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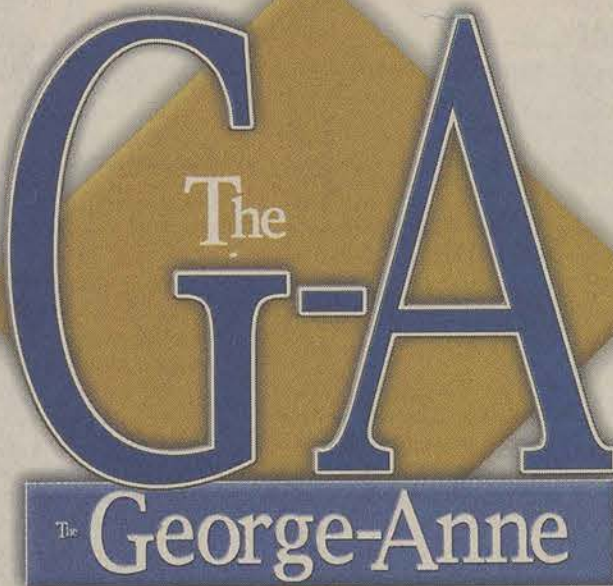
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LIFE 'Hurricane' hero gives GSU a look inside his history

Lesra Martin told students of his success story and what obstacles he overcame to get where he is now.

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SPORTS GSU's freshman phenom: Julius Jenkins

With an average of 15.7 points per game, Jenkins is paving the way to success for Eagle basketball.

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Eagles earn 88-87 road win at Davidson

Special to the G-A

DAVIDSON, N.C. — DeMarlo Slocum scored a career-high 22 points in his last regular-season game and Julius Jenkins led four other Eagles in double figures with 17, including 15 in the second half, as GSU fought back from an early 10-point deficit to take an 88-87 Southern Conference road victory over Davidson at Belk Arena.

The victory, the first-ever for GSU at Davidson, gives the Eagles a final 10-6 mark in the SoCon, their highest league win total in seven years,

dating back to the 1992-93 season. GSU ends the regular season at 16-11 overall, also its best overall record since the 1992-93 squad went 19-9.

After trailing by as much as 10 points early in the first half, GSU opened up a 47-39 halftime lead behind the shooting of Slocum, who had 16 of his career-high 22-point effort in the first half. The Eagles increased the lead to as much as 16 midway through the second half before Davidson rallied, trimming the GSU lead down to two with 5:38 remaining. The Eagles then re-

sponded with six straight points on a three-pointer by Jenkins and a three-point play by Slocum.

Davidson got their deficit down to three on a Stephen Marshall free throw with 2:05 left, but Hamp Jones, who finished with 15 points and 5 rebounds, connected on a jumper and free throw and Quentin Martin added a pair from the charity stripe to push the GSU advantage back to eight.

A Michael Bree layup with 11 seconds left made it a two-point game, only to have GSU's Donta Humphries

sink a pair of free throws, his only points of the game, to push the GSU lead back four. A Landry Kosmowski three-pointer at the buzzer accounted for the final one-point margin.

Todd Shipley added 11 points and Wayne Wooley chipped in 10 and a team-high eight rebounds for GSU. The Eagles, led by Slocum's career-high performance, got a season-high 43 points from its reserves. The victory was the first for GSU over Davidson in five years, and just the third by GSU in the 14-game history of the series.

University Housing terminates peer ambassador positions

Tamara McKenzie
Staff Writer

All peer ambassadors within the residence halls will have their positions terminated come Fall 2000.

According to Curt Erwin, assistant director of housing, these peer ambassadors that work along with resident advisors to assist students living on campus with academic and student development, have been made aware that their jobs will not be available in the fall.

"We have looked at the budget, and based on accomplishments this year, we have decided to change the resident advisor position and make it more attractive," Erwin said.

As all peer ambassador positions will be eliminated from the residence halls, Erwin said that resident advisors will now be paid a higher salary because they would be taking on the extra duties of peer ambassadors. Erwin also said that they hope to recruit various types of individuals to fill the RA positions in the fall.

"We are not cutting a service, but a position. RAs will carry out their regular duties, but would have to do more," Erwin said.

Peer ambassadors focus on academic excellence within the residence halls, ensure students are aware of academic resources on campus, and recognize and reward student accomplishments.

According to Erwin, this 1999-2000 school year marked the first time peer ambassadors were actually being paid a salary. Before this, all peer ambassadors were volunteers.

"It was not decided until the end of January that the peer ambassador position would come to an end," Erwin said.

This year there are presently ten peer ambassadors that assist RAs in the residence halls, and according to Erwin, these peer ambassadors can apply for a position as an RA in the fall.

Peer ambassadors receive \$800 a year, while RAs receive \$2900, which will be increased to \$3,500 in the fall.

GSU wins 3 to advance to championship game

By Ryan Hemenway
Staff Writer

In the first game of the GSU/Reebok Invitational for the Eagles, Georgia Southern defeated Elon 10-0 in five innings as the game was cut short due to the mercy rule. The Eagles scored early and often in the game, scoring four runs in the first inning, as two runs in each the second, third, and fifth inning. Junior Lacey Kammerer picked up her second win of the season, pitching the complete game, giving up only one hit to continue streak of strong performances over the last two weekends. Senior Jennifer Miller and junior Shannon Hoobin both had great performances at the plate, each picking up two hits for the Eagles, and sophomore Stacie Cooper led GSU with three runs scored.

In second game of the GSU/Reebok Invitational for the Eagles, GSU made it two for two with a win over Coastal Carolina 3-2. The Eagles continued to start fast scoring three runs in the first, but were unable score again in the game, but it would prove to be enough to hold on for the win. Sophomore Stacie Cooper got it started for the Eagles, singling to open the game.

Freshman Julie Peel, moving up

to second in the batting order, reached on an error, and senior Jennifer Harris prolonged the rally with a single to left. Jaclyn Kaylor picked up the first RBI of the game, singling to score Cooper. Kelly Blazi picked up the other two RBIs for the Eagles with her single to right field to score Kaylor and Harris.

Coastal Carolina attempted to make a comeback, picking up single runs in the fourth and fifth innings and threatened to tie the game in the sixth with two runners on base, but sophomore hurler Aimee Littlejohn got CCU's Zetta Dumkrieger to pop up to second to end the rally. Littlejohn pitched the complete game for the Eagles, earning the victory, allowing no earned runs.

GSU's third game of the tournament also netted a victory for the host school as the Eagles defeated Middle Tennessee State 3-2. For the third straight game of the tournament, the Eagles scored in the first inning on a RBI single by Jennifer Miller to score Julie Peel. The Eagles would add to the lead in the second after Jaclyn Kaylor walked to open the inning, stole second, and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Freshman Kelley Fox would score
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GSU/Reebok Invitational falls victim to rain



Luke Renfro

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY: The softball team improved to 7-10 on the season before rain ended the tournament.

By Ryan Hemenway
Staff Writer

Just when the Eagles had the momentum they thought they needed to battle the victor of the Tennessee-Coastal Carolina game, the rains came. And with the rain, away went the GSU/Reebok Invitational. The University of Tennessee was declared the tournament champion, going undefeated throughout the weekend. The Eagles were awarded second place, based upon the seeding heading into the single elimination round. GSU had advanced to the championship game when the tournament was called. UT and Coastal Carolina were in the fourth inning with UT leading 7-0, but it was not an official game as they did not reach the bottom of the fifth.

"We just based it on the seeding, we just followed the pool play in order to be fair," head coach Kelley Kirkland said.

"It is unfortunate, we would have liked to have had a chance to play it on the field, we were really excited and ready to go."

The Eagles placed three on the all tournament team, sophomore second baseman Stacie Cooper, who tied for the tournament lead with five runs scored, senior Jennifer Miller (.313 batting average, 1-0 2.86 ERA), and freshman outfielder Julie Peel, who was third in the tournament with seven hits and batted .412 for the tournament.

"I have been struggling at the plate. I've been hoping I'd break out of it and I guess with a little luck I did," Julie Peel said. "I appreciate Coach moving me up in the line up. I am more comfortable up there and relaxed at the plate."

"She (Peel) is getting more confident, she just needed a game or two to get some confidence," Kirkland said. "It is great to see her on the all tournament team, she deserved it."

The Most Valuable Player award went to Tennessee's Holly Ellison who batted .600 for the tournament, tied for the lead in hits (9), RBI (6), runs scored (5), total bases (10), as well as stealing three bases in three attempts. The Most Valuable Pitcher award went to Coastal Carolina's Danielle Jenkins who threw a no-hitter Saturday night against Elon and was 2-0 and did not give up an earned run all weekend.

But overall, even with the rain, the Eagles can take a lot from the weekend and head towards this weekend's Inaugural Eagle Classic.

"It was a great tournament," Kirkland said. "Everyone was excited about it."

Semifinal

Advancing to the championship game was a tough task for the Eagles as most things have been for the Eagles this season. In the first semi-final of the Sunday's single elimination format, GSU battled Middle Tennessee State right up till the end.

MTSU took an early 1-0 lead in the third inning on a Shay Haskell RBI sacrifice fly to right to score Erica Buhl who had earlier singled, moved to second on a MTSU walk, and reached third on a single by Kerry Allen.

MTSU's Jennifer Martinez held the Eagles in check for the first six innings of the game until the seventh inning when senior Jaclyn Kaylor opened the inning with a double off the center field fence. Senior McCaine Lowder's attempt at a sacrifice bunt turned out to be a hit as she avoided the tag of Shay Haskell and beat the throw to first allowing the tying run to reach third.

Lowder promptly stole second to put the Eagle runners in scoring position with no outs, and sophomore Kelly Blazi tied the game with an RBI single up the middle.

After freshman Kelley Fox popped up on the infield, MTSU intentionally walked sophomore Stacie Cooper to pitch to freshman Julie Peel, who had six hits in her previous ten at bats and as it turns out, Peel would make Martinez pay as she hit a sharp ground ball at MTSU's Carisa Chavez who was unable to come up with the ball allowing Blazi and Lowder to score.

Senior Jennifer Harris singled to left allowing Cooper to cross the plate to secure the 4-1 victory for the Eagles and advance to the championship game.

"I think we played a good game up till the seventh inning," MTSU centerfielder Laura Brockman, who hit a towering home run in pool play, said. "Then it was one right after another, a combination of them getting on and we just messed up, but you have to give GSU credit, they did a great job in the seventh."

In the semifinal win, GSU used all three pitchers to secure the win with Aimee Littlejohn picking up the victory in relief of Lacey Kammerer who had entered the game in the fourth inning after senior Jennifer Miller had left.

"The pitchers did a great job, they kept us in the ball game," Kirkland said. "They kept us in striking distance with just one run on the board."

Soul food served up southern style



COOKING IT UP RIGHT: Last Thursday, Lakeside Café hosted 'Soul Food Day' as a part of the Black Awareness Month celebration.

LaVene Bell

Study suggests seniors lack in knowledge of U.S. history

TMS Campus

LOS ANGELES — Know the finer points of George Costanza's life but not George Washington's? You're not alone.

A recent survey released by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni shows that college seniors at several of the nation's top universities know their popular culture, but are far from whizzes when it comes to U.S. History.

The report, "Losing America's Memory: Historical Illiteracy in the 21st Century," states that 81 percent of college seniors surveyed in December received a grade of D or F on history questions taken from basic high-school curriculum.

The survey was distributed to students on 55 campuses identified by U.S. News & World Report as the nation's leading universities and liberal-arts colleges. Among the survey's findings:

- 34 percent of respondents said they knew that Washington was a gen-

eral at the battle of Yorktown.

- 22 percent knew that the words "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" was a line from the Gettysburg Address.

- 23 percent correctly identified James Madison as the "father of the constitution."

- 42 percent knew that "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen" was a phrase referring to Washington.

By contrast, students' scores soared on the popular-culture front. Almost 98 percent knew that Snoop Doggy Dogg was a rap singer, and 99 percent correctly identified the cartoon characters Beavis and Butthead.

The study's results are a "clarion call for action," Anne D. Neal, the study's author and vice president of the council, said. "If institutions of higher education no longer require their students to have



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AND THE SURVEY SAYS: More college students seem to know more about George Costanza's life than the George who helped found our country.

basic knowledge of American civilization and its heritage, we are all in danger of losing a common frame of reference that has sustained our free society for so many generations."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•Donations are being accepted from any GSU organization for the **United States Student Fund**. Call the SGA office at 681-0655 for more information.

•**Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

•**The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.

•**The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2047.

•**BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

•**GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.

March 1

•**The Department of Foreign Languages** invites you to the **First International Film**

Festival: "Lorca" (Spain 1997) from 2 to 4 p.m.; **"I the Worst of All" (Mexico 1990)** from 4:15 to 6:45 p.m.; and **"Of Love and Shadows" (Chile 1994)** from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the COBA Building Room 1124.

•**Pi Sigma Epsilon** is having its first annual benefits auction: **Dress to Impress** at 7 p.m. in the William Center. Tickets are \$2 at the door and \$1 with a canned good. A portion of the profit will be donated to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

March 1 & 2

•**Mr. Esquire Information Session** at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2042.

March 2

•**Eagle Cinema** presents **"The World is Not Enough"** at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

•**Pete Moon** will be working in the **Children's Vegetable Garden** from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Georgia Southern Botanical Garden. Everyone who is interested in vegetable gardening is welcome to come. This will continue every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

•**The Department of Foreign Languages** invites you to the **First International Film**

Festival: "Sugar Cane Alley" (France 1985) from 2 to 4 p.m.; **"Beyond Silence" (Germany 1998)** from 4:15 to 6:45 p.m.; and **"The Time of the Star" (Brazil 1985)** from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the COBA Building Room 1124.

March 3

•**The department of foreign languages** invites you to the **First International Film Festival: "Angry Harvest" (Poland 1985)** from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and **"Strawberry and Chocolate" (Cuba 1993)** from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the COBA Building Room 1124.

•**Eagle Cinema** presents **"The World is Not Enough"** at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

March 4

•**Georgia Southern Botanical Garden** will sponsor a field trip to **Harrold Preserve** in Candler County led by Dr. George Rogers. Meet at the Garden, 1505 Bland Avenue at 10 a.m. to carpool. Cost for the program is \$4 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Call 871-1114 for more information.

•**Eagle Cinema** presents **"The World is Not Enough"** at 5:30 and 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department February 27

•Glenn Irvin, 20, of 221 Knight Dr., was charged with battery.

February 26

•Christopher Birdsong, 23, of 3481 Winfair Place, Marietta, Ga., was charged with expired tag and no proof of insurance.

•Walter Godwin, of Statesboro Place Apts., reported criminal trespass.

•Mike Parrish, 28, of #39 Blakewood Apts., was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine within 1000ft of a housing project, disorderly conduct, and being a wanted person.

February 25

•Claire Fitzgerald, 22, of #26 Fox Creek Dr., North Augusta, S.C., was charged with sales of alcohol to an underage and failure to check identification.

•Christopher Smith, 22, of 129 Rebecca Rd., Brooklet, Ga., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Sean Sapp, 18, of 115 Elliswood Dr.,

was charged with possession of schedule IV opium, possession of marijuana, possession of schedule II opium, possession of dangerous drug: nitrous oxide, and adult seatbelt.

•Roy Addison, 18, of 112 Hazelwood Dr., was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of dangerous drug: nitrous oxide.

•Katura Robertson, 25, of Lot #7 Oak Hill Mobile Home Park, Clito, Ga., was charged with aggravated assault.

February 24

•Javaris Dukes, 22, of 861 Brinson Rd., Brooklet, Ga., was charged with burglary.

•Ken Thompson, 20, of 211 Bulloch St., was charged with the sale of cocaine.

•D'Montrel Watson, 18, of 814 Pegg Rd., Atlanta, Ga., was charged with financial transaction card fraud.

•Brandon Blount, 21, of Statesboro Place Apts., was charged with DUI and

failure to maintain lane. February 24

•Joseph Prine Jr., 20, of 14 Olympic Boulevard, was charged with DUI, reckless driving, and failure to signal.

•Cynthia Whitley reported someone scratched the hood and the right side of her vehicle in the Forest Drive Commuter parking lot.

•Two residents of Veazey Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

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

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Al Gore writes excuse for late hotel employee

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Ca. - Vice President Al Gore didn't want Melinda Gallien to get in trouble for playing hooky.

"I was supposed to be at work an hour ago. My pager's been going off the whole time," the young woman, with her Hilton nameplate pinned to her lapel, explained as she waited at the

Willow Glen Coffee Roasting Co. to shake Gore's hand.

Gore offered the equivalent of a vice presidential pardon - a hand-scribbled note to her boss, the general manager of the Hilton hotel in downtown San Jose, that read:

"To John Southwell: Please excuse Melinda Gallien for being late. She

was with me making our democracy work. Al Gore."

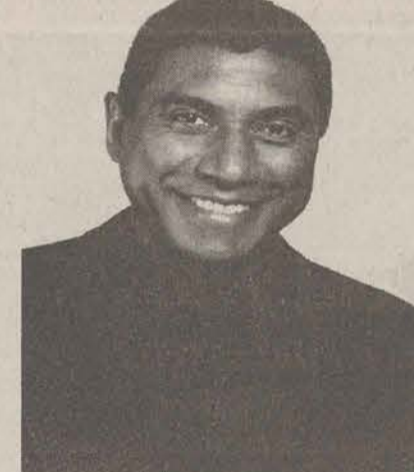
Southwell might well consider Gallien for a raise, not a reprimand.

With national news cameras rolling, Gallien chided Gore for staying at The Fairmont when he was last in San Jose. "Next time you come to town, will you stay at the Hilton, please?"


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SOFTBALL

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Kaylor with a ground out to short-stop to pickup the RBI.

The winning run for the Eagles would be scored in the third by Jennifer Miller who had opened the inning with a double, and scored on a RBI single by Kelly Blazi.

Middle Tennessee would rally in the fifth to close the gap to 3-2 behind on a 2 RBI double by Kerry Allen, but junior Lacey Kammerer came in to pitch in relief of starter Jennifer Miller and retire the next two batters to end the rally.

In the seventh, after a Carisa Chavez single, sophomore Aimee Littlejohn came out of the bullpen in relief of Kammerer and pitch out of the jam to pick up her first save of the season and preserve the win for Miller.

Freshman Julie Peel led the way for the Eagles at the plate, picking up three hits in four at bats.

The first loss of the tournament for the Eagles would come in the fourth game against the University

of Tennessee 2-0. Sophomore Aimee Littlejohn would take the loss for the Eagles despite pitching six strong innings.

Lady Vols pitcher Jackie Beavers would shut down for much of the afternoon as she scattered five hits over seven innings.

The Eagles had a great opportunity in the fifth loading the bases but Beavers got Jennifer Miller to ground out to end the inning.

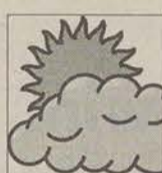
However, despite the loss, the Eagles would earn the #2 seed for the single elimination tournament on Sunday and UT would earn the

#1 seed. MTSU would earn the #3, Coastal Carolina #4, and Elon #5.

The Eagle softball team returns to action this weekend at Eagle Field in the inaugural Eagle Classic. Georgia Southern will host Mercer, UNC Charlotte, Tennessee Tech, and Drake in the weekend tournament.

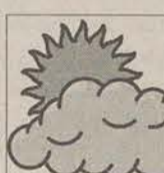
"We hope the rain stays away, it should be exciting, we hope to pick up a few more wins," Kirkland said. "There are some good teams coming in, but things are starting to fall into place for us."

This Week's Weather



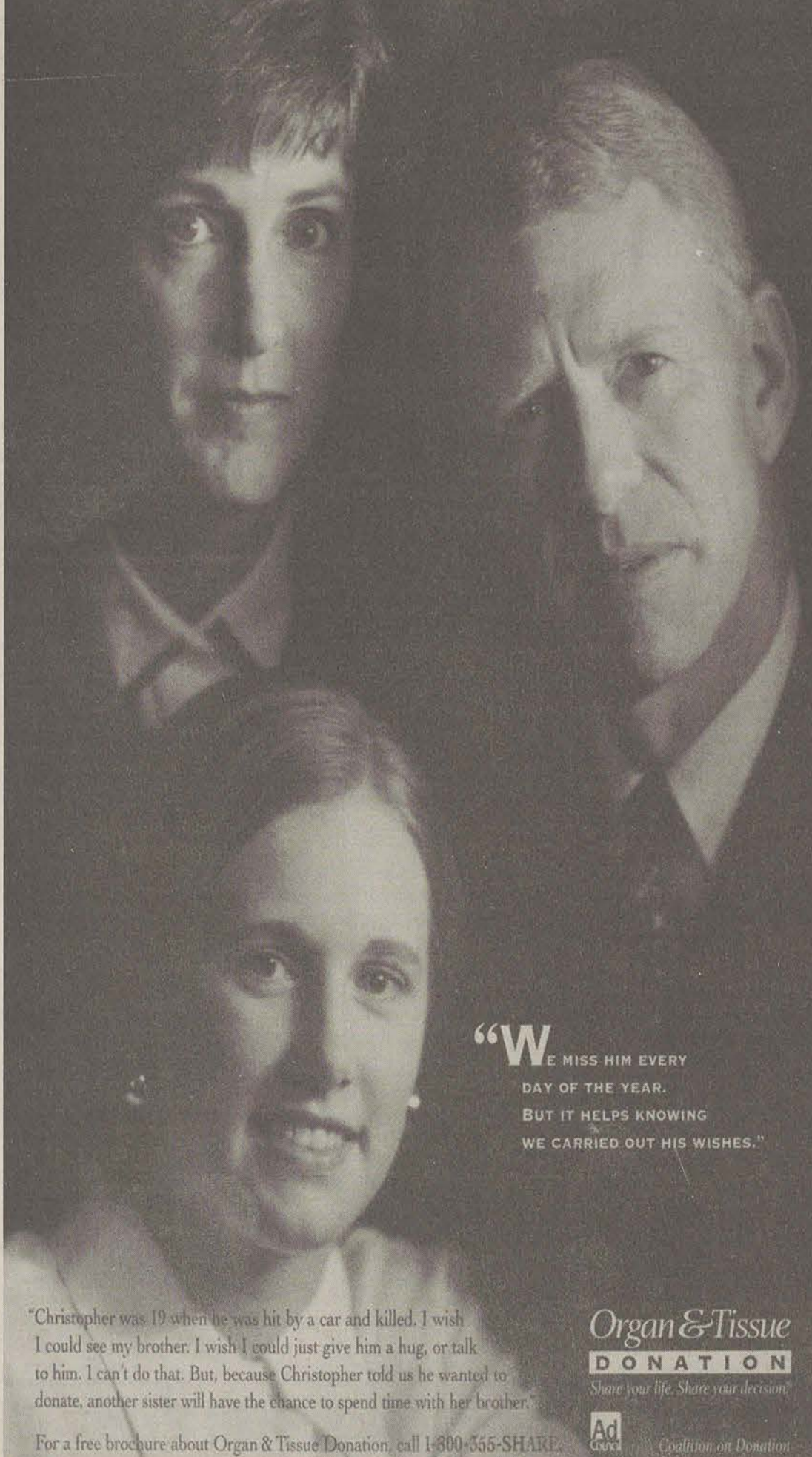
Today

Partly cloudy with a high of 71 and a low of 44.



Tuesday

Partly cloudy with a high of 74 and a low of 47.



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'Hurricane' hero tells his story at GSU Fitness Expo transcends Southern

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

"I was thinking they didn't want this brother to get to Georgia!" Lesra Martin described his trip from British Columbia. After two long flight delays (one overnight) and being delivered to the wrong hotel, he finally made it in time to speak to the group assembled for

"An Evening with Lesra Martin."

Martin's story is fascinating on many levels. He was the key that opened prison doors for middleweight boxer Rubin "The Hurricane" Carter after being falsely imprisoned for a triple homicide in the 1960's — an imprisonment based more on Carter's race than on evidence. But Martin's tale started years earlier, when he was born and educated in the Bronx.

Even though he was an enquiring and precocious youth, Martin's English scores were the third lowest in his class. Later testing revealed that his reading ability was on a second-grade level. Despite being declared functionally illiterate, he yearned to complete college. Enter Rubin Carter and some determined Canadian entrepreneurs who tutored the youth and supported his efforts.

After reading Carter's autobiography, Martin was inspired to write the prisoner. He didn't expect a response, but he ended up with a lifelong friendship that was beneficial for both men.

Carter helped Martin channel his anger, self-blame, and disappointments into healthy determination. Martin, with assistance from three unselfish, devoted mentors, developed the information that set Carter free from the New Jersey prison in which he'd languished for nearly two decades. He added, "If I'd known the difficulties (I would face) I probably wouldn't have

begun it. Thank God I was fifteen."

Martin described fear and self-doubt as the main obstacles to success using his own story to illustrate that while it is easy to procrastinate and avoid challenges, anger inevitably replaces these feelings, and that anger can be a useful tool for motivation. "I think that hurdles are placed in our path not to make us stop

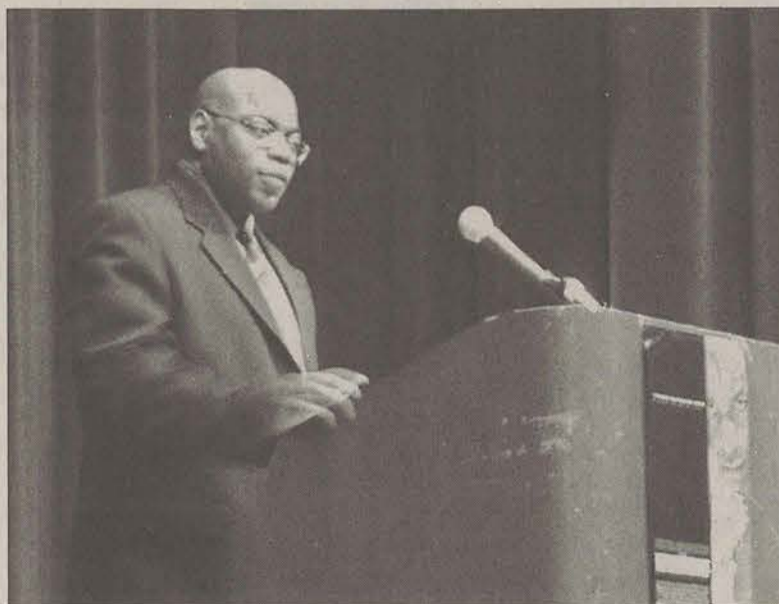
but to show how determined our spirit is," he said.

With humor and warmth, Martin tells stories that are as inspiring as they are frustrating. Through it all, he credits his level of commitment as critical to his successes. He pointed out

that while setting goals is good, it is important not to overdo it, because creating targets sometimes interferes with actually going out and accomplishing them. He urged people to commit themselves and then to "do whatever needed to be done" instead of planning endlessly and completing nothing.

Today, as a prosecuting attorney in British Columbia, Martin continues to see racial issues and other prejudices as factors that influence convictions and sentencing. He described situations in which both blacks and whites have been imprisoned because they didn't fit others' expectations. "That's the good thing about being a prosecutor. If I smell prejudice, I can stay the case," he said, adding that the suspect will not face trial and prison sentences.

He encouraged other minority members to meet their own responsibilities in order to honor their parents and the people who have made sacrifices to bring about the civil progress which has taken place in the last few decades. "It's wrong not to..." he said.



Lesra Martin

LaVene Bell

By Joe Ben Deal
Staff Writer

"Repetition is the mother of Perfection," yelled Lisa Gaylord to the room full of students and fitness trainers from all over the southeast Saturday morning at the first annual Southeast Collegiate Fitness Expo.

Gaylord, Elite Athlete for Nike, was the Master Presenter at the Expo held in GSU's Recreation Activity Center on February 26 and 27.

Students from at least nine different colleges attended the Expo. For two days, the attendees learned new ideas about fitness workouts and practiced different methods and types of workouts. With the exception of Gaylord, all the other presenters were volunteers and most were students from GSU or one of the other nine colleges that participated.

Kelly Brooks, a graduate assistant, came to GSU last June. She's been to fitness Expos before and helped administer one at James Madison University where she graduated. GSU senior Colleen Etheridge and student advisor Katie Simmons, she wanted to host an Expo at GSU and make it an annual event.

"Students in this area need the opportunities, but don't have an expo like this," Brooks said. "This is so they can learn from each other. Instead of going to a national conference and paying \$100 dollars or an international conference and paying \$300 dollars, they pay \$15 here and get pretty much the same thing."

The expo was open to everyone, but many activities were aimed at fitness trainers.

"It gives ideas for their own aerobic

classes, provides continuing education credits required for aerobic certification, and if offers a chance for people to ask questions and learn about misconceptions," said Charles Barden, a GSU student and an exercise trainer at the RAC.

Gaylord started the Expo off by teaching a Master Class of her Cardio Kombat workout.

After over 90 minutes of Cardio Kombat, everyone split up and went to the workouts sessions they had picked to attend. The different workout sessions included kick boxing, strength training, sport specific training, playtime in the gym and a variety of others. The Expo booklet given away at the registration table was filled with detailed information about each workout session presented during the Expo.

"Students were present for the most part," Katie Simmons said, "to learn from each other and get experience presenting."

Sharon Boon, an aerobic coordinator from the University of Mississippi, presented the New Strength Format workout. She expressed interest in returning if the Expo becomes an annual event.

"It gives lots of new ideas and different ways of thinking," Boon said.

T-shirts and aerobic music was for



Melonee Gibson

PEOPLE FROM AFAR: Groups from as far away as Michigan came to participate in this conference which was held this past Saturday and Sunday

sale. Coca-Cola donated drinks for the event and was responsible for a Power-Aid taste test. Nutri-Grain donated boxes of Nutri-Grain bars to the Expo and the Nike/Nutri-Grain fitness challenge held at GSU on February 14-16.

Gaylord originated her Cardio Kombat workout over ten years ago.

"Ten years ago I tried teaching it and no one wanted to do it," said Gaylord, but now she teaches the class all over the country and offers certification programs. She has been teaching her program for over ten years, been in the fitness profession for over twenty years and started her martial arts training thirty years ago. To learn more about Gaylord's certification programs, her web page is www.kardiokombat.com. Gaylord said she would be glad to return to the Expo if it continues as an annual event.

Michael Paul Smith will sing for his supper

Special to the G-A

Distinguished baritone Michael Paul Smith and accompanist/conductor Frank Fetta will make two appearances on the GSU Campus to help celebrate both Black History Month and the legacy of the Bill of Rights.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Carroll Recital Hall, they will participate in a staged reading on Sing for Your Supper. Lawrence Arancio's play about the trials of the Federal Theater Project in the late 1930s. Mr. Smith will offer a rarely performed rendition of

the notable Ballad for Americans. Tomorrow Smith and Fetta will present "Songs of Hope and Spirit," a concert of spirituals, folk and traditional songs, opera cameos and theater songs at 7:30 P.M. in the Russell Union. Admission to both events is free and on a first-come first serve basis.

NOTICE

REGENTS' TEST REGISTRATION SPRING SEMESTER 2000

DATES: February 28th through March 9th
(Weekdays)

TIMES: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
(Each day)

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Housing does the right thing by dropping program

Finally, a bureaucratic agency on campus has admitted its program was flawed financially and decided to rectify the situation. Cheers to the department of housing for streamlining the RA

Our Opinion

program and eliminating the unnecessary peer ambassador position.

Peer ambassadors were designed to provide academic assistance to on-campus students, a noble goal. However, the positions were unpaid for the first few years and only recently were paid a paltry sum.

From our vantage point, any position that pays little to nothing

will not recruit the type of candidates any organization would want.

Furthermore, RAs provide an essential function for those who live in university housing: supervision. While we don't like to admit it, there are some students who need authority figures around to ensure the safety of others.

In addition, RAs also organize programs to educate and entertain their residents. By comparison, the position of peer ambassador was a walk in the park.

Streamlining and increased efficiency is the goal of this change, and we hope that University Housing achieves that mark. Perhaps that will set the standard for other departments on campus to cut out their own unnecessary pork barrel projects. Unlikely, but perhaps.

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Shopping and the brain power it requires

I would like to precede this column with an advisory: I am not an airhead, nor am I a shop-a-holic. This column is meant to be humorous.

Now that you are fully aware of this, let the column begin!

Friday afternoon one of my friends and I made our way to Savannah for a much needed shopping excursion. It had been a while since we had left the school work, the boys and any other obligation behind just for the hell of doing something girly, and let me just say it was a breath of fresh air.

We went from store to store searching through racks of clothing, shoes, candles, jewelry and whatever else caught our eyes. But nothing reached out and grabbed us until we hit a particular department store where it seemed as though every single item was on sale for 50 to 75 percent off the original price. Our credit cards and bank accounts let out a horrified gasp as we coasted into this wonderland of discounts.

We were, in fact, in heaven.

After about an hour-and-a-half of rummaging through the bargains and trying on all of our potential purchases, we were ready to check out. The damage was minimal: only about \$25 each, but the deals we got were priceless.

As we walked out of the store and into the food court of the mall we looked at each other and realized just how tired we really were.

Then my revelation came: shopping is like a workout for both your mind and your body.

Think about it for a moment. You're in a *real* mall (not just any old rinky-dink mall), and you walk from end to end downstairs, and then from end to end upstairs. In the mean-

time, you are bobbing in and out of stores looking for and deciding on what you may or may not want to spend your hard-earned money on.

That takes brain power right there.

Figuring out what you are going to buy is stressful, too. You don't want to show up in class on Monday morning with something that you thought was really cool, but turned out to be completely hideous. This is where a true girl friend

comes in. She will tell you just how pathetic your butt looks in those jeans, knowing that it will hurt your feelings, which is an added stress on her. There you are: shopping equals stress.

Then there's the whole math thing. My hair stands on end just thinking of math, but when it comes to shopping, I can deal.

All those sales and percents off take time to think about. You have to know how to figure what 40 percent off of \$34.75 is.

And I don't know about you, but that takes some awful hard thinking for me, which is why I'm not a math major. Shopping requires math, plain and simple.

All that walking has got to equal some sort of a workout, because my legs wouldn't have been as tired as they were if it was just a mere stroll through the mall.

Now I know why those people go mall walking: three or four times around and you're ready to go home.

What it all boils down to is that shopping is good for your mind, soul and body. You get to brush up on those math skills, you get to let yourself loose from all those burdens that are lurking back in Statesboro and on top of all that, you get a workout!

SUMMER MORNING CENTINEL



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GSU 1210: College for dummies

Will someone please explain to me the logic behind the GSU orientation classes?

I have endured the first one and am now attempting to endure the second one, and I can only conclude

LAURA DAVIS

that the requirement of these classes is both a means of torture to the students and a way for an already successful university to greedily make more money off of starving college students.

I transferred to Georgia Southern from a two year college; therefore, I was a junior my first semester here, but unfortunately my rank nor my knowledge of a college environment

could save me from being forced to take a freshman orientation class. I was the oldest person in the class and on several occasions I felt awkward, humiliated and offended.

For example, I felt a bit awkward when a guest speaker was invited to discuss the dangers of underage drinking and without hesitation said, "I know none of you in this class are old enough to drink" (OK. Maybe not a direct quote but close enough).

Well, he was wrong because there was one person in the class of legal drinking age—me. And I was humiliated when we had to take a group tour of the library and stand in front of the little black copier card charger machine and listen to a lady explain the simple directions of how to put money on the card.

I wondered why she did not just point the machine out to us, for the

directions were clearly stated on the machine, but I forget we are in college and are not capable of reading and following directions.

Another very useful lecture dealt with campus safety—lock your doors, do not leave personal belongings unattended, and most importantly, avoid dark and desolate places especially if you are of the female sex.

These are all very necessary warnings since college students are from utopian societies in which no evils of thievery or rape are ever committed.

So, yes, we must be warned because how can we possibly possess the common sense to take such precautions based on our own experiences?

We also learned how to put on condoms, another thing college students must be taught.

I'm sure not a single person in the class has ever used one, but we know how to now because we were fortunate enough to witness a demonstration consisting of a plastic penis and a real condom.

Now, it is clear why I was offended. I'm in college and have heard the same crap many times before, and even though the campus was new to me at the time, I can read and was quite capable of surviving without having to waste both time and money on an orientation class, which accomplished absolutely nothing.

I was very relieved when the useless, degrading, and petty class was over, but little did I know there was a GSU 1211 waiting for me the next

semester.

What? "No way," I said. I'm not taking it. Why do I need to take a class on leadership? Leadership is not something to be taught in a dinky one hour class.

It is a skill possessed by some and not by others, and those others will simply never be leaders no matter if they take the leadership course or not.

Just because a professor lectures on the important and effective leaders of history and of today does not mean the students will leave the classroom with a sense of leadership ability.

In fact the students are not even listening because they ask the same question that I ask: Why am I here? I look around my class, and I see several people doodling and day-dreaming.

Why are students not responding? We have no reason to; we realize the futility of required courses of such a nature. My classmate captured the very essence of the stupid GSU orientation classes when he said, "This class sucks the life out of me."

So why should we be forced to take classes that are both useless and life sucking?

Of course we do not have a choice. What an idea!

Choice—Actual freedom to shun and to refuse to take such an idle class. But we are only college students so what right do we have to object to tyrannical big shots inventing ways to take our money. We have to graduate right?

The State of SGA: The Nicely Administration

How time flies. Only a year ago I was gearing up for an SGA campaign in the hopes that I could succeed Russell Keen as the voice of the student body. A candidate full of ideas,

I hoped to continue the strong rapport Keen had built with the administrators and strive

to make GSU students more active in the local community.

Ultimately, my quest failed. Though I ran what I felt was a good campaign, Aaron Nicely proved to be the stronger candidate.

Now, as February rolls into March, the SGA is preparing to hold their annual elections to install a new administration for the 2000-2001 school year. I think it only fair at this point to take a look back at the year that was.

When the Nicely ticket took office, they promised a House of Representatives that would include every student organization on campus and give them a voice in policies implemented here at GSU.

Nine months later, I have yet to

hear anything about progress on this project. Sure, Nicely may have drawn up a plan and SGA may have passed some token resolution creating the body, but I have yet to see any substantial evidence that it was a success or that anything was accomplished at all.

Secondly, the Nicely ticket made the campaign proposal to create a legal advisory board that would be available to students who need consultation.

Where is it? Nicely hyped this proposal last year, saying that he had already spoken with lawyers who would participate and all he needed was university approval.

To this very day I have heard nothing about the status of this project. Have you seen any advertisements or announcements by SGA about this service?

The ticket's third proposal was to create a monthly random acts of kindness program that SGA would spearhead and participate in. This proposal must surely be the easiest to implement, yet SGA still has not announced the existence of any such program to this newspaper or this News Editor.

And lastly, the Nicely ticket proposed something we knew wouldn't happen anyway: internet registration. A great idea and a sure vote-getter,

internet registration is something that won't happen here at GSU until President Grube and the cabinet decide it will.

Simply an empty promise. Do you see a pattern here?

Then we have the whole city council debacle. Nicely, who decided to run at the last minute, ran the most non-existent campaign

I have ever seen only months after he blanketed the campus with flyers and pizza against me. This time it wasn't for a school position, it was for councilman of this district. When the stakes were high, Nicely did nothing.

To top things off, Nicely, who was running for public office, had financial disclosure form problems, which only diminished his image in the Statesboro community and deflated student morale to go out and vote.

Since then, the Nicely ticket's SGA administration has been pretty much crippled. Those in SGA who have sought to achieve results have been stonewalled.

Lacking respect from administrators and the community, students have been cut out of decisions to change graduation procedures, eliminate fall break, scrap summer graduation altogether and change the qualifying age for city council.

These days all an administrator has to do is say "next time an issue comes up someone will remember to ask the students" and the issue gets dropped. I seem to remember the days when SGA fought for a swim team and raised thousands for United Way. Now all we get is token recognition.

Is this what you voted for? A year of virtually no substantial accomplishment which saw community respect for students sink to an all-time low?

A student body president who puts his own agenda ahead of the students? An SGA that lacks the guts to take a stand for something? Is there still time to rectify this situation?

I hope someone comes forward to right the SGA ship, but before they do, they should know that the next year of their life will demand a lot from them if they are to resurrect the reputation of SGA and the GSU students to its previous days.

There are qualified people out there, and they know who they are. I challenge them to fill the vacuum of leadership and take on the responsibility of representing this student body.

I only hope its not too late and school administrators and local elected officials haven't already decided to shut us out for good.

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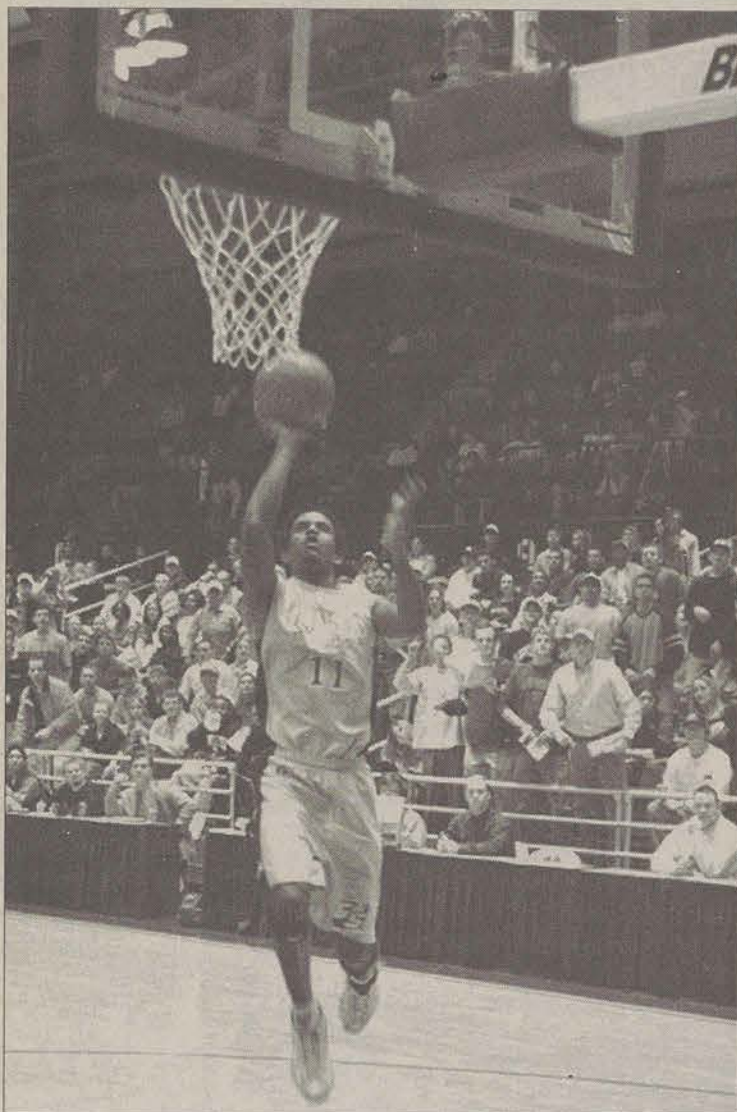
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BIG IMPACT: Freshman sensation Julius Jenkins leads the Eagles in scoring with an average of 15.7 points per game.

Jenkins success paving way for Eagles

By Katia Rice
Staff Writer

Freshman phenom Julius Jenkins has made an immediate impact on the Georgia Southern program.

This 6'2" shooting guard from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. was the first signee of the Jeff Price era. His outstanding high school performance attracted Price to his unique playing style.

"Julius was an outstanding high school player," Price said after GSU's win Tuesday night against Wofford. "He brings a lot of talent to the table. He can shoot it, he drives well to the basket, and he's a very good defender. I thought that was a no-brainer to sign a freshman like him."

Jenkins averaged a solid 26.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 4.0 steals as a senior while leading Deerfield Beach High School to a 34-1 record and the 6A state championship in Florida's largest classification. His efforts helped the Bucks to a school record 34 wins and a final No. 22 national ranking.

Upon graduation, Jenkins was presented with many scholarship offers. Luckily, he accompanied head coach Jeff Price to GSU.

"Coach Price was coaching at a local high school near my house," Jenkins said. "He showed interest in me so I came with him to Georgia Southern."

Jenkins has had an astronomical first season. His 20.9 scoring average through eight games ranked 27th in the nation and third among all freshmen. He also scored in double figures in his first eight games, the longest streak by any player in GSU's modern era, dating back to 1971-72.

His 377 points in his first 24 games are the most in Eagle history by any freshman or first-year player. Also, Jenkins was voted the SoCon Player-of-the-Week for December 14 after 20 point and 30 point outings vs. Mercer and North Georgia. His Player-of-the-Week selection was the first for the

Eagle program since the 1992-93 season.

"Julius had made a big impact on our program," senior Quentin Martin said. "He shoots the ball really well, and I think he's one of the best guards in the conference."

Jenkins, having started in all 25 games played, is currently leading the Eagles in scoring (15.7).

"When he shoots the ball, most of the time we think it's going in," Hamp Jones said. "Like they say, he's a 'Diaper Dandy'. He has to be one of the best freshmen in this league."

Jenkins credits his early success to his constant hard work at getting stronger and developing a better jump shot.

"I feel like I came in and worked hard before the season," Jenkins said. "At the beginning of the season I didn't weigh as much as I do now. I've gotten stronger and that helped me out a lot."

Next season, Jenkins will be joined on the Eagles' court by former opponent, Frank Bennett. Bennett, currently a senior at Ely High School (neighborhood rival of Deerfield Beach HS), was the first signee for the Fall 2000 term. Jenkins is excited about playing along side Bennett rather than opposite him.

"I think it's going to be great playing with Frank," Jenkins said. "We played together in summer leagues and I think he's going to be great for our program."

As a hard working freshman, Jenkins has continued to improve on his all-around game.

"Julius has become more patient," Jones said. "He looks to help penetrate, and now he's more of a team player."

So with such a solid season, how does Jenkins plan to remain stable or increase his success?

"Well, right now I have a stress fracture in my right leg, so I'll probably take about 4 to 6 weeks off after the season to work out and to work on a few drills."

In other GSU Sports . . .

BASEBALL

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

UGA's Brian Rainwater, homered in the top of the ninth to initiate a four-run inning and pull the undefeated Bulldogs to a 9-6 victory over GSU last Saturday.

Saturday also marked the return of UGA head coach Ron Polk, who was the coach of GSU from 1972-1975.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

G-A News Service

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Furman's Lady Paladin basketball team rallied from an eight-point deficit with 9:50 to go to beat the Eagles 70-66 in Sunday's regular season finale at Timmons Arena. Amy Krach had 14 points and Tondra Warren grabbed 10 rebounds. In addition, Danna Simpson added 13 points and Alie Rousscau totaled 11. The Eagles out-rebounded Furman 41-39, but the Lady Paladins shot 44.4 percent from the field to the Eagles' 36.5 percent, and Furman connected on seven more free throws than the Eagles. The loss gives GSU a 10-17 overall mark and a 9-9 SoCon record and places them sixth in the tournament seeding. Mimi Lindsey, Nikita Whatley, and Lauren Langley missed the game due to a violation of a team rule.

MEN'S TENNIS

G-A News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Facing its fourth nationally-ranked opponent this season, the GSU (3-6) men's tennis team was unable to get a victory, losing to Alabama-Birmingham 6-1.

The Blazers (4-1) won two out of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point, then proceeded to win five of six singles to get the victory.

For GSU, the team of Wojciech Nowak and Jesper Andersson gave the Eagles its lone doubles victory, winning their seventh match of the season, 9-8, over UAB's Paul Shovlin and Andre Merwe.

Also, it was GSU's Ryan O'Keefe winning his second consecutive singles match with a 6-4, 6-0 straight-set victory over Tom Dalby.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

G-A News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. - The GSU (0-4) women's tennis team was unable to get things going on Friday afternoon as nationally-ranked Georgia Tech stung the Eagles 9-0.

Junior Isabella Kling was the closest to winning for GSU, falling to the Yellow Jacket's Sabrina Pardo, 6-4, 6-1. March 1, GSU will host Charleston Southern.

GSU took an early 5-1 lead in the fourth inning off RBI singles from John Durik and Matt Easterday. UGA immediately answered with two runs of their own in the fifth. Josh Dorminy's run off of a Kris Edge single would bring the Bulldogs to within one at 6-5.

After Eagle's reliever David Ray retired the first UGA batter in the

ninth, Rainwater golfed Ray's fastball over the right-center fence to tie the game at six. The homerun was followed by three more runs, two more off the bat of Edge who ended up with going 3 for 3 on the day.

"This was a disappointing loss," said GSU coach Rodney Hennon to the Statesboro Herald. "We need [a win like that] to get over the hump."

GSU's defense continues to suffer. The six errors on Saturday give the Eagles a total of 26 compared to nine from committed by the Eagle opponents.

GSU will host VMI this weekend starting with a 7:00pm Friday night match as junior Mike Standridge will seek his first win of 2000. Georgia will travel down to Orlando to scrimmage the Atlanta Braves on Thursday.

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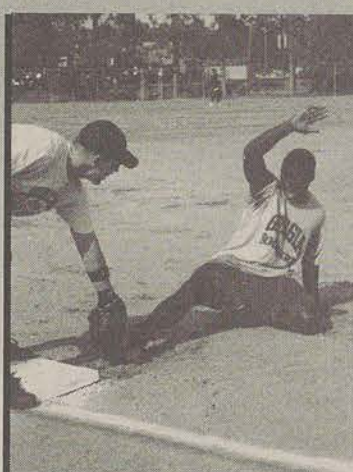
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