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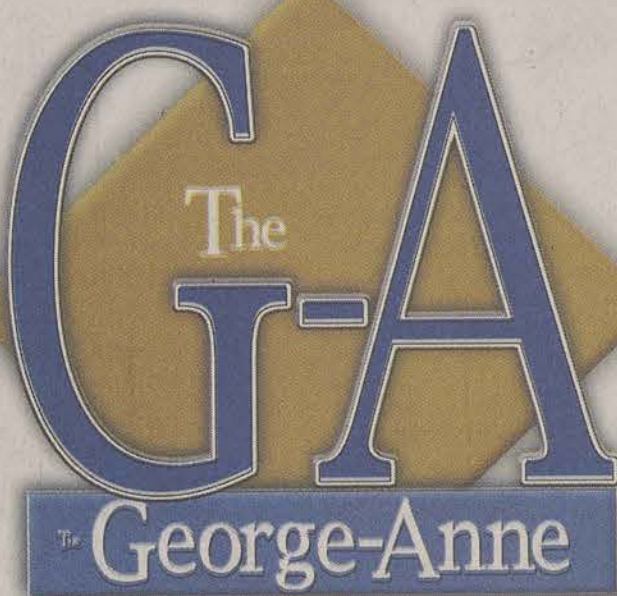
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SPORTS

Peterson shreds multiple records Saturday

With 333 yards, Peterson not only broke a GSU record, but an NCAA record.

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LIFE

Charity pageant helps the handicapped

In the first PUSH pageant since 1996, GSU crowned Miss. PUSH America Thursday night.

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Revenge is a dish best served in OUR HOUSE

By Doug Kidd
Asst. Sports Editor

"[It's been] 351 days that we've lived with [the championship game loss]. I know exactly how long it's been," said Georgia Southern head coach Paul Johnson at the post-game press conference after Saturday's 38-21 victory over the University of Massachusetts.

After last year's disastrous 55-43 title game against the Minutemen that ruined GSU's bid for an undefeated championship season, the Eagles had been wondering for the last year whether the game in Chattanooga was lost because of their numerous mistakes or because UMass was the better team. On Saturday, GSU proved that they were indeed the better team, rushing for 470 yards, including a I-AA playoff record 333 by Adrian Peterson, while holding UMass to just 81 yards rushing.

"You have to be at your best to beat [GSU] at their place down here," said Minutemen coach Mark Whipple. "We knew their record here and the one advantage that I thought we had coming in was that we weren't afraid or fearful. We had a lot of confidence, and our kids were prepared. But we weren't at our best today, they were better than us."

After Massachusetts defeated SoCon member Furman in overtime last week in the first round of the I-AA playoff, there were some quotes printed by the Boston media that didn't sit too well with the GSU staff. "There was a lot of hype coming into the game and a lot of talk. I think that anytime when the other side talks as much as they talked, it gives you a little more incentive to play a little harder. I think that they were trying to convince themselves they could win or something," said Johnson. "I told our guys that no-



Sarah Trucksis

WHO OWNS THE SOUTH? Apparently not UMass as the Eagles, led by fullback Adrian Peterson's record-setting 333-yard, 5-touchdown performance, rolled to a 38-21 victory over the Minutemen in an exciting clash of the titans on Saturday.

body has ever won a football game talking, that you have to go out on the field and win it. And I'm proud of our guys for going out and winning the game."

The game was a defensive struggle in the first half, as the Eagles held a slim 10-7 lead going into halftime.

GSU got on the board first as UMass quarterback Todd Bankhead was tripped up by his own offensive line and fell in the endzone for a safety. From there, the teams traded touchdowns from their own Payton award finalists, as UMass's Marcel Shipp scored on a two-yard plunge and

GSU's Adrian Peterson answered late in the first half with a three yard run. Peterson then ran the two point conversion in for GSU's three point half-time margin.

"Our defense did a great job of keeping the score close in the first half," said Johnson. UMass's

Bankhead agreed: "[GSU's] defense came up big when they had to." The all-time UMass passing leader was the only offensive option working for the Minutemen, as he completed 21 of 33 passes for 316 yards and a touchdown. Shipp, despite scoring two touchdowns,

was frustrated the entire day, needing 28 attempts to gain 104 yards.

"They're certainly better on defense [compared to last year]," said Whipple. "I don't think there's any question about that. Watching the [game] tapes and everything else, we said we were going to have to play our best game coming in here and even that might not be enough. And we didn't. [but] credit to Georgia Southern because they took some things away from our gameplan and did a good job."

The passing game struggled for GSU all day, with quarterback Greg Hill completing only one pass for six yards, and in fact was the leading receiver with a 24 yard reception from Chris Johnson on a trick play in the fourth quarter. But the running attack answered. Adrian Peterson responded with the best rushing total in I-AA playoff history, gaining 333 yards on 32 carries and a school record-tying five rushing touchdowns.

"I thought [Eagle QB Greg] Hill was the best player in the country coming in," said Whipple. "But if I had a vote, I would go the other way today [with Peterson]. [Peterson] was the player of the game. He was fantastic."

"[Peterson's] a great back, he just kept on running hard," said Minutemen senior linebacker Matt Dawson. "He's real strong, broke a lot of tackles...he's a great back. He pretty much ran all over us."

Peterson broke the game open in the second half with three touchdown runs of 25 yards and another for nine yards, all while being bothered with a chest cold. "I think he was as disappointed last year [with the championship game loss] as anybody. He's always ready to play but I think he was even a notch higher today. You could tell he was ready to go," said Coach Johnson. "There's no words to describe him. If he's not the best player in I-AA football..."

Legends co-owner banned from county

By Vanessa Keber
News Editor

Eugene Reagan "Trey" Britt, co-owner of Legends Bar and Grill, was banished from Bulloch County for the entire length of his probationary period, according to published reports. This following his guilty plea for burglary in a Bulloch County Superior Court hearing that took place Thursday, according to reports. The sentence included 10 years, of which 180-240 days will be served in jail, and the rest probation.

Also included in the sentence were \$7,500 in fines plus fees, according to reports.

If Britt is found to be in

Bulloch county at any time while carrying out this sentence, he will be arrested, Sgt. Wendell Bunch of the GSU Police Department said.

"If he is found in Bulloch county at any time he is arrested and put in jail," Bunch said. "Then he would face another charge—violation of sentencing—and would go to court again."

Trey Britt declined to comment on the situation.

Britt and the three other men involved (William David Powell, Rocky Nelson Duncan Jr. and Eric Franklin Squires) were all sentenced in the hearing, according to published reports.

Burglaries victimize students over break

By Shawntineal Hughes
Assistant News Editor

Police reports show that there were six reported cases of burglary within two days. Four of these burglaries occurred in Campus Courtyard.

The shocking evidence linking all of the Campus Courtyard burglaries is that there was no forced entry, according to Officer David Heaton who responded to the calls. There was a suggestion that it was an inside job and a master key could have been used.

Everything was still in place, other than the stolen goods, and there were no finger prints," Webster said. "The police officer said that everything had been ripped off."

Two of the victims had their apartments rekeyed. One is trying to have his apartment rekeyed as soon as possible.

"Be careful, be cautious of everything, especially your keys, because they can easily be duplicated," Cameron Turner, one of the

victims, said.

Turner had a desktop computer, jewelry, four hard-back books, one notebook, one bookbag, a TI-83 calculator and a suitcase stolen, according to reports.

"BE CAREFUL, BE CAUTIOUS OF EVERYTHING, ESPECIALLY YOUR KEYS, BECAUSE THEY CAN EASILY BE DUPLICATED,"

— CAMERON TURNER, VICTIM

GSU junior Lisa Hermus had her trunk stolen, which officials believe was used to place the majority of the stolen items in.

Detective James Winskey of the Statesboro Police Department said that burglaries occur

all the time during holiday breaks.

According to Turner, the detective advises students take anything valuable home over breaks, even if they are short breaks. He said that you cannot trust anyone including apartment management, friends or maintenance.

GSU freshmen Cara Webster, Christin Smith and Beth Chavis are three roommates who also live in Campus Courtyard and had items missing. A computer, VCR, math book, TI-83 calculator, bookbag and jewelry was taken from their apartment.

They said that detective Winskey also gave them advice.

"He told us that if we cannot take our belongings home with us over the breaks, at least try to hide them," Webster said.

Nathan Scott, GSU freshman, had a Sony play station, a stereo and many of his play station games stolen from his Campus Courtyard apartment, according to reports.

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POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department December 5

•Phillip Daughtry, 27, of 144 Bay Branch Rd. P.O. Box 1942, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with driving on a suspended license, headlights required, and expired tag.

•Ralph Rogers, 26, of 506 Wild Turkey Dr., Savannah, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jerome Brown Jr., 27, of 9 Jester Ct., Savannah, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Richard Smith, 18, of 840 Spring Valley Dr., Cumming, Ga., was obstruction of police officer, giving false information, and underage possession of alcohol.

•Erica Rivers, of Dublin, Ga., reported entered auto.

•Patricia Arford, of University Point, reported burglary.

December 4

•Samuel Preve, 23, of 311 Lindy Ln. Lots, was charged with duty to move when requested to do so.

•Derek Patrick, 21, of 7673 Old River Rd., was charged with duty to move when requested to do so.

•Cindy Smith, of Dover Rd., reported robbery by sudden snatch.

•Nikki Brinson, of Player's Club, reported criminal trespass.

December 3

•James Moody, 20, of #2 Orange St., was charged with forgery.

•John Royals III, 25, of Rt 1 Box 405, Portal, Ga., was charged with driving on a suspended license.

•Kevin Mercer, 21, of P.O. Box 7621, was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Jasper Phillips, 20, of P.O. Box 394, Reidsville, Ga., was charged with DUI and speeding.

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

This Week's Weather



Today

Partly cloudy with a high of 74 and a low of 48.



Tuesday

Partly cloudy with a high of 66 and a low of 55.

Registrar's office addresses students' Y2K concerns

By William Sundquist
Guest Writer

The Registrar's Office has just purchased a computer program that will be used to conduct a major Year 2000 (Y2K) test on their computer systems, said Jill Ewing, the Assistant Registrar in charge of the Y2K computer upgrade for the Registrar's Office.

Students should not worry about the Registrar's Office computers losing their spring semester 2000 classes as a result of the Year 2000 computer problem, Ewing said.

"We have gone through several processes to make sure our computer systems are Y2K compliant, and as far as we know, the computers are fine," Ewing said.

This should spell relief for the stu-

dents who are worried about possibly not getting a class they previously registered for this spring if the computers crash and lose their records.

"We [the Registrar's Office] are even going to produce a mass printout of all the students' registration records to ensure that the students will get the class they registered for," Ewing said.

But some students are not too confident about what will happen. Anna Ippolito, a third year transfer student, said that she is not sure what will happen to those computers in the Registrar's Office and does have some concern about the potential computer problems.

While some students are unsure, others are not worried about anything happening to the computers in the Registrar's Office or their spring semester classes for

2000 because they will keep a copy of everything to ensure that they get the proper classes.

"No, I am not worried," said Geri Turner, a senior marketing major graduating this spring. "I will keep a copy of my schedule like I always do and I know everything will be all right."

Georgia Southern's computers, like computers all over the world, might experience technical problems because of Y2K. The problem occurs in older computers that are programmed to read only the last two digits of the year. Therefore, this New Year's Eve, when the date rolls over to 2000 the computers could possibly only recognize the '00 and think it is 1900. If this happens it would result in the loss of all the information stored in the computer's memory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•The Center for African Studies welcomes applications from students who would like to participate in the Model OAU 2000 hosted by Howard University in Washington, D.C. Students who are interested are required to register for either AAST 3030 or AAST 4630 by Dec. 8. For more information call 681-5387 or come by the Center in the Forest Dr. building Room 116.

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

•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.

December 7

•Math 0097 Review, Part I by Beth Burke at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1001.

•Math 0099 Review, Part I by Bobby Sparks at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1002.

•Math 1111 Review, Part I by Lisa Yocco at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1003.

December 8

•Math 0097 Review, Part I by Keith Bars at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1001.

•Math 0099 Review, Part I by Marlow Lemons at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1002.

•Math 1111 Review, Part I by Bobby Sparks at 5 p.m. in the North Room 1003.

December 21

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

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

Changes in the making for 'Playas Ball'

By Satchel B. Jester
Guest Writer

To change the aura of the annual "Playas Ball" from unwanted to welcomed, students, officers and members of several African-American organizations including the Black Student Alliance, NAACP and the Dyerzion Dance Team are meeting to plan activities for this year's "Playas Ball."

The event, which takes place in the spring, is marked by 2,000 or more African-American students who come to Statesboro for the three-day event.

The main goals of the executive planning committee for the event are to satisfy both Bulloch County officials and the thousands of party-goers that will attend the celebration by mixing levels of safety with levels of freedom, committee members said.

"We are anxiously planning activities to send this year's 'Playas Ball' over the top of all African-American events at GSU this year," Aubree Ragin, BSA Program Coordinator, said.

Plans that are being discussed for this year's event include heightened security at the events, as well as a "ticket system" in which party-goers will have to purchase advance tickets for activities. This will help planners zero in on the number of

students that will be participating in the festivities so the proper amount of security is on-hand, committee members said. This will preserve a sense of safety and security for both party-goers and Statesboro citizens, committee members said.

Party-goers that come in from out-of-town will be allowed to purchase tickets at events by showing a valid college ID from their school.

Some African-American students on campus, including student members of BSA, argue that planning "Playas Ball" activities will take away from the entire purpose behind the event, which they believe is to have a weekend of spontaneous, no holds-barred partying. However, some African-American students argue that having planned activities will make the celebration more enjoyable.

"I enjoy it ['Playas Ball'] a lot," senior education major Kiana Littleton said. "We just need more planned activities so that everyone will be able to have fun and stay out of trouble."

In the past, the three-day event has only included about one or two organized events for attendees to participate in.

Tentative plans for this year's event include a unity concert, a midnight pool party and a Greek picnic, the committee said.

-Satchel B. Jester is a member of the planning committee for this spring's "Playas Ball."

GSU volunteers aid Red Cross blood drive

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The spirit of giving was strong among Georgia Southern students as they helped make the American Red Cross blood drive last Wednesday a success, with 114 students showing up; 98 of them able to give blood.

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Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Sigma and Public Relations Student Society of America, the six-hour drive had a steady flow of students and some faculty and staff, many of which were first-time donors.

The campus and the community has increased the number of pints of blood donated from 1,700 four years ago to almost 3,000 this year so far. Because of this, the Statesboro division of the Red Cross is reliant on the students at GSU for a portion of the blood they receive, Mims Monroe, co-chairman of blood drives for the American Red Cross in Statesboro, said.

"The students are very important, very cooperative and enthusiastic," Monroe said. "I'm impressed with the attitude of the young people. Seldom do we not

meet our goal."

Monroe went on to say that the need for donors is especially important around the holiday season because of the increased number of accidents and emergencies.

Along with students, community volunteers, including Kathryn Grube, wife of GSU President Bruce Grube, helped out. Participating in her second blood drive, Grube said she just recently joined the Red Cross.

"Volunteering in general is something that everyone should do," Grube said. "The Red Cross, in particular, is an easy cost-free way for people to help others. Turnout has been great, especially with first-time donors. We're hoping once the fear has passed, they'll come back and be lifetime donors."

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UMass coach suspends self for one game

The Associated Press

AMHERST—Massachusetts basketball coach Bruiser Flint can be a tough disciplinarian—even with himself.

Flint said Wednesday he has suspended himself for one game for using profanity on his post-game radio show after the Minutemen lost to Marshall 65-55 on Monday night.

"I always tell my players that when they do something wrong, there is a price to pay," he said. "Obviously, my language on the radio the other night was inappropriate."

Flint and UMass athletic director Bob Marcum met and agreed that Flint would sit out Thursday night's game against Boston University. Associate coach Geoff Arnold will coach the team.

"Coach Flint initiated a meeting in which he admitted a mistake and apologized," Marcum said. "... From this point, we move on."

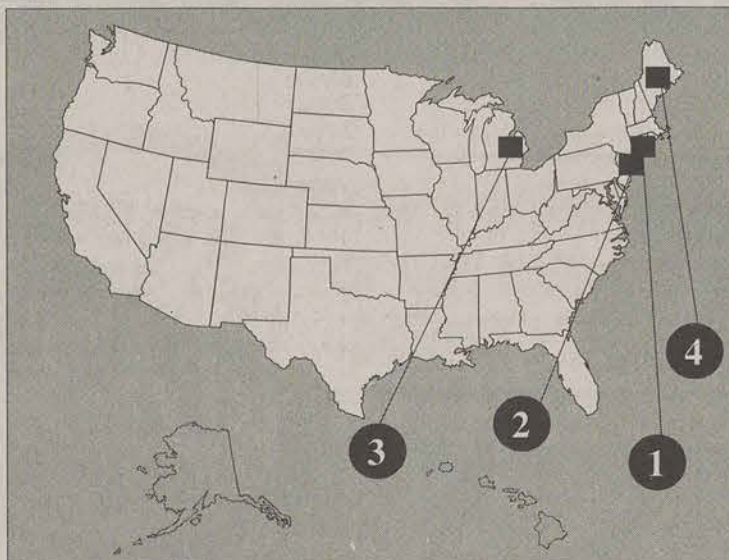
2 Connecticut

Boy calls 911 after being locked in store during theft

The Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT—A 9-year-old boy who hid inside a store to steal dozens of packs of highly prized Pokemon cards called 911 when he found he had no way to escape, police said.

"I've heard stories of kids stealing other kids' cards in school, but I didn't think it would come to this," said Leo Rossitto, owner of Factory Bedding & Furniture Outlet.



In addition to furnishings, the store also sells sports and other collectible cards.

The boy, whose name was not released because of his age, hid in the store Monday until it closed about 5 p.m., police said. He then gathered about 44 packs of cards and \$600 cash, but was unable to get out because the front and rear doors were barred.

Police said the boy tried desperately to escape, even poking a hole in the wall but gave up and called for help about 5:50 p.m.

"He did a lot of damage trying to get out," Rossitto said.

Officers called Rossitto at home to have him unlock the store.

The boy was charged with criminal attempt to commit third-degree larceny, third-degree burglary and second-degree criminal mischief. He was released to his great-grandmother and referred to Juvenile Court.

3 Michigan

Artist finds his stolen sculptures for sale at a discount

The Associated Press

DETROIT—A sculptor spotted his stolen sculptures at a shop near his home — being sold at a discount.

Robert Sestok got back two of the nine sculptures worth \$45,000 that were stolen from his Detroit studio last month after showing police his signatures on the bottom of them.

A few hours later, he told the *Detroit Free Press* for a Thursday article, he found a man trying to sell the same Royal Oak antique dealer five more of his pieces.

4 Maine

Postal carrier charged in underwear theft

The Associated Press

GOULDSBORO—A postal employee in eastern Maine is facing a theft charge after allegedly taking underwear from the home of a woman on his mail route.

Earle Cowperthwaite Jr., 45, a contract mail carrier in the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor area, faces a single theft charge, but federal and state officials are investigating and other charges could follow.

Police began investigating after a woman complained that five pairs of her underwear were missing, said Gouldsboro police Officer Guy Wycoff.

Alabama county entranced by 'Naked Man' sightings

The Associated Press

GROVE HILL, Ala.—There's a naked man loose in the fields south of Grove Hill, the Clarke County seat. Or is there?

He's been seen frolicking in a field, leaping a barbed-wire fence, running alongside U.S. 43. Or has he?

In the past few weeks, Clarke County residents have been entertained by reports of a streaker living it up next to the county's busiest road. Sunbathing. Eluding police. The Naked Man, as the county's pundits have dubbed him, seems to be working his way into local legend.

"That's the highlight of Grove Hill," said Kristina Wade, a stay-at-home mom who lives across the road from where the Naked Man sightings have reportedly occurred.

"That's the most exciting thing to happen in a while."

It started several weeks ago, when the Clarke County Sheriff's Department got a cellular phone call from an unidentified motorist who reported a man baring it all by the side of the road. It was the second such report deputies had gotten in about a week, and four of them hurried to the scene.

"In one case, one said he had on a cap and sneakers," said Deputy Donald Jackson, one of the four lawmen. "The next call said he had on a shirt and sneakers."

The first deputy to arrive, Larry Gene Sheffield, saw the man pulling on his pants, said Sheriff Jack Day. But Sheffield was in his truck, and a locked gate was between them, and by the time the deputies all got there, the man was long gone.

As with all good legends, skepticism has spread, and Sheffield has caught a lot of grief for his report because people won't believe him, Day said.

Deputies trailed the man through bushes and a gravel pit and down a logging road, Jackson said. He said they could tell from his footprints that he was moving pretty fast.

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Our Opinion

Remember to lock up before the holidays

With finals and winter break quickly approaching, everyone needs to remember to exercise a little common sense before going out of town, or even leaving to run to the grocery store. After the recent string of burglaries during Thanksgiving break, both on and off-campus residents need to make doubly sure to secure their doors and windows with locks or other devices. It's smart to get into the habit of locking things up now, especially since everyone's busy shopping for gifts and stashing them in closets and under beds. Burglars are aware of this, and look forward to you taking for granted your supposedly "safe" neighborhoods and residence halls.

Every time you leave your dorm room unlocked to run across the hall to the bathroom or down to the lobby for a snack, you leave all of your personal effects up for grabs for whoever cares to take them. Need proof? Check out the police beat on page two in any given issue of *The George-Anne* and note at least one case of this unfortunate yet common occurrence.

If you live in an apartment complex, the same rules apply. Make sure to have a discussion with your roommates expressing your concern that the doors and windows remain locked unless there are people in the apartment. During parties, it is a wise idea to put all valuable items such as VCRs, jewelry, portable stereos, CDs, etc. into a locked closet or bedroom. When leaving for the break, determine who the last person to leave is, and make sure that they lock all windows, sliding glass doors, and other doors before leaving. Check all door and window locks now for defects, so that you can have your landlord replace them before the break.

Automobiles, too are targets for burglars. The easiest thing you can do when leaving your vehicle anywhere for any amount of time is to lock the doors. Rolling up the windows is also a must, as anyone can reach into your locked car through an open window and take your belongings. If you have a detachable face for your car stereo, use it. Also, don't leave valuable items such as CDs, jewelry, etc. in clear view of the windows.

If everyone were to follow these safety precautions, perhaps the number of burglaries and thefts would decrease and everyone might be able to rest easier.

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We have expressed our opinions, now it is time for you to express yours. Be it long or short, send it our way. Complain about parking, classes, food services or complain about *The George-Anne* if that is what suits your fancy. You can even praise something if you feel the urge. Just fill this form and attach it to your opinion.

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EDITOR

see our rematch. Usually the stands clear out at halftime and stay that way. This past weekend people left at the half and brought their friends

And he plays back up. Just when UMass thought that they had room to breathe, Coley proves them wrong.

4. Class: While I am sure that

FOR MANY EAGLE FANS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ELSE HAPPENED ALL YEAR LONG. WE GOT OUR REVENGE, AND WE DID IT WITH STYLE.

back for the third quarter. Both sides clear out at halftime and stay that way. This past weekend people left at the half and brought their friends

2. Adrian Peterson: Can anyone stop him? Come on. I remember the Wofford game. We felt some disappointment because at halftime Adrian hadn't gotten a hundred yards yet. How many fullbacks have those kinds of expectations on them? How many fullbacks get 333 yards in one game? And on top of all his athletic abilities, AP is a nice guy, even a little shy.

3. Edmund Coley: I know; he works for *The George-Anne*. But Coley really had a great game filling in for Adrian. Peterson would take a break and Coley would get a few first downs. He got 75 yards on 8 carries.

UMass does not consider the things the students were yelling classy, I am proud that the students listened and showed respect for the goalposts. It was too early to tear them down. If we had, UMass would have thought we believed it to be an upset to beat them. If we had tore them down, we would have to buy new ones. Yes, we encouraged people last week to leave the posts alone. Notice that we didn't say anything about not tearing them down this week. You figure it out.

5. T-shirts: I don't know about the rest of the world, but usually I considered bookstore prices too high and merchandise too shoddy. But the T-shirts for the game were great, and I sincerely thank the bookstore and

anyone else who helped get them here. I know that on Friday there wasn't an extra large. To be found (sorry Dad). It was great to be wearing the same shirt as the rest of the campus. It really instilled some pride.

Now my least favorite things:

1. UMass: OK, that's a gimme. I just want to thank them for taking their loss so well. They got off the field real quick-like. Heck, the cheerleaders were gone halfway through the fourth quarter. I guess they didn't want to be trampled by thousands of Eagles with more stamina than they had.

2. Our cheerleaders: Normally I have a lot of respect for guys who lift girls over their heads with one hand. I usually look on in wonder when those girls do those flips. But the only thing we really need the cheerleaders to do is to lead, you guessed it, cheers. Most of the "Georgia Southern" back-and-forth cheers were started by the crowd. And as hard as we tried we could not get the cheerleaders to get "Whose House?" "Our House" started up. A woman on the radio show said that of all the teams we've played UMass was the one who needed to know whose house it was.

3. Security on the field: Do they really think they are the reason we left the goalposts alone? No, we left them alone because the timing wasn't right. Next week the time may just be right.

Teachers...leave those kids alone!



JUSTIN MILLER

COLUMNIST

having professors a university has, the, to use a highly academic term, "suckier" that university is.

For instance, a top-notch school like Oxford or Cambridge has zero attendance policies (because they

ing. I am here only so as to avoid any scholarly research, and you must sit through my boring lectures that are at least ten years behind what is being taught at every university north of Macon. Don't criticize my teaching. I am a revisionist."

THE REALITY IS THAT SINCE THIS IS A "TEACHING" UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS, NOT STUDENTS, SHOULD BE PUNISHED OR REWARDED FOR THEIR LECTURES.

don't really have classes), whereas the average junior college has one negatively-reinforced attendance policy per every ten instructors. Amazingly, Georgia Southern has approximately one negatively reinforced attendance policy per every three instructors.

There's a couple of problems with all this. First, a negative attendance policy says to the students, "I am a terrible professor. This class is excitement, and I have no business teaching.

On the face of it attendance policies seem to be birthed out of good intentions, professors want you to succeed, and success begins in the classroom, yada, yada, yada. The

reality is that since this is a "teaching" university, teachers, not students, should be punished or rewarded for their lectures.

If you can pass a class, or even get an A in a class without showing up, you shouldn't go—there are better ways to spend your time. I personally know of six separate instances where students have had "A" averages in classes, but received "F"s because they didn't show up. That is shameful (note to Dr. Grube: and why many students transfer up to Athens).

Great Britain is in the midst of huge educational reform. They're trying to implement a watershed policy of basing teachers' pay on merit. Those whose students succeed get huge salary bonuses (upward of a \$10,000 bonus each year), while those whose students don't, get no salary increase, and can get their pay docked. It's about darn time. Those who really work hard (the majority of the professors here) ought to get paid a heckuva lot more than the average "lecture-and-test" professor.

The British are some of the finest educators in the world, and maybe in ten years we'll have such forward thinking here. Until then, you better hurry 'cause you don't want to be late for class.

'Ballyhoo' will make you think

By Sam Siegel
A&E Editor

Theater and Performance's newest production, "The Last Night at Ballyhoo," is a great story about a Jewish family in Atlanta. It is set in 1939, close to the same time that Hitler started his rampage in Europe; it is also an age when the South was not an accepting place for different religions.

This is a story about a wealthy group of people trying to fit into their place in the world when there was no room for them in polite society. It is a story of outcasts trying to deny who they are in order to gain acceptance in the world that they have worked so hard to qualify themselves for.

It is also about society within the groups and how the Jewish people separated themselves from one and other. It has a powerful message about coming together and being a group at harmony with one and other.

The Levy/Freitag family has gone through many hardships. The fathers of Lala and Sunny have both died (apparently from working too hard) and the sisters Rita and Boo now live together in a mansion on Habersham Road, a very exclusive neighborhood in which they are the only Jewish people, save the one other family that lives at the "tacky end of the street."

This family has lost the knowledge of what it means to be Jewish anymore: they don't have a Menorah, and they do have a Christmas Tree (Hanukkah Bush). They don't even know some of the most basic vocabulary (Sunny can't pronounce Shabbat Shalom), but someone comes into their lives and shows them how to be who they are again.

The story ends with the family sitting around a table celebrating the Sabbath: they rediscover who they are.

What has to be understood is just how hostile the world was to these people at this time. This too doesn't come across well. There are country clubs to this day in Atlanta that are anti-semitic. There is a specific reason that the Levys and Freitags are afraid of and angry at their heritage: they feel a need to belong and there is no place in the world for them.

Theater and Performance made a valiant effort in putting on this play. It is apparent that they worked hard to understand the plight of the characters in this situation.

However, it is also obvious to some people (like myself) who grew up in this situation that this group perhaps wasn't very familiar with the intricate and amazingly complex Jewish culture. The importance of some of the rituals and words is underdone, and so is the family's hardship. This view, however, is based upon a rehearsal (which is all that I was able to see) and may be better portrayed in the finished product.

Even with the difficulties, this is a beautiful piece of theater in that it captures

a group of people trying to make the best of their lives.

The acting was wonderful, especially of the characters like Joe Farkas (Nicholas Middlekauff), who has the Brooklyn accent and gestures down to a science, and Boo Levy (Jennifer Kirk) who did a tremendous job acting as a woman who struggles with her self-hatred.

Even though this play has some minor problems, I strongly encourage everyone to see it if for no other reason than this: it makes you think.



ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? Boo Levy (Jennifer Kirk) admonishes her sister-in-law Reba Freitag (Melinda Hendrix).



AND THE FLIRTATION GOES ON: Peachy Weil (Jordan Ellis) asks a very nervous Lala Levy (Liz Hess) to the dance at Ballyhoo, one of the most important social events of the year.



TO THE BALL, SCARLET! Lala Levy (Liz Hess) wears her dress (which reflects her obsession with Scarlet O'Hara) to Ballyhoo with Peachy Weil (Jordan Ellis). Little does Lala know that she has a surprise waiting for her later in the evening.

All Photos by Sam Siegel

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- The GSU football team will host the Redbirds of Illinois State this Saturday at 1 p.m. in the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs. Tickets are \$5 for GSU students and they can be purchased at the Hanner ticket office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Russell Union Info desk from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The GSU men's basketball team will host the Mercer Bears in a non-conference matchup this Wed. night at 7 p.m. The game will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse and admission is free to all GSU students.
- The GSU women's basketball team will host Davidson this Friday at 3 p.m. The game is free to all GSU students and will be held at Hanner Fieldhouse.



Then, and only then, will you and I shed those tears of joy we've been holding back since last year. So, if I look like I'm upset after the game, I'm not. I'm just giving in to an emotion that I've waited a year to feel. I know you will to.

In fact, Peterson had to be

Maurice McDowell won from those who submitted entries but did not actually win a weekly contest. Thanks to all those who played the George-Anne-Pick 'Em Box contest.

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Illinois State beats Hofstra 37-20 in quarterfinals, go on to play GSU

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—Dusty Burk stole the show from Hofstra's quarterback sensation Giovanni Carmazzi by throwing for 350 yards and two touchdowns as Illinois State moved into the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs with a 37-20 victory over the Flying Dutchmen on Saturday.

Burk, a freshman who replaced injured starter Kevin Glenn midway through the season, was 31-of-37, including touchdown passes of 6 and 34 yards to wide receiver Steve Kostro.

The first lookup put the Redbirds ahead by 10 points in the second quarter; the second came late in the third quarter and increased the lead to 17 points.

Illinois State (11-2), enjoying its best season in school history, plays next at second-seeded Georgia Southern, who beat 1998-champion Massachusetts 38-21 on Saturday. The Division I-AA National championship is Dec. 18 at Chattanooga, Tenn.

"We're excited, we played well, we played with a passion," Illinois State coach Todd Berry said. "We knew we'd have our hands full, but we controlled the clock and put up points."

Hofstra, which entered its quarterfinal game against Illinois State allowing just 15.6 points per game, finishes at 11-2.

With Hofstra's Carmazzi getting all the pre-game publicity, it was Burk who guided the Redbirds' offense to 540 yards. In the first half, the 6-foot-195-pounder from Tuscola, Ill., was 23-of-27 for 302 yards.

After a 44-yard run in the third quarter, Burk left for the rest of the series when he landed hard on his shoulder. But Ryan Spielman stepped in and threw a 6-yard TD to tight end Tom Bardwell to put the Redbirds ahead 30-13.

"This was my most satisfying game," Burk said. "The coach sent in good plays and when the coach is on his game, we're on our game. It was fun."

Eagle baseball signs seven in early period

Special to the G-A

STATESBORO, Ga.—Seven high school student-athletes have signed early national letters-of-intent to attend and play baseball at GSU, first-year head coach Rodney Hennon announced Wednesday.

Outfielder Matthew Hammond joins pitchers Jared Comstock, Jeff deRijke, Dennis Dove, Brian Rogers, Michael Thigpen and Scott Tolbert, newcomers in the Eagle program, who will enroll at GSU next fall.

"We feel extremely good about the group of student-athletes we were able to sign early," Hennon said. "We worked hard as a staff, most notably Coach Tidick and Coach Teague, to successfully address our future needs, particularly on the mound."

Hammond batted .406 with 12 home runs while driving in 58 runs for the Savannah Chain Club last summer, earning team MVP honors. As a standout at Bryan County (Ga.) High School, he also earned the Redskins' top player award after his sophomore and junior seasons.

Comstock recorded a 7-5 mark and a 3.27 earned run average for Gainesville's (Fla.) P.K. Yonge High School last season. He also posted 113 strikeouts in 79 innings of work. While playing a fall schedule as a member of the Central Florida Renegades Club, Comstock

Mets still waiting for Olerud's decision

The Associated Press

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The New York Mets' attempt to re-sign John Olerud might last into January.

The Mets are likely to offer the free agent first baseman salary arbitration next week, which would give them more time to talk with him.

By offering arbitration, the Mets could negotiate with Olerud through Jan. 8. Players who aren't offered arbitration can't re-sign with their former teams from Dec. 8 through April 30.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he comes back, and I wouldn't be surprised if he goes to Seattle," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said Friday.

Olerud has spent the past three sea-

Carmazzi, who threw for 2,909 yards and 23 TDs entering the game, was 28-of-35 for 291 yards and two TDs. He had second-half TD passes of 35 yards to Jimmy Jones and 11 yards to Bill Morales, with the score to Morales cutting the Redbirds lead to 30-20 with 3:42 left in the third quarter.

Burk's 34-yard TD pass to Kostro came with 12 seconds left in the quarter.

Carmazzi left the game for good with 11:06 left when he sprained his left knee after being tackled on a short run. Carmazzi said the injury is not serious, but he did not want his career to end this way.

"It's pretty disappointing to go out this way when you don't play your best," Carmazzi, who set 11 school records, said.

-ILLINOIS STATE COACH TODD BERRY

"WE'RE EXCITED, WE PLAYED WELL, WE PLAYED WITH A PASSION. WE KNEW WE'D HAVE OUR HANDS FULL, BUT WE CONTROLLED THE CLOCK AND PUT UP POINTS."

"I felt confident we could move the ball, but we just didn't do it. We didn't have enough."

Added Hofstra coach Joe Gardi: "We were outcoached and outplayed, I don't know what else to say. I was impressed with their quarterback, and our defensive backs on their wide receivers was not a good matchup. They made the plays."

Illinois State, champions of the Gateway Conference, had an easy time moving the ball against the Flying Dutchman, but didn't take control until late in the first half.

The Redbirds took a 10-7 lead on Willie Watts' 4-yard TD run with 8:38 left in the second quarter, and then the Redbirds converted two Hofstra fumbles into TDs in a 66-second span for a 24-7 halftime lead.

First, the Redbirds' Tim Beshel recovered a fumble by Jones at the Illinois State 22. Burk hit passes of 43 yards to Kostro and 25 yards to Aveion Cason to move the ball to the Hofstra 12. Four plays later, Burk hit Kostro on a 6-yard TD pass with 2:47 left.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Redbirds recovered a fumble by Robert Thomas at the Hofstra 15, and three plays later, Watts scored from 5 yards out with 1:41 to go in the half.

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The lighting of the tree



Last Thursday, Christian organizations gathered at for the annual lighting of the tree outside Lakeside Café. Students from these organizations read passages from the Bible and sang Christmas carols to welcome the beginning of the holiday season.

Becky Smith

Keeping elves from helping themselves

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

Friday night in Statesboro's apartment communities usually involves loud music, beer and heavy traffic. When holidays arrive and most students go home, 'tis the season for burglaries. Hours may pass without seeing or hearing anyone. But rest assured, somebody is watching - someone on Santa's "Naughty" list.

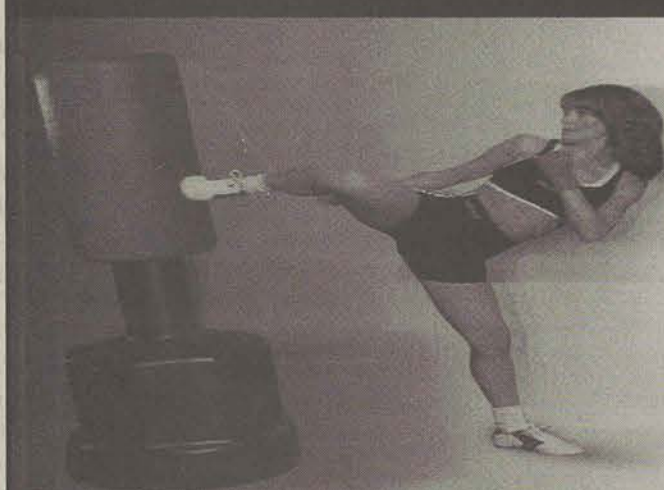
Often thieves "case" an area before deciding upon targets. By parking a car and watching or getting a closer look by walking around a premises, they gather clues about

whether an apartment is occupied and whether tenants are inside. They notice unlatched windows, sliding glass doors, blinds that normally remain open that suddenly close for a week. They pay attention to everything. They may knock on doors to check whether you're home. If you answer, they ask for directions or other trivial information. If not, they figure opportunity just knocked - for them. Pizza joints plaster advertising circulars on doors. A thief sees an invitation hanging there.

Who is the thief? A neighbor, a friend, someone you partied with

last week, a stranger. Several people may work together to increase the take and provide a lookout. They may or may not live or party at the complex. In Statesboro, there is a pattern of several apartments getting "hit" on a single night in one location, and a few more in a different complex a day or two later. Cars are broken into in the same manner. Criminals are creative, and if you want to protect your belongings, you should be, too. They'll opt for the easiest access and the biggest take. You can send them packing their bags somewhere else!

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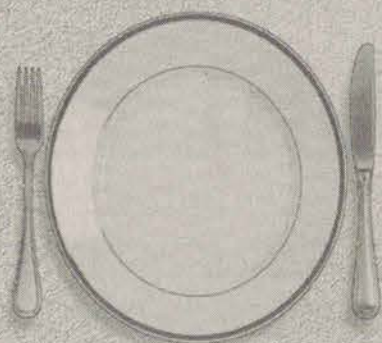
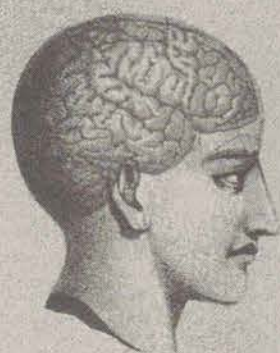
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- Place bars in sliding windows and doors to prevent them from opening from outside.
- Lock windows and doors in apartments and cars. Some window locks can be unlocked with a butter knife, so consider purchasing effective, easy-to-use, inexpensive window locks wherever hardware is sold.
- If you know someone who is staying here, ask them to become familiar with cars in the parking lot and pay attention to any that arrive when others have gone.
- Watch for unusual cars. How many college students drive full-size vans? Call the police and let them check whether it's legitimate if you think it's suspicious.
- Be aware of sounds like breaking glass or people walking in little-used areas.
- Let your apartment manager know how to reach you. Limit telling others about your plans, however.
- Set lights, radios, and televisions with a timer, an inexpensive item available at Radio Shack.
- When using a timer with a radio, tune to an all-talk station. It's hard to distinguish from "real" conversation. Turn off your morning alarm.
- Ask your apartment manager AND a friend to watch for advertisements and to remove them from doors or cars.
- Lock bicycles or take them indoors. Write your name and date of birth on paper and insert it into the neck for easy identification if it does get stolen.
- Turn off computers. Take small and popular items with you: jewelry, game systems, etc.
- Start keeping blinds closed several days before you leave.
- Be creative. One student used a blanket, shirt, tennis shoes, a cap and a stack of other laundry to build a "dummy" that appeared to be a person sleeping on his couch.
- Call the Statesboro Police Department at 764-9911 if you see or hear anything suspicious. They'd rather waste time on a false alarm than file a bunch of paperwork over stolen property. Besides, police presence sometimes proves to be an effective deterrent.

Enjoy your visit home with the awareness that you've Scrooged the elves!

Statesboro Police Chief Malone contributed to these suggestions



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PUSH pageant raises money for disabled

By Zane Thomas
Staff Writer

The first PUSH pageant at GSU since 1996 ended with Haley Gindlesperger of Kappa Delta being named Miss PUSH America 1999.

"We were going from scratch," Matthew Woodcock, the chairman of PUSH, said. "We know what we can improve on next year."

The PUSH Pageant, meant to raise money for handicapped people, was held on Dec. 2 in the Russell Union Ballroom by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Seven students from five sororities (Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Phi Mu) competed for the title.

Monica Squires of Alpha Delta Pi and Holly Tydings of Phi Mu were finalists in the competition.

Since 1977, more than eight million dollars has been raised for the organization. Woodcock said that was the most money any fraternity has raised for PUSH. After the contestants were introduced,

the masters of ceremony, Justin Barnette, the current president of Pi Kappa Phi and Katie Stephens, Miss GSU 1999 of ceremony took over the festivities. While there were technical difficulties with the sound, Stephens kept the audience in their seats by joking around with them.

"This whole pageant has been done by a group of guys," she said to the audience.

The talent competition started soon after the difficulties were fixed. The performances were a combination of singing, dramatic monologue and ballet.

"This is probably the most difficult part for them," Barnette said about the competition while asking the audience to give them a round of applause.

After a ten minute intermission, the pageant resumed with Deidre Hadden, Miss PUSH America 1996, performing a song for the audience.

The evening gown competition followed. While the three judges were deciding on three finalists, Stephens kept the audience alive with a comical

song dedicated to Woodcock and the other fraternity members who had organized the show.

"They did a fantastic job," she said.

All seven contestants came out on stage in their gowns for the announcement of the finalists. They were all asked one question each with the topic ranging from who they most admire to who they would want to meet the most.

While the judges made their decisions on the finalist, Woodcock took the time to recognize all the sponsors and to tell the audience about the other contributions PUSH has made.



Becky Smith

AND THE WINNER IS... Haley Gindlesperger was crowned Miss PUSH America 1999. The PUSH pageant was sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi and raised money for PUSH, an organization benefitting handicapped and disabled persons.

More to December than just Christmas

By Melissa Denby
Staff Writer

As Christmas break draws near and, unfortunately, finals, too a season of celebration begins (not just because you didn't fail all of your classes). This season is generically thought of as Christmas, and it's assumed everyone is celebrating Christmas. Here's a little bit of history on other traditions celebrated this season and maybe something about your own tradition that you didn't know.

Hanukkah

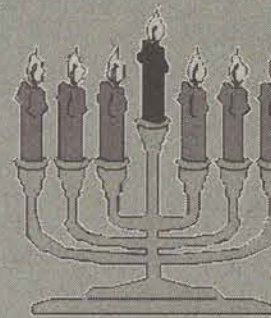
Hanukkah is more than just an Adam Sandler song. It is the Jewish celebration of the "Festival of Lights". Hanukkah begins of the 25th of Kislev (Dec. 4) and goes through the 2nd of Tivet (Dec. 11) by the lunar calendar. The Syrians, under the ruler Antiochus, enslaved the Jews and defiled the Jewish temple by putting a statue of Zeus in the sanctuary.

A Jewish group known as the Maccabee or "the hammer" started a revolt, conquering the Syrians. After kicking out the statue of Zeus, the Jews rededicated their temple to God.

The Jews relit the menorah in the temple, which is a candle that symbolized the presence of God. They only had enough oil to keep the candle lit for one day though. Miraculously, the menorah shone for eight days until more oil was brought.

Kwanza

The tradition of Kwanza celebrates African American heritage. Kwanza was founded in 1965 by Professor Maulana Kerenga and means "first" in Swahili. It is celebrated from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1. These seven days principles of (Unity), (Self-Determination), (Self-Responsibility), (Economic Self-Reliance), (Cooperation), (Faith), and (Creativity), and represent the seven Kwanza: UMOJA (Unity), KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Responsibility), UJIMA (Cooperation), NIA (Faith), and KWAHA (Creativity).



Throughout the traditional greeting of said with the reply cical of Kwanza is day. This tradition is not a religious holiday and was purposely placed after Christmas. Kwanza celebrates African culture and looks back toward the roots of African Americans.

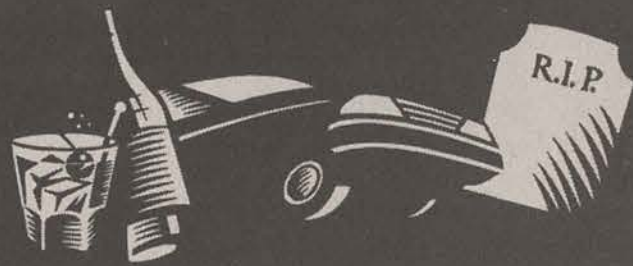
Christmas

Christmas is probably the most widely celebrated and has a cornucopia of origins as the basis for every part of the tradition. Christmas trees have several legends, one of which says St. Boniface chopped down an oak tree to stop some pagans from sacrificing a child under it. A fir tree grew up in its place and represents the body of Christ.

Santa's origins are also pagan and widespread, from Germany's St. Nicholas, to Dutch SinterClaus. Our Santa today was fabricated by the Coca-Cola Company as an advertisement (you'll notice that Santa wears red and white, which are the Coke colors). But the true meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Christ.

No matter how you celebrate this season, it is a time of family, friends and good spirits.

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Holiday Rambling

The Single Guy

Well, Jingle Bells and shotgun shells, it's Christmas time in the south. And what better way to bring in a little Yuletide cheer than to commentate and speculate.

While I can't tell you what the big guy has for you, there is a lot to say about this coveted holiday.

First of all, our worldwide mascot is a fat guy in a furry red suit that comes down our chimneys, eats our cookies, drinks our milk and dumps some toys in our socks.

I'm sorry, but couldn't we have done a little better than this?

Now, I don't mean to be too picky, but let me say we do really want some guy who works one day out of the year and spends the rest of his time at the north pole "making toys" with some elves giving stuff to children? Especially when we know he shops at Wal-Mart like the rest of us.

And where would Christmas be without Wal-Mart? From Tater-Twisters to Tinker Toys, you can find more things to buy that your dad will never use than a Home Shopping Network yard sale.

And why is there always some lady that is buying her son his first computer-- where he will go on in some chat room to meet the girl of his dreams that is really a fat forty-year old scanning in Victoria Secret catalogs.

One more thing, have you ever tried to find mistletoe at Wal-Mart? You have a better chance of finding any of your GI Joe accessories from when you were a kid. It doesn't help that no one knows

what it looks like, especially the GED graduate trying to help you by giving you directions to the shoe department.

Mistletoe truly is either one of the most underused or avoided traditions of December. I mean really, here is your one chance to give that lovely specimen in your biology lab a little DNA, and your not packing any berry. As if the birth of Jesus isn't enough reason to show off your "peace on earth."

But in reality, if your luck with mistletoe is similar to mine, the only enforcement of this treasured tradition was by your aunt who still listens to Bel Biv DeVoe's Christmas album. She also wonders how

Egg Nog is sold to minors.

Egg Nog truly is one of the biggest oddities of the Christmas season. It is the one drink set aside for a holiday. And where does it come from anyway? I assume it has egg in it, but what the hell is nog? Not exactly romantic evening material.

But isn't that what this great time of the year really is about? Letting it all hang. Outrunning Jimmy Stewart shouting "Merry Christmas" and realizing the real gifts aren't under the tree, but in the hands placing them there.

So, have a great break and I will see you in three months after we have lived off of beanie-weenies and bottled water because of Y2K.

If you need to reach southern's single guy, you can e-mail him at singleguy_gsu@yahoo.com.

FIRST OF ALL, OUR WORLDWIDE MASCOT IS A FAT GUY IN A FURRY RED SUIT THAT COMES DOWN OUR CHIMNEYS, EATS OUR COOKIES, DRINKS OUR MILK AND DUMPS SOME TOYS IN OUR SOCKS. I'M SORRY, BUT COULDN'T WE HAVE DONE A LITTLE BETTER THAN THIS?

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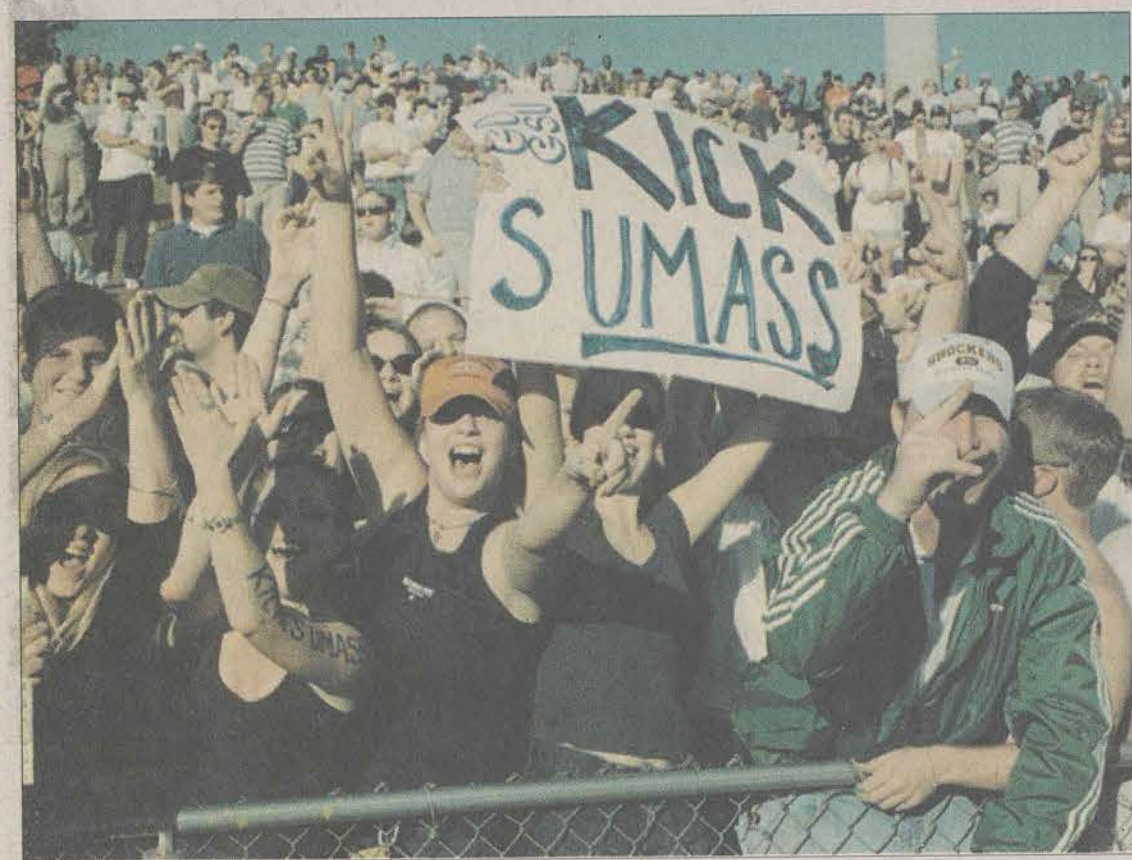
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Y'all come back now, ya hear?

How's 38-21 for Southern Hospitality?



Sarah Trucksis



REMATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM: Students showed up in record numbers for the rematch between GSU and the 1998 national champion University of Massachusetts. (top left) Edmund Coley (11) stepped in for Adrian Peterson with 75 yards on eight attempts. (middle left) Excited fans wait to rush the field with signs expressing the sentiments of many Eagle fans. (Above) Peterson ran for 333 yards and got five touchdowns in the 38-21 victory over the Minutemen. (above tilted)

REVENGE...HOW SWEET IT IS: The scoreboard said it all as the Eagles advance to round three of the Div. I-AA playoffs against Illinois State next Saturday. (top right) Fans showed their pride with flags and a rush to the field to celebrate with the team. (center) GUS kicked some Minuteman butt, too. (middle right) QB Greg Hill (10) was the team's leading receiver off of a trick play in the second half. (above tilted) Adrian Peterson had a remarkable day despite having a cold. (above)

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