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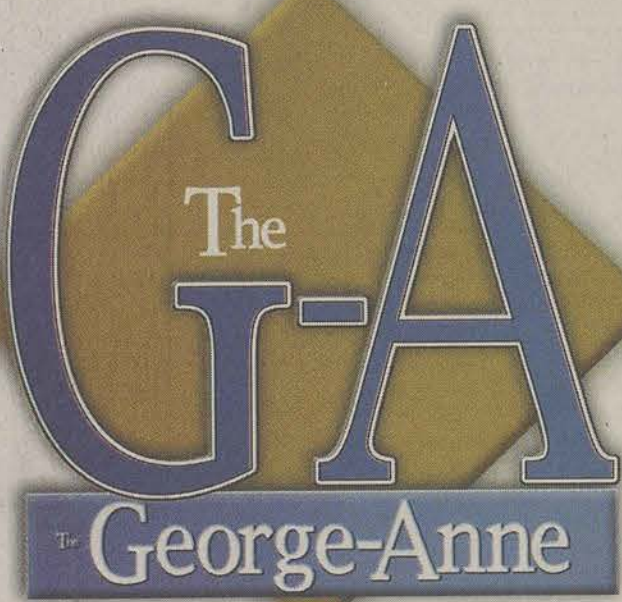
Janie Wilson and her wild kindom of rats

Many things are housed in the MPP building, but rats? You got it!

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• The Wednesday, Nov. 17 edition of The G-A will be the last edition until after the Thanksgiving Break. Please get all submissions to us Tuesday by 5 p.m. Thanks.

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SPORTS

Lady Eagles down Foxes

The women's basketball team won their second exhibition match against the Augusta Foxes, 90-57.



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Monday, November 15, 1999

GSU ends season with Jax. St. win

By Doug Kidd
Asst. Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Ala.—GSU wrapped up its 1999 regular season in typical fashion, hammering non-conference opponent Jacksonville State 51-14. With the win the Eagles upped their record to 9-2 and await the I-AA playoffs after this week's bye week.

The win improved GSU's chances of hosting more than just the opening round of the playoffs, which begin Nov. 27.

It was typical GSU football, as the Eagles rolled over the Gamecock defense on their way to 366 yards rushing and 88 through the air. Adrian Peterson led all rushers with 168 yards and a touchdown on three carries, while quarterback Greg Hill added 72 yards and three scores.

Defensively, GSU was led by defensive lineman Vonnell Allen and Eugene Phillips, who combined for 11 tackles, five for losses. Defensive back David Young and linebacker Josh Smithers also contributed to the scoring, with Young returning a blocked punt 24 yards for the score and Smithers picking off a Reggie Stancil pass and returning it 37 yards for the touchdown.

"All around, I think we had a good game," said All-American candidate Mark Williams. "Offensively, defensively, we all had a solid game."

With nearly a fourth of the team's starters out, the offense's Dedric Parham and Cherard Free-

out, the reliable formula of Hill and Peterson continued to work as usual. Hill opened the scoring with a 12-yard run in the first quarter to put GSU up 7-0.

He closed out the quarter with another scoring run, this time a six-yard sprint, that put the Eagles up

touchdown of the season, breaking the mark of Weber State's Geoff Mitchell for single-season scoring.

"It was a great honor," said Peterson after the game. "I just go out there and go all out and great things just seem to come about for me."

From there, the defense handled most of the scoring. Young and Smithers scored on their returns while the defense produced a safety after Gamecock quarterback Reggie Stancil fumbled into the endzone. Stancil, the only offensive weapon that Jacksonville State could counter with, had an up-and-down day.

The freshman threw for 249 yards on 20-42 passing for two touchdowns and an interception. He was constantly harassed by the GSU defensive front, being sacked three times. His backup Tim Gallahan was also sacked twice while also throwing an interception.

While most teams will conclude their seasons this weekend, GSU will be off, taking some much needed time to heal their injuries.

"This week off before the playoffs will help," coach Johnson said. "Hopefully, we can get everybody healthy and we'll be back at full strength."



man, and Robert LeBlanc, Jason Neese, Kiwaukee Thomas and Arkee Thompson defensively, GSU was looking for a solid game from the reserves.

"We had six starters out when the game started, [that] didn't play [at all]," said head coach Paul Johnson. "I thought the guys that came in [and replaced the injured starters], acquainted themselves well."

Although many starters were

14-0 going into the second quarter. After Jacksonville's Cedric Allen caught a 22-yard scoring pass from Stancil to cut the lead to within seven, Hill scored again, breaking the game open with a 32-yard touchdown run.

Peterson, who went over the century mark in rushing for the 26th consecutive game, scored on a three-yard run late in the first half that pushed the Eagle lead to 28-7. The scoring run was Peterson's 29th

Parking deck too costly, officials say

By Logan Thomas
Student Writer

Despite requests from many students, a multilevel parking deck at GSU would be too expensive due to the operation and construction costs of the facility, Bob Chambers, director of parking and transportation, said.

The construction of a parking deck would require a significant rise in the price of a parking pass in order to compensate for the cost of building and operating the facility because of the necessary guards, fire systems and lighting, Chambers said during a recent forum on the issue.

"The price of a parking pass could soar into the hundreds of dollars [if the deck were constructed]," Chambers said.

For the annual expense of the maintenance for the parking deck, the school could build one new parking lot every year with a minimal cost of maintenance, Chambers said.

"For the price of building one parking deck, we could build one \$15,000 parking lot with a hundred spaces every year for the price of running the parking deck for [one] year," Chambers said.

Many students believe the addition of a parking deck would provide the necessary spaces to eliminate any difficulties in finding a parking space.

"I think adding a parking deck is still a great idea," GSU senior Brian Wagner said after the forum. "The deck would help the situation here [at GSU]."

Some students complain that the difficulties in finding a space are unacceptable and want a solution in the near future.

"I think the parking deck would let me get a space closer to class every day," GSU sophomore Shauna Herrington said.

Still, Chambers insists that the parking spaces available are more than adequate to meet the needs of students.

"There is plenty of parking on campus," Chambers said. "It is just a matter of the students having to make a three or four minute walk to campus from the parking lot."

Students are asked to submit any suggestions and comments to the parking and transportation office to better serve the needs of the students, Chambers said.



TMS Campus

MILLENNIUM MASTERPIECE: The Vontz Center for Molecular Studies on the University of Cincinnati campus.

U. of Cincinnati spruces up image

TMS Campus

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The University of Cincinnati is spending big bucks to give itself a new face in the new millennium that school officials insist will attract to campus architecture buffs from around the world.

The university has come up with a master plan containing a list of construction projects expected to cost more than \$450 million. By the time the work is finished, school officials say they'll have a masterpiece that will set the university apart from any other.

Already, the plans have grabbed the attention of some of the world's most famous architects. The elite Princeton Architectural Press is including UC among a soon-to-be-released 20-book series chronicling the development of what it considers the most architecturally significant campuses in America and Europe.

Many students say they're pleased with all the attention but are really hoping someone remembers to leave them a few parking spaces near their classes. Building proposals call for the school's east and west campuses and satellite suburban colleges to be more connected through a system of open spaces and walkways.

Already completed this year are two of the plan's biggest projects: construction of a new center for molecular studies and a new music conservatory.

"People already want to come to

(the conservatory), but this should make it very appealing to outsiders and people looking at the school," said Lonna Larger, a junior majoring in the conservatory's electronic media program. "I think it's going to be a great campus. This should make it even better."

But in some ways, the construction is causing problems. It has made parking on or near campus more difficult. The university replaced one parking lot with a grassy knoll and tore down a popular parking garage, leaving many students without places to park close to their classes. As a result, the surrounding business district and residential areas that already place priority on public parking now find themselves engaged in a parking war with students.

Jessica Cappel, a senior business major, said she's eager for the university's parking problems to be over.

"It's (the parking) horrible," she said. "I have to hike clear across campus to get where I'm going. I think the future will be OK once it's all finished, but right now it's all hectic."

University officials say that parking should return to normal — if not improve — once all the dust settles.

"The bottom line is we're not losing parking, and we are gaining more green space," said Chris Curran, the university's assistant director of public relations.

Horsin' around



David Whiddon

YEE HAW! GSU equestrian team member, Marlene Haerteis, practices last week in preparation for a competition over the weekend.

Radar detection devices add safety to campus

By Kyle Christopher
Student Writer

University police may take greater measures and hinder the flow of traffic in order to protect people using crosswalks if radar detection devices displaying a driver's speed do not work, Ken Brown, director of public safety, said.

"It's a balancing act," he said. "We want to protect pedestrians while we keep the traffic moving along."

The signs, that are most visible on Sweetheart

Circle, were put up in the hopes that drivers would be more aware of their speed and slow down or yield to pedestrians near to or crossing the road, Brown said.

The problem that exists with drivers not yielding to pedestrians and bikers at crosswalks has not been bad enough to hinder the flow of traffic, Brown said. Putting up the radar detection devices is the first step toward slowing drivers so that they will be aware when people are crossing the road, Brown said.

"We want to protect those people crossing the street, and we would not have a problem with posting the radar

detection devices in other places," he said.

Pedestrians do have the right of way at crosswalks, but they must be careful to watch for oncoming cars, Brown said.

"Pedestrians and bikers must accept some of the responsibility," he said.

Georgia crosswalk laws say that drivers must yield to pedestrians approaching or crossing the road on which the vehicle is traveling. Fines for as much as \$200 can be given to jaywalkers and drivers not yielding at crosswalks.

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.

•National Children's Book Week at the University Store. All children's books are 20 percent off November 15 - 21. November 17 from 4 to 5 p.m. punch and cookies will be served.

•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.

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

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.

•GSU's Center for Irish Studies presents Newberry College Professor of English Michael O'Shea in a lecture, *Elvis and James*

Joyce: The King of Finnegan's Wake at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

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.

December 21

•Employee Registration from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the William Center.

This Week's Weather

Today

Partly cloudy with a high of 65 and a low of 49.



Tuesday

Partly cloudy with a high of 66 and a low of 37.



POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department November 13

•Sheena McCrae, 20, of 731 West Jones Ave., was charged with criminal trespass.

•Celeste Brandenburg, 19, of 1261 Great Oaks Dr., Conyers, Ga., was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

•James Copeland, 19, of Player's Club Apt. #213, was charged with duty to move when requested to do so.

•Barry Billington, 19, of Georgia Ave. Apt. #209, was charged with possession of marijuana and open keg.

•Edward Lash, 18, of Georgia Ave. Apt. #209, was charged with possession of marijuana and open keg.

•William Wright, 20, of 1125 Kelly Dr. Lot #147, Hinesville, Ga., was charged with driving on suspended license and improper u-turn.

•Mark Harris, 23, of 919 W. 42nd St., Savannah, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana and headlights required.

November 12

•Travis Weekly, 19, of 408 Rock Springs Rd., Vidalia, Ga., was charged with DUI and speeding.

•Monte Carlos Johnson Sr., 23, of 212

SW 2nd St., Ocala, Fla., was charged with driving on suspended license and obstruction.

November 11

•Thurman Bacon, 21, of 7673 Sinkhole Rd., was charged with obstruction and loitering.

•Laven Jones, 19, of 132 Becky Dr., was charged with being a wanted person and leaving the scene of an accident.

•Joshua Nadolny, 19, of Bermuda Run Apt. J-11, was charged with possession of marijuana and seatbelt violation.

•Ronald Elder, 19, of Bermuda Run Apt. J-11, was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jeffrey Wilson, 23, of 104 Cherry St., Sylvania, Ga., was charged with DUI, traffic light violation, no proof of insurance, and driving on suspended license.

•James Maddox Jr., 18, of Chandler Rd. Apt. #130, was charged with possession of marijuana and adult seatbelt.

GSU Department of Public Safety November 11

•Ronda Mckie reported someone took the signal lights from her vehicle in the library parking lot.

•Shelby Barnwell reported \$70 was

missing from the Carroll Building.

•April Sellers reported her book bag was missing from the Health Education office.

•Joshua Warthman reported someone had painted on a sign at Olympic Boulevard.

•A Lakeside Café employee reported approximately \$700 was missing from the café.

•Patrick Garrett reported a Nintendo 64 game station was missing from Dorman Hall.

November 10

•Scott Starling reported a utility trailer was missing from in front of the Museum.

•Christy Finnck reported someone keyed her vehicle in the Johnson Hall 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.

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

Student newspaper under fire over photos

By Christine Tatum
Tribune Media Services

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Student journalists at California State University at Sacramento are under fire on campus and off for running a front-page photograph of two white police officers arresting a Latino man during a recent football game.

David Sommers, editor-in-chief of *The State Hornet*, appeared before student government representatives Wednesday to explain why they should reject a proposed resolution that the newspaper issue a front-page

apology.

About 150 students demonstrated last month in front of the *Hornet's* offices, faulting the newspaper for perpetuating ethnic stereotypes when it ran a photograph of police putting 21-year-old Victor Chavez in a chokehold.

Protesters said the photo was especially insulting because it ran two weeks after Chavez' Sept. 18 arrest.

Police said they moved in on Chavez, who is not a student at CSU-Sacramento, because he was fighting in the stands with two other

men. Chavez was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and battery.

Chavez' attorneys also saw the photograph and convinced a judge to order the newspaper to turn over all documents and photographs — published and unpublished — relating to the arrest. Sommers is expected in court Nov. 23 to explain why he won't comply with the subpoena.

"We would be turning over evidence for law enforcement, and that is not the role of the newspaper," he said.

"If the lawyers want that information, they need to come up with a way to get it on their own. There were 20,000 people in the stands that day — many of whom witnessed the fight and had their names published in our paper.

"If we go into reporting a story and our sources realize that we have at any time in history turned over unpublished film or notes to the courts, we'll have a bias on our heads that will never go away. We will

have compromised our ability to go out there and do our jobs."

State law may be on Sommers' side.

Last week, the California Supreme Court ruled that state shield laws protecting journalists provide absolute immunity from contempt charges resulting from journalists' refusal to provide prosecutors with un-aired portions of videotape. Sommers hopes that ruling also goes for camera film and reporters' notes.

"I'm confident, but I'm not taking anything for granted," he said.

As for the students' complaints, Sommers said the newspaper has tried twice to meet with protesters.

Both times, he said, they backed out at the last minute.

Representatives of the student group — which is not formally recognized on campus — have refused to provide their last names to the newspaper. Efforts to reach a professor who serves as an informal adviser for the group were unsuccessful.

Sommers said the newspaper chose to run the photograph when it did for two reasons.

The first, he said, was that an alumnus who witnessed the confrontation between Chavez and police asked university officials two weeks later to establish a task force that would explore better ways for the institution to deal with outbreaks of violence during large campus events.

"What is seen in the photo is what prompted that gentleman to act," Sommers said.

The second reason, Sommers said, was that a man injured in another fight that erupted during the game died.

The photo of Chavez accompanied a story about the man's death and the university's concern about a string of violent outbursts during campus events.

COLLEGE NEWS BRIEF

NIU ousts student prez

DEKALB, Ill. (TMS) — Northern Illinois University's student government has ousted its president from office.

Andrew Anderson was removed as president of the Student Association, NIU's student government, on Oct. 19. Student senators booted him from office with a 29-4 vote. One senator abstained.

Anderson was charged with misusing state funds, abuse of power and official misconduct. The controversy began over the summer when Anderson gave an executive order to increase executives' pay by 55 percent without the senate's approval. It further escalated in September when Anderson dismissed the Chief Justice of the SA's Supreme Court. He also has been criticized for his handling of funds in July for a conference in Arizona.

Hillsdale prez resigns amidst rumors

HILLSDALE, Mich. (TMS) — The president of Hillsdale College resigned Wednesday amid rumors that an affair with his daughter-in-law led to the demise of his career.

George C. Roche III, who has held the college's top post for 28 years, submitted a letter of retirement, effective immediately, to trustees and left without answering any questions.

"The combined pressures of his personal health and private family life make this step necessary," trustees said in a statement.

Rouche, 64, has led a tumultuous life in the last few years. In

April, he divorced his wife of 44 years, who has cancer, and remarried five months later. His daughter-in-law, Lissa Roche, died Oct. 17 on the college's campus from what investigators said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Hillsdale police interviewed Roche in connection with the shooting. *The Detroit News* reported Wednesday that Roche said Lissa Roche had confessed to him two days before her death that she planned to kill herself. Since her death, investigators have focused on rumors that the two had had an affair.

Oregon TAs vote to unionize


CORVALLIS, Ore. (TMS) — Graduate teaching assistants at Oregon State University have voted to unionize, making OSU the 27th institution in the nation with collective bargaining rights for graduate teaching assistants.

Last year, the university's graduate teaching assistants formed a coalition affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers.

The group was focused on securing health benefits and higher wages for student instructors. About 64 percent of the campus' 764 eligible voters cast ballots over a recent two-week period. Of the 482 graduate students who voted, 316 supported unionization.

Throughout the coalition's drive for collective bargaining rights, university officials maintained that OSU's graduate students were paid higher stipends than student teachers at other state institutions providing benefits.

After the election results were reported, OSU officials said they had always supported the students' rights to unionize.



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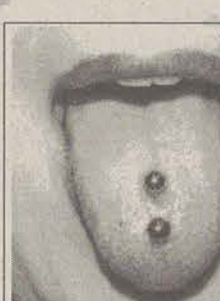


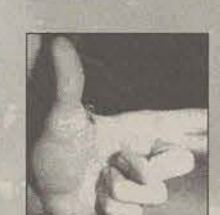



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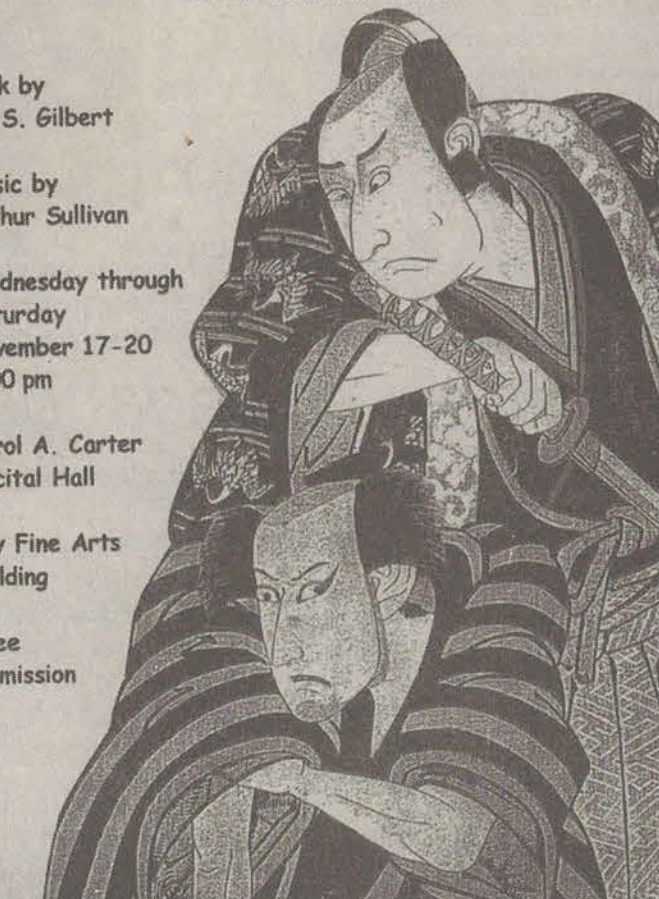
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Becky Smith

WORKING WITH RATS: Professor Janie Wilson (left) conducts research on rats with her graduate assistant. She studies their hormonal responses to stress.

Stellar professor Wilson shines on

By Justin Johnson
Assistant Features Editor

There are not many professors that are always there for their students, or genuinely care about that student's welfare. There are not many professors that allow students to address them by their first name, or that conduct research on rats, but then again, there are not many professors like Janie Wilson.

Wilson is in her sixth year of teaching here at GSU. She is active in campus life and in organizations throughout GSU. She is an active member of the Faculty Senate, teaches GSU 1210, GSU 1211, and Introduction to Psychology, and currently member of the new task force for peaceful classrooms committee.

"We are currently researching teaching and zoning in on areas such as bringing humor into the classroom," Wilson said.

"It's important to have humor and to be friendly to students in your classroom. This committee is striving to make classrooms less violent, just a more peaceful, calmer, and kinder environment," she said.

Wilson has recently written a teacher's journal which she hopes will soon be published. She thinks that incorporating some of her experiences and ideas as a professor will help others perhaps be

more productive or able to relate to their students more easily.

"A lot of professors think that you are not supposed to be there as a friend to a student, I would disagree," Wilson said.

In the classroom, Wilson hopes that all of her students learn in an environment where they feel comfortable with her, but also have the knowledge that she expects students to work and strive for the top.

"Sometimes professors think that if the students like you, that you are a slack teacher," Wilson said.

"A lot of professors think that it's not their job to create a friendship with their students. That's a shame. It is important to have a good relationship with students. Students want you to be fair and firm, and they appreciate the fact that you can relate to them," she said.

"If a student knows that you care, they will cut you some slack in the classroom," Wilson said.

Wilson thinks the reason professors are at GSU is to teach, and that in whatever areas of study or research a professor conducts, it should always connect with their teaching.

"The reason we are here at GSU is to teach, so even in research it should impact teaching," Wilson said. Wilson's research is with rats. Yes, that's right, rats. Recently, GSU was given a \$40,000 grant

from the National Science Foundation to help create a new research lab along with \$56,000 that GSU contributed.

"With rats, we are studying responses to stress and hormonal responses to stress," Wilson says.

"It's going great. We have new equipment, and the lab is moving right along. In graduate school, I tried to understand people. They are unpredictable, so I went with rats instead. This is what I know and enjoy working with."

Wilson and two of her graduate students, Stephanie Anne McKinley and Brock L. Young, have recently had their research published in *Physiology and Behavior*, a top notch science journal.

Wilson is a motivator to her students and believes that there are certain things that are important in the role of teaching.

"Other than teaching, never let a year go by when you can't look back and say you did not go for something, or that you haven't done something. I want to say that I did something."

Wilson is not only a professor here at GSU, she is the epitome of the ideal professor. She works with the students while expecting the best out of them. She is a student's friend while remaining their professor. She's a rarity in her profession for more than her rat research. There just aren't many like her.

Keepin' up with the time



Last Thursday, Phil Waldrop presented President Grube with a clock made by the Manufacturing Enterprises class. The class produces fifty clocks each semester.

Sarah Trucksis

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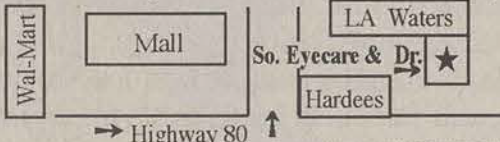
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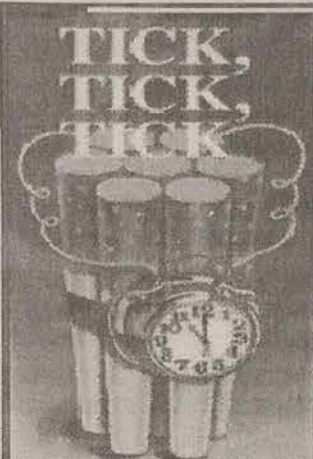
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Our Opinion

Liberal arts programs deserve more money

There are many things about GSU that are top notch. There are things that we should be extremely proud of, such as the new Recreation Activities Center and the Business and Technology Buildings. Sweetheart Circle is beautifully landscaped, as is most of the rest of the campus.

Unfortunately there seem to be departments on campus that are housed in less-than-great locations. Take the political science department. They are located in run-down trailers on a residence hall parking lot. Sure, they get to move, but only to the Carroll Building.

The English and writing and linguistics departments share Newton with sociology, criminal justice and anthropology. The music and art departments are still in Foy which is really too small for such important departments with such large numbers.

But the most obvious problem is with the theater department. They are housed in the leaky Communication Arts Building with goodness-knows how many other departments. And they have to perform there in a tiny room.

While sometimes the performances are enhanced by the intimate quarters, it seems unfair that the Black Box Theater is the only choice.

Just what is McCroan doing? Taking up space?

GSU needs to start filtering some money to the liberal arts departments to improve the buildings they are housed in, starting with the theater department.

This department gives performances that the entire campus and community could benefit from, and GSU and Statesboro could be proud of.

Instead the only people who get to see the product of the department's hard work are the 60 people lucky enough to squeeze in.

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The wait for the tub is forever since the frogs moved in

I'm wondering if any of you readers out there have noticed any suspicious behavior on the part of frogs. I ask because the ones at my house are definitely up to something.

I live in South Florida, which has a hot, moist, armpit-like climate that is very favorable for life in general. Everything down here is either already alive, or about to be. You could leave your toaster out on your lawn overnight, and by morning it would have developed legs, a tail, a mouth, tentacles, etc., and it would be prowling around looking for slower, weaker appliances to prey on.

So I am used to wildlife. I am used to the fact that, as I walk from my car to the front door — striding briskly to prevent fungus from growing on my body — I will routinely pass lizards, snakes, spiders, snails and mutant prehistoric grasshoppers large enough for the Lone Ranger to saddle up and ride into the sunset on ("Hi-ho, Silver, AWAYYYYYEEEEIIKES!").

My yard has also always had plenty of frogs. Until recently, these were plump, non-aggressive frogs who just sat there, looking pensively off into the distance, thinking frog thoughts ("How am I supposed to reproduce? I appear to lack organs!")

But lately my yard has become infested with a whole new brand of frogs — smaller, quicker, junior-welterweight frogs that are extremely jittery, as though they spent their tadpole phase swimming around in really strong espresso. And for some



DAVE BARRY

TMS COLUMNIST

reason these frogs desperately want to GET INSIDE MY HOUSE. They hide in crannies on my front stoop, waiting, and when I open the front door, suddenly HOPHOPHOPHOP HOP, the stoop turns into the Oklahoma Land Rush, except that instead

frogs hiding somewhere in my living room. This makes me nervous. I'm wondering if maybe it could be a plague.

I say this because my wife is Jewish, and each year her family comes to our house to celebrate Pass-

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of hardy pioneers racing to claim homesteads, there are hordes of small, caffeine-crazed frogs bounding into my living room, moving far too fast for the human foot to stomp on.

The eerie thing is, within seconds, the invading frogs have ALL DISAPPEARED. Some go under the sofa, but many seem to simply vanish. I think maybe they've developed some kind of camouflage, so they can blend into the living-room environment by taking on the appearance of a carpet stain or (if they are really organized) a piano.

All I know is, the frogs go into my house, and they do not come out, which means that there are now, by conservative estimate, thousands of

over with a traditional Seder feast. I am not Jewish, but I always join in, on the theory that you should embrace as many religions as possible, because you never know. You could die and find yourself in an afterlife facing the eternal judgment of, for example, L. Ron Hubbard. So I participate in the Seder; in fact, at our house I always make the traditional matzoh balls, using an ancient Presbyterian recipe. (The matzoh balls symbolize the Old Testament story about how the Israelites, after following Moses all over the desert, finally came to a place where there was chicken soup.)

Anyway, there's this one point in the Seder ceremony when we all dip

our fingers into our glasses of ancient traditional Manischewitz wine, and then we drop 10 wine droplets onto our plates while we say, out loud, the names of the Ten Plagues of Egypt, which are: blood, darkness, blight, slaying of the first born, wild beasts, lice, boils, locusts, hail and — you guessed it — Leonardo DiCaprio.

No, seriously, one of the plagues is frogs. So I'm thinking that maybe, during the most recent Seder, when we were saying the plague names, we failed to make adequate wine droplets for the frogs. My concern is that this might have violated some clause in the Old Testament, such as the Book of Effusions, chapter four, verse seven, line 6, which states: "And yea thou shalt BE sureth to maketh a GOOD frog droplet, for if thou shalt NOT, forsooth thou SHALT getteth a BIG plague of frogs, and they SHALT be of the JUNIOR-welterweight division, and they WILL hideth UNDER thine sofa."

Or maybe there's some other cause. Maybe it's a Y2K issue, and these are non-compliant frogs. Whatever it is, I don't like it. I don't like sitting in my living room at night, watching the TV, knowing that all around me, hidden in the dark, thousands of beady little eyes are also watching the TV... and maybe waiting for some secret signal. Perhaps you think I am crazy. Fine. Then perhaps you can explain to me why, when the frogs croak in the Budweiser commercial, my piano croaks back.

Your Opinion

Student believes socialism column off-target

Dear Editor:

I have matured and examined socialism responsibly as Mr. Dan Rothem asked us to in his George-Anne column recently. I have come to one conclusion. It stinks! I have a lot of respect for Mr. Rothem, but I fail to see how he connected the struggles of the East German people to rid themselves of communism into a support article for socialism in America.

Socialism is the exact opposite of everything the American Dream stands for. America was built on the premise that hard work and determination can take a man or woman to any height. The dream has never been to work hard so everyone can stay poor.

Socialism sounds nice to some. Everybody shares the money and rewards equally no matter what their contribution. But the simple reality is that it does not work. The most obvious reason is that there is no motivation for any of the citizens in a socialistic society to work hard. Few people have the drive to work hard and contribute if there is no reward. With socialism I could be the laziest person in the country and receive the same as the

hardest working person.

Another bad point is that socialism takes a massive government to redistribute all the wealth. This leads to a lot of waste and corruption that only requires more and more money.

Socialism only benefits the lazy. I will give Mr. Rothem an example. I had the privilege of working with him on a group project in American Government class.

Upon completion of the project each student in the group assigned a grade to the other students in the group. Everyone that worked hard on the project wanted to give the grades fairly according to each person's effort.

Those who did not participate as much wanted to get a group agreement that everyone would receive the same good grade. Money and grades are not the same, but the principles are. Let's face it, everyone who works hard for what they have resents people who do not try and get a handout [instead].

Socialism also restricts freedom in that people are not free to choose careers, be ambitious, or buy what they want when they want it.

America is great because of God and the free enterprise system our founding fathers created. There is no comparable communist or socialistic country anywhere in the world. I am aware there are problems in our economy. But dependence on the government or socialism is not the answer. They are the cause.

Socialism allows for laziness and economic complacency as evidenced by the collapse of communism. That is why we must stop the infiltration of socialism into our government and return to the hard-working values that made this country great.

I do not want to forget the poor. I want to help them by giving them a chance to work hard and strive for the American Dream. Socialism, communism or welfare by whatever name it is called keeps the people poor.

We must realize that poverty can never be completely eradicated, but capitalism — not socialism — is the system that deals with it best. Mr. Rothem pointed out that the communists are starving. Need more be said?

John Nail
GSU sophomore

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Swimming and Diving Earns split on Saturday

• The GSU swimming and diving team took on Western Kentucky University and the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday and earned a split. GSU defeated ULM 64-48 and lost to WKU 130-94. The meet netted GSU one first place finish and a couple of seconds.

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Lady Eagles defeat Augusta Foxes, 90-67



Chris Kohlhagen
IMPROVING: The Lady Eagles, seen here against Russia, hope to improve their game heading into the season.

By John Bryson
Sports Editor

Maybe Adrian Peterson passed on some of his scoring magic to the Lady Eagles last night at Hanner Fieldhouse. Peterson was in attendance to watch the Lady Eagles lock horns with the Augusta Foxes Sunday evening at Hanner Fieldhouse, and GSU came away with a 90-67 win in their final exhibition game before the start of the season. GSU will open up their regular season on the road, competing in the CableVision Classic in Lincoln, Neb.

It was all Tondra Warren and the Lady Eagles in the first half,

as Warren collected 10 points and 10 rebounds for a double/double. The Eagles shot 50 percent from the field on 20-40 shooting and picked up 10 more points on 10-13 free throws (76.9%).

The Foxes, a collection of players from the Augusta area, kept the game close for the first few minutes. They were only down 11-8 at the 17:32 mark, but GSU quickly pulled away as Warren and Danna Simpson gave GSU a 33-15 lead at the 7:50 mark.

"Our mentality made the difference tonight," said Simpson. "The Russians were a good team, but we made them better than they were. Tonight we picked

up some confidence."

GSU took a 50-30 lead into the locker room at the half.

In the second half, GSU simply put it on cruise control as they outscored the Foxes by 13. The Eagles had five players in double figures with Danna Simpson the leading scorer at 16. Warren had 14 rebounds on the night and Nikita Whatley also picked up a double/double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Coach Cram knows this season is going to be one of ups and downs. "Sharon Mitchell was our go-to player," said Cram. "When you build your team around that for two or three years

and then suddenly lose it, it's a big hit. The rest of our team is going to have to step it up."

"Our intent was to press," said Cram. "But when we lost Sharon that changed everything. Our whole scheme is going to be changed until Christmas when Tiffany [Lanier] and Mimi [Lindsey] return. This year you're gonna see two teams: 'before Christmas' and 'after Christmas'."

GSU finished the game shooting 42.3 percent from the floor on 33-78 shooting. The Eagles outrebounded the Foxes 68-65, but committed more turnovers, 24-22.

GSU men fall to Latvia 92-84

G-A News Service

The GSU men's basketball team fell 92-84 in its second and final exhibition game of the 1999-2000 pre-season to "Broceni/LMT" Latvia in front of 1,996 in attendance at Hanner Fieldhouse Thursday night. The attendance total was the largest Hanner crowd since the Eagles's

game versus The Citadel on Jan. 31, 1998.

For the Eagles, Hamp Jones poured in 22 points and pulled down six rebounds, while Julius Jenkins added 17.

Juris Umbarasko scored a game-high 25 points to lead Latvia, while Charles Newborn added 17, Kristaps

Valters 14, and Ralmonds Vaikulis and Kristaps Janicenoks each scored 13 apiece in the winning cause.

GSU took its first lead of the contest at the 18:03 mark of the second half and held it until 12:06 mark when Umbarasko canned a three-pointer to put Latvia back up, 61-60. After trading a pair of lead-taking baskets, Latvia went up for good when Umbarasko's layup made the scored 66-65 with 10:14 remaining.

Trailing 89-79 with just under a minute to play, the Eagles attempted to claw back with a three-pointer by Ra'Shawn Tart, followed by a jumper by Kasheen Latham to cut the lead to five. But from there, GSU was held scoreless as it missed its next two three-point attempts, and Latvia connected on three-of-four from the foul line to hang on to the win.

After a successful three-point shooting night in its first exhibition, GSU was held to just 5-of-29 (17.2 percent) shooting from beyond the arc on Thursday.

With the exception of a pair of ties, Latvia claimed the lead the entire first half and took a 43-40 advantage into the locker room at halftime. The visitors saw its lead increase to as many as eight points on six separate occasions in the opening period, but the Eagles went on a 5-0 run to close the first half, capped by a Tart jumper at the buzzer, to cut the lead to three.

Valters scored 14 points to lead all first-half scorers, while GSU's Jones collected 10 in the opening session.

GSU will officially open its regular season slate on Saturday, Nov. 20 at home versus Tennessee Tech at 7:30 p.m.



Chris Kohlhagen

NOT QUITE: Despite a close game and a second half rally, the men's basketball team fell to Latvia 92-84 last Thursday.

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Swimming unable to pick up win

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The GSU swimming and diving squad fell to the University of Louisville 147-90 at Crawford Pool on the Louisville campus on Sunday. With the win, the Cards improve to 7-2 on the year.

Freshman Brooke Frederick placed first in the 200 Free, while Jennifer Martin gamered a first the 50 Free and the 100 Free.

Hannah Goddard placed second in the 200 Individual Medley, and sophomore Melanie Deal and junior co-captain Kelly Frost placed third and fourth respectively.

Priscilla Caputo dove for first in the 3-meter diving event.

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