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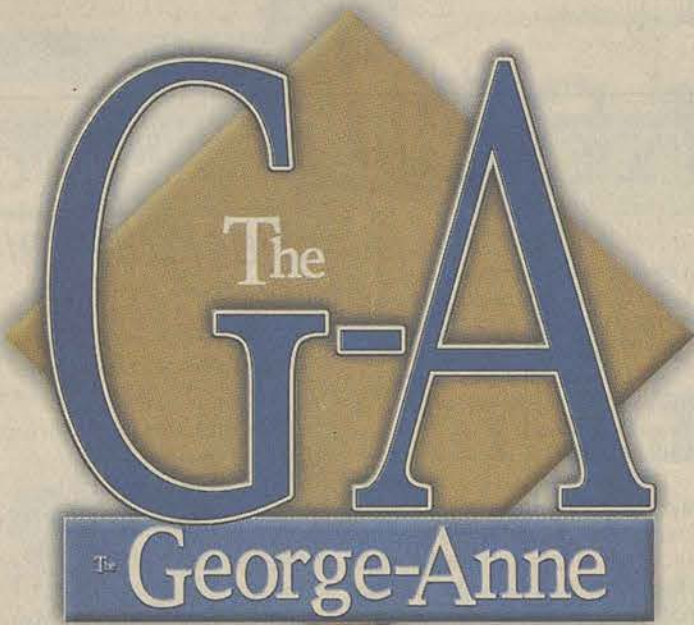


SPORTS

Eagles split with Spartans

Aimee Littlejohn improved to 16-11 as she lost one and won one in this weekend's contest against the Spartans of UNC Greensboro.

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LIFE

GSU 2000 SOAR Team takes home third place

In a recent drama competition, the Georgia Southern SOAR Team took third.

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Fair Game

White squad splatters Blue squad at annual event

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

The GSU football program wrapped up its spring schedule Saturday with the 19th Annual Blue-White game at Paulson Stadium in front of 1,049 fans. Junior quarterback J.R. Revere accounted for 204 total yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the White squad to a relatively easy 23-0 victory.

Passing for 148 yards while adding 56 more on the ground, Revere engineered all four of the White team's scoring drives, including a 15-play, 81 yard drive on its first possession. After Revere's 11 yard run for the White's first score, sophomore fullback Terry Owens scored on a one-yard plunge to put the White squad ahead 14-0 after the first quarter. Owens finished with a game-high 121 yards on 28 carries.

Revere stretched the White lead to 20-0 with a one-yard run to cap a 12-play, 70 yard drive late in the first half. Owens carried the White squad on the drive with 51 yards on five straight attempts.

The lone second half score came when sophomore kicker Jeremy Edwards connected on a 40-yard field goal to stretch the White lead to 23-0.

The afternoon was dominated by the White squad, who trounced the Blue team in every offensive category. The White team accounted for 20 first

downs, 185 rushing yards and another 148 through the air compared to the Blue squad's four first downs, 53 rushing yards and four yards passing. The Blue team's 57 total yards on 42 offensive plays produced an average of just 1.4 yards per play.

Junior fullback Edmund Coley led the Blue team with 30 yards on 12 carries while slotback Andre Weathers added 20 yards on the ground. White receiver Chris Johnson led all receivers with five receptions for 65 yards.

Defensively, the Blue squad's Michael Youngblood led all tacklers with 11 stops followed by teammates Justin Godsey and Ryan Hadden, who added 10 a piece. The White team was led by sophomore defensive tackle Freddy Pesqueira with three sacks and linebackers Basail Mack and Jimmy McCullough 10 and nine tackles, respectively. The White's Danny Stripling came up with the game's only interception.

Several players did not participate in the scrimmage because of injuries, most notably Walton Payton winner Adrian Peterson who still has not fully recovered from the toe injury that hampered him late in last season's playoff run.

Also not participating were defensive starters Jason Neese (ILB), Robert LeBlanc (DT) and Michael Ward (ILB). Reserves Derrick Williams (SS), Travis Burkett (OT), Brandon Boate (OL) and Tyrie Williams (NT) also did not play due to injuries.



Cory Brooks

GOING IN FOR THE TACKLE: Sophomore Jimmy McCullough (above right) attempts to tackle redshirt freshman Teddy Cummings (left) in Saturday's face-off where the White team came out on top, 23-0.



Cory Brooks

DOING DOUBLE DUTY: J.R. Revere (bottom left) missed this weekend's baseball games at Furman to lead his other team to victory on the football field.

2000 Eagle Football Schedule

Sept. 2	— GSU at UGA	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	— GSU vs. Johnson C. Smith	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	— *GSU vs. Wofford	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	— *GSU at Chattanooga	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	— *GSU vs. VMI	1 p.m.
Oct. 7	— *GSU at Western Carolina	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	— **GSU vs. Appalachian State	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	— *GSU at The Citadel	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	— *GSU vs. ETSU	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	— *GSU at Furman	2 p.m.
Nov. 11	— GSU vs. Elon	1 p.m.

* Denotes Southern Conference Games
** Denotes Homecoming Game

Eagle in the making



Cory Brooks

MMM...MMM... GOOD: Kasey Pate shares sunflower seeds with softball outfielder Jaclyn Taylor. The GSU softball team will be back at home this weekend when the face UTC for the end of regular season play and a chance at the SoCon title.

Stolen, forged parking passes vex Penn State campus police

The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.— Stolen and forged parking permits have become a cottage industry among Penn State students, university officials said.

"Students are not only using the stolen permits for better parking spaces, they are also selling them at a cheaper price to make money," said Officer Wayne Weaver, the supervisor of parking enforcement at Penn State.

Officer Donald Hazel, assistant supervisor of parking enforcement at Penn State, said authorities find phony permits three to four times a month. Some of the counterfeits are very simple, he said, made by students who have taken a marker and changed the expiration date. But others are much more complex.

"I have seen students buy a night parking pass, cut out the serial number on it and actually scan a new valid serial number onto it, and then laminate it with the appropriate Penn State hologram," Hazel said.

About 10 years ago, parking permits that hang on rear view mirrors replaced stickers on the bumpers. The stickers were not stolen very often because removing them would usually damage them too badly to use.

But Jean Harris, the university's parking manager, said the university stopped using stickers to make it easier for a person with more than one car to transfer

the permit. The Penn State parking office said there is no talk of changing the current permit system.

"This system seems to be working well," Harris said. "We may have fewer thefts with a sticker system, but we wouldn't be providing our customers the flexibility that we would want to."

Weaver said that police find the majority of thefts involve unlocked cars — often with the windows left rolled down. Breaking into cars to steal permits is rare, he said.

"Now that the summer is coming, many people are leaving their windows open," said Laura Dorman, a Penn State parking staff assistant. "All it takes is a coat hanger and a little ingenuity to take anything they want."

Some students said a shortage of parking spaces for students causes the thefts.

"There is a lack of parking that is close to where students live," Penn State sophomore Liz Ford said. "Students who steal permits are usually looking for convenience."

But Harris said the current student parking system at Penn State is working.

"There is no reason for students to park in the middle of campus during the day," Harris said. "We are fortunate enough to have four transit options that can transfer students anywhere they want to go."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU

Ongoing

•More than 2,000 tickets will be available for students to purchase beginning August 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Paulson Stadium to the GSU vs. Georgia football game. All students who are enrolled in the 2000-2001 academic year will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis. They will also be allowed to purchase two tickets each with proof of a current I.D.

•**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.

•**The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2116.

Today

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having a **Movie Night** at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

April 25

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having an **Open Night** at 7 p.m. under the Rotunda.

•**The African Students Association** presents **Fashion Afrique** at 7 p.m. in the William Center. Admission is free.

April 26

•**The last day of publication** for the G-A in the 1999-2000 school year. Look for five summer editions next semester.

•**Disability Awareness Day** will be held

at Brooklet Elementary School.

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having **Bible Study** at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union.

April 27 - 28

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having a **Praise and Worship Service** at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

April 25 - 29

•The play, **"The Good Times are Killing Me"** by Linda Barry, will be shown in Communication Arts Black Box Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for GSU students with ID, \$4 for faculty/staff, and \$6 for the general public.

April 29

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having a free **Bar-B-Que and Talent Show** at the Sweet Heart Circle from 10 a.m. until.

April 30

•**BSU/Vision Ministries** is having a **Praise and Worship Service** at 11 a.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department

April 23

•Charolette Dennis, 37, of 345A Johnson St., was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

April 22

•Robert Kerstanski, 19, of 7425 Southside Blvd. Apt. #615, Jacksonville, Fl., was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and adult seatbelt.

•Robert Swanson, 19, of 10509 Stone Rd., Jacksonville, Fl., was charged with possession of marijuana.

•Kenneth Miller, 20, of 13 Heritage Square 110 Lanier Dr., was charged with forgery and theft of lost or stolen property.

•Carroll Griffin reported civil dispute.

•Eubie Turner, of Fletcher Dr., reported theft by taking.

April 21

•Bobbie Howard reported criminal trespass.

April 20

•James Wright, 20, of 831 Oglethorpe Trail, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with entering auto.

•Robert Whitting, 32, of 4496 Joy St., Millen, Ga., was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, speeding, and seatbelt violation.

•Jerry Smith, of Bulloch St., reported criminal trespass.

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 Shawntineal Hughes, assistant news editor.

COLLEGE NEWS BRIEF

Black dental student charged with hate crime

TMS Campus

IOWA CITY, Iowa (TMS) -- Police have charged a black dental student at the University of Iowa with sending several racist e-mails to other minority students.

Police said Tarsha Michelle Claiborne, 23, of Baton Rouge, La., confessed to sending the messages after she was arrested in her home shortly after midnight Thursday. She is accused of using a computer inside the dental school to send warnings about imminent violence and a bombing. The e-mails prompted school officials to shut down the dental

school Wednesday. The school reopened Thursday when no bomb was found.

Authorities focused on Claiborne after a video camera recorded her leaving a laboratory from which the messages were sent. She is charged with felony counts of threats in violation of individual rights, related to the bomb threat, and with misdemeanor charges tied to three previous messages she allegedly sent in recent weeks.

Court records indicate that Claiborne was also charged with criminal trespass in the process of

committing a hate crime for an April 4 incident in which someone left red noodles on another black student's doorstep. An attached note referred to a dead black man's brains.

Two days later, a lab coat caught fire at the dental school, and e-mails asking, "Are you going to take us seriously now?" were sent to students. About 1,000 people gathered at a rally last week to condemn the threats.

The dental college enrolls 381 students. Of those, 49 or 12.8 percent, are minorities, school officials said. Of the 49, 13 are black.

St. Mary's coach acquitted of rape

TMS Campus

LEONARDTOWN, Md. (TMS) - St. Mary's College basketball coach Othell Wilson was acquitted Friday of kidnapping and raping an ex-girlfriend, who is a 20-year-old college student.

Jurors deliberated for 2 1/2 hours before Wilson was found innocent. He was put on a leave of absence when the charges were made in September. Wilson conceded that he wrote a threatening letter to the young woman, but insisted he never kidnapped or sexually assaulted her.

Wilson testified that he and the woman argued Sept. 24 and that she willingly left her apartment to travel to his home in St. Inigoes, Md., near the college. The woman said

Wilson forced her from her home, threatened to kill her and choked her repeatedly. She said he then raped her and refused to let her leave his house.

Wilson was arrested Sept. 27 and indicted on charges of first and second-degree rape, kidnapping, first and second-degree sexual assault and second-degree assault.

Wilson's defense attorneys said the woman's story didn't add up. They wanted to know why she didn't try to escape or call for help when she had at least three opportunities to do so -- including twice when Wilson left her in his home to go to his office and then to a restaurant for carry-out food.

Prosecutors maintained the woman was so afraid that Wilson would kill her that she didn't try to get away.

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This Week's Weather



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Tuesday

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Massachusetts

Firefighters free girl stuck in washing machine

The Associated Press

SOMERSET—Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free an 11-year-old girl who got stuck in a washing machine for more than 90 minutes during a game of hide-and-seek.

Fire officials said the girl, whom they did not identify, became stuck while playing with her brother and some friends.

The girl crawled into the machine and became jammed with her legs wrapped around the agitator and her back wedged against the bucket.

The girl's mother first called a repairman, who worked for an hour but could not free the girl. She then called the fire department, which cut the girl free within five minutes, according to Fire Chief Stephen Rivard.

The girl was not hurt during the incident Monday. The girl's mother, who said she was too embarrassed to give her name, said she was in disbelief about the incident.

"You think about cars, freezers, refrigerators — but washing machines?" she said. "You think it is common sense, but what's common sense when you deal with an 11-year-old?"

2 Michigan

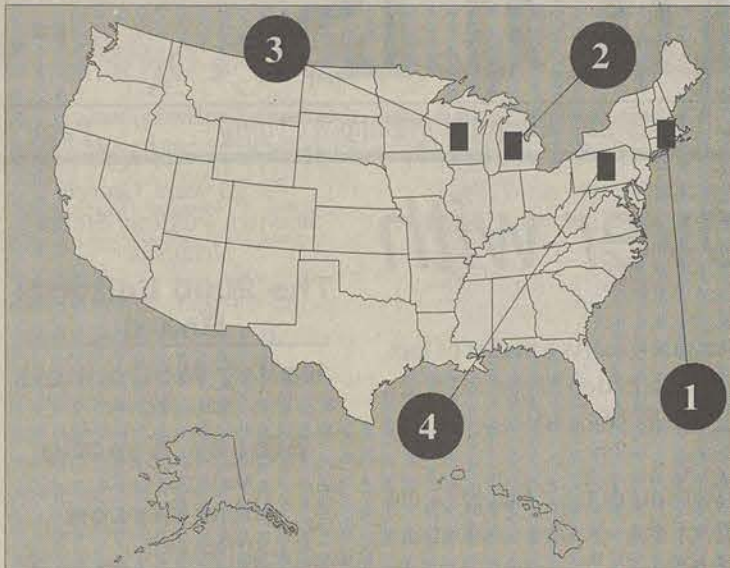
Couple names baby after ESPN sports network

The Associated Press

NEWAYGO—When Chad and Alisha Blondeel named their son, they weren't inspired by a grandfather or family patriarch. They didn't look to the Bible, either. They picked up their remote control.

Espen Allen Blondeel, born Jan. 26, was named for the ESPN sports network.

Dad, it seems, is a regular viewer.



"My wife had told me to think of some baby names, and one night when I was watching 'SportsCenter,' it came to me," said Blondeel, 24, who said he watches the show at least three times a day.

Blondeel said he came up with the name more than a year ago, even before ESPN aired a commercial featuring the clueless cheerleader who actually pronounces the name of the ESPN magazine "Espin."

The baby's mother thought the name was pretty, but was less than thrilled when she found its origin.

"I told him if he could find the name in a baby book, we could name him that," said Alisha Blondeel, 21.

And after looking through about a dozen books of baby names, he did. "Espin" is Danish for "god-bear," he said.

A picture of Espen and a story appeared in this week's *ESPN The Magazine* under the headline "ESPN 3." ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale is already giving scouting reports on young Espen.

"What an absolute diaper dandy!" Vitale bellowed Friday. "Awesome, baby! With a capital A."

3 Wisconsin

Wisconsin-born calf has fifth leg

The Associated Press

BRIGHTON — Curious farmers have visited a farm for a glimpse of a

calf born with five legs.

"This is the oddest thing we have had happen in 25 years of dairy farming in Kenosha County," Teri Spoerlein said.

Her family named the calf "Tripod" because of the extra leg jutting from the inside of a hip, she said.

The bull calf was born Tuesday on the farm about five miles northwest of Kenosha.

The family's veterinarian thinks the fifth leg, which is slightly smaller than the other four, is most likely the result of a partially formed twin, Spoerlein said.

4 Pennsylvania

Missing finger gives away fugitive

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Martin Agurs slipped through authorities' fingers time and time again by using the names of dead men and moving from city to city. After 19 years on the run, it was a missing finger that gave him away.

Agurs was collecting his mail at an athletic club in Pittsburgh when U.S. Marshal Bob Holtz spotted the missing right pinkie.

"I called him by his real name," Holtz said. "He was shocked. I was just in the right place at the right time."

The 58-year-old fugitive pleaded guilty Wednesday to armed robbery for taking \$1,859 and nearly 4,000 prescription pills in 1980.

SGA Elections

Monday, May 1
and Tuesday, May 2

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

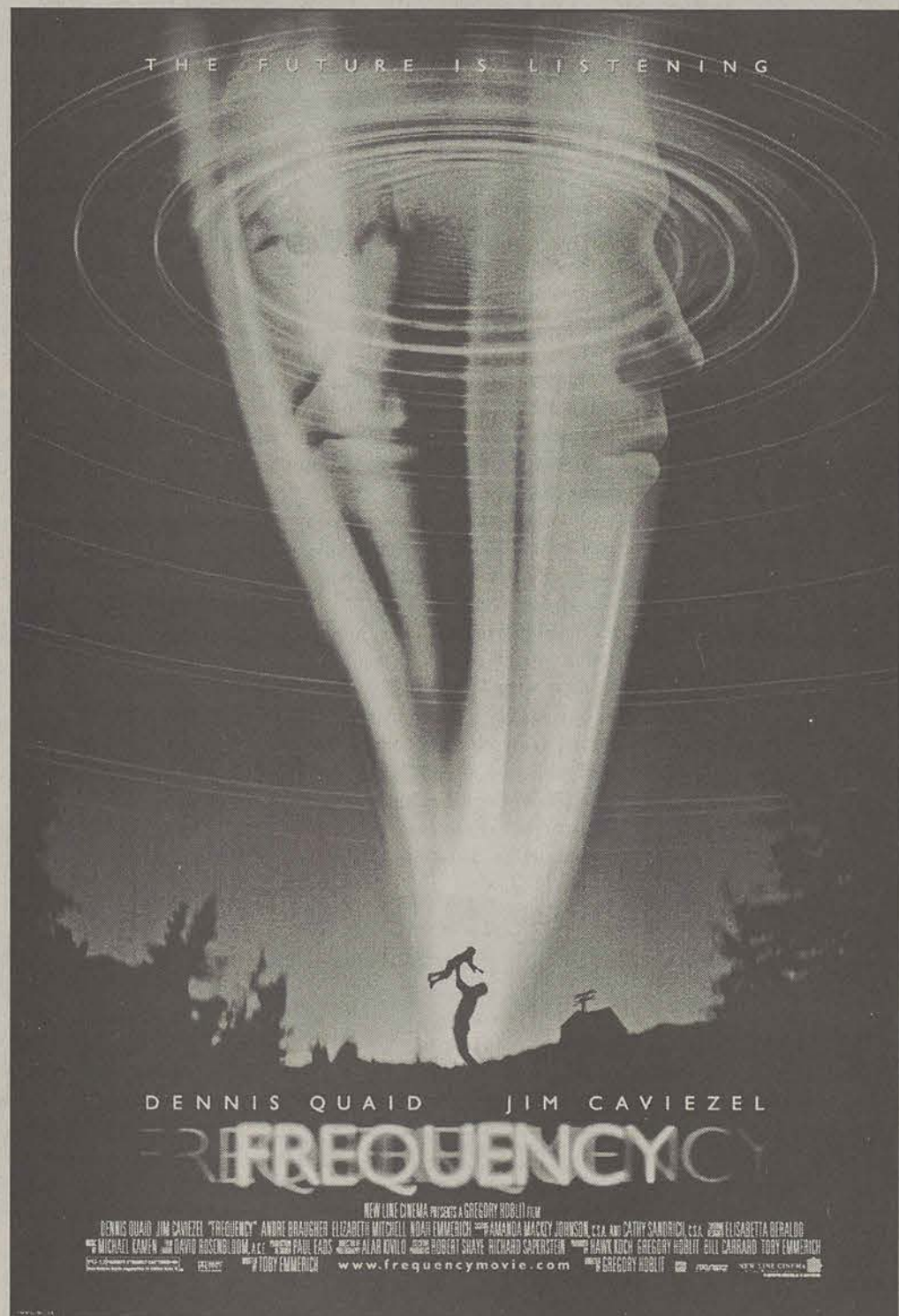
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A run-off (if necessary) will be held Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the above locations



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Just get the SGA elections over with

OK, listen up all you student government candidates. When you start campaigning this week, please, follow the rules. Behave yourselves and get this damn election over with.

Our Opinion

We have seen that the first go-around was fruitless. Not only was the first election thrown out, but no one really voted in the first place.

Maybe this time there will be more candidates running for the coveted (?) positions. Maybe that will encourage more people to vote. But it doesn't really matter.

This month with no SGA has been just fine. As a matter of fact, the questionable decisions of the administration happened when we had an SGA. No one has attacked the students now that we don't have one.

It has made no difference to the students of GSU that SGA has been defunct. The day to day life of the average student has continued to run the way it did before.

So, to the candidates, you have a tough job ahead. You have to prove to this campus not only that you deserve to be in office, but that the office is necessary.

So keep it clean, if that is possible. Do things the right way and good luck to all of you. You'll need it.

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The best SGA is the one we have: No SGA

Next Monday and Tuesday the SGA is holding yet another election for next year's offices. Among the candidates is Aaron Nicely. And no, I'm not gonna let this go without a comment...

Mr. Nicely, being slightly less effective and sincere as America's most laughable politician, Marion "Pass the Pipe and Praise the Prostitutes" Berry, how in God's name do you expect to get re-elected? Having the worst run SGA in this school's history is not an effective re-election platform.

Kids, we can only draw one conclusion: he thinks we are all complete idiots. Do you want an SGA president who thinks we're idiots? Not even the southside electorate of Washington D.C. would go in for this!

But I'll ease up on Mr. Nicely to add this tidbit: it

wasn't 100 percent his fault, he had a staff behind him. And they are even less competent than Mr. Nicely. Two of them, Joyce Estrada and Francesca Evans, are also running for SGA office.

C'mon folks, we're making the characters from "Election" look like seasoned professionals. Rather than a source of pride, the "I voted SGA" stickers are becoming our campus-wide scarlet letter ("there he goes, a voter... Get HIM!!!").

Which brings me to a solution.

There is a specific time frame that I recall when all at the SGA was blissful. The campus ran picture-perfectly smooth, not a single complaint about the meetings was fielded, and students had easier and freer access to the administration. In short, a time when our voices counted, and the administration worked with us.

Yes, I do speak the truth. When was this student-oriented political mecca accomplished? No, it doesn't hark back to the days when tractors dotted the roads (as opposed to now), or the glory days of Erk Russell when the stars were aligned for Statesboro. Indeed, it was some time much, much more recent.

Actually, I speak of now.

After the recent debacle, the SGA banquet on April 11th, which usually marks the "changing of the guard," took place without anyone stepping in.

And since the time the SGA posts have been vacated the SGA offices have never run so well, or been so helpful.

Evidently, the key to a successful SGA Office is having NO SGA Officers. When you think about it, it makes sense.

And since only 750 of you voted last time (well, either

that or one of the then current SGA officers voted 750 times), how hard can it be to accomplish this electoral feat?

My proposal is simple. As you walk to and from classes, take a route that swings you by the nearest voting station, and simply remind any students there that NO SGA = GOOD SGA.

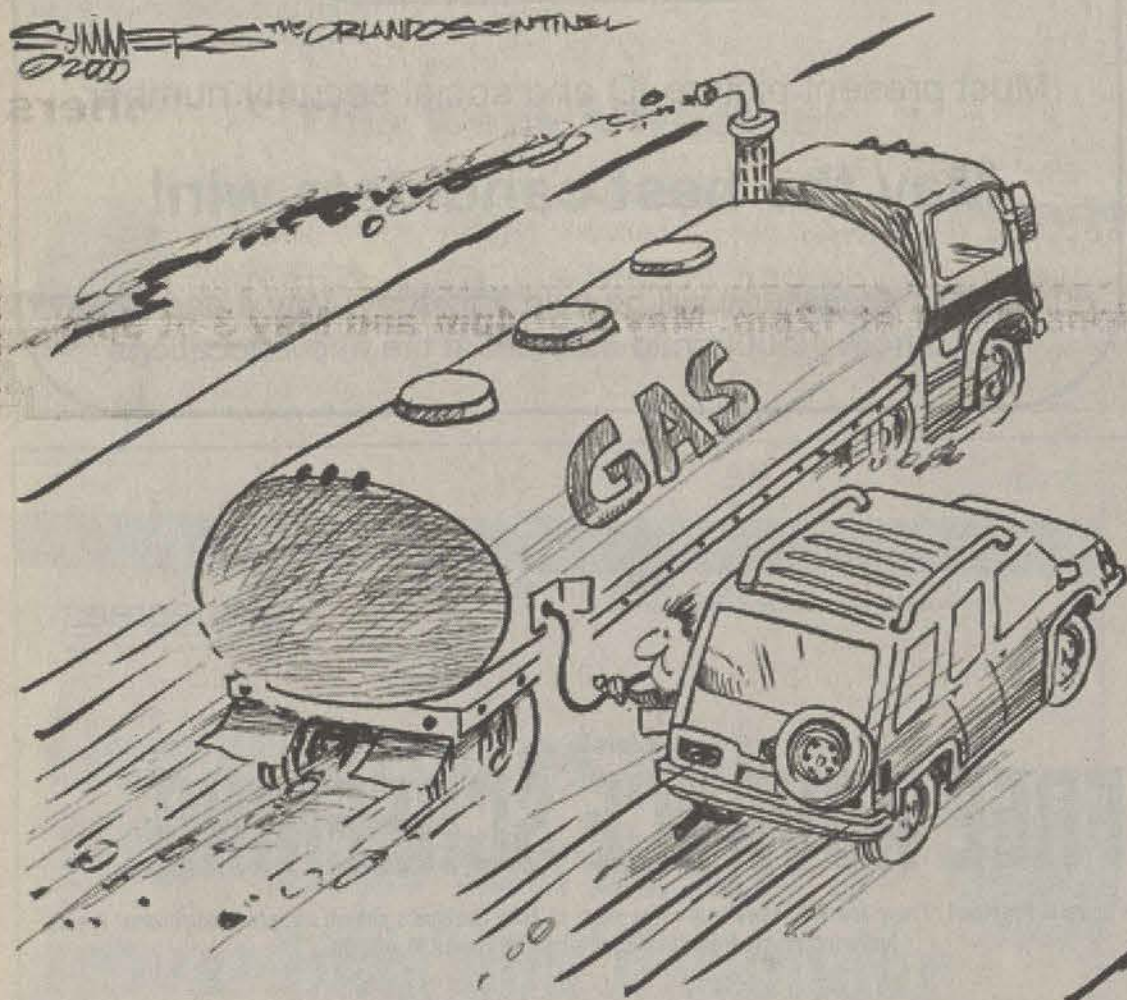
Or, if you vote, write in the name of someone that is ineligible, like Dharma & Greg, or Fox Mulder. If successful, we can make SGA elections a weekly event, with never a student actually elected.

And at least as long as Joyce Estrada is around and running for office, we might even be able to get free Cokes each week!

Justin Miller is running for "Campus Magistrate" and volunteers are needed! Send all inquiries to ursulica@hotmail.com.



JUSTIN MILLER



Reality Check: What dreams may come

Well, that time of year, indeed our lives, is once again upon us: Spring Graduation at GSU. A time for soon-to-be graduating seniors to shed their final remaining bits of adolescence and cross that last threshold, complete their final rite of initiation into adulthood, otherwise known as the rest of their lives.

And, like many of you, I have friends, dear friends who will be making this fantastic journey into the future, some boldly, others with the slightest bit of trepidation.

Who among us has not dreamed of this glorious day that awaits us as well?

The thing is, though, it is not altogether the happiest day of our lives. Is it? There will be tears of joy for our compatriots in academia, and cheers and hurrahs will go forth from our lungs, like victory cries on the ancient fields of battle.

There is also, however, the sadness that inevitably comes when friends part ways. We know it will come, like a tempest at its most violent time, yet with the calm of a fresh spring morning. What irony this is! Rob Base said it best when he wrote and performed, "Joy and pain, like sunshine and rain." So true.

The days preceding graduation will, undoubtedly, give birth to parties and fun and exuberance. Good times will abound. Memories will spring forth from our minds like Dogwoods reveal their wondrous blooms this time of year and

Azaleas share their silent, sweet aroma. And in the end, those bursts of laughter will turn to sadness at the pending departure of our friends, sadness so acute, so huge, yet tiny and precious, that even Kodak couldn't capture the moment...and rightly so.

So, before we enter this graduation season, allow me to remind us all, if you would be so kind, especially those of you who are graduating, a few of the memories I hope you will take with you.

Remember the smell of the tall Georgia Pines in autumn, and the majestic beauty of Sweetheart Circle in spring. Remember the taste of the soft summer rain as it fell across your faces, and the way the wind ripped through and around your homes during the cool winter nights.

Remember our new president, Dr. Bruce Grube, who truly has great visions and dreams for Georgia Southern. Remember the professors who pushed you to achieve your goals

and, indeed, inspired and even dared you to dream.

Remember how the Eagle flew higher than ever, for just a brief moment in time one cold and rainy day, bringing us all a Division I-AA National Football Championship, THE LAST COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. Remember how that felt and cherish it, for it is a rare and priceless gift to be the very best!

Remember the long nights studying, the exams you bored through. You did it, and you deserve this day that is and will be, now and forever, yours.

Remember the friendships made, and lost, during these magnificent times in your lives. To know our friends love and care for us, and have stood by us through adversity and in triumph...how lucky we have all been! Drink them in, let these memories consume you, then turn around and thank them for all they have been and will be to you.

Remember this small town of

Statesboro, Georgia and its townspeople.

They have been gracious enough to share their little piece of the world with us, my friends. They have supported our university and its programs, and they deserve thanks for that as well.

Yes, remember all of these things and more, for whether you realize it or not, no matter where you go or who you become, because you are an Eagle, there will always be a place for you here.

Most of all, however, remember to dream! I have a saying that those close to me know of, and that I will share with you now.

"No matter how difficult times become, always, always remember to dream. Dreaming allows us to continue falling in love with life."

Kelley, Stacey and Rosse, as well as those friends of mine I have yet to have the honor of meeting, please allow me this moment to congratulate you and wish you all lives full of joy, hope unending, and dreams, my friends, dreams.

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RANDY DOBSON

Good-bye, Mr. Miller. We're all the smarter because of you

I want all of you to look above my column at Justin Miller's. If you haven't read it yet, stop reading this and get to his. It may be the most important thing you do.

Why? Because it may well be the last time you read from one of GSU's greatest writers.

I came here to the George-Anne about a year and half ago. I started out scanning photographs for the paper, and then graduated to writing my own column. This, after all was what I had wanted to do in the first place, not scan photos of chile cook offs or frat parties.

But there was one thing that scared the living hell out of me. Justin Miller.

If you've ever met Justin, you'll know that he's one of the greatest guys to hang out with and enjoy a beer with. You can talk about anything with him and he won't make you feel like you're inferior.

But Jesus, the man is an intimidating writer. So much so, that I was afraid to write for this paper.

I eventually got over my fear and proved to myself that I could write. Why, just last weekend I got my first award for writing these columns from the Georgia College Press Association (Justin has won two). And I'm

pretty sure that Justin is as much a fan of mine as I am of his.

I think all of us are going to suffer now that Justin is gone. No one student on this campus has a keener wit than Justin. No one makes the observations that he does. Most importantly, no one makes us think like he does.

So Justin, when next year, you're off having all sorts of adventures all across Europe, try to check out the net and look up my columns.

They won't be as witty or keen as yours ever were, but hey, they're something to read in between the wait.

As for the rest of the departing staff, well, we'll all be the dumber for not having them around as well. I think I'll miss Kelley McGonnell trying to deflate my ego, which is impossible, or Stacey Wysong's contagious smile. Hell, I'll even miss Sam Siegel trying to get a movie review out of me. But, my God, how much fun I will have with all the new editors. And Dobson, don't think I've forgotten you. You're ass is mine.

I love being me sometimes.

Chris Brenneman writes to us from his fortress of solitude in the Andes. He can be reached at GSU_Icon@hotmail.com



CHRIS "THE ICON" BRENNAMAN

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Look for the Year in Review on Wednesday.

Finding love, friendship online

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. —

Michelle Scuba, a junior business major at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and her boyfriend Huang, who lives outside San Francisco, have been together for almost a year. They live far away from each other, but talk on the phone every day and meet once a month.

They are planning to get married soon and talk about having kids one day. All of this having flowed from a chance meeting not at school, in a bar or at a religious service — but in a chat room. More and more people have discovered, and now prefer, meeting new friends and significant others without leaving the safety of their homes, where they can simply log on to the Internet.

Scuba said she preferred meeting people online first because the pool to chose from was more diverse and from a larger area.

"When you go out and meet people, you exclude because of looks, and you could exclude the right person," she said. "I have met people from all over the world online."

Scuba also maintains that couples who meet online get a better start because the foundation of their relationship is based on strong communication. "They find out right from the start that all they have is communication, and if they can hold on to that, it is good," she said.

There are chat rooms and dating services for all kinds of interests and goals. Users can talk about their favorite pets, discuss current global situations, or meet a virtual tennis partner or soul mate. Services such as matchmaker.com and gotdates.com are becoming more popular and more accepted among students as well as other teenagers and adults.

Jodie Dominguez of Fort Lauderdale Fla., runs the Matchmaker.com site, which encourages users to complete detailed surveys about their likes and dislikes and

to "Go meet somebody!" Dominguez followed that command and met her husband of six years there. The site ensures the privacy of members by keeping them anonymous. Keeping usernames a secret is designed to promote safety, which is a concern for many using the Internet to find promising partners. Dominguez insists that with the additional security, Internet dating isn't any more dangerous than trolling for Mr. or Mrs. Right in a bar.

"At least with the matchmaker, you can prescreen the people," she said.

Ummmm, not exactly, said Scuba, who has learned never to let down her guard when chatting online with people she doesn't know very well.

"After talking to someone intimately, you feel you know them, but you have to be careful," she said. "They could be telling the truth or they could be lying."

Scuba said she learned that the hard

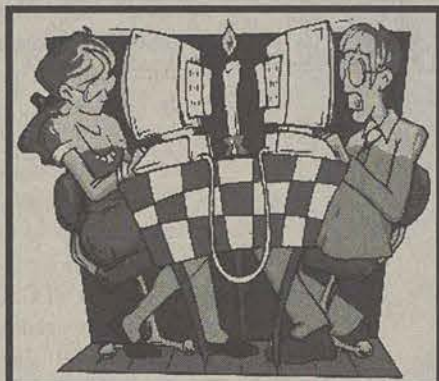
way when she moved with her family to Las Vegas last year. She met a man from the area online and invited him to go out for dinner or coffee. When he arrived at her apartment, Scuba said he

sexually assaulted her. Nowadays, Scuba said she provides online friends with minimal personal information while checking out their stories for consistency. She also thinks people should consider safety when meeting someone through the Internet or in person.

"When meeting someone, no matter how nice they sound or how long you've been talking, you should be careful," she said. "Don't give your name, phone number or address and never meet them alone."

That doesn't mean the relationship can't get more personal with time. Meredith Perry, a first-year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said she met one of her best friends through an AOL newsletter designed for people with shared movie interests.

"It seems like a weird way of meeting people, but I am glad we did," she said.



Former GSU professor Randall Floyd releases book

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

When Wally Wildenradt approached E. Randall Floyd with an idea for a book, Floyd said no. Besides teaching journalism at GSU, he ran a farm in Appling County and had a family. Numerous people had book ideas, many of them mediocre at best. He simply wasn't interested.

Wildenradt persisted, urging Floyd to examine some love letters the confederate soldier had written to his wife whenever he escaped the heat of battle. She never got them because they were hidden in an attic in a Virginia farmhouse until 150 years later. After discovering the letters, Wally's wife, Ann, was contacted after she was found to be a descendant of the soldier, Wiley Nesmith. Floyd eventually agreed to take a look at the letters, though he promised nothing more. He didn't expect the letters

to change his mind. Instead, they changed his life.

Two years ago, Floyd's novel "Deep in the Heart" made it to the bookshelves. "It proved that I could write fiction," he said, adding that it reminded him that he could overcome adversity just like the soldier who longed for his wife and newborn child.

After creating *High Country* magazine and selling it for a profit, Floyd taught for four years at GSU.

"I would still be there if I hadn't had an offer to start a Sunday magazine. I love teaching," he said. Morris newspapers changed their minds about the supplement to their paper, and Floyd focused his energies on getting his own columns syndicated instead.

With over thirty papers carrying his articles, Floyd grew restless and started teaching Civil War history at Augusta State University. By the time he sold his first book in

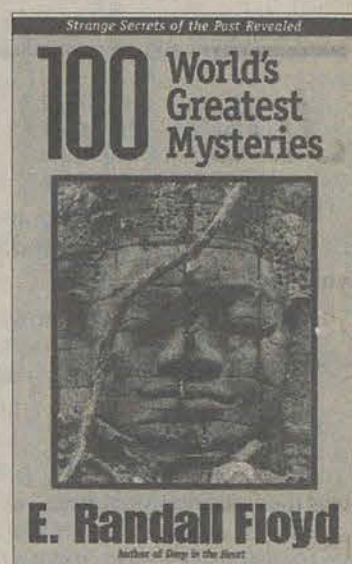
1989, his syndication had doubled.

He completed five nonfiction books before deciding to start his own publishing business, Harbor House, which published his best-selling novel.

Floyd abounds with what he calls "entrepreneurial spirit." While keeping up with the demands of teaching, writing, and publishing, he also finds time for speaking engagements and marketing new books. Harbor House will be putting out four books in the next six months.

He wrote two of them, including his second novel. "High Moon on the Marsh" is a Civil War novel based on a true story and is set in St. Simon's Island. It won't hit the bookstores until August. In the meantime, "100 World's Greatest Mysteries" examines historical enigmas including biblical times, aliens, and lost worlds. That one will be out this May.

He promises the book is dif-



ferent in the way it portrays familiar topics. Instead of "junk theories" presented elsewhere, Floyd says, "I approached the material the way any good journalist would. I present the facts and let the reader draw his own conclusion."

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Baseball splits with Furman on Sat. Softball splits with UNCG on the road

G-A News Service

GREENVILLE, S.C. — GSU's John Durik went 5-for-8 in Saturday's doubleheader against Furman baseball (18-22-1). In game one, he blasted two homers and scored three runs.

GSU (25-17) took a one run lead in the first on Durik's solo homer. Furman responded in the bottom of the inning as James Bright reached on a double and was scored by Chris Valdes.

In the top of the third, GSU took a two run lead. Durik led off the inning with a solo home run, and Matt Easterday reached on a single and scored on Matt Herring sacrifice fly.

Furman tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the inning when Clint Hill reached on a single and later scored on Chris Valdes' two-run homer.

GSU produced three additional runs in the seventh on two hits and a Paladin error to take a 6-3 lead. The Paladins attempted a comeback in the bottom of the inning but only managed one run on three singles.

Furman took the lead in the bottom of the eighth scoring four runs on four hits. The Eagles were held scoreless in the top of the ninth for a 8-6 Furman victory.

In game two, GSU took a one run lead in the third as Dustin Langley reached on a double and later scored on a fielder's choice. The Eagles posted three more runs in the fifth on Easterday's three-run homer.

The Paladins scored on run in the bottom of the sixth on Ryan Richetti's solo home run closing the gap to only three runs. In the ninth, Furman continued its comeback attempt when pinch hitter Jordan Riley hit a two-run homer. However, the Paladins could not score again in



Luke Renfro

ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Pitcher David Ray picked up the win in game two versus Furman this Saturday. The Eagles fell 5-3 on Sunday.

the inning and fell 4-3.

Furman's Rusty Putnam (3-7) earned the win in game one, while GSU's Daniel Wheeler (5-3) suffered the loss. In game two, Paladin Toby David (1-4) took the loss and David Ray (8-2) got the win.

GSU lost to Furman on Sunday 5-3, dropping the Eagles to 25-18 and 16-5 in SoCon action.

G-A News Service

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A UNC Greensboro two-out, two-run double by Kristy Norton sparked a four-run rally in the fifth inning as the softball team won the first game of a Southern Conference doubleheader with GSU April 22 in Greensboro.

UNCG took a 5-4 victory in the first game after trailing 4-1 after five and one-half innings, but fell 3-1 in the second game.

The Spartans trailed 4-1 in the bottom of the sixth with two outs when Norton started the winning rally. With runners at first and sec-

ond, Norton doubled to center field to score Leigh Irwin and pinch runner Andrea Harrison. Penny Thompson followed with an RBI single to plate Norton and tie the score at 4-4. Thompson scored the winning run on Keke Grady's RBI double to right field, giving the Spartans a 5-4 lead.

In the top of the seventh with two outs, GSU's Jennifer Harris attempted to score from second base on a Jaclyn Kaylor single to centerfield, but was thrown out at home by Irwin.

The Eagles took an early 3-0 advantage in the first inning, as the first

five batters all recorded hits off UNCG pitcher Amy Poole.

Norton's RBI single in the third inning scored Jessie Norris and cut the lead to 3-1. GSU added a run in the fifth on a homer from pitcher Jennifer Miller for a 4-1 lead before the Spartan rally in the bottom of the inning.

Poole improved to 12-7, giving up four runs on 10 hits and striking out two in seven innings. Miller took the loss for GSU, allowing five runs on eight hits in four and two-thirds innings. Norton was two-for-two with three RBI from the plate for UNCG, while five Eagle players recorded two hits.

GSU used a three-run second inning and a three-hit, one-run performance by pitcher Aimee Littlejohn to win the second game. After pitching out of a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the first inning, Spartan pitcher Amber Watson again loaded the bases in the second inning with no outs.

Stacie Cooper hit a two-run single and scored later in the inning on a fielder's choice for the Eagles' third run. That was all GSU would need, as UNCG managed just one run on Thompson's RBI single in the sixth. The Eagles outhit UNCG 10-3 in the game.

Littlejohn improved to 16-11, giving up one run on three hits while striking out five in seven innings. Kelly Blazi was three-for-three for GSU.

The Spartans move to 29-25 overall and 6-10 in the SoCon, while GSU moves to 28-30, 9-7 in the conference.



Cory Brooks

FIGHTING FOR FIRST: McCaine Lowder, out with a knee injury, and the rest of the softball squad were still looking to win the SoCon championship as they split four games with UNCG.

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Seth Schilke

DOWN AND OUT IN GREENSBORO: The men's tennis team was swept by UNC Greensboro last weekend, while fighting for third in the Southern Conference.

Men's tennis falls to UNC Greensboro

G-A News Service

With third place in the Southern Conference on the line, the UNCG men's tennis team posted a 4-0 rain shortened victory over GSU in its season finale April 21 in Greensboro.

The Spartans, who entered the day tied with the Eagles with a 7-2 SoCon mark, finished the regular season at 8-2 and earned the third seed in the Southern Conference tournament, hosted by Chattanooga April 27-30.

UNCG receives a bye in the first round and will meet the winner of the match between the No. 6 seed (either

Chattanooga or Davidson) and No. 11 seeded VMI at 1 pm April 28.

Georgia Southern falls to 15-8, 7-3 in the SoCon, and will receive the fourth seed in the tournament. The Eagles will take on the fifth seed (Chattanooga or Davidson) at 1 pm in the second round April 28.

UNCG won two of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point. The match was called after the Spartans had won three singles matches to clinch a win. Singles winners for UNCG included John Clark at No. 1, Tony Mul at No. 2, and Nigel Mitten at No. 3.

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SOAR team picks up third place win at drama competition



Special photo

The 2000 SOAR team traveled to Mississippi State University to compete against 20 other schools in the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop.

By Mark Spandle
Guest Writer

The GSU SOAR team placed third in the skit competition at the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) last month at Mississippi State University with the skit "Willie Wonka and the Eagle Factory." The GSU SOAR team was competing against 20 schools from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"GSU has a tradition of placing in the skit competition at SROW, so when we perform people expect to see us at the top," Susan Braxton

coordinator of new student and parent programs said. "This year we were able to deliver a third place skit. I'm very proud of the team."

Skits were judged on time, creativity, audience appeal, use of theme, enthusiasm, entertainment value, information about the institute, meaningful application to orientation, teamwork and appropriateness of the skit. Each skit had a six minute time limit for set up and break down of props. A skit automatically disqualifies if it exceeds the time limit.

"It's a lot of fun to see so many people from different backgrounds work together towards the same goal and put on a great show,"

Michael Avant, a 2000 SOAR returner, said.

Other teams that placed were Louisiana Tech for "Toy Story," Delta State for "Gilligan's Island" and Murray State for "Willie Wonka."

The SOAR team is a group of students who lead small group discussions, perform informative skits and help incoming freshmen make the adjustment to college life.

To find out more information about SOAR, contact the office of new student and parent programs or look on the GSU web site.

Mark Spandle is a member of the 2000 SOAR team.

Jennifer Nettles Band releases new album

Special to the G-A

Atlanta-based artist, Jennifer Nettles forges a mature new sound and expounds upon her already successful career. In her latest collaborative effort, the Jennifer Nettles Band, she is backed up—by drummer Brad Sikes, pianist Scott Nicholson, bassist Wesley Lophold and percussionist Mike Cebulski.

The fusion of Jennifer's engaging songs, dynamic vocals and a strong accompaniment delivers a powerful performance on her highly anticipated new album, "Story of Your Bones."

The album is an exploration in diametric extremes. Musically there are moments of both haunting sparseness and rich fullness. Thematically, "Story of Your Bones" explores a vast emotional spectrum, rang-



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ing from bitter anguish all the way to fun, in-your-face naughtiness. Along with the release of the new album, Jennifer plans to continue to expand her success beyond the Southeastern United States. Her expanded touring radius will support both national distribution and national radio promotion.

"Story of Your Bones" promises to satisfy and surprise Jennifer's large established fan base and capture new audiences. By combining honest song writing and soul turning lyrics with a voice whose emotions range from the power of a freight train to the subtlety of a southern lilt, Jennifer Nettles Band guarantees not only to engage and enchant their listeners, but also to involve them.

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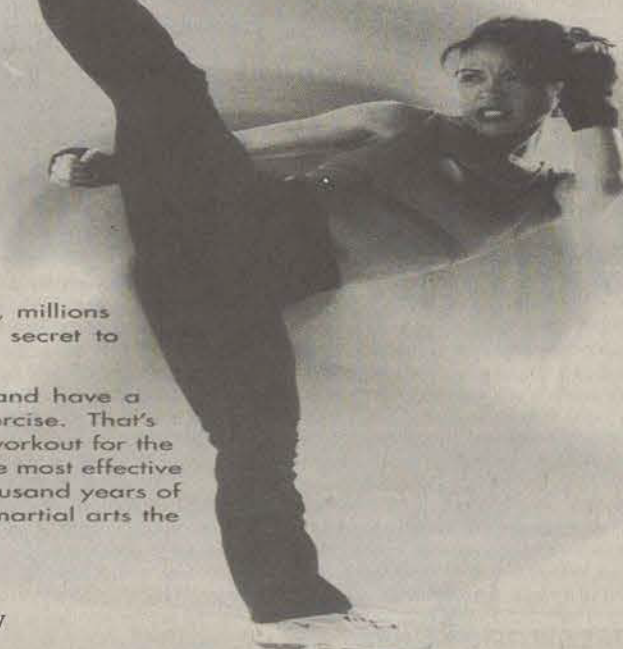
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