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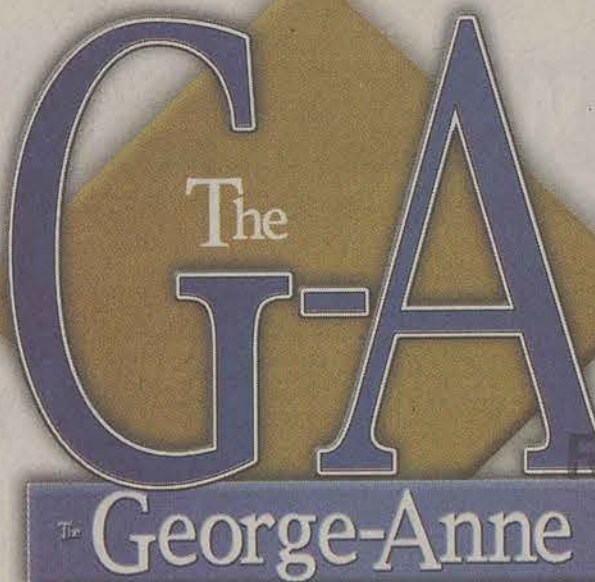


## SPORTS

### Women's basketball loses to Russian team

The Lady Eagles fell 108-52 to the Russian National team.

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## LIFE

### For the journalist in us all

'The Insider' gives moviegoers a look into the true story of how one journalist goes from being radical to respected.

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## 'Dogma': Satirical comedy at its best

By Vanessa Keber  
News Editor

Fallen angels, outspoken prophets and Silent Bob—everything a "Mallrats" fan could want is rolled into Kevin Smith's new movie, "Dogma." The film stars big name actors like Alanis Morissette, George Carlin, Chris Rock, Linda Fiorentino, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.

"This film is about people's relationship with God," screenwriter Kevin Smith said. "It's just another relationship examined in a different setting."

Smith, who attended Catholic school for eight years, said that he had a really good Catholic school experience.

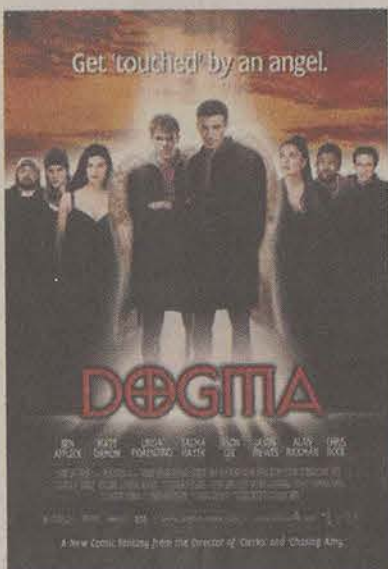
"I wish I had a nun-beating story to tell you about, but it wasn't anything like that," Smith said.

The movie begins by introducing Loki and Bartleby, two angels who have been kicked out of heaven by a downsizing God and banished to spend eternity in Wisconsin.

The two ultimately find a loophole in the church's divine law that would allow them to re-enter heaven sin-free; a church in New Jersey that is attempting to become hip has begun a program that will allow anyone who passes through its doors to be absolved of their sins. The real clincher is the cardinal of the church, played by Carlin, a known atheist.

"I had written the part back in '94, and I thought we'd have to cast someone from the community playhouse for it," Smith said. "Then George Carlin came up, so we got to cast him."

Bethany (Fiorentino), the mortal



who has been chosen by the seraphim to stop Bartleby and Loki, is met by Jay and Silent Bob. As usual, the two are played by Jason Mewes and Smith, respectively. Bethany, once a good Catholic, now works in an abortion clinic. She talks at length about how she is losing her faith in God.

We then meet Rufus, the 13th apostle, who is supposedly not mentioned in the Bible because he's black. He literally falls out of the sky, completely naked, to help stop the two fallen angels. Rock realistically plays the character, who is outspoken and apparently pissed off about being left out.

The entire movie is a satirical view of the doctrines of the Catholic church. It offers up hilarious one-liners, unexpected characters and all-in-all the same types of humor found in Smith's first four films.

Smith is now working on writing a "Clerks" cartoon series for ABC, he said.



Sarah Trucksis

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN...** GSU hits Jacksonville State turf Saturday in their final game of the regular season. The Eagles are off next week with a bye and then hope to compete in the playoffs.



• Eagles gear up for final regular season game

# Looking for one more win

By Doug Kidd  
Asst. Sports Editor

Georgia Southern heads out on the road this weekend to take on non-conference foe Jacksonville State in their final regular season game of the year. GSU enters the contest at 8-2 and ranked third nationally in both I-AA polls after last week's 41-38 victory over Furman that secured GSU their third straight Southern Conference title.

Both teams enter Saturday's game looking towards the end of the regular season, but for very different reasons.

GSU, anticipating another run at the national championship, looks ahead to week 12 of the regular season because they're ailing physically and with the last week of the regular season as a bye week, the Eagles need to rest some injured starters.

Starting defensive tackle Robert LeBlanc (28 tackles-3 for losses) is definitely out for this week's game in Jacksonville, Ala., while fellow defensive starters, linebacker Jason Neese and cornerback Kiwaukee Thomas are still affected from injuries sustained against Furman. If Neese (79 tackles) and Thomas (45 tackles), are unable to go, GSU will be missing two of the main reasons why the Eagle defense is ninth in I-AA in scoring defense at 15.7 ppg and are having one of the best defensive seasons ever for GSU, allowing just 287 yards per game. Also out is safety Arkee Thompson. The sophomore has been suspended by the team for at least two weeks for breaking an undisclosed team rule.

Jacksonville State however, is about to endure the toughest part of their season in the

next couple of weeks, with games against GSU and top-ranked Troy State.

But adversity is nothing new to the Gamecocks, who are working on their second coach this season after previous head coach Mike Williams quit earlier this year. Taking over the Jacksonville program for Williams has been Jeff Richards, previously the Gamecocks offensive coordinator. Richards has lead the Gamecocks to one win in five games as head coach after Jacksonville State started the season 1-3 under Williams.

Jacksonville State is led offensively by quarterback Reggie Stancil. The freshman from Colquitt County has been a bright spot for the Gamecocks this season passing for 1,429 yards and six scores while adding 328 yards and five touchdowns on the ground. Stancil's favorite target is senior wide receiver Joey Hamilton who has caught a team-high 53 receptions for 728 yards and six touchdowns. Defensively, Jacksonville is lead by two by two other Georgia products, Worth County's Natarsha James and Cornell Buford. James, a junior free safety, has lead the Gamecocks in tackles with 90, while Buford has chipped in for 76 tackles, 7 for losses.

While some might think that the Gamecock players might be looking forward to the end of the season a little too much, Eagle seniors Greg Hill and Mark Williams don't think so.

"[Jacksonville State] will give it their best shot. Those guys are getting the opportunity to play two ranked teams down the stretch. They'll try to go all out," Hill said of the Gamecock players. Offensive line-

## JAX STATE

**Location:** Jacksonville, Ala.  
**Founded:** 1883  
**Enrollment:** 8,200  
**Athletic director:** Joe Davidson  
**Nickname:** Gamecocks  
**Colors:** red and white  
**Interim head coach:** Jeff Richards  
**Series History:** GSU leads 1-0  
**Basic offense:** Multiple  
**Basic defense:** 8-man front  
**Players to watch:** (offense) Michael Dales, Joey Hamilton (defense) Natarsha James

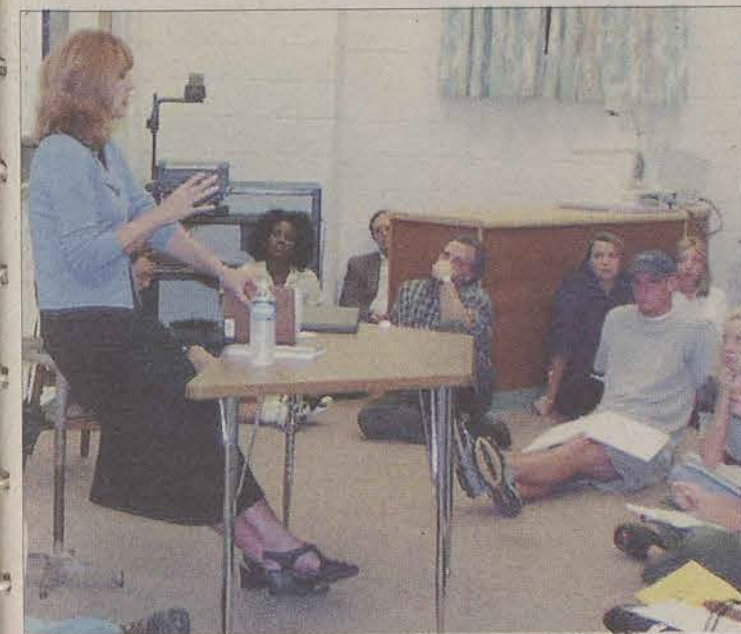
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man Mark Williams believes that the Jacksonville players have a lot to play for in the coming two weeks.

"If they can finish up beating us and Troy State, it would look tremendously good for their program, plus they have their seniors playing one of their last games," Williams said. "[The games] are always emotional. You're always going to play hard. I don't think that they're going to pack it up."

As for the possibility of an Eagle letdown after last week's emotional victory over Furman? No, says Eagle defensive back Earthwind Moreland.

"I don't think we're going to get overconfident with [the Furman win] because we knew it was a dogfight out there [for the conference championship]," said the senior after the Furman game. We know we have a lot of work on [in order] to get ready for the playoffs."



Becky Smith

CATHY SMITH BOWERS reads her poetry to GSU students.

## South Carolina poet graces the 'Boro

By Sam Siegel  
A&E Editor

With a full audience in front of her, Cathy Smith Bowers gave a powerful performance Tuesday night when she gave a poetry reading.

Her work is wonderfully multi-leveled with strong images and intricate themes. There is a provocative beauty to her work that shows through in a great many of her pieces that made the evening no less than spectacular.

She is a native of Lancaster, S.C. who feeds off of her life experiences as well as her observations of the world around her to evoke her art. She puts her hopes and dreams into

her art; a quality that gives it life and power. The work that she does with the ideas of nature, humanity and life itself promote intense images.

"October," the first poem that she read, is a perfect example of her provocative style. She compares the changing leaves of fall to a pornographic scene in a way that is not particularly dirty or sexual, but very intense.

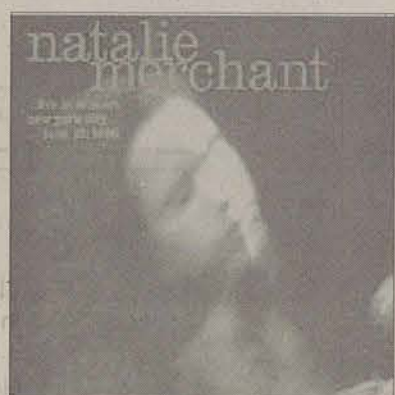
Much of her work hits closer to home, such as the poem "Motherland" in which she describes her mother's rotund figure as the perfect shelter of her childhood. "Snow" is another work that she read with great

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# New Music This Week

# Playing in the 'Boro



Natalie Merchant

As of November 9

- Soundtracks**
  - "Light It Up"
  - "Pokémon"
  - "The Sopranos"
  - "The World Is Not Enough"
  - "Three to Tango"
  - "Toy Story II"
  - "End of Days"
- "Heart & Soul: More Songs from Ally McBeal featuring Vonda Shepard"
- Compilations**
  - "VH1 Storytellers"
  - "Celebrity Deathmatch"
- Individual Artists**
  - "When the Pawn..."
  - Fiona Apple
  - "Hedonism"
  - Crazyhouse
  - "Chronic 2001"
  - Dr. Dre
  - "There Is Nothing Left to Lose"
  - Foo Fighters
  - "Darrin's Coconut Ass - Live"
  - Goldfinger
  - "Get It On... Tonight"
  - Montell Jordan
  - "Live in Concert"
  - Natalie Merchant
  - "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic"
  - Prince
  - "Willennium"
  - Will Smith
  - "Sugar"
  - Tonic
  - "Viva Wisconsin"
  - Violent Femmes

For the weekend of Nov. 12-14

- Mugs & Movies-**
  - "The Bone Collector"- 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
  - "The Insider"- 4:00, 8:00
  - "The Bachelor"- 4:00, 7:10, 9:40
  - "Lighted Up"- 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
- "Pokémon"- 4:00, 7:00, 9:15
  - "House on Haunted Hill"- 4:00, 7:00, 9:25
  - "Blue Streak"- 4:00, 7:15, 9:30
  - "The Best Man"- 4:00, 7:00, 9:40



"The Bachelor"

## 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.
- 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.
- All Tuition Remission Applications must be returned no later than December 10.
- GSU's Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies reminds prospective graduate students that Spring Semester 2000 application deadline is Monday, November 15. Georgia Southern offers 42 graduate programs. Call 681-5384 for more information.
- The Miss GSU Scholarship Pageant is currently accepting entries for the 52nd Pageant taking place on Saturday, February 5, 2000.
- Sign up for the Roommate Game Monday, November 8 through Wednesday, November 10

inside the Union. Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Please bring a can food, clothing or cleaning supply donations. Prizes will be awarded. The game will be on November 17.

•BSU meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd.

### November 11 & 12

•GSU Fall Revival at 7 p.m. in the Williams Center Dining Hall. Come and hear the appointed word of God. Sponsored by Voices in Ministry.

### 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.

•Eagle Cinema presents "Big Daddy" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre.

•Eagle Cinema presents "Big Daddy" at 5:30 and 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre.

### November 13

•Georgia Southern Botanical Garden presents Wisteria & Grape-vine Baskets workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garden, 1505 Bland Avenue.

### November 14

•Free Car Wash from noon to 3 p.m. in the Arby's parking lot. Sponsored by the Spanish

Club.

### November 15

•1999 Transit of Mercury from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in front of the GSU Henderson Library on the Pedestrian by the lake. Call 681-5292 for more information.

•Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rotunda. Sponsored by the Spanish Club.

•Math CPE Review by Jane Cason at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1004.

### November 17

•Come and Play the Roommate Game in the Union Commons Area at 6 p.m.

### November 19

•Learn How to Shape Your Future by plugging into mybytes.com's live website from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Log on to HYPERLINK <http://www.mybytes.com>.

### November 20

•USABDA ballroom dance at 7 p.m. at 8412 Whitfield Ave., Savannah, Ga.

### November 21

•NAACP presents Ms. Diva Competition "Destination 2000" at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

## POLICE BEAT

### Statesboro Police Department November 10

- Derrick Johnson, of Varsity Lodge, reported criminal trespass.
- Jeanie Francis reported simple battery.
- Elise Rieffel, 19, of 6869 Alexander Parkway, Douglassville, Ga., was charged with theft by shoplifting.
- Jennifer White, 18, of 2038 Veazy Hall, was charged with theft by shoplifting.
- Josh Brannen, 18, of 342 Country Club Rd., was charged with theft by shoplifting.
- Heather Schuman, 23, of 3115 Bream Rd.,

was charged with theft by taking.

•Michael Cavanagh, 20, of 3465 Spalding Chase Dr., Norcross, Ga., was charged with reckless driving and failure to report an accident with extensive property damage.

### November 5

•Paul McGlynn III, of Stadium Walk, reported illegal use of financial transaction cards.

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

### GSU Department of Public Safety November 8

•Brad Bethards, 18, of Johnson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jaurice Ransom reported a 1986 Buick was taken from the library parking lot.

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.

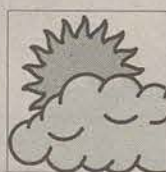
## This Week's Weather

### Today

Partly cloudy with a high of 79 and a low of 55.

### Saturday

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# Southern Life

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## 'The Insider' kicks it

By Zane Thomas  
Staff Writer

"The Insider" is one of the best movies I've seen this year. It is based on the true story of how "60 Minutes" cracked the story on Brown and Williamson, a major tobacco company.

Al Pacino plays Lowell Bergman, a radical 60s journalist turned respectable news producer. Set in the mid-1990s, because there are references to O.J. Simpson's acquittal and the Unabomber, it starts off with Bergman receiving a huge report on tobacco and contacting Dr. Jerry Wigand, a chemist, played by Russell Crowe. Wigand is reluctant to talk to Bergman, because he was just fired from Brown and Williamson and had to sign a confidentiality clause in order to receive severance pay. But Bergman feels that there is a major story behind Wigand's dismissal. After Wigand gets harassed and his family is threatened with violence, Wigand is more reluctant.

Eventually, Wigand is interviewed by Mike Wallace for the show and testifies in court as to all of the company's wrongdoings, even though he faces jail time.

More problems ensue from this point. Wigand's wife leaves him and takes the kids. Also, CBS doesn't want to show the interview because they could be sued by Brown and Williamson. The lawsuit could halt a deal with Westinghouse who is about to buy CBS, where many of the head honchos will profit greatly.



<http://movies.yahoo.com>

"The Insider" doesn't condone or condemn cigarettes and tobacco products. I was afraid that it might boil down to that, but director Michael Mann wants to make the movie more than a soapbox preach. It really is two stories told as one. It is about two men trying to do what they think is right, despite the costly consequences. While Bergman fights with CBS and "60 Minutes" anchorman Mike Wallace, played brilliantly by veteran character actor Christopher Plummer,

over the interview, Wigand suffers greatly. He loses his family, his credibility, and even part of his sanity.

There is a great scene in which Wigand sits a hotel room that is across the street from Brown and Williamson. Bergman is trying to get him on the phone and he isn't responding. Instead he begins to hallucinate. The wall turns into the backyard of the house he once lived in and his daughters are playing in the garden. That scene is both haunting and mesmerizing.

Michael Mann, who last directed the L.A. crime epic "Heat" starring Pacino, has made an outstanding movie. Once a director of "Miami Vice," he has proven himself as a movie director.

There is not one dull scene in this movie. It actually gets better as it progresses. At a running time of over two and a half hours, I didn't get bored, and I left wanting more. "The Insider" is worth seeing at least once.

## They yelled like hell



Hans Knoepfel

Sororities competed in the annual "Yell Like Hell" competition yesterday. Alpha Omega Pi won the overall competition as well as the banner contest. Zeta Tau Alpha won for spirit, and Alpha Delta Pi won the yelling contest.

## LATE LATE LOW LOW

By Derrick Bailey  
Staff Writer

On Monday Nov. 8, the Blaqshion tradition continued. This year's "Mystique of the Millennium" was a success due to several components.

To put on a two hour show, there has to be a lot of preparation and emphasis on detail. The coordinators Satchel Jester, Chereka Donalson, Aubree Ragin, Michael Collier and Traci Campbell know this firsthand.

"It's tough to deal with so many different personalities," Ragin said. "But it's gratifying to see it all come together the

night of the show."

The show was filled with models that captivated the attention of the crowd as well as impeccable performances by "Queens" and "Dyversions." With the attention of one of WVGS's best radio personalities, Tamika Mills (Me-K) hosting the show and the Monopoly Brothers as the DJ's nothing could go wrong.

Well... have you ever heard of the adage "if anything can go wrong it does?" It does and it did, but success is commonly measured by the adversity that's endured. In the middle of the show someone pulled the fire alarm. Michael Collier's commentary

during the fifteen minute delay wasn't bad, but needless to say the natives were getting restless. Finally the alarm went off and the show went on.

"I wasn't worried," Collier said, "we were prepared mentally and physically for any distractions."

It was satisfying to see so many people assembled at one place at one time with the absence of violence and conflict.

"We tried to make the show creative, and we were pleased at the respect the audience gave the models," Jester said.

The show proved that there isn't an "I" in team but there is a "U" and "I" in unity. Peace is already out...

## 'Harry Potter' is a mystical children's classic

By Joe Ben Deal  
Staff Writer

The paperback copy of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" currently holds the number one spot on both the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller lists. It is the first book of the award winning series by J. K. Rowling.

"Sorcerer's Stone" tells the story of ten-year-old Harry Potter. He lives with the his uncaring aunt and uncle who wish he would just stay in his room (the cupboard). His life changes on his eleventh birthday when he learns he is a legendary wizard. He enrolls in the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry to be taught properly how to use his skills. During his first year at Hogwarts, he makes friends and enemies and unravels the secret of the sorcerer's stone.

The magical stories are fun for

everyone. The unique cast of characters add a bit of realism to Harry Potter's magical world of surprises and danger. The book starts a little slowly, but moves along swiftly once Harry arrives at Hogwarts.

"Harry Potter" has a fairytale-like feel. Harry's life changes overnight as he goes from being poor to being a legendary wizard.

J. K. Rowling's own story is similar. She was an unemployed single mother when she started writing

Harry Potter, but her life changed with the success of the series. The books are now available in more than a dozen countries.

"Harry Potter" is fun and entertaining, but some people believe they are not suitable for younger readers because they cover such subjects as magic, witchcraft, and death. The books are about the fight between good and evil and will have casualties, J. K. Rowling said.



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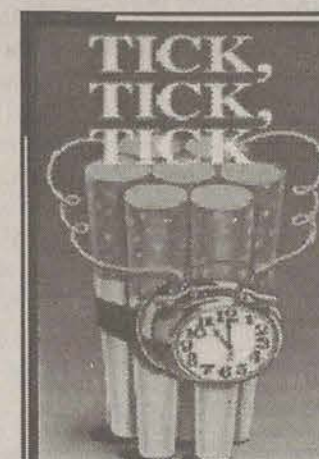
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# The reefer gets booked

By Tim Prizer  
Staff Writer

Before Bill Clinton ever had a chance to "not inhale," George Washington had held plenty of smoke in his lungs. Long before Cypress Hill ever took their "Hit from the Bong," Bob Marley had taken plenty of his own.

Before "Dazed and Confused" ever exhibited the teenage infatuation with hemp, Cheech and Chong had their 16-year run of comedic grass-smoking films.

Many years before the Canadian Olympic snowboarding team was busted for hashish use, long-time Chicago Bulls head coach Phil Jackson was smoking up daily.

Long before Hunter S. Thompson reported his high times, and over 140 years before Saul Rubin was able to write his book, "Offbeat Marijuana," Fitz Ludlow had written about his mind-altering experiences in "The Hasheesh Eater," published in 1857.

In Saul Rubin's new book, interesting facts like these and many more about "the world's grooviest plant" can be found. "Offbeat Marijuana" is the 234-page documentary of our nation's fourth most valuable cash crop. The book is not intended to praise the use of marijuana or any illegal drug, but simply to explain the fascinating history of the plant that has been used across the world almost as much as any edible crop we know.

Why is marijuana such a big deal in our country today?

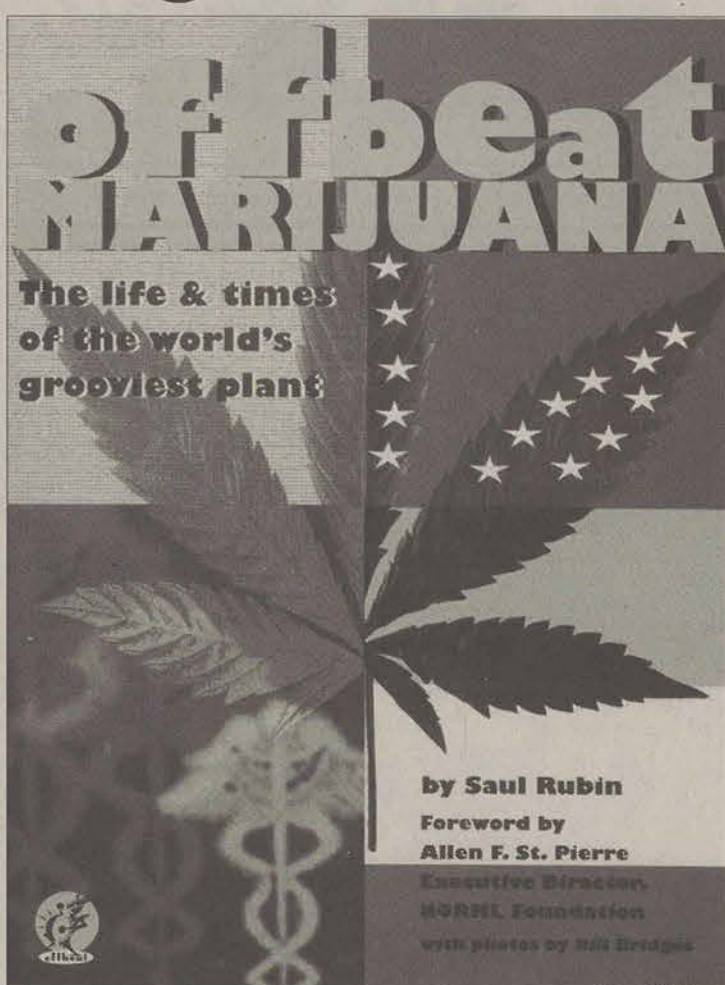
Well, for starters, every 45 seconds a drug bust is made for either possession or consumption of the illegal intoxicant. Also, cannabis is the second most widely used mind-altering drug on the planet. Only alcohol is used more commonly, making marijuana the most popular illegal substance in the world. It is the only drug found being used as often by kids as it is by their parents.

In "Offbeat Marijuana," Saul Rubin captures the history of the visually unmistakable, five-point leafed plants better than any publication I've ever seen.

Using pictures of old actors, musicians, comedians, athletes and political figures, Rubin proves that the many important figures in our nation have been tangled in the stems of the marijuana plant like so many Americans today.

Saul Rubin explains the many aspects of the history of marijuana in this eight-chapter book that reads a little bit like a very interesting and in-depth textbook.

"What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been" is the classic subtitle for the



Special photo

**WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S POT:** Saul Rubin's new book, entitled "Offbeat Marijuana" gives a history of one of the most prevalent plants of all time.

first chapter, "The History of Marijuana." In this chapter, Rubin addresses the fact that many marijuana enthusiasts claim there are references to the use of marijuana in the Bible. This is obviously a matter of opinion, but Rubin does point out the fact that the Bible does mention "mysterious herbs, spices, and burning rituals that sound suspiciously similar to how hash and hemp were used during that period."

In the book's second chapter, "Marijuana and Society," Rubin explains that anti-marijuana groups have actually used old "marijuana mythology" (or made up stories) to scare away people from the drug. In 1986, Ronald Reagan's drug advisor, Carlton Turner, stated that marijuana could make you homosexual, and even the lie saying that marijuana could make men grow breasts was spread.

One myth that Rubin explains is known as "Haschischin," which was used many times by Federal Bureau of Narcotics Director, Harry Anslinger. "Haschischin" is the bogus story of eleventh-century Persians who were transformed into bloody murderers due to their marijuana usage.

"Offbeat Marijuana" covers the history of this psychedelic plant from times before Christ all the way to the present day.

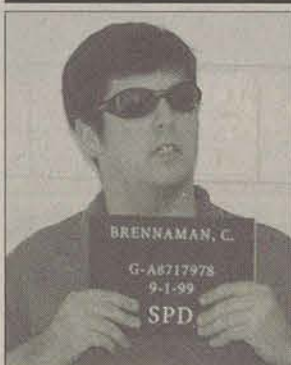
Chapter three, "Marijuana in the Workplace," speaks of the history of drug testing in the working world. The chapter, whose subtitle is "May I Have Another Cup, Please?," also mentions the interesting fact that marijuana helped a lot of workers during the depression.

Chapters four and five cover the more recent side of marijuana's history. "Marijuana as Medicine: Smoke Two Joints and Call Me in the Morning" and "The Marijuana Lab Report: Stoned in the Name of Science" are their respective titles and each speaks of issues brought about in the late 1980s and continue to cause controversy today.

Rubin shows that he has done unlimited research on marijuana that spans everything from ancient to recent history. Featuring old cartoons and magazine covers involving the controversial topics that the drug brings about, "Offbeat Marijuana" shows the long history that hashish has made for itself.

Unlike many publications regarding marijuana, "Offbeat Marijuana" is educational, fun and interesting. For those who use marijuana and those who don't, "Offbeat Marijuana" is a great read for anyone interested in the history of a popular component of our nation's past.

# The Verdict



By Chris Brenneman  
Staff Writer

It was done as a joke. A goof. We didn't mean for anything to happen. We wanted to try something different, to see what the big deal was, if you will. But my God, we never expected to come out of that movie theater Wednesday night with smiles on our faces and joy in our hearts.

God forgive us, we liked the Pokémon movie.

It was fun. Hands down the most fun movie I've ever seen in my life. You had Ash, the protagonist, just put there to be the best Pokémon trainer he can be. You've got Mewtwo, the villain, who is nothing but confused about his identity and place in the world. He's just a guy trying to find himself.

It was violent. But it was fun, happy violent. They fight throughout the entire movie, and in the end, they learn that fighting is wrong, and then forget the message entirely! It was bliss!

It was cute. The cutest thing I have ever seen in my life. That little rat thing Pikachu. He's a happy little guy who can kick anyone's ass with one word and a bolt of lightning. He's a friendly guy and a personable guy. Everyone loves that little dude.

I think that I walked away from "Pokémon's First Movie" a better person. See, I'd forgotten what innocent

fun was all about. It's been a while since I've seen a movie with no sexual tension. And it was good.

Now here's the problem. I run the risk of being a social outcast for my new love. Don't pass judgment on me yet.

So go see Pokémon.

Then judge me.

Required Reading:

• Hourman #10- Hands down, one of the best super hero comics on the market. This issue sees the return of Golden Age villain Dr. Togg. Fun stuff.

• Sandman Companion- Here it is, the companion piece to the greatest comic series ever. Get all the background information to the most acclaimed series ever.

• Transmetropolitan #29- My hero, journalist Spider Jerusalem, continues to dig up information on the cops and badgering the authorities. Good stuff here.

# Eagle Cinema shows Sandler

By Michael Russo  
Staff Writer

Big Daddy, which will be playing at Eagle Cinema in the Russell Union tonight at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 5:30 and 8 p.m., is about Sonny Koufax (Adam Sandler), the irresponsible guy who we all know and hate. He has no job, no manners, and no clue. Although Sonny has somehow managed to get a girlfriend, she is tired of his aimless ways, and gives him an ultimatum-- do something with your life or I leave. Fate steps in with an ready-made solution: Sonny will raise a little boy, who was dropped off at the apartment with a note proclaiming his roommate (John Stewart) the father, and his girlfriend will realize his new profound responsibility, and all will be well.

Realism this movie does not have. But then again, we are talking about Adam Sandler, the man who has given us such brain teasers as "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison."

"Big Daddy" is a bit unusual compared to the other Adam Sandler movies due to the fact that Sandler toys around with a bit of drama. However, the movie contains



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much of the Sandler frat-boy humor that we're all accustomed to, but on a more scaled-down level. The drama in this movie is definitely not Oscar material, but it is appropriately placed and simple.

I expected one thing from this movie - a good laugh. And it delivered. The tear-jerker scenes were painful, but thankfully few and far between. If you are in the mood for some humor, give this movie a chance. It is great for a date or any other social gathering; it isn't too offensive, but it is funny as hell.

## POETRY

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another work that she read with great emotion that describes a disappointing aspect of her childhood.

Everything that she read was magnificent, but these two have to be the best.

The titles of her work are very simple, but don't let them trick you; what lies under them is powerful, complicated and eloquent poetry that can move the soul and

arouse the mind.

The bad thing about this reading was the brevity. It seemed that the reading ended just as it was beginning. There was a little more than an hour in total, but it flew by. It was an excellent show, and I wanted more.

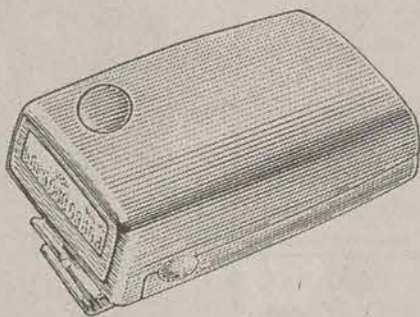
The unlikely room in the Biology building where this event was held was filled to the gills; the evening had an incredible turn

out. Many people were sitting on the floor (unbeknownst to the fire marshal). This, however, gave the evening an informal feeling that relaxed everyone into enjoyment.

Bowers' work has appeared in publications such as *The Southern Review* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, and she is the poet-in-residence for Queens College in Charlotte, N.C.

Thanks for reading *The George-Anne*!

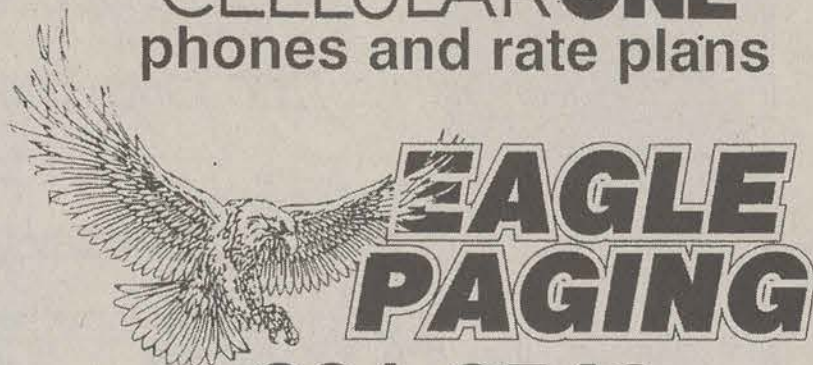
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## Peterson finalist for Payton Award Player suspended



Sarah Trucksis

**IN THE RUNNING:** Adrian Peterson has been named a finalist for the 1999 Walter Payton award named after the late player. Peterson came in third last year in the voting for the award that recognizes the most outstanding player in I-AA football.

G-A News Service

SOUTHAMPTON, Pa. - GSU sophomore fullback Adrian Peterson has been named a finalist for the 1999 Walter Payton Award, according to a Wednesday afternoon release by *The Sports Network*. The winner, which is symbolic of the most outstanding player in NCAA Division I-AA college football, will be selected by a panel of 85 media and sports information directors and announced December 6 at Mickey Mantle's Restaurant in New York City.

"I am extremely pleased to call all these 16 fine football players finalists for the Payton Award," said Ryan Nadeau, Executive Director of I-AA Awards for *The Sports Network*. "They are some of the best college football players in the country, no matter what level. I want to congratulate all of the Payton Award finalists, and wish them good luck for the remainder of the season."

Peterson, who has rushed for at least 100 yards in all of his 25 collegiate games, finished third in the Payton Award balloting in 1998. He currently ranks second nationally and

first in the Southern Conference with 1,639 rushing yards, an average of 163.9 yards per game. He is the leading scorer in I-AA, averaging 16.8 points per game (168 total points).

This year marks the 13th season that *The Sports Network* has awarded the Payton Award. In 1987, *The Sports Network* chose to establish an award to recognize the most outstanding player in Division I-AA college football. It was decided that the award should be named after the most decorated I-AA football player of all-time, Walter Payton.

Payton spent his collegiate playing days at Jackson State University. When he graduated in 1974, he was the school's all-time leading rusher and all-time leading scorer. He still holds six game, season and career records at JSU. In his senior season, Payton managed to finish 14th in the voting for the Heisman Trophy.

"When we created the Payton we sought out a person whose name would be the most appropriate identity for excellence on and off the field as possible," said Mickey Charles, President and CEO of *The Sports Network*. "Walter stood out.

It was unquestioned. Our intention was to make him memorable and unforgettable beyond his exploits and achievements in the record books. I'm proud to say that he was my friend, and I believe we have succeeded."

Past winners of the Payton award include Jerry Azumah (New Hampshire, 1998); Steve McNair (Alcorn State, 1994); John Friesz (Idaho, 1989) and Dave Meggett (Towson, 1988).

The other 15 finalists include Jimmy Blanchard (Jr., QB, Portland State), Giovanni Carmazzi (Sr., QB, Hofstra), Chris Chaloupka (Sr., QB, Sam Houston State), Cornell Craig (Sr., WR, Southern Illinois), Justin Fuente (Sr., QB, Murray State), Ryan Helming (Sr., QB, Northern Iowa), Curtis Keaton (Jr., RB, James Madison), Joe Lee (Sr., QB, Towson), Drew Miller (Jr., QB, Montana), James Perry (Sr., QB, Brown), Charles Roberts (Jr., RB, Cal-State Sacramento), JaJuan Seider (Sr., QB, Florida A&M), Marcel Shipp (Jr., RB, Massachusetts), Phil Stambaugh (Sr., QB, Lehigh), Destry Wright (Sr., RB, Jackson State).

• **Free safety Arkee Thompson out for two weeks**

G-A News Service

GSU FS Arkee Thompson was suspended on Tuesday by the football team for an undisclosed "violation of team rules," according to GSU officials. This suspension means Thompson will miss the game this weekend against Jacksonville State, but will be eligible to return to the team at the start of the playoffs.



Arkee Thompson

## Allen named Buck Buchanan award finalist

Special to the G-A

SOUTHAMPTON, Pa.—Georgia Southern senior nose tackle Voncellies Allen has been named a finalist for the 1999 Buck Buchanan Award, according to a Thursday afternoon release by *The Sports Network*.

The winner, which is symbolic of the most outstanding defensive player in NCAA Division I-AA college football, will be selected by a panel of 85 media and sports information directors and announced on December 6 at Mickey Mantle's Restaurant in New York City.

"There are so many great defensive players in I-AA football that it was a difficult process to narrow down the finalists to just 16," said Ryan Nadeau, Executive Director of I-AA Awards for *The Sports Network*. "These players represent the best in the division, and some of the best in college football as a whole. I want to congratulate all of the Buchanan Award finalists, and wish them well for the rest of the season."

Allen, who has started 40 career games at Georgia Southern, is currently the fourth-leading tackler on the 1999 unit with 53 total stops (31 solo, 22 assists).

He also leads the Southern Conference with 20 tackles for loss (40 yards) while recording one interception (at Wofford) and three quarterback pressures. Allen is a two-time All-Southern Conference First-Team selection (1997, 1998).

This year marks the fifth season that *The Sports Network* has presented the Buchanan Award. In 1995, *The Sports Network* chose to establish an award to recognize the most outstanding defensive player in Division I-AA college football to go

along with the Walter Payton and Eddie Robinson Awards, which were established in 1987.

It was decided that the award should be named after one of the most memorable defensive Division I-AA football players of all time, Buck Buchanan.

Buchanan spent his collegiate playing days at Grambling State University. When he departed GSU in 1962, he became the first player from a small black college to be drafted in the first round. He went on to play 13 seasons for the Dallas Texans/Kansas City Chiefs organization.

"When we sat down to discuss who we would name this award after, one person kept creeping into the conversation," said Mickey Charles, President and CEO of *The Sports Network*.

"Buchanan really exemplified what an athlete and person should be. He was an extraordinary player, and his accomplishments on the field speak for themselves."

Past winners of the Buchanan Award include Chris McNeil (North Carolina A&T, 1997) and Dexter Coakley (Appalachian State, 1996 & 1995).

The other 15 finalists include: Kole Ayi (Jr., LB, Massachusetts), Lamar Carter (Sr., DE, Tennessee State), Ian Dominelli (Sr., LB, Youngstown State), Corey Hall (Sr., FS, Appalachian State), Edgerton

Hartwell (Jr., LB, Western Illinois), Tim Head (Sr., LB, Jackson State), Isaiah Kacyvenski (Sr., LB, Harvard), John Keith (Sr., SS, Furman), Al Lucas (Sr., NT, Troy State), Jim Magda (Jr., DT, Hofstra), Jojo Oliphant (Sr., DE, Maine), Derick Pack (Jr., LB, James Madison), Matt Pederson (Sr., LB, Northern Iowa), Kevin Peterson (Sr., LB, East Tennessee State), Brennan Swanson (Sr., LB/DE, Cal-State Northridge).



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## Lady Eagles fall 108-52



Chris Kohlhagen

**NO REST FOR THE WEARY:** The Lady Eagles basketball team tried valiantly to upset the visiting Russian team.

By Edmund Coley  
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles received quite a jolt last Wednesday night falling to the touring Russian National squad 108-52. GSU shot a mere 32 percent going 20 for 63 from the field. The Eagles did however manage to hit 11 out of 13 freethrow attempts. "We started five girls who have never played together before," said GSU head coach Rusty Cram. "We're looking for different combinations to see what works well."

An inactive Sharon Mitchell (torn ACL) watched along with fellow injured Eagle Tiffany Lanier (sore knee) and Tulane transfer Mimi Lindsey as the team from Russia

dominated the lane the entire night tallying up seven block shots while six players from the National team posted double figures in scoring.

"We knew how awesome they were (coming into the game)," said sophomore guard Dana Simpson. "We just play hard and try to work our offense."

"The team is used to having Sharon (Mitchell) in the lineup," said senior guard Nikita Whatley. "But the team has to work hard and step up."

Whatley got her first start Wednesday night along Simpson and two other Lady Eagles, sophomore Sarah McCary and junior Amy Kratch that replaced 80 percent of the starting lineup from a year ago.

Senior forward Tondra Warren, the only returning starter, from last year, led the Lady Eagles with 18 points going 4 for 6 from the freethrow line.

"What we are looking for is to go about seven or eight people deep during the season," said Coach Cram. "These kids are fighters. They improve and get better each practice."

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