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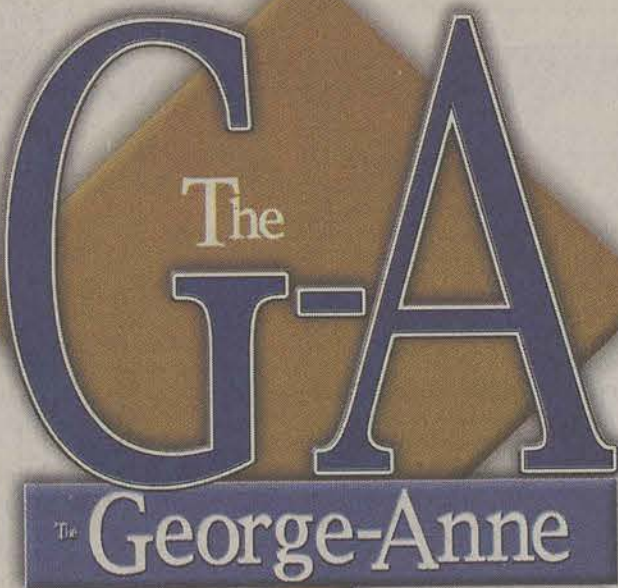
SPORTS

Hill and the Eagles prep for the playoffs

GSU awaits their first round playoff opponent during their bye week and will take time to heal their injuries.

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• The next edition of *The George-Anne* will be Dec. 1.



LIFE

Holiday Helpers come to GSU

Local charities will benefit from gifts purchased to help families in need this holiday season.

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Free tutoring available on campus

By Vanessa Keber
News Editor

Many students who are struggling through term papers, lab assignments, and other class topics are not aware of both the Writing Center and Tutorial Center, which both offer free tutoring to GSU students.

Students may seek help at the Tutorial Center on the first floor of the Henderson Library for help in writing as well as in a wide variety of other subjects. Students may not know very much about the center, but Carole Brown, director of the tutorial center, is trying to change that.

Brown said that the lack of awareness may be due in part to the opening of the Writing Center, and also from professors who don't encourage students to seek help at the center.

"There's been such a push to promote the writing center that when [Writing Center directors] met with professors, they told the professors to encourage students to go to the Writing Center," Brown said. "But not at the expense of the Tutorial Center. Many students come to and prefer the Tutorial Center."

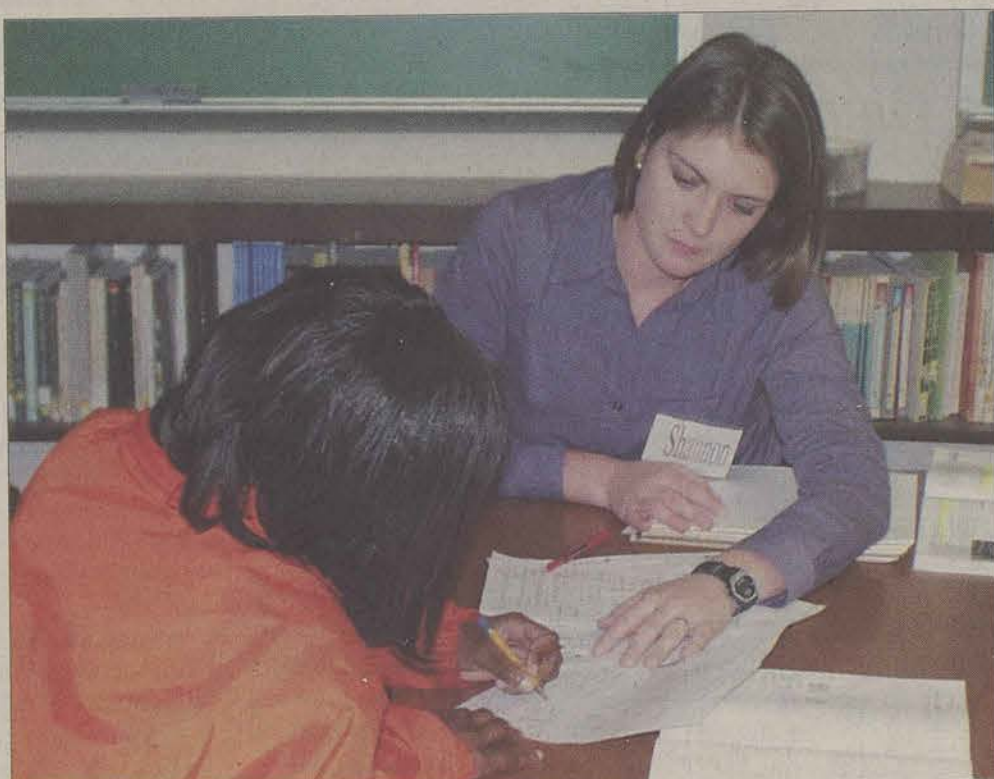
Michael Pemberton, director of the Writing Center, agrees.

"There's no competition at all, we're working hand in hand," Pemberton said. "I think that [professors] recommend the Writing Center as a supplement to the Tutorial Center."

Many students may not realize that seeking help from the Writing Center does not result in a notation to the student's permanent record.

According to Pemberton, receiving help at the center would in no way positively or negatively affect a student's permanent record, a concern of many students who may have heard this rumor from their peers.

"The tutors do keep files on students who come to the center," Pemberton said. "It helps us, so we



Sarah Trucks

NEED HELP? Shannon Deal (top) is one of the many student tutors who are on hand daily at the Tutorial Center in the library.

know what was talked about during the session in case a student gets a different tutor."

Brown feels that students may feel more comfortable asking questions of their tutors, who are peers, rather than a professor. Students may not ask a question in class because they may feel that it's a "stupid" question, but in the center they may feel more at ease to ask those questions, Brown said.

The tutors at the Tutorial Center are not teaching assistants or professors but other students who are certified tutors, Brown said.

"There's a time in a student's life when they

need help from their peers," she said.

Additionally, students who have gone to the center for help have noticed that their grades are higher, Brown said.

"The word of mouth from students and professors is that the student who came to the center for help are doing better," Brown said. "Students say that their grades are higher—sometimes from a 'C' to an 'A'—because of the Tutorial Center."

Though the Tutorial Center has proven itself to be beneficial to students, it still faces its share of

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Former GSU employee faces felony charges

By Vanessa Keber
News Editor

As of press time, there has still been no bond set for James Sutton, the former Physical Plant employee who was arrested for making terroristic threats. Additional charges against Sutton include obstructing an officer, having a concealed weapon, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon on school property, according to reports.

Sutton has not had a bond hearing yet, Joe Martin, District Attorney for Bulloch, Effingham, Jenkins, and Screven counties, said.

Sutton, who has worked at GSU for over nine years, allegedly threatened other employees with a knife on two separate occasions, the second of which he allegedly held a knife to the victim's throat, an incident report said. The second incident led employees to contact the GSU police department, leading to Sutton's arrest.

"There are several felony counts in there," GSU police chief Ken Brown said. "If he's convicted of all of them, it could land him in jail for a few years."

The case now has to be presented to the grand jury of Bulloch County, Brown said. If they return with a bill of indictment, Sutton will be tried in court, Brown said.

According to Martin, the case will not be reviewed until January at the earliest.

The Bulloch County grand jury meets four times a year, with the next session meeting in February, Martin said.

"We probably won't start working on this case until January," Martin said. "It's premature as to be making guesses as to where this [case] will go. We haven't even gotten the files yet."

Martin said that he will need to get the file to see if anything warrants taking Sutton's case to the Bulloch County grand jury.

Sims Lanier, the attorney for Sutton's case, was unavailable for comment as of press time.

Sutton has no previous police record, according to the clerk of superior courts' office. The database for previous charges ranges from speeding tickets to felony charges, and dates back to 1991.

Brown said that it's not uncommon that someone will be arrested for doing something wrong later in life, even if they don't have any previous police record.

"It happens occasionally, but generally we deal with people who have been arrested before," Brown said.

Sutton is currently being held at the Bulloch County jail, Martin said.

Hard work pays off: Golden Key inducts 276 new students and four honorary members

By Julie Strickland
Staff Writer

The Golden Key National Honors Society inducted 276 new students Monday, up from the 220 inducted last year. Four new honorary members were also named.

"Success in itself is a hard thing to do and we just want them [the inductees] to know that we appreciate it and to keep up the good work," Minerva Hughes, Golden Key president, said.

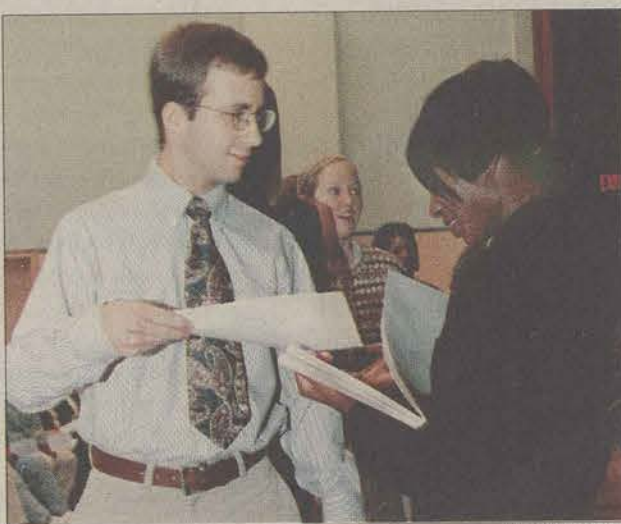
Darin Van Tassell, assistant professor of international studies, Fred Richter, assistant dean of undergraduate affairs, Melanie McClellan interim vice president of student affairs and Lisa Glisson, loan officer of the First National Bank, were the four new honorary members chosen this year.

Current Golden Key members chose the honorary members based on their involvement at GSU and active civic involvement in the Statesboro community.

"We basically have a meeting and ask our members who do you know that is really involved in promoting academic excellence on campus and we get a few names," Hughes said.

Every year two undergraduate scholarship awards are given to outstanding Golden key members who are actively involved in campus activities. This year's recipients were Wesley Adam Sherrod a junior civil engineering major, and Franziska Mangold, a senior international business major.

The only requirements for induction into Golden



Becky Smith

DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS, such as Jason Stringer (above), were honored Monday as they were inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Key are a 3.3 GPA or higher and junior or senior status. However, Patrick Novotny, Golden Key advisor thinks the latter requirement should be altered.

"Many campuses now have something called Silver Key which is an honorary induction for freshmen and sophomores, and we would really like to see that program begin here," Novotny said.

In addition to being an honorary member Van Tassell was also the keynote speaker for the evening. Van Tassell advised inductees to "look at the view," meaning they shouldn't let life pass them by, and they should learn the difference between living and merely existing.

A little help from my friends



Becky Smith

GO TEAM! Gus encourages basketball player Sam Cox at the GSU night at Wal-Mart Tuesday evening. Fans were able to have posters of the players autographed and are pumped for the game against Tennessee Tech Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

GSU expands American Cancer Society Smoke-Out

By Melissa Denby
Staff Writer

This year marks the 23rd Annual Smoke-Out encouraging the 47 million smokers in America to "commit to quit."

The Smoke-Out began in 1971 as a fundraiser by Arthur Mulvaney from Rudolph, Mass. He challenged smokers to quit for one day and donate the money they would have spent smoking to a scholarship fund for high school

students. The concept developed into the first Great American Smoke-Out, held by the American Cancer Society in 1977. Since then, the Smoke-Out has encouraged over 1 million smokers to quit each year. More smokers make the decision to quit smoking during the Smoke-Out than any other time of the year, according to reports.

GSU will span the event over two days, Wednesday and Thursday, rather

than the nationally celebrated day on Thursday.

"The reason we're having a two-day [event] is to create awareness among the GSU community on the hazards of tobacco use," Mary Kay Lamparski, GSU's health educator, said. "We want to promote 'commit to quit' in order to enhance the quality of [the students'] lives."

To kick off the event, the American

Red Cross will present a slide show in the Union Commons explaining the hazards of smoking.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, includes such highlights as free prizes, plus gum and candy to help smokers fight their urge for a cigarette. Literature will be distributed by the Red Cross from 11-2 p.m. both days that explains the purpose of the event.

TOBACCO USE: FACTS AND ACTIONS

- Since 1991, cigarette smoking increased 80 percent among black students, 34 percent among Hispanic students and 28 percent among white students.
- Quitting smoking decreases a person's risk of lung cancer, heart attack, stroke or respiratory illness.
- In 1996, one out of every six deaths in Georgia was attributed to smoking.
- Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States.
- According to a 1998 Georgia Emidemiology Report, smokers who died from smoking-related diseases died an average of 15 years prematurely.

•Information from: Georgia Division of Public Health

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department November 15

•Josephine Jones, 41, of #116 Westview Apts., Sylvania, Ga., was charged with prostitution.

•Shawn Gore, 23, of 229 South Mulberry St., was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and expired tag.

•Moses Muchiri, of Lanier Dr., reported criminal trespass.

•An Eagle's Nest resident reported harassment.

November 14

•Corey Neville, of Watson Hall, reported battery.

•Stacey Singleton, of Eagle Heights, reported criminal trespass.

•A Towne Club resident reported harassment.

November 10

•Tracy Wallace, 30, of 320 Turner St., was

charged with prostitution, sale of cocaine, and sale of cocaine within 1000 ft. of housing project.

•David Meeks, of Varsity Lodge, reported criminal trespass.

•Derrick Johnson, of Varsity Lodge, reported criminal trespass.

GSU Department of Public Safety November 15

•Jeffrey Dashiell, 20, of Towne Club Apts., was charged with being a wanted person by Florida Metro Dade County for a felony probation violation warrant stemming from an

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

armed robbery and aggravated assault.

•Joseph Williams reported four concrete ash trays were missing from various locations on campus.

•A Dorman Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

November 14

•Josiah McDaniel reported two rings and a necklace were taken from his room in Dorman Hall.

November 13

•Kelvin Thomas, 19, of Johnson Hall, was charged with minor in the possession of alcohol.

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.

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 Childrens' Book Week at the University Store. All childrens' 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.

•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 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.comis live website from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Log on

to www.mybytes.com.

November 20

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

November 21

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

November 25

•Be Our Guest for a Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elm Street Church of God on 29 Elm Street. Transportation is available by the church. Call 764-3904 for more information.

December 21

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

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Tobacco company accuses Disney of distorting facts

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES--Cigarette maker Brown & Williamson Tobacco is accusing The Walt Disney Co. of maliciously distorting the truth in a new movie chronicling the struggles of a tobacco industry whistleblower.

In a full-page newspaper ad, Brown & Williamson contends that "The Insider" wrongly suggests that the tobacco company threatened the life of former B&W executive Jeffrey Wigand.

The film, released last week, focuses on Wigand and a battle within CBS over whether to air a "60 Minutes" story about his allegations that tobacco companies manipulated nicotine levels in cigarettes and lied about their addictive power.

The ad in Friday's *Wall Street Journal* was partly an attempt to counter appearances by Wigand and others promoting the movie, Smith said. The other motive was to get the attention of Disney executives, who ignored Brown & Williamson's attempt to get the script changed, he said.

A Disney spokesman said the film was a responsible telling of Wigand's story, and includes a disclaimer saying there is no known connection between Brown & Williamson and the threats against Wigand.

"The film itself never suggests who might

and threatening note in his mailbox.

An FBI agent who was assigned to investigate the incident suggested in a federal affidavit that Wigand very possibly could have placed the bullet in the mailbox with the note himself.

Even so, B&W probably would have a tough time winning a libel action against Disney, legal experts said.

The company would have to prove not only that the events depicted in the film were false, but that Disney knew they were untrue and published them with "reckless disregard for the truth," said Doug Mirell, who teaches law at the University of Southern California.

"It would seem to me that going the step of placing a full-page ad like this in a publication like *The Wall Street Journal* may be telegraphing the point that really what Brown & Williamson Tobacco wants to do is get their side of the story out rather than tie themselves up in a major lawsuit," Mirell said.

"REALLY WHAT BROWN & WILLIAMSON WANTS TO DO IS GET THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY OUT RATHER THAN TIE THEMSELVES UP IN A MAJOR LAWSUIT."

-DOUG MIRELL, LIBERAL LAW PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

have been behind the threats," John Dreyer said.

Brown & Williamson's ire is focused primarily on two scenes. In one, Wigand finds a bullet in his mailbox and a note threatening him and his children.

In the other, he is trailed by a menacing figure.

Wigand actually reported finding a bullet

Police say two college athletes videotaped rape

The Associated Press

TIFFIN, Ohio--A football player and a wrestler at Heidelberg College were arrested and expelled from school after being accused of videotaping themselves raping a woman and then showing other students.

"They were proud of it," said Sarah Smith, an 18-year-old freshman from Canton. "I talked to someone who's seen it. They asked them if they wanted to watch it."

Police recovered the videotape, in which the naked woman seemed to be placed in different positions while unconscious, according to court documents.

"She doesn't remember anything," police Lt. Michelle Craig said Monday.

Nicholas Klingler, 19, of

Circleville, and Nelson Pixler, 18, of Defiance, were charged Friday with three counts of rape.

The alleged attack happened late Wednesday night and into early Thursday morning, detective Ron Green said.

The victim, an 18-year-old Bowling Green State University student, was visiting other friends on campus and didn't know the two men, police said.

"It wasn't date rape," Craig said.

The woman told police that she had been drinking at a party and that she went into a friend's room to sleep.

Students who saw the videotape went to school officials who then called police. The victim told police that she did not consent to any sexual activity.

Police said they were investigating whether any others were involved or knew about the alleged rape, but would not discuss any other details about the case.

School officials at Heidelberg said there is a heightened awareness among the 1,700 students that they must be cautious no matter where they are. Heidelberg is a private liberal arts school in a largely rural part of Ohio 80 miles north of Columbus.

"This is a very tightly knit community," said Heidelberg spokesman Jamie Abel. "Everybody feels somewhat violated."

Klingler, a freshman linebacker on the football team, and Pixler, a freshman wrestler, are barred from campus unless escorted, Abel said.

Students sitting in a courtyard outside the dorm where the alleged attack took place were on edge even though the suspects had been arrested.

"The problem is that it's people we know," said Bethany Drawbridge, an 18-year-old freshman from Columbus. "It's people we hang out with."

"I came here to be safe," she said. "It makes me wonder who you can trust."

Parents mourn 9-year-old daughter who killed herself while imitating movie scene

The Associated Press

PAHOKEE, Fla.--A 9-year-old girl believed to be imitating a scene from the movie "The Man in the Iron Mask" hanged herself with a shoelace in her closet.

Investigators believe Jennifer Wood lost her balance and fell while standing in a closet on a 2-foot-high plastic storage container with a shoestring noose around her neck.

An autopsy was performed Sunday, and the results were expected Monday, investigators said.

The child was found Saturday, hanging by the shoelace from a rod. Kevin Wood, her father, got the second-grader down and tried to revive her, but she was pronounced dead at Glades General Hospital.

Jennifer became captivated by the death of a princess who hangs herself in "The Man in the Iron Mask," a 1998 film rated PG-13,

which stars teen idol Leonardo DiCaprio.

Carmen Wood, the girl's mother, told Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies that she had found her daughter acting out the movie scene twice before.

"Ever since she was 4 years old, she would act out what she saw in movies," Mrs. Wood, 39, said. "She would play parts from 'Anastasia' or 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' But she always knew the difference between pretend and reality. Until now."

The girl came home from school with a cold Friday night, so her mother said she decided to let the girl sleep in while she attended a church bazaar.

Her father was in the home sleeping Saturday morning, his wife said.

"When I came back from the bazaar, Kevin asked me where Jennifer was," she said. "I said

I'd left her here. He assumed she had gone with me."

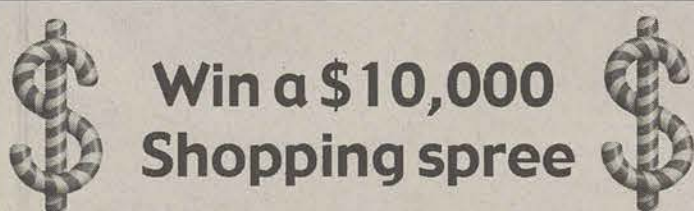
The couple went to Jennifer's bedroom to check on her, and found her body.

The girl's father told detectives he cut Jennifer down and immediately began performing CPR.

The shoestring was drawn so tight around her neck, he said, the skin was burned.

The girl was taken to Glades Central Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

"Even when you have the perfect child, like Jennifer was, you constantly have to pay attention," said Mrs. Wood. "She was not the type of child to do anything like this. Somehow she just went too far."



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1 Arkansas

Man charged with stealing truck with cremated remains

The Associated Press

HARRISON — A man arrested for allegedly stealing a pickup truck that contained the cremated remains of an 86-year-old man said he would have dropped the remains off at a cemetery if he had known they were in the truck.

James Dean Christen, 38, was arrested for shoplifting Wednesday and later charged with theft in the truck incident.

Harrison Detective Staff Sgt. Paul Woodruff said Christen was initially charged with shoplifting for allegedly taking a sack lunch from Edwards Grocery. Further investigation revealed Christen was the suspect Harrison police were looking for in the truck theft.

Woodruff said Christen admitted taking the truck and leaving it in Marion County. Woodruff said Christen said he took the truck because he needed a ride to his relatives' house, where he was staying after his release from prison on other theft convictions.

Woodruff said Christen was unaware the cremated remains were in the truck.

2 Washington

For a couple bucks, students get to clobber computers

The Associated Press

SPOKANE — Gonzaga University students have struck a blow, several, in fact, for everyone who's ever had a bad day on a computer.

For \$1 a swing, students got to strike back at high technology last Friday.

Senior Joseph Muzik found wielding the 6-pound sledgehammer an invigorating pick-me-up after 17-hour all-nighter.

Chips flew as the hammer slammed a retired PC. The sound card shattered. The floppy disk drive was annihilated.

Standing over the mutilated motherboard, Muzik raised his fists in triumph.

"It felt so great. I feel awesome," said the mechanical engineering major from Othello.

The fund-raiser was held by Gonzaga's Society of Women Engineers.

"A month ago, my paper was eaten by a computer," said Dani Hubbs, the environmental engineering ma-

jor who came up with the idea. "I then went to a SWE meeting and I was so mad.

"I said, 'Why don't we just bash computers?' It started out as a joke."

The group's dozen or so members rounded up 16 obsolete PCs from Gonzaga's administration building and a local business, and set up shop.

Term papers disappearing into high-tech limbo was the most common complaint from eager participants, followed by crashing hard drives.

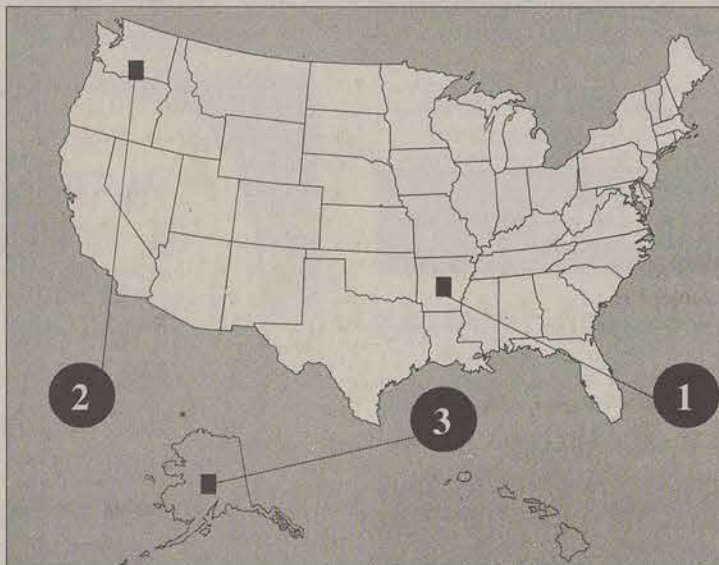
"I'm going to do just one swing, because if you get me going, you may not be able to stop me," said senior Scott Gellner of Spokane.

"They're always crashing, so now I'm crashing them," said senior Andy VanInwegen, a business major from Boise.

A good time was had by all, and the engineers put safety first.

"We did a trial run a week ago to test and see how far things would fly," said junior Laura Schloss from Priest River, Idaho, president of Gonzaga's SWE chapter.

As a result, they roped off a perimeter extending about 20 feet around the smashing platform. No monitors were used, because of the potential hazard posed by their glass screens. And smashers had to wear safety goggles.



3 Alaska

Photo left at scene identifies crime suspects

The Associated Press

VALDEZ — Three Valdez men might have gotten away with the crime they're accused of committing if not for a photograph, according to authorities.

The three men were charged last week with robbing and assaulting a Chistochina man in August on the Glenn Highway. Authorities said they left behind a photo of themselves posing in front of the getaway vehicle.

"It's always nice when the suspects

leave photos behind," said Valdez Police Chief Joe Michaud.

Christian C. McGee, 20; Joshua P. Gonka, 20; and Zachary S. Meyer face up to 40 years in prison if convicted.

Alaska State Troopers said the three were traveling in a rented U-Haul truck to the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival Aug. 6 when they picked up a hitchhiker, Theodore J. Boston, near Glennallen. The three reportedly beat and robbed Boston at Mile 87.5 when they learned he was carrying \$600 in cash.

Trooper Sgt. Dennis Ponder said the men pushed the victim over a 50-foot embankment. Boston was knocked unconscious, but later hitched a ride home.

Undercover agents look for biased cabbie

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some things never change, even if they are illegal.

On the first day of a citywide crackdown on discriminating cabbies, the threat of having their taxis temporarily seized could not compel some drivers to pick up black men.

Friday was going to be the day Marv Harris would achieve the rare feat of catching a cab on the first try. The 41-year-old computer programmer was dressed in a crisp brown suit, tan overcoat and highly polished black wingtips. His skin is chocolate brown.

He spied a cab hurtling down lower Broadway, coming his way. He stepped into the street and raised his right hand. But as the taxi neared within 30 feet, its "off duty" sign switched on and the cabbie changed lanes and sped past.

For a moment, Harris stood hand still raised, frozen like a statue. Then he burst out laughing in incredulity. "So much for my lucky taxi day," he said.

After fifteen minutes and five cabs that passed him but picked up white passengers, he finally got a taxi. "Today," he said, no longer smiling, "is just like any other day."

The first day of "Operation Refusal" nabbed 11 cabbies, including a driver who kicked a woman out of his cab in Manhattan after she asked to go to a Brooklyn hospital. Unluckily for the driver, the woman was an undercover taxi commission inspector.

The crackdown began a week after actor Danny Glover filed a complaint with the Taxi and Limousine Commission after he was passed up by several taxis.

On Friday, Glover said he opposed the city's tactic because it victimizes cab drivers without attacking the underlying racism.

"There should be some sort of constructive engagement between cab drivers and the community, the people they pick up, their clients," Glover said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

In addition to discrimination based on race or gender, officials are targeting drivers who refuse to go to certain locations, usually in low-income minority neighborhoods or areas outside Manhattan.

But for the most part Friday, after several days of loud public warnings from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, drivers were picking up everyone who hailed a cab. The 11 refusals came out of a total of 1,761 checks by undercover police officers and taxi inspectors. Six of the refusals were because of bias, and five were based on destination, according to figures obtained from the New York Police Department.

"The cabs have been taken and summonses have been issued and the drivers have had their licenses to drive cabs suspended," Giuliani said Friday afternoon. "I think the good news in all of this is that in the overwhelming majority of cases, the cab drivers did what they were supposed to do."

Among the cases of alleged discrimination, several black men and a woman with a child, all undercover officers or inspectors, were passed up.

On Friday, some cab drivers complained that enforcing the rules was unfair. "This is not right. But drivers will still find ways to do as they wish," said one driver, who declined to give his name.

One of those ways seemed to be to simply switch on the cab's "off duty" light until the drivers found a fare they deemed acceptable.

While it has always been illegal for cabbies to discriminate, under Operation Refusal, cab drivers who are caught are issued citations, have their hack licenses suspended and their cabs temporarily confiscated.

Rotting food removed from store

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — City officials plan to clean up a big stink on Fort Worth's South Side that began when the owner abandoned a bankrupt grocery store filled with food.

When the owners of Mexia Supermarket shut down their business in July, they left meats, produce and other food items to rot inside the 36,000-square-foot building.

Maggots, rodents and insects infested the store, and the stench grew worse by the day.

"We've got flies and rats and other things living in it," Brian Boerner, director of the city's Environmental Management Department, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's not so much the animals but the potential diseases they carry."

Environmental crews planned to fumigate and disinfect the building this weekend, while on Monday they planned to use front-end loaders to remove rotten food.

City officials said there should be no long-term health risks, but

the short-term suffering has been acute.

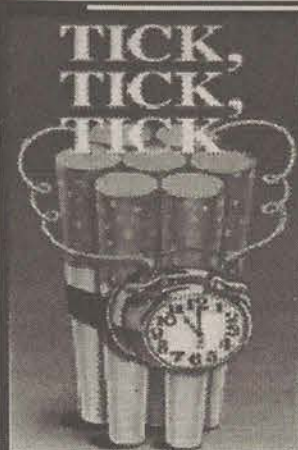
"I got a headache from just walking across the street near it," Mario Valle, who lives near the store, told *The Dallas Morning News*.

The city plans to bill the owners, Advance Investment Corp., for the estimated \$15,000 in cleanup costs.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that Advance owed \$1.14 million to several creditors. But ownership of the building has been in limbo for several months since the operators filed for bankruptcy.

The company could not be reached for comment Saturday, as its telephone number was not listed in Fort Worth.

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Smoke-Out serves a good cause

The Great American Smoke-Out serves a greater cause than just trying to get smokers to kick the habit. It also informs the public of the risks involved with smoking and using tobacco products, as well as the costs incurred by supporting such a habit.

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When the Smoke-Out first began, organizers rallied to collect the money that participating smokers would have spent on tobacco that day and contribute it to a scholarship fund, which is most certainly a much more stable cause.

One must also consider the recent acceptance by Philip Morris of the fact that nicotine, the drug found in tobacco products, is addictive and that smoking is a health hazard. Use of tobacco products is so detrimental that one in every six deaths in Georgia in 1998 could be attributed to smoking.

Quitting smoking may be one of the hardest things that a nicotine addict will do. However, if one truly desires to quit, the help is out there. The Smoke-Out and related events serve, above all, this very important purpose: They remind tobacco users that they are not invincible, and that there are potentially serious risks involved. Also, friends and family will most likely be willing to support such a change.

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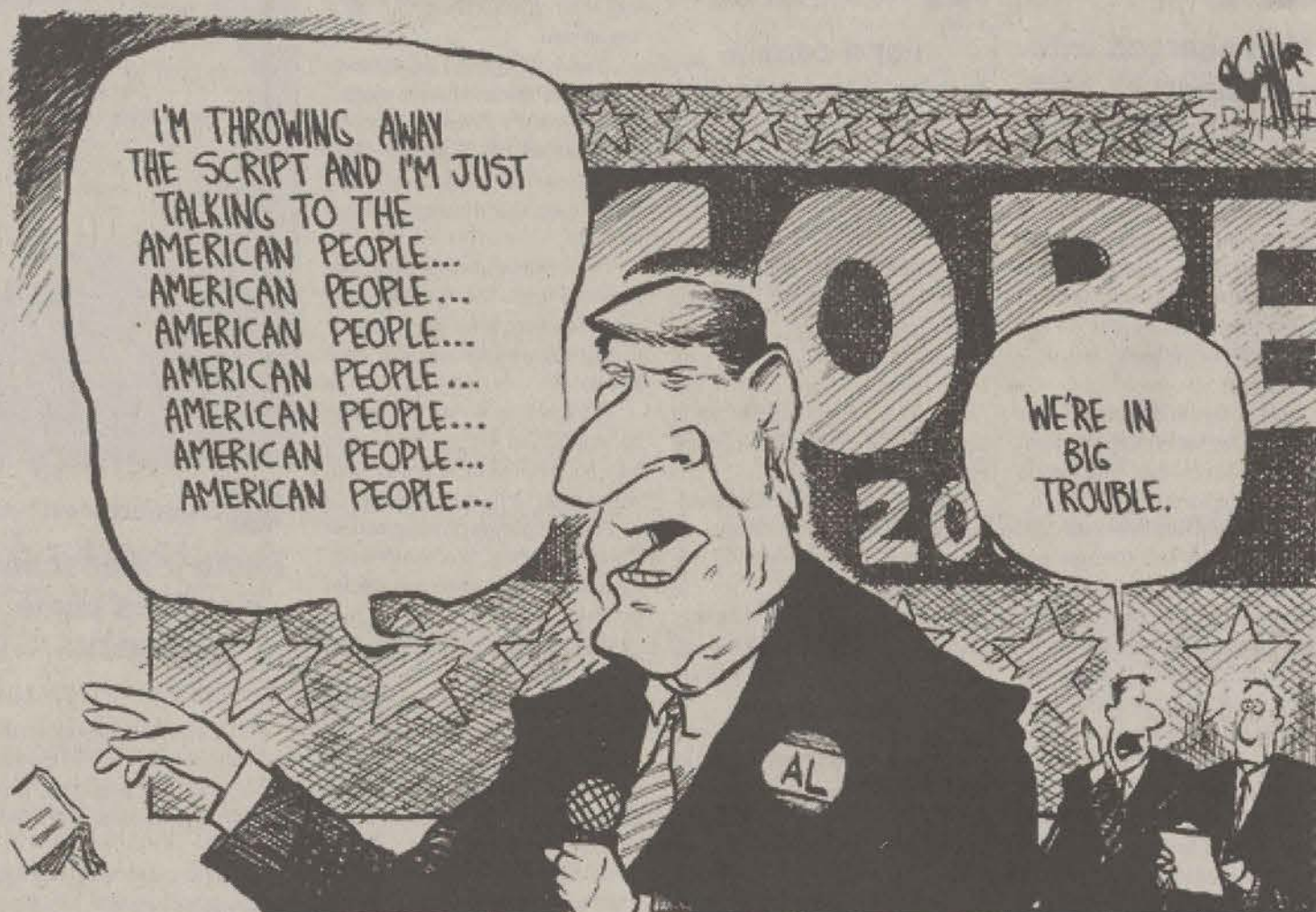
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Falsely alleging rape hurts everyone

My personal opinion is that rape is a crime that is as grievous as murder. It is an extreme act of violence that makes the victim feel less than human.

It objectifies them, makes them feel cheap and filthy. In punishing rapists, I believe that we should be harsh and extreme.

But do you know what's just as bad?

False accusations of rape.

It happens too much. A girl goes to a party, gets royally sloshed and then proceeds to sleep with a guy that she never would have had she been sober. Her friends find out, she needs to save face, boom, all of a sudden, she's screaming rape.

Another scenario is the girl decides to have some fun while her boyfriend is away. She bangs her neighbor or some hapless schmuck, and then her conscience kicks into gear.

She feels bad, tells her boyfriend, but to take the blame off of her hands, what happened? She was raped.

It is crap in its purest form.



CHRIS BRENNAMAN

COLUMNIST

I bet the frats were losing lots of sleep last week. I know I would have if I were in their situation.

I mean, these guys don't have the best reputation in the world to begin

When a man is accused of rape falsely, it is still extremely damaging. He's a marked man. It kills his name, and it kills a part of him. It changes him for the worst.

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with, and now, out of no where, one of there own is an accused rapist. The accuser later recanted the charges, but the damage is already there.

This is not a new statement I'm making, but I think you all forgot it.

Forever more, he will be marred as an accused rapist. It may have been false, but who remembers that? And I'm ashamed of the GSU population, too. Many of you were wanting to pick up the rocks and start stoning the poor man.

God forbid he may not have done a thing. Hell no, you said, let's find out where he is and lynch him.

Those of you guilty of this make me sick. I half expected you to show up on Greek Row with nooses and torches.

I guess here people are guilty until proven innocent.

Good job guys, way to show your ignorance.

Sadly, most girls who get raped never report it. For some reason they choose to let there aggressors go. But even sadder are the girls that are crying wolf.

You children are hurting three people by lying.

You hurt the man you accuse. Like I said, you've destroyed him.

You hurt yourself. From now on, you're the kid who lied to all of us. You're word is worth jack.

And most of all, and what is unforgivable, you hurt the women who are actually raped. How? Because of the liars, we will forever question the validity of the truth tellers.

Was it worth it?

Why is football our most beloved sport?

I love football. I have always enjoyed football to some extent. I watched games with my dad when I was little. My mom always rooted against the team my dad was rooting for. Talk about family bonding.

In high school, I was in marching band and I loved to cheer for the guys even though I didn't really understand what they were doing. Heck, I just liked to scream.

But when I hit college, football became meaningful to me (as did some other sports I might add). I attended all the UGA games when I went to school there, but I still didn't really understand what it all meant. I couldn't tell if by winning the game UGA would be champions or anything.

But then I smartened up and transferred to GSU and I was introduced to the Georgia Southern Eagles. I kept up with all their doings, and now I can explain lots of things to my football-ignorant friends. This year I went to all the home games and most of the away games.

So as I was pondering my obsession with GSU football, I began to ponder the country's obsession with football in general.

Most countries love soccer. They have brawls following matches that



KELLEY MCGONNELL

EDITOR

people have died in. Soccer is a worldwide obsession.

It has only recently caught on here, but I doubt it will ever have the impact football does. Why?

Baseball is supposed to be the

but the obsession just isn't there. I want to know why we love football.

Basketball is less messy; soccer is more fluid; and hockey is more aggressive. Baseball (which is my favorite sport) is more of a team

EVEN AS A FOOTBALL FAN I CANNOT PROPERLY EXPLAIN WHY FOOTBALL IS THE AMERICAN SPORT.

great American past time, but the Super Bowl is more widely watched. Why?

Even as a football fan I cannot properly explain why football is the American sport.

Last year I became very good friends with a Canadian Rotary student who loved hockey. When I think about it, Canada has baseball and hockey teams that compete against American teams. But they have their own football league. Maybe it's a North American thing? Hmmm!

Sure there is a world football league,

sport. Not that football isn't, but if you really think about how many times Greg Maddux has to sit in the dugout hoping John Rocker doesn't blow it, I think you will see my point.

Is it that football teams only play once a week? Maybe. Think about it. In a bad year, fans only have to keep up with 11 games. If you are lucky enough to have a good year it's still only 15 at the most (depending on the division). And for the most part all the games are on Saturdays. Convenient, huh?

I did an informal polling of the

guys in the office, and I don't think they know any better than I do.

One said it's because most football teams have a band playing at the games. But I shot this down with logic. Why do bands play with the football team? Because football is usually the most popular sport. Back to square one.

Another said it is because there is so much scoring and it is so aggressive. Back to my original argument. Basketball has more scoring, and hockey is far more aggressive. In hockey fighting is often legal.

Also if the two teams playing have great defenses (which is the goal), then there isn't a lot of scoring. And six points a touchdown just makes the numbers larger.

So I guess I still have no answer, but I know that there must be one. When people talk about what high school they went to, especially in the south, they talk about how the football team did their senior year. When people are choosing a college, many take the presence or absence of a football team into consideration.

Monday night football is a tradition; women plan Thanksgiving dinner around the games; men don't travel on New Year's Day.

Coincidence? I think not.



Haters only push winners to do everything better

By Chad Brown
Guest Columnist

Who are you?

I'm constantly on your mind. The envy you feel towards me boosts my day up, as I realize that there will always be at least one person preoccupying their thoughts with the thought of me. This envy causes you to have nothing better to do than to speak my name, trying your hardest to run it into the ground, and spread rumors about me just to be heard. You're disgusted at the things I have, skills I possess, and goals I'm achieving. So in order to make yourself feel better, you counterattack — creating tactical actions and turning people against

me in order to bring me down. But it's not working. No matter what you say or do to try to hurt me, you can't.

See, I'm thankful to have someone like you. Your negativity feeds me, and I'm using it to create my own form of positivity, while still continuing to accomplish what you believed to be "impossible." Your dislike for the things I do and the things I have, motivates me to keep accomplishing and keep obtaining the things you desire. And as the smile on my face goes unchanged, you begin to realize that you aren't affecting me.

So who am I? I'm "you": the person who is constantly in someone else's negative thoughts, the person that jealousy and envy follows, and the person you love to hate. I'm the person you can't slow down, the person who took off their "mask" while you kept yours on, and the one you just can't stand.

And who are you? You're my #1 fan: the person who promotes my name, the one who makes it shine, and the one who shares everything you know about me. Thank you for making me stronger with your unique way of motivation.

Employee trashes 7,500 copies of student paper

TMS Campus

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Ohio State University's athletics director Andy Geiger has acknowledged that an employee trashed 7,500 copies of the student newspaper and said his department will reimburse the paper for its losses.

Managers of *The Lantern* said the athletics department indicated the papers' disposal was done by someone in the department who didn't like the newspaper's coverage of this year's football season. The employee wasn't identified. Copies of *The Lantern's* special section on the Buckeyes football team, headlined "First Down," disappeared Oct. 30 after a student

manager left them outside the Ohio Stadium for free distribution. Geiger's acknowledgement confirmed the newspaper staff's suspicions.

Witnesses working the stadium shortly after the newspapers were dropped off told *The Lantern* that they watched a group of young men wearing scarlet jackets load the papers on a cart and wheel them away. Many of the papers, which featured photos of downcast players and scores from the Buckeyes' three losing games, were found in a nearby trash bin, but most were destroyed, newspaper management said.

"I don't condone what happened and don't approve of it," Geiger

told *The Columbus Dispatch*. "We do not destroy newspapers and violate the First Amendment as a regular course. A mistake was made, and during my tenure, I hope it doesn't happen again."

The newspaper said it had to give advertisers about \$2,000 in rebates. The papers that were trashed made up about 15 percent of those printed.

Chris Tribbey, student editor of "First Down," said nothing in the section was meant to show disrespect to the football team.

"Trust me, almost every person who works for this sports section is a fan as well as an objective reporter," he said. "But to cheerlead for this team is not our job."

Columnist, editor clash at Texas newspaper

By Julie Chen
TMS Campus

AUSTIN—The editor-in-chief of the University of Texas' student newspaper fired a conservative columnist earlier this week, causing a stir among the journalism community on the issue of censorship versus an editor's right to hire and fire.

Marc Levin, a first-year law student at the UT School of Law, alleged he was unjustly silenced and is asking the Texas Student Publications Board, which oversees *The Daily Texan*, to order Editor Rob Addy to reinstate him. Levin has become known in Houston and Austin for his activism against affirma-

tive action and most recently for his unsuccessful campaign against Proposition 17, proposed state legislation that would decide who controls a permanent university fund.

Central to the present dispute is Levin's public inquiry into whether Addy, who was among a group of student leaders at a luncheon with UT System Chancellor William Cunningham, had engaged in political lobbying regarding the fund with Cunningham. It is a charge both Addy and Cunningham deny.

That Levin is only a contributing writer and not a regular employee of the newspaper complicates the issue, which has not come up before at the

university.

Levin told a local reporter that as a student who pays fees to the university to, among other things, support *The Daily Texan*, he has "the right to be judged based on my performance, not on a political basis."

"Basically, he was accusing me of accepting some sort of bribe," Addy said, "he was impugning my credibility and the credibility of the paper."

Addy later reimbursed Cunningham for the meal and told Levin so, but Levin never publicly mentioned that when he discussed the luncheon in his campaign against Proposition 17.

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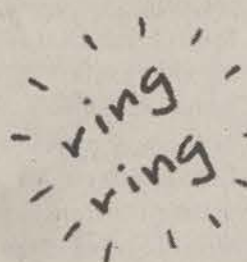
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Catch Eagle Basketball this Weekend

- The GSU men's basketball team will open up their regular season this Saturday at 7 p.m. against Tennessee Tech. The matchup will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse and admission is free to all GSU students.

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GSU awaits Selection Sunday

By John Bryson
Sports Editor

While GSU waits for the results of this weekend's final I-AA regular season games, a few things have become apparent in their quest for a fifth national title.

The stage has now been set for the Eagles to host all three rounds of playoff games preceding the national championship to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn. "Their chances for hosting three games [in the playoffs] are excellent," said Tom McClellan, GSU's director of athletic media relations. "If the NCAA follows the polls, and indications are that they will, we should have the highest seed [2] in our bracket."

Following their 51-14 win at Jacksonville State, the Eagles received word that Troy State, the current number one team, had fallen 24-7 to McNeese State. That loss allowed the Eagles to slide up to number two from their third slot ranking, putting them in position to capture the number

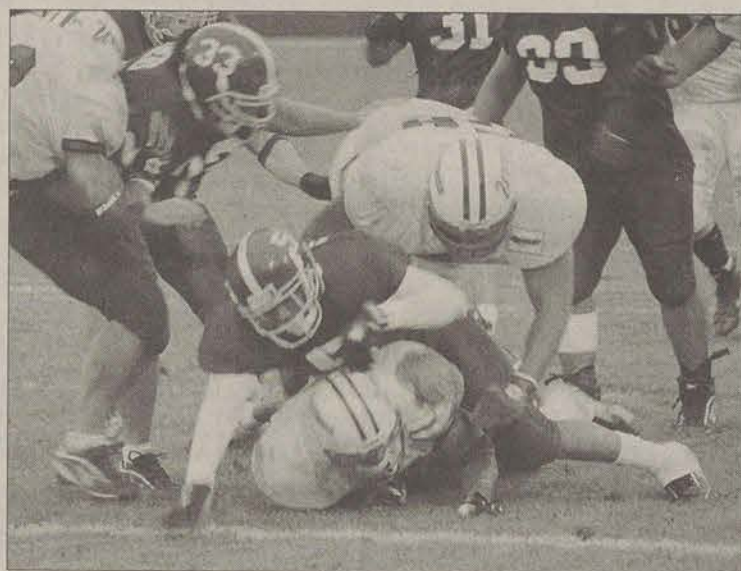
two seed from the NCAA I-AA playoff committee.

Capturing home-field advantage for the Eagles could prove beneficial, as the Eagles are a perfect 20-0 at home in the I-AA playoffs. The past two seasons road games have been their achilles heel in the playoffs, falling 16-7 to Delaware in 1997 and 55-43 to the University of Massachusetts in the I-AA championship game held in Chattanooga, Tenn.

In addition, rumors have begun to circulate about who the Eagles first opponent will be. Although purely speculation at this point, several teams have been mentioned.

"North Carolina A&T, Florida A&M, UMass, Delaware, Elon College and Northern Iowa are distinct possibilities," said McClellan. "It all depends upon the RPI rankings the NCAA has that will determine our opponent."

While the playoffs are certain to generate student excitement, there will be a cost. According to McClellan, those



JUST AROUND THE CORNER: A rematch against Massachusetts in the playoffs is a distinct possibility when the I-AA playoff bracket is released on this coming Sunday at noon.

students wishing to attend the first round tilt will have to present their student ID, and pay a \$5 dollar admission price. Tickets can be purchased at the GSU ticket office in Hanner Fieldhouse starting on Monday. Students can also purchase tickets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the Russell

Union Info desk. One ticket will be sold per GSU ID.

In other news, there has been no change in status for Arkee Thompson, and the cornerback is expected to return to action in the first round. Also, all the injured Eagles who were out against Jacksonville State are expected to return to action as well.

The Sports Network I-AA Top 25

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| 5. Illinois State (9-2) | 18. Northern Iowa (7-3) |
| 6. Troy State (1) (9-1) | 19. Colgate (9-1) |
| 7. Montana (8-2) | 20. Elon College (9-2) |
| 8. Furman (8-2) | 21. Portland State (8-3) |
| 9. Youngstown State (9-2) | 22. Delaware (7-3) |
| 10. Southern (9-1) | 23. Stephen F. Austin (7-3) |
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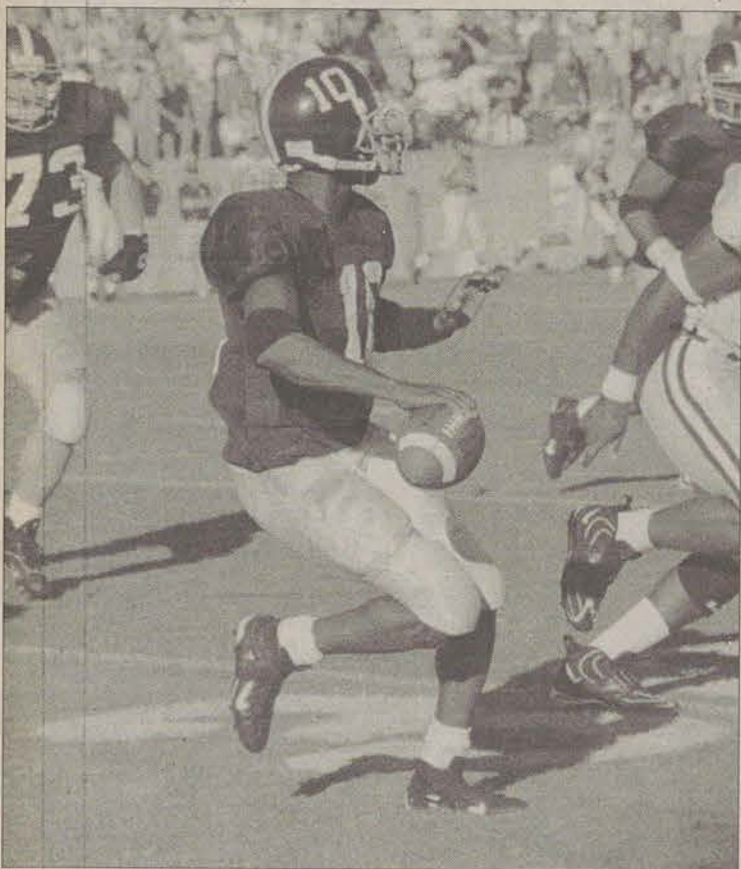
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GSU dominated opponents during regular season

Eagles still have something to prove in their quest for an elusive fifth national championship



THE MAN IN COMMAND: Greg Hill climbed up the record books here at GSU, but one thing still eludes him in his illustrious career: a national championship.

By Doug Kidd
Asst. Sports Editor

After wrapping up the 1999 regular season with last weekend's 51-14 defeat of Jacksonville State, Georgia Southern will take this Saturday off before starting the road towards Chattanooga with a home playoff game November 27th.

After posting a 9-2 record and capturing the team's third consecutive Southern Conference championship, GSU is looking to finish what the 1998 team started: winning the national championship. "We'll be ready [for the playoffs]," said defensive back Lavar Rainey after the Jax St. victory. "We're flying high right now. Our goal is to be the best in the nation. So it's time now to go out there and prove it."

Hopefully for GSU, Rainey and his teammates will go out and prove it, something last year's team almost accomplished with its 14-1 record and national runner-up finish. Although the 1998 squad ended up one game short of its goal, that team set a slew of

GSU team records, especially on offense. Last season's offensive unit produced enough points and yards to lead almost any football program's record book for years. But luckily for GSU, this year's team equaled or bettered many of those marks as well as a few

mark made Hill the first I-AA player ever to do so and only the third ever behind I-A's Bryan Mitchell of Southern Louisiana's and Air Force's Beau Morgan.

Peterson also added to the offense's success this season, picking up where his freshman

tended his I-AA record 26th straight 100-yard rushing performance last week. Peterson is close to the NCAA mark of 31 straight games, held by the only two-time winner of the Heisman trophy, Ohio State's Archie Griffin.

Although GSU has rolled over most of its opponents this season, both on scoring and in yardage, head coach Paul Johnson has been critical of the offense—especially the offensive line. But as with most of the games this season, Johnson was initially critical of the way his offense played last Saturday. "We didn't play as well offensively as we would have liked," said Johnson just before he looked at the stat sheet. "Yeah, I say that and we had 454 yards. But still, we didn't execute, especially in the second half the way we need to."

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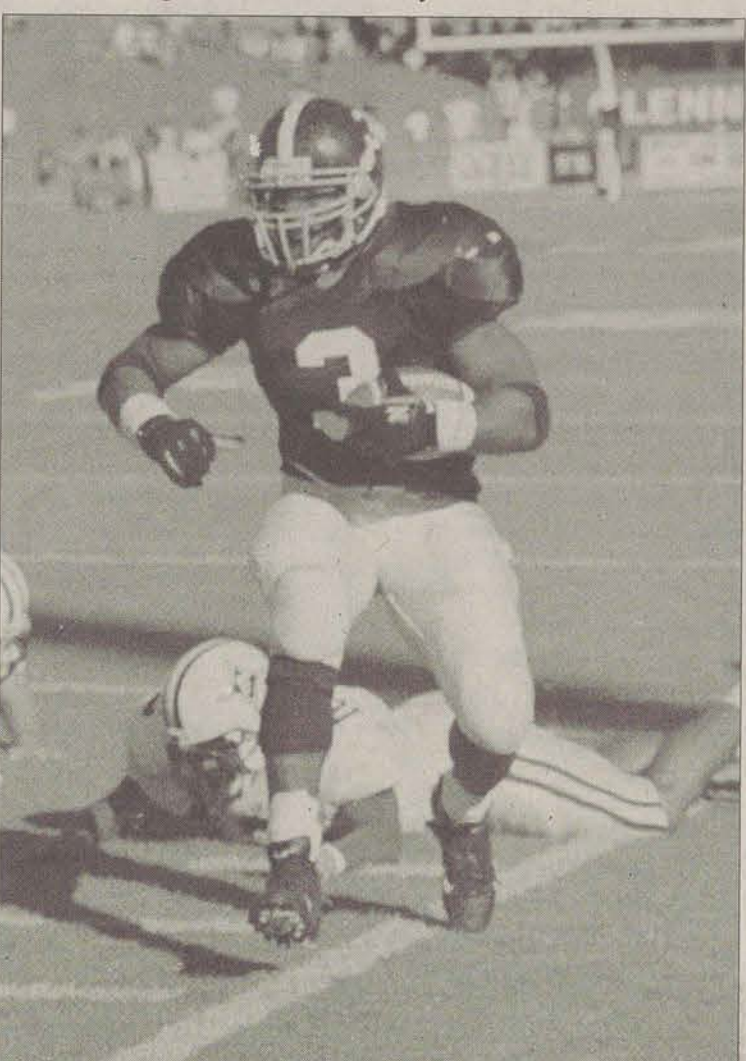
- DEFENSIVE BACK LAVAR RAINEY

other NCAA marks for offense.

With their 51 points scored Saturday, it gave the Eagles a total of 550 points for the season, a 50 ppg average. It also secured GSU the second-highest scoring total of any team in NCAA I-AA history, trailing only the 60.9 mark of the 1984 Mississippi Valley State team that featured future NFL hall-of-famer Jerry Rice. Also being set Saturday by GSU was the I-AA mark for single-season rushing, set last year by Southern Utah at 4,246 yards. The Eagle's triple-option offense ended the 1999 regular season at 4,609 yards, a 419 yard per game average while also securing 205 first downs rushing, a feat that eclipsed the old record of 199 set by The Citadel in 1994. Also amazing about the 1999 offensive season was the record GSU set for fewest punts in a season. Head coach Paul Johnson only sent the punt team in 23 times this year, breaking the previous record of 24 by the 1994 Steve McNair-led Alcorn State squad.

Individually, GSU had great years turned in by quarterback Greg Hill and fullback Adrian Peterson. Hill, continuing his great career at GSU in 1999, ending his regular season career with 3,309 yards rushing and 3,369 passing. The 3,000/3,000

1,807 yards rushing and 29 total touchdowns. The 29 scores were good for a total of 174 points and the I-AA record for single-season scoring. He also ex-

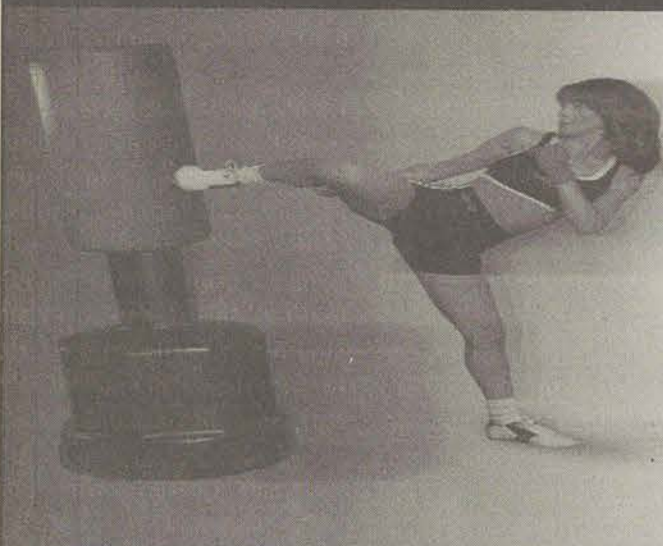


THE A-TRAIN: Sophomore fullback Adrian Peterson finished the season with 29 touchdowns and hopes to bring home the hardware to top off his record-breaking season.

Some 1999 GSU Totals

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Bowden knows 'Noles control their own fate

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State coach Bobby Bowden couldn't ask for a better scenario heading into Saturday's showdown at Florida. He says the Seminoles are playing well and having fun again. Undefeated and top-ranked FSU (10-0) knows exactly where it stands in the national landscape. And, by all accounts, the Gators are struggling offensively.

Sounds like FSU's timing is perfect, right? Bowden, who has suffered his share of heartache in Gainesville, knows better. "I feel like we are going in there under as good a circumstance as we could go in," Bowden said. "Still, you have to go down there and do it. The odds ... of playing in that stadium are not good, and yet the year we won the national championship 1993 we did it."

"You wonder if those are signs. At least we are going in there knowing what to expect and we know what happened the last time we were there. We know no matter what their quarterback situation is, it was the same thing two years ago, when they beat us. "It's in our hands."

FSU needs to win at The Swamp for the first time since '93

to guarantee a second straight trip to the national-championship game. After trailing at one point in each of their previous four victories - and barely escaping, 17-14, at Clemson on Oct. 23 - the Seminoles finally looked deserving of their ranking in Saturday's 49-10 win against Maryland.

Quarterback Chris Weinke threw six touchdown passes - three to Peter Warrick - as FSU

down there struggling," Bowden said Sunday. "Of course they have a lot better athletes than anybody we've played yet. Their athletes are comparable to ours. ... This will be an execution game for both of us, no doubt about it."

Bowden wasn't ready to guess what UF coach Steve Spurrier has planned at quarterback. Jesse Palmer struggled in his first start in 13 months in Saturday's win at South Carolina, replacing Doug Johnson. Johnson, who had started the Gators' previous 15 games, did not play. In UF's 32-29 win over FSU two years ago in "The Swamp," Spurrier rotated Johnson and fellow quarterback Noah Brindise. The two combined for 336 yards. Johnson's 63-yard pass to receiver Jacquez Green set up the Gators' winning score, a four-yard Fred Taylor run with less than two minutes remaining.

"You have to prepare for both of them," Bowden said. "Steve's got his strategy. At least we have a film to study Palmer. What if they hadn't started him? And he hadn't played and all of a sudden he started against us. We wouldn't know what he does good. I don't know what Steve will do on this one. He will keep this one quiet, I am pretty sure."

reached 10 victories for the 13th straight season.

Bowden applauded the offensive line's play, saying it was the best protection he had seen this season. Weinke, who missed last year's Florida game with a fractured neck, was neither sacked nor touched by the Terrapins. He finished with 304 passing yards, marking his sixth career 300-yard passing game.

Bowden is relieved the Seminoles appear to have found their stride. "I wouldn't want to go

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- BOBBY BOWDEN, FSU HEAD COACH

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Kentucky State suspends thirteen players from women's basketball team

TMS Campus

FRANKFURT, Ky. - Kentucky State University has suspended 13 players from its women's basketball team, and school officials are scrambling to find people to join the three players left. Allegations that the athletes either took or accepted stolen merchandise from a local sporting goods store prompted the team suspensions, which school officials say will stand until their investigation of the charges is complete. No criminal charges have been filed against any of the players, but the *Lexington Herald-Leader* reported that a corporate official for Hibbett Sports said they probably would be. A spokesman for the store said that about \$12,000 in merchandise was found miss-

ing over a three-month period. Store investigators focused their attention on an unidentified Kentucky State student, who worked at the store. That student was not a member of the basketball team, but investigators are looking into whether she funneled merchandise to some of her friends who were. University officials said nine players were being investigated for theft, and four others were believed to have received stolen goods. The suspensions have left the team in a lurch, but KSU "fully expects to continue playing this basketball season," said Jacqueline Bingham, a spokeswoman for the university. Coaches are taking another look at players who were cut from the team this year, she added.

Ohio State is loaded

• Scoonie Penn and the Buckeyes aim for final four return

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Since Ohio State's meteoric flight to the Final Four last season, few of the faces have changed but the attitude and expectations sure have.

A year after going 8-22 and matching the school record for losses, the Buckeyes counterpunched with a 27-9 mark and climbed from last to second place in the Big Ten.

The four starters from that tournament run come in supremely confident.

"It's not cockiness," third-year Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said. "There's a big difference. These guys think they can go into some places and win some games. That's a real healthy thing."

The Buckeyes, not even a blip on the screen a year ago, enter Tuesday night's Preseason NIT game against Notre Dame ranked fifth in the AP rankings.

Once again, the guard tandem of Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd lead the way.

Penn, who split last year's Big Ten player of the year awards with Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves, averaged 16.9 points and 4.8 assists a game in his first season in uniform. More than his stats, he was the catalyst of a Buckeye rebirth after an unprecedented five consecutive losing seasons.

A year ago in the preseason, the 5-foot-10 transfer from Boston College

brazenly predicted Ohio State would go to the NCAA tournament. O'Brien looked at him as if he were crazy. This year, he's tempered his swami talk.

"We're going to fight for the Big Ten championship, that's first and foremost," the senior from Salem, Mass., said. "Second, we want to go to the NCAA tournament."

What about a return to the Final Four?

"It can happen, yes," he said minutes after talking to O'Brien about not making another harsh statement. He added, "You can't go out there and make predictions about getting back to the Final Four."

Redd was the Boy Wonder to Penn's Batman, contributing 19.5 points a game while making his occasionally wild shot-selection to fit the team concept favored by O'Brien and his former Boston College teammate, Penn.

Asked what he learned from his first trip to the NCAA tournament, the junior from Columbus said, "Lose one game and you're out of the tournament, that's the thing I got from it. We have to have that same mentality coming into this season. We don't want to lose a game at all. Sure, we're going to lose some. But I'll go with not losing that many."

Quiet and vastly improved 6-11 Ken Johnson anchors the middle. He

put together a monster game in the Buckeyes' 77-74 upset of No. 9 St. John's in the South Regional title game in Knoxville, blocking seven shots and scoring 12 points to go with four rebounds.

Sophomore Brian Brown, who became a starter in the tournament, will share the point guard duties with Penn. George Reese, a 6-7 senior, takes the spot vacated by the graduated Jason Singleton.

Will Dudley, who missed much of last year after surgery on his right foot, backs up Johnson. Freshman Brent Darby, sophomore Doylan Robinson and a pair of natives of Yugoslavia named Slobodan - "Boban" Savovic and "Cobe" Ocockoljic - provide depth off the bench.

O'Brien really notices the difference in mental approach after the tournament run.

"It's not like we're going into games like we were early in the year last year, saying, 'Hopefully, if we play well and maybe get lucky, at the end we can get this one,'" he said. "These guys are going into games thinking we have a good team and we have a chance to win all the games that we play this year."

And yet, O'Brien stressed, "They don't walk around telling everybody how good they are. They don't walk around with a swagger."

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BSA plans for the future

By Jerel Watkins
Staff Writer

The Black Student Alliance was established in 1978 at GSU by historically black Greek fraternities at a time when there was not a coalition of black student groups existing.

One of its early advisors was Lane Van Tassel, the current dean of graduate studies and social vice president of academic affairs. Randy Gunter, a past BSA adviser and current director of the Educational Opportunities Program, said that Van Tassel worked with the BSA when there was no black faculty on the GSU campus.

In the late 1980s the charter was renewed to extend membership to individuals as well as student organizations.

BSA does not claim to deal with only black concerns. According to Francys Johnson, president of BSA, this is the group's primary goal. But he says that the BSA will come to the aid of any group that feels it has been unfairly treated by any organization, group or institution.

Johnson tries to enforce a more humanistic approach to the BSA. He credited "servant leadership" as his inspiration for running for the presidency and said "you have to be a servant before you step forward to lead." He gave his main goals for the BSA during his term in office:

1) Redefine the image of "black beauty"—Johnson described blacks as currently tending to associate black heritage and pride with "afros, FUBU gear, or anything external." He said that he has experienced social exclusion among blacks for not speaking a certain way or listening to rap music and that he is "tired of blacks being defined by show and dance." He said that he wishes to stress the more academic capabilities of blacks as a group.

2) Combat racism on all sides—"Our hearts remain segregated" Johnson said and calls this "the worst kind of racism."

3) Bridging the gap between veteran members and past goals and new members and different goals. According to Johnson, black leadership is more difficult position to manage because "the conflict is no longer external. We have the opportunities." He added that with more doors open for blacks than when the BSA originated, the organization has become more open to all ethnicities and takes on a view of cultural relativism, that all cultures are to be appreciated.

Gunter said that BSA has become more "inclusive" and "sensitive to the needs of all students."

In the past, BSA has put on talent shows and student forums. Members have also participated in the Statesboro battered women's shelter, Stop Police Brutality Day prayer vigil and community service projects involving children in high-risk crime neighborhoods.

BSA will be hosting its 4th Annual Hoop Jam: 5-on-5 basketball tournament this upcoming Friday and Saturday.

BSA will also be planning a millennium party in December.

-Bryant Smalley contributed to this article.



Sam Siegal

Lawrence, played by Michael Abbot, and his "lady caller," played by Julie Jackson, discuss "String Bean," a prized swizzle stick of Lawrence's collection.

'Showcase' satirizes drama with wit and humor

By Sam Siegal
A&E Editor

"Showcase," the pair of one-act plays being put on by Georgia Southern's Theater and Performance, is hilarious. Both comedies are satires of drama itself; they couldn't be more original or funny.

The first one-act, "For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls," is a spoof on William's "Glass Menagerie" involving Amanda, the pushy southern mother who wants to marry off her son Lawrence, who is a self-proclaimed and undiagnosed cripple.

This act illustrates a very backward and hateful family that are a great deal of fun to watch. It is worth going just to see Lawrence, played by Michael Abbott, come out on stage dressed in his flannel jammies and Daffy Duck slippers and feebly play with his cocktail stirrers.

The other show, "The Actor's Nightmare," is a great show consisting of George Spelvin (at least he thinks that



Sam Siegal

Amanda, played by Tiffany Domingos, scolds her son Lawrence for his love of swizzle sticks in the one act "For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls."

is who he is) being put onto a stage in the middle of a set of plays that he doesn't know.

He has to play in "Hamlet," "The Coward," "A Man for All Seasons," and several others. All of the spectators were on the floor laughing, especially when George faces the executioner who isn't just acting, played by Stefan Harnois.

The show was wonderful; whether you understand the subtleties of the satire or not, the topics are great and extremely funny.

If you would like to see the show, it will be playing tonight and tomorrow in the Communication Arts Building, room 1001 at 8 p.m. Student admission is \$2; faculty admission is \$4 and everyone else pays \$6.

Please have a safe Thanksgiving.

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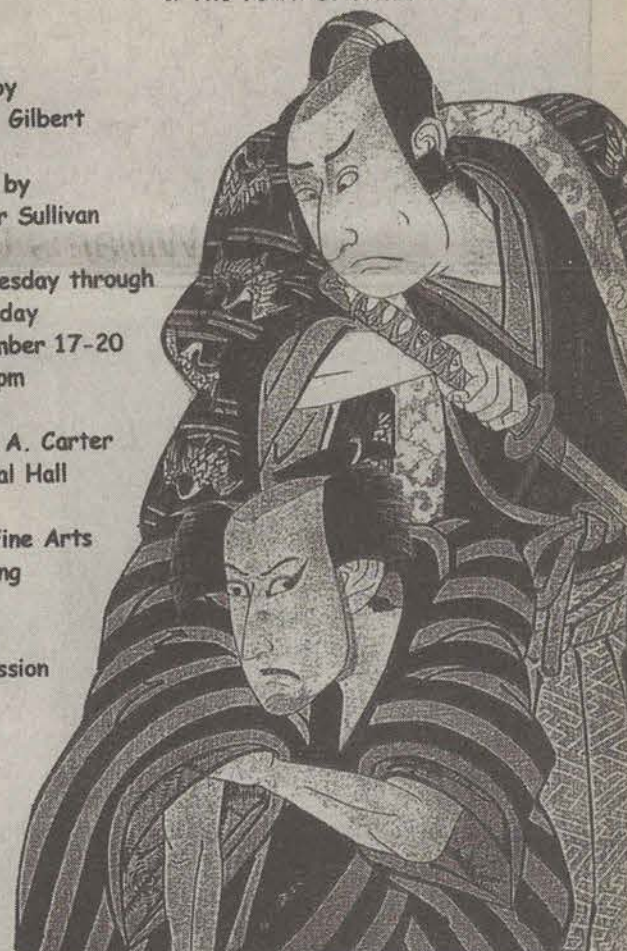
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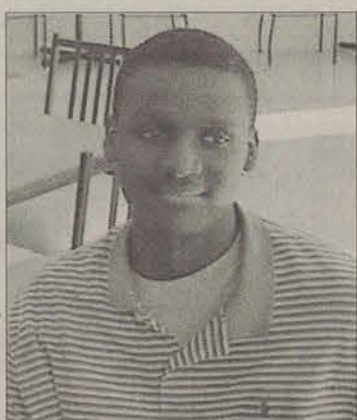
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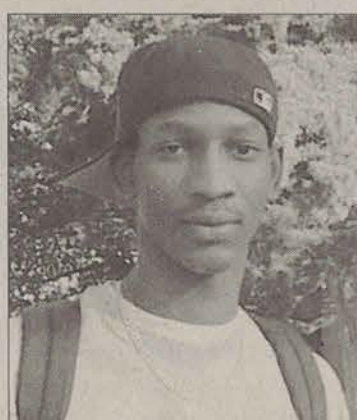
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"Yes. When I come out of philosophy class, I'm stressed. It relaxes me."
Keith Williams
junior, logistics major

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Thank you for reading The George-Anne.
Look for our next edition on Wed., Dec. 1.

BREAKDOWN

Who ran over the Rattlesnake?

By Michael Russo
Staff Writer

On November 14, 1999, Stone Cold Steve Austin was mysteriously run down by a car hours before his title shot at the Survivor Series. At first it looked as if DX was the guilty party, but the following night on RAW, it became more evident that DX wasn't the only one with a motive.

We all know how much the WWF title means to Triple H. The former two-time WWF Champion claims that that belt means more to him than anyone in Federation history. Keeping in mind that Triple H is one of the most ruthless individuals in the game today, do you think Triple H would be willing to commit a hit and run in order to keep his most prized possession? Before you answer this question, keep in mind that it was only three months ago that Triple H tried to cripple Austin with a sledgehammer. Any man that would try to cripple another, most certainly has the mentality to run a man down.

The Chairman of the World

Wrestling Federation could most certainly be guilty as well. Vince McMahon spent over a year plotting, planning, and using his corporate power to keep Austin away from the WWF Title. Now, even though time has passed and McMahon seems to be Austin's ally, that may or may not necessarily be the case. McMahon's life was hell when he admitted to Austin that he was going to do everything in his power to keep him away from the WWF Title. Why would McMahon go through that again? Why not take a different approach? It is most certainly my belief that any man who would use his daughter as a pawn in a sick and twisted game to get to Austin has the mentality to be behind such a demented plan.

Who's the man we all would least expect to run another man down? The Rock. As RAW revealed, it was the Rock's car that was used in the hit and run on Sunday. Now, even though The Rock said he reported the car stolen, does that put the most electrifying man in Sports Entertainment in the clear? Hardly. The

Rock has been out of the WWF Championship picture for quite some time now.

And with WrestleMania 2000 around the corner, it could be that The Rock is feeling somewhat desperate. And as the old expression goes, "desperate people do desperate things." It is also quite possible that The Rock decided to eliminate Austin from the title picture to better his chances at the Survivor Series thinking that he would go one on one with Triple H, a man he's beaten before as opposed to Austin whom he has not defeated.

Furthermore it is probable that up until this past Monday, The Rock was able to hide his anger; that is until he lost to the Bossman in a match set up to determine a number one contender. It was at this point that The Rock lashed out. The Brahma Bull repeatedly hammered away on the skulls of Prince Albert and the Cobb County native. What we all witnessed was a vicious mean streak within The Rock that many of us didn't know existed. Could someone like that hit another man with a car? You decide.

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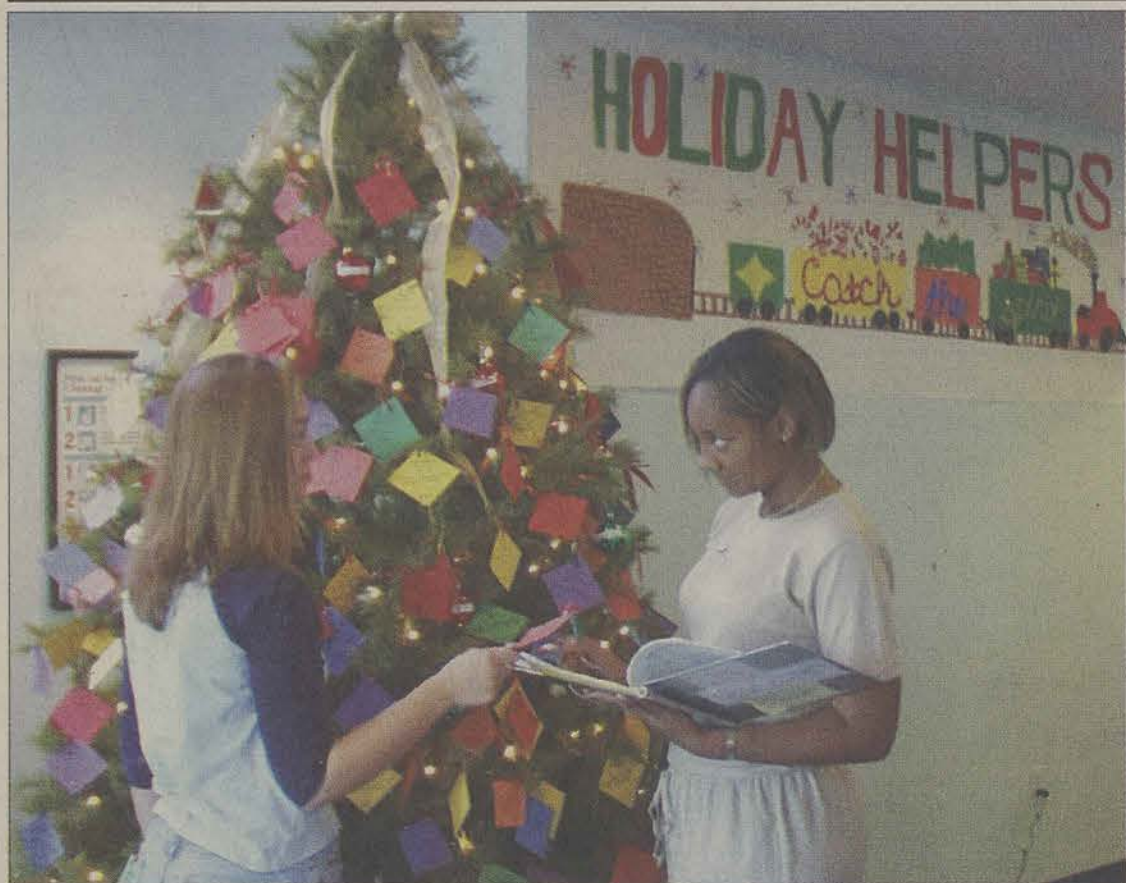
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REACHING OUT TO OTHERS: Lindsey Etheridge and Miranda Brock volunteer by handing out ornaments. The ornaments contain the names of individuals and families needing gifts for the holidays.

GSU reaches out with Holiday Helpers

By Jeremy Nix
Staff Writer

"It is better to give than to receive." That is a statement that everyone has heard over the years. For GSU students, this holiday season could be the time to put those words into practice.

For six years, GSU's Holiday Helpers program has spread good cheer to needy families throughout the Statesboro community.

This volunteer project was begun by faculty members Victoria Futch and Eileen Sconyers.

"We wanted to create a big project to reach needy individuals," Sconyers said. "We felt this would be a good thing to do to help the community and strengthen the bond between the GSU community and the Bulloch county community."

The decorated tree in Lakeside Café is the center point of Holiday Helpers. This year, the tree has nearly 1,000 hanging tags that represent individuals and families that need gifts for the holiday season. Those receiving the gifts must be a part of an agency to register.

The donors are given recognition for their efforts.

"A glass ornament featuring the donor's name is hung on the tree to express our thanks for their hard work," Sconyers said.

The volunteers do not have to buy gifts to participate.

"We have many positions available for everyone," Sconyers said. "We need people to sit by the tree during the day, sort the gifts, and deliver the presents to their designated places."

Derrick Etheridge, a GSU senior, said he enjoys volunteering his time to help

others.

"I feel really good about myself after helping with Holiday Helpers," he said.

"It makes me feel good to know that I have helped make some one's holiday a little brighter."

"Holiday Helpers will end on December 3," Sconyers said. "But there will still be much holiday work to be done."

Any student, faculty, or organization interested in helping should contact Eileen Sconyers at 681-5443 or in the Newton Building, 1118. You can be a part of what Sconyers calls, "A community helping a community."



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1999 NIRSA college soccer sport club champs to be held at GSU

By Justin Johnson
Assistant Features Editor

CRI will be hosting the NIRSA collegiate soccer sport club championships Nov. 18-20 as it kicks off the games for the third annual year.

The event will allow club teams to play soccer at a higher level of competition as well as the chance to compete with other teams on a national level.

NIRSA is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the establishment and development of quality recreational sports programs and services, and will be assisting the championships in conjunction with CRI.

Over 60 men's and women's club soccer teams from all across the United States will be participating in the 1999 National Intramural Recreational Sports Association here at GSU, making it one of the largest competitions

NIRSA college soccer sport club championship schedule

Thursday, November 18
8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 19
8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 20
1 p.m.

that CRI holds.

The games will be held at M.C. Anderson Park at the RAC and the playoffs will be Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The playoffs will continue Friday, from 8

a.m. to 8:30 p.m. as well and will conclude after the final game of the day.

The championship games will be held on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

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