thing or maybe it was the eating

people alive aspect.

- "The Exorcist"

This one was scary, too. You won't eat green pea soup for quite a while.

- "Halloween"

The whole Michael Myers mask thing freaks me out. The original version is definitely the best one.

- "Pet Semetary"

Oh yeah...you'll definitely re-think getting an apartment that allows pets.

- "Poltergeist"

Flying furniture, loud noises and an ancient Indian burial ground. That qualifies as scary in my book.

### Choice Reading:

- "Interview with the Vampire" by Anne Rice.

This is probably the great modern vampire story. The imagery is both beautiful and terrifying.

- "Dracula" by Bram Stoker.

It's an oldie, but goodie. It is an epistolary novel (one that is composed of various documents), but it is action-packed and fun to read.

- "The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allen Poe.



raven.ubalt.edu/features/poe

This is one of his works that doesn't get much attention, but if you want to be creeped out, this is a fun short story.

- "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving.

A good old standby. This short story about headless horseman and Ichabod Crane will scare you every time.

### Web Sites:

- www.urbanlegends.com
- www.halloween-online.com
- www.benjerry.com/halloween/index
- www.snoopes.simplenet.com
- www.homepages.together.net/~joe/origins.html

## Joe Brannen for City Council

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### Dear Registered Voter:

My name is Joe Brannen, and I'm seeking reelection to the Statesboro City Council for District 4. My roots go deep in this community. I was raised in Bulloch County, graduated from Georgia Southern College in 1961, and have lived and worked in this community all of my life. Three of my sons and two daughter-in-laws graduated from Georgia Southern, and I have a strong appreciation for what GSU means to our community.

I watched with great pride as my alma mater grew into a nationally recognized university with over 14,000 students. GSU is a vital part of this community - it offers educational, cultural and social opportunities that have made Statesboro an attractive place to live. The economic impact of GSU is significant, and we must strive to maintain the cooperation and mutual support between the community and the university.

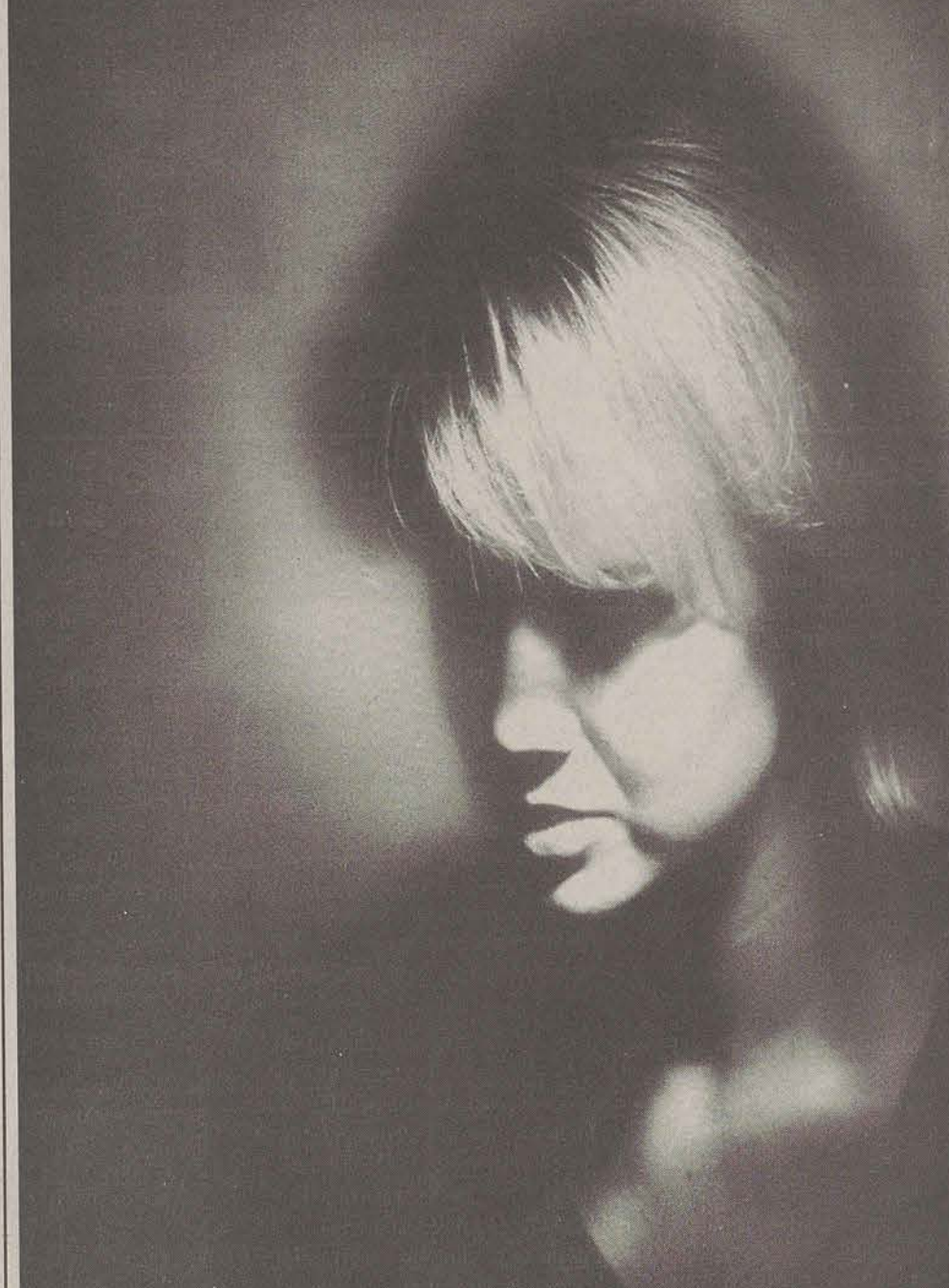
I am seeking reelection because I deeply care about this community. I pledge to listen to your concerns and will always strive to represent the citizens of my district. I will work to improve the relationship between GSU and the City of Statesboro.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote in the general election on November 2nd, 1999. Please remember that the voting precinct is located at the Grady Street Gym on West Grady Street.

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